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PREFACE TO THE SEVENTEENTH EDITION.

In offering to the professions of Medicine and Pharmacy the seventeenth edition of the United States Dispensatory, its editors desire to thank most heartily their professional brethren throughout the world for the generous appreciation of their labors,—an appreciation which has been to them a strong incentive for continuous effort. The alterations in the late revision of the United States Pharmacopœia have almost amounted to a revolution, and have necessitated corresponding changes in the Commentary, whilst the extraordinary outcrop of new remedies during the last decade has lent a peculiar freshness and novelty to the seventeenth edition of the United States Dispensatory as contrasted with the one immediately preceding it. The claims made for these new remedies have been so urgent, and the desire for knowledge of them on the part of the profession is so universal, that the greatest care has been exercised by the editors of the Dispensatory to consider them all fully, and especially to point out in the therapeutic paragraphs those minute details in which remedies closely allied to one another differ in their action.

The introduction of the Metric System into the United States Pharmacopœia marks an era in the practice of pharmacy in America. This change, although long foreshadowed, involves the uprooting of a system of weights and measures which has been in common use for centuries; and, while there can be no doubt that the exclusive employment of metric quantities in the preparation of medicines will be hailed with satisfaction as a great advance in facilitating practical operations, it still remains a fact that at the present writing the vast majority of pharmacists in the United States are not accustomed to the system of weights and measures used by nearly every civilized nation in the world. For the present edition the editors believe that it will conduce greatly to the interests of the large number of readers of the United States Dispensatory to place immediately after each metric quantity its corresponding equivalent in the ordinary weight or measure, since in this way each reader will see at a glance the equivalent of an unfamiliar term in one which is known, and thus in a short time the new names will take a place among those common to every-day life. The whole numbers and rounded forms of the metric quantities must finally secure their exclusive adoption.

One of the most important changes made at the late revision of the Pharmacopœia was the adoption of the new chemical nomenclature, which requires that the basylous or metallic component of the compound shall be placed first. In the present edition of the Dispensatory the Pharmacopœia has in this respect been closely followed, not only for the purposes of accord, but also because the new nomenclature is sanctioned by the best modern usage.

The atomic weights of Meyer and Seubert, or the molecular weights based upon them, adopted by the United States Pharmacopœia, will be found in the Dispensatory at the head of each chemical article, in bold type, while on the right-hand side of the page are placed in ordinary Roman type the molecular weights most commonly used in calculations.

In botanical nomenclature the editors, while accepting the names which have received official sanction in the Pharmacopœia, have not been able to approve altogether of its changes,

and wherever these have appeared to them too radical they have not refrained from outspoken comment, believing, as they do, that only by free discussion can the best result be fully obtained.

In Section II. of Part II. of the present volume will be found about one thousand separate articles, an increase of nearly twenty-five per cent. beyond the corresponding section of the last edition. The space demanded for these new articles and for the ever-growing accumulation of facts concerning old drugs has required a continuous exercise of great care on the part of the editors to prevent the undue expansion of the work into a volume too unwieldy for practical use. For more than half a century the text has been time and again submitted to the process of condensation, until the limit of brevity and direct statement consistent with clearness and continuity of expression has been almost reached. To gain the necessary space the size of the pages of the book has been notably increased. For the greater convenience of readers, and to fit the book to the ordinary book-shelf, the increase has been almost entirely in the width of the page, while in Part II., where the smaller-sized type is used, the double column has been employed, to prevent the lines from becoming too long for the eye easily to follow them.

The titles of the articles are printed in bolder type, but otherwise the general style of the book has been preserved in the present volume. When a remedy is official in both the United States and British Pharmacopœias under one name, the letters "U. S., Br." follow the Latin title; but when drugs or preparations substantially the same are official under different names the Br. is put in parentheses—thus, "U. S. (Br.)"—following the Latin title, whilst the British name is given in black letters first among the synonymes.

A new index, termed Index of Diseases, immediately precedes the main text at the beginning of the book. It has been so placed in order to prevent, in a hurried consultation, possible confusion with the general index. Both indices were made by Dr. John Bacon. The article on cinchona was written by Prof. H. H. Rusby, based upon elaborate original studies made by him in South America and in the London trade centres.

The editors have partitioned the preparation of the book among themselves as heretofore, and in closing three years' labor desire to acknowledge the great assistance which they have received from Mr. Joseph McCreery in the final reading of the proofs, and from many friends in both professions in the obtaining of rare specimens of drugs and special information on numerous topics.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE objects of a Dispensatory are to present an account of medicinal substances in the state in which they are brought into the shops, and to teach the modes in which they are prepared for use. The importance of these objects, and the general value and even necessity of a work of this nature, will not be disputed. It may, however, be a question, how far the wants of the medical and pharmaceutical community in this country are supplied by the Dispensatories already in circulation; and whether such a deficiency exists as to justify the offer of a new one to the public attention. The great merits of the works severally entitled "The Edinburgh New Dispensatory" and "The London Dispensatory," the former edited by the late Andrew Duncan, M.D., the latter by Anthony Todd Thomson, M.D., are well known wherever the English language is spoken. Founded, as they both are, upon the excellent basis laid by Lewis, they are nevertheless entitled, from the great addition of valuable materials, and the distinctive character exhibited in the arrangement of these materials, to be considered as original works; while the style in which they have been executed speaks strongly in favor of the skill and industry of their authors. But they were calculated especially for the sphere of Great Britain, and are too deficient in all that relates exclusively to this country, to admit of being received as standards here. In the history of our commerce in drugs, and of the nature, growth, and collection of our indigenous medical plants; in the chemical operations of our extensive laboratories; and in the modes of preparing, dispensing, and applying medicines, which have gradually grown into use among us; there is much that is peculiar, a knowledge of which is not to be gained from foreign books, and is yet necessary to the character of an accomplished American pharmaceutist. We have, moreover, a National Pharmacopœia, which requires an explanatory commentary, in order that its precepts may be fully appreciated, and advantageously put into practice. On these accounts, it is desirable that there should be a Dispensatory of the United States, which, while it embraces whatever is useful in European pharmacy, may accurately represent the art as it exists in this country, and give instruction adapted to our peculiar wants. It appears due to our national character that such a work should be in good faith an American work, newly prepared in all its parts, and not a mere edition of one of the European Dispensatories, with here and there additions and alterations, which, though they may be useful in themselves, cannot be made to harmonize with the other materials so as to give to the whole an appearance of unity, and certainly would not justify the assumption of a new national title for the book. Whether, in the Dispensatories which have been published in the United States, these requisites have been satisfactorily fulfilled, it rests with the public to determine. That valuable treatises on Materia Medica and Pharmacy have been issued in this country, no candid person, acquainted with our medical literature, will be disposed to deny. In offering a new work to the medical and pharmaceutical professions, the authors do not wish to be considered as undervaluing the labors of their predecessors. They simply conceive that the field has not been so fully occupied as to exclude all competition. The Pharmacy of continental Europe is ground which has been almost untouched; and much information in relation to the natural history, commerce, and management of our own drugs, has lain ungathered in the possession of individuals, or scattered in separate treatises and periodicals not generally known and read. Since the publication of the last edition of our National Pharmacopœia, no general explana-

tion of its processes has appeared, though required in justice both to that work and to the public. The hope of being able to supply these deficiencies may, perhaps, be considered a sufficient justification for the present undertaking.

The Pharmacopœia of the United States has been adopted as the basis of this Dispensatory. It is followed both in its general division of medicines, and in its alphabetical arrangement of them under each division. Precedence is, in every instance, given to the names which it recognizes, while the explanations by which it fixes the significance of these names are inserted in immediate connection with the titles to which they severally belong. Every article which it designates is more or less fully described; and all its processes, after being literally copied, are commented on and explained wherever comment and explanation appeared necessary. Nothing, in fine, has been omitted, which, in the estimation of the authors, could serve to illustrate its meaning, or promote the ends which it was intended to subserve. This course of proceeding appeared to be due to the national character of the Pharmacopœia, and to the important object of establishing, as far as possible, throughout the United States, uniformity, both in the nomenclature and preparation of medicines. In one particular, convenience required that the plan of the Pharmacopœia should be departed from. The medicines belonging to the department of MATERIA MEDICA, instead of being arranged in two divisions corresponding with the *Primary and Secondary Catalogues* of that work, have been treated of indiscriminately in alphabetical succession; and the place which they respectively hold in the Pharmacopœia is indicated by the employment of the term *Secondary*, in connection with the name of each of the medicines included in the latter catalogue.

But, though precedence has thus been given to the Pharmacopœia of the United States, those of Great Britain have not been neglected. The nomenclature adopted by the different British Colleges, and their formulas for the preparation of medicines, have been so extensively followed throughout the United States, that a work intended to represent the present state of pharmacy in this country would be imperfect without them; and the fact that the writings of British physicians and surgeons, in which their own official terms and preparations are exclusively employed and referred to, have an extensive circulation among us, renders some commentary necessary in order to prevent serious mistakes. The Pharmacopœias of London, Edinburgh, and Dublin have, therefore, been incorporated, in all their essential parts, into the present work. Their official titles are uniformly given, always in subordination to those of the United States Pharmacopœia, when they express the same object; but in chief, when, as often happens, no corresponding medicine or preparation is recognized by our national standard. In the latter case, if different names are applied by different British Colleges to the same object, that one is generally preferred which is most in accordance with our own system of nomenclature, and the others are given as synonymes. The medicines directed by the British Colleges are all described, and their processes either copied at length, or so far explained as to be intelligible in all essential particulars.

Besides the medicinal substances recognized as official by the Pharmacopœias alluded to, some others have been described, which, either from the lingering remains of former reputation, from recent reports in their favor, or from their important relation to medicines in general use, appear to have claims upon the attention of the physician and apothecary. Opportunity has, moreover, been taken to introduce incidentally brief accounts of substances used in other countries or in former times, and occasionally noticed in medical books; and, that the reader may be able to refer to them when desirous of information, their names have been placed with those of the standard remedies in the Index.

In the description of each medicine, if derived immediately from the animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom, the attention of the authors has been directed to its natural history, the place of its growth or production, the method of collecting and preparing it for market, its com-

mercial history, the state in which it reache le properties, its chemical composition and relations, the changes which it u ne and exposure, its accidental or fraudulent adulterations, its medical proper ation, its economical uses, and the pharmaceutical treatment to which it is sub hemical preparation, the mode and principles of its manufacture are indicated ; the other particulars. If a poison, and likely to be accidentally taken, or purposely employed as such, its peculiar toxicological effects, together with the mode of counteracting them, are indicated; and the best means of detecting its presence by reagents are explained.

The authors have followed the example of Dr. A. T. Thomson, in giving botanical descriptions of the plants from which the medicines treated of are derived. In relation to all indigenous medicinal plants, and those naturalized or cultivated in this country, the advantages of such descriptions are obvious. The physician may often be placed in situations, in which it may be highly important that he should be able to recognize the vegetable which yields a particular medicine; and the apothecary is constantly liable to imposition from the collectors of herbs, unless possessed of the means of distinguishing, by infallible marks, the various products presented to him. A knowledge of foreign medicinal plants, though of less importance, will be found useful in various ways, independently of the gratification afforded by the indulgence of a liberal curiosity in relation to objects so closely connected with our daily pursuits. The introduction of these botanical notices into a Dispensatory appears to be peculiarly appropriate; as they are to be considered rather as objects for occasional reference than for regular study or continuous perusal, and therefore coincide with the general design of the work, which is to collect into a convenient form for consultation all that is practically important in relation to medicines. The authors have endeavored to preserve a due proportion between the minuteness of the descriptions, and their value as means of information to the student; and, in pursuance of this plan, have generally dwelt more at length upon our native plants than upon those of foreign growth; but, in all instances in which they have deemed a botanical description necessary, they have taken care to include in it the essential scientific character of the genus and species, with a reference to the position of the plant in the artificial and natural systems of classification; so that a person acquainted with the elements of botany may be able to recognize it when it comes under his observation.

In preparing the Dispensatory, the authors have consulted, in addition to many of the older works of authority, the greater number of the treatises and dissertations which have recently appeared upon the various subjects connected with Pharmacy, and especially those of the French writers, who stand at present at the head of this department of medical science. They have also endeavored to collect such detached facts, scattered through the various scientific, medical, and pharmaceutical journals, as they conceive to be important in themselves, and applicable to the subjects under consideration; and have had frequent recourse to the reports of travellers in relation to the natural and commercial history of foreign drugs. The occasional references in the body of the work will indicate the sources from which they have most largely drawn, and the authorities upon which they have most relied. In relation to our own commerce in drugs, and to the operations of our chemical laboratories, they are indebted for information chiefly to the kindness of gentlemen engaged in these branches of business, who have always evinced, in answering their numerous inquiries, a promptitude and politeness which merit their warm thanks, and which they are pleased to have this opportunity of acknowledging.*

* The authors deem it proper to state that they are peculiarly indebted for assistance to Mr. Daniel B. Smith, president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, to whom, besides much important information in relation to the various branches of the apothecary's business, they owe the prefatory remarks on Pharmacy, which are placed at the commencement of the second part of the work, and the several articles, in the Materia Medica, upon *Leeches*, *Carbonate of Magnesia*, and *Sulphate of Magnesia*.

It has not been deemed necessary to follow the example of the British Dispensatories, by inserting into the work a treatise upon chemistry, under the name of Elements of Pharmacy. Such a treatise must necessarily be very meagre and imperfect, and, as systems of chemistry are in the hands of every physician and apothecary, would uselessly occupy the place of valuable matter of less easy access.

The authors may, perhaps, be permitted to observe, in relation to themselves, that they have expended much time and labor in the preparation of the work; have sought diligently for facts from every readily accessible source; have endeavored, by a comparison of authorities, and a close scrutiny of evidence, to ascertain the truth whenever practicable; and have exerted themselves to the extent of their abilities to render the Dispensatory worthy of public approbation, both for the quality and quantity of its contents, and the general accuracy of its statements. They are conscious, nevertheless, that in so great a multiplicity of details, numerous errors and deficiencies may exist, and that the faults of undue brevity in some cases, and prolixity in others, may not have been entirely avoided; but they venture to hope that a candid public will make all due allowances; and they take the liberty to invite, from all those who may feel interested in the diffusion of sound pharmaceutical knowledge, the communication of friendly suggestions or criticisms in relation to the objects and execution of the work.

PHILADELPHIA, *January*, 1833.

PREFACE TO THE FIFTEENTH EDITION.

JUST fifty years have gone by since Dr. Geo. B. Wood penned the preface to the first edition of the United States Dispensatory. Written from a sense of duty, and in the earnest belief that to obtain the acceptance of the newly born United States Pharmacopœia by the American professions of Medicine and Pharmacy a standard commentary was necessary, the book achieved a success which, to its authors, was as unexpected as it was gratifying. During the half-century that has elapsed, the work has passed through fourteen editions; revolutions have swept over science, the fate that awaits all men has come to the authors; and yet, with a steadiness that is unrivalled in medical literature, the United States Dispensatory has maintained its supremacy, until the copies of it which have been sold are to be numbered by the hundreds of thousands, and wherever the English language leads, it follows. Even in the last years, when it was sorely in need of revision, the demand for it has not perceptibly diminished. Such success as this must depend upon extraordinary qualities in the book. Thoroughness, accuracy, and completeness undoubtedly have had much to do with the result, but we conceive that the pre-eminent usefulness of the Dispensatory has rested largely upon the peculiar ability of its authors to perceive what facts are useful and essential to a subject, and upon their judgment and skill in utilizing and setting forth these facts.

In attempting the revision of a book which has become so necessary to the American professions, the editors have fully comprehended the difficulties and the importance of their task. They all have had the experience and the peculiar growth in the power of appreciating the proportionate fitness and importance of facts, which come with successive years of active life as teachers. One of them has had the good fortune to have worked through the revisions of three editions under the rigid discipline of Dr. Geo. B. Wood, and to have become thoroughly familiar with his methods, not only of work, but also of thought, and with the principles which in his mind were essential to the building up of the Dispensatory. The editors come, therefore, to the work not without some especial preparation. Moreover, for the first time in the history of the volume, the original plan of Dr. Geo. B. Wood of having three editors, one for each branch of the subject-matter, has been realized.

It is evident that in the revision of a book with a history like that of the present the changes should be as few as possible. The editors have constantly borne this principle in mind, but circumstances have forced them, whilst strenuously endeavoring to retain the characteristics and essential features of the work, in great part to remodel it. The alteration in the plan of the Pharmacopœia has necessitated a parallel change in the Dispensatory. The first and second parts have therefore been alphabetically collated and formed into Part I. of the present edition. Part III. of former editions has been kept isolated as Part II.; because were it not for the great gain of space achieved by the use of the small type, two volumes would be required to contain the material now compressed between a single pair of covers. The amount of new matter added at this revision may be judged of from the fact that whilst in the index of the fourteenth edition there were about eleven thousand references, in the present index there are more than sixteen thousand titles, including in these, however, German

and French synonymes, never before indexed. Part III. of the present volume contains a revision of the Appendix of former editions, with various miscellaneous new matter.

When the fourteenth edition of the Dispensatory was published, Dr. Geo. B. Wood was nearly eighty years of age, and, although he sympathized with the movement which has resulted in putting therapeutics upon the firm foundation of physiological rationalism, he could not fully apprehend the changes which had occurred in therapeutical methods during the previous decade. Consequently, in most of the more important articles the sections treating of Medical Properties and Uses have had to be rewritten. The revision of these sections, as well as of the Botany and Vegetable Materia Medica, has fallen to the senior editor, Prof. H. C. Wood.

The progress of the last decade has necessitated important changes in those sections of the Dispensatory which treat of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, whilst the Pharmacy of the present edition is almost entirely new. This part of the revision has been performed by Prof. Jos. P. Remington, by whose calculations the official formulas have been adapted to the use of those pharmacists who prefer the system of measuring liquids. The alternative formulas *have been carefully tested in practice*, and we believe that they will serve a useful purpose, during the transition stage, caused by the adoption of the principle of *parts by weight*.

Dr. Franklin Bache died in 1864, at the time when the agitation was commencing in chemical science which has ended in the received nomenclature and theory. Since the death of its chemical author the portions of the Dispensatory especially within his province have had no proper revision and adaptation to the needs of the day. All of the Theoretical Chemistry of the volume has, therefore, had to be reproduced. This part of the work, with the Toxicology, has been allotted to Prof. S. P. Sadtler; and we believe that in all points the Dispensatory now represents the latest solid achievements of chemical science.

It seems proper to call attention, as novel features of the fifteenth edition, to the indication of the pronunciation of the official titles by diacritical marks; to the complete list of analyses of American Mineral Springs, as far as they have been published, with a number of analyses of European Springs of note; and to the illustrations. The drug illustrations are, with three minor exceptions, original; and the very accurate representations of microscopical sections will, we believe, be of service to students of structural characteristics.

In conclusion, it seems but right to state that the revision has been performed slowly and with great care, occupying most of the spare moments of the editors during the last three years. The present volume may very justly be looked upon as a new book, founded upon the old United States Dispensatory. The editors have no overweening sense of their ability: they recognize profoundly the immense responsibility that has been laid upon them; but they ask a favorable consideration for their work, because with all patience and toil, and with the love of their labor, they have honestly striven, so far as in them lay, to make the new United States Dispensatory worthy of the time when it was universally recognized as the supreme treasure-house of pharmacological lore.

PHILADELPHIA, January, 1883.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Arab.—Arabic.
B.—Baumé's Hydrometer.
Br.—The British Pharmacopœia, 1885, and Additions.
B. & T.—Bentley & Trimen's Medicinal Plants.
C.c.—Cubic centimeter.
Cm.—Centimeter.
Codex.—The French Pharmacopœia.
De Cand.—De Candolle.
Fr.—French.
G.—German.
Gen. Ch.—Generic Character.
Gm.—Gramme.
It.—Italian.
Juss.—Jussieu.
Linn.—Linnæus (Linné).
Mm.—Millimeter.
Mol.—Molecule.
Nat. Ord.—Natural Order.
P. G.—The German Pharmacopœia.
Port.—Portuguese.
Sp.—Spanish.
Sp. Gr.—Specific Gravity.
U. S.—The Pharmacopœia of the United States, 1890.
Var.—Variety.
Willd. Sp. Plant.—Willdenow's edition of the Species Plantarum of Linnæus.
Woodv. Med. Bot.—Woodville's Medical Botany, 2d edition.

JOURNALS REFERRED TO IN THE WORK.

A. J. P.—American Journal of Pharmacy.
Am. Journ. Med. Sci.—American Journal of the Medical Sciences.
Amer. Drug.—American Druggist.
Amer. Pract.—American Practitioner.
Ann. Ch. Phys.—Annales de Chimie et de Physique.
Ann. d. Chem.—Liebig's Annalen der Chemie.
Ann. de Thérap.—Annuaire de Thérapeutique.
Archiv d. Pharm.—Archiv der Pharmacie.
Archiv für Exp. Path. und Therap.—Archiv für Experimentalische Pathologie und Therapie.
Arch. Gén.—Archives Générales.
Ber. d. Chem. Ges.—Berichte der Deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft.
Berl. Klin. Wochenschr.—Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift.
Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.—Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.
Buch. Neu. Rep.—Buchner's Neues Repertorium.
Can. Pharm. Journ.—Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal.
Chem. and Drug.—Chemist and Druggist (London).
Chem. News.—Chemical News (London).
Compt.-Rend.—Comptes-Rendus hebdomadaires des Séances.
Deut. A. A. Z.—Deutsche-Amerikanische Apotheker Zeitung.
Drug. Bull.—Druggist's Bulletin.
Drug. Circ.—Druggists Circular.
Ephem.—Ephemeris (Squibb's).
Ind. Pharm.—Indiana Pharmacist.
Jahresb.—Jahresberichte (Dragendorff's).
Journ. App. Chem.—Journal of Applied Chemistry.
Journ. Chem. Soc.—Journal of the Chemical Society (London).
Journ. de Pharm. d'Anvers.—Journal de Pharmacie (Antwerp).
Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.—Journal de Pharmacie et de Chimie.
Journ. für Prakt. Chem.—Journal für Praktische Chemie.
M. Bul.—Merck's Bulletin.
M. M. Report.—Merck's Market Report.
Med. T. & G.—Medical Times and Gazette.
Mey. Bros. Drug.—Meyer Brothers' Druggist.
Nat. Drug.—National Druggist.
N. E. Drug.—New England Druggist.
N. R.—New Remedies.
Notes on N. R.—Notes on New Remedies.
Pac. Drug.—Pacific Druggist.
Pharm. Centralh.—Pharmaceutische Centralhalle.
Pharm. Era.—Pharmaceutical Era.
Pharm. Rec.—Pharmaceutical Record.
Pharm. Rund.—Pharmaceutische Rundschau.
Pharm. Zeit.—Pharmaceutische Zeitung.
P. J. Tr.—Pharmaceutical Journal and Transactions (London).
Pogg. Ann.—Poggendorf's Annalen.
Proc. A. P. A.—Proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Association.
Prog. Méd.—Progrès Médical.
Reg. Pharm.—Registered Pharmacist.
Répert. de Pharm.—Répertoire de Pharmacie.
Schim. Rep.—Schimmel & Co.'s Semi-Annual Report.
T. G.—Therapeutic Gazette.
West. Drug.—Western Druggist.
Zeitschr. für Analyt. Chem.—Zeitschrift für Analytische Chemie.
Zeitschr. Oest. Apoth. Ver.—Zeitschrift des Allgemeinen Oesterreichischen Apotheker-Vereines.

EXPLANATORY KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION.

The introduction of diacritical marks to indicate the pronunciation of the official titles in this work requires the insertion of a key to make them intelligible. The system in use in Worcester's Dictionary has been adopted.

Ā long, as in fāte.
Ă short, as in făt.
Ạ obscure, as in ạbide.
Å long before *r*, as in fåre.
Ä Italian or grave, as in färr.
Â intermediate, as in fâst.
Â broad, as in fâll.

Ē long, as in mēte.
Ĕ short, as in mĕt.
Ẹ obscure, as in otherẹ.
Ê like å, as in hêir.
Ë obtuse, as in hër.

Ī long, as in pīne.
Ĭ short, as in pĭn.
Ị obscure, as in perịl.
Î like long ē, as in mîen.
Ï obtuse, as in sïr.

Ō long, as in hōpe.
Ŏ short, as in nŏt.
Ọ obscure, as in arbọr.
Ô long and close, as in môve.
Ö broad, as in nör.
Ô like short ū, as in sôn.

Ū long, as in tūbe.
Ŭ short, as in bŭt.
Ụ obscure, as in sụppose.
Û as in annûal.
Û obtuse, as in bûll.
Ü short and obtuse, as in bür.
Û long and close, as in rûle.

Ç soft, like s.
Ȼ hard, like k.
Ǧ like j.
G hard, as in give.
Ş like z.
Ÿ like ï.

GLOSSARY.

In the following Glossary will be found short definitions of many of the terms employed in the Dispensatory to designate the medical properties of the remedies: most of the words are commonly employed as nouns, and sometimes as adjectives.

Absorbents.—Drugs used to produce absorption of exudates or diseased tissues.

Abstergents.—Detergents.

Alteratives.—Medicines used to so modify nutrition as to overcome morbid processes.

Anæsthetics.—Medicines used to produce anæsthesia or unconsciousness.

Analeptics.—Restorative medicines, or food.

Analgesics.—Medicines used to allay pain.

Anaphrodisiacs.—Medicines used to allay sexual feeling.

Anodynes.—Medicines used to allay pain.

Antacids.—Medicines used to neutralize acid in the stomach and intestines.

Anthelmintics.—Medicines used to destroy intestinal worms.

Antiarthritics.—Medicines used for the relief of gout.

Antihydropics.—Medicines used for the relief of dropsy.

Antilithics.—Medicines used for the relief of calculous affections.

Antiperiodics.—Medicines used for the relief of malarial fevers.

Antipyretics.—Medicines used for the reduction of bodily temperature in fevers.

Antiseptics.—Substances which have the power of preventing putrefaction.

Antispasmodics.—Medicines used for the relief of nervous irritability and minor spasms.

Antisyphilitics.—Medicines used for the relief of syphilis.

Antizymotics.—Substances which have the power of killing disease-germs.

Aperients.—Mild purgatives.

Aphrodisiacs.—Substances used to increase sexual power or excitement.

Aromatics.—Medicines characterized by a fragrant or spicy taste and odor, and stimulant to the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane.

Aromatic Bitters.—Medicines which unite the properties of the aromatics and the simple bitters.

Astringents.—Medicines which have the power of influencing vital contractility and thereby condensing tissues.

Bitters—Simple.—Medicines which have a bitter taste and have the power of stimulating the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane, without affecting the general system.

Blisters.—Medicines which when locally applied cause inflammatory exudation of serum from the skin, and are used as revulsants.

Calefacients.—Medicines used externally to cause a sense of warmth.

Cardiac Depressants.—Medicines used to lower the heart's action.

Cardiac Stimulants.—Medicines used to increase the heart's action.

Carminatives.—Medicines containing a volatile oil used to excite intestinal peristalsis and provoke an expulsion of flatus.

Cathartics.—Purgatives.

Caustics.—Medicines used to destroy living tissues.

Cholagogues.—Medicines which provoke a flow of bile.

Constringents.—Astringents.

Convulsants.—Medicines which cause convulsions.

Correctives.—Medicines used to correct or render more pleasant the action of other remedies, especially purgatives.

Corrigents.—Correctives.

Demulcents.—Mucilaginous principles which are used in solution to soothe and protect irritated mucous membranes or other tissues.

Deobstruents.—(Term obsolete and not very definite.) Medicines which overcome obstruction; aperients.

Deodorants.—Substances which destroy or hide foul odors.

Depilatories.—Substances used to remove hair.
Depressants.—Sedatives.
Depresso-Motors.—Medicines which lessen motor activity.
Depurants.—Medicines which act upon the emunctories so as to cause excretion and thereby purify the system.
Detergents.—Medicines which cleanse wounds, ulcers, etc.
Diaphoretics.—Medicines which produce sweating.
Digestants.—Ferments and acids which have the power of aiding in the solution of food.
Diluents.—Medicines which dilute secretions and excretions.
Disinfectants.—Substances which have the power of destroying disease-germs or the noxious properties of decaying organic matter.
Diuretics.—Medicines which increase the secretion of urine.
Drastics.—Purgatives which cause much irritation.
Ecbolics.—Medicines which produce abortion.
Eccoprotics, or Ectoprotics.—Laxatives.
Emetics.—Medicines which cause vomiting.
Emmenagogues.—Medicines which stimulate menstruation.
Emollients.—Substances used to mechanically soften and protect tissues.
Epispastics.—Blisters.
Errhines.—Medicines which increase the nasal secretions.
Escharotics.—Caustics.
Evacuants.—Medicines which evacuate: chiefly applied to purgatives.
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Expectorants.—Medicines which act upon the pulmonic mucous membrane and increase or alter its secretions.
Febrifuges.—Medicines which dissipate fever.
Galactagogues.—Medicines which increase the secretion of milk.
Hæmostatics.—Medicines which arrest hemorrhages.
Hydragogues.—Purgatives which cause large watery discharges.
Hypnotics.—Medicines which cause sleep.
Laxatives.—Mild purgatives.
Local Anæsthetics.—Medicines which when applied locally destroy sensation.
Mydriatics.—Medicines which cause *mydriasis*, or dilatation of the pupil.
Myotics.—Medicines which cause *myosis*, or contraction of the pupil.
Narcotics.—Powerful anodyne hypnotics.
Neurotics.—Medicines which act upon the nervous system.
Nutriants.—Medicines which modify the nutritive processes.
Nutrients—Substances which nourish.
Oxytocics.—Medicines which stimulate uterine contractions.
Peristaltics.—Medicines which increase peristalsis.
Prophylactics.—Medicines which prevent the taking or development of disease.
Protectives.—Medicines which protect a part when applied to it.
Ptyalagogues.—Sialagogues.
Purgatives.—Medicines which produce copious discharges from the bowels.
Refrigerants.—Medicines which lessen the bodily temperature.
Revulsants.—Medicines which by causing irritation draw nervous force and blood from a distant diseased part.
Rubefacients.—Medicines which cause irritation and redness, and are used as revulsants.
Sedatives.—Medicines which lower functional activity.
Sialagogues.—Medicines which excite the salivary glands to secretion.
Somnifacients.—Soporifics.
Soporifics.—Medicines which cause sleep.
Sorbefacients.—Medicines which cause absorption.
Specifics.—Medicines which have a direct curative influence on certain individual diseases.
Stimulants.—Medicines which increase functional activity.
Stomachics.—Stimulants to the stomach.
Styptics.—Hæmostatics.
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THE DISPENSATORY

OF

THE UNITED STATES.

PART I.

THE United States Dispensatory may very properly be considered as a commentary upon the United States and British Pharmacopœias, whilst such preparations of the German Pharmacopœia and French Codex as are used generally in the United States are also commented upon. As was explained in the fifteenth edition, the changes in the arrangement of the 1880 edition of the United States Pharmacopœia necessitated corresponding alterations in the United States Dispensatory. PART I. of the present volume contains the discussion of all the remedies recognized by either of the two Pharmacopœias used by English-speaking people. In PART II. the National Formulary is introduced; this is designated as Section I., whilst non-official drugs and preparations are treated, as heretofore, by themselves; they are classed now in Section II., and are printed in smaller type than that used for official substances, it being deemed judicious to adhere to a plan which has given so much satisfaction in the previous editions. An important change in this part will be at once noticed by all readers familiar with the work; double columns are used in the seventeenth edition for the first time, an improvement which will be all the more appreciated on account of the widening of the page. In PART III. are considered the Tests and Test-Solutions of the two Pharmacopœias, Weights and Measures, the Art of Prescribing Medicines, and other cognate miscellaneous matters.

There can be no question as to the superiority of the alphabetical arrangement of drugs in a book of reference of an encyclopedic character. Their scientific classification belongs to works which treat of them rather in their relations than their essential properties; and different systems have been adopted, according to the set of relations towards which the mind of the author has been especially directed. Thus, the naturalist classifies them according to the affinities of the several objects in nature from which they are derived; the chemist, according to their composition; the practitioner of medicine, according to their effects upon the system in a state of health and disease.

The definitions of the terms used to describe the action of remedies, which for many years occupied a place in this work, were in the sixteenth edition replaced by a short glossary having succinct definitions. This has been retained. (See the preceding pages.)

ABSINTHIUM. U.S. Absinthium. [Wormwood.]

(ĄB-SĬN'THI-ŬM.)

"The leaves and tops of Artemisia Absinthium, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Wormwood; Absinthe commune, Grande Absinthe, Armoise amère, *Fr.;* Gemeiner Wermuth, *G.;* Assenzio, *It.;* Artemisio Axenjo, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Receptacle sub-villous, or nearly naked. *Seed-down* none. *Calyx* imbricate, with roundish converging scales. *Corollas of the ray* none. *Willd.*

Several species of Artemisia have enjoyed some reputation as medicines. The leaves of *A.*

abrotanum, or *southernwood*, are reported by Craveri to contain a crystallizable alkaloid, *abrotine;* they have a fragrant odor, and a warm, bitter, nauseous taste, and were formerly employed as a tonic, deobstruent, and anthelmintic. Similar virtues have been ascribed to *A. santonica*. *A. pontica* has been occasionally substituted for common wormwood, but is weaker. *A. vulgaris*, or *mugwort*, formerly enjoyed considerable reputation as an emmenagogue, and has been used in Germany in *epilepsy*. Along with asafetida it is also sometimes given in *chorea* and in *amenorrhœa*. *A. ludoviciana*, a native of the southwestern regions of the United States, is thought, when applied to the head in the state of infusion, to favor the growth of the hair. (Maisch, *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 106.) In China, *moxa* is said to be prepared from the leaves of *A. chinensis* and *A. indica*. The medicine known in Europe by the name of wormseed is the product of different species.

Artemisia absinthium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1844; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 54, t. 22. Wormwood is a perennial plant, with branching, round, and striated or furrowed stems, which rise two or three feet in height, and are panicled at their summit. The lower portion of the stem lives several years, and annually sends up herbaceous shoots, which perish in the winter. The radical leaves are triply pinnatifid, with lanceolate, obtuse, dentate divisions; those of the stem, doubly or simply pinnatifid, with lanceolate, somewhat acute divisions; the floral leaves are lanceolate; all are hoary. The flowers are of a brownish-yellow color, hemispherical, pedicelled, nodding, and in erect racemes. The florets of the disk are numerous, those of the ray few. The plant is a native of Europe, where it is also cultivated. It is among our garden herbs, and has been naturalized in the mountainous districts of New England. The leaves and flowering summits are employed; the larger parts of the stalk being rejected. They should be gathered in July or August, during flowering. They long preserve their sensible properties when dried.

"Leaves about 5 Cm. long, hoary, silky-pubescent, petiolate, roundish-triangular in outline; pinnately two- or three-cleft, with the segments lanceolate, the terminal one spatulate; bracts three-cleft or entire; heads numerous, about 3 Mm. long, subglobose, with numerous small, pale-yellow florets, all tubular and without pappus; odor aromatic; taste persistently bitter." *U.S.*

Wormwood yields by distillation a volatile oil (*oleum absinthii*), usually dark green, sometimes yellow or brownish, having a strong odor of the plant, an acrid peculiar taste, and the sp. gr. 0·972. It is sometimes adulterated with alcohol, oil of turpentine, etc., which lessen its specific gravity. According to C. R. A. Wright, the oil is composed of a terpene boiling at 150° C., and *absinthol*, which has a specific gravity 0·926, composition $C_{10}H_{16}O$, boiling point of 200° C. (392° F.) to 205° C., and when heated with phosphorus pentasulphide or zinc chloride is split into *cymene* ($C_{10}H_{14}$) and a resinous substance. The portion of absinthol which does not distil over at about 200° C. consists chiefly of the coloring principles *azulene* of Piesse and *cœrulëin* of Gladstone (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, Jan. 1874). The dried herb yields much more oil than the fresh. The other constituents, according to Braconnot, are a very bitter and an almost insipid nitrogenous matter, an excessively bitter resinous substance, chlorophyll, albumen, starch, saline matters, and lignin; malic and acetic acids are also said to be present. The cold infusion becomes olive-green and turbid on the addition of ferric chloride, indicating the probable existence of a little tannic acid. (*Pereira.*) The *absinthic acid* found by Braconnot is said to be succinic acid. Caventou obtained the bitter principle *absinthin* in an impure condition. (See *U. S. D.*, 14th ed., p. 5.) Dr. E. Luck prepared pure absinthin in 1851. (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 358.) A. Kromayer (*Arch. Pharm.* (2), cviii. 129) considers absinthin an aldehyde, and assigns to it the formula $C_{40}H_{56}O_8 + H_2O$. He prepared it by exhausting the dry herb with hot water, evaporating the decoction, absorbing the bitter principle with animal charcoal, extracting with alcohol, partially purifying with lead acetate, precipitating with tannin, dissolving the precipitate in alcohol, mixing with lead oxide, treating the dry residue with alcohol, filtering, and evaporating to dryness. Duquesnel obtained absinthin in prismatic, odorless crystals of an intensely bitter taste. The old *salt of wormwood* (*sal absinthii*) was impure potassium carbonate, made from the ashes of the plant. E. Classen found potassium chloride in distinctly-formed cubic and octohedral crystals in extract of wormwood. (*Amer. Journ. of Science*, 1882, p. 323.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Wormwood was known to the ancients as a stomachic tonic, especially useful in gastric debility. It was also employed as an antiperiodic and as an anthelmintic. At present it is little used in regular practice on this side of the Atlantic. In dogs and rabbits from thirty to fifty drops (1·5–3·2 C.c.) of the volatile oil will cause trembling, stupor, hebetude, and it may be insensibility; one to two drachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.) of it, violent epileptiform convulsions, with involuntary evacuations, unconsciousness, and stertorous breathing, which may or may not end in death. (Marcé, *Bull. Thérap.*, Mai, 1864; Magnan,

L'Union Méd., Août, 1864; Amory, *Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, March, 1868, p. 83.) In man the oil acts similarly; a half-ounce (15 C.c.) of it caused, in a male adult, insensibility, convulsions, foaming at the mouth, and a tendency to vomit; though the patient recovered under the use of emetics, with stimulants and demulcents. (*Lancet*, Dec. 6, 1862.) According to Dr. J. L. Corning, the volatile oil is a powerful local anæsthetic, and has some general analgesic properties, being useful when applied locally in *rheumatic pains* and especially valuable given in the form of a liqueur as a narcotic stimulant in *cerebral exhaustion*. Böhm and Kobert affirm that the oil escapes through the kidneys unchanged. The dose in substance is from one to two scruples (1·3–2·6 Gm.); of the infusion (one ounce in a pint of boiling water), from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.); of the oil, one to two drops.*

ACACIA. U. S. (Br.) Acacia. [Gum Arabic.]

(Ạ-CĀ'CI-Ạ.)

"A gummy exudation from Acacia Senegal, Willdenow (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "A gummy exudation from the stem and branches of Acacia Senegal, Willd. (A. verek, Guill. et Per.); and from other species of Acacia." *Br.*

Acaciæ Gummi, *Br.;* Gum Acacia; Gummi Arabicum, Gummi Mimosæ; Gomme Arabique, *Fr.;* Arabisches Gummi, *G.;* Gomma Arabica, *It.;* Goma Arabiga, *Sp.;* Samagh Arabee, *Arab.*

This genus is one of those into which the old genus Mimosa of Linnæus was divided by Willdenow. The name *Acacia* was employed by the ancient Greeks to designate the gum-tree of Egypt, and has been appropriately applied to the new genus in which that plant is included.

Gen. Ch. HERMAPHRODITE. *Calyx* five-toothed. *Corolla* five-cleft, or formed of five petals. *Stamens* 4–100. *Pistil* one. *Legume* bivalve. MALE. *Calyx* five-toothed. *Corolla* five-cleft, or formed of five petals. *Stamens* 4–100. *Willd.*

The most important of the gum-yielding Acacias are *A. vera* and the official *A. Senegal*. *A. vera* and *A. Arabica* were considered by Willdenow to be distinct species, but are now esteemed as one.

Acacia vera. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 1805; Hayne, *Darstel. und Beschreib.* x. 34. Syn. *A. Arabica.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 1805; Hayne, *Darstel. und Beschreib.* x. 32; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 31.—*Acacia Nilotica*, Delille, *Illust. Flor. de l'Égypte*, p. 79. This is a tree of middle size, with numerous scattered branches, of which the younger are much bent, and covered with a reddish-brown bark. The leaves are alternate and bipinnate, with two pairs of pinnæ, of which the lower are usually furnished with ten pairs of leaflets, the upper with eight. The leaflets are very small, oblong-linear, smooth, and supported upon very short footstalks. On the common petiole is a gland between each pair of pinnæ. Both the common and partial petiole are smooth in typical specimens of *A. vera*, but downy in the variety *A. arabica*. Two sharp spines, from a quarter to half an inch long, of the color of the smaller branches, and joined together at their base, are found at the insertion of each leaf. The flowers are yellow, inodorous, small, and collected in globular heads supported upon slender peduncles which rise from the axils of the leaves, in number from two to five together. The fruit is a smooth, flat, two-valved legume, divided, by contractions occurring at regular intervals, into several roundish portions, each containing one seed. This species flourishes in Southern Nubia, Egypt, and Senegal, and is probably scattered over the whole intervening portions of Africa; it is also abundant in Hindostan.

A. Senegal, Willdenow; *A. verek*, Guillemin and Perottet, *Flore de Sénégambie*, 1830, 246, B.

* *Absinthe.* Under this name, a *liqueur* is much used in France, consisting essentially of an alcoholic solution of oil of wormwood containing some alcoholic extract of angelica, anise, and marjoram. According to Baudrimont (Chevallier, *Dictionnaire des Falsifications*, 6me éd.) the *absinthe ordinaire* contains 47·66 per cent. of alcohol, the *demi-fine* 50 per cent., the *fine* 68 per cent, and the *absinthe suisse* 80·66 per cent. The preparation, if manipulated properly, possesses naturally a bright-green color, brought to an olive-green by slight addition of caramel-coloring, but artificial coloring is often resorted to, and indigo, turmeric, cupric acetate, and aniline green have been used to produce the proper shade. According to the French law of 1872, the oil and other concentrated preparations of absinthe can be sold only by pharmacists, and by them only on prescription. It has for some time been noticed that the effects of this liqueur differ essentially from those of pure alcoholic drinks, constituting a series of symptoms which has been designated as *absinthism*. A case recorded by M. Magnan, in which the patient, having habituated himself to the use of brandy, and afterwards substituted *absinthe*, gave an opportunity of comparing the effects of the two kinds of drink; it appears that the characteristic symptoms of the latter, taken in excess, are restlessness at night, with disturbing dreams, nausea and vomiting in the morning, with great trembling of the hands and tongue, vertigo, and a tendency to epileptiform convulsions, in which the patient loses consciousness, falls, bites his tongue, foams at the mouth, makes facial grimaces, throws about his limbs, etc., but from which he usually recovers. See also *A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 612.

& T., 1877. *Mimosa senegal*, L. This is a small tree with a grayish bark, the inner layers of which are strongly fibrous, bipinnate leaves, dense spikes of small yellow flowers longer than the leaves, and broad pods 3 to 4 inches long, containing 5 or 6 seeds. It rarely exceeds 20 feet in height, forms large forests in Western Africa, north of the river Senegal, and is abundant in Eastern Africa, Kordofan, and Southern Nubia. It is known by the natives as *Verek* or *Hashab*.

Besides the species above described, the following afford considerable quantities of gum*:— *A. karroo* of the Cape of Good Hope, formerly considered by some as identical with *A. vera*; *A. gummifera*, seen by Broussonet in Morocco near Mogador; *A. ehrenbergiana*, a shrub six or eight feet high, named in honor of the German traveller Ehrenberg, who observed it in the deserts of Libya, Nubia, and Dongola; *A. seyal*, growing in the same region, and also in Upper Egypt and Senegambia; *A. adansonii*, of the *Flore de Sénégambie*, said to contribute a portion of the Senegal gum; and *A. tortilis*, which attains the height of sixty feet, and inhabits Arabia Felix, Nubia, Dongola, and the Libyan Desert. Brownish or reddish gums are also yielded by *A. stenocarpa*, *A. fistula*, and *A. nilotica*, and probably by various undescribed species.† *A. decurrens* and *A. floribunda* yield gum in Australia. Gum is also yielded by various trees not belonging to the genus Acacia.

The gum-bearing Acacias are all thorny or prickly trees or shrubs, calculated by nature for a dry and sandy soil, and flourishing in deserts where few other trees will grow. We are told that camels, attached to the caravans, derive from them their chief sustenance in many parts of those desolate regions in which Africa abounds. In such localities, they have a stunted growth, and present a bare, withered, and uninviting aspect; but in favorable situations, as on the banks of rivers, they are often luxuriant and beautiful.

Their bark and unripe fruit contain tannic and gallic acids, and are sometimes used in tanning. An extract was formerly obtained from the immature pods of *A. arabica* and *A. vera*, by expression and inspissation. It was known to the ancients by the name of *acaciæ veræ succus*, and was highly praised by some of the Greek medical writers, but is at present little used. It is a solid, heavy, shining, reddish-brown substance, of a sweetish, acidulous, styptic taste, and soluble in water. Its virtues are probably those of a mild astringent. On the continent of Europe, a preparation is said to be substituted for it called *acacia nostras*, obtained by expression and inspissation from the unripe fruit of *Prunus spinosa*, or the wild plum-tree.

The gum of the Acacias exudes spontaneously from the bark, and hardens on exposure; but incisions are sometimes made in order to facilitate the exudation. The gum is said also to be found immediately under the bark, where it is sometimes collected in regular cavities. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, t. xxiv. p. 321.) It is probably produced by a process of degeneration from the cellulose, and is incapable of serving further in plant-growth.‡ It is stated by Jackson that, in Morocco, the greatest product is obtained in the driest and hottest weather, and from the most sickly trees. An elevated temperature appears to be essential; for in cooler climates,

* *Constitution of Gum.* Much confusion has existed in the use of the word *gum*, which has been employed to express various concrete vegetable juices, and, at the same time, a peculiar proximate principle of plants. It is now proposed to restrict the term to the former of these applications, and to designate the principle alluded to by the name of arabin. Chemically, M. Guérin considers as characteristic of gums the property of affording mucic acid when acted on by nitric acid. He recognizes in the different gums three distinct proximate principles; namely: 1, *arabin*, or the pure gum of chemical writers, which is the essential constituent of gum arabic; 2, *bassorin*, which enters largely into the composition of Bassora gum and tragacanth; and, 3, *cerasin* (metarabic acid), which constitutes the portion of cherry gum insoluble in cold water. Of arabin sufficient is said in the text. Bassorin will be treated of under the head of Bassora gum. (See *Part Second.*) The gums which exude from the cherry, apricot, peach, and plum trees, and which the French call *gomme du pays*, appear to be identical in composition, consisting of a portion soluble in cold water, which is arabin, and a portion insoluble, appropriately denominated *cerasin*, and now known to be produced from the arabin by alteration.

† For further information in regard to gum-bearing trees of Northern Africa, see *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1873; *Compt.-Rendus*, t. lxxix. p. 1175.

‡ In the lower orders of life the inner cell contents or protoplasm is often set free by the rapid conversion of the cellulose wall into a substance soluble in water, and it is asserted that very frequently in the higher plants cells can be seen with one-half of their walls still cellulose, the other gum. According to Wigand, arabin is a result of a further change in bassorin, but Mr. F. von Höhnel (*Berichte*, 1888) believes that whilst tragacanth is formed out of the cell-wall, arabin is formed from the cell contents. According to the independent researches of Dr. Beijerinck and of Dr. Wiesner (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. p. 284), the change of the cell-wall is provoked by a peculiar ferment. Kraus found that the formation of gum in *Acacia melanoxylon* takes place only in the bark and not in the wood, that it flows from the sieve-tubes and the cells of the soft bast, and he asserts that it is not a product of the degeneration of the cellulose, but a true cell-content passing out through unchanged cell-walls. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 840.) For further information see Hofmeister, *Handbuch der physiolog. Botanik*, Bd. iv. p. 368, 1865; also Müller, *Sitzb. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, ii., Juni, 1875; Mercadante, *Gaz. Chim.*; *Ber. Chem. Gesell.*, 1876, p. 581; Giraud, *A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 127; also, denying explanation, Prillieux, *Compt.-Rend.*, t. lxxviii. p. 135.

though the tree may flourish, it yields no gum. According to Ehrenberg, the varieties in the characters of the gum do not depend upon difference in the species of the plant. Thus, from the same tree it will exude frothy or thick, and clear or dark-colored, and will assume, upon hardening, different shapes and sizes; so that the pieces, when collected, require to be assorted before being delivered into commerce. Schweinfurth and other observers state, however, that the finest gum is obtained only from the *A. vera*, and perhaps one or two other species.

Commercial History and Varieties. The most common varieties of this drug are the *Turkey* or *Egyptian*, the *Barbary*, the *Senegal*, and the *India gum*.

1. Turkey Gum. (*Egyptian Gum.*) Gum arabic formerly entered commerce almost exclusively through Egypt, being collected in Upper Egypt, Nubia, Kordofan, Darfur, and other regions of the Upper Nile, and carried to Alexandria, from whence it passed directly into the world's commerce or entered the latter through Smyrna, Trieste, or some other Mediterranean entrepôt. At one time the more or less colored varieties were known as *gum gedda*, whilst the white and fine drug was known as *gum turic;* names derived from Jidda and Tor, Red Sea ports, through which the varieties were erroneously supposed to be respectively exported. More recently three chief commercial varieties of Turkish or Egyptian gums were recognized. *Hashabi* or *Kordofan gum*, the finest of these varieties, was collected in the country westward of the White Nile; at one time it constituted the bulk of the superior gum arabic of commerce. *Sennari* or *Gehzirah gum* was an inferior variety, yielding a mucilage which turned sour more quickly than that produced by Kordofan gum. It was collected in a country eastward of the White Nile, and in the region of the Blue Nile. Still farther to the eastward was collected the Suakin or Talca gum.

Egyptian gums consisted chiefly of small irregular fragments, interspersed with roundish pieces of various size, and containing much of that form of gum arabic which is characterized by innumerable minute fissures, pervading its substance and impairing its transparency.

The difference in the varieties mentioned is chiefly in regard to color, the inferior gums being more yellow or reddish, and usually containing also more impurities. Since the capture of Khartoum and the closure of the Soudan by the Mahdi, Egyptian gum has scarcely entered commerce as such, although a portion of the product probably gets into commerce through Morocco as Mogador gum. Geddah gum of the present time, sometimes spoken of as an Egyptian gum, enters commerce through Geddah, or Jidda, on the Arabian side of the Red Sea. It seems to be the same as *Mecca* or *El Wisch* or *Aden gums*, which are sometimes spoken of as Egyptian gums, but are probably produced in the triangular peninsula which forms the eastern extremity of Africa. These gums used to be exclusively collected at the Red Sea ports by Bombay merchants and carried to Bombay, where they were distributed, and hence have been known as *Bombay* or *India gum*. The finest specimens yield a useful mucilage, not quite so bland as that made from the best Egyptian gum. (See *India Gum.*)

Suakin Gum, *Talca* or *Talba Gum*, from *A. stenocarpa* and *A. seyal*, is exceedingly brittle, and usually semi-pulverulent. It is a mixture of nearly colorless and brownish gum, is exported at Alexandria, and is sometimes termed *gum savakin.*

2. Barbary Gum. (*Mogador Gum*, *Morocco Gum.*) Mogador, a port of Morocco, is the chief entrepôt of the trade. The gum is probably derived, in part at least, from *A. nilotica.* According to Jackson, the natives call the tree which affords it *attaleh.* They gather it in July and August, when the weather is hot and very dry. Two kinds are brought to Mogador, one from the neighboring provinces, the other by caravans from Timbuctoo. This may account for the fact that Barbary gum in part resembles the Turkey, in part the Senegal. When first deposited in the warehouses, it has a faint smell, and makes a crackling noise, occasioned by the rupture of the small masses as they become more dry. Barbary gum is usually in tears, somewhat brownish, roundish or vermiform, wholly soluble in water. It reaches the United States in casks through English commerce.

3. Senegal Gum. This variety was introduced into Europe by the Dutch. The French afterwards planted a colony on the western coast of Africa, and took possession of the trade. St. Louis, at the mouth of the Senegal, and Portendic, considerably farther north, are the ports in which the commerce in gum chiefly centres. Immense forests exist in the interior, containing many species of the genus Acacia, all of which are said to yield gum; as is affirmed do also various trees belonging to other genera. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiv. 318.) The juice begins to exude in November. The dry winds, which prevail after the rainy season, cause the bark to crack; the juice flows out and hardens in masses, which are often as large as a pigeon's egg, and sometimes as that of an ostrich. At this period the Moors and negroes proceed to

the forests in caravans, collect the gum in leather sacks, and convey it to the coasts, or frequently it is purchased by barter from the natives. Senegal gum is usually in roundish or oval unbroken pieces, or in straight or curled cylindrical pieces of various sizes, in the finest grades whitish or colorless, but generally yellowish, reddish, or brownish red. The pieces are larger than those of Turkey gum, less brittle and pulverizable, and breaking with a more conchoidal fracture.* According to L. Liebermann, gum Senegal can be distinguished from Turkey gum arabic by heating the solutions for some time with potassium hydroxide. The gum Senegal does not alter in color, or becomes only very faintly yellow, while the Turkey gum arabic solution changes to an amber-yellow color (as do solutions of dextrin). (*A. J. P.*, 1891.)

4. India Gum.† Most of this gum is taken to Bombay in Arab vessels from Cape Gardafui and Berbera on the northeastern coast of Africa, where it is collected, or from the ports of the Red Sea. It is in pieces varying in size, color, and quality, some resembling the broken fragments of Turkey gum, though much less chinky; others large, roundish, and tenacious, like Senegal. It is often contaminated, containing, besides genuine gum arabic, portions of a different product, having the characteristic properties of Bassora gum. This is distinguished by its insolubility in water, with which, however, it unites, swelling up, and forming a soft viscid mass. It owes its properties to the presence of *bassorin*. Besides this impurity in the India gum, there are often others more readily detected. Among these we have observed a yellowish-white resinous substance, which has the sensible properties of the turpentines. If care be used in assorting this commercial variety, it may be employed for all the purposes of good gum arabic. India gum is brought to this country partly from Calcutta or Bombay, and partly by way of England. It usually comes in large cases. We have seen a parcel said to have come directly from the Red Sea, enclosed in large sacks made of a kind of matting, and bearing a close resemblance to the gum from Calcutta, except that it was more impure, and contained numerous large, irregular, very brittle masses, not much less than the fist in size.‡

* Dr. A. Corre divides the gum Senegal into the hard gums, which are of firm consistence, with a large, clear, shining fracture, and the soft or friable gums. For an account of the grades and varieties of these the reader is referred to the *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiv. 318. *Galam* gum (*Gommes haut-du-fleuve*) is that coming from Galam, Podor, Bakel, and Medina; it is sometimes hard, sometimes soft. For an abstract of Soubeiran's paper on Galam gums, which is scarcely applicable to the present time, see 14th ed. U. S. D. *Gommes bas-du-fleuve* are from the deserts of Bounou and the country of the Braknas.

Brittle gum, Salabreda, or *Sadra-beida*, is supposed to be obtained from *A. albida* of the Flora of Senegambia, which is much smaller than *A. verek*, and characterized by its white bark. The gum is usually in small, irregular pieces, like coarse salt, probably the fragments of larger lumps, but sometimes in vermicular pieces about as thick as a goose-quill, and of variable length. It is dull and often wrinkled externally, of a vitreous fracture, and of different tints of color, white, green, yellow, or orange. It is always somewhat bitter. Very easily soluble in its weight of water, it affords a mucilage of little consistence, which has but a slight effect on the tincture of litmus. When the solution is evaporated to the consistence of a paste, it absorbs moisture so as to become viscid; this property detracts much from its value. It is much less esteemed than the Galam gum.

† *Persian gum*, which is said to be sent from Persia to Assowan to be packed as genuine gum arabic, can be distinguished from the latter, which it closely resembles, by its not dissolving in water. Professor Sickenberger thinks that it is the product of *Prunus Bokharensis* or of *P. Puddum*.

‡ In the *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.* (Oct. 1867, p. 270), a variety of the India gum, imported into France by way of London, in boxes containing about 400 pounds, is described as follows. It is a mixture of tears of various tints with impurities. In assorting it for use, the lightest-colored tears are selected. These are less perfectly transparent than gum arabic, less fissured on the surface, which is brilliant and often mammillated, and are also much less friable. But the most important distinctive character of this gum consists in its relations to water. If agitated with twice or thrice its weight of cold water, instead of forming, like ordinary gum arabic, a homogeneous, slightly mucilaginous solution, it forms a thick, transparent, very tenacious magma, which cannot be diluted with a larger quantity of water, but may, after a long time, be coarsely divided, still, however, retaining its viscid, ropy aspect, which never entirely disappears, whatever may be the quantity of water added. It imparts to syrup a very thick and very viscid consistence. It is important that the apothecary should be able to distinguish it, as it is unfit for ordinary pharmaceutic use, being employed exclusively by manufacturers in the preparation of cloths. All that is necessary is to add a few pieces to twice their weight of cold water, and allow the mixture to stand. After some hours, the peculiar, viscid mucilage above described betrays the character of the gum.

Substitutes for Gum Arabic.—The variety of true gum arabic which has received the name of India gum because it enters commerce through Bombay must be distinguished from the Indian gums which have been thrown into commerce as substitutes for true gum arabic. According to A. Mander, the East India gums appearing in the London market are:

(1) *Glassy Amrad Gum.*—A dark gum consisting of more or less rounded and some stalactitic pieces, with smooth shining surface and free from internal cracks. Color varying from dark brown to pale yellow. Viscosity of mucilage (acacia being 1), 2.

(2) *East India Amrad Gum.*—A dark brittle gum of a reddish tint, composed chiefly of transparent angular fragments with a few rounded masses having a conchoidal fracture. Viscosity of mucilage, 0·15.

(3) *Pale Amrad Gum.*—This somewhat resembles "gum acacia sorts," being in broken angular pieces or small tears, and these more or less cracked internally; some pieces may be noticed having an opaline surface. Viscosity of mucilage, 0·156.

(4) *Amra* or *Oomra Whatti Gum.*—A dark gum, in irregularly-shaped and stalactiform pieces, clear internally, but dull surface; color from reddish to pale yellow. Viscosity of mucilage, 1.8.

General Properties. Gum arabic is in roundish or amorphous pieces, or irregular fragments, of various sizes, more or less transparent, hard, brittle, pulverizable, and breaking with a shining fracture. It is usually white, or yellowish white, but frequently presents different shades of red, and is sometimes of a deep-orange or brownish color. It is bleached by exposure to the sun. In powder it is always white. It is inodorous, has a feeble, slightly sweetish taste, and when pure dissolves wholly in the mouth. The sp. gr. varies from 1·31 to 1·48 or 1·525 for the dried gum. "Acacia should be slowly but completely soluble in 2 parts of water. This solution shows an acid reaction with litmus paper, yields a gelatinous precipitate with basic lead acetate test-solution or ferric chloride test-solution, or concentrated solution of sodium borate, and does not reduce alkaline cupric tartrate volumetric solution. The powder is not colored blue

(5) *Ghatti Gum.*—A pale gum consisting of rounded or vermiform pieces varying in size, clear internally, but dull and roughened on the surface, apparently caused by shrinkage in drying; from brownish-yellow to perfectly colorless and transparent. Mucilage a pale yellowish-brown semi-solid mass.

Of these gums, India gums of the London market, the first four varieties yield mucilages which are so dark-colored that they cannot be used in practical pharmacy. One part of ghatti gum rubbed up with three parts of distilled water and strained, yields a mucilage which is tasteless, odorless, colorless, and which is superior to the emulsion of gum arabic in its adhesive power, and even in its emulsive power, the emulsion made with it being almost of snowy whiteness. Ghatti gum would therefore seem to be thoroughly adapted for the purposes of pharmacy, and its extreme cheapness will undoubtedly give it vogue.

The studies of J. G. Prebble, of Bombay, throw much light upon the gums just spoken of. Through Oomrawuttee, or Amravti, the chief town of the Hyderabad assigned districts known as the Beras, two gums enter the world's commerce, which are respectively known in India as *Amrad* or *Babool* gum, and *Ghatti* gum. The babool gum is apt to be dark, and is said to be a product of the *Acacia arabica.* It is without much doubt the *amra whatti* gum of Mander. *Amra* is the native name for a gum derived from *Spondias mangifera,* which gum, however, is said to resemble tragacanth rather than gum arabic. The Arabic word *hamrâ* means red, and possibly the term *amrad* is derived from it. The amrad gums of London appear to be made in Bombay by mixing babool gum with other gums collected in various parts of India or imported into Bombay from the Red Sea coast.

Ghatti gum is said to be obtained from *Anogeissus latifolia* in enormous quantities, to be much used in India, and to be exported from Bombay in the pure state.

Besides the India gum, numerous gums have entered commerce from South America, Cape of Good Hope, and Australia.

Cape gums are imported into London in large quantities. Two varieties are recognized. The *glassy hard Cape gum,* the product of *Acacia horrida,* occurs in amber-brown-colored, irregular pieces, occasionally fissured, usually hard; soluble in water, giving a dark-colored viscid mucilage free from odor but with an unusual flavor. This gum is said to be bleached and mixed with a pale gum. The *soft Cape gum* is believed to be derived from *Acacia giraffæ.* Its inferior grades are dark brown and yield a bitter mucilage; the finest samples, however, so closely resemble, in their physical properties and the mucilage which they yield, the Kordofan gums, that some authorities believe that they are true gum arabic which has been deflected southward by the closure of the Soudan.

Australian gum, or *Wattle gum,* is the product of *A. pycnantha,* Benth.; *A. decurrens,* Willd.; *A. homalophylla* (A. Cunn), and probably other species of acacia. It is said that gums obtained near the coast and those procured in the interior do not contain metarabin. It occurs in hard pieces, elongated or globular; rough, varying in color from dark amber to pale yellow; entirely soluble in water, and yielding a very adhesive mucilage, which, when dry, is said not to crack. It sometimes contains tannin, and appears not to be suitable for pharmaceutical purposes. The wood of *A. homalophylla* is known as *violet wood,* on account of its pleasant odor. (*Amer. Drug.,* 1884.)

Under the name of *Brazilian gum, Para gum,* and *gum angico,* large quantities of a gum occurring in large dark-amber or dark-brown glossy drops, soluble in water, are yearly thrown into commerce. It is said to be the product of *Acacia angico.* Its mucilage is very adhesive, but usually too dark in color for pharmaceutical purposes. It must be distinguished from the gum resin often known as *Brazilian gum,* which is said to be obtained from *Hymenia courbaril,* and is used in making varnishes.

Thos. Maben gives the following method of testing mucilage obtained from various gums sold for gum arabic as the best that he has been able to devise after much experimentation. Two or three drops of the mucilage prepared from the gum are placed on a glass or porcelain slab, and one or two drops of the following reagents added; these are then stirred together with a glass rod and the results compared. In the case of borax, acacia mucilage at once agglutinates or hardens into a gummy mass, similarly with basic lead acetate and ferric chloride, whilst it gelatinizes or forms a softer mass with potassic silicate. Similar reactions are given by the Senegal gums, the Indian amrad gums, white Barbary, white and brown Cape, and Geddah gum. Barbary brown and amrad give only a jelly with borax, otherwise they react as acacia. Australian gum agglutinates with borax, but only gelatinizes with basic lead acetate, and has no reaction with ferric chloride and potassic silicate. Brazilian gum has no reaction with potassic silicate, but gelatinizes with borax and ferric chloride and slightly with basic lead acetate. Ghatti gum gelatinizes with all four reagents, but in a slight degree only with potassic silicate. Oomra gum reacts similarly to acacia, except that it is entirely unaffected by basic lead acetate, and forms a softer jelly with ferric chloride. There are, of course, shades of difference in the various reactions which cannot be indicated by these terms, but, generally speaking, a fair idea is given of the nature of the gum. (*Pharm. Journ. and Trans.,* March 1, 1890, 717–721.)

Schuhmann prepares *dextrin* by a registered process so as to replace gum arabic. The milk of starch is treated with one one-hundredth part of its weight in starch, of hydrochloric, nitric, or sulphuric acid. In twenty-four hours the mixture is washed until the waters give no acid reaction. The starch paste thus prepared is diluted to a thick pap, and heated in a digester to 160–170° C.; or it may be treated in a closed vessel under ordinary pressure, with a current of superheated air or vapor, until the product ceases to color with iodine. The soluble product thus obtained is diluted to 20–25° Baumé, and—a little albumen being added—is heated to the boiling point and passed into a Taylor apparatus, or into a press-filter, in which it is clarified and made colorless with bone-black. Thus purified it is evaporated to a proper consistence, or may be reduced to dryness. A small quantity of vegetable gum may be added with advantage. The mass obtained by this process is entirely soluble in warm or cold water; it is odorless and tasteless, and greatly resembles gum arabic in aspect and properties. (*Moniteur Scientifique,* 1888.)

(absence of *starch*), or red (absence of *dextrin*), by iodine test-solution." *U. S.* Gum arabic is a varying mixture of at least two gums, one lævo-rotatory and the other dextro-rotatory, the latter predominating. The first constituent treated with dilute sulphuric acid yields crystallized *arabinose*, $C_5H_{10}O_5$, a pentose; the second constituent under similar conditions yields *dextrose*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$. The commercial gum arabic contains 17 per cent. of water and 3 per cent. of ash, consisting almost entirely of calcium, potassium, and magnesium carbonates.

The gum dissolves at ordinary temperature slowly, in an equal weight of water, forming a thick glutinous liquid of distinctly acid reaction. It is insoluble in alcohol, ether, and the oils. 100 parts of diluted alcohol containing 22 per cent. of alcohol by volume dissolve 57 parts of gum, diluted alcohol containing 40 per cent. alcohol takes up 10 parts, and 50 per cent. alcohol only 4 parts (Flückiger). If the gum be dissolved in cold water, and the solution be slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, alcohol produces in it a precipitate of the *arabin* (*arabic acid*), which may also be prepared by placing a solution of gum, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, on a dialyser, when calcium chloride will diffuse out, leaving behind solution of arabin.

Arabic acid dried at 100° C. (212° F.) has the composition $2C_6H_{10}O_5 + H_2O$, and gives up H_2O when it unites with bases. It has a decided tendency to form acid salts. Concentrated nitric acid forms with it nitro-compounds, such as $C_{12}H_{18}(NO_2)_2O_{10}$ and $C_{12}H_{16}(NO_2)_4O_{10}$; dilute nitric acid, on the other hand, gives rise to mucic and saccharic acids, together with oxalic and a little tartaric acid. Dilute sulphuric acid on prolonged boiling gives rise to *arabinose*, or *arabin sugar* (*pectinose*, or *pectin sugar*), $C_5H_{10}O_5$, which reduces alkaline copper solution and turns the plane of polarization 121° to the right. Kiliani (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1887, p. 339) first established the formula as given above, and it is now recognized as belonging to the newly-established class of *pentoses*. They are not fermentable, and on prolonged boiling with dilute hydrochloric acid, lose the elements of water and yield *furfurol*, $C_5H_4O_2$.

Neutral acetate of lead does not precipitate its aqueous solution, but the basic acetate forms even in a very dilute solution a precipitate.

Prolonged heating of the dry gum causes it to change readily into *metarabic* (*metagummic*) acid, which is identical with the *cerasin* found in the beet and in cherry-gum. Sulphuric acid will also change arabic into metarabic acid. 25 Gm. pure gum arabic are covered with 50 C.c. strong alcohol, 10 C.c. water, and 5 C.c. sulphuric acid, and allowed to stand 24 hours. On pouring off the fluid, and washing the residue with alcohol and with water, metarabic acid remains behind as a voluminous mass, which dries to a white, tasteless, and odorless powder of acid reaction. (*Graeger, Jahresbericht der Chem.*, 1872, p. 781.) The *metapectic* acid prepared by Scheibler from the sugar beet is identical with this.

The principle separated by cold water from the soluble arabin proves to be the same as the metarabic (metagummic) acid prepared direct from the pure gum arabic by heating, or by the action of sulphuric acid. It is also identical with gum extracted from the sugar beet by Scheibler. In the normal and sound beet this gum is insoluble in water, and merely swells up like the metarabic acid, while in altered beets there is found a portion (arabin) soluble in water. (Scheibler, *Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1873, p. 612.)

The similarity of the reactions and composition of *arabinose* and *galactose* (from sugar of milk by inversion) led Kiliani to assert the identity of these two varieties of sugar, but later studies by himself, Claesson, and Scheibler have shown that they are distinct. Thus, galactose is fermentable, while arabinose is not; galactose yields mucic acid when oxidized with nitric acid, and dulcite when reduced with sodium amalgam, while arabinose does not yield either; the fusing-point of the crystallized galactose is given at 142–144° C., while that of arabinose is 160° C.; galactose yields with phenylhydrazin a light-yellow compound, fusing at 170–171° C., while arabinose forms a brownish-yellow compound, fusing at 157–158° C. (Scheibler, *Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 17, p. 1731.) Arabinose is said to be obtainable only from those varieties of gum arabic that yield no mucic acid when treated with nitric acid. (Claesson, *Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 14, p. 1271.)

Gum arabic undergoes no change by age, when kept in a dry place. Its concentrated aqueous solution remains for a considerable time unaltered, but ultimately becomes sour, from the production of acetic acid. The disposition to sour is increased by employing hot water in making the solution. The tendency of a weak solution to become mouldy is said to be obviated by adding a few drops of sulphuric acid, and decanting from the calcium sulphate deposited. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 353.) Solution of gum arabic does not ferment upon the addition of yeast, saliva, or gastric juice; the addition of chalk and cheese, however, starts a fermentation which gives rise to lactic acid and alcohol, but not to mannite or glycerin. The addition of a solution

of gum to an acidified albumen solution causes a precipitate, which disappears on further addition of gum, but the solution will then curdle and become flocculent on application of heat. Gum may be distinguished from dextrin by the following tests: 1. Gum contains no dextroglucose, which, however, is present in dextrin, and may be recognized by the copper test.* 2. Gum contains a lime compound; hence its solution is rendered milky by oxalic acid, while a solution of dextrin remains almost clear. 3. Gum gives a shiny, yellow deposit when its solution is mixed with a neutral ferric salt. (Hager, *Chem. Central.*, 1873, pp. 408 and 584.)

The properties above enumerated belong to gum arabic generally. There are, however, pharmaceutic varieties with differences which deserve notice. 1. *Gum that is transparent and readily soluble.* This constitutes by far the greater portion of the commercial varieties distinguished by the names of Turkey and Senegal gum. It is characterized by its transparency, ready solubility, and the comparatively slight degree of thickness and viscidity of its solution. Under this head may be included the *gomme blanche fendillée* of Guibourt. It is distinguished by the whiteness and deficient transparency of the pieces, attributable to the minute cracks or fissures with which they abound, and which render them very brittle and easily pulverizable. This peculiar structure is generally ascribed to the influence of solar heat and light, but is conjectured by Hayne to arise from the exudation of the juice in the frothy state noticed by Ehrenberg. Though the unbroken pieces are somewhat opaque, each minute fragment is perfectly transparent and homogeneous. This variety, in consequence of its prompt and entire solubility, is usually preferred for medical use, and for most purposes in pharmacy. 2. *Gum less transparent and less soluble.* Guibourt has proposed for portions of this gum the name of *gomme pelliculée*, from the circumstance that the masses are always apparently covered, on some part of their surface, by a yellowish opaque pellicle. Other portions of it have a mammillary appearance on the surface. It is less transparent than the former variety, is less freely and completely dissolved by water, and forms a more viscid solution. It melts with difficulty in the mouth, and adheres tenaciously to the teeth. It is found in all the commercial varieties of gum, but least in that from Egypt. Its peculiarities have been ascribed to variable proportions of *bassorin* or *cerasin* associated with the soluble *arabin*. Between these two varieties of gum there are insensible gradations, so that it is not always easy to classify specimens.

Impurities and Adulterations. In parcels of gum arabic there are sometimes pieces of a dark color, opaque, and incorporated with ligneous, earthy, or other impurities. The inferior are often mixed with, or substituted for, the better kinds, especially in powder; and portions of insoluble gum, bdellium, and other concrete juices of unknown origin, are found among the genuine. Flour or starch is sometimes fraudulently added to the powder, but is easily detected by the blue color which it produces with tincture of iodine. In consequence of the impurities and difference in quality, gum arabic should generally be assorted for pharmaceutic use. A foreign substance sometimes adheres to its surface, giving it a bitter taste, from which it may be freed by washing in water.† Various adulterations of gum arabic have been practised, and substitutes offered for sale either honestly or with false labels. The high price of the genuine gum of late years has greatly stimulated the exploiting of these products. Starch, especially rice-starch, which is difficult of detection on account of the small size of its granules, dextrin, and inferior gums are often added to powdered gum arabic. These foreign substances can usually be detected by the microscope or by appropriate tests for starch or dextrin even in powdered gum. It has been proposed to change the arabinic acid of the sugar beet, by the method of Scheibler, into metarabinic acid, as the foundation of a true artificial gum arabic, but the *artificial* gums of the market have no such close chemical relation with the natural gum; many of them are mixtures of various substances, others are produced from starch by the action of sulphuric acid or by other means. *Universal gum*, a patented product obtained from potato starch, has been highly commended for the permanency and adhesiveness of its mucilage, but is said not to act well as an emulsifier. A substitute has also been made from Irish moss. (See *Chondrus.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Acacia is used in medicine chiefly as a demulcent. By

* See Volumetric Solution Alkaline Cupric Tartrate (Part III.).

† M. Picciotto has proposed a method of purifying colored gum by dissolving the gum in 6 to 18 parts of water, passing the solution through linen, and then mixing it with gelatinous alumina freshly precipitated. A pap-like substance is formed; and the coloring matter is so fixed by the alumina, that, when the mixture is placed on a linen strainer, the mucilage escapes colorless; or, if not entirely so at first, becomes so on a repetition of the process. The alumina may be used a second time. To recover the alumina, it may be washed with hot water to separate the remaining gum, then treated with chlorine water, or calcium hypochlorite, and finally washed with boiling water. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Juillet, 1867, p. 55.)

the viscidity of its solution, it serves to cover and sheathe inflamed surfaces, and, by blending with and diluting irritating matters, blunts their acrimony. Hence it is advantageously employed in catarrhal affections and irritation of the fauces, by being held in the mouth and allowed slowly to dissolve. Internally administered, it has been found useful in *inflammations* of the *gastric* and *intestinal mucous membrane;* and its employment has even been extended to similar affections of the lungs and urinary organs. Whether it is beneficial, in the latter cases, in any other manner than by the dilution resulting from its watery vehicle, is doubtful. It has been used as a food, but has very little if any nutritive value. In pharmacy, gum arabic is extensively used for the suspension of insoluble substances in water, and for the formation of pills and troches. Two kinds of powdered gum arabic are used, one a coarse powder called *granulated*, the other *finely dusted*. The granulated dissolves more readily in water, according to Hager, because it has lost during desiccation only two per cent. of moisture, whilst in preparing the "finely dusted" powder the high heat necessarily used to thoroughly dry it, drives off ten per cent. of water. Its easy solubility and absence of tendency to form "lumps" cause the coarse powder to be preferred for solutions, emulsions, etc.

ACETANILIDUM. U. S., Br. Acetanilid. [Phenylacetamide.]

$C_6H_5NH.C_2H_3O$; 134·73. (ĂÇ-Ē-TĂN-Ĭ-LĪ'DŬM.) $C_6H_5NH.C_2H_3O$; 135.

"An acetyl derivative of aniline." *U. S.* "A crystalline substance obtainable by the action of glacial acetic acid on aniline, and subsequent purification." *Br.*

Acetanilide; Antifebrin.

Acetanilid is a new official compound of the Pharmacopœia of 1890; its extensive use as an antipyretic under the name of antifebrin justifying its promotion to this position. Unlike many of the antipyretics and synthetical compounds introduced into the materia medica of late years, the process for its manufacture is not patented.

Preparation. Acetanilid is made, according to Yvon, as follows. 372 grammes of pure aniline and 240 grammes of glacial acetic acid are heated for four hours to the boiling point in a flask provided with a reversed condenser; the excess of both ingredients is then distilled off on a sand-bath, this being completed when the temperature reaches 260° C. The cooled, congealed residue is crude acetanilid, which may be purified by sublimation, or better by repeated crystallization from water. The yield is about 400 Gm. It may also be prepared by acting on aniline with acetyl chloride (Gerhardt) or by heating aniline with acetamide (Kelbe). The sublimed salt is whiter and lighter than that obtained by crystallization, which has the appearance of boric acid.

Properties. Acetanilid is described by the U. S. Pharmacopœia as in "White, shining, micaceous, crystalline laminæ, or a crystalline powder, odorless, having a faintly burning taste, and permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 194 parts of water, and in 5 parts of alcohol; in 18 parts of boiling water, and in 0·4 part of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 18 parts of ether, and easily soluble in chloroform. When heated to 113° C. (235·4° F.), Acetanilid melts. Upon ignition, it is consumed without leaving a residue. Acetanilid is neutral to litmus paper. When agitated with colorless, concentrated sulphuric acid, in a clean test-tube, Acetanilid dissolves without imparting color to the liquid. On heating about 0·1 Gm. of Acetanilid with a few C.c. of concentrated solution (1 in 4) of potassium or sodium hydrate, the characteristic odor of aniline becomes noticeable. On now adding chloroform, and again heating, the disagreeable odor of isonitril (which is poisonous) is evolved. On boiling 0·1 Gm. of Acetanilid for several minutes with 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, a clear solution results which, when mixed with 3 C.c. of a 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of carbolic acid, and afterwards with 5 C.c. of a filtered, saturated solution of chlorinated lime (*Calx chlorata*), acquires a brownish-red color, becoming blue upon supersaturation with ammonia. A cold saturated, aqueous solution of Acetanilid, added to ferric chloride test-solution, should not affect the color of the latter (absence of *aniline salts* and *various allied substances*)."

The British Pharmacopœia gives its solubility in cold water as 1 in 200, and gives the following test: "It is soluble in eighteen parts of boiling distilled water, forming a clear, neutral, inodorous solution which, when cool, is not affected by solution of perchloride of iron."

Ritsert (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1890, p. 306) believes that the difference in melting point of acetanilid given by various writers is due to the almost constant presence of toluidine in aniline, and the production of acettoluids which have the following melting points: *ortho*, 107°; *meta*,

65·5°; and *para*, 147° C. A very important reaction, by which acettoluid may be detected in acetanilid, is in the use of a boiling solution of potassium permanganate; acetanilid, if pure, is not altered, and does not reduce the permanganate, while acettoluid is oxidized to acetamidobenzoic acid with reduction of the permanganate; of a number of samples of acetanilid examined, only one showed a slight reduction, all the others a decided reduction.

Medical Properties and Uses. The effects of antifebrin upon man are very similar to those produced by antipyrin,—namely, after small doses, quietness; after very large doses, malaise, a little headache, singing in the ears, weakness, and a peculiar cyanosis, with some tendency to somnolence, mydriasis, and, if there has been fever, marked fall of temperature usually accompanied by, but not dependent upon, a profuse sweat. After enormous doses complete coma and collapse have been noted. It has in rare instances caused collapse and cardiac failure, and a peculiar measles-like eruption is not very uncommon. Large toxic doses have caused in animals and in man anæsthesia, loss of reflex activity, tremors, irregular failing respiration, convulsions, coma, and general paralysis. The cyanosis is due to the formation of methæmoglobin in the blood. In the animal system the antifebrin appears to break up into acetic acid and aniline, the aniline in turn undergoing oxidation into *paramidophenol*, which unites with sulphuric acid to be eliminated as paramidophenol sulphate.

Sembritzki is said to have seen collapse after five grains (0·323 Gm.) of acetanilid, and Dr. W. H. Thomas (*Indiana Med. Journ.*, Sept. 1890) details a case in which he attributes death from heart-failure to five grains (0·323 Gm.). In a number of cases a drachm (3·88 Gm.) has been followed by serious collapse; but J. Wolf reports recovery after about one ounce (31·1 Gm.).

There is a wide-spread but perhaps not well-grounded belief in the profession that accidents are more rare after antifebrin than after antipyrin, but the medical application of antifebrin seems to be identical with that of antipyrin, save only as it is modified by the insolubility of antifebrin. Antifebrin is also somewhat more powerful than antipyrin, its full dose being ten grains (0·647 Gm.), repeated if necessary; preferably administered in capsules or wafers. For details of medical use, see *Phenazonum*. *Acetanilid*, in fine powder, has been recommended as a substitute for iodoform in hard and soft venereal sores. (*Chem. and Drug.*, July, 1891.)

ACETA. Vinegars.

(Ą-CĒ′TĄ.)

Medicated Vinegars are solutions of medicinal substances in vinegar or acetic acid. The advantage of vinegar as a menstruum is that, in consequence of the acetic acid which it contains, it will dissolve substances not readily soluble, or altogether insoluble, in water alone. It is an excellent solvent of the alkaloids, which it converts into acetates, thereby modifying in some measure, though not injuriously, the action of the medicines of which they are ingredients. Dieterich has shown, and Traub confirms his statement, that the proportion of acetic acid gradually decreases in vinegar as it grows old, and some acetic ether is formed. As ordinary vinegar contains principles which promote its decomposition, the Pharmacopœias now direct the substitution of diluted acetic acid. Even preparations thus made are apt to spoil in time; and a portion of alcohol is sometimes added to contribute to their preservation. A small quantity of acetic ether results from this addition; the use of alcohol is unnecessary, and in some cases injurious, as it is liable to induce precipitation. The vinegars now are all made of uniform strength to represent 10 per cent. of the crude drug. Strong acetic acid (60 per cent.) has been proved by Dr. Charles F. Squibb, of Brooklyn, N.Y., to be an excellent menstruum for exhausting drugs of their active constituents.

ACETUM. Br. Vinegar.

(Ą-CĒ′TŬM.)

"An acid liquid, prepared from a mixture of malted and unmalted grain by the acetous fermentation." *Br.*

Acetum Crudum, Acetum Vini; Vinaigre, *Fr.*; Essig, *G.*; Aceto, *It.*; Vinagre, *Sp.*

Vinegar is a sour liquid, the product of the acetous fermentation. Viewed chemically, it is a very dilute solution of acetic acid containing certain foreign matters.

The *acetous fermentation* may be induced in all liquors which have undergone or are susceptible of the vinous fermentation. Thus sugar and water, saccharine vegetable juices, infusion of malt, cider, and wine, may be converted into vinegar, if subjected to the action of a

ferment, and exposed, with access of air, to a temperature between 24° C. (75° F.) and 35° C. (95° F.). During the acetous fermentation, a microscopic vegetable, *Mycoderma* (*M. Aceti*), develops.* By the presence and influence of this plant, the germs of which exist in the atmosphere, alcohol sufficiently diluted with water is converted into acetic acid, as sugar in solution, through the agency of an analogous growth, is converted into alcohol.

Vinegar is frequently made by the *German process*, by which the time consumed in its formation is greatly abridged. A mixture is prepared of one part of alcohol of 80 per cent., four or six parts of water, and one-thousandth of honey or extract of malt, to act as a ferment. This mixture is allowed to trickle through a mass of beech shavings, previously steeped in vinegar, and contained in a deep oaken tub, called a *vinegar generator*. The tub is furnished near the top with a wooden diaphragm perforated with numerous small holes, which are loosely filled with packthread about six inches long, prevented from slipping through by a knot at one end. The alcoholic mixture, heated to between 24° C. (75° F.) and 35° C. (95° F.), is placed on the diaphragm, and slowly percolates the beech shavings, whereby it becomes minutely divided. It is essential to the success of the process that a current of air should pass through the tub. In order to establish this current, eight equidistant holes are pierced near the bottom of the tub, forming a horizontal row, and four glass tubes are inserted vertically in the diaphragm, of sufficient length to project above and below it. The air enters by the holes below, and passes out by the tubes. The contact of the air with the minutely divided liquid rapidly promotes the acetification, which consists essentially in the oxidation of the alcohol. During the process the temperature rises to 37° C. (100° F.) or 40° C. (104° F.), and remains nearly stationary while the process is going on favorably. The liquid is drawn off by a discharge-pipe near the bottom, and must be passed three or four times through the tub, before the acetification is completed, which generally occupies from twenty-four to thirty-six hours. According to Wimmer, pieces of charcoal, about the size of a walnut, may be substituted for the beech shavings in the process, with the effect of expediting the acetification. The charcoal must be deprived of saline matter by diluted hydrochloric acid, and afterwards washed with water. M. Pasteur denies that the more rapid acetification produced by enlarging the surface of contact with the atmosphere by means of packthread, beech shavings, etc., is owing to the direct influence of the air, and ascribes it to mycoderms upon the surface of these substances.

In his *Etudes sur le Vinaigre*, published in 1862, Pasteur proposed to substitute for the German process the sowing of the mycoderm upon the surface of a mixture of wine and vinegar, or of water, alcohol (2 per cent.), and acetic acid (1 per cent.), adding alcohol daily in small quantities after about half that contained in the original liquid had been converted into acetic acid, until a vinegar of sufficient strength was produced. In 1869, Beton-Laugier announced that he had succeeded in carrying out this method, and in 1870 he received a prize from the Société d'Encouragement de l'Industrie National. Subsequently Mr. Emanuel Wurm further elaborated this *French process* with asserted great success (for details, see *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 133).

In England, vinegar is made from the infusion of malt by the German process, which is said to have originated with Mr. Ham, of Bristol, England, as early as 1822. The fermented wort is made to fall in a shower upon a mass of fagots of birch twigs occupying the upper part of a large vat, and, after trickling down to the bottom, is pumped up repeatedly to the top, to be again allowed to fall, until the acetification is completed. This mode of oxidizing the alcohol in the fermented wort has the advantage of rendering insoluble certain glutinous and albuminous principles, which, if not removed, would cause a muddiness in the vinegar and make it liable to spoil.

In the United States, vinegar is often prepared from cider. When it is made on a large scale, the cider is placed in barrels (with their bung-holes open), which are exposed during the summer to the heat of the sun. The acetification is completed in the course of about two years. The progress of the fermentation, however, must be watched; and as soon as perfect vinegar is formed, it should be racked off into clean barrels. Without this precaution, the acetous fermentation would run into the putrefactive, and the vinegar be spoiled. Cider vine-

* The mycoderm exists in two forms, which may be different plants or different forms of one plant, but all have the power of acetification. In one case the pellicle consists of extremely small globules (micrococci) in contiguous rows, or finally enveloped in a glue-like mass. In other instances rod-like forms (bacilli) make up the mycoderm; these vary much in size. The relations of these organisms to other plants are uncertain. Pasteur considers that they are distinct organisms, but Turpin, Berkeley, and other observers believe that they consist of the mycelium of *Penicillium glaucum*, vegetating actively and increasing also by crops of conidia or gemmæ. The action of the mycoderm seems to be an oxidizing one, so that when the supply of alcohol fails the plant probably grows at the expense of the acetic acid, converting it into carbonic acid and water.

gar contains no aldehyde. It contains malic acid, and therefore yields a precipitate with lead acetate. The want of such a precipitate indicates that the supposed cider vinegar is a manufactured substitute, although a fictitious article might yield a similar precipitate.

Vinegar may be clarified, without impairing its aroma, by throwing about a tumblerful of boiling milk into from fifty to sixty gallons of the liquid, and stirring the mixture. This operation has the effect at the same time of rendering red vinegar pale.

The series of changes which occur during the *acetous fermentation* is called *acetification*. During its progress there is a disengagement of heat; the liquor absorbs oxygen and becomes turbid; and filaments form, which are observed to move in various directions, until, finally, upon the completion of the fermentation, they are deposited in a mass of a pultaceous consistence. The liquor now becomes transparent, its alcohol has disappeared, and acetic acid has been formed in its place. How is this change of alcohol into acetic acid effected? Liebig supposed that it took place in consequence of the formation of aldehyde, into which the alcohol is changed by the loss of a part of its hydrogen. The alcohol, consisting of two atoms of carbon, six of hydrogen, and one of oxygen, loses two atoms of hydrogen as the first effect of oxidation, and becomes aldehyde, composed of two atoms of carbon, four of hydrogen, and one of oxygen. This, by the absorption of one atom of oxygen, becomes two atoms of carbon, four of hydrogen, and two of oxygen; that is, acetic acid (C_2H_3O,OH). Thus the conversion of alcohol into acetic acid consists in, first, the removal of two atoms of hydrogen, and afterwards the addition of one atom of oxygen. The following equation represents this change:

$$C_2H_6O + O = C_2H_4O + H_2O$$
$$C_2H_4O + O = C_2H_4O_2.$$

Aldehyde is a colorless, inflammable, ethereal liquid, having a pungent taste and smell. Its density is 0·79. It absorbs oxygen gradually, and is thus converted into acetic acid, as just stated. Its property of absorbing oxygen gives it a reducing power like that possessed by glucose. Hence it responds to Fehling's test for that substance (Part III.). It is characterized by its forming a crystalline compound with ammonia, and also with alkaline bisulphites; it is polymerized by the action of acids and some other reagents, and thus yields *Paraldehyde* ($C_2H_4O_3$), a liquid boiling at 124° C. The name aldehyde alludes to its relation to alcohol, *al*cohol *dehyd*rogenated. Its aqueous solution is decomposed by caustic potassa, with formation of *aldehyde resin*. This is a soft, light-brown mass, which, heated to 100° C. (212° F.), gives off a nauseous soapy smell.

Properties. Vinegar, when good, is of an agreeable, penetrating odor, and a pleasant acid taste. According to Magnes-Lahens, wine vinegar always contains a little aldehyde. The better sorts of vinegar have a grateful aroma, probably due to the presence of an ethereal substance, perhaps acetic ether. The color of vinegar varies from pale yellow to deep red. When long kept, especially if exposed to the air, it becomes ropy, acquires an unpleasant smell, putrefies, and loses its acidity.*

The essential ingredients of vinegar are acetic acid and water; but, besides these, it contains various other substances, derived from the particular vinous liquor from which it may have been prepared. Among these may be mentioned coloring matter, gum, starch, gluten, sugar, a little alcohol, and frequently malic and tartaric acids, with a minute proportion of alkaline and earthy salts. Vinegar should be devoid of lead and copper and of free sulphuric acid, as shown by its not being discolored by hydrogen sulphide, and yielding no precipitate when boiled with a solution of calcium chloride; and of such a strength that a fluidounce would require, for saturation, not less than thirty-five grains of potassium bicarbonate. After saturation it should be free from acrid taste, indicating the absence of acrid substances the taste of which may have been concealed by that of the acetic acid.

Malt Vinegar (*Acetum Britannicum*) has a brown color, and a sp. gr. from 1·006 to 1·019. The strongest kind, called *proof vinegar*, contains from 4·6 to 5 per cent. of acetic acid. That of British manufacture usually contains sulphuric acid, which the manufacturer is allowed by law to add in a proportion not exceeding one part in a thousand. This addition was at one

* It is well known that in certain kinds of vinegar little eel-like animals, *Anguillula Aceti*, may be seen in great numbers. Their origin was unknown, until they were shown by M. Davaine to be developed in most fruits, as the apple, plum, peach, cherry, etc., in great numbers, and thus their presence in cider vinegar can easily be explained. These little animals need air for their support; and a curious contest may sometimes be noticed between them and the mycoderms upon the surface, which, as they tend to consume all the oxygen absorbed, the little eels combine their efforts to submerge, so as to expose the liquid freely to the air. They often in the French process interfere with the development of the vinegar, but are readily killed by exposing the liquid to a temperature of 60° C. (128° F.); or sometimes boric acid is added.

time thought necessary to preserve the vinegar; but it is now admitted that if the vinegar be properly made it does not require to be thus protected.

As ordered by the British Pharmacopœia, it is "a liquid of a brown color and peculiar odor. Specific gravity 1·017 to 1·019. 445·4 grains by weight (1 fluidounce) of it require about 402 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of soda for their neutralization, corresponding to 5·41 per cent. of real acetic acid, $HC_2H_3O_2$.* If ten mimins of solution of chloride of barium be added to a fluidounce of the vinegar, and the precipitate, if any, be separated by filtration, a further addition of the test should give no precipitate. Sulphuretted hydrogen causes no change of color." *Br.*

Wine Vinegar (*Acetum Gallicum*) is nearly one-sixth stronger than pure malt vinegar. It is of two sorts, the white and the red, according as it is prepared from white or from red wine. *White wine vinegar* is usually preferred, and that made at Orleans is the best. *Red wine vinegar* may be deprived of its color, and rendered limpid, by being passed through animal charcoal.

Distilled Vinegar (*Acetum Destillatum; Vinaigre distillé, Oxéolat simple*, Fr.; *Destillirter Essig*, G.) was official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1870, and was prepared by obtaining seven pints of distillate from eight pints of vinegar placed in a glass retort, one pint left in the retort retaining the fixed impurities, salts, etc. One hundred grains should saturate not less than seven and six-tenths grains of potassium bicarbonate. It should be wholly volatilizable by heat, yield no precipitate with lead acetate or silver nitrate, nor change color upon the addition of hydrogen sulphide or ammonia. If silver be digested with it and hydrochloric acid afterwards added, no precipitate is produced. Although preferred by some pharmacists in making medicated vinegars, it is now usually replaced by diluted acetic acid.

Adulterations. The principal foreign substances which vinegar is liable to contain are sulphuric and sulphurous acids, certain acrid substances, and copper and lead, derived from improper vessels used in its manufacture. Tin has been found in it after standing a short time in tin vessels. Hydrochloric and nitric acids are but rarely present. A test said to have been discovered by Chevallier (*A. J. P.*, April, 1872) is as follows. Put an ounce of the suspected vinegar into a small porcelain capsule, over a water-bath, and evaporate to about half a drachm, or to the consistence of a thin extract. When cool, add half a fluidounce of stronger alcohol, and thoroughly triturate. The free sulphuric acid, if present, will be taken up by the alcohol to the exclusion of any sulphate. Filter the alcoholic solution, add one fluidounce of distilled water, evaporate off the alcohol, and filter. Acidulate the filtrate with hydrochloric acid, add a few drops of a solution of barium chloride, and a white precipitate of barium sulphate will result if the sample of vinegar has been adulterated with sulphuric acid. Other methods are described by O. Hehner (*Arch. der Pharmacie*, May, 1877), see *A. J. P.*, May, 1877, Nessler (*Pharm. Cent. Halle*, No. 40, 1877), *Chem. and Drug.*, April 14, 1877, *The Analyst*, 1877, p. 163, *N. R.*, Feb. 1878, F. Masset (*Journ. de Pharm. d'Anvers*, 1879, p. 88), *A. J. P.*, Feb. 1880, *Drug. Circ.*, 1882, p. 100, *Amer. Drug*, 1885, p. 147, *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 597, *Amer. Drug.*, 1892, p. 103.

Barium chloride is not a suitable test for the presence of free sulphuric acid, as it will cause a precipitate with sulphates, which are often found in vinegar when no free sulphuric acid is present. The evaporation of a sample of vinegar in contact with a piece of white sugar or on white paper will often show the presence of free sulphuric acid by the charring which ensues. A very simple method, discovered by A. Ashby, of detecting free mineral acids in vinegar is mentioned by Allen (*Com. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., i. 392). A solution of logwood is prepared from boiling water and fresh logwood chips. Separate drops of this solution are spotted on the surface of a flat porcelain dish and evaporated to dryness over a water-bath. To each spot a drop of the suspected sample (concentrated first if desirable) is added, and the heating continued until it has evaporated. If the vinegar be pure the residue will be found to have a bright yellow color, but in the presence of a very small proportion of mineral acid the residue assumes a red color. The acrid substances usually introduced into vinegar are red

* Dr. Carl Jehn published in *Archiv der Pharmacie*, May, 1877 (*N. R.*, August, 1877), a simple method of determining the percentage of acetic acid in vinegar. A quantity of sodium or potassium bicarbonate is placed in a glass jar, provided with a tightly-fitting rubber stopper, carrying a glass tube for conducting off the gas. An open vial containing 10 C.c. of the vinegar to be assayed is placed inside the jar upon the sodium bicarbonate, the stopper is inserted, and by inclining the jar the vinegar flows out, decomposing the bicarbonate. The resulting gas passes through the glass tube into a vessel of water, and by the pressure which the gas exerts upon the surface of the water it displaces a portion of the latter, which flows through an outlet into a graduated cylinder. The divisions of the latter are so arranged as to indicate at once the percentage of anhydrous acetic acid.

pepper, long pepper, pellitory, grains of paradise, and mustard-seed. These may be detected by evaporating the vinegar to an extract, which will have an acrid, biting taste, if any one of these substances be present. By far the most dangerous impurities in vinegar are copper and lead. The former may be detected by a brownish precipitate on the addition of potassium ferrocyanide to the concentrated vinegar; the latter, by a blackish precipitate with hydrogen sulphide, and a yellow one with potassium iodide. Pure vinegar is not discolored by hydrogen sulphide. According to Chevallier, wine vinegar which has been strengthened with acetic acid from wood sometimes contains a minute proportion of arsenic, which is probably derived from arseniferous sulphuric acid, employed in preparing the acetic acid.

Medical Properties. Vinegar acts as a refrigerant and diuretic. With this view it is added to diluent drinks in inflammatory fevers. It is sometimes used against *seat-worms*, and for other purposes, as a clyster, diluted with twice or thrice its bulk of water. Externally it is employed as a fomentation in bruises and sprains; it is a very valuable remedy in *dermatitis* from exposure to the sun. Diluted with water, it forms the best means of clearing the eye from small particles of lime. Its vapor is inhaled in certain states of *angina*, and it is diffused through sick-rooms under the impression that it destroys unwholesome effluvia, though, in fact, it has no such action. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·69–14·7 C.c); as a clyster, the quantity used is one or two fluidounces (29·5–59·1 C.c.).

ACETUM CANTHARIDIS. Br. Vinegar of Cantharides.

(Ą-CĒ'TŬM CĄN-THĂR'Į-DĪS.)

Vinaigre cantharidé, *Fr.*; Canthariden-Essig, *G.*

"Cantharides, bruised, *two ounces* [Avoirdupois]; Glacial Acetic Acid *two fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Acetic Acid sufficient for *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix thirteen fluidounces of the Acetic Acid with the Glacial Acetic Acid, and digest the Cantharides in this mixture for two hours at a temperature of 200° F.; then transfer the ingredients, after they have cooled, to a percolator, and, when the liquid ceases to pass, pour five fluidounces of Acetic Acid over the residuum in the apparatus. As soon as the percolation is complete, subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient acetic acid to make one pint [Imp. meas.]. Specific gravity about 1·060." *Br.*

This preparation was formerly official in all the Pharmacopœias of the British Islands; but it was omitted in the first British Pharmacopœia, to be resumed in the present. The mode of preparation differs mainly in the partial substitution of percolation for maceration and expression. The addition of the glacial to the official acetic acid is simply to increase the strength of the latter.

This preparation is intended exclusively for external use, as a speedy epispastic. It is said, when lightly applied by a brush, to act as a rubefacient; and, when rubbed freely upon the skin for three minutes, to be followed in two or three hours by full vesication. The pain produced by the application, though more severe, is also more transient than that occasioned by the blistering cerate. From experiments made by Mr. Redwood, it may be inferred that the old Acetum Cantharidis of the London Pharmacopœia, which was prepared by maceration without heat, proved epispastic chiefly if not exclusively in consequence of its acetic acid, and that it contained little of the active principle of the flies. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1841.) Prof. Procter found that, by digestion at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), the active principle of the flies is readily taken up by official acetic acid, though a portion of the cantharidin is deposited upon cooling. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 299.) It would seem, therefore, that the vinegar of Spanish flies would be best prepared with the aid of heat; and, to a certain extent, this advantage is enjoyed in the present process.*

* The *vinegar of colchicum* (*acetum colchici*) was omitted in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1870, although a very active preparation. The following is the article on it in the 14th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory. "Take of Colchicum Root, in fine powder, *two troyounces*; Diluted Acetic Acid *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with a fluidounce of Diluted Acetic Acid, allow it to stand for half an hour, pack it firmly in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour upon it Diluted Acetic Acid until the filtered liquid measures two pints. Vinegar of Colchicum may also be prepared by macerating the Colchicum Root, in moderately fine powder, with two pints of Diluted Acetic Acid, in a close glass vessel, for seven days; then expressing the liquid, and filtering through paper."

Vinegar is an excellent solvent of the active principle of colchicum; and the alkaloid of the latter loses none of its efficacy by combination with the acetic acid of the former. Of the two formulas above given, the first, directing percolation, is much preferable to the second, permitting maceration, if performed by competent hands; and the same remark will apply to all the medicated vinegars in which an alternative formula is given.

Medical Uses. This preparation is effective in doses of from thirty drops to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

ACETUM IPECACUANHÆ. Br. Vinegar of Ipecacuanha.

(Ą-CĒ'TŬM ĬP-Ę-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ—ĭp-ę-căc-ū-ăn'ē.)

Vinaigre d'Ipecacuanha, *Fr.*; Brechwurzel-Essig, *G.*

"Ipecacuanha, in No. 20 powder, *one ounce* [Avoirdupois]; Diluted Acetic Acid sufficient for *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Moisten the powder with a suitable quantity of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; pack in a percolator, and gradually add the acid until the required volume of the vinegar of ipecacuanha is obtained."

This is a new official vinegar in the appendix to the British Pharmacopœia. Diluted Acetic Acid is a good menstruum for ipecacuanha, and this vinegar will doubtless prove effective as an expectorant. The dose is from five to forty minims (0·31 to 2·46 C.c.).

ACETUM OPII. U.S. Vinegar of Opium.

(Ą-CĒ'TŬM O'PĬ-I.)

Black Drop; Vinaigre d'Opium, *Fr.*; Opium-Essig, *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Nutmeg, in No. 30 powder, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25·5 grains]; Sugar, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 2 pints, 14·5 fluidrachms]. Macerate the Opium and Nutmeg in *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 1 pint] of Diluted Acetic Acid during seven days, frequently stirring; then strain through muslin of close texture, and express the liquid. Mix the residue with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 7 fluidounces] of Diluted Acetic Acid to a uniform magma, and strain and express again. Mix and filter the strained liquids, dissolve the Sugar in the filtrate, and pass enough Diluted Acetic Acid through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 2 pints, 14·5 fluidrachms]." *U.S.*

The U. S. P. 1890 now directs this vinegar to be tested to show its alkaloidal value as follows: "To assay this preparation, transfer 100 C.c. of it to a small capsule, add 4 Gm. of precipitated calcium carbonate, or such a quantity as will be sufficient to neutralize the free acid, and then proceed further as directed under *Tinctura Opii*. It should yield from 1·3 to 1·5 Gm. of crystallized morphine."

Many will doubtless prefer to make this preparation entirely by maceration. This may be done by placing the powder in a suitable bottle and pouring on the diluted acetic acid, agitating frequently, after allowing the maceration to proceed seven days, expressing, and filtering. The vinegar of opium was introduced into the Pharmacopœias as an imitation of *Lancaster* or *Quaker black drop*, or simply *black drop*. The formula of the first edition of the U. S. P. was so deficient in precision, and so uncertain in its results, that it was abandoned in the second edition; but, as these objections were obviated in a process by Mr. Charles Ellis (*A. J. P.*, vol. ii. p. 202), it was deemed proper to restore it to its official rank at the subsequent revision of the Pharmacopœia. The advantages of the black drop over laudanum are, probably, that disturbing principles contained in opium and soluble in alcohol are left behind by the aqueous menstruum employed, while the morphine meconate is converted by the acetic acid into the acetate. In the original process, published by Dr. Armstrong, who found it among the papers of a relative of the proprietor in England, *verjuice*, or the juice of the wild crab, was employed instead of vinegar. Other vegetable acids also favorably modify the narcotic operation of opium; and lemon-juice has been employed in a similar manner with vinegar. For the process official in the first ed. U. S. Pharm., see 14th edition U. S. Dispensatory.

The vinegar of opium may sometimes be advantageously used when opium itself, or the tincture, occasions headache, nausea, or nervous disorder. Formerly black drop was double the strength of laudanum; now it has the same strength. The smallness of the dose was one of its great advantages, but since the weakening, first authorized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880, this preparation has almost entirely gone out of use. The dose of vinegar of opium may be stated at from ten to fifteen drops (0·60 to 1 C.c.).

ACETUM SCILLÆ. U.S., Br. Vinegar of Squill.

(Ą-CĒ'TŬM SQĬL'LÆ.)

Vinaigre scillitique, *Fr.*; Meerzwiebel-Essig, *G.*

"Squill, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 2 pints, 14·5 fluidrachms]. Macerate the Squill with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces] of Diluted Acetic Acid during seven days, frequently stirring; then strain through muslin, and wash the mass on the strainer with enough Diluted Acetic Acid, until the strained liquid measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 2 pints, 14·5 fluidrachms]. Finally filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Squill, bruised, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Squill in the Acetic Acid for seven days, then strain with expression, and filter. Specific gravity about 1·038." *Br.*

Vinegar of Squill may also be prepared by percolating the Squill with the Diluted Acetic Acid after previous maceration with an equal bulk of the Diluted Acetic Acid (this precaution being necessary in order to satisfy thoroughly its tendency to swell) and filtering through paper.

The process now official differs from that of the Pharmacopœia of 1880 in directing maceration instead of percolation.

This was formerly an official of the Lond., Ed., and Dub. Colleges, but was omitted as a distinct preparation in the first British Pharmacopœia, to be reintroduced into the present edition. As vinegar of squill is apt to be injured by keeping, it should be prepared in small quantities, as wanted for use. The British preparation is a trifle stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1890. As was shown by Mr. E. Gregory (*Canad. Pharm. Journ.*, Oct. 1875), the spirit added to it in the former British formula was of no use as a preservative. In the German Pharmacopœia one part of squill is macerated in a mixture of nine parts of pure vinegar and one part of alcohol for three days, with frequent shaking, expressed, and filtered. In the Codex twelve parts of white vinegar are used to macerate one part of squill for eight days. Vinegar of squill is employed chiefly in preparing the syrup. Upon standing, it deposits a precipitate, consisting, according to Vogel, of calcium citrate and tannic acid.

Medical Uses. This preparation has all the properties of the squill in substance, and is occasionally prescribed, but the syrup is usually and very properly preferred. The dose is from fifteen minims to a fluidrachm (0·92–3·69 C.c.); but the latter quantity would be apt to nauseate. It should be given in cinnamon-water, mint-water, or other aromatic liquid.

ACIDUM ACETICUM. U.S., Br. Acetic Acid.

(ĂC'Ĭ-DŬM Ą-CĒT'Ĭ-CŬM.)

"A liquid composed of 36 per cent., by weight, of absolute Acetic Acid [$HC_2H_3O_2 = 59·86$], and 64 per cent. of water." *U. S.* "An acid liquid obtained from wood by destructive distillation and subsequently purified. 100 parts by weight contain 33 parts of real acetic acid, $HC_2H_3O_2$." *Br.*

Acidum Aceticum Dilutum, *P. G.;* Acetum Concentratum; Acide acétique, *Fr.;* Essigsäure, *G.*

ACIDUM ACETICUM DILUTUM. U.S., Br. Diluted Acetic Acid.

(ĂC'Ĭ-DŬM Ą-CĒT'Ĭ-CŬM DĬ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Diluted Acetic Acid contains 6 per cent., by weight, of absolute Acetic Acid." *U. S.*

Acetum Purum, Acetum Destillatum, *P. G.;* Acide acétique dilué, *Fr.;* Reiner Essig, *G.*

ACIDUM ACETICUM GLACIALE. U.S., Br. Glacial Acetic Acid.

$HC_2H_3O_2$; 59·86. (ĂC'Ĭ-DŬM Ą-CĒT'Ĭ-CŬM GLĀ-CĬ-Ā'LĒ.) $HC_2H_3O_2$; 60.

"Nearly or quite absolute Acetic Acid." *U. S.* "Concentrated acetic acid, containing nearly 99 per cent. of real acid, $HC_2H_3O_2$." *Br.*

Acidum Aceticum, *P. G.;* Acidum Aceticum Concentratum; Acetum glacialé, Acide acétique concentré, Vinaigre glacial, *Fr.;* Essigsäure, Eisessig, *G.*

Three strengths of acetic acid are now official in the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias. These are *Acidum Aceticum Glaciale*, of sp. gr. 1·058, *U. S.* and *Br.*, *Acidum Aceticum*, of sp. gr. 1·048, *U. S.*, and 1·044, *Br.*, and *Acidum Aceticum Dilutum*, sp. gr. 1·008, *U. S.*, and 1·006, *Br.*

We shall consider these grades separately, in the order of their strength.

Acidum Aceticum Glaciale. A process for this preparation was given in the British Pharmacopœia of 1864, which consisted in first heating sodium acetate so as to drive off all its water of crystallization, then, after cooling, distilling it with concentrated sulphuric acid, and, finally, if the resulting acetic acid, upon being tested with a mixture of solution of potassium iodate and a little mucilage of starch, was found to contain sulphurous acid, agitating the distilled acid with perfectly dry black manganese oxide, and again distilling. The object of the process was to furnish an acid of the maximum strength. But, on trial, it was not found to be satisfactory, as the resulting acid was not truly glacial, and always contained sulphurous acid. (C. H. Wood, *P. J. Tr.*, July, 1867, p. 17.) The following modification of the process does, however, yield a pure product. After the crystallized salt has been fused in an iron dish in its own water of crystallization, and has dried out, by increased heat it is again brought to fusion, whereby, if the heat applied be not too strong, no acid is decomposed or vaporized. The anhydrous salt is then treated with half a molecule of sulphuric acid (for 82

parts anhydrous acetate 49 parts of strongest sulphuric acid), which according to Mohr, *N. Rep. Phar.*, 22, p. 28 (1873), and Buchner, *N. Rep. Phar.*, 22, p. 32 (1873), suffices, instead of twice the amount, usually employed. No sulphurous acid is liberated in this case. A process to be followed on a large scale, practically the counterpart of this, is given in a footnote, page 18, 14th ed. U. S. Dispensatory.

Acetic acid of maximum strength may also be obtained by distilling acid potassium acetate at a heat between 199° C. (390° F.) and 299° C. (570° F.) One molecule of monohydrated acetic acid distils over, and neutral potassium acetate is left. The acid acetate may be formed by evaporating a mixture of the neutral acetate with an excess of watery acetic acid. In this process, the same potassium acetate serves repeatedly for conversion into acid acetate, and subsequent decomposition. This process is said to be employed by manufacturers on a large scale in some parts of the continent of Europe. It originated with M. Melsens.

Acidum Aceticum, *U.S.*, *Br.* (sp. gr. 1·048, *U.S.*, 1·044, *Br.*). *Acetic Acid.* This is the acid resulting from the purification of the crude acetic acid obtained by the destructive distillation of wood. It is the acid most useful to the apothecary. As this grade of acid has its source in the impure acetic acid obtained by the destructive distillation of wood, it will be proper to premise some account of the crude acid, called *crude pyroligneous acid.*

Wood, when charred, yields many volatile products, among which are an acid liquor, an empyreumatic oil, and tar containing creosote and some other proximate principles. When the carbonization is performed in close vessels, these products, which are lost in the ordinary process of charring, may be collected, and, at the same time, a large amount of charcoal be obtained.

Senff has furnished some comparative results in respect to the dry distillation of wood. The points worked out are a comparison of the products of distillation under similar conditions yielded by wood from various parts of the same trees, and from the same wood in a healthy and in an unsound state; also a comparison of the products from one and the same wood distilled slowly and distilled rapidly. It has been found that when similarly distilled the yield by weight of crude acid, tar, charcoal, and gas from the most diverse species of wood does not essentially differ, but that the percentage of real acid in the crude acid obtained varies considerably, and in this respect the wood from ordinary foliage trees compares favorably with that from needle-leaved trees; also that stem-wood yields more acid than branch-wood, that wood yields more acid than bark, and that sound wood yields more acid than unsound wood. In the comparison of slow with rapid carbonization, it was found that when the operation is conducted rapidly more uncondensed gas is produced, at the cost of both the total distillate and of the charcoal; that the distillate is considerably weaker in acid, and that the charcoal is much more hygroscopic than when the distillation takes place slowly. (*Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, xviii. p. 60; *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 696.) For older processes for making acetic acid, see 15th ed. U. S. D. Eight hundred pounds of wood afford, on an average, thirty-five gallons of acid liquor, weighing about three hundred pounds.

This is the crude pyroligneous acid, sometimes called *pyroligneous vinegar.* It is a dark-brown liquid, having a strong smoky smell, and consists of acetic acid, diluted with more or less water, and holding in solution some creosote and empyreumatic oil, with pyroxylic spirit. It is from this crude acid that the U. S. and British acetic acid, corresponding to the acetic acid of commerce, is obtained. The purification is effected as follows. The acid is saturated with milk of lime, whereby calcium acetate is formed in solution, and thus most of the tarry matter is precipitated. The solution of calcium acetate is then mixed with a concentrated solution of sodium sulphate, and, by double decomposition, sodium acetate is formed in solution, and calcium sulphate precipitated. The solution of sodium acetate is next subjected to evaporation, during which further impurities that separate on the surface are skimmed off. The solution, being duly concentrated, is set aside to crystallize; and the impure salt thus obtained, after having been partially purified by solution and recrystallization, is fused in an iron vessel, stirred until it dries, and, the heat being carefully raised, subjected to incipient carbonization, whereby remaining empyreumatic matters are carbonized, with little damage to the salt. The mass is then dissolved in water, and the solution, being strained and recrystallized, furnishes pure sodium acetate. (See *Sodii Acetas.*) Finally, this salt, distilled with from 34 to 35 per cent. of its weight of sulphuric acid, yields the acetic acid of commerce, the residue being sodium sulphate, which is reserved for decomposing fresh portions of calcium acetate. The acid has still an empyreumatic flavor, which is removed by filtering it through animal charcoal or rectifying with potassium bichromate. The odor is due to *fur-*

furol, $C_5H_4O_2$, which, as Victor Meyer has shown, can be detected even in glacial acetic acid by the red coloration it gives with aniline. It may be removed from pyroligneous acid by agitating the liquid with 2 or 3 per cent. of benzene. The aqueous layer, after separation from the benzene, is stated to give by a single distillation a palatable table vinegar.

Acetic acid, according to Dr. Squibb, improves very much by age, and a sample examined for odor when freshly distilled would not be recognized as the same three months afterward.

An excellent quality of acetic acid is made by Dr. E. R. Squibb by an improvement on the process of Schwartz, the principal feature being the careful regulation of the heat, whereby the excessive charring of the wood is prevented and the formation of the tarry substances so reduced as to leave the acetic acid almost entirely free from empyreuma. The retorts, which are rectangular in shape, are supported by wheels secured to shafts, rotating in bearings connected with the sides, and are run upon car-tracks into the ovens, after they have been loaded with some billets of oak wood from the transfer car, in an ingenious and simple manner. In the construction of the ovens, care is taken to economize the fuel and to secure control of the temperature by the use of corrugated bottoms to the retorts and dampers in the flues; when necessary, the vapors are condensed in earthenware air condensers. Experience has shown that the production and liberation of acetic acid take place at a considerably lower temperature than that sufficient to convert the wood into charcoal, Dr. Squibb having proved that wood begins to char at 218·3° C. (425° F.); indeed, the wood which is removed from the retorts after the operation is over is sold as kindling-wood, and has the color of black walnut. The crude acetic acid does not require the tedious method of purification usually employed, but is treated with soda ash, forming sodium acetate, which is decomposed by sulphuric acid, and the acetic acid recovered in a purified condition by distillation.

The sp. gr. of the different acetic acids increases with their strength up to the density of 1·0748 (maximum), after which it decreases until it reaches 1·0553, the density of the strongest acid (*glacial acid*).

But it will be noticed upon an examination of the following table of Oudemans* that the specific gravity of the glacial (100 per cent.) and the 43 per cent. acid is practically the same, and that the 80, 79, 78, and 77 per cent. acids have exactly the same density, the variations between 67 and 89 per cent. being very slight. It will thus be seen that specific gravity cannot be relied upon as a criterion for strength. The glacial acid may, however, be distinguished from the 43 per cent. acid by adding 10 per cent. of water, when, if the density increases, the specimen is the stronger acid.

Percentage of Absolute Acetic Acid in Acetic Acid of Different Densities.

Temperature 15° C. (59° F.).

Per Ct.	Sp. Gr.	Per Ct.	Sp. Gr.	Per Ct.	Sp. Gr.	Per Ct.	Sp. Gr.	Per Ct.	Sp. Gr.
100	1·0553	80	1·0748	60	1·0685	40	1·0523	20	1·0284
99	1·0580	79	1·0748	59	1·0679	39	1·0513	19	1·0270
98	1·0604	78	1·0748	58	1·0673	38	1·0502	18	1·0256
97	1·0625	77	1·0748	57	1·0666	37	1·0492	17	1·0242
96	1·0644	76	1·0747	56	1·0660	36	1·0481	16	1·0228
95	1·0660	75	1·0746	55	1·0653	35	1·0470	15	1·0214
94	1·0674	74	1·0744	54	1·0646	34	1·0459	14	1·0200
93	1·0686	73	1·0742	53	1·0638	33	1·0447	13	1·0185
92	1·0696	72	1·0740	52	1·0631	32	1·0436	12	1·0171
91	1·0705	71	1·0737	51	1·0623	31	1·0424	11	1·0157
90	1·0713	70	1·0733	50	1·0615	30	1·0412	10	1·0142
89	1·0720	69	1·0729	49	1·0607	29	1·0400	9	1·0127
88	1·0726	68	1·0725	48	1·0598	28	1·0388	8	1·0113
87	1·0731	67	1·0721	47	1·0589	27	1·0375	7	1·0098
86	1·0736	66	1·0717	46	1·0580	26	1·0363	6	1·0083
85	1·0739	65	1·0712	45	1·0571	25	1·0350	5	1·0067
84	1·0742	64	1·0707	44	1·0562	24	1·0337	4	1·0052
83	1·0744	63	1·0702	43	1·0552	23	1·0324	3	1·0037
82	1·0746	62	1·0697	42	1·0543	22	1·0311	2	1·0022
81	1·0747	61	1·0691	41	1·0533	21	1·0298	1	1·0007

* Oudemans' more recent researches upon the specific gravities of acetic acid of varying strength are given in preference to Mohr's tables, used in previous editions of the U. S. Dispensatory, as it is believed that Mohr's experiments were conducted with an acid containing 5 per cent. of water. (Hoffmann, *Sammlung aller wichtigen Tabellen, Zahlen und Formeln*, p. 114.)

Acidum Aceticum Glaciale. *U.S., Br. Glacial Acetic Acid.* This acid, sometimes called *radical vinegar*, is a colorless, volatile, inflammable liquid, possessing a corrosive taste, and an acetous, pungent, and refreshing smell. It boils at 117° to 118° C. (242·6° to 244·4° F.). It crystallizes when cooled to 15·5° C. (60° F.), and remains crystalline until heated above 48° C. (*Br.*). It possesses the property of dissolving a number of substances, such as volatile and fixed oils (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 11, 1875), camphor, resins and gum resins, fibrin, albumen, etc. As it attracts humidity from the atmosphere, it should be preserved in well-stoppered bottles. Its combinations with salifiable bases are called acetates. "When the Acid is cooled to a temperature as near as possible to 15° C. (59° F.), but yet in a liquid form, its specific gravity should not be higher than 1·058, corresponding to at least 99 per cent. of absolute acid. At a temperature somewhat below 15° C. (59° F.), the Acid becomes a crystalline solid. When crystallized by cold, it becomes liquid again at about 15° C. (59° F.). Glacial Acetic Acid corresponds in properties to Acetic Acid (see *Acidum Aceticum*), and should respond to the same tests of purity; but the tint produced by the addition of 2 drops of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution to 2 C.c. of the Acid diluted with 10 C.c. of water, contained in a clean, glass-stoppered vial, should not be changed to brown within two hours. To neutralize 3 Gm. of Glacial Acetic Acid should require not less than 49·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." (*U. S.*) Sixty grains of it, "mixed with a fluidounce of distilled water, require for neutralization at least 990 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*. If a fluidrachm of it, mixed with half a [fluid]ounce of distilled water and half a drachm of pure hydrochloric acid, be put into a small flask with a few pieces of granulated zinc, and, while the effervescence continues, a slip of bibulous paper moistened with solution of subacetate of lead be suspended in the upper part of the flask above the liquid for about five minutes, the paper will not become discolored" (*Br.*); showing the absence of sulphurous acid. (See *Liquor Sodæ.*) The anhydride has been isolated by C. Gerhardt, who finds it to be a limpid liquid, heavier than water, and having the constant boiling point of 138° C. (279° F.).* Glacial Acetic Acid and even 60 per cent. Acetic Acid have proved, in the hands of Dr. Charles F. Squibb, very valuable solvents for the active constituents of many drugs, particularly those which contain volatile oils.

Properties of the Acid of Commerce (*Acidum Aceticum*, U.S., Br.). "A clear, colorless liquid, having a strong, vinegar-like odor, a purely acid taste, and a strongly acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·048 at 15° C. (59° F.). Miscible with water or alcohol in all proportions. When heated, the acid is volatilized without leaving a residue." *U. S.*

"On adding to Acetic Acid enough ammonia water to neutralize it or to leave the Acid in slight excess, and then adding ferric chloride test-solution, the liquid will acquire a blood-red color, which is discharged by strongly acidulating with sulphuric acid. When the Acid is slightly supersaturated with ammonia, the liquid should not have a bluish tint (absence of *copper*), nor should any residue be left after evaporating the alkaline liquid on the water-bath (absence of *other fixed impurities*). Acetic Acid diluted with 20 volumes of water should neither become colored nor yield a precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *lead*, *copper*, etc.). Acetic Acid diluted with 10 volumes of water should not yield a precipitate or turbidity with barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*), or with silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*). If a portion of the Acid be just neutralized by ammonia, then mixed with some silver nitrate test-solution, and warmed, the liquid should not turn dark-colored or deposit a dark-colored precipitate (absence of *formic* or *sulphurous acid*).

* *Acidum Chloraceticum*, Chloracetic Acid. Three forms of this acid are known, mono-, di-, and tri-chloracetic acids, having the following formulas respectively, $C_2H_3ClO_2$, $C_2H_2Cl_2O_2$, and $C_2HCl_3O_2$. *Monochloracetic Acid* may be prepared by acting upon glacial acetic acid containing 10 per cent. of iodine with dry chlorine, reserving the portion distilling over between 180° C. and 188° C. *Dichloracetic Acid* distils over between 189° C. and 191° C. *Trichloracetic Acid*, discovered by Dumas in 1838, may be most conveniently prepared by treating chloral hydrate with three times its volume of fuming nitric acid, and placing the whole mixture in the sunlight until the red fumes have disappeared; the liquid is then distilled, and the portion coming over at 195° C. is pure trichloracetic acid. All the chloracetic acids are powerful caustics, destroying the epidermis. They form various salts, most of which are easily soluble in water. The mono- and tri- acids are solid, crystalline, deliquescent bodies; dichloracetic acid is a colorless liquid having a suffocating odor, and crystallizing at 0° C. Trichloracetic acid has been used as a caustic in practical medicine by Dumas, by Urner, by Sigmund, by Von Stein, and by Lanz. A small crystal placed on a *papilloma* is said to produce immediately a white, smooth, dry, adherent scurf, which falls off in a few days, leaving a rapidly-healing ulcer. The pain is said to be quite trifling, and may be entirely prevented by the previous use of a cocaine solution. *Vascular nævi* have also been destroyed; and Lanz affirms that in *obstinate gleet* cauterization with a 20-per-cent. solution is often most advantageous (*London Med. Rec.*, March, 1891). The acid has also been proposed as a test for albumen.

When the Acid is slightly supersaturated by sodium or potassium hydrate test-solution, the liquid should not have a smoky odor or taste. And if 5 drops of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution be mixed with 2 C.c. of the Acid previously diluted with 10 C.c. of water, and contained in a clean, glass-stoppered vial, the pink tint should not change at once to brown, but should change only gradually, and not become entirely brown, or free from pinkish brown, in less than half a minute (limit of *empyreumatic substances*). To neutralize 6 Gm. of Acetic Acid should require 36 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Of the British acid (sp. gr. 1·044) the strength in acetic anhydride acid is 28 per cent.; in the pure acid, according to the table, it is 33 per cent. "By weight 182 grains require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda.*" *Br.* The U. S. official acid is somewhat stronger than the British. Calcium phosphate has been largely detected in acetic acid sold as pure, and was copiously precipitated by ammonia added in excess. (Bruckner, *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1870, p. 389.) Victor Meyer has met with glacial acetic acid contaminated with 0·108 Gm. furfurol in a litre. (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1878, p. 1870.)

It is difficult to ascertain the strength of acetic acid by saturating it with the carbonated alkalies, when the operator depends upon test-paper for ascertaining the point of its neutralization. The difficulty is caused by the fact that the potassium and sodium acetates, though neutral in composition, are alkaline to test-paper. Hence the liquid begins to be alkaline to test-paper while some free acid yet remains, but insufficient to overcome the alkaline reaction of the salt formed. It follows, therefore, that by the use of test-paper the strength of the acetic acid will be underrated. The degree of inaccuracy, where test-paper is used, is much diminished by saturating the acetic acid with a solution of calcium saccharate of a known strength, as proposed by Mr. C. G. Williams. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1854, p. 594.) A still better way is to add to the acid a weighed excess of barium carbonate, and to calculate its strength by the amount of the carbonate decomposed, ascertained by deducting the undissolved from the total used. (*Redwood.*) Equally accurate results may be obtained by the use of calcium carbonate in a similar manner. (E. C. Nicholson and D. S. Price, *Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 15, 1856.)

Uses of Crude Pyroligneous Acid. This acid having been incidentally described as the source of the acetic acid of commerce, it may be proper in this place to notice its uses. It has been employed as an application to *gangrene* and ill-conditioned *ulcers*. It acts on the principle of an antiseptic and stimulant; the former property being in part due to the presence of creosote.

The crude acid is advantageously applied to the preservation of animal food. Mr. William Ramsey made some interesting experiments with it for that purpose. Herrings and other fish, simply dipped in the acid and afterwards dried in the shade, were effectually preserved, and when eaten were found very agreeable to the taste. Herrings, slightly cured with salt by being sprinkled with it for six hours, then drained, next immersed in pyroligneous acid for a few seconds, and afterwards dried in the shade for two months, were found by Mr. Ramsey to be of fine quality and flavor. Fresh beef, dipped in the acid in summer for a minute, was perfectly sweet in the following spring. Professor Silliman states that one quart of the acid, added to the common pickle for a barrel of hams, at the time they are laid down, will impart to them the smoked flavor as perfectly as if they had been smoked in the ordinary way.

Acidum Aceticum Dilutum. *U. S.*, *Br.* *Diluted Acetic Acid.* "Acetic Acid *one hundred grammes* [or 3 fluidounces, 108 minims]; Distilled Water *five hundred grammes* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims]. To make *six hundred grammes* [or about 20 fluidounces]. Mix them. Specific gravity, about 1·008 at 15° C. (59° F.). It corresponds, in properties, to Acetic Acid (see *Acidum Aceticum*), and should respond to the same tests of purity. To neutralize 24 Gm. of Diluted Acetic Acid should require 24 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 0·25 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

"Take of Acetic Acid *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *seven pints* [Imp. meas.]. Mix." *Br.* The sp. gr. of this acid is 1·006. "440 grains by weight or one fluidounce [Imp.] requires for neutralization 313 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*, corresponding to 4·27 per cent. of real acetic acid, $HC_2H_3O_2$. One fluidounce [Imp.], therefore, contains nearly 19 grains of real acetic acid." *Br.*

The object of having this preparation is to possess a weak solution of *pure* acetic acid which may be substituted for distilled vinegar in all formulas in which nicety is required. For a long

period diluted acetic acid has been made by mixing one part of acetic acid with seven parts of water by measure. The official diluted acid was made considerably stronger in the U. S. P. 1880, and the strength has not been altered in the U. S. P. 1890. Distilled vinegar contains a little organic matter, which is always darkened or precipitated when its acid is saturated with an alkali, a change which does not take place when the diluted acetic acid is employed.

Medical Properties of Acetic Acid of Commerce (*Acidum Aceticum*, U. S., Br.). Acetic acid is very rarely used internally, but is refrigerant and astringent when sufficiently diluted. Owing to its volatility and pungency, its vapor is frequently applied to the nostrils as an excitant in *syncope*, *asphyxia*, and *headache*. When employed for this purpose, it is generally added to a small portion of potassium sulphate, so as to moisten the salt, and the mixture is put into small glass bottles with ground stoppers.*

It is a mild caustic, and has been used in cancer, by injection into the diseased tissue, but the general result has not been favorable. Two or three ounces of it taken internally undiluted very nearly caused death in an adult. (*Lancet*, July, 1867.) The prominent symptoms were, at first, slight collapse, and asphyxia from closure of the glottis. Recovery was secured by tracheotomy; after the reaction, great thirst, salivation, pain in the fauces, and inability to swallow, but without serious gastric, pulmonary, or cardiac disturbance, were present.

Medical Properties of the Glacial Acid. This acid is used only externally, and acts as a rubefacient, a vesicant, or a caustic, according to the length of time it is applied. Its application requires caution. It is sometimes employed as a substitute for cantharides, when a speedy blister is desired. It may be applied by means of blotting-paper or cambric moistened with the acid. It is a good corrosive for destroying *warts* and *corns*.

ACIDUM ARSENOSUM. U. S. (Br.) Arsenous Acid. [Arsenic Trioxide. White Arsenic.]

As_2O_3; 197·68. (ĂQ'Ị-DŬM ĂR-SĘ-NŌ'SŬM.) As_2O_3; 197.8.

"An anhydride (not a true acid), obtained by roasting arsenical ores, and purified by sublimation." *Br.*

Acidum Arseniosum, *Br.;* Arsenious Acid, Arsenicum Album, *Ed.;* Acidum Arsenicosum (*P. G.*); Arsenious Oxide, Arsenic, Arsenious Anhydride, White Arsenic; Acide arsénieux, Arsenic blanc, Fleurs d'Arsenic, *Fr.;* Arsenige Säure, Arsenichte Säure, Weisser Arsenik, *G.;* Arsenik, *Dan., Swed., Pol.;* Acido arsenioso, Arsenico, *It.;* Arsenico blanco, *Sp.*

Arsenous acid is prepared in Bohemia and Saxony, where it is procured on a large scale, as a collateral product, during the smelting of cobalt ores, which are almost invariably accompanied by arsenic, and in England from the mineral *arsenopyrite*, also called *mispickel* or *arsenical iron*, which is associated with the ores of tin and copper. The German process is that usually quoted as the older and better known. According to this, the ores are roasted in reverberatory furnaces with long horizontal flues. The arsenic is converted by combustion into arsenous acid, which rises in vapor and condenses on the sides of the flues. In this state it is impure, and requires a second sublimation, which is performed in cast-iron vessels, fitted with conical heads of the same material, having an opening at the summit. The vessels are placed over a furnace, and brought to a red heat, when a portion of the impure arsenous acid is thrown in through the opening, which is immediately stopped. This portion being sublimed, a second portion is introduced in a similar manner. Finally, the vessels are allowed to cool; and upon removing the heads the purified acid is found attached to them in vitreous layers, at first as transparent as glass, but gradually becoming, by contact with the air, opaque at their surface. These are broken into fragments of a convenient size, and thrown into commerce. The arsenous acid so obtained is generally packed in casks, containing from two to five hundred pounds, and is shipped principally from the ports of Hamburg and Bremen. The Eng-

* *Acidum Aceticum Camphoratum* (*Ed., Dub.*). *Camphorated Acetic Acid.* This is an old official remedy. It was prepared as follows. "Take of Camphor *one ounce* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *one fluidrachm;* Strong Acetic Acid *ten fluidounces*. Reduce the camphor to powder by means of the Spirit; then add the Acid, and dissolve." *Dub. Pharm.*

The use of the alcohol is simply to facilitate the pulverization of the camphor, and a few drops are sufficient. Acetic acid in its concentrated state readily dissolves camphor. In this preparation, the whole of the camphor is taken up by the acid. In consequence of the powerful chemical agency of the solution, and its extreme volatility, it should be kept in glass bottles accurately fitted with ground stoppers. Camphorated acetic acid is an exceedingly pungent perfume, which when snuffed up the nostrils produces a strongly excitant impression, and may be resorted to in fainting or nervous debility. It was an official substitute for Henry's *aromatic spirit of vinegar*.

A better *aromatic vinegar* is prepared by adding one and a half fluidrachms of best oil of rose geranium, and fifteen minims of oil of cloves, to four fluidounces of glacial acetic acid.

lish process differs somewhat in its details, and essentially in its final product, which is fine and crystalline rather than amorphous. In this process the crude arsenic of the first sublimation is refined by introducing it into another furnace or series of furnaces, where it is again volatilized by the heat. When it condenses in the long series of chambers through which the vapors are carried, it is, if the process be fully successful, in the form of a perfectly white crystalline solid, which needs only to be ground and packed into kegs to be made ready for the market. The unground arsenic is, as stated, all in the *crystalline* condition, the temperature of the chambers being too low to allow of the formation of the glassy variety.

Properties. Arsenous acid is entirely volatilized by heat. As the German make of arsenic occurs in commerce, it is in masses, with a vitreous fracture, and of a milk-white color externally, but, internally, often perfectly transparent. As first sublimed, the whole mass is transparent; but it gradually becomes white and opaque, the change proceeding progressively from the surface inwards. This change has not been well explained, but probably depends upon the absorption of moisture, causing a gradual passage of the acid from the amorphous to the crystalline state. (*Pereira.*) Hence the masses "usually present a stratified appearance, caused by the existence of layers differing in degrees of opacity." *Br.* The U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1890, describes arsenous acid as follows: "Frequently the same piece has an opaque, white, outer crust enclosing the glassy variety within. Contact with moist air gradually changes the glassy into the white, opaque variety. Both are odorless and tasteless." According to Guibourt, the sp. gr. of the transparent variety is 3·73, of the opaque 3·69. The experiments, however, of Dr. J. K. Mitchell and Mr. Durand make the density of the former variety from 3·208 to 3·333. The English make of arsenic is always powdered, and, under a lens, is seen to consist of small crystals perfect in form, or of small fragments of larger crystals. In a poisoning case in 1880 (State of Conn. *vs.* Hayden) much was made to hinge upon the differences observed between this crystalline English arsenic and the commoner amorphous or German arsenic. (*Microscop. Exam. of Samples of Commercial Arsenic*, E. S. Dana. F. D. Linn & Co., Publishers, Jersey City, 1880.) As it occurs in the shops for medical use, it is often in the form of a white powder, almost as fine as flour. In this state it is sometimes adulterated with powdered lime or chalk, or calcium sulphate or arsenite, a fraud which is very easily detected by exposing the powder to a heat sufficient to evaporate the arsenous acid, when these impurities will be left behind. In consequence of the liability of the acid to contain impurities when in powder, it was directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 to be kept in masses, so that the apothecary may powder it for himself as it is wanted. It has been erroneously stated to have an acrid taste. Dr. Christison asserts that it possesses hardly any taste; inasmuch as it produces merely a faint sweetish impression on the palate. In strong, hot solution, it has an austere taste, most nearly resembling that of zinc sulphate. (*Mitchell* and *Durand.*) It has no smell, even in vapor; but when thrown on ignited charcoal it emits a garlicky odor, in consequence of its deoxidation, and the volatilization of the reduced metal. Its point of sublimation, according to Berzelius, is at an incipient red heat; but, according to Mitchell and Durand, it is lower than that of metallic arsenic, being only 218° C. (425° F.). In the British Pharmacopœia it is said to be entirely volatilized at a temperature not exceeding 204° C. (400° F.). Dr. Taylor, in his work on Medical Jurisprudence, gives the subliming point at 188° C. (370° F.); and Mr. Wm. A. Guy, who has made careful experiments on the volatility of various substances, states that arsenous acid rises in vapor at about 138° C. (280° F.). (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1868, p. 373.) When slowly sublimed, it condenses in regular octohedral crystals of a sparkling lustre. It may also be obtained crystallized in fine octohedrals by the slow cooling of a solution of the acid in boiling diluted hydrochloric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1873, p. 246.) "Four grains dissolved in boiling water with eight grains of bicarbonate of soda discharge the color of 808 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of iodine.*" *Br.*

"In cold water both varieties dissolve very slowly, the glassy variety requiring about 30, the porcelain-like about 80 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.). Both are slowly but completely soluble in 15 parts of boiling water. In alcohol, Arsenous Acid is but sparingly soluble, but it is soluble in about 5 parts of glycerin. Oil of turpentine dissolves only the glassy variety. Both varieties are freely soluble in hydrochloric acid, and in solutions of alkali hydrates and carbonates." The following is given on the authority of Bussy. The transparent acid dissolves much more rapidly than the opaque. By prolonged ebullition with water, the opaque variety attains the same solubility as the transparent, and may be supposed to be converted into the latter. Thus, at the boiling temperature, a pint of water dissolves 807 grains of either variety. The transparent variety, in cold saturated solution, gradually lessens in solubility, until it

reaches the solubility of the opaque, no doubt in consequence of being changed into the latter. Pulverization lessens the solubility of the transparent variety, without affecting that of the opaque. The mixture of the two varieties of the acid in the same solution serves to explain the anomalies heretofore observed in its solubility. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1847.)* "When heated to 218° C. (424·4° F.), Arsenous Acid is completely volatilized without melting. When thrown on ignited charcoal, it emits an alliaceous odor. When its vapor is passed through red-hot charcoal, in an arsenic-tube, it is deoxidized, and metallic arsenic is deposited on the cooler portion of the tube as a mirror having a metallic lustre. An aqueous solution of Arsenous Acid has a faintly acid reaction upon litmus paper. Silver ammonium nitrate test-solution produces in the solution a lemon-yellow precipitate, which dissolves on addition of ammonia water; when this solution is heated, metallic silver is deposited (distinction from *arsenic acid*). Copper ammonium sulphate test-solution produces a bright green precipitate, which dissolves in ammonia water with a deep blue color. Hydrogen sulphide test-solution colors the solution of Arsenous Acid yellow; if a few drops of hydrochloric acid are added, it precipitates lemon-yellow arsenic trisulphide, which should be completely soluble in ammonium carbonate test-solution (absence of *antimony*, *tin*, and *cadmium*). When Arsenous Acid is carefully heated in a dry test-tube of hard glass, it should sublime without leaving a residue, and the sublimate should not at first show a yellow color (absence of *non-volatile matter* and of *arsenic sulphide*). If 1 part of Arsenous Acid be dissolved in 10 parts of ammonia water, with the aid of a gentle heat, the solution should neither leave an *insoluble residue*, nor show a yellow or other *color;* nor should the addition of a slight excess of hydrochloric acid produce a precipitate (absence of *metallic impurities*, *sulphides*, etc.). If 0·1 Gm. of Arsenous Acid be dissolved, together with 1 Gm. of sodium bicarbonate, in 20 C.c. of water by the aid of a gentle heat, it should decolorize not less than 20 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to at least 98·8 per cent. of Arsenic Trioxide)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The official preparations of arsenic are all of them, when in sufficient concentration, violent irritants or escharotics.† Taken internally in sufficient dose they are exceedingly poisonous to both man and the lower animals. When properly administered they are alteratives, affecting in some unknown way the nutrition, especially of the nervous system. They are often of service in simple *nervous debility*, but are especially useful in *chorea* and in *chronic malaria*. When given for their tonic effect only, they should be used in doses so small as not to cause any general symptoms; but when a specific action, as in chorea, is desired, it is proper to begin with small doses and rapidly increase them until the limit of tolerance is reached. Not rarely, such doses produce gastro-intestinal irritation, especially pain and diarrhœa. To avoid this as much as possible, the remedy should be given after meals. When either gastro-intestinal irritation or the more peculiar effects of arsenic are caused, the dose should at once be lessened. The specific symptoms of *arsenicalism* are a general disposition to œdema, especially of the face and eyelids, a feeling of stiffness in these parts, itching of the skin, tenderness of the mouth, loss of appetite, and uneasiness and sickness of the stomach. The peculiar swelling produced is called *œdema arsenicalis*. In some instances the internal use of arsenic causes a rash not unlike that of measles, and, as in that affection, attended with catarrhal symptoms. (Tilbury Fox, *Med. T. and Gaz.*, March, 1868.) Sometimes salivation is produced, and occasionally the hair and nails fall off. It is stated by M. Charcot that he has seen, in two cases, decided anaphrodisiac effects from the prolonged use of arsenic, which disappeared several months after its discontinuance, and in one instance returned upon its resumption. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 267.)

Arsenous acid has been exhibited in a great variety of diseases, the principal of which are

* Experiments of M. L. A. Buchner on the solubility of arsenous acid in its various forms gave the following results. A liter of water saturated at 15° C. with crystallized arsenous acid contains gr. 2·821; with the amorphous and vitreous acid, gr. 9·306; while the same solutions, made by boiling and then allowed to cool for 24 hours, down to 15° C., contain of the crystallized acid gr. 27·839 per liter, and of the amorphous and vitreous, gr. 34·056 per liter. These results serve to confirm those of M. Bussy referred to in the text. (*Journ. de Pharm.* 1873, p. 247.)

† *Kakodylic acid*, a compound of arsenic, having the formula $AsO(CH_3)_2OH$, containing 54·35 per cent. of the metal, equivalent to 71·4 per cent. of the arsenous oxide, has been stated by various investigators to be free from poisonous properties, whilst in the hands of others it has appeared to be an active toxic agent. A very elaborate research made by Drs. John Marshall and Howard Green (*Amer. Chem. Journ.*, May, 1886) appears to have settled the question. It was first found that kakodylic acid of American commerce produces in rabbits symptoms similar to those caused by arsenous acid, although in a very mild degree. Analysis, however, showed that this kakodylic acid contains free arsenous acid. Chemically pure kakodylic acid was then used. When introduced into the stomach in repeated doses of seven grains it caused in the lower animals vomiting and diarrhœa, profuse salivation, staggering, weakness, and death in one instance. Kakodylic acid is, therefore, capable of producing the ordinary symptoms of arsenical poisoning, but is remarkably free from activity, the toxic dose being extremely large.

scirrhus and *cancer*, especially cancer of the lip; anomalous *ulcers;* various *cutaneous diseases; intermittent fever; chorea; chronic rheumatism*, particularly those forms of it attended with pains in the bones; *rheumatic gout;* diseases of the bones, especially *nodes*, and firm swellings with deformity of the small joints of the hands; *chronic syphilitic affections; frontal neuralgia; hemicrania;* intermittent *neuralgic pains* of the stomach and bowels. In intermittent fever it is inferior only to Peruvian bark and its alkaloids; and probably no remedy surpasses or even equals it in *rheumatic gout.* In cutaneous affections, especially those of a scaly character, as *lepra* and *psoriasis*, it is an invaluable remedy. There would seem to be no objection against the very protracted use of this remedy in disease. Many years since, Tschudi drew attention to the so-called "*arsenic-eaters*" of Styria and the Tyrol. The habits of these people have been grossly exaggerated by some, whilst by others their existence has been denied, but the truth is that among the lower orders in the countries mentioned, there are many persons who habitually take small amounts of the poison. According to the report of a government commission, the dose of 0·62 grain is rarely exceeded. The "ratsbane-eaters" are said not to suffer in their health, and to be unusually strong and vigorous people.

The external application of arsenic has been principally restricted to *cancer*, and anomalous and malignant ulcers, especially of the kind denominated *noli me tangere.* Dupuytren used with advantage a powder composed of one part of arsenous acid and twenty-four parts of calomel, as a topical application to *herpes exedens*, and to the foul *ulcers* occurring after mercury.

Arsenic is the chief ingredient in nearly all the empirical remedies for the cure of *cancer* by external application. *Plunket's caustic*, a remedy of this kind of great celebrity, consisted of the *Ranunculus acris* and *Ranunculus flammula*, each an ounce, bruised and mixed with a drachm of arsenous acid and five scruples of sulphur. The whole was beaten into a paste, formed into balls, and dried in the sun. When used, these balls were rubbed up with yolk of egg, and spread on pig's bladder. The use of the vegetable matter is to destroy the cuticle; for, unless this is done, the arsenic will not act. In *onychia maligna*, Mr. Luke, of London, regarded an ointment composed of two grains of arsenous acid and an ounce of spermaceti ointment as almost a specific. (Pereira, *Mat. Med.*)

In Paris, an *arsenical paste* of the following composition has been used as an application to malignant *ulcers:*—red sulphide of mercury 70 parts; dragon's blood 22 parts; arsenous acid 8 parts. It is applied, made up into a paste with saliva. The pain produced by this composition is very severe, and its application dangerous. The *arsenical paste of Frère Côme* has been applied advantageously by M. Biett to the ulcerated surfaces in *yaws.* The precaution was used of not applying it, at one time, over a surface larger than that of half a dollar. This paste is made by mixing water with a powder consisting of ten grains of arsenous acid, two scruples of red sulphide of mercury, and ten grains of powdered animal charcoal. The practice of sprinkling unmixed arsenous acid on ulcers is fraught with the greatest danger. Mr. S. Cooper characterizes it as a murderous practice.

Febure's remedy for cancer consisted of ten grains of arsenous acid, dissolved in a pint of distilled water, to which were added an ounce of extract of conium, three fluidounces of solution of lead subacetate, and a fluidrachm of tincture of opium. With this the cancer was washed every morning. Febure's formula for internal exhibition was, arsenous acid two grains, rhubarb half an ounce, syrup of chicory q. s., distilled water sufficient to make a pint. Of this mixture, a tablespoonful, containing about the sixteenth of a grain of the acid, was given every night and morning. The dose was gradually increased to six tablespoonfuls.

Arsenous acid may be given in doses of from one-thirtieth to one-twentieth of a grain (0·002 to 0·003 Gm.), three times a day, in the form of pill. It is usually combined with opium, which enables the stomach to bear the medicine better. The *Asiatic pills*, so called, consist of arsenous acid and black pepper, in the proportion of 1 part of the former to 80 parts of the latter. A preparation much used on the continent of Europe is *Boudin's solution*, which is simply an aqueous solution of arsenous acid with the addition of wine, and is made by boiling one gramme (15·4 grains) of the acid with one liter (2·1 pints) of distilled water till entirely dissolved, then cooling, filtering, adding enough distilled water to supply the loss, and finally mixing with one liter of white wine. Of this solution a fluidounce contains about one-quarter of a grain of arsenous acid.

Properties of Arsenous Acid as a Poison. Arsenous acid, in an overdose, whether internally or externally, acts with very great energy, and generally destroys life in a short time; but in rare instances no well-marked symptoms have been developed until eight or nine hours after the ingestion of the poison. Dr. Edward Hartshorne relates a case of recovery in which

at least a drachm of arsenous acid had been swallowed, and where the symptoms of poisoning were delayed for sixteen hours. (*Med. Examiner*, 1855, p. 707.) The symptoms produced by the poison are—an austere taste; fetid state of the mouth; frequent ptyalism; continual hawking; constriction of the pharynx and œsophagus; the sensation of the teeth being on edge, hiccough; nausea; anxiety; frequent sinkings; burning pain at the præcordia; inflammation of the lips, tongue, palate, throat, bronchi, and œsophagus; irritable stomach, so as not to be able to support the blandest drinks; vomiting of matters, sometimes brown, at other times bloody; profuse serous or bloody stools; small, frequent, and irregular pulse, but occasionally slow and unequal; palpitations; syncope; insatiable thirst; burning heat over the whole body, or a sensation of icy coldness; difficult respiration; cold sweats; suppression of urine, or scanty, red, bloody, and sometimes albuminous urine; change in the countenance; a livid circle round the eyelids; swelling and itching of the body; livid spots over the surface, and occasionally a miliary eruption; prostration of strength; loss of feeling, especially in the feet and hands; delirium; convulsions, often accompanied with insupportable priapism; falling off of the hair, detachment of the cuticle, etc. In some cases there is inflammation with burning pain in the urino-genital organs. It is very rare to observe all these symptoms in the same individual. Sometimes, indeed, they are nearly all wanting, death taking place without any pain or prominent symptom. Occasionally the phenomena have a perfect resemblance to those of Asiatic cholera in the stage of collapse. In rare cases stupor is a very prominent symptom; and the diarrhœa may not be pronounced. After death, the morbid appearances are various. In some instances no vestige of lesion can be discovered. The appearances, however, in the generality of cases, are the following. The mouth, stomach, and intestines are inflamed; the stomach and duodenum exhibit spots resembling eschars, and perforations of all their coats; and the villous coat of the former is in a manner destroyed, and reduced to the consistence of a reddish-brown pulp. Wide-spread fatty degeneration has also been noted. In cases of recovery, it has been a question how long it takes for the poison to be eliminated from the system. In an instance, reported by Dr. D. Maclagan, in which about two drachms of the poison had been swallowed, and in which magnesia was used successfully as an antidote, arsenic was detected in the urine by Marsh's test as late as the twentieth day.

A milder grade of arsenical poisoning, yet sometimes serious in its consequences, has resulted in many instances from the inhalation of the air of apartments lined with green wall-paper, which owes its color to copper arsenite, and from which a fine poisonous dust sometimes escapes when the paper has not been well prepared. (See *Chem. News*, March 24, 1860.) The burning of green tapers is sometimes attended with an arsenical odor; and chemical examination has shown that, though in relatively rare instances, they do contain arsenous acid in injurious quantities. (*Lancet*, 1873, p. 715.) Death has also resulted, in more than one instance, from working in the manufacture of green artificial leaves. (*Chem. News*, Nov. 30, 1861.) Ulceration of the anus has resulted from the habitual use of green paper.

In view of the numerous accidents and crimes caused by the use of arsenous acid, its sale should be regulated by law in all the States of the Union. In 1851 an act for this purpose was passed by the British Parliament.

There can be no doubt that, when applied to any ulcerated surface, arsenic may be absorbed with fatal result; death has indeed occurred in a number of cases from the use of arsenic as an escharotic to tumors, cancerous ulcers, etc. As indicated by Mr. Blackader, absorption is less apt to follow the use of large than of small quantities; the larger amount probably killing the part to which it is applied, and thereby preventing absorption. If this dangerous caustic be used at all, it should be in accordance with these facts. Harles's observations also seem to show that when the surface is that of a chronic ulcer, either simple or malignant, absorption is less prone to occur than from a fresh wound.

Treatment of Poisoning by Arsenous Acid. If the antidote be not directly at hand, free vomiting should be induced by the finger, the feather part of a quill, and the administration of an emetic. The same object is promoted by the use of the stomach-pump. Demulcent drinks should be freely given, such as milk, white of eggs and water, or flour and water, which serve to encourage the vomiting and to envelop the poison.

The antidote having been faithfully applied, the subsequent treatment consists in the administration of mucilaginous drinks, and the treatment of symptoms as they arise. Convalescence is generally long and distressing: usually dyspeptic symptoms mark the presence of gastro-intestinal inflammation or even ulceration, whilst not rarely violent neuralgic pains, with loss of power, wasting of the muscle, and other trophic changes, show that a peripheral neuritis has

been produced; and hence it is of the greatest importance to attend to the diet, which should consist exclusively of milk, gruel, cream, rice, and similar bland articles.

The antidote above referred to is *ferric hydrate*, in the *moist* or *pulpy* state. As soon as it is ready, it must be given in doses of a tablespoonful to an adult, of a dessertspoonful to a child, every five or ten minutes, until the urgent symptoms are relieved. It is calculated that the quantity taken should be at least twelve times the supposed amount of the poison swallowed; but, as the antidote is perfectly innocent, it is prudent to give it in larger quantities. According to the experiments of E. Riegel, one part of arsenous acid in solution is so fully precipitated by ten parts of the dry oxide, that, after its action, not a trace of the poison can be detected, even by Marsh's test. Its efficacy is of course greater the sooner it is administered after the ingestion of the poison; but even after delay its use will prove advantageous, so long as any portion of the poison still remains in the stomach. The antidote acts by producing with the poison, by a transfer of oxygen from the oxide to the acid, an insoluble, and therefore inert, ferrous arsenate $2(Fe_2(OH)_6) + As_2O_3 = Fe_3(AsO_4)_2 + 5H_2O + Fe(OH)_2$. This antidote for arsenous acid was discovered by Drs. Bunsen and Berthold, of Göttingen, in 1834; and its efficacy has been abundantly confirmed by experiments on inferior animals, and by its successful application to numerous cases of poisoning in the human subject. Various observations have been made as to the best forms of the oxide for use, but as long ago as 1842 Prof. William Procter (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 29) proved that the hydrate gradually decreases in its power of neutralizing arsenous acid the longer it is kept, and that this decrease in power is more rapid when it is mixed with much water than when in the form of a thick magma. The cause of this diminution of neutralizing power, by being kept, is explained by the experiments of G. C. Wittstein. This chemist finds that ferric hydrate, recently precipitated, dissolves readily in acetic and other vegetable acids in the cold, but becomes nearly insoluble when kept for some time under water. It should be an invariable rule to prepare the antidote at the time it is wanted from materials always kept at hand. A very efficient antidote may be made by precipitating the tincture of the chloride of iron with sodium bicarbonate.

Dialysed iron has been frequently suggested as an antidote for arsenic (*Phila. Med. Times*, Dec. 8, 1877; *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1878), especially if its administration be followed by a dose of common salt, which precipitates the ferric hydrate in the stomach; but Edward Hirschsohn (Dorpat, Russia) cautions against the use of dialysed iron, because his experiments show that the resulting combination parts with its arsenic in the presence of acids much more readily than does the *Antidotum Arsenici* of the Russian Pharmacopœia—made by diluting one ounce of solution of ferric sulphate (Monsel's solution) with four fluidounces of water, then adding a mixture of three drachms of calcined magnesia with four fluidounces of water. (See *Ferri Oxidum Hydratum cum Magnesia.*)

Dr. Köhler, of Halle, believes that saccharine oxide of iron in solution is preferable to all other preparations, in poisoning by arsenous acid. This forms, like the hydrated powder, an insoluble compound with the acid. He bases his opinion upon experiments with the lower animals, and gives the details of a case in which it proved successful in the human subject after the swallowing of more than half a drachm of the acid in powder. He gave a large teaspoonful of the saccharine oxide with a drachm of water immediately afterwards, which was repeated every 15 minutes for two hours, followed by an emetic dose of ipecacuanha, and then repeated every half-hour. The patient recovered. (*Br. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1870.)

Bussy has proposed light magnesia, or the kind which has not been too strongly calcined, as well as recently precipitated gelatinous magnesia, as an antidote for arsenous acid; and a case is given by him in which it appeared to prove efficacious. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, x. 81.) The dense kind has very little efficacy. Dr. Christison saw a case in which this antidote seemed very serviceable. A successful case is also reported by Cadet de Gassicourt (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1848), and another by Dr. E. Bissell, of Norwalk, Conn. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, July, 1848). For the full precipitation of arsenous acid, eighteen times its weight of anhydrous magnesia are required. (*E. Riegel.*) Like the ferric hydrate, the magnesian antidote is most conveniently kept, in a pulpy state, under water in stopped bottles. M. Schroff has made some experiments on rabbits, to determine the comparative efficacy, as antidotes, of the ferric hydrate and magnesia, and gives the preference to the latter. The hydrated magnesia is best prepared extemporaneously by quickly forming a solution of magnesium sulphate, and precipitating this by ammonia water, which is preferable to potassa, as any portion of the latter, remaining in the preparation, might act injuriously by favoring the solubility of the arsenous acid. Notwithstanding these statements, however, it is asserted by T. and H. Smith, of Edinburgh,

on the basis of experiment, that magnesia is incapable of neutralizing arsenous acid, and is utterly useless as an antidote (*Pharm. Journ.*, 1865, p. 144), and that it would be unwarrantable to rely on it when the ferruginous antidote is attainable. Probably the best antidote known is the combination of ferric hydrate with magnesia, now recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia.

Reagents for detecting Arsenous Acid. As arsenic is so frequently employed for criminal purposes, it becomes important to detect its presence in medico-legal investigations. The tests for it may be divided into those which indicate indirectly its presence, and those which demonstrate its presence incontestably, by bringing it to the metallic state. The former embrace all the liquid reagents so called; the latter, the processes for metallization. It is necessary, however, to be aware of the fact that many of the substances employed as tests for arsenic are themselves often contaminated with arsenic, and unless great care be exercised to select reagents perfectly free from this impurity, there will be danger that the results may be fallacious.

The most characteristic reagents are *hydrogen sulphide*, *ammoniacal silver nitrate*, and *ammoniacal copper sulphate*. In the opinion of Dr. Christison, the concurrent indications of these three tests are all-sufficient for detecting arsenous acid; but we think that in questions involving life the metallization of the poison should never be omitted.

In using hydrogen sulphide, the solution must be neutral or slightly acid. An excess of alkali may be neutralized with acetic acid, and an excess of nitric or sulphuric acid by potassa. A slight excess of acetic acid is not hurtful, but rather favors the subsidence of the precipitate, which is the arsenic tersulphide, and is soluble in ammonia, ammonium carbonate, and potassium bisulphate, and gives, moreover, a metallic sublimate when heated in a tube with reducing agents, as described below. According to Dr. Christison, this test is so exceedingly delicate that it detects the poison when dissolved in one hundred thousand parts of water. The color it produces is lemon- or sulphur-yellow; but the presence of vegetable or animal matter commonly gives it a whitish or brownish tint. If yellow, it might be mistaken for tin sulphide or cadmium sulphide, which are also yellow, but the latter is quite insoluble in ammonia, while the former gives no metallic sublimate when heated with reducing agents. If it be brownish, it may still contain arsenic, but must first be freed from organic matter.

The ammoniacal silver nitrate gives a yellow precipitate of silver arsenite, readily soluble to a clear solution in ammonia and in nitric or acetic acid.

The ammoniacal copper sulphate is a test of very great delicacy. The precipitate occasioned by it is the copper arsenite, of an apple-green or grass-green color. Its operation is prevented by hydrochloric, nitric, sulphuric, acetic, citric, and tartaric acids in excess; as also by ammonia.

Of the three tests mentioned, perhaps hydrogen sulphide is the most delicate; and it has the advantage of yielding a precipitate eligible for subsequent reduction. But they are all liable to the objection of being obscured in their indications, where the amount of poison is small, by the presence of organic matter; a complication constituting the most difficult problem for the medical jurist. As this case includes all others of more easy solution, we shall suppose it to occur, and shall indicate the steps to be pursued.

Having obtained general indications of the presence of arsenic, the first step will be to separate the organic matters; the second, to throw down the arsenic by means of the hydrogen sulphide; and the third, to reduce the precipitate obtained to the metallic state. It is proper to state here that, in a communication to the Paris Academy, Dr. Blondlot, of Nancy, asserts, as the result of numerous experiments, that the smallest quantity of oily or fatty matter has the effect of diminishing, even to one-twentieth, the solubility of arsenous acid, and consequently of very much increasing the difficulty of detecting it. (See *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 220.)

The following are the directions given by Prof. Wormley (*Micro-Chemistry of Poisons*, 2d ed., p. 299) for separating the organic principles. After the addition of water, if necessary, the mass is intimately mixed with about one-eighth of its volume of pure hydrochloric acid, and maintained at near the boiling temperature until the organic solids are entirely disintegrated. The mixture is then allowed to cool, transferred to a clean muslin strainer, and the matters retained by the strainer washed with water; the strainer with its contents may be reserved for future examination. The strained liquid is concentrated at a moderate heat if necessary, allowed to cool, and again filtered.

A given portion of the filtrate thus obtained is examined by the method of Reinsch (see page 31), successive slips of the copper being added as long as they receive a deposit. Any pieces of the metal that have thus become coated, after being thoroughly washed and dried, are heated in a suitable reduction tube, and the result examined in the usual manner. Another portion, or the whole, of the remaining filtrate may be exposed for several hours to a slow

stream of the hydrogen sulphide gas, then gently warmed, and allowed to stand until the supernatant liquid has become perfectly clear. The precipitate thus produced is collected upon a small filter, washed, and, while still moist, digested with pure water of ammonia; this liquid will readily dissolve any arsenic sulphide present, whilst the organic matter may remain undissolved. The ammoniacal solution is filtered, and the filtrate carefully evaporated at a moderate heat to dryness. Should the residue contain organic matter and only a minute quantity of the sulphide, it may require further purification before its arsenical nature can be determined.

If, however, it be moderately pure arsenic sulphide, it may be at once reduced to the metallic state, which can be accomplished by the method of Fresenius. The sulphide is mixed with sodium carbonate and potassium cyanide, and the mixture placed in the wide part of a tube of hard German glass drawn out at one end to capillary fineness. Carbonic anhydride properly dried is then passed through the tube, and the portion containing the mixture heated to redness; in this way the arsenical sulphide is reduced and the metal condensed in the capillary portion, where the smallest quantity can be recognized.

Dr. E. Davy, of Dublin, has recommended (*Chem. News.*, vol. iii. p. 288) potassium ferrocyanide previously dried at 100° C. (212° F.) as a substitute for the potassium cyanide. It has the advantage over the latter that it does not readily absorb moisture from the atmosphere.

In order to facilitate the detection of arsenic in the solid tissues, as the liver, spleen, stomach, etc., it is necessary first to destroy the animal matter, and then to dissolve out the poison. Various agencies have been resorted to for this purpose, but the method of Fresenius and Babo is generally accepted as the best. According to this, the finely divided fragments of solid matter are heated with pure hydrochloric acid, and potassium chlorate is added from time to time until the mass becomes homogeneous and of a light yellow color. It is then heated until the odor of chlorine has disappeared. After filtration any arsenic present will exist in the filtrate as arsenic acid. This is reduced by sulphurous acid gas or a solution of sodium bisulphite, so that the arsenic is brought to the condition of arsenous acid, in which condition it is more readily acted upon by hydrogen sulphide gas.

After thorough precipitation of the sulphide and purification of this precipitate by treatment with ammonia as already described, if the residue from the evaporation of the ammonia still contain organic matter mixed with the arsenous sulphide, it is best purified as follows. Treat the residue with a small quantity of concentrated nitric acid, and evaporate the mixture again to dryness, this operation with nitric acid being repeated, if necessary, until the moist residue has a yellow color. The residue is then moistened with a few drops of a concentrated solution of caustic soda, a small quantity of pure powdered sodium carbonate and sodium nitrate added, and the well-mixed mass cautiously evaporated to dryness; the heat is then very gradually increased until the mass becomes colorless, when the organic matter will have been entirely destroyed. The nitric acid and the soda compounds employed should be free from chlorine, or a portion of the arsenic may be volatilized as chloride. (Wormley, *Micro-Chemistry of Poisons*, 2d ed., p. 303.)

Another method of separating arsenic in solution from organic matters, now frequently employed, is by the process of dialysis, invented by Prof. Graham. (See *Dialysis.*) By means of an instrument called the dialyser, watery solutions of saline and other crystallizable substances may be separated from those not crystallizable, such as gelatinous, albuminous, mucilaginous, and amylaceous liquids, the latter refusing to pass through a diaphragm of some porous substance, which is readily permeable by the former. Thus, a circular piece of parchment paper, folded in the form of a common filter, is placed in a vessel containing distilled water; the suspected liquid, having been heated so as to effect a more complete solution of the arsenic, is poured into the filter, and the vessel set aside for twenty-four hours. At the end of this time, the crystallizable matter, including the arsenic, will have, to a great extent, passed through into the distilled water, leaving the organic matters behind, and a solution will have been obtained in a condition fit for the application of the different tests.

The passage of the arsenic through the membrane is, however, rarely a complete one, and the test cannot allow us to dispense with more thorough methods of examination.

Following up a suggestion of Dr. Clarke, of Aberdeen, that arsenic might be separated by taking advantage of the volatility of its chloride, Dr. Andrew Fyfe, of the same place, applied the principle to the detection of the metal when mixed with organic matter. For this purpose, he heated the arsenical liquid with sulphuric acid, free from arsenous acid, in a flask to which a bent tube and cooled receiver were adapted. When the mixture was brought to the boiling point, a little dried sea-salt was added, the receiver was connected, and the distillation con-

tinued for some time. Hydrochloric acid was evolved, which, by reacting with the arsenous acid, produced arsenic terchloride, which distilled over free from organic matter. The arsenic terchloride was then precipitated by a stream of hydrogen sulphide gas to obtain the yellow arsenic tersulphide, or subjected to the action of Marsh's test. (*Philos. Mag.*, 4th series, ii. 487.) The distillate of terchloride, as thus obtained, is liable to contain sulphurous acid, from the action of organic matter on the sulphuric acid, with the effect of obscuring the indications of Marsh's test when subsequently applied, by giving rise to a yellow ring instead of a black stain. To prevent the formation of sulphurous acid, L. A. Buchner recommends that the sodium chloride should be added to the arsenical liquid before the sulphuric acid, having been previously mixed with a little potassium chlorate, the chlorine from which has the effect of promoting the formation of the arsenical terchloride, and of rendering the decomposition of the organic matter much more complete. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1855, p. 38.) Much better than this method of prevention is the plan of keeping an amount of salt present larger than can be decomposed by the sulphuric acid, when the formation of sulphurous acid is avoided, and no danger is run of converting arsenous acid into the arsenic compound, as is the case in the presence of the free chlorine. Arsenic acid is not converted into a volatile chloride, and would therefore escape detection in this process. Indeed, it is proposed to distinguish between arsenous and arsenic acids in mixtures by this reaction. After all the arsenous acid has been distilled off as arsenous chloride, the arsenic acid can be reduced by sulphurous acid and then distilled for itself. (*Handwörterbuch der Chem.*, i. 746.) The reduction of arsenic acid to arsenous acid is very conveniently effected, according to E. Fischer, by ferrous chloride used in connection with hydrochloric acid. (*Ber. der Chem. Gesellschaft*, xiii. 1778.) Dr. Penny and Mr. W. Wallace bear testimony to the value of the plan of converting the arsenic into terchloride, as a means of separating the metal from organic matter, but think it will be found more convenient to produce the terchloride by the direct agency of hydrochloric acid than by sulphuric acid and sodium chloride as recommended by Dr. Fyfe.

One formula for reduction, that of Fresenius, has been given. Still another method, and one in which the whole process from beginning to end may take place in a single tube, is the following. The sulphide is mixed with sodium oxalate (a salt which contains no water of crystallization), and the dry mixture is transferred to a suitable tube sealed at one end. An arsenical mirror is readily obtained, and if the heat is continued long enough no arsenic remains behind—an excellent and easy method, in which the reducing gas is carbonic oxide, in an atmosphere of carbonic anhydride. (Blyth, *Poisons, Effects and Detection*, p. 542.) If any doubt be felt as to the nature of the crust, it may be driven up and down the tube, so as to convert it into sparkling octohedral crystals of arsenous acid, the triangular facets of which may be seen with a magnifying glass. Finally, the crystals may be dissolved in a drop or two of distilled water, and the solution will react characteristically with the liquid tests.

Another method of testing for arsenic was proposed by Mr. Marsh, and is perhaps the best known of the arsenic tests. It consists in taking advantage of the power, which nascent hydrogen possesses, of decomposing the acids of arsenic, with the result of forming water and arsenuretted hydrogen, as illustrated by the subjoined reaction:

$$As_2O_3 + (H_2)_6 = (H_3As)_2 + (H_2O)_3.$$

The liquid from the stomach, or obtained from its contents by boiling water, is added to the materials for generating hydrogen (pure dilute sulphuric acid and zinc), contained in a self-regulating generator of hydrogen. Dr. Canudas y Salva prevents the possible explosion of the apparatus, resulting from the ignition of the hydrogen before all the air has been expelled, by placing in the lateral exit tube two metallic meshes, enclosing between them very loose cotton. (*N. R.*, April, 1878.) Fresenius proposed the same years ago. If the liquid from the stomach contain arsenic, the nascent hydrogen will combine with the metal, and the nature of the compound gas formed may be ascertained by burning a jet of it from a fine jet-pipe connected with the generator. The flame will have a characteristic blue color; and, by holding a porcelain plate against it, a thin film of metallic arsenic, forming a black stain, will be deposited. Liebig and Mohr bear testimony to the delicacy of this test; but to remove every source of fallacy it is necessary to be sure of the purity of the materials for generating the hydrogen by a preliminary trial of the gas before the suspected liquid is added; as zinc and sulphuric acid are both liable to contain arsenic. This trial is made by holding a plate against the burning hydrogen, which, if pure, will produce no stain. The pieces of zinc employed should be changed after every experiment. Magnesium or aluminum may be advantageously substituted for zinc, as they contain no arsenic, or, still better, sodium amalgam (made by adding

about 5 per cent. of metallic sodium to some warmed mercury), as proposed by E. W. Davy. This can be used then in a neutral solution, the evolution of nascent hydrogen being due to the decomposition of the water by the sodium.

Still another modification is Fleitmann's test, in which the use of zinc, magnesium, or aluminum is retained, but the development of nascent hydrogen is brought about by the addition of caustic potassa or soda. Under these circumstances arseniuretted hydrogen is produced, but antimoniuretted hydrogen cannot be formed. A modification of Marsh's apparatus consists in having the tube which delivers the hydrogen arsenide narrowed in several places. If, then, while the gas is passing, heat be applied a little this side of the narrowed place, the compound is decomposed and a bright mirror of metallic arsenic is deposited in the contraction. As ever so small a deposit can be changed subsequently into oxide or sulphide, both of which are characteristic, this test is quite delicate.

It has been objected to Marsh's test, that antimony forms a compound with hydrogen, very similar to arseniuretted hydrogen, both in the color of its flame, and in the metallic spot which it deposits during combustion on cold surfaces. Still, the two metals may be distinguished by acting on the metallic spot with a drop or two of fuming nitric acid, with the aid of heat. Arsenic will thus be converted into soluble arsenic acid, precipitable brick-red by nitrate of silver; antimony, on the other hand, into insoluble antimonic acid. Another way of distinguishing them is to apply to the stain a solution of sodium hypochlorite, which instantly dissolves the arsenical spot, without affecting that of antimony, or solution of tin protochloride, which has no action on metallic arsenic, while it dissolves slowly but completely the antimony stain. (Blyth, *Poisons, Effects and Detection*, p. 526.) Sodium nitroprusside also, while it has no effect upon arsenic spots, will dissolve those of antimony completely and easily. (*Handwörterbuch der Chem.*, i. 757.) In case the metallic mirror is obtained in the tube by Berzelius's modification of Marsh's test, a stream of hydrogen sulphide may be passed, whilst immediately behind the stain a gentle heat is applied. Arsenic is changed thereby to yellow sulphide, while antimony produces an orange or black sulphide; if dry hydrochloric acid gas is now transmitted, the arsenical sulphide is unchanged, while antimony sulphide is converted into chloride of antimony, which volatilizes without the application of heat. (Blyth, *loc. cit.*) Ammonium sulphide dissolves the arsenical spot with difficulty, leaving on evaporation a yellow stain; it readily dissolves the antimonial, and yields an orange-red spot. Marsh's test may be still further modified as proposed by Lassaigne. The current of hydrogen arsenide is conducted into solution of silver nitrate, when it is decomposed according to the reaction

$$AsH_3 + (AgNO_3)_6 + (H_2O)_3 = H_3AsO_3 + (HNO_3)_6 + (Ag_2)_3.$$

Here arsenous acid is formed, which goes into solution, and metallic silver separates out. Hydrogen antimonide passed into silver nitrate solution gives a black precipitate of silver antimonide, in which all the antimony is contained.

Gutzeit's modification of this test is to carry out the reaction in a test-tube, which is then covered by paper moistened with silver nitrate. A black stain indicates the presence of arsenic. Ritsert (*Pharm. Zeit.*, 1889, 368) has increased the delicacy of this by using ammoniacal silver nitrate. It is asserted that 0·0005 milligramme of arsenous oxide will cause a brown stain.

Professor Reinsch has proposed a method for detecting arsenic in organic liquids, which is extremely delicate and at the same time has the merits of facility and celerity. It consists in acidulating the suspected liquid with hydrochloric acid, which converts the arsenous acid into the terchloride, and boiling in it, for ten minutes, a slip of copper foil, on which the arsenic is deposited as a white alloy of arsenic and copper; and then separating it in the state of arsenous acid, by subjecting the copper, cut into small chips, to a low-red heat in the bottom of a small glass tube. The peculiar crystalline appearance of arsenous acid, mentioned in the preceding page, is conclusive of its presence; and, besides, if collected and dissolved in water it will answer to the ordinary tests for the poison. The form of copper preferred by Dr. Maclagan is that of copper wire, No. 24, made bright by being rubbed with sand-paper, and rolled into a loose spiral, about an inch long, by being twisted round a small pencil. In this form, the copper affords an extensive surface for the deposition of the arsenic. The merit of Reinsch's procedure is not so much that it gives a characteristic deposit on the copper—for bismuth, tin, zinc, and antimony also give deposits—as that the copper collects all the arsenic from the organic liquid, and presents it in a convenient form for applying the liquid and subliming tests. But Reinsch's method is not without its fallacies. Thus, it has been ascertained that the presence of a nitrate or chlorate in the suspected material prevents the characteristic action of the arsenic on the copper until the whole of these substances have been consumed by reac-

tion with the metal. Besides, both hydrochloric acid and copper are liable to contain arsenic, and therefore to afford fallacious results. This, however, is less true of the hydrochloric acid prepared in this country than of the European, as the sulphuric acid employed in its preparation is obtained generally from native sulphur, instead of from pyrites as abroad. Nevertheless, no conclusion from Reinsch's test can be certainly relied on unless the hydrochloric acid has been ascertained to be free from arsenic. With the copper there is less risk, as the arsenic in it can act only by solution of the copper itself, and this is known by the green color imparted to the liquid; so that, if the arsenical deposit should be produced without discoloration of the liquid, the indication of the presence of the poison may be considered as satisfactory. (*Odling* and *Taylor.*)

If the process of Reinsch is to be applied to the arsenic sulphide, it will be necessary to bring this into the liquid form. For this purpose Prof. J. C. Draper, of New York, makes use of ammonia, which dissolves the sulphide, and is also capable of attacking copper. The substance supposed to contain the sulphide, having been covered, in a suitable vessel, with water of ammonia, is set aside in a warm place, and permitted to stand for a few hours. The solution of the sulphide is then separated by filtration, strips of clean, bright copper are introduced into it, and the whole is gently heated. The copper gradually becomes coated with a deposit like that which is formed in Reinsch's process. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, 1865, p. 13.)

The power of hypophosphites to reduce arsenical solutions, precipitating metallic arsenic, has also been proposed as the basis of a test. In sensitiveness it is said to rank between the tests of Gutzeit and Bettendorff. (*Apotheker Zeit.*, 1890, p. 263.)

Still another method of detecting arsenic is the *electrolytic*, consisting in exposing the suspected liquid, in connection with diluted sulphuric acid, to a voltaic current, through the influence of which, if arsenic be present, even though associated with large quantities of organic matter, arseniuretted hydrogen (*hydrogen arsenide*) is evolved. It is, however, only the arsenous acid that will respond to this test, so that if the arsenic be present as arsenic acid it must first be reduced to the arsenous condition by some reducing agent like sulphurous oxide or hydrogen sulphide. For an account of the process, and of the method of rendering arsenic acid sensible to the test, and of counteracting the influence of antimony and mercury, see papers by Mr. C. L. Bloxam in *P. J. Tr.* (1860, p. 376, and 1861, p. 528).

It has been shown by MM. Malaguti and Sarzeau that for the detection of minute quantities of arsenic in exhumed bodies the best method of proceeding is to distil the viscera with aqua regia, made by mixing one part of nitric with three of hydrochloric acid. The animal matter (the liver, for example), cut into small pieces, is dried by a gentle heat, and mixed with a quantity of the aqua regia equal to the weight of the matter before it was dried. The mixture is distilled, and the arsenic, if present, comes over in the form of the volatile terchloride, which may be converted into the tersulphide in the usual manner.

Arsenic may be detected in exhumed bodies long after death. M. Blondlot found it in the brain of a body that had been buried twenty years. In this case it was ascertained that no arsenic existed in the earth of the cemetery. (See *Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1855, p. 222.) It is necessary also to be guarded against the possible presence, about the body, of metals which may contain arsenic; as, for example, brass and copper. L. A. Buchner has found, in the intestines of persons who had been poisoned with arsenous acid, examined some months after death, the poison in the state of yellow arsenic sulphide, into which it had been converted by the hydrogen sulphide developed by the putrefactive process that had taken place in the bowels, showing that even in poisonous doses arsenic has not always the property of preserving the body from corruption. (*Neues Repertorium*, xvii. 21.)

ACIDUM BENZOICUM. U.S., Br. Benzoic Acid.

$HC_7H_5O_2$; 121·71. (ĂṢ'Ị-DŬM BĔN-ZŌ'Ị-ÇŬM.) $HC_7H_5O_2$; 122.

"An organic acid, usually obtained from benzoin by sublimation, or prepared artificially, chiefly from toluol. It should be kept in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Acidum Benzoicum Sublimatum, Flores Benzoes (Flowers of Benzoin); Acide benzoïque, Fleurs de Benjoin, *Fr.*; Benzoesäure, Benzoeblumen, *G.*

Both the U. S.* and Br. Pharmacopœias have omitted processes for the preparation of ben-

* The following is the process official in 1870: "Take of Benzoin, in coarse powder, *twelve troyounces.* Spread the Benzoin evenly over the bottom of an iron dish eight inches in diameter; cover the dish with a piece of filtering paper, and, by means of paste, attach it closely to the rim. Then, having prepared a conical receiver or cap of

zoic acid: the British defines it to be an "acid obtained from benzoin, and prepared by sublimation, not chemically pure."

Formerly the benzoin before sublimation was mixed with sand; but this is now usually omitted, as not only useless, but probably injurious by favoring the production of empyreumatic substances. The acid, which exists in the benzoin combined with resin, is volatilized by the heat, and condensed in the upper part of the apparatus. Unless the temperature be very carefully regulated, a portion of the resin is decomposed, and an oily substance generated, which rises with the acid, and gives it a brown color, from which it cannot be entirely freed by bibulous paper; and this result, even with the greatest caution, sometimes takes place. The process for subliming benzoic acid may be conducted in a glazed earthen vessel, surmounted by a cone of paper, or by another vessel with a small opening at the top, and a band of paper pasted round the place of junction. After the heat has been applied for an hour, the process should be suspended till the condensed acid is removed from the upper vessel or paper cone, when it may be renewed, and the acid again removed, and thus alternately till colored vapors rise. Mohr, after many experiments, recommends the following plan as unobjectionable. In a round cast-iron vessel, eight or nine inches in diameter and two inches deep, a pound or less of coarsely powdered benzoin is placed, and uniformly strewed over the bottom. The top of the vessel is closed by a sheet of bibulous paper, which is secured to the sides by paste. A cylinder of thick paper in the form of a hat, just large enough to fit closely around the sides of the pot, is then placed over it, and in like manner secured by paste. A moderate heat is now applied by means of a sand-bath, and continued for three or four hours. The vapors pass through the bibulous paper, which absorbs the empyreumatic oil, and are condensed within the hat in brilliant white flowers, having an agreeable odor of benzoin. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxix. 178.) The process official in U. S. P. 1870 was based upon Mohr's, but it frequently happens that the sublimed crystals, after they have formed in the cap, and whilst the sublimation is still going on, fall upon the bibulous paper, and if this paper should happen to be heated to only 120° C. (248° F.) the crystals will melt, and soon stop up the pores of the paper. If coarse muslin be substituted for the bibulous paper, it serves the purpose of retaining any empyreumatic substances, and yet permitting the vapors to pass through without becoming glazed by a deposit of melted acid. Strips of paper passed at irregular intervals across the cap prevent the falling back of crystals. The remaining acid of the benzoin may be extracted, if deemed advisable, by treating the residue of the balsam with lime or sodium carbonate. From the mode of preparing benzoic acid by sublimation, it was formerly called *flowers of benzoin.*

Another mode of separating the acid from benzoin is by combining it with a salifiable base and precipitating with an acid. Such is the process of Scheele. It consists in boiling the powdered benzoin with lime hydrate and water, filtering the solution of calcium benzoate thus obtained, and precipitating the benzoic acid with hydrochloric acid. In order to get the benzoic acid in the ordinary form, it has been proposed to sublime the acid after its precipitation.

Several other modes of extracting the acid have been recommended. The following is the process of Stolze. One part of the benzoin is dissolved in three parts of alcohol, the solution filtered and introduced into a retort, and the acid saturated by sodium carbonate dissolved in a mixture of eight parts of water and three of alcohol. The alcohol is distilled off; and the sodium benzoate contained in the residuary liquid is decomposed by sulphuric acid, which precipitates the benzoic acid. This is purified by solution in boiling water, which lets fall the acid when it cools. By this process Stolze obtained 18 per cent. of acid from benzoin containing 19·425 per cent. By the process of Scheele he obtained 13·5 per cent.; by the agency of sodium carbonate, 12 per cent.; by sublimation, only 7·6 per cent. Professor Scharling has prepared benzoic acid by means of heated steam, and obtained 8 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 236.)

The acid is manufactured very cheaply by synthetic methods. The two most commonly employed are those which start either with *toluene*, $C_6H_5CH_3$, or *naphtalin*, $C_{10}H_8$. In the first method the toluene is changed to benzotrichloride, $C_6H_5.CCl_3$, and this heated with water to 150° C. (302° F.) in closed vessels generates benzoic acid. By the second method naphtalin is changed first into naphtalin tetrachloride, and this by the action of nitric acid into phthalic acid, $C_6H_4(COOH)_2$. This is converted into a calcium phthalate and strongly heated with lime hydrate, whereby the phthalate is converted into calcium carbonate and benzoate;

thick, well-sized paper, of rather larger diameter than the dish, invert it over the latter, so as to fit closely around the rim. Next apply heat by means of a sand-bath, or of the iron plate of a stove, until, without much empyreuma, vapors of Benzoic Acid cease to rise. Lastly, separate the receiver from time to time, and remove the Benzoic Acid from it and the paper diaphragm, as long as the Acid continues to be deposited." *U. S.* 1870.

this latter salt is then treated with hydrochloric acid, and the benzoic acid thus set free. This acid is frequently resublimed in contact with benzoin, in order to give it the vanilla-like odor of the acid sublimed from the gum.

Under the name of *German benzoic acid*, there has been largely imported into the United States benzoic acid prepared from the urine of cattle and horses by boiling the calcium hippurate with hydrochloric acid. By boiling the hippuric acid thus separated with hydrochloric acid, it is split into benzoic acid and glycocoll,* according to the reaction $C_9H_9NO_3 + H_2O = C_2H_5NO_2 + C_7H_6O_2$. It is white, has a fine lustre, and is said to be very pure, but sometimes has a slight urinous odor indicative of its origin. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 23; *P. J. Tr.*, July, 1875.) Owing to the scarcity in the market of benzoin yielding paying quantities of benzoic acid, it is asserted that the English manufacturers employ certain varieties of Botany Bay gum (*Gum acroides*), and obtain a larger yield of an acid which was at one time regarded as cinnamic, but has been shown to be benzoic acid. (*N. R.*, Feb. 1879.) Benzoic acid may also be prepared profitably from *suint*, the greasy substance obtained by washing wool. (*Chemist and Druggist*, 1876, p. 358.)

Properties. Sublimed benzoic acid is in "white, or yellowish-white, lustrous scales or friable needles, odorless, or having a slight, characteristic odor resembling that of benzoin, and of a warm, acid taste; somewhat volatile at a moderately warm temperature, and rendered darker by exposure to light." From solution the acid crystallizes in transparent prisms. When quite pure it is inodorous; but prepared by sublimation from the balsam it has a peculiar, agreeable, aromatic odor, dependent on the presence of an oil, which may be separated by dissolving the acid in alcohol and precipitating it with water. Its taste is warm, acrid, and acidulous. It is unalterable in the air, but at 121·5° C. (250° F.) melts, and at a somewhat higher temperature rises in suffocating vapors. Sp. gr. 1·29. The Br. Pharmacopœia gives as its melting point 120° C. (248° F.), and boiling point 238·9° C. (462° F.). It is inflammable, burning without residue. One hundred parts of 90 per cent. alcohol dissolve about forty parts, whilst the same quantity of pure ether will dissolve about thirty parts. (*Bourgoin.*) The addition of borax or sodium phosphate increases its solubility. It is readily dissolved by alcohol, and by concentrated sulphuric and nitric acids, from which it is precipitated by water. "Soluble, when pure, in about 500 parts of water, and in 2 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.); in 15 parts of boiling water, and in 1 part of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 3 parts of ether, 7 parts of chloroform, and readily soluble in carbon disulphide, benzol, fixed and volatile oils, but sparingly soluble in benzin." *U. S.* It is entirely soluble in solutions of potassa, soda, or ammonia, from which it is precipitated by hydrochloric acid. On carefully neutralizing any of these solutions and adding solution of ferric sulphate previously diluted with water, a flesh-colored precipitate is produced. Its solution reddens litmus paper, and it forms salts with salifiable bases called benzoates.

"Benzoic Acid volatilizes freely with the vapor of water. On heating it to 100° C. (212° F.), it begins to sublime. At 121·4° C. (250·5° F.) it melts, and at a higher temperature it is consumed without leaving a residue. The acid sublimed from benzoin has a lower melting point, and a greater solubility in water. Benzoic Acid has an acid reaction. On heating Benzoic Acid gradually, with 3 parts of freshly slaked lime, in a retort, benzol is evolved. The Acid is freely soluble in solutions of alkali hydrates. On carefully neutralizing such a solution, and adding ferric chloride test-solution, previously diluted with 2 volumes of water, and neutralized, if necessary, by ammonia, a flesh-colored precipitate of ferric benzoate is produced. A solution of Benzoic Acid in pure, cold sulphuric acid, when gently warmed, should not turn darker than light brown; if it is then poured into water, the Benzoic Acid should separate as a white precipitate, and the liquid should be colorless (absence of *readily carbonizable, organic matters*). If 0·5 Gm. of the Acid and 0·8 Gm. of calcium carbonate be mixed with a little water in a crucible, the mixture dried, gently ignited, and then dissolved in water, with the aid of nitric acid in slight excess, so as to obtain 20 C.c. of filtrate, the addition of silver nitrate test-solution to the latter should not produce much more opalescence (if at all) than is produced by the same reagent in a solution measuring 20 C.c. prepared by dissolving 0·8 Gm. of the same calcium carbonate in water with the aid of nitric acid (absence of more than traces of *chlorine*). On warming 0·5 Gm. of the Acid with 5 C.c. of water and 0·5 Gm. of potassium permanganate in a test-tube loosely stoppered and placed in a water-bath heated to about 45° C. (113° F.), then tightly stoppering, and cooling the test-tube with cold water, upon re-

*Cazeneuve recommends the precipitation of the acid from urine by the use of zinc sulphate, as zinc hippurate, decomposing with hydrochloric acid. (*Zeitschr. Oest. Ap. Ver.*, 1879, p. 2.)

moving the stopper, no odor of oil of bitter almond should be discernible (absence of *cinnamic acid*)." *U. S.*

Benzoic acid is a characteristic constituent of the balsams, and has been found in various other vegetable and some animal products. When heated, it should sublime without residue; but the Br. Pharmacopœia allows a slight residue for impurities.

Potassium permanganate has been depended upon more than any other reagent to distinguish between benzoic acids as obtained from different sources. Schacht proposes the following modification of the German Pharmacopœia test: if 3 grains of benzoic acid be dissolved in 96 minims of solution of potassa, sp. gr. 1·777, diluted with 96 minims of distilled water, and 10 drops of a solution made by dissolving 1 grain of potassium permanganate in 200 grains of water be added to it and the whole heated to boiling, dark green liquids (in which brown precipitates gradually appear) are produced if the benzoic acid be obtained from urine, from toluol, or from commercial benzoin, whilst if the benzoic acid be from Siam benzoin (sublimed or made by wet process) decoloration of the liquids and brown precipitates are produced, due to the presence of cinnamic acid. (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 1881, 565.) The odor of bitter almonds confirms the presence of cinnamic acid.

Medical Properties and Uses. Benzoic acid is irritant to the alimentary mucous membrane, and as a stimulant expectorant is of some value in *chronic bronchitis* and the later stages of the acute disorder. It is, however, chiefly used in connection with *genito-urinary* diseases. It was proposed by Dr. Alexander Ure as a remedy for *uric acid deposits* in the urine, and for the chalk-like concretions, consisting of sodium urate, in the joints of gouty individuals. He supposed it to operate by converting the uric into hippuric acid, and consequently the insoluble urates into soluble hippurates. It appears, however, that such a transformation of uric acid does not take place, but that the benzoic acid is itself converted into hippuric acid, which is always found in the urine when the former acid is taken freely. Garrod and Kletzinsky affirm that, though the uric acid is unaffected, the urea is decidedly diminished; and Kletzinsky believes that the quantity of nitrogen contained in the urea lost is almost exactly represented by the nitrogen of the hippuric acid formed; so that the benzoic acid is probably converted into the hippuric by combination with a nitrogenous body, either derived from the urea or formed at the expense of it. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1860, p. 110.) On the other hand, Ure, Leroy d'Etiolles, and Debouy declare that the uric acid is greatly lessened, and Keller, Meissner, and Shepard have found that the elimination of urea is not affected. In consequence of the acid state of the urine produced by benzoic acid, it has been found useful in the *phosphatic* variety of *gravel;* though its beneficial influence, being purely chemical, continues only during its use. It is said to have cured *nocturnal incontinence* of urine. It has been very highly recommended in ammoniacal *cystitis* by Prof. Gosselin. (*Arch. Gén.*, Nov. 1874.) The urine is rendered neutral or acid, and great relief afforded. In calculous cases a great advantage is the prevention of the formation of the ammoniaco-magnesian phosphate. It is necessary to give very large doses. One gramme a day should be exhibited in the beginning, and increased rapidly to four grammes. Relief is never afforded before the fifth day; sometimes not until the nineteenth. Prof. Gosselin employs an emulsion of one part of benzoic acid, three parts of glycerin, and one hundred and fifty parts of mucilage. Dr. Lemaire (*Phila. Med. Times*, vol. iv. p. 638) commends most highly, in acute *gonorrhœa*, the use of half a drachm of tincture of cannabis Indica and fifteen grains of benzoic acid in twenty-four hours. As first pointed out by Dougall in 1872, benzoic acid is a powerful antiseptic, being probably fully as poisonous to bacteria as is salicylic or carbolic acid. Bucholz found that 0·2 per cent. of it has a decided influence upon the development of the organisms of putrefaction; and F. Baden Benger (*P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 211) states that one-fourth of a grain of it added to a fluidounce of infusion of orange, buchu, or gentian will cause the infusion to keep unchanged for at least one month.

Benzoic acid may be readily dissolved in water by the addition to it of four parts of sodium phosphate, or one part and a half of sodium biborate. The dose is from 10 to 30 grains (0·648–1·9 Gm.). It may be administered in pill, using soap as an excipient. It is an ingredient in some cosmetic washes, and has been employed by way of fumigation as a remedy in affections of the skin. It has also been employed as a local hæmostatic, in connection with alum, with considerable asserted success; but there can be little doubt that alum is the more efficient ingredient.

ACIDUM BORICUM. U. S., Br. Boric Acid. [Boracic Acid.]

H_3BO_3; 61·78. (ĂṢ'Ị-DŬM BŌ'RỊ-CŬM.) H_3BO_3; 62.

Acidum Boracicum; Boracic Acid; Acide borique, *Fr.*; Borsäure, *G.*

Boric acid occurs in small amount, most probably in combination as a magnesium salt, in sea-water and in certain mineral waters, as the hot springs of Wiesbaden, Aix-la-Chapelle, and Vichy; in certain mineral substances, such as the *borocalcite* which occurs in considerable quantities in the nitre-beds of Chili; and in the natural borax or *tincal*, first found in the basins of dried-up lagoons in Central Asia, but now obtained in large amount from Clear Lake, California. The largest amount is extracted, under the name of *sassolin*, from the lagoons of the volcanic districts of Tuscany, and from the crater of Vulcano, one of the Lipari Islands.

Preparation. In the neighborhood of Monte Rotondo, Lago Zolforeo, Sasso, and Larderello are found numerous hillocks and fissures, the latter of which emit hot aqueous vapor containing boric acid and certain gases. Around one or several of these fissures, called *suffioni*, a circular basin of masonry is built, which is filled with water and called a lagoon. By the jets of vapor constantly breaking through it, the water becomes gradually impregnated with boric acid and heated. A series of such lagoons are made to communicate with each other on the declivity of a hill, and the lowest to discharge itself into a reservoir, where the solution is allowed to rest and deposit mechanical impurities. From this reservoir the solution is made to pass into leaden evaporating pans, heated by the natural vapor, where it receives sufficient concentration to fit it for being conducted into wooden tubs, where it is allowed to cool and crystallize. The crude acid thus obtained contains, on an average, 75 per cent. of boric acid; the impurities consisting chiefly of alum, the double ammonium and magnesium sulphate, and calcium sulphate. The production of Tuscan boric acid for the year 1887 was stated to be 3500 tons, in addition to 500 tons of borax made direct at the works, while that for 1891 was 3831 metric tons.

The native borax of California supplies, at present, the entire American demand for boric acid. In 1891 California and Nevada together produced 11,830,000 pounds, and in 1892, 14,243,099 pounds. The free acid is obtained by decomposing the salt in aqueous solution with strong hydrochloric acid.

Properties. Boric acid forms "Transparent, colorless scales, of a somewhat pearly lustre, or, when in perfect crystals, six-sided, triclinic plates, slightly unctuous to the touch, odorless, having a faintly bitterish taste, and permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 25·6 parts of water, and in 15 parts of alcohol; also soluble in 10 parts of glycerin. Addition of hydrochloric acid increases its solubility in water." *U. S.* Boric acid has a sp. gr of 1·434, dissolves in three parts of boiling water and in volatile oils, but is insoluble in ether. On evaporation of the alcoholic solution, the boric acid volatilizes even more readily than from the aqueous solution. Glycerin, when heated, dissolves a very large quantity of boric acid. (See *Glyceritum Boroglycerini*; also *Boroglyceride*, Part II.*) Its aqueous solution tastes somewhat acid, colors litmus paper a wine red, and changes turmeric paper to a brown color, analogous to that produced by alkalies, even when hydrochloric acid is present. On moistening the paper so browned and then dried with caustic alkali solution, it turns first blue and then a dirty gray color. "When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), Boric Acid loses water, forming metaboric acid (HBO_2), which slowly volatilizes at that temperature. Heated to 160° C. (320° F.), it fuses to a glassy mass of tetraboric (or pyroboric) acid ($H_2B_4O_7$); at a higher temperature the fused mass swells up, loses all of its water, and becomes boron trioxide (B_2O_3), which fuses into a transparent, non-volatile mass. From a boiling solution, Boric Acid readily volatilizes. The solution in alcohol or glycerin burns with a flame enveloped with a green-colored mantle. An aqueous solution (1 in 50) of Boric Acid colors blue litmus paper red, but yellow turmeric paper brownish-red after drying, even when the solution had been acidulated with hydrochloric acid; this brownish-red color is changed to bluish-black by ammonia water." *U. S.*

Boric acid is a weak acid, or may even act as a base. Thus, with sulphuric and phosphoric acids it forms compounds which may be considered as salts. Its compounds with bases, when in solution, are readily decomposed by other acids, but at red heat boric oxide will displace many of the stronger but more volatile acids. "A 2-per-cent. aqueous solution of the Acid should not be precipitated by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*); silver nitrate test-solution with nitric acid (absence of *chloride*); ammonium sulphide test-solution (*lead*, *copper*, *iron*, etc.); ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); or sodium phosphate test-solution

* *Antibacteride.* For an account of this substance see U. S. D., 16th ed.

and ammonia water (*magnesium*). No odor of *ammonia* should be evolved by heating the Acid with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution. In a solution of 1 Gm. of Boric Acid in a mixture of 1 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and 49 C.c. of water, 0·5 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution should not at once produce a blue color (limit of *iron*). A fragment heated on a platinum wire (thoroughly cleansed by washing and heating, until it no longer colors the flame) should not impart to the non-luminous flame a persistent yellow color (absence of *sodium*)." *U. S.* M. Schäuffele, of Paris, has drawn attention to a commercial boric acid containing lead. (*N. R.*, July, 1877.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The physiological action of boric acid and its salts is a very feeble one, yet severe and even fatal cases of poisoning from it have been reported. The symptoms have been great depression of spirits, fall of bodily temperature, a pulse which is either rapid or slow but always very feeble, nausea, violent vomiting, hiccough, sometimes an erythematous eruption accompanied with much œdematous swelling, ecchymoses, disturbance of respiration, and, very late in the poisoning, coma followed by death. The acid escapes rapidly from the system, and to some extent through all the secretions, but especially by the urine. It has been demonstrated by E. T. Stewart and H. C. Wood to act as a depressant upon the spinal centres, and also to have a depressant influence upon the heart itself.

Boric acid and its salts are usually poisonous to the lower forms of life, and have considerable antiseptic power, but the experiments of Sternberg and of Andrews have shown that this influence is too feeble to be depended upon against pathogenetic germs. The acid acts upon mucous membranes as a soothing detergent, is nearly free from irritating properties, and is much used as a local application in mucous membrane inflammations, such as *conjunctivitis*, *aphthous ulceration of the mouth*, and even *diphtheria*.

In antiseptic surgery the remedy has been tried, but has failed to take rank with more powerful agents. A lint made by saturating ordinary patent lint, or an ointment produced by melting one part each of spermaceti and white wax with six parts of vaseline and adding while hot two to four parts of a saturated glycerite of boric acid, may be used. In treating wounds, it is often desirable to use a solution containing more than 4 per cent. of boric acid (the extent of its solubility in water). Jacnicke proposes for this purpose a mixture of equal parts of boric acid and borax, of which 16 per cent. is soluble in water at ordinary temperature. It is said to be non-irritating, non-poisonous, and efficacious: being soluble to the extent of 30 per cent. in water at the temperature of the blood, the solution can be applied to the interior of organs, and on cooling the crystals of the compound separate. (*A. J. P.*, 1892, 97.) In *ammoniacal cystitis* boric acid may be given internally, and the washing out of the bladder with a saturated solution of the acid or of borax often acts most happily. Dose of the acid, ten grains (0·647 Gm.) three to six times a day; strength of the solution for use on the conjunctiva or other mucous membrane, from five grains to the ounce up to saturation.

Fatal cases of boric acid poisoning have been produced by the immoderate use of its solution in washing out internal cavities. Two ounces of boric acid in the vagina produced violent poisoning, but were recovered from.

The tendency of the crystals of boric acid to slip from under the pestle renders the process of pulverization very tedious. It is essential that the acid be in an impalpable powder when it is desired to make an ointment. The gradual addition of ether to the acid has been suggested as a valuable aid to trituration. Boric acid ointment (Lister's) is made from one part each of boric acid and white wax, and two parts each of oil of sweet almonds and paraffin.

ACIDUM CARBOLICUM. U. S., Br. Carbolic Acid. (Phenol.)

C_6H_5OH; 93·78. (ĂC'Ị-DŬM CĂR-BŎL'Ị-CŬM.) C_6H_5HO; 94.

"A constituent of coal-tar, obtained by fractional distillation, and subsequently purified. Carbolic Acid should be kept in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

An acid obtained from coal-tar oil by fractional distillation and subsequent purification. *Br.*

Acidum Phenicum s. Phenylicum Crystallisatum; Phenic Acid; Phenylic Acid; Phenol; Phenylic Alcohol; Acide carbolique, Hydrate de Phényle, Acide phénique, *Fr.*; Carbolsäure, Phenylsäure, Phenylalkohol, *G.*

This important medicine was discovered in 1834, in the tar of coal, by Runge, who gave it the name of carbolic acid. When on the subject of its composition, we shall have occasion to show that, although more closely related chemically with the alcohols than the acids, it belongs to a peculiar class known in common as *phenols*.

Preparation. For the commercial preparation of carbolic acid that portion of the heavy oil of coal-tar is taken which distils over between 165° C. (329° F.) and 190° C. (374° F.)

(*Dead oil*). One or two rectifications of this oil serve to concentrate the carbolic acid greatly. A brown oil obtained in this way is used directly as crude carbolic acid. (See *Acidum Carbolicum Crudum*.) If this be well mixed with strong soda solution, a crystalline mass of sodium phenol will separate, from which fluid hydrocarbons and other impurities can be poured off. This sodium phenol can then be heated to about 170° C. (338° F.) without decomposition, whereby many of the adhering compounds distil off or are decomposed. After this roasting, the sodium phenol is dissolved in 10 parts of water, whereby still other foreign substances are separated. An amount of hydrochloric or dilute sulphuric acid calculated from a special test with a small portion, as just sufficient, is then added in order to set the carbolic acid free. It separates as an oily layer upon the surface, and, after being washed with a saturated solution of common salt, is dried over calcium chloride and again distilled. The product thus obtained crystallizes out largely on a cooled surface, and, after removing the crystals from adhering liquid, and drying them by pressure, they are again submitted to the same process of distillation. Only by such a detailed procedure can carbolic acid be separated from its homologues, like cresol (cresylic acid), $C_6H_4(CH_3)OH$, which accompany it, smell exactly like it, and boil between 185° C. (365° F.) and 200° C. (392° F.).

Prof. Church (*Chem. News*, Oct. 13, 1871) proposes to prepare *pure* carbolic acid by agitating the best commercial product with 20 parts of water, siphoning off the clear solution from the undissolved portion which retains the impurities, and adding to the solution pure common salt to saturation, when the purified acid rises to the top, and may afterwards be dehydrated by distillation with lime.

Within recent years German manufacturers have put upon the market "*synthetical carbolic acid*," for which is claimed a greater purity than that extracted from coal-tar. It may be made synthetically in one of two ways,—either from benzene, which is converted into *benzene-sulphonic acid*, the sodium salt of which is then fused with an excess of caustic soda, producing sodium carbolate and sodium sulphite, from which, on the addition of sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, the phenol separates and may be distilled off; or a pure aniline oil is taken, neutralized with sulphuric acid, and to the acid solution sodium nitrite is added. The nitrous acid liberated forms at first *diazobenzene sulphate;* but this at once decomposes into phenol, sulphuric acid, and nitrogen, the reactions being as follows:

$$(C_6H_5NH_2)_2H_2SO_4 + 2HNO_2 = (C_6H_5N{=}N)_2SO_4 + 4H_2O;$$
$$(C_6H_5N{=}N)_2SO_4 + 2H_2O = 2C_6H_5OH + H_2SO_4 + 4N.$$

The synthetic acid melts at 41°–42° C., and boils at 178° C. (352·4° F.). It is as yet considerably dearer than the coal-tar carbolic acid.

Commercial Forms. In one of his publications in reference to carbolic acid, Dr. F. Crace Calvert, to whom probably more than to any other person is owing the introduction of this substance into use in Great Britain and the United States, informed us that the carbolic acid obtained by Laurent, melting at 34° C. (93° F.), and boiling at 186° C. (367° F.), was not quite pure. By successive steps of improvement in the process employed by the manufacturing house at Manchester with which he is connected, they had at length succeeded in preparing the pure crystallized acid, without color or sulphurous odor; but, unfortunately, this statement is not accompanied with an account of the means by which the end had been attained. As the products of this factory are those now generally used, a brief notice, derived from the same source, of the forms of the drug prepared by them, and now circulating in the market, is desirable. 1. A pure acid is prepared, crystallizing in white prismatic crystals, but, as usually sold, in a white, hard, fused mass, which differs from Laurent's in being soluble in 20 parts of water instead of 33 parts, fusible at 41° C. (106° F.) instead of 34° C. (93° F.), and boiling at 182° C. (359° F.) instead of 186° C. (367° F.). This should be preferred for internal use. 2. The second form is less pure. Like Laurent's, it is white, solid, and fusible at 34° C. (93° F.), and may be employed for external purposes, whether in medicine or surgery. 3. A third quality is known in commerce as solution No. 4, which is not crystallizable at ordinary temperatures, and contains at least 10 per cent. of water, with varying quantities of homologous acids. 4. The fourth and cheapest form is that of a nearly colorless liquid, which is a mixture of carbolic and cresylic acids. Diluted with 100 parts of water or more, it may be used for the coarser antiseptic and disinfecting purposes out of doors, as in cess-pools and sewers. Besides these forms of carbolic acid, which issue from the manufacturing establishment of the Messrs. Calvert, there are others from different sources, generally in the liquid state, which are usually of a brownish color, and consist of mixtures of carbolic acid with cresylic acid, coloring matter, etc., and of which carbolic acid often constitutes but a small

proportion. These are often imported from Germany. They should not be used internally; but for disinfectant and antiseptic purposes they are probably equal to solutions of the pure acid, as the cresylic acid is said to be quite as powerfully disinfectant as the carbolic, if not more so.

These impure liquors are sold sometimes under the improper name of *coal-tar creosote*. They are recognized in the U. S. Pharmacopœia under the name of "Acidum Carbolicum Crudum."

Properties. Carbolic acid, in its pure state, is a solid at ordinary temperatures, crystallizing in minute plates or long rhomboidal needles, white or colorless, of a peculiar odor recalling that of creosote, and an acrid burning taste. Its sp. gr. is 1·065. (*Lemaire.*) It is apt to be colored pinkish or brown under the influence of light and air. This reddening has been ascribed to various causes, such as ammonia and ammonium nitrite in the air, rust-spots in tinned iron vessels, alkali in glass vessels, organic matter, etc.; it is probably due to several of these causes, one or more acting at the same time. Demant recommends the removal of the red color by adding to 89 parts of the melted acid 11 parts of alcohol, subjecting the mixture to freezing, and then draining off the portion remaining liquid. Perfectly white crystals can be thus obtained. A slight discoloration does not interfere with any of the medical uses of the acid. Carbolic acid deliquesces on exposure, and becomes liquid; and the presence of water in the smallest proportion causes it to liquefy. It is customary to add 10 per cent. of water or glycerin to carbolic acid for dispensing, as it is more convenient to use in a liquid form. (See p. 43.) When diluted it has a sweetish taste with a slightly burning after-taste, and a faintly acid reaction. When quite pure it melts at 41° C. (106° F.), forming an oily-looking, colorless liquid, and boils at 182° C. (359° F.). (*Calvert.*) But, as often met with, its point of fusion is lower, and that of volatilization higher, than those named. "When gently heated, Carbolic Acid melts, forming a highly refractive liquid. It is also liquefied by the addition of about 8 per cent. of water. If the Acid be liquefied by a gentle heat, and then slowly cooled, under constant stirring, until it is partly recrystallized, the semi-liquid mass should show a temperature (remaining stationary for a short time) not lower than 35° C. (95° F.). The Acid should have a boiling point not higher than 188° C. (370·4° F.). A lower boiling point, or a higher melting point, indicates a purer or less hydrated acid. When heated upon a water-bath, the Acid should be volatilized without leaving a residue. The vapor of the Acid is inflammable." *U. S.* The British gives its melting point at 33° C. (91·5° F.), and its boiling point at 188·3° C. (371° F.), both Pharmacopœias, therefore, admitting considerable impurity. Carbolic acid is inflammable, burning with a reddish flame. It is "soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 15 parts of water, the solubility varying according to the degree of hydration of the acid. Very soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzol, carbon disulphide, glycerin, fixed and volatile oils. Almost insoluble in benzin." *U. S.* Its solubility in water increases on heating the water; at 84° C. (183·2° F.) both liquids are miscible in all proportions. Its solution is, if pure, colorless, and remains so; but, if impure, is colored brownish by exposure. It is but slightly soluble in cold petroleum benzin, but dissolves largely on heating.

"The aqueous solution of the Acid yields, with bromine water, a white precipitate which at first redissolves, but becomes permanent as more of the reagent is added, and appears crystalline when viewed under the microscope. On adding to 10 C.c. of a 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the Acid, 1 drop of ferric chloride test-solution, the liquid acquires a violet-blue color which is permanent; and on adding Carbolic Acid either to albumen or to collodion, coagulation takes place (difference from *creosote*). One volume of cold, liquefied Carbolic Acid (rendered liquid by the addition of 8 per cent. of water) forms, with 1 volume of glycerin, a clear liquid which is not rendered turbid by the addition of 3 volumes of water (absence of *creosote* or of *cresylic acid*). If 0·039 Gm. of Carbolic Acid be tested by the method immediately following, there should be required for its complete conversion into tribromophenol not less than 24 C.c. of bromine decinormal volumetric solution (each C.c. of the volumetric solution corresponding to 4 per cent. of absolute Phenol)." *U. S.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 gives a method of valuing carbolic acid as follows:

"**Valuation of Carbolic Acid.** Dissolve 1·563 Gm. of the Carbolic Acid to be valued, in a sufficient quantity of water to make 1000 C.c. Transfer 25 C.c. of this solution (containing 0·039 Gm. of the acid) to a glass-stoppered bottle having a capacity of about 200 C.c., add 30 C.c. of bromine decinormal volumetric solution (which is 5 C.c. more than would be required if the carbolic acid in the solution were absolute phenol, the excess being added to promote the formation and separation of tribromophenol), then 5 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and immediately insert the stopper. Shake the bottle repeatedly in the course of half an hour,

then remove the stopper just sufficiently to introduce quickly 5 C.c. of a 20-per-cent. aqueous solution of potassium iodide, being careful that no bromine vapor escapes, and immediately stopper the bottle. Shake the latter thoroughly, remove the stopper and rinse it and the neck of the bottle with a little water, so that the washings may flow into the bottle, and then add, from a burette, sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution, until the iodine tint is exactly discharged, using towards the end a few drops of starch test-solution as indicator. Note the number of C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution consumed. Deduct this from 30 (the number of C.c. of bromine volumetric solution originally added), and multiply the remainder by 4. The product will, approximately, represent the percentage of absolute Phenol in the Carbolic Acid tested." *U. S.*

Though nearly neutral to test-paper, it combines feebly with some bases; its salts being decomposed by carbonic acid, and those with the alkalies having an alkaline reaction. The potassium carbolate is said to be decomposed even by water. Nitric acid converts it into picric acid, for the manufacture of which it is largely used. It reduces many metallic salts, especially those of silver and copper, and coagulates collodion. Bromine water, added in excess to a weak solution, produces a flocculent white precipitate. This precipitate, which consists of tribromophenol, is so insoluble that it separates even in the most dilute solutions, and affords an extremely delicate test. In 24 hours a solution containing but $\frac{1}{60000}$ of phenol gives the reaction. (Allen, *Com. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., vol. ii. p. 540.) If an aqueous solution of phenol be gently warmed with ammonium and solution of sodium hypochlorate (avoiding excess), a deep blue color is obtained, which is lasting, but turns to red on the addition of acids. Solutions containing 1 part of phenol in 5000 parts of water react well when 20 C.c. are employed. Much smaller quantities give the reaction after a time. (*Ibid.*, p. 539.) Ferric chloride (avoiding excess) gives a fine violet color, by which 1 part of phenol in 3000 parts of water can be detected. The presence even of neutral salts often interferes with this reaction.

Carbolic acid in solution coagulates albumen and collodion, arrests fermentation, instantly destroys the lower forms of vegetable and animal life, and, in very small proportion, prevents mouldiness in vegetable juices, and protects animal substances against putrefaction.

The substances with which carbolic acid is most likely to be confounded are cresylic acid and creosote, the former, like it, extracted from coal-tar, the latter from wood-tar exclusively. As cresylic acid is incapable of crystallizing at ordinary temperatures, the two cannot be confounded in the solid state, and, as before observed, its presence in the liquid state is of little consequence; as its virtues are of the same kind, and at least equal. Its boiling point, however, is considerably higher than that of carbolic acid, being about 400°; and it may, therefore, be supposed to be present in any suspected liquid which will not crystallize at any common temperature, or boil under 202° C. (395° F.) to 204° C. (400° F.). It is also distinguished by being less soluble in water, ammonia, glycerin, and solution of soda than is the case with carbolic acid, but it is more soluble in petroleum benzin. (Allen.) (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1879.) Creosote is distinguished by its lower density, its liquid form, and its higher boiling point; by its insolubility in strong ammonia, or in 6-per-cent. soda solution, as well as its insolubility in pure glycerin (see *Creosotum*); by not coagulating collodion and albumen; and by the different effects on it of strong nitric acid, which with carbolic acid produces pure picric or trinitrophenic acid, and with creosote, oxalic acid, resinous matter, and but a small proportion of picric acid. (Calvert, *Lancet*, 1863, p. 523.) Carbolic acid differs also in having no effect on polarized light.

The commercial carbolic acid powders and liquids all contain not only cresylic acid, but also nearly inactive and valueless neutral tar oils, and it is important to be able to determine the percentage of the *tar acids* and that of simple *tar oils* in a commercial sample. Prof. John Muter (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1887, p. 581) has worked out a simple method for this, based upon the following four observed facts: 1st, phenol, cresol, and their homologues are completely soluble when shaken up with a 5-per-cent. solution of sodium hydrate; 2d, liquefied phenol and the corresponding cresol are insoluble in a saturated solution of sodium chloride; 3d, in the presence of a sufficient excess of alkali even a largely diluted solution may be boiled down without the slightest appreciable loss of phenol or cresol; 4th, tar oils and naphtalin are only very slightly dissolved by alkali, and may be perfectly removed from the solution by agitating it with benzol.

Prof. E. W. Davy proposes, as a test for carbolic acid, sulpho-molybdic acid, made by dissolving 1 part of molybdic acid in 10 or even 100 parts of pure concentrated sulphuric acid; 3 or 4 drops of this solution are added to the carbolic acid placed on white porcelain: a beau-

tiful blue coloration will be produced upon standing, particularly if the liquid be gently heated; if this reagent is applied to wood creosote in aqueous solution, a brownish-red color is produced. Carbolic acid in creosote may be detected by distilling an aqueous solution of the mixture: the first portion of the distillate will give the reaction for creosote, the last portion that for carbolic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, June 22, 1878.)

Composition. The view of the composition of carbolic acid now universally accepted is that it is the hydroxyl (OH) derivative of benzene, C_6H_6, and its formula would therefore be C_6H_5,OH. This would ally it to the alcohols, and it may be compared in fact to what are known as *tertiary* alcohols. The *primary* alcohols, like ethyl alcohol, C_2H_5OH, yield corresponding aldehydes and acids on oxidation. The counterpart of these in the aromatic series are the aromatic alcohols, like $C_6H_5.CH_2OH$, which yield benzoic acid, C_6H_5COOH, on oxidation. The name *phenols* has therefore been given to these derivatives in which H of the benzene group is replaced by OH. It is commonly called *carbolic acid*, but its claims to be considered as an acid are very feeble; as, though it combines with salifiable bases, it is incapable of neutralizing the alkalies, does not affect the color of litmus, and may be separated from its combinations with great facility, sometimes, it is asserted, even by water. Shaken in the liquid form with one-fourth of water, and cooled to 40° F., it crystallizes in the form of a hydrate, $C_6H_5,OH + H_2O$, which fuses at 17° C. (62·6° F.).

Medical Properties and Uses. Carbolic acid, in the liquid form, is locally, powerfully irritant and anæsthetic, and, applied undiluted to the skin, causes a sharp pain followed by numbness, and accompanied with a whiteness of the surface, due to the coagulation of albumen. In contact with mucous surfaces it acts in the same way, and if continued long enough may produce a superficial caustic effect. When applied externally or taken internally with sufficient freedom it is a most fatal, rapidly-acting poison. The symptoms are usually developed very rapidly; indeed, death has occurred in two or three minutes, the patient dying in immediate coma and collapse. After small amounts the symptoms, which may be delayed for several minutes, are nausea, cold sweats, marked pallor of the skin, stupor rapidly deepening into complete insensibility, a feeble pulse, which is usually rapid, but has been in some cases much slower than normal, and great disturbance of the breathing. The respirations are usually hurried and shallow, often very irregular, sometimes paroxysmally arrested. There is usually paralysis both of sensation and motion, but in some cases violent epileptiform convulsions have occurred. An almost diagnostic symptom is a blackish coloration of the urine. In severe poisoning the latter fluid is apt to contain both albumen and tube-casts. Half an ounce of carbolic acid has caused death, and one and a half ounces have been recovered from. When carbolic acid is employed externally the symptoms develop slowly: the dark discoloration of the urine is especially marked, and its presence should be the signal for disuse of the remedy. Death is generally due to paralysis of the respiratory centres; although the heart is powerfully depressed and death may happen by syncope: indeed, carbolic acid is an overpowering, paralyzing poison to all higher tissues. The lesions found after death have been whitish or blackish corrugated spots on the gastric mucous membrane, imperfect coagulability of the blood, and in some instances fatty degeneration of the hepatic cell and of the renal epithelium.

In therapeutic doses carbolic acid has no appreciable effect upon the general system. It is eliminated by all the emunctories, having been found by Lemaire in the breath of animals, but especially escapes through the kidneys, chiefly as a sulphocarbolic and glyco-uronic acid; but, after toxic doses, to some extent unchanged, and probably also in some part oxidized in hydrochinon, oxalic acid, and other educts. As an internal medicament carbolic acid is, at present, used almost solely for its sedative influence upon the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane and its antifermentative action upon the contents of the primæ viæ. It is especially useful in *vomiting* or *diarrhœa* when dependent upon excessive irritability of the gastric or intestinal mucous membrane. In yeasty vomiting, in flatulence, in diarrhœa with offensive passages, in *flatulent dyspepsia*, and in the fermentative diarrhœa connected with *intestinal dyspepsia*, it is very valuable in doses of from one to three drops, not oftener than once in two hours.

By far the most important property of carbolic acid, both as a therapeutic and as a sanative agent, is its destructive influence over the lower grades of organic life, whether vegetable or animal. In a solution containing only one part of the acid in 500 parts of water, it instantly destroys vegetable mould, both plant and spores, and operates with equal destructiveness upon minute or microscopic animalcules. Hoppe-Seyler gives as the result of his observation that all inferior organisms perish in a liquid containing 1 per cent. of the acid. (*Arch. Gén.*, 1873, p. 633.) Rosenbach injected dogs and rabbits with unhealthy pus with and without admixture of carbolic

acid, and found that death generally followed in the former case, while with the addition of 5 per cent. of carbolic acid no permanent injury resulted. (*Med. Record*, 1873, p. 427.) Through this power it checks the different proper fermentations, including the putrefactive, and thus acts powerfully as an antiseptic or disinfecting agent. In sufficient concentration it is undoubtedly capable of destroying germs of various diseases. Experiments have determined that, mixed with vaccine matter in the proportion of 2 per cent., it entirely destroys its efficacy, while in a much smaller proportion it has no effect. (*Arch. Gén.*, 1873, p. 632.)

But it is more as a topical than as an internal and systemic remedy that carbolic acid has been used; and its employment in this way has reference in general to its antiseptic and antizymotic property. As regards the mere correction of offensive odor by decomposition or neutralization of the effluvia on which the odor depends, there are other medicines much more energetic than carbolic acid, as chlorine, bromine, and potassium permanganate. Indeed, the probability is that it exercises no deodorizing influence beyond that of merely disguising the smell of the offensive exhalations by its own bad odor. Its real action is upon the cause of the exhalations. Most of these offensive odors depend upon a species of fermentation, the putrefactive for example, and carbolic acid, even in very dilute solution, is powerfully destructive of the organisms which cause fermentations, and consequently acts much more by preventing putrefactive exhalations than by destroying them. A piece of offensive animal matter is less speedily deodorized by carbolic acid than by potassium permanganate; but the former in a short time entirely suppresses the putrefaction, and the matter consequently ceases to smell because it ceases to putrefy; whereas under the mere chemical agent it is only by its constant presence that the odor is prevented, and the putrefaction goes on unchecked.

Through its parasiticidal influence, carbolic acid is highly useful, as a local application, in all the diseases which are connected with or dependent on the presence of microscopic plants or animals. Hence its use in *scabies*, in which it destroys the itch insect, in the different forms of *porrigo* and *trichosis*, in *pityriasis versicolor*, in the *thrush* of infants, and in all cases of minute vermin affecting the human body. In these cases it is applied to the parts affected in weak solution, or in the form of ointment, but care must be taken to avoid poisoning by it. Offensive diphtheritic exudations, putrid ulcers wherever they can be reached, and suppuration with a similar offensive odor, whether on the outer surface, or from the mucous passages, as of the nose, bronchial tubes, external meatus, urinary outlets, the rectum, and, in females, the vagina, afford similar indications for its use. Its use as a vermicide is too dangerous to be justifiable. It is a very valuable remedy in the treatment of compound fractures, and other surgical or accidental wounds. As success in the so-called *antiseptic* surgery is dependent upon close attention to numerous details, the reader is referred to works upon antiseptic surgery for further information upon the subject. It has been highly recommended as a dentifrice in carious teeth with offensive breath, and to keep the teeth and gums clean from tartar or other morbid deposit consequent upon, or at least connected with, the presence of minute parasitic organisms in these parts. Introduced on cotton, in a concentrated liquid state, into the cavity of a carious tooth, it quickly relieves pain by its local anæsthetic action; but care must be taken to prevent it from touching the lips or the internal surface of the mouth. In cases, too, of morbidly offensive secretion in the axilla and groin, between the toes, etc., it may be used in the form of solution or ointment with hope of benefit.

Independently of its disinfectant properties, it may be employed locally, in weak solution, as a gentle irritant or alterative, or concentrated, as a mild escharotic,* in chronic indolent or flabby *ulcers*, or in those of a specific character, as the syphilitic, in cutaneous eruptions independent of cryptogamic cause, and in non-suppurative chronic or even acute inflammation of the mucous membranes, as in common *angina*. In *scalds* and *burns* it is said to have proved very useful. In concentrated form carbolic acid is a mild caustic, which may be used with advantage in the treatment of *warts*, *corns*, and other epidermal growths.

The stomach pump or the india-rubber tube siphon should be employed in carbolic acid poisoning, after the administration of the antidote, the benumbing of the stomach being such that emetics usually will not act. M. Husemann recommended as an antidote the *saccharate of lime*, prepared by dissolving 16 parts of sugar in 40 parts of distilled water, adding 5 parts

* Dr. Robert Battey, of Rome, Ga., in the *Amer. Pract.*, Feb. 1877, suggests a combination with iodine, as a uterine escharotic and alterative, under the name of *Iodized Phenol*, prepared by "gently warming one ounce of crystallized carbolic acid with half an ounce of iodine." This may be diluted, if necessary, with an equal bulk of glycerin. Under the name of *Iodated Phenol* a weaker preparation has been used, made by dissolving 4 grains each of iodine and carbolic acid in 10 drachms of glycerin. *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 14.

of caustic lime, digesting it three days with occasional agitation, then filtering and evaporating to dryness. The resulting saccharate should be given in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1873, p. 222.) The discovery, however, of Baumann and Hueter that the *soluble sulphates*, especially the *sodium sulphate*, form with carbolic acid harmless sulpho-carbolates, and are capable of neutralizing the poison even after its absorption into the blood, has been abundantly confirmed by Dr. David Cerna and others, and in *sulphuric acid* and *the innocuous soluble sulphates* we have very certain antidotes, which should be given both promptly and in excess.

The dose of carbolic acid is one to three grains (0·064–0·19 Gm.), or of the acid in its concentrated liquid form one to three drops (0·06–0·18 C.c.), which may be given in half a fluidounce or a fluidounce of sweetened water. An excellent menstruum is glycerin, which dissolves it in all proportions; and a preparation is at present official in the British Ph., consisting of an ounce of carbolic acid dissolved in four fluidounces of glycerin, of which about four minims represent a grain of the acid. From this solution formulas may be readily prepared, either for internal or for external use, by diluting it with water. (See *Glyceritum Acidi Carbolici.*)

For external use the strength varies greatly according to the object desired. When applied with a view to its superficial escharotic action, as in gangrenous or specific ulcers, it may be used in the solid state properly comminuted, or in the strongest liquid form. In this condition it may be readily obtained by placing the bottle containing it in hot water. Bufalini recommends its combination with camphor, under the name of *Camphorated Phenol*, asserting that the camphor moderates the caustic and disorganizing action of the phenol without destroying its useful effects; he prepares it by mixing one part of carbolic acid with two parts of camphor, allowing the mixture to stand some hours, and purifying by washing with water; it is a liquid of reddish-yellow color, having the smell of camphor, insoluble in water, and soluble in alcohol and ether. For the skin affections one part of the acid may be dissolved in one hundred or two hundred parts of water; or the impure liquid acid may be used, diluted in the same proportion. M. Bazin uses a solution of one part in forty parts of acetic acid of 8° B. and 100 of water, in *tetter* and *psora*, and states that a single application will destroy the itch insect. A solution containing a grain to the fluidounce of water may be used for application, in the form of *spray*, to the fauces, larynx, and bronchial tubes, by means of the atomizer; and the strength may be increased up to four or five grains or more to the fluidounce.

Various fabrics are impregnated with carbolic acid for surgical use.* Prof. *Lister's gauze* may be made by soaking a loose cotton cloth with a mixture of 5 parts resin, 7 parts paraffin, and 1 part carbolic acid. Prof. Bruns improves upon this, making a more flexible dressing, by dissolving 400 grammes of powdered resin in 2 litres of alcohol, adding 40 grammes of castor oil and 100 grammes of carbolic acid; this will impregnate 2 pounds of the gauze, which is to be dried by spreading it out in the air. (See also Lund's process, *A. J. P.*, Feb. 1874.) *Carbolized jute* may be made by Rosenwasser's process by soaking in a percolator 1 pound of jute with a solution of crystallized carbolic acid 700 grains, paraffin 700 grains, resin 2800 grains, benzin 3 pints. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1879, p. 458. See also *N. R.*, April, 1879, and April, 1880.) For burns and scalds 1 part of carbolic acid in 6 parts of olive oil may be applied on lint. For the dressing of cancerous and other foul ulcers, a cerate (five grains to the ounce) may be used. There is an official ointment. A carbolic acid paper, used in packing fresh meats, in order to preserve them, may be prepared by melting 5 parts of stearin with a gentle heat, stirring in thoroughly 2 parts of carbolic acid, adding 5 parts of melted paraffin, stirring the mixture till it cools, and finally melting, and applying in the usual manner to the paper in quires. (*Chemist and Druggist*, Dec. 1871.)

The impure liquid acid sold in the shops usually contains from 70 to 90 per cent. of carbolic and cresylic acids jointly (*Squibb*), and, as the latter acid is quite equal to the former in disinfecting power, yields, if dissolved in water in the proportion of 1 to 80 parts, a solution equivalent on the average to that produced by dissolving 1 part of the pure acid in 100 parts of water.

ACIDUM CARBOLICUM CRUDUM. U. S. Crude Carbolic Acid.

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM CĂR-BŎL'Ĭ-CŬM CRŪ'DŬM.)

"A liquid consisting of various constituents of coal-tar, chiefly cresol and phenol, obtained by fractional distillation." *U. S.*

Acide phénique cru, *Fr.*; Rohe Carbosäure, *G.*

With great propriety, we think, the revisers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1880, gave a distinct heading to this form of carbolic acid, and directed it to be used only externally; for,

* See *Carbasus Carbolata*, N. F.

while its impurity, and its more or less uncertain composition and strength, unfit it for internal employment, it is equally efficacious with the purer acid as a local remedy and disinfectant. Crude carbolic acid is officially described as "a nearly colorless, or reddish, or brownish-red liquid, of a strongly empyreumatic and creosote-like odor; having a benumbing, blanching, and caustic effect upon the skin or mucous membrane; and gradually turning darker on exposure to air and light. The aqueous solution of Crude Carbolic Acid has a slightly acid reaction on litmus paper. In an aqueous solution of the Acid, bromine water produces a white precipitate. Crude Carbolic Acid should not be soluble in less than 15 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and the aqueous solution should not have an alkaline reaction (absence of *alkalies*). If 50 volumes of the Acid be thoroughly agitated with 950 volumes of water, in a capacious vessel, on allowing the mixture to separate, the undissolved portion should not exceed 5 volumes, or 10 per cent. by volume of the acid (limit of other *less soluble constituents of coal-tar*)." *U. S.*

ACIDUM CARBOLICUM LIQUEFACTUM. Br. Liquefied Carbolic Acid.

(ĂC'Ī-DŬM CĂR-BŎL'Ī-CŬM LĬQ-UĒ-FĂC'TŬM.)

"Carbolic acid liquefied by the addition of 10 per cent. of water." *Br.*

This is a new official of the British Pharmacopœia, and its introduction was doubtless due to the habitual use of the same preparation in dispensing, so as to avoid weighing the acid.

It is described as a "colorless or very slightly reddish or brownish liquid having the taste, odor, etc., of carbolic acid. Specific gravity 1·064 to 1·067 at 60° F. (15°·5 C.). Boiling point gradually rising to a temperature not higher than 371° F. (188°·3 C.). It dissolves 18 to 26 per cent. of water at 60° F. (15°·5 C.), yielding a clear or nearly clear solution, from which any slight colored impurity contained previously in the acid separates as dark oily drops." *Br.* Dose, one to three minims (0·06 to 0·18 C.c.), practically equivalent to one grain of the acid.

ACIDUM CHROMICUM. U. S., Br. Chromic Acid.

CrO_3; 99·88. (ĂC'Ī-DŬM ȻHRŌ'MĪ-CŬM.) CrO_3; 100·4.

"Chromic Acid should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, and great caution should be observed to avoid bringing it in contact with organic substances, such as cork, tannic acid, sugar, alcohol, etc., as dangerous accidents are liable to result." *U. S.*

Chromic Anhydride, Chromium Trioxide, Anhydrous Chromic Acid; Acide chromique, *Fr.*; Chromsäure, *G.*

This is not a true acid, but an acid anhydride. It may be obtained by the process official in the British Pharmacopœia: "Bichromate of Potassium, 30 ounces (av.); Sulphuric Acid, 57 fluidounces (Imp. meas.); Distilled Water, a sufficiency. Dissolve the bichromate of potassium in a mixture of 50 fluidounces (Imp. meas.) of the water and 42 fluidounces (Imp. meas.) of the acid. Set aside for twelve hours, and decant the liquor from the crystals of acid sulphate of potassium that have separated. Heat the liquor to about 185° F. (85° C.), and add the remainder of the acid, and water sufficient to just redissolve any crystals of chromic acid that may have been formed. Allow to cool, collect and drain the crystals, and dry them on porous tiles at a temperature not exceeding 100° F. (37°·8 C.) in an air-bath. From the mother liquor more crystals may be obtained on evaporation." *Br.*

This process yields crystals which are more or less contaminated with sulphuric acid. Dr. Vulpius (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 964) shows that commercial chromic acid sometimes contains as much as 7 per cent. of sulphuric acid, and that pure chromic acid is not scarlet in color, but dark brown-red and steel-glistening, and not deliquescent in ordinary air.

The best yield of pure crystals is said to be according to the method of Zettnow (*Pogg. Ann.*, cxliii. 471), in which 300 Gm. of potassium bichromate are mixed with 500 C.c. of water, and 420 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid added, and the mixture allowed to stand for twelve hours in order that the acid potassium sulphate may crystallize out. The mother-liquor is then heated to from 80° to 90°, and 150 C.c. of sulphuric acid added, together with enough water to dissolve the crystals of trioxide which at first separate out. After standing for twelve hours the liquid is poured off from the crystals which have separated, and a second and a third crop may be obtained by concentration. The crystals having been drained upon a porous plate and washed with pure nitric acid, 1·46 gravity, are dried in a current of warm air. For a method by M. Duviller, in which barium chromate is treated by nitric acid, and chromic acid crystallized out of the mother-liquor, see *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 23.

Properties. Chromic acid, as ordinarily seen in commerce, is in the form of anhydrous, acicular crystals, of a brilliant crimson red color and an acid metallic taste, deliquescent, and

very soluble in water, forming an orange-red solution. The requirements of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 are that even traces of sulphuric acid shall be absent, and that the color of the crystals be not scarlet. "Small, needle-shaped crystals, or rhombic prisms, of a dark purplish-red color and metallic lustre; odorless; destructive to animal and vegetable tissues; deliquescent in moist air. Very soluble in water, forming an orange-red solution. When brought in contact with alcohol, ether, glycerin, and other organic solvents, decomposition takes place, sometimes with dangerous violence. When Chromic Acid is heated, its color darkens, and finally becomes black, but is restored on cooling. At 192° to 193° C. (377·6° to 379·4° F.) it fuses to a reddish-brown liquid, which, on cooling, forms a dark red, brittle mass (often enclosing cavities filled with crystals), furnishing a scarlet powder. Above 250° C. (482° F.) it begins to decompose into green chromic oxide and free oxygen, and, after protracted heating, leaves a residue of pure chromic oxide, which should yield nothing soluble to water." *U. S.*

Chromic acid is a teroxide of the metal chromium, having the formula CrO_3. At a heat above the melting point it gives off half its oxygen, and is converted into the green sesquioxide, Cr_2O_3. It is a powerful oxidizing and bleaching material, and gives up its oxygen with great facility to organic matter. The oxidation of weaker alcohol is attended with the production of aldehyde, recognized by the odor; that of stronger alcohol, by inflaming. "A solution of 1 Gm. of Chromic Acid in 100 C.c. of water previously acidulated with a few C.c. of hydrochloric acid should not be rendered turbid on the addition of 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. As an antiseptic and disinfectant, chromic acid is asserted by Dr. John Dougal (*Lancet*, Dec. 16, 1871), who founds his conclusions on experiment, to be second to none, and in some respects to surpass even carbolic acid. A piece of fresh beef immersed in a solution of chromic acid containing only 1 part in 2000 of water became in two days quite black, in six as hard as wood, and at the end of three months remained perfectly free from mould or taint. It is a powerful coagulant of albumen, being, according to Dougal, 10 times stronger than carbolic acid, 15 times stronger than nitric acid, and 20 times stronger than corrosive sublimate. It is, therefore, one of the best tests for albumen. Besides coagulating albuminous substances, it oxidizes decaying organic matter, combines with and neutralizes the escaping ammonia, and decomposes the hydrogen sulphide, reducing it to water and free sulphur. It is also one of the most powerfully destructive agents to inferior organic life, greatly exceeding carbolic acid in this respect. Chromic acid has been used medically only as an escharotic, in which capacity it acts by rapidly oxidizing and thus decomposing the tissues, while by the loss of one-half its oxygen it is itself converted into the inert sesquioxide. It was first employed as a caustic by Prof. Sigmund, of Vienna, on the recommendation of Dr. Heller. Used in substance, made into a paste with water, its action is exceedingly slow and gradual, but deeply penetrating. In saturated solution its action is less penetrating and less gradual. By using a solution more or less dilute, the effect may be graduated according to the degree desired. Prof. Sigmund commends concentrated solution for the destruction of *condylomata*. But caution is necessary, as it may give rise to a deep slough if too largely applied; and, according to M. Gubler, patients have been poisoned, through absorption, by its too extensive application. (*Ed. Med. Journ.*, Sept. 1871, p. 281.) It has been recommended to destroy growths in the mouth and larynx, and, from its combined escharotic and disinfecting properties, in *hospital gangrene*, *scorbutic or gangrenous ulcers* of the mouth, *phagedænic ulcers*, *bites of rabid animals*, *poisoned wounds*, etc.; as a wash to arrest fetid discharges; as an injection in *ozæna*, *leucorrhœa*, and *gonorrhœa;* to prevent suppuration and putrefaction in wounds, etc.; and for the disinfection of cholera and fever stools, as well as for correcting fetid odors from all sources. The occasional application of a five per cent. solution of chromic acid has been found in Prussia very useful in the treatment of *sweating* or *tender feet*, amongst the soldiery. Care should be taken not to prescribe chromic acid in combination with glycerin, or any substance which will cause it to part rapidly with its oxygen: a compounded prescription containing 8 grains of chromic acid and 1 drachm of glycerin exploded violently. (*Zeitschr. Oester. Apoth. Verein*, June 1, 1875.) It is best to use a simple aqueous solution. The solution, or even the pure acid, is used by gynæcologists to destroy intra-uterine growths; but great care is requisite.

Chromic acid is very rarely, if ever, used internally; if employed, the dose should not exceed one-quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.).

ACIDUM CITRICUM. U. S., Br. Citric Acid.

$H_3C_6H_5O_7 + H_2O$; 209·50. (ĂC'Ị-DŬM CĪ'TRĮ-CŬM.) $H_3C_6H_5O_7, H_2O$; 210.

"An organic acid, usually prepared from lemon-juice." *U. S.* "An acid prepared from lemon-juice or from the juice of the fruit of Citrus Bergamia, Risso and Poit (Citrus Limetta, D. C.), the Lime." *Br.*

Acidum Citri, s. Limonis, s. Limonum, s. Limonorum; Acide citrique, Acide du Citron, *Fr.;* Citronensäure, Citronsäure, *G.;* Acido citrico, *It., Sp.*

Citric acid is the peculiar acid to which limes and lemons owe their sourness. It is present also in the juice of other fruits, such as the cranberry, the red whortleberry, the berry of the bittersweet, the red gooseberry, the currant, the strawberry, the raspberry, the tamarind, and the red elderberry (fruit of *Sambucus racemosa rubra*). The latter berry contains citric acid so abundantly that it has been proposed as a source of the acid by M. Thibierge, of Versailles. It is contained also largely in the fruit of *Cyphomandra betacea*, a solanaceous plant, indigenous in Mexico, Peru, and other parts of South America, where it is called *tomato de la paz.* (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1869, p. 305.) The commercial source of citric acid is lime-, lemon-, and bergamot-juice; large quantities of *lime-juice* are made in Sicily, concentrated, and exported to England and the United States.*

The acid is extracted from lemon- or lime-juice by a very simple process, for which we are indebted to Scheele; it is one requiring some careful manipulation. The boiling juice is first completely saturated with calcium carbonate (chalk or whiting) in fine powder, and the calcium citrate thus formed is allowed to subside. This is then washed repeatedly with water, and decomposed by dilute sulphuric acid. An insoluble calcium sulphate is precipitated, and the disengaged citric acid remains in solution. This is carefully concentrated in leaden boilers until a pellicle begins to form, when it is transferred to other vessels to cool and crystallize.

The commercial lemon-juices contain free citric acid; free acids other than citric; citrates, salts of organic acids other than citric; salts of inorganic acids; and albuminous, mucilaginous, saccharine, and other indifferent bodies. Spirit is frequently added as a preservative, and mineral acids are not uncommonly employed as adulterants. Verjuice has also been used for the purpose (*Allen*). See also Montserrat lime-juice, *P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 606, and notes on manufacture, etc., *N. R.*, 1883, p. 47. In the U. S. Pharmacopœia, very properly, no process is given for making citric acid, as it is always purchased from the manufacturing chemist. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following process for preparing it:

"Take of Lemon Juice *four pints* [Imperial measure]; Prepared Chalk *four ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *two fluidounces and a half;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Heat the Lemon Juice to its boiling point, and add the Chalk by degrees till there is no more effervescence. Collect the deposit on a calico filter, and wash it with hot water till the filtered liquor passes from it colorless. Mix the deposit with a pint [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and gradually add the Sulphuric Acid previously diluted with a pint and a half [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water. Boil gently for half an hour, keeping the mixture constantly stirred. Separate the acid solution by filtration, wash the insoluble matter with a little Distilled Water, and add the washings to the solution. Concentrate this solution to the density of 1·21, then allow it to cool, and after twenty-four hours decant the liquor from the crystals of sulphate of

* The composition of some of these commercial lime-juices is given by Allen (*Com. Org. Analysis,* 2d ed., vol. i. p. 459), as follows:

	Density.	Oz. Free Acid per gallon.	Oz. Combined Org. Acid per gallon.
Lime-juice:			
Raw Sicilian	. . . . .	6 to 9	0·85
Raw English	1·04 to 1·05	11 to 13	0·3
Concentrated	1·20 to 1·25	56 to 72	6 to 8
Bergamot-juice:			
Concentrated	1·22 to 1·25	47 to 55	7 to 8
Lemon-juice:			
Raw	1·035 to 1·04	10·6 to 13·5	0·4 to 0·7
Concentrated	1·28 to 1·38	82 to 112	8·6

See also paper by D. H. Hassler, *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 14.

calcium which will have formed; further concentrate the liquor until a film forms on its surface, and set it aside to cool and crystallize. Purify the crystals, if necessary, by recrystallization." *Br.*

Preparation on the Large Scale. The juice is placed in a large vat, closed at top, and is saturated with whiting (calcium carbonate). Carbonic acid gas is thus evolved, which passes out by an exit-pipe, and may be used in the manufacture of sodium bicarbonate; while calcium citrate precipitates. The supernatant liquor, containing much extractive matter, is drawn off; and the calcium citrate is decomposed by dilute sulphuric acid, liberating the citric acid, and precipitating the lime as a sulphate. The mixture of citric acid and calcium sulphate is run off into a wooden filter-back, lined with lead, furnished with a perforated false bottom, and lined throughout with stout twilled flannel. The solution of citric acid passes off through a pipe leading from the bottom of the back to suitable reservoirs.

The sulphate is washed until it becomes tasteless, and the washings are run off into the same reservoirs. The filtered acid solution is then concentrated by evaporation in wooden vessels lined with lead, through which steam is made to pass by means of coiled lead pipes. As citric acid is liable to decomposition if subjected to too high a temperature, the use of the vacuum pan is highly advantageous in concentrating the solution. When the liquor is sufficiently concentrated, it is transferred to cylindrical sheet-lead vessels, placed in a warm situation, to crystallize. The crystals at first obtained are colored. In order to purify them, they are redissolved in a small quantity of water, with the assistance of heat, and the solution is digested with purified animal charcoal, filtered, and recrystallized. The crystals, after having been washed and drained, are dried on wooden trays lined with sheet-lead, in a room heated by steam. Dr. Price, Mr. Pontifex, and J. Carter Bell have made improvements in the manufacture of citric acid: for details and suggestions, see *Chem. News*, 1866, p. 100; *P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 313, and xvi. 430; *N. R.*, 1880, p. 274; *Chem. News*, 1882.

The calcium citrate of the above process should be decomposed without any delay; for, if kept, it will undergo fermentation, with the effect of destroying the citric acid. According to Personne, the products of this fermentation are acetic and butyric acids; carbonic acid and hydrogen being evolved. It is desirable to have a slight excess of sulphuric acid, as this rather favors than otherwise the crystallization of the citric acid. It is found necessary, also, to add occasionally a small proportion of sulphuric acid to the citric acid liquor, during the progress of its concentration. According to J. Carter Bell (*N. R.*, 1880, p. 274), the concentrated juice contains from sixty-four to ninety-six ounces of citric acid to the imperial gallon. The more recent the juice the better the quality. That which is stale will sometimes be quite sour, without containing any citric acid, in consequence of having undergone the acetous fermentation.

Properties. "Colorless, translucent, right-rhombic prisms; odorless; having an agreeable, purely acid taste; efflorescent in warm air, and deliquescent when exposed to moist air." *U. S.* Its sp. gr. is 1·6. When heated, it dissolves in its water of crystallization, and at a higher temperature undergoes decomposition, becoming yellow or brown, and forming a very sour syrupy liquid, which is uncrystallizable. By destructive distillation it gives rise at first to water and *aconitic acid*, $C_6H_6O_6$, and on further heating it is decomposed into carbon dioxide, acetone, and *itaconic* and *citraconic acids*, both of the formula $C_5H_6O_4$. "When heated to about 75° C. (167° F.), the acid begins to lose its water of crystallization; at about 135° C. (275° F.) it becomes anhydrous, and melts between 135° and 152° C. (275° and 305·6° F.). When slowly ignited, it is gradually decomposed without emitting the odor of burning sugar (difference from *tartaric acid*), and is finally consumed without leaving more than 0·05 per cent. of residue." *U. S.*

Citric acid is "soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·63 part of water, and in 1·61 parts of alcohol; in about 0·4 part of boiling water, and in 1·43 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 18 parts of ether," *U. S.;* but is nearly insoluble in chloroform, benzol, and benzin. A weak solution of it has an agreeable taste, but cannot be kept, as it undergoes spontaneous decomposition. It is incompatible with alkaline solutions, whether pure or carbonated, converting them into citrates; also with the earthy and metallic carbonates, most acetates, the alkaline sulphides, and soaps. It is characterized by its taste, by the shape of its crystals, and by forming an insoluble salt with lime-water when heated, and a deliquescent one with potassa. If sulphuric acid be present the acid will be hygroscopic, and the precipitate by lead acetate will not be entirely soluble in nitric acid; the insoluble portion being lead sulphate. Sometimes crystals of tartaric acid are substituted for or mixed with the citric, or the two acids may be mixed in powder, a fraud which is readily detected by adding a solution of potash to that of the sus-

pected acids, when, if tartaric acid be present, a crystalline precipitate of potassium bitartrate (cream of tartar) will be formed: "On adding 1 C.c. of an aqueous solution (1 in 10) of the Acid to 50 C.c. of calcium hydrate test-solution (or so much more of the latter that the mixture has an alkaline reaction), the liquid remains clear. Upon boiling this for about one minute, it becomes opaque through the precipitation of calcium citrate, which redissolves on cooling. If 1 Gm. of the powdered Acid be dissolved in 5 C.c. of a cold solution (1 in 3) of potassium acetate, the liquid should remain clear, even after the addition of an equal volume of alcohol (absence of *tartaric* or *oxalic acid*)."* *U. S.* See Spiller, *Journal Chemical Society*, x. 110. A still more delicate method of detecting tartaric acid is to digest the suspected acid with ferric hydrate in a test-tube, afterwards to raise the heat slowly to the boiling point, and, having allowed the excess of hydrate to subside, to decant the clear liquid, and evaporate it to a syrupy consistence. If the acid be pure, the liquid remains limpid, and of a fine red color; if contaminated with tartaric acid, even to the extent of only one per cent., it becomes cloudy, and deposits tartrate. Another test is potassium permanganate, of which an alkaline solution is without action on citric acid; while under the influence of tartaric acid the manganese peroxide is deposited. "On mixing 10 C.c. of a 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the Acid with a quantity of ammonia water insufficient to neutralize it completely, and adding to one-half of this liquid 1 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution, it should remain clear (absence of *calcium*). The other half, mixed with a few C.c. of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, should not deposit a colored precipitate, nor acquire more than a faintly brownish-yellow tint (limit of *metallic impurities*). On treating 10 C.c. of a 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the Acid with 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution and a few drops of hydrochloric acid, the liquid should not show any turbidity within five minutes (limit of *sulphuric acid*). To neutralize 3·5 Gm. of Citric Acid should require 50 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of the pure acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* Lead is frequently found in the metallic state in citric acid in small quantity, and this arises from small portions being rubbed off in breaking off the crystals from the crystallizing-vats. The presence of lead or copper may be detected as above, or by igniting in a porcelain crucible a small quantity of the acid, dissolving the ash in a few drops of nitric acid, diluting largely, and passing hydrogen sulphide through it; a black precipitate indicating the impurity.

Composition. The formula of the anhydrous acid is $C_6H_5O_7H_3$. It is a tribasic acid, and may therefore yield three classes of citrates according as one, two, or three atoms of hydrogen are replaced by metal, the first two classes being acid citrates, and the third class neutral citrates. When crystallized from its solution by cooling, it contains one molecule of water. Crystals of the formula $(C_6H_8O_7)_2 + H_2O$ have also been formed. (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, 1879, p. 157.) If citric acid be heated until all its water of crystallization has been driven off, there will be produced *aconitic acid* ($C_6H_3O_6H_3$), which also exists naturally in aconite, larkspur, black hellebore, equisetum, yarrow, and other plants.†

Medical Properties, etc. Citric acid acts as a poison chiefly if not solely by irritating the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. It is, however, much less irritant than tartaric acid, and, so far as we know, no death has been caused by it. The action of therapeutic doses upon the system is not decided. In *scurvy*, citric acid is probably of some value, but is very inferior to lemon-juice. It is eliminated by the kidneys, and, as first stated by Bence Jones, when given in sufficient quantities renders the urine acid. In a free state it is very rarely, if ever, used internally, except as an imperfect substitute for lemon-juice. When added in the quantity of nine drachms and a half to a pint of distilled water, it forms a solution of the average strength of lemon-juice. Of this solution, or of lemon-juice, a scruple of potassium bicarbonate saturates three fluidrachms and a half; a scruple of potassium carbonate, four fluidrachms; and a scruple of ammonium carbonate, six fluidrachms. Half a fluidounce of lemon-juice, or of an equivalent solution of citric acid, when saturated, is considered a dose. An agreeable substitute for lemonade may be made by dissolving from two to four parts of the acid, mixed with sugar

* *Pusch's Method of Determining the Presence of Tartaric Acid in Citric Acid.* 1 gramme of powdered citric acid is added to 10 grammes of strong, pure, colorless, sulphuric acid in a dry test-tube, and the tube is then immersed in boiling water for an hour. The citric acid dissolves with frothing and evolution of gas, and a lemon-colored liquid is formed, which undergoes no change within half an hour if the sample be pure; but if as much as one-half per cent. of tartaric acid be present, the color is brownish and reddish-brown an hour afterward. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, xxii. 316.)

† According to Hentschel, aconitic acid is best obtained by boiling for six hours 100 Gm. of citric acid with 50 Gm. of water mixed with 100 Gm. of pure sulphuric acid in a flask provided with a reverse condenser. Upon cooling the flask a solid cake of aconitic acid is found, which may be purified by mixing with strong hydrochloric acid, and washing until free from sulphuric acid; colorless, shining crystals are obtained. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 357.)

and a little oil of lemon, in nine hundred parts of water; or a scruple of the acid may be dissolved in a pint of water, and sweetened with sugar which has been rubbed on fresh lemon-peel. The dose of the acid may be stated at from five to thirty grains (0·32–1·94 Gm.).

ACIDUM GALLICUM. U. S., Br. Gallic Acid.

$HC_7H_5O_5 + H_2O$; 187·55. (ĂÇ'Ị-DŬM GĂL'LỊ-CŬM.) $HC_7H_5O_5, H_2O$; 188.

"An organic acid, usually prepared from tannic acid." *U. S.* "An acid prepared from galls." *Br.*

Acide gallique, *Fr.*; Gallussäure, *G.*; Trioxybenzoic Acid, Dioxysalicylic Acid.

In the last revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia the process for the preparation of gallic acid was omitted. The British Pharmacopœia process is as follows: "Boil one part of coarsely powdered galls with four fluid parts of diluted sulphuric acid for half an hour, then strain through calico while hot; collect the crystals that are deposited on cooling, and purify these with animal charcoal and repeated crystallization." *Br.*

The process based on the influence of sulphuric acid in favoring the change of tannic into gallic acid has the merit of requiring less time than former processes.

The U. S. 1870 process* is founded upon the fact that when galls in infusion, or in the state of moistened powder, are exposed to the air, their tannic acid is gradually converted into gallic acid. The gallic acid, being freely soluble in boiling but very sparingly in cold water, is extracted from the altered galls by decoction, and is deposited as the water cools. A repetition of the solution and deposition renders the acid more pure; but it cannot be obtained wholly colorless unless by the aid of animal charcoal. There are few processes in which it is more necessary that the animal charcoal should be purified. The presence of the slightest quantity of ferric salt interferes with the bleaching of the acid; and it is even advisable to examine the filtering paper, lest it may contain sufficient of this substance to vitiate the results of the process. The first crop of crystals in the process retains a very large proportion of water; and it will be found convenient to subject them to strong expression between folds of bibulous paper.

The elder Robiquet first suggested that galls contained a principle capable of converting tannic into gallic acid, with the presence of water, and in the absence of atmospheric air. M. Laroque proved that this principle acts as a ferment, and that the change referred to is the result of a *gallic acid fermentation* in the galls. M. Edmond Robiquet showed that galls contain *pectose* and *pectase*, the former of which, according to the experiments of M. Frémy, is the principle out of which pectin is formed in plants, and the latter a peculiar ferment which effects the transformation. He believed that in galls the pectase, aided by a proper temperature and the presence of water, changed not only pectose into pectin, but also tannic into gallic acid. Strecker previously advanced the opinion that tannic acid was a combination of gallic acid and sugar, the latter of which is destroyed in the process for procuring gallic acid, which is thus simply set free from the combination. M. E. Robiquet admitted the occasional transformation of tannic acid into gallic acid and sugar, but did not believe that the sugar pre-existed as such in the tannin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiii. 241.) Wittstein, in endeavoring to obtain gallic acid from *Chinese galls* by forming them into a paste with water, found that but a very small proportion of the acid was generated at the end of six weeks. Thinking that this might have resulted from the want of the ferment in the Chinese galls, he added to these one-eighth of their weight of common galls, and at the end of three weeks obtained an amount of gallic acid nearly equal to one-half the weight of the galls employed. The same result, though more slowly, followed the addition of yeast to the Chinese galls. Wittstein obtained both carbonic acid and alcohol as products of this operation, thus favoring the views of Strecker as to the constitution of tannic acid. And the idea that tannin was a glucoside convertible through exposure of galls to the air, or more rapidly by sulphuric acid, into glucose and gallic acid, was accepted without qualification, until Schiff (*Deut. Chem. Ges. Ber.*, iv. 231, 967, and *Bull. Soc. Chem.* [2], xviii. 23) proved that although crude tannic acid contains glucose, it is possible to separate a large quantity of the glucose without destroying the tannic acid. He proposes that *pure tannic acid* be called *digallic acid*, and that the term *tannin* be applied to natural tannin, *i.e.*, the *glucoside* of digallic or pure tannic acid, for when natural tannin is boiled with dilute mineral acids, or subjected to the influence of a nitrogenous ferment, it splits into digallic acid and glucose, $C_{34}H_{28}O_{22} + 4H_2O = 4C_7H_6O_5 + C_6H_{12}O_6$. Digallic acid is the first anhydride of gallic acid—$C_{14}H_{10}O_9 + H_2O = 2C_7H_6O_5$. Gallic acid

* See U. S. Dispensatory, 15th edition, p. 60.

is a *phenol acid*, or combination of these two classes of organic compounds, its formula being $C_6H_2(OH)_3.COOH$. It may be termed, therefore, a *trioxybenzoic acid*. It is monobasic.

Properties. Gallic acid is in delicate, silky, acicular crystals, which, as ordinarily found in the shops, are slightly brownish, but when quite pure are colorless. It is inodorous, and of a sourish, astringent taste and an acid reaction. "Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 100 parts of water, and in 5 parts of alcohol; in 3 parts of boiling water, and in 1 part of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 40 parts of ether, and in 12 parts of glycerin." *U. S.* It is even less soluble in chloroform, benzol, and benzin. Mr. Thomas Weaver, of Philadelphia, has found that it is soluble in glycerin in the proportion of 40 grains to the ounce, and that the solution may be diluted to any extent with water without affecting its transparency. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 82.) It produces a deep bluish-black color with solutions of ferric salts, which disappears when the solution is heated; a result which Dr. Mahla has shown to depend on the conversion of the gallic into *pyrogallic* or *metagallic acid*, by the loss of the constituents of carbonic acid and water. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, Nov. 1859.) It does not precipitate gelatin, or a solution of ferrous sulphate. "When heated at 100° C. (212° F.), the Acid loses its water of crystallization (nearly 9·6 per cent.). At about 222° C. (431·6° F.) it begins to melt, and at a higher temperature it is gradually decomposed. At a low red heat it is consumed without leaving a residue." *U. S.* It should leave no residue when burned, and be entirely dissipated when thrown on red-hot iron. On exposure to the air, its solution undergoes spontaneous decomposition; but it is said that by the addition of a drop of oil of cloves it may be kept for a long time without change, the absence of tannin and microscopic fungi being proved. "Gallic Acid neither colors nor precipitates pure ferrous salts, but forms a bluish-black precipitate with ferric salts. On adding to a cold, saturated, aqueous solution of Gallic Acid some calcium hydrate test-solution, a bluish-white precipitate will form, where the test-solution is temporarily in excess, and will disappear on shaking. When the test-solution has been added in excess, the precipitate no longer dissolves, and the liquid acquires a tint which is blue by reflected and green by transmitted light, and becomes pink on the addition of a large excess of calcium hydrate test-solution (distinction from *tannic acid*). An aqueous solution of the Acid should not precipitate alkaloids, gelatin, albumen, or starch test-solution (difference from and absence of *tannic acid*)." *U. S.* By the action of arsenic it is converted almost entirely into tannic acid without the production of arsenous acid. (Schiff, *Chem. News*, xxix. 73.) Young's test, potassium cyanide, gives a reddish color with gallic acid and none with tannic acid. A mixture of ammonium chloride and ammonia produces a red coloration but no precipitate in gallic acid solution, while in tannic acid solution it produces a whitish precipitate rapidly turning reddish-brown. (*A. J. P.*, April 1889.) A test proposed by Flückiger consists in adding to the solution of gallic acid a dilute (1 to 100) solution of pure ferrous sulphate. To the colorless solution a little sodium acetate is to be added, when a deep violet color will appear, due to the formation of ferrous gallate. The Pharmacopœia test is: "If 5 C.c. of a cold saturated aqueous solution of the Acid be treated, in a watch-glass, with 6 drops of sodium hydrate test-solution, the liquid will gradually acquire a deep green color, which is changed to reddish or brownish-red by acids." Heated to 216° C. (420° F.), gallic acid gives off carbon dioxide, and is changed into *pyrogallic acid*.

Medical Properties. Gallic acid is astringent, but less powerfully so than tannic acid. As it does not coagulate albumen, it is readily absorbed when ingested, and is rapidly eliminated by the kidneys. Its presence in the urine is under these circumstances very readily demonstrated by the addition of a soluble ferric salt. Owing to its being more readily transported by the blood, it is more effective than tannic acid in all cases of hemorrhage (*hæmoptysis, hæmaturia*, etc.) in which the bleeding vessels must be reached through the route of the circulation. But in hemorrhage from the alimentary mucous membrane, or from any other part with which tannic acid can be brought into direct contact, the latter astringent is by far the more effectual. Tannic acid is also much more efficient in *anginose or other relaxations* in which a decided astringent action is desired and in which a direct application can be made. Gallic acid has been employed with advantage in *pyrosis*, and in the *night-sweats* of *phthisis* or *exhaustion*. In *albuminuria*, when there is a very large amount of albumen excreted, gallic acid may be employed with service to diminish the flow, and the drug has even been used in acute *Bright's disease* following *scarlatina*, with asserted great advantage. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1875.) It is said not to constipate the bowels. The dose is from five to fifteen grains (0·32–0·97 Gm.) three or four times a day, and may be given in the form of pill or powder. *Ointment of Gallic Acid*, ten parts of the acid to ninety of benzoinated lard, was official in the Pharmacopœia of 1880.

ACIDUM HYDROBROMICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Hydrobromic Acid.

(ĂC'Ĭ-DŬM HĬ-DRŌ-BRŌ'MĬ-CŬM DĬ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"A liquid composed of 10 per cent., by weight, of absolute Hydrobromic Acid [HBr = 80·76], and 90 per cent. of Water. Diluted Hydrobromic Acid should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.* "An aqueous solution containing 10 per cent. by weight of gaseous or real hydrobromic acid, HBr." *Br.*

Acidum Bromhydricum Dilutum, Acidum Bromohydricum; Acide hydrobromique, *Fr.;* Hydrobromsäure, Bromwasserstoffsäure, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia does not give a process for this acid; the British process is as follows: "Bromine, 1 fluidounce [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water, Sulphuretted Hydrogen, of each a sufficiency. Place the bromine in a glass cylinder and pour over it 15 ounces [Imp. meas.] of the water. Pass a current of sulphuretted hydrogen gas into the bromine until the red color of the aqueous liquid has disappeared. Filter the fluid and distil the filtrate. Reject the distillate until it is free from odor of sulphuretted compounds, and then collect it until sulphuric acid begins to distil. Dilute the distilled acid with water until it has a specific gravity at 60° F. (15°·5 C.) of 1·077. Preserve in glass-stoppered bottles. From the rejected distillate more hydrobromic acid may be obtained by redistillation."*

The most convenient process is undoubtedly that of Dr. Dewitt C. Wade (*Peninsular Medical Journal*, Feb. 1875), modelled after Buchanan's method of making hydriodic acid, which directs that 120 grains of potassium bromide be dissolved in one fluidounce of water, and 153 grains of tartaric acid be added to the solution; acid potassium tartrate is produced, the greater part of which crystallizes out on standing 12 hours at a low temperature, and a solution of hydrobromic acid is formed, sp. gr. 1·228, containing about 80 grains real hydrobromic acid to the fluidounce, equivalent to nearly 15 per cent. Fothergill's acid, although based upon Wade's formula, is weaker, the quantity of potassium bromide being 81¼ grains and that of tartaric acid 99 grains to the fluidounce, the manipulation being the same; each fluidounce of Fothergill's acid contains about 55 grains real hydrobromic acid, or about 10 per cent. Diluted hydrobromic acid made in this way is open to the objection of containing cream of tartar, and probably some undecomposed potassium bromide in solution, and thus is not strictly pure. To lessen this, Charles Rice proposes the addition of a double quantity of alcohol to facilitate the precipitation, recovering the alcohol by distillation subsequently. (*N. R.*, 1877, p. 107.) Other processes have been suggested for preparing hydrobromic acid. Edward Goebel (*N. R.*, Sept. 1880) proposes a method based on Glover's process, which is to decompose 148 grains barium bromide, dissolved in half an ounce of water, with 50·6 grains sulphuric acid, diluted with two drachms of distilled water; the precipitated barium sulphate is washed with distilled water until the filtrate weighs 810 grains to make the 10-per-cent. acid solution. Winckler proposes a plan for making hydriodic acid, which has been adapted by Charles Rice to making hydrobromic acid. (See *N. R.*, Jan. 1880.) Bromine is dissolved in carbon disulphide and hydrogen sulphide passed through the solution. The processes of Balard, Millon, and Loewig are commented upon by John M. Maisch (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1860), who proposes some useful modifications. Prof. Markoe (*Ibid.*, 1875, p. 686) recommends an economical process, which, how-

* The following process is based upon that of Dr. E. R. Squibb:

Take of Potassium Bromide and Sulphuric Acid, each, one hundred and fifty parts, Distilled Water, a sufficient quantity. Add the Sulphuric Acid to twenty-five parts of Distilled Water, and cool the mixture. Then dissolve the Potassium Bromide in one hundred and fifty parts of water by the aid of heat, supplying the loss of water by evaporation during the heating. Carefully pour the diluted Sulphuric Acid into the hot solution with constant stirring, and set the mixture aside for twenty-four hours, in order that the Potassium Sulphate may crystallize. Pour off the liquid into a retort, break up the crystalline mass, transfer it to a funnel, and having drained the crystals, drop slowly upon them fifty parts of cold Distilled Water so as to wash out the acid liquid. Add this liquid to that in the retort, and distil nearly to dryness at a moderate heat. If red fumes of bromine are given off during any stage of the distillation, change the receiver as soon as such fumes cease to appear. Finally determine in the distillate the amount of actual Hydrobromic Acid (16·2 Gms. should require 20 C.c. of the volumetric solution of soda), and add to the remaining weighed distillate such an amount of cold Distilled Water as shall cause the finished acid to contain 10 per cent. of actual hydrobromic acid. If the bromide used contains bromate, the distillate will probably be tinged with the red color of bromine: should such contamination be produced, the acid may be rendered fit for use by carefully adding solution of sodium sulphite until the acid is deprived of color, and then rectifying it by distillation.

This process for making solution of hydrobromic acid does not differ essentially from that of Dr. E. R. Squibb (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 116), except in the improvement of the rather smaller proportion of sulphuric acid used, and in the fact of the difference in strength of the two hydrobromic acids, Dr. Squibb's being 34 per cent., the above 10 per cent. The advantages possessed by both methods over those frequently used are greater purity of product and more definite strength.

ever, must be followed with care, and is better adapted for making the acid on a large scale. He pours a pint of water into a gallon stoneware jar, and then adds one pound or more of phosphorus, distributing it over the bottom; ice is now added until the jar is half full, a gallon glass funnel is inserted in the throat of the jar, and a funnel tube adjusted, so that the end will be a short distance above the surface of the phosphorus; the funnel is about one-third filled with broken ice, and the jar placed in a larger vessel, and broken ice packed between. Three or four pounds of bromine after being chilled are *slowly* added, in order that the fumes of hydrobromic acid and bromine that may arise may be fully condensed by the ice in the funnel, and an accumulation of bromine avoided, which might produce an explosion from too sudden reaction. The excess of phosphorus is removed after all the bromine has been added, the liquid distilled, hydrobromic acid condensed, and the strength adjusted, whilst to the residue in the retort water may be added to make diluted phosphoric acid. For other processes see Wène (*Comptes-Rend.*, 1849), Bruylants (*Journ. de Pharm. d'Anvers*, 1879, p. 343, and *A. J. P.*, Jan., 1880), Hager (*Handbuch d. Pharm. Praxis*, i. 628), Grüning (*N. R.*, 1883, p. 240), Stas (*Zeitsch. f. Anal. Chem.*, 1886, p. 213).

Properties. Diluted hydrobromic acid is a colorless, transparent liquid, entirely vaporized by heat, inodorous, strongly acid to the taste, sp. gr. 1·077 * at 15° C. (59° F.), containing 10 per cent. absolute hydrobromic acid. "Miscible, in all proportions, with water and alcohol. By heat it is completely volatilized. On distilling it, water and weak acid first pass over. When the temperature of 126° C. (258·8° F.) is reached, an acid of 47·8 per cent. remains, which may be distilled unchanged. With litmus paper it shows a strongly acid reaction." *U. S.* Although of a pungent and irritating odor, and fuming when in contact with the atmosphere when concentrated, in its diluted state it is odorless. On adding chlorine or nitric acid to diluted hydrobromic acid, bromine is liberated, which is soluble in chloroform or disulphide of carbon, imparting to these liquids a yellow color.

Tests. "Silver nitrate test-solution causes a yellowish-white precipitate, somewhat soluble in hydrobromic acid, insoluble in diluted nitric acid, very slightly soluble in ammonia water, but more soluble in stronger ammonia water. Copper sulphate test-solution produces a deep-red color upon addition of sulphuric acid. On being kept for some time, the Acid should not become colored. Barium chloride test-solution should not produce a turbidity or precipitate (absence of *sulphuric acid*). If 1 C.c. of the Acid be mixed with 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), and a small piece of pure tin-foil added, no brown coloration should appear within half an hour (limit of *arsenic*). To neutralize 8·08 Gm. of Diluted Hydrobromic Acid should require 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The following table by Biel will be found useful in showing from the specific gravities of solutions the percentage of absolute hydrobromic acid:

Biel's table of Percentage and Specific Gravity of Hydrobromic Acid.

Per Ct. HBr.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.)	Per Ct. HBr.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.)	Per Ct. HBr.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.)	Per Ct. HBr.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.)
1	1·0082	14	1·110	27	1·229	40	1·375
2	1·0155	15	1·119	28	1·239	41	1·388
3	1·0230	16	1·127	29	1·249	42	1·401
4	1·0305	17	1·136	30	1·260	43	1·415
5	1·038	18	1·145	31	1·270	44	1·429
6	1·046	19	1·154	32	1·281	45	1·444
7	1·053	20	1·163	33	1·292	46	1·459
8	1·061	21	1·172	34	1·303	47	1·474
9	1·069	22	1·181	35	1·314	48	1·490
10	1·077	23	1·190	36	1·326	49	1·496
11	1·085	24	1·200	37	1·338	50	1.513
12	1·093	25	1·209	38	1·350		
13	1·102	26	1·219	39	1·362		

Medical Properties and Uses. Dilute hydrobromic acid is very nearly identical with potassium bromide in its action, but is too irritant to the stomach to be used freely in *epilepsy*

* Dr. E. R. Squibb takes exception to the sp. gr. 1·077 given for the official acid, and states that Biel's table is not accurate, the proper sp. gr. for a 10-per-cent. acid at 15° C. (59° F.) being 1·0698. (*Ephemeris*, vol. i. p. 366.)

and other serious affections. In an experimental study made by Dr. Reichert, of the University of Pennsylvania, it was found to act upon animals precisely as do the bromides in general. It has been especially commended in *tinnitus aurium*. Two fluidrachms contain 12 grains of bromine, equivalent in this to 18 grains of potassium bromide, and may be given at once, well diluted with syrup. The addition of a trace of spirit of lemon to the syrup renders the resemblance of this dose to lemonade a very close one.

ACIDUM HYDROCHLORICUM. U. S., Br. Hydrochloric Acid.

[Muriatic Acid.]

(ĂQ′I-DŬM HĪ-DRO-ĊHLŌ′RI-CŬM.)

"A liquid composed of 31·9 per cent., by weight, of absolute Hydrochloric Acid [HCl = 36·37], and 68·1 per cent. of water. Hydrochloric Acid should be kept in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "Hydrochloric Acid gas, HCl, dissolved in water, and forming about 32 per cent. by weight of the solution." *Br.*

Acidum Muriaticum, *Pharm.* 1870; Acidum Hydrochloratum, s. Chlorhydricum; Spirit of Sea-Salt, Marine Acid, Muriatic Acid, Chlorhydric Acid; Acide hydrochlorique, Acide chlorhydrique, ou muriatique, *Fr.*; Salzsäure, Chlorwasserstoffsäure, *G.*; Acido muriatico, *It., Sp.*

The hydrochloric acid of pharmacy and the arts is a solution of hydrochloric acid *gas* in water. The *British* Pharmacopœia gives the following process for preparing it:

"Take of Chloride of Sodium, dried, *forty-eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *forty-four fluidounces;* Water *thirty-six fluidounces;* Distilled Water *fifty fluidounces.* Pour the Sulphuric Acid slowly into thirty-two [fluid]ounces of the Water, and when the mixture has cooled, add it to the Chloride of Sodium previously introduced into a flask having the capacity of at least one gallon [Imp. meas.]. Connect the flask by corks and a bent glass tube with a three-necked wash-bottle, furnished with a safety tube, and containing the remaining four [fluid]ounces of the Water; then, applying heat to the flask, conduct the disengaged gas through the wash-bottle, into a second bottle containing the Distilled Water, by means of a bent tube dipping about half an inch below the surface; and let the process be continued until the product measures sixty-six [fluid]ounces, or the liquid has acquired a sp. gr. of 1·16. The bottle containing the distilled water must be kept cool during the whole operation." *Br.*

Preparation. Hydrochloric acid is obtained mainly by the action of sulphuric acid on sodium chloride or common salt. In England it is produced in enormous quantities during the decomposition of common salt for the purpose of making sodium sulphate, from which soda-ash and sodium carbonate are afterwards manufactured in immense quantities. The decomposition of the sea-salt is performed in semi-cylindrical vessels, the curved part, next the fire, being made of iron, and the upper or flat surface, of stone. The acid gas is conveyed by a pipe to a double-necked stoneware receiver, half filled with water, and connected with a row of similar receivers, likewise containing water. As carried out on a larger scale, the decomposition of the salt takes place in hemispherical iron pans, 9 feet in diameter, covered by a brick-work dome; upon the mass of salt the requisite quantity of sulphuric acid is allowed to run from a leaden cistern placed above the decomposing-pan. Torrents of hydrochloric acid gas are evolved, which collect in the space between the pan and the brick-work dome, whence they pass by a brick-work or earthenware flue into upright towers or condensers. These towers are filled with bricks or coke, down which a small stream of water is allowed to trickle. The gas, passing upward, meets the water, and is dissolved by it; and as the acid liquor approaches the bottom of the tower, it becomes more and more nearly saturated with the gas.

Hydrochloric acid is also made on a commercial scale from magnesium chloride, which is such an abundant waste product at the rock-salt mines of Stassfurt. The process used is that of Weldon as developed by Pechiney, of Salindres, in France.

The acid, when required to be pure, is generally prepared by saturating distilled water with the gas in a Woulfe's apparatus. A quantity of pure fused common salt is introduced into a retort or matrass, placed on a sand-bath. The vessel is then furnished with an S-tube, and connected with a series of bottles, each two-thirds full of water. A quantity of sulphuric acid is then gradually added, equal in weight to the common salt employed, and diluted with one-third of its weight of water. The materials ought not to occupy more than half the body of the retort. When the extrication of the gas slackens, heat is applied, and gradually increased until the water in the bottles refuses to absorb any more, or until no more gas is found to come over. As soon as the process is completed, boiling water should be added to the contents of the retort or matrass, in order to facilitate the removal of the residue. During the

progress of the saturation, the water in the several bottles increases in temperature, which lessens its power of absorption. It is, therefore, expedient, in order to obtain a strong acid, to keep the bottles cool by means of water or ice. The connecting tubes need not plunge deeply into the acid.

The process of the British Pharmacopœia is substantially the same as the one here described, with the exception of the proportion of the acid and salt employed. In the process for hydrochloric acid, theory calls for a little less than 82 parts of liquid sulphuric acid to 100 of common salt. A moderate excess of the former may be useful to insure the complete decomposition of the salt; but the quantity of acid directed in the British process is sufficient to decompose twice the quantity of common salt taken. The intention obviously is to use enough of the acid to form the acid sulphate instead of the neutral sodium sulphate; the former being more soluble and readily removed from the retort, and the reaction requiring less heat for its completion than when one mol. of sulphuric acid is taken to two mols. of salt. The reaction for its formation is $NaCl + H_2SO_4 = HCl + HNaSO_4$. If only half the amount of sulphuric acid be used, the reaction is $(NaCl)_2 + H_2SO_4 = (HCl)_2 + Na_2SO_4$. In the first of these reactions (that of the British Pharmacopœia process), as only one mol. of salt is taken, it is obvious that there is not enough sodium furnished to neutralize the sulphuric acid completely and make the normal sulphate Na_2SO_4, so the result is the acid sulphate (bisulphate) $HNaSO_4$. On the other hand, in the second reaction, the two mols. of salt furnish just the sodium necessary to neutralize the one mol. of sulphuric acid and make the neutral sulphate Na_2SO_4.

As hydrochloric acid, prepared in the ordinary mode, often contains arsenic, so as to obscure its indications when employed in testing for that poison, it is of interest to the practical toxicologist to know that it may be obtained free from that impurity by distilling sodium or potassium chloride with oxalic acid in equivalent proportions.

The following method of freeing hydrochloric acid from arsenous acid is recommended by M. Engel as easy and entirely efficacious. It is founded on the fact that arsenous acid is held in solution by hypophosphorous acid. Into a litre (about 2 pints) of arsenical hydrochloric acid introduce 4 to 5 grammes (about 60 or 70 grains) of potassium hypophosphite, dissolved in a little water. At the end of an hour or two, the liquid becomes yellow and then brown; and a precipitate soon forms, more or less copious according to the amount of impurity. After the liquid becomes clear, which usually happens in 45 minutes, decant the hydrochloric acid and distil it. The acid thus obtained is entirely free from arsenic. This process should be conducted in a place where the direct rays of the sun may fall on the vessels; or, where this is impossible, the vessels should be subjected, by means of a water-bath, from 4 to 6 hours, to a heat little short of the boiling point of the acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1873, p. 10.) Traces of arsenic may also be removed by adding solution of stannous chloride, and after the precipitate of impure arsenic has settled, the clear liquid is re-distilled. (Bettendorff, *Zeit. für Chem.* [2], 5, p. 492.)

Properties of the Pure Acid. Hydrochloric acid, when pure, is a transparent colorless liquid, of a suffocating odor and corrosive taste. Exposed to the air it emits white fumes, owing to the escape of the acid gas and its union with the moisture of the atmosphere. When concentrated, it blackens organic substances, like sulphuric acid. Its sp. gr. varies with its strength. When as highly concentrated as possible, its density is 1·21. The *U. S. acid*, as well as that of the present *British* Pharmacopœia, has the sp. gr. 1·16. (*U. S.* 1·163.) "3·64 Gm. should require for complete neutralization 31·9 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution," *U. S.*, or "114·8 grains by weight, mixed with half a [fluid]ounce of distilled water, require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of *the volumetric solution of soda*." *Br.* When exposed to heat, it continues to give off hydrochloric acid gas, with the appearance of ebullition, until its sp. gr. falls to 1·094, when it properly boils, and may be distilled unchanged, or entirely volatilized.

Hydrochloric acid is characterized by forming, on the addition of silver nitrate, a white precipitate (silver chloride), insoluble in nitric acid, but readily soluble in ammonia. It is incompatible with alkalies and most earths, with oxides and their carbonates, and with potassium sulphide, potassium tartrate, tartar emetic, iron and potassium tartrates, silver nitrate, and solution of lead subacetate.

"On heating it, at first a stronger acid passes off, until, at 110° C. (230° F.), a liquid containing 20·18 per cent. of the absolute acid remains (specific gravity about 1·102 at 15° C.), which distils unchanged, leaving no residue, if the Acid was perfectly pure." *U. S.*

As it is desirable to know, on many occasions, in chemical and pharmaceutical operations,

the quantity of absolute acid contained in samples of acid of different densities, we subjoin the table of Lunge and Marchlewski, with additions from the U. S. P. 1890:

Table of Percentage and Specific Gravity of Hydrochloric Acid.

LUNGE AND MARCHLEWSKI.

Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.) in air.	100 Parts by weight contain ... Parts of HCl.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.) in air.	100 Parts by weight contain ... Parts of HCl.	Specific Gravity at 15° C. (59° F.) in air.	100 Parts by weight contain ... Parts of HCl.
1·0008	0·16	1·0752	15·00	1·146	28·61
1·00059	1·15	1·076	15·16	1·151	29·57
1·00109	2·14	1·081	16·15	1·1532	30·00
1·0159	3·12	1·086	17·13	1·156	30·55
1·021	4·13	1·091	18·11	1·160	31·326
1·0253	5·00	1·096	19·06	1·161	31·52
1·026	5·15	1·1005	20·00	1·163	31·90
1·031	6·15	1·101	20·01	1·166	32·49
1·036	7·15	1·106	20·97	1·171	33·46
1·041	8·16	1·111	21·92	1·176	34·42
1·046	9·16	1·116	22·86	1·179	35·00
1·0502	10·00	1·121	23·82	1·181	35·39
1·051	10·17	1·126	24·78	1·186	36.31
1·056	11·18	1·1271	25·00	1·191	37·23
1·061	12·19	1·131	25·75	1·196	38·16
1·066	13·19	1·136	26·70	1·201	39·11
1·071	14·17	1·141	27·66		

It is to be understood that the values given in this table refer only to chemically pure acids. The percentage of real acid in the commercial acids, particularly when they are concentrated, is always less than that given in these tables. [Lunge.]

Impurities. This acid, when pure, will evaporate without residue in a platinum spoon. On heating it with black manganese oxide an abundance of chlorine gas is given off. If sulphuric acid be present, a solution of barium chloride will cause a precipitate of barium sulphate in the acid, previously diluted with distilled water. Iron may be detected by saturating the diluted acid with sodium carbonate, and then adding potassium ferrocyanide, which will strike a blue color if that metal be present, or by the simple addition of potassium sulphocyanate, when a blood-red coloration is produced. The absence of arsenic may be inferred if it does not tarnish bright copper foil when boiled with it. "If 10 C.c. of the Acid be evaporated from a platinum or porcelain capsule, not more than a bare trace of residue should be left (limit of *non-volatile impurities*). A few drops of chloroform, added to 1 C.c. of Hydrochloric Acid diluted with 2 C.c. of water, should not become colored, either at once, or after the addition of a few drops of freshly prepared chlorine water, or of a granule of potassium chlorate (absence of *iodine* or *bromine*). If 1 C.c. of the acid be diluted with 5 C.c. of water and 0·5 C.c. of zinc-iodide-starch test-solution added, no blue color should appear (absence of *chlorine* or *bromine*). On adding 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), together with a small piece of pure tin-foil, to 1 C.c. of the Acid, no coloration should occur within one hour (limit of *arsenic*). If 1 C.c. of the Acid be diluted with 5 C.c. of water, and a few drops of barium chloride test-solution added, no precipitate or turbidity should appear within one hour (absence of *sulphuric acid*), nor should the addition to this mixture of a few drops of iodine decinormal volumetric solution produce any turbidity (absence of *sulphurous acid*). When a few C.c. of freshly saturated hydrogen sulphide test-solution are poured carefully on top of an equal volume of Hydrochloric Acid, no color should develop at the zone of contact (absence of *thallium*, *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). If 1 C.c. of Hydrochloric Acid be slightly supersaturated with ammonia water, and 1 C.c. of ammonium sulphide test-solution added, neither a color nor a turbidity should appear (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.)." *U. S.* Ammonia in excess shows the absence of iron, if it produces no precipitate.

If another portion of the diluted acid be treated with test zinc, the evolved gas should not blacken paper wet with silver nitrate test-solution (arsenous or sulphurous acid). Free chlorine or nitric acid may be discovered by its having the power to dissolve gold-leaf. Any minute portion of the leaf which may be dissolved is detected by adding a solution of stannous

chloride, which will give rise to a purplish tint. The free chlorine is derived from the reaction of nitric or nitrous acid on a small portion of the hydrochloric acid, which is thus deprived of its hydrogen. Hence it is that, when free chlorine is present, nitrous acid or some other oxide of nitrogen is also present as an impurity. The nitric and nitrous acids are derived from nitrates in the common salt and from nitrous acid in the commercial sulphuric acid employed in the preparation of the hydrochloric acid.

Hydrochloric Acid of Commerce. This acid has the general properties of the pure aqueous acid. It has a yellowish color, owing to the presence of iron sesquichloride, or of a minute proportion of organic matter, such as cork, wood, etc. It usually contains sulphuric acid, and sometimes free chlorine and nitrous acid. But the most injurious impurity, to those who consume it in the arts, is sulphurous acid. T. H. Savory analyzed three samples of commercial hydrochloric acid, each having a sp. gr. of between 1·16 and 1·17, and found them to contain from 7 to nearly 11 per cent. of sulphurous acid. To detect this acid, M. Girardin has proposed a very delicate test, namely, stannous chloride. The mode of using the test is to take about half an ounce of the acid to be tested, and to add to it two or three drachms of the stannous chloride. The mixture having been stirred two or three times, as much of distilled water as of the stannous salt is to be added. If sulphurous acid be present, the hydrochloric acid becomes turbid and yellow immediately upon the addition of the stannous chloride; and upon the subsequent addition of the water a slight evolution of hydrogen sulphide takes place, perceptible to the smell, and the liquid assumes a brownish hue, depositing a powder of the same color. The manner in which the test acts is as follows. By a transfer of chlorine, the test is converted into stannic chloride and metallic tin, the latter of which, by reacting with the sulphurous acid, gives rise to a precipitate of stannic and stannous sulphides. In case the sulphurous acid forms but one-half of one per cent. of the commercial acid, the precipitate may not be perceptible. Under these circumstances, a solution of copper sulphate must be added to the liquid previously warmed, when a brown precipitate of copper sulphide will be immediately formed. (*Heintz.*) Or, if a weak solution of iodine be decolorized by the hydrochloric acid, sulphurous or arsenous acid may be suspected. M. Lembert has proposed the following, which he considers as a more delicate test of sulphurous acid. Saturate the suspected hydrochloric acid with potassium carbonate, and add successively a little weak solution of starch, one or two drops of solution of potassium iodate, and sulphuric acid, drop by drop. Sulphurous acid, if present, will be set free with iodic acid, and these, by reacting on each other, will develop iodine, which will cause a blue color with the starch. Or the addition of pure zinc will liberate nascent hydrogen, which will cause the evolution of hydrogen sulphide gas detected with lead acetate paper.

Another impurity occasionally present in the commercial acid, as shown by Dupasquier, is arsenic. (See U. S. P. tests above.) The immediate source of this impurity is the sulphuric acid used to prepare the hydrochloric acid. The sulphuric acid derives the arsenic from the sulphur used in its manufacture, and this last from pyrites containing a little of the poisonous metal. The arsenic, when present, is in the form of a terchloride, and, from its volatility in this state of combination, is transferred to the hydrochloric acid, distilled from the commercial acid. This impurity is separated by diluting the acid with an equal volume of water, and passing through it hydrogen sulphide, which thus throws down the arsenic as a tersulphide. According to Wittstein, hydrochloric acid is freed from arsenic by mercury, according to Reinsch, by copper, and in either case it may be deprived of metallic impregnation by careful distillation. (*A. J. P.*, 1851, p. 408.) M. Auguste Houzeau asserts that to deprive commercial arseniferous hydrochloric acid of arsenic it is sufficient simply to boil it, in a flat-bottomed vessel, to two-thirds of its original volume; all the arsenic escaping in the form of the terchloride. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 97.) Bettendorff separates arsenous and arsenic acids from hydrochloric acid, sufficiently concentrated, by precipitating with stannous chloride, and then distilling the acid: when it is so treated, it is perfectly free from arsenic. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 219.) When leaden vessels are used in preparing hydrochloric acid, it is apt to contain lead chloride, which falls as a white precipitate on neutralizing the acid. The nature of the precipitate is verified by dissolving it in nitric acid and adding potassium iodide, when the yellow lead iodide will fall. (*Hainault.*) Prof. E. Scheffer proved the presence of lead in a sample used for making solution of iron perchloride. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1875.) Another instance was noted by F. Reppert. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1875.) This impurity, being fixed, may be separated by distilling the acid. A small proportion of thallium has been detected in commercial hydrochloric acid by Mr. Wm. Crookes, being derived from sulphuric acid, in the manu-

facture of which pyrites were employed. (*Chem. News*, 1863, p. 194.) Selenium has been found in French hydrochloric acid, causing it to have a characteristic bad odor.

Properties of Hydrochloric Acid Gas. Hydrochloric acid gas is a colorless elastic fluid, possessing a pungent odor, and the property of irritating the organs of respiration. It destroys life and extinguishes flame. It reddens litmus powerfully, and has the other properties of a strong acid. Its sp. gr. is 1·278 (Gay-Lussac and Biot). Subjected to a pressure of 40 atmospheres, at the temperature of 10° C. (50° F.), it is condensed into a transparent liquid, to which alone the name of *liquid hydrochloric acid* properly belongs. It is absorbed by water with the greatest avidity.

Composition. Hydrochloric acid gas consists of one atom of chlorine and one of hydrogen, or of one volume of chlorine and one of hydrogen, united without condensation.

Medical Properties. Hydrochloric acid is tonic, refrigerant, and antiseptic. It is exhibited, largely diluted with water, in *low fevers*, *phthisis*, some forms of *syphilis*, and to counteract *phosphatic deposits* in the urine. It is especially valuable in *gastro-intestinal indigestion* when there is no tendency to diarrhœa, and may often be added with advantage to liquid preparations of columbo, gentian, and cinchona. It is also frequently given in *dyspepsia* along with pepsin, to aid its solvent powers. The dose for internal exhibition is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.), well diluted. (See *Acidum Hydrochloricum Dilutum.*) It is a decided caustic when applied in concentrated form, although less powerful than nitric acid, and is frequently used to destroy small dermal growths.

Toxicological Properties. Hydrochloric acid, when swallowed, is highly irritating and corrosive, but less so than sulphuric or nitric acid. It produces hiccough, violent efforts to vomit, and agonizing pain in the stomach. There is much thirst, with great restlessness, a dry and burning skin, and a small concentrated pulse. If the acid have been recently swallowed, white vapors of a pungent smell will be emitted from the mouth. The best antidote is magnesia, but soap or sufficiently dilute alkaline solutions are almost equally efficient. In the course of the treatment, bland and mucilaginous drinks must be freely given. When inflammation supervenes, it must be treated on general principles.

ACIDUM HYDROCHLORICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Hydrochloric Acid. [Diluted Muriatic Acid.]

(ĂC'Ị-DŬM HŸ-DRỌ-ȻHLŌ'RỊ-CŬM DỊ-LŪ'TŬM.)

Acidum Muriaticum Dilutum, *Pharm.* 1870; Acide chlorhydrique dilué, *Fr.*; Verdünnte Salzsäure, *G.*

"Hydrochloric Acid, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Distilled Water, *two hundred and nineteen grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 317 grains], To make *three hundred and nineteen grammes* [or 11 ounces av., 110 grains]. Mix them. Keep the product in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Hydrochloric Acid *eight fluidounces* [Imp. measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dilute the acid with 16 fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the water; then add more water, so that, at a temperature of 60°, it shall measure 26½ fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Or, as follows: Take of Hydrochloric Acid 3060 grains; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Weigh the Acid in a glass flask, the capacity of which, to a mark on the neck, is one pint [Imp. meas.]; then add Distilled Water until the mixture, at 60° F. (15·5° C.), after it has been shaken, measures a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The existing U. S. formula differs from that of 1870 in yielding a diluted hydrochloric acid, which contains about twelve per cent. more official acid than did the older preparation. The change was made in order that the diluted mineral acids might have a uniform strength (ten per cent. of absolute acid). It is important to bear this fact in mind in prescribing, although the difference is not sufficient to render the present strength dangerous. "Diluted Hydrochloric Acid contains 10 per cent. of absolute Hydrochloric Acid. Specific gravity, about 1·050 at 15° C. (59° F.). It does not fume in the air, and is without odor, but otherwise it corresponds in properties to Hydrochloric Acid (see *Acidum Hydrochloricum*), and should conform to the same reactions and tests. To neutralize 3·64 Gm. of Diluted Hydrochloric Acid should require 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The British preparation has the sp. gr. 1·052. "345 grains by weight (6 fluidrachms) require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*, corresponding to 10·58 per cent. of real acid. Six fluidrachms [Imp. meas.] contain one eq. or 36·5 grains

of hydrochloric acid, HCl." *Br.* The extreme precision of both formulas, though no doubt useful when the diluted acid is used as a test, is unnecessary in a therapeutical point of view.

For medical properties and uses, see *Acidum Hydrochloricum.* The dose of the diluted acid is from fifteen to thirty minims (0·92–1·85 C.c.), to be taken in water.

ACIDUM HYDROCYANICUM DILUTUM. U.S., Br. Diluted Hydrocyanic Acid. [Prussic Acid.]

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM HĪ-DRŌ-CĪ-ĂN'Ĭ-CŬM DĬ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"A liquid composed of 2 per cent., by weight, of absolute Hydrocyanic Acid [HCN = 26·98], and 98 per cent. of water." *U. S.* "Hydrocyanic Acid, HCN, dissolved in water, and constituting 2 per cent. by weight of the solution." *Br.*

Cyanhydric Acid; Acidum Hydrocyanatum s. Borussicum; Acide cyanhydrique, ou hydrocyanique, *Fr.*; Cyanwasserstoff-Säure, Blausäure, *G.*

"Potassium Ferrocyanide, in coarse powder, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *eight cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidrachm, 11 minims]; Water, *sixty-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 95 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Place the Potassium Ferrocyanide in a tubulated retort, and add to it *forty cubic centimeters* [1 fluidounce, 3 fluidrachms] of Water. Connect the neck of the retort (which is to be directed upward), by means of a bent tube, with a well-cooled condenser, the delivery tube of which terminates in a receiver surrounded with ice-cold water, and containing *sixty-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 95 minims] of Distilled Water. All the joints of the apparatus, except the neck of the receiver, having been made air-tight by means of well-fitting corks, pour into the retort, through the tubulure, the Sulphuric Acid, previously diluted with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [6 fluidrachms, 45 minims] of Water. Gently mix the contents of the retort, and then heat it, in a sand-bath, so as to keep the liquid in brisk ebullition, until about one-half of its volume has passed over into the receiver. Detach the receiver, and assay a small portion of the contents by the method given below. Then add to the remainder so much Distilled Water as may be required to bring the product to the strength of *two per cent.*, by weight, of absolute Hydrocyanic Acid.

"*Diluted Hydrocyanic Acid* may also be prepared, extemporaneously, in the following manner: Silver Cyanide, *six grammes* [or 92·5 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *five cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidrachm, 21 minims]; Distilled Water, *fifty-five cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 6 fluidrachms, 52 minims]. Mix the Hydrochloric Acid with the Distilled Water, add the Silver Cyanide, and shake the whole together in a glass-stoppered bottle. When the precipitate has subsided, pour off the clear liquid. Diluted Hydrocyanic Acid should be kept in small, dark amber-colored, cork-stoppered vials, in a cool place." *U. S.*

"Ferrocyanide of Potassium, 2¼ ounces [av.]; Sulphuric Acid, 1 fluidounce [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water, 30 fluidounces [Imp. meas.], or a sufficiency. Dissolve the ferrocyanide of potassium in ten [fluid]ounces of the water, then add the sulphuric acid, previously diluted with four [fluid]ounces of the water and cooled. Put the solution into a flask or other suitable apparatus of glass or earthenware, to which are attached a condenser and a receiver arranged for distillation; and having put eight [fluid]ounces of distilled water into the receiver, and provided efficient means for keeping the condenser and receiver cold, apply heat to the flask, until by slow distillation the liquid in the receiver is increased to seventeen fluidounces. Add to this three [fluid]ounces of distilled water, or as much as may be sufficient to bring the acid to the required strength, so that one hundred grains (or 110 minims) of it, precipitated with a solution of nitrate of silver, and the precipitate thoroughly washed and dried, shall yield ten grains of dry cyanide of silver.

"Diluted hydrocyanic acid should be kept in well-corked bottles, tied over with impervious tissue. The bottles should be inverted when not in use, and be kept in a dark place." *Br.*

The British preparation has the sp. gr. 0·997. If 270 grains of it be made alkaline by solution of soda, they will require 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of silver nitrate to be added before a permanent precipitate begins to form, corresponding to 2 per cent. of the real acid.

When potassium ferrocyanide is decomposed by sulphuric acid, the residue in the retort is potassium sulphate, mixed with an insoluble compound of iron cyanide and potassium cyanide (*Everitt's Salt*). The reaction is expressed by the following equation:

$$2(K_4FeC_6N_6) + 3H_2SO_4 = 3K_2SO_4 + 2(KFeC_3N_3) + 6HCN.$$

Half of the cyanogen present in the potassium ferrocyanide goes to form the hydrocyanic

acid, while the other half remains in the white residue. Everitt's salt, so named from its discoverer, is a yellowish-white powder. Like potassium ferrocyanide, it is a double salt (iron and potassium cyanide), but of different molecular ratio. As it appears in practice, it is apt to be greenish, owing probably to the presence of a little Prussian blue.

An excess of sulphuric acid, or the use of concentrated acid, would endanger the production of hydrocyanic acid, as this is decomposed by strong sulphuric acid, with the formation of carbon monoxide (CO) and ammonium sulphate. The proportion of the acid should not exceed three-fourths of the weight of the ferrocyanide. In relation to the most convenient method of bringing the hydrocyanic acid to the standard strength, and to some other points in its preparation by the official formula, see Prof. Procter's paper, *A. J. P.*, xix. 259.

In the U. S. process for obtaining hydrocyanic acid extemporaneously, the reacting materials are single molecules respectively of silver cyanide and hydrochloric acid. These, by double decomposition, generate hydrocyanic acid, which dissolves in the water, and silver chloride, which subsides, and from which the acid is poured off when clear. (See *Argenti Cyanidum.*) The extemporaneous process is useful to country practitioners, because the acid will not generally keep. A portion of hydrocyanic acid, if purchased by a practitioner, may spoil on his hands before he has occasion to use it; but if he supply himself with silver cyanide, he may readily at any moment prepare a small portion of the acid, by following the directions of the formula. On the other hand, it is questionable whether all of the silver cyanide will be decomposed, except under much more careful treatment than the process is likely to receive.

The change which was made in the process of the Pharmacopœia of 1880, in the substitution of diluted alcohol for the distilled water formerly used as the solvent for the hydrocyanic acid, was in accordance with the views of Gault and others, who asserted that greater stability was thus secured. It has not proved of sufficient value to retain in the U. S. P. 1890, and the use of diluted alcohol has been abandoned. (See F. T. Drake, *Proceedings A. P. A.* 1891, p. 147.)

Another process for obtaining medicinal hydrocyanic acid, proposed by Dr. Clark, and adopted by Mr. Laming, is by the reaction of tartaric acid on potassium cyanide in solution. Laming's formula has been modified as follows. Potassium cyanide, pure, 65 parts; tartaric acid, 150 parts; alcohol, 675 parts; water sufficient to make 1538 parts. Mix the potassium cyanide and tartaric acid with 500 parts of water in a well-stoppered bottle, or dissolve each separately in 250 parts of water, and mix the solutions; then add the alcohol and sufficient water to make 1538 parts. After the acid potassium tartrate has subsided as a heavy crystalline powder, the clear supernatant liquid is decanted.

The yield of official acid is 1350 parts, but the generated cream of tartar weighs 188 parts, thus making the 1538 parts as above directed. The solution contains mere traces of the acid tartrate. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 559, from *Fownes's Chemistry.*)

Great care must be observed in using this process to procure pure potassium cyanide, the commercial article usually being adulterated.

The processes thus far given are intended to furnish a *dilute* hydrocyanic acid for medicinal purposes. The methods of obtaining the *anhydrous* acid are different. Vauquelin's process for the anhydrous acid is to pass a current of hydrogen sulphide gas over mercury cyanide contained in a glass tube, connected with a receiver kept cold by a freezing mixture of ice and salt. The first third only of the tube is filled with cyanide; the remaining two-thirds being occupied, half with lead carbonate, and half with calcium chloride; the carbonate being intended to detain the hydrogen sulphide gas, the chloride to separate water.

The process of Wöhler for the anhydrous acid is the following. The potassium cyanide selected is a black cyanide, formed by fusing together, in a covered crucible, 8 parts of dry ferrocyanide, 3 of ignited cream of tartar, and 1 of charcoal in fine powder. The cyanide, while still warm, is exhausted by 6 parts of water; and the clear solution, placed in a retort, is decomposed by cold diluted sulphuric acid, gradually added. The hydrocyanic acid is condensed first in a U-tube containing calcium chloride and surrounded with ice-cold water, and afterwards in a small bottle, connected with the U-tube by a narrow tube, and immersed up to the neck in a mixture of ice and salt. After the acid has been condensed and dehydrated in the U-tube, the cold water surrounding it is withdrawn by a siphon, and replaced by water at a temperature between 29·4° and 32·2° C. (85°–90° F.), whereby the anhydrous acid is made to distil over into the small bottle.

M. Berthelot has made hydrocyanic acid synthetically. He first prepares, by a direct synthesis of its elements, *acetylene* (C_2H_2). He then mixes vapors of acetylene with pure nitrogen, passes a series of electric discharges from a Ruhmkorff coil through the mixture, and, when

the odor of prussic acid is perceptible, agitates with a solution of potassa to get the fixed cyanide. It has also been made by heating chloroform with ammonia and caustic potash solution. (Hofmann, *Ann.*, 144, 116.)

Properties of the Medicinal Acid. Diluted hydrocyanic acid, of the proper medicinal strength, is a transparent, colorless, volatile liquid, possessing a smell resembling that of peach kernels, and a taste at first cooling and afterwards somewhat irritating. As it is very poisonous, great care should be taken in tasting it. "If to 1 C.c. of the Acid, rendered alkaline by potassium hydrate test-solution, a few drops, each, of ferrous sulphate test-solution and ferric chloride test-solution be added, and the mixture then acidulated with hydrochloric acid, a blue precipitate will be formed." *U. S.* It imparts a slight and evanescent red color to litmus. If it reddens litmus strongly and permanently, some acid impurity is present. It loses strength rapidly in open vessels. It is not reddened by potassium and mercury iodo-cyanide. The non-action of this test shows the absence of contaminating acids, which, if present, would decompose the test and give rise to red mercuric iodide. The red color produced when ammonium picrate is added to a solution of an alkaline cyanide and heated has been proposed as a test for prussic acid. (P. Guyot, *N. R.*, May, 1877.) It is liable to undergo decomposition if exposed to the light, but it may be kept for a longer time in a bottle covered with black paint or black paper. From experiments carefully conducted by MM. Bussy and Buignet, it appears that, when the alteration in the acid under the influence of light has begun, it will afterwards go on very rapidly in the dark; and that after exposure for a certain time to the light, though no alteration may be apparent, an influence has nevertheless been exerted which disposes to change, and promotes decomposition even in the absence of light. Hence the necessity of immediately enclosing the acid in bottles from which the light is excluded. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1863, p. 475.)* Experience has shown that it is best preserved in cork-stoppered bottles of amber glass; when glass and rubber stoppers were used, decomposition frequently took place rapidly. Its most usual impurities are sulphuric and hydrochloric acids; the former of which may be detected by barium chloride, which will produce a precipitate of barium sulphate, and the latter by precipitating with silver nitrate, when so much of the precipitate as may be silver chloride will be insoluble in boiling nitric acid, while the silver cyanide is readily soluble. The presence of these acids in slight amount is injurious only by rendering uncertain the strength of the medicinal acid, as ascertained by its saturating power. It is now generally acknowledged that mineral acids prevent the deterioration of the dilute prussic acid. But the presence of a mineral acid is not necessary for its preservation; for Dr. Christison has known the medicinal acid from potassium ferrocyanide to keep perfectly well, although barium nitrate did not produce the slightest muddiness. Nevertheless it has been recently shown that much of the acid as kept in the drug-stores is often below the official strength. Various remedies have been proposed. (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1871; Feb. 1, 1874; Sept. 1874.) One of these is to reduce the strength to one-tenth per cent., this weak solution being said not to undergo change. In our experience a one-per-cent. acid retained its properties through very severe tests of exposure. Mr. John Williams has found in a series of experiments that the addition of 20 per cent. of glycerin has a very pronounced influence in preventing deterioration. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1874; Sept. 1875.)

* Anhydrous hydrocyanic acid sometimes undergoes an apparently spontaneous molecular change by which it is converted into a black solid body, which was supposed to be *paracyanogen* (C_3N_3), or its compounds. This change takes place more slowly in watery solutions of the acid, which are converted into a black liquid; and it is only in a state of extreme dilution, when, for example, water contains not more than one per cent. of the acid, that it is altogether prevented. It sometimes takes place in the official diluted acid; and Prof. Procter exhibited a bottle, which had been most carefully closed, and kept excluded from the light, and in which, nevertheless, the acid had become as black as ink. The cause of this phenomenon remained long unknown: some years ago M. E. Millon satisfied himself, by experiment, that the real agency was the presence of ammonia, which may sometimes operate even through the air. It has also been asserted that the cause of the decomposition is the presence of a microscopic plant. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1862, p. 48.) The preservative influence of a little sulphuric acid in the diluted hydrocyanic acid would be thus explained; and it is not impossible that the greater resistance offered to the change by the preparation made by the original process, in which sulphuric acid is used, than by the others, may be owing to the influence of this acid, either passing over with its vapor, or acting on the acid vapor before it leaves the retort. An important practical inference from all this is the necessity of providing, as far as possible, that ammonia should in no manner have access to the acid, during or after its preparation. The effect of ammonia in inducing changes in dilute hydrocyanic acid is denied by Pettit. (*A. J. P.*, 1873.) Mr. Rimmington asserts that hydrocyanic acid acts upon the alkali of some varieties of glass. Mr. Siebold, who has confirmed this, declares that the addition of hydrochloric acid is perfectly useless as a preservative, except when the prussic acid is kept in bottles which yield the alkali. (*Pharm. Journ.*, Sept. 1874.) MM. Lescoln and Rigaut (*Comptes-Rendus*, Aug. 4, 1879) state that pure hydrocyanic acid can be preserved for a long time; that the presence of potassium cyanide brings about this decomposition even in the absence of water.

Formerly the medicinal acid was of different strengths, as ordered by the different pharmaceutical authorities; but happily the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias conform in this important point. At one time its strength was indicated by its specific gravity, which is lower in proportion as it is stronger; but this unprecise mode of estimate is not now relied on; and, though the British Pharmacopœia gives the sp. gr. of its dilute acid at 0·997, both Pharmacopœias give quantitative tests as indices of the strength.

Assay. "To ascertain the percentage strength, mix in a flask (of the capacity of about 100 C.c.) 0·27 Gm. of Hydrocyanic Acid (obtained by distillation as above directed) with sufficient water and magnesia to make an opaque mixture of about 10 C.c. Add to this 2 or 3 drops of potassium chromate test-solution, and then, from a burette, silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, until a red tint is produced which does not again disappear by shaking. Each C.c. of silver nitrate volumetric solution used indicates 1 per cent. of absolute Hydrocyanic Acid. After ascertaining the strength of the distillate, dilute it with Distilled Water so as to bring it to the strength of 2 per cent. of absolute acid. Lastly, test the finished product again, when 1·35 Gm. of it should require, for complete precipitation, 10 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution." *U.S.* This method of assay is based upon Pappenheim's process for the determination of hydrocyanic acid in bitter almond water, as described by Veilhaber in *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1878, p. 408; the addition of an alkali to a solution of hydrocyanic acid, previous to titration, not only prevents the volatilization of the acid, but, as has been shown by Siebold, the double cyanides of silver with the alkali metals are very permanent. The use of potassium chromate as an indicator, whereby a red color, due to a combination of the chromic acid with the silver, is produced, is highly recommended. The Br. Pharmacopœia directs that 270 grains of it, when treated with solution of soda in excess, shall require the addition of 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of silver nitrate, before a permanent precipitate begins to form. To explain this test it is necessary to notice that silver cyanide, though itself insoluble, is rendered soluble by combining with sodium cyanide, in the proportion of one molecule of each. When, therefore, the diluted hydrocyanic acid is converted, by the addition of soda, into sodium cyanide, no permanent precipitate will begin to appear, upon the addition of silver nitrate, until more than sufficient silver cyanide is produced to form the soluble compound referred to, which happens when one-half of the sodium cyanide has been converted into silver cyanide. An acid of the strength indicated by either of these methods contains two per cent. of anhydrous acid. The test of entire solubility in boiling nitric acid, applied to the precipitate obtained by silver nitrate, is intended to verify its nature; for, if the hydrocyanic acid contained hydrochloric acid, part of this precipitate would be silver chloride, not soluble in the boiling acid. Scheele's medicinal hydrocyanic acid contains about 5 per cent. of anhydrous acid; and therefore two minims of it are equal to five of the U. S. acid. The use of Scheele's acid should be discouraged as unnecessary and very dangerous. In view of the deterioration of hydrocyanic acid upon keeping through loss by volatilization, the following approximate practical test is recommended by Dr. Squibb. If one drop of diluted hydrocyanic acid be added to 15 C.c. of distilled water in one vessel, and one drop of silver nitrate test-solution (U. S. P.) be added to 7 C.c. of distilled water in a test-tube, and the first solution be dropped into the second from a pipette, and the contents be closely observed for a few seconds between the drops, a distinct opalescence should be observed before the fourth drop is added, and should become very marked as the fourth and fifth drops are added.

MM. Fordos and Gélis have proposed, as a test of the strength of the compounds containing cyanogen, an alcoholic solution of iodine of known strength; as, for example, three grains to the fluidounce. The test-solution is added, drop by drop, to the cyanogen compound, until a permanent yellowish tinge is produced. The iodine unites with the cyanogen, and with the substance in combination with the cyanogen, in the ratio of their several equivalents; and hence the cyanogen present is easily calculated from the proportion of iodine expended in uniting with it. This test is commended for its accuracy by Mr. James Roberton, of Manchester, Eng. (See *A. J. P.*, 1853, p. 551.) A. Link and R. Moeckel (*Zeitsch. f. Analyt. Chem.*, 1878, p. 455) made a series of experiments, and showed that the most delicate test for hydrocyanic acid was that of iron sulphocyanate. (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 86.)

Properties of the Anhydrous Acid. Hydrocyanic acid, perfectly free from water, is a colorless, transparent, inflammable liquid, of extreme volatility, boiling at 27° C. (80° F.), and congealing at —15° C. (5° F.). Its sp. gr. as a liquid is 0·6969, at the temperature of 18° C. (64° F.); and as a vapor 0·9423. Its taste is at first cooling, then burning, with an after-taste in the throat like that of bitter almonds; but, from its extremely poisonous nature,

it must be tasted with the utmost caution. Its odor is so strong as to produce immediate headache and giddiness, and its vapor so deleterious that the smallest portion of it cannot be inhaled without the greatest danger. Both water and alcohol dissolve it readily. It is much more prone to undergo decomposition than the dilute acid. In the course of a few hours it sometimes begins to assume a reddish-brown color, which becomes gradually deeper, till at length the acid is converted into a black liquid, which exhales a strong smell of ammonia. It is a very weak acid in its chemical relations, and reddens litmus but slightly. It does not form solid compounds with metallic oxides, but cyanides of metals, the elements of water being eliminated. According to Sobero, hydrocyanic acid is generated, in sensible quantities, by the action of weak nitric acid on the volatile oils and resins. Wöhler affirmed in 1828 that picric acid when treated with baryta water yields it; and Julius Post and H. Hübner have found that nitrobenzene and dinitrobenzene do also when treated, the former with fusing potassa, the latter with boiling dilute solution of potassa. It has also been formed by the slow action of potassium carbonate on tincture of hyoscyamus, given together as a medicine. (Dr. J. T. Plummer, of Indiana, *A. J. P.*, xxv. 513.) Though a product of art, it exists in some plants, and is generated by reaction between the constituents of many vegetable products upon contact with water. These principles are usually amygdalin and emulsin, but according to Peckholt the root of *Manihot utilissima* copiously generates hydrocyanic acid with water, although he was unable in 15 analyses to find amygdalin in it. (*A. J. P.*, Oct. 1872.) (See *Amygdala Amara.*)*

Composition. Hydrocyanic acid consists of the atomic group cyanogen and one atom of hydrogen; or, in volumes, of one volume of cyanogen and one of hydrogen without condensation, its formula being HCN or HCy. *Cyanogen*, $(CN)_2$, is a colorless gas, of a strong and penetrating smell, inflammable, and burning with a beautiful bluish-purple flame. Its sp. gr. is 1·8157. It was discovered in 1815 by Gay-Lussac, who viewed it as a compound radical which when combined with hydrogen becomes hydrocyanic acid. Hydrocyanic acid, in a dilute state, was discovered in 1780 by Scheele, who correctly stated its elements to be carbon, nitrogen, and hydrogen; but the peculiar way in which they are combined was first pointed out by Gay-Lussac, by whom also the anhydrous acid was first obtained.

Medical and Toxical Properties. Hydrocyanic acid is one of the most deadly poisons known, and frequently exceedingly rapid in its action. According to Dr. Christison, a grain and a half of the anhydrous acid are capable of producing death in the human subject. One or two drops of the pure acid are sufficient to kill a vigorous dog in a few seconds. Sometimes death occurs almost instantaneously. Usually, however, three stages of the poisoning are manifest: a first, very brief one, of difficult respiration, slow cardiac action, and disturbed nervous action; a second, violent convulsive stage, with dilated pupils, vomiting, often loud cries, unconsciousness, etc.; and a third, closing period, of asphyxia, collapse, and paralysis, sometimes interrupted by convulsions. When smaller doses are ingested, the symptoms come on more slowly, but are similar to those just described, and when paralysis is developed it affects both motility and sensation. A peculiar bloated look of the deeply-suffused face and neck, with frothing at the mouth, occurring along with the symptoms previously described, is almost pathognomonic of the poisoning. The odor of hydrocyanic acid is sometimes very strong, and should always be searched for about the mouth. It is very important as an aid in the diagnosis, but is certainly not always present. Death is usually the result of asphyxia, produced by a direct paralyzing action of the poison upon the respiratory centres. The poison appears also to have a direct paralyzing action upon the heart, and sometimes to produce fatal syncope. The post-mortem appearances are glistening and staring expression of the eyes, gorged state of the venous system with fluid, dark, or bluish-black blood, especially of the veins of the brain and spinal marrow, and sometimes redness of the internal coat of the stomach. The lungs are sometimes natural, at other times turgid with blood. When the death has been very rapid, all of the blood may be found of a bright arterial hue. After a slow death the blood is cyanotic. It is rarely true that all the muscles are insensible to the galvanic current. If the autopsy be not too long deferred, the odor of the acid is generally perceptible when the cadaver is opened. The odor after nitrobenzene poisoning resembles very closely that of the acid, but it is affirmed that the diagnosis can be made by leaving the opened body exposed, when

* It has been proposed to employ solutions of these vegetable products for the extemporaneous preparation of hydrocyanic acid, and in the Swedish Pharmacopœia the *Emulsio Hydrocyanata* has replaced entirely the dilute prussic acid. An emulsion is first made of 3 parts of sweet almonds, 2 of sugar, and 24 of water. To 80 parts of this emulsion is added one part of amygdalin. In an hour the mixture is ready for use; one ounce of it contains one-third of a grain of anhydrous acid. Dose, one to two teaspoonfuls. (*Nat. Med. Journ.*, July, 1871.)

the smell of the acid will disappear, and that of the nitrobenzene remain. Notwithstanding the tremendous energy of this acid as a poison, it has been ventured upon in a dilute state as a sedative, anodyne, and antispasmodic. Though occasionally applied as a remedy prior to 1817, it did not attract very much attention until that year, when Magendie published his observations on its use in diseases of the chest and recommended it to the profession. When given in medicinal doses gradually increased, it produces the following symptoms in different cases: peculiar bitter taste; increased secretion of saliva; irritation of the throat; nausea; disordered respiration; pain in the head; giddiness; faintness; obscure vision; and tendency to sleep. It appears to have a special action on the larynx and trachea. (*Dr. Cogswell.*) The pulse is sometimes quickened, at other times reduced in frequency. It has been extensively used in complaints of the respiratory organs, but later experience has shown that it has but little virtue, except in the quieting of cough. Its influence upon the circulation is not sufficiently pronounced to render the drug of any value as an arterial sedative in acute pulmonary or other inflammations. In *phthisis* it may be resorted to with advantage as a palliative for the cough. In various other affections of the chest attended with *dyspnœa* or *cough*, such as *asthma*, *whooping-cough*, and *chronic catarrh*, it has often been decidedly beneficial, by allaying irritation or relaxing spasm. In certain gastric affections characterized by pain and spasm (*gastrodynia*), and sometimes attended with vomiting, but unconnected with inflammation, and in similar painful affections of the bowels, it has proved beneficial in the hands of several practitioners. In these cases it probably acts locally upon the nerve-endings in the stomach and intestines. It has been used with asserted good results in the paroxysmal excitement of *mania*. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 111.) Sometimes it is used externally, diluted with water, as a wash in cutaneous diseases. The late Dr. A. T. Thomson insisted particularly on its efficacy in allaying the itching of *impetiginous affections*.

The dose of the diluted hydrocyanic acid is from two to four drops (0·12–0·24 C.c.), dissolved in distilled water, or mixed with gum-water or syrup. It should be administered with the greatest caution, on account of its minute dose, and its variable strength as usually found. The proper plan, therefore, is to begin with a small dose, two drops, for example, and gradually to increase the quantity until some obvious impression is produced. On account of the rapidity and fugaciousness of its action, it should be given at intervals of not more than two hours; indeed, it is very improbable that the largest therapeutic dose of the substance exerts any influence whatever upon the system one hour after its ingestion. If giddiness, weight at the top of the head, sense of tightness at the stomach, or faintness come on, its use should be discontinued. In all cases in which a fresh portion of medicine is used, the dose should be lowered to the minimum quantity, lest the new sample should prove stronger than that previously employed. When resorted to as a lotion, from thirty minims to a fluidrachm may be dissolved in a fluidounce of distilled water.

Toxicology. Hydrocyanic acid is so rapidly fatal as a poison that physicians have seldom an opportunity to treat its effects. Death, if it occur at all, usually takes place in from one to forty minutes. One case has, however, been reported in which it was delayed one hour and a quarter. When recovery is brought about, the symptoms in most cases abate very rapidly. The antidotes and remedies most to be relied on are chlorine, ammonia, cold affusion, and artificial respiration. Chlorine in the form of chlorine water, or weak solutions of chlorinated lime or soda, may be exhibited internally, or applied externally. When chlorine is not at hand, water of ammonia, largely diluted, may be given, and the vapor arising from it cautiously inhaled. Cold affusion was first proposed in 1828, by Herbst, of Göttingen, and its utility was subsequently confirmed by Orfila. Its efficacy is strongly supported by experiments performed in 1839 by Dr. Robinson and M. Lonyet upon poisoned rabbits. In a case of poisoning reported by Dr. Christison in 1850, the patient recovered under a stream of cold water poured upon the head from a moderate height. In another case, reported in the *Lancet* in 1854, in which the largest reported quantity was taken to be followed by recovery (2·4 grains of anhydrous acid), the cold-water douche was the principal remedy. (See *Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, July, 1854, p. 276.) Messrs. T. & H. Smith, of Edinburgh, have recommended especially as an antidote for the medicinal acid a mixture of the ferric salts, swallowed after a solution of potassium carbonate. So soon as the antidote comes in contact with hydrocyanic acid, potassium sulphate is formed, and the poison is converted into Prussian blue. It may be prepared extemporaneously, by adding ten grains of iron sulphate, and a drachm of the tincture of iron chloride, to a fluidounce of water contained in one vial, and twenty grains of potassium carbonate to a fluidounce of water in another vial. The patient is made to swallow

the solution of potassium carbonate, and immediately afterwards the mixed ferruginous solution. This quantity is estimated to be sufficient to render insoluble nearly two grains of the anhydrous acid.* In one instance this antidote is said to have proved very effectual. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1865, p. 139.) Hydrogen peroxide (see *Aqua Hydrogenii Dioxidi*) has been found by Kobert to be antidotal to hydrocyanic acid, acting by changing it into oxamide. (*Pharm. Centralh.*, 1891.) Atropine has been proposed as a counter-poison, on the grounds of its physiological action, and of experiments made with it on the lower animals. (See *Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1868, p. 577.) It has, however, been shown by the elaborate experiments of Keen (*Proc. Phil. Acad. Nat. Sci.*, 1869), of Reese (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, Jan. 1871), and of Boehm and Knie (*Archiv für Exper. Path. und Therap.*, Bd. ii.), to be of little or no antidotal value. Morphine has also been supposed to be antagonistic to hydrocyanic acid.

Tests. After suspected death from poison, it is sometimes necessary to ascertain whether the event was caused by this acid. At a period long after death it would be needless to search for so volatile a poison; but it has been recognized three weeks after death, in a case reported by M. Brame, in which about six drachms of acid, containing between 8 and 9 per cent. of anhydrous acid, had been swallowed. The best test is that proposed by Liebig in 1847, consisting in the change of the hydrocyanic acid into ammonium sulphocyanate, which salt is then tested with a ferric salt. Two drops of the acid, so dilute as not to afford the least blue tint with the salts of iron, upon being mixed with a drop of ammonium sulphydrate (yellow from dissolved sulphur), and heated upon a watch-glass until the mixture is colorless, yield a solution of ammonium sulphocyanate which becomes of a deep blood-red color upon the addition of ferric sulphate, in consequence of the formation of iron sulphocyanate. (*Chem. Gaz.*, April 1, 1847; from Liebig's *Annalen.*) This test is praised by Mr. A. S. Taylor, who found it to act characteristically on two grains of dilute hydrocyanic acid, containing only 1-3930th of a grain of anhydrous acid. To render the test thus delicate, Mr. Taylor deems it necessary to evaporate the liquid gently to dryness, after the addition of the ammonium sulphydrate, in order to bring the sulphocyanate to the solid state before adding the iron test, a fractional part of a drop of which will commonly suffice to produce the characteristic color. The red color is instantly discharged by solution of corrosive sublimate or mercuric nitrate, and is thus distinguished from that which might possibly be produced under similar circumstances by acetic acid. Should the acid be mixed with organic matters, Mr. Taylor proposes a modification of Liebig's test, as follows. Place it in a watch-glass, and invert over it another, holding in the centre a drop of ammonium sulphydrate. In from half a minute to ten minutes, without heat, the ammonium sulphydrate will be converted into ammonium sulphocyanate, and upon removing the upper glass, and evaporating its contents to dryness, the iron test will produce the blood-red color. MM. O. Henry and E. Humbert have proposed, as a test of hydrocyanic acid, first to convert it into silver cyanide by distilling the suspected matters into a dilute solution of silver nitrate, and then to decompose the cyanide by iodine, so as to form cyanogen iodide. The dried cyanide is added to half its estimated weight of *pure* iodine, contained in a test-tube. Upon the application of a gentle heat, cyanogen iodide is formed, and characteristic crystals of it are deposited on the cool surface of the tube. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1857, p. 173.) Prof. Wormley (*Micro-Chemistry of Poisons*, 2d ed., p. 186) considers the silver nitrate test as the most delicate of all when the hydrocyanic acid vapor is distilled from a mixture and received in a drop of silver nitrate solution placed in a watch-glass above it.

An extremely sensitive test of hydrocyanic acid in the state of vapor has been offered by Schönbein. It consists of white filtering paper imbued with the resin of guaiacum by dipping it in a solution of 3 parts of the resin in 150 of alcohol, and then drying. At the moment of use it is to be moistened with a solution of copper sulphate containing 1 part in 500 parts of water. If now brought into contact with hydrocyanic acid, whether dissolved in water or diffused in the air in the form of vapor, it instantly becomes blue. According to

* In a subsequent communication the Messrs. Smith recommend the following proportions. Mix of solution of perchloride of iron (*Br.*) 37 minims, ferrous sulphate, as pure as possible and in fine crystals, 25 grains, and about half a fluidounce of water. Dissolve 77 grains of crystallized sodium carbonate in the same measure of water. These quantities will neutralize between 150 and 200 minims of the medicinal hydrocyanic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1865, p. 147.) Still more recently the authors propose to substitute magnesia for sodium carbonate, as better fitted to neutralize any considerable quantity of gastric acid that might be present. The following is the formula now recommended. From one to two drachms of magnesia, made into a smooth cream with water, are to be first administered, and then 16 minims of solution of perchloride of iron (*Br.*) and 12½ grains of ferrous sulphate are dissolved in water. These quantities are calculated for 100 minims of medicinal hydrocyanic acid. Should more than this be supposed to have been taken, the ferruginous ingredients must be increased in proportion, but not the magnesia. (*Ibid.*, 1865, p. 276.)

Schönbein, it will change color in air containing only a forty-millionth part of hydrocyanic acid. (See *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 174.) The test cannot, however, be relied on, since a similar reaction is yielded by numerous other substances, such as nitrous, nitric, and hydrochloric acids, chlorine, bromine, iodine, ammonia, dilute sulphuric acid, chromic acid, potassium bichromate, etc. The paper should be exposed to a current of air drawn through the suspected liquid, and, if indications be yielded, distillation practised to get the volatile acid in a state of sufficient purity to be submitted to the sulphur-iron test. This, as performed by Almén and Strieve, consists in adding ammonium sulphide, to form the sulphocyanate; converting this into the non-volatile potassium sulphocyanate by the addition of a few drops of liquor potassæ; then evaporating nearly or quite to dryness; adding a few drops of water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and finally adding a drop or two of iron sesquichloride, when the blood red of the sulphocyanate will be developed. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, July, 1873.) Another test, which was proposed by Schönbein, and which was found to be exceedingly delicate by M. Büchner, is dependent upon the power prussic acid has of preventing the catalytic action of the red blood-corpuscles. Normally, when these are brought into contact with hydrogen peroxide, the latter is decomposed and oxygen liberated; if prussic acid be present, no oxygen is set free, but the mixture becomes of a deep brown color. In this way Büchner recognized 5 milligrammes of the anhydrous acid in 600 grammes of blood and water. This test is not applicable to old blood. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1869.)

A very delicate test proposed for hydrocyanic acid is as follows. About one-half centigramme ($\frac{1}{12}$ grain) of ammonio-ferrous sulphate (or other pure ferrous salt) and the same quantity of uranic nitrate are dissolved in 50 C.c. of water, and 1 C.c. of this test-liquid is placed in a porcelain dish. On now adding a drop of a liquid containing the smallest quantity of prussic acid, a gray purple color or a distinct purple precipitate is produced. (M. Carey Lea, *Amer. Journ. of Sci.* [3], ix. 121–123.)

ACIDUM HYPOPHOSPHOROSUM DILUTUM, U. S. Diluted Hypophosphorous Acid.

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM HĬ-PŌ-PHŌS-PHŌ-RŌ'SŬM DĪ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"A liquid composed of about 10 per cent., by weight, of absolute Hypophosphorous Acid [$HPH_2O_2 = 65{\cdot}88$], and about 90 per cent. of water." *U. S.*

This acid has been introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890, mainly because of its value as an addition to pharmaceutical preparations containing iodides liable to decomposition through exposure to light and air. It has proved to be the most satisfactory preservative to these easily decomposed salts. It may be added directly, or, as in the case of syrup of hydriodic acid, a hypophosphite can be employed, and the salt decomposed by an acid during the manipulation. The *National Formulary* has given a very excellent process for its preparation (see Part II.). It may be made on a large scale, however, by decomposing barium hypophosphite with sulphuric acid, or by boiling phosphorus with milk of lime and subsequently decomposing the calcium hypophosphite with a strong acid, oxalic acid being frequently used. The following process of Prof. Procter's (*A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 121) is based on this principle. Take of hypophosphite of lime 480 grains, crystallized oxalic acid 350 grains, distilled water 9 fluidounces. Dissolve the hypophosphite of lime in 6 fluidounces of the water, and the acid in the remainder with the aid of heat; mix the solutions, pour the mixture on a white paper filter, and when the liquid has passed add distilled water carefully till it measures 10 fluidounces; evaporate this to 8½ fluidounces.

Properties. Diluted hypophosphorous acid is a colorless, odorless liquid, having a sour taste and acid reaction; its specific gravity is 1·046 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is miscible in all proportions with water or alcohol. The following official tests are appended:

"When heated in a porcelain capsule, it evaporates, losing at first principally water and becoming more concentrated. On further heating it decomposes, forming hydrogen phosphide which ignites, and phosphoric acid. The pasty residue finally reddens, ignites, and the last portions of phosphorus burn out at higher heat. From silver nitrate test-solution it reduces black metallic silver. When the Acid is gently heated with copper sulphate test-solution, a yellow precipitate of copper hydride falls, which rapidly assumes a reddish-brown color. The addition of hydrogen sulphide test-solution to the Acid should produce neither a precipitate nor a coloration (absence of *lead*, etc.). If some of the Acid be neutralized with ammonia water, separate portions of the liquid should not yield a precipitate with ammonium sulphide test-

solution (absence of *iron*, etc)., nor with ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*); nor should more than a slight turbidity be produced by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *phosphoric*, *sulphuric*, *oxalic*, and *tartaric acids*). Neither platinic chloride test-solution nor sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution should produce more than a slight yellow turbidity in the diluted acid (limit of *potassium*). If 0·5 Gm. of Diluted Hypophosphorous Acid be mixed with 7 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 35 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, and the mixture boiled for fifteen minutes, it should require about 4·7 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the red color, corresponding to about 10 per cent. of absolute Hypophosphorous Acid. To neutralize 6·6 Gm. of Diluted Hypophosphorous Acid should require about 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This acid is believed by many clinicians to have tonic properties, but is very rarely if ever used except in combinations with strychnine, quinine, or iron, which are thought by many to be especially valuable in *nervous debility*. The dose is from ten to thirty minims (0·62–1·85 C.c.).

ACIDUM LACTICUM. U. S., Br. Lactic Acid.

(ĂC′I-DŬM LĂC′TI-CŬM.)

"An organic acid, usually obtained by subjecting milk-sugar or grape-sugar to lactic fermentation; composed of 75 per cent., by weight, of absolute Lactic Acid [$HC_3H_5O_3 = 89·79$], and 25 per cent. of water." *U. S.* "Lactic acid, $HC_3H_5O_3$, with about 25 per cent. of water. Produced by the action of a peculiar ferment on solution of sugar and subsequent purification of the product." *Br.*

Oxypropionic Acid, Ethidene-lactic Acid; Acide lactique, *Fr.;* Milchsäure, *G.*

Lactic acid was discovered by Scheele. It exists in sour milk, and has been found in a number of the secretions, including the healthy gastric juice, in which its presence has been incontestably proved by Bernard and Barreswil. It has been detected by Prof. Wittstein in the vegetable kingdom, especially in the peduncles of *Solanum dulcamara*, and the liquid which oozes from freshly-cut vine branches. It is a product of the viscous or lactic fermentation of rice-water, or of the juices of the beet, turnip, and carrot. Indeed, it is formed whenever sugar in solution, of whatever kind, is placed in contact with an alkaline or earthy carbonate in presence of a special ferment, as, for example, the casein of milk, or cheese which contains it. Pasteur has demonstrated that the lactic acid fermentation, like the vinous, is caused by a peculiar microscopic plant or mycoderm. It is attended with the production not only of lactic acid, but of other substances also, and among them a peculiar *gum-like substance* in abundance, which, first noticed by Kirchof, has been isolated in a pure state by Brüning. Though similar to arabin and dextrin, with the formula $C_6H_{10}O_5$, it is not exactly identical with either. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, 1858, p. 197.) The lactic acid of fermentation is one of four isomeric acids possessing the formula $C_3H_6O_3$. The *first* of these is the official lactic acid, and is inactive optically. The *second* is identical chemically with this, but physically different, being dextrorotatory, and is found in the juice of flesh. It is called *paralactic acid*. The *third* or *ethylene lactic acid* is found mixed with the second in the so-called "*sarcolactic*" acid extracted from meat. The *fourth* acid has only been obtained synthetically, and is known as *hydracrylic acid*.

Preparation. Lactic acid may be obtained by the following process, which was recommended by M. Louradour as the first step in preparing ferrous lactate. Ferment whey by keeping it at a temperature between 21·1° C. (70° F.) and 26·6° C. (80° F.), whereby it becomes charged with a considerable quantity of lactic acid. Evaporate the liquor to one-third of its bulk, decant and filter, and then saturate with milk of lime. This converts the lactic acid into calcium lactate, which remains in solution, and throws down a precipitate, consisting principally of calcium phosphate. The liquor is filtered again, and precipitated by oxalic acid, which throws down the lime as calcium oxalate, and sets free the lactic acid. By a new filtration a solution of lactic acid is obtained, containing lactose (sugar of milk) and certain salts. From these it may be purified by concentrating it to a syrupy consistence and treating it with alcohol, which dissolves the acid, and precipitates the lactose and foreign salts. The solution is filtered, and the lactic acid is obtained pure by distilling off the alcohol. Wackenroder's method is to mix 10 parts of skimmed milk, 2·5 of milk sugar, 2 of chalk, and 20 of water, to digest at about 23·8° C. (75° F.) for a month, or till the chalk is dissolved, then to express, clarify, and evaporate so as to crystallize the calcium lactate, and, having recrystallized this salt, to decompose it with sulphuric or oxalic acid in exact saturating proportions.

Lautemann proposes a modification of this plan, consisting in substituting zinc oxide for chalk. The fermentation is completed in eight or ten days. After boiling, the mixture is filtered, and the liquor, having been evaporated and again filtered, is allowed to stand. Zinc lactate now separates, from which the acid may be obtained by dissolving the salt in boiling water, throwing down the zinc by hydrogen sulphide, then filtering, and concentrating. The solution now contains mannite and lactic acid, both the result of the fermentation. By agitating with ether the acid is dissolved, and the mannite left; and by evaporating the ethereal solution the lactic acid is obtained. (See *Philos. Mag.*, 1860, p. 385.)

Another process for making lactic acid is to evaporate the water obtained from wheat starch factories, from which starch has been deposited. The extract so obtained amounts to about 1 per cent., but is rich in lactic acid (containing 87 per cent., Thenius). (*Neueste Erfind. und Erfahr.*, 1879, p. 180.) The supply of lactic acid comes almost entirely from Germany. For a report by Chas. Rice on the quality of the commercial article, see *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 388. Kiliani (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xv. 136 and 699) has found that lactic acid may be readily prepared by the action of potassium or sodium hydrate upon both grape sugar and invert sugar (or cane sugar after treatment with dilute acids). He considers invert sugar to be the best material for the preparation of the acid, as it gives a better yield than ordinary glucose, and recommends caustic soda in preference to caustic potash. His procedure is the following: 500 grammes of cane sugar are placed with 150 grammes of water and 10 C.c. of the sulphuric acid, to be used later, in a stoppered flask of 2 litres' capacity and heated for 3 hours to about 50° C. (122° F.). The solution of invert sugar so obtained is colorless, or at most faintly yellow. After cooling there is to be added to it in portions of 50 C.c. at a time 400 C.c. of a caustic soda solution made by dissolving 1 part of caustic soda in 1 part of water. The strong alkali settles at first as a slimy mass on the bottom, and a new portion is only to be added when the mixture has become perfectly homogeneous by shaking. The flask should also be cooled with water while the alkali is being added. The mixture nevertheless becomes colored and greatly heated. Finally the mixture is heated to 60° or 70° C. (140° F.–158° F.) until a test heated over a boiling water-bath does not separate cuprous oxide from Fehling's solution, but gives it only a slight greenish tinge. Into the cooled mixture the calculated amount of sulphuric acid (made by mixing 3 parts of sulphuric acid with 4 of water) is then run. As soon as the acid liquid has cooled to the temperature of the room, a crystal of Glauber's salt is dropped in and the flask dipped in cold water until a thin crystalline crust forms on the sides, which is removed by a rapid shaking of the flask. Cooling and shaking are continued until a crust no longer forms, when the mixture is allowed to stand at rest for 12 to 24 hours. At the end of this time the contents of the flask appear to consist of a crystalline cake soaked with a reddish liquid. There is then added alcohol of 93 per cent., and the whole is shaken up until on further addition no precipitate separates out. The separated Glauber's salt is freed from the alcoholic solution by a vacuum filter, and can be washed with relatively very little alcohol. The half of the alcoholic solution is neutralized over the water-bath with zinc carbonate, filtered boiling hot, and united with the other half. The crystallization begins immediately upon cooling, and is complete after standing 36 hours. The zinc lactate so obtained can be pressed free from mother-liquor and crystallized once, when it is perfectly pure. The weight of this first crystallization amounts to from 30 to 40 per cent. of the sugar used. The concentrated mother-liquor yields yet another portion of nearly pure, although slightly yellowish, crystals. For a method of making lactic acid from corn meal, see *New Remedies*, 1882, p. 235.

George Jacquemin adds the pure lactic ferment, prepared by Pasteur's method, with a quantity of pure sterilized calcium carbonate, to a wort at 45° C. Fermentation is conducted at that temperature, care being taken to exclude dust, to admit filtered air at the bottom of the vessel, and to allow the carbonic acid to escape. Fermentation is complete in five or six days, and the solution of calcium lactate is freed from nitrogenous matters by the addition of tannic acid. The calcium lactate crystallizes out on evaporation of the filtrate. This may be decomposed with an exact quantity of sulphuric or oxalic acid. (*Chem. News*, 1891, lxiv. 62.)

Properties. Lactic acid is a syrupy liquid, nearly colorless, of a slight not unpleasant odor, and a very sour taste. Its sp. gr. is 1·213 at 15° C. (59° F.), but acid of this strength is considered as containing only 75 per cent. of absolute lactic acid, the specific gravity of which is 1·248. (Allen, *Commercial Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., i. p. 419.) It is not solidified by evaporation, and not vaporized by a heat not exceeding 160° C. (320° F.). At a higher temperature it emits inflammable vapors. "5 Gm., after combustion, should not leave more than 0·05 Gm.

of fixed residue." *U. S.* It unites in all proportions with water, alcohol, and ether, but is nearly insoluble in chloroform. Exposed to a heat of 150° C. (302° F.), it is for the most part converted into a new body, called concrete lactic acid or *lactide*, an anhydride of the formula $C_3H_4O_2$. It coagulates albumen and dissolves a large quantity of freshly precipitated calcium phosphate; a property which doubtless renders it important in the animal economy.

"On adding some potassium permanganate to a mixture of equal volumes of Lactic and sulphuric acids, and gently heating, the odor of aldehyde will become perceptible. 10 C.c. of a 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the Acid should not be rendered opalescent by the addition of 1 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*). 10 C.c. of a 10-per-cent. aqueous solution should remain unaffected by the addition of 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), or by 1 C.c. of copper sulphate test-solution (absence of *sarcolactic acid*), or, after supersaturation with ammonia, by 1 C.c. of ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *lead*, etc.). On adding a few drops of Lactic Acid to 10 C.c. of hot alkaline cupric tartrate volumetric solution, no red cuprous oxide should be separated (absence of *sugars*). If a small portion of the Acid be heated with an excess of zinc carbonate, the mixture dried at 100° C. (212° F.), and then extracted with absolute alcohol, upon evaporation of the latter no sweet residue should remain (absence of *glycerin*). On mixing equal volumes of Lactic and colorless, concentrated sulphuric acids in a small, clean, glass-stoppered vial, the mixture should not acquire a tint deeper than a pale straw color (absence of more than traces of *organic impurities*). To neutralize 4·5 Gm. of Lactic Acid should require 37·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* "120 grains require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of *volumetric solution of soda*." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Lactic acid was proposed by Magendie, on account of its being a normal constituent of gastric juice, as a remedy in *dyspepsia*, and for the removal of *phosphatic deposits* in the urine. It is also used in *tuberculous diarrhœa*, and in the *green diarrhœa of children*. The remedy should be taken at the time of meals, in solution sweetened with sugar, prepared like lemonade. From one to three drachms (3·75–11·25 C.c.) may be taken in the course of the day. Professor Cantani, of Naples, was induced by theoretical considerations to employ lactic acid in *diabetes*, in connection with an exclusively meat diet, and reported very remarkable success. (*Ed. Med. Journ.*, 1871, p. 533.) Certain other practitioners have achieved similar results, but the remedy has not answered the expectations formed of it, and is at present not very frequently employed. If used, half a fluidounce in a pint of water should be administered daily. Hypnotic properties have also been ascribed to lactic acid, but the claim has not been verified. In solution the acid has been found very efficacious, locally applied, in dissolving false membrane, and it has consequently been employed, with much apparent advantage, in *diphtheritic affections* and *croup*,* the solution employed containing one part of the acid to five parts of the menstruum. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1869, p. 220.) Half a drachm to half an ounce (1·85 C.c. to 14·78 C.c.) may be given to an adult in divided doses during the twenty-four hours.

Lactic acid is a useful addition to medicinal pepsin, increasing the solvent power of that agent upon the food, when taken into the stomach. Some importance has also been attached to it from the supposition that it might be the materies morbi in *rheumatism*, as uric acid has been supposed to be in gout; but in either case the acid is probably the effect rather than the cause of the disease.

ACIDUM LACTICUM DILUTUM. Br. Diluted Lactic Acid.

(ĂC'I-DŬM LĂC'TI-CŬM DĪ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Lactic Acid, 3 fluidounces [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water, sufficient to produce 1 pint [Imp. meas.]. Mix."

This is a new official preparation of the British Pharmacopœia, introduced for convenience in prescribing. Its specific gravity is 1·040, and 700 grains by weight require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of soda. Dose, one-half to two fluidrachms (1·85 C.c. to 7·39 C.c.).

* *Lactic Acid Sticks.* Zippel proposes to use lactic acid in the form of sticks for *tuberculous fistulas*, etc. 50 Gm. each of gelatin, lactic acid, and water are melted at a gentle heat, 30 Gm. of menthol added, and poured into moulds. After allowing the moulds to remain in the ice-box for 24 hours, the sticks are taken out, and dried over calcium chloride. The sticks are afterwards coated with collodion, or kept under oil, to prevent deliquescence. (*Zeits. Oester. Apoth. Ver.*, 1892, 222.)

ACIDUM MECONICUM. Br. Meconic Acid.

$H_2C_7H_2O_7, 3H_2O$. (ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM MĔ-CŎN'Ĭ-CŬM.)

"An acid obtained from opium." *Br.*

This acid has been made official by the British Pharmacopœia solely for the purpose of making a popular preparation used in Great Britain,—the solution of Bimeconate of Morphine.

It occurs in "micaceous crystals, nearly colorless, sparingly soluble in water, readily soluble in alcohol. The solution in water has a strongly acid taste and reaction, and is colored red by neutral solution of perchloride of iron, the color being discharged by strong but not by diluted hydrochloric acid. The aqueous solution gives no precipitate with solution of iodine and iodide of potassium." *Br.*

Its compounds with the earths and heavy metallic oxides are generally insoluble in water. Its characteristic properties are that it produces a blood-red color with ferric salts, a green precipitate with a weak solution of ammoniated copper sulphate, and white precipitates, soluble in nitric acid, with lead acetate, silver nitrate, and barium chloride. It is obtained by macerating opium in water, filtering the infusion, and adding a solution of calcium chloride. Calcium meconate and sulphate are precipitated. The precipitate, having been washed with hot water and with alcohol, is treated with dilute hydrochloric acid at 82·2° C. (180° F.). The calcium meconate is taken up, and, upon the cooling of the liquid, calcium bimeconate is deposited. This is dissolved in warm concentrated hydrochloric acid, which deposits pure meconic acid when it cools. It may be freed from coloring matter by neutralizing it with potassa, decomposing the crystallized meconate thus obtained by hydrochloric acid, and again crystallizing.

Medical Properties. Meconic acid appears to be nearly free from active physiological properties. Sertürner took 4·5 grains of sodium meconate, and Grape and Loewer 12 grains of the pure acid, without the production of any symptoms; whilst Mulder administered to dogs nearly 20 grains of the acid with similar negative results, which have also been confirmed by the researches of Pereira, Lange, and others.

ACIDUM NITRICUM. U. S., Br. Nitric Acid.

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM NĪ'TRĬ-CŬM.)

"A liquid composed of 68 per cent., by weight, of absolute Nitric Acid [$HNO_3 = 62·89$], and 32 per cent. of water. Nitric Acid should be kept in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "An acid prepared from nitrate of potassium or nitrate of sodium by distillation with sulphuric acid and water, and containing 70 per cent. by weight of real nitric acid, HNO_3." *Br.*

Acidum Nitri s. Azoticum, Spiritus Nitri Acidus; Spirit of Nitre; Aqua Fortis; Acide nitrique, Acide azotique, *Fr.;* Salpetersäure, *G.;* Zaltpeterzuur, Sterkwater, *Dutch;* Shedwater, *Sw.;* Acido nitrico, *It., Sp.*

Nitric oxide is one of the five compounds formed by nitrogen and oxygen. These are nitrogen protoxide or hyponitrous oxide (laughing gas), N_2O; nitrogen dioxide, N_2O_2 or $(NO)_2$; nitrous oxide, N_2O_3; nitrogen tetroxide or peroxide, N_2O_4; and nitric oxide, N_2O_5. From this latter by the addition of water is formed nitric acid: $N_2O_5 + H_2O = (HNO_3)_2$.

Nitric acid is now official in two forms; the pure acid of the sp. gr. 1·42, and the diluted. The strong acid, of the sp. gr. 1·5, has long been abandoned.

Preparation. The usual practice adopted in the laboratory for obtaining nitric acid is to add to potassium nitrate in coarse powder, contained in a retort, an equal weight of strong sulphuric acid, poured in by means of a tube or funnel, so as not to soil the neck. The materials should not occupy more than two-thirds of the capacity of the retort. A receiver being adapted, heat is applied by means of a spirit- or gas-lamp, the naked fire, or a sand-bath, moderately at first, but afterwards more strongly when the materials begin to thicken, in order to bring the whole into a state of perfect fusion. Red vapors will at first arise, and afterwards disappear in the course of the distillation. Towards its close they will be reproduced, and their reappearance will indicate that the process is completed.

The proportion of equal weights, as above given, corresponding nearly to one mol. of potassium nitrate and one of sulphuric acid, is the best for operations on a small scale in the laboratory.

A practical disadvantage in this method of obtaining very strong nitric acid is that, owing to the high heat and the presence of the crystals, the retort is frequently fractured. Prof. Trimble recommends adding one part of commercial nitric acid to two parts of strong sulphuric acid in a retort and distilling slowly until the nitric acid is all collected.*

* *Pure Concentrated Nitric Acid—Preparation.* Lunge and Rey obtain pure, colorless, concentrated nitric acid by the following method. A quantity of nitric acid, prepared and deprived of coloring impurities in the usual

Monohydrated Nitric Acid. *Hydrogen Nitrate.* This is the strongest liquid nitric acid that can be procured, and may be supposed to be obtained by distilling one molecule of pure and dry nitre with one molecule of monohydrated sulphuric acid. One molecule of monohydrated nitric acid distils over, and one molecule of potassium bisulphate remains behind: $KNO_3 + H_2SO_4 = HNO_3 + HKSO_4$. Acid of this strength is very difficult to make, and requires for its preparation the most elaborate attention to separate the superabundant water. According to Mr. Arthur Smith, of London, acid dehydrated as far as possible is perfectly colorless, boils at 84° C. (184° F.), has the sp. gr. 1·517 at 15·4° C. (60° F.), and nearly approaches, in composition, to a monohydrate. Acid of this strength, even at the boiling temperature, has not the slightest action on tin or iron. (*Phil. Mag.*, Dec. 1847.) According to Kolb (*Ann. Chem. Phys.* [4], x. 140), the true HNO_3 has a sp. gr. at 15° C. (59° F.) as high as 1·530.

The acid of the former Br. Pharmacopœia, having the sp. gr. 1·5, is of a yellowish color, and strongly corrosive. Strictly speaking, it is hydrogen nitrate diluted with half a molecule of water ($HNO_3 + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$). An acid of this strength is inconveniently strong, is constantly undergoing decomposition under the influence of light, and was consequently replaced by a pure acid of the density 1·42. This substitution was made in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850, and in the British of 1867.

Nitric Acid (sp. gr. 1·42 and 1·414). This is the acid now official in both the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias. Acid of the density 1·5 was not usually found in commerce, and much pains was required to get it of that strength. Besides, acid of this density was not necessary for any process of the Pharmacopœias. Considerations of this kind induced the revisers of our national standard of 1850 to lower the strength of official nitric acid to 1·42, its purity in other respects remaining the same. In the Pharmacopœia of 1890 the strength has again been very slightly reduced from 1·42 to 1·414, since it has been shown that 68-per-cent. acid has this specific gravity, the acid of U. S. P. 1880, of the specific gravity 1·42, having an inconvenient fraction in its percentage (69·4 per cent.).

"If 1 C.c. of Nitric Acid be slightly supersaturated with ammonia water, no precipitate should be formed (absence of *iron*, or *much lead*); nor should the liquid assume a blue tint (*copper*); nor should the further addition of a few drops of colorless ammonium sulphide test-solution produce any coloration or precipitate (*lead*, *iron*, *copper*, etc.). On diluting some of the Acid with 5 times its volume of water, a portion of this liquid, when gently heated and treated with freshly prepared hydrogen sulphide test-solution, should not show a colored precipitate (absence of *lead*, *arsenic*, *copper*); nor should any precipitate be produced in other portions of the diluted Acid by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*), or by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*). If the diluted Acid be shaken with a few drops of chloroform, the latter should remain colorless (absence of *iodine* or *bromine*), even after introduction of a small piece of metallic zinc (absence of *iodic* or *bromic acid*). To neutralize 3·145 Gm. of Nitric Acid should require 34 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

To correspond with the tests given in the U. S. P., it must be colorless, and entirely volatilizable by heat; must dissolve copper, silver, and other metals with evolution of red vapors, and stain woollen fabrics and animal tissues a bright yellow. Acid of the density 1·42 is the most stable of the hydrated compounds of nitric acid, and boils at 121° C. (250° F.), 1·414 acid boiling at 120·5° C. (248·9° F.). When either stronger or weaker than this, it distils over at a lower temperature, and, by losing more acid than water in the first case, and more water than acid in the second, constantly approaches to the sp. gr. 1·42, when its boiling point becomes stationary. These facts in relation to nitric acid of this strength were first observed by Dalton, and have since been confirmed by Mr. Arthur Smith, of London. This acid may be assumed to have the composition $HNO_3 + 1\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. "Ninety grains by weight of it mixed with half an ounce of distilled water require, for neutralization, 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*." *Br.*

manner, and containing 98·7 per cent. of absolute nitric acid, was put into a retort together with twice its volume of absolute sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4), and distilled *in vacuo*, the pressure being reduced to 20 Mm. by means of a water-jet pump. This was found to be the only way to prevent the acid from becoming yellow. The connection between the neck of the retort and the receiver was effected by wrapping with asbestos-paper and an external coat of moulder's clay. Great care was taken to insure the absence of organic matter. The distillation took place at a temperature of 35° C. (95° F.), and the distillate was completely colorless. It contained 99·7 per cent. of HNO_3. (*Amer. Drug.*, June 1, 1891, 170; from *Ztschr. f. Analyt. Chem.*)

Nitric Acid of the Arts. Two strengths of this acid occur in the arts: *double aqua fortis* (sp. gr. 1·36), which is of half the strength of concentrated nitric acid, and *single aqua fortis* (sp. gr. 1·22), which is half as strong as the double. Aqua fortis is sometimes obtained by distilling a mixture of nitre and calcined ferric sulphate. By an interchange of ingredients, potassium sulphate and ferric nitrate are formed, the latter of which, at the distilling heat, readily abandons its nitric acid. The potassium sulphate is washed out of the residue, and the iron sesquioxide which is left is sold, under the name of *colcothar*, to the polishers of metals. The distillation is performed in large cast-iron retorts, lined on the inside with a thick layer of red ferric oxide, to protect them from the action of the acid. The acid is received in large glass vessels containing water. A considerable portion of the acid is decomposed by the heat into reddish vapors, which subsequently dissolve in the water and absorb the oxygen which had been disengaged. The acid thus obtained is red and tolerably strong, but is diluted with water before being sold.

The reddish acid called *nitrous acid* is nitric acid containing more or less nitrogen tetroxide (N_2O_4). The same acid may be formed by impregnating, to a limited extent, nitric acid with nitrogen dioxide (N_2O_2). If the saturation be complete, every two molecules of nitric oxide become three molecules of nitrogen tetroxide by the aid of one molecule of nitrogen dioxide ($2N_2O_5 + N_2O_2 = 3N_2O_4$). The commercial nitrous acid may be converted into nitric acid by exposing it to a gentle heat. As nitrogen tetroxide (N_2O_4) forms, in contact with bases, a nitrate and nitrite, there being no hyponitrates, some chemists consider it as a compound of nitric and nitrous oxides ($2N_2O_4 = N_2O_5 + N_2O_3$).

In making nitric acid on the commercial scale, sodium nitrate is substituted for nitre, as it is much cheaper, and the salt is decomposed with sulphuric acid as before. The proportions of these two substances employed are not the same in all works. If one molecule of sulphuric acid and two of sodium nitrate be taken, the following are the reactions: $H_2SO_4 + NaNO_3 = NaHSO_4 + HNO_3$. When the heat is raised, the acid sodium sulphate acts upon a second molecule of sodium nitrate, thus: $NaHSO_4 + NaNO_3 = Na_2SO_4 + HNO_3$. In this case a part of the acid is decomposed, owing to the high temperature, and nitrogen peroxide is evolved in the form of red fumes, which dissolve in the concentrated acid, giving it the red appearance usually noted in the strong commercial product. When a large excess of sulphuric acid is employed, some acid sodium sulphate is formed, which lowers the melting point of the residual mass so that it can be withdrawn from the retorts in a fused state, whereas in the other case the residue can only be removed in the solid state after the cylinder has cooled.

The ordinary commercial acid has a specific gravity of from 1·30 to 1·41, and is usually prepared by means of chamber (sulphuric) acid; but if a more concentrated acid is required, a stronger sulphuric acid must be employed. The strongest nitric acid occurring in commerce has a sp. gr. of 1·43, and this is obtained by distilling well-dried Chili saltpetre with sulphuric acid having a sp. gr. of 1·85.

The retorts in which nitric acid is usually prepared in England consist of cast-iron cylinders, built in a furnace in such a way that they may be heated as uniformly as possible. Some manufacturers cover the upper half of the cylinder with fire-bricks, in order to protect the iron from the action of the nitric acid vapors. This is unnecessary, however, if the retorts are so thoroughly heated that no nitric acid condenses on the surface of the iron.

M. Mallet, of Paris, has proposed to obtain nitric acid by distilling sodium nitrate with well-dried boric acid, sodium biborate or borax being the residue. Another method, employed by Kuhlmann, is to expose a mixture of sodium nitrate and manganese chloride to a heat of about 232° C. (450° F.), and to pass the mixed gases which escape through water. Hyponitric acid and oxygen are disengaged, which become nitric acid when they enter the water. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1862.)

General Properties of Nitric Acid. Nitric acid, so called from nitre, is an extremely sour and corrosive liquid. It was discovered by Raymond Lully, in the thirteenth century, and its constituents by Cavendish, in 1784. When perfectly pure it is colorless; but, as usually obtained, it has a straw color, owing to the presence of hyponitric acid. The concentrated acid, when exposed to the air, emits white fumes, possessing a disagreeable odor. By the action of light it undergoes a slight decomposition, and becomes yellow. It acts powerfully on animal matter, causing its decomposition. On the living fibre it operates as a strong caustic. It stains the skin and most animal substances of an indelible yellow color. On vegetable fibre it acts peculiarly, abstracting hydrogen or water, and combining with the remaining elements. When diluted, nitric acid converts most animal and vegetable substances into oxalic, malic, and

carbonic acids. The general character of its action is to impart oxygen to other bodies, which it is enabled to do, as oxygen in the nascent state is liberated in its decomposition. If this liberation take place while in contact with bodies capable of oxidation, the oxygen goes to effect this oxidation. Free nitric acid, however, will evolve oxygen at a red heat, according to the following reaction:

$$4HNO_3 = (N_2O_4)_2 + O_2 + (H_2O)_2.$$

It oxidizes sulphur and phosphorus, giving rise to sulphuric and phosphoric acids, and all the metals, except chromium, tungsten, columbium, cerium, titanium, osmium, rhodium, gold, platinum, and iridium. It combines with salifiable bases and forms nitrates. When mixed with hydrochloric acid, mutual decomposition takes place, according to the reaction $HNO_3 + 3HCl = NOCl + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$, and nitrohydrochloric acid is formed.

Great care must be used in transporting nitric acid, for if the strong acid come in contact in quantity with vegetable substances like hay, tow, excelsior, paper, etc., fire will be apt to occur. The occurrence of such accidents was proved by the official inquiry of Prof. R. Haas. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 1881, 597.) A trace of nitric acid has been detected in the atmosphere. It is said to be always present in the air in summer. (*Kletsinsky.*)

Tests. Nitric acid, when uncombined, is recognized by its dissolving copper with the production of red vapors, and by its forming nitre when saturated with potassa. When in the form of a nitrate, it is known by its action on gold-leaf, after the addition of hydrochloric acid, in consequence of the evolution of chlorine; or it may be discovered, according to Dr. O'Shaughnessy, by heating the supposed nitrate in a test-tube with a drop of sulphuric acid, and then adding a crystal of morphine. If nitric acid be present, it will be set free by the sulphuric acid, and reddened by the morphine. The same effect is produced by brucine, by commercial strychnine, on account of its containing brucine, and still more strongly, according to M. Braun, by aniline sulphate, which affords an exceedingly delicate test. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1867, p. 157.) To prevent all ambiguity arising from the accidental presence of nitric acid in the sulphuric acid employed, the operator should satisfy himself, by a separate experiment, that the latter acid has no power to produce the characteristic color with morphine. Another test for nitric acid is to add *pure* sulphuric acid to the concentrated liquid suspected to contain it, together with a little concentrated solution of ferrous sulphate. The smallest trace of nitric acid affords, when the mixture is warmed, a pink red color; and if it be present in considerable amount, the liquid becomes almost black.* Rosa recommends the use of ammonio-ferrous sulphate, in place of ferrous sulphate, as a test for nitric acid. It is more stable than the latter, either in crystals or in solution. Equal measures of the liquid to be tested for nitric acid and of concentrated sulphuric acid are mixed, the mixture cooled, and then a layer of solution of ammonio-ferrous sulphate poured slowly on top; if even a trace of nitric acid be present, a brown zone will form at the line of contact of the liquids. (*Am. Drug.*, 1886, p. 13.) For official tests of purity, etc., see page 70.

A method particularly useful in the determination of the nitrates contained in drinking-water depends upon the fact that a thin zinc plate, which has been covered with a deposit of spongy metallic copper by dipping it in a solution of copper sulphate, on being heated with water containing nitrates reduces them to ammonia, zinc hydroxide and free hydrogen also being formed (*Gladstone* and *Tribe*), thus: $KNO_3 + 4H_2 = NH_3 + KOH + 2H_2O$.

The nitric acid of commerce sometimes contains iodine, probably derived from the native sodium nitrate, in which iodate frequently occurs. This may be reduced by passing hydrogen sulphide into the diluted acid, taking care not to use an excess. A few drops of chloroform or carbon disulphide shaken up with the liquid will then show the iodine color. Still better is the test proposed by Mr. Stein, which is to introduce a stick of tin into the suspected acid, and, after red vapors have begun to escape, to withdraw the metal, add a few drops of carbon disulphide, and agitate. If iodine be present, the drops of the sulphide which soon separate will be colored more or less deeply red, according to the amount of impurity. These impurities, however, do not affect the medical properties of the acid.

* *A quantitative test for nitric acid* in water, first proposed by M. Boussingault, in 1857, was simplified by M. Marx, and finally perfected by M. Fischer, who substituted indigotin for indigo, on account of its solution being permanent. His method is first to prepare a test-solution by mixing 5 cubic centimeters of solution of indigotin with 30 cubic centimeters of pure sulphuric acid, and then adding a titrated solution of potassium nitrate (5 decigrammes to the litre) until the blue color is changed to a faint green. Then the solution of indigotin is diluted until one cubic centimeter is decolorized by 0·2525 milligramme of potassium nitrate. In using this test-solution the temperature should always be at least 110° C. (230° F.), and the amount of sulphuric acid should always be at least double the joint volume of the indigotin solution and the water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1874.)

The following table of Lunge and Rey is the recognized standard at present:

Table showing percentage of absolute Nitric Acid in Nitric Acid of different densities, at 15° *C.* (59° *F.*).

Per Cent.		Specific Gravity.	Per Cent.		Specific Gravity.	Per Cent.		Specific Gravity.	Per Cent.		Specific Gravity.
N_2O_5.	HNO_3.		N_2O_5.	HNO_3.		N_2O_5.	HNO_3.		N_2O_5.	HNO_3.	
0·08	0·10	1·0001	. .	25·00	1·152	42·06	49·07	1·311	66·24	77·28	1·452
0·85	1·00	1·0059	21·94	25·60	1·156	42·76	49·89	1·316	67·38	78·60	1·457
1·62	1·90	1·0109	22·60	26·36	1·161	. .	50·00	1·317	68·56	79·98	1·462
2·39	2·80	1·0159	23·25	27·12	1·166	43·47	50·71	1·3215	. .	80·00	1·4655
3·17	3·70	1·021	23·90	27·88	1·171	44·67	51·53	1·327	69·79	81·42	1·467
3·94	4·60	1·026	25·54	28·63	1·176	44·89	52·37	1·332	71·06	82·90	1·472
. .	5·00	1·028	25·00	. .	1·180	45·00	. .	1·333	72·39	84·45	1·477
4·71	5·50	1·031	25·18	29·38	1·181	45·62	53·22	1·337	. .	85·00	1·479
5·00	. .	1·033	. .	30·00	1·185	46·35	54·07	1·342	73·76	86·05	1·482
5·47	6·38	1·036	25·83	30·13	1·186	47·08	54·93	1·347	75·18	87·70	1·487
6·22	7·26	1·041	26·47	30·88	1·191	. .	55·00	1·3474	76·80	89·60	1·492
6·97	8·13	1·046	27·10	31·62	1·196	47·82	55·79	1·352	. .	90·00	1·493
7·71	8·99	1·051	27·74	32·36	1·201	48·57	56·66	1·357	78·52	91·60	1·497
8·43	9·84	1·056	28·36	33·09	1·206	49·35	57·57	1·362	80·00	. .	1·5005
. .	10·00	1·057	28·99	33·82	1·211	50·00	. .	1·366	80·65	94·09	1·502
9·15	10·68	1·061	29·61	34·55	1·216	50·13	58·48	1·367	81·09	94·60	1·503
9·87	11·51	1·066	30·00	35·00	1·219	50·91	59·39	1·372	. .	95·00	1·5038
10·00	. .	1·067	30·24	35·28	1·221	. .	60·00	1·375	81·50	95·08	1·504
10·57	12·33	1·071	30·88	36·03	1·226	51·69	60·30	1·377	81·91	95·55	1·505
11·27	13·15	1·076	31·53	36·78	1·231	52·52	61·27	1·382	82·29	96·00	1·506
11·96	13·95	1·081	32·17	37·53	1·236	53·35	62·24	1·387	82·63	96·39	1·507
12·64	14·74	1·086	32·82	38·29	1·241	54·20	63·23	1·392	82·94	96·76	1·508
. .	15·00	1·088	33·47	39·05	1·246	55·00	. .	1·3966	83·26	97·13	1·509
13·31	15·53	1·091	34·13	39·82	1·251	55·07	64·25	1·397	83·58	97·50	1·510
13·99	16·32	1·096	. .	40·00	1·252	. .	65·00	1·401	83·87	97·84	1·511
14·67	17·11	1·101	34·78	40·58	1·256	55·97	65·30	1·402	84·09	98·10	1·512
15·00	. .	1·103	35·00	. .	1·258	56·92	66·40	1·407	84·21	98·32	1·513
15·34	17·89	1·106	35·44	41·34	1·261	57·86	67·50	1·412	84·46	98·53	1·514
16·00	18·69	1·111	36·09	42·10	1·266	. .	68·00	1·414	84·63	98·73	1·515
16·67	19·45	1·116	36·75	42·87	1·271	58·83	68·63	1·417	84·78	98·90	1·516
. .	20·00	1·1195	37·41	43·64	1·276	59·83	69·80	1·422	84·92	99·07	1·517
17·34	20·23	1·121	38·07	44·41	1·281	60·00	70·00	1·4228	85·00	. .	1·5177
18·00	21·00	1·126	. .	45·00	1·285	60·84	70·98	1·427	85·04	99·21	1·518
18·66	21·77	1·131	38·73	45·18	1·286	61·86	72·17	1·432	85·15	99·34	1·519
19·32	22·54	1·136	39·39	45·95	1·291	62·91	73·39	1·437	85·26	99·46	1·520
19·98	23·31	1·141	40·00	.	1·2957	64·01	74·68	1·442	85·35	99·57	1·521
20·00	. .	1·1412	40·05	46·72	1·296	. .	75·00	1·443	85·44	99·67	1·522
20·64	24·08	1·146	40·71	47·49	1·301	65·00	. .	1·446			
21·29	24·84	1·151	41·37	48·26	1·306	65·13	75·98	1·447			

Composition. The composition of the official acid of the density 1·414 has already been given. It contains about 75 per cent. of nitric acid of the sp. gr. 1·5. Nitric oxide or anhydride consists of two atoms of nitrogen and five atoms of oxygen; or, in volumes, of two volumes of nitrogen and five volumes of oxygen, supposed to be condensed, to form nitric oxide vapor, into two volumes. In 1849 the interesting discovery was made by M. Deville, of Besançon, of the means of isolating nitric oxide or anhydride. The method pursued was to pass perfectly dry chlorine over silver nitrate. The oxide is in the form of colorless, brilliant, limpid crystals, which melt at 29·5° C. (85° F.) and boil at 45° C. (113° F.). In contact with water they form a colorless solution with evolution of heat, without the disengagement of gas. (*Journ de Pharm.*, 1849, p. 207.)

Medical Properties. Nitric acid is tonic, antiseptic, astringent, and appears to act upon the intestinal glands in some way so as to modify their function. It is a very useful remedy in cases of *intestinal indigestion:* in this it resembles hydrochloric acid: the choice between the two acids in any individual case should be guided by the existence or non-existence of diarrhœa, the nitric acid being given when there is looseness of the bowels. In *syphilis*, and in the *chronic hepatitis* of India, this acid was highly extolled by Dr. Scott, formerly of Bombay. It has occasionally excited ptyalism. It cannot be depended upon as a remedy in syphilis, but, in worn-out constitutions, is often an excellent adjuvant. In hepatic troubles it is markedly inferior

to the nitrohydrochloric acid, unless, it may be, when there is much diarrhœa. As nitric acid dissolves both *uric acid* and the *phosphates*, it was supposed to be applicable to cases of *gravel* in which the uric acid and the phosphates are mixed; but experience has not confirmed the opinion. Nevertheless, when the sabulous deposit depends upon disordered digestion, this acid may prove serviceable by restoring the tone of the stomach. The dose is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.), in three fluidounces or more of water, three or four times a day.

Externally, nitric acid has been used with advantage as a lotion to *ulcers*, in the strength of about twelve minims to the pint of water. This practice originated with Sir Everard Home, and is particularly applicable to those *ulcers* which are superficial and not disposed to cicatrize. In sloughing *phagedæna*, *strong* nitric acid is one of the best remedies, applied by means of a piece of lint tied round a small stick, or by the use of a glass brush. Sometimes a piece of lint is soaked with the strong acid, and pressed into the sore, being allowed to remain for several hours. In *cancrum oris*, concentrated nitric acid, freely applied, is one of the best local remedies that can be employed for arresting the phagedænic ulceration and disposing the sore to heal, but great care must be exercised to protect the teeth. The *strong* acid is also used as an escharotic in *venereal ulcers* and other affections. Nitric acid vapors were formerly used as a disinfectant. Half an ounce of powdered nitre was put into a saucer, placed in an earthen dish containing heated sand, and two drachms of sulphuric acid were then poured over it.

Properties as a Poison. The swallowing of concentrated nitric acid is at once followed by burning heat in the mouth, œsophagus, and stomach, acute pain, disengagement of gas, abundant eructations, nausea, and hiccough. These effects are soon followed by repeated and excessive vomiting of matter having a peculiar odor and taste, tumefaction of the abdomen with exquisite tenderness, a feeling of coldness on the surface, horripilation, icy coldness of the extremities, small depressed pulse, great anxiety, continual tossings and contortions, and extreme thirst. The cases are almost always fatal. Sometimes the collapse has been immediate and has masked all the other symptoms. The best remedies are repeated large doses of alkaline solutions, soap, magnesia, chalk, as antidotes, mucilaginous drinks in large quantities, olive or almond oil in very large doses, emollient fomentations, etc.

ACIDUM NITRICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Nitric Acid.

(ĂĆ'Ĭ-DŬM NĪ'TRĬ-CŬM DĬ-LŪ'TŬM.)

Acide azotique dilué, *Fr.;* Verdünnte Salpetersäure, *G.*

"Nitric Acid, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Distilled Water, *five hundred and eighty grammes* [or 20 ounces av., 201 grains], To make *six hundred and eighty grammes* [or 23 ounces av., 431 grains]. Mix them. Keep the product in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Nitric Acid *six fluidounces* [Imperial measure], Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dilute the Acid with 24 fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Water; then add more water, so that at a temperature of 60° it shall measure 31 fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Or, as follows: Take of Nitric Acid 2400 grains, Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Weigh the Acid in a glass flask the capacity of which, to a mark on the neck, is one pint [Imp. meas.]; then add Distilled Water until the mixture, at 60° temperature, after it has been shaken, measures a pint." *Br.*

The U. S. acid, as now directed, does not vary appreciably from that formerly official. "Diluted Nitric Acid contains 10 per cent., by weight, of absolute Nitric Acid. Specific gravity, about 1·057 at 15° C. (59° F.). It corresponds in properties to Nitric Acid (see *Acidum Nitricum*), and should conform to the same reactions and tests. To neutralize 6·29 Gm. of Diluted Nitric Acid should require 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The British diluted acid is considerably stronger than our own in the same measure. It has the sp. gr. 1·101; and "361·3 grains by weight (six fluidrachms) require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*, corresponding to 17·44 per cent. of real nitric acid. Six fluidrachms [Imp. meas.], therefore, correspond to one molecular weight in grains of real nitric acid, HNO_3." *Br.* In making the U. S. diluted acid, pharmacists should be careful to use acid of the sp. gr. 1·414; or, if the acid be weaker, to add proportionally less water; otherwise the diluted acid would be weaker than is directed in the Pharmacopœia.

The medicinal properties of the diluted acid are the same as those of the strong acid. (See *Acidum Nitricum.*) Dose of U. S. diluted acid, from twenty to forty drops or minims (1·25–2·5 C.c.), that of the British, from fifteen to thirty drops (0·9–1·9 C.c.), properly diluted.

ACIDUM NITROHYDROCHLORICUM. U. S. Nitrohydrochloric Acid.

[Nitromuriatic Acid.]

(ĂC′Ị-DŬM NĪ-TRŌ-HĬ-DRŌ-ȻHLŌ′RĮ-CŬM.)

Acidum Chloro-nitrosum, *G.;* Acidum Nitromuriaticum, *Pharm.* 1870; Acide chlorazotique, Eau régale, *Fr.;* Salpetersalzsäure, Königswasser, *G.*

"Nitric Acid, *one hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 41 minims]; Hydrochloric Acid, *eight hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 5 drachms, 48 minims]. Mix the acids in a capacious glass vessel, and, when effervescence has ceased, pour the product into dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, which should not be more than half filled, and keep them in a cool place."* *U. S.*

Nitrohydrochloric acid is the *aqua regia* of the earlier chemists, so called from its property of dissolving gold. Nitric and hydrochloric acids, when mixed together, are mutually decomposed. According to the researches of Gay-Lussac, the reaction gives rise to two compounds, NO_2Cl (nitroxyl chloride) and NOCl (nitrosyl chloride), mixed with free chlorine. Later researches seem, however, to show that the latter of the two chlorides exclusively is produced, the reaction for the decomposition of aqua regia being $HNO_3 + 3HCl = 2H_2O + NOCl + Cl_2$.

The power of nitrohydrochloric acid to dissolve gold, and similar metals having a weak affinity for oxygen, is owing exclusively to the free chlorine present, and is in no wise dependent on the compound above referred to, which remains entirely passive during the solution of the metal. When nitrohydrochloric acid is made from strong acids, there is always a loss of the nitrosyl chloride and of free chlorine by effervescence, in consequence of the acids not containing sufficient water to hold the gaseous products in solution. Hence the substitution, in the former Pharmacopœia, of nitric acid of 1·42 for the acid of 1·5 was an improvement.

Properties. A golden-yellow, fuming, and very corrosive liquid, having a strong odor of chlorine and a strongly acid reaction. By heat it is wholly volatilized. It readily dissolves gold-leaf, and a drop added to potassium iodide test-solution liberates iodine abundantly. Nitrohydrochloric acid has an orange color, soon changing to a golden yellow, and the odor of chlorine. It possesses the power of dissolving gold and platinum. It should be kept in a cool dark place, on account of its liability to lose chlorine by heat, and to have its chlorine converted into hydrochloric acid by the action of light and the decomposition of water. On account of its tendency to decomposition, it should not be made in large quantities, nor be kept very long by the apothecary; and care should be taken not to transfer it to the bottle in which it is to be dispensed, until effervescence has ceased, lest the pressure within should drive out the stopper. Nitric and hydrochloric acids, as found in commerce, are sometimes so weak that when mixed they will not readily act on gold-leaf. In this case their solvent power may be rendered effective by the addition of a little sulphuric acid, which, by its superior affinity for water, concentrates the other acids, and causes immediate action.

Medical Properties and Uses. Nitrohydrochloric acid was brought to the notice of the profession in consequence of the favorable report of its efficacy as an external remedy in *hepatitis*, made by Dr. Scott, formerly of Bombay. When thus employed, it produces a tingling sensation of the skin, thirst, a peculiar taste in the mouth, and occasional soreness of the gums and plentiful ptyalism, and at the same time stimulates the liver, as is evinced by an increased flow of bile. It is used either by sponging or in the form of a local or general bath. When applied by sponging, the acid is first diluted so as to have the sourness of strong vinegar. When used as a foot-bath, three gallons of water, contained in a deep narrow wooden tub, may be acidulated with six fluidounces of the acid. In this the feet and legs are to be immersed for twenty minutes or half an hour. The bath may be employed at first daily, and afterwards twice or thrice a week; and the sponging may be used at the same time. The bath is said to be effective in promoting the passage of *biliary calculi*. The solution, prepared for a bath as above mentioned, may be used for a week, adding to it daily a pint of water acidulated with two fluidrachms of the acid, to make up for the waste by evaporation. The bath should have a temperature of about 97° F., which may be attained by heating part of the acid solution and throwing it back into the remainder.

Nitrohydrochloric acid is much used internally, and it is an excellent remedy in chronic *hepatic affections*, in *oxaluria*, and in *dyspepsia* with a tendency to constipation. It is sometimes given also in *syphilitic diseases*. The strong fresh acid is preferable to the dilute, and may be given in doses of from three to six drops (0·18–0·36 C.c.), well diluted, after meals, care being

* For an apparatus for making nitrohydrochloric acid upon a large scale, see *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 422.

exercised to prevent its injuring the teeth. It should never be prescribed in combination with strong alcoholic liquids undiluted, as gases may be generated in sufficient volume to cause explosion. (See *A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 67.)

ACIDUM NITROHYDROCHLORICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Nitrohydrochloric Acid. [Diluted Nitromuriatic Acid.]

(ĂÇ'Ị-DŬM NĪ-TRŌ-HĬ-DRŌ-ÇHLŌ'RĮ-CŬM DĮ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Contains free chlorine, hydrochloric, nitric, and nitrous acids, and other compounds, dissolved in water." *Br.*

Acidum Nitromuriaticum Dilutum, *Pharm.* 1870; Acide chlorazotique dilué, *Fr.*; Verdünnte Salpetersalzsäure, *G.*

"Nitric Acid, *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 2 fluidrachms, 49 minims]; Hydrochloric Acid, *one hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 41 minims]; Distilled Water, *seven hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 26 fluidounces, 3 fluidrachms]. Mix the Acids in a capacious glass vessel, and, when effervescence has ceased, add the Distilled Water. Keep the product in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

"Take of Nitric Acid *three fluidounces;* Hydrochloric Acid *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *twenty-five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Add the acids to the water, and keep the mixture in a glass-stoppered bottle for fourteen days before it is used. Colorless. Sp. gr. 1·07. Six fluidrachms [Imp. meas.] (352 grains by weight) require for neutralization about 883 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda.*" *Br.*

"A colorless, or pale yellowish liquid, having a faint odor of chlorine, a very acid taste and reaction. By heat it is wholly volatilized. On adding a few drops to potassium iodide test-solution, iodine is liberated." *U. S.*

Between diluted nitric and hydrochloric acids no reaction occurs; and therefore both Pharmacopœias direct that the acids shall be mixed before dilution. But according to the researches of Mr. Tilden, confirmed by Mr. Redwood (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 508), water determines a decomposition of the products resulting from the reaction between nitric and hydrochloric acids, and the reformation of hydrochloric and nitric acids, with a little nitrous acid. It would seem, therefore, that diluted nitrohydrochloric acid is not an eligible preparation, a conclusion confirmed by clinical experience. The dose is from ten to twenty drops or minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

ACIDUM OLEICUM. U. S., Br. Oleic Acid.

$HC_{18}H_{33}O_2$; 281·38. (ĂÇ'Ị-DŬM Ọ-LĒ'Ị-CŬM.) $HC_{18}H_{33}O_2$; 282.

"An organic acid, prepared in a sufficiently pure condition by cooling commercial Oleic Acid to about 5° C. (41° F.), then separating and preserving the liquid portion." *U. S.* "A fluid fatty acid, $HC_{16}H_{33}O_2$, obtained by the saponification of olein, or by the action of superheated steam on fats, with subsequent separation from solid fats by pressure. Usually not quite pure." *Br.*

Acide oléique, *Fr.;* Oleinsäure, *G.*

This acid, although known for many years, was not used medicinally until 1872 (*London Lancet*, 1872, p. 709), when Prof. John Marshall introduced the oleates to the profession as substitutes for some of the older ointments, stating that they are not only cleaner and more elegant, but also much more efficacious. (See *Oleata.*)

Preparation. The difficulty in preparing oleates of good quality arises usually from the use of the commercial oleic acid, which, being obtained as a by-product in the manufacture of glycerin and candles, has a reddish-brown color and a disagreeable fatty odor. It is almost always contaminated with stearic and palmitic acids with undecomposed glycerides when obtained by the autoclave process, and hydrocarbons when obtained by the distillation of the fat acids. Various processes have been suggested for the purification of oleic acid. Charles Rice (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 2) exposes the commercial acid to a temperature of 4° C. (39° F.), and expresses the liquid portion, which is oleic acid deprived of the greater part of the contaminating substances. The odorous and coloring principles are not removed by this process. A writer in *A. J. P.* (xlv. 97) prepares *oleic acid* for making oleates by saponifying almond oil with potassa; decomposing by tartaric acid, separating the precipitated bitartrate; heating for several hours on a water-bath with half its weight of finely powdered lead oxide; after cooling, mixing with three times its volume of ether, settling, decanting, and treating the residue with ether as before; agitating the mixed ethereal solutions with dilute hydrochloric acid; skimming off the ethereal solution of oleic acid, washing it with water, reskimming, and recovering the ether by distillation. L. Wolff (*A. J. P.*, 1879) saponifies oil of sweet almond with lead oxide, agi-

tates the lead soap in benzin, which retains lead oleate in solution, the lead palmitate being deposited. The benzin solution of lead oleate is shaken repeatedly with diluted hydrochloric acid (1 to 7), when lead chloride separates, and a benzin solution of purified oleic acid is left; finally the benzin is driven off by evaporation. The objection to this process is the difficulty of freeing the oleic acid from traces of a disagreeable benzin odor. Ernest C. Saunders (*N. R.*, June, 1880) makes a solution of 5 pounds of white castile soap in 20 pounds of boiling water, adds 10 ounces of sulphuric acid, and boils with stirring, until two clear layers are formed. The upper layer is decanted, shaken with 5 pounds of hot water, and the oily layer again decanted; 4 ounces of lead oxide are dissolved in it with a gentle heat, and while hot 5 pounds of alcohol, previously heated to 65·5° C. (150° F.), are added. It is filtered after standing 24 hours, and 1 ounce of hydrochloric acid shaken with the filtrate; 10 pounds of water are added, the acid decanted, again washed with 10 pounds of water, and finally recovered; the yield is about 2½ pounds. See also process by Charles T. George, 1881 (*A. J. P.*, p. 379). Low grade oleic acids, obtained by the distillation of wool-grease, etc., may contain cholesterin and other unsaponifiable materials from this source (*Allen*). Commercial oleic acid is often adulterated with linoleic acid. Hazura claims to be able to show the presence of one per cent. of this by saponifying the mixture and then adding potassium permanganate. (For details see *A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 356). Grandval and Valser (*Chem. News*, 1890, p. 85) give the following tests for linoleic acid: If a thin layer of the fraudulent oleic acid be placed upon a slip of lead scraped quite clean, and some pure oleic acid be put upon a similar slip of lead for comparison, the next day the impure acid will be more or less resinified, whilst the pure acid will be scarcely altered. If some drops of oleic acid adulterated with linoleic acid be mixed with an equal volume of soda-lye, an intense yellow color will be produced; pure oleic acid, if similarly treated, will merely take a grayish tint.

Properties. "A yellowish or brownish-yellow, oily liquid, having a peculiar, lard-like odor and taste; becoming darker and absorbing oxygen on exposure to air. Specific gravity: about 0·900 at 15° C. (59° F.)." *U. S.* The British Pharmacopœia gives the specific gravity as 0·860 to 0·890. Oleic Acid is "insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol, chloroform, benzol, benzin, oil of turpentine, and fixed and volatile oils. When cooled to about 4° C. (39.2° F.), Oleic Acid becomes semi-solid, and, on further cooling, congeals to a whitish, solid mass. When heated to a temperature of about 95° C. (203° F.), the Acid begins to be decomposed, giving off acrid vapors. At a higher temperature it is completely dissipated. An alcoholic solution of Oleic Acid has a feebly acid reaction upon litmus paper. Equal volumes of Oleic Acid and of alcohol, mixed at the ordinary temperature, should give a clear solution without separating any oily drops upon the surface (absence of *fixed oils*). If 1 Gm. of Oleic Acid be heated with 20 C.c. of alcohol, 2 drops of phenolphtalein test-solution added, and then a strong solution (1 in 4) of sodium hydrate, drop by drop, until the liquid has acquired a permanent red tint and the Acid is saponified; next acetic acid added until the red color of the liquid is just discharged, and the liquid filtered,—10 C.c. of the filtrate mixed with 10 C.c. of ether should not be rendered more than slightly turbid by the addition of 1 C.c. of lead acetate test-solution (absence of notable quantities of *palmitic* and *stearic acids*)." *U. S.*

Chemical Constitution. Oleic acid, $C_{18}H_{34}O_2$, does not belong to the "fatty acid" series, but differs from the corresponding acid of that series, stearic acid, $C_{18}H_{36}O_2$, by having two atoms less of hydrogen. It belongs to a series derived by oxidation from alcohols, which, like allyl alcohol, C_3H_5OH, have two atoms of hydrogen less than the normal monatomic alcohols, like propyl alcohol, C_3H_7OH. The alcohol from which oleic acid is in theory derivable is not, however, known. Oleic acid is monobasic, as shown in the formula $HC_{18}H_{33}O_2$.

Medical Properties. Oleic acid is not itself used in medicine, but is official for the preparation of oleates, which act as corresponding ointments, but are more elegant and efficient.

ACIDUM PHOSPHORICUM. U.S. Phosphoric Acid.

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM PHŌS-PHŎR'Ĭ-CŬM.)

"A liquid composed of not less than 85 per cent., by weight, of absolute Orthophosphoric Acid [$H_3PO_4 = 97·8$], and not more than 15 per cent. of water. The above-mentioned percentage (85) is that assumed for Phosphoric Acid in the formulas of pharmacopœial preparations. Phosphoric Acid should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

ACIDUM PHOSPHORICUM CONCENTRATUM. Br. Concentrated Phosphoric Acid.

(ĂÇ'Ĭ-DŬM PHŌS-FŎR'Ĭ-CŬM CŎN-CĔN-TRĀ'TŬM.)

"Phosphoric acid, H_3PO_4, with 33·7 per cent. of water." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1890 phosphoric acid is much stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1880; it is now 85 per cent., instead of 50 per cent. The United States Pharmacopœia has very properly abandoned the former official process for this acid; it is more profitably and conveniently made on a large scale, and with such precautions and safeguards as cannot be easily used by the apothecary; the process of the U. S. P. 1880, however, will be found in the foot-note.*

"Phosphorus, 413 grains; Nitric Acid, 6 fluidounces [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water, a sufficiency. Put the nitric acid, diluted with eight [fluid]ounces [Imp. meas.] of distilled water, into a glass flask, the mouth of which may be connected with a vertical glass condenser; and having added the phosphorus and connected the condenser, boil the contents at such a rate that all condensed products shall return to the flask. Continue the action until the phosphorus has entirely disappeared. Remove the condenser and concentrate the fluid, either in the flask or in a porcelain dish of hard well-enamelled ware, until it is reduced to four fluidounces [Imperial meas.]; then, transferring it to a platinum vessel, continue the evaporation until it is reduced to about two fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and orange-colored vapors are no longer formed. Mix it now with distilled water until when cold it measures three fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and has a specific gravity of 1·5. Phosphoric acid may also be prepared from phosphorus by treatment of the product of atmospheric oxidation with water and a little nitric acid." *Br.*

This preparation is recommended on account of its small bulk and its great convenience to the apothecary for preparing the diluted acid. The glacial phosphoric acid is no longer official, it having been shown that it is practically impossible to obtain it of sufficient purity to be reliable. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1875, pp. 666, 672.) The present syrupy acid is a great improvement in every way, as it can be obtained of undoubted purity and strength, and by the addition of water diluted phosphoric acid of any desired strength can easily be produced from it.† The process for its preparation is the old and well-known one of oxidizing phosphorus by the use of nitric acid, the British method not differing materially from that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880, except in the absence of the use of hydrogen sulphide for precipitating the arsenical compounds usually found in phosphorus, and in the greater strength of the finished product. The British concentrated phosphoric acid contains 66·3 per cent. of orthophosphoric acid, whilst the U. S. phosphoric acid now contains 85 per cent. Phosphorus is oxidized at the expense of the nitric acid, any excess of nitric acid and all the lower oxides of nitrogen being driven off by heat. Strong nitric acid acts too energetically on phosphorus, producing explosion and rapid combustion; but when diluted, as in the processes above given, it parts with its oxygen slowly, and it is even desirable to aid the operation with a gentle heat.

* "Phosphorus, *sixteen parts*; Nitric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts*. Mix *one hundred parts* of Nitric Acid with *one hundred parts* of Distilled Water, in a glass retort having the capacity of *four hundred parts*. Having placed the retort upon a sand-bath or wire-gauze support, connect it loosely with a well-cooled receiver and add to the acid in the retort the Phosphorus previously cut into fine pieces. Insert a funnel through the tubulure of the retort, and then gradually apply heat until the reaction is seen to commence. Regulate the heat carefully so as to prevent the reaction from becoming too violent, or, if necessary, check it by the addition of a little Distilled Water through the funnel. From time to time return the acid liquid, which collects in the receiver, into the retort, until all the Phosphorus is dissolved. Then transfer the liquid to a weighed porcelain capsule, and continue the heat, at a temperature not exceeding 190° C. (374° F.), until the excess of Nitric Acid is driven off, and an odorless syrupy liquid remains. Cool the dish and contents, and add enough Distilled Water to make the liquid weigh *one hundred parts*. Test small portions for Nitric, Phosphorous, and Arsenic Acids by the following methods. If Nitric Acid should be present, evaporate the liquid until no reaction for Nitric Acid can be obtained. Then cool the Acid and add enough Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one hundred parts*. If Phosphorous Acid be present, add to the liquid a mixture of *six parts* of Nitric Acid and *six parts* of Distilled Water, and again evaporate until no reaction for Phosphorous or Nitric Acid can be obtained. Then, having cooled the Acid, add sufficient Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one hundred parts*. If Arsenic Acid be present, dilute the Acid with *one hundred and fifty parts* of Distilled Water, heat to about 70° C. (158° F.), and pass through the liquid a stream of Hydrosulphuric Acid Gas for half an hour, then remove the heat and continue passing the gas until the liquid is cold. Close the vessel tightly, set it aside for 24 hours, filter the liquid, heat it until all the odor of the gas has been driven off, again filter, and evaporate until the residue weighs *one hundred parts*. Preserve the product in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* 1880.

† James T. Shinn (*A. J. P.*, Oct. 1880) proposes a formula for *Liquor Acidi Phosphorici* and *Liquor Acidi Phosphorici Compositus*. A similar preparation, under the name of Horsford's Acid Phosphates, has a large use in this country. The formula is as follows. *Liquor Acidi Phosphorici* (without Iron): Calcii Phosphat. 384 gr.; Magnesii Phosphat. 256 gr.; Potassii Phosphat. 192 gr.; Acidi Phosphorici (60 per cent.) 640 minims; Aquæ, q. s. ft. 1 pint. *Liquor Acidi Phosphorici Compositus* (with Iron): Calc. Phosphat. 384 gr.; Magnes. Phosphat. 64 gr.; Potassii Phosphat. 32 gr.; Ferri Phosphat. 64 gr.; Acidi Phosphorici (60 per cent.) 816 minims; Aquæ, q. s. ft. 1 pint.

Along with the nitrous fumes, a portion of the undecomposed nitric acid also rises in vapor, which, in the British process, to prevent loss, is collected by means of a distillatory apparatus and returned to the retort. In the U. S. process of 1870 the same result was effected by placing over the liquid in the capsule a glass funnel, upon the inner surface of which the acid was condensed, and returned of itself into the capsule so as considerably to simplify the operation. This modification was originally suggested by Mr. Geo. W. Andrews, of Baltimore, who, however, inverted a dish over the materials; the suggestion of the funnel being due to Prof. Procter. The operation was continued till the whole of the phosphorus was converted into phosphoric acid and dissolved: the liquid having been deprived of any remaining acid, and reduced to a certain weight by concentration, the process was completed by adding a certain measure of water, so that an acid of definite strength was obtained. Prof. Diehl found, in carrying this process into effect, that the glass funnel covering the capsule almost always breaks through the violence of the reaction, thus causing loss of phosphorus, besides annoyance to the operator. He therefore prefers using a French tubulated glass retort, and this suggestion was adopted in the process for Phosphoric Acid (*U. S. P.* 1880). (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 138.) Prof. G. F. H. Markoe (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1875, p. 677) proposed a method for making phosphoric acid which is particularly adapted for making large quantities, yet works well in a smaller way. Into a flask (or stone jar) having double the capacity of the materials used, 12 troyounces of water, 2 troyounces of phosphorus, and 10 grains of iodine are placed, then 40 grains of bromine are cautiously dropped in;* when the reaction has ceased, 12 troyounces of nitric acid are added; a glass funnel is adjusted in the neck of the flask, and a smaller inverted funnel set inside of it; the apparatus is placed in a stoneware dish, and surrounded with cold water or ice; the reaction takes place slowly and regularly. In about 24 hours, if all the phosphorus be not acted upon, heat may be applied until it disappears, and the excess of bromine, iodine, and nitric acid is driven off. The acid may then be diluted to the desired specific gravity. Prof. J. U. Lloyd (*N. R.*, July, 1880) suggests the use of pure alcohol to unite with the nitric acid to form nitrous ether, which is more volatile and thus easier to drive off. Prof. Markoe adds a small quantity of pure oxalic acid, and heats the mixture to 300° F.; at this temperature it is asserted that all the oxalic acid splits into carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Nicolas prepares a pure phosphoric acid by adding a known quantity of pure calcium phosphate gradually to a slight excess of pure dilute hydrofluoric acid contained in a leaden platinum vessel, the mixture being well stirred after each addition. An energetic action takes place. When all the calcium phosphate has been added, the temperature is still maintained for a time to complete the reaction. The calcium fluoride is then filtered off and the solution evaporated. As the solution becomes viscid, the excess of hydrofluoric acid all passes off by evaporation. A syrup containing 60 to 70 per cent. of phosphoric anhydride can be thus obtained.

Much dissatisfaction has been caused among pharmacists by the fact that diluted phosphoric acid frequently produces a white precipitate in solutions of ferric salts. An examination proved that this occurred when the glacial acid is used, or when high heat had been employed in the concentration. Experiments conducted by Louis Dohme and Prof. Remington seemed to indicate that the precipitation resulted from the presence of pyrophosphoric acid. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1874, pp. 431, 511; 1875, pp. 663, 670, 677.) Considerable difficulty was experienced in driving off all the nitric acid, and in the attempt to do so the temperature became so elevated as to reconvert some of the tribasic acid to the bibasic form. This occurred slightly at 148·8° C. (300° F.), but to a much greater extent between 176·6° C. (350° F.) and 204·4° C. (400° F.). The diluted acid, made from phosphorus, can be brought to the boiling-point of 232·2° C. (450° F.), and will then only produce a slight cloud with tincture of ferric chloride, but if diluted, when cool, with about half its bulk of cold water, which causes considerable elevation of temperature, it forms a clear solution. The same acid evaporated, heated to redness, allowed to congeal, and then dissolved in water, precipitated the iron solution. The addition of twenty per cent. of sodium pyrophosphate to the same dilute acid made a preparation which in all respects resembled that made from the glacial acid; thus giving evidence that the presence of this contamination was the cause of the difference in the two preparations.

It has been suggested that red phosphorus might be substituted for common phosphorus, as producing the same results, with less danger of explosion; but the official process, when carefully followed in reference to due dilution and a moderate heat, is not dangerous.

* Dr. W. H. Pile, of Philadelphia, met with a serious accident in preparing diluted phosphoric acid by this process, by adding the bromine too rapidly. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 525.)

The following is Lyon's table exhibiting the quantity of orthophosphoric acid and phosphoric anhydride contained in solutions of different densities at 15° C. (59° F.).

Specific Gravity 15° C. at 59° F. in air.	Percentage of		Specific Gravity 15° C. at 59° F. in air.	Percentage of		Specific Gravity 15° C. at 59° F. in air.	Percentage of	
	H_3PO_4.	P_2O_5.		H_3PO_4.	P_2O_5.		H_3PO_4.	P_2O_5
1·0000	0	0·0	1·1816	29	21·011	1·4215	58	42·021
1·0056	1	0·725	1·1889	30	21·735	1·4312	59	42·745
1·0113	2	1·449	1·1962	31	22·460	1·4409	60	43·470
1·0170	3	2·174	1·2035	32	23·184	1·4508	61	44·194
1·0226	4	2·808	1·2110	33	23·909	1·4607	62	44·919
1·0283	5	3·623	1·2184	34	24·633	1·4706	63	45·643
1·0340	6	4·347	1·2260	35	25·358	1·4807	64	46·368
1·0398	7	5·072	1·2336	36	26·082	1·4908	65	47·092
1·0457	8	5·796	1·2412	37	26·807	1·5010	66	47·817
1·0517	9	6·521	1·2489	38	27·531	1·5113	67	48·541
1·0577	10	7·245	1·2567	39	28·256	1·5216	68	49·266
1·0637	11	7·970	1·2645	40	28·980	1·5321	69	49·990
1·0698	12	8·094	1·2724	41	29·704	1·5426	70	50·714
1·0759	13	9·419	1·2804	42	30·429	1·5532	71	51·439
1·0821	14	10·143	1·2885	43	31·153	1·5638	72	52·163
1·0882	15	10·868	1·2967	44	31·878	1·5746	73	52·888
1·0945	16	11·592	1·3050	45	32·602	1·5854	74	53·612
1·1008	17	12·317	1·3134	46	33·327	1·5963	75	54·337
1·1072	18	13·041	1·3219	47	34·051	1·6073	76	55·061
1·1136	19	13·766	1·3304	48	34·776	1·6193	77	55·786
1·1201	20	14·490	1·3391	49	35·500	1·6304	78	56·510
1·1266	21	15·215	1·3479	50	36·225	1·6416	79	57·235
1·1332	22	15·939	1·3568	51	36·949	1·6529	80	57·959
1·1399	23	16·664	1·3657	52	37·674	1·6642	81	58·684
1·1467	24	17·388	1·3748	53	38·398	1·6756	82	59·408
1·1535	25	18·113	1·3840	54	39·123	1·6871	83	60·133
1·1604	26	18·837	1·3932	55	39·847	1·6986	84	60·857
1·1674	27	19·562	1·4026	56	40·562	1·7102	85	61·582
1·1745	28	20·286	1·4120	57	41·286			

Properties. "A colorless liquid, without odor, but having a strongly acid taste. Specific gravity, not below 1·710 at 15° C. (59° F.) [1·5 *Br.*] Miscible, in all proportions, with water or alcohol. When heated, the liquid loses water; at 200° C. (392° F.) it gradually begins to change to pyrophosphoric acid. At a still higher temperature it is converted into metaphosphoric acid, which volatilizes in dense fumes, or forms, on cooling, a transparent mass of glacial Phosphoric Acid. The Acid, even when largely diluted, has an intensely acid reaction upon litmus paper. If a small portion of Phosphoric Acid be supersaturated with ammonia water, the addition of magnesium sulphate test-solution (or of magnesia mixture) produces a white, crystalline precipitate. If this precipitate be dissolved in diluted acetic acid, the solution yields a yellow precipitate with silver nitrate test-solution. If a crystal of ferrous sulphate be dropped into a cooled mixture of 1 C.c., each, of Phosphoric and sulphuric acids, no brown or brownish-black color should appear around the crystal (absence of *nitric acid*). If 1 C.c. of Phosphoric Acid be diluted with 5 C.c. of water, and the liquid gently warmed, it should not be blackened upon the addition of a small amount of silver nitrate test-solution, or rendered turbid by mercuric chloride test-solution (absence of *phosphorous acid*). If 1 C.c. of Phosphoric Acid (in which nitric and phosphorous acids have previously been shown to be absent) be mixed with 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), and a small piece of pure tin-foil added, no coloration should appear within one hour (limit of *arsenic*). Upon adding to 1 C.c. of Phosphoric Acid a mixture of 3 C.c. of alcohol and 1 C.c. of ether, no turbidity should appear (absence of *phosphate*). After neutralizing a portion of the Acid with ammonia water, the addition of ammonium sulphide test-solution should produce neither a color nor a precipitate (absence of *iron*, etc.). After diluting a portion of the Acid with 5 volumes of water, no precipitate should be produced, in separate portions of the liquid, by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*), or by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*); nor should any precipitate be formed, even after several hours, by the addition of an equal volume of tincture of ferric

chloride (absence of *pyrophosphoric* and *metaphosphoric acids*). 0·978 Gm. of Phosphoric Acid, diluted with water, should require, for neutralization, not less than 17 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 5 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This acid is rarely used medicinally. It has the same properties and uses as the diluted Phosphoric Acid (see p. 83). The dose is 2 to 5 minims (0·12–0.3 C.c.), about one-eighth that of the diluted acid.

ACIDUM PHOSPHORICUM GLACIALE. (*Glacial Phosphoric Acid; Metaphosphoric Acid, Monobasic Phosphoric Acid; Monohydrated Phosphoric Acid; Acide phosphorique glacial*, Fr.; *Glasige Phosphorsäure*, G.) Formula HPO_3; mol. wt., 80. Phosphoric oxide consists of two atoms of phosphorus and five atoms of oxygen, P_2O_5, and can be obtained only by the direct union of its constituents, which takes place when phosphorus is burned in perfectly dry oxygen gas. Thus procured, it is in the form of a white amorphous powder, extremely deliquescent, volatilizable at a red heat, and assuming, when it cools after fusion, a vitreous appearance. The classic researches of Prof. Graham first established clearly the character of the several varieties of phosphoric acid, which may be considered as derived from this oxide. When amorphous phosphorus is boiled with nitric acid, or when phosphoric oxide is boiled with water, the oxide takes up three molecules of water, and yields tribasic or *ordinary phosphoric* acid, according to the reaction: $P_2O_5 + 3H_2O = H_6P_2O_8$ or $(H_3PO_4)_2$. If this acid be heated for a considerable time to 215° C. (419° F.), the two molecules lose one molecule of water and yield *pyrophosphoric* acid, a tetrabasic variety, according to the reaction: $H_6P_2O_8 - H_2O = H_4P_2O_7$. Lastly, at a red heat the ordinary phosphoric acid is converted into *metaphosphoric* acid, a monobasic variety, according to the reaction: $H_3PO_4 - H_2O = HPO_3$. This last variety may also be obtained direct from the oxide by dissolving it in cold water, when it takes up one molecule of water: $P_2O_5 + H_2O = H_2P_2O_6$ or $(HPO_3)_2$. (See *Chem. News*, Jan. 7, 1876; or *A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 109.) An aqueous solution of either of the three acids, heated so long as water escapes, yields the monobasic or metaphosphoric acid; and as, upon cooling, it becomes a transparent ice-like solid, it has received in this state the name of glacial phosphoric acid. Conversely, this monobasic acid is slowly transformed, in aqueous solution, and more rapidly if the solution is heated, into the tribasic form. Prof. Maisch has ascertained that nitric acid, added to the solution of the monobasic acid, with the aid of heat, causes the change from the monobasic to the tribasic form, viz., to the common phosphoric acid, without the intermediate production of the tetrabasic variety.

Tests. The three acids are distinguishable by peculiar reactions. Thus, the *monobasic* is characterized by coagulating albumen, and giving white, gelatinous, uncrystallizable precipitates with the soluble salts of barium, lime, and silver; the *tetrabasic* does not coagulate albumen, and, though it causes a *white* precipitate with silver nitrate, must first be neutralized; the tribasic does not coagulate albumen, and, until neutralized, does not precipitate silver nitrate, but after neutralization throws down a *yellow* precipitate of silver phosphate.

Glacial phosphoric acid is most advantageously obtained from calcined bones, by first treating them with sulphuric acid, which produces an insoluble calcium sulphate and soluble acid phosphate; then dissolving out the latter salt, and saturating it with ammonium carbonate, which generates ammonium phosphate in solution; and, finally, obtaining the ammonium phosphate by evaporation to dryness, and then igniting it in a platinum crucible. The ammonia and all the water except the one molecule needed for the formation of metaphosphoric acid are driven off, and the glacial acid remains.

Properties. Thus procured, glacial phosphoric acid is in the form of a white, uncrystallizable, fusible solid, inodorous, very sour to the taste, slowly deliquescent, slowly soluble in water, and soluble also in alcohol. Its formula is HPO_3, and it is made up of 11·2 per cent. of water in combination with 88·8 per cent. of phosphoric oxide. As already stated, it is characterized by producing white gelatinous precipitates with albumen, and with the soluble salts of lime, barium, and silver; and the precipitate produced with the barium chloride is readily redissolved by an excess of the acid. This is the form of the acid which results when the oxide, produced by burning phosphorus in dry oxygen gas, is introduced into cold water.

Impurities. Glacial phosphoric acid is seldom prepared in this country. That found in commerce is almost all imported, and chiefly from Germany. It is often more or less impure, containing, as shown by the experiments of Prof. Maisch, silica, and calcium and magnesium phosphates, which are precipitated from a neutralized solution of the acid by ammonia. In one instance 8 per cent. of these impurities was found, but in some others little or none.

Prof. Maisch never found nitric or hydrochloric acid, and sulphuric acid rarely; and, though the presence of ammonia might be suspected from the source whence the acid is obtained, he did not detect it. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 194.) The chief impurity, however, is soda, as has been pointed out by Brescius, Remington, Dohme, Prescott, and others (see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1875, 666, 672); the acid has been found to contain occasionally as much as 60 per cent. of sodium metaphosphate, and rarely less than 55 per cent. (*N. R.*, Feb. 1879.) Hodgkin (*P. J. Tr.*, 1891, p. 217) examined eight samples of German and English glacial phosphoric acid, and found in them, respectively, the following proportions of absolute orthophosphoric acid: 92·8, 91·5, 90·8, 85·4, 84·4, 83·8, 80·1, and 78·1 per cent. In consequence of its deliquescence upon exposure to the air, a portion of the monobasic acid passes into the tribasic state. This may be detected, if in considerable quantity, by its giving a yellowish color to the precipitate with silver nitrate. The U. S. P. 1870 directed that the acid, in aqueous solution, should yield no precipitate with hydrogen sulphide, showing the absence of metals; should cause a white precipitate with barium chloride soluble in an excess of acid; with an excess of ammonia should cause only a slight turbidity, proving the almost total absence of earthy salts; and should yield no ammonia when treated with potassa in excess. Should the presence of arsenic be ascertained by the tests for that metal, it may be separated by boiling with hydrochloric acid, so as to convert the arsenic into its very volatile chloride, which would escape with the vapors of the hydrochloric acid.

Glacial phosphoric acid was introduced into the Pharmacopœia of 1860 as affording a convenient method of preparing the medicinal acid, but, owing to its unreliability, was very properly dismissed from the Pharmacopœia. Thirty-eight and a half grains, dissolved in a fluidounce of water, form a solution about equal in strength to the U. S. diluted acid of Pharm. 1860.

ACIDUM PHOSPHORICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Phosphoric Acid.

(ĂC'Ĭ-DŬM PHŌS-PHŎR'Ĭ-CŬM DĬ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Phosphoric acid, H_3PO_4, in solution in water to the extent of 13·8 per cent. by weight, corresponding to 10 per cent. of phosphoric anhydride, P_2O_5." *Br.*

Acide phosphorique médicinal, *Fr.;* Verdünnte Phosphorsäure, *G.*

"Phosphoric Acid, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Distilled Water, *seven hundred and fifty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 199 grains], To make *eight hundred and fifty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 430 grains]. Mix them. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles. Diluted Phosphoric Acid contains 10 per cent., by weight, of absolute Orthophosphoric Acid. Specific gravity, about 1·057 at 15° C. (59° F.). It corresponds in properties to Phosphoric Acid (see *Acidum Phosphoricum*), and should conform to the same reactions and tests. 4·89 Gm. of Diluted Phosphoric Acid should require for neutralization 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

"Concentrated Phosphoric Acid, 3 fluidounces [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water, a sufficiency to form 20 fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Mix." *Br.*

It will be observed that in both Pharmacopœias diluted phosphoric acid is made by simple dilution of the stronger acid, and that the older method of dissolving the glacial acid has been, very properly, abandoned. (See *Acidum Phosphoricum Glaciale.*) The official diluted acid is weaker than the British, the U. S. P. acid containing 10 per cent. of orthophosphoric acid, whilst the British contains 10 per cent. of phosphoric anhydride, P_2O_5, which corresponds to about 14 per cent. of orthophosphoric acid. The specific gravity of the British acid is 1·08, and 355 grains of it (6 fluidrachms) mixed with 180 grains of lead oxide in fine powder leave by evaporation a residue (principally lead phosphate) which after it has been heated to dull redness weighs 215·5 grains. Six fluidrachms contain one-half of the molecular weight of phosphoric acid in grains, 49 ($H_3PO_4 = 98$); equivalent to one-fourth of the molecular weight of phosphoric anhydride in grains, 35·5 ($P_2O_5 = 142$).

Properties. Diluted phosphoric acid is a colorless, inodorous, sour liquid, acting strongly on litmus, and possessing powerful acid properties. Although evaporated so as to become dense, it is not corrosive like the other mineral acids. Dr. Neubauer found that the strong acid, when pure and warm, was capable of dissolving calcium oxalate. The official acid is not precipitated by barium chloride or silver nitrate. If precipitates are produced, barium chloride indicates sulphuric acid or a sulphate; silver nitrate, hydrochloric acid or a chloride. Strips of copper or silver are not affected by the acid, showing the absence of nitric acid; it is not

colored by hydrogen sulphide, proving the general absence of metals; and albumen produces no precipitate with it, indicating the non-existence of metaphosphoric acid. If sodium carbonate cause a precipitate, calcium phosphate, or some other phosphate insoluble in water, is probably held in solution. It has been supposed that one-tenth of phosphorous acid would render the diluted acid dangerous to life; but experiments go far to show that this was an erroneous opinion, as half a drachm of that acid given to a dog produced no obvious poisonous effect. (See *A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 359.) Phosphorous acid may be detected by testing the medicinal acid with a solution of corrosive sublimate, which will be converted into calomel if this impurity be present. (Pagels, *Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 15, 1857.)

Old diluted phosphoric acid is very apt to contain microscopic plants. The presence of traces of hydrochloric acid is said to prevent their formation. (Rother, *Drug. Circ.*, 1886, p. 99; Prof. L. E. Sayre, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1885; Samuel G. Ade, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Diluted phosphoric acid is deemed tonic and refrigerant. It is free from astringency, and is certainly a valuable remedy in many cases of *dyspepsia*. Various properties have been ascribed to it, such as allaying pain and spasm, strengthening the sexual organs, preventing the morbid secretion of bony matter, and correcting phosphatic deposits in the urine. The last two properties are supposed to depend upon its power of dissolving calcium phosphate. It has been recommended in *hysteria*, in *diabetes*, and in *leucorrhœa* when the secreted fluid is thin and acrid; it has also been used with asserted good results in *low fevers*, but probably has no action upon the system other than that upon the digestive organs, although Dr. A. Judson (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1871 and 1872, p. 152) asserts that in doses of from one to three drachms it acts as a stimulant, increasing the force and frequency of the pulse, and causing headache and cerebral confusion,—effects which may be the result of gastric irritation. The dose is from twenty drops to a teaspoonful (1·25–3·75 C.c.), largely diluted.

ACIDUM SALICYLICUM. U. S., Br. Salicylic Acid.

$HC_7H_5O_3$; 137·67. (ĂC′Ị-DŬM SĂL-Ị-ÇĬL′Ị-CŬM.) $HC_7H_5O_3$; 138.

"An organic acid, existing naturally, in combination, in various plants, but most largely prepared synthetically from carbolic acid." *U. S.* "A crystalline acid obtained by the combination of the elements of carbolic acid with those of carbonic acid gas and subsequent purification, or from natural salicylates such as the oils of wintergreen (Gaultheria procumbens, Linn.) and sweet birch (Betula lenta, Linn.)." *Br.*

Ortho-Oxybenzoic Acid, *E.;* Acide salicylique, *Fr.;* Salicylsäure, *G.*

In 1834 salicyl aldehyde (*salicylous acid*) was discovered by Pagenstecher in the flowers of *Spiræa ulmaria*. In 1837, Piria and Ettling found that by oxidizing agents salicyl aldehyde was converted into a new body, salicylic acid, and in 1839, Löwig and Weidmann derived the latter principle directly from the flowers of the *Spiræa ulmaria*. Shortly afterwards Prof. Procter (*A. J. P.*, 1843; Aug. 1875) discovered that the acid could be procured from the oil of wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*). Modern research has shown that many essential oils contain methyl salicylate, of which oil of wintergreen contains fully 90 per cent. When potassa is added, a new salt is formed, from which the acid is readily obtained by means of hydrochloric acid. Notwithstanding the discovery of this fact, and also the invention of still another process of manufacture by Ettling in 1845, salicylic acid remained so expensive as to be of no value in the arts until Kolbe and Lautemann discovered that it could be prepared by uniting phenol with carbonic acid through the instrumentality of sodium. The article now began to attract some attention, but remained beyond the reach of general use until Prof. Kolbe, continuing his researches, succeeded, in 1874 (*Journ. für Prakt. Chemie*, July, 1874), in producing it at a moderate cost.

Preparation. While salicylic acid may be prepared from salicin by fusion with potassium hydrate, or from oil of wintergreen by saponification with potassium hydrate solution, practically it is now obtained, according to Kolbe's patent, by treating sodium phenol (or carbolate) with carbon dioxide gas. For this purpose, the most concentrated caustic soda solution is evaporated with the corresponding amount of phenol to a dry powder, which is then heated to 100° C. (212° F.), while a stream of dry carbon dioxide gas is passed over it. The temperature is gradually raised to 180° C. (356° F.), increased to 220° C. (428° F.) as soon as phenol distils over, and finally raised to 250° C. (482° F.), until no more phenol distils. In the retort, the half of the phenol used remains as sodium salicylate, while the other half has distilled over unchanged. The reaction is as follows: $2C_6H_5ONa + CO_2 = C_6H_5OH + C_6H_4(ONa),COO,Na$.

The sodium salt thus obtained is dissolved in water, decomposed by hydrochloric acid, the salicylic acid filtered off, washed, and crystallized out of hot water, or purified by sublimation in a current of superheated steam. An important improvement was subsequently made in Kolbe's process whereby all the phenol-sodium is converted into salicylate instead of half of it only. R. Schmitt has found (*Wagner's Jahresbericht für Chem. Tech.*, 1885, p. 490) that if dry sodium phenolate and dry carbon dioxide are allowed to act on each other at ordinary temperatures, as long as absorption takes place a phenyl-sodium carbonate, $CO\begin{cases} OC_6H_5 \\ ONa \end{cases}$, is formed. If this is now heated for several hours in a closed vessel to 140° C., a molecular rearrangement takes place, and simple sodium salicylate, $C_6H_4(OH)COONa$, is formed without any separation whatever of phenol. Schmitt's process has been purchased by the owners of Kolbe's patent.* Salicylic acid has been also obtained synthetically from copper benzoate and water, which, when heated together in sealed tubes, yield cuprous oxide, free benzoic acid, and salicylic acid. (E. F. Smith, *Am. Chem. Journ.*, 2, p. 338.) Dr. A. Rautert has found that the acid volatilizes with steam of 170° C. (338° F.), and has devised a process of purification based upon this, which yields at very little cost a beautiful product. Biel (*Pharm. Zeitsch. f. Russl.*, 1876) reports that the sublimed acid is liable to decompose spontaneously. Dialyzed salicylic acid of beautiful appearance has been in the market since 1876. All traces of tarry matter can be removed by dialysis, and this acid is unexceptionable. Kolbe also obtained salicylic acid from the barium and calcium carbolates, but the yield was less than when the sodium salt was employed. The potassium phenol yielded only a trace of the salicylic acid, but an abundance of *paraoxybenzoic* acid.

Properties. Salicylic acid, when pure, occurs as a snow-white crystalline powder, free from odor, and also from taste, but leaving a sense of astringency on the tongue and of irritation in the fauces, with an increased flow of saliva. "Light, fine, white, prismatic needles, or a light, white, crystalline powder; odorless, having a sweetish, afterwards acrid taste, and permanent in the air." *U. S.* To the mucous membrane of the nose it is irritating, and it will sometimes produce sneezing. It crystallizes out of its hot aqueous solution on cooling in slender, often very long needles, and on the spontaneous evaporation of its alcoholic solution in large four-sided prisms. It is strongly acid, acting decisively on blue litmus, and forming salts not only with alkalies, but also with metallic oxides. Salicylic acid is "soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 450 parts of water, and in 2·4 parts of alcohol; in 14 parts of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 2 parts of ether, 2 parts of absolute alcohol, and 80 parts of chloroform. When heated to 156° C. (312·8° F.), the Acid begins to melt, and is completely melted at 157° C. (314·6° F.); at a higher temperature it is gradually dissipated without leaving more than 0·6 per cent. of fixed residue. The saturated, aqueous solution has an acid reaction, and is colored intensely bluish-violet (in high dilution violet-red) by ferric chloride test-solution." *U. S.* When heated rapidly it is converted into carbolic and carbonic acids. It is stated that, by careful heating, glycerin can be made to dissolve 1 part in 50, and that the solution not only remains clear on cooling, but also may be diluted with water without separating. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 212.) Dr. Goldsborough affirms that a mixture of the acid with alcohol, 1 to 10, may be diluted with 150 parts of water without crystallizing. By the presence of various neutral salts its solubility is increased without its antiseptic value being interfered with. Thus:

Mixed with 1	part	potassium nitrate,	it dissolves in	50	parts	cold	water.
" "	1½	parts	ammonium citrate,	"	60	"	"	"
" "	2	"	sodium sulphite,	"	50	"	"	"
" "	2	"	sodium phosphate,	"	50	"	"	"
" "	2½	"	sodium phosphate,	"	12½	"	"	"

(Allen, *Commerc. Org. Analysis*, 1879, p. 344; see, also, R. Rother, *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 420.)

* Professor J. U. Lloyd gives the following process for preparing salicylic acid from oil of wintergreen. Pure wintergreen oil, 3 parts; white caustic potash, 3 parts; hydrochloric acid, 8 parts; water, q. s. Dissolve the caustic potassa in two parts of water in a glass or porcelain vessel, and heat to the temperature of 180° F. Stir into this gradually the oil, using a glass or porcelain spatula. Into another vessel place 64 parts of cold distilled water, and add the hydrochloric acid. Then with constant stirring add the solution of the potassium salicylate. The magma of minute crystals of salicylic acid must be separated with a thin muslin strainer (previously moistened) and pressed, then dried by exposure to a temperature of 150°. The yield of this crude acid will be slightly over two parts. Dissolve this in six parts of cold alcohol, and filter through a funnel stopped with cotton. Then with constant stirring pour the filtrate into 32 parts of cold water. The magma of minute crystals must be separated with a thin muslin strainer, and dried by exposure to a heat of 150° F. The yield is a trifle less than 2 parts.

On distilling salicylic acid or one of its salts with wood-spirit and sulphuric acid, acid methyl salicylate is formed, having an agreeable aromatic odor. The reaction with ferric salts is much more delicate (1 in 100,000) than that of phenol with the same reagent (1 in 3000). Commercial salicylic acid is often very impure. Sodium chloride, carbolic acid, cresotic acid, and oxybenzoic and para-oxybenzoic acids are the usual impurities. The first of these substances remains on igniting the acid. Carbolic acid may be detected by nearly neutralizing the sample with soda and agitating the liquid with ether. On evaporating, the ethereal liquid leaves the carbolic acid recognizable by its smell and taste. (Allen, *Commerc. Org. Anal.*, p. 347.)

The most sensitive test for it is a ferric salt, with which it develops a beautiful violet color. Goldsborough states that to insure the delicacy of this reaction it is necessary that the iron salt be perfectly neutral; also that with this precaution he has clearly detected 1 part of the acid in 400,000 parts of water. On the addition of ammonia the violet color is changed to a reddish brown, then to an orange, then to a permanent greenish yellow. Sulphuric and nitric acids change the violet to a light brown (*Goldsborough*). It must be remembered that salicylous acid reacts similarly with ferric salts. Salicylous acid, however, precipitates the silver potassio- or ammonio-nitrate white, the salicylic acid yellow. Kolbe recommends a simple test to detect impurities. A little of the acid is dissolved in 10 times its weight of strong alcohol, and the solution allowed to evaporate spontaneously from a watch crystal. If the salicylic acid which remains in the dish be perfectly colorless, the acid is strictly pure; it should not be of a brown color, although a slight yellowish color would not indicate sufficient impurity to affect its medicinal value. Hager states that pure salicylic acid equal in volume to the size of a bean produced, after agitation with about 5 C.c. of pure sulphuric acid, a colorless solution, while others which yielded a white residue from the alcoholic solution produced yellowish to brown-yellow solutions. (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1876, No. 51; *A. J. P.*, June, 1877.)

By distilling with alcohol and strong sulphuric acid, salicylic acid forms methyl- and ethyl-salicylic acids.

Tests. "On adding to a small portion of Salicylic Acid, in a test-tube, about 1 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid, then, cautiously, about 1 C.c. of methylic alcohol, in drops, and heating the mixture to boiling, the odor of methyl salicylate will be evolved. On allowing a saturated, alcoholic solution of the Acid to evaporate spontaneously in a glass or porcelain capsule, in a place protected from dust, a perfectly white, crystalline residue should remain (absence of *iron*, *carbolic acid*, or *coloring matter*). If 1 Gm. of the Acid be dissolved in an excess of cold sodium carbonate test-solution, the liquid agitated with an equal volume of ether, and the ethereal solution allowed to evaporate spontaneously, the residue, if any, should be free from the odor of *carbolic acid*. On treating about 0·5 Gm. of the Acid, in a clean test-tube, with 10 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid, no color should be imparted to the latter within fifteen minutes (absence of *readily carbonizable*, *organic impurities*). A solution of 0·5 Gm. of the Acid in 10 C.c. of alcohol, mixed with a few drops of nitric acid, should remain unaffected upon the addition of a few drops of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Salicylic acid was originally brought to the notice of the profession on account of its inhibitory influence on *putrefaction*. Kolbe found that 0·04 per cent. had great influence in preventing souring of milk. Bucholz found that 0·15 per cent. of the acid is sufficient to prevent the development of bacteria in ordinary organic mixtures, and that the influence of 0·005 per cent. is plainly visible; 0·3 to 0·4 per cent. of the acid killed bacteria in vigorous growth. (*Arch. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, Bd. iv.) The sodium salicylate was about equal to the pure acid, 0·4 per cent. destroying the bacteria. In the preservation of urine, Meyer and Kolbe found that one part of salicylic acid to two thousand of urine was sufficient to prevent putrefaction. (*Journ. für Prakt. Chem.*, Bd. xii.) According to Kolbe and others, salicylic acid arrests or prevents the action of the non-organized organic ferments. Thus, it will prevent the development of the hydrocyanic acid by the action of emulsin upon amygdalin in the presence of water, and will also inhibit the formation of the volatile oil of mustard. Dr. Miller found that one per cent. of salicylic acid was sufficient to check the action of ptyaline upon starch, thus equalling in power ten per cent. of carbolic acid. He also found that 0·2 per cent. of salicylic acid distinctly affected outside of the body the digestive action of pepsin. The general experience of surgeons is in accord with these facts, and there can be no doubt that salicylic acid is capable of accomplishing much in antiseptic surgery, but it does not seem to be replacing carbolic acid, as it at one time bade fair to do. Its freedom from odor and comparative freedom from poisonous and irritant properties are certainly

strong recommendations; nevertheless, carbolic acid is more generally employed, and Mr. Callender, after twelve months' trial in the wards of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has formally condemned salicylic acid as much inferior to carbolic acid. (*Trans. London Clin. Soc.*, ix.) Thiersch's *salicylic acid wadding* for hermetically sealing wounds is made by dissolving two ounces of the acid in two pints of alcohol (sp. gr. 0·83), diluting with twenty pints of water at 158° to 178° F., saturating with this six pounds and eight ounces of cotton batting deprived of oily matter, and afterwards drying. This wadding contains 3 per cent. of the acid; for some purposes a stronger batting, containing 10 per cent., is prepared. When the wound or abscess is discharging profusely, jute is substituted for the cotton batting, because it is much more permeable to pus. An efficient ointment may be prepared by dissolving one and a half parts of the acid in two parts of alcohol and adding lard, or the solubility of the drug in glycerin may be taken advantage of. The following solutions are used in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Sodium phosphate three parts; salicylic acid one part; water fifty parts.—Salicylic acid one part; olive oil forty-nine parts.—Salicylic acid one part; sodium bicarbonate half part; water one hundred parts.—Salicylic acid ten parts; borax eighteen parts; water one hundred parts. A 25-per-cent. solution, which will bear dilution with water or alcohol, may be prepared according to the following formula. ℞ Acid. salicyl. ʒii; Sodii biborat. ʒi; Glycerini q. s. Mix the acid and borax with four fluidrachms of glycerin; heat gently until dissolved; then add enough glycerin to make one fluidounce.* Prof. Thiersch has found that the drug cannot be employed for cleaning surgical instruments, because it corrodes the steel.

When salicylic acid is given to man in doses just sufficient to manifest its presence, symptoms closely resembling those of cinchonism result. These are fulness of the head, with roaring and buzzing in the ears. After larger doses, to these symptoms are added distress in the head, or positive headache, disturbances of hearing and vision (deafness, amblyopia, partial blindness), and excessive sweating. In some cases there is a decided fall of temperature without alteration of the pulse; but probably more commonly the bodily temperature remains unaltered. The actions upon the system of the acid and of its sodium, ammonium, potassium, and methyl (oil of gaultheria) salts appear to be identical, and, as several cases of poisoning with one or other of these agents have occurred, we are able to trace the toxic manifestations. Along with an intensification of the symptoms already mentioned, there are ptosis, deafness, strabismus, mydriasis, disturbance of respiration, excessive restlessness passing into delirium, slow laboring pulse, olive-green urine, and involuntary evacuations. In some cases the temperature has remained about normal, but in others has approached that of collapse. The respiration seems to be characteristic, it being both quickened and deepened, often sighing. Sweating usually is very free, and the urine early becomes albuminous. Various local evidences of vaso-motor weakness may supervene, such as rapidly appearing bed-sores at points subjected to pressure, and transitory dark-colored maculæ on various parts of the body. In several cases death was probably produced by the acid, although there is scarcely one instance which is beyond doubt. In certain cases the mental disturbance has been strangely prolonged, lasting for eight days. In some instances it is cheerful, in others melancholic in type. It is stated that upon drunkards the acid acts very unfavorably, violent delirium being an early symptom.

Upon the lower mammals the drug acts very much as it does upon man, but we have not sufficient knowledge to enable us to frame a complete theory of its action. It undoubtedly affects very markedly the nerve-centres, and, in sufficient dose, seems to be a paralyzant to all the higher nerve-tissue. The earlier cerebral symptoms and the quickening of the respiration indicate that it stimulates the centres at the base of the brain before overwhelming them. Small doses seem to have very little influence upon the arterial pressure, although Danewsky affirms that moderate doses produce vaso-motor spasm of centric origin, with consequent rise of pressure. After toxic doses the force of the circulation is decreased chiefly, according to the researches of Köhler and of Danewsky, by a direct depression of the heart itself.

Salicylic acid is undoubtedly absorbed; probably in the form of a salicylate. It is eliminated chiefly by the kidneys, appearing in the urine soon after its administration, but escaping only slowly from the system. According to Byanon, it is excreted partly as salicyluric acid, partly as a form of salicin, and he believes to some extent as oxalic acid. Urine which had been passed some hours after the ingestion of a dose polarized to the left. Dr. A. E. Stuart (*Lond. Practitioner*, vol. xviii. p. 425), after so small a dose as nine grains of the acid, saw free,

* *Mixture of Salicylic Acid and Iron* is largely used in hospital practice. The following is the formula of the New York Hospital. Salicylic acid, 20 gr.; pyrophosphate of iron, 5 gr.; phosphate of sodium, 50 gr.; water, sufficient to make 1½ fluidounces. Filter. (*Pharm. Rec.*, 1886, p. 115.)

distinct crystals of salicyluric acid in the urine. It is possible that such of the salicylic acid as escapes unchanged from the kidney may, as first excreted, be in the form of a salicylate, but be set free by the acid of the urine. The green coloration of the urine characteristic of poisoning by this substance is stated not to be due to the presence of a derivative of the acid, but to the excessive formation of indican or allied coloring principle.

In health therapeutic doses of salicylic acid have no constant influence upon the bodily temperature, but in febrile disorders its powers are beyond question. The first effect of a single antipyretic dose in fever is usually a profuse sweat, which may appear fifteen minutes after the ingestion of the remedy. (Ewald, *Lond. Practitioner*, vol. xvi. p. 200.) Very shortly after this the temperature begins to fall, and, according to Justi (*Centralblatt für Chirurgie*, 1876, p. 629), the depression reaches its maximum in about six hours. The sweating is profuse and exhausting, amounting, according to Ewald, not rarely to seven hundred and fifty grammes. The perspiration cannot be the chief factor in the reduction of temperature, as there appears to be no relation between its amount and the degree of the fall, and it usually ceases before the latter reaches its maximum. The antipyretic dose employed varies somewhat. Ewald gives as a minimum to the adult seventy-five grains, repeated in five hours if necessary; Justi, from ninety to one hundred and twenty-five grains. The question as to whether good is achieved in fevers by its administration is, of course, entirely separate from that as to its power of reducing temperature. It is certainly possible for a drug to lower the fever-heat and yet to do far more harm than good, and the evidence at hand appears to show that in *typhoid* and other allied febrile affections salicylic acid is not an eligible remedy. It is, indeed, no longer used, having been replaced by antipyrin. The possession of very marked antiperiodic powers has been claimed for salicylic acid, but experience has not substantiated this claim. In *rheumatism* the remedy is the most valuable one known. Although some cases do not seem to yield to the drug, in the great majority of instances improvement sets in within twenty-four hours, and is rapidly followed by disappearance of the pain and fever. The dangers of cardiac and cerebral complications are certainly lessened, but not altogether done away with. In excessive *rheumatic hyperpyrexia* it cannot be depended upon to the exclusion of the cold bath. Jaccoud states (*Progrès Méd.*, 1877, pp. 528, 745) that he has found it of great service in *chronic rheumatism;* but the general testimony appears to show that it is much less certain in the chronic than in the acute disorder. In accord, however, with the French professor, we have found it efficient in chronic cases. Jaccoud also states that in acute *gout* it acts with extraordinary effect. As in cases of habitual gout the kidneys are often seriously affected, the urine should always be examined, and if it be found albuminous the remedy should be withheld. The dose of salicylic acid in acute rheumatism may be set down as a drachm (3·88 Gm.) in the twenty-four hours, although it is employed by some practitioners in much larger doses. It may be given in powder, but is best administered in the form of ammonium or sodium salicylate (fifteen grains (0·971 Gm.) five times in twenty-four hours), which are equally efficacious and much less irritant to the stomach than is the acid. If ringing in the ears or other evidences of intoxication appear, the remedy should at once be partially or entirely withdrawn.

Although Kolbe took fifteen grains of salicylic acid daily for nine months without sensible effect, and Lehmann (*Archiv f. Hygiene*, v.) carried similar experiments even to a greater length with similar results, yet the practice of using salicylic acid for a preservative of beer and of articles of food is to be condemned. A commission appointed by the French government reported that the prolonged use even of very small amounts of salicylic acid is dangerous, especially to very aged persons.*

ACIDUM STEARICUM. U.S. Stearic Acid.

$HC_{18}H_{35}O_2$; 283·38. (ĂÇ′Ĭ-DŬM STĒ-ĂR′Ĭ-CŬM.) $HC_{18}H_{35}O_2$; 284.

"An organic acid, in its commercial, more or less impure form, usually obtained from the more solid fats, chiefly tallow." *U. S.*

This acid has been introduced into the Pharmacopœia of 1890 solely because of its use in

* The question of the comparative medical value of the artificial and the natural salicylic acid is one of great practical importance. It is seemingly established that the commercial artificial acid is distinctly more poisonous than the natural acid. According to the researches of Prof. Dunstan, the poisonous properties of the artificial acid are due to the presence of three impurities,—namely, meta-, ortho-, and para-cresotic acid, of which acid the ortho- and para- are centric poisons. (See Part II.) Salicylic acid produced from synthetic carbolic acid does not contain these poisons. According to the researches of M. Charteris, any artificial salicylic acid which does not closely resemble in crystalline forms the natural acid, and also have a melting point of almost 157° C., should be rejected as probably poisonous.

making glycerin suppositories. It is officially described as "a hard, white, somewhat glossy solid, odorless and tasteless, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water; soluble in about 45 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.); readily soluble in boiling alcohol, and in ether. Stearic Acid, when pure, melts at 69·2° C. (156·6° F.). The commercial acid should have a melting point not lower than 56° C. (132·8° F.), and the melted acid should not become opaque and begin to congeal at a temperature lower than 54° C. (129·2° F.). If 1 Gm. of Stearic Acid and 1 Gm. of sodium carbonate be boiled with 30 C.c. of water, in a capacious flask, the resulting solution, while hot, should not be more than opalescent (limit of *undecomposed fat*)."

Medical Properties. Stearic acid probably has no general action upon man.

ACIDUM SULPHURICUM. U. S., Br. Sulphuric Acid.

H_2SO_4; 97·82. (ĂṢ'Ị-DŬM SŬL-PHŪ'RỊ-CŬM.) H_2SO_4; 98.

"A liquid composed of not less than 92·5 per cent., by weight, of absolute Sulphuric Acid [$H_2SO_4 = 97·82$], and not more than 7·5 per cent. of water. The above-named percentage (92·5) is that assumed for Sulphuric Acid in the formulas of pharmacopœial preparations. Sulphuric Acid should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "An acid produced by the combustion of sulphur and the oxidation and hydration of the resulting sulphurous acid gas by means of nitrous and aqueous vapors. It contains about 98 per cent. by weight of real sulphuric acid, H_2SO_4." *Br.*

Acidum Sulfuricum, *P.G.;* Oil of Vitriol, Vitriolic Acid; Acide sulfurique, Huile de Vitriol, *Fr.;* Vitriolöl, Schwefelsäure, *G.;* Acido solforico, *It.;* Acido sulfurico, *Sp.*

Preparation. Sulphuric acid is obtained by burning sulphur or iron pyrites, FeS_2, and allowing the product of combustion, SO_2, to mix with nitrous fumes obtained from the decomposition of nitre, which change SO_2 into SO_3, and this uniting with steam yields H_2SO_4. If the sulphur were burned by itself, the product would be sulphurous oxide, which contains only two-thirds as much oxygen as sulphuric oxide. The object of the nitre is to furnish, by its decomposition, the requisite additional quantity of oxygen. To understand the process, it is necessary to remember that several of the oxides of nitrogen have oxidizing power. Thus, the main reactions of the sulphuric acid process are universally conceded to be $2SO_2 + N_2O_4 = 2SO_3 + N_2O_2$, $SO_3 + H_2O = H_2SO_4$, $N_2O_2 + O_2 = N_2O_4$; in which the sulphurous oxide from the burning pyrites or sulphur is oxidized to sulphuric oxide by the nitrogen tetroxide, which readily parts with two atoms of oxygen to such bodies as sulphurous oxide, and then takes two atoms of oxygen again from the atmosphere, regenerating the original tetroxide. The nitrogen tetroxide thus acts simply as a carrier of atmospheric oxygen, whereby the SO_2 is changed into SO_3. This latter compound then unites with steam to form H_2SO_4, the final product. If the supply of steam be insufficient, at the same time white crystals (*lead chamber crystals*) will form, which have the composition $HSO_3(NO_2)$, and whose formation is explained by the following reactions: $2SO_2 + H_2O + N_2O_3 + O_2 = 2HSO_3(NO_2)$; when steam enters in larger amount they disappear, with formation of sulphuric acid, while red fumes are given off, thus: $2HSO_3(NO_2) + H_2O = 2H_2SO_4 + N_2O_3$. In this case, therefore, nitrous oxide, N_2O_3, assists in the oxidation.

Preparation on the Large Scale. The manufacture of this most important chemical has grown to enormous proportions. In England, where it is manufactured in largest amount, the present annual production is over 940,000 tons, six-sevenths of which are from Spanish pyrites and one-seventh from crude sulphur (*Lunge*). In this country Sicilian sulphur is mainly used, although American pyrites, which is practically free from arsenic, is being employed in increasing amount. The American production of sulphuric acid for the year 1892 is stated to be about 580,000 tons. The production of Germany in 1891 was 467,633 metric tons (1000 kilos each). As carried out in England, the process is as follows. Beginning with the pyrites-kilns, or burners, the broken mineral is placed in moderate-sized lumps on the bars of the burners, which have previously been heated to redness, and when the burning is once started, the fire is kept up by placing a new charge on the top of that nearly burned out. The ordinary charge for each burner of pyrites, containing about 48 per cent. of sulphur, is 5 to 6 cwt., which is burnt out in twenty-four hours. The hot sulphur dioxide and air are drawn from the pyrites-burners through the whole system of tubes, towers, and chambers by help of the powerful draught from a large chimney which is placed in connection with the apparatus. These gases then pass either into a tall tower (called the Glover or denitrating tower), where they meet a descending stream of strong sulphuric acid charged with nitrous fumes, which at this moment of descent is mixed with a weaker sulphuric acid, thereby liberating the nitrous

fumes, and these then mix with the sulphur dioxide and air, or they are charged with nitrous fumes direct from the nitre-pots, where a mixture of Chili saltpetre and sulphuric acid liberates them. The mixed gases are then delivered at a temperature of about 75° C. (167° F.) into the first of the leaden chambers. These chambers, of which there are three, are now made of much larger size than was formerly the case, having often a capacity of 38,000 cubic feet. Here the gases meet jets of steam and deposit liquid sulphuric acid, as also in the second chamber. In the third or exhaust chamber all the sulphur dioxide should have been converted into sulphuric acid, and red nitrous fumes must always be visible. These must not be lost, but are drawn into a so-called Gay-Lussac tower filled with coke, over which a finely-divided shower of strong acid is allowed to fall. The nitrous fumes are absorbed by this, and give the so-called nitrated acid used as before mentioned in the Glover tower. The acid obtained in the leaden chamber has a sp. gr. of 1·55, or contains 64 per cent. of H_2SO_4. The acid which comes from the Glover tower (or, in case this is not used, is obtained by further concentration of chamber acid in leaden pans) has a sp. gr. of 1·71, and contains 78 per cent. H_2SO_4. The strongest acid must be procured by still further concentration in glass or platinum vessels, and will contain 98 per cent. H_2SO_4. (Roscoe and Schorlemmer, *Chem.*, vol. i. pp. 321–338.) Within recent years it has been found that to continue the concentration to the limit of 98 per cent. acid in platinum vessels is very destructive to these. Therefore it has been proposed, after a strength of 65° B. or about 90 per cent. acid has been reached, to finish in vessels of cast iron. It is found that the concentrated acid does not attack this, and therefore it can be substituted for platinum to advantage.

According to theory, 100 parts of sulphur burnt should yield 305·9 parts of pure sulphuric acid. In practice the yield is 290–294. The amount of sodium nitrate used varies very much. Manufacturers who employ Glover and Gay-Lussac towers require from 3·5 to 6·5 parts of nitrate for every 100 of sulphur burnt, while works unprovided with these appliances may take from 12 to 13 parts. (*Roscoe and Schorlemmer*, vol. i. p. 337.)

About the year 1746, the great improvement of using leaden chambers was introduced by Dr. Roebuck, of Birmingham, where the first apparatus of this kind was erected. In consequence of this improvement, the acid immediately fell to one-fourth of its former price.

The only way to obtain pure sulphuric acid is by distillation. Owing to the high boiling point of this acid, the operation is rather precarious, in consequence of the danger of the fracture of the retort from the sudden concussions to which the boiling acid gives rise. Dr. Ure recommends that a retort of the capacity of from two to four quarts be used in distilling a pint of acid. This is connected, by means of a wide glass tube three or four feet long, with a receiver surrounded with cold water. All the vessels must be perfectly clean, and no luting employed. The retort is then gradually heated by a small furnace of charcoal, or, what is better, by means of a sand-bath, the retort being buried in the sand up to the neck. It is useful to put into the retort a few sharp-pointed pieces of glass, slips of platinum foil, or clay tobacco-pipe tubes, with the view of diminishing the shocks produced by the acid vapor. The distilled product ought not to be collected until a dense grayish-white vapor is generated, the appearance of which is a sign that the pure concentrated acid is coming over. If this vapor should not immediately appear, it shows that the acid subjected to distillation is not of full strength; and the distilled product, until this point is attained, will be an acid water. In the distillation of sulphuric acid, M. Lembert uses, instead of pieces of glass or platinum foil, fragments of the mineral called quartzite; these after a time get worn and must be changed.

What is said above relates to the mode of preparing common sulphuric acid; but there is another kind, known on the continent of Europe by the name of the *fuming sulphuric acid of Nordhausen*, so called from its properties, and a place in Saxony where it is largely manufactured. This acid is obtained by distilling dried sulphate of iron in large stoneware retorts, heated to redness, and connected with receivers of glass or stoneware. The fuming acid distils over, and ferric oxide is left in the form of *colcothar* or *polishing rouge*, a material used for polishing metals, particularly gold and silver. The formula usually given to this product is $H_2S_2O_7$ or $H_2SO_4 + SO_3$. This would demand about 45 per cent. of sulphuric oxide or SO_3. In fact, the so-called Nordhausen acid seldom contains more than 10 per cent. of SO_3, and to obtain that demanded by the formula a re-distillation is necessary. This product is semi-solid, and is now obtainable in commerce put up in sealed glass flasks. Its sale has been largely curtailed lately, owing to the introduction into commerce of the *anhydride* under the name of *Solid Sulphuric Acid*. When moisture is rigidly excluded, the acid has little action on metals, and it is put up in soldered boxes of tinned sheet-iron; it is used largely in the arts in the manu-

facture of artificial alizarin. *Persulphuric Oxide*, S_2O_7, may be obtained in solution by carefully mixing chlorine water with strong sulphuric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm. et Chim.*, 1878.)

Properties. Sulphuric acid (*hydrogen sulphate*), commonly called *oil of vitriol*, is a dense, colorless, inodorous liquid, of an oily appearance, and strongly corrosive. On living tissues it acts as a powerful caustic. It unites with water in all proportions, and much heat is evolved on the mixture of the two fluids. When pure, and as highly concentrated as possible, as manufactured in leaden chambers, its sp. gr. is 1·840 (1·8485, Ure), a fluidounce weighing a small fraction over 14 drachms. If its density exceed this, the presence of lead sulphate or other impurity may be inferred. Kohlrausch (*Pogg. Ann. Erganzungs*, Bd. viii. p. 675, Lunge) found the sp. gr. of *pure sulphuric acid*, *real hydrate*, to be 1·8342, and believes that a higher sp. gr. than this is due to impurities (probably lead sulphate). The commercial acid is seldom of this strength. According to Mr. Phillips, it has generally the sp. gr. 1·8433, and this is about the strength of the Br. acid, of which the sp. gr. is stated to be 1·843. The sp. gr. of the official acid is 1·835. Mendelejeff, after a careful determination, found that pure monohydrated sulphuric acid had the specific gravity 1·8371 at 15° C. (59° F.) compared with water at its maximum density, 4° C. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1885, p. 16.) The strong acid boils at 338° C. (640·4° F.), and freezes at —26° C. (—15° F.). When diluted, its boiling point is lowered. When of the sp. gr. 1·78, it deposits crystals of the formula $H_2SO_4 + H_2O$ at about 0° C. (32° F.), and hence it is hazardous for manufacturers to keep an acid of that strength in glass vessels in cold weather, as they are liable to burst. With salifiable bases it forms a numerous class of salts, called sulphates. It acts powerfully on organic bodies, whether vegetable or animal, depriving them of the elements of water, developing charcoal, and turning them black. A small piece of cork or wood dropped into the acid will for this reason render it of a dark color. It absorbs water with avidity, and is used as a desiccating agent. It has been ascertained by Professors W. B. and R. E. Rogers to be capable of absorbing 94 per cent. of carbonic acid gas, a fact having an important bearing on analytical operations. When diluted with distilled water, it ought to remain limpid; and, when heated sufficiently in a platinum spoon, the fixed residue should not exceed one part in 400 of the acid employed. When present in small quantity in solution, it is detected unerringly by barium chloride, which causes a precipitate of barium sulphate. The most usual impurities in it are arsenous acid and lead sulphate; the former derived from the presence of arsenides in the pyrites, where that has been used in the production of the sulphurous oxide; the latter from the leaden boilers in which the acid is concentrated. Sodium or magnesium sulphate is said to have been added to increase its specific gravity. "If Sulphuric Acid be dropped upon sugar or wood, it blackens them. Diluted with 5 volumes of water, it yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate, insoluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.* Occasionally nitre is added to render dark samples of acid colorless. This addition gives rise to the impurity of potassium sulphate. These impurities often amount to 3 or 4 per cent. The commercial acid cannot be expected to be absolutely pure; but when properly manufactured it should not contain more than one-fourth of 1 per cent. of impurity. The fixed impurities are discoverable by evaporating a portion of the acid, when they will remain. If lead sulphate be present, the acid will become turbid on dilution with an equal bulk of water. This impurity is not detected by hydrogen sulphide unless the sulphuric acid be saturated with an alkali. If only a scanty muddiness arise, the acid is of good commercial quality.

Other impurities occur in the commercial sulphuric acid. The several oxides of nitrogen are always present in greater or less amount. They may be detected by gently pouring a solution of ferrous sulphate over the commercial acid in a tube, when the solution, at the line of contact, will acquire a deep red color, due to the liberation of nitrogen tetroxide. Another method is to pass into tincture of guaiac the gases proceeding from the suspected acid heated with iron filings. If nitrogen tetroxide be present, the tincture becomes blue. The commercial acid, however, is not to be rejected unless the test shows the presence of nitrogen tetroxide in unusual quantity. Nitrogen tetroxide is an injurious impurity when the sulphuric acid is employed in the manufacture of hydrochloric acid, which is decomposed by the nitrogen tetroxide with evolution of chlorine. To remove this impurity it was recommended by Wackenroder, before distilling it, to heat the acid with a little sugar. This and the N_2O_4 mutually decompose each other, and the products are dissipated by heat. For the removal of the nitrogen acids generally, Dr. J. Löwe recommends the addition to the heated sulphuric acid of small portions of dry oxalic acid, so long as it exhibits a yellow tinge. The oxalic acid is decomposed into carbonic acid and oxide, the latter of which, in becoming carbonic acid, deoxi-

dizes and destroys the nitrogen acids. A slight excess of oxalic acid produces no harm, as it is immediately decomposed. Perhaps a better method of getting rid of these acids is to distil with a little ammonium sulphate. Potassium sulphate, fraudulently introduced into the acid to increase its density, may be detected by saturating the acid with ammonia and heating to redness in a crucible, when ammonium sulphate will be expelled, and the potassium sulphate left.

Arsenic is sometimes present in sulphuric acid. In consequence of the high price of Sicilian sulphur, most English manufacturers have employed iron pyrites for the purpose of furnishing the necessary sulphurous acid in the manufacture of oil of vitriol. As the pyrites usually contains arsenic, it happens that the sulphurous acid fumes are accompanied by arsenous oxide, and thus the sulphuric acid becomes contaminated. From 22 to 35 grains of arsenous acid have been found in 20 fluidounces of oil of vitriol, of English manufacture, by Dr. G. O. Rees and Mr. Watson, and a still larger proportion by Mr. J. Cameron, of South Wales. To detect this impurity, the acid, previously diluted with five or six measures of distilled water, must be examined by Marsh's test. (See *Acidum Arsenosum.*) But a more easy method, said to be nearly as delicate, is that of Bettendorff. A little stannous chloride is treated, in a shallow dish, with pure hydrochloric acid (sp. gr. 1·12) until dissolved. The suspected sulphuric acid is then added, drop by drop, to the solution, the vessel being shaken on each addition. Considerable heat will be produced, and the liquid, if no arsenic be present, will remain clear; but if the acid be in the slightest degree contaminated with the poison, first a yellow, then a brown, and finally a dark grayish brown color will appear, and the liquid become turbid. (*N. R.*, April, 1873, p. 367.) To separate the arsenous acid, Dr. J. Löwe recommends that the concentrated sulphuric acid should be gently heated in a flat dish, in a place where the fumes may be carried off, and then treated with small quantities of finely powdered sodium chloride, constantly stirred in with a glass rod. By the reaction between the arsenous acid and disengaged hydrochloric acid arsenic terchloride is formed, which, being volatile, is separated by the heat. The heat is afterwards continued, to expel the excess of hydrochloric acid. This mode of purification introduces into the oil of vitriol a little sodium sulphate. Buchner proposes a similar process; instead of sodium chloride employing hydrochloric acid, or a stream of the acid gas. This plan does not introduce sodium sulphate into the acid, but is less convenient than that of Löwe, and, when the aqueous hydrochloric acid is used, tends to weaken the oil of vitriol by introducing water. Experience, however, has shown that neither plan can be entirely relied on. An excess of sulphuric acid is said to prevent the formation of the arsenic chloride. (See *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 88.) For other methods of detecting arsenic in sulphuric acid, see *N. R.*, 1876, p. 297; 1880, p. 101. Until within recent years all the sulphuric acid produced in the United States was made from sulphur. At the present time (1893) nearly half of the sulphuric acid works are using pyrites. Most of the American pyrites ore is entirely free from arsenic. Dupasquier states that tin is sometimes present in commercial sulphuric acid, derived from the solderings of the leaden chambers; but this could scarcely happen now, as care is taken to avoid soldering, and to effect the union of the metal by fusion by means of the blow-pipe. It may be discovered by hydrogen sulphide, which precipitates sulphide of tin, convertible by nitric acid into the white insoluble stannic oxide. Should the precipitate be the mixed sulphides of arsenic and tin, the former would be converted by nitric acid into arsenic acid and dissolved, and the latter into insoluble stannic oxide and left. Another impurity occasionally existing in French sulphuric acid is selenium, supposed to be derived from copper pyrites sometimes substituted for sulphur in the manufacture of the acid. For the mode of detecting and separating this impurity, see the *Journal de Pharmacie* (1872, p. 42). "To neutralize 0·489 Gm. of Sulphuric Acid, diluted with about 10 C.c. of water, should require not less than 9·25 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each 0·1 C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* As ordered by the Br. Pharmacopœia, "50 grains by weight, mixed with distilled water, require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of *the volumetric solution of soda.*" *Br.* For a very delicate method of detecting sulphurous acid and the oxides of nitrogen in sulphuric acid, see paper by Mr. Robert Warrington, *Chem. News*, Feb. 14, 1868.

Tests. "On mixing the Acid carefully with 4 or 5 volumes of alcohol, no precipitate should be formed within one hour (absence of *lead*). If there be carefully poured upon it, in a test-tube, a layer of ferrous sulphate test-solution, the zone of contact should not assume a brown or reddish color (limit of *nitric* or *nitrous acid*). In Sulphuric Acid, diluted with 20 volumes of water, no precipitate should be formed by the addition of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*), or of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *lead, arsenic,*

copper); nor by supersaturation with ammonia water (*iron*); nor should the acid thus supersaturated leave any fixed residue on evaporation and ignition (absence of *non-volatile impurities*), nor yield any precipitate on addition of ammonium sulphide test-solution (*iron*, *thallium*, etc.). 1 C.c. of Sulphuric Acid, diluted with 5 C.c. of water, and cooled, should not at once discharge the color of 0·1 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution (limit of *sulphurous* or *nitrous acid*). If 1 C.c. of a mixture of 1 volume of Sulphuric Acid with 2 volumes of water be mixed with 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), and a small piece of pure tin-foil added, no coloration should appear within one hour (limit of *arsenic*)." *U. S.*

"Evaporated in a platinum dish, it leaves little or no residue. If a few drops be mixed with about a quarter of an ounce of a solution of stannous chloride mixed with strong hydrochloric acid, and the mixture be heated to boiling and then be allowed to cool, no darkening in color and no precipitate should be produced." *Br.*

The following table by Lunge and Isler shows how much hydrated sulphuric acid and how much sulphuric oxide (SO_3) are contained in acid of a given density.

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Specific Gravity.	100 Parts contain at 15° C. (59° F.)		Specific Gravity.	100 Parts contain at 15° C. (59° F.)		Specific Gravity.	100 Parts contain at 15° C. (59° F.)	
	SO_3.	H_2SO_4.		SO_3.	H_2SO_4.		SO_3.	H_2SO_4.
1·0008	0·07	0·09	1·1829	. . .	25·00	1·372	38·32	46·94
1·0059	0·68	0·83	1·186	20·73	25·40	1·377	38·75	47·47
1·0109	1·28	1·57	1·191	21·26	26·04	1·382	39·18	48·00
1·0159	1·88	2·30	1·196	21·78	26·68	1·387	39·62	48·53
1·021	2·47	3·03	1·201	22·30	27·32	1·3914	40·00	. . .
1·026	3·07	3·76	1·206	22·82	27·95	1·392	40·05	49·06
1·031	3·67	4·49	1·211	23·33	28·58	1·397	40·48	49·59
1·0345	. . .	5 00	1·216	23·84	29·21	1·401	. . .	50·00
1·036	4·27	5·23	1·221	24·36	29·84	1·402	40·91	50·11
1·041	4·87	5·96	1·222	. .	30·00	1·407	41·33	50·63
1·042	5·00	. . .	1·226	24·88	30·48	1·412	41·76	51·15
1·046	5·45	6·67	1·227	25·00	. . .	1·417	42·17	51·66
1·051	6·02	7·37	1·231	25·39	31·11	1·422	42·57	52·15
1·056	6·59	8·07	1·236	25·88	31·70	1·427	42·96	52·63
1·061	7·16	8·77	1·241	26·35	32·28	1·432	43·36	53·11
1·066	7·73	9·47	1·246	26·83	32·86	1·437	43·75	53·59
1·0697	. . .	10·00	1·251	27·29	33·43	1·442	44·14	54·07
1·071	8·32	10·19	1·256	27·76	34·00	1·447	44·53	54·55
1·076	8·90	10·90	1·261	28·22	34·57	1·4517	. . .	55·00
1·081	9·47	11·60	1·265	. . .	35·00	1·452	44·92	55·03
1·0856	10·00	. . .	1·266	28·69	35·14	1·453	45·00	. . .
1 086	10·04	12·30	1·271	29·15	35·70	1·457	45·31	55·50
1·091	10·60	12·99	1·276	29·62	36·29	1·462	45·69	55·97
1·096	11·16	13·67	1·280	30·00	. . .	1·467	46·07	56·43
1·101	11·71	14·35	1·281	30·10	36·87	1·472	46·45	56·90
1·1058	. . .	15·00	1·286	30·57	37·45	1·477	46·83	57·37
1·106	12·27	15·03	1·291	31·04	38·03	1·482	47·21	57·83
1·111	12·82	15·71	1·296	31·52	38·61	1·487	47·57	58·28
1·116	13·36	16·36	1·301	31·99	39·19	1·492	47·95	58·74
1·121	13·89	17·01	1·306	32·46	39·77	1·497	48·34	59·22
1·126	14·42	17·66	1·308	. . .	40·00	1·502	48·73	59·70
1·131	14·95	18·31	1·311	32·94	40·35	1·505	. . .	60·00
1·1315	15·00	. . .	1·316	33·41	40·93	1·507	49·12	60·18
1·136	15·48	18·96	1·3215	33·88	41·50	1·512	49·51	60·65
1·141	16·01	19·61	1·327	34·35	42·08	1·517	49·89	61·12
1·144	. . .	20·00	1·332	34·80	42·66	1·5184	50·00	. . .
1·146	16·54	20·26	1·334	35·00	. . .	1·522	50·28	61·59
1·151	17·07	20·91	1·337	35·27	43·20	1·527	50·66	62·06
1·156	17·59	21·55	1·342	35·71	43·74	1·532	51·04	62·53
1·161	18·11	22·19	1·347	36·14	44·28	1·537	51·43	63·00
1·166	18·64	22·83	1·352	36·58	44·82	1·542	51·78	63·43
1·171	19·16	23·47	1·354	. . .	45·00	1·547	52·12	63·85
1·176	19·69	24·12	1·357	37·02	45·35	1·552	52·46	64·26
1·179	20·00	. . .	1·362	37·45	45·88	1·557	52·79	64·67
1·181	20·21	24·76	1·367	37·89	46·61	1·561	. . .	65·00

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	SO_3.	H_2SO_4.		SO_3.	H_2SO_4.		SO_3.	H_2SO_4.
1·562	53·12	65·01	1·702	63·00	77·17	1·826	73·96	90·60
1·567	53·46	65·49	1·707	63·35	77·60	1·827	74·12	90·80
1·572	53·80	65·90	1·712	63·70	78·04	1·828	74·29	91·00
1·577	54·13	66·30	1·717	64·07	78·48	1·829	74·49	91·25
1·582	54·46	66·71	1·722	64·43	78·92	1·830	74·69	91·50
1·587	54·80	67·13	1·727	64·78	79·36	1·831	74·86	91·70
1·5896	55·00	. . .	1·730	65·00	. . .	1·8318	75·00	. . .
1·592	55·18	67·59	1·732	65·14	79·80	1·832	75·03	91·90
1·597	55·55	68·05	1·734	. . .	80·00	1·833	75·19	92·10
1·602	55·93	68·51	1·737	65·50	80·24	1·834	75·35	92·30
1·607	56·30	68·97	1·742	65·86	80·68	1·835	75·53	92·52
1·612	56·68	69·43	1·747	66·22	81·12	1·836	75·72	92·75
1·617	57·05	69·89	1·752	66·58	81·56	1·837	75·96	93·05
1·618	. . .	70·00	1·757	66·94	82·00	1·838	76·27	93·43
1·622	57·40	70·32	1·762	67·30	82·44	1·839	76·57	93·80
1·627	57·75	70·74	1·767	67·65	82·88	1·8396	76·90	94·20
1·632	58·09	71·16	1·772	68·02	83·32	1·840	76·99	94·31
1·637	58·43	71·57	1·777	68·49	83·90	1·841	77·23	94·60
1·642	58·77	71·99	1·782	68·98	84·50	1·842	. . .	95·00
1·647	59·10	72·40	1·786	. . .	85·00	1·842	77·55	95·00
1·652	59·45	72·82	1·787	69·47	85·10	1·843	78·04	95·60
1·657	59·79	73·23	1·792	69·96	85·70	1·8431	78·33	95·95
1·661	60·00	. . .	1·7924	70·00	. . .	1·8436	79·19	97·00
1·662	60·11	73·64	1·797	70·45	86·30	1·8441	79·76	97·70
1·667	60·46	74·07	1·802	70·94	86·90	1·8438	80·00	. . .
1·672	60·82	74·51	1·8075	71·50	87·60	1·8436	80·16	98·20
1·677	61·20	74·97	1·813	72·08	88·30	1·8431	80·57	98·70
1·6773	. . .	75·00	1·818	72·69	89·05	1·8426	80·98	99·20
1·682	61·57	75·42	1·8227	. . .	90·00	1·8421	81·18	99·45
1·687	61·93	75·86	1·823	73·51	90·05	1·8416	81·39	99·70
1·692	62·29	76·30	1·824	73·63	90·20	1·8411	81·59	99·95
1·697	62·64	76·73	1·825	73·80	90·40			

Composition. The normal acid of the sp. gr. 1·842 (1·8485, Ure) consists of one mol. of oxide and one mol. of water. As the hydrogen acts the part of a metal in the compound, the systematic name would be hydrogen sulphate. The oxide consists of one atom of sulphur and three atoms of oxygen. The ordinary commercial acid consists, according to Phillips, of one mol. of oxide and one and a quarter mol. of water. The hydrated acid of Nordhausen has a density as high as 1·89 or 1·9, and consists of two mols. of oxide and one mol. of water ($2SO_3 + H_2O$). This acid is particularly adapted to the purpose of dissolving indigo for dyeing the Saxon blue. When heated gently in a retort, connected with a dry and refrigerated receiver, sulphuric oxide or anhydride distils over, and the common monohydrated acid remains behind. In performing this operation, much difficulty from concussion is avoided, and the product of oxide increased, by introducing a coil of platinum wire into the retort. The oxide may also be obtained by the action of phosphoric oxide on concentrated sulphuric acid, according to the method of Ch. Barreswil. The mixture must be made in a refrigerated retort, and afterwards distilled by a gentle heat into a refrigerated receiver. *Sulphuric oxide* (*solid sulphuric acid*) under 18° C. (64° F.) is in small colorless crystals, resembling asbestos. It is tenacious, difficult to cut, and may be moulded in the fingers like wax, without acting on them. Exposed to the air, it emits a thick opaque vapor of an acid smell. Above 18° C. (64° F.) it is a liquid, very nearly of the density 2.

Medical Properties. For the therapeutic powers and uses of sulphuric acid when administered internally, see *Acidum Sulphuricum Dilutum*. Externally it is sometimes employed as a caustic; but, from its liquid form, it is very inconvenient for that purpose, and should be applied with caution. A plan, however, has been proposed by Professor Simpson by which it becomes very manageable. This consists in mixing it with dried and powdered zinc sulphate sufficient to give it a pasty consistence. *Michel's Paste* consists of strong sulphuric acid three parts, and finely powdered asbestos one part, thoroughly rubbed together. When mixed with

saffron to the consistence of a ductile paste, Velpeau found it a convenient caustic, not liable to spread or be absorbed, and producing an eschar which is promptly detached.

Toxicological Properties. The symptoms of poisoning by this acid are the following. Burning heat in the throat and stomach, extreme fetidness of the breath, nausea and excessive vomitings of black or reddish matter, excruciating pains in the bowels, difficulty of breathing, extreme anguish, a feeling of cold on the skin, great prostration, constant tossing, convulsions, and death. Sometimes there is no pain whatever in the stomach, sensibility being apparently destroyed by the violence of the caustic action. The intellectual faculties remain unimpaired. Frequently the uvula, palate, tonsils, and other parts of the fauces are covered with black or white sloughs. The treatment consists in the administration of large quantities of magnesia, or, if this be not at hand, of solution of soap. The safety of the patient depends upon the greatest promptitude in the application of the antidotes. After the poison has been neutralized, mucilaginous and other bland drinks must be taken freely.

Upon the skin sulphuric acid acts as a very rapid and powerful corrosive. When it has been spilt or thrown upon the person the part should be immediately washed with a weak solution of sodium carbonate or bicarbonate, or soap may be well rubbed into the surface. After the removal and neutralization of the acid, Carron oil or similar protective may be applied. The further treatment is that of a burn.

The holes burnt in linen by sulphuric acid, so long as the texture is undisturbed, are distinguished from those produced by red-hot coals, by the paste-like characters of their edges.

Uses in the Arts. Sulphuric acid is more used in the arts than any other acid. It is employed to obtain many of the other acids; to extract soda from common salt; to make alum and ferric sulphate; to refine petroleum and paraffin; to decompose the neutral fats; to dissolve indigo; to prepare skins for tanning; to prepare phosphorus, chlorinated lime, magnesium sulphate, etc. The arts of bleaching and dyeing cause its principal consumption.

ACIDUM SULPHURICUM AROMATICUM. U. S., Br. Aromatic Sulphuric Acid.

(ĂQ'Ị-DŬM SŪL-PHU'RỊ-CŬM ĂR-Ọ-MĂT'Ị-CUM.)

Tinctura Aromatica Acida, *P. G.*; Elixir Vitrioli Mynsichti, *G.*; Elixir of Vitriol; Elixir vitriolique, Teinture (alcoolé) aromatique sulphurique, *Fr.*; Saure Aromatische Tinctur, Mynsicht's Elixir, *G.*

"Sulphuric Acid, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 3 fluidrachms, 3 minims]; Tincture of Ginger, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 5½ fluidrachms]; Oil of Cinnamon, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Add the Sulphuric Acid gradually, and with great caution, to *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 24 fluidounces] of Alcohol, and allow the mixture to cool. Then add to it the Tincture of Ginger and the Oil of Cinnamon, and afterwards enough Alcohol to make the whole measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Keep the product in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Strong Tincture of Ginger, 2 fl. ozs. [Imp. meas.] (or 1 fl. part); Spirit of Cinnamon, 2 fl. ozs. [Imp. meas.] (or 1 fl. part); Rectified Spirit, 36 fl. ozs. [Imp. meas.] (or 18 fl. parts); Sulphuric Acid, 3 fl. ozs. [Imp. meas.] or 2419 grs. (or 1½ fl. part). Mix the sulphuric acid gradually with the spirit, and add the spirit of cinnamon and tincture of ginger." *Br.*

"It should be preserved in glass-stoppered bottles. Aromatic Sulphuric Acid has the sp. gr. about 0·939, and contains about 20 per cent., by weight, of official Sulphuric Acid, partly in the form of Ethyl-sulphuric Acid. If 4·89 Gm. of Aromatic Sulphuric Acid be mixed, in a small flask, with 15 C.c. of water and boiled for several minutes (so as to decompose the ethyl-sulphuric acid), and the liquid be then allowed to cool, it should require, for complete neutralization, about 18·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of absolute or about 1·08 per cent. of official Sulphuric Acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The specific gravity of the British preparation is 0·911, and 195 grains by weight require for neutralization 500 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*, corresponding to about 12·5 per cent. of real sulphuric acid. Six fluidrachms contain about 37·5 grains of real acid, H_2SO_4.

The formula adopted at the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia was that recommended by Thomas N. Jamieson, *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 201. The change in the appearance and properties from the preparation of the U. S. P. 1870 was so marked that the wisdom of making so radical a change was doubted. Experience has proved, however, that the new preparation has

not the same tendency to precipitate, and the lightness in color has been offset by more substantial advantages. The British formula has been remodelled to accord with the U. S. P.

Properties. Aromatic sulphuric acid of the older Pharmacopœias was of a deep reddish brown, but it is a straw-colored liquid when freshly prepared according to the direction of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880, of a peculiar aromatic odor, and, when sufficiently diluted, of a grateful acid taste. It has been supposed by some to contain ethylic ether or sulphovinic acid, its main ingredients justifying such a suspicion; but the late Dr. Duncan, of Edinburgh, who originally held this opinion, satisfied himself that the alcohol and sulphuric acid, in the proportions here employed, do not generate a single particle of ethylic ether; and Prof. Attfield has shown that there is no ethyl-sulphuric acid in the official preparation. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1869, p. 471.) It cannot, however, be viewed merely as a sulphuric acid diluted with alcohol and containing the essential oils of ginger and cinnamon, for the difference in odor between fresh and old preparations is quite marked, and a peculiar and agreeable ethereal odor is developed by age. Samples of fresh aromatic sulphuric acid as well as older specimens have been assayed by E. W. Clark, and all were found to be more or less deficient in sulphuric acid; the inference is quite clear that there is some decomposition of sulphuric acid in the preparation upon keeping. (*Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 69.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This valuable preparation is tonic and astringent. It acts precisely as does the *Acidum Sulphuricum Dilutum*. The dose is from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.), in a wineglassful of water, repeated two or three times a day. Care must be taken that the teeth are not injured.

ACIDUM SULPHURICUM DILUTUM. U. S., Br. Diluted Sulphuric Acid.

(ĂC'I-DŬM SŬL-PHŪ'RI-CŬM DI-LŪ'TŬM.)

Acide sulphurique dilué, *Fr.*; Verdünnte Schwefelsäure, *G.*

"Sulphuric Acid, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Distilled Water, *eight hundred and twenty-five grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 44 grains], To make *nine hundred and twenty-five grammes* [or 32 ounces av., 274 grains]. Pour the Acid gradually, under constant stirring, into the Distilled Water. Keep the product in glass-stoppered bottles. Diluted Sulphuric Acid contains 10 per cent., by weight, of absolute Sulphuric Acid. Specific gravity, about 1·070 at 15° C. (59° F.). It should respond to the reactions and tests given under Sulphuric Acid (see *Acidum Sulphuricum*). To neutralize 4·89 Gm. of Diluted Sulphuric Acid should require 10 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of the absolute acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphuric Acid 7 *fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dilute the Acid with 77 fluidounces of the Water, and when the mixture has cooled to 60° add more Water, so that it shall measure 83½ fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Or as follows:

"Take of Sulphuric Acid 1350 grains; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Weigh the Acid in a glass flask, the capacity of which, to a mark on the neck, is one pint [Imp. meas.], then gradually add Distilled Water until the mixture, after it has been shaken and cooled to 60°, measures a pint [Imp. meas.]. Sp. gr. 1·094. Six fluidrachms [Imp. meas.] or 359 grains by weight require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of soda*, corresponding to 13·65 per cent. of real sulphuric acid. Six fluidrachms, therefore, contain half a molecular weight in grains (49) of real sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4)." *Br.*

This preparation is sulphuric acid diluted to such an extent as to make it convenient for prescription. It is not exactly coincident in strength as directed in the two Pharmacopœias, the U. S. acid being weaker than the British, but slightly stronger than that formerly official; but the difference is not so great as to be of practical importance. The strong acid is added gradually to the water, to guard against the too sudden production of heat, which might cause the fracture of the vessel. During the dilution, when commercial sulphuric acid is used, the liquid becomes slightly turbid, and in the course of a few days deposits a grayish-white powder, which is lead sulphate, and from which the diluted acid should be poured off. This noxious salt is thus disposed of; but potassium sulphate, another impurity in the strong acid, still remains. The presence of a little potassium sulphate will do no harm; but, if it should be fraudulently introduced into the strong acid to increase its specific gravity, its amount may be ascertained by saturating the acid, after dilution, with ammonia, and expelling by a red heat the ammonium sulphate formed. Whatever potassium sulphate is present will remain behind. If the directions of the Pharmacopœias are strictly carried out, and the kind of sulphuric

acid is used which is known in commerce as chemically pure, responding to the tests given under the head of *Acidum Sulphuricum*, the official manipulations will be all-sufficient.

Medical Properties and Uses. Diluted sulphuric acid is tonic, refrigerant, and astringent. It is given in *typhoid fevers*, and often with advantage. In the convalescence from protracted fevers it acts beneficially as a tonic, exciting the appetite and promoting digestion. As an astringent, it is employed in *colliquative sweats*, *passive hemorrhages*, and diarrhœas dependent on a relaxed state of the mucous membrane of the intestines, *i.e.*, in *serous diarrhœas*. In 1851, Mr. Buxton, of London, called attention to its great value in *choleraic diarrhœas:* his assertions have received abundant confirmation both in this country and in England. (See *Med. Times and Gaz.*, Oct. 1853; *Med. and Surg. Rep.*, ix. 199; *Phila. Med. Times*, iii. 649.) In incipient *cholera* it is an efficient remedy; diluted with water, it may be given every twenty minutes in ordinary cases, every quarter of an hour in severe cases. For *bilious diarrhœa* the acid is not a suitable remedy. In *calculous affections* attended with *phosphatic sediments* it is the proper remedy, being preferable to hydrochloric acid, as less apt, by continued use, to disorder the stomach. The dose is from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.), three times a day, in a wineglassful of plain or sweetened water. It is added with advantage to infusions of cinchona, the organic alkalies of which it tends to hold in solution. As it is apt to injure the teeth, it is best taken by sucking it through a glass tube or quill. It is much less used in the United States than the elixir of vitriol. An elegant form of administration is the Compound Infusion of Rose, *U. S.* 1870.

ACIDUM SULPHUROSUM. U. S., Br. Sulphurous Acid.

(ĄÇ'Ị-DŬM SŬL-PHŬ-RŌ'SŬM.)

"A liquid composed of not less than 6·4 per cent., by weight, of Sulphurous Acid Gas [Sulphur Dioxide, $SO_2 = 63·9$], and not more than 93·6 per cent. of water." *U. S.* "Sulphurous acid gas, or sulphurous anhydride, SO_2, dissolved in water, and constituting 5 per cent. by weight of the solution; equivalent to 6·4 per cent. of real sulphurous acid, H_2SO_3." *Br.*

Acide sulfureux, *Fr.;* Schweflige Säure, *G.*

"Sulphuric Acid, *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms, 38 minims]; Charcoal, in coarse powder, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Distilled Water, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Introduce the Charcoal into a glass flask having a capacity of about *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 17 fluidounces], add the Acid, and mix them well. Connect the flask, by means of suitable glass tubing, with a wash-bottle having a capacity of about *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces], which is filled to about one-third of its height with water. Through the stopper of the wash-bottle pass a safety-tube, which should reach nearly to the bottom of the bottle, and connect the latter, by means of glass tubing, with a bottle having a capacity of about *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or about 4 pints] and containing *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Distilled Water deprived of air by being boiled shortly before use. The tube should dip about twenty-five millimeters [or 1 inch] below the surface of the Distilled Water. By means of a second tube connect this bottle with another containing a dilute solution of sodium carbonate, to absorb any gas which may not be retained by the Distilled Water. Having ascertained that all the connections are air-tight, apply a moderate heat to the flask containing the Sulphuric Acid and Charcoal, until the evolution of gas has nearly ceased, and, during the passage of the gas, keep the bottle containing the Distilled Water at or below 10° C. (50° F.), by surrounding it with cold water or ice. Finally pour the Sulphurous Acid into dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, and keep them in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphuric Acid *four fluidounces;* Wood Charcoal, broken into small pieces, *one ounce;* Water *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *thirty fluidounces.* Put the Charcoal and the Sulphuric Acid into a glass flask, connected by a glass tube with a wash-bottle containing the two fluidounces of Water, whence a second tube leads into an [Imperial] pint bottle containing the Distilled Water, to the bottom of which the gas-delivery tube should pass. Apply heat to the flask until gas is evolved, which is to be conducted through the Water in the wash-bottle, and then into the Distilled Water, the latter being kept cold, and the process being continued until the bubbles of gas pass through the solution undiminished in size. The product should be adjusted to the strength above mentioned (6·4 per cent. of real sulphurous acid, H_2SO_3) by the method described in the following paragraph, and be kept in a stoppered bottle in a cool

place." *Br.* "64 grains by weight of it mixed with one pint [Imp. meas.] of recently boiled and cooled distilled water and a little mucilage of starch do not acquire a permanent blue color with the *volumetric solution of iodine* until 1000 grain-measures of the latter have been added." *Br.*

The processes of the two Pharmacopœias are essentially the same, and both are based upon that of Wittstein. The sp. gr. of the U. S. preparation is about 1.022, of the British, 1·025.

The rationale of the process is simple. When the sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) and charcoal are heated together, two molecules of the former give up each an atom of oxygen to the latter, and there are thus produced sulphurous and carbonic acid gases, which, having been first passed through a wash-bottle containing a little water to absorb impurities, are received into the distilled water, where the sulphurous acid is absorbed, whilst the greater part of the carbonic acid escapes, $4H_2SO_4 + C_2 = 2CO_2 + 4H_2O + 4SO_2$. The excess of sulphurous acid gas which escapes absorption is in the U. S. process received into a solution of sodium carbonate, and condensed. In the Br. process the point of saturation is roughly indicated by the bubbles formed by the escape of the gas from the distilled water being equal in size to those formed in the wash-bottle. If there be any difficulty in getting the solution up to the official strength, the proportionate amount of sulphuric acid and of charcoal should be increased, and care exercised that the gas pass through the water in an abundant stream. The direction to keep the acid in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, is necessary in consequence of the strong tendency of the gas to escape and to undergo oxidation. An incidental advantage of the U. S. process is the production of sodium sulphite. Old sulphurous acid often contains sulphuric acid, which may be nearly all removed by the cautious addition of barium sulphite and the removal by filtration of the precipitated sulphate.

According to Mr. W. L. Scott (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1869, p. 217), the best results are obtained when sulphuric acid containing 75 per cent. of anhydrous acid is employed; when a too concentrated acid is used, a part of it is entirely reduced and sulphur deposited, while a too dilute acid causes the evolution of hydrogen sulphide. He also affirms that a purer gas is obtained by placing a little lead sulphite and a few pieces of charcoal in the wash-bottles.

Prof. F. C. Calvert gives a process for preparing this acid on a large scale by which he avoids all the inconveniences usually attendant on its manufacture, and has prepared thousands of gallons daily of a saturated solution. It consists in burning sulphur in a small furnace, and conducting the acid gas through earthenware tubes surrounded with water so as to cool them. The gas is then made to ascend through a wooden tube 40 feet high and about 4 feet wide, sometimes called a coke scrubber, filled with pumice stone previously washed first with hydrochloric acid and then with water. A certain amount of water is introduced into the tube from above, which, in its descent, meets and dissolves the gas, and runs out saturated from the bottom of the tube into an air-tight reservoir. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 512.) Where sulphurous acid is to be used as a disinfectant, carbon disulphide, either pure or mixed with petroleum, may be burned in the room to be disinfected. Keates (*Chem. News*, Dec. 8, 1876) suggests the use of a suitable lamp. Stevenson uses an open copper dish or porcelain capsule, and simply ignites the liquid: care should be used, however, as the disulphide is very inflammable and volatile. A purer sulphurous acid than the official may be made by John Kennedy's process, that of reducing sulphuric acid with metallic copper and passing the gas through a cylinder containing lumps of moist charcoal and then through a wash-bottle. The by-product is available as copper sulphate. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 226.)

Properties. The official sulphurous acid is a strong solution of sulphurous oxide gas. The oxide is an irrespirable gas, of a suffocating odor familiar to every one as that of burning sulphur, which is converted into it by combustion. If inhaled in the concentrated state, it proves fatal. Cold reduces it to a colorless liquid, which boils at —10·5° C. (13·1° F.). It has the sp. gr. 2·21, liquefies at —10° C. (14° F.), has a strong acid reaction, extinguishes burning bodies, has the power of bleaching many colored substances, and has a strong affinity for oxygen, with which it combines in the presence of water, forming sulphuric acid. Water at 18° C. (65° F.) takes up about 50 volumes of gas, and the solution has the sp. gr. 1·04. (*Brande and Taylor.*) Liquefied sulphurous acid gas (oxide) is now manufactured by Pictet in Geneva, and is sent into commerce in copper cylinders. It also forms the basis of the Pictet ice-making process. The Pictet machines are constructed to use either the pure SO_2 or the "Pictet fluid," a mixture of compressed carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide.*

* *Thiocamph.* Under this name Dr. J. E. Reynolds has introduced a disinfectant, which is prepared by acting on camphor with sulphur dioxide. At ordinary temperatures SO_2 requires a pressure of more than two atmospheres to

Sulphurous acid sometimes exists as an impurity in hydrochloric, acetic, and other acids; according to P. Schweitzer, the minutest quantity may be detected by dissolving zinc in the suspected acid, when, if sulphurous acid be present, the odor of hydrogen sulphide will be at once perceived. (*Chem. News*, xxiii. 293.)

Official sulphurous acid is a colorless liquid, having a smell of burning sulphur, and a sulphurous somewhat astringent taste. When exposed to the air it slowly absorbs oxygen, with the formation of sulphuric acid, and acquires a sour taste, and the property of changing vegetable blues to red. When kept in closed vessels exposed to the sunlight, a portion of it is decomposed, sulphur being deposited and sulphuric acid formed by the union of the liberated oxygen with other portions of the acid. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 352.) It should be entirely volatilized by heat. It decolorizes iodine by producing hydriodic acid, and on this fact is based the Br. test before given. It decomposes bone calcium phosphate.

"A colorless liquid, of the characteristic odor of burning sulphur, and of a very acid, sulphurous taste. Specific gravity, not less than 1·035 at 15° C. (59° F.). By heat it is completely volatilized. Litmus paper moistened with the Acid is first reddened and afterwards bleached. On gently heating a few C.c. of the Acid in a test-tube, the gas evolved will blacken a strip of paper moistened with mercurous nitrate test-solution, but will not affect one moistened with lead acetate test-solution. On mixing, in a test-tube, 1 C.c. of Sulphurous Acid with 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, and adding a small piece of pure zinc, hydrogen sulphide gas will be evolved, which will blacken a strip of paper moistened with lead acetate test-solution. If to 10 C.c. of Sulphurous Acid there be added 1 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, and afterwards 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution, not more than a very slight turbidity should be produced (limit of *sulphuric acid*). If 0·7 Gm. of Sulphurous Acid be diluted with 25 C.c. of distilled water and a little starch test-solution be added, at least 14 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution should be required, before a permanent blue tint is developed (each C.c. corresponding to 0·16 per cent. of Sulphur Dioxide)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Sulphurous acid is a powerful antiseptic and germicide, arresting putrefaction and other fermentations by killing the organisms which produce them. It is supposed to be thus destructive by its anti-oxygenizing or reducing influence, suffocating organic beings by denying them the oxygen necessary to their existence; but it probably acts also by a physiological property independently of its mere chemical effect. According to the experiments of Dr. L. Pfeiffer (*Arch. f. Exper. Path.*, xxvii.), the sulphites are capable of causing death by paralyzing the heart and also the respiratory and other motor nerve-centres, but are so rapidly and completely changed into the sulphates that unless given in enormous amount they exert very little influence upon the system: 96·5 per cent. of the sulphite was regained from the urine as a sulphate, and 86 per cent. passed out in five hours after ingestion. Although Dr. Robert Bird affirms that sulphurous acid and its salts are powerful antipyretics (*Amer. Journ. Med. Sci.*, lviii. 236), and the acid in the form of the fumes of burning sulphur has been used by inhalation in *low fevers*, *diphtheria*, and *whooping-cough* with alleged advantage, yet the sulphites are at present employed in medicine almost solely as germicides and parasiticides. In *pyrosis* and in cases of *sarcinæ ventriculi* sulphurous acid may be taken internally; but one of the sulphites, as sodium sulphite, is perhaps preferable for the purpose, as it yields the acid always by decomposition in the stomach. As an external application, it is used in *psora*, the different forms of *porrigo*, *trichosis of the scalp*, *pityriasis versicolor*, and the *thrush* of children, all *parasitic affections*, either animalcular or cryptogamous, generally yielding to it, if proper care be taken, by previous removal of scabs or scales, to bring it into contact with the morbific cause. The dose for internal use is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.), largely diluted with water. When locally used it should be diluted with two or three measures of water or of glycerin, and applied as a lotion, or by cloths wet with it. Sulphurous acid constitutes the active principle of the fumes of burning sulphur, so much used for disinfecting purposes.

liquefy it; but camphor, owing to chemical attraction, can liquefy it without any pressure whatever. In the liquid thus prepared several known bactericides are dissolved. Thiocamph can be preserved without pressure in bottles at mean temperature; mere exposure of the liquid in a thin layer to the air determines the steady evolution of sulphur dioxide. The contents of a six-ounce bottle will yield over 20,000 C.c. of SO_2. One ounce of thiocamph shaken up with a quart of water forms a powerful disinfectant for ordinary purposes, while a more dilute solution (1 oz. to the gallon) can be used for soaking clothes which have been in contact with infected persons. (*Chem. News*, June 22, 1890, p. 291.)

ACIDUM TANNICUM, U. S., Br. Tannic Acid. [Gallotannic Acid, Digallic Acid.]

$HC_{14}H_9O_9$; 321·22. (ĂS'Ĭ-DŬM TĂN'NĬ-CŬM.) $C_{14}H_{10}O_9$ (chiefly); 322.

"An organic acid obtained from nut-gall." *U. S.* "An acid extracted from galls." *Br.*

Tannin, Acidum Gallo-tannicum, Tanninum; Acide tannique, Tannin, *Fr.*; Gerbsäure, Tannin, *G.*

"Galls in powder, Ether, of each a sufficient quantity. Expose the powdered galls to a damp atmosphere for two or three days, and afterwards add sufficient ether to form a soft paste. Let this stand in a well-closed vessel for twenty-four hours, then, having quickly enveloped it in a linen cloth, submit it to strong pressure in a suitable press, so as to separate the liquid portion. Reduce the pressed cake to powder, mix it with sufficient ether, to which one-sixteenth of its bulk of water has been added, to form again a soft paste, and press this as before. Mix the expressed liquids, and expose the mixture to spontaneous evaporation until, by the aid subsequently of a little heat, it has acquired the consistence of a soft extract; then place it on earthen plates or dishes, and dry it in a hot-air chamber at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.**

The British Pharmacopœia has adopted a process which is almost identical with that of the U. S. P. 1870, both being essentially the process of Leconnet, modified by Dominé, which has been substituted for that of Pelouze previously employed in both Pharmacopœias.

While the Pelouze process yields the tannic acid probably in a somewhat purer state than Leconnet's, it is less easy of performance, and much less productive; and the product of the existing formula is sufficiently pure for all practical purposes. The addition of a little alcohol, 8 per cent. for example, to the ethereal menstruum, still further increases the product, and, we are informed, is practised to a considerable extent; but we doubt the propriety of this deviation from the directions given in the process, as the resulting product may not be in all respects identical. There appear to be two coloring principles in galls, one soluble in ether and not in alcohol, the other in alcohol and not in ether. Hence, while the tannic acid, in whichever way procured, is yellowish, that obtained by ether has a greenish tint, while that obtained by the addition of alcohol is slightly brownish. In consequence of the mode in which the acid is dried, in thin layers, on tinned or glass plates, and equally exposed to the heat above and below, it froths up on the escape of the ether, and concretes in a soft, cellular, friable form, which is strikingly characteristic of the preparation made in strict accordance with the formula.

From a superficial examination of this process, it might appear that the result can be nothing more than an ethereal extract; but it is necessary that the ether employed should contain water, as it is directed to be washed; and yet the quantity of water is so small that it can hardly operate by its mere solvent power. The circumstances attendant upon the process of Pelouze afford the means of a satisfactory explanation, which was first suggested by M. Beral. In this, the powdered galls are submitted to percolation by watered ether, and the liquid which passes separates into two layers, a heavier which sinks to the bottom and a lighter which floats upon the surface. It is the heavier which contains the tannic acid, and from which the acid is obtained by evaporation. The most probable explanation is that ether, water, and tannic acid unite to form a definite compound, in which the affinities are too feeble to resist the tendency of the ether to rise in vapor, and which is, therefore, decomposed by its evaporation. The proportion of the menstruum to the galls is very small, much smaller than would be employed to obtain an extract; and the whole or nearly the whole of both liquids is probably occupied in the formation of the definite compound referred to, thus leaving little or none to act merely as solvents. Hence the exclusion from the resulting acid, in great measure, of the other soluble constituents of the galls; and the slight amount of impurity really present in the acid is probably owing to the action of that small quantity of the menstruum not occupied in forming the liquid compound. Opinion is not altogether united in this explanation, but it is that which appears to us the best to account for the phenomena of the case. It has been stated that the tannic acid obtained by either process has a more or less yellowish tint. From this, according to F. Kummel, it may be freed by the percolation, through recently ignited animal charcoal, of its solution in a mixture of ether and alcohol. It has, too, a slight odor, which, according to Prof. Procter, is derived from a volatile odorous principle existing in galls, which

* For the preparation of tannin from Chinese galls, Oscar Rothe proposes the following as a superior process. Macerate eight parts of the powdered galls with twelve of ether and three of strong alcohol for two days, decant, renew the menstruum, and finally express. Mix the liquids, and after standing decant from the sediment, add twelve parts of water, recover the alcohol and ether by distillation, rapidly filter the aqueous solution, and quickly evaporate by means of a steam bath; dry, and pulverize the residue. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 403.)

he succeeded in separating from the acid by the action of benzol. From 30 to 35 per cent. of tannic acid is obtained from galls by Pelouze's method; 60 per cent. by that of Leconnet.

The term *tannin* is applied to a class of vegetable principles, the aqueous solutions of which give blue or green colors or precipitates with ferric salts, and precipitate solutions of gelatin and albumen. They are mainly glucosides. Chemists have recognized two kinds, one existing in oak bark, galls, etc., distinguished by producing a bluish-black precipitate with ferric salts, and the other existing in Peruvian bark, catechu, etc., and characterized by producing a greenish-black or dark olive precipitate with the same salts. The former is the one which has received most attention, and from an examination of which the characters of tannin have generally been given. It is the substance described in this article. See Kramer's table giving percentages of tannin found in different drugs, *A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 388; also U. S. D., 14th ed., p. 1020; *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 194; *P. J. Tr.*, viii. p. 548. It is called, for the sake of distinction, *gallotannic acid*. According to Pettenkofer, it is found only in perennial plants, indicating some relation to the production of woody fibre. (*Buchner's Neues Repert.*, iii. 74–76.) R. Wagner (*Bull. Soc. Chim.*, 1866, ii. 461) divides tannin into two great classes, pathological, found only in diseased vegetable tissue, as gallotannic acid, etc.; and physiological, occurring in leaves, bark, wood, etc., in a natural state, as quercitannic acid, etc.

For another scheme of classification of the tannins, based on the products they yield when heated alone, when heated with dilute acid, and when fused with caustic alkali, see Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., vol. iii., part i., p. 77.

Commercial tannin from galls is an indefinite mixture of digallic acid (see *Acidum Gallicum*) and the glucoside. That this view is correct is evident from the fact that it yields from 0 to 22 per cent. of glucose when acted upon by dilute acids. The glucoside $C_{34}H_{28}O_{22}$ would yield 23 per cent. (Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., i. 283.)

Properties. Pure tannic acid is solid, uncrystallizable,* white, or slightly yellowish, inodorous,† without bitterness, very soluble in water, much less soluble in alcohol and ether, especially when anhydrous, insoluble in the fixed and volatile oils.

The Pharmacopœia thus describes Tannic Acid: "A light yellowish, amorphous powder, usually cohering in form of glistening scales or spongy masses, odorless, or having a faint, characteristic odor, and a strongly astringent taste; gradually turning darker when exposed to air and light. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 1 part of water, and in 0·6 part of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, and in boiling alcohol; also in about 1 part of glycerin, with the intervention of a moderate heat; freely soluble in diluted alcohol, sparingly in absolute alcohol; almost insoluble in absolute ether, chloroform, benzol, or benzin. When heated on platinum foil, the Acid is gradually consumed without leaving more than 0·2 per cent. of ash. Tannic Acid has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. The addition of a small quantity of ferric chloride test-solution to an aqueous solution of the Acid produces a bluish-black color or precipitate. On adding to an aqueous solution (1 in 100) of Tannic Acid a small quantity of calcium hydrate test-solution, a pale bluish-white, flocculent precipitate is produced which is not dissolved on shaking (difference from *gallic acid*), and which becomes more copious and of a deeper blue by the addition of a moderate excess of calcium hydrate test-solution, while a large excess of the latter imparts a pale pinkish tint to the solution. The aqueous solution of the Acid produces precipitates with most alkaloids and bitter principles, and with test-solutions of gelatin, albumen, and starch (distinction from *gallic acid*). On dissolving 2 Gm. of Tannic Acid in 10 C.c. of boiling water, and allowing the liquid to cool, no turbidity should be produced on diluting 5 C.c. of the solution with 10 C.c. of alcohol (absence of *gum* or *dextrin*), or with 10 C.c. of water (absence of *resin*)." *U. S.*

Exposed to heat, tannic acid partly melts, swells up, blackens, takes fire, and burns with a brilliant flame. Thrown on red-hot iron, it is entirely dissipated. Its solution reddens litmus,

* E. Schering has put upon the market a "*crystalloid*" tannin which has a very deceptive appearance, leading a careless observer to believe that tannin is crystallizable. It is produced by dropping a small portion of a concentrated solution a distance of about 16 feet through a warmed atmosphere upon a revolving cylinder. It is thus practically spun into threads more or less fine, which are afterwards scraped carefully off the cylinder. (*Neueste Erfind. und Erfahr.*, 1880.)

† Commercial tannic acid often has a decided odor, which Prof. Procter, after a practical investigation, believed to be owing chiefly to the presence of the odorous principle of the galls, though sometimes to matter derived from the ether with which it is prepared. (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 53.) According to M. Heinz, the odor is due to a greenish resinous principle, which may be separated by dissolving the acid in twice its weight of hot water, adding one-fourth part of ether, agitating slowly, allowing the coagulated coloring matter to precipitate, filtering, and evaporating. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xv. 308.) Commercial tannic acid is often impure; in 9 samples tested by T. Maben (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 851) the percentage of pure tannic acid varied from 54 to 86 per cent.

and it combines with most of the salifiable bases. It forms with potassa a compound but slightly soluble, and is, therefore, precipitated by this alkali or its carbonates from a solution which is not too dilute, though a certain excess of alkali will cause the precipitate to be redissolved. Its combination with soda is much more soluble; and this alkali affords no precipitate, unless with a very concentrated solution of tannic acid. With ammonia its relations are similar to those with potassa. Lime and magnesia, added in the state of hydrates, form with it compounds of little solubility. The same is the case with most of the metallic oxides, when presented in the state of salts to a solution of potassium tannate. Tannic acid even when in the uncombined state precipitates many of the metallic salts, especially those of lead, copper, silver, uranium, chromium, mercury, antimony teroxide, and stannous oxide. With ferric salts it forms a black precipitate, which is a compound of tannic acid and the iron, and is the basis of ink. It does not disturb the solutions of the pure salts of ferrous oxide. Several of the alkaline salts precipitate it from its aqueous solution, either by the formation of insoluble compounds or by simply abstracting the solvent. Potassium chlorate when rubbed up with it explodes with great violence, and several serious accidents have occurred during the attempt to dispense such a mixture.

Tannic acid unites with all the vegetable alkaloids, forming compounds which are for the most part of a whitish color, and but very slightly soluble in water; though they are soluble in the vegetable acids, especially acetic, and in alcohol. In this latter respect they differ from most of the compounds which tannic acid forms with other vegetable principles. On account of this property of tannic acid, it has been employed as a test of the vegetable alkaloids; and it is so delicate that it will throw down a precipitate from their solution, even when too feeble to be disturbed by ammonia.

It has an affinity for several acids, and when in solution affords precipitates with sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, and arsenic acids, but not with oxalic, tartaric, lactic, acetic, or citric. The precipitates are considered as compounds of tannic acid with the respective acids, and are soluble in pure water, but insoluble in water with an excess of acid. Hence, in order to insure precipitation, it is necessary to add the acid in excess to the solution of tannic acid. Strecker, however, denies that the precipitates are compounds of the tannin with the acid, and maintains that they are tannin imbued with free acid. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 287, p. 370.)

When tannic acid, iodine, and water are mixed, a reaction takes place, by which the water is decomposed; its hydrogen forming with the iodine hydriodic acid, which combines with a portion of the tannic acid and remains in solution; while the oxygen of the water combines with another portion of the tannic acid, to form a compound, which, being insoluble, is precipitated. The iodized solution thus obtained is capable of dissolving more iodine, and holding it in permanent solution, however much diluted. (Socquet and Guilliermond, *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 280.) Iodine in a liquid containing tannic acid cannot be detected by starch; but if the liquid is placed in a watch-glass, ferrous sulphate added, and the glass covered with a starched paper, ferric tannate being precipitated, the blue color soon appears. (*A. J. P.*, xlvii. 398.)

Griessmayer (*Zeitschr. f. Chemie*, 1873) proposes a test for tannin and free alkalies. On mixing a drop of a solution of tannin with 1 C.c. of $\frac{1}{100}$ normal solution of iodine, the reddish color of the iodine solution instantly disappears; if one drop of solution of ammonia be now added (previously diluted with ten times its bulk of water), a brilliant red color is produced which is quite permanent. Tannic acid precipitates solutions of starch, albumen, and gluten, and forms with gelatin an insoluble compound, which is the basis of leather. J. Napier Spence (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Ind.*, 1891, p. 1114) has reviewed all the current tests for distinguishing between tannic acid and gallic acid; for an abstract see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1892, p. 1032.

Liebig first gave it the formula $C_{18}H_8O_{12}$. Mulder, however, considered it isomeric with gallic acid, and gave for its formula $C_{14}H_{10}O_9$; and both Julius Löwe and Hugo Schiff confirmed the correctness of this formula. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 223; xlvii. 208.) Strecker looked upon it as a compound of gallic acid and glucose, the latter of which is destroyed in the spontaneous change that moistened galls undergo by time. (See *Acidum Gallicum.*) Hugo Schiff, however, asserts that it is not a glucoside; that glucose exists in commercial tannic acid as an impurity, and is not a necessary part of it, and that it is a "first anhydride," formed from two molecules of gallic acid by the abstraction of water, according to the reaction $2C_7H_6O_5 - H_2O = C_{14}H_{10}O_9$, and is consequently digallic acid, and this view at present prevails. (See *Acidum Gallicum.*) (*Chem. News*, xxix. 73; also *A. J. P.*, xlvi. 234.)*

* Various plans have been proposed of estimating the quantity of tannic acid, which is an object of importance to tanners, as enabling them to judge of the value of their tanning materials; but on this point we must content

Medical Properties and Uses. Tannic acid is the chief principle of vegetable astringents, and has an advantage over the astringent extracts in the comparative smallness of its dose, which renders it less apt to offend an irritable stomach. In most of the vegetable astringents it is associated with more or less bitter extractive, or other principle which modifies its operation and renders the medicine less applicable than it otherwise would be to certain cases in which there is an indication for pure astringency without any tonic power. Such is particularly the case in the active *hemorrhages;* and tannic acid, in its separate state, is here preferable to the native combinations in which it ordinarily exists. In *diarrhœa* it is probably more beneficial than ordinary astringents, as less liable to irritate the stomach and bowels. Owing to its very powerful coagulant action upon albumen, it is, however, absorbed only after conversion into gallic acid, and consequently has been superseded by the latter agent in all cases in which it must reach the diseased surface through the blood, or in which a general astringent action is desired. Locally applied, it is much more powerful than gallic acid, and is very largely employed (see *Collodium Stypticum*), as in *hemorrhages* from external surfaces or from mucous membranes which can be reached from without, *relaxation of the uvula*, *coryza*, *chronic inflammation of the fauces*, *diphtheria*, *toothache*, *aphthæ*, *excessive salivation*, *leucorrhœa*, *chapped nipples*, *gleet*, *gonorrhœa*, *flabby* and *phagedænic ulcers*, *piles*, *chilblains*, etc. It may be applied in solution of varying concentration according to the necessities of the case. When a very powerful influence is desired, the solution in glycerin may be used. (See *Glyceritum Acidi Tannici.*) In *affections of the rectum* it may be used in the form of a suppository. In *diseases of the uterus* it has been recommended in the form of a cylindrical pencil about an inch long and two lines thick, made with 4 parts of the acid to 1 part of tragacanth, with a little crumb of bread to give the mixture due flexibility. Dose, from three to ten grains (0·20–0·67 Gm.).

As already stated, tannic acid is probably converted into gallic acid before absorption: it is eliminated through the kidneys in the form of gallic and pyrogallic acids. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 136, p. 231.) In the largest amounts it produces only a mild gastro-intestinal irritation.

ACIDUM TARTARICUM. U. S., Br. Tartaric Acid.

$H_2C_4H_4O_6$; 149·64. (ĂÇ'Ị-DŬM TÄR-TÄR'Ị-CŬM.) $H_2C_4H_4O_6$; 150.

"An organic acid usually prepared from argols." *U. S.* "An acid prepared from the acid tartrate of potassium." *Br.*

Sal Essentiale Tartari; Acide du Tartre, Acide tartrique, *Fr.;* Weinsteinsäure, Weinsäure, *G.;* Acido tartarico, *It., Sp.*

No formula for the preparation of tartaric acid is given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. In the Br. Pharmacopœia a process is given for its preparation. It is extracted from *tartar*, a peculiar substance which concretes on the inside of wine-casks, being deposited there during the fermentation of the wine. Tartar, when purified and reduced to powder, is the cream of tartar of the shops, and consists of acid potassium tartrate. (See *Potassii Bitartras.*) The following is the British process:

"Take of Acid Tartrate of Potassium *forty-five ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency;* Prepared Chalk *twelve ounces and a half* [av.]; Chloride of Calcium *thirteen ounces and a half* [av.]; Sulphuric Acid *thirteen fluidounces.* Boil the Acid Tartrate of Potassium with two gallons [Imp. measure] of the Water, and add gradually the Chalk, constantly stirring. When the effervescence has ceased, add the Chloride of Calcium dissolved in two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water. When the tartrate of calcium has subsided, pour off the liquid, and wash the tartrate with Distilled Water until it is rendered tasteless. Pour the Sulphuric Acid, first diluted with three pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water, on the tartrate of calcium, mix thoroughly, boil for half an hour with repeated stirring, and filter through calico. Evaporate the filtrate at a low temperature until it acquires the sp. gr. of 1·21, allow it to cool, and then separate and reject the crystals of sulphate of calcium which have formed. Again evaporate the clear liquor till a film forms on its surface, and allow it to cool and crystallize. Lastly, purify the crystals by solution, filtration (if necessary), and recrystallization." *Br.*

Tartaric acid was first obtained in a separate state by Scheele in 1770. The process consists in saturating the excess of acid in potassium bitartrate or cream of tartar with calcium

ourselves, from want of space, with referring to *A. J. P.* (1859, p. 427: 1861, p. 164; 1863, p. 519; 1864, p. 314); also a paper by Mr. John Watts in the *P. J. Tr.* (1867, p. 515); also one by H. R. Procter, in the *Chem. News* (1874, p. 51), and one by MM. A. Muntz and Ramspacher (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 287): also *Journ. de Pharm.*, 1874, pp. 445–447; *A. J. P.*, March, 1874, and Aug. 1877; *N. R.*, Aug. 1878; *N. R.*, 1882, pp. 150, 185; *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, pp. 121, 850. See, also, paper by S. J. Hinsdale in *Western Druggist*, 1891, p. 445, and a monograph on "The Tannins," by Prof. Henry Trimble (J. B. Lippincott Company, 1892).

carbonate, and decomposing the resulting insoluble calcium tartrate by sulphuric acid, which precipitates in combination with the lime, and liberates the tartaric acid. The equivalent quantities are two mols. of the acid tartrate and one mol. of calcium carbonate. The process, when thus conducted, furnishes one half only of the tartaric acid. The other half may be procured, as in the British process, by decomposing the neutral potassium tartrate, remaining in the solution after the precipitation of the calcium tartrate, by calcium chloride in excess. By double decomposition, potassium chloride will be formed in solution, and a second portion of calcium tartrate will precipitate, which may be decomposed by sulphuric acid together with the first portion. The process, when thus conducted, will, of course, furnish twice as much tartaric acid as when the acid salt only is decomposed.

The reactions are as follows: $2\,KHC_4H_4O_6 + CaCO_3 = K_2C_4H_4O_6 + CaC_4H_4O_6 + H_2O + CO_2$, then $CaC_4H_4O_6 + H_2SO_4 = CaSO_4 + H_2C_4H_4O_6$, and $K_2C_4H_4O_6 + CaCl_2 = (KCl)_2 + CaC_4H_4O_6$, then $CaC_4H_4O_6 + H_2SO_4 = CaSO_4 + H_2C_4H_4O_6$.

Formerly all the tartaric acid used in America was imported from England and France, the amount in some years being as much as 500,000 lbs. annually. Scarcely any is imported now. In 1877 the amount was only 183 lbs. It is now made in the United States not only of better quality, but actually cheaper than the imported acid costs in bond.

Preparation on the Large Scale. The process pursued on the large scale is different from that above given. The decompositions are effected in a wooden vessel, closed at the top, called a generator, of the capacity of about 2000 gallons, and furnished with an exit-pipe for carbonic acid, and with pipes, entering the sides of the generator, for the admission of steam and of cold water respectively. Into the generator, about one-fourth filled with water, 1500 pounds of washed chalk (calcium carbonate) are introduced, and the whole is heated by a jet of steam, and thoroughly mixed by an agitator, until a uniform mass is obtained. About two tons of tartar are now introduced by degrees, and thoroughly mixed. The calcium carbonate is decomposed, the carbonic acid escapes by the exit-pipe, and the lime unites with the excess of tartaric acid to form calcium tartrate, which precipitates, while the neutral potassium tartrate remains in solution. The next step is to decompose the potassium tartrate, so as to convert its tartaric acid into calcium tartrate. This is effected by the addition of calcium sulphate in the state of paste, which, by double decomposition, forms a fresh portion of calcium tartrate, while potassium sulphate remains in solution. The solution of potassium sulphate, when clear, is drawn off into suitable reservoirs, and the remaining calcium tartrate is washed with several charges of cold water, the washings being preserved. The calcium tartrate, mixed with sufficient water, is now decomposed by the requisite quantity of sulphuric acid, with the effect of forming calcium sulphate, and liberating the tartaric acid, which remains in solution. The whole is now run off into a wooden back, lined with lead, furnished with a perforated false bottom, and covered throughout with stout twilled flannel. Through this the solution of tartaric acid filters, and the filtered liquor passes through a pipe, leading from the bottom of the back to suitable reservoirs. The calcium sulphate is then washed until it is tasteless, and the whole acid liquor is evaporated, in order to crystallize. The evaporation is effected in wooden vessels, lined with lead, by means of steam circulating in coils of lead-pipe, care being taken that the heat does not exceed 93·8° C. (165° F.). The vacuum-pan is used with advantage in evaporating the acid solution, as it furnishes the means of concentration at a lower temperature. When the acid liquor has attained the sp. gr. of about 1·5, it is drawn off into sheet-lead cylindrical crystallizing vessels capable of holding 500 pounds of the solution. These crystallizers are placed in a warm situation, and in the course of three or four days a crop of crystals is produced in each, averaging 200 pounds. These crystals, being somewhat colored, are purified by redissolving them in hot water. The solution is then digested with purified animal charcoal, filtered, again concentrated, and crystallized. The crystals, having been washed and drained, are finally dried on wooden trays lined with thin sheet-lead, placed in a room heated by steam. The mother-liquors of the first crystallization are again concentrated, and the crystals obtained are purified by animal charcoal as before. When the residuary liquors are no longer crystallizable, they are saturated with chalk, and converted into calcium tartrate, to be added to the product of a new operation. In order to obtain fine crystals of tartaric acid, it is necessary to use a slight excess of sulphuric acid in decomposing the calcium tartrate. The merit of this process consists in the greater economy of calcium sulphate over calcium chloride for decomposing the potassium tartrate.

Dr. Price, of England, has made some improvements in the above process (for details see *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1854). The main point in his improvements is to convert the crude tartar into

potassium and ammonium tartrate by means of ammoniacal liquor, which gives a soluble double salt, comparatively free from organic coloring matter and other impurities, and therefore favorable for conversion into calcium tartrate by the usual methods. Mr. Pontifex, of England, has obtained a patent for an improvement in manufacturing tartaric acid, which consists in evaporating in vacuo. (*Ibid.*, Feb. 1857, p. 430.)

Oscar Ficinus, of Bensheim, proposes the following process to procure a pure tartaric acid. Saturate the crude tartar with calcium carbonate, and decompose the resulting calcium tartrate with solution of zinc chloride, whereby calcium chloride and zinc tartrate are produced. The latter is almost insoluble, and is completely decomposed by hydrogen sulphide. The residuary zinc sulphide may again be converted by means of hydrochloric acid into zinc chloride and hydrogen sulphide, so that the expense of the process is very small. The liquid filtered from the precipitated zinc sulphide, containing tartaric and sulphydric acids in solution, is heated for some time to 60°–80° C. (140°–176° F.), in order to dissipate the latter acid, filtered from the precipitated sulphur, and concentrated to the point of crystallization. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, April, 1879, p. 310.) It is asserted that in Hungary and Southern Italy tartaric acid of extreme purity is prepared; that occurring in flat, crystalline crusts being chemically pure, that in pointed crystals containing a little sulphuric acid.

Liebig has succeeded in preparing tartaric acid artificially by the oxidation of sugar of milk, and other substances, by nitric acid; and the resulting product has been found to be identical in all respects, even in its influence on polarized light, with the acid derived from grapes.

Properties. "Colorless, translucent, monoclinic prisms, or crystalline crusts, or a white powder, odorless, having a purely acid taste, and permanent in the air. Soluble at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 0·8 part of water, and in 2·5 parts of alcohol; in about 0·5 part of boiling water, and in about 0·2 part of boiling alcohol; also in 250 parts of ether; nearly insoluble in chloroform, benzol, or benzin. When heated for some time at 100° C. (212° F.), the powdered crystals do not suffer a sensible loss of weight. At 135° C. (275° F.) the Acid melts.* At higher temperatures it is gradually decomposed, emitting the odor of burning sugar, and is finally consumed without leaving more than 0·05 per cent. of ash." *U. S.* The powder is sometimes directed to be kept in well-stoppered vials; but Prof. Otto has shown that this direction tends to spoil rather than to preserve it, by preventing the evaporation of some water of crystallization which is set free by a commencing chemical reaction. A better plan is to keep the powder in ordinary boxes. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1856, p. 52.)

As found in the shops, it is in the form of a fine white powder, prepared by pulverizing the crystals. A weak solution undergoes spontaneous decomposition by keeping, becoming covered with a mouldy pellicle; but, if boiled and filtered, it is said to lose this tendency. (W. H. Wood, *Chem. News*, 1871, p. 246.) It is asserted that the addition of $\frac{1}{1000}$ of salicylic acid will effectually preserve solutions of tartaric acid. In uniting with bases it has a remarkable tendency to form double salts, several of which constitute important medicines. It combines with several of the vegetable organic alkalies, so as to form salts. It is distinguished from all other acids by forming a crystalline precipitate, consisting of potassium bitartrate, when added to a neutral salt of that alkali. When associated with an excess of boric acid, it is detected with difficulty; potassa not precipitating it, even with the addition of acetic or hydrochloric acid. Its separation, however, may be effected, according to Barfoed, by means of potassium fluoride, which detaches the boric acid, to form potassium fluoborate, and renders free the tartaric acid, which then responds to the ordinary test. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 70.) Its most usual impurity is sulphuric acid, which may be detected by the solution affording with lead acetate a precipitate only partially soluble in nitric acid. When incinerated with mercuric oxide, it leaves no residuum, or a mere trace. The British Pharmacopœia directs that it should give no precipitate with solution of sulphate of calcium, showing the absence of racemic and oxalic acids, or with solution of oxalate of ammonium, which would detect lime, sometimes present in minute proportion. Its solution should not be affected by sulphuretted hydrogen. "An aqueous solution (1 in 2) of the Acid mixed with a strong solution (1 in 3) of potassium acetate yields a white, crystalline precipitate which is soluble in solutions of alkalies and in mineral acids, but insoluble in acetic acid. The aqueous solution (1 in 10) of the Acid, acidulated with a few drops of hydrochloric acid, should remain un-

* *Tartaric Acid—Melting Point of Commercial Samples.* Fred. H. Smith observes that the melting point of tartaric acid is variously given at 135° C. and 170° to 180° C. He has determined the melting point of seven different commercial samples, using a corrected Yale thermometer, and obtained the following results: 162·8°; 163·5°; 159·1°; 163·5°; 163·5°; 167·5°; 162°. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, pp. 164, 165.)

affected by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*). Another portion of the aqueous solution (1 in 10), in which the free acid has been nearly but not entirely neutralized by ammonia, should not be affected by calcium sulphate test-solution (absence of, and difference from, *oxalic* and *uvic acids*). On supersaturating 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 10) with ammonia water, no turbidity should be produced in the liquid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*), nor should the further addition of 1 drop of ammonium sulphide test-solution produce any dark coloration or precipitate (absence of *iron*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). To neutralize 3·75 Gm. of Tartaric Acid should require 50 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of the pure acid), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* "Twenty-five grains of crystallized tartaric acid dissolved in water require for neutralization 330 grain-measures of *the volumetric solution of soda*." *Br.*

Tartaric acid is incompatible with salifiable bases and their carbonates; with salts of potassium, with which it produces a crystalline precipitate of bitartrate; and with the salts of calcium and lead, with which it also forms precipitates. It consists of four atoms of carbon, six of hydrogen, and six of oxygen. Of the six hydrogen atoms, however, only two are replaceable by metal, so that it is dibasic, and can form both acid and neutral salts with monad elements like potassium and sodium. Thus, cream of tartar is the acid potassium tartrate, potassium bitartrate, and so-called "soluble tartar," the neutral potassium tartrate.

Modifications of Tartaric Acid. Five distinct modifications of tartaric acid exist. Their chief physical and chemical differences are as follows:

a. Dextro-tartaric acid, or ordinary tartaric acid, forms anhydrous, hemihedral, rhombic crystals, the aqueous solution of which turns the plane of polarization of a luminous ray to the *right*. The crystals fuse at 135° C. (275° F.),—later authorities give 170° C. (338° F.),—have a sp. gr. of 1·74 to 1·75, and are readily soluble in absolute and in aqueous alcohol.

b. Lævo-tartaric acid forms anhydrous, hemihedral, rhombic crystals, the aqueous solution of which turns the plane of polarization of a luminous ray to the *left*.

c. Racemic or *para-tartaric* acid forms hydrated, holohedral, triclinic crystals of $H_2C_4H_4O_6 + H_2O$, which are optically *inactive*. The crystals have a sp. gr. of 1·69, and are soluble in five parts of cold water and with difficulty in cold alcohol. The calcium racemate is less soluble in water than calcium dextro-tartrate, and is also distinguished by its insolubility in acetic acid and in ammonium chloride solution. Racemic acid can be prepared by mixing *a* and *b* tartaric acids, and can be resolved into them by appropriate methods. Racemic acid exists naturally in small proportion in the juice of grapes growing in particular localities, and was first obtained artificially in 1853 by M. Pasteur.

d. Inactive or *meso-tartaric* acid, optically inactive, but not resolvable into *a* and *b* acids.

e. Meta-tartaric acid, produced by fusing the ordinary variety. It is deliquescent and uncrystallizable. Its solution and the solutions of its salts are converted by boiling into those of the ordinary modification.

Medical Properties. Tartaric acid, being cheaper than citric acid, forms, when dissolved in water and sweetened, an available substitute for lemonade. It may be improved by adding a drop of fresh volatile oil or a few drops of essence of lemon. Dried by a gentle heat, and then mixed with sodium bicarbonate, in the proportion of thirty-five grains of the acid to forty of the bicarbonate, it forms a good effervescing powder, the dose of which is a teaspoonful (3·75 C.c.) stirred in a tumbler of water. Tartaric acid resembles citric acid in its medical properties, but is more irritant, and taken in large amount and concentrated form has caused fatal gastro-intestinal inflammation. It is chiefly used in medicine in the preparation of effervescing draughts.* Dose, five to thirty grains (0·32–1·94 Gm.).

* *Solution of Tartrate of Magnesium as a Purgative.* Owing to the relatively high price of citric acid, attempts have been made to substitute for that acid, in the solution of magnesium citrate, a cheaper acid, which might yield with magnesia an equally acceptable solution. M. E. Leger thinks he has accomplished this object by means of tartaric acid. The ordinary tartaric acid, however, will not answer, as the solution of the magnesian tartrate made with it, though at first limpid, soon becomes turbid, and most of the salt is deposited. But by employing a metatartaric acid he prepared a solution having all the desired properties. He prepares the *metatartaric acid* in the following manner.

Heating over a gentle fire, in a porcelain or preferably silver capsule, a little tartaric acid until it melts, stirring carefully from time to time, he adds successively small portions of fresh acid, taking care not to use so much as to cause the liquid to cool and solidify, and continuing to add until the vessel is two-thirds full. The heat is maintained until the mass, at first pasty and puffed up, becomes completely liquid. When bubbles are formed on the surface, the acid assumes a slight amber hue, and the desired modification has been effected. The vessel is now removed from the fire, and the contents allowed to cool until the acid can be handled without adhering to the fingers, when it is pressed into cakes, quickly cooled, and put into well-stoppered bottles.

In the preparation of the magnesian solution, three-fourths of the water to be used is poured, cold, on a mixture

ACONITINA. Br. Aconitine.

(Ą-CŎN-Ị-TĪ'NĄ.)

"An alkaloid obtained from the aconite root." *Br.*

Aconitia, Aconitina, Aconitinum, Aconitin, *E.;* Aconitine, *Fr.;* Aconitin, *G.*

Formerly a process for the manufacture of aconitine was given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, but in the 1880 revision the so-called alkaloid was dropped from the official preparations, because the process of 1870 does not yield a definite proximate principle. The British official process is as follows:

"Take of Aconite Root, in coarse powder, *any convenient quantity;* Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, Solution of Ammonia, Pure Ether, Diluted Sulphuric Acid, of each *a sufficiency.* Mix the aconite root with twice its weight of the spirit, and apply heat until ebullition commences; then cool, and macerate for four days. Transfer the whole to a displacement apparatus, and percolate, adding more spirit, when requisite, until the root is exhausted. Distil off the greater part of the spirit from the tincture, and evaporate the remainder over a water-bath until the whole of the alcohol has been dissipated. Mix the residual extract thoroughly with twice its weight of boiling distilled water, and when it has cooled to the temperature of the atmosphere, filter through paper. To the filtered liquid add solution of ammonia in slight excess, and heat them gently over a water-bath. Separate the precipitate on a filter, and dry it. Reduce this to coarse powder, and macerate it in successive portions of the pure ether with frequent agitation. Decant the several products, mix, and distil off the ether until the extract is dry. Dissolve the dry extract in warm distilled water acidulated with the sulphuric acid; and, when the solution is cold, precipitate it by the cautious addition of solution of ammonia diluted with four times its bulk of distilled water. Wash the precipitate on a filter with a small quantity of cold distilled water, and dry it by slight pressure between folds of filtering paper and subsequent exposure to air." *Br.**

This process was given to the Pharmacopœia Committee of the British Council by a manufacturer who had been in the habit of preparing the alkaloid, but it does not yield a reliable, medicinally pure alkaloid. The English aconitine is frequently in great part composed of pseudo-aconitine, originally discovered by Von Schroff, of Vienna.

Pure aconitine may exist in an amorphous or in a crystalline form. The official product is always amorphous, but even of amorphous aconitine there are two varieties, the hydrated and the anhydrous. When, as in the official processes, the alkaloid is dried at ordinary temperature, it retains 20 (Hager) or 25 (Hottot) per cent. of water; but when dried at the temperature of the water-bath it is anhydrous, and is then *not* soluble in 50 parts of boiling water. (Hager, *A. J. P.*, xlvii. 210.) For Hottot's process of preparing aconitine, see 15th ed. U. S. D.

Aconitine as obtained by the Br. Pharmacopœia process is "A white, usually amorphous, solid; soluble in 150 parts of cold, and 50 of hot water, and much more soluble in alcohol, in ether, and in chloroform; strongly alkaline to reddened litmus, neutralizing acids, and precipitated from solutions of its salts by the caustic alkalies, but not by carbonate of ammonium or the bicarbonates of sodium or potassium. It melts when heated, and burns with a smoky flame, leaving no residue if ignited with free access of air. When rubbed on the skin it causes a tingling sensation, followed by prolonged numbness." *Br.* It restores the blue color of litmus reddened by acids, and neutralizes the acids, forming crystallizable salts. The solution of these salts produces a white precipitate with platinic chloride, a yellowish with auric chloride, and a yellowish brown with free iodine. Aconitine is precipitated from the solution by caustic alkalies, but not by ammonium carbonate or potassium and sodium bicarbonates. A spurious substance has sometimes been sold under the same name, which is nearly or quite inert; and at best the alkaloid is apt to be of uncertain strength as found in commerce.

Crystallized aconitine was first made known by the researches of Mr. Groves (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., viii. 121), but it was elaborately studied by Duquesnel. The methods of obtaining it differ, but, according to Patrouillard (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 151), that of Duquesnel gives much the larger yield.† It occurs in regular rhombic tables, sometimes having

of the acid and magnesium carbonate (two parts of the former and one of the latter); a very brisk reaction takes place, and in less than ten minutes the solution is complete. Heat must be avoided: as otherwise the acid returns to the former state, and the salt is precipitated. When the acid has been completely modified, the solution will keep unchanged for several weeks. The cathartic action of the magnesium tartrate is, according to M. Leger, much more certain than that of the citrate, and nearly equal to that of the sulphate. The solution is without unpleasant taste. (*P. J. Tr.*, 12, 1873, p. 29; from *Répertoire de Pharm.*, Juin 25, 1873.)

* See U. S. Dispensatory, 15th ed., p. 122.

† The method of Duquesnel is as follows. 100 parts of the powdered roots having been mixed with one part of

the angles modified so as to look like hexagons, or else in small, short, four-sided prisms; it is anhydrous, nearly insoluble in water, insoluble in glycerin, but soluble in alcohol, ether, acetic acid, and benzin, and freely so in chloroform, inodorous, of an intensely bitter taste, followed by the characteristic tingling, not volatile at 100° C. (212° F.), and forms with most acids crystallizable salts. Juergens states that aconitine is soluble in 64 parts of absolute ether, 37 parts of absolute alcohol, 2800 parts of light petroleum of 0·670 sp. gr., 5·5 parts of chloroform or benzin, and 750 parts of water. (See *Journ. Chem. Soc.*, June, 1886.) For Dr. Squibb's physiological tests for aconitine and aconite preparations, see page 111. Its only peculiar color reaction is obtained with difficulty by dissolving in dilute phosphoric acid and evaporating; when at a certain degree of concentration a violet coloration appears.

The investigations of Dr. C. R. A. Wright upon *Aconitum napellus*, which were quite fully stated in the previous edition (16th ed., p. 125), have been corrected in part by later studies by Prof. Wyndham Dunstan (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, May, 1891, April and May, 1892.) He has shown that the roots of true *Aconitum napellus* contain four alkaloids, of which one is crystallized and three are amorphous: *aconitine*, to which he gives the formula $C_{33}H_{45}NO_{12}$ instead of the formula $C_{33}H_{43}NO_{12}$ proposed by Wright; *aconine*, $C_{26}H_{41}NO_{11}$ instead of the formula $C_{26}H_{39}NO_{11}$ proposed by Wright; *napelline*, and *homo-napelline*, for which no formulas are as yet given. *Aconitine* melts at 188·6° C. (371·5° F.), and when decomposed by hydrolysis yields *aconine* and *benzoic acid*, according to the reaction $C_{33}H_{45}NO_{12} + H_{20} = C_{26}H_{41}NO_{11} + C_7H_6O_2$. This aconine when purified melts at 132° C. (269·6° F.). Dunstan was able by heating aconine together with ethyl benzoate in a sealed tube to effect the synthesis of the anhydride of aconitine. The *picraconitine* of Wright is considered by Dunstan to have been a mixture.

Aconitum ferox was examined by Dr. Wright. In it he found chiefly the alkaloid *pseudaconitine*, $C_{36}H_{49}NO_{12}$. It crystallizes in transparent needles and sandy crystals, but is apt to separate as a varnish if not evaporated extremely slowly. It forms crystallized salts with difficulty. It can be dehydrated, forming *apo-pseudaconitine*, $C_{36}H_{47}NO_{11}$, and when saponified yields dimethyl-protocatechuic acid instead of benzoic, and a new base, *pseudaconine*, $C_{36}H_{49}NO_{12} + H_2O = C_9H_{10}O_4 + C_{27}H_{41}NO_9$. Wright considers that pseudaconitine is closely related to the opium alkaloids narceine, narcotine, and oxy-narcotine, which all give rise to derivatives of dimethyl-protocatechuic acid. Pseudaconitine crystallizes with H_2O and melts at 104°–105° C. (220° F.). In Japanese aconite roots (species not certainly known) Wright found a larger percentage of active alkaloids than in either of the other varieties. He also considers that he has obtained here a new base, *japaconitine*, $C_{68}H_{88}N_2O_{21}$. This base on saponification splits up into benzoic acid and a base, *japaconine*, $C_{26}H_{41}NO_{10}$.

Aconitine exists in the root in combination with aconitic acid. Dragendorff and Spohn (*Journ. Pharm.* (5), 10, 361–368) find in *Aconitum lycoctonum* two alkaloids; *lycaconitine*, $C_{27}H_{34}N_2O_6 + 2H_2O$, which is not crystalline, nor does it yield a crystalline aurochloride or platinochloride, and *myoctonine*, $C_{27}H_{30}N_2O_8 + 5H_2O$, which is amorphous. The former alkaloid, heated with water under pressure, gives rise to two acids, a volatile one and a crystalline one, *lycoctonic acid*, $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_7$, while two alkaloids remain dissolved, one, *lycaconine*, soluble in ether, the other soluble in chloroform, and apparently Hübschmann's acolytine. (See p. 108, foot-note.)

Medical Properties and Uses. It is practically true that the various products which are sold under the name of aconitine represent the activity of aconite, but it is well known that commercial aconitine is a very improper remedy for internal use, varying immensely in its purity, its composition, and its powers.* Two and a half grains have been taken almost with

tartaric acid, and the whole exhausted by repeated percolation with cold alcohol, the liquid is evaporated at a low temperature on a water-bath to the consistence of a fluid extract. To this distilled water is added, and the precipitated resinous and oily matters removed by filtration. The solution of aconitine tartrate is then precipitated with a slight excess of potassium bicarbonate, agitated with washed ether, and the two fluids separated with the siphon. The ethereal solution is shaken four or five times with a 10-per-cent. solution of hydrochloric acid, which takes up the alkaloids from the ethereal solution. The acid liquids are treated with calcium carbonate to saturation in order to prevent the prolonged and injurious action of the acid upon the crystallizable aconitine, the mixture is evaporated at a very gentle heat, filtered, and while still warm mixed with a solution of sodium nitrate (2 of salt to 3 of water) having the same temperature. The whole is allowed to cool slowly during several hours, and set away for several days' rest, when the crystals separate out as a crust on the bottom. (*N. R.*, 1883, p. 265; see, also, a paper by Williams, *Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1886, p. 428.)

* Even different specimens of apparently pure crystallized aconitine made by the same chemist in the same manner vary greatly in toxic property. See K. F. Mandelin, *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1885, xxiii.; abstracted, *P. J. Tr.*, xvi.; Bunzen and Madsen, *Trans. Internat. Congress*, Copenhagen, 1884. Lepine states that the crystallized alkaloid made from plants gathered in Switzerland is much more active than that from plants of the Vosges or of the Pyrenees. (*La Sem. Méd.*, March 30, 1892.)

impunity, and 1-50th of a grain has nearly proved fatal; indeed, a fatal case of poisoning by half a milligramme (1-128th gr.) of pure aconitine is reported (*Journ. Pharm. d'Anvers*, Feb. 1890). One-tenth of a milligramme (1-640th gr.) is probably the largest amount which ought to be administered. So uncertain and powerful a remedy ought not to be used at all internally, especially as it possesses no advantages over the other preparations of aconite, which are sufficiently concentrated. Even as an external remedy, as first recommended by Dr. Turnbull, aconitine is of very limited value. It produces in the skin a sensation of heat and prickling, followed by numbness, lasting, according to the quantity applied, from two to twelve hours or more. Applied much diluted and in a minute quantity to the eye, or even to the upper eyelid, it causes contraction of the pupil, with an almost intolerable sense of heat and tingling. Dr. Turnbull employed it with benefit in *neuralgia*, *gout*, and *rheumatism*. If the alkaloid be pure, the ointment should not exceed the official strength (8 grains to the ounce), and even then must be used with great caution by friction over the part affected, to be continued till the peculiar sensation above described is produced, and to be repeated three or four times, or more frequently, during the day. No good can be expected unless the sensation alluded to be experienced in a greater or less degree. Care should be taken not to apply the medicine to an abraded surface, or to a mucous membrane, for fear of dangerous constitutional effects.

ACONITI FOLIA. Br. Aconite Leaves.

(ĂC-Ǫ-NĪ′TĪ FŌ′LĮ-Ą.)

The fresh leaves and flowering tops of Aconitum Napellus, gathered when about one-third of the flowers are expanded, from plants cultivated in Britain. *Br.*

Herba Aconiti; Feuilles d'Aconit, Coqueluchon, Capuchon, Pistolet, *Fr.;* Eisenhutblätter, Sturmhutblätter, Aconit Napel, Akonitblätter, Wolfsturmhut, Mönchskappeblätter, *G.*

ACONITUM. U. S. (Br.) Aconite.

(ĂC-Ǫ-NĪ′TŬM.)

"The tuber of Aconitum Napellus, Linné (nat. ord. Ranunculaceæ)." *U. S.* "The root of Aconitum Napellus, Linn., collected in winter or early spring before the leaves have appeared, from plants cultivated in Britain, and carefully dried; or imported in a dried state from Germany." *Br.*

Aconiti Radix, *Br.;* Aconite Root, Monkshood, Wolfsbane; Tubera Aconiti, *P. G.;* Racine d'Aconit, Aconit, Coqueluchon, *Fr.;* Eisenhut, Eisenhutknollen, Sturmhut, Mönchskappe, Akonitknollen, *G.;* Aconito Napello, *It.;* Aconito, *Sp.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized the aconite leaves under the name of *Aconiti Folia*.

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Petals* five, the highest arched. *Nectaries* two, peduncled, recurved. *Pods* three or five. *Willd.*

The plants belonging to this genus are herbaceous, with divided leaves, and violet, yellow, or white flowers, in spikes, racemes, or panicles. In the Paris Codex three species were recognized as official, *A. anthora*, *A. cammarum*, and *A. napellus;* but the French authorities unite at present with our own and the British in acknowledging only *A. napellus*. There has been much difference of opinion as to the plant originally employed by Störck. Formerly thought to be *A. napellus*, it was afterwards generally believed to be *A. neomontanum* of Willdenow, and by De Candolle was determined to be a variety of his *A. paniculatum*, designated as *störckianum*. It is probable that this species, which is not infrequent in the Alps, yields much of the aconite of commerce, as probably does also *A. lycoctonum*.* But, according to

* M. Hübschmann is said to have extracted two alkaloids from *A. lycoctonum;* one in the form of a white powder, insoluble in ether, but soluble in water and alcohol, which he names *acolytine;* the other crystallizable, very soluble in alcohol, and but slightly so in ether or water, and named by him *lycoctonine*. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 376.) According to Prof. Flückiger, *lycoctonine* is in white acicular crystals, melting like aconitine in boiling water, though at a somewhat higher heat. On cooling it crystallizes only when moistened with water, when the amorphous mass is converted into tufted crystals. It leaves no water upon melting, and combines with none on crystallizing. It readily dissolves in chloroform, and upon evaporation is left as an amorphous varnish, which on the addition of a little water becomes strikingly crystalline. It is largely dissolved by sulphide of carbon, ether, alcohol, the fixed and volatile oils, amylic alcohol, and petroleum spirit; but requires 600 parts of boiling water for solution. The solution is bitter and has an alkaline reaction, and with bromine water produces fine yellow crystals; and this effect results though the solution contain only one part of the alkaloid in 30,000. Lycoctonine is an alkaloid quite distinct from aconitine and pseudaconitine, and is much less poisonous than either. (Flückiger, *P. J. Tr.*, 1870, p. 122.) Drs. Wright and Luff concluded that lycoctonine and acolytine are identical with *aconine* and *pseudaconine*, decomposition-products respectively of aconitine and pseudaconitine, but according to Dragendorff and Spohn they are really decomposition-products of two previously unnoticed alkaloids of *A. lycoctonum*, namely, *lycaconitine* and *myoctonine*. (See p. 107, also *P. J. Tr.*, viii. 169, and xv. 104.) Jacobowsky found lycaconitine to resemble curare in its physiological action, but to be of no value in practical medicine.

Geiger, *A. neomontanum* is possessed of little acrimony; and Dr. Christison states that *A. paniculatum*, raised at Edinburgh from seeds sent by De Candolle himself, was quite destitute of that property. Neither of these, therefore, could have been Störck's plant, which is represented as extraordinarily acrid. Dr. Christison found *A. napellus*, *A. sinense*, *A. tauricum*, *A. uncinatum*, and *A. ferox* to have intense acrimony; and Geiger states that he has found none equal, in this respect, to *A. napellus*. This species is said to yield aconite most largely. (*Répert. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1859.) *A. uncinatum* and *A. reclinatum* (Gray) are our only indigenous species. Most of the others are natives of the Alpine regions of Europe and Siberia. Those used in medicine appear to be indiscriminately called by English writers *wolfsbane* or *monkshood*. Under the name of *Bish* or *Bikli*, *Nepaul aconite** is largely sold in the bazaars in India. It is probably often a mixed product of a number of indigenous species, such as *A. lucidum*, *A. napellus*, and *A. palmatum*, but is chiefly derived from *A. ferox*, which grows in the Himalayas, attaining a height of 3 to 6 feet, and having large dull-blue flowers. The tuberous roots of *A. heterophyllum* are also met with in the bazaars. This native of the Himalayas has dull-yellow flowers veined with blue or purple.

Aconitum napellus. Linn., *Flor. Suec.*, ed. 1755, p. 168.—*A. neubergense.* De Candolle, *Prodrom.*, i. 62.—*A. variabile neubergense.* Hayne, *Darstel. u. Beschreib.*, etc., xii. 14. This is a perennial herbaceous plant, with a spindle-shaped, tapering root, seldom exceeding at top the thickness of the finger, three or four inches or more in length, brownish externally, whitish and fleshy within, and sending forth numerous long, thick, fleshy fibres. When the plant is in full growth, there are usually two roots joined together, of which the older is dark brown and supports the stem, while the younger is of a light yellowish brown, and is destined to furnish the stem of the following year, the old root decaying. The stem is erect, round, smooth, leafy, usually simple, and from two to six or even eight feet high. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, divided almost to the base, from two to four inches in diameter, deep green upon their upper surface, light green beneath, somewhat rigid, and more or less smooth and shining on both sides. Those on the lower part of the stem have long footstalks and five or seven divisions; the upper, short footstalks and three or five divisions. The divisions are wedge-form, with two or three lobes, which extend nearly or quite to the middle. The lobes are cleft or toothed, and the laciniæ or teeth are linear or linear-lanceolate and pointed. The flowers are of a dark violet-blue color, large and beautiful, and are borne at the summit of the stem upon a thick, simple, straight, erect, spike-like raceme, beneath which, in the cultivated plant, several smaller racemes arise from the axils of the upper leaves. Though without calyx, they have two small calycinal stipules, situated on the peduncle within a few lines of the flower. The petals are five, the upper helmet-shaped and beaked, nearly hemispherical, open or closed, the two lateral roundish and internally hairy, the two lower oblong-oval. They enclose two pediceled nectaries, of which the spur is capitate, and the lip bifid and revolute. The fruit consists of three, four, or five pod-like capsules.

The plant is abundant in the mountain forests of France, Switzerland, and Germany. It is also cultivated in the gardens of Europe, and has been introduced into this country as an ornamental flower. All parts of the plant are acrid and poisonous. The leaves and root are used. The leaves should be collected when the flowers begin to appear, or shortly before. After the fruit has formed, they are less efficacious. The root is much more active than the leaves; and an extract from the latter is said to have only one-twentieth of the strength of one made from the former. It should be gathered in autumn or winter after the leaves have fallen, and is not perfect until the second year. It has been mistakenly substituted for horseradish root, as a condiment, with fatal effect. The wild plant is said to be more active than the cultivated. (*Schroff.*) Prof. Wm. Procter found the roots of the plant cultivated in this country richer in the active alkaline principle than the imported roots, having obtained as much as 0·85 per cent. from the former. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1860.)†

* Under the name of *Utees*, *Atees*, or *Atis*, the root of *Aconitum heterophyllum* is said to be largely used in India as an antiperiodic. It is stated that it is free from poisonous properties and is given in doses of 20 grains. The plant grows in the western Himalayas, at an elevation of 8000 to 13,000 feet. The roots are ovoid, oblong, or conical, ½ to 1½ inches in length, $\frac{3}{10}$ to $\frac{6}{10}$ of an inch in diameter, bitter without acridity, of a light ash-color. Their transverse section shows a white, farinaceous, homogeneous tunic, traversed by 4 to 7 yellowish vascular bundles. According to Wasowicz, the root yielded $\frac{6}{100}$ of 1 per cent. of *atesine*, an amorphous, very slightly poisonous alkaloid (the same alkaloid was previously pointed out by Broughton), aconitic acid, an acid similar to tannic acid, a soft fat, cane sugar, mucilage, and pectinous substances. *Wakhma*, another Indian drug, appears to be a variety of Atis. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 86.)

† The recent studies of P. W. Squire seem to show that at this period the root is the most active. So far, however, as concerns the whole plant, the practical difficulty is that the root of *A. paniculatum* cannot be distinguished

The aconite root is brought into market in packages or bales, originally, in general, either from the continent of Europe or from India. It is of variable quality; some parcels being unobjectionable, while others contain a considerable proportion of inert or defective roots. Among these roots that of *Imperatoria ostruthium* has been expressly noted. (*P. J. Tr.*, vii. 749.) The best test is the taste; roots should be rejected which have not in a fair degree the characteristic properties in this respect described below, especially the sensation of numbness and tingling on the tongue, lips, and fauces.

Nepaul aconite is composed of elongated, conical, tuberous, or nearly cylindrical roots, 3 to 4 inches long, ½ to 1¾ inches in diameter at the base; unbranched; often abruptly broken off below; more or less flattened; shrivelled chiefly in a longitudinal direction, and sparsely marked with the scars of rootlets. *Japanese aconite* has also been largely sold in London.* It consists of plump, oblong or ovoid, dark grayish or blackish tubers, from half an inch to an inch in length, and ⅛ to ⅔ of an inch in diameter.

Properties. The *fresh leaves* have a faint narcotic odor, most sensible when they are rubbed. Their taste is at first bitterish and herbaceous, afterwards burning and acrid, with a feeling of numbness and tingling on the inside of the lips, tongue, and fauces, which is very durable, lasting sometimes many hours. When long chewed, they inflame the tongue. The *dried leaves* have a similar taste, but the acrid impression commences later. Their sensible properties and medicinal activity are impaired by long keeping. They should be of a green color, and free from mustiness. The *root* has a feeble earthy smell. Though sweetish at first, it has afterwards the same effect as the leaves upon the mouth and fauces. It shrinks much in drying, and becomes darker, but does not lose its acrimony. Those parcels, whether of leaves or roots, should always be rejected which are destitute of this property. As found in commerce, the aconite root is described as being "from 10 to 20 Mm. (three-eighths to three-quarters of an inch) thick at the crown; conically contracted below; from 50 to 75 Mm. (two to three inches) long, with scars or fragments of radicles; dark brown externally; whitish internally; with a rather thick bark, the central axis about seven-rayed; without odor; taste at first sweetish, soon becoming acrid, and producing a sensation of tingling and numbness, which lasts for some time." *U. S.* The seeds also are acrid. For an account of the chemistry of aconite, see *Aconitina*, page 107.

Medical Properties and Uses. Aconite was well known to the ancients as a powerful poison, but was first employed as a medicine by Baron Störck, of Vienna, whose experiments with it were published in the year 1762. In moderate doses, it produces warmth in the stomach and sometimes nausea, general warmth of the body, numbness and tingling in the lips and fingers, muscular weakness, diminished force and frequency of the pulse, and diminished frequency of respiration. From larger doses all these effects are experienced in an increased degree. The stomach is more nauseated; the numbness and tingling extend over the body; headache, vertigo, and dimness of vision occur; the patient complains occasionally of severe neuralgic pains; the pulse, respiration, and muscular strength are greatly reduced; and a state of general prostration may be induced, from which the patient may not quite recover in less than two or three days. The effects of remedial doses are felt in twenty or thirty minutes, are at their height in an hour or two, and continue with little abatement from three to five hours. In poisonous doses, besides the characteristic tingling in the mouth and elsewhere, aconite occasions burning heat of the œsophagus and stomach, thirst, violent nausea, vomiting and purging, severe gastric and intestinal spasms, headache, dimness of vision, with contracted or expanded pupils, numbness or paralysis of the limbs, diminished sensibility in general, stiffness or spasm of the muscles, great prostration, pallid countenance, cold extremities, an extremely feeble pulse, and death in a few hours, sometimes preceded by delirium, stupor, or convulsions.

from that of *A. napellus*, except by taste: so that the custom which seems to prevail of gathering the root about the flowering period is probably well founded. The plant is being cultivated to some extent for medicinal purposes in England, but much of the stock is of doubtful nature, owing to the extraordinary tendency of *A. napellus* to hybridize with other species and to alter under cultivation. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xix.)

* *Japanese Aconite.*—Seven varieties of aconite tubers are said by Dr. Langaard to be found in the Japanese drug-stores, usually preserved in vinegar or child's urine, or by drying. The botanical source of these aconite roots is not accurately determined, but they are probably, at least in part, yielded by *A. japonicum*, Thunb., and *A. fischeri*, Reich., believed by many botanists to be respectively identical with *A. lycoctonum*, Linn., and *A. chinense*, Sieb. Several alkaloids have been separated; of these, *japaconitine* is said to be the most poisonous of the known aconite alkaloids. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 3 ser., xi. 149, 1021.) Dr. O. Lezius (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1890) asserts that the active principle of Japanese aconite is true crystallizable aconitine, and in an elaborate physiological study Alfred E. Bradley found the physiological activity of *A. fischeri* very similar to that of *A. napellus*. (*Weekly Med. Rev.*, April, 1888.)

All these effects are not experienced in every case; but there is no one of them which has not been recorded as having occurred in one or more instances. The proper treatment of aconite poisoning consists in the maintenance of absolute rest in a position horizontal, or with the head lower than the feet; the evacuation of the stomach by the siphon tube or stomach-pump, if free vomiting do not occur; the administration of stimulus, and the use of external heat to keep up the bodily temperature. Whiskey or brandy should be given freely in a concentrated form by the mouth and rectum; when the symptoms are very urgent, it may be injected under the skin. The chief reliance in any case, however, must be on the tincture of digitalis aided by strychnine, the two remedies being given hypodermically, but separately, in large doses. Ammonia may be employed carefully. We have known life to be apparently saved by laudanum given in drachm doses. Fall of the bodily temperature must be met by external heat.

The symptoms produced by aconite are chiefly due to its action upon the circulation and the nervous system. It is a direct and powerful depressant of the heart, if in sufficient amount completely paralyzing the cardiac muscle. The lowering of the force of the circulation is certainly in large part due to this action; but it is probable, although not proved, that it also paralyzes the vaso-motor system. Upon the cerebrum the drug exerts very little if any direct influence. Upon the peripheral sensory nerves it acts as a powerful depressant, thereby causing the characteristic tingling and numbness of aconite poisoning. The influence upon the spinal marrow seems to be less pronounced than that upon the sensory nerves; but, if in sufficient amount, the poison depresses the motor centres of the cord. To this, and not to any effect upon the motor trunks or the muscles, is due the loss of reflex activity and of voluntary power caused by toxic doses.

As an internal remedy, aconite is very valuable in *sthenic fever* from any cause; when the condition is *asthenic* it should never be administered. It is also useful in some cases for the purpose of benumbing sensitive nerves: thus, it will sometimes arrest the *vomiting of pregnancy*, and has often been used with excellent results in *rheumatic neuralgia*. To obtain such effects it must be given boldly. Applied locally to a sensitive or painful part, it is very efficient, owing to its being brought in a concentrated state into contact with the irritated nerves. It is a favorite application in *neuralgias*, and will probably achieve good more often than any other narcotic local remedy. Applied to the skin, aconite occasions heat and prickling or tingling, followed by numbness, and, if in contact with a wound, produces its peculiar constitutional effects. Applied to the eye, it causes decided contraction of the pupil. It may be administered in powder, extract, or tincture.* The dose of the powdered leaves is one or two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), of the extract from half a grain to a grain (0·03–0·065 Gm.), of the tincture of the leaves twenty or thirty drops (1·25–1·9 C.c.), to be repeated twice or three times a day, and gradually increased till the effects of the medicine are experienced. The preparation now almost exclusively employed is the tincture of the root, *Tinctura Aconiti. U. S.* Of this, from 2 to 5 drops (0·12–0·3 C.c) may be given every two to four hours until its effects become obvious. It is very important to distinguish between the tincture of the leaves formerly official and still used and the much stronger tincture of the root just referred to. Few patients will bear at first more than four minims of the latter. Very properly, we think, the tincture of the leaves was abandoned at the revision of the U. S. P. 1860. Aconite may be used externally in the form of the saturated tincture of the root, of extract mixed with lard, of a plaster or liniment, or of aconitine ointment. The tincture may be applied by means of a soft piece of sponge on the end of a stick.

* *Squibb's Test for Aconite and its Preparations.*—In the absence of any reliable chemical tests for aconitine, Dr. Squibb suggests that a fluidrachm of a solution of the various preparations be taken into the anterior part of the mouth (after the latter has been thoroughly rinsed) and held there for one minute by the watch, and then discharged. The peculiar numbing sensation should be experienced within fifteen minutes, and it should continue for fifteen or thirty minutes. Tested in this way, he found the commercial aconitines, in solution of the strength of $\frac{1}{800}$ grain in 1 fluidrachm of water, to have the following relative strengths: 1 grain of good powdered aconite root is equal to 1 grain of ordinary commercial aconitine, $\frac{1}{2}$ grain of Merck's ordinary aconitine, $\frac{1}{83}$ grain of Merck's pseudaconitine, $\frac{1}{11}$ grain of Duquesnel's aconitine crystallized (really aconitine nitrate). He also found by this approximate method that 1 grain of powdered aconite root was equivalent to 1 minim of fluid extract, $\frac{1}{6}$ grain of alcoholic extract of aconite root, 2·66 minims of U. S. P. tincture of aconite root, 8·43 minims of British tincture of the root, 11·8 minims of German tincture of the root, 1·5 minims of Fleming's tincture, 9 grains of powdered aconite leaf, 1·5 grains of alcoholic extract of dried aconite leaf, 1 grain of Allen's English extract of fresh plant, and 72 minims of tincture of aconite leaf.

ADEPS. U. S. Lard.

(Ā′DĔPS.)

"The prepared internal fat of the abdomen of Sus Scrofa, Linné (class, Mammalia; order, Pachydermata), purified by washing with water, melting, and straining. Lard should be kept in well-closed vessels impervious to fat, and in a cool place." *U. S.*

ADEPS PRÆPARATUS. Br. Prepared Lard.

(Ā′DĔPS PRÆ-PA-RĀ′TŬS—prē-pa-rā′tŭs.)

"The purified fat of the hog, Sus Scrofa." *Br.*

Adeps Suillus, *P. G.;* Axungia Porci, s. Porcina, Axungia, *Lat.;* Prepared Lard, Hog's Lard, *Eng.;* Axonge, Graisse, Graisse de Porc, Saindoux, *Fr.;* Schweineschmalz, *G.;* Grasso di Porco, Lardo, *It.;* Manteca de Puerco, Lardo, *Sp.*

Preparation. Lard is the prepared fat of the hog. The Br. Pharmacopœia gives a process for its preparation; but in this country it is generally purchased by the druggists already prepared. The adipose matter of the omentum and mesentery, and that around the kidneys, are usually employed; though the subcutaneous fat is said to afford lard of a firmer consistence. In the crude state it contains membranes and vessels, and is more or less contaminated with blood, from all which it must be freed before it can be fit for use. For this purpose, the fat, having been deprived of membranous matter as far as possible by the hand, is cut into pieces, washed with water till the liquor ceases to be colored, and then, after carefully separating the water, it is melted in a copper or iron vessel, over a slow fire.* The heat is continued till all the moisture is evaporated, which may be known by the transparency of the melted fat, and the absence of crepitation when a small portion of it is thrown into the fire. Care should be taken that the heat be not too great, as otherwise the lard might be partially decomposed, acquire a yellow color, and become acrid. This may be guarded against by using a water-bath in melting the lard. The process is completed by straining the liquid through linen, and pouring it into suitable vessels, in which it concretes upon cooling. To render it, however, perfectly free from particles of membrane and tissue, which are often the cause of rancidity and unfit lard for its finer and more permanent uses, Mr. Ed. Smith, of Torquay, insists on the necessity of filtering the lard through paper, after freeing it from its coarser impurities by straining through linen. By this author it is recommended that the process of purification should be completed by remelting the lard, by means of a water-bath, and then carefully filtering it through paper in a warm closet. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1869, p. 131.) Lard may be rendered quite inodorous by melting it, when fresh, by means of a salt-water bath, adding a little alum or common salt, continuing the heat till a scum rises which is to be skimmed off, and, after the lard has concreted, separating the saline matter by washing it thoroughly with water. For a particular account of the process, see *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 176.

The following is the process of the British Pharmacopœia for preparing lard. "Take of the internal fat of the abdomen of the hog, perfectly fresh, *any convenient quantity*. Remove as much of the external membranes as possible, and suspend the fat so that it shall be freely exposed to the air for some hours; then cut it into small pieces, and beat these in a stone mortar until they are thus, or by some equivalent process, reduced to a uniform mass in which the membranous vesicles are completely broken. Put the mass thus produced into a vessel surrounded by warm water, and apply a temperature not exceeding 130° F. (54.4° C.) until the fat has melted and separated from the membranous matter. Finally, strain the melted fat through flannel." *Br.* The process of the British Pharmacopœia differs from that formerly used, and is modelled upon the suggestions of Prof. Redwood, that the use of water be especially avoided, and that the selected fat be exposed freely to air and light before rendering. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 364; also *Ephemeris*, 1884, p. 504.)

Lard, as offered for sale, often contains common salt, which renders it unfit for pharmaceutical purposes. This may be detected, when the quantity is insufficient to be sensible to the taste, by means of silver nitrate, which will produce a precipitate of silver chloride with water in which the salted lard has been boiled, after cooling and filtration. To free it from this impurity, it may be melted with twice its weight of boiling water, the mixture well agitated and

* Prof. Procter recommends the following method of operating. After careful removal of the membranes and adhering flesh, the crude lard is to be cut into small pieces, malaxated with successive portions of cold water until this remains clear, and then heated moderately, in a tinned vessel, until the melted fat becomes perfectly clear and anhydrous. Lastly, it is to be strained into earthen pots, being occasionally stirred as it cools; and the pots should be securely covered with waxed or varnished paper, and kept in a cool, dry cellar. (*A. J. P.*, xxxv. 114.)

set aside to cool, and the fat then separated. Lard is sometimes adulterated with water, starch, and a small proportion of alum and quicklime, which render it whiter, but unfit for medical use. But by far the most common adulteration of lard at this time (1893) is through the use of cotton-seed oil. Indeed, some specimens of lard consist almost wholly of mixtures of stearin and cotton-seed oil. Lard of this kind can easily be detected by the disagreeable and characteristic odor of cotton-seed oil which is evolved when it is heated. Conroy (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1888, p. 368) prefers for the detection of cotton-seed oil in lard the following modification of Milliau's test, dependent upon the reduction of silver nitrate. This consists in adding twenty grain-measures of a test-solution, containing five parts of silver nitrate and one part of nitric acid (sp. gr. 1·42) in one hundred parts of rectified spirit, to about one hundred grains of the lard previously melted at a water-bath temperature in a test-tube, and keeping the mixture in boiling water for five minutes. Pure lard remains perfectly white, but if adulterated with cotton-seed oil the lard assumes a more or less olive-brown color, according to the amount of adulterant present, 1 per cent. causing a distinctly perceptible change. See, also, U. S. P. test for cotton-seed oil, below.

Properties. Lard is "a soft, white, unctuous solid, having a faint odor free from rancidity, and a bland taste. Insoluble in water; very slightly soluble in alcohol; readily soluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, or benzin. Specific gravity, about 0·932 at 15° C. (59° F.). It melts at 38° to 40° C. (100·4° to 104° F.) to a perfectly clear liquid, which is colorless in thin layers, and which should not separate an aqueous layer. At or below 30° C. (86° F.), it is a soft solid. Distilled Water boiled with Lard should not acquire an alkaline reaction (absence of *alkalies*), nor should another portion be colored blue by iodine test-solution (absence of *starch*). A portion of the water, when filtered, acidulated with nitric acid, and treated with silver nitrate test-solution, should not yield a white precipitate soluble in ammonia (absence of *chlorides*). If 10 Gm. of Lard be dissolved in chloroform, and the solution mixed with 10 C.c. of alcohol and 1 drop of phenolphtalein test-solution, it should not require more than 0·2 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution to produce a pink tint after strong shaking (limit of *free fatty acids*). If 5 C.c. of melted and filtered Lard be, while warm, intimately mixed, by agitation, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of an alcoholic solution of silver nitrate (made by dissolving 0·1 Gm. of silver nitrate in 10 C.c. of deodorized alcohol and adding 2 drops of nitric acid), and the mixture then heated for five minutes in a water-bath, the liquid fat should not acquire a reddish or brown color, nor should any dark color be produced at the line of contact of the two liquids (absence of more than about 5 per cent. of *cotton-seed fats*)." *U. S.* When melted, it readily unites with wax and resins. Like most animal fats and oils, it consists of stearin, palmitin, and olein; its consistence, when pure, depending largely upon the relative proportions of these principles; olein, being the liquid principle, can readily be separated from the other two by subjecting lard in cold weather to strong pressure, when the *olein* (*lard oil*) is pressed out, the solid residue (*stearin*) being used for various purposes, more particularly the manufacture of candles. Olein may also be separated by means of boiling alcohol, which, on cooling, deposits the concrete principles of the lard. It is extensively employed for burning in lamps, as a lubricant, and for greasing wool. Vast quantities of it are prepared in Cincinnati, Chicago, and other centres of the pork-slaughtering industry. It is a very large article of export.

Exposed to the air, lard absorbs oxygen and becomes rancid. It should, therefore, be kept in well-closed vessels, or procured fresh when wanted for use. In the rancid state, it irritates the skin, and sometimes exercises an injurious reaction on substances mixed with it. Rancidity in lard and other fats is prevented by digesting them with benzoin or poplar buds, and rancid lard may often be greatly improved by washing it with lime water. (See *Unguenta.*) Lard even when fresh is slightly acid, as was proved by Dieterich, *Arch. de Pharm.*, 1887.

Medical Properties and Uses. Lard is emollient, and is occasionally employed by itself in frictions, or in connection with poultices to preserve their soft consistence; but its chief use is in pharmacy as an ingredient of ointments and cerates.

ADEPS BENZOINATUS. U. S. (Br.) Benzoinated Lard.

(Ā'DĔPS BĔN-ZŌ-Ị-NĀ'TŬS.)

Adeps Benzoatus, *Br.;* Benzoated Lard; Unguentum Benzoini, *U. S.* 1870; Axungia Balsamica, *s.* Benzoinata, *s.* Benzoata; Ointment of Benzoin, *E.;* Axonge (Graisse) benzoinée (balsamique), *Fr.;* Benzoinirtes Schmalz, *G.*

Preparation. "Lard, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Benzoin, in coarse powder, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]. Melt the Lard by means of a water-bath.

Tie the Benzoin loosely in a piece of coarse muslin, suspend it in the melted Lard, and, stirring frequently, continue the heat for two hours, covering the vessel and not allowing the temperature to rise above 60° C. (140° F.). Lastly, having removed the Benzoin, strain the Lard, and stir occasionally while it cools. When Benzoinated Lard is to be kept or used during warm weather, 5 per cent. (or more, if necessary) of the Lard should be replaced by White Wax." *U. S.*

"Take of prepared Lard *one pound;* Benzoin reduced to coarse powder *one hundred and forty grains;* melt the lard by the heat of a water-bath, add the benzoin, and, frequently stirring them together, continue the application of heat for two hours; finally remove the residual benzoin by straining." *Br.* That the balsamic or resinous principles in certain substances like benzoin exercise a valuable function in preserving fats has been proved by abundant experience. It has been shown that when made, as originally suggested by Doliber and directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870, by incorporating the tincture with lard, ointment of benzoin was irritating to the skin in certain diseases: hence the return to the old process of digesting the benzoin in lard, kept at a temperature of 60° C. (140° F.). The present U. S. formula does not differ materially from the British, except in the directions to enclose the benzoin in a muslin bag and the regulation of the temperature; the first improvement has for its object the prevention of the hard cake of benzoin, which otherwise collects at the bottom of the water-bath, and is apt to be imperfectly acted upon. A much pleasanter and more agreeable product is insured by heeding the U. S. directions as to limiting the temperature, a high heat volatilizing the odorous principles and communicating an empyreumatic odor.

ADEPS LANÆ. Br. Wool-Fat.

(Ā'DĔPS LĀ'NÆ.)

"The purified cholesterin-fat of sheep's wool." *Br.*

ADEPS LANÆ HYDROSUS. U. S., Br. Hydrous Wool-Fat.

(Ā'DĔPS LĀ'NÆ HĪ-DRŌ'SŲS.)

"The purified fat of the wool of sheep (Ovis Aries, Linné; class, Mammalia; order, Ruminantia), mixed with not more than 30 per cent. of water." *U. S.*

Lanoline; Lanolin, *G.*

"Wool-fat *seven ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *three ounces* [av.]. Melt the wool-fat in a warm mortar, stirring in the water gradually and thoroughly." *Br.*

The two Pharmacopœias differ in that whilst the U. S. P. recognizes only hydrous wool-fat and gives no formula for its preparation, the Br. P. recognizes wool-fat and gives the preceding directions for preparing hydrous wool-fat.

Preparation. The wool of sheep contains on the average about forty-five per cent. of its weight of fat, which must be removed before manufacturing. This fat, to which the name of lanolin has been given, is a mixture of ethers of *cholesterin*, $C_{26}H_{43}(OH)$, with the several fatty acids contained in ordinary fats. It was originally recommended by Dr. Oscar Liebreich, and may be readily procured from the washings of the wool by a process which has been patented by him, or it may be obtained by treating the wool with petroleum benzin and distilling off the benzin. The objection to the latter process is the difficulty of getting rid of the benzin odor. Liebreich's patented process is as follows. The fresh undecomposed waste liquor or lye is passed through a centrifugal machine, in which the dirt and the fat are separated from each other, while the cleansed soap liquor is continually drawn off by means of a pipe and led directly into the vat which serves for the acidulation. The raw lanolin thus obtained is thoroughly kneaded by suitable machinery in cold flowing water until the water which flows off is as clear as the water which flows in. The raw lanolin is then heated with water, whereby it is split up into water and fat. The latter is skimmed off from the surface and cooled, and for further purification it can be treated in the centrifugal machine in a melted condition, or it can be dissolved in ether, ethylated or methylated spirits, or other solvents, and the solution can be separated from the residue by filtration or other means. The solvents can be recovered by treatment in suitable stills. After the fat has been cleaned as above stated, it is thoroughly kneaded with water for a long time, and a perfectly white neutral colorless ointment is obtained. From the deposit in the lowest part of the centrifugal machine a further portion of lanolin can be obtained by stirring the same up with clean or salt water and again treating it in the centrifugal machine, or extracting it, either in a wet or a dry condition, by means of a solvent, after which it is treated as above.

Instead of producing lanolin from wool-washing water it may be obtained from commercial wool-fat by stirring this wool-fat together with water containing sodium carbonate, caustic soda, or an alkali, or a mixture of these to form a thin milky solution, which is treated in the manner above described.

Properties. "Wool-Fat is a yellowish, tenacious, unctuous substance; almost inodorous; with a melting point varying from 100° F. (37·8° C.) to 112° F. (44·4° C.); readily soluble in ether and chloroform, sparingly soluble in rectified spirit." *Br.* Hydrous wool-fat or lanolin differs chiefly in being slightly less tenacious.

"A yellowish-white or nearly white, ointment-like mass, having a faint, peculiar odor. Insoluble in water, but miscible with twice its weight of the latter, without losing its ointment-like character. With ether or chloroform it yields turbid solutions which are neutral to litmus paper. Hydrous Wool-Fat melts at about 40° C. (104° F.). When heated on a water-bath, it finally leaves a residue amounting to not less than 70 per cent., which is transparent while melted, and, when cold, appears as a yellow, tough, unctuous mass, completely soluble in ether or chloroform, and only partially soluble in alcohol. A solution (1 in 50) of a portion of this mass in chloroform, when poured on the surface of concentrated sulphuric acid, gradually develops a deep brown color at the line of contact of the two layers. When a portion of this mass is ignited, it should leave not more than 0·3 per cent. of ash, which should not have an alkaline reaction on litmus (absence of *alkalies*). If 2 Gm. of the same mass are dissolved in 10 C.c. of ether, and mixed with 2 drops of phenolphthalein test-solution, a colorless liquid results (absence of *free alkalies*), which should be decidedly reddened by 1 drop of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (absence of *free fatty acids*). If 10 Gm. of Hydrous Wool-Fat be heated, together with 50 C.c. of water, on a water-bath, until the fat is melted, there should result an upper, translucent and light yellow, fatty layer, and a lower, clear, aqueous layer, which latter should not yield glycerin upon evaporation, and when a portion of it is heated with some potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it should not emit vapors of *ammonia*." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. It has been claimed for lanolin that it passes through the skin much more readily than do ordinary fatty substances. According to Patschkowski, half an hour after inunction of a mixture of lanolin and iodide of potassium, iodine can be recovered from the urine, whilst the official ointment yields a negative result. This has been confirmed by Kaspar; but Ritter and Pfeiffer in a long series of experiments were unable to perceive that lanolin had any superiority over other fats in promoting absorption. Further, when it is remembered that lanolin is a sebaceous secretion, largely composed of cholesterin and allied substances, and not intended by nature to be absorbed, but to grease and soften the fibres of the wool, the possession by it of the property of aiding absorption through the skin becomes very doubtful. On the other hand, it is undoubtedly soothing to the skin, and often makes an excellent basis for ointments expected to act especially upon the skin.

ÆTHER. U. S., Br. Ether.

(Æ'THĘR—ē'thęr.)

"A liquid composed of about 96 per cent., by weight, of absolute Ether or Ethyl Oxide [$(C_2H_5)_2O = 73·84$], and about 4 per cent. of Alcohol containing a little Water. Ether should be kept in well-stoppered containers, preferably in tin cans, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.* "A volatile liquid prepared from Alcohol, and containing not less than 92 per cent. by volume of pure ether, $(C_2H_5)O_2$ or $C_4H_{10}O$." *Br.*

Æther Sulphuricus, *Ed., Dub.;* Ether, Hydric Ether, Naphtha Vitrioli, Hydrate of Ethylen, Oxide of Ethyl; Ether hydrique, ou vinique, ou sulfurique, *Fr.;* Aether, Schwefeläther, *G.*

ÆTHER ACETICUS. U. S., Br. Acetic Ether. [Acetate of Ethyl.]

$C_2H_5, C_2H_3O_2$; 87·8. (Æ'THĘR Ą-ÇĔT'Į-CŬS.) $C_2H_5C_2H_3O_2$; 88.

Naphtha Acete; Ethyl Acetate; Ether acétique, Naphte acétique, *Fr.;* Essigaether, Essignaphtha, *G.*

"A liquid composed of about 98·5 per cent., by weight, of Ethyl Acetate [$C_2H_5C_2H_3O_2 = 87·8$], and about 1·5 per cent. of Alcohol containing a little water. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

Preparation. A process for preparing this ether is for the first time given in the last British Pharmacopœia. It is a modification of the process recommended by W. I. Clark (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 777), and is as follows. "Take of Rectified Spirit, 32½ fluidounces [Imp.

meas.]; Sulphuric Acid, 32½ fluidounces [Imp. meas.]; Acetate of Sodium, 40 ounces [av.]; Carbonate of Potassium, freshly dried, 6 ounces [av.]. To the spirit slowly add the acid, keeping the fluid cool, and, the product being cold, add the acetate, mixing thoroughly. Distil forty-five fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Digest the distillate with the carbonate of potassium for three days in a stoppered bottle. Separate the ethereal fluid, and again distil until all but about four fluidounces have passed over. Preserve the resulting acetic ether in a well-closed bottle and in a cool place." *Br.* In addition to this method, acetic ether may be made by several processes, the chief of which are the following. 1. Mix 100 parts of alcohol (sp. gr. 0·83) with 63 parts of concentrated acetic acid, and 17 parts of strong sulphuric acid, and distil 125 parts into a receiver, kept cold with wet cloths. 2. Distil to dryness a mixture of three parts of sodium acetate, three of alcohol, and two of sulphuric acid, mix the distilled product with one-fifth of sulphuric acid, and distil a second time an amount of ether equal to the alcohol employed. 3. Distil two parts of effloresced lead acetate with one part of alcohol, and a little more than one part of sulphuric acid. In the last two processes, the acetic acid is set free by the action of the sulphuric acid on the acetate employed. J. A. Pabst has devised a process for acetic ether in imitation of that for the preparation of common ether. 50 C.c. of sulphuric acid and the same quantity of alcohol are heated together in a retort to 140° C. (284° F.), and then a mixture of one liter of 96 per cent. alcohol and one liter of acetic acid (93 per cent.) is allowed to flow in slowly. At first some ethyl ether goes over, and then a liquid which contains, with considerable uniformity, 85 per cent. acetic ether. The reaction takes place between 130° C. (266° F.) and 135° C. (275° F.); at 145° C. (293° F.) some sulphurous acid is produced. The yield is about 1350 grammes, or 78 per cent., which is 90 per cent. of the theoretical amount. With reference to the solubility of acetic ether in saturated calcium chloride solution, it is to be remarked that pure acetic ether is not dissolved, although it is if mixed with 90 per cent. alcohol. One volume acetic ether, one volume alcohol, and two volumes calcium chloride solution give a homogeneous liquid. The methyl acetic ether can be prepared exactly as the ethyl compound, but in the attempt to prepare the amyl acetic ether in an analogous manner side reactions were found to interfere. In order to study the proportional power of combination possessed by the two alcohols, Mr. Pabst allowed a mixture of 100 C.c. methyl alcohol and 100 C.c. acetic acid to flow into a mixture of 50 C.c. sulphuric acid and 50 C.c. ethyl alcohol. The first distillates contained essentially methyl acetate and the latter pure ethyl acetate. In the flask were found remaining nearly equal amounts of sulphuric and ethyl sulphuric acids, and in addition alcohol, acetic acid, and some residual ethyl acetate. (*Bull. Soc. Chim.*, vol. xxxiii. pp. 350, 351; *A. J. P.*, 1880.)

The United States Pharmacopœia describes it as "a transparent, colorless liquid, of a fragrant and refreshing, slightly acetous odor, and a peculiar acetous and burning taste. Specific gravity, 0·893 to 0·895 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, about 76° C. (168·8° F.). Soluble in about 8 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.); miscible, in all proportions, with alcohol, ether, fixed and volatile oils. Acetic Ether is readily volatilized, even at a low temperature. It is inflammable, burning with a yellowish flame and an acetous odor. It is neutral to litmus paper. When evaporated in a capsule, Acetic Ether should leave *no residue*. If a portion be allowed to evaporate spontaneously from clean, odorless blotting paper, the final odor should not resemble that of pine-apples (absence of *butylic* and *amylic derivatives*). When 25 C.c. of Acetic Ether are shaken, in a graduated tube, with 25 C.c. of water just previously saturated with the Ether, upon separation, the ethereal layer should not measure less than 24·5 C.c. (absence of an *undue proportion of alcohol or water*). When a small portion of the Ether is carefully poured upon some concentrated sulphuric acid, no dark ring should be developed at the point of contact of the two layers (absence of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*)."

Medical Properties and Uses. Acetic ether is occasionally used in medicine as a stimulant and antispasmodic. Its action upon the system is probably very similar to that of ether; but as it is less volatile it is less rapidly absorbed and eliminated, and consequently is much less prompt and fugacious in its influence than is ether. It is locally irritating. It has been found by Dr. H. C. Wood to be capable of being used as an anæsthetic, but to be too slow in its action for practical purposes. The dose by the mouth is from fifteen to thirty drops (0·9–1·9 C.c.), sufficiently diluted with water. It is sometimes employed externally, by friction, as a resolvent, and for *rheumatic pains*.

ÆTHER PURUS. Br. Pure Ether.

(Æ'THER PŪ'RUS.)

"Ether $(C_2H_5)_2O$ free from alcohol and water." *Br.*

Ether hydrique, *Fr.*; Reiner Aether, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 recognized Æther and Æther Fortior, giving the definitions appended in the foot-note.* The present Æther of the U. S. Pharmacopœia replaces the Æther Fortior of the U. S. P. 1880, the Æther of the U. S. P. 1880 being dropped, as its deficient strength rendered it of little use. The Æther Purus of the British Pharmacopœia is somewhat stronger than the Æther of the present U. S. Pharmacopœia, the latter permitting the presence of four per cent. of alcohol.

The preparation of ether embraces two stages: its generation,† and its subsequent rectification‡ to remove impurities. All formulas agree in obtaining it by the action of sulphuric acid on alcohol. In the former United States process, which was adopted, with modifications, from the French Codex, one-third of the alcohol taken is mixed with the acid, and while still hot from the reaction, distilled from a glass retort, by a heat quickly applied, into a refrigerated receiver. When the heat of the mixture has risen to between 130° C. (266° F.) and 137·7° C. (280° F.), the remainder of the alcohol is allowed to enter the retort in a continuous stream, the supply being so regulated that the heat shall be maintained between the degrees mentioned. By a complicated reaction which is explained on page 120, the acid converts the alcohol into ether; and, were it not that the acid becomes more and more dilute as the process proceeds, it would be able to etherize an unlimited quantity of alcohol. Although the acid, before it becomes too dilute, is capable of determining the decomposition of a certain amount of alcohol, yet it is not expedient to add this amount of alcohol at once; as a considerable portion of it would distil over undecomposed with the ether. The proper way, therefore, is that indicated in the formulas; namely, to commence the process with the use of part of the alcohol, and, when the decomposition is fully established, and a portion of ether has distilled, to add the remainder in a gradual manner, so as to replace that which, every moment of the progress of the distillation, is disappearing by its conversion into ether.

The modifications of the old process were made in conformity with suggestions by Dr. Squibb, contained in a paper published in the *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 390. The direction in the 1850 process to reserve a small portion of acid, to be added gradually with the reserved alcohol, upon the supposition that the acid in the retort might be too much weakened to perform its part duly, has been found upon trial to result in no practical advantage. As the proper proportion between the acid and the alcohol is that which requires for ebullition a temperature somewhat above 130° C. (266° F.), or that at which the ether is formed, there is an

* *Æther*, U. S. 1880. "A liquid composed of about 74 per cent. of Ethyl Oxide [$(C_2H_5)_2O$; 74—C_4H_5O; 37] and about 26 per cent. of Alcohol containing a little Water. Sp. gr. about 0·750 at 15° C. (59° F.)."

Æther Fortior, U. S. 1880. "A liquid composed of about 94 per cent. of Ethyl Oxide [$(C_2H_5)_2O$; 74—C_4H_5O; 37] and about 6 per cent. of Alcohol containing a little Water. Sp. gr. not higher than 0·725 at 15° C. (59° F.), or 0·716 at 25° C. (77° F.)."

† The U. S. Pharmacopœia has abandoned all processes for preparing or purifying ether. (See U. S. D., 16th ed., p. 133.) The British process for making ether is appended:

"Take of Rectified Spirit *fifty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Sulphuric Acid *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Chloride of Calcium *ten ounces* [avoird.]; Slaked Lime *half an ounce* [avoird.]; Distilled Water *thirteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Sulphuric Acid with twelve fluidounces of the Spirit in a glass flask having a wide neck and capable of containing at least two pints [Imp. meas.], and not allowing the mixture to cool, connect the flask by means of a bent glass tube with a Liebig's condenser, and distil at a temperature sufficient to maintain the liquid in brisk ebullition. As soon as the ethereal fluid begins to pass over, supply fresh Spirit through a tube into the flask in a continuous stream, and in such quantity as to equal the volume of the fluid which distils over. For this purpose use a tube furnished with a stop-cock to regulate the supply, connecting one end of the tube with a vessel containing the Spirit raised above the level of the flask, and passing the other end into the acid fluid through a cork fitted into the flask. When the whole of the Spirit has been added, and forty-two fluidounces have distilled over, the process may be stopped. Dissolve the Chloride of Calcium in the Water, add the Lime, and agitate the mixture in a bottle with the impure ether. Leave the mixture at rest for ten minutes, pour off the light supernatant fluid, and distil it until a glass bead of specific gravity 0·735 placed in the receiver begins to float. The ether and spirit retained by the chloride of calcium, and by the residue of each rectification, may be recovered by distillation and used in a subsequent operation." *Br.*

‡ Pure Ether (Æther Purus) of the British Pharmacopœia is made by the following process:

"Take of Ether, Distilled Water, of each, *two pints* [Imperial measure]; Lime, recently burned, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Chloride of Calcium, *four ounces* [av.]. Put the Ether with one pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water into a bottle, and shake them together; allow them to remain at rest for a few minutes, and when the two liquids have separated, decant off the supernatant ether. Mix this with the remainder of the Water, and again, after separation, decant as before. Put now the washed ether, together with the Lime and Chloride of Calcium, into a retort to which a receiver is closely attached, let them stand for 24 hours, then distil with the aid of a gentle heat. Sp. gr. not exceeding 0·720." *Br.*

obvious propriety in supplying the alcohol just so rapidly as may be sufficient to maintain this temperature in the liquid of the retort. If the alcohol be supplied so rapidly as to reduce the temperature below the point mentioned, alcohol will distil over in undue proportion; if too slowly supplied, the temperature will rise so high as to produce other reactions in the materials than that required for etherification, and various other products will result. The rising of the temperature to 141·1° C. (286° F.), after all the alcohol has been added, is, therefore, an indication that the process should be suspended. Nevertheless, the caution to check the process when white vapors appear in the retort is not amiss, as affording an additional security that it shall not be carried too far. At the temperature of 160° C. (320° F.), there will be generated sulphurous acid, heavy oil of wine, olefiant gas, and a large quantity of resino-carbonaceous matter, blackening and rendering thick the residuary liquid; all of them products arising from the decomposition of a portion of sulphuric acid, alcohol, and ether.

The *British* process is that of the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia slightly modified. The principles are the same as those of the U. S. 1870 process; but the directions about temperature are wanting; and the regulation of the supply of alcohol, and the cessation of the operation, are made to depend on the less reliable method of determining the measure of liquid, in the first place in the retort, and in the second place in the receiver.

In both processes, whatever care may be taken in conducting them, and to stop them in due time, the ether obtained is apt to be contaminated with sulphurous acid, heavy oil of wine, alcohol, and water; and hence its purification becomes necessary. For this purpose the crude ether is agitated with purifying agents and submitted to a new distillation at a gentle heat, called the *rectification*. The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 employed an aqueous solution of potassa; the British Pharmacopœia uses a saturated solution of calcium chloride to which has been added lime. The British method of purification as embodied in the formula for Æther Purus (see page 117) is preferable to the old United States method, as more thoroughly removing the water. In either case the lime and the potash are equally efficacious in neutralizing any sulphurous acid which may be present in the crude material. The calcium chloride solution, after having been used, yields on distillation a further portion of ether of the official density; and, by concentrating it, filtering while hot, and separating the crystals of calcium sulphite which form on cooling, the chloride may be recovered for future operations.

In the apparatus employed by Dr. Squibb the ether is made in one operation; the vapors of ether and unchanged alcohol are first washed by a solution of caustic potash maintained at a temperature above the boiling point of alcohol, the alcoholic vapor is then condensed in a worm kept at a suitable temperature and runs back into the still, while the ether vapor, retaining about 4 per cent. of alcohol, is condensed in a well-cooled apparatus. 360 lbs. of concentrated sulphuric acid are sufficient to etherify 120 barrels of clean spirit; the acid has then to be changed, chiefly because the impurities of the spirit render the mixture dark and tarry and liable to froth in the still. (*Ephemeris*, ii. p. 590.)

Properties of Ether. In considering the properties of ether it is necessary to draw a sharp distinction between the official ethers of the two Pharmacopœias. The term Ether (Æther) is used now (1893) for the second grade ether (sp. gr. 0·735) of the British Pharmacopœia as well as for the only ether now recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia (sp. gr. 0·725 to 0.728); this latter corresponds with the Pure Ether (Æther Purus) of the British Pharmacopœia, which has the sp. gr. 0·720. Ether of the U. S. Pharmacopœia 1890 is described as follows. "A transparent, colorless, mobile liquid, having a characteristic odor, and a burning and sweetish taste. Specific gravity, 0·725 to 0·728 at 15° C. (59° F.); or 0·714 to 0·717 at 25° C. (77° F.). Soluble in about 10 times its volume of water at 15° C. (59° F.), with slight contraction of volume. Miscible, in all proportions, with alcohol, chloroform, benzin, benzol, fixed and volatile oils. Ether boils at about 37° C. (98·6° F.), and it should, therefore, boil when a test-tube, containing some broken glass and half filled with it, is held for some time in the hand. Ether is highly volatile and inflammable. Its vapor, when mixed with air and ignited, explodes violently. The color of light blue litmus paper moistened with water should not be changed when the paper is immersed in Ether for ten minutes. Upon evaporation, Ether should leave *no residue*. If 10 C.c. of it be poured, in portions, upon clean, odorless blotting paper, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously, *no foreign odor* should become perceptible when the last traces of Ether leave the paper. When 20 C.c. of Ether are shaken, in a graduated tube, with 20 C.c. of water, just previously saturated with Ether, the ethereal layer, upon separation, should not measure less than 19·8 C.c. (absence of an *undue amount of alcohol or water*). If 10 C.c. of Ether be shaken occasionally, within one hour, with 1 C.c. of

potassium hydrate test solution, no color should be developed in either liquid (absence of *aldehyde*, etc.)." *U. S.* Commercial ether, which is sometimes used as a solvent, varies in sp. gr. from 0·733 to 0·765. The impurities found in it are excess of alcohol, water, sulphurous and other acids, heavy oil of wine, and various fixed substances.

The ether of U. S. P. 1880 should have the sp. gr. 0·750 : if heavier than this, it must contain too much alcohol or water. The statement that water takes up only one-tenth of ether, when equal volumes of ether (sp. gr. 0·750) and water are shaken together in a graduated tube, has been shown by Dr. Squibb to be erroneous. If it take up more than one-fourth, the ether must contain an excess of alcohol or water, or of both. If the alcohol be in excess, it may be removed by agitating the liquid with twice its bulk of water, which unites with the alcohol, forming a heavier stratum, from which the ether may be poured off. The ether, however, takes up about one-tenth of water, which may be removed by agitation with freshly-burned lime, and subsequent distillation. An easy method for detecting and measuring any alcohol present in ether was given by the Edinburgh College; namely, to agitate it, in a minim measure, with half its volume of a concentrated solution of calcium chloride. This will remove the alcohol; and the reduction of the volume of the ether, when it rises to the surface, will indicate the amount. Heavy oil of wine may be discovered by the ether becoming milky upon being mixed with water. If the ether be pure, it wholly evaporates in the air, leaving no solid residue. All non-volatile impurities are thus detected. It should not redden litmus, showing the absence of acids. The point of ebullition is also an indication of the strength of the ether. When evaporating from bibulous paper, it should offer only a slight degree of foreign odor, aromatic and free from pungency, and should leave the paper, when dry, nearly or quite odorless. This test proves the absence of volatile impurities, except a slight and not inadmissible proportion of light oil of wine.

The British ether should have the sp. gr. 0·735. Fifty measures, agitated with an equal volume of water, are reduced to 45 by an absorption of 10 per cent. It boils below 105° F. This commercial ether may answer for external application, and may even be given by the mouth, yet for purposes of inhalation it is entirely unfitted without further purification. The requirement of the British Pharmacopœia, that "when ether is shaken with a fourth of its bulk of solution of potassium iodide and a little starch paste no blue color is produced," has provoked some criticism, Boerrigter showing that Warden, Werner, Buchner, and others were correct in stating that pure ether would liberate iodine from potassium iodide. This change is said to be due to hydrogen peroxide by Dunstan and Dymond (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 841), but others attribute the change to ozone or aldehyde.

The extreme volatility of ether causes it to evaporate speedily in the open air, with the production of considerable cold. Its inflammability is very great, and the products of its combustion are water and carbonic acid. In consequence of this property the greatest care should be used not to bring it in the vicinity of flame, as, for example, a lighted candle. One of the great advantages of using steam as the source of heat is that it obviates, in a great measure, the danger of its accidental inflammation. When too long kept it undergoes decomposition, and is converted in part into acetic acid. It dissolves iodine and bromine freely, and sulphur and phosphorus sparingly. Its power to dissolve corrosive sublimate makes it a useful agent in the manipulations for detecting that poison. It is also a solvent of volatile and fixed oils, many resins and balsams, tannic acid, caoutchouc, and most of the organic vegetable alkaloids. It does not dissolve potassa and soda, in which respect it differs from alcohol. Ether unites in all proportions with alcohol. According to Prof. R. Boettger, water may be detected in ether by agitating the suspected liquid with carbon disulphide; if water be present the mixture becomes milky and turbid, otherwise it remains clear. Stefanelli (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 8, 439) proposes to shake ether with a small fragment of aniline-violet, which does not impart color to ether free from alcohol. One per cent. of alcohol may be thus detected.

The most delicate test for the presence of alcohol in ether is that of Lieben, founded on the formation of iodoform by alcohol but not by ether. (See p. 124.) The mere keeping of ether in presence of moisture is said to generate traces of alcohol sufficient to produce the reaction. (Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., i. p. 125.)

On filtering an ethereal liquid with free access of air, a frost-like congelation is observed on the upper part of the filter, its appearance and quantity depending upon the temperature and the hygrometric state of the atmosphere. Tanret has collected some of this *ether hydrate*, and found that after it had been completely freed from ether by strongly blowing upon it, it had the temperature 3·5° C. (25·7° F.), and on fusion yielded 17 to 18 parts of water for 37 of ether; the formula $(C_2H_5)_2O,2H_2O$ requires 18 parts. (*A. J. P.*, 1878.)

Composition and Theory of its Production. The empirical formula of ether is $C_4H_{10}O$, and this is the result both of analysis and of a determination of its vapor density, whereby the molecular weight is established. This formula, however, is better understood when we examine the conditions of its formation. Ether is then found to be the oxide of ethyl (C_2H_5). This is the group which gives character to common alcohol and all its salts, whether with organic or inorganic acids. The group C_2H_5 acts as a monad radical, and common alcohol is its hydrate, $C_2H_5.OH$. Its oxide then would be $(C_2H_5)_2O$, and all the reactions by which ether is produced show it to be this oxide. It is commonly formed from common alcohol (ethyl hydrate) by the action of sulphuric acid, according to the following reactions:

$$C_2H_5,OH + SO_2,OH,OH = SO_2,OH,OC_2H_5 + H,OH;$$

that is, alcohol reacting with sulphuric acid yields ethyl-sulphuric acid (sulphovinic acid) and water. In the presence of an excess of alcohol and at the proper temperature the ethyl-sulphuric acid then reacts with another molecule of alcohol, as follows:

$$C_2H_5,OH + SO_2,OH,OC_2H_5 = C_2H_5,OC_2H_5 + SO_2,OH,OH,$$

whereby ethyl oxide (ether) is formed, and sulphuric acid is regenerated. These reactions take place best at a temperature of about 140° C. (284° F.), and if the mixture in the flask is kept at this temperature a steady stream of alcohol can be converted into ether, whence the process has been called "the continuous etherification process."

Medical Properties and Uses. The chief use of ether in medicine is as an anæsthetic; although when taken into the stomach it is absorbed and exerts its narcotic powers. Locally applied it acts at first as a stimulant and afterwards as a narcotic. If it be on an exposed surface its evaporation occurs so rapidly as to mask by refrigeration the direct action of ether. It was at one time employed for freezing parts about to be operated upon, but has been superseded by the more volatile and cheaper petroleum products. It is frequently employed in *nausea* dependent upon gastric depression, and also in *flatulent* or even *biliary colic*; it is sometimes effective in *gastrodynia*, in *neuralgia of the gums*, *earache*, etc. When applied locally its evaporation should be prevented if possible. When ether is taken into the general system it produces an increase of the force and frequency of the pulse, which appears to be due to a stimulant action both upon the heart and vaso-motor system. The augmentation of the force of the circulation is remarkably well maintained even during profound etherization, and after death from ether poisoning the heart is usually, if not always, found to be beating. When the drug causes a fatal result, it is almost always by paralyzing the centres of respiration. In sufficient amount ether acts powerfully as a narcotic, suspending consciousness and also lessening reflex activity. In some subjects there is a stage of etherization in which sensibility is destroyed, although consciousness is preserved. The influence of ether upon the nervous system is a direct one, and the usual order of the involvement of the nerve-centres as shown by Flourens is: first the cerebrum, next the sensory centres of the cord, next the motor centres of the cord, next the sensory centres of the medulla, and finally the motor centres (including that of respiration) of the medulla.

For external use, the unrectified ether is sufficiently pure. The internal dose of ether is from fifty drops to a teaspoonful, to be repeated frequently when the full effect of the remedy is desired. It may be given in capsules, or simply floating upon the surface of ice-cold water, or incorporated in an aqueous mixture, to be made by first rubbing it up with spermaceti, employed in the proportion of two grains for each fluidrachm of the ether.

A *syrup of ether* is directed by the French Codex. MM. J. Regnault and Adrian, after a thorough investigation of the solubility of ether in solutions of sugar, offer the following formula. Take of sugar 440 parts, distilled water 490 parts, alcohol at 90° 50 parts, pure ether 20 parts. Put into a bottle, shake, and preserve. The whole of this might be given at a dose, if the parts taken are represented by grains.

Capsules of ether, also called *pearls of ether*, are inodorous, will keep for a year at least without loss, and furnish the means of introducing ether into the stomach without irritating the mouth and throat. In a few seconds after they arrive in the stomach, they burst and diffuse their effects with singular rapidity. Analogous effects are produced when they are introduced into the rectum or vagina. Ether may be gelatinized by the process of M. Grimault. This consists in briskly shaking, in a stoppered bottle, four measures of ether, free from alcohol and acid, with one measure of white of egg. *Gelatinized ether* is an opaline trembling jelly, which may be spread with the greatest facility. It may be used as a local anæsthetic, applied to the seat of pain, spread on linen, and covered with a piece of cloth or of sheet caoutchouc. Gelatinized ether will not keep, but must be prepared at the time it is wanted.

Etherization. Ether may be exhibited by inhalation. Many years ago, its use in this way was proposed by Drs. Beddoes, Pearson, and Thornton, of England, in certain diseases of the lungs. As early as 1805, the late Dr. Warren, of Boston, employed ethereal inhalation to relieve the distress attending the last stage of pulmonary inflammation. About the year 1812, in Philadelphia, at the time when the nitrous oxide was the subject of popular lectures, the vapor of ether was frequently breathed from a bladder for experiment or diversion; and its effects in producing transient intoxication, analogous to that caused by the nitrous oxide, were observed. It was not, however, until October, 1846, that attention was particularly drawn to ethereal inhalation as a remedy for pain. In that month, Dr. Warren, of Boston, was applied to by Dr. W. T. G. Morton, dentist, of that city, to ascertain by trial whether an agent which he had successfully employed to render painless the extracting of teeth would be equally successful in preventing the pain of surgical operations. This agent was the vapor of ether. Dr. Warren acceded to this request, and shortly afterwards, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, performed a severe operation, without pain to the patient, under the influence of ether, administered by Dr. Morton. A few days subsequently, Dr. C. T. Jackson, of Boston, in conversation with Dr. Warren, claimed to have first made known to Dr. Morton the use of ethereal vapor for the prevention of pain in dental operations.

From this beginning, the employment of ether by inhalation for the prevention and removal of pain has spread throughout the civilized world. The effect produced, called *etherization*, is usefully resorted to in all severe operations, not merely for the prevention of pain, but also of the shock which the system would otherwise suffer as a consequence of the pain, and also as a means of producing muscular relaxation in *dislocation*, *strangulated hernias*, etc. It has been employed for the detection of *feigned diseases*, by suspending the operation of the will; in *neuralgia*, *biliary* or *renal colic*, *dysmenorrhœa*, etc., as a palliative; in *tetanus*, and in the *spasms* produced by an overdose of strychnine, as an antispasmodic; and in *asthma* and *chronic bronchitis*, as an antispasmodic expectorant. In midwifery it is extensively employed. In vivisections, humanity calls for the use of it as an anæsthetic.

When ether is inhaled, at first a short faucial irritation is generally produced, but this soon disappears; and, after the lapse of from two to five minutes, and the expenditure of about two fluidounces of ether, the quantity being very variable in different cases, the patient becomes insensible, and appears as if in a deep, almost apoplectic sleep. The usual signs of the full effect of the ether are the closure of the eyelids, muscular relaxation, and inability to answer questions. During the whole process of etherization, the fingers should be kept on the pulse; and if it become feeble, or very slow, or very rapid, the sponge should be removed until the circulation improves. At first there is redness, afterwards paleness, of the face and neck, succeeded by cold perspirations. The danger in etherization is rarely through failure of the circulation, but by arrest of the respiration, and the state of the latter function should be closely watched; should it become very slow, or shallow, or irregular, the anæsthetic should be withdrawn, and, if necessary, appropriate measures of relief adopted. This is the mode of proceeding in surgical operations; in midwifery cases, partial etherization is often sufficient. One of the drawbacks to the use of ether is that vomiting is very apt to occur and be severe during the recovery from the narcosis. To lessen the gastric disturbance as much as possible, no food should be allowed for some hours before etherization, and a moderate dose of brandy or whiskey should be administered at the beginning of the latter process. In a few instances etherization has produced alarming remote effects. Dr. F. D. Lente has reported three cases of this kind. (*New York Journ. of Med.*, Nov. 1856.) Sometimes death has ensued; but the instances are extremely rare in which a fatal result in a healthy man could be clearly traced to the direct influence of ether. Disease of the kidneys strongly contra-indicates the use of ether, chloroform being under such circumstances the safer anæsthetic.

ALCOHOL. U. S. (Br.) Alcohol.

(ĂL'CO-HŎL.)

"A liquid composed of about 91 per cent., by weight, or 94 per cent., by volume, of Ethyl Alcohol [$C_2H_5OH = 45{\cdot}9$], and about 9 per cent., by weight, of Water. Alcohol should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.* "Alcohol, C_2H_5HO, with 16 per cent. of water obtained by the distillation of fermented saccharine fluids, of the sp. gr. 0·838." *Br.*

Spiritus Rectificatus, *Br.*, Rectified Spirit; Spiritus, *P. G.;* Spiritus Vini Rectificatissimus, Alcohol Vini; Spirit of Wine; Alcool, Esprit de Vin, *Fr.;* Rectificirter Weingeist, *G.;* Alcoole, Acquavite rectificata, *It.;* Alcohol, Espíritu rectificado de Vino, *Sp.*

ALCOHOL ABSOLUTUM. U. S. Absolute Alcohol.

C_2H_5OH; 45·9. (ĂL'CŌ-HŎL ĂB-SŌ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Ethyl Alcohol, containing not more than 1 per cent., by weight, of Water. Absolute Alcohol should be kept in well-stoppered bottles or tin cans, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

Alcohol Ethylicum, *Br.*, Absolute Alcohol.

ALCOHOL DEODORATUM. U. S. Deodorized Alcohol.

(ĂL'CŌ-HŎL DĒ-Ō-DŌ-RĀ'TŬM.)

"A liquid composed of about 92·5 per cent., by weight, or 95·1 per cent., by volume, of Ethyl Alcohol [$C_2H_5OH = 45·9$], and about 7·5 per cent., by weight, of Water. Deodorized Alcohol should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

ALCOHOL DILUTUM. U. S. Diluted Alcohol.

(ĂL'CŌ-HŎL DĪ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"A liquid composed of about 41 per cent., by weight, or about 48·6 per cent., by volume, of absolute Ethyl Alcohol [$C_2H_5OH = 45·9$], and about 59 per cent., by weight, of Water. It should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.* "Made by mixing five pints of Rectified Spirit with three pints of Distilled Water. Sp. gr. 0·920." *Br.*

Spiritus Tenuior, *Br.*, Proof Spirit; Spiritus Dilutus, *P. G.;* Spiritus Vini Rectificatus; Alcool dilué, *Fr.;* Verdünnter Spiritus, *G.*

ALCOHOL ETHYLICUM. Br. Ethylic Alcohol, Absolute Alcohol.

(ĂL'CŌ-HŎL Ē-THĬL'Ĭ-CŬM.)

From the titles and definitions above given, which include all the forms of alcohol recognized by the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias, it will be perceived that there are five official Alcohols, those being considered the same which approach nearly in specific gravity and are employed for similar purposes.

The very extended use in pharmacy of alcohol renders it desirable not only to group the official kinds together here, but to consider each in detail in the subsequent pages. In the U. S. P. 1890 two new kinds of alcohol were made official, "Alcohol Absolutum" and "Alcohol Deodoratum." The former has been made official in the British Pharmacopœia under the title "Alcohol Ethylicum."

Alcohol, in the chemical sense, is a peculiar liquid, generated for the most part in vegetable juices and infusions by a *fermentation*, called the *vinous* or *alcoholic*. The liquids which have undergone it are called vinous liquors, and are of various kinds. Thus, the fermented juice of the grape is called wine; of the apple, cider; and the fermented infusion of malt, beer.

With regard to the nature of the liquids susceptible of the vinous fermentation, however various they may be in other respects, one general character prevails; that, namely, of containing sugar in some form or other. It is found, further, that after they have undergone the vinous fermentation the sugar they contain has either wholly or in part disappeared; and it was long believed that the only new products are alcohol which remains in the liquid, and carbonic acid which escapes during the process, and that these, when taken together, are equal in weight to the sugar lost. It was hence inferred that sugar is the subject-matter of the changes that occur during the vinous fermentation, and that it is resolved into alcohol and carbonic acid. More recently, however, it has been shown by M. Pasteur that, along with alcohol and carbonic acid, glycerin and succinic acid are generated in small amount, and that the process is not so simple as at first supposed.

Sugar will not undergo the vinous fermentation by itself, but requires to be dissolved in water, subjected to the influence of a ferment, and kept at a certain temperature. Accordingly, sugar, water, the presence of a ferment, and the maintenance of an adequate temperature may be deemed the prerequisites of the vinous fermentation. The water acts by giving fluidity, and the ferment and temperature by commencing and maintaining the chemical changes. The precise manner in which the ferment operates has not been positively determined; but the fermentative change seems to be intimately connected with the multiplication of a microscopic vegetable, *torula cerevisiæ*. Pasteur has shown that the yeast plant lives and grows at the expense of the sugar, which is converted partly into the tissue of the plant, partly into

alcohol and other products. The proper temperature for conducting the vinous fermentation ranges from 15·5° C. to 32·2° C. (60° to 90° F.).

Certain vegetable infusions, as those of potatoes and rice, readily undergo vinous fermentation, on account of the ease with which their starch is changed into sugar under the influence of certain ferments. Taking the formula of starch as $(C_6H_{10}O_5)_3$, as at present accepted, it is first changed under the influence of dilute acids or ferments according to the two reactions

$$(C_6H_{10}O_5)_3 + H_2O = \underset{\text{Dextrin.}}{(C_6H_{10}O_5)_2} + \underset{\text{Dextrose.}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}$$

$$(C_6H_{10}O_5)_3 + 2H_2O = \underset{\text{Maltose.}}{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} + \underset{\text{Dextrose.}}{C_6H_{12}O_6}.$$

The two compounds, *dextrin* and *maltose*, then go over gradually into dextrose, according to the reactions

$$(C_6H_{10}O_5)_2 + 2H_2O = 2C_6H_{12}O_6$$

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O = 2C_6H_{12}O_6.$$

Neither dextrin nor maltose is directly fermentable. M. Arnoult has succeeded in obtaining alcohol by fermenting sugar (glucose), formed by the action of sulphuric acid on poplar wood sawdust, which yielded from 70 to 80 per cent. of this kind of sugar.

Alcohol, being the product of the vinous fermentation, necessarily exists in all vinous liquors, and may be obtained from them by distillation. Formerly it was supposed that these liquors did not contain alcohol, but were merely capable of furnishing it, in consequence of a new arrangement of their ultimate constituents, the result of the heat applied. Brande, however, disproved this idea, by showing that alcohol may be obtained from all vinous liquors without the application of heat, and therefore must pre-exist in them. His method of separating it consists in precipitating the acid and coloring matter from each vinous liquor by lead subacetate, and removing the water by potassium carbonate. According to Gay-Lussac, litharge, in fine powder, is the best agent for precipitating the coloring matter.

In vinous liquors, the alcohol is largely diluted with water, and associated with coloring matter, volatile oil, extractive, ethereal substances, and various acids and salts. In purifying it, we take advantage of its volatility, which enables us to separate it by distillation, combined with some of the principles of the vinous liquor employed, and more or less water. The distilled product of vinous liquors forms the different *ardent spirits of commerce*. When obtained from wine, it is called brandy; from fermented molasses, rum; from cider, malted barley, or rye, whiskey; from malted barley and rye-meal with hops, and rectified from juniper berries, Holland gin; from malted barley, rye, or potatoes, and rectified from turpentine, common gin; and from fermented rice, arrack.* These spirits are of different strengths, that is, contain different proportions of alcohol, and have various peculiarities by which they are distinguished by the taste. Their strength is accurately judged of by the specific gravity, which is always less in proportion as their concentration is greater.† When they have the sp. gr. 0·920 (0·91984, *Drinkwater*), they are designated in commerce by the term *proof spirit*. If lighter than this, they are said to be above proof; if heavier, below proof; and the percentage of water, or of spirit of 0·825, necessary to be added to any sample of spirit to bring it to the standard of proof spirit, indicates the number of degrees the given sample is above or below proof. Thus, if 100 volumes of a spirit require 10 volumes of water to reduce it to proof spirit, it is said to be "10 over proof." On the other hand, if 100 volumes of a spirit require 10 volumes of spirit of 0·825 to raise it to proof, it is said to be "10 under proof."

Proof spirit is still very far from being pure; being a dilute alcohol, containing about half its weight of water, together with a peculiar oil and other foreign matters. It may be further purified and strengthened by redistillation, or *rectification* as it is called. Whiskey is the spirit

* It is stated that in Eastern commerce, under the name of *toddy*, *arrack*, *saki*, and *tsin*, is sold a liquid which has only once been distilled; whilst *sam-shu* is a thrice distilled rice spirit, and contains from 33 to 52 per cent. of absolute alcohol. (*Journ. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1885.)

† H. Grouven (*Vortr. über Agriculturchemie*, i. 425; *N. R.*, May, 1879) gives the following average percentages of alcohol, as contained in the ordinary liquors:

	Vol. per cent.	Weight per cent.		Vol. per cent.	Weight per cent.
Scotch Whiskey	50·3	42·8	Rum	49·7	42·2
Irish "	49·9	42·3	Gin	47·8	40·3
American " (old)	60·0	52·2	German "Schnapps"	45·0	37·9
English "	49·4	41·9	Russian "Dobry Wutky"	62·0	54·2
French Cognac (Brandy)	55·0	47·3			

The percentage of alcohol in American whiskey is usually lower than that given above.

usually employed for this purpose; and from every hundred gallons, between fifty-seven and fifty-eight may be obtained, of the average strength of rectified spirit (sp. gr. 0·835), corresponding very nearly with the *Spiritus Rectificatus* of the British. When this is once more cautiously distilled, it will be further purified from water, and the sp. gr. attained will be about 0·820, which is the lightest spirit that can be obtained by ordinary distillation, and is practically the pure spirit of the British system of excise. It still, however, contains 11 per cent. of water. In the mean while, the spirit, by these repeated distillations, becomes more and more freed from the contaminating oil, called *grain oil* or *fusel oil.* (See *Alcohol Amylicum*, p. 130.) We shall first consider the general properties of alcohol, and afterwards the different official forms.

Properties. Alcohol, using this term in a generic sense, is a colorless, transparent, volatile liquid, of a penetrating, agreeable odor, and burning taste. It should be free from foreign odor, which, when present, is owing to fusel oil. When free from water, it is called *anhydrous* or *absolute alcohol.* It is inflammable, and burns without smoke or residue, forming water and carbonic acid. Its flame is bluish when strong, but yellowish when weak. It combines in all proportions with water and ether; and, when diluted with distilled water, preserves its transparency. Its density varies with the proportion of water it contains. (See table on p. 125.) Its value depends upon the quantity of absolute alcohol contained in it; and, as this is greater in proportion as the sp. gr. is less, it is found convenient to take the density of a sample in estimating its strength. This is done by instruments called hydrometers, which, when allowed to float in the spirit, sink deeper into it in proportion as it is lighter. Each hydrometer strength has a corresponding specific gravity; and, by referring to tables constructed for the purpose, the percentage of absolute alcohol is at once shown. Dr. W. H. Pile & Son, makers of hydrometers in Philadelphia, graduate instruments showing specific gravity and Baumé's degrees upon the same scale in parallel columns, with a thermometer taking the place of the bulb; these are exceedingly convenient.

Alcohol is capable of dissolving a great number of substances; as, for example, sulphur and phosphorus in small quantity, iodine and ammonia freely, and the hydrates of potassium, sodium, and lithium, but not the carbonates of these metals. Among organic substances, it is a solvent of the organic vegetable alkalies, urea, tannic, citric, and tartaric acids, sugar, mannite, camphor, resins, balsams, volatile oils, and soap. It dissolves the fixed oils sparingly, except castor oil, which is abundantly soluble in it. It reacts chemically with some acids, forming the ethyl ethers, but with others acts only as a solvent. All deliquescent salts are soluble in alcohol, except potassium carbonate; while the efflorescent salts, and those either insoluble or sparingly soluble in water, are mostly insoluble in it. It dissolves ammonium chloride, and most of the chlorides readily soluble in water; also some nitrates, but none of the metallic sulphates.

A method of detecting alcohol in small proportions has been proposed by M. Carstanjin. The liquid supposed to contain it, having been mixed with platinum black in a small flask, is heated to 51·1° C. (124° F.), well shaken, and filtered. To the filtrate a few drops of solution of potassa are added, and the liquor evaporated to dryness on a water-bath. The residue is then heated with a little arsenous acid; when, if alcohol be present, a garlicky odor will be perceived, owing to the production of cacodyl. According to M. Nickles, however, propylic alcohol will produce the same result. (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 334.) A very delicate test for small quantities of alcohol is that of Lieben as modified by Hager. (*Zeitsch. Anal. Chem.*, ix. 492.) It depends on the fact that alcohol under the influence of iodine and an alkali yields iodoform, CHI_3, the properties of which are very characteristic. To 10 C.c. of the clear suspected liquid five or six drops of a 10-per-cent. solution of caustic potash or soda are added, and the liquid is warmed to about 50° C. (122° F.). A solution of potassium iodide fully saturated with free iodine is next added drop by drop, with agitation, until the liquid becomes permanently yellowish brown, when it is carefully decolorized by a further cautious addition of the caustic alkali solution. If alcohol be present, iodoform is gradually deposited at the bottom of the tube in yellow crystals, which, after standing, may be examined with a lens. Spirit diluted with 2000 parts of water, when treated as above and allowed to stand twelve hours, gives a distinct dust-like deposit of iodoform. Unfortunately, the above delicate reaction is not peculiar to alcohol, being produced by acetone, aldehyde, propylic and butyric alcohols, various ethers, etc. On the other hand, it is not given by pure methyl or amyl alcohol, chloroform, chloral, glycerin, or ether, nor by acetic, formic, or oxalic acid. (Allen, *Commercial Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., i. p. 59; see, also, *A. J. P.*, Feb. 1877, Feb. 1879, Nov. 1879; *N. R.*, Aug.

1876.) Prof. Barfoed, of Copenhagen, recommends for an approximate simple test, to moisten small slips of filtering paper thoroughly with the alcohol, and set fire to them. If, when the alcohol has burned out, the paper slip catches fire readily, the latter must be stronger than 80 per cent.; if the paper barely catches fire, the strength may be presumed to be between 75 to 80 per cent.; if it does not catch fire at all, the alcohol cannot be stronger than 73 to 75 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1875.)

The following table, compiled from that of Dr. A. B. Lyons, will be found useful, because it gives the specific gravities and proportions of *official* alcohol and water required to make 100 measures at the temperature of 15·5° C. (60° F.). Condensation is taken into account in these figures. Corresponding specific gravities and percentages of mixtures of *absolute* alcohol and water may be found by referring to the alcoholmetrical tables in the Appendix.

For 100 Measures use		Sp. Gr. of Mixture.	For 100 Measures use		Sp. Gr. of Mixture.	For 100 Measures use		Sp. Gr. of Mixture.	For 100 Measures use		Sp. Gr. of Mixture.
Alc. U. S. P. 0·820.	Water.		Alc. U. S. P. 0·820.	Water.		Alc. U. S. P. 0·820.	Water.		Alc. U. S. P. 0·820.	Water.	
1	99·04	·9986	26	75·83	·9717	51	52·02	·9387	76	26·34	·8871
2	98·08	·9972	27	74·91	·9707	52	51·02	·9369	77	25·28	·8847
3	97·12	·9958	28	73·99	·9697	53	50·02	·9351	78	24·21	·8822
4	96·17	·9945	29	73·07	·9687	54	49·02	·9333	79	23·18	·8799
5	95·23	·9933	30	72·15	·9677	55	48·02	·9315	80	22·09	·8774
6	94·28	·9920	31	71·22	·9666	56	47·01	·9296	81	21·02	·8749
7	93·34	·9908	32	70·30	·9656	57	46·00	·9277	82	19·95	·8724
8	92·41	·9897	33	69·37	·9645	58	44·99	·9258	83	18·88	·8699
9	91·46	·9884	34	68·44	·9634	59	43·97	·9239	84	17·79	·8673
10	90·54	·9874	35	67·51	·9623	60	42·95	·9219	85	16·73	·8648
11	89·61	·9863	36	66·56	·9610	61	41·93	·9199	86	15·65	·8622
12	88·67	·9852	37	65·61	·9597	62	40·91	·9179	87	14·58	·8597
13	87·75	·9842	38	64·67	·9585	63	39·88	·9158	88	13·49	·8570
14	86·82	·9832	39	63·72	·9572	64	38·86	·9138	89	12·39	·8542
15	85·90	·9821	40	62·77	·9559	65	37·83	·9117	90	11·28	·8513
16	84·98	·9811	41	61·81	·9545	66	36·79	·9095	91	10·19	·8486
17	84·05	·9802	42	60·84	·9531	67	35·75	·9073	92	9·05	·8455
18	83·16	·9793	43	59·87	·9516	68	34·72	·9052	93	7·97	·8429
19	82·25	·9784	44	58·90	·9501	69	33·68	·9030	94	6·86	·8400
20	81·34	·9775	45	57·93	·9486	70	32·65	·9009	95	5·72	·8368
21	80·43	·9766	46	56·95	·9470	71	31·60	·8986	96	4·60	·8338
22	79·51	·9756	47	55·97	·9454	72	30·55	·8963	97	3·46	·8306
23	78·59	·9746	48	54·99	·9438	73	29·51	·8941	98	2·32	·8274
24	77·67	·9736	49	54·00	·9421	74	28·46	·8818	99	1·16	·8240
25	76·74	·9726	50	53·01	·9404	75	27·40	·8895	100	0·00	·8206

1. Alcohol Absolutum. *Absolute Alcohol, Anhydrous Alcohol, Ethylic Alcohol.* No process is given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia for the preparation of absolute alcohol; the definition given, however, is "Ethyl Alcohol, containing not more than 1 per cent., by weight, of water;" the following is the process of the British Pharmacopœia: "Rectified Spirit, 1 pint [Imp. meas.]; Carbonate of Potassium, anhydrous, 2 ounces [av.]; Chloride of Calcium, fused, a sufficiency. Add the carbonate of potassium to the spirit in a stoppered bottle, and macerate for twenty-four hours with frequent agitation. Put the chloride of calcium into a covered crucible, and subject it to a red heat for half an hour; then pour the fused salt on to a clean stone slab, cover it quickly with an inverted porcelain dish, and when it has congealed, break it up into small fragments and enclose in a dry stoppered bottle. Put one pound [av.] of this fused chloride of calcium into a flask, pour over it the spirit decanted from the carbonate of potassium, and, closing the mouth of the flask with a cork, shake them together and allow them to stand for twenty-four hours with repeated agitation. Then attaching a dry condenser closely connected with a receiver from which free access of air is excluded, and applying the flame of a lamp to the flask, distil about two fluidounces [Imp. meas.], which should be returned to the flask, after which the distillation is to be continued until fifteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.] have been recovered." *Br.* By the term absolute alcohol is meant pure alcohol, entirely free from water. In this state it cannot be obtained by ordinary distillation alone; the purest alcohol thus procured still containing 11 per cent. of water. To separate this it is customary to have

recourse to substances having a very strong affinity for water, sufficient not only to abstract it from the alcohol, but to retain it at a temperature at which alcohol will distil over. Soubeiran recommends the following method for obtaining it, and the British process is largely based upon this plan. 1st. Rectify alcohol marking 86° of the centesimal alcoholmeter of Gay-Lussac (rectified spirit), by distilling it from potassium carbonate. This operation should raise its strength to 94° or 95°. 2d. Raise this alcohol to 97° by distilling it with fused calcium chloride, or by digesting it with quicklime (from which it must be afterwards poured off), in the proportion of a pint of the alcohol to 1½ ounces of the chloride, or 2¼ ounces of the lime. 3d. Distil the product of this operation slowly with quicklime, in the proportion of 3¾ ounces to the pint. The product will be absolute alcohol. The operation may be shortened to two steps by distilling the alcohol of 94° or 95° with an excess of quicklime (7½ ounces to the pint). In all cases, before decanting or distilling, the alcohol must be digested for two or three days with the lime, at a temperature between 95° and 100° F. Lime will not answer as a substance to be distilled from, unless it be in sufficient excess; for otherwise, towards the end of the distillation, the calcium hydrate formed will yield up its water to the alcohol, and weaken the distilled product. Prof. J. Lawrence Smith (*Amer. Chemist*, Oct. 1874) procures an alcohol of 98 to 100 per cent. by macerating 3 pints of alcohol, 94 per cent., in a four-pint bottle with about six troyounces of well-burned lime; well corked and agitated at intervals for ten days, the strengthened alcohol, at the end of this time, is drawn off by a siphon, and may be freed, if desired, of the small trace of lime by redistillation.

Properties. Absolute alcohol is a colorless, volatile liquid, of an agreeable odor and burning taste. It boils at 78·4° C. (173·1° F.), and is congealed at —130·5° C. Its sp. gr. is 0·7978 at 68°, according to Regnault; 0·79381 at 60°, according to Drinkwater; 0·797 to 0·800, by the British Pharmacopœia; while Dr. Squibb has shown that pure alcohol is obtainable of as low a density as 0·7935, and possibly lower. (*Ephemeris*, ii. p. 522.) The sp. gr. of its vapor is 1·59. Absolute alcohol is officially described as "a transparent, colorless, mobile, and volatile liquid, of a characteristic, rather agreeable odor, and a burning taste. Very hygroscopic. Specific gravity, not higher than 0·797 at 15° C. (59° F.); or 0·789 at 25° C. (77° F.). In other respects, Absolute Alcohol has the properties, and should respond to the reactions and tests, of Deodorized Alcohol (see *Alcohol Deodoratum*)." *U. S.* The tests usually given to prove the absence of water by dropping into the absolute alcohol anhydrous baryta or anhydrous copper sulphate are not reliable, as Dr. Squibb has demonstrated that when half of one per cent. of water was added to absolute alcohol no change in either the baryta or the anhydrous copper sulphate took place. Görgeu's test of forming a clear solution when mixed with an equal bulk of pure benzol is more delicate, but a test for determining the presence of at least one per cent. of water is badly needed. Absolute alcohol should be free from fusel oil. Absolute alcohol burns with a pale flame without residue, the products being carbonic acid and water. Its vapor, passed through a porcelain tube filled with pumice-stone and heated to redness, yields carbon, gaseous hydrocarbons, aldehyde, naphthalene, benzene, phenol, and various other substances. (*Berthelot.*) It unites in all proportions with ether and water. Its union with water is attended by condensation and a rise of temperature. When 52·6 volumes of alcohol are mixed with 47·4 of water, corresponding with one molecule of the former to three of the latter, the decrease of volume is at the maximum, amounting to 3·4 per cent. Berthelot has announced the formation of alcohol synthetically, by the union of olefiant gas with water. In this discovery he was anticipated by the late Mr. Hennel, who published it in 1828.

Composition. Absolute alcohol consists of two atoms of carbon, six of hydrogen, and one of oxygen. Its empirical formula is, therefore, C_2H_6O. It is, however, recognized, as the hydrate of the radical ethyl (C_2H_5), so that its rational formula would be $C_2H_5.OH$.

During the vinous fermentation sugar disappears, and the sole products were supposed to be alcohol and carbonic acid, which, taken together, were believed to equal in weight the lost sugar. Now, the comparative composition of the substances concerned supports the opinion that these are the sole derivatives of a portion of the sugar lost. Preparatory to the fermentation, the cane sugar is changed into *grape sugar*, or into a mixture of equal molecules of *dextrose* and *levulose*, called *invert* sugar, according to the reaction given on page 123. These two sugars, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), consist of $C_6H_{12}O_6$. Supposing one mol. of this fermentable sugar to be the subject of the change, it will be found to have a composition which admits of its being broken up into two mols. of alcohol and two of carbonic acid; for $C_6H_{12}O_6 = 2(C_2H_6O) + 2(CO_2)$. But it does not follow that all the sugar has been converted into alcohol and carbonic acid; and Pasteur, as before stated, has shown that a portion lost

has not been thus converted, but has been partly appropriated to the growth of the yeast plant of the ferment, and partly changed into glycerin and succinic acid.

2. Alcohol. *U. S. Alcohol*, sp. gr. 0·820. This was an official preparation of the Dublin College, which gave a formula for its preparation, and stated its sp. gr. at 0·818. The Stronger Alcohol introduced into the Materia Medica of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, at the revision of 1860, though of the sp. gr. 0·817, and therefore a little stronger than the old Dublin preparation, may for all practical purposes be considered as identical with it. To prepare it on a small scale, potassium carbonate, previously ignited in a heated mortar, may be mixed with ordinary alcohol in a bottle, and shaken occasionally for about four hours; the mixture being, in the mean time, maintained at the temperature of about 100° F. Upon resting, the liquid divides into two strata, the lower consisting of an aqueous solution of potassium carbonate, the upper of the stronger alcohol, which is to be separated, and distilled so as to obtain the measure of about nine-tenths of the original alcohol employed.

It is described as "a transparent, colorless, mobile, and volatile liquid, of a characteristic, rather agreeable odor, and a burning taste. Specific gravity, about 0·820 at 15° C. (59° F.); or 0·812 at 25° C. (77° F.). Miscible with water in all proportions, and without any trace of cloudiness; also miscible with ether or chloroform. It is readily volatilized even at low temperatures, and boils at 78° C. (172·4° F.). It is inflammable, and burns with a blue flame. It should not affect the color of blue or red litmus paper previously moistened with water. If 50 C.c. of Alcohol be evaporated in a clean glass vessel, no *color* or *weighable residue* should remain. On allowing Alcohol, mixed with one-third of its volume of water, to evaporate spontaneously from clean, odorless blotting-paper saturated with it, no odor of *fusel oil*, nor *other foreign odor*, should become perceptible. If 10 C.c. of Alcohol be mixed in a test-tube with 5 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution, the liquid should not at once become dark-colored (absence of *aldehyde*, *methyl alcohol*, or *oak tannin*). If 20 C.c. of Alcohol be shaken in a clean, glass-stoppered vial with 1 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution, the mixture should not become more than faintly opalescent, or acquire more than a faint brownish tint, when standing during six hours in diffused daylight (limit of *organic impurities*, *amylic alcohol*, etc.)." *U. S.*

On a large scale, we are informed that alcohol of this strength is now prepared in the United States, very abundantly, by simple distillation by means of a modified distillatory apparatus. The modification consists in substituting for a single refrigerated receiver a series of receivers, kept at such temperatures that, in the first of them, the watery vapor shall condense with comparatively little of the alcoholic, which, as it passes through the successive recipients, is more and more deprived of water, until, when condensed in the last, it yields a spirit at least as strong as the official Alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·820. At the same time that the spirit is thus strengthened, it becomes, on the same principle, more and more freed from fusel oil, until at length almost wholly deprived of it.

The British preparation contains 16, the U. S. only 9 per cent. of water. Official alcohol, though of standard strength, may still be impregnated with a volatile principle, called *fusel oil.* This is usually removed by digesting the alcohol with charcoal. It may also be removed, as well as other impurities, by passing the impure spirit through a filtering bed, composed of sand, wood-charcoal, boiled wheat, and broken oyster-shells, arranged in layers according to the method of Mr. W. Schaeffer. (*A. J. P.*, 1854, p. 536.) Another method, proposed by M. Breton, is to add a few drops of olive oil to the spirit in a bottle, which is then to be shaken, allowed to settle, and decanted. The olive oil dissolves and retains the fusel oil. (*Chem. Gaz.*, April 15, 1859, p. 160.) If 5 C.c. of alcohol be mixed with 6 times its volume of water and then agitated with about 20 drops of chloroform, the latter will, if separated and allowed to evaporate spontaneously, leave the fusel oil perceptible by its odor; and by treating with a little sulphuric acid and potassium acetate, its peculiar ether may be recognized by its odor. (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, viii.; *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 304.) If a little of the solution of silver nitrate be added to alcohol, and the mixture exposed to a bright light, a black powder will be precipitated, if fusel oil be present. Official alcohol will not withstand this test; as the best contains a little of the foreign oil. According to Mr. E. N. Kent, of New York, silver nitrate will not detect fusel oil, but affords its indications by reacting with other organic substances. For detecting fusel oil, Mr. Kent finds pure sulphuric acid the best test. To apply it he half fills a test-tube with the spirit to be tested, and then fills it up very slowly with pure concentrated sulphuric acid. If the spirit be pure, it will remain colorless, otherwise it will become colored, the tint being deeper in proportion to the amount of the impurity. (*New York Journ. of Pharm.*, Aug. 1854.) "Four fluidounces, with thirty grain-measures of *the volumetric so-*

lution of nitrate of silver, exposed for 24 hours to bright light, and then decanted from the black powder which has formed, undergoes no further change when again exposed to light with more of the test." *Br.* This admits the presence of a small but limited proportion of fusel oil.

ALCOHOL DEODORATUM. *Deodorized Alcohol.* "A liquid composed of about 92·5 per cent., by weight, or 95·1 per cent., by volume, of Ethyl Alcohol [$C_2H_5OH = 45·9$], and about 7·5 per cent., by weight, of water." *U. S.* This is a new official liquid of the U. S. P. 1890. Deodorized alcohol is, as its name implies, alcohol deprived of foreign odor; there are certain uses in pharmacy for which any other alcohol would be unsuited, such as the solution of volatile oils and essences having delicate odors, the manufacture of compound spirits, etc.

The properties of deodorized alcohol are those of purified alcohol, its specific gravity, 0·816 at 15° C. (59° F.), being slightly less than that of alcohol. It is officially tested as follows. "If 25 C.c. of Deodorized Alcohol be mixed with an equal volume of water and 5 C.c. of glycerin, and the mixture allowed to evaporate spontaneously from a piece of clean, odorless blotting-paper, *no foreign odor* should become perceptible when the last traces of the Alcohol leave the paper (absence of *fusel oil constituents*). If 25 C.c. be allowed to evaporate spontaneously in a porcelain capsule carefully protected from dust, until only a moisture is left, no red or brown color should be produced upon the addition of a few drops of colorless, concentrated sulphuric acid (absence of *amylic alcohol*, or *non-volatile*, *carbonizable*, *organic impurities*, etc.). In other respects, Deodorized Alcohol has the properties, and should respond to the reactions and tests, of *Alcohol*." *U. S.*

The best alcohol is that manufactured under Atwood's patent process, in which manganic acid or potassium or sodium permanganate is used to destroy the fusel oil and other foreign substances. This alcohol withstands the tests of silver nitrate and sulphuric acid remarkably well. Pure fused sodium acetate has been proposed as a substance particularly adapted to retain fusel oil, and has been used by adding it to the alcohol to be rectified in the proportion of about 10 pounds to the barrel of forty-five gallons, and redistilling. The purification of alcohol is best accomplished, according to Schmitt, by taking crude alcohol containing 30 per cent. by volume, adding potassium carbonate (not enough to cause two layers to form), and agitating with pure benzin; this solvent removes completely the fusel oil from the alcohol. After separating the light layer, potassium carbonate is added to the alcohol in sufficient quantity to form two layers, the lower one consisting of a saturated solution of potassium carbonate, the upper one of 94-per-cent. alcohol containing a small quantity of potassium carbonate. The alcohol layer is siphoned off and mixed with just sufficient strong sulphuric acid to precipitate the potassium salt as sulphate, which is insoluble in alcohol of 94 per cent., and which can then be removed. Alcohol purified in this manner, without distillation, it is stated, cannot be distinguished from that purified by the usual method. (See *Pharm. Centralb.*, 1889, p. 722.) *Perfumers' alcohol* can now be had, which is very much cleaner than *cologne spirit*, as the purest alcohol attainable was formerly called. It is termed perfumers' alcohol because it was found necessary to prepare a very high grade of alcohol for those who need a solvent for fine odors, on the score of economy and to insure greater excellence of product.

3. ALCOHOL DILUTUM. *U. S.* "A liquid composed of about 41 per cent., by weight, or about 48·6 per cent., by volume, of absolute Ethyl Alcohol, and about 59 per cent., by weight, of Water." Sp. gr. about 0·938 at 15° C. (59° F.) and about 0·930 at 25° C. (77° F.). The strength of diluted alcohol has been somewhat altered by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890.

*Diluted alcohol is now officially made by mixing equal measures of alcohol and water together.** "Alcohol, *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 7 fluidrachms, 15 minims]; Distilled Water, *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 7 fluidrachms, 15 minims]. Mix them. If the two liquids be measured at the temperature of 15·6° C. (60° F.), the mixture, when

* *Official Rules for making an Alcohol of any required lower Percentage, from an Alcohol of any given higher Percentage.* "I. *By Volume.*—Designate the volume-percentage of the stronger alcohol by *V*, and that of the weaker alcohol by *v*.

"*Rule.*—Mix *v* volumes of the stronger alcohol with pure water to make *V* volumes of product. Allow the mixture to stand until full contraction has taken place, and until it has cooled, then make up any deficiency in the *V* volumes by adding more water.

"*Example.*—An alcohol of 30 per cent. by volume is to be made from an alcohol of 94 per cent. by volume.—Take 30 volumes of the 94 per cent. alcohol, and add enough pure water to produce 94 volumes.

"II. *By Weight.*—Designate the weight-percentage of the stronger alcohol by *W*, and that of the weaker by *w*.

"*Rule.*—Mix *w* parts by weight of the stronger alcohol with pure water to make *W* parts by weight of product.

"*Example.*—An alcohol of 50 per cent. by weight is to be made from an alcohol of 91 per cent. by weight.—Take 50 parts by weight of the 91 per cent. alcohol, and add enough pure water to produce 91 parts by weight." *U. S.*

cooled to the same temperature, will measure about 971 C.c. [or 32 fluidounces, 6 fluidrachms, 40 minims]. *Diluted Alcohol* may also be prepared in the following manner: Alcohol, *four hundred and ten grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 202 grains]; Distilled Water, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]. Mix them." *U. S.*

Spiritus Tenuior, *Br.,* Proof Spirit.

The U. S. preparation consists of equal measures of official alcohol and water, and has the sp. gr. 0·936 at 15° C. (59° F.); the British, for which a process is given, is made by mixing five pints of Rectified Spirit with three pints of Distilled Water, and has the sp. gr. 0·920. The latter is the stronger of the two, containing only 51 per cent. of water, while the U. S. preparation contains nearly 59 per cent., both by weight. It is officially described as follows: "Diluted Alcohol has a specific gravity of about 0·936 at 15° C. (59° F.), about 0·937 at 15·6° C. (60° F.), and about 0·930 at 25° C. (77° F.). It should respond to the reactions and tests given under *alcohol.*" *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Probably all the soft tissues of the body are capable of being impressed by alcohol, if it be in sufficient amount and concentration. Locally applied it is irritant even to the skin, and much more so to the more delicate organs: hence the various abdominal inflammations which are so frequent in habitual drunkards. When it is taken internally in proper quantity, it causes a feeling of exhilaration, with distinct increase in the force and frequency of the pulse. When larger amounts are ingested, the well-known phenomena of drunkenness follow. A single dose of it, if large enough, may produce death, preceded by loss of consciousness, profound muscular relaxation, and diminished respiration. The temperature of the body may be elevated slightly by small doses of the drug, the rise being due to the excitement of the circulation and not to any direct action. After toxic amounts the temperature is usually lowered, and the fall may be very marked. The action of the drug upon the bodily temperature of those who use it habitually is very slight. The nervous symptoms caused by alcohol show that it has a very powerful and direct influence upon the nerve-centres. This action, at first stimulant, after large doses soon becomes depressant, many of the phenomena of intoxication being really due to a loss of control by the paralyzed will over the lower nerve-centres. The order of involvement by the nerve-centres is probably the same as in etherization. The arterial pressure and the pulse-rate are both increased by moderate doses of alcohol by a direct influence upon the heart itself. After toxic amounts the force of the circulation is greatly lessened, partly by vaso-motor paralysis and partly by a direct depression of the heart. Alcohol is undoubtedly absorbed, and is in part burnt up in the system, and in part eliminated by the lungs, skin, and especially the kidneys. The organism seems to have the power of destroying only a certain amount of the drug, and consequently elimination increases disproportionately with the dose. The amount of alcohol that the system can consume varies very greatly not only with the individual, but in different bodily conditions of the same individual: in conditions of exhaustion, and especially in the "typhoid state," very much more can be appropriated than in health. There is good ground for believing that alcohol lessens the excretion of nitrogenous material from the body; it would seem most probable that this is achieved by checking tissue-waste; but it may be that, as suggested by Dr. Geo. B. Wood, alcohol simply renders the digestion of the food more perfect and lessens the production of food urea.

In acute diseases associated with *debility*, alcohol is often an invaluable remedy. Of all medicines it is the one most frequently employed as a stimulant. Taken along with food in small quantity, it favors digestion by its local effect upon the stomach, and possibly also by stimulating the nerve and arterial centres. It does not directly elevate temperature, and hence is not contra-indicated by fever; in *typhoid* and other *low fevers* it is of great value. In all conditions of depression the system tolerates much more of it than in health: hence in *snake-bite*, *typhoid* and *typhus fever*, *diphtheria*, etc., enormous quantities are often exhibited with great benefit. So long as it is not perceptible in the breath, and does not cause nervous or circulatory excitement, alcohol in these cases is probably not in excess. In chronic diseases great care is necessary in the exhibition of the remedy, for fear of begetting intemperate habits. This is especially the case in *neuralgia* and other painful affections in which the narcotic influence of alcohol may be very soothing; under these circumstances there is a constant tendency to an increase of the frequency and size of the dose. Taken habitually in excess, alcohol produces the most deplorable results, and is a very common cause of fatal maladies. In acute poisoning, the stomach should be at once emptied, the respiration be maintained by the use of atropine and other methods (see *Opium Poisoning*), and the bodily heat sustained by ex-

ternal warmth. In some cases it may be well to employ ammonia or digitalis to act upon the nearly paralyzed heart. Locally, alcohol is sometimes used for the purpose of hardening the skin and as an antiseptic dressing for wounds, the wound being washed out with it until all bleeding has ceased, the edges then united, and the whole surrounded by an alcoholic dressing. As an internal remedy alcohol is very rarely employed in the pure state, but only in the form of spirits, wines, or fermented liquors, which are described elsewhere.

The purer forms of alcohol, whether strong or diluted, are employed almost exclusively in pharmacy; as in the preparation of medicines, such as ether, into the composition of which they enter; for the preservation of organic substances; in the extraction of the active principles of vegetables, as in the tinctures; for dissolving bodies soluble in alcohol much more readily than in water, or insoluble in the latter fluid; and for other pharmaceutical purposes. Diluted alcohol is employed as an addition to some infusions and decoctions, and to some of the distilled waters and preparations of vinegar, in order to preserve them from decomposition; as a menstruum for extracting the virtues of plants, preparatory to the formation of extracts and syrups; and in preparing many of the spirits, and a few of the medicated wines. But it is in forming the tinctures that diluted alcohol is chiefly used. Some of these are made with official alcohol (rectified spirit), but the majority with diluted alcohol (proof spirit) as the menstruum. As the latter contains more than half its weight of water, it is well fitted for acting on organic substances, the virtues of which are partly soluble in water and partly in alcohol. The apothecary, however, should never substitute the commercial proof spirit for diluted alcohol, on account of the impurities in the former, even though it may be of the same strength; but when it is recollected how variable the so-called proof spirits are in strength, the objection to their use in pharmacy becomes still stronger. The use of alcohol for making fluid extracts, tinctures, and other preparations is so extensive and universal that it has not been deemed necessary to specify the particular preparations into which it enters.

ALCOHOL AMYLICUM. Br. Amylic Alcohol.

$C_5H_{11}HO$; 88. (ĂL'CŌ-HŎL Ą-MĬL'Ĭ-CŬM.)

"Amylic alcohol, $C_5H_{11}HO$, with a small proportion of other spirituous substances. A liquid of oily consistence, contained in the crude spirit produced by the fermentation of saccharine solutions with yeast and separated in the rectification or distillation of such crude spirit. It should be redistilled, and the product passing over at 262° to 270° F. (128° to 126·7° C.) be alone collected for use." *Br.*

Fusel Oil, Hydrated Oxide of Amyl, Amylic Alcohol, Grain Oil, Potato Spirit Oil; Alcool Amylique, Huile de Grain, *Fr.*; Amylalcohol, Fuselöl, *G.*; Fousel Oil; Hydrate of Amyl.

This oil is always present in the products of alcoholic fermentation, and, according to the experiments of L. Perdrix (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 1892, p. 90), the bacillus *B. amylozymicus* produces a fermentation in starch resulting in the large production of amyl alcohol. It is an ingredient in the ardent spirit obtained from various grains, but is most abundant in that procured from fermented potatoes. In grain spirit it is present in the proportion of about one part in five hundred by measure. When grain or potato whiskey is distilled for the purpose of obtaining alcohol, the pure spirit will continue to come over for a certain time, after which, if the distillation be continued, a milky liquid will be obtained, which, upon standing, will be covered with a stratum of this peculiar oil. Subjected to distillation, the milky liquid will at first boil at a comparatively low temperature, and yield water and a little of the oil; but after a time the boiling point will rise to 132° C. (269° F.), when the oil will come over pure. By changing the receiver when the oil begins to distil free from water, the oil is collected separate.

Properties. Amylic alcohol is an oily, colorless liquid, of a strong, offensive odor, and an acrid, burning taste. As usually prepared it has a pale yellow color. Its sp. gr. is 0·818; that of its vapor 3·15. It boils at 132° C. (269° F.), and congeals at —25° C. (—13° F.) in the form of crystalline leaves. It is very sparingly soluble in water, but unites in all proportions with alcohol, ether, and essential oils. It dissolves iodine, sulphur, and phosphorus, and is a good solvent for fats, resins, and camphor. When dropped upon paper it does not leave a permanent greasy stain. It does not take fire like alcohol by the contact of flame, but requires to be heated to a temperature of about 54·5° C. (130° F.) before it begins to burn. Pasteur first observed that the ordinary amyl alcohol of fermentation was a mixture of two distinct alcohols, one present in smaller amount, optically active, lævogyrate, and the other, the main portion, optically inactive. Their boiling points are very close, but they may be separated by the difference in solubility of the barium amyl-sulphates, and yield different sets of derivatives.

(*Compt.-Rend.*, 41, p. 296.) Amyl alcohol consists of five atoms of carbon 60, twelve of hydrogen 12, and one of oxygen 16 = 88. It is recognized as the hydrate of the radical amyl (C_5H_{11}), and its formula is, therefore, C_5H_{11},OH. Heated with phosphoric oxide, it loses a molecule of water, and forms a hydrocarbon, C_5H_{10}, homologous with ethylen, called *amylen* or *valeren*, which has been proposed as an anæsthetic. Amyl alcohol should not affect the color of litmus paper, previously moistened with water, should leave no fixed residue upon evaporation, should require to dissolve it about 40 parts of distilled water at 15° C. (59° F.), and should become not more than slightly turbid upon mixture with benzin (absence of more than a little alcohol, or water). (See *Amylen* in Part II.) When subjected to oxidizing agents, it loses two atoms of hydrogen and gains one of oxygen, and becomes $C_5H_{10}O_2$, or *amylic acid*, which is identical with *valerianic acid*, the acid found in valerian. Hence the test given in the Br. Pharmacopœia: "exposed to the air in contact with platinum-black, it is slowly oxidized, yielding valerianic acid." *Br.* This acid bears the same relation to amylic alcohol that acetic acid does to ethylic alcohol, and formic acid to methylic alcohol. The free amyl, $(C_5H_{11})_2$, has been isolated by Dr. E. Frankland. It is a colorless pellucid liquid, of the sp. gr. 0·7704. (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 15, 1850.) Its hydride, C_5H_{11},H, has been discovered to be an energetic anæsthetic by Dr. Simpson, of Edinburgh.

Crude fusel oil may be obtained from the alcohol distillers. Mr. Kent, of New York, found in it, as impurities, water, alcohol, acetic and amylic acids, oxide of iron, and an amyl compound analogous to œnanthic ether. According to Messrs. T. and H. Smith, the crude oil is a mixture of propylic, butylic, and amylic alcohols, and of other alcohols much higher in the series. Fusel oil is now used largely by the manufacturers of alkaloids as a solvent.

Fusel oil was made official by the Dublin College, in its Pharmacopœia of 1850, as an artificial source of valerianic acid, to be used in forming sodium valerianate, from which, by double decomposition, three other valerianates, namely, those of iron, zinc, and quinia, were directed by the College to be prepared. It was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia for a similar purpose, but at the 1880 revision valerianic acid was dismissed, and amylic alcohol, being no longer wanted for its preparation, shared its fate.

Amylic alcohol is an active poison, producing, according to the experiments of Richardson, general muscular relaxation, with violent paroxysms of convulsive tremblings. Several cases of poisoning by it have been reported. (*Lancet*, Dec. 1889; *La Normandie Méd.*, Dec. 1889.) The general symptoms are headache, giddiness, double vision, staggering, unconsciousness, fall of temperature, abolition of reflexes, muscular rigidity, followed by complete relaxation, pronounced cyanosis, and a peculiar odor from the breath suggesting that of a Jargonelle pear.*

ALLIUM. U. S. Garlic.

(ĂL'LI-ŬM.)

"The bulb of Allium sativum, Linné (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.*

Bulbus Allii; Ail, *Fr.;* Knoblauch, *G.;* Aglio, *It.;* Ajo, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla six-parted, spreading. *Spathe* many-flowered. *Umbel* crowded. *Capsule* superior. *Willd.*

This is a very extensive genus, including more than sixty species, most of which are European. Of the nine or ten indigenous in this country, none are official. Dr. Griffith states that the bulb of *A. canadense* has been substituted for the cultivated garlic, and found equally efficient. (*Med. Bot.*, p. 653.) Of the European species several have been used from a very early period, both as food and as medicine. *A. sativum*, or garlic, is the only one now official; and to this we shall here confine our observation, simply stating that there are few genera of which the several species resemble one another more closely in sensible and medical properties than the present. For an account of *A. cepa*, or onion, and *A. porrum*, or leek, see Part II.

Allium sativum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 68; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 749, t. 256. This is a perennial plant, and, like all its congeners, bulbous. The bulbs are numerous, and enclosed in a common membranous covering, from the base of which the fibres that constitute the proper root descend. The stem is simple, and rises about two feet. The leaves are long, flat, and grass-like, and sheathe the lower half of the stem. At the termination of the stem is a cluster of flowers and bulbs mingled together, and enclosed in a pointed spathe, which opens on one side and withers. The flowers are small and white, and make their appearance in July. This species of garlic grows wild in Sicily, Italy, and the south of France.

* According to Richardson (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Jan. 1867), the *amyl iodide* and *acetate* produce symptoms similar to those caused by amylic alcohol; most, if not all, of the amyl compounds are feeble germicides.

The part employed, as well for culinary purposes as in medicine, is the bulb, which is described in the U. S. Pharmacopœia as follows. "Bulb subglobular, compound, consisting of about eight compressed, wedge-shaped bulblets, which are arranged in a circle around the base of the stem, and covered by several dry, membranous scales. Odor pungent and disagreeable; taste warm and acrid. Garlic should be used without having been dried." *U. S.* The bulbs are dug up with a portion of the stem attached, and, having been dried in the sun, are tied together in bunches, and thus brought to market. They are said to lose, by drying, nine parts of their weight out of fifteen, with little diminution of their sensible properties. This species of Allium is commonly called *English garlic*, to distinguish it from those which grow wild in our fields and meadows. Garlic bulbs are apt to germinate and thus to undergo serious injury. Mr. A. P. Sharp preserves them by placing them in a bottle, pouring on them a little alcohol, about two fluidounces to a quart, and securely closing the bottle by a stopper of glass or cork. All tendency to germinate is thus destroyed, and the bulbs will retain their peculiar smell and taste unchanged for years. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1864.)

Properties. Garlic, as found in the shops, is somewhat spherical, flattened at the bottom, and drawn towards a point at the summit, where a portion of the stem several inches in length projects. It is covered with a white, dry, membranous envelope, consisting of several delicate laminæ, within which the small bulbs are arranged around the stem, having each a distinct coat. These small bulbs, commonly called *cloves* of garlic, are usually five or six in number, of an oblong shape, somewhat curved, and in their interior are whitish, moist, and fleshy.* They have a disagreeable pungent odor, so peculiar as to have received the name of *alliaceous*. Their taste is bitter and acrid. The peculiar smell and taste, though strongest in the bulb, are found to a greater or less extent in all parts of the plant. They depend on an *essential oil*, which is very volatile, and may be obtained by distillation, passing over with the first portions of water. As first obtained, the oil is of a dark brownish-yellow color, heavier than water, and decomposed at its boiling temperature. It may be purified by repeated distillation in a salt-water bath, and is then lighter than water, of a pale yellow color, and not decomposed by boiling. According to Wertheim, it consists of a peculiar organic radical, called *allyl*, (C_3H_5), combined with sulphur, and is therefore allyl sulphide, $(C_3H_5)_2S$. From one hundred-weight of garlic Wertheim obtained from three to four ounces of the impure oil, and about two-thirds as much of the rectified. (*Chem. Gaz.*, iii. 177.) The impure oil has an exceedingly pungent odor, and a strong acrid taste, and, when applied to the skin, produces much irritation, and sometimes even blisters. The pure oil combines with silver nitrate, forming a precipitate soluble in heated alcohol and afterwards separating in crystals. Besides this oil, fresh garlic, according to Cadet de Gassicourt, contains, in 1406 parts, 520 of mucilage, 37 of albumen, 48 of fibrous matter, and 801 of water. Bouillon-Lagrange mentions among its constituents sulphur, a saccharine matter, and a small quantity of fecula. The fresh bulbs yield upon pressure nearly a fourth part of juice, which is highly viscid, and so tenacious as to require dilution with water before it can be easily filtered. When dried, it serves as a lute for porcelain. It has the medical properties of the bulbs. Water, alcohol, and vinegar extract the virtues of garlic. Protracted boiling renders it inert. According to F. W. Semmler, *Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 927, *Allium ursinum* contains a volatile oil which consists mainly of *vinyl-sulphide*, C_4H_6S or $(C_2H_3)_2S$.

Medical Properties and Uses. The use of garlic as a medicine and as a condiment ascends to the highest antiquity. When taken internally, and even when applied externally, the oil is absorbed, and imparts its odor to the breath, urine, perspiration, etc. The oil of garlic has some influence upon the human system as a general mild stimulant. Its chief value in medicine is for its local action upon the stomach and as a stimulant expectorant. The garlic itself is sometimes employed as a rubefacient, which by yielding its volatile oil in absorption stimulates the nervous system, especially in the case of young children. The oil may often be given with great advantage in *chronic bronchitis* and in the advanced stages of *obstinate acute bronchitis*. It is especially valuable in the treatment of children when there is a distinct nervous element. In *catarrhal pneumonia* of young children the bruised garlic cloves are often applied as a poultice to the lungs; and similar applications were formerly used to the feet for the *nervous restlessness* or even the *convulsions* of young children. Garlic clove may be swallowed either whole or cut into pieces of a convenient size, but the official syrup has replaced most

* A variety of garlic, sometimes seen in the market, having larger and fewer cloves or small bulbs than the official, has been shown by Prof. Robert P. Thomas to be the product of a hybrid, probably between *A. sativum* and *A. porrum*. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1860.)

other methods of administration. The dose in substance is from half a drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.) of the fresh bulb. That of the juice is half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.).

ALOE BARBADENSIS. U.S., Br. Barbadoes Aloes. [Curaçao Aloes.]

(ĂL'Ọ-Ę BĂR-BĄ-DĔN'SIS.)

"The inspissated juice of the leaves of Aloe vera (Linné), Webb (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.*

"The juice, when inspissated, which flows from the transversely cut bases of the leaves of the Aloe vulgaris, Lam. Imported from Barbadoes and the Dutch West Indian Islands, and known in commerce as Barbadoes and Curaçoa Aloes." *Br.*

Aloès hépatique des Barbades, *Fr.;* Barbadoes Aloe, *G.*

ALOE SOCOTRINA. U. S., Br. Socotrine Aloes.

(ĂL'Ọ-Ę SŎC-Ọ-TRĪ'NA.)

"The inspissated juice of the leaves of Aloe Perryi, Baker (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.*

"The juice, when inspissated, which flows from the transversely cut bases of the leaves of Aloe Perryi, Baker; and probably other species. Imported principally by way of Bombay and Zanzibar, and known in commerce as Socotrine and Zanzibar Aloes." *Br.*

Aloès socotrin, ou sucotrin, *Fr.;* Socotora oder Socotrinische Aloe, *G.;* Musebber, *Ar.*

Most of the species belonging to the genus Aloe are said to yield a bitter juice which has all the properties of the official aloes. It is impossible, from the various and sometimes conflicting accounts of writers, to determine exactly from which of the species the drug is in all instances actually derived. Mr. J. Medley Wood states, as the result of personal research in Natal, that the Natal aloes is yielded chiefly by the aloe described in the *Gardener's Chronicle*, vol. 5, p. 113, as *A. ferox.* (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1890.) Doubts are, however, thrown upon the conclusions of Mr. Wood by Mr. E. M. Holmes, who thinks that the plant seen was probably *A. platylepis.* (See *P. J. Tr.*, April, 1891.) In Lindley's Flora Medica, *A. purpurascens*, *A. arborescens*, *A. commelyni*, and *A. multiformis*, of the Cape of Good Hope, are enumerated as yielding aloes; *A. leptocaulon* and *A. sahnudra*, found in Madagascar (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1881), and other species, are, without doubt, occasionally resorted to. We shall confine ourselves to a description of the three species which probably yield most of the aloes of commerce.

Gen. Ch. Corolla erect, mouth spreading, bottom nectariferous. *Filaments* inserted into the receptacle. *Willd.*

Aloe spicata. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 185. This species of Aloe was first described by Thunberg. The stem is round, three or four feet high, about four inches in diameter, and leafy at the summit. The leaves are spreading, subverticillate, about two feet long, broad at the base, gradually narrowing to the point, channelled upon their upper surface, and with remote teeth upon their edges. The flowers are bell-shaped, and spread horizontally in very close spikes. Beneath each flower is a broad, ovate, acute bract, white, with three green streaks, and nearly as long as the corolla. Of the six petals, the three inner are ovate, obtuse, white, with three green lines, and broader than the outer, which otherwise resemble them. The stamens are much longer than the corolla. The *spiked aloe* is a native of Southern Africa, growing near the Cape of Good Hope, and, like all the other species, preferring a sandy soil. In some districts of the colony it is found in great abundance, particularly at Zwellendam, near Mossel Bay, where it almost covers the surface of the country. Much of the Cape aloes is said to be derived from this species.

A. socotrina. Lamarck, *Encycl.* i. 85; De Cand. *Plantes Grasses, fig.* 85; Curtis's *Bot. Mag. pl.* 472; Carson's *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 48, *pl.* 92.—*A. vera.* Miller, *Dict., ed.* 8, *No.* 55. The stem of this species is erect, eighteen inches or more in height, woody, and leafless below, where it is very rough from the remains of former leaves. At top it is embraced by green, sword-shaped, ascending leaves, somewhat concave on their upper surface, convex beneath, curved inward at the point, with numerous small white serratures at their edges. The flowers, which are in a cylindrical, simple raceme, are scarlet near the base, pale in the centre, and greenish at the summit, and have unequal stamens, of which three are longer than the corolla.

This plant was supposed to be a native of Socotra and the source of the Socotrine aloes, but was shown by Mr. Bolus to be indigenous to the Cape of Good Hope.

A. vulgaris. Lamarck, *Encycl.* i. 86; Carson's *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 46, *pl.* 90.—*A. vera.* Linn.—*A. barbadensis*, Miller. This species has a very short, woody stem, and lanceolate embracing leaves, which are first spreading, then ascending, of a glaucous green color, somewhat mottled with darker spots, flat on the upper surface, convex beneath, and armed with hard

reddish spines, distant from each other, and perpendicular to the margin. The flower-stem is axillary, of a glaucous reddish color, and branched, with a cylindrical-ovate spike of yellow flowers, which are at first erect, then spreading, and finally pendulous, and do not exceed the stamens in length. *A. vulgaris* is a native of southeastern Europe, the north of Africa, and Madagascar. It is cultivated in Italy, Sicily, Malta, and especially in the West Indies, where it contributes largely to furnish the Barbadoes aloes.

A. perryi. J. G. Baker, *Journ. Linn. Soc.*, xxviii. The true Socotrine aloes plant was first described from specimens sent to Kew Gardens by Mr. Wykeham Perry, and was subsequently found by Prof. Balfour, of Edinburgh, growing abundantly upon the island of Socotra, especially in the limestone tracts, from the sea-level to an altitude of 3000 feet; along with it, but much less abundant, was a dwarf species with spotted leaves. *A. perryi* resembles in its general habit the Barbadoes aloe, but differs in its shorter leaves, and especially in its flowers, which are arranged in looser racemes on longer pedicels and have the tube much longer than the segments.

The proper aloetic juice was formerly thought to exist in longitudinal vessels beneath the epidermis of the leaves, and readily flows out when these are cut transversely; but, according to M. Edmond Robiquet, who has made elaborate researches in relation to this drug, these vessels are air-ducts, and the juice flows in the intercellular passages between them. The liquid obtained by expression from the parenchyma is mucilaginous, and possessed of little medicinal virtue. The quality of the drug depends much upon the mode of preparing it. The finest kind is that obtained by exudation, and subsequent inspissation in the sun. Most of the better sorts, however, are prepared by artificially heating the juice which has spontaneously exuded from the cut leaves. The chief disadvantage of this process is the conversion of a portion of the soluble active principle into an insoluble and comparatively inert substance, through the influence of an elevated temperature. The plan of bruising and expressing the leaves, and boiling down the resulting liquor, yields a much inferior product, as a large portion of it must be derived from the mucilaginous juice of the parenchyma. The worst plan of all is to boil the leaves themselves in water, and evaporate the decoction. The quality of the drug is also affected by the careless or fraudulent mixture of foreign matters with the juice, and the unskilful management of the inspissation.

Commercial History and Varieties. Three chief varieties of aloes are known in commerce: the Cape aloes, the Socotrine, and the Barbadoes.

1. Cape Aloes (*Shining Aloes*) was dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1880. It is imported from the Cape of Good Hope, either directly or through the medium of English commerce. It is collected by the Hottentots and Dutch boers indiscriminately from *A. spicata* and other species, which grow wild in great abundance. Mr. Backhouse (1838), Dr. L. Pappe, of Cape Town, and Mr. P. MacOwan (1871), all state that the best aloes is derived from *Aloe ferox* (*Lam.*), and, according to Dr. L. Pappe, a weaker product is obtained from *A. africana* and *A. plicatilis* of Miller. (*Flor. Capens.* 28.) The process is very simple. As stated by Hallbeck, a Moravian missionary who resided at the Cape, a hole is made in the ground, in which a sheep-skin is spread with the smooth side upward. The leaves are then cut off near the stem, and arranged around the hole, so that the juice which runs out may be received into the skin. The juice flows most freely in hot weather. (*United Breth. Mission. Intelligencer, N. Y.*, vi. 436.) When a sufficient quantity of the liquor has been collected, it is inspissated in iron caldrons, and, when sufficiently concentrated, is poured into boxes or skins, where it concretes upon cooling. The finest kind is collected at the Missionary Institution at Bethelsdorp, and is hence called *Bethelsdorp aloes.* Its superiority is owing exclusively to the greater care observed in its preparation.

According to *Pharmacographia*, the process just described is still followed in its essential details throughout the Cape. Cape aloes differs from Socotrine aloes especially in its brilliant conchoidal fracture and peculiar odor, which is strong, but neither nauseous nor aromatic. When freshly broken, it has a very dark olive or greenish color approaching to black, presents a smooth bright almost glassy surface, and, if held up to the light, appears translucent at its edges. The small fragments also are semi-transparent, and have a tinge of yellow or red mixed with the deep olive of the opaque mass. The same tinge is sometimes observable in the larger pieces. The powder is of a fine greenish-yellow color, and, being generally more or less sprinkled over the surface of the pieces as they are kept in the shops, gives them a somewhat yellowish appearance. Cape aloes, when quite hard, is very brittle, and readily powdered; but in very hot weather it is apt to become somewhat soft and tenacious, and the interior of

the pieces is occasionally more or less so even in winter. It is usually imported in casks or boxes. Dr. Pereira says that a variety is sometimes imported into England from the Cape of a reddish-brown color like hepatic aloes. *Natal aloes* is a variety coming from Natal, on the southeast coast of Africa, which occurs in irregular pieces, with a fracture much less shining than that of Cape aloes and a totally different color, having a greenish slate hue. It yields a greenish-brown powder, and is distinguished from true hepatic aloes by its odor, which is that of Cape aloes. It is less soluble than Cape aloes, and has a peculiar composition, which will be adverted to under the chemistry of the drug.

2. Socotrine Aloes. This aloes, which has been very long known and highly esteemed under its present name, is nominally produced in the island of Socotra, which lies in the Strait of Babelmandeb, about forty leagues to the east of Cape Guardafui; but we are told by Ainslie that the greater part of what is sold under that name is prepared in the kingdom of Melinda, upon the eastern coast of Africa; and Wellsted states that the aloes of the neighboring parts of Arabia is the same as that of Socotra. The commerce in this variety of aloes is carried on chiefly by the maritime Arabs, who convey it either to India, or up the Red Sea by the same channel through which it reached Europe before the discovery of the southern passage into the Indian Ocean. Mr. Vaughan states that nearly the whole product of the island is carried to Maculla, on the southern coast of Arabia, and thence transshipped to Bombay. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 268.) The whole produce was formerly monopolized by the Arabian Sultan of Kisseen; but at present the business of collecting the drug is entirely free to the inhabitants. The leaves are plucked at any period of the year, and are placed in skins, into which the juice is allowed to exude. In what way the inspissation is effected we are not informed by Wellsted; but, according to Hermann, it is by exposure to the heat of the sun. The aloes is exported in skins, or in kegs or tin-lined boxes. Its quality differs much according to the care taken in its preparation.

Socotrine aloes is in pieces of a yellowish or reddish-brown or even a dark ruby-red color, wholly different from that of the former variety. Sometimes the color is very light, especially in the fresh and not fully hardened parcels; sometimes it is a deep brownish red like that of garnets. It is rendered much darker by exposure to the air; and the interior of the masses is consequently much lighter-colored than the exterior. Its surface is somewhat glossy, and its fracture smooth or ragged, but not conchoidal, often with sharp and semi-transparent edges, which show with transmitted light in the finest grades a ruby-red color. The color of its powder is a bright golden yellow. It has a peculiar, almost fragrant, saffron-like odor, which is especially developed by breathing upon it, and a taste which, though bitter and disagreeable, is accompanied with an aromatic flavor. Though hard and pulverulent in cold weather, it is somewhat tenacious in summer, and softens by the heat of the hand. "When moistened with rectified spirit and examined in a thin stratum under the microscope, it exhibits numerous crystals." *Br.* "Almost entirely soluble in alcohol and in 4 parts of boiling water. The aqueous solution becomes turbid on cooling and yields a deposit. The powder, on being thoroughly dried on a water-bath and then heated to 100° C., should not cake. Mixed with nitric acid, it acquires a reddish-brown color. Socotrine Aloes is not colored blue on being mixed with sulphuric acid and blowing the vapor of nitric acid over the mixture (difference from *Natal aloes*)." *U. S.*

Under the name of Socotrine aloes are occasionally to be met with in the market small parcels beautifully semi-transparent, shining, and of a yellowish, reddish, or brownish-red color. These, however, are very rare, and do not deserve to be considered as a distinct variety. They are probably portions of the juice carefully inspissated in the sun, and may accompany the packages brought from any of the commercial sources of aloes. When in mass, as imported from the East, Socotrine aloes is usually soft and plastic, and of a very light yellowish-brown color in the interior. At present it reaches the United States in casks, tubs, or boxes, and not rarely in a semi-liquid state. Very liquid specimens are sometimes of the consistence of molasses, of an orange or yellowish color, and of a strong fragrant odor. It separates, upon standing, into a transparent liquid, and an opaque, lighter-colored, granular portion which subsides. Pereira found the latter portion to consist of innumerable minute prismatic crystals, which he believed to be identical with or closely analogous to the aloïn of the Messrs. Smith. When the juice is heated, the deposit dissolves, and the whole being evaporated yields a solid, transparent product having the properties of fine Socotrine aloes. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 439.)

Much of the aloes sold as Socotrine consists simply of superior specimens of other varieties falsely labelled to enhance the value.

Much confusion and uncertainty have prevailed in relation to the term *Hepatic Aloes.* The name was originally applied to a product from the East Indies of a reddish-brown or liver color, and has been extended to similar aloes from the West Indies. The hepatic aloes of the present London markets is simply a dark, opaque, liver-colored Socotrine aloes.

3. Barbadoes Aloes. This is the name by which the aloes produced in the West Indies is generally designated. The aloe plants are largely cultivated in the poorer soils of Jamaica and Barbadoes, especially of the latter island. The species from which most of the drug is procured is *A. vulgaris;* but *A. socotrina*, *A. purpurascens*, and *A. arborescens* are also said to be cultivated. The process employed appears to be somewhat different in different places, or at least as described by different authors. A fine kind was formerly prepared by the spontaneous inspissation of the juice placed in bladders or shallow vessels and exposed to the sun. The common Barbadoes aloes, however, is now made either by boiling the juice to a proper consistence, or by first forming a decoction of the leaves, chopped and suspended in water in nets or baskets, and then evaporating the decoction. In either case, when the liquor has attained such a consistence that it will harden on cooling, it is poured into calabashes and allowed to concrete. A gentleman from Barbadoes, who had seen the aloes prepared, informed Mr. Squire that the leaves are cut transversely, and so placed that the juice flows from the incised surfaces into a trough which inclines to the boiler. (*Med. T. and Gaz.*, Jan. 1868, p. 75.) It is imported into England in gourds weighing from 60 to 70 pounds, or even more, or sometimes in boxes. A variety known as "*Capey Barbadoes*," having a smooth glassy fracture, occurs in the London markets. In consequence of the great demand for it in veterinary practice, it commands a high price in Great Britain.

The color of Barbadoes aloes is not uniform. Sometimes it is dark brown or almost black, sometimes of a reddish-brown or liver color, often orange-brown, and again of some intermediate shade. It has usually a dull fracture, and is almost perfectly opaque, even at the edges; "in thin films translucent and of an orange-brown tint." *Br.* It is also distinguishable by its odor, which is disagreeable and even nauseous. The powder is of a dull olive-yellow. According to Mr. Giles, it yields eighty per cent. of aqueous extract, and is even more active than the Socotrine. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1860, p. 301.) "When moistened with rectified spirit and examined in a thin stratum under the microscope, it exhibits numerous crystals." *Br.* "The Curaçoa variety is commonly more glassy and translucent than the ordinary Barbadoes aloes, and has a distinctive odor." *Br.* According to M. Marais, Barbadoes aloes, from whatever part of the West Indies derived, and however differing in color, when dissolved in distilled water in the proportion of one part to 100,000 parts, has in a high degree the property of giving rise to a fine rose-color on the addition of gold chloride or tincture of iodine; while all other varieties, whether African or Indian, with the exception of the hepatic, produce with these reagents either a feeble color, slow in occurring, or no change of color whatever. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., v. 336.) "Mixed with nitric acid, it acquires a red color. Barbadoes Aloes is not colored, or acquires only a light bluish-green tint, on being mixed with sulphuric acid and blowing the vapor of nitric acid over the mixture (difference from *Natal aloes*)." *U. S.*

Besides these varieties of aloes, others are mentioned by authors. A very inferior kind, supposed to consist of the dregs of the juice which furnished the better sorts, almost black, quite opaque, hard, of a rough fracture and very fetid odor, and full of various impurities, was formerly sold under the name of *fetid*, *caballine*, or *horse aloes.* It was used exclusively for horses; but, in consequence of the cheapness of better kinds, it has been banished from veterinary practice, and is not now found in the market. Aloes has been imported from Muscat, and a considerable quantity came over in a vessel sent by the Sultan to the United States. Some of a similar origin has been called *Mocha aloes* in London. *Jafferabad aloes*, supposed to be the same as *Mocha aloes* (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 175), has been shown to be the product of *A. abyssinica*, and is said by Shenstone to contain β-barbaloïn. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 92.) *Curaçoa aloes*, resembling Barbadoes aloes but having a different odor, comes into European commerce through Holland from the Dutch West Indies. It is apparently produced by the three species *A. vulgaris*, *A. spicata*, and *A. socotrina*, all of which have been introduced into the islands (see *P. J. Tr.*, Jan., Sept., 1890); although Prof. E. R. Holmes believes it to be at least in part the product of *A. chinensis.* (*Baker.*) This aloe was formerly largely used in making the dye known as Bismarck brown, but at present is chiefly employed in veterinary medicine. Aloes made in India from the *A. vulgaris* is known as *Musambra aloes.* It appears to be a very inferior variety, which rarely, if ever, reaches Europe. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1889.)

General Properties. The odor of aloes is different in the different varieties. The taste

is in all of them intensely bitter and and very tenacious. The color and other sensible properties have been sufficiently described.* Several distinguished chemists have investigated the nature and composition of aloes. Braconnot found a bitter principle, which he named *resino-amer* (*resinous bitter*), and another substance in smaller proportion, which he designated by the name of *flea-colored principle.* These results were essentially confirmed by Trommsdorff, Bouillon-Lagrange, and Vogel. Berzelius considers aloes to be made up of a *bitter extractive* and products from this by the alterations in the air. Robiquet obtained a product which he called *aloëtin.* (For details, see 14th ed. U. S. D.)

Aloïns. The bitter substances noticed above, viz., the *resino-amer* of Braconnot, the *bitter extractive* of Berzelius and others, and the *aloëtin* of Robiquet, probably contain the active principle of aloes, but combined with impurities which render it insusceptible of crystallization. It is probable that there exists not one compound, but a set of three closely-related compounds, to which the general name of *aloïns* is now given. The first of these, found exclusively in Barbadoes aloes, and discovered by T. and H. Smith, is called *barbaloïn;* the second, discovered by Flückiger in Natal aloes, is called *nataloïn;* the third, found by Histed and Flückiger in Socotrine aloes, is called *socaloïn.*

Barbaloïn. This is a neutral substance crystallizing in tufts of small yellow prisms. These crystals represent hydrated aloïn, and part with one mol. of water (= 2·69 per cent.) by desiccation in vacuo, or by the prolonged heat of a water-bath. Barbaloïn, $C_{17}H_{18}O_7 + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$,

* Hugo Bornträger asserts that one part of aloes in 5000 can be detected in the following manner. A little of the suspected liquid is shaken with about twice its bulk of benzin, which is allowed to separate, decanted, and shaken with a few drops of strongest water of ammonia. On separation the ammonia will be of a clear red color. With solids a tincture should first be made. According to Mr. R. H. Groves (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., xi. 1045), this test will never succeed with a less concentration than 1 part in 250, and with some aloes 1 in 100, and is due to the tannin-like substance of aloes; he also states that extreme care is necessary to have the benzin solution perfectly clear. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 633. For Hager's quantitative method for determining the percentage of aloïn in aloes, see *A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 237.)

R. A. Cripps and T. S. Dymond have given the testing of aloes a lengthy investigation, and they recommend the following method. Place 1 grain of the substance in a glass mortar standing on white paper, now add 16 drops of strong sulphuric acid and triturate until dissolved, then add 4 drops of nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·42, and then 1 ounce of distilled water. If aloes be present, a color varying from deep orange to crimson will be produced, according to the kind of aloes that has been used; the color is deepened by the addition of ammonia. The following table is taken from the paper of Bainbridge & Morrow (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1890). Under the heading of Kew Specimens are given the results obtained with juice of aloe plants grown in Kew Gardens.

Commercial Specimens.	HNO_3.	H_2SO_4 and vapor of HNO_3.	Cripps and Dymond.	C. and D. with NH_4HO.	Bromine Test.	Fe_2Cl_6.
Hepatic aloes . .	Reddish-brown.	Nil.	Orange-red.	Intense brownish-red.	Nil.	All varieties of aloes give an olive-green coloration with the above reagent.
True Socotrine .	Reddish-brown.	Nil.	Orange-red.	Intense brownish-red.	Nil.	
Commercial Socotrine . . .	Faint crimson.	Nil.	Crimson.	Deep claret.	Nil.	
Cape	Permanent green after standing a few minutes.	Nil.	Orange-red.	Pale claret.	Nil.	
Curaçao	Evanescent crimson.	Nil.	Crimson.	Intense claret.	Nil.	
Natal	Permanent crimson.	Deep blue.	Deep crimson.	Intense brownish-red.	Nil.	
Barbadoes . . .	Crimson soon fading.	Slight bluish-green occasionally.	Crimson.	Deep claret.	Nil.	
Kew Specimens.						
Aloe ferox . . .	Evanescent crimson.	Green.	Pale yellow.	Red.	Violet.	
—*socotrina* . . .	Permanent crimson.	Deep blue.	Crimson.	Intense brownish-red.	Deep purplish-red.	
—*vera*	Nil.	Slight green.			Nil.	
—*perryi*	Nil.	Nil.			Nil.	
—*purpurascens* .	Crimson fading to light red.	Nil.			Violet.	
—*platylepis* . .	Nil.	Nil.			Nil.	
—*arborescens*, var. *frutescens*	Nil.	Nil.			Nil.	
—*africana* . . .	Evanescent red, changing after a few minutes to green.	Nil.	Orange-red.	Pale claret.	Nil.	
—*chinensis* . . .	Nil.	Nil.			Nil.	

dissolves sparingly in water or alcohol, but very freely if either liquid be even slightly warmed; it is insoluble in ether.

By oxidation with nitric acid, barbaloïn yields, as Tilden has shown, about one-third of its weight of *chrysammic acid*, besides aloëtic, oxalic, and picric acids. It combines easily with bromine to form yellow needles of *tribromaloïn*, $C_{17}H_{15}Br_3O_7$; *trichloraloïn*, $C_{17}H_{15}Cl_3O_7$, has also been obtained. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 687.) According to Tilden, from 20 to 25 per cent. of barbaloïn can be extracted from good qualities of the drug by agitating with seven or eight parts of boiling water slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, allowing to stand for twenty-four hours, filtering, setting aside for a day or two, putting the resulting mass in a calico bag, and squeezing out the liquid. The barbaloïn thus obtained is purified by solution in alcohol and crystallization. Tilden gives it the formula $C_{16}H_{18}O_7$.

Nataloïn. This exists naturally in Natal aloes, from which it can be easily prepared in the crude state if the drug be triturated with an equal weight of alcohol at a temperature not exceeding 48° C. This will dissolve the amorphous portion, from which the crystals should be separated by a filter and washed with a small quantity of cold spirit. From 16 to 25 per cent. of crude nataloïn in pale yellow crystals may be thus extracted. Its formula is $C_{25}H_{28}O_{11}$. It is scarcely more soluble in warm than in cold spirit of wine, so that to obtain crystals it is best to allow the solution to evaporate spontaneously. Water, hot or cold, dissolves it very sparingly. Nataloïn gives off no water when exposed over oil of vitriol or to a temperature of 100° C. By the action of nitric acid it affords both oxalic and picric acids, but no chrysammic acid.

Socaloïn. In the Socotrine or Zanzibar aloes the crystals are of comparatively large size, such as are not seen in Natal aloes. They cannot, however, be so easily separated as the nataloïn, since they are nearly as soluble as the amorphous matter surrounding them. Histed recommends treating the powdered crude drug with a little alcohol, sp. gr. 0·960, and strongly pressing the pasty mass between several thicknesses of calico, then dissolving the yellow crystalline cake in warm weak alcohol, and collecting the crystals which are formed by cooling and repose. Socaloïn forms tufted acicular prisms, which by solution in methylic alcohol may be obtained 2 to 3 millimetres in length. It is much more soluble than nataloïn. Socaloïn is a hydrate, losing, when dried over oil of vitriol, 11 to 12 per cent. of water, but slowly regaining it if afterwards exposed to the air. Sommaruga gives its composition as $C_{15}H_{16}O_7$.

The three aloïns, *Barbaloïn*, *Nataloïn*, and *Socaloïn*, are easily distinguished by the following beautiful reaction, first noticed by Histed. A drop of nitric acid on a porcelain slab gives, with a few particles of barbaloïn or nataloïn, a vivid crimson (rapidly fading in the case of barbaloïn, but permanent with nataloïn unless heat be applied), but produces little effect with socaloïn. To distinguish barbaloïn from nataloïn, test each by adding a minute quantity to a drop or two of oil of vitriol, then allowing the *vapor* from a rod touched with nitric acid to pass over the surface. Barbaloïn (and socaloïn) will undergo no change, but nataloïn will assume a fine blue. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 688.) E. von Sommaruga and Egger consider that the three aloïns form a homologous series possessing the formulas: barbaloïn, $C_{17}H_{20}O_7$; nataloïn, $C_{16}H_{18}O_7$; socaloïn, $C_{15}H_{16}O_7$, and that they are all derived from *anthracene*, $C_{14}H_{10}$. Tilden subsequently assigned a different composition to the aloïns: barbaloïn and socaloïn, each $C_{16}H_{18}O_7$; for nataloïn, the formula $C_{25}H_{28}O_{11}$. He further states that barbaloïn and socaloïn differ in physical and chemical properties on account of the variation in the molecules of water which are associated with them.

Aloes yields its active matter to cold water, and when good is almost wholly dissolved by boiling water; but the inert portion, or apotheme of Berzelius, is deposited as the solution cools. It is also soluble in alcohol, rectified or diluted. Long boiling impairs its purgative properties by oxidizing the aloïn and rendering it insoluble. The alkalies, their carbonates, and soap alter in some measure its chemical nature, and render it of easier solution. It is inflammable, swelling up and decrepitating when it burns, and giving out a thick smoke which has the odor of the drug.

Those substances only are incompatible with aloes which alter or precipitate the soluble matter; as the insoluble portion is without action upon the system. Among these is the infusion of galls, which we have found, probably through its tannic acid, to afford a copious precipitate with an aqueous solution of aloes. It is said that such a solution will keep a long time, even for several months, without mouldiness or putrescence, though it becomes ropy.

Medical Properties and Uses. Aloes was known to the ancients. It is mentioned in the works of Dioscorides and Celsus, the former of whom speaks of two kinds. The

varieties are similar in their mode of action. They are all cathartic, operating very slowly but certainly, and having a peculiar affinity for the large intestine, and especially its pelvic portion. Their action, moreover, appears to be directed rather to the muscular coat than to the exhalant vessels; and the discharges which they produce are, therefore, seldom very thin or watery. In a full dose they quicken the circulation, and produce general warmth. When frequently repeated, they are apt to irritate the rectum. Aloes has a decided tendency to the uterine system. Its emmenagogue effect, which is often very considerable, is generally attributed to a sympathetic extension of irritation from the rectum to the uterus; but we can see no reason why the medicine should not act specifically upon this organ; and its influence in promoting menstruation is by no means confined to cases in which its action upon the neighboring intestines is most conspicuous. A peculiarity in the action of this cathartic is, that an increase of the quantity administered, beyond the medium dose, is not attended by a corresponding increase of effect. Its tendency to irritate the rectum may be obviated, in some measure, by combining with it soap or an alkaline carbonate; but it does not follow, as supposed by some, that this modification of its operation is the result of increased solubility; for aloes given in a liquid state produces the same effect as when taken in pill or powder, except that it acts somewhat more speedily. Besides, when externally applied to a blistered surface, it operates exactly in the same manner as when internally administered, thus proving that its peculiarities are not dependent upon the particular form in which it may be given, but on specific tendencies to particular parts. (Gerhard, *N. Am. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, x. 155.) With its other powers, aloes combines the property of slightly stimulating the stomach. It is, therefore, in minute doses, an excellent remedy in habitual *costiveness* attended with torpor of the digestive organs. It has been supposed to stimulate the hepatic secretion, and certainly acts sometimes very happily in *jaundice*, producing bilious stools even after calomel has failed. From its special direction to the rectum, it has been found peculiarly useful in the treatment of *ascarides*, and is useful in *hemorrhoids* without inflammation. In *amenorrhœa* it is perhaps more frequently employed than any other remedy, entering into almost all the numerous empirical preparations habitually resorted to by females in that complaint. It is much used in regular practice, and is frequently combined with more irritating cathartics, in order to regulate their liability to excessive action. In *amenorrhœa* it is said to be peculiarly efficacious, when given, in the form of enema, about the period when the menses should appear. Aloes is unsuitable, unless modified by combination, to the treatment of inflammatory diseases.

The medium dose is 10 grains (0·65 Gm.); but as a laxative it will often operate in the quantity of 2 or 3 grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.); and when a decided impression is required, the dose may be augmented to 20 grains (1·3 Gm.). In consequence of its excessively bitter and somewhat nauseous taste, it is most conveniently administered in pills.

ALOE PURIFICATA. U. S. Purified Aloes.

(ĂL'Ō-Ē PŪ-RĬ-FĬ-CĀ-TĂ.)

Aloès dépuré, *Fr.*; Gereinigte Aloe, *G.*

"Socotrine Aloes, *one thousand grammes* [35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [about 6½ fluidounces]. Heat the Aloes, by means of a water-bath, until it is completely melted. Then add the Alcohol, and, having stirred the mixture thoroughly, strain it through a No. 60 sieve, which has just been dipped into boiling water. Evaporate the strained mixture by means of a water-bath, constantly stirring, until a thread of the mass becomes brittle on cooling. Lastly, break the product, when cold, into pieces of a convenient size, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* Purified aloes occurs in irregular, brittle pieces of a dull-brown or reddish-brown color, and having the peculiar, aromatic odor of Socotrine Aloes. It is almost entirely soluble in alcohol.

Aloes, even of good quality, is so often mixed as found in the market with various accidental impurities, such as fragments of wood, vegetable remains, pieces of leather, and earthy matter, that it has been thought advisable to have an official process by which it may be freed from these, should its purification be found necessary in any particular instance. The use of alcohol in the formula is simply to render the melted aloes more liquid, and thus facilitate the straining; and it is subsequently got rid of by evaporation; but care should be taken not to use too great a heat, or to continue it too long, for fear of impairing the virtues of the drug. Thus prepared, purified aloes is in irregular, brittle pieces of a dull brown or reddish-brown color, and having the peculiar aromatic odor of Socotrine aloes. It is almost entirely soluble in alcohol.

ALOINUM. U. S., Br. Aloin.

$C_{16}H_{18}O_7$. (ĂL-Ǫ-I′NŬM.)

"A neutral principle obtained from several varieties of Aloes, chiefly Barbadoes Aloes (yielding Barbaloin); and Socotra or Zanzibar Aloes (yielding Socaloin),—differing more or less in chemical composition and physical properties according to the source from which it is derived." *U. S.* "A crystalline substance extracted from aloes by solvents and purified by recrystallization. As obtained from the different varieties of aloes, the products differ slightly, but their medicinal properties are similar." *Br.*

Although aloïn has been used for many years, it was not recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia until the revision of 1890.

Preparation. Aloïn may be prepared by W. A. Tilden's process as follows. 1 part of aloes is dissolved in 10 parts of boiling water, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and allowed to cool. The liquid is then decanted from resinous matter, evaporated to about 2 parts, and set aside two weeks for crystals to form; the liquid portion is poured off, the crystals pressed, and the adherent resinous matter separated by shaking with acetic ether, which dissolves the resin. This process answers fairly well for obtaining aloïn from Barbadoes, Curaçoa, or Bonaire aloes. Aloïn from Socotrine aloes is best obtained by digesting the aloes in 3 parts of alcohol for 24 hours, then transferring to a water-bath, and boiling for 2 hours. After cooling, the liquid is filtered and set aside to crystallize. The crystals are washed with a little alcohol and dried. The yield is about 10 per cent. (H. C. Plenge, *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 507.)

Aloïn is officially described as in "minute, acicular crystals, or a microcrystalline powder, varying in color from yellow to yellowish-brown, odorless or possessing a slight odor of aloes, of a characteristic, bitter taste, and permanent in the air. *Barbaloïn* is soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 60 parts of water, 20 parts of alcohol, or 470 parts of ether. *Socaloïn* is soluble in about 60 parts of water, 30 parts of absolute alcohol, 380 parts of ether, or 9 parts of acetic ether. When heated, Aloïn melts, and, on ignition, it is consumed without leaving a residue. An alcoholic solution of Aloïn is neutral to litmus paper. An aqueous solution of Aloïn is colored greenish-black by ferric chloride test-solution, and slowly precipitated by basic lead acetate test-solution. On adding a minute portion of Barbaloïn to a drop of cold nitric acid of specific gravity 1·200, on a white porcelain surface, a crimson color will be developed. Socaloïn will produce scarcely any color when thus treated. In alkaline solutions, Aloïn is rapidly decomposed; in neutral or acid solutions, only slowly." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Socaloïn and barbaloïn are active purgatives in doses of 2 to 4 grains. Barbaloïn is affirmed to be the more powerful, and, according to the researches of Hans Moyer (*Arch. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xxviii.), when given hypodermically in dose of four-fifths of a grain (0·05 Gm.), it produces repeated moderate purging in from seven to twenty-two hours. Moyer found that Natal aloïn, though acting energetically upon dogs, usually fails to affect the alvine discharges in man, except when the person has for some days been fed exclusively upon animal food. In combination with belladonna and strychnine, aloïn is one of the most serviceable and pleasantly active laxatives that we have. The ordinary laxative dose may be set down as half a grain (0·032 Gm.); the full purgative dose, two grains (0·13 Gm.). Fronmüller (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, 1879, p. 70) affirms that aloïn dissolved in 25 times its weight of water acts as an efficient though slow purgative, when given hypodermically, without causing any local irritation; Moyer found that formamide is an apt vehicle for the hypodermic administration of barbaloïn; in making it, the solution may be warmed, but not heated, for fear of producing ammonia.

ALTHÆA. U. S. Althæa. [Marshmallow.]

(ĂL-THÆ′Ą.)

"The root of Althæa officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Malvaceæ)." *U. S.*

Radix Althææ, *P. G.;* Racine de Guimauve, Guimauve, *Fr.;* Althiewurzel, Eibischwurzel, Eibisch, *G.;* Altea, *It.;* Altea, Malvavisco, *Sp.*

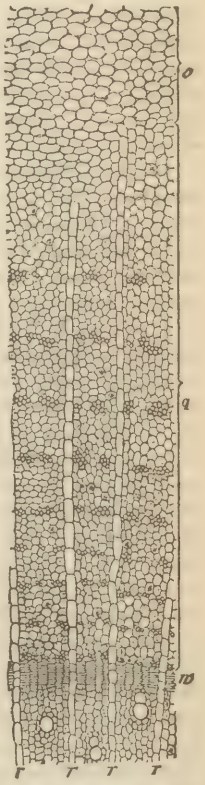
Gen. Ch. Calyx double, the exterior six- or nine-cleft. *Capsules* numerous, one-seeded. *Willd.*

Althæa officinalis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 770; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 552, t. 198. Marshmallow is an herbaceous perennial, with a perpendicular branching root, and erect woolly stems, from two to four feet or more in height, branched and leafy towards the summit. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, nearly cordate on the lower part of the stem, oblong-ovate and obscurely

three-lobed above, somewhat angular, irregularly serrate, pointed, and covered on both sides with a soft down. The flowers are terminal and axillary, with short peduncles, each bearing one, two, or three flowers. The corolla has five spreading, obcordate petals, of a pale purplish color. The fruit consists of numerous capsules united in a compact circular form, each containing a single seed. The plant grows throughout Europe, inhabiting salt marshes, the banks of rivers, and other moist places. It is found also in this country on the borders of salt marshes. In some parts of the continent of Europe it is largely cultivated for medical use. The whole plant abounds in mucilage. The flowers, leaves, and root are mucilaginous, and were formerly official; but the last only is employed to any considerable extent in this country.

The roots should be collected in autumn from plants at least two years old. They are usually prepared for the market by removing the epidermis: commerce is supplied from Europe.

Properties. Althæa occurs "in cylindrical or somewhat conical pieces, from 10 to 15 Cm. long, 10 to 15 Mm. in diameter, deeply wrinkled; deprived of the brown, corky layer and small roots; externally white, marked with a number of circular spots, and of a somewhat hairy appearance from the loosened bast-fibres; internally whitish and fleshy. It breaks with a short, granular, and mealy fracture, has a faint, aromatic odor, and a sweetish, mucilaginous taste." *U. S.* Sections of the root assume a bright yellow tint when an alkali is added to them. Those pieces are to be preferred which are plump and but slightly fibrous. The woody part, on examination with the microscope, is seen to consist of scalariform or pitted vessels, and a few ligneous cells embedded in a loose parenchymatous tissue. The bark is composed of numerous branched liber cells, in bundles of 3 to 30 fibres separated by parenchymatous tissue. The abundant mucilage is situated chiefly in the parenchymatous cells, and can be seen to be in layers when alcohol is added. It, with starch and saccharine matter, is taken out by boiling water. The mucilage, without the starch, is extracted by cold water, which thus becomes ropy. Marshmallow is said to become somewhat acid by decoction. Pieces should be rejected which are woody, discolored, mouldy, of a sour or musty smell, or of a sourish taste. A principle was discovered in the root by M. Bacon, which has been ascertained to be identical with *asparagin*, $C_4H_8N_2O_3 + H_2O$. MM. Boutron-Charland and Pelouze found it to belong to that class of organic principles which are convertible by strong acids, and other agencies, into ammonia and organic acids, and which are designated by the termination *amide*, being compounds of acid radicals with the group NH_2 derived from ammonia by the withdrawal of an atom of hydrogen. When such an amide is acted upon by acids, it is decomposed, the acid radical taking OH to form the free acid and the amide group taking H to form ammonia. Thus asparagin, which in this view should be called *asparamide*, is converted into ammonia and *aspartic acid*, $C_4H_7NO_4$, and one mol. of the resulting aspartate of ammonium corresponds with one mol. of asparamide and one of water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 208.) Asparagin, being now recognized as a derivative of succinic acid, is called *amido-succinamide*, and the aspartic acid is called *amido-succinic* acid. It is found in various other plants besides the marshmallow, as in the shoots of asparagus, in vetches grown in the dark, in all the varieties of the potato, and in the roots of the comfrey and liquorice plant. According to Professor Pira, asparagin has acid properties. It has no therapeutic value.



A segment of althæa-root after removal of the starch (after Berg). *w*, cambium layer; *x*, wood; *r*, medullary rays; *q*, bast tissues; *o*, middle bark.

The roots of other Malvaceæ are sometimes substituted for that of marshmallow, without disadvantage, as they possess similar properties. Such are those of *Althæa rosea*, or *hollyhock*, and *Malva alcea*. The dark purple flowers of a variety of *A. rosea* are proposed by Professor Aiken, formerly of the University of Maryland, as a test for acids and alkalies. A strong infusion of these flowers imparts to slips of white filtering paper a permanent purplish-blue color, which is reddened by acids, and rendered bluish green by alkalies.

Medical Properties and Uses. The virtues of marshmallow are exclusively those of a demulcent. The decoction of the root is much used in Europe in irritation and inflammation of the mucous membranes. A syrup of althæa is official in the German Pharmacopœia, and was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880. The roots themselves, as well as the leaves

and flowers, boiled and bruised, are sometimes employed as a poultice. In France the powdered root is much used in the preparation of pills and electuaries.

ALUMEN. U. S., Br. Alum. [Potassium Alum, Aluminum and Potassium Sulphate.]

$Al_2K_2(SO_4)_4 + 24H_2O$; 946·46. (A-LŪ'MEN.) $Al_2K_2(SO_4)_4 + 24H_2O$; 948.

"Sulphate of aluminium and potassium (Potassium Alum or Potash Alum), or of aluminium and ammonium (Ammonium Alum or Ammonia Alum), crystallized from solution in water. $Al_2 3SO_4, K_2SO_4, 24H_2O$ or $Al_2 3SO_4, (NH_4)_2SO_4, 24H_2O$." *Br.*

Aluminii et Potassii Sulphas, *U. S.* 1870, Potassa Alum; Sulphas Aluminico-potassicus; Alun, *Fr., Dan., Swed.;* Sulfate d'Alumine et Potasse, *Fr.;* Alaun, *G.;* Allume, *It.;* Allumbre, *Sp.*

Aluminii et Ammonii Sulphas, Sulphas Aluminico-Ammonicus; Alumen, *U. S.* 1870; Ammonia Alum; Alum, *U. S.* 1870; Alun ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Ammoniak Alaun, *G.*

The name alum has been applied indifferently to two salts, one consisting of aluminum tersulphate combined with ammonium sulphate, the other of the same salt of aluminum combined with potassium sulphate, and distinguished as *ammonium-alum* and *potassium-alum.* The former was official in the U. S. P. 1870, but has been replaced by *potassium-alum. Ammonium-alum* is still retained with potassium-alum under the title *Alumen* in the British Pharmacopœia.

Alum (Aluminum and Potassium Sulphate. *U. S.* 1890). Potassium-alum is manufactured occasionally from earths which contain it ready formed, but most generally from minerals which, from the fact of their containing most or all of its constituents, are called *alum ores.* The principal alum ores are the *alum stone*, which is a native mixture of aluminum sulphate and potassium sulphate, found in large quantities at Tolfa and Piombino in Italy; certain natural mixtures of iron disulphide with alumina, silica, and bituminous matter, called *aluminous schist* or *alum-slate;* and *cryolite.* (See *Sodii Carbonas.*)

At the Solfatara, and other places in Southern Italy, alum was formerly extracted from earths containing it ready formed. The ground being of volcanic origin, and having a temperature of about 104°, an efflorescence of pure alum formed upon its surface. This was collected and lixiviated, and the solution crystallized by slow evaporation in leaden vessels sunk in the ground. The alum stone is manufactured into alum by calcination, and subsequent exposure to the air for three months; the mineral being frequently sprinkled with water, in order that it may be brought to a soft mass. This is lixiviated, and the solution obtained crystallized by evaporation. The alum stone may be considered as consisting of alum united with a certain quantity of aluminum hydrate. The latter, by the calcination, loses its water, and becomes incapable of remaining united with the alum of the mineral, which is consequently set free. Alum of the greatest purity is obtained from this ore.

Alum-slate, when compact, is first exposed to the air for a month. It is then stratified with wood, which is set on fire. The combustion which ensues is slow and protracted. The sulphur is in part converted into sulphuric acid, which unites with the alumina; and the aluminum sulphate thus formed generates a portion of alum with the potassa derived from the ashes of the wood. The iron, in the mean time, is almost wholly converted into sesquioxide, and thus becomes insoluble. The matter is lixiviated, and the solution crystallized into alum by evaporation. The mother-waters, containing aluminum sulphate, are then drawn off, and made to yield a further portion of alum by the addition of potassium sulphate or potassium chloride, the latter being obtained from the soap-boilers, or from native potassium chloride of the Stassfurt deposits. When alum-slate is easily disintegrated, it is not calcined, but merely placed in heaps and occasionally sprinkled with water. The iron disulphide gradually absorbs oxygen, and passes into ferrous sulphate, which effloresces on the surface of the heap. Part of the sulphuric acid formed unites with the alumina; so that, after the chemical changes are completed, the heap contains both ferrous sulphate and aluminum sulphate. At the end of about a year, the matter is lixiviated, and the solution of the two sulphates produced is concentrated to the proper degree in leaden boilers. The ferrous sulphate crystallizes, while the aluminum sulphate, being a deliquescent salt, remains in the mother-waters. These are drawn off, and treated with potassium sulphate in powder, heat being at the same time applied. The whole is then allowed to cool, that the alum may crystallize. The crystals are then separated from the solution, and purified by a second solution and crystallization. They are next treated with water just sufficient to dissolve them at the boiling temperature, and the saturated solution is run into casks or tubs so constructed as to be easily taken to pieces and set up again. In the course of ten or fifteen days the alum concretes into a crystalline mass, from which the mother-liquor is let off. The vessel is then taken to pieces, and the salt, having

been broken up, is packed in barrels for sale. This process for forming the alum in large masses is called *rocking*.

Alum is now largely manufactured by the direct combination of its constituents. With this view, clays are selected as free from iron and calcium carbonate as possible, and calcined to sesquioxidize the iron and render them more easily pulverizable; after which they are dissolved, by the assistance of heat, in weak sulphuric acid. Advantage has been found from mixing the clay, previous to calcination, with powdered charcoal, coke, or other carbonaceous matter, in the proportion of about one to six of the clay, and then applying heat by a reverberatory furnace till all the carbon is consumed. It is asserted that the alumina is thus rendered more soluble in the acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1857, p. 328.) The aluminum sulphate, thus generated, is next crystallized into alum by the addition of potassium sulphate in the usual manner. Alum is made in this way from the ashes of the Boghead cannel-coal, which occurs near Edinburgh. These ashes, which form the residue of the combustion of the coke derived from the coal used for making gas, contain a considerable quantity of alumina in a state readily soluble in acids.

The elements *rubidium* and *cæsium* are found in lepidolite, and, as much of the alum in continental Europe is made from this mineral, Salzer found samples of commercial potassium-alum which contained a considerable quantity of rubidium-alum; this contaminated potassium-alum is less soluble in water than ordinary alum. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 217.)

ALUMEN, *Br.* ALUMINII ET AMMONII SULPHAS. *Sulphate of Aluminium and Ammonium. Ammonia-alum.* Besides the potassium-alum, which is now the only U. S. official variety of this salt, there are several others, in which the potassium is replaced by some other base, as, for example, ammonium or sodium. Of these, *ammonium-alum*, or aluminum and ammonium sulphate, was introduced in the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1860; and in the Pharmacopœia of 1870 and Br. Pharmacopœia it was adopted under the name of alumen. It is made by adding ammonium sulphate to the solution of aluminum sulphate. This kind of alum has come into very general use, owing to the comparative cheapness of ammonia, obtained in the process for potassium ferrocyanide, or derived from the liquor of gas-works. Ammonium-alum is extensively manufactured by Powers & Weightman, of Philadelphia. *Scotch alum*, made near Paisley, generally contains both potassium and ammonium. Ammonium-alum resembles potassium-alum so exactly that it cannot be distinguished by simple inspection; and in composition it is perfectly analogous to the potassium salt. It may be distinguished by subjecting it to a strong calcining heat, after which alumina will be the sole residue; or by rubbing it with potassa or lime and a little water, when the smell of ammonia will be perceived.

Properties. Alum, as usually seen, is in "large, colorless, octohedral crystals, sometimes modified by cubes, or in crystalline fragments, without odor, but having a sweetish and strongly astringent taste. On exposure to the air, the crystals are liable to absorb ammonia, and acquire a whitish coating. Soluble in 9 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·3 part of boiling water; it is also freely soluble in warm glycerin, but is insoluble in alcohol. When gradually heated, it loses water; at 92° C. (197·6° F.) it melts, and if the heat be gradually increased to 200° C. (392° F.), it loses all its water of crystallization (45·52 per cent. of its weight), leaving a voluminous, white residue. The salt has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. The aqueous solution of the salt affords, with ammonia water, a white, gelatinous precipitate, which is nearly insoluble in an excess of ammonia. Another portion of the aqueous solution yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate, insoluble in hydrochloric acid. When a saturated solution of the salt is actively shaken with tartaric acid test-solution, it affords, within half an hour, a white, crystalline precipitate. The aqueous solution of Alum affords, with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a white, gelatinous precipitate, which is completely soluble in an excess of the alkali, and this alkaline solution should not evolve the odor of ammonia, even when heated (distinction from, and absence of, *ammonium alum*). A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper*, *lead*, or *zinc*), and 20 C.c. of this solution should not at once assume a blue color on the addition of 5 drops of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*)." *U. S.* Its sp. gr. is 1·71. It reddens litmus, but changes the blue tinctures of the petals of plants to green. When heated a little above 100° C. (212° F.), it undergoes the aqueous fusion; and, if the heat be continued, it loses its water, swells up, becomes a white, opaque, porous mass, and is converted into the official *dried alum*. (See *Alumen Exsiccatum*.) Exposed to a red heat, it gives off oxygen, together with sulphurous and sulphuric oxides, and the residue consists of alumina and potassium sulphate. When calcined with finely divided

charcoal, it forms a spontaneously inflammable substance, called *Homberg's pyrophorus*, which consists of a mixture of potassium sulphide, alumina, and charcoal.

The characters of the ammonium-alum, as stated in the British Pharmacopœia, are that its solution gives with caustic potassa or soda a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of the reagent and an immediate precipitate with barium chloride; and does not acquire a blue color from the addition of potassium ferrocyanide or ferricyanide, proving the absence of iron.

Several varieties of alum are known in commerce. *Roche alum*, so called from its having come originally from Rocca, in Syria, is a sort which occurs in fragments about the size of an almond, and of a pale rose color, which is given to it, according to Pereira, by bole or rose-pink. *Roman alum*, which is the purest variety found in commerce, also occurs in small fragments, covered with a reddish-brown powder, resembling ochre, which is put on by the manufacturers. It has been supposed that the powder contains iron; but this is probably a mistake. Roman alum crystallizes in cubes, from the fact that the crystals are deposited from a solution always containing an excess of alumina, which decomposes any iron salt that may be present. This crystalline form of alum is, therefore, an index of its freedom from iron.

All the alums of commerce contain more or less ferrous sulphate, varying from five to seven parts in the thousand. The iron is readily detected by adding to a solution of the suspected alum a few drops of potassium ferrocyanide, which will cause a greenish-blue tint, if iron be present. It may be detected also by precipitating the alumina as a subsulphate with a solution of potassa, and afterwards adding the alkali in excess. This will redissolve the precipitate, with the exception of any iron, which will be left in the state of sesquioxide. The proportion of iron usually present, though small, is injurious when the salt is used in dyeing. Alum may, however, be purified, either by dissolving it in the smallest quantity of boiling water, and stirring the solution as it cools, or by repeated solutions and crystallizations.

Incompatibles. Alum is incompatible with the alkalies and their carbonates, lime and lime water, magnesia and its carbonate, potassium tartrate, and lead acetate.

Composition. Alum was regarded as an aluminum sulphate, until it was proved by Descroizilles, Vauquelin, and Chaptal to contain also potassium sulphate, ammonium sulphate, or both these salts. When its second base is potassium, it consists of one mol. of aluminum sulphate 343, one of potassium sulphate 174·2, and twenty-four of water 432 = 949·2. In the ammonium-alum, the molecule of potassium sulphate is replaced by one of ammonium sulphate. *Alumina* is classed as an earth, and may be obtained by subjecting ammonium-alum to a strong calcining heat. It consists of two atoms of a metal called *aluminum* 55, and three of oxygen 48 = 103. It is, therefore, a sesquioxide. The existence of this metal was rendered probable by Sir H. Davy in 1808; but it was not fairly obtained until 1828, when Wöhler procured it in an impure state, in globules of the size of a pin's head, by the action of potassium on aluminum chloride. In 1854, Deville succeeded in obtaining the pure metal in ingots by decomposing the same chloride with sodium. The process of Deville remained the only practical process for its manufacture until 1886, when the Messrs. Cowles, of Cleveland, Ohio, succeeded in effecting the reduction of corundum, the native oxide, by charcoal with the aid of a powerful electric current from a Brush dynamo-electric machine, using large carbon electrodes. They now manufacture the pure aluminum and the alloys of copper known as aluminum bronzes. A German process, that of Graetzel, for electrolizing the fused chloride, is also in successful use. Aluminum is silver-white, sonorous, unalterable in the air, and lighter than glass, having the sp. gr. 2·56 only. Its fusing point is somewhat lower than that of silver. It is not attacked by sulphuric or nitric acid, nor tarnished by hydrogen sulphide. Its proper solvent is hydrochloric acid. After silver, gold, and platinum, it is the least alterable of the metals.

Medical Properties, etc. Alum is a powerful astringent, with very decided irritant qualities, owing to which, when taken internally in sufficient quantity, it is emetic and purgative, and may even cause fatal gastro-intestinal inflammation. It may be employed in passive relaxations of the mucous membranes or skin, *hemorrhages*, *serous diarrhœa*, *colliquative sweats*, etc., but is not much used internally, except in *colica pictonum*. The latter employment of it was introduced by Grashuis, a Dutch physician, in 1752, was imitated by Dr. Percival with great success, and has been revived in recent times with the happiest results. It allays nausea and vomiting, relieves flatulence, mitigates the pain, and opens the bowels with more certainty than any other medicine. Sometimes it is advantageously conjoined with opium and camphor. It is also efficacious in *nervous colic*. Sir James Murray found it a useful remedy in *gastrorrhœa*. He gave it in doses of ten or twelve grains (0·65–0·775 Gm.) three or four times a

day, mixed with an equal quantity of cream of tartar to prevent constipation, and a little ginger to obviate flatulence. By Dr. C. D. Meigs alum has been strongly recommended, in doses of a teaspoonful (3·9 Gm.), in *pseudo-membranous croup* as a mechanical emetic, but it is not as certain or powerful as is zinc sulphate.

Alum is a powerful astringent when topically applied, and has been largely used as such. In various *anginas* it has been a favorite remedy, but on account of its destructive influence upon the teeth it should never be used in gargles, but be applied in powder or concentrated solution with the brush. Bretonneau, Vulpian, etc., strongly recommended it in *pseudo-membranous angina*, applied by insufflation in the case of children. When used in the latter way, a drachm of finely powdered alum may be placed in one end of a tube, and then blown by means of the breath into the throat of the child. Alum coagulates blood very rapidly and firmly, and is frequently used as a local styptic in external *hemorrhages* and in *epistaxis* and other bleedings from mucous membranes to which it can be applied directly. In *hæmoptysis* its saturated solution may be used by atomization. It is sometimes applied locally in the form of *cataplasm*, made by coagulating the whites of two eggs with a drachm of alum. In *colica pictonum* from 20 to 30 grains of alum in molasses (or thick syrup) may be given three or four times a day. The emetic dose is one to two teaspoonfuls, repeated, if necessary, in fifteen minutes. An elegant mode of giving alum in solution is in the form of *alum-whey*, made by boiling two drachms of alum with a pint of milk, and then straining to separate the curd. The dose is a wineglassful (60 C.c.), containing about 15 grains (1 Gm.) of alum. As a collyrium, the solution is made of various strengths; as 4, 6, or 8 grains to the fluidounce of water. A solution containing from half an ounce to an ounce in a pint of water, and sweetened with honey, is a convenient gargle. Solutions for *gleet*, *leucorrhœa*, *ulcers*, etc., must vary in strength according to the state of the parts to which they are applied.*

In a case recorded by Dr. Ricquet, of Liège, death resulted from about an ounce of alum taken in solution by mistake for Epsom salt. A sensation of burning in the mouth, throat, and stomach occurred immediately upon the swallowing of the poison, followed by bloody vomiting, and death in the midst of inexpressible suffering. Upon post-mortem examination there was found a grayish-yellow coating covering the mucous membrane of the mouth, pharynx, and œsophagus; the tongue and uvula were swollen; and the stomach, bowels, and kidneys were injected. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1873, p. 333.)

Alum is sometimes used to adulterate bread, with the view to increase its whiteness and to conceal the defects of the flour.

ALUMEN EXSICCATUM. U. S., Br. Dried Alum.

$K_2Al_2(SO_4)_4$; 515·42. (Ā-LŪ'MĔN ĔX-SIC-CĀ'TŬM.) $K_2Al_2(SO_4)_4$; 516.

Alumen Ustum, Burnt Alum; Alun calciné, desséché, brûlé, *Fr.*; Gebrannter Alaun, *G.*

"Alum, in small pieces, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. To make *fifty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 10 grains]. Place the Alum in a shallow porcelain capsule so as to form a thin layer, and heat it on a sand-bath until it liquefies. Then continue the application of a moderate heat, with constant stirring, until aqueous vapor ceases to be disengaged, and a dry, white, porous mass is obtained, weighing *fifty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 10 grains]. When cold, reduce the product to a fine powder, and preserve it in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Alum *four ounces*. Heat the Alum in a porcelain dish, or other suitable vessel, till it liquefies, then raise and continue the heat, not allowing it to exceed 400° F. (204·4° C.), till aqueous vapor ceases to be disengaged, and the salt has lost between 45 and 46 per cent. of its weight. Reduce the residue to powder, and preserve it in a well-stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The object of these processes is to obtain the alum free from its water of crystallization, without otherwise in the least decomposing it. For this purpose a certain degree of heat is necessary; and yet if the heat be too great the salt itself is decomposed, and the desired end is not attained. If the alum employed be the potassium-alum, the old indefinite directions will generally be sufficient to secure the requisite result, as this salt will resist a heat short of redness; but this is not the case with the ammonium salt, which is official in the Br. P. To guard

* Alum enters as an ingredient into the famous *Wickersheimer Preserving Liquid*. The formula, as purchased by the German government from the originator, is as follows. Alum 100 grammes, sodium chloride 25 grammes, potassium nitrate 12 grammes, potassium carbonate 60 grammes, arsenous acid 10 grammes; these are to be dissolved in 3000 grammes (3 liters) of boiling water, the solution allowed to cool, filtered, and to every 10 liters of the liquid 4 liters of glycerin and 1 liter of wood naphtha added. Owing to the precipitation of the alumina in this preparation, it is frequently the practice to substitute for the alum the same quantity of potassium sulphate.

against failure from this cause, the Pharmacopœias prescribe about 205° C. (400° F.) as the highest heat to be employed, and check the operation when nearly all the water has been driven off, as indicated by the weight of the residue. Prof. John M. Maisch has satisfactorily determined by experiment that, whichever alum may be used, this temperature is quite high enough; and the direction of the Pharmacopœias, as to the weight of the residue, insures that a sufficient heat will be employed. By the official process there is left behind about 4 per cent. of the water of crystallization, when potassium-alum is used.

Properties. Dried alum is officially described as "a white, granular powder, without odor, possessing a sweetish, astringent taste, and attracting moisture on exposure to the air. It is very slowly but completely soluble in 20 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and quickly soluble in 0·7 part of boiling water. Its aqueous solution should respond to the reactions and tests of Alum (see *Alumen*)." *U. S.* Before pulverization, it is a light, white, opaque, porous mass. During the exsiccation, alum loses from 41 to 46 per cent. of its weight in dissipated water. Dried alum resists the action of cold water for a long time, showing its altered aggregation. In composition it differs from crystallized alum merely in the absence of water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dried alum has the same medical properties as ordinary alum, excepting that it is more powerful and irritant. It is used as a mild escharotic to destroy *exuberant granulations*, on which it should be freely dusted.

ALUMINI HYDRAS. U. S. Aluminum Hydrate. [Aluminum Hydroxide. Hydrated Alumina.]

$Al_2(HO)_6$; 155·184. (Ą-LŪ'MĮ-NĪ HĪ'DRĂS.) $Al_2(HO)_6$; 156.

Hydrate de l'Alumine, *Fr.;* Thonerdehydrat, *G.;* Argilla Pura, s. Hydrata, *P. G.*

"Alum, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Sodium Carbonate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve each salt separately in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Distilled Water, filter each solution, and heat it to boiling. Then having poured the hot solution of Sodium Carbonate into a capacious vessel, gradually pour in the hot solution of Alum with constant stirring, and add an equal volume of boiling Distilled Water. Let the precipitate subside, decant the clear liquid, and pour upon the precipitate *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5½ fluidrachms] of hot Distilled Water. Again decant, transfer the precipitate to a strainer, and wash it with hot Distilled Water, until the washings produce not more than a faint cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Then allow it to drain, dry it at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.), and reduce it to a uniformly fine powder." *U. S.*

This preparation is identical with the "Alumina Hydrata" of the German Pharmacopœia, and has been introduced probably out of respect to the large number of German practitioners in this country who may use it.

Properties. It is "a white, light, amorphous powder, odorless and tasteless, and permanent in dry air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but completely soluble in hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, and also in potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution. When heated to redness, it loses about 34·6 per cent. of its weight (water of hydration)." *U. S.*

Tests. "A solution of 1 Gm. of Aluminum Hydrate in 20 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid should not at once assume a blue color on the addition of 1 drop of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*), and should not give more than a faint cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). When dissolved in potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it should yield no precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc* or *lead*); and when boiled with 20 parts of water, and filtered, the filtrate should not leave more than a slight residue on evaporation (limit of *alkali salts*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This is a very feebly astringent and desiccant powder, sometimes used externally as an application in inflammatory affections of the skin. So far as our experience goes, it is very rarely employed in this country.

ALUMINI SULPHAS. U. S. Aluminum Sulphate.

$Al_2(SO_4)_3.16H_2O$; 628·9. (Ą-LŪ'MĮ-NĪ SŪL'PHĂS.) $Al_2(SO_4)_3.16H_2O$; 630.

Sulfate d'Alumine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaure Thonerde, *G.*

A process was given in the U. S. P. 1870 for the preparation of this salt,* but the 1880 Committee of Revision very properly omitted the process, merely giving a description and

* "Take of Alum, Carbonate of Sodium, each, *four troyounces;* Sulphuric Acid *a troyounce and one hundred and fifty grains;* Water *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the salts separately, each in six fluidounces of boiling water,

tests for the salt. In the process of 1870, the sodium of the carbonate unites with the sulphuric acid of the aluminum sulphate, with the escape of the carbonic acid, and the precipitation of the aluminum in the form of a hydrate; while the undecomposed ammonium sulphate of the alum, and the newly-formed sodium sulphate, remain in solution. The aluminum hydrate is then washed in order to separate any portion of the sulphates adhering to it, the absence of which is shown by the non-action of barium chloride on the washings. It now remains to unite the aluminum hydrate and sulphuric acid, which is effected by heating them with water; and the salt, which is formed in solution, is obtained by evaporating the solution to dryness. It may also be obtained from the solution by the addition of alcohol, which precipitates it. In the process the several substances are used in very nearly saturating proportions. (See paper on Aluminum Sulphate by Prof. J. U. Lloyd, *N. R.*, Aug. 1879, p. 237.) Aluminum sulphate may be prepared also by the process of MM. Huria and Brunel, which consists in exposing, in an iron cylinder, aluminum and ammonium sulphate (ammonium-alum), first dried to separate its water of crystallization, to a cherry-red heat. Aluminum sulphate remains in the cylinder, and the volatilized products are collected in water. The chief of these is ammonium sulphite, which serves for the preparation of a fresh portion of alum, after having been changed into the sulphate by oxidation in the air. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Sept. 15, 1852, p. 359.) It is now also obtained in enormous quantities, for use in the place of alum as a mordant in dyeing, as one of the by-products in the manufacture of soda from cryolite.

Sometimes free sulphuric acid exists in aluminum sulphate. It may be recognized by the salt imparting a strongly acid reaction to alcohol, also by the fact that the dark violet color imparted to decoction of logwood by aluminum sulphate changes to brown in the presence of free acid. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1873.) Prof. Wittstein treats the finely powdered salt with absolute alcohol; if the latter does not become acid, no free acid is present. (See also *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887, p. 216.) Egger recommends Pettenkofer's bile reaction for the detection of free sulphuric acid in aluminum sulphate and alum. (*Chem. News*, 1889, p. 169.)

Properties. As procured by the process of 1870, aluminum sulphate is in the form of a white powder. It may, however, be obtained in lamellar crystals. As seen in commerce, it is usually in flattened crystalline cakes, which appear as though formed by the cooling of soft masses of minute crystals. It has a sour as well as sweet and very astringent taste, is soluble in twice its weight of water, and has an acid reaction.

The salt is "soluble in 1·2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and much more freely in boiling water, but insoluble in alcohol. When gradually heated to about 200° C. (392° F.), it loses its water of crystallization (45·7 per cent. of its weight). The salt has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid; and with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a white, gelatinous precipitate which is soluble in an excess of the alkali, but is again separated on the addition of a sufficient amount of ammonium chloride test-solution." *U. S.*

It is formed by the union of one mol. of alumina, which is an aluminum sesquioxide, and three mols. of sulphuric acid, $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, and, when crystallized, contains eighteen mols. of water. The salt is, therefore, an aluminum tersulphate. It is known to be a sulphate by giving a precipitate with barium chloride insoluble in nitric acid, and a salt of aluminum by forming octohedral crystals of alum when its solution is evaporated with potassium or ammonium sulphate. In consequence of its strong affinity for potassa, it is coming into use in the arts as a means of separating that alkali.

Tests. "A filtered, 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper*, *lead*, or *zinc*), and should not become more than faintly opalescent within five minutes after the addition of an equal volume of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution (limit of *free acid*). 20 C.c. of a 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not at once assume a blue color on the addition of 5 drops of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be gently heated with 5 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the liquid should not evolve the odor of *ammonia*." *U. S.*

and pour the solution of the Alum gradually into that of the Carbonate of Sodium; then digest with a gentle heat until the evolution of carbonic acid ceases. Collect upon a filter the precipitate formed, and wash it with water, until the washings are no longer affected by chloride of barium. Next, with the aid of heat, dissolve the precipitate in the Sulphuric Acid, previously diluted with half a pint of Water, and, having filtered the solution, evaporate it until a pellicle begins to form. Then remove it to a water-bath, and continue the evaporation, with constant stirring, until a dry salt remains. Lastly, preserve this in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

Medical Properties and Uses. The soluble simple salts of aluminum have the property of opposing animal putrefaction, but the sulphate is probably the most powerful and certainly is the most used. It is often employed in solution (℥iiss–f℥vi up to saturation *pro re nata*) as an antiseptic, detergent application to *foul ulcers*, and as an injection in *fetid discharges from the vagina*. M. Homolle employs a saturated solution with much advantage as a mild caustic in *enlarged tonsils*, *nasal polypi*, *nævi*, *scrofulous* and *cancerous ulcers*, *diseases of the os uteri*, and various chronic enlargements. He applies it daily by means of a hair pencil. He has sometimes found the solution to answer still better after the addition of zinc oxide. Solution of aluminum sulphate is capable of dissolving a considerable quantity of recently precipitated gelatinous alumina. Such a solution, impregnated with benzoin, has been proposed by M. Mentel as a hæmostatic, under the name of *benzoinated solution of alumina*. It resembles the *styptic liquid of Pagliari*. It is prepared by saturating with gelatinous alumina a solution made of eight ounces of aluminum sulphate dissolved in a pint of water. To the saturated solution six drachms of bruised amygdaloid benzoin are added, and the whole is kept at a temperature of about 150° F. for six hours, with occasional agitation; so that the liquid, after filtration, may have about the density 1·26. This liquid, put in a cool place for several days, so as to deposit some crystals of alum, forms the benzoinated solution, remarkable for its very sweet odor and astringent balsamic taste. Benzoinated solution of alumina, diluted in the proportion of from two to five fluidrachms to the pint of water, has been found useful as an injection in *leucorrhœa*, and in *ulcerations of the neck of the uterus*, accompanied by fetid discharges. (See *A. J. P.*, 1857, p. 128.) Aluminum sulphate has been used to preserve cadavers for dissection, but is much inferior to zinc chloride. The solution for injection should be a pound to the quart.

AMMONIACUM. U.S., Br. Ammoniac.

(ĂM-MŌ-NĪ'Ą-CŬM.)

"A gum resin obtained from Dorema Ammoniacum, Don (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.*
"A gum-resinous exudation from the stem (after being punctured by beetles) of Dorema Ammoniacum. Don." *Br.*

Gummi-resina Ammoniacum; Ammoniacum; Ammoniaque, Gomme-résine ammoniaque, Gomme ammoniaque, *Fr.*; Ammoniak, Ammoniakgummi, *G.*; Gomma ammoniaco, *It.*; Goma amoniaco, *Sp.*; Ushek, *Ar.*; Semugh belsheren, *Pers.*

Much uncertainty long existed as to the ammoniac plant. It was generally believed to be a Ferula, till Willdenow raised, from some seeds mixed with the gum-resin found in the shops, a plant which he ascertained to be a Heracleum, and named *H. gummiferum*, under the impression that it must be the source of the medicine. On this authority the plant was adopted by the British Colleges, and recognized in former editions of our national Pharmacopœia. Willdenow expressly acknowledged that he could not procure from it any gum-resin, but ascribed the result to the influence of climate. The Heracleum, however, did not correspond exactly with the representations given of the ammoniac plant by travellers; and Sprengel ascertained that it was a native of the Pyrenees and never produced gum. Mr. Jackson, in his account of Morocco, imperfectly described a plant of that country, supposed to be a *Ferula*, from which gum-ammoniac is procured by the natives. This plant was ascertained by Dr. Falconer to be *Ferula tingitana* (Royle's *Mat. Med.*), and its product is thought to be the ammoniacum of the ancients, which was obtained from Africa; but this is not the drug now used under that name, which comes exclusively from Persia.* M. Fontanier, who resided many years in Persia, saw the ammoniac plant growing in the province of Fars, and sent a drawing of it with specimens to Paris. From these it was inferred to be a species of Ferula; and Mérat and De Lens proposed for it the name, originally given to it by Lemery, of *F. ammonifera*. It was subsequently, however, ascertained, from specimens obtained in Persia by Col. Wright, and examined by Dr. David Don, that it belonged to a genus allied to Ferula, but essentially different, which was named by Dr. Don *dorema*. It is described in the 16th vol. of the Linn. Transactions, under

* The *African Ammoniac*, which is said to have appeared in the London market only in the years 1857 and 1871, has been described by Mr. Daniel Hanbury as follows. It is "in large, compact, dark, heavy masses, formed of agglutinated tears of a gum-resin of hard, waxy consistence. The tears are opaque, white or of a pale greenish yellow, mixed with others of a blackish brown, which, with vegetable and earthy impurities, constitute a large portion of the mass." The odor of the drug is feeble, and quite different from that of the Persian gum-resin; its taste slightly acrid and very persistent. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1873, p. 741.) Examined by Mr. John Moss, it was found to consist of 67·76 per cent. of resin, 9·014 of gum, 4·29 of water and volatile oil, and 18·85 of bassorin and insoluble matters. (*Ibid.*, p. 742.) It is used chiefly for incense in Mohammedan countries, and sent eastward by the caravans, or in vessels from the ports of Morocco to Alexandria.

the name of *Dorema ammoniacum*. This is now acknowledged by the official authorities. The same plant was described and figured by Jaubert and Spack, in their "*Illustrations of Oriental Plants*" (Paris, 1842, t. 40, p. 78), by the name of *Diserneston gummiferum*, under the erroneous impression that it belonged to a previously undescribed genus.

The ammoniac plant grows spontaneously in Farsistan, Irak, Khorassan, and other Persian provinces. Dr. Grant found it abundantly in Syghan near Bamian, on the northwest slope of the Hindoo-Koosh Mountains. It attains the height of six or seven feet, and in the spring and early part of summer abounds in a milky juice, which flows out upon the slightest puncture. From the accounts of travellers, it appears that in the month of May the plant is pierced in innumerable places by an insect of the beetle kind. The juice, exuding through the punctures, concretes upon the stem, and when quite dry is collected by the natives. M. Fontanier states that the juice exudes spontaneously, and that the harvest is about the middle of June. According to Dr. Grant, the drug is collected in Syghan, like asafetida, from the root of the plant. The gum-resin is sent to Bushire, whence it is transmitted to India, chiefly to Bombay. A small portion is said to be taken to the ports of the Levant, and thence distributed. The name of the drug is thought to have been derived from the temple of Jupiter Ammon in the Libyan desert, where the ammoniac of the ancients is said to have been collected; but Dr. Don considers it a corruption of *Armeniacum*, originating in the circumstance that the gum-resin was formerly imported into Europe through Armenia.

Properties. Ammoniac comes either in the state of tears, or in aggregate masses, and in both forms is frequently mixed with impurities. That of the tears, however, is preferable, as the purest may be conveniently picked out and kept for use. These are of an irregular shape, usually more or less globular, from two to eight lines in diameter, opaque, yellowish on the outside, whitish within, compact, homogeneous, brittle when cold, and breaking with a conchoidal, shining, waxy fracture. The masses are often of a darker color and less uniform structure, appearing, when broken, as if composed of numerous white or whitish tears, embedded in a dirty-gray or brownish substance, and frequently mingled with foreign matters, such as seeds, fragments of vegetables, and sand or other earth. According to the U. S. Pharmacopœia, only such masses should be considered up to the standard as are composed entirely of tears "without any intervening dark-colored substance."

The smell of ammoniac is peculiar, and stronger in the mass than in the tears. The taste is slightly sweetish, bitter, and somewhat acrid. The sp. gr. is 1·207. When heated, the gum-resin softens and becomes adhesive, but does not melt. It burns with a white flame, swelling up, and emitting a smoke of a strong, resinous, slightly alliaceous odor. It is partly soluble in water, alcohol, ether, vinegar, and alkaline solutions. Triturated with water it forms an opaque milky emulsion, which becomes clear upon standing. The alcoholic solution is transparent, but is rendered milky by the addition of water. Braconnot obtained 18·4 per cent. of gum, 70·0 of resin, 4·4 of a gluten-like substance (bassorin), and 6·0 of water, with 1·2 per cent. of loss. Martius found 0·4 per cent. of ethereal oil, Flückiger 0·33 per cent. (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., p. 962.) Plugge's analysis gives 1·27 per cent. of volatile oil, 5·10 per cent. of water, 2 per cent. of ash, 65·53 per cent. of resin, and 26·10 per cent. of gum. Hager succeeded in procuring the volatile oil in a separate state by repeated distillation with water. It has a penetrating disagreeable odor, and a taste at first mild, but afterwards bitter and nauseous. Flückiger says that the oil contains no sulphur, and this result was confirmed by Przeciszewski, while, on the other hand, Vigier asserts that it blackens silver, and that when oxidized with nitric acid it yields sulphuric acid. The resin ammoniacum usually amounts to about 70 per cent. Unlike the gum-resin of allied plants, ammoniacum yields no umbellifer-one. When melted with caustic potash it affords protocatechuic acid and resorcin. The resin of ammoniac is dissolved by alcohol, and by the fixed and volatile oils; but it is divided by ether into two resins, of which one is soluble and the other insoluble in ether. P. C. Plugge states that sodium hypobromite, made by dissolving 30 grammes of pure caustic soda in water, adding 20 grammes of bromine, cooling the mixture, and adding distilled water until the whole measures 1 liter, is a sensitive reagent for ammoniac resin. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1883.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This gum-resin is stimulant and expectorant, in large doses cathartic, and, like many other stimulants, may be so given as occasionally to prove diaphoretic, diuretic, or emmenagogue. It has been employed in medicine from the highest antiquity, being mentioned in the writings of Hippocrates, but is now seldom administered. The complaints in which it was most frequently used were *chronic catarrh*, *asthma*, and other *pectoral affections* attended with deficient expectoration without acute inflammation, or with a

too copious secretion from the bronchial mucous membrane, dependent upon debility of the vessels. It is usually administered in combination with other expectorants, with tonics, or with emmenagogues. Externally applied, in the shape of a plaster, it is thought to be useful as a discutient or resolvent in white swellings of the joints, and other indolent tumors. (See *Emplastrum Ammoniaci cum Hydrargyro.*) It is given in substance, in pill or emulsion. The latter form is preferable. (See *Emulsum Ammoniaci.*) Dose, ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).

AMMONII BENZOAS. U. S., Br. Ammonium Benzoate.

$NH_4, C_7H_5O_2$; 138·72. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī BĔN'ZŌ-ĂS.) $NH_4, C_7H_5O_2$; 139.

Ammoniæ Benzoas, Ammonium Benzoicum, Benzoas Ammonicus; Benzoate of Ammonia; Benzoate d'Ammoniaque, *Fr.*; Benzöesaures Ammonium, *G.*

The process for the preparation of this salt was omitted in the 1880 U. S. revision.* The British process is as follows. "Take of Solution of Ammonia *three fluidounces* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Benzoic Acid *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *four fluidounces.* Dissolve the Benzoic Acid in three fluidounces of Solution of Ammonia previously mixed with the Water; evaporate, keeping ammonia in slight excess; and set aside that crystals may form." *Br.*

Although the quantity of ammonia ordered in the formula is in excess, yet, from the feeble affinity between the constituents, and the consequent escape of ammonia during the evaporation, a portion of the acid benzoate would be formed, if it were not that a little solution of ammonia is from time to time added during or near the close of the evaporation, so as to maintain the alkali in slight excess. The crystals, for the same reason, should be dried without heat. If slightly evaporated, and then allowed to cool, the solution becomes a mass of crystals, retaining so much water as to render it necessary to dry them by bibulous paper. "Ammonium Benzoate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. "Thin, white, four-sided, laminar crystals, odorless or having a slight odor of benzoic acid, a saline, bitter, afterwards slightly acrid taste, and gradually losing ammonia on exposure to the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 5 parts of water, and in 28 parts of alcohol; in 1·2 parts of boiling water, and in 7·6 parts of boiling alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt melts, emits vapors having the odor of ammonia and benzoic acid, and is finally completely dissipated. The salt is neutral, or has a very slightly acid reaction upon litmus paper. A saturated aqueous solution of the salt affords, with ferric chloride test-solution, a flesh-colored precipitate, and, when it is gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the odor of ammonia is evolved. If diluted nitric acid be added to a 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, a precipitate of benzoic acid is produced, which, when thoroughly washed, should respond to the tests of purity mentioned under *Acidum Benzoicum*, and the filtrate from this precipitate should not be affected by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), or by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*)." *U. S.* Gmelin states that, if the solution be boiled, the salt is converted into the acid benzoate, which crystallizes in feathery tufts of needles. (*Handbook*, xii. 38.) According to Lichtenstein, it deliquesces in the air. It gives a copious yellow precipitate with ferric salts, and is known to contain benzoic acid and ammonia, by depositing the former when the solution is acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and giving off the latter when it is heated with potassa. According to Mr. Squire, the acid salt is commonly met with in commerce, which is less soluble than the official salt, requiring 60 parts of water and 12 of alcohol for solution. This is a decided objection to it.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ammonium benzoate is a slightly stimulant diuretic, which acts chiefly through its benzoic acid; it being decomposed by the gastric acids, which combine with the ammonia, while the benzoic acid is absorbed, and passes out through the kidneys in the form of hippuric acid. (See *Benzoic Acid.*) The salt has been found useful as a diuretic in *defective action of the kidneys*, as an alterative to the mucous membrane of the urinary passages in chronic inflammation of that tissue, and as a solvent of the *phosphatic deposits*, through the hippuric acid into which it is converted. It has been employed in *gouty affections* with a view to the removal of the deposits of sodium urate about the joints; but it has been shown to have no effect on the elimination of *uric acid.* The salt does not appear to produce

* "Take of Benzoic Acid *two troyounces;* Water of Ammonia *three fluidounces and a half*, or *a sufficient quantity;* Distilled Water *four fluidounces.* Dissolve the Acid in three fluidounces and a half of the Water of Ammonia, previously mixed with Distilled Water; evaporate with a gentle heat, occasionally adding Water of Ammonia, if necessary, to maintain a slight excess of the alkali; then set aside to crystallize, and dry the crystals without heat." *U. S.* 1870.

injurious effects even in considerable quantities. (Garrod, *Med. Times and Gaz.*, Feb. 1864.) The dose is from 10 to 30 grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), which may be taken dissolved in water.

AMMONII BROMIDUM. U. S., Br. Ammonium Bromide.

NH_4Br; 97·77. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī BRŌ'MĮ-DŬM.) NH_4Br; 97·8.

Ammonium Bromatum; Bromure d'Ammonium, *Fr.;* Brom-Ammonium, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia gives no directions for the preparation of this salt; the Br. Pharmacopœia neutralizes hydrobromic acid with ammonia. The salt may be made by dissolving bromine in water of ammonia; but, in accordance with the researches of Prof. Procter, the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 * preferred the method of first forming ferrous bromide, precipitating with water of ammonia, separating by filtration the ferric oxide, and obtaining by evaporation the ammonium bromide from the solution. This process, it will be seen, is completely parallel with that by which potassium bromide is prepared. According to Prof. Procter, a still better method consists in adding to bromine and water sufficient solution of ammonium sulphide to discharge the color, filtering to separate the sulphur, and then evaporating to dryness. Charles Rice (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 249) recommends making ammonium bromide by double decomposition between hot solutions of potassium bromide and ammonium sulphate, assisting the precipitation of potassium sulphate by alcohol. Dr. W. H. Pile (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1874, p. 434) published a simple process for this salt. Pour the bromine (one pound) carefully into four times its weight of distilled water in a stone jar, add *very gradually* about one quart of solution of ammonia, cover the top of the jar with a glass plate when vapors arise, and when all the ammonia has been added, and the solution is free from the smell of bromine, it is evaporated and the salt granulated; the yield is about twenty ounces.

Properties. Ammonium bromide may be obtained in colorless crystals, but the official salt is a white, crystalline powder. Whether in crystal or in powder, on exposure to the air it gradually becomes yellowish, in consequence of a partial decomposition, by which hydrobromic acid appears to be liberated, as it now changes litmus red. The salt has a saline, pungent taste. Exposed to heat, it sublimes unchanged. It is "soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·5 parts of water, and in 30 parts of alcohol; in 0·7 part of boiling water, and in 15 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated, the salt volatilizes completely without melting. The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction upon litmus paper." *U. S.* It is sparingly soluble in ether, and is incompatible with acids, acid salts, and spirit of nitrous ether.

Tests. The Br. Pharmacopœia directs "that 5 grains dissolved in an ounce of distilled water to which 2 drops of solution of yellow chromate of potassium have been added, require not more than 514·5 and not less than 508·5 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of nitrate of silver* to produce a permanent red precipitate."

"When the aqueous solution is gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the odor of ammonia is evolved. If to another portion of the solution a little chloroform be added, and subsequently a few drops of chlorine water, and the whole agitated, the chloroform will acquire a yellowish or yellowish-brown color without a violet tint. If a few drops of diluted sulphuric acid be brought into contact with a little of the powdered salt on a porcelain plate, the salt should not at once assume a yellowish color (absence of *bromate*). A 10-per-cent. aqueous solution should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metals*), nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). 20 C.c. of a 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not at once assume a blue color on the addition of 5 drops of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*). If 3 Gm. of the salt, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), be dissolved in water to the measure of 100 C.c., 10 C.c. of this solution, after the addition of a few drops of potassium chromate test-solution, should require not more than 30·9 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red coloration (absence of more than 1 per cent. of *ammonium chloride*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This bromide resembles potassium bromide in its

* "Take of Bromine *two troyounces;* Iron, in the form of wire and cut in pieces, *a troyounce;* Water of Ammonia *four fluidounces and a half;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Add the Iron and then the Bromine to half a pint of Distilled Water, contained in a glass flask having the capacity of two pints; loosely cork the flask, and agitate the mixture until the odor of Bromine can no longer be perceived, and the liquid assumes a greenish color. Mix the Water of Ammonia with half a pint of Distilled Water, and add it to the mixture in the flask; agitate the mixture, and heat it by means of a water-bath for half an hour; then filter, and, when the liquor ceases to pass, wash the precipitate on the filter with boiling distilled water. Evaporate the solution, in a porcelain capsule, until a pellicle begins to form, then stir it constantly with a glass rod, at a moderate heat, until it granulates." *U. S.* 1870.

physiological powers, but has a less depressing effect upon the arterial and muscular systems. It may be used, often with advantage, instead of potassium bromide both in *epilepsy* and in minor *neuroses*. The dose is one to two drachms a day (3·9–7·8 Gm.) in dilute solution.

AMMONII CARBONAS. U. S., Br. Ammonium Carbonate.

$NH_4HCO_3.NH_4NH_2CO_2$; 156·77. (ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī CĂR'BO-NĂS.) $NH_4HCO_3.NH_4NH_2CO_2$; 157.

"A volatile and pungent ammoniacal salt, produced by submitting a mixture of sulphate or chloride of ammonium and carbonate of calcium to sublimation and resublimation. It is considered to be a compound of acid carbonate of ammonium (NH_4HCO_3) with carbamate of ammonium ($NH_4NH_2CO_2$), and the compound molecule is usually regarded as containing one molecule of each of these salts." *Br.* "Ammonium Carbonate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Ammoniæ Carbonas, *Br.*, 1867; Ammoniæ Sesquicarbonas, *Lond.; Dub.;* Ammonium Carbonicum, *P.G.;* Carbonas Ammonicus, Sal Volatile Siccum; Volatile Salt, Sal Volatile; Carbonate d'Ammoniaque, Alkali volatil concret, Sal volatil d'Angleterre, *Fr.;* Kohlensaures Ammonium, Flüchtiges Langensalz, Reines Hirschhornsalz, *G.*

There have been many methods of obtaining ammonium carbonate, in all of which the ammonia originated in organic decomposition. It was probably originally prepared from putrid urine, and it is sometimes made in Scotland now from this source. A patent was taken out in England for manufacturing it from guano, and another for making it by the direct combination of its constituents; the carbonic acid and ammoniacal gases being introduced simultaneously into leaden chambers. (*Chem. News*, Dec. 29, 1865.) But at present the salt is manufactured by subliming a mixture of either the chloride or the sulphate with chalk. Ammonium chloride and chalk (calcium carbonate) are heated together in iron pots or retorts, and sublimed into large earthen or leaden receivers. By the reciprocal action of the salts employed, the carbonic acid of the chalk unites with the ammonia of the chloride, generating ammonium carbonate, and the hydrochloric acid with the lime, forming water and calcium chloride. The carbonate and water sublime together as hydrated ammonium carbonate, and the residue is calcium chloride. The relative quantities of chalk and ammonium chloride, for mutual decomposition, are 50 of the former and 53·5 of the latter, or one mol. of each. But a great excess of chalk is usually taken, in order to insure the perfect decomposition of the ammonium chloride, any redundancy of which would sublime with the carbonate and render it impure.

Ammonium sulphate may be substituted for the chloride with much economy, as was shown by Payen. This double decomposition between ammonium sulphate and calcium carbonate takes place in the dry way only,—that is, by sublimation. In the wet way, the double decomposition is reversed; ammonium carbonate and calcium sulphate reacting so as to form ammonium sulphate and calcium carbonate. Large quantities of this carbonate are manufactured indirectly from *coal-gas liquor* and *bone-spirit;* the ammoniacal products in these liquors being converted successively into ammonium sulphate, chloride, and carbonate. (See *Ammonii Chloridum.*) The salt as first obtained has a slight odor of tar, and leaves a blackish carbonaceous matter when dissolved in acids. Hence it requires to be purified, which is effected in iron pots surmounted with leaden heads. The American carbonate has almost supplanted the English article, formerly exclusively used.

Properties. Commercial ammonium carbonate, recently prepared, is in white, translucent masses, consisting of Ammonium Bicarbonate (Acid Carbonate) and Carbamate, losing both ammonia and carbonic acid gas on exposure to air, becoming opaque and finally converted into friable porous lumps, or a white powder (Acid Ammonium Carbonate). The salt has a pungent ammoniacal odor, free from empyreuma, a sharp, saline taste, and an alkaline reaction. "Slowly but completely soluble in about 5 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.); decomposed by hot water with the elimination of carbonic acid and ammonia. By prolonged boiling with water the salt is completely dissipated. Alcohol dissolves the Carbamate [$NH_4NH_2CO_2$], and leaves the acid carbonate (ammonium bicarbonate). When heated, the salt is completely volatilized, without charring. The aqueous solution possesses a strongly alkaline reaction, and effervesces with acids. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, slightly supersaturated with acetic acid, should not be affected by the hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metals*), nor by barium chloride test-solution (*sulphate*), or ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*). A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution, on the addition of a slight excess of silver nitrate test-solution, and subsequent supersaturation with nitric acid, should neither assume a brown color (absence of *hyposulphite*), nor become more than slightly opalescent within two minutes (limit of

chloride). If 1 Gm. of the salt be slightly supersaturated with nitric acid, and the solution evaporated to dryness on a water-bath, it should afford a colorless and odorless residue, which, upon gentle ignition, should be completely volatilized (absence of *empyreumatic* or *non-volatile matters*). If 7·84 Gm. of unaltered Ammonium Carbonate be dissolved in water to the volume of 90 C.c., 30 C.c. of this solution (containing 2·613 Gm. of the salt) should require, for exact neutralization, *fifty* (50) *cubic centimeters* of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of the pure salt), rosolic acid being used as indicator." *U. S.* If commercial ammonium carbonate be treated with 90 or 91 per cent. alcohol, it is decomposed into the two salts of which it is composed, ammonium carbamate going into solution while the acid ammonium carbonate remains undissolved. This latter compound also remains undissolved when the commercial carbonate is treated with an amount of water insufficient for complete solution. The result of the complete solution of the commercial salt in water is a mixture of acid and neutral carbonates, the carbamate having been decomposed according to the reaction $(NH_4)HCO_3 + CO\left\{\begin{matrix}ONH_4\\NH_2\end{matrix}\right. + H_2O = (NH_4)HCO_3 + (NH_4)_2CO_3$. When long or insecurely kept, it gradually passes into the state of bicarbonate, becoming opaque and friable, and falling into powder. When heated on a piece of glass, the commercial carbonate should evaporate without residue, and, if turmeric paper held over it undergoes no change, it has passed into bicarbonate. As prepared from coal-gas liquor, it sometimes contains traces of tarry matter, which give a dark color to its solution in acids, but a refined carbonate, made by resubliming the commercial article, is now in the market, and this alone should be dispensed in preparations for internal use. When it is saturated with nitric acid, neither barium chloride nor silver nitrate causes a precipitate. The non-action of these tests shows the absence of ammonium sulphate and chloride. It is decomposed by acids, the fixed alkalies and their carbonates, lime water and magnesia, solution of calcium chloride, alum, acid salts such as potassium bitartrate and bisulphate, solutions of iron (except the iron and potassium tartrate and analogous preparations), corrosive sublimate, lead acetate and subacetate, and ferrous and zinc sulphates. "52·3 grains dissolved in one [fluid]ounce of distilled water will be neutralized by 1000 grain-measures of *the volumetric solution of oxalic acid.* Twenty grains of carbonate of ammonium neutralize 26¾ grains of citric acid and 28¾ grains of tartaric acid." *Br.* Traces of chlorine have been noticed in some samples of commercial carbonate, and a sublimed salt which had been sold as carbonate, was *devoid of odor*, hard, crystalline, yet having the external appearance of carbonate, was proved by Prof. Bridges to be anhydrous ammonium bicarbonate. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1874.) Although much inferior to the official compound, this salt is frequently found in the market. For a paper by G. M. Beringer on testing commercial ammonium carbonate, see *A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 500; see one also by Charles C. Abbey, *Pharm. Era*, 1889, p. 417.

Composition. This salt, which used to be considered an ammonium sesquicarbonate of the formula $2(CO_3(NH_4)H) + CO_3(NH_4)_2 + H_2O$, is now generally recognized as a mixture of either one or two mols. of acid ammonium carbonate, $(NH_4)HCO_3$, with one mol. of ammonium *carbamate*, $CO\left\{\begin{matrix}ONH_4\\NH_2\end{matrix}\right.$. When the salt is dissolved in water, the reaction given above converts it into a mixture of acid and neutral carbonates, and when water of ammonia is added in sufficient amount it converts the acid carbonate into neutral carbonate, which is used frequently as a laboratory reagent, or by passing carbonic acid gas into a solution of the commercial salt the whole may be converted into acid carbonate or bicarbonate.

Medical Properties and Uses. Locally applied ammonium carbonate is an irritant, and when taken internally in sufficient amount it acts as an irritant poison. When administered in therapeutic doses it is a powerful cardiac stimulant, acting not so rapidly and fugaciously as the solutions of ammonia, but still in a very prompt and temporary manner. It is employed in low conditions of the system as a stimulant, but it should always be remembered that its influence lasts for only a short time, and that there is reason for believing that when continuously given it is apt to impair the crasis of the blood. It is probably eliminated in part by the lungs, and certainly is a stimulant to the respiratory centres. It seems also to exert some influence upon the pulmonary mucous membrane, and is largely employed in *adynamic pneumonias* and *bronchitis*, in the last stages of *phthisis*, etc. In some of these cases it does good by increasing muscular power and aiding in the expulsion of the sputa.

Coarsely bruised with the addition of half its bulk of strongest water of ammonia, and scented with oil of lavender, it constitutes the common smelling-salts, so much used as a nasal

stimulant in *syncope* and *hysteria*.* The ordinary dose is five grains (0·33 Gm.), given in mixture, and repeated at not longer intervals than two hours. It should never be given in powder or in pill, on account of its volatile nature and its irritant action on mucous membranes.

Ammonium carbonate is sometimes employed to make effervescing draughts, 20 grains of the salt requiring for this purpose 6 fluidrachms of lemon-juice, 24 grains of citric acid, or 25½ grains of tartaric acid.

AMMONII CHLORIDUM. U. S., Br. Ammonium Chloride.

NH_4Cl; 53·38. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī ĊHLŌ'RĮ-DŬM.) NH_4Cl; 53·4.

Muriate of Ammonia, Ammonia Muriaticum s. Hydrochloratum, Chloruretum Ammonicum, Sal Ammoniacum, Ammoniæ Hydrochloras s. Murias; Sal Ammoniac, Hydrochlorate of Ammonia; Hydrochlorate d'Ammoniaque, Muriate d'Ammoniaque, Sel Ammoniac, Chlorure d'Ammonium, Chlorure d'Ammonium pur; Ammonium Muriaticum Depuratum, Sal Ammoniacum Depuratum, *Fr.;* Ammonium Chloratum, *P. G.;* Salmiak Chlorammonium; Reiner (gereinigter) Salmiak, *G.;* Sale Ammoniaco, *It.;* Sal Amoniaco, *Sp.*

In the Pharmacopœia of 1870 both the crude and the purified ammonium chloride were official, under the names *Ammonii Chloridum* and *Ammonii Chloridum Purificatum*. The Pharm. 1890 recognizes but one, *Ammonii Chloridum*, but it transfers this title, which formerly was given to the crude sal ammoniac, to the purified salt, without giving a process for preparing it.† It originally came from Egypt, where it was obtained by sublimation from the soot resulting from the burning of camels' dung, which is used in that country for fuel, and it is still to be found in the Indian bazaars in an impure state as it has been obtained from the unburnt extremity in the interior of brick-kilns in which camels' manure is used for fuel. It has long been known in China, where it is obtained from the water of certain volcanic springs, and exists in commerce in various states of purity. It is found in the fumeroles of Vesuvius, Etna, Hecla, and other volcanoes, as well as in the cracks and fissures in recent lava-streams.

Preparation. At present ammonium chloride is derived from two principal sources, the ammoniacal liquor, called *gas liquor*, found in the condensing vessels of coal-gas works, and the brown, fetid ammoniacal liquor, known under the name of *bone-spirit*, which is a secondary product, obtained from the destructive distillation of bones, in the manufacture of bone-black. These two liquors are the chief sources of ammoniacal compounds; for they are both used to procure ammonium chloride, and this salt is employed directly or indirectly for obtaining all the other salts of ammonia. Other sources are stale urine, coal soot, guano, peat, and bituminous schist.

Gas liquor contains ammonium carbonate, cyanide, sulphide, and sulphate, but principally the carbonate. It is saturated with sulphuric acid, and the solution obtained, after due evaporation, furnishes brown crystals of ammonium sulphate. These are then sublimed with sodium chloride in iron pots lined with clay and furnished with a leaden dome or head. By the mutual action of the sulphate, water, and chloride, there are formed ammonium chloride which sublimes, and sodium sulphate which remains behind. Thus $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ and $(NaCl)_2$ become $(NH_4Cl)_2$ and Na_2SO_4. Gas liquor is at present usually distilled with lime with the aid of column stills, whereby a relatively pure and strong ammonia is obtained. This may be further purified, however, from empyreumatic matter by treatment with potassium permanganate and then driven over by heat and absorbed in hydrochloric acid. In this way, as the solution becomes concentrated, the sal ammoniac crystallizes out in the bottom of the leaden tanks in which the absorption takes place. Impure sal ammoniac may be purified either by crystallization or by sublimation. In the latter case the sal ammoniac is placed in an iron subliming pot coated with a composition of clay, sand, and charcoal and covered with a dome of lead. These pots are sometimes sufficiently large to hold five hundred pounds. "A gentle fire is kept up under the subliming pot for seven or eight days, when, the dome having cooled down, and the sal ammoniac somewhat contracted, so as to loosen from the sides, the

* In Mounsey's recipe for the English *Preston salts*, the essence to be added to the carbonate is made as follows. Take oil of cloves ℥ss; oil of lavender ℥j; oil of bergamot ℥iiss; stronger water of ammonia (sp. gr. 0·880) f℥x. Mix. The bottles are to be filled with ammonium carbonate, half with the salt coarsely bruised, and the remainder with it in fine powder; and then as much of the above essence as the salt will absorb is to be added. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 628.)

† The process (Pharm. 1870) for purifying sal ammoniac is here given as found in 14th ed. U. S. D.

"Take of Chloride of Ammonium, in small pieces, *twenty troyounces;* Water of Ammonia *five fluidrachms;* Water *two pints*. Dissolve the Chloride of Ammonium in the water, in a porcelain dish, with the aid of heat; add the Water of Ammonia, and continue the heat for a short time; filter the solution while hot, and evaporate to dryness, with constant stirring at a moderate heat, until it granulates." *U. S.* 1870.

The object of this process is to free the drug from ferric chloride, which is a frequent impurity of the crude salt, derived from the subliming vessels.

dome is thrown off from the iron pot, and about two or three hundred-weight of white, semi-transparent sal ammoniac are knocked off in cakes." (Pereira, *Mat. Med.*, 3d ed., p. 446.)

In the destructive distillation of bones for making bone-black, the distilled products are the bone-spirit already mentioned, being chiefly an aqueous solution of ammonium carbonate, and an empyreumatic oil, called *animal oil*. Ammonium chloride may be obtained from the bone-spirit in the manner just described for procuring it from gas liquor. Sometimes, however, the ammonium sulphate is not made by direct combination, but by digesting the bone-spirit with ground plaster of Paris. By double decomposition, ammonium sulphate and calcium carbonate are formed. The ammonium sulphate is then converted into the chloride by sublimation with common salt. The chloride "may be formed by neutralizing hydrochloric acid with ammonia or carbonate of ammonium, and evaporating to dryness." *Br.*

Other processes have been proposed or practised for obtaining ammonium chloride. For an account of the manufacture of ammoniacal salts, and for a list of the patents issued in Great Britain, since 1827, for their preparation, the reader is referred to the *P. J. Tr.*, xii. 20, 63, 113.

Commercial History. Nearly all the ammonium chloride used in the United States is obtained from abroad. Its commercial varieties are known under the names of the *crude* and the *refined*. The crude is imported from Calcutta in chests containing from 350 to 400 pounds, and is consumed almost exclusively by coppersmiths and other artisans in brass and copper, for the purpose of keeping metallic surfaces bright, preparatory to brazing. The refined comes to us exclusively from England, packed in casks containing from 5 to 10 cwt.

Properties. Commercial ammonium chloride is a white, translucent, tough, fibrous salt, occurring in large cakes about two inches thick, convex on one side and concave on the other, due to the shape of the dome of the subliming apparatus: the pieces frequently are tinged on the surface with iron stains, owing to the contact with the iron dome. It has a pungent, saline taste, but no smell. Its sp. gr. is 1·45. This salt is very difficult to powder in the ordinary way. Its pulverization, however, may be readily effected by making a boiling saturated solution of the salt and stirring it as it cools. The salt is thus made to granulate, and in this state, after having been drained from the remaining solution and dried, may be easily powdered. At a red heat it sublimes without decomposition, and without residue. Exposed to a damp atmosphere it becomes slightly moist. It has the property of increasing the solubility of corrosive sublimate in water. It is decomposed by the strong mineral acids, and by the alkalies and alkaline earths,—the former disengaging hydrochloric acid, the latter ammonia, both sensible to the smell. Ammonium chloride is usually employed for obtaining gaseous ammonia, which is conveniently disengaged by lime. It is incompatible with lead acetate and silver nitrate, producing precipitates respectively of lead and silver chlorides.

Ammonium chloride is little subject to adulteration. If not entirely volatilized by heat, and if insoluble in water, it contains impurity. Still, as ordinarily prepared, it contains ferrous chloride. This metal may be detected by boiling a small portion of a saturated solution of the salt with a drop or two of nitric acid, and then adding potassium ferrocyanide, when the characteristic blue color occasioned by iron will be produced. If the salt is entirely volatilized by heat, and yet produces a precipitate with barium chloride, the presence of ammonium sulphate is indicated. The description and tests of the official salt are as follows:

"A white, crystalline powder, without odor, having a cooling, saline taste, and permanent in air. Soluble in three parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1 part of boiling water, but almost insoluble in alcohol. On ignition, the salt is completely volatilized, without charring. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and affords, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white, curdy precipitate, which is soluble in ammonia water. Another portion of the aqueous solution, when gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, evolves the odor of ammonia. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metals*), barium chloride test-solution (*sulphate*), diluted sulphuric acid (*barium*), or ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*). When acidulated with hydrochloric acid, the solution should not assume a red color on the addition of a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphocyanate*). 20 C.c. of a 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not at once assume a blue color on the addition of 5 drops of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*). If to 1 Gm. of the salt a little nitric acid be added, and the mixture evaporated to dryness in a porcelain capsule on a water-bath, a white residue should be obtained which, when more strongly heated, should be completely volatilized (absence of *empyreumatic* or *non-volatile matters*)." *U. S.*

Composition. Ammonium chloride consists of one atom of chlorine and one of ammonium, $(NH_4) = NH_4Cl$. Viewed as *hydrochlorate of ammonia* or *muriate of ammonium*, it is composed of one mol. of hydrochloric acid and one of ammonia.

Medical Properties. Ammonium chloride has the stimulant properties of ammonia, and probably differs little in its physiological powers from the carbonate, but it is believed by many to be less fugacious in its action and to be less stimulant to the circulation than is the latter salt. Clinical experience has also led to a somewhat particular use of it in diseases. It is one of the most employed of the stimulant expectorants in the advanced stages of *acute bronchitis* and in *chronic bronchitis*, also in *catarrhal pneumonia*. It has been very highly recommended of late years in *chronic hepatic torpor and engorgement*, and even in *acute hepatitis*, by Dr. W. Stewart, who gives 20 grains of it three times a day and continues its use for weeks. We have seen *catarrhal jaundice* apparently very much benefited by it. Many years ago it was a favorite remedy as a resolvent in *chronic glandular enlargements*, but at present it is rarely so employed. There is much testimony as to the value of ammonium chloride in certain obscure nervous affections, especially *hemicrania*, *ovaralgia*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *sciatica*, and various other neuralgic disorders. The usual expectorant dose of the chloride is 5 to 10 grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.) every two hours, administered in sweetened mucilage; but formerly in *prostatic* and other *glandular enlargements* it was recommended to increase the dose until half an ounce a day was ingested. When such amounts are given, the remedy is prone to produce disordered digestion, a miliary eruption, profuse sweats, and scorbutic symptoms.

Externally, ammonium chloride is used in solution, as a stimulant and resolvent, in *contusions*, *indolent tumors*, etc. An ounce of the salt dissolved in nine fluidounces of water and one of alcohol forms a solution of convenient strength. When the solution is to be used as a wash for *ulcers*, or as an injection in *leucorrhœa*, it should not contain more than from one to four drachms of the salt to a pint of water. A pediluvium consisting of half a pound of ammonium chloride dissolved in water, followed by fomentations with the same solution, is said to have cured *senile gangrene*. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1868.)

The vapor of ammonium chloride has been administered by inhalation, employed several times a day, in *chronic catarrh*, with marked advantage, by Dr. Gieseler, of Germany. Dr. Hermann Beigel, of London, strongly recommends its inhalation in the nascent state, resulting from a mixture of the two gases composing it. Three bottles are used, one containing ammonia water, the second an equivalent quantity of liquid hydrochloric acid, and the third half filled with water, connected with the first two by tubes, and supplied itself with a tube for inhalation. By inhalation the patient draws the two gases from their respective bottles into the third, where they combine to form ammonium chloride, which is freed from any excess of either gas by the water. The greater or less force of the inspiration will determine the depth to which the medicine will penetrate; and this will depend on the part of the respiratory passages specially affected. (*Lancet*, Oct. 1867, p. 512.) Another mode of inhaling ammonium chloride is in *spray*, by means of the atomizer; from 10 to 20 grains are dissolved for the purpose in a fluidounce of water.

AMMONII IODIDUM. U. S. Ammonium Iodide.

NH_4I; 144·54. (ĄM-MŌ′NĮ-Ī Ī-ŌD′Į-DŬM.) NH_4I; 144·6.

Iodure d'Ammonium, *Fr.*; Ammonium jodatum, Ioduretum Ammonicum, Jodammonium, *G.*

"Ammonium Iodide should be kept in small, well-stoppered vials, protected from light. When deeply colored, the salt should not be dispensed, but it may be deprived of free iodine by adding to its concentrated aqueous solution sufficient ammonium sulphide test-solution to render it colorless, then filtering, and evaporating on a water-bath to dryness." *U. S.*

No process is given in the Pharm. 1890 for this salt; that of the Pharm. 1870 will be found below.*

This salt was formerly prepared according to the method of Mr. John A. Spencer, of London, the formula for which is as follows. Add to a portion of iodine, placed in a flask with a little water, a solution of ammonium sulphydrate, until the mixture loses its red color, and is

* "Take of Iodide of Potassium, in coarse powder, *four troyounces*; Sulphate of Ammonium, in coarse powder, a *troyounce* [this should be 867 grains]; Boiling Distilled Water *two fluidounces*; Alcohol, Water, each, a *sufficient quantity*. Mix the salts, add them to the Boiling Water, stir well, and allow the mixture to cool; then add a fluidounce of Alcohol, mix well, and reduce the temperature, by a bath of iced water, to about 40°; throw the mixture into a cool glass funnel, stopped with moistened cotton, and, when the clear solution has passed, pour upon the salt a fluidounce of a mixture containing two parts of Water and one part of Alcohol. Lastly, evaporate the solution rapidly to dryness, stirring constantly; and preserve the residue in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

turbid from the separation of sulphur only. Shake the flask, which causes the sulphur, for the most part, to agglomerate; and, having poured off the liquid, boil it until all odor of hydrogen sulphide and of ammonia is lost. Then filter the liquid, and, constantly stirring, evaporate it, first with a naked flame until it becomes pasty, and then in a water-bath until it forms a dry salt. In 1864 (*A. J. P.*, May, 1864), Dr. Jacobson proposed a plan in which double decomposition between the ammonium sulphate and the potassium iodide was brought about. Mr. James F. Babcock (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1866) stated that on trial of the first of the above processes, and of all others in which hydrogen sulphide or an alkaline sulphide was employed, the resulting ammonium iodide retained a portion of sulphur, which caused its color to change with time to yellow and ultimately to brown, and rendered it unfit for the accurate preparations required in photography. Having tried also other formulas, which he found objectionable, he at length satisfied himself that the process of Dr. Jacobson above described was the best in use, and with slight modifications would yield an absolutely pure product.

In a former edition of the Dispensatory may be found the exact process finally adopted by Mr. Babcock. It is substantially that which was official in Pharm. 1870, and is in close accord with that of Dr. Jacobson. The object of the first step of the process is sufficiently evident. After the double decomposition has occurred, the alcohol is added to complete the precipitation of the potassium sulphate; the pouring of alcohol upon the cotton filter is to remove completely from the sulphate all of the iodide. As made by this process, ammonium iodide always contains a minute proportion of potassium sulphate. Charles Rice (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 249) calls attention to the fact that the process official in U. S. Pharm. 1870 is deficient in the amount of ammonium sulphate required, and therefore wasteful of the more expensive iodide; instead of one ounce of ammonium sulphate the quantity should be 867 grains. The view taken by Mr. Rice, however, is that the reaction takes place between single molecules of the respective salts, which is no doubt correct, whereas the view of the Pharmacopœia committee was that two mols. of the iodide reacted with one of ammonium sulphate, $2KI + (NH_4)_2SO_4 = K_2SO_4 + 2NH_4I$.

Properties. Ammonium iodide is in "minute, colorless, cubical crystals, or a white granular powder, without odor when colorless, but emitting a slight odor of iodine when colored, and having a sharp, saline taste. The salt is very hygroscopic, and soon becomes yellow or yellowish-brown on exposure to the air and light, owing to the loss of ammonia and the elimination of iodine. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1 part of water, and in 9 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 3·7 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated on platinum foil, it evolves vapor of iodine, and volatilizes completely without melting. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and, when gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, evolves the odor of ammonia. If a little chloroform be added to 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution, then a few drops of chlorine water, and the whole agitated, the chloroform will acquire a violet color. A solution of 1 Gm. of the salt in 20 C.c. of water, acidulated with a few drops of diluted hydrochloric acid, should not afford an immediate cloudiness or precipitate with 5 drops of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). A 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not at once assume a blue color with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*), nor, after being mixed with a little starch test-solution, should it assume a deep blue color (limit of *free iodine*). If 0·25 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of ammonia water, the solution then shaken with 19 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, and the filtrate supersaturated with 5 C.c. of nitric acid, no cloudiness should make its appearance within ten minutes (absence of more than about 0·5 per cent. of *chloride* or *bromide*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Ammonium iodide is employed, both externally and internally, as a resolvent, and resembles closely, in its action, iodine and potassium iodide. Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, has prescribed it, in the dose of from one to three grains, with considerable success, in *secondary syphilis*, *chronic rheumatism*, *incipient phthisis*, and in a variety of forms of *scrofulous disorder*, attended with glandular enlargements. Dr. Richardson found a liniment, made by dissolving half a drachm of the iodide in an ounce of glycerin, very efficacious in *enlarged tonsils*, applied every night with a large camel's-hair brush, and his practice has been followed to some extent by other members of the profession.* Externally, this salt has been

* Theodore G. Davis (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 305) gives a formula for *Liniment of Iodide of Ammonium* which he says closely corresponds with a proprietary liniment largely sold at one time; but it cannot be regarded as correctly named, for it contains a small quantity of iodide in a *pint* of liniment. Water of Ammonia 10 per cent. f℥ij, Soap Liniment f℥ij, Tinct. Iodine f℥viij, Alcohol f℥iv. Mix the soap liniment with the tincture of iodine, and add the alcohol and ammonia; shake, and add alcohol to make 1 pint. Let it stand two or three days before using.

used as a substitute for potassium iodide. By Dr. Pennock it is considered a good remedy in certain cases of *lepra* and *psoriasis*, in the form of ointment, applied by friction in the quantity of half an ounce, morning and evening. The proportions employed are from a scruple to a drachm of the salt to an ounce of lard; the weaker preparation being used when the disease is recent, the stronger when it is chronic. As the iodide is decomposed by the air, the ointment should be kept in well-stopped bottles. For internal use the dose of ammonium iodide is from three to five grains (0·20–0·33 Gm.).

AMMONII NITRAS. U. S., Br. Ammonium Nitrate.

NH_4NO_3; 79·9. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī NĪ'TRĂS.) NH_4NO_3; 80.

Ammoniæ Nitras, *Br.*, 1867; Nitrate of Ammonia; Ammonium Nitricum, Nitrum Flammans; Azotate d'Ammoniaque, Nitre inflammable, Nitre ammoniacal, Sal ammoniacal nitreux, *Fr.;* Salpetersaures Ammon, Ammonium, Ammoniak, *G.*

An extraordinary property possessed by this salt of absorbing ammoniacal gas, and giving it out again at a moderate heat unchanged, renders it capable of useful pharmaceutical application; but the chief cause of its introduction into the U. S. Pharmacopœia was its being the source whence nitrogen monoxide is produced.

Ammonium nitrate may be prepared by treating commercial ammonium carbonate by nitric acid so long as effervescence takes place, or to saturation, filtering, and evaporating the solution. By careful evaporation and slow refrigeration the salt may be obtained in well-defined crystals. If crystallized after rapid concentration by boiling and sudden cooling, it forms long flexible and elastic threads. If the solution be heated till all the water is driven off and the fused mass kept at a temperature not exceeding 320° F. (160° C.), the commercial fused salt is produced. It may also be made by double decomposition between solutions of ammonium sulphate and potassium nitrate.

Properties. "Colorless crystals, generally in the form of long, thin, rhombic prisms, or in fused masses, without odor, having a sharp, bitter taste, and somewhat deliquescent. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·5 part of water, and in 20 parts of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, and in 3 parts of boiling alcohol. When gradually heated, it melts at 165°–166° C. (329°–330·8° F.); at a temperature between 230° and 250° C. (446°–482° F.) it is decomposed into nitrogen monoxide gas and water, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and, when gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it evolves the odor of ammonia. On heating the salt with sulphuric acid, it emits nitrous vapors." *U. S.*

At all temperatures between —15° C. (5° F.) and 25° C. (77° F.), if exposed to a current of dry ammoniacal gas, its crystals absorb the gas and melt, yielding a colorless liquid, which, if the absorption has taken place at —10° C. (14° F.), contains two mols. of the gas for each mol. of the salt, and would be represented by the formula $NH_4NO_3 + 2NH_3$. It is not frozen by a mixture of salt and snow. Its sp. gr. is 1·05. Heated moderately it boils, with loss of ammonia, and is changed into a crystalline mass, containing 21·25 parts of the gas in 100 of the salt by weight, and corresponds with the formula $NH_4NO_3 + NH_3$, thus retaining one-half the gas absorbed. By exposure to increased heat, this loses ammonia, and at 80° C. (176° F.) has been reconverted to pure ammonium nitrate. This preparation may be used for obtaining small quantities of pure ammonia, when wanted, by exposing it to a gentle heat in a small retort. To be fit for this purpose, it must be kept at a low temperature. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1872.)

Tests. "A 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, when acidulated with nitric acid, should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*)." *U. S.*

For the mode of preparing nitrogen monoxide (hyponitrous oxide), or nitrous oxide gas, from ammonium nitrate, the reader is referred to the article on Nitrogen Monoxide in Part II. of this work.

AMMONII PHOSPHAS. Br. Phosphate of Ammonium.

$(NH_4)_2HPO_4$; 132. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī FHŎS'FHĂS.)

Ammoniæ Phosphas; Phosphate of Ammonia; Ammonium Phosphoricum, *P.G.;* Phosphas Ammonicus; Phosphate d'Ammoniaque, *Fr.;* Phosphorsaures Ammoniak, *G.*

This salt was introduced into the 1880 U. S. Pharmacopœia, but was dropped at the late revision. The following is the British process. "Take of Diluted Phosphoric Acid *twenty fluid-*

ounces; Strong Solution of Ammonia, *a sufficiency.* Add the Ammonia to the Phosphoric Acid, until the solution is slightly alkaline, then evaporate the liquid, adding more Ammonia from time to time, so as to keep it in slight excess, and when crystals are formed on the cooling of the solution, dry them quickly on filtering paper placed on a porous tile, and preserve them in a stoppered bottle. $(NH_4)_2HPO_4$." *Br.*

The variety of phosphoric acid employed in this formula is the tribasic, which forms three salts with ammonia, one containing three atoms of ammonium without basic hydrogen, which is called the neutral phosphate, the second, two mols. of ammonium and one of basic hydrogen, forming an acid phosphate, and the third, one mol. of ammonium and two of basic hydrogen, forming also an acid phosphate. The second of these is the one intended by the U. S. and British Pharmacopœias, and is represented by the formula $(NH_4)_2HPO_4$. To prepare it, a constant excess of ammonia must be maintained, and this is done by compliance with the process, if the materials are of due strength. Without such a precaution, more or less of the more acid phosphate would be generated, in consequence of the escape of the alkali.

Properties. Hydrogen di-ammonium phosphate, which is the official salt, occurs in "colorless, translucent, monoclinic prisms, losing ammonia on exposure to dry air, without odor, having a cooling, saline taste and a neutral or faintly alkaline reaction. Soluble in 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·5 part of boiling water, but insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt fuses, afterwards evolves ammonia, and at a bright red heat is wholly dissipated." *U. S.* 1880. The salt commonly found in commerce is either this acid phosphate, or a mixture of the two acid salts. The official salt may be made by saturating the excess of acid in acid calcium phosphate by means of ammonium carbonate. Calcium phosphate is precipitated and ammonium phosphate obtained in solution, which, being duly concentrated by a gentle heat, affords the salt in crystals upon cooling. The method of obtaining the acid calcium phosphate is given under the head of sodium phosphate. (See *Sodii Phosphas.*) Ammonium phosphate prepared in this way is a white salt, crystallizing in six-sided tables, derived from oblique quadrangular prisms, efflorescent, insoluble in alcohol, and soluble in 4 parts of cold water. The solution has an alkaline somewhat saline taste, and an alkaline reaction, and gives out ammonia when heated.

The other acid phosphate, $NH_4H_2PO_4$, is obtained by boiling a solution of either of the other salts so long as ammonia escapes, and then crystallizing. Its crystals are four-sided prisms, permanent in the air, of an acid taste and reaction, and soluble in 5 parts of cold water. (*Bridges.*) In a specimen of the common ammonium phosphate of commerce which came under our notice, we recognized both the tabular crystals of the phosphate with two mols. of ammonium, having a saline slightly acrid taste, and neutral in reaction, and the prisms of the acid salt, with a sour and saline taste and a decidedly acid reaction.

Tests. "The aqueous solution of the salt, when heated with potassa, evolves vapor of ammonia. Addition of test-solution of nitrate of silver to the aqueous solution produces a canary-yellow precipitate, soluble in nitric acid and in ammonia. The aqueous solution should remain unaffected by sulphide of ammonium, or, after being acidulated with hydrochloric acid, by hydrosulphuric acid (abs. of metals), or by test-solution of chloride of barium (sulphate). When acidulated with nitric acid, it should not be rendered turbid by test-solution of nitrate of silver (chloride). 2 Gm. of the salt dissolved in water and precipitated with test-mixture of magnesium, yields a crystalline precipitate, which, when washed with diluted water of ammonia, dried, and ignited, should weigh 1·68 Gm." *U. S.* 1880. This quantitative test is intended as a means of identifying the hydrogen di-ammonium salts. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following quantitative test. "If 20 grains be dissolved in water, and solution of ammonio-sulphate of magnesium be added, a crystalline precipitate falls, which, when well washed upon a filter with solution of ammonia, diluted with an equal volume of water, dried, and heated to redness, leaves 16·8 grains." *Br.* The residue is magnesium pyrophosphate, and its amount indicates the quantity of phosphoric acid contained in the salt.

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt was first brought to the notice of the profession, as a remedy for *gout* and *rheumatism*, by Dr. T. H. Buckler (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1846), and has since been so employed with apparently useful results. The dose is from ten to forty grains (0·65–2·6 Gm.), three or four times a day, dissolved in a tablespoonful of water.

AMMONII VALERIANAS. U. S. Ammonium Valerianate.

$NH_4C_5H_9O_2$; 118.78. (ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā'NĂS.) $NH_4C_5H_9O_2$; 119.

Valérianate d'Ammoniaque, *Fr.;* Baldriansaures (Valeriansaures) Ammonium, *G.*

A process for preparing this salt is no longer official; that of the Pharm. 1870 is found below.*

Ammonium valerianate was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860; much difficulty was experienced by manufacturing chemists in procuring a crystallized ammonium valerianate, until, after a series of experiments, Mr. B. J. Crew, of Philadelphia, ascertained that it was necessary to employ the *monohydrated* valerianic acid, as the ordinary acid with three mols. of water could not be successfully used for the purpose. The official formula of 1870 was based upon that of Mr. Crew, published in the *A. J. P.* (1860, p. 109). In this formula the monohydrated valerianic acid, procured by a special process (see *Acidum Valerianicum*), is saturated with gaseous ammonia obtained in the usual manner from a mixture of ammonium chloride and lime. The saturation is known to have been effected when litmus paper is no longer acted on. During the operation heat is developed sufficient to prevent premature crystallization, and, when the saturation is completed, nothing more is necessary than to allow the solution to cool. Crystallization soon begins, and in a few hours the contents of the vessel become a nearly solid mass of crystals; these should be thoroughly drained, and, without unnecessary exposure, at once transferred to well-stoppered bottles.

Properties. Thus prepared, ammonium valerianate is in snow-white, pearly, four-sided, tabular crystals, perfectly dry, of an offensive odor like that of valerianic acid, and a sharp sweetish taste. Instead of liquefying whenever exposed to the air, as happened to the salt formerly procured, it undergoes this change only in a moist atmosphere, and effloresces when the air is dry. It is very soluble in water, ether, and alcohol. Exposed to heat it is in great measure volatilized unchanged; but a small portion, by giving off a part of its ammonia, is converted into the acid valerianate. Hager (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1879, p. 465) states that commercial ammonium valerianate is always the acid salt, as is proved by the acid reaction and the strong rotation of the crystals when placed upon cold water; the neutral salt is obtained only with difficulty, is in prismatic crystals, and is easily liquefied by moderate temperatures. Its formula is $NH_4C_5H_9O_2$. "The aqueous solution has an acid reaction, and, when gently heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it evolves the odor of ammonia. If a concentrated aqueous solution of the salt be slightly supersaturated with sulphuric acid, an oily layer of valerianic acid will separate on the surface. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution, when acidulated with nitric acid, should not be affected by barium nitrate test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), nor by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*). If a neutral solution of the salt be completely precipitated with ferric chloride test-solution, the filtrate should not possess a deep red color (absence of *acetate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Ammonium valerianate is not poisonous. Given to dogs in the dose of 150 grains, it produced no inconvenience. As a therapeutic agent it was first brought to the notice of the profession, in 1856, by M. Déclat, of Paris. The preparation which he used was a solution of ammonium valerianate of uniform strength, made according to the recipe of M. Pierlot, an apothecary of Paris. Since then it has been used in various diseases, principally of the nervous system, such as *hysteria*, *epilepsy*, *chorea*, *neuralgia*, and is certainly useful in various mild functional nervous affections, but in such grave maladies as epilepsy it is powerless. The dose of the salt is from two to eight grains (0·13–0·52 Gm.), dissolved in water. As now prepared, it may be made into pills without inconvenience; and, properly coated so as to conceal their disagreeable odor, they are probably the best form for the administration of the salt. *Pierlot's solution*, mentioned above, should be made by dissolving a drachm of valerianic acid in thirty-two drachms of distilled water, saturating the solution with ammonium carbonate, and adding to the salt formed two scruples of the alcoholic extract of valerian. According to M. Pierlot, the latter addition is necessary in order to preserve the preparation from change; for a simple solution of the ammoniacal salt is rapidly decomposed. It will keep still better if the extract, when added to the solution, be mixed with a fluidounce of diluted alcohol, while

* "Take of Valerianic Acid *four fluidounces;* Chloride of Ammonium, Lime, each, *a sufficient quantity*. From a mixture of Chloride of Ammonium, in coarse powder, and an equal weight of Lime, previously slaked and in powder, contained in a suitable vessel, obtain gaseous ammonia, and cause it to pass, first through a bottle filled with pieces of Lime, and afterwards into the Valerianic Acid, in a tall, narrow, glass vessel, until the Acid is neutralized. Then discontinue the process, and set the vessel aside that the Valerianate of Ammonium may crystallize. Lastly, break the salt into pieces, drain it in a glass funnel, dry it on bibulous paper, and keep it in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.*

but 24 drachms of distilled water are used, so as to preserve the measure. The solution of M. Pierlot is neutral, of a brown color, and a strong odor of valerian. It contains 1-25th of its weight of the pure salt. The dose is from six to thirty drops (0·36–1·9 C.c.), given in water or on a lump of sugar. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1857, p. 55.)

AMYGDALA AMARA. U. S., Br. Bitter Almond.

(Ą-MĬG'DĄ-LĄ Ą-MĀ'RĄ.)

"The seed of Prunus Amygdalus, var. amara, De Candolle (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.* "The ripe seed of the bitter almond tree, Prunus Amygdalus, Stokes, var. amara. Baillon (Amygdalus communis, Linn., var. amara, D. C.)." *Br.*

Amygdalæ Amaræ, *P. G.;* Semen Amygdali Amarum; Amande amère, *Fr.;* Bittere Mandeln, *G.;* Mandorle amare, *It.;* Almendra amarga, *Sp.*

Bitter Almonds. These are smaller than the sweet almonds, and are thus described in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. "About 25 Mm. long, oblong-lanceolate, flattish, covered with a cinnamon-brown, scurfy testa, marked by about sixteen lines emanating from a broad scar at the blunt end. The embryo has the shape of the seed, is white, oily, consists of two plano-convex cotyledons, and a short radicle at the pointed end, and has a bitter taste. When triturated with water, Bitter Almond yields a milk-white emulsion, which emits an odor of hydrocyanic acid." *U. S.* They have the bitter taste of the peach kernel, and, though when dry inodorous or nearly so, have, when triturated with water, the fragrance of the peach blossom. They contain the same ingredients as sweet almonds, and like them form a milky emulsion with water. It was formerly supposed that they also contained hydrocyanic acid and volatile oil, to which their peculiar taste and smell and their peculiar operation upon the system were ascribed. It was, however, ascertained by MM. Robiquet and Boutron that these principles do not pre-exist in the almond, but result from the reaction of water; and Wöhler and Liebig proved, what was suspected by Robiquet, that they are formed out of a peculiar substance denominated *amygdalin*, which is the characteristic constituent of bitter almonds. This substance, which was discovered by Robiquet and Boutron in 1830, is white, crystallizable, inodorous, of a sweetish bitter taste, unalterable in the air, freely soluble in water and hot alcohol, very slightly soluble in cold alcohol, and insoluble in ether. It is decomposed by the action of dilute acids or in the presence of water by the nitrogenous ferments, like emulsin, which accompany it in the bitter almond. The reaction is as follows:

$$\underset{\text{Crystallized amygdalin.}}{C_{20}H_{27}NO_{11}} + 3H_2O = \underset{\text{Dextro-glucose.}}{2(C_6H_{12}O_6)} + \underset{\text{Hydrocyanic acid.}}{HCN} + \underset{\text{Oil of bitter almonds.}}{C_7H_6O} + H_2O.$$

It is recognized as belonging to the *glucoside* class, compounds which, when decomposed by dilute acids, alkalies, or ferments, yield glucose and some other characteristic decomposition product. They may be considered as compound ethers of glucose analogous to the compound ethers of glycerin which exist in the fats under the name of *glycerides*. Liebig and Wöhler give the following process for obtaining amygdalin, in which the object of the fermentation is to destroy the sugar with which it is associated. Bitter almonds, previously deprived of their fixed oil by pressure, are to be boiled in successive portions of alcohol till exhausted. From the liquors thus obtained all the alcohol is to be drawn off by distillation; care being taken, near the end of the process, not to expose the syrupy residue to too great a heat. This residue is then to be diluted with water, mixed with good yeast, and placed in a warm situation. After the fermentation which ensues has ceased, the liquor is to be filtered, evaporated to the consistence of syrup, and mixed with alcohol. The amygdalin is thus precipitated in connection with a portion of gum, from which it may be separated by solution in boiling alcohol, which will deposit it upon cooling. If pure, it will form a perfectly transparent solution with water. Any oil which it may contain may be separated by washing with ether. One pound of almonds yields at least 120 grains of amygdalin. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxii. 329.)*

Amygdalin, mixed with emulsion of *sweet* almonds, gives rise, among other products, to the volatile oil of bitter almonds and hydrocyanic acid—the emulsion of the sweet almonds acting the part of a ferment, by causing a reaction between the amygdalin and water; and the same

* Amygdalin appears to be extensively diffused in plants, having been noticed not only in the different genera of the Amygdaleæ, as *Amygdalus*, *Cerasus*, and *Prunus*, but also by Wicke in various Pomaceæ, as *Pyrus malus*, *Sorbus aucuparia*, *Sorbus hybrida*, *Sorbus torminalis*, *Amelanchier vulgaris*, *Cotoneaster vulgaris*, and *Cratægus oxyacantha*. (*Ann. d. Chem. und Pharm.*, lxxix. 79.) It may be advantageously procured from peach kernels, which have been found to yield 80 grains for each avoirdupois pound, or more than 1 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 227.) According to the researches of Johannen, the emulsin is contained in the radicle and plumule, and in the vascular bundles of the cotyledons, while the parenchyma of the cotyledons contains the amygdalin. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1888.)

result is obtained when pure *emulsin* is added to a solution of amygdalin. It appears, then, that the volatile oil and hydrocyanic acid developed in bitter almonds when moistened result from the mutual reaction of amygdalin, water, and emulsin. Certain substances have the effect of preventing this reaction, as, for example, alcohol and acetic acid. It is asserted that emulsin procured from other seeds, as those of the poppy, hemp, and mustard, is capable of producing the same reaction between water and amygdalin, though in a less degree. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxviii. 290.) Amygdalin appears not to be poisonous when taken pure in the stomach, unless there be emulsin in the food in the stomach.

Bitter almonds yield their fixed oil by pressure, and at the present time this oil is an article of commerce, and is frequently sold as oil of sweet almonds, being produced in England from North African bitter almonds; the volatile oil, impregnated with hydrocyanic acid, may be obtained from the residue by distillation with water. (See *Oleum Amygdalæ Amaræ.*)

Confectioners employ bitter almonds for communicating flavor to orgeat syrup. (See *Syrupus Amygdalæ.*) The kernel of the peach possesses similar properties, and is frequently used as a substitute. It has been ascertained that bitter almond paste, and other substances which yield the same volatile oil, such as bruised cherry-laurel leaves, peach leaves, etc., have the property of destroying the odor of musk, camphor, most of the volatile oils, creosote, cod-liver oil, the balsams, etc.; and M. Mahier, a French pharmacist, has employed them successfully to free mortars and bottles from the odor of asafetida and other substances of disagreeable smell. All that is necessary is first to remove any oily substance by means of an alkali, and then to apply the paste or bruised leaves.

Medical Properties and Uses. (See *Amygdala Dulcis.*)

AMYGDALA DULCIS. U.S., Br. Sweet Almond.

(Ą-MĬG'DĄ-LĄ DŬL'CIS.)

"The seed of Prunus Amygdalus, var. dulcis, De Candolle (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.*

"The ripe seed of the sweet almond tree, Prunus Amygdalus, Stokes, var. dulcis. Imported from Malaga and known as the Jordan Almond." *Br.*

Amygdalæ Dulces, *P. G.;* Semen Amygdali Dulce; Amande douce, *Fr.;* Süsse Mandeln, *G.;* Mandorle dolci, *It.;* Almendra dulce, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. *Calyx* five-cleft, inferior. *Petals* five. *Drupe* with a nut perforated with pores. *Willd.*

Amygdalus communis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 982; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 507, t. 183. The almond tree rises usually from fifteen to twenty feet in height, and divides into numerous spreading branches. The leaves stand upon short footstalks, are about three inches long and three-quarters of an inch broad, elliptical, pointed at both ends, veined, minutely serrated, with the lower serratures and petioles glandular, and are of a bright green color. The flowers are large, of a pale red color varying to white, with very short peduncles, and petals longer than the calyx, and usually stand in pairs upon the branches. The fruit is of the peach kind, with the outer covering thin, tough, dry, and marked with a longitudinal furrow, where it opens when fully ripe. Within this covering is a rough shell, containing the kernel or almond.

There are several varieties of this species of Amygdalus, differing chiefly in the size and shape of the fruit, the thickness of the shell, and the taste of the kernel. The two most important are *Amygdalus* (*communis*) *dulcis* and *Amygdalus* (*communis*) *amara*, the former bearing sweet, the latter bitter almonds. Another variety is the *fragilis* of De Candolle, which yields the *paper-shelled almonds*. The almond-tree is a native of Persia, Syria, and Barbary, and is extensively cultivated in the south of Europe. It has been introduced into the United States; but in the northern and middle sections the fruit does not come to perfection. We are supplied with sweet almonds chiefly from Spain and the south of France. They are separated into the soft-shelled and hard-shelled, the former of which come from Marseilles and Bordeaux, the latter from Malaga. From the latter port they are sometimes brought to us without the shell. In British commerce, the two chief varieties are the *Jordan* and *Valencia* almonds, the former imported from Malaga, the latter from Valencia.* The former are longer, narrower, more pointed, and more highly esteemed than the latter. The bitter almonds are obtained chiefly from Morocco, and are exported from Mogador.

* In 1861, Dr. Geo. B. Wood was informed, when at Valencia, that the thin, paper-shelled almonds were produced, not in the immediate neighborhood, but chiefly in the Balearic Islands, and the province of Alicante, whence they are sent to Valencia; and in a journey through the interior from Valencia to Alicante he noticed that the almond-tree was very abundant in the region back of the latter city, while there were comparatively few near the former.

Properties. The shape and appearance of almonds are too well known to require description. Each kernel consists of two white cotyledons, enclosed in a thin, yellowish-brown, bitter skin, which is easily separable after immersion in boiling water. Deprived of this covering, they are called *blanched almonds*. On exposure to the air they are apt to become rancid; but, if thoroughly dried and kept in well-closed glass vessels, they may be preserved unaltered for many years. Each of the two varieties requires a separate notice.

Sweet almonds are without smell when blanched, and have a sweet, very pleasant taste, which has rendered them a favorite article of diet in all countries where they are readily attainable. They are, however, generally considered difficult of digestion. The Pharmacopœia thus describes them. "Closely resembling the bitter almond (see *Amygdala Amara*), but having a bland, sweetish taste, free from rancidity. When triturated with water, it yields a milk-white emulsion, free from the odor of hydrocyanic acid." *U. S.* By the analysis of M. Boullay, it appears that they contain, in 100 parts, 5 parts of pellicle, 54 of fixed oil, 24 of albumen, 6 of uncrystallizable sugar, 3 of gum, 4 of fibrous matter, 3·5 of water, and 0·5 of acetic acid, comprising loss. The albumen is somewhat peculiar, and is called *emulsin*. It may be obtained separate by treating the emulsion of almonds with ether, allowing the mixture, after frequent agitation, to stand until a clear fluid separates at the bottom of the vessel, drawing this off by a siphon, adding alcohol to it so as to precipitate the emulsin, then washing the precipitate with fresh alcohol, and drying it under the receiver of an air-pump. In this state it is a white powder, inodorous and tasteless, soluble in water, and insoluble in ether and alcohol. Its solution has an acid reaction, and, if heated to 100° C. (212° F.), becomes opaque and milky, and gradually deposits a snow-white precipitate, amounting to about 10 per cent of the emulsin employed. (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 354.) Its distinguishing characteristic is that of producing certain changes, noticed previously, in amygdalin, which property it loses when its solution is boiled, though not by exposure in the solid state to a heat of 100° C. (212° F.). (*Ibid.*, 357.) It consists of nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, with a minute proportion of sulphur, and is probably identical with the *synaptase* of Robiquet. Mr. L. Portes announced the discovery of *asparagin* in sweet almonds. (*N. R.*, January, 1877.) The fixed oil is described under the head of *Oleum Amygdalæ*, to which the reader is referred. Sweet almonds, when rubbed with water, form a milky emulsion, free from the odor of hydrocyanic acid, the insoluble matters being suspended by the agency of the albuminous, mucilaginous, and saccharine principles.

Medical Properties and Uses. *Sweet almonds* have no other influence on the system than that of a nutrient and demulcent. The emulsion formed by triturating them with water is a pleasant vehicle. From their nutritive properties, and the absence of starch in their composition, they are much used in the diet of *diabetics*, as originally recommended by Dr. Pavy. (*Guy's Hosp. Rep.*, 1862, p. 213.) *Bitter almonds* are more active, and might be employed with advantage in *pectoral* and other complaints to which hydrocyanic acid is applicable. In some persons almonds produce urticaria, in the smallest quantities. Largely taken, they have sometimes proved deleterious. Landerer mentions the case of a lady who was alarmingly affected by a bath made from the residue of bitter almonds after expression of the fixed oil (*A. J. P.*, xxviii.) Wöhler and Liebig propose as a substitute for cherry-laurel water, which owes its effects to the hydrocyanic acid it contains, but is objectionable from its unequal strength, an extemporaneous mixture, of seventeen grains of amygdalin, and one fluidounce of an emulsion made with two drachms of *sweet* almonds and a sufficient quantity of water. This mixture contains, according to the above-named chemists, one grain of anhydrous hydrocyanic acid, and is equivalent to two fluidounces of fresh cherry-laurel water. If found to answer in practice, it will have the advantage of certainty in relation to the dose; as amygdalin may be kept any length of time unaltered. If the calculation of Wöhler and Liebig be correct as to the quantity of acid it contains, not more than a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) should be given as a commencing dose.

AMYL NITRIS. U.S., Br. Amyl Nitrite.

$C_5H_{11}NO_2$; 116·78. (Ā'MŸL NĪ'TRĬS.) $C_5H_{11}NO_2$; 117.

"A liquid containing about 80 per cent. of Amyl (principally Iso-amyl) Nitrite [$C_5H_{11}NO_2 = 116.78$], together with variable quantities of undetermined compounds. It should be kept in small, dark amber-colored and glass-stoppered vials, in a cool and dark place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"A liquid produced by the action of nitric or nitrous acid on amylic alcohol which volatilizes between 262° and 270° F. (or about 128° to 132° C.). It consists chiefly of nitrite of amyl, $C_5H_{11}NO_2$. It should be stored in hermetically-sealed vessels or in well-stoppered bottles, and in a cool dark place." *Br.*

Amylium Nitrosum, Amylæther Nitrosus; Azotite d'Amyl, *Fr.;* Amyl Nitrite, *G.;* Amylo-nitrous Ether.

This substance, which was discovered by M. Balard in 1844, should not be confounded with *amyl nitrate*, $C_5H_{11}NO_3$, which is not used as a medicine.

Preparation. Amyl nitrite may be prepared by passing a stream of nitrous acid (hyponitric acid) gas through purified amylic alcohol at a temperature of 132° C. (269·6° F.), or by acting upon amylic alcohol with nitric acid, as originally suggested by Balard. The alcohol should always first be purified according to the method of Hirsch (*A. J. P.*, 1862, pp. 139, 328), by agitating with an equal bulk of strong solution of common salt, then distilling in a retort with a thermometer, collecting what comes over between 125° C. (257° F.) and 140° C. (284° F.), and redistilling this until it has a boiling point near 132° C. (269·6° F.). The purified alcohol should be mixed with about an equal bulk of nitric acid in a capacious glass retort, being gradually heated until it approaches boiling, when the fire is to be removed. As soon as a thermometer inserted into the tubulures rises above 100° C. (212° F.) the receiver is changed, because both ethyl-amylic ether and amyl nitrate at such temperatures come over freely and would contaminate the product. The distillate obtained below 100° C. (212° F.) is agitated with a solution of potassium carbonate, and the oily liquid which separates is very slowly heated in a clean retort to 96° C. (204·8° F.), then the receiver is changed and the distillate collected as before, until the thermometer reaches 100° C. (212° F.). That which comes over between the two temperatures is pure amyl nitrite. It is essential to this process that in every case the heating be very gradual. (*A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 148.) Allen states (*Commerc. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., i. 159) that the use of nitric acid is certain to result in the formation of much valeric aldehyde and more or less amyl nitrate, and the boiling point of the former of these bodies precludes the possibility of subsequently separating it by fractioning the crude product. He therefore prefers the passing of nitrous acid gas into purified amyl alcohol. Prof. Maisch attempted to produce amyl nitrite by Redwood's process (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 330) for the production of nitrous ether, substituting amylic for ethylic alcohol. He found that the reactions occurred with such excessive violence as to render the preparation of the nitrite in this way impracticable. Subsequently, however, Mr. Alfred Tanner pointed out (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1871, also *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 21) that Prof. Maisch used a nearly anhydrous amylic alcohol, and that the reactions are equally violent with ethylic alcohol of similar strength. He finds no difficulty when the fused oil is diluted with water, and prefers the process, especially for the production of the drug upon a small scale. Having introduced the purified amylic alcohol into a tubulated retort containing copper wire, he adds one-tenth of its bulk of strong sulphuric acid, and then the same quantity of nitric acid, previously diluted with an equal bulk of water, and heats gently to 63° C. (145·4° F.). At this temperature the reaction commences, and goes on very manageably, until a bulk about equal to double the quantity of nitric acid collects in the receiver. The chemical movement now ceases, and the temperature, which has risen to near 100° C. (212° F.), begins to fall. More dilute nitric acid is added, and the process carried out as before. These additions are repeated until the amylic alcohol is exhausted, which is known by the appearance of red fumes in the retort. The whole product is washed with caustic soda, to remove hydrocyanic and other acids, and rectified over potassium carbonate, to get rid of moisture. The portion which distils over between 95° C. (203° F.) and 100° C. (212° F.) is medicinally pure amyl nitrite. John Williams (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1885) recommends the method of passing nitrous acid, obtained by acting upon lump arsenous acid with nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·350, into purified amylic alcohol until the latter has assumed a brownish-green color; the product is then washed and distilled fractionally; the distillate under 100° C. and 105° C. amounted to nearly 95 per cent. Mr. D. B. Dott (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 31, 1878) called attention to the difficulties in the way of fixing a standard boiling point for amyl nitrite, and Dr. W. H. Greene (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 65) shows that nitropentane (an isomer of amyl nitrite) is almost invariably a constituent of amyl nitrite, and he believes that commercial amyl nitrite is frequently put upon the market unrectified, specimens examined having boiling points varying from 70° C. (158° F.) to 180° C. (356° F.).

Prof. Dunstan and W. Lloyd Williams (*Pharm. Journ. and Trans.*, Dec. 22, 1888, p. 487) have shown that the supposed pure amyl nitrite is a mixture of α-amyl nitrite and β-amyl nitrite, arising from the fact that the amyl alcohol used is always a mixture of α-amyl alcohol and

β-amyl alcohol in varying proportions. They find the α-amyl nitrite to be optically inactive and to boil at 97° C., while the β-amyl nitrite has dextro-rotatory power and boils at about 94° C. Much of the commercial amyl nitrite contains also iso-butyl nitrite, boiling at 67° C.*

Properties. "A clear, yellow or pale yellow liquid, of a peculiar, ethereal, fruity odor, and a pungent, aromatic taste. Specific gravity, 0·870–0·880 at 15° C. (59° F.). Almost insoluble in water; miscible, in all proportions, with alcohol or ether. In alcoholic solution it gradually decomposes with formation of ethyl nitrite and amylic alcohol. It is very volatile, even at a low temperature, and is inflammable, burning with a fawn-colored flame. At about 96°–99° C. (204·8°–210·2° F.), it boils, yielding an orange-colored vapor. If 1 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution and 10 C.c. of water be mixed with a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution, then 5 C.c. of Amyl Nitrite added, and the tube inverted a few times, the red tint of the alkaline layer should still be perceptible (limit of *free acid*). On shaking together equal volumes of Amyl Nitrite and potassium hydrate test-solution, the aqueous layer should not acquire a deeper tint than pale yellow (limit of *aldehyde*). Amyl Nitrite should remain transparent, or nearly so, when exposed to the temperature of melting ice (absence of *water*). If 0·26 Gm. of Amyl Nitrite, diluted with about 5 C.c. of alcohol, be introduced into a nitrometer, followed by 10 C.c. of potassium iodide test-solution, and afterwards by 10 C.c. of sulphuric acid normal volumetric solution, the volume of nitric oxide generated, measured at the ordinary in-door temperature (assumed to be at or near 25° C., or 77° F.), should be about 40 C.c. (each C.c. indicating about 2 per cent. of pure Amyl Nitrite)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Owing to its excessive volatility and the ease with which it is absorbed, amyl nitrite acts with great quickness upon the organism. As early as 1859, Guthrie investigated, to some extent, its physiological action; but the attention of the profession was really first directed to the drug by the researches of Dr. Richardson, of London, in 1865. Since that time elaborate studies of its physiological action have been made by various investigators. Want of space forbids more than a summarizing of them in this book: for a full account the reader is referred to Dr. H. C. Wood's Treatise on Therapeutics. When inhaled in doses of from 5 to 10 drops, amyl nitrite produces in man violent flushing of the face, accompanied with a feeling as though the head would burst, and a very excessive action of the heart. Along with these symptoms, after a larger quantity, there is a sense of suffocation, and more or less marked muscular weakness. As no case of serious poisoning from amyl nitrite has occurred in man, for a further knowledge of its action we are dependent upon studies made on the lower animals. In dogs, rabbits, cats, etc., it induces effects similar to those occurring in man, followed, after toxic doses, by violently hurried, panting respiration, progressive loss of muscular power and of reflex activity, and finally death from failure of respiration, sensation and consciousness being preserved to the last. Although the frequency of the pulse may be increased, the force of the circulation is always diminished. This decrease of the arterial pressure is in a great measure due to a dilatation of the capillaries. The vaso-motor palsy appears to be chiefly produced by a direct action upon the coats of the capillaries, but may in part be caused by an influence exerted upon the vaso-motor centres. The cause of the acceleration of the pulse has not been positively made out, but there is evidence for the belief that the rise is due to a depressing action upon the inhibitory cardiac nerves, and it is also probable that small quantities of the drug are primarily stimulant to the cardiac muscle.

The diminution of voluntary movements and of reflex action is chiefly owing to a powerful depressing influence exerted upon the spinal centres, although the drug does act to some extent upon both motor nerve and muscle, lowering their functional activity. Upon the perceptive and conscious portions of the nervous system amyl nitrite has almost no influence, so that, as already stated, both consciousness and sensation are preserved in poisoning by it almost to the close. After toxic doses the animal temperature falls in a remarkable degree. Very small doses produce in man a slight (½° F.) temporary increase of the bodily heat, probably caused by the vascular dilatation. The vapors of amyl nitrite outside of the body have a very extraordinary power of checking oxidation, and the results of numerous experiments seem to show that in the body the drug lessens decidedly the chemical interchanges. With the possible exception of the decrease of temperature, the general symptoms produced by the poison

* It is a question whether the physiological action of commercial amyl nitrite is really due to the amyl nitrite or to impurities, especially to the iso-butyl-nitrite, but the experiments of Brunton and Bokenham (*P. J. Tr.*, xix. 490) indicate that the commercial, impure nitrite is stronger than either pure α- or β-amyl nitrite. According to Bals and Broglio, the *tertian amyl nitrite* ($C_5H_{11}NO_2$) differs from amyl nitrite in not giving rise to toxic symptoms, and in being slightly hypnotic.

do not seem to be due to this lowered oxidation, but to a direct influence exerted upon the various tissues. Locally applied, amyl nitrite causes a progressive loss of power in every highly organized tissue; this may end in a total cessation of function, but, even after this, recovery is possible, provided the poison be withdrawn sufficiently early.

The chief indication for the employment of amyl nitrite is to relax *spasm*, either of the vaso-motor muscular fibres or of the voluntary or involuntary muscles. A disease, probably associated with vaso-motor spasm, but whose pathology is not established, in which experience has demonstrated the extreme value of amyl nitrite, is *angina pectoris*. Immediate and great relief is nearly always afforded, whether the heart-pain be or be not connected with *organic cardiac disease*. So far as experience goes, the cautious use of the remedy is safe, even when there is severe organic cardiac disease. In these cases it should always be administered by inhalation. Experience has also justified the use of the drug in many spasmodic diseases. In *asthma* the relief is often immediate; in *convulsions* occurring after labor the nitrite affords quiet, but its employment is dangerous on account of its tendency to produce uterine relaxation and consequent flooding. In *spasmodic dysmenorrhœa* good may be expected from its use; in *tetanus* it will frequently temporarily arrest the spasm and aid other remedies in obtaining recovery; in *strychnine poisoning*, in *hysterical convulsions*, indeed, in almost any convulsive disorder, much is to be expected from its employment. The convulsive stage of the ordinary *epileptic paroxysm* is so short that the nitrite is usually not available; when, however, there is a marked *epileptic stasis* and the patient passes from one convulsion to another, the drug may be used with benefit. In those cases in which there is an aura of sufficient length, the epileptic attacks may be arrested by the patient carrying in the pocket pearls of the nitrite or a tightly-corked homœopathic vial containing five or ten drops of the remedy, and, as soon as the aura commences, inhaling deeply.

Amyl nitrite is generally administered by inhalation, usually in doses of from three to five drops, although much larger quantities have been given without bad results. The rule is to commence with three drops on a handkerchief held close to the nose, and then gradually to increase *pro re nata*. The handkerchief should always be withdrawn so soon as the face flushes or the heart begins to become excited, as the effects always increase for some time, even if no more be inhaled. The best method, however, of administering the very volatile liquid is by the use of the glass pearls,—small flask-shaped vessels containing 2, 5, or 10 minims of the nitrite; these are crushed in a handkerchief or towel when wanted for inhalation, the very thin and friable glass causing no inconvenience. The drug may also be given by the mouth, in doses of three to five drops (0·18–0·3 C.c.) on sugar or dissolved in alcohol.

AMYLUM. U. S., Br. Starch.

(ĂM'Y-LŬM.)

"The fecula of the seed of Zea Mays, Linné (nat. ord. Gramineæ)." *U. S.* "The starch procured from the grains of common wheat, Triticum sativum, Lam.; Triticum vulgare, Villars; maize, Zea mays, Linn., and rice, Oryza sativa, Linn." *Br.*

Amylum Tritici; Corn Starch, Wheat Starch, *E.;* Fécule (Amidon) de Froment, de Blé, Amidon, *Fr.;* Stärkmehl, Stärke, Kraftmehl, Weizenstärke, *G.;* Amido, *It.;* Almidon, *Sp.*

Starch is a proximate vegetable principle contained in most plants, and especially abundant in the various grains, such as wheat, rye, barley, oats, rice, maize, etc.; in other seeds, as peas, beans, chestnuts, acorns, etc.; and in numerous rhizomes and tuberous roots, as those of the potato (*Solanum tuberosum*), the sweet potato (*Convolvulus batatas*), the arrow-root, etc. The starch is always in the form of grains, which are contained within the parenchymatous cells, and is procured by reducing the substances in which it exists to a state of minute division, agitating or washing them with cold water, straining or pouring off the liquid, and allowing it to stand till the fine fecula which it holds in suspension has subsided. This, when dried, is starch, more or less pure, according to the care taken in conducting the process. In the U. S. P. of 1880 the official starch was that derived from wheat, but in the revision of 1890 corn starch was substituted. The starch of commerce is obtained from the potato. For a description of the differences, see page 169.

Starch is white, inodorous and tasteless, pulverulent, opaque, and, as found in commerce, is usually in columnar or irregular angular masses which are easily reduced to powder, and produces a peculiar sound when pressed between the fingers. Its specific gravity is 1·505 at 67° F. (*Payen.*) It is composed of minute microscopic granules, in starch from the same plant nearly uniform in size, more or less plainly striate, and having a distinct hilum. In

the different species of plants the starch granules differ in their characteristic forms. When exposed to a moist air, it absorbs a considerable quantity of water, which may be driven off by a gentle heat. It is insoluble in alcohol, ether, and cold water, but unites with boiling water, which, on cooling, forms with it a soft semi-transparent paste, or a gelatinous opaline solution, according to the proportion of starch employed. The paste placed on folds of blotting-paper, renewed as they become wet, abandons its water, contracts, and assumes the appearance of horn. If the proportion of starch be very small, the solution, after slowly depositing a very minute quantity of insoluble matter, continues permanent, and upon being evaporated yields a semi-transparent mass, which is partially soluble in cold water. The starch has, therefore, been modified by the combined agency of water and heat; nor can it be restored to its original condition. Heating with glacial acetic acid to 100° C., or with glycerin to 190° C., will also make starch soluble. "Triturated with cold water it gives neither an acid nor an alkaline reaction with litmus-paper. When boiled with water, it yields a white jelly having a bluish tinge, which, when cool, acquires a deep blue color on the addition of iodine test-solution. When completely incinerated, starch should leave not more than 1 per cent. of ash." *U. S.* At a temperature of 160° C. (320° F.) for air-dried starch, and 200° C. (392° F.) for starch previously dried at 100° C., it is changed into *dextrin* (*British gum*), and at 200° C. (392° F.) to 215° C. (419° F.) forms a transparent fused mass, which consists exclusively of dextrin (*Payen*); at 220° C. (428° F.) to 230° C. (446° F.) it undergoes further change and yields yields chiefly *pyrodextrin*, a brown, tasteless, and odorless compound, readily soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol and ether. (Gelis, *Ann. Chim. Phys.*, (3) lii. 388.)

Composition and Nature. The formula of starch is generally taken as $C_6H_{10}O_5$, or a multiple of this. Musculus, in 1861, showed that by the action of dilute acids or of *diastase* starch is resolved into *dextrin*, $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$, and *dextrose*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, so that its formula, in simplest terms, would be $(C_6H_{10}O_5)_3$. Recent determinations of its molecular weight by Brown and Morris make it as high as $5(C_{12}H_{20}O_{10})_{20}$. Iodine forms with starch, whether in its original state or in solution, a blue compound; and the tincture of iodine is the most delicate test of its presence. The color varies somewhat according to the proportions employed. When the two substances are about equal, the compound is of a beautiful indigo blue; if the iodine be in excess, it is blackish blue; if the starch, violet blue. A singular property of starch iodide is that its solution becomes colorless if heated to about 93·5° C. (200° F.), and afterwards recovers its blue color upon cooling. By boiling, the color is permanently lost, whilst Puchot states that certain nitrogenized organic bodies, as albumen, prevent the reaction of iodine on starch or destroy it. (*N. R.*, Nov. 1876.) Alkalies unite with starch, forming soluble compounds, which are decomposed by acids, the starch being precipitated. It is thrown down from its solution by lime water and baryta water, forming insoluble compounds with these earths. The solution of lead subacetate precipitates it in combination with the oxide of the metal. Starch may be made to unite with tannin by boiling their solutions together; and a compound results, which, though retained by the water while hot, is deposited when it cools. By long boiling with diluted sulphuric, hydrochloric, or oxalic acid, it is converted into *dextrin** and glucose or grape sugar. A similar conversion into dextrin and glucose is effected by

* *Dextrin* is a substance resembling gum in appearance and properties, but differing from it in not affording mucic acid by the action of nitric acid. It is largely dissolved by water, hot or cold, and forms a mucilaginous solution, from which it is precipitated by alcohol. Large quantities of dextrin are now made both here and abroad and employed for various purposes in the arts, under the name of *artificial gum*. It is found in the market usually in the form of a yellowish or brilliant white powder, and in small masses or fragments resembling natural gum. According to M. Emil Thomas, it may be distinguished from gum arabic by the taste and smell of potato oil which it always possesses. It is made by the action either of acids or of diastase on starch. For particulars as to the manufacture, the reader is referred to a paper by M. Thomas, republished in *A. J. P.* (vol. xix. p. 284). Recent researches of Nägili and Musculus seem to show that the change of starch into dextrin takes place in several phases, and they name the several products *amylodextrin, erythrodextrin, achrodextrin* α *and* β. For a fuller account of these products see Husemann, *Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., 1882.

Dextrin, according to Payen, is converted into glucose, through the action of diastase; but the glucose impedes the action unless removed; as, however, during the alcoholic fermentation the glucose is consumed, no obstacle prevents the influence of diastase. Hence dextrin by conversion into sugar may contribute to the alcoholic product. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 363.)

Adulteration and purification of dextrin.—Commercial dextrin is said to be occasionally very impure. Several parcels analyzed by Dr. H. Hayes were found to contain an average of about 45 per cent. of impurities, consisting mainly of insoluble matter with sugar and water. He recommends, as the best method of purifying it, to dissolve 10 parts of the impure dextrin, with agitation, in 18 parts of distilled water, in a cylindrical vessel; to decant the solution when it has become clear on standing, and mix it with 1·5 or 2 per cent. of alcohol of 95 per cent. The liquid is then decanted from the doughy precipitate formed, which is dissolved in a little distilled water, and the solution spread on glass or porcelain plates to dry, in a warm place. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 327.)

means of a principle called *diastase*, discovered by MM. Payen and Persoz in the seeds of barley, oats, and wheat, after germination. (See *Hordeum.*) Strong hydrochloric and nitric acids dissolve starch; and the latter, by the aid of heat, converts it into oxalic and malic acids. By the action of strong nitric, sulphuric, or crystallizable acetic acid, used with certain precautions, the starch is rendered soluble, and may be obtained in this state by separating the acid by means of alcohol. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Dec. 1, 1854, p. 450.) By the continued action of concentrated sulphuric acid it is decomposed. When it is dissolved in strong nitric acid, and precipitated by water, a white powder is thrown down, called *xyloidin*, $C_6H_9(NO_2)O_5$ (*Braconnot*), in which one atom of the hydrogen of the starch is replaced by one group, NO_2, furnished by the nitric acid. Mixed with hot water and exposed to a temperature of 27° C. (80° F.), it undergoes chemical changes, which result in the formation of several distinct principles, among which are sugar, a gummy substance (perhaps *dextrin*), and a soluble modification of starch. With yeast, starch undergoes the vinous fermentation, being, however, first converted into sugar. Mixed with cheese and chalk it is said to yield alcohol without the previous saccharine conversion. (Berthelot, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxii. 260.) All plants which contain chlorophyll have the power of using the chemical rays of sunlight in producing from inorganic compounds and elements a substance which is organic. There is first formed in the centre of the chlorophyll granule a minute speck, which is believed to be starch; this new starch granule is incapable of solution, but by conversion into sugar or dextrin is rendered soluble, and in this form is carried in the juices of the plant. One of two destinies there awaits it. It may be converted into the permanent compound cellulose which constitutes the woody tissue, or it may be reconverted to its original form and be deposited in some part of the plant. These stores of starch are usually accumulated for future growth, and are especially seen in plants which flower in the spring before the leaves are put forth, or which reproduce the species without seeding. When the potato is planted by the farmer, the starch is converted into a soluble form, passes into the growing "eye" or bud, and, as cellulose, forms the new shoot. Different opinions have been held as to the precise structure of the starch granules. The one first adopted is that they consist of a thin exterior coating, and of an interior substance; the former wholly insoluble, the latter soluble in water. The former constitutes, according to M. Payen, only 4 or 5 thousandths of the weight of starch. In relation to the interior portion there is not an exact coincidence of opinion. M. Guérin supposed that it consisted of two distinct substances, one soluble in cold water, the other soluble at first in boiling water, but becoming insoluble by evaporation. Thus, when one part of starch is boiled for fifteen minutes in one hundred parts of water, and the liquid is allowed to stand, a small portion, consisting of the broken teguments, is gradually deposited. If the solution be now filtered and evaporated, another portion is deposited which cannot afterwards be dissolved. When wholly deprived of this portion, and evaporated to dryness, the solution yields the part soluble in cold water. According to MM. Payen and Persoz, the interior portion of the globules consists only of a single substance, which is converted into the two just mentioned by the agency of water; and Thénard is inclined to the same opinion. An appropriate name for the interior soluble portion of starch is *amidin*, which has been adopted by some chemists. Starch, in its perfect state, is not affected by cold water, because the exterior insoluble teguments prevent the access of the liquid to the interior portion; but when the pellicle is broken by heat, or by mechanical means, the fluid is admitted, and the starch partially dissolved.

Another view of the structure of the starch granule, founded on microscopic observation, was advanced by Schleiden. According to this observer, it consists of concentric layers, all of which have the same chemical composition; but the outer layers, having been first formed, have more cohesion than the inner, and are consequently of more difficult solubility. The rings observed upon the surface of the granules, in some varieties, are merely the edges of these layers; and the point or hilum about which the rings are concentrically placed is a minute hole, through which probably the substance of the interior layers was introduced. (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1844, p. 401.)

Mr. J. J. Field thinks he has demonstrated that the granule consists, as at first supposed, of an interior matter surrounded by a distinct membranous envelope. Having saturated some canna starch with glycerin, and then added a little water, an endosmose of the thinner outer liquid took place into the granules, distending them so as to rupture their investing membrane, which was distinctly visible, under the microscope, in longitudinal wrinkles. The concentric rings he thinks nothing more than folds of the membrane, produced probably by the contraction of the granules. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 253.)

The tegumentary portion of starch, for which the name of *amylin* has been proposed, is, when entirely freed from the interior soluble matter, wholly insoluble in water even by prolonged boiling, insoluble in alcohol, and said to suffer no change by the action of diastase. The acids, however, act upon it as they do upon starch. It is thought to approach nearer in properties to lignin than to any other principle. Musculus (*Comptes-Rendus; Journal Franklin Institute*, June, 1879) believes that starch may exist in either an amorphous or a crystallizable form. In its amorphous state it is soluble in water, capable of being acted on by diastase, soluble in diluted mineral acids, but easily rendered insoluble by undergoing modifications. In its crystalline condition it can be obtained in isolated crystals, which can be readily dissolved in cold water, but when these crystals are united they become less soluble, and then it largely has the properties of the amorphous variety. Sulkowsky (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, xiii. 1395) states that starch may be rendered soluble by heating with glycerin to 190° C. (374° F.), and pouring whilst hot into water, filtering and adding alcohol to the filtrate, which causes precipitation of the soluble starch.

The view that is held in most esteem at the present time is that the granules of starch consist of two substances, *granulose* and *amylo-cellulose*. The latter occurs in largest proportion in the outer layers of the granule, and probably so envelops and protects the granule as to prevent the action of cold water upon it, the granulose or inner portion being slightly soluble. When the granules are ruptured by being triturated with sand, water acts upon them, and the liquid will yield a blue color with iodine. The insoluble amylo-cellulose may be obtained pure by treating starch paste with extract of malt; it gives then a brownish-yellow color (not a blue) with iodine. Granulose is acted on by ptyalin (the ferment from saliva), pepsin, organic acids, diluted hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, whilst amylo-cellulose is unaffected. The solid starch granules become blue when touched by tincture of iodine, because the liquid penetrates through the fissures of the amylo-cellulose to the granulose.

Varieties. Starch, as obtained from different substances, is somewhat different in its characters. *Wheat starch*, when examined with a microscope, is found to consist of granules varying from about $\frac{1}{1000}$ of an inch in diameter to a mere point, the smaller being spheroidal, the larger rounded and flattened, with the hilum in the centre of the flattened surface, and surrounded by concentric rings, which often extend to the edge. The granules are mixed with loose integuments, resulting from the process of grinding. This variety of starch has a certain degree of hardness and adhesiveness, owing, according to Guibourt, to the escape of a portion of the interior substance of the broken granules, which attracts some moisture from the air, and, thus becoming glutinous, acts as a bond between those which remain unbroken. Another opinion attributes this peculiar consistence to the retention of a portion of the gluten of the wheat flour, which causes the granules to cohere. Under the name of *corn starch*, a variety of fecula obtained from the meal of maize or Indian corn is much used for nutritive purposes in the United States. It is now the official starch. The granules of maize starch are very small, with a diameter not exceeding, according to Payen, one-sixth of that of the potato, and little more than one-half of that of the wheat granules. (*Gmelin*, xv. 79.) *Potato starch* is employed in various forms, being prepared so as to imitate more costly amylaceous substances, such as arrow-root and sago. In its ordinary state, it is more pulverulent than wheat starch, has a somewhat glistening appearance, and may be distinguished, with the aid of the microscope, by the size of its granules, which are larger than those of any other known fecula except canna, or *tous les mois*.* They are exceedingly diversified in size and shape, though

* Canna (*Amylum Cannæ; Tous les Mois, Amidon de Canne, Fécule de Tolomane*, Fr.; *Cannastärke*, G.). It is somewhat uncertain from what species of Canna the fecula is derived, though it is generally believed to be *C. edulis*. The tubers of *Canna achiras* (Gillies), growing in Central and South America, are said to be used as food in Peru and Chili (Lindley, *Med. and Econom. Bot.*, p. 50); and a root or rhizome closely resembling turmeric, and used by the native Africans at Sierra Leone for dyeing yellow, was found by Dr. Wm. F. Daniell to be the product of a species of Canna, believed to be the *C. speciosa* of Roscoe. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1859, p. 258.)

Canna edulis is a tuberous plant, with erect, smooth, purplish stems, from four to six feet high, and invested with sheathing leaves, which are ovate-oblong, tapering towards each end, smooth, and of a deep glaucous green, with purplish edges. The flowers are few, and in compact racemes, of a red and yellow color. The plant is a native of the West Indies, and is cultivated in the islands of St. Kitts and Trinidad, and perhaps others. The tubers are first rasped, by means of a machine, into a pulp, from which the starch is extracted in the usual manner, by washing and straining, and, after the washings have been allowed to stand, so as to deposit the fecula, decanting the clear liquid. (Pereira.) Canna starch is in the form of a light, beautifully white powder, of a shining appearance, very unlike the ordinary forms of fecula. Its granules are said to be larger than those of any other variety of starch in use, being from the 300th to the 200th of an inch in length. Under the microscope they appear ovate or oblong, with numerous regular unequally distant rings; and the circular hilum, which is sometimes double, is usually situated at the smaller extremity. (Pereira.) This fecula has the ordinary chemical properties of starch, and forms,

their regular form is thought to be ovate. The characters of other kinds of fecula will be given under the heads of the several official substances of which they constitute the whole or a part. According to Chevallier, starch is sometimes adulterated with calcium carbonate and calcium sulphate; and the fraud is also practised of saturating it with moisture, of which it will absorb 12 per cent. without any obvious change.

Medical Properties, etc. Starch is nutritive and demulcent, but in its ordinary form is seldom administered internally. Powdered and dusted upon the skin, it is sometimes used to absorb irritating secretions and prevent excoriation. Dissolved in hot water and allowed to cool, it is often employed in enemata, either as a vehicle, or as a demulcent application in irritated states of the rectum. It may be used as an antidote to iodine.

ANETHI FRUCTUS. Br. Dill Fruit.

(Ą-NĒ'THĪ FRŬC'TŬS.)

"The dried fruit of Peucedanum graveolens, Hiern (Anethum graveolens, Linn.)." *Br.*

Aneth, Fenouil puant, *Fr.;* Dill, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Fruit nearly ovate, compressed, striated. *Petals* involuted, entire. *Willd.*

Anethum graveolens. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1469; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 125, t. 48. Dill is an annual plant, three or four feet high, with a long spindle-shaped root; an erect, striated, jointed branching stem; and bipinnate or tripinnate, glaucous leaves, which stand on sheathing footstalks and have linear and pointed leaflets. The flowers are yellow, and in large, flat, terminal umbels, destitute of involucre. The plant is a native of Spain, Portugal, and the south of France, and is found growing wild in various parts of Africa and Asia. It is cultivated in all the countries of Europe, and has been introduced into our gardens. The seeds, as the fruit is commonly called, are the only part used. They are usually rather more than a line in length, and less than a line in breadth, of an oval shape, thin, concave on one side, convex and striated on the other, of a brown color, and surrounded by a yellowish membranous expansion. Each mericarp has three sharply keeled dorsal ridges, besides two marginal thin membranous projections or ridges. The vittæ, or oil-tubes, are six in number, two upon the face and one in each furrow between the ridges. The odor is strong and aromatic, but less agreeable than that of fennel seed; their taste, moderately warm and pungent. These properties depend on a volatile oil, which may be obtained separate by distillation. The bruised seeds impart their virtues to alcohol and to boiling water. The oil will be found described under the heading of *Oleum Anethi.*

Medical Properties. Dill seeds have the properties common to the aromatics, but are very seldom used in this country. They may be given in powder or infusion. The dose of the fruit is from fifteen grains to a drachm (1–3·9 Gm.), of the oil three or four drops (0·18–0·24 C.c.).

ANISUM. U. S. (Br.) Anise.

(Ą-NĪ'SŬM.)

"The fruit of Pimpinella Anisum, Linné (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried fruit of Pimpinella Anisum. Linn." *Br.*

Anisi Fructus, *Br.;* Fructus (Semen) Anisi, s. Anisi vulgaris; Aniseed, *E.;* Anis, Anis vert, Graines d'Anis, *Fr.;* Anissame, Anis, *G.;* Semi d'Aniso, *It.;* Simiente de Anis, *Sp.;* Anison, *Ar.*

Gen. Ch. Fruit ovate-oblong. *Petals* inferior. *Stigma* nearly globular. *Willd.*

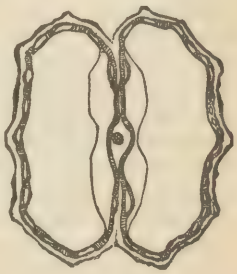
Pimpinella anisum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1473; *B. and T.* 122. This is an annual plant, about a foot in height, with an erect, smooth, and branching stem. The leaves are petiolate, the lower roundish-cordate, lobed, incised-serrate, the middle pinnate-lobed with cuneate or lanceolate lobes, the upper trifid, undivided, linear. The flowers are white, and in terminal compound umbels, destitute of involucres.

The anise plant is a native of Egypt and the Levant, but has been introduced into the south of Europe and is cultivated in various parts of that continent. It is also cultivated occasionally in the gardens of this country. The fruit is abundantly produced in Malta and Spain; in Romagna, in Italy, whence it is largely exported through Leghorn; and in Central and Southern Russia. The Spanish is smaller than the German or French, and is usually preferred; the Russian fruit is very short. It is said also to be extensively cultivated in India and South America, although we are not aware that the product ever comes into American commerce.

when prepared with boiling water, a nutritious and wholesome food for infants and invalids. It may be prepared in the same manner as *arrow-root,* and is said to form even a stiffer jelly with boiling water. (See *Maranta.*)

It is one of the oldest aromatics, having been spoken of by Theophrastus and cultivated in the imperial German farms of Charlemagne. In 1305 Edward I. granted a patent giving the right to levy tolls upon it at the Bridge of London for the purpose of repairing the bridge.

Anise seeds (botanically, fruit) are about a line in length, oval, striated, somewhat downy, attached to their footstalks, and of a light greenish-brown color, with a shade of yellow. "About 4 or 5 Mm. long, ovate, compressed at the sides, grayish, finely hairy, and consisting of two mericarps, each with a flat face, and five light brownish, filiform ridges, and about fifteen thin oil-tubes, which can be seen in a transverse section by the microscope." *U. S.* Their odor is fragrant, and increased by friction; their taste, warm, sweet, and aromatic. These properties, which depend upon a peculiar volatile oil, are imparted sparingly to boiling water, freely to alcohol. The volatile oil exists in the envelope of the seeds, and is obtained separate by distillation. (See *Oleum Anisi.*) Their internal substance contains a bland fixed oil. By expression, a greenish oil is obtained, which is a mixture of the two. The seeds are sometimes adulterated with small fragments of argillaceous earth, which resembles them in color; and their aromatic qualities are occasionally impaired by a slight fermentation, which they are apt to undergo in the mass, when collected before maturity. When examined by the microscope, anise is seen to contain a very great but variable number of small oil-tubes, which are well represented in the accompanying figure,—from fifteen to thirty to each mericarp. The epidermis is supplied with short, simple hairs, easily detached in making a section, and not represented in the cut.



A case of poisoning is on record from the accidental admixture of the fruits of *Conium maculatum*, which bear some resemblance to those of anise, but may be distinguished by their crenate or notched ridges and the absence of oil-tubes; by their mericarps being smooth, grooved upon the face, and having crenate or notched ridges with wrinkles between them; and especially by the absence of oil-tubes. The conium fruits are, moreover, broader in proportion to their length, and are generally separated into half fruits (or single mericarps), while those of anise are whole (double mericarps).

Star aniseed, the *Cardamomum Siberiense* or *Annis de Sibérie* of the seventeenth century and the *badiane* of the French writers, is the product of the *Illicium anisatum*, and is fully described under the heading *Illicium*. They contain about 4 per cent. of a volatile oil very closely resembling that of anise. There are no known chemical differences between these oils, although dealers distinguish them by their smell and taste.

Dr. Ruschenberger, U.S.N., has shown that oil of anise has a remarkable power of deodorizing potassium sulphide; a drop of the oil having entirely deprived of offensive odor a drachm of lard with which five grains of the sulphide had been incorporated. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xlviii. 419.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Anise is a grateful aromatic carminative, and is supposed to have the property of increasing the secretion of milk. It has been in use from the earliest times. In Europe it is much employed in flatulent *colic*, and as a corrigent of griping or unpleasant medicines; but in this country fennel seed is preferred. Anise may be given bruised, or in powder, in the dose of twenty or thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.) or more. The infusion is less efficient. The volatile oil may be substituted for the seeds in substance. Much use is made of this aromatic for imparting flavors to liquors.

ANTHEMIS. U. S. (Br.) Anthemis. [Chamomile.]

(ĂN'THĘ-MĬS.)

"The flower-heads of Anthemis nobilis, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ), collected from cultivated plants." *U. S.* "The dried single and double flower heads or capitula of Anthemis nobilis, Linn. From cultivated plants." *Br.*

Anthemidis Flores, *Br.:* Flores Chamomillæ Romanæ, *P. G.;* Roman or English Chamomile, *E.:* Camomille Romaine, *Fr.;* Römische Kamille, *G.;* Camomilla Romana, *It.;* Manzanilla Romana, *Sp.;* Chamomile Flowers.

Gen. Ch. Receptacle chaffy. *Seed-down* none or a membranaceous margin. *Calyx* hemispherical, nearly equal. *Florets of the ray* more than five. *Willd.*

Several species of Anthemis have been employed in medicine. *A. nobilis*, which is the subject of the present article, is by far the most important. *A. cotula*, or *mayweed*, was formerly recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. *A. pyrethrum*, which affords the pellitory root, is among the official plants. (See *Pyrethrum.*) *A. arvensis*, a native of this country and of

Europe, bears flowers which have an acrid bitter taste and possess medical properties analogous though much inferior to those of common chamomile. They may be distinguished by their want of smell. *A. tinctoria* is occasionally employed as a tonic and vermifuge in Europe. *Matricaria suaveolens* is said to yield the chamomile of the Indian bazaars.

Anthemis nobilis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 2180; *B. and T.* 154. This is an herbaceous plant with a perennial root. The stems are from six inches to a foot long, round, slender, downy, trailing, and divided into branches, which turn upward at their extremities. The leaves are bipinnate, the leaflets small, threadlike, somewhat pubescent, acute, and generally divided into three segments. The flowers are solitary, with a yellow convex disk, and white rays. The calyx is common to all the florets, of a hemispherical form, and composed of several small imbricated hairy scales. The receptacle is convex, prominent, and furnished with rigid bristle-like paleæ. The florets of the ray are numerous, narrow, and terminated with three small teeth. The whole herb has a peculiar fragrant odor, and a bitter aromatic taste.

This plant is a native of Europe, and grows wild in all the temperate parts of that continent. It is also largely cultivated for medicinal purposes.* In France, Germany, and Italy, it is generally known by the name of *Roman chamomile.* By cultivation the yellow disk florets are often converted into the white ray florets. Thus altered, the flowers are said to be *double*, while those which remain unchanged are called *single;* but, as the conversion may be more or less complete, it generally happens that with each of the varieties there are intermingled some flowers of the other kind, or in different stages of the change. The double flowers are generally preferred; though, as the sensible properties are found in the greatest degree in the disk, the single are the most powerful. It is rather, however, in aromatic flavor than in bitterness that the radical florets are surpassed by those of the disk. If not well and quickly dried, the flowers lose their beautiful white color, and are less efficient. The flowers which are largest, most double, and whitest should be preferred. They are thus described officially. "Heads subglobular, about 2 Cm. broad, consisting of an imbricated involucre, and numerous white, strap-shaped, three-toothed florets, and few or no yellow tubular disk florets, inserted upon a chaffy, conical, solid receptacle. It has a strong, agreeable odor, and an aromatic, bitter taste." *U. S.* The seeds yield by expression a fixed oil, which is said to be applied in Europe to various economical uses.

Though not a native of America, chamomile grows wild in some parts of this country, and is occasionally cultivated in our gardens for family use, the whole herb being employed. The medicine, as found in commerce, consists chiefly of the double flowers, and is imported from Germany and England. From the former country the flowers of *Matricaria chamomilla* are also occasionally imported, under the name of chamomile. (See *Matricaria.*) In France, the flowers of two other plants are sold in commerce indiscriminately with those of *Anthemis nobilis*,—viz., those of *Pyrethrum parthenium* (the *Chrysanthemum parthenium* of Persoon), or *feverfew*, and those of *Anthemis parthenoides*, De Cand., or the *Matricaria parthenoides*, Desf. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1859, p. 347.) For the peculiar character by which these two flowers may be distinguished from the chamomile, see *Pyrethrum parthenium* in Part II.

Properties. Chamomile flowers, as usually found in commerce, are large, almost spherical, of a dull white color, a fragrant odor, and a warmish, bitter, aromatic taste. When fresh, their smell is much stronger, and was fancied by the ancients to resemble that of the apple. Hence the name *chamæmelum* (χαμαί, on the ground, and μῆλον, an apple); and it is somewhat singular that the Spanish name *manzanilla* (a little apple) has a similar derivation. The flowers impart their odor and taste to water and alcohol, the former of which, at the boiling temperature, extracts only one-fourth of their weight. The investigations of several chemists performed in 1878–1879, in Fittig's laboratory at Strassburg, have shown the oil of chamomile to contain the following constituents:—a fraction distilling at 147°–148° C. (296°–298° F.) consisting of *isobutylic ethers* and hydrocarbons; *isobutyl angelicate* at 177° C. (350·5° F.); *isoamyl angelicate* at 200°–201° C. (392°–394° F.); *isoamyl tiglinate* at 204°–205° C. (399°–

* Mr. Jacob Bell, of Mitcham, in Surrey, England, stated that the plant is usually propagated by dividing the root, though the seeds are employed when it is desired to introduce new varieties. Each root will serve as the source of thirty or forty plants. They are set in rows a yard apart, at intervals of about eighteen inches. The proper period for planting is in March; and the flowers are in perfection in July, but continue to appear throughout the season. Extremely wet or extremely dry weather is injurious to the crop. It is more productive in a rather heavy loam than either in light sandy soil or in stiff clay. It requires little manure, but attention to weeding is necessary. Over-manuring increases the leaves at the expense of the flowers. When gathered, the flowers are dried upon canvas trays in a drying-room, artificially warmed, where they remain about a day. The crop varies from three to ten hundred-weight per acre. The single flowers are more productive than the double by weight; but, as they command a less price, the value of the crop is about the same. (*P. J. T.*, x. 118.)

401° F.) (both of these compound ethers answering to the formula $C_5H_{11},C_5H_7O_2$). In the residual portion, hexylic alcohol, C_6H_{13},OH, and an alcohol of the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O$ are met with, both probably occurring in the form of compound ethers. By decomposing the angelicates and the tiglinate above mentioned with potash, *angelic acid*, $C_5H_8O_2$, and *tiglinic acid* (or *methyl-crotonic*) isomeric with the former are obtained to the extent of about 30 or more per cent. of the crude oil. In the oil examined by Fittig, angelic acid prevailed; from another specimen E. Schmitt (1879) obtained but very little of it, tiglinic acid prevailing. For an examination of the oil from *Anthemis cotula*, which closely resembles that from *A. nobilis*, see *A. J. P.*, 1885, pp. 376, 381. E. Amerman (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 69) obtained a wax which was nearly white, bitter, and crystalline, melting at about 130° C., and a crystalline substance distinctly acid and of a glucosidal nature. There was no evidence of the presence of an alkaloid. Flückiger performed some experiments in order to isolate the *bitter principle*, but did not succeed in obtaining it in a satisfactory state of purity; it formed a brown extract, apparently a glucoside. He also confirms the absence of alkaloid.

Medical Properties and Uses. Chamomile is a mild tonic, in small doses acceptable and corroborant to the stomach, in large doses capable of acting as an emetic. In cold infusion it is often advantageously used in cases of *enfeebled digestion*, whether occurring as an original affection or consequent upon some acute disease. It is especially applicable to that condition of *general debility*, with languid appetite, which often attends convalescence from idiopathic fevers. As a febrifuge it formerly enjoyed much reputation, and was employed in *intermittents* and *remittents;* but we have remedies so much more efficient that it is now seldom used in this capacity. The tepid infusion is very often given to promote the operation of emetics, or to assist the stomach in relieving itself when oppressed by its contents. The flowers are sometimes applied externally in the form of fomentation, in cases of irritation or inflammation of the abdominal viscera, and as a gentle incitant in flabby, ill-conditioned *ulcers*. The dose of the powder as a tonic is from half a drachm to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.) three or four times a day, or more frequently. The infusion is usually preferred. The decoction and extract cannot exert the full influence of the medicine, as the volatile oil is driven off.

ANTIMONIUM. Antimony.

Sb; 120. (ĂN-TĪ-MŌ'NĪ-ŬM.) Sb; 120.

Stibium, *Lat.;* Antimoine, *Fr.;* Antimon, Spiessglanz Metall, *G.;* Antimonia, *Sp., It.*

Metallic antimony, sometimes called *regulus of antimony*, is not official in the British or United States Pharmacopœias; but, as it enters into the composition of a number of important pharmaceutical preparations, we have thought it proper to notice it under a distinct head.

Antimony exists in nature—1, uncombined; 2, as an oxide; 3, as antimonious sulphide (tersulphide), and 4, as an oxysulphide. It is found principally in France and Germany, but has been discovered also in the province of New Brunswick and in Ontario, Canada.

Extraction. All the antimony of commerce is extracted from the native sulphide. The ore is first separated from its gangue by fusion. It is then reduced to powder, and placed on the floor of a reverberatory furnace, where it is subjected to a gentle heat, being constantly stirred with an iron rake. This process of roasting is known to be completed when the matter is brought to the state of a dull grayish-white powder, called *antimony ash*. By this treatment the antimony is partly teroxidized, and partly converted into antimonious acid; while nearly all the sulphur is dissipated in the form of sulphurous acid gas; a portion of tersulphide, however, remains undecomposed. The matter is then mixed with charcoal impregnated with a concentrated solution of sodium carbonate, and the mixture heated in crucibles, in a melting-furnace. The charcoal reduces the antimony teroxide, while the alkali unites with the undecomposed tersulphide, and forms melted scoriæ, which cover the reduced metal and diminish its loss from volatilization. Antimony is more generally obtained by the reduction of the native iron sulphide. The reduction of the antimony sulphide by iron takes place at a red heat, but as iron sulphide needs a higher temperature for its fusion, and its specific gravity is not much less than that of the metallic antimony, the mass must be heated to a white heat to effect a perfect separation, and this occasions a loss of the antimony. In order to avoid this, sodium sulphide is added in practice, which unites with the iron sulphide to form a more fusible and lighter slag of double sodium and iron sulphide. To 100 parts of antimony sulphide are taken 42 parts of iron, 10 parts of anhydrous sodium sulphate, and 2½ to 3½ parts of carbon.

The purest commercial antimony is not entirely free from foreign metals, chiefly iron, lead, and arsenic. M. Lefort purifies it for the purposes of pharmacy by gradually adding twenty-five parts of the metal, in fine powder, to fifty parts of nitric acid, by the action of which the antimony is precipitated as antimonious acid, while the foreign metals remain in solution. The precipitate is then thoroughly washed with water containing a hundredth part of nitric acid, drained completely, mixed with three or four parts of powdered sugar, and reduced to the metallic state by being heated to redness in a Hessian crucible. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1855.) Antimony is imported into the United States principally from France, packed in casks. It is also shipped from Trieste, from Holland, and occasionally from Cadiz. The Spanish antimony is generally in the form of pigs; the French, in circular cakes about ten inches in diameter, flat on one side and convex on the other; the English, in cones. The French is most esteemed.

Properties, etc. The time of the discovery of antimony is not known; but Basil Valentine was the first to describe the method of obtaining it, in his work entitled *Currus Triumphalis Antimonii*, published towards the end of the fifteenth century. It is a brittle, brilliant metal, ordinarily of a lamellated texture, of a silver-white color when pure, but bluish white as it occurs in commerce. Its atomic weight is 120 (or, according to some authorities, 122), symbol Sb, sp. gr. 6·7, and fusing point 425° C. (797° F.), or about a red heat. On cooling, after fusion, antimony assumes an appearance on the surface bearing some resemblance to a fern leaf. When strongly heated, it burns with the emission of white vapors, consisting of teroxide, formerly called *argentine flowers of antimony*. A small portion being fused and then thrown upon a flat surface divides into numerous globules, which burn rapidly as they move along. It forms three combinations with oxygen, *antimony trioxide* (antimonous oxide), Sb_2O_3, *antimony tetroxide*, Sb_2O_4 (by some considered to be an antimonate of the tetroxide of antimony, Sb_4O_8), and *antimony pentoxide* (antimonic oxide), Sb_2O_5. The first of these unites with water to form antimonous acid, the salts of which are called *antimonites*, the third unites with water to form antimonic acid, the salts of which are called *antimonates*. The trioxide will be noticed under the head of *Antimonii Oxidum*. The tetroxide is a white powder, yellowish when hot, and difficultly soluble in acids. It forms when either of the other two oxides is strongly heated in air. *Antimony ash*, described above, is also an impure tetroxide. *Antimonic acid* is a lemon-colored powder, which may be prepared by oxidizing the metal by digestion in nitric acid, and then driving off the excess of the acid by a heat not exceeding 315·5° C. (600° F.). When exposed to a red heat, it parts with oxygen, and is converted into the *antimony tetroxide* just described. This, though medicinally inert, frequently forms a large proportion of the preparation called antimonial powder. (See *Pulvis Antimonialis.*)

The antimonial preparations are active in proportion to their solubility in the gastric juice. According to Mialhe, those antimonials which contain the hydrated teroxide, or are easily converted into it, are most active. Hence metallic antimony in fine powder, and tartar emetic, act with energy. The teroxide is much more active when prepared in the moist than in the dry way. According to Sérullas, all the antimonial preparations except tartar emetic and butter of antimony (or terchloride) contain a minute proportion of arsenic. Tartar emetic is an exception, because it separates entirely, in the act of crystallizing, from any minute portion of arsenic in the materials from which it is prepared, the poisonous metal being left behind in the mother-water of the process.

ANTIMONII ET POTASSII TARTRAS. U. S. (Br.) Antimony and Potassium Tartrate. [Tartar Emetic; Tartarated Antimony.]

(ĂN-TĪ-MŌ'NĪ-Ī ĔT PŌ-TĂS'SĪ-Ī TĂR'TRĂS.)

$2KSbOC_4H_4O_6.H_2O$; 662·42. $2KSbOC_4H_4O_6.H_2O$; 664.

"An oxytartrate of antimony and potassium." *Br.*

Antimonium Tartaratum, *Br.*; Antimonium Tartarizatum, Tartarized Antimony, Tartrated Antimony; Antimonii Potassio-Tartras, Tartarus Stibiatus, *P. G.*; Tartarus Emeticus, Stibio-Kali Tartaricum; Tartrate d'Antimoine et de Potasse, Emétique, Tartre stibié, *Fr.*; Brechweinstein, *G.*

"Take of Oxide of Antimony *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acid Tartrate of Potassium, in fine powder, *six ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Mix the Oxide of Antimony and Acid Tartrate of Potassium with sufficient Distilled Water to form a paste, and set aside for twenty-four hours. Then add the remainder of the Water and boil for a quarter of an hour, stirring frequently. Filter and set aside the clear filtrate to crystallize. Pour off

the mother-liquor, evaporate to one-third, and set aside that more crystals may form. Dry the crystals on filtering paper at the temperature of the air." *Br.*

A process for Tartar Emetic not being given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, that of 1870 is inserted below.* This compound is a normal tartrate. Tartaric acid is dibasic. In acid potassium tartrate (cream of tartar) one of the two hydrogen atoms is replaced by potassium, while the other is unreplaced; in neutral potassium tartrate (soluble tartar) both are replaced by potassium; in tartar emetic one is replaced by potassium, while the other is replaced by the group (SbO) antimonyl, which is a univalent group, exactly replacing one hydrogen atom.

In the preparation of tartar emetic the cream of tartar should not be in excess; as in that case it is apt to crystallize, upon cooling, with the tartar emetic. To avoid such a result it is better to have a slight excess of antimonial oxide. No rule is applicable to the determination of the proper proportion of water, except that it should be sufficient to dissolve the tartar emetic formed. The hot filtration, directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870, may be conveniently performed by a jacketed funnel filled with hot water. In all cases the salt should be obtained in well-defined crystals, unmixed with those of cream of tartar, as the best index of its purity. The practice of some manufacturing chemists of boiling the filtered liquor to dryness, whereby an impure mass is obtained, consisting in part only of the antimonial salt, is very reprehensible.

It is not easy to decide as to the relative eligibility of the different forms of antimonial oxide used for preparing tartar emetic. The preference, however, was given to the oxychloride (*powder of Algaroth*) by Berzelius; and M. Henry, an eminent pharmaceutist of Paris, after a careful comparison of the different processes, declared also in its favor.

M. Henry has given a process for preparing tartar emetic with the oxychloride on a large scale; and, as his formula may be useful to the manufacturing chemist, we subjoin it, converting French weights into the nearest *apothecaries'* weights and measures. Take of prepared antimony sulphide, in very fine powder, three pounds four ounces; hydrochloric acid, marking 22°. (sp. gr. 1·178), eighteen pounds and a half; nitric acid, two ounces and a half. Introduce the sulphide into a glass matrass, of a capacity double the volume of the mixture to be formed; and add to it from three to five pounds of the acids previously mixed, so that the sulphide may be thoroughly penetrated by them; then add the remainder of the acids. Place the matrass on a sand-bath, and heat the mixture gradually to ebullition, avoiding the vapors, which are disengaged in large quantity. Continue the heat until the vapors given off are so far deprived of hydrogen sulphide as not to blacken white paper moistened with solution of lead acetate; after which allow the liquor to cool, and to remain at rest until it has become clear. Decant the clear liquor, and, in order to procure the portion of liquid which may be retained by the moist residue, add to this a small portion of hydrochloric acid, and again decant. Mix the decanted liquids, which consist of a solution of antimony terchloride, and add them to a large quantity of water, in order that the oxychloride may be precipitated; taking care, during their addition, to stir constantly in order that the precipitated powder may be more minutely divided, to facilitate its subsequent washing. To determine whether the water has been sufficient to decompose the whole of the terchloride, a part of the supernatant liquid, after the subsidence of the powder, is to be added to a fresh portion of water; and, if a precipitate takes place, more water must be added to the mixture, so as to obtain the largest possible product of oxychloride. The precipitation being completely effected, wash the powder repeatedly with water, until this no longer affects litmus, and place it on linen to drain for twenty-four hours. The quantity of oxychloride thus obtained will be about three pounds and a half in the moist state, or two pounds nine ounces when dry. Assuming it to be this quantity, mix it with three pounds eleven ounces of cream of tartar in fine powder, and add the mixture to two gallons and five pints of boiling water, contained in an iron kettle. Concentrate the liquor rapidly until it marks 25° of Baumé's hydrometer for salts, and then filter. By repose the liquor furnishes a crop of very pure crystals, which require only to be dried. The mother-waters are treated in the following manner. Saturate the excess of acid with chalk, filter, and concentrate to 25°. By cooling, a second crop of crystals will be obtained;

* "Take of Oxide of Antimony, in very fine powder, *two troyounces;* Bitartrate of Potassium, in very fine powder, *two troyounces and a half;* Distilled Water *eighteen fluidounces.* To the Water, heated to the boiling point in a glass vessel, add the powders, previously mixed, and boil for an hour; then filter the liquid while hot, and set it aside that crystals may form. Lastly, dry the crystals, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle. By further evaporation the mother-water may be made to yield more crystals, which should be purified by a second crystallization." *U. S.* 1870.

and, by proceeding in a similar manner, even a third crop. But these crystals are somewhat colored, and must be purified by recrystallization.* In this process the proportion of oxychloride and cream of tartar must be adjusted according to the numbers given, on the assumption that the former is dry; but it by no means follows that the whole of the oxide should be dried. To proceed thus would be a waste of time. The mode of proceeding is to weigh the whole of the moist oxide, and afterwards to weigh a small part of it and ascertain how much this loses in drying. Then, by a calculation, it is easy to determine how much the whole of the moist oxide would weigh if dry.

Tartar emetic is not usually prepared by the apothecary, but made on a large scale by the manufacturing chemist. Different processes are pursued in different manufactories; and it is not material what plan is adopted, provided the crystals of the antimonial salt be carefully purified. In an extensive manufactory in London, antimony ash is employed for boiling with the cream of tartar, and it is stated to form the cheapest material for making tartar emetic. (*Pereira's Mat. Med.*) Mohr prefers the use of a *moist* oxide, prepared by adding gradually an intimate mixture of one part, each, of antimony tersulphide and potassium nitrate to a boiling mixture of one part of sulphuric acid and two of water. The liquid is boiled down nearly to dryness and allowed to cool. The grayish-white mass thus formed is then washed thoroughly with water. The details of this process are given by Soubeiran, by whom it is praised, in the *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iii. 327.†

Properties, etc. It is in the form of "colorless, transparent crystals of the rhombic system, becoming opaque and white on exposure to air; or a white, granular powder, without odor, and having a sweet, afterwards disagreeable, metallic taste. Soluble in 17 parts of water, at 15° C. (59° F.), and in three parts of boiling water, but insoluble in alcohol, which precipitates it from its aqueous solution in the form of a crystalline powder. When heated to 110° C. (230° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (2·71 per cent.). When heated to redness, it chars, emits an odor resembling that of burning sugar, and leaves a blackened residue having an alkaline reaction. The aqueous solution of the salt possesses a slightly acid reaction, and yields, with hydrochloric acid, a white precipitate soluble in an excess of the acid; but no precipitate occurs if tartaric acid had previously been added." *U. S.* Antimony and potassium tartrate was discovered in 1631 by Adrian de Mynsicht. When prepared from the oxychloride it crystallizes in tetrahedrons. As it occurs in commerce, it is often in the form of a white powder, resulting from the pulverization of the crystals. They are insoluble in alcohol, but dissolve in proof spirit or wine.‡ (See *Vinum Antimonii.*) Its aqueous solution slightly reddens litmus, and undergoes decomposition by keeping. If one-fifth of its bulk of alcohol be added to the water, the decomposition is prevented. It is incompatible with acids, alkalies and their carbonates, some of the earths and metals, calcium chloride, and lead acetate and subacetate. It is incompatible also with astringent infusions and decoctions, as of rhubarb, cinchona, catechu, galls, etc.; but these substances, unless galls be an exception, do not render it inert, though they lessen its activity to a greater or less extent.

Characteristics and Tests of Purity. "In a solution of the salt, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, hydrogen sulphide test-solution produces an orange-red precipitate. The aqueous solution, even when largely diluted, at once becomes permanently turbid on the addition of a small quantity of potassium carbonate or calcium hydrate test-solution. A 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, acidulated with acetic acid, should not be affected by the addition of a few drops of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), silver nitrate test-solution (*chloride*), ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*), or potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (*iron* and *other metals*). On adding sodium carbonate test-solution to crushed crystals of the salt, effervescence should not ensue (absence of *potassium bitartrate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved, with the aid of heat, in hydrochloric acid, and to this solution 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution be added (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), together with a small piece of pure tin-foil, no turbidity or coloration should ensue

* For still another method of preparing tartar emetic, which we omit from want of space, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xi. 404.

† *Antimony Tartrate* $(SbO)O_6C_4H_5$. Yuntz (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 641) communicates the following process for this salt. An excess of antimony oxide is boiled with solution of tartaric acid, the clear solution evaporated to a syrupy consistence, allowed to cool, and the crystalline precipitate which forms washed with absolute alcohol to free it from any excess of tartaric acid.

‡ Alcohol precipitates it from its aqueous solution, and Mr. T. S. Wiegand proposes as a method of obtaining it in fine powder, to boil an ounce in four times its weight of water, and to pour the solution into a pint and a half of 95-per-cent. alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 407.)

within one hour (limit of *arsenic*). If 0·331 Gm. of the crystallized salt, or 0·322 Gm. of the salt dried at 110° C. (230° F.), be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and about 20 C.c. of a cold, saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate and a little starch test-solution added, it should require not less than 20 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent blue color (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* Tartar emetic, when pure, exhibits its appropriate crystalline form. A crystal or two, dropped into a solution of hydrogen sulphide, will be covered with an orange-colored deposit of antimony tersulphide. "Twenty-nine grains dissolve slowly but without residue in an [Imperial] fluidounce of distilled water at 60°; and the solution gives with sulphuretted hydrogen an orange precipitate, which, when washed and dried at 212°, weighs 15·1 grains." *Br.* Entire solubility in water is not a character belonging exclusively to the pure salt, for, according to the late Mr. Hennell, tartar emetic may contain 10 per cent. of uncombined cream of tartar and yet be wholly soluble in the proper proportion of water. Hennell's method of detecting uncombined bitartrate is to add a few drops of a solution of sodium carbonate to a boiling solution of the antimonial salt. If the precipitate formed be not redissolved, no bitartrate is present.

The impurities found in tartar emetic are uncombined cream of tartar from faulty preparation or fraudulent admixture, calcium tartrate, iron, sulphates, and chlorides. The mode of detecting cream of tartar has been indicated above. Calcium tartrate is derived from the cream of tartar, which always contains this impurity. It is apt to form on the surface of the crystals of tartar emetic in crystalline tufts, which are easily brushed off. Iron is sometimes present, especially when the antimonial salt has been prepared from glass of antimony. It is detected by a blue color being *immediately* produced by potassium ferrocyanide, added after a little acetic acid. If the blue color be *slowly* produced, it may arise from reactions on the iron of the ferrocyanide itself. If much iron be present, the solution of the tartar emetic will be yellow instead of colorless. According to Sérullas, tartar emetic, except when well crystallized, and all the other antimonial preparations usually contain a minute proportion of arsenic, derived from the native antimony tersulphide, which almost always contains this dangerous metal. Subsequently, however, Mr. Thos. Williams (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1874, p. 63) examined a number of samples of various antimonial preparations and found them remarkably free from arsenic. Tartar emetic should always be bought by the apothecary in good crystals, in which state the salt is pure, or very nearly so, and entirely free from arsenic. Its powder is perfectly white; and, when it is yellowish white, iron is probably present. A. H. Jackson found some samples of commercial tartar emetic to contain from 40 to 70 per cent. of potassium sulphate. (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1885, p. 459.)

It has been already stated in general terms that tartar emetic in solution is incompatible with acids and alkalies, and with some of the earths; but this salt is so important that some details in regard to the effects of particular reagents, included under these titles, seem to be necessary. Hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, added to a solution of the antimonial salt, not too dilute, throw down a white precipitate of antimony terchloride or subsulphate, mixed with cream of tartar, which is redissolved by an excess of the precipitant. Nitric acid throws down a subnitrate, which is taken up by an excess of acid. When caustic potassa is added to a tolerably concentrated solution, it produces at first no effect, then a precipitate of teroxide, and afterwards the solution of this precipitate, if the addition of the alkali be continued. Lime water acts in a weaker solution, and throws down a white precipitate, consisting of the mixed calcium and antimony tartrates. Potassium carbonate affects still weaker solutions, throwing down a white precipitate of teroxide; but this test does not act in solutions containing less than a quarter of a grain to the fluidounce. Ammonia, both pure and carbonated, precipitates a solution of tartar emetic, throwing down the pure teroxide. To these reagents may be added infusion of galls, which, when fresh and strong, causes a dirty-yellowish-white precipitate of antimony tannate.

Medical Properties and Uses. When tartar emetic is given in minute doses to the healthy man (gr. $\frac{1}{12}$, or 0·005 Gm.) it produces only a slight lessening of the force of the pulse and a tendency to increased secretion from the skin. After somewhat larger amounts these symptoms are more pronounced, and have nausea added to them. If a grain be ingested, the nausea and vomiting will be severe and persistent, and accompanied by marked prostration, both of the circulation and of the muscular strength. Symptoms of acute poisoning by the drug are an austere metallic taste; excessive nausea; copious vomiting; frequent hiccough; burning pain in the stomach; colic; frequent stools and tenesmus; fainting; small, contracted, and accelerated pulse; coldness of the skin, and even of the internal organs; diffi-

cult and irregular respiration; cutaneous anæsthesia; loss of sense; convulsive movements; very painful cramps in the legs; prostration, and death. Ten grains is the smallest dose reported to have proved fatal. In the lower animals antimony causes symptoms similar to those which it produces in man. It has been experimentally proved that the fall of the arterial pressure is produced, at least in part, by a direct action upon the heart. The loss of muscular power, of reflex activity, and of sensibility is believed to be due to depression of the spinal centres, and the disturbance of respiration to a direct influence upon the nerve-centres which preside over that function. The purging and vomiting are connected with an effort at elimination, the poison escaping through the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane, as well as through the kidneys. After death from antimony, fatty degeneration of the liver, kidneys, and other organs has been found, indicating that the poison has a powerful influence upon nutrition. It is evident that in small doses tartar emetic is powerfully depressant to the circulation and stimulant to the secretion of the skin. It has been very largely used as a sedative, antiphlogistic, diaphoretic, and expectorant. It is, however, at present much less frequently administered than formerly; in *small* doses (gr. $\frac{1}{12}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$, or 0·005 to 0·008 Gm.), mostly associated with saline, alkaline, or diaphoretic remedies, and assisted by copious dilution, it is still resorted to in *febrile complaints*, for the purpose of producing perspiration, which is often freely induced, especially if the remedy gives rise to nausea. It also proves useful, on many occasions, in the first stages of *bronchitis;* and with a view to its action in this way, it is conjoined with expectorant remedies. In *full* doses it acts as an emetic, and is characterized by certainty, strength, and permanency of operation. It remains longer in the stomach than ipecacuanha, produces more frequent and longer-continued efforts to vomit, and exerts a more powerful impression on the system. The nausea and attendant prostration are often very considerable. Its employment is contra-indicated by debility or gastro-intestinal irritability, and it is very badly borne by children.

The so-called contra-stimulant use of large doses of antimony originated with Dr. Rasori, professor of clinical medicine at Milan, who published his views in 1800, but has gone entirely out of vogue. The principal diseases in which it was practised were *pneumonia*, *pleurisy*, *bronchitis*, and *acute rheumatism*. The medicine was directed in doses varying from a grain to two grains (0·064 to 0·129 Gm.) or more every two hours, dissolved in a small quantity of water; the patient being restricted in the use of drinks whilst under its operation. It is stated that when the remedy is thus given in diseases of high action it seldom produces vomiting, an effect which the author of the practice wished to avoid. The power of the system to bear large doses of tartar emetic during the existence of acute diseases was considered by Rasori to depend upon the coexisting morbid excitement, and the capability of bearing them was expressed by the term *tolerance*.

Externally, tartar emetic is employed as a counter-irritant, mixed with lard, or cerate, or in the form of a plaster. (See *Unguentum Antimonii* and *Emplastrum Antimonii*.) It causes, after a longer or shorter interval, a burning sensation, accompanied by a peculiar and painful pustular eruption. This mode of producing counter-irritation is serviceable when a very powerful and persistent effect is desirable. Care must be taken that the pustular inflammation does not proceed too far; deep and very painful ulcerations, difficult to heal, may be produced.

Tartar emetic is generally given in solution, and in an amount which varies with the object in view in its administration. Its dose as an alterative is from the thirty-second to the sixteenth of a grain (0·002–0·004 Gm.); as a diaphoretic or expectorant, from the twelfth to the sixth of a grain (0·005–0·01 Gm.); and as a nauseating sudorific, from a sixth to a quarter of a grain (0·01–0·016 Gm.); repeated, according to circumstances, every hour, two, or four hours; as an emetic half a grain (0·03 Gm.), repeated every twenty minutes till it vomits; the operation being aided by warm water or chamomile tea.

Poisoning. The general symptoms of acute tartar emetic poisoning have been sufficiently described. In rare cases vomiting and purging do not take place; and when they are absent, the other symptoms are aggravated. Sometimes a pustular eruption is produced, like that caused by the external application of the antimonial.

When given in repeated small doses, tartar emetic produces both in man and in the lower animals a chronic poisoning, in which the chief symptoms are nausea, vomiting, watery purging, often followed by constipation, failing circulation, and a general asthenia, deepening into death from exhaustion. After death from antimonial preparations, decided evidences of gastro-intestinal irritation are apt to be present, but they have been in some cases wanting. The blood is often markedly fluid. Intense venous congestion, especially of the lungs, is usually

present, and in some cases pulmonary apoplexy, atelectasis, or other structural lesion of the lungs has been found. A wide-spread fatty degeneration has been noted as constant in chronic poisoning in animals, and probably occurs also in man.

The treatment of tartar emetic poisoning consists, first, in washing out the stomach with a solution of tannic acid; second, in meeting the symptoms as they arise, especially by the use of opiates, which should be administered hypodermically and by rectal suppositories; external warmth, stimulants, etc., should be used *pro re nata*. In all cases of suspected poisoning, the vomit, the passages from the bowels, and especially the urine, should be saved. The metal has been found in all the tissues of the body, but in the experiments of Dr. B. W. Richardson it was most abundant in the liver.

In examining the contents of the stomach or intestines for tartar emetic, they should be digested in water acidulated with hydrochloric and tartaric acids. The former acid will serve to coagulate organic matter; the latter to give complete solubility to the antimony. The solution obtained, after having been filtered, should be subjected to a stream of hydrogen sulphide, which, if tartar emetic be present, will throw down the orange-red antimony tersulphide, distinguished from arsenic tersulphide and all other precipitates by forming with hot hydrochloric acid a solution, from which a white curdy precipitate of antimony oxychloride (powder of Algaroth) is thrown down upon the addition of water. Hydrogen sulphide is by far the most delicate test for tartar emetic.

The mode of extracting the antimony from the solid tissues, recommended by Orfila, is to carbonize the dried viscera with pure concentrated nitric acid in a porcelain capsule, to boil the charred mass obtained for half an hour with hydrochloric acid, assisted with a little nitric acid, to filter the liquor, and introduce it into Marsh's apparatus. Hydrogen antimonide will be formed, which, being inflamed, will deposit the antimony on a cold surface of porcelain as a black stain, distinguishable from the similar stain produced by arsenic by its slighter volatility, by its forming with hot hydrochloric acid a solution which affords a white precipitate of antimony oxychloride when added to water, by its insolubility in solution of bleaching powder or chlorinated soda, and by its solubility in solution of stannous chloride. (See *Acidum Arsenosum*.)

Reinsch's process is a good one for separating antimony from the tissues, and was first used for that purpose by Dr. Alfred Taylor, of London. The tissues are boiled in hydrochloric acid, and a bright slip of copper is immersed in the hot solution. The metallic film deposited on the copper must be proved to be antimony. This is done by Dr. Odling by first boiling the coated copper in a solution of potassium permanganate, with a little excess of potassa, for a few minutes, whereby the antimony becomes oxidized and dissolved, and then passing hydrogen sulphide through the filtered and acidulated solution. The characteristic orange-red precipitate of antimony tersulphide is produced, which may be tested for antimony as above mentioned. Mr. H. H. Watson has simplified Dr. Odling's process by dispensing with the use of the potassium permanganate. He subjects the coated copper slip, in a tube, to a boiling very dilute solution of caustic potassa, the metal being alternately drawn out of and immersed in the solution, by the aid of a copper wire, until the whole of the coating is oxidized and dissolved. The solution is then treated as directed by Dr. Odling. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, July, 1857, p. 613.) Hydrogen antimonide (evolved either by galvanic processes or from zinc and sulphuric acid), when passed over sulphur, is decomposed, slowly in diffused daylight, very rapidly in sunlight, antimony sulphide forming, with liberation of hydrogen sulphide. The orange-red sulphide can be freed from excess of sulphur by exhaustion with carbon disulphide. (Jones, *Journ. Chem. Soc.*, i., 1876.)

ANTIMONII OXIDUM. U. S., Br. Antimony Oxide. [Antimony Trioxide.]

Sb_2O_3; 287·08. (ĂN-TĪ-MŌ'NĪ-Ī ŎX'Ī-DŬM.) Sb_2O_3; 288.

Oxide of Antimony; Stibium Oxydatum, Oxydum Antimonicum s. Stibicum; Oxyde d'Antimoine, *Fr.*; Antimonoxyd, *G.*

A process for this salt is no longer official in the U. S. P. 1890. Below is that of the Pharm. 1870.*

* "Take of Sulphuret of Antimony, in very fine powder, *four troyounces;* Muriatic Acid *eighteen troyounces;* Nitric Acid *a troyounce and one hundred and twenty grains;* Water of Ammonia *a fluidounce and a half;* Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Introduce the Sulphuret into a flask, of the capacity of two pints, and, having added the Muriatic Acid, digest, by means of a sand-bath, until effervescence ceases. Then, having removed the flask from the sand-bath, add the Nitric Acid gradually; and, when nitrous acid vapors cease to be given off, and the liquid has grown cold, add to it half a pint of Water, and filter. Pour the filtered liquid gradually into twelve pints of Water, constantly stirring, and allow the precipitate to subside. Decant the supernatant liquid, and

"Take of Solution of Chloride of Antimony *sixteen fluidounces;* Carbonate of Sodium *six ounces* [avoird.]; Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Pour the Antimonial Solution into the Water, mix thoroughly, let the precipitate settle, remove the supernatant liquid by a siphon, add one gallon [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, agitate well, let the precipitate subside, again withdraw the fluid, and repeat the process of affusion of Distilled Water, agitation, and subsidence. Add now the Carbonate of Sodium previously dissolved in two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, leave them in contact for half an hour, stirring frequently, collect the deposit on a calico filter, and wash with boiling distilled water until the washings cease to give a precipitate with a solution of nitrate of silver, acidulated by nitric acid. Lastly, dry the product at a heat not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

In the U. S. 1870 formula the solution of terchloride is prepared as the first step of the proceeding; in the British it is taken already formed, as the result of a distinct process. When antimony tersulphide is digested with hydrochloric acid, a chemical reaction takes place as follows: $Sb_2S_3 + 6HCl = (SbCl_3)_2 + (H_2S)_3$; the hydrogen of the acid uniting with the sulphur of the antimonial, and escaping as hydrogen sulphide, while the chlorine and antimony combine to form antimony terchloride, which is held in solution. The effect of the nitric acid is supposed to be to render the oxide whiter, by decomposing any remaining hydrogen sulphide, and thus preventing it from contaminating the product. Though the result thus far is an aqueous solution of the terchloride, this cannot be diluted beyond a certain degree without decomposition. Hence, if largely diluted, as when poured into an excess of water, decomposition takes place, and a white powder is precipitated, formerly called *powder of Algaroth*, which is mainly an oxychloride. The decomposition of the powder, however, is not uniform, as it contains more teroxide the greater the proportion of water used in the decomposition. The pure oxychloride, SbOCl, is formed when the proportion of 4 mols. of water to 1 mol. of antimony chloride exists, but with a relatively larger proportion of water the average composition of the powder is $Sb_4O_5Cl_2$, which may be considered as made up of $(SbOCl)_2 + Sb_2O_3$. The oxychloride is first washed with abundance of water to separate adhering hydrochloric acid, and then acted upon by a solution of alkali (Ammonia, *U. S.*, Carbonate of Sodium, *Br.*) to decompose the oxychloride, with the effect of adding to the amount of teroxide; after which the teroxide requires only to be washed with water in order to render it pure. The last washing separates the ammonium or sodium chloride resulting from the decomposition of the oxychloride; and the water of this washing is tested, in both formulas, by silver nitrate, until the presence of chlorine ceases to be indicated.

Properties. Antimony teroxide is a heavy, grayish-white powder, permanent in the air, almost insoluble in water, insoluble in alcohol and nitric acid, readily soluble in hydrochloric or tartaric acid, or in boiling solution of potassium bitartrate. Heated in close vessels it becomes yellow, fuses at a full red heat, and finally sublimes in crystalline needles. When cooled from a state of fusion, it forms a fibrous crystalline mass, of pearl color. Heated in open vessels it suddenly becomes red hot, and, by the absorption of oxygen, changes into Sb_2O_4 (antimony antimonate), which differs from the teroxide in being insoluble in hydrochloric acid, less fusible, and not volatile. This oxide is the active ingredient of all the medicinal preparations of antimony. "On dropping its solution in hydrochloric acid into water, a white precipitate is produced, which is at once changed to orange by hydrogen sulphide test-solution. If 1 Gm. of the Oxide be dissolved with the aid of 5 Gm. of tartaric acid in a little water, and the solution diluted with water to the measure of 100 C.c., portions of this solution should not be affected by test-solutions of silver nitrate (absence of *chloride*), barium chloride (*sulphate*), or potassium ferrocyanide (*iron* and *other metals*). If a solution of the Oxide in hydrochloric acid be diluted with water, until it just begins to become permanently turbid, and then precipitated with hydrogen sulphide, this precipitate, when collected and thoroughly washed, should be completely soluble in ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper* and *lead*). If 1 Gm. of the Oxide be dissolved in hydrochloric acid, and to this solution 1 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic) be added, together with a small piece of pure tin-foil, no turbidity or coloration should ensue within one hour (limit of *arsenic*)." *U. S.* It is frequently impure from the pres-

wash the precipitate twice by decantation, using, each time, eight pints of Water. Then transfer it to a muslin filter to drain, and, after the draining is completed, wash it with Water until the washings cease to have an acid reaction. Next introduce it into a suitable vessel, and subject it to the action of the Water of Ammonia for two hours: at the end of which time transfer it to a moistened muslin filter, and wash it with Distilled Water as long as the washings produce a precipitate with nitrate of silver. Lastly, dry the precipitate upon bibulous paper with the aid of a gentle heat." *U. S.* 1870.

ence of the before-mentioned antimony antimonate, in which case it is not *entirely* soluble in hydrochloric acid. If it contain oxychloride, which it is apt to do from the imperfect action of the alkaline solutions employed in its purification, its solution in tartaric acid will be precipitated by silver nitrate. When antimony antimonate is substituted for it, the fraud may be detected by the spurious preparation being entirely insoluble in hydrochloric acid.

Medical Properties. This oxide, which must not be confounded with the powder of Algaroth, has the general therapeutic properties of the antimonials. Like antimonial powder, it is unequal in its effects, and ought not to be used in practical medicine. The inequality of action is plausibly explained by the state of the stomach as to acidity, the presence of acids giving the medicine activity; and this explanation is confirmed by the experiments of Dr. Osburn, of Dublin, with the Dublin oxide. As to the French Codex oxide, prepared by boiling the oxychloride with a solution of potassium bicarbonate, the inequality is attributed by M. Durand, of Caen, to the presence of more or less terchloride, which is separated with difficulty. Objecting to the Codex oxide, M. Durand proposes to prepare the teroxide by precipitating tartar emetic with ammonia in excess. Thus obtained it contains no terchloride, and does not vomit. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ii. 364.) The dose of antimony teroxide is set down as three grains (0·20 Gm.) every two or three hours, but the drug should not be employed as a medicine. It was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia to be used in the preparation of tartar emetic, and as an ingredient in Pulvis Antimonialis.

ANTIMONII SULPHIDUM. U. S. Antimony Sulphide. [Antimony Trisulphide.]

Sb_2S_3; 335·14. (ĂN-TĮ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SŬL'PHĮ-DŬM.) Sb_2S_3; 336.

"Native antimony sulphide, purified by fusion and as nearly free from arsenic as possible." *U. S.*

Antimonium Nigrum, *Br.* 1864; Black Antimony. (Prepared Sulphuret of Antimony, *Br.*) Stibium Sulfuratum Crudum et Lævigatum, *P. G.;* Antimonium Crudum, Stibium Sulfuratum Nigrum, Sulfuretum Stibicum; Artificial Sulphuret of Antimony; Antimoine sulfuré, Sulfure d'Antimoine, Antimoine cru, *Fr.;* Schwefelantimon, Schwefelspiessglanz, *G.;* Solfuro d'Antimonio, *It.;* Antimonio crudo, *Sp.*

Preparation, etc. The antimony sulphide of the Pharmacopœias is obtained from the native sulphide, called *antimony ore*, by different processes of purification; the following being an outline of that generally pursued. The ore is placed in melting-pots in a circular reverberatory furnace, and these are made to connect, by means of curved earthen tubes, with the receiving-pots, situated outside the furnace. This arrangement affords facilities for removing the residue of the operation, and allows of the collection of the melted sulphide without interrupting the fire, and, consequently, without loss of time or fuel. In the U. S. Pharmacopœia it is directed to be melted in order to purify it from infusible substances; in the British, to be reduced to fine powder, to fit it for pharmaceutic use. In order to bring it to this state, it should be submitted to the process of levigation. (See *Antimonii Sulphidum Purificatum.*) Much of the "Black Antimony" of commerce has been shown by Prof. Warder to contain no antimony whatever, but to be simply powdered coal and marble, and such can be easily distinguished by a rough test, as follows. Fill a dry, tared one-ounce bottle with the powder: after shaking it down it will be found that it will hold two and a quarter ounces of powdered black antimony, but only one and a quarter ounces of powdered coal. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1885, p. 479; see, also, S. W. McKeown's paper, *Proc. Ohio State Pharm. Assoc.*, 1885.)

Properties. Antimony sulphide is mostly prepared in France and Germany. It is called, in commerce, antimony, or *crude antimony*, and occurs in fused conical masses, denominated loaves. "Steel-gray masses of a metallic lustre and a striated crystalline fracture, forming a black or grayish-black, lustreless powder, without odor or taste, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but soluble in hydrochloric acid with the evolution of hydrogen sulphide. At a temperature below a red heat, the Sulphide fuses to a dark brown liquid. If 1 Gm. of the powdered Sulphide be digested and finally boiled with 10 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, it should dissolve without leaving more than 1 per cent. of residue. This acid solution, completely deprived of hydrogen sulphide by boiling, yields, when added to water, a white precipitate, which is soluble in a solution of tartaric acid. After the separation of the precipitate by filtration, the filtrate yields an orange-red precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution." *U. S.* The quality of the sulphide cannot well be judged of, except in mass; hence it ought never to be bought in powder. Arsenic, which is often present in considerable quantities, may be detected by the usual tests for that metal. (See *Acidum Arsenosum*, p. 28.)

The official antimony sulphide is a tersulphide consisting of two atoms of antimony and

three of sulphur. When prepared by pulverization and levigation, it is in the form of an insoluble powder, without taste or smell, usually of a dull blackish color, but reddish brown when perfectly pure. By exposure to the air, it absorbs, according to Buchner, a portion of oxygen, and becomes partially converted into teroxide.

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation is very uncertain in its operation, and ought not to be used in practical medicine. It has, however, been employed as a diaphoretic and alterative in *scrofula*, *glandular obstructions*, *cutaneous diseases*, and *chronic rheumatism*. It is used in the United States solely in veterinary practice. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), in powder or bolus.

ANTIMONII SULPHIDUM PURIFICATUM. U. S. (Br.) Purified Antimony Sulphide. [Purified Antimony Trisulphide.]

Sb_2S_3; 335·14. (ĂN-TĪ-MŌ'NĪ-Ī SŬL'PHĪ-DŬM PŪ-RĪ-FĪ-CĀ'TŬM.) Sb_2S_3; 336.

Antimonium Nigrum Purificatum, *Br.*; Purified Black Antimony.

"Antimony Sulphide, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Ammonia Water, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 5½ fluidrachms]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Reduce the Antimony Sulphide to a very fine powder. Separate the coarser particles by elutriation, and, when the finely-divided sulphide has been deposited, pour off the water, add the Ammonia Water, and macerate for five days in a well-closed vessel, agitating the mixture frequently. Then let the powder settle, pour off the Ammonia Water, and wash the residue by repeated affusion and decantation of Water. Finally dry the product by the aid of a gentle heat." *U. S.*

"Native sulphide of antimony, Sb_2S_3, purified from siliceous matter by fusion, reduced to fine powder, and, if, on testing as described below, any soluble salt of arsenium is present, purified by the following process. Take of Native Sulphide of Antimony, in fine powder, 1 pound; Solution of Ammonia 8 fluidounces; Distilled Water a sufficiency. Macerate the sulphide of antimony with the solution of ammonia for five days, stirring frequently. Then allow the powder to subside, pour off the supernatant liquid, and thoroughly wash the residue with the water. Dry the powder by the aid of heat." *Br.*

The test for arsenum is as follows. "If one grain be dissolved in hydrochloric acid, and the solution, slightly diluted, be gently warmed with a piece of bright copper foil, the copper being washed, dried, and heated in a dry, narrow test-tube, no crystalline sublimate (of arsenous anhydride) should form on the upper cool part of the tube." *Br.*

These are new official processes, which are intended to furnish a black antimony sulphide better fitted for the manufacture of the official preparations of antimony and for internal administration. Copper, a common impurity in the crude sulphide, is rendered soluble by the water of ammonia, whilst the subsequent washing and decantation effectually remove all soluble impurities. (See *Antimonii Sulphidum*.)

Properties. "A heavy, grayish-black, lustreless powder, without odor or taste, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but soluble in hydrochloric acid with the evolution of hydrogen sulphide. At a temperature below a red heat it fuses to a dark brown liquid." *U. S.*

Tests. "If 1 Gm. of the Sulphide be digested, and finally boiled, with 10 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, it should dissolve without leaving more than 1 per cent. of residue. This acid solution, completely deprived of hydrogen sulphide by boiling, yields, when added to water, a white precipitate, which is soluble in a solution of tartaric acid. After the separation of the precipitate by filtration, the filtrate yields an orange-red precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution. If 2 Gm. of the Sulphide be mixed and cautiously ignited, in a porcelain crucible, with 8 Gm. of pure sodium nitrate, and, after cooling, the fused mass be boiled with 25 C.c. of water, there will remain a residue which should be white or nearly so, and not yellowish nor brownish (absence of *other metallic sulphides*). On boiling the filtrate separated from the last-mentioned residue with a slight excess of nitric acid, until no more nitrous vapors are evolved, then dissolving in it 0·1 Gm. of silver nitrate, filtering again if necessary, and cautiously pouring a few drops of ammonia water on top, not more than a white cloud, but no red or reddish precipitate, should appear at the line of contact of the two liquids (absence of more than about 0·1 per cent. of *arsenic*." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation, introduced into the Pharmacopœias for pharmaceutical purposes, should not be used in medical practice.

ANTIMONIUM SULPHURATUM. U. S., Br. Sulphurated Antimony.

[Kermes Mineral.]

(ĂN-TĬ-MŌ'NĬ-ŬM SŬL-PHŪ-RĀ'TŬM.)

"Chiefly Antimony Trisulphide [$Sb_2S_3 = 335{\cdot}14$], with a very small amount of Antimony Trioxide." *U. S.* "A mixture containing sulphide and oxide of antimony, Sb_2S_5 and Sb_2O_3." *Br.*

Antimonii Oxysulphuretum, *Lond.;* Antimonii Sulphuretum Aureum, *Ed.;* Precipitated Sulphide of Antimony; Stibium Sulfuratum Aurantiacum, *P. G.;* Sulphur Stibiatum Aurantiacum, Sulphur Auratum Antimonii; Golden Sulphuret of Antimony, Golden Sulphur; Soufre doré d'Antimoine, *Fr.;* Goldschwefel, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 added the synonyme "Kermes Mineral" to this preparation, intending that this should be used when that was ordered in prescriptions.

"Purified Antimony Sulphide, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Solution of Soda, *twelve hundred cubic centimeters* [or 40 fluidounces, 4 fluidrachms, 37 minims]; Distilled Water, Diluted Sulphuric Acid, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Purified Antimony Sulphide with the Solution of Soda and *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or about 6¼ pints] of Distilled Water, and boil the mixture over a gentle fire for two hours, with frequent stirring, and occasionally adding Distilled Water so as to preserve the same volume. Strain the liquid immediately through a double muslin strainer, and drop into it, while yet hot, Diluted Sulphuric Acid so long as it produces a precipitate. Wash the precipitate with hot Distilled Water until the washings are at most but very slightly clouded by barium chloride test-solution; then dry the precipitate at a temperature not exceeding 25° C. (77° F.), and rub it to a fine powder. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Purified Black Antimony 10 ounces [av.]; Sublimed Sulphur 10 ounces [av.]; Solution of Soda 4½ pints [Imp. meas.]; Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Distilled Water, of each, a sufficiency. Mix the Purified Black Antimony with the Sublimed Sulphur and the Solution of Soda, and boil for two hours with frequent stirring, adding distilled water occasionally to maintain the same volume. While still hot add nine pints [Imp. meas.] of boiling distilled water. Strain the liquor through calico, and, before it cools, add to it by degrees the Diluted Sulphuric Acid till the latter is in slight excess. Collect the precipitate on a calico filter, wash with distilled water till the washings no longer precipitate with chloride of barium, and dry at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)" *Br.*

There are three preparations containing antimony and sulphur,—viz., the *amorphous precipitated antimony sulphide*, Sb_2S_3, which while orange-red in color corresponds to the black native sulphide; a reddish-brown mixture known as "*kermes mineral*," which contains both antimony sulphide and oxide, and has an average composition $(Sb_2S_3)_2 + Sb_2O_3$;* and the

* Antimonii Oxysulphuretum. *U. S.* 1870. *Oxysulphuret of Antimony. Kermes Mineral. Kermes mineral* was official in 1870. The following is the process. "Take of Sulphuret of Antimony, in very fine powder, *a troyounce;* Carbonate of Sodium *twenty-three troyounces;* Water *sixteen pints.* Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in the Water previously heated to the boiling point, and, having added the Sulphuret of Antimony, boil for an hour. Then filter rapidly into a warm earthen vessel, cover this closely, and allow the liquid to cool slowly. At the end of twenty-four hours, decant the supernatant liquid, drain the precipitate on a filter, wash it with boiled water previously allowed to become cold, and dry it without heat. Lastly, preserve the powder in a well-stopped bottle, protected from the light." *U. S.* A useless preparation, on account of its uncertainty of action.

Kermes mineral, according to Thénard, may be obtained by treating antimony tersulphide in three ways: 1st, with a boiling solution of the carbonated alkalies, 2d, with a boiling solution of the caustic alkalies, and, 3d, with the carbonated alkalies at a red heat. These several processes give brown powders, which vary in their shade of color, and which, though usually considered as identical, differ in composition. The kermes obtained by means of the carbonated alkalies in solution is an oxysulphide, that is, a compound of hydrated antimony tersulphide with the teroxide; while the product when either the caustic alkalies in solution or the carbonated alkalies at a red heat are used is essentially a hydrated tersulphide, though containing occasionally a little oxysulphide. It is the first of these methods that was adopted in the U. S. process of 1870. It is, in fact, the formula of Cluzel (see U. S. D., 11th ed., p. 926), and is substantially that of the French Codex of 1837.

The rationale of the formation of kermes by this process is as follows. A portion of the sodium carbonate is converted, by a transfer of carbonic acid, into caustic soda and sesquicarbonate. By a double decomposition taking place between a part of the antimony tersulphide and the caustic soda, sodium sulphide and antimony teroxide are formed. The undecomposed portion of the tersulphide then dissolves in the solution of sodium sulphide, and the teroxide in that of the remaining sodium carbonate. The tersulphide and teroxide, being both more soluble in these menstrua hot than cold, precipitate together as the liquid cools, and constitute this variety of kermes. Thus obtained it is light, velvety, of a dark reddish-purple color, brilliant in the sun, and of a crystalline appearance. It consists, according to M. Henry, jun., of antimony tersulphide 62·5, teroxide 27·4, water 10, and soda a trace; proportions which correspond most nearly with two mols. of tersulphide, one of teroxide, and six of water. From the presence of so large a proportion of antimony teroxide in this variety of kermes, it must be far more active than the other kinds, and ought, therefore, to be preferred for medical use.

Kermes, when obtained by means of the caustic alkalies, may be formed by the use of either potassa or soda. When the former alkali is selected, it may be prepared by boiling, for a quarter of an hour, two parts of antimony tersulphide with one part of caustic potassa dissolved in twenty-five or thirty parts of water, filtering the liquor,

golden sulphide, which is antimonic sulphide, Sb_2S_5, and is obtained by decomposing sulph-antimonates like *Schlippe's salt* (SbS_4Na_3) by the addition of a strong mineral acid.

The first of these may be obtained by dissolving the powdered native sulphide in caustic potash solution with the aid of heat, and then adding to this solution, which contains the antimony combined as potassium antimonite and sulph-antimonite, sulphuric acid, when a reddish precipitate is formed which dries to a reddish-brown powder.

The second may be obtained by boiling the native sulphide or the red amorphous sulphide just described with sodium carbonate, and then allowing the compound to settle out from the hot filtered liquid as it cools.

The third may be obtained by first forming a sulph-antimonate by boiling finely-powdered antimony sulphide and caustic soda with sulphur (or sodium carbonate and chalk instead of the caustic soda), and then adding the solution of this to dilute hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, when yellow Sb_2S_5 separates, according to the reaction

$$2(SbS_4Na_3 + 9H_2O) + 3H_2SO_4 = 3Na_2SO_4 + Sb_2S_5 + 3H_2S + 18H_2O.$$

Ten parts of Schlippe's salt yield in theory 4·17 parts of antimony pentasulphide. E. G. Eberhardt recommends the more direct preparation of sulphurated antimony by treating the native sulphide with hydrochloric acid and precipitating the solution with hydrogen sulphide. The objection that arsenic might be found in the product was met by an examination which showed that traces of arsenic were present, but not more than when made by the official process. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 229.)

Properties of the Precipitated Antimony Sulphide. (*Sulphurated Antimony, U. S., Br.*) "An amorphous, reddish-brown powder, becoming lighter in color on exposure to light, and having neither odor nor taste. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but soluble in hydrochloric acid with the evolution of hydrogen sulphide. When heated in a dry test-tube, it emits moisture and leaves a black residue. If 1 Gm. of Sulphurated Antimony be gently heated with 10 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, it should dissolve, with the exception of a slight residue, which, when washed and dried, should burn on the application of a flame with the characteristic odor of sulphur, leaving not more than a scanty ash. The acid solution, completely deprived of hydrogen sulphide by boiling, yields, when added to water, a white precipitate, which, after being washed and dried, should weigh not less than 85 per cent. of the original weight of the sulphide. The liquid filtered from this precipitate yields an orange-red precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution. If 1 Gm. of Sulphurated Antimony be shaken with 20 C.c. of hot water, the filtrate should be neutral to test-paper, should not be rendered more than slightly opalescent by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*), or silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*), and should not be affected by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). When tested for arsenic, as described under Purified Antimony Sulphide, it should afford no reaction beyond the limit prescribed for the latter." *U. S.* Water

and allowing it to cool; whereupon the kermes precipitates. In this process one portion of the tersulphide, by reacting with a part of the potassa, gives rise to antimony teroxide and potassium sulphide. A second portion dissolves in the solution of potassium sulphide formed, and a third forms an insoluble compound with a part of the teroxide. The remainder of the teroxide unites with the undecomposed potassa, forming a compound which, being but sparingly soluble, is only in part dissolved. The hot filtered liquor, therefore, contains this compound dissolved in water, and antimony tersulphide dissolved in the solution of potassium sulphide. By refrigeration, the tersulphide in a hydrated state falls down, free or nearly free from teroxide, this latter being still held in solution by means of the caustic alkali.

Kermes may be obtained by the third method, that is, in the dry way, by the use of the carbonated alkalies at a red heat. If potassium carbonate* be selected, the process is as follows. Rub together two parts of antimony tersulphide and one of potassium carbonate, fuse the mixture in a crucible by a red heat, reduce the fused mass to powder, boil it with water, and strain. As the strained liquor cools, the kermes is deposited. The rationale of its formation is nearly the same with that of the formation of the second variety of kermes. An inferior kermes, prepared in the dry way, and intended for use in veterinary medicine, is directed in the French Codex of 1837 to be prepared by fusing together, well mixed, 500 parts of antimony tersulphide, 1000 of potassium carbonate, and 30 of washed sulphur, reducing the fused mass to powder, and boiling it with 10,000 parts of water. The liquor, upon cooling, lets fall the kermes, which must be washed with care and dried.

Kermes mineral, as usually found in commerce, is an insipid, inodorous powder, of a purplish-brown color, and soft and velvety to the touch. By the action of air and light it gradually becomes lighter colored, and at last yellowish white. It is readily and wholly dissolved by hydrochloric acid, with escape of hydrogen sulphide gas, and is partly soluble in a hot solution of potassa, leaving a residue soluble in tartaric acid. It is sometimes adulterated with ferric oxide. In Paris, in 1849, a number of the shops contained a spurious kermes of very handsome appearance which was little else than this oxide. Kermes mineral first came into use as a remedy in France about the beginning of the last century. Its mode of preparation was possessed as a secret by a French surgeon named La Ligerie. In 1720 the recipe was purchased by the French government and made public.

* According to the researches of M. A. Terreil (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 131), potassium carbonate if absolutely pure will not yield kermes by the moist way, but by the dry way will give a larger yield than will sodium carbonate.

in which this preparation has been boiled should not yield a white precipitate with ammonium oxalate. The non-action of this test shows the absence of lime. When pure, precipitated antimony sulphide is completely soluble in a hot solution of potassa; but, as it is found in commerce, a white matter is usually left undissolved. When boiled with a solution of cream of tartar, about 12 per cent. of teroxide is dissolved; but, according to H. Rose, this method of determining the proportion of the teroxide cannot be relied on. Exposed to heat it takes fire, and burns with a greenish-blue flame, giving off sulphurous acid, while the metal remains behind in the state of a grayish oxide.

The London precipitated antimony sulphide, as analyzed by Mr. Phillips, consisted, in the 100 parts, of tersulphide 76·5, teroxide 12, and water 11·5; proportions corresponding nearly with five mols. of tersulphide, one of teroxide, and fifteen of water. It usually contained a portion of pentasulphide, as shown by the action of hydrochloric acid, which, when heated with this antimonial, forms the terchloride with disengagement of sulphur. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, iv. 989.) Its active ingredient is the teroxide; and in reference to its presence the London College called the preparation *oxysulphuret of antimony*. The Edinburgh College named it incorrectly *golden sulphuret of antimony;* this name being properly applicable to the precipitate produced by the sole action of acids, and not to that obtained by the action of acids and refrigeration conjointly.

Sulphurated Antimony, in the British Pharmacopœia, is defined to be "a mixture containing sulphide and oxide of antimony, Sb_2S_5 and Sb_2O_3," and is described as "an orange-red powder, readily dissolved by caustic soda, also by hot hydrochloric acid with the evolution of sulphuretted hydrogen and the separation of sulphur." Boiled in water with acid tartrate of potassium, the resulting solution is precipitated orange-red with hydrogen sulphide. "Sixty grains, moistened and warmed with successive portions of nitric acid until red fumes cease to be evolved, and then dried and heated to redness, give a white residue weighing about forty grains." *Br.* Mr. John Moss asserted before the London Pharmaceutical Society that the British process always yields a dark reddish or reddish-brown powder, but that the kermes mineral in English commerce is golden yellow or yellowish red, and must be prepared by some other method. He was confirmed by Profs. Redwood and Attfield; the latter explaining that the official kermes contains antimony tersulphide, the commercial, antimony pentasulphide.

Medical Properties. *Precipitated antimony sulphide* (*sulphurated antimony*) is alterative, diaphoretic, and emetic. It is, however, an uncertain medicine, and is very little used. In combination with calomel and guaiac (*Plummer's pill*), it was formerly employed in *secondary syphilis* and *cutaneous eruptions*. (See *Pilulæ Antimonii Compositæ*.) During its use the patient should abstain from acidulous drinks. Its dose as an alterative is from one to two grains (0·064 to 0·129 Gm.), given twice a day, in the form of pill; as an emetic, from five grains to a scruple (0·323 to 1·29 Gm.).

Golden sulphide acts like kermes mineral, but is much weaker, and must be given in a larger dose.

APOCYNUM. U. S. Apocynum. [Canadian Hemp.]

(Ă-PŎÇ'Y-NŬM.)

"The root of Apocynum cannabinum, Linné (nat. ord. Apocynaceæ)." *U. S.*

Chanvre du Canada, *Fr.;* Canadische Hanfwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted, the lobes acute. *Corolla* bell-shaped, five-cleft, bearing five triangular appendages in the throat opposite the lobes. *Stamens* five, inserted on the very base of the corolla. *Filaments* flat, shorter than the arrow-shaped anthers, which converge round the ovoid, obscurely two-lobed stigma, and are slightly adherent to it by their inner face. *Style* none. *Stigma* large, ovoid, slightly two-lobed. *Fruit* two long slender follicles. *Gray's Manual.*

There are two indigenous species of this genus, *A. cannabinum*, L., and *A. androsæmifolium*, L., of very similar general aspect. Both plants abound in a milky juice, and have a tough fibrous bark, which, by maceration, affords a substitute for hemp; hence the common name.

In the official species the stems and branches are upright or ascending, terminated by erect and close, many-flowered cymes, which are usually shorter than the leaves, and the corolla has nearly erect lobes, with the tube not longer than the lanceolate divisions of the calyx. In *A. androsæmifolium* the branches are divergently forked, the cymes loose and spreading, the open bell-shaped corolla with revolute lobes and a tube much longer than the ovate-pointed divisions of the calyx. The two plants grow together, although *A. cannabinum* seems to be proportionately more common in the West. *A. androsæmifolium* was formerly included in the U. S. secondary list, but seems to have almost disappeared from the market. According

to Mr. Edward A. Manheimer, its root can be distinguished from that of *A. cannabinum* on microscopic examination by the thick-walled bast-cells, which are arranged somewhat in a circle near the middle of the bark. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1881. See also *A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 168.)

The root of *A. cannabinum* is horizontal, five or six feet in length, about one-third of an inch thick, dividing near the end into branches which terminate abruptly, of a yellowish-brown color when young, but dark chestnut when old, of a strong odor, and a nauseous, somewhat acrid, permanently bitter taste. The internal or ligneous portion is yellowish white, and less bitter than the exterior or cortical part. "Long, cylindrical, somewhat branched, 5 to 10 Mm. thick, gray or brownish-gray, longitudinally wrinkled and transversely fissured; brittle, fracture short, white; the bark rather thick; the wood porous, spongy, with delicate, medullary rays; inodorous; taste bitter, disagreeable." *U. S.* The fresh root, when wounded, emits a milky juice, which concretes into a substance resembling caoutchouc. In the dried state, it is brittle and readily pulverized, affording a powder like that of ipecacuanha. Schmiedeberg and te Water (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., p. 1332) found two principles acting like digitalin: one, an amorphous resinous substance, not a glucoside, easily soluble in alcohol and ether, almost insoluble in water, which is called *apocynin*, and the other, a glucoside, easily soluble in water, which is known as *apocyneïn*. Neither of the principles gives any color reaction with sulphuric acid and bromine. The root yields its virtues to water and alcohol, but, according to Dr. Griscom, more readily to the former. Prof. J. U. Lloyd noticed a white, tasteless, crystalline, waxy precipitate formed in a fluid extract of *A. cannabinum*.

Medical Properties and Uses. Apocynum (or, as it is frequently improperly called, *Indian Hemp*) is powerfully emetic and cathartic, sometimes diuretic, and promotes diaphoresis and expectoration. It produces much nausea, diminishes the frequency of the pulse, and appears to induce drowsiness independently of the exhaustion consequent upon vomiting. According to D. A. Sokoloff (*Medical Chronicle*, Sept. 1888), apocynum, in sufficient dose, first stimulates the heart and the vaso-motor centres, causing a pronounced rise of the arterial pressure, and then acts as a paralyzant, producing a gradual fall of the pressure to zero. The disease in which apocynum has been found most beneficial is *dropsy*. From fifteen to thirty grains (1–1·95 Gm.) of the powdered root will generally produce copious vomiting and purging. The decoction is a more convenient form for administration. It may be prepared by boiling half an ounce of the dried root in a pint and a half of water to a pint, of which from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) may be given twice or thrice daily, or more frequently. The watery extract, in doses of three or four grains (0·20–0·26 Gm.), three times a day, will generally act on the bowels.

APOMORPHINÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S., Br. Apomorphine Hydrochlorate.

$C_{17}H_{17}NO_2, HCl$; 302·79. (ĂP-Ǫ-MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ HŸ-DRǪ-ȻHLŌ'RĂS.) $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2, HCl$; 303·4.

"The hydrochlorate of an artificial alkaloid prepared from morphine or codeine. It should be kept in small, dark amber-colored vials." *U. S.* "The hydrochlorate of an alkalold obtained by heating morphine or codeine in sealed tubes with hydrochloric acid." *Br.*

Chlorhydrate d'Apomorphine, *Fr.*; Apomorphinum Hydrochloricum, *G.*; Hydrochlorate of Apomorphine.

Apomorphine was discovered by Dr. Matthiessen and Mr. C. A. Wright. It is prepared by heating morphine in a closed tube with a great excess of hydrochloric acid for two or three hours to the temperature of 140° to 150° C. The contents of the tube are then dissolved in water, an excess of sodium bicarbonate added, and the precipitate exhausted with ether or chloroform. On the addition to a solution of a very small quantity of hydrochloric acid, crystals of apomorphine chloride form. The process is one of dehydration; the morphine parting with one molecule of water, the formula of apomorphine being $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2$. Apomorphine may also be made by the action of hydrochloric acid upon codeine, and it is affirmed that the best method in practice is that of E. Mayer, in which morphine is treated with a solution of zinc chloride, at 120° C. (*Berichte d. Deutsch. Chem. Gesell.*, Berlin, 1871, iv. 121.) Codeine, $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$, when treated with hydrochloric acid, yields first $C_{18}H_{20}ClNO_2$, and then splits off methyl chloride, CH_3Cl, and leaves apomorphine, $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2$.

Properties. Apomorphine Hydrochlorate is usually in "minute, grayish-white, shining, acicular crystals, without odor, having a faintly bitter taste, and acquiring a greenish tint upon exposure to light and air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 45 parts of water, and about 45 parts of alcohol; very little soluble in ether or chloroform. When heated to near 100° C.

(212° F.), the salt is decomposed, rapidly if in solution, slowly when dry. At 270° C. (518° F.) it fuses to a black mass, and, when ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. The crystals are colored blood-red to orange by nitric acid, transiently violet to light brown by sulphuric acid, dark purple to orange by a mixture of these acids. On shaking a few C.c. of the saturated, aqueous solution of the salt with a few small particles of manganese dioxide, the liquid acquires a green color, which is turned reddish-brown by adding some crystals of oxalic acid. If the oxalic acid be added to the solution first, and then a few small particles of manganese dioxide, the liquid will, upon agitation, assume a deep brownish-red color. Silver nitrate test-solution added to the aqueous solution of the salt throws down a white precipitate, insoluble in nitric acid, soon turning black by reduction to metallic silver, or instantly reduced by addition of ammonia water. Addition of sodium bicarbonate solution to the aqueous solution throws down the white amorphous alkaloid, which soon turns green on exposure to air, and imparts a violet or blue color to chloroform, in which it is very soluble (difference from *morphine*). If the salt impart, at once, an emerald-green color to 100 parts of water on being shaken with it a few times in a test-tube, it should be rejected." *U. S.* The alkaloid is colored dark red by nitric acid and rose-red by ferric chloride, changing to violet, and finally black, on exposure. The aqueous and alcoholic solutions are at first colorless, but change rapidly to greenish, finally becoming deep emerald-green in color. This change in color has been attributed to oxidation, and it has been noticed that the solution on standing loses its power: for this reason it is best not to keep the solution, but to make it as wanted. Mr. C. Bernbeck has observed that the change in the solution to a green color may be prevented by the addition of a small quantity of hydrochloric acid, he having proved that the cause of the green coloration is due to ammonia, resulting either from partial decomposition of the solution or from absorption from the atmosphere. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1885.) According to Max Quehl and H. Koehler, apomorphine is precipitated from its solutions greenish by tannic acid, lemon-yellow by picric acid, bluish white, and turning to sap-green on boiling, by copper sulphate, purplish by gold chloride, white, turning to blackish violet on boiling, by potassium ferricyanide, blood-red by iodine in solution of potassium iodide, the precipitate disappearing on boiling, white and curdy by potassium sulphocyanate. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 166.) With potassium bichromate and concentrated sulphuric acid it turns a dark red; with the potassium salt alone, a deep yellow-orange; with neutral iron chloride, an amethyst color.

Medical Properties and Uses. Apomorphine was first brought forward as a prompt and safe emetic by Dr. Gee. It has the great advantages of smallness of dose and freedom from irritating properties, so that it can be used hypodermically. When from $\frac{1}{15}$ to $\frac{1}{10}$ of a grain (0·004–0·006 Gm.) of it is injected under the skin of a man, in from 5 to 20 minutes free emesis usually occurs; the dose may be repeated at intervals if necessary. The effects upon the general system are usually not marked; but in some cases very alarming syncopal symptoms have been produced, and death is said to have resulted from $\frac{1}{15}$ of a grain (0·004 Gm.) in a feeble adult worn out with chronic bronchitis and emphysema. (*Med. Rec.*, 1877, p. 664.) According to Harnack, young children bear the remedy very badly. Apomorphine is a valuable sedative expectorant, useful whenever it is desired to produce relaxation and increase of secretion. As an emetic, it has been employed in *narcotic poisoning*, to dislodge *foreign bodies from the œsophagus*, in *suffocative catarrh*, etc. Very alarming symptoms have followed the use of a solution which has undergone change, and fresh solutions only should be administered. Under no circumstances should more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a grain (0·016 Gm.) be given at a dose; indeed, except to the strongest adults and in narcotic poisoning, it is not safe to administer more than $\frac{1}{8}$ of a grain (0·008 Gm.); the expectorant dose is $\frac{1}{12}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of a grain (0·005 to 0·004 Gm.), frequently repeated, by the mouth.

AQUÆ. Medicated Waters.

(Ā'QUÆ—ā'kwē.)

Aquæ Destillatæ; Distilled Waters, *E.;* Eaux distillées, Hydrolats, *Fr.;* Destillirte Wässer, *G.*

Under this head are included, in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, all preparations consisting of water holding volatile or gaseous substances in solution, many of which were formerly obtained by distillation, and some of which still continue to be so. They include the preparations formerly specially designated as "Distilled Waters," having been made by distilling water from plants or parts of plants containing volatile oil.

The Distilled Waters, as thus defined, hold a much more prominent position in the pharmacy

of Europe, particularly of continental Europe, than in that of the United States; and a great deal of thought and elaborate investigation has been bestowed there upon the various conditions calculated to furnish the best products in the most convenient method. It would be doing injustice to the subject not to give it a distinct consideration in a work like the present.

Many vegetables impart to water distilled from them their peculiar flavor, and more or less of their medical properties. The Distilled Waters chiefly used are those prepared from aromatic plants, the volatile oils of which rise with the aqueous vapor and are condensed with it in the receiver. But as water is capable of holding but a small proportion of the oil in solution, these preparations are generally feeble, and are employed chiefly as pleasant vehicles or corrigents of other medicines.

In the preparation of the Distilled Waters, dried plants are sometimes used, because the fresh are not to be had at all seasons; but the latter, at least in the instance of herbs and flowers, should be preferred if attainable. Flowers which lose their odor by desiccation may be preserved by incorporating them intimately with one-third of their weight of common salt, and in this state afford Distilled Waters of delicate flavor. Some pharmacists prefer to employ the salted flowers in certain instances, believing that the waters distilled from them keep better than when prepared from the fresh flowers. Mr. C. R. Tichborne has discovered a method of preserving flowers which is said to answer even better than the use of salt. It consists simply in immersing the fresh flowers in glycerin, which preserves them with all their aromatic properties wholly unimpaired. The flowers, as of the elder, rose, and orange, should be gathered after full expansion, and packed firmly in wide-mouthed bottles or jars, but without crushing them. The glycerin is then to be poured on until it covers them, and the vessel closed. Mr. Tichborne has kept flowers in this way for two years, and at the end of that time procured from them distilled waters, of which the perfume has equalled that of the waters prepared from recent flowers. It is not necessary that the glycerin should be perfectly pure; but it should be without smell. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vii. 135.)

The idea at one time prevailed, to a considerable extent, that Waters kept better distilled from dried herbs than from fresh; and the opinion was true in regard to those prepared with the defective alembics of former times and by a naked fire; but experiment has sufficiently established the fact that, with a suitable apparatus, and a regular heat, the fresh herbs yield products which, while they have a more agreeable odor of the plant, keep quite as well as those from dried herbs.

It is necessary to observe certain practical rules in conducting the process of distillation. When the substance employed is dry, hard, and fibrous, it should be mechanically divided, and macerated in water for a short time previous to the operation. The quantity of materials should not bear too large a proportion to the capacity of the alembic, as the water might otherwise boil over into the receiver. The water should be brought quickly to the state of ebullition, and continued in that state till the end of the process. Care should be taken to leave sufficient water undistilled to cover the whole of the vegetable matter; lest a portion of the latter, coming in contact with the sides of the vessel, might be decomposed by the heat, and yield empyreumatic products. Besides, when the operation is urged too vigorously, or carried too far, a slimy matter is apt to form, which adheres to the sides of the still above the water, and is thus exposed to igneous decomposition. To obviate these disadvantages, the heat may be applied by means of an oil-bath, regulated by a thermometer, or of a bath of solution of calcium chloride, by which any temperature may be obtained between 100° C. (212° F.) and 132·2° C. (270° F.), according to the strength of the solution; or, when the process is conducted upon a large scale, by means of steam introduced under pressure into a space around the still. To prevent the disagreeable effects of charring, and the excessive empyreumatic odor frequently noticed in distilled waters, caused by the solid contents of the still coming into direct contact with the heated bottom, we have devised an expedient which prevents the herb from touching the bottom and yet permits the water and steam to have free access to all parts of it. (See Pharmaceutical Still, under *Extracta*.) A hemispherical No. 12 sieve of copper with a handle and loosely-fitting lid is filled with the herb and placed in the water in the still. If the bottom of the still be flat or nearly so, the rounded bottom of the cage must have a very slight point of contact, and thus charring will be prevented.



A convenient mode of applying heat by steam is by means of a coil of leaden tube placed in the bottom of the still, having one end connected with a boiler, and the other passing out beneath or at the side, and furnished with a stop-cock, by which the pressure may

be increased or the condensed water drawn off at will. If any volatile oil float upon the surface of the Distilled Water, it may be separated.*

From a series of experiments made in Paris in reference to the best mode of applying heat, it was concluded that as regards the great majority of aromatics the direct application of steam was preferable, because the Distilled Waters prepared by means of it have a freshness of aroma that is wanting in the others, are always free from the odor of the still, are much more limpid, are less apt to deposit mucilaginous matter, and keep better; but that exceptions to the general rule are afforded by bitter almonds, cherry-laurel leaves, mustard, and horseradish, in all of which the oil does not pre-exist in the plant, but is formed upon contact with water; by woods, barks, and roots, the tissue of which cannot be sufficiently penetrated by steam; and by roses. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1861, p. 364.) Later experiments have led to the conclusion that even these substances are most advantageously treated by distillation with steam, and that, in fact, there is no exception to the rule.

But, however carefully the process may be conducted, the Distilled Waters prepared from plants always have at first an unpleasant smoky odor. They may be freed from this by exposure for a short time to the air before being enclosed in well-stopped bottles, in which they should be preserved. When long kept, a viscid ropy matter is apt to form in them, and they become sour. This result has been ascribed to other principles, which rise with the oil in distillation and promote its decomposition. To prevent this decomposition, rectified spirit is sometimes added to the water employed in its distillation. But this addition is inadequate, and is in fact injurious, as the alcohol by long exposure to the air undergoes the acetous fermentation. A better plan is to redistil the Waters. When thus purified, it is said that they may be kept for several years unchanged.

Robiquet considered the mucosity which forms in Distilled Waters to be the result of a vegetative process, for which the presence of air is essential. He has found that so long as the water is covered with a layer of essential oil it undergoes no change, but that the oil is gradually altered by exposure to the air, and, as soon as it disappears, the water begins to be decomposed. He states that camphor exercises the same preservative influence over the Distilled Waters by resisting the vegetation, and that those in which the odor of camphor is developed keep better on that account. Finally, he has observed that the more Distilled Water is charged with volatile oil, the more abundant is the mucosity when it has begun to form. Robiquet unites with Henry and Guibourt, and with Virey, in recommending that all these waters, when intended to be kept for a considerable time, should be introduced, immediately after distillation, into bottles of a size proportionate to the probable consumption of the water when brought into use; and that the bottles should be quite filled, and then sealed or otherwise well stopped, so as entirely to exclude the air. It is best that they should be small, and be closed with well-fitting glass stoppers. Thus treated, the Waters may be preserved without change for many years. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxi. 402.) We have frequently noticed microscopic plants belonging to the *Confervoideæ* in the Distilled Waters contained in shop bottles standing on the shelves in the dispensing room, and if it be desired to keep Distilled Waters, the only sure way is to destroy the spores and prevent the admission of fresh ones by placing the bottles filled to the lip with the Distilled Water into a bath of boiling water, and, when thoroughly heated, corking and sealing.†

Another mode of preparing the Distilled Waters is to substitute the volatile oil, previously separated from the plant, for the plant itself in the process. This mode is directed in the British Pharmacopœia in several instances. It is said to afford a more permanent product than the preceding, but does not always preserve the flavor of the plant.

* This direction is generally given; but, in a communication to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Haselden recommends the excess of oil to be well shaken with the water, and the whole to be transferred to the stock vessel, where it may be allowed to rest, and the oil to separate. He thinks the water keeps better when thus treated; and the full strength is always insured. The stock vessel he prefers made of stoneware, and furnished with a tap placed two inches from the bottom, whereby the water may be drawn off clear when wanted for the ordinary shop bottles; the oil rising to the top, or sinking to the bottom, according to its sp. gr. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 14, 15.)

† It is of some importance to know the proportion which the aromatic submitted to distillation ought to bear to the amount of Distilled Water obtained. The following statement upon this point, based upon experiments, is contained in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (Mai, 1861, p. 367). Fresh aromatic plants requiring one part of the plant for one of product, wormwood, black cherry, scurvy-grass, hyssop, cherry-laurel, lavender, balm, mint, peach-leaves, roses, and sage;—fresh and dry aromatic plants requiring one part of the plant for two of product, bitter almonds, orange-flowers, melilot, horseradish, elder, and tansy;—dry and very aromatic plants requiring one part of the plant for four of product, angelica, green anise, juniper berries, chamomile, canella, cascarilla, fennel, sassafras, linden flowers, and valerian.

In relation to most of the aromatic waters, the U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly directed that water should be impregnated with the volatile oil by trituration with magnesium carbonate, and subsequently filtered. This was by far the most simple and easy process. The resulting solution is nearly pure and permanent, and is perfectly transparent, the magnesium carbonate being separated by the filtration. Magnesium carbonate is preferable to the pure earth, as the latter sometimes gives a brownish color to the liquid, and requires to be used in larger proportion. But both these substances are dissolved in minute quantities, and are apt to occasion a slight flocculent precipitate. They may also possibly prove injurious by decomposing certain substances given in very small doses, as salts of the alkaloids, mercury bichloride, and silver nitrate. The object of the magnesia or its carbonate is simply to enable the oil to be brought to a state of minute division, and thus presented with a larger surface to the action of the solvent. Precipitated calcium phosphate has been used as a substitute for magnesium carbonate, but this has been shown to be slightly soluble in water; notwithstanding this objection, its use is sanctioned by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890. W. S. Thompson, of Washington, D.C., suggested the use of absorbent cotton as being free from all of these objections, and his views were substantially adopted by the Committee of Revision of the Pharmacopœia of 1880. Mr. E. V. Zoeller proposes to use a hand cotton-card to aid in pulling the filaments of cotton apart when a large quantity of medicated water is needed. (*New Rem.*, 1883, p. 56.) Experience has shown, however, that the use of an insoluble powder to effect the minute division of the particles of oil, so as to present a large surface to the solvent, is a more practical and convenient method of making medicated waters. According to Mr. Robert Warington, this object may be better accomplished by porcelain clay, finely-powdered glass or pumice-stone, which are wholly insoluble; and the London College employed finely-powdered silica for the purpose. Talcum or soapstone in powder, purified by washing with diluted hydrochloric acid, has been adopted by the Committee on National Formulary (1888). (See *Talcum Purificatum*, Part II.; also paper recommending it by Prof. Curtman, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887.) A very good way to make medicated waters when a volatile oil is directed, is that proposed by Percival, which is to heat the water required, pour it in a bottle and add the oil, cork tightly, shake occasionally until cool, then pour off and filter; this secures a medicated water free from foreign substances, and a saturated solution; most oils being more soluble in hot than in cold water. The Dublin College prepared its Waters by agitating an alcoholic solution of the oil with distilled water, and filtering. They consequently contained alcohol, and were liable to the objection, already mentioned, against the medicated waters thus impregnated. They were, besides, feeble in the properties of their respective oils. In the preparation of the aromatic waters by these processes, it is very important that the waters should be pure. The presence of a sulphate causes a decomposition of the oil, resulting in the production of hydrogen sulphide and a carbonate; and the aromatic properties are quite lost. (See *A. J. P.*, xix. 303.) Hence the propriety of the official direction to employ distilled water.*

The Distilled Waters are liable to contain various metallic impurities, derived from the vessels in which they are prepared or preserved. The metallic salts which have been found in them are those of iron, zinc, copper, and lead. With potassium ferrocyanide, iron will give a blue color, zinc and lead white precipitates, and copper a rose color followed by chestnut brown. Sodium sulphide causes with the salts of iron, copper, and lead, a brown discoloration more or less deep, followed by precipitates varying from brown to black; with those of zinc a white precipitate. The Distilled Waters may be freed from these impurities by animal charcoal, previously well purified. The charcoal should be strongly shaken, eight or ten times in the course of a day, with the impure Water, which should then be allowed to rest, and the next day be filtered. Five grains of the charcoal will be sufficient for a gallon of the Distilled Water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1862, p. 416.) The volatile oils may be recovered from the Waters containing them, or at least may be transferred to a spirituous menstruum, by mixing olive oil with the water, adding a little solution of potassa so as to form a soap, and a consequent emulsion with the liquid, and then neutralizing by an acid. The fixed oil will rise to the surface, bringing the volatile oil along with it. The latter may then be separated from the former by agitation with alcohol. (T. P. Groves, *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1864.)

* Mr. Haselden prefers the process of distillation from the aromatic itself in the instances of dill, caraway, fennel, cinnamon, and pimento, which are not apt to afford to the distilled water such matter as may cause it to become sour; but he prefers trituration for peppermint, spearmint, and pennyroyal waters. He advises, however, that these waters should not be filtered, but prepared in quantity, allowed to settle, and drawn off as wanted. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 14, 15.)

AQUA. U. S., Br. Water.

H_2O; 17·96. (Ā′QUA—ā′kwą.) H_2O; 18.

"Natural water in its purest attainable state." *U. S.* "Natural water, the purest that can be obtained, cleared, if necessary, by filtration." *Br.*

Aqua communis, *P. G.;* Ὕδωρ, *Gr.;* Eau, *Fr.;* Wasser, *G.;* Acqua, *It.;* Agua, *Sp.*

Water has always been included in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, on account of its great importance as a medical and pharmaceutical agent. It was not admitted into the official lists of the British Pharmacopœias until 1839, when it was first recognized by the Edinburgh College. It is more or less concerned in almost all the changes which take place in inorganic matter, and is essential to the growth and existence of living beings, whether animal or vegetable. In treating of a substance of such diversified agency, our limits will allow of a sketch only of its properties and modifications. We shall speak of it under the several heads of *pure water*, *common water*, and *mineral waters*.

Pure Water. Water, in a pure state, is a transparent liquid, without color, taste, or smell. Its sp. gr. is assumed to be unity, and forms the term of comparison for that of solids and liquids. A cubic inch of it, at the temp. of 15·5° C. (60° F.), weighs very nearly 252·5 grains. In the metric system the weight of 1 C.c. of distilled water taken at 4° C. (39·2° F.) is made equal to 1 gramme, the unit of weight in this system. It is compressible to a small extent, as was proved first by Canton, and afterwards, in an incontestable manner, by Perkins. Reduced in temp. to 0° C. (32° F.), it becomes a solid or ice, with the sp. gr. 0·9175 (Dufour, *Comptes-Rendus*, Juin, 1860); and raised to 100° C. (212° F.), an elastic fluid called steam. In the latter state its bulk is increased nearly 1700-fold, and its sp. gr. so far lessened as not to be much more than half that of atmospheric air. At the temp. of 4° C., or 39.2° F., its density is at the maximum; and consequently, setting out from that point, it is increased in bulk by being either heated or cooled. It has the power of dissolving more or less of all gases, including common air, the constituents of which are always present in natural water. It uniformly exists in the atmosphere, in the form of invisible vapor.

Water consists of two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen; or, in volumes, of two volumes of hydrogen and one volume of oxygen condensed into two volumes of aqueous vapor or steam. On these data, it is easy to calculate the sp. gr. of steam; which will be 0·0693 (sp. gr. of hydrogen) + 0·5528 (half the sp. gr. of oxygen) = 0·6221.

Common Water. By reason of its extensive solvent powers, water, in its natural state, must be more or less contaminated with foreign matter. Thus, it becomes variously impregnated, according to the nature of the strata through which it percolates. When the foreign substances present are in so small an amount as not materially to alter its taste and other sensible qualities, it constitutes the different varieties of *common water*.

There are almost innumerable shades of difference in common water, as obtained from different localities and sources; but all its varieties may be conveniently arranged under the two heads of soft and hard. A *soft water* is one which contains but inconsiderable impurities, and which, when used in washing, forms a lather with soap. By a *hard water* is understood a variety of water which contains calcareous or magnesian salts, or other impurities, through which it curdles soap, and is unfit for domestic purposes. Tincture of soap is a convenient test for ascertaining the quality of water. In distilled water it produces no effect; in soft water, only a slight opalescence; but in hard water, a milky appearance. The milkiness is due to the formation of an insoluble compound between the fatty acids of the soap and the lime or magnesia of the foreign salt.

The most usual foreign substances in common water, besides oxygen and nitrogen, and matters held in a state of mechanical suspension, are carbonic acid, calcium sulphate and carbonate, and sodium chloride (common salt). Carbonic acid is detected by lime water, which produces a precipitate before the water is boiled, but not afterwards, as ebullition drives off this acid. The presence of calcium sulphate is shown by precipitates being produced by barium nitrate, and, after ebullition, by ammonium oxalate. The former test shows the presence of sulphuric acid, and the latter, after boiling the water, indicates lime not held in solution by carbonic acid. Calcium carbonate, when held in solution by an excess of carbonic acid, may be detected by boiling the water, which causes it to precipitate; but even after ebullition and filtration the water will retain enough calcium carbonate to give a precipitate with lead acetate, calcium carbonate being itself to a minute extent soluble in water. Silver nitrate will produce a precipitate, if any soluble chloride be present; and, ordinarily, the one present may be assumed to be common salt. Arsenic in minute quantity has been found in water used as

drink. At Whitbeck, in Cumberland, England, the inhabitants employ, both as drink and for culinary purposes, a water holding enough arsenic in solution to be quite sensible to tests, without any known injurious consequence. (*Chem. News*, 1860, p. 128.)

Dr. Clark has proposed to purify hard water, when the hardness arises from calcium bicarbonate, by a process which he calls *liming*. This consists in adding to the water sufficient lime water to convert the bicarbonate into the very sparingly soluble carbonate. This procedure renders the water soft, and gets rid of all the lime, except that in the minute portion of carbonate dissolved. The merit of this process consists chiefly, not in the removal of lime, but in preventing the formation of organic matters, principally confervæ, the decomposition of which renders the water offensive and unwholesome. Dr. Clark's process has been for some time in successful operation on the water obtained by boring, at the Plumstead water-works, near Woolwich. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1856.) River water containing the usual amount of calcareous matter, if allowed to stagnate in open reservoirs, in the summer, will become contaminated with myriads of microscopic plants and animals. This change is prevented, according to Dr. Clark, by his peculiar treatment, which deprives the living organisms of the nutriment derived from loosely combined carbonic acid.

The oxygen and nitrogen present in natural waters are not usually in the same proportion as in atmospheric air; the oxygen in atmospheric air amounting to about 20 per cent. in volume, while the usual gaseous mixture expelled from fresh water by boiling contains 32 per cent. (See table on page 193.)

Common water is also divided into varieties according to its source. Thus, we have rain, snow, spring, river, well, lake, and marsh water.

Rain and *snow water* are the purest kinds of natural water. Rain water, to be obtained as pure as possible, must be collected in large vessels in the open fields, at a distance from houses, and some time after the rain has commenced falling; otherwise it will be contaminated with the dust which floats in the atmosphere, and with other impurities derived from roofs. The rain water of large cities contains nitrogenized organic matter, as shown by the odor produced by burning the residue left after the water has been evaporated.

Rain water ordinarily contains atmospheric air, and, according to Liebig, a little nitric acid, the amount of which is increased when the rain descends during a storm. M. Chabrier states as the result of his observations that rain water contains either nitrous or nitric acid, the one or the other predominating according to the condition of the weather; the nitrous acid being relatively in excess in mild weather, but the nitric when the rain is attended with tempestuous winds. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1872, p. 42.) According to an analysis, made by M. Martin, of rain water which fell at Marseilles during a violent storm, 1000 parts by weight contained 0·004 of chlorine and 0·003 of ammonia. Not a trace of iodine or of nitric acid was discovered. Boussingault has ascertained that the rain which falls in towns contains considerably more ammonia than that which falls in the country. Thus the rain of Paris was found by him to contain three or four parts of ammonia per million; while that collected in a mountainous region contained about four-fifths of one part only in a million. The average results of Mr. J. B. Lawes and Dr. J. H. Gilbert give one part of ammonia to the million of rain water. Snow water has a peculiar taste, which was supposed to depend on the presence of air more oxygenated than that of the atmosphere; but in point of fact it contains no air, and this accounts for its vapid taste. Rain and snow water are sufficiently pure for most chemical operations.

Spring water (*aqua fontana*) depends entirely for its quality on the strata through which it flows; being purest when it passes through sand or gravel, or where the prevailing rock formation is granitic. On the contrary, where the formation is limestone, the water will, because of the carbonic acid gas dissolved in it, take up the lime carbonate and become what is called a *hard water*. It almost always contains a trace of common salt, and generally other impurities, which vary according to the locality of the spring.

River water (*aqua fluvialis*) is, generally speaking, less impregnated with saline matter than spring water, because made up in considerable part of rains; while its volume bears a larger proportion to the surface of its bed. It is, however, much more apt to have mechanically suspended in it insoluble matters, of an earthy nature, like clay and silt, which impair its transparency. It is frequently rendered more sightly by being run through porous stone, carbon, or sand filter. The coarse particles are by this filtration removed; but any sewage or other very finely divided organic material is not removed, so that such clean filtered water may be a very deadly poison. Water may be purified for manufacturing purposes by what is

termed the alum process,—*i.e.*, by adding 2 grains of alum to a gallon of water, and permitting the impurities to subside for 48 hours. (*Chem. News*, July 23, 1886.)

Well water, like that from springs, is liable to contain various impurities. As a rule, the purity of the water of a well will be in proportion to its depth and the constancy with which it is used. Well water in large cities always contains a large amount of impurity, both organic and inorganic, the result of sewage contamination. Dr. R. D. Thomson found 147·6 grs., per Imperial gallon, of impurity in a well in London. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1856, p. 27.) The presence of nitrates in water prevents the formation of organic beings, even after it has been long kept. *Artesian* or *overflowing wells*, from their great depth, generally afford a pure water.

Lake water cannot be characterized as having any invariable qualities. The water of most of the lakes in the United States is pure and wholesome.

Marsh water is generally stagnant, and contains vegetable remains undergoing decomposition. It is unwholesome, and ought never to be used internally.

All water which is exposed to the air dissolves a quantity of oxygen and nitrogen, which is determined by the laws of gaseous absorption. It is indeed upon this dissolved oxygen that the life of water-breathing animals depends. In every pure water the proportion between the dissolved nitrogen and oxygen is found to be constant, and it is represented by the following numbers:—oxygen 34·91, and nitrogen 65·09 per cent.: 1000 C.c. of pure water, such as rain water, when saturated dissolves 17·95 C.c. of air. If the water be rendered impure by the introduction of organic matter undergoing oxidation, the proportion between the dissolved oxygen and nitrogen becomes different, owing to the oxygen having been partly or wholly used for the oxidation of this material. This is clearly shown in the following analysis made by Miller of the dissolved gases contained in Thames water collected at various points above and below London.

	Thames water taken at					
	Kingston.	Hammer-smith.	Somerset House.	Greenwich.	Woolwich.	Erith.
Total volume of gas per liter	C.c. 52·7	C.c. . . .	C.c. 62·9	C.c. 71·25	C.c. 63·05	C.c. 74·3
Carbon dioxide	30·3	. . .	45·2	55·6	48·3	57·0
Oxygen	7·4	4·1	1·5	0·25	0·25	1·8
Nitrogen	15·0	15·1	16·2	15·4	14·5	15·5
Ratio of oxygen to nitrogen	1 : 2	1 : 3·7	1 : 10·5	1 : 60	1 : 52	1 : 8·1

This table shows that whereas the pure water at Kingston contains the normal quantity of dissolved oxygen, the ratio of nitrogen to oxygen increases at a very rapid rate as the river water becomes contaminated with London sewage, but that this ratio again shows signs of a return to the normal at Erith.

Hence it is clear that an analysis of the gases dissolved in water may prove of much help in ascertaining whether the water is pure or whether it has been contaminated with putrescent organic matter. Indeed, Miller concludes that whenever the proportion between dissolved oxygen and nitrogen falls to less than 1 to 2 the water is unfit for drinking purposes. (Roscoe and Schorlemmer, *Treatise on Chem.*, i. 245.)

The second class of dissolved impurities are inorganic salts, even rain water washing some of these out of the atmosphere. It invariably contains ammoniacal salts, sodium chloride, and various organic germs. In towns the rain water also contains a larger proportion of nitrates than that falling in the country. It is, however, the spring waters especially which contain the largest amount of mineral matter in solution. The salts which most commonly occur in solution in spring water are: (1) The calcium, magnesium, iron, and manganese carbonates, dissolved in an excess of carbonic acid. (2) The calcium and magnesium sulphates. (3) Alkaline carbonates, chlorides, sulphates, nitrates, or silicates.

Spring waters which issue from considerable depths, or which originate in volcanic districts, are always hotter than the mean annual temperature of the locality where they come to the surface.

The term *Aqua*, in the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias, may be considered as designating any natural water of good quality which answers well for cooking and does not curdle soap. "A colorless, limpid liquid, without odor or taste at ordinary temperatures, and remaining odorless

while being heated to boiling. Water should be perfectly neutral to litmus paper, and its transparency should not be affected, nor should any color be imparted to it, by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). It should also remain unaffected by mercuric chloride test-solution (limit of *ammonia*). On evaporating 1000 C.c. of Water on a water-bath, it should not leave a residue weighing more than 0·5 Gm. (limit of *soluble salts*), and this residue, when ignited, should not carbonize, nor evolve *ammoniacal* or *acid* vapors. If 200 C.c. of water be acidulated with hydrochloric acid and heated to boiling, and 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, the liquid, cooled and filtered, should give no further precipitate on the addition of a few drops of barium chloride test-solution, even on standing (limit of *sulphates*). If 200 C.c. of Water be acidulated with nitric acid, and 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution be added, the filtered liquid should not be affected by the subsequent addition of a few drops of silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chlorides*). If 5 C.c. of Water mixed with a few drops of diphenylamine test-solution be carefully poured upon about 2 C.c. of sulphuric acid, free from nitrose, contained in a test-tube, so as to form a separate layer, no blue color should be formed at the line of contact of the two liquids (limit of *nitrates*). If 100 C.c. of Water be acidulated with diluted sulphuric acid free from nitrose, and a few drops of zinc-iodide-starch test-solution, subsequently added, the liquid should not at once assume a blue or violet color (absence of *nitrites*). On heating 100 C.c. of Water, acidulated with 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, to boiling, and subsequently adding 0·5 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, the color of the liquid should not be completely destroyed by boiling it for ten minutes (limit of *organic* or *other oxidizable matters*)." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia has the following description. "Natural water, the purest that can be obtained, cleared, if necessary, by filtration; free from odor, unusual taste, and visible impurity. To be used whenever 'Water' is ordered in the British Pharmacopœia. In dispensing prescriptions, *aqua* should be understood to mean distilled water."

Water should never be kept in leaden cisterns, on account of the risk of its dissolving a small portion of lead. This risk is greater in proportion to the softness and purity of the water; for it is found that the presence of a minute proportion of saline matter, as for example of calcium sulphate, protects the water from the slightest metallic impregnation. The chlorides are not protective, as they give rise to lead chloride, which is slightly soluble. The protection has been ascribed to an insoluble film on the surface of the lead, formed by the decomposition of the saline matter. Upon this principle is based a plan of protection by Dr. Schwartz, of Breslau, who proposes to fill leaden pipes through which water is conducted with a strong solution of an alkaline sulphide, which forms a perfectly insoluble coating of lead sulphide (*sulphuret*), said to be quite impermeable by the water afterwards introduced. (*Chem. News*, Sept. 26, 1863, p. 157.) A coating of zinc has been employed for protecting the surface of iron pipes and reservoirs against the action of water, but has failed. Experiment has shown that the water becomes impregnated with the salts of both metals. (*Ibid.*, April 5, 1862, p. 188.)* Mr. A. Wynter Blyth proposes a new and simple test for lead in drinking-water. A solution of cochineal is made by boiling cochineal in water, filtering, and adding a little alcohol to preserve it. A few drops of this solution are added to the water, which, if acid, must be rendered neutral by a trace of alkali; if lead be present, even in the proportion of one-tenth of a grain in a gallon of water, a mauve-blue color will develop, its depth depending upon the quantity of lead in the water. (*Amer. Drugg.*, 1884, p. 93, from *The Analyst.*)

A very important class of dissolved impurities is made up of organic compounds. This organic matter may be derived from a vegetable source, such as leaf-mould and the decomposition products of wood, in which case it is practically harmless, or it may be derived from animal sources, in which case it almost always proves a serious impurity.

The careful observations of students of public health leave no doubt that a number of epidemic diseases, especially cholera and typhoid fever, are often contracted and spread by means of drinking-water contaminated with germs of disease from excreta and general sewage.

* Experiments by M. Roux, pharmaceutist of the marine at Rochefort, made by order of the naval authorities, have satisfactorily shown that reservoirs of iron coated with zinc are attacked with great facility by water contained in them, which becomes more or less impregnated with both metals in the state of oxides and salts, and especially with those of zinc to such a degree as to render such vessels improper as recipients of water for drinking. Of the different kinds of water tried, distilled water deprived as far as possible of atmospheric air produced least effect; next in degree of action was spring water; still more energetic was distilled water containing carbonic acid furnished by the earthy bicarbonates of the water submitted to distillation; and more powerful than all was river water containing common salt. (*Journ. de Pharm. et Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 99.)

This impure water may be clear and may have filtered through considerable distances of soil, and yet may contain these poisonous germs. Now, nitrogen is one of the characteristic constituents of animal matter as contrasted with vegetable matter, relatively few forms of which contain it, and those are of a character not likely to be found in natural waters. Hence, if water should be impregnated with animal matter, this would be indicated by the presence of nitrogen in solution, either in the form of albumen or albuminous matter, if the animal matter in the water is still unchanged, or, if the animal matter has undergone oxidation, in the form of ammonia or nitrous or nitric acid.

There are, therefore, to be determined in the examination of a water with reference to this presence of organic nitrogenous matter, (1) the ammonia, (2) the unchanged albuminous matter, which, as it is changed into and determined as ammonia, is called "albuminoid ammonia," and (3) the nitrates and nitrites present.

The ammonia is first determined by distilling the water made alkaline with sodium carbonate as long as the distillate carries enough ammonia to be recognized by *Nessler's solution.** For this purpose the distillate is collected successively in volumes of 50 C.c. and the amount of ammonia in each of these separate distillates determined. The smallest quantity of ammonia will produce a yellow color, the tint of which is to be compared with that obtained from the Nessler solution treated with a standard sal ammoniac solution.

After the free ammonia has been distilled off, a solution of caustic soda and potassium permanganate is added and the distillation is continued. Another portion of ammonia now comes off, owing to the action of the permanganate on the nitrogenous organic matter. The amount of ammonia thus obtained is determined, and is tabulated as "albuminoid ammonia," because albumen is one of the bodies which is decomposed in this way.

Instead of this method, proposed by Wanklyn and Chapman, another process, described by Frankland and Armstrong, is often used. In this case, the water having been evaporated, the dry residue is submitted to an organic combustion analysis, which gives the "organic nitrogen" and the "organic carbon," and the ratio of these gives an indication as to the presence of albuminous matter rich in nitrogen. If the amount of albuminoid nitrogen indicated by either of these processes exceed 0·15 part for one million of water, the latter should be rejected as a drinking-water. In some large towns, however, the surface well waters have shown albuminoid nitrogen to the amount of 0·3 to 0·8 part per million. Such waters are little better than sewage. The free ammonia, moreover, should not exceed 0·08 part per million, or the water must be considered as containing sewage contamination.

The nitrates and nitrites present can be estimated in another portion of the water by reducing these acids to ammonia by means of the hydrogen evolved from aluminum or zinc-dust in presence of caustic alkalies.

The determination of chlorine is also frequently of great importance, for although mineral waters may be rich in chlorides, ordinary well waters or river waters, which are the chief sources of supply, will not contain much chlorine unless they have been contaminated. Both urine and sewage may contribute this chlorine, as they are highly charged with common salt. As a rule, it may be said that water containing more than two grains of chlorine per gallon must be looked upon with suspicion, unless some good reason for the presence of common salt can be assigned.

The following table shows the relative purity of the water-supply of several American cities, as determined by Prof. A. R. Leeds in 1881:

Parts in 100,000.	New York.	Brooklyn.	Jersey City.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Washington.	Rochester.	Cincinnati.
Free ammonia	0·0027	0·00075	0·00475	0·001	0·01325	0·006	0·0114	0·0115
Albuminoid ammonia	0·027	0·00825	0·0427	0·018	0·0605	0·027	0·023	0·024
Oxygen required	0·81	0·413	0·95	0·46	1·77	0·600	0·790	0·860
Nitrites	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.
Nitrates	0·8325	1·2025	0·9065	0·6845	1·2395	0·8325	0·629	0·740
Colorine	0·350	0·550	0·235	0·300	0·315	0·270	0·195	0·805
Total hardness	3·300	2·270	3·200	4·400	2·100	4·800	5·500	6·400
Total solids	11·800	6·000	9·300	14·300	8·500	11·500	10·000	16·000
Mineral matter	5·000	5·000	3·400	6·00	2·000	5·500	4·000	9·000
Organic and volatile matter	6·800	1·000	5·900	8·300	6·500	6·000	6·000	7·200

* This solution is prepared as follows. 35 Gm. of potassium iodide and 13 Gm. of mercuric chloride (corrosive sublimate) are dissolved in about 800 C.c. of hot water, and then a saturated solution of mercuric chloride is gradually added until the precipitate formed ceases to redissolve. 100 Gm. of caustic potash are then dissolved in the liquid, and the cold solution is diluted to one liter and is allowed to deposit any undissolved matter.

Mineral Waters. When natural spring waters are so far impregnated with foreign substances as to have a decided taste, and to operate in a peculiar manner upon the economy, they are called *mineral waters.* These are conveniently arranged under the heads of *carbonated*, *alkaline*, *sulphuretted*, *saline* (including *magnesian*, *chalybeate*, and *chlorinated*), and *silicious.*

1. *Carbonated waters* are cold, and are characterized by containing an excess of carbonic acid, which gives them a sparkling appearance, and the power of reddening litmus paper. These waters frequently contain calcium, magnesium, and iron carbonates, which are held in solution by the excess of carbonic acid. The waters of Selters, Spa, Apollinaris, and Pyrmont in Europe, and of the sweet springs in Virginia, belong to this class. For Artificial Carbonic Acid Water, see page 198.

2. *Alkaline waters* contain a large quantity of sodium bicarbonate, as well as common salt and Glauber's salt. These are sometimes warm, such as the springs at Ems and Vichy, but generally cold. Gettysburg spring water is of this class.

3. *Sulphuretted waters* are such as contain hydrogen sulphide, and are distinguished by the peculiar fetid smell of that gas, and by yielding a brown precipitate with the salts of lead or silver. Examples of this kind are the waters of Aix-la-Chapelle and Harrogate in Europe, and those of the white, red, and salt sulphur springs in Virginia.

4. *Saline waters* are those the predominant properties of which depend upon saline impregnation. The salts most usually present are sodium, calcium, and magnesium sulphates and carbonates, in which latter case the name *magnesian* is given to them; the presence of the chlorides of these alkalies giving the class *chlorinated* waters, which reach their maximum concentration in sea waters; whilst the presence of ferrous salts makes another class, the *chalybeate.* Among magnesian waters may be mentioned those of Friedrichshall, Hunyádi Janos, and Epsom; among chalybeate waters, those of Tunbridge and Brighton in England, of Pyrmont, Wiesbaden, and Spa on the continent, and of Bedford, Pittsburg, and Brandywine in the United States. Potassa is occasionally present, and lithia has been detected by Berzelius in Carlsbad and other salt springs of Germany, and is also found in some American spring waters. Cæsia and rubidia have also been detected in certain mineral waters, such as the Dürkheim and Baden-Baden waters, in the former of which these elements were first discovered by Bunsen. Bromine is found in the saline at Theodorshalle, in Germany, as also in the salt wells of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. The mineral springs at Saratoga contain a small proportion of iodine and bromine. The principal saline waters are those of Seidlitz in Bohemia, Cheltenham and Bath in England, and Harrodsburg and Saratoga in the United States.

5. *Silicious waters* are those in which the contents consist chiefly of alkaline silicates, such as the hot spring waters of Iceland and the geysers of Fire-hole Basin and Gardiner's River, Yellowstone National Park, U.S.

Sea Water. English Channel. In a thousand grains. Water 964·744 grs.; sodium chloride 27·059; potassium chloride 0·765; magnesium chloride 3·667; magnesium bromide 0·029; magnesium sulphate 2·296; calcium sulphate 1·407; calcium carbonate 0·033. Total 1000 grs. (*Schweitzer.*) The proportion of sodium chloride is from 36 to 37 parts in 1000 in the ocean, at a distance from land. Its amount is small in the interior of the Baltic. It is perceived that bromine is present in very minute amount; 100 pounds of sea water yielding only 3¾ grs. of this element. According to Balard, iodine exists in the water of the Mediterranean; but it has not been detected in the water of the ocean, the bromine being supposed to mask its presence. Besides these ingredients, others are alleged to exist in minute proportion in sea water; as fluorine by Dr. G. Wilson; lead, copper, and silver by MM. Malaguti, Durocher, and Sarzeau; and iron and manganese by M. Uziglio. Anterior to Wilson's researches, Mr. Middleton and Prof. Silliman, jun., had inferred the existence of fluorine in sea water, from its presence in marine animals. The lead and copper above mentioned were found in certain fuci only; the silver in the sea water itself. The presence of silver in sea water has been rendered probable by Mr. F. Field, by a comparative analysis of the same copper sheathing, when new, and after having been on a vessel for many years. The old sheathing was always found to contain more silver than the new (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 2, 1857); and the observations of Mr. Field have been subsequently confirmed by others. Schweitzer's analysis gives a small proportion of calcium carbonate, but Bibra could not detect any. Dr. John Davy's examinations of sea water show that calcium carbonate does not exist at a great distance from land, except in very minute proportion, but becomes quite evident at a distance of from fifty

to a hundred miles from coasts. Boric acid has been found by Mr. Veatch in the sea water on the coast of California. (See *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 330.)*

Sea water, filtered, and charged with five times its volume of carbonic acid, forms, according to Pasquier, a gentle purgative, which keeps very well, and is not disagreeable to take. The dose is from half a pint to a pint.

By freezing, sea water is almost entirely freed from saline matter, the ice being nearly pure water. It is obvious that the unfrozen water contains much more than its ordinary proportion of salts; and this is one of the methods of concentrating this and other saline solutions.

Medical Properties of Water. Water is a remedy of great importance. When taken into the stomach, it acts by its temperature, by its bulk, and by being absorbed. When of the temperature of about 15·5° C. (60° F.), it gives no positive sensation either of heat or cold; between 15·5° C. (60° F.) and 7·2° C. (45° F.), it creates a cool sensation; and below 7·2° C. (45° F.), a decidedly cold one. Between 15·5° C. (60° F.) and 37·7° C. (100° F.), it relaxes the fibres of the stomach, and is apt to produce nausea, particularly if the effect of bulk be added to that of temperature. By its bulk and solvent powers, it allays irritation by diluting the acrid contents of the stomach and bowels, and favoring their final expulsion; and by its absorption, it promotes the secretion of urine and cutaneous transpiration.

Water externally applied as a bath is also an important remedy. It may act by its own specific effect as a liquid, or as a means of modifying the heat of the body. It acts in the latter way differently, according to the temperature at which it may be applied. When this is above 36·1° C. (97° F.), it constitutes the vapor or hot bath; when between 36·1° C. (97° F.) and 29·4° C. (85° F.), the warm bath; between 29·4° C. (85° F.) and 18·3° C. (65° F.), the tepid bath; and between 18·3° C. (65° F.) and 0° C. (32° F.), the cold bath.

The general action of the *vapor bath* is to accelerate the circulation, and produce profuse sweating. It acts locally on the skin, by softening and relaxing its texture. In stiffness of the joints, and in various diseases of the skin, it has often proved beneficial.

The *hot bath*, like the vapor bath, is decidedly stimulant. By its use the pulse becomes full and frequent, the veins turgid, the face flushed, the skin red, and the respiration quickened. If the temperature be high, and the constitution peculiar, its use is not without danger, as it is apt to produce a feeling of suffocation, violent throbbing in the temples, and vertigo with tendency to apoplexy. When it acts favorably, it produces profuse perspiration.

The *warm bath*, though below the animal heat, nevertheless produces a sensation of warmth, as its temperature is above that of the surface. It diminishes the frequency of the pulse, renders the respiration slower, lessens the heat of the body, and relaxes the skin. It cannot, therefore, be deemed a stimulant. By relieving certain diseased actions and states, accompanied by morbid irritability, it often acts as a soothing remedy, producing a disposition to sleep. It is proper in *febrile exanthematous diseases*, in which the pulse is frequent, the skin hot and dry, and the general condition characterized by restlessness. It is contra-indicated in diseases of the head and chest.

The *tepid bath* is not calculated to have much modifying influence on the heat of the body. Its peculiar effects are to soften and cleanse the skin, and to promote insensible perspiration.

The *cold bath* acts differently according to its temperature and manner of application, and the condition of the system to which it is applied. When of low temperature and suddenly applied, it acts primarily as a stimulant, by the sudden and rapid manner in which the heat is abstracted; next as a tonic, by condensing the living fibres; and finally as a sedative. It is

* The following analysis of sea water, taken at two leagues from Fécamp, on the coast of France, merits special notice from the care with which it was made, and the large quantity operated on. The sp. gr. was 1·026, at 57° F.

Gaseous Contents.	*In one kilog.* liters.	*In one liter.* liters.
Atmospheric air	0·0120	0·0123
Free carbonic acid	traces	traces
" sulphydric acid	traces	traces
Solid Contents.	grs.	grs.
Potassium chloride	0·09763	0·10019
Sodium "	26·09300	26·78913
Lithium "	0·00042	0·00043
Ammonium "	0·00178	0·00183
Magnesium "	3·19300	3·27700
Sodium iodide	0·00920	0·00944
" bromide	0·10605	0·10882
Magnesium bromide	0·03084	0·03163
Calcium sulphate	0·90170	0·92540
Potassium "	0·00919	0·00943

Solid Contents.	*In one kilog.* grs.	*In one liter.* grs.
Sodium sulphate	2·57250	2·64012
Magnesium sulphate	0·32736	0·33597
Magnesium phosphate	0·00046	0·00047
(Ammoniaco-magnesian) phosphate	signs	signs
Calcium carbonate	0·13600	0·13959
Magnesium "	traces	traces
Iron "	0·00021	0·00021
Manganese "	signs	signs
Silicic acid	0·01420	0·01457
Organic matter	signs	signs
Pure water	966·50646	991·91577
Total	1000·00000	1026.30000

(*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 381, 1865.)

often useful in diseases of relaxation and debility, when practised by affusion or plunging. But it is essential to its efficacy and safety, that the stock of vitality should be sufficient to create, immediately after its use, those feelings of warmth and invigoration included under the term reaction. In *febrile diseases* the use of the cold bath, as advocated by Currie, has been recently viewed with much favor. For a discussion of this practice the reader is referred to the last edition of H. C. Wood's Treatise on Therapeutics.

Cold water is frequently applied as a sedative in local *inflammations*, and as a means of restraining *hemorrhage*. Its use, however, is scarcely admissible in *inflammations of the chest*.

Carbonic Acid Water, or *Soda Water* (so called), (*Aqua acidula simplicior*, F. P.; *Eau gazeuse simple*, Fr.; *Kohlensäure-Wasser*, G.), which was formerly official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, consists of water highly charged with carbonic acid. Water is found to take up its volume of this gas under the pressure of the atmosphere; and Dr. Henry ascertained that precisely the same *volume* of the compressed gas is absorbed under a higher pressure. From this law, the bulk taken up is constant, the quantity being different in proportion as there is more or less driven into a given space. As the space occupied by a gas is inversely as the compressing force, it follows that the quantity of the acid forced into the water will be directly as the pressure. From the principles above laid down it follows that, to saturate water with five times its volume of carbonic acid, as directed in the formula, it must be subjected to a pressure of five atmospheres. Carbonic acid gas compressed into the liquid state is now supplied by the "American Carbonate Co." of New York, and its agencies, in wrought iron cylinders, which contain either 10 or 20 pounds of compressed gas, equal to 600 or 1200 gallons of gas at normal pressure. This allows of convenient transportation, and guarantees the purity of the gas.

Carbonic acid water is familiarly called in this country "*mineral water*" and "*soda water*;" the latter name, originally applied to the preparation when it contained sodium carbonate, being from habit continued since the alkali has been omitted.

Carbonic acid water is dispensed in most of the pharmacies in this country. The fountain is usually placed in the cellar, and the tube proceeding from the fountain is made to pass through the floor and counter of the store, and to terminate in a draught tube, by means of which the carbonic acid water may be drawn off at pleasure. In order to have the liquid cool, the tube from the cellar generally terminates in a strong metallic vessel of convenient shape, or a series of block tin pipes called coolers, placed inside the counter apparatus, and surrounded with ice. For some practical suggestions upon the making of carbonic acid water and use of apparatus, see *N. R.*, June, July, August, 1877.

Properties. Carbonic acid water is a sparkling liquid, possessing an agreeable pungent, acidulous taste. It reddens litmus deeply from its state of concentration, and is precipitated by lime water. Being impregnated with a large quantity of the acid gas under the influence of pressure, it effervesces strongly when freed from restraint. Hence, to preserve its briskness, it should be kept in strong well-corked bottles placed inverted in a cool place. Several natural waters are of a similar nature, such as those of Selters, Spa, Pyrmont, Apollinaris, etc.; but the artificial water has the advantage of a stronger impregnation with the acid gas. Carbonic acid water should be made with every precaution to avoid metallic impurity. Hence the necessity of having the fountain well tinned on the inner surface. Even with this precaution, a slight metallic impregnation is not always avoided, especially in the winter season, when the water is less consumed as a drink, and, therefore, allowed to remain longer in the tubes and stop-cocks. Iron fountains lined with a hard enamel are greatly to be preferred, but the best fountains are now made of cast steel, lined with block tin. When leaden tubes are employed to convey the water, it is liable to be contaminated with this metal, which renders it deleterious. Tubes of pure tin are free from objection, and should be exclusively used.

Copper fountains, well tinned, are liable to the objections that the tin lining wears away by use, and that there is no convenient means of inspecting the interior, owing to the solder joint which permanently unites the two sections of the fountain. To remove the latter objection, the improvement has been proposed by Dr. R. O. Doremus, of New York, of having the two sections with flanges, securely bolted together, with intervening gutta-percha packing, in order to furnish facilities for examining the interior, to determine whether re-tinning is necessary. Sometimes drops of solder and chips of copper are carelessly left in the fountain, and form an additional source of danger. There can be no doubt that carbonic acid water is not unfrequently rendered poisonous by metallic impregnation. Dr. Doremus has proved by a chemical examination that lead and copper are sometimes present. (*A. J. P.*, 1854, p. 422; from the

Am. Med. Monthly.) Dr. John T. Plummer, of Richmond, Ind., has found lead. The latter metal is detected by hydrogen sulphide, which gives with it a black precipitate, and copper by potassium ferrocyanide, which causes a brown precipitate. In testing for copper, a few drops of the reagent should be added to a glass of the suspected water, placed on a sheet of white paper, when, if even a minute proportion of copper be present, a brownish discoloration will be seen, upon looking down through the liquid.

Medical Properties and Uses. Carbonic acid water is a grateful drink to *febrile patients*, allaying thirst, lessening *nausea* and *gastric distress*, and promoting the secretion of urine. The quantity taken need only be regulated by the reasonable wishes of the patient. It also forms a very convenient vehicle for the administration of magnesia, the carbonated alkalies, magnesium sulphate, and the saline cathartics generally; rendering these medicines less unpleasant to the palate, and, in irritable states of the stomach, increasing the chances of their being retained. When used for this purpose, six or eight fluidounces (178–236 C.c.) will be sufficient.

AMMONIA. Ammonia.

NH_3; 17·1. (ĄM-MŌ′NI-Ą.) NH_3; 17.

All the ammoniacal compounds owe their distinctive properties to the presence of a peculiar gaseous substance, composed of nitrogen and hydrogen, called *ammonia*. This is most easily obtained by the action of lime on ammonium chloride, or sal ammoniac,—when the lime unites with the hydrochloric acid, so as to form calcium chloride and water, and expels the ammonia. It is transparent and colorless, like common air, but possesses an acrid taste and an exceedingly pungent smell. It has a powerful alkaline reaction, and, from this property and its gaseous nature, was called the *volatile alkali* by the earlier chemists. Its sp. gr. is 0·59. It is irrespirable, the glottis closing spasmodically when the attempt is made to breathe it. It consists of one atom of nitrogen and three of hydrogen; or, in volumes, of one volume of nitrogen and three volumes of hydrogen, condensed into two. Its formula is NH_3.

As the gas ammonia exists in the free state, the molecule NH_3 is a definite saturated compound under ordinary conditions. When, however, ammonia gas is mixed with hydrochloric acid gas or its aqueous solution with hydrochloric acid in solution, the two unite to form a new compound, NH_4Cl, which proves to be a definite compound, analogous to potassium or sodium chlorides. Berzelius, therefore, proposed to call this *ammonium* chloride, assuming that the monad group $(NH_4)^I$ acted like the monad metal K^I in forming compounds. And in fact we find that when sulphuric, nitric, carbonic, and other acids are neutralized by *ammonia* gas or solution we get crystallizable salts like $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, NH_4NO_3 and $(NH_4)_2CO_3$, which we therefore call *ammonium* sulphate, nitrate, and carbonate respectively. These are very similar to the corresponding potassium and sodium salts.

The atmosphere contains a minute proportion of ammonia, probably in the state of carbonate. The alkali is sometimes also found in snow. (A. Vogel, *Neues Repert. für Pharm.*, 1872.)

Ozonized oxygen oxidizes the elements of ammonia, producing water and nitric acid, which latter, by uniting with undecomposed ammonia, generates ammonium nitrate. Ordinary oxygen, under the influence of platinum-black, or finely-divided copper, likewise oxidizes the elements of ammonia, the nitrogen to the extent only of forming nitrous acid, with the result of producing ammonium nitrite.

AQUA AMMONIÆ. U. S. (Br.) Ammonia Water.

(Ā′QUĄ ĄM-MŌ′NI-Æ.)

"An aqueous solution of Ammonia [$NH_3 = 17·01$] containing 10 per cent., by weight, of the gas. Ammonia Water should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*
"Ammoniacal gas, NH_3, dissolved in water." *Br.*

Liquor Ammoniæ, *Br.;* Solution of Ammonia; Water of Ammonia; Liquor Ammonii Caustici, *P.G.;* Spiritus Salis Ammoniaci Causticus, Ammonia Aqua Soluta; Ammoniaque liquide, Eau (Solution, Liqueur) d'Ammoniaque, *Fr.;* Salmiakgeist, Aetzammoniak, Ammoniak-Flüssigkeit, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 omits a process of preparing Ammonia Water. The U. S. P. 1870 contains an excellent process, which is appended.*

* "Take of Chloride of Ammonium, in small pieces, Lime, each, *twelve troyounces;* Water *six pints;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Pour a pint of the Water upon the Lime, in a convenient vessel; and, after it has slaked, stir the mixture so as to bring it to the consistence of a smooth paste. Then add the remainder of the Water, and mix the whole thoroughly together. Decant the milky liquid from the gritty sediment into a glass retort, of the capacity of sixteen pints, and add the Chloride of Ammonium. Place the retort on a sand-bath, and adapt to it a receiver purposely connected with a two-pint bottle, by means of a glass tube, reaching nearly to the bottom of

"Take of Strong Solution of Ammonia *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *two pints* [Imp. meas.]. Mix, and preserve in a stoppered bottle. Sp. gr. 0·959." *Br.*

The title of this preparation was changed, at the revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia in 1860, from Liquor Ammoniæ to Aqua Ammoniæ, that it might conform in name as well as character with the Waters, among which all the official preparations consisting of aqueous solutions of gaseous bodies are included. In the revision of 1890 the English name was changed from Water of Ammonia to Ammonia Water.

In the U. S. P. 1870 process, the ammonium chloride is decomposed by the superior affinity of the lime for its acid, ammonia is disengaged, and the lime, combining with the acid, forms calcium chloride and water, $2NH_4Cl + Ca2HO = CaCl_2 + 2H_2O + 2NH_3$. The process differs from that of 1850 in introducing the materials into the retort with a large quantity of water, instead of in the dry state. In both cases the gas is driven over by heat, but in the moist plan is accompanied with more watery vapor than in the dry. If the object were to obtain ammonia water in the highest possible state of concentration, there might be some advantage in the dry method; but, as a weak solution is contemplated, the wet method is equally efficient, while in all respects it is more convenient, and productive of better results; for, according to Dr. Squibb, the water of ammonia made by the older official process has invariably an empyreumatic odor, from which that made by the present process is free. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 407.) The receiver is intended to retain any water holding in solution undecomposed chloride, or the oily matter sometimes contained in the salt, as well as other impurities, which may be driven over by the heat while the pure gas passes forward into the bottle containing the distilled water, which should not fill it, on account of the increase in the bulk of the water during the absorption of the gas. The tube should extend to near the bottom of the bottle, and pass through a cork loosely fitting its mouth. To prevent the regurgitation of the water from the bottle into the intermediate vessel, the latter should be furnished with a Welter's safety tube. Very large bottles are improper for keeping the water of ammonia; as, when they are partially empty, the atmospheric air within them may furnish a little carbonic acid to the ammonia.

In preparing solution of ammonia, equal weights of ammonium chloride and lime are used for generating the gaseous ammonia. This proportion gives a great excess of lime, compared with the quantity required if determined by the molecular weights; but in practice it is found advantageous to have an excess, as well to insure the full decomposition of the ammonium chloride, as to make up for accidental impurities in the lime.

The British Pharmacopœia gives directions for diluting *Liquor Ammoniæ Fortior* so as to reduce it to the strength of *Liquor Ammoniæ*. This is effected by mixing one measure of their stronger preparation with two measures of distilled water. The ammonia water of commerce is known as "Aqua Ammoniæ F. F. F.," or "20° ammonia;" it may be diluted by adding 2 parts of water to 3 parts of 20° ammonia water to make official ammonia water. Ammonia water of other strengths may be diluted by consulting the table given on page 201, and applying the rules given in *Remington's Practice of Pharmacy*, p. 91.

Properties. Ammonia water is "a colorless, transparent liquid, having a very pungent odor, an acrid, alkaline taste, and a strongly alkaline reaction. Specific gravity, 0·960 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is completely volatilized by the heat of a water-bath. On bringing a glass rod dipped into hydrochloric acid near the liquid, dense, white fumes are evolved. On slightly supersaturating 10 C.c. of Ammonia Water with diluted sulphuric acid, no *empyreumatic odor* or *red color* should be developed, and if to this liquid 1 C.c. of potassium permanganate centinormal volumetric solution be added, the pink color should not be completely destroyed within ten minutes (absence of *readily oxidizable matters*). If Ammonia Water be mixed with 4 times its volume of calcium hydrate test-solution, it should not afford an immediate turbidity (only minute traces of *carbonic acid*); and if it be diluted with twice its volume of water, it should not be affected by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*), nor should it be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after neutralization with hydrochloric acid (absence of *metallic impurities*). If Ammonia Water be slightly supersaturated with nitric acid, it should not be affected by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphates*), nor by silver nitrate test-solution (*chlorides*); and if a third portion of the acidulated liquid be evaporated on a water-bath to dryness, it should afford a colorless residue, which, on

the bottle, and containing a pint of Distilled Water. Surround the bottle with ice-cold water; and apply heat, gradually increased, until ammonia ceases to come over. Remove the liquid from the bottle, and add to it sufficient Distilled Water to raise its specific gravity to 0·960. Lastly, keep the liquid in small bottles, well stopped." *U. S.*

ignition, should be completely volatilized (absence of *coal-tar bases*, and of *fixed impurities*). To neutralize 3·4 Gm. (3·54 C.c.) of Ammonia Water should require 20 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 0·5 per cent. of Ammonia), rosolic acid being used as indicator." *U. S.* Of the British preparation, "85 grains by weight require for neutralization 500 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of oxalic acid, corresponding to 10 per cent. by weight of ammonia, NH_3. One fluidrachm contains 5·2 grains of ammonia." *Br.*

Ammonia Water is incompatible with acids, and with acidulous and many earthy and metallic salts; but it does not decompose the salts of lime, baryta, or strontia, and only partially decomposes those of magnesia. Commercial solution of ammonia sometimes contains *pyrrol*, *naphtalin*, *aniline*, and *pyridine*. These may be detected by the solution being reddened by nitric acid, and, after having been supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, by its tingeing a slip of fir wood of a rich purple color, characteristic of pyrrol. (*Maclagan.*) The source of these impurities is coal-gas liquor, from which the ammoniacal compounds are largely obtained. Donath (*Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal*, vol. iv. p. 229) tested some ammonia prepared from gas liquor by neutralizing with diluted sulphuric acid, when the liquid assumed a rose-color, and a solution of the sulphate emitted the characteristic odor of naphtalin.

Composition. Water is capable of absorbing 670 times its volume of ammoniacal gas at 10° C. (50° F.), and increases in bulk about two-thirds. But the official solution of ammonia is by no means a saturated one. Thus, the ammonia contained in the U. S. preparation is about 10 per cent. The following table gives the percentage of ammoniacal gas in aqueous solutions of different densities at the temperature of 15° C. (*Lunge.*)

Per cent. of Ammonia.	Specific Gravity at $\frac{15°\ C.}{4°\ C.}$ in air.	Per cent. of Ammonia.	Specific Gravity at $\frac{15°\ C.}{4°\ C.}$ in air.	Per cent. of Ammonia.	Specific Gravity at $\frac{15°\ C.}{4°\ C.}$ in air.	Per cent. of Ammonia.	Specific Gravity at $\frac{15°\ C.}{4°\ C.}$ in air.
0·00	1·000	7·82	0·968	16·22	0·938	25·65	0·908
0·45	0·998	8·33	0·966	16·82	0·936	26·31	0·906
0·91	0·996	8·84	0·964	17·42	0·934	26·98	0·904
1·37	0·994	9·35	0·962	18·03	0·932	27·65	0·902
1·84	0·992	9·91	0·960	18·64	0·930	28·00	0·9009
2·31	0·990	10·00	0·9597	19·25	0·928	28·33	0·900
2·80	0·988	10·47	0·958	19·87	0·926	29·01	0·898
3·30	0·986	11·03	0·956	20·00	0·9256	29.69	0·896
3·80	0·984	11·60	0·954	20·49	0·924	30·00	0·8951
4·30	0·982	12·17	0·952	21·12	0·922	30·37	0·894
4·80	0·980	12·74	0·950	21·75	0·920	31·05	0·892
5·00	0·9792	13·31	0·948	22·39	0·918	31·75	0·890
5·30	0·978	13·88	0·946	23·03	0·916	32·50	0·888
5·80	0·976	14·46	0·944	23·68	0·914	33·25	0·886
6·30	0·974	15·00	0·9421	24·33	0·912	34·10	0·884
6·80	0·972	15·04	0·942	24·99	0·910	34·95	0·882
7·31	0·970	15·63	0·940	25·00	0·9099		

Medical Properties and Uses. When brought into contact with living tissue, ammonia acts as a stimulant, irritant, or caustic, according to the strength of its solution. When applied to the skin, it may excite simply burning pain and redness, but in the form even of the present preparation, if the contact be sufficiently maintained, it is capable of destroying the whole dermal tissue; taken internally in a concentrated form, it acts as a violent corrosive poison, and may cause rapidly fatal gastro-enteritis, with the destruction of the visceral coats. In some cases it has produced death in a few minutes by entering the larynx and causing œdema, with consequent suffocation. When taken internally in therapeutic doses its action is immediate, and continues but for a few moments. In the stomach it acts as a stimulant antacid, and is often useful in *heartburn*, *sick headache*, etc. After absorption it stimulates most powerfully the circulation and respiration, affecting especially the heart and respiratory centres. By full doses the respiratory rate and the arterial pressure are for a few moments enormously increased. Toxic doses are directly paralyzant to the heart muscle, and may cause, if injected into a vein, immediate diastolic arrest of the heart. According to Bence Jones, ammonia is oxidized in the system, with the formation of nitric acid, which is eliminated by the kidneys.

Ammonia water is a valuable remedy in all forms of sudden *syncope*. The injection of ammonia into a vein was brought forward by Prof. G. B. Halford, of Melbourne, as a specific

against the *poison of serpents*, and some evidence has been adduced as to its value. As long ago, however, as 1782, Fontana published at Florence a series of experiments showing the uselessness of such injections as a remedy for *snake-bite*, and more recently the subject has been investigated in India by Sir Joseph Fayrer (*Indian Annals Med. Sci.*, 1872), and by a Royal Commission (*Lancet*, Sept. 1874), with the result of completely establishing the truth of the experiments and conclusions of Fontana. In *collapse* following severe accident, or in sudden *cardiac failure* from other acute cause, the intravenous injection of aqua ammoniæ has been of the greatest service in arousing the action of the heart. Half a drachm to a drachm diluted in half an ounce to an ounce of water may be slowly thrown directly into a vein. In some cases the drug has been simply used hypodermically, but is almost certain to cause severe local symptoms. On account of its cheapness, ammonia water is much used as an ingredient in liniments, especially combined with olive or other oil. The internal dose is from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.), largely diluted.

AQUA AMMONIÆ FORTIOR. U. S. (Br.) Stronger Ammonia Water.

(Ā'QUA ĄM-MŌ'NI-Æ FÖR'TI-ÔR.)

"An aqueous solution of Ammonia [$NH_3 = 17·01$] containing 28 per cent., by weight, of the gas. Stronger Ammonia Water should be kept in strong, glass-stoppered bottles, not completely filled, in a cool place." *U. S.* "Ammoniacal gas, NH_3, dissolved in water, and constituting 32·5 per cent. of the solution." *Br.*

Liquor Ammoniæ Fortior, *Br.;* Strong Solution of Ammonia; Eau d'Ammoniaque forte, *Fr.;* Stärker Salmiakgeist, *G.*

This preparation is too strong for internal exhibition, but forms a convenient ammoniacal solution for reduction, by dilution with two measures of distilled water, to the strength of ordinary Water of Ammonia (Aqua Ammoniæ), or for preparing strong rubefacient liniments.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia does not give a process; but in the British, the following formula is given for its preparation:

"Take of Chloride of Ammonium, in coarse powder, *three pounds* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime *four pounds* [av.]; Distilled Water *thirty-two fluidounces.* Mix the lime with the Chloride of Ammonium, and introduce the mixture into an iron bottle, placed in a metal pot surrounded by sand. Connect the iron tube, which screws air-tight into the bottle, in the usual manner, by corks, glass tubes, and caoutchouc collars, with a Woulf's bottle capable of holding a pint [Imp. meas.]; connect this with a second Woulf's bottle of the same size, the second bottle with a flask or other vessel of the capacity of three pints [Imp. meas.], in which twenty-two [fluid]ounces of the Distilled Water are placed, and this vessel, by means of a tube bent twice at right angles, with an ordinary bottle containing the remaining ten [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water. Bottles 1 and 2 are empty, and the latter and the vessel which contains the twenty-two ounces of distilled water are furnished each with a siphon safety tube, charged with a very short column of mercury. The heat of a fire, which should be very gradually raised, is now to be applied to the metal pot, and continued until bubbles of condensible gas cease to escape from the extremity of the glass tube which dips into the water of the flask. The process being terminated, the latter vessel will contain about forty-three fluidounces of the Strong Solution of Ammonia.

"Bottles 1 and 2 will now include, the first about sixteen, the second about ten fluidounces of a colored ammoniacal liquid. Place this in a flask closed by a cork, which should be perforated by a siphon safety tube containing a little mercury, and also by a second tube bent twice at right angles, and made to pass to the bottom of the terminal bottle used in the preceding process. Apply heat to the flask until the colored liquid it contains is reduced to three-fourths of its original bulk. The product now contained in the terminal bottle will be nearly of the strength of Solution of Ammonia, and may be made exactly so by the addition of the proper quantity of Distilled Water, or of Strong Solution of Ammonia." *Br.*

In this process the ammonia is disengaged in the usual manner from ammonium chloride by the action of lime, as explained under the head of *Aqua Ammoniæ.* But it may be perceived, by the details of the process, that the purpose is to obtain both the *stronger* and the *ordinary* solution of ammonia at one operation. This is done by connecting the iron bottle containing the materials with a series of four receivers, the first two being empty Woulf's bottles, the third a flask containing twenty-two fluidounces of distilled water, and the fourth an ordinary bottle containing the remainder of the distilled water. In the first two bottles, impurities are condensed with a considerable portion of ammonia; in the flask, the official Strong Solution of

Ammonia (*Br.*) has been formed by the absorption of the gas; and in the fourth, a weaker ammoniacal liquid is formed by the absorption of a portion of the gas which has passed through the flask unabsorbed. This last liquid is raised to the strength of the official Solution of Ammonia (*Br.*) by forcing into it a portion of ammoniacal gas from the impure contents of the first two bottles. We presume that the receivers are to be kept cool by means of cold water or ice, though no such direction is given in the process. If the solution in the fourth bottle be not of the required official strength (sp. gr. 0·959), it may be made so by the addition of stronger solution from the flask, if too weak, or of distilled water, if too strong.

Ammonia Water is seldom made by the formula of the Pharmacopœia, but is prepared on a large scale, from one of the products of the coal-gas manufacture, by the following more economical process. *Gas liquor* is distilled, and the distillate, which is principally ammonium sulphide, is converted into ammonium sulphate by sulphuric acid. The rough sulphate is then gently distilled with milk of lime, the still being connected with a series of glass carboys, arranged like Woulf's bottles, and three-fourths filled with distilled water. In this way solution of ammonia may be obtained of maximum strength.

Properties of Aqueous Ammonia of Maximum Strength. This is a colorless liquid, of an acrid taste and very pungent smell. It is strongly alkaline, and immediately changes turmeric, when held over its fumes, to reddish brown. Cooled to 40° F. below zero, it concretes into a gelatinous mass, and at 54° C. (130° F.) boils, owing to the rapid disengagement of the gas. Its sp. gr. is 0·875 at 10° C. (50° F.). Anhydrous ammonia is said to dissolve metallic sodium, and the solution is intensely blue. (*Chem. News*, Nov. 4, 1870, p. 217.)

Properties of the Official Stronger Ammonia Water. This has similar properties to those above mentioned. Its sp. gr. is 0·901, *U. S.*, 0·891, *Br.* When of the former density, it contains 28 per cent. of the gas; when of the latter, 32·5 per cent.* "To neutralize 1·7 Gm. (1·88 C.c.) of Stronger Ammonia Water should require 28 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding with 1 per cent. of ammonia), rosolic acid being used as indicator." *U. S.* "By weight, 52·3 grains require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of oxalic acid. One fluidrachm contains 15·83 grains of Ammonia, NH_3." *Br.* The stronger ammonia water of commerce usually ranges in density from 0·900 to 0·920. Even when of proper official strength at first, it generally becomes weaker by the escape of ammonia. To prevent its deteriorating, it should be kept in closely-stopped bottles in a cool place. If precipitated by lime water it contains carbonic acid. After having been saturated with nitric acid, a precipitate by ammonium carbonate indicates earthy impurity, by silver nitrate, a chloride, and by barium chloride, a sulphate. "When diluted with four times its volume of distilled water, it does not give precipitates with solution of lime, oxalate of ammonia, sulphide of ammonium, or ammonio-sulphate of copper" (*Br.*); indicating the absence of carbonates, lime, metals, and sulphides.

When purchasing the Stronger Solution of Ammonia, the apothecary should not trust to its being of the official strength, but should ascertain the point by taking its density, either by the specific gravity bottle or the hydrometer. Another method of ascertaining its density is by the *ammonia-meter* of Mr. J. J. Griffin, of London, described and figured in *P. J. Tr.* (x. 413). Although the U. S. Pharmacopœia states that "if stronger ammonia water be diluted with twice its volume of water it should respond to the reactions and tests described under Ammonia Water," it will be usually found in practice that two volumes of water will be too much; in any event it would be safer to use a smaller quantity of water (one and a half volumes), and, if the mixture should not have the sp. gr. 0·960, it should be brought to that density by the addition either of the stronger solution or of distilled water, as the case may require. "Stronger Ammonia Water should be kept in strong glass-stoppered bottles, not completely filled, in a cool place." *U. S.* *Great care should be exercised in opening these bottles.* It is safer, if the ammonia water has been kept in a warm room, to cool it with ice before attempting to withdraw the stopper, as the liberated gas, when warm, oftentimes is forced out with extreme violence, and accidents resulting in injury to the sight of the operator are recorded.

Medical Properties and Uses. This solution is too strong for medical use in its unmixed state. Sufficiently diluted with spirit of camphor and rosemary, it has been much employed as a prompt and powerful rubefacient, vesicatory, or escharotic, in various *neuralgic*, *gouty*, *rheumatic*, *spasmodic*, and *inflammatory affections* in which strong and speedy counter-

* This percentage (32·5) corresponds, according to Lunge, with ammonia water of sp. gr. 0·888 instead of 0·891: the official British definition does not specify percentage by weight, however.

irritation is indicated. When mere rubefaction is desired, a mixture may be used composed of five fluidounces of the ammoniacal liquid and eight of the diluent liquid; and this will answer even for blistering or cauterizing, unless a very prompt effect be necessary. In the latter case a lotion may be resorted to consisting of five measures of the ammoniacal to three of the diluent liquid. These mixtures are applied by means of linen folded several times, or a thick piece of flannel saturated with the liniment. A convenient mode is to fill the wooden cover of a large pill- or ointment-box, an inch or two in diameter, with patent lint, saturate this with the liquid, and press it upon the part. The ammonia is thus prevented from escaping, and a definite boundary given to the inflammation. The application will generally produce rubefaction in from one to eight minutes, vesication in from three to ten minutes, and a caustic effect in a somewhat longer time.

When a solution of ammonia of 25° (sp. gr. 0·905) is mixed with fatty matter, the mixture forms the *vesicating ammoniacal ointment* of Dr. Gondret. The revised formula of this ointment is as follows. Take of lard 32 parts, oil of sweet almond 2 parts. Melt them together by the *gentle* heat of a candle or lamp, and pour the melted mixture into a bottle with a wide mouth. Then add 17 parts of solution of ammonia of 25°, and mix with continued agitation until the whole is cold. The ointment must be preserved in a bottle with a ground stopper, and kept in a cool place. When well prepared, it vesicates in ten minutes. There may be danger of excessive irritation and inflammation of the nostrils, mouth, and air-passages, from the inadvertent inhalation of the gas escaping from a bottle of the stronger water of ammonia, when freshly opened; and serious consequences have occurred from this cause, or from the accidental breaking of the bottle. The best antidote, under these circumstances, would be the inhalation of the vapors of vinegar or acetic acid.

AQUA AMYGDALÆ AMARÆ. U. S. Bitter Almond Water.

(Ā′QUA Ą-MĬG′DĄ-LÆ Ą-MĀ′RÆ.)

Aqua Amygdalarum Amararum, *P.G.*; Eau d'Amandes amères, *Fr.*; Bittermandelwasser, *G.*

"Oil of Bitter Almond, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Distilled Water, *nine hundred and ninety-nine cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6 fluidrachms, 14 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Dissolve the Oil in the Distilled Water by agitation, and filter through a well-wetted filter." *U. S.*

Owing to the almost universal employment at this time (1893) of artificial oil of bitter almond (or benzaldehyde), which is free from hydrocyanic acid (such oil being much cheaper than that made from bitter almond), the bitter almond water of pharmacy cannot be relied upon as a medicinal agent, but is used exclusively as a pleasant vehicle. This must be regarded as a fortunate circumstance, because the proportion of hydrocyanic acid was very variable in the former bitter almond water, and doubt and uncertainty about its action always prevailed. Notwithstanding these facts, care must be exercised not to prescribe a larger dose to begin with than two teaspoonfuls (7·5 C.c.), lest the water should have been made from the poisonous oil of bitter almond.* Its principal use in this country is as a vehicle, many physicians prescribing it not for its medicinal virtues, but on account of its agreeable taste and powers of masking the taste of saline substances. Under the same name, a preparation has been much used on the continent of Europe, prepared by distilling bitter almonds with water.†

* Under the name of *chloral hydrocyanate* a substance has been introduced for making cherry-laurel and bitter almond water extemporaneously. It occurs in white, translucent, rhombic prisms, soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. It has the odor of hydrocyanic acid and chloral, and is said to be a very stable compound. A solution of 6·5 grains of the salt in 1000 grains of distilled water corresponds with the official bitter almond water of the German Pharmacopœia, which is 1 to 1000. (*Merck's Bulletin.*)

† *Preparation of Bitter Almond Water* (Distilled). H. C. Vielhaber powders ten pounds of bitter almonds as finely as possible, separates the fatty oil, which usually amounts to 36 to 38 per cent., by strong pressure, and reduces the almond press-cake to a very fine powder; a quantity of this corresponding to two pounds of almonds is then distilled with water (without alcohol) until about 500 grammes of distillate have been obtained, when the receiver is disconnected, and another receiver attached, and the distillation continued as long as the presence of hydrocyanic acid can be recognized by its odor and taste in the distillate; this second distillate is then used in the place of distilled water for distilling another two-pound lot of the almonds, and the operation continued thus, always collecting the first and second distillates separately and utilizing the latter for distilling the next lot, until all the press-cake has been subjected to distillation: the first distillates are mixed, and also the second. The author thus obtained from 10 pounds of almonds about 5 pounds of first and 9 to 10 pounds of second distillate, the former containing a large percentage of volatile almond oil, which is dissolved by adding the official (Ph. Germ.) percentage of alcohol (about ¼ of its weight) to the distillate. The percentage of hydrocyanic acid is then determined in the first and second distillates, and sufficient of the latter added to the former to reduce it to the official strength (one-tenth of one per cent.). (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, May, 1879, p. 409; *A. J. P.*, July, 1879.) G. A. Zwick prepares distilled bitter almond water by breaking up 12 pounds of peach kernels in a mill, then powdering finely, expressing 25 per

This when fresh is much stronger than the preparation of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, containing, according to an analysis of Geiger, in 1000 parts, 1·2 parts of anhydrous hydrocyanic acid. But, in consequence either of circumstances in the manner of its preparation, or of changes upon being kept, it is of variable and uncertain strength, and cannot be relied on.* It has been prescribed with fatal effects; and the greatest caution, therefore, should be observed by the apothecary not to put up the distilled bitter almond water instead of the official.

AQUA ANETHI. Br. Dill Water.

(Ā'QUẠ Ạ-NĒ'THĪ.)

Eau d'Aneth, *Fr.;* Dillwasser, *G.*

"Take of Dill Fruit, bruised, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This water, which is frequently prescribed in Great Britain, is occasionally used here; it closely resembles caraway water, over which it has no advantages.

AQUA ANISI. U. S., Br. Anise Water.

(Ā'QUẠ Ạ-NĪ'SĪ.)

Eau d'Anis, *Fr.;* Aniswasser, *G.*

"Oil of Anise, *two cubic centimetres* [or 32 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Oil of Anise with the precipitated Calcium Phosphate, add the Water gradually, under constant trituration, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Anise fruit, bruised, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Anise water is rarely made by distillation, although the product thus secured has a more delicate flavor than the U. S. preparation. It is used solely as a vehicle.

AQUA AURANTII FLORUM. U. S. (Br.) Orange Flower Water.

(Ā-QUẠ ÂU-RĂN'TỊ-Ī FLŌ'RŬM—âu-răn'shẹ-ī.)

"The distilled water of the flowers of the Bitter Orange tree, Citrus vulgaris, Risso (Citrus Bigaradia, Duhamel), Hist. Nat. des Orang. plate 30; and of the Sweet Orange tree, Citrus Aurantium, Risso; Bentl. and Trim. Med. Pl. vol. i. plate 51. The Orange-Flower Water of commerce is usually three times the strength of that employed in former years." *Br.*

Aqua Aurantii Floris, *Br.;* Orange Flower Water; Aqua Florum Naphæ; Eau (Hydrolat) distillée de Fleurs d'Oranger, Eau de Naphe, *Fr.;* Orangenblüthenwasser, *G.*

"Stronger Orange Flower Water, Distilled Water, of each, *one volume.* Mix them immediately before use." *U. S.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1890, has introduced "Stronger Orange Flower Water," providing for its dilution with an equal volume of distilled water to make "orange flower water." This plan enables American pharmacists to employ the imported "triple" water, as it is known in commerce. This retains its fragrance longer than a weaker water; moreover, economy is effected through saving customs duty and freight, and a fresh, delicate water can be dispensed.

This preparation is also considered by the British Pharmacopœia as an object of importation. According to this authority, it is obtained indiscriminately from the flowers of the bitter and those of the sweet orange tree; and the same is the case with our own official standard; though in Italy and France, where it is largely made, the flowers of the bitter orange are preferred, as yielding the most fragrant product. It may be prepared in the most southern districts of our country from the fresh flowers; and these might be brought to the North for the same purpose, if previously incorporated with one-third or one-quarter of their weight of common salt. The proper method is to arrange the flowers and salt in successive layers in jars of stoneware or glass. They may also be preserved by means of glycerin. Notwithstanding, however, the facility of preparing this Water here, it is generally imported from the south of France, whence it usually comes in cans of tinned copper.

Orange flower water is nearly colorless, though often of a pale yellowish tint. "Stronger

cent. of fixed oil, powdering the press-cake, introducing this into a still, with water, reserving the first forty fluidounces of distillate, this having been shown by assay to contain the proper amount of hydrocyanic acid, one per mille. (*A. J. P.,* 1881.)

* For a method of determining the amount of hydrocyanic acid in bitter almond water, see *Archiv d. Pharm.,* Nov. 1878, p. 408; *A. J. P.,* Feb. 1879.

Orange Flower Water should be neutral to litmus paper, and possess a strong odor of fresh orange flowers. It should be colorless and clear, or only faintly opalescent, not mucilaginous, and give no reaction with hydrogen sulphide test-solution or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*)." *U. S.* From being kept in tinned copper cans, it sometimes contains metallic impurity, which is said to be chiefly carbonate of lead, derived from the lead used as a solder in making the cans. The means of detecting metallic impurity are mentioned under the general observations on distilled water. Much color, offensive odor, or mouldiness indicates impurity derived from the flowers in distillation.

L. Malenfant observed that fresh orange flowers, mixed with cold water, yield, on distillation over the naked fire, a milky water, possessing a somewhat empyreumatic odor and a strong, somewhat acrid taste. Kept for twelve or eighteen months in glass vessels covered with parchment, it loses its empyreuma, and after filtering has an agreeable odor and taste. If the flowers be mixed with boiling water and immediately distilled, the water is limpid, and gradually separates some thick oil of a brownish color; the water has the odor and taste of the flowers, but complicated with a smell of the still, which it loses after long keeping; it seems to alter less rapidly than that obtained by the former process. Distilled by steam, a limpid water of a pure odor and taste is at once obtained, free from empyreuma; it may be at once used, and keeps better in the light than when obtained by the two former processes. (*A. J. P.*, June, 1874.) A distilled water of the leaves is also prepared; and sometimes a mixture of the leaves and flowers is employed. But this is a fraud, as the distilled water of the leaves never has the sweet perfume of that of the flowers. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 249.) Orange flower water is used exclusively on account of its agreeable odor.

Orange flower water is stored in large glass vessels or carboys in cool cellars by the manufacturers in Grasse, care being taken not to stopper them tightly, but simply to cover the orifice with a piece of paper.

Nitric, sulphuric, or hydrochloric acid produces a red coloration with orange flower water; particularly if the water be shaken with ether to take up the oil, and the acid added to the ethereal solution. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1878, p. 248.)

AQUA AURANTII FLORUM FORTIOR. U. S. Stronger Orange Flower Water. [Triple Orange Flower Water.]

(Ā'QUẠ ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī FLŌ'RŬM FÖR'TI-ỌR.)

"Water saturated with the volatile oil of fresh Orange Flowers, obtained as a by-product in the distillation of the Oil of Orange Flowers. It should be kept in loosely-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

Aqua Aurantii Florum, *U. S.* 1880.

AQUA CAMPHORÆ. U. S., Br. Camphor Water.

(Ā'QUẠ CĂM'PHỌ-RÆ.)

Mistura Camphoræ, *Br.*; Aqua Camphorata; Eau camphrée, *Fr.*; Kampferwasser, *G.*

"Camphor, *eight grammes* [or 123½ grains]; Alcohol, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Camphor with the Alcohol and Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, then with the Water, gradually added, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Camphor, crushed, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure]. Enclose the camphor in a muslin bag, and attach this to a piece of glass rod, by means of which it may be kept at the bottom of a bottle containing the Distilled Water. Close the mouth of the bottle, macerate for at least two days, and then pour off the solution when it is required." *Br.*

In these processes the object is to effect a solution of the camphor. Water is capable of dissolving but a small proportion of this principle; but the quantity varies with the method employed. The present official process is an improvement on former methods, for it undoubtedly secures a saturated solution; the mere trace of calcium phosphate which dissolves in the water may be disregarded. The process of U. S. Pharm. 1870, notwithstanding an ordinary amount of care, usually left considerable camphor on the filter not in a finely-divided state, and the water passed through not fully saturated. This defect could have been largely overcome by allowing the milky mixture to stand twenty-four hours with occasional agitation before filtering; the U. S. 1880 process, however, made sure of the fine division of the camphor by

forming an alcoholic solution, and then securing the distribution of the camphor through the cotton. The present British process is still more inefficient than the old formulas of the different Colleges for their *Mistura Camphoræ*, which has received in the late revision a much more appropriate name. In the present British process no trouble is taken even to comminute the camphor, or to shake it with the water, which is thus allowed to take up what it may be disposed to do by contact with the camphor contained in a bag; though some ingenuity is exhibited in retaining the latter, which is lighter than water, beneath the surface of the liquid by means of a glass rod. The solution thus effected must be extremely feeble, containing probably less than one part in a thousand, which, according to Berzelius, is taken up by water when triturated with camphor. It is, besides, of uncertain strength, varying with the size of the fragments of camphor. Mr. J. C. Pooley found that 120 grains of camphor, treated according to the official directions, gave, when cut into 4 pieces, 6 grains to half a gallon of water, but in 20 pieces gave 20 grains, or about one part to 1750 of water. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vii. 162.) The U. S. process is much preferable to the British, as it affords a permanent solution, of sufficient strength to be employed with a view to the influence of the camphor on the system; while the other has little more than the flavor of the drug, and is fit only for a vehicle of other medicines. Mr. Wm. B. Addington proposed to add to the camphor just enough alcohol to dissolve it, and triturate the liquor with magnesia, during which process he affirmed that the alcohol evaporated (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 209); and Mr. F. T. Hartzell substituted for alcohol, ether, a few drops of which enabled him to bring the camphor to an impalpable powder. (*Ibid.*, xlvi. 233.) The camphor is separated from its aqueous solution by a solution of pure potassa, and, according to Dr. Paris, by magnesium sulphate and several other salts. Sir J. Murray proposes a solution of camphor and magnesium bicarbonate, which contains three grains of the former and six grains of the latter in each fluidounce.

Camphor water has this advantage over camphor in substance, that the latter is with difficulty dissolved by the liquors of the stomach; but it is too feeble a preparation for use when a decided effect is desired; it is, however, an excellent vehicle for the administration of more active substances. It is usually given in the dose of one or two tablespoonfuls (15–30 C.c.), repeated every hour or two hours.

AQUA CARUI. Br. Caraway Water.

(Ā-QUẠ CĂR′Ŭ-Ī.)

Aqua Carvi; Eau distillée de Carvi, *Fr.;* **Kümmelwasser,** *G.*

"Take of Caraway Fruit, bruised, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Water, *two gallons* [Imp. meas.]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Distilled Caraway Water has the flavor of the fruit or seeds, but is seldom used in the United States. It is usually made from the volatile oil (15 minims in a pint), in the same manner as is cinnamon water.

AQUA CHLORI. U. S. (Br.) Chlorine Water.

(Ā′QUẠ ȻHLŌ′RĪ.)

"An aqueous solution of Chlorine [Cl = 35·37], containing at least 0·4 per cent. of the gas." *U. S.* "Chlorine gas dissolved in water. The solution should be freshly prepared." *Br.*

Liquor Chlori, *Br.;* **Solution of Chlorine; Aqua Chlorata,** *P.G.;* **Aqua Chlori, Chlorum Solutum, Aqua Oxymuriatica; Eau chlorée, Chlore liquide,** *Fr.;* **Chlorwasser,** *G.;* **Aqua Chlorini,** *Phar.* 1870.

"Manganese Dioxide, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *thirty-five cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 88 minims]; Water, *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2½ fluidounces]; Distilled Water, *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13½ fluidounces]. Place the Dioxide in a flask connected by a suitable tube with a small wash-bottle containing *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1½ fluidounces] of Water, and connect this with a bottle having a capacity of *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms], and containing *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13½ fluidounces] of Distilled Water which has previously been boiled and allowed to cool. Add to the Dioxide in the generating flask the Hydrochloric Acid, previously diluted with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce] of Water, and, by means of a sand-bath, apply a gentle heat. Conduct the generated Chlorine through the Water contained in the wash-bottle into the bottle containing the Distilled Water, which should be loosely stopped with cotton and kept, during the operation, at a temperature of about 10° C. (50° F.). When the air has been entirely displaced by the gas, disconnect the bottle from the apparatus, and, having inserted the stopper, shake the bottle, loosening the stopper from time to time, until

the gas ceases to be absorbed. If necessary, reconnect the bottle with the apparatus, and continue passing the gas and agitating, until the Distilled Water is saturated. Finally, pour the Chlorine Water into small, dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, which should be completely filled therewith, and keep them in a dark and cool place. Chlorine Water, even when kept from light and air, is apt to deteriorate. When it is required of full strength, it should be freshly prepared." *U. S.*

"Take of Hydrochloric Acid *six fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Black Oxide of Manganese, in fine powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *thirty-four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Put the Oxide of Manganese into a gas-bottle, and, having poured upon it the Hydrochloric Acid diluted with two [fluid]ounces of the Water, apply heat gently, and, by suitable tubes, cause the gas, as it is developed, to pass through two [fluid]ounces of the Water placed in an intermediate small phial, and thence to the bottom of a three-pint bottle containing the remainder of the water, the mouth of which is loosely plugged with tow. As soon as the chlorine ceases to be developed, let the bottle be disconnected from the apparatus in which the gas has been generated, corked loosely, and shaken until the chlorine is absorbed. Lastly, introduce the solution into a green glass bottle furnished with a well-fitting stopper, and keep it in a cool and dark place." *Br.*

The U. S. and Br. processes are essentially the same. Both are intended to make saturated solutions of chlorine in water. The only material variation in the British formula is the larger proportion of the manganese dioxide and hydrochloric acid, to the distilled water. Should there be any danger of deficiency of chlorine in the resulting chlorine water, the British process would have the advantage, as it not only uses a larger proportion of the materials for making the gas, but also exhausts them.

In both processes, the chlorine gas is extricated from the hydrochloric acid by the manganese dioxide,* whilst the manganous chloride and water produced remain in the flask, and the chlorine is passed, through an intermediate vessel containing a little water for purifying it, into the bottle containing the distilled water, loosely stopped, until the vacant part of the bottle is filled with it to the exclusion of the atmospheric air. $MnO_2 + 4HCl = MnCl_2 + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$. The bottle, being then corked, is shaken so as to cause the absorption of the gas by the water. Of course the stopper must be from time to time loosened, in order to allow the entrance of air to supply the partial vacuum created by the absorption of the chlorine. The chlorine water is directed to be kept secluded from the light, because otherwise it would be apt to be converted partially into hydrochloric acid, through the union of the chlorine with the hydrogen of the water. In the Br. Pharmacopœia it is ordered to be kept in a green glass bottle, for the purpose, probably, of protecting it from the light; but experiments have shown that it is an orange and not a green color which appears to prevent the passage of the chemical rays.†

An extemporaneous chlorine water, which has the objection of not being pure, containing potassium chloride and free hydrochloric acid, not more than twenty-four and twelve grains respectively to the pint, may be made as follows. Put in a bottle forty grains of potassium chlorate, add one-half troyounce of hydrochloric acid. When the bottle begins to be filled with chlorine vapors, add one fluidounce of distilled water. Stopper the bottle, and, when the crystals have dissolved, add distilled water to make a pint. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 208.) The reaction liberates, however, at the same time, the somewhat explosive gas Cl_2O_4, and may be dangerous at times.

Properties. "A clear, greenish-yellow liquid, having the suffocating odor and disagreeable taste of Chlorine, and leaving no residue on evaporation. It instantly decolorizes dilute solutions of litmus, indigo, and other vegetable coloring matters. When shaken with an excess of mercury until the odor of Chlorine has disappeared, the remaining liquid should be at most but faintly acid (limit of *hydrochloric acid*). On adding 17·7 Gm. of Chlorine Water to a solution of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide in 10 C.c. of water, the resulting deep-red liquid should require for complete decoloration not less than 20 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to at least 0·4 per cent. of Chlorine)." *U. S.* Like gaseous

* The manganese oxide is of course deoxidized. In manufacturing chlorine on the large scale, it is of great importance to reoxidize the manganese, so that it can be used over again. This was first accomplished by Mr. Walter Weldon in 1870, and his "manganese regeneration" process has been universally adopted. It is said that a few years ago there were only two chlorine works in the world that did not regenerate their manganese. For details, see *Roscoe and Schorlemmer's Chemistry*, vol. ii. part ii. p. 15.

† *Deacon's process.* Mr. Henry Deacon has discovered that chlorine may be made by passing hydrochloric acid vapor and oxygen over copper sulphate at a temperature of from 400° to 700° F., the copper salt coming out unchanged. For details of this process the reader is referred to *Roscoe and Schorlemmer's Chemistry*, vol. i. p. 114.

chlorine, it destroys vegetable colors. When cooled to about the freezing point, it forms deep yellow crystalline plates, consisting of chlorine hydrate. It is intended to contain at least twice its volume of the gas. According to MM. Riegel and Walz, chlorine water containing two and a half volumes of the gas at 12·2° C. (54° F.) keeps best. The British solution "immediately discharges the blue color of a dilute solution of sulphate of indigo. Its sp. gr. is 1·003; evaporated it leaves no residue. When 20 grains of iodide of potassium, dissolved in a [fluid]ounce of distilled water, are added to 439 grains by weight (one fluidounce) of this preparation, the mixed solution acquires a deep-red color, which requires for its discharge 750 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of hyposulphite of sodium, corresponding to 2·66 grains of chlorine." *Br.* This indicates the quantity of chlorine in the solution, by the amount of the hyposulphite required to decolorize an equivalent quantity of iodine, liberated from the potassium iodide.

Chlorine is an elementary gaseous fluid of a greenish-yellow color and characteristic smell and taste. It is a supporter of combustion. Its specific gravity is 2·47, and its atomic weight 35·37. When the attempt is made to breathe it, even much diluted, it excites cough and a sense of suffocation, and causes a discharge from the mucous membrane of the nostrils and bronchial tubes. Breathed in considerable quantities, it produces spitting of blood, violent pains, and sometimes death.

Medical Properties and Uses. Chlorine water is stimulant and antiseptic. Internally it has been used in *typhus*, and in *chronic affections of the liver;* but the diseases in which it has been most extolled are *scarlatina, malignant sore throat*, and *diphtheria*. Externally it is employed, duly diluted, as a gargle in *small-pox, scarlatina*, and putrid *sore throat*, as a wash for ill-conditioned *ulcers* and *cancerous sores*, and as a local bath in *diseases of the liver*. It has been used with advantage as an application to *buboes* and large *abscesses*, to promote the absorption of the matter. As it depends upon chlorine for its activity, its medical properties coincide with those of chlorinated lime and chlorinated soda, under which heads they are more particularly given. The dose of chlorine water is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.), properly diluted. It should not be prescribed in mixtures, almost all organic substances causing a rapid disappearance of the chlorine. Even sugar has this action, and glycerin still more markedly. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 163.)

Gaseous chlorine has been recommended by Gannal in *chronic bronchitis* and *pulmonary consumption*, exhibited by inhalation, in minute quantities, four or six times a day. Its first effect is to produce some dryness of the fauces, with increased expectoration for a time, followed ultimately by diminution of the sputa and by amendment. Dr. Christison states that he has repeatedly observed these results in *chronic catarrh;* and both he and Dr. Elliotson have obtained, in consumption, a decided improvement of the symptoms. The liquid in the inhaler may be formed either of water containing from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.) of chlorine water, or of chlorinated lime dissolved in forty parts of water, to which a drop or two of sulphuric acid must be added, each time the inhalation is practised. The inhaler should be placed in water heated to about 37·7° C. (100° F.).

AQUA CHLOROFORMI. U. S., Br. Chloroform Water.

(Ā'QUĄ ȻHLŌ-RO-FÖR'MĪ.)

Eau de Chloroforme, *Fr.;* Chloroformwasser, *G.*

"Chloroform, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Add enough Chloroform to a convenient quantity of Distilled Water, contained in a dark amber-colored bottle, to maintain a slight excess of the former, after the contents have been repeatedly and thoroughly agitated. When Chloroform Water is required for use, pour off the needed quantity of the solution, refill the bottle with Distilled Water and saturate it by thorough agitation, taking care that there be always an excess of Chloroform present." *U. S.*

"Take of Chloroform *one fluidrachm* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *twenty-five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Put them into a two-pint stoppered bottle, and shake them together until the Chloroform is entirely dissolved in the water." *Br.*

This water contains one-half per cent. of chloroform, and is probably fully saturated. Chloroform water has been proved to be an excellent vehicle for administering active remedies, and, owing to its antiseptic properties, mixtures having it for a basis resist decomposition longer than those made with ordinary water. The dose is from one-half to two fluidounces (15–60 C.c.).

AQUA CINNAMOMI. U. S., Br. Cinnamon Water.

(Ā'QUĄ CĬN-NĄ-MŌ'MĪ.)

Eau de Cannelle, *Fr.;* Einfaches Zimmtwasser, *G.*

"Oil of Cinnamon, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *four grammes* [or 61 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Oil of Cinnamon with the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, add the Distilled Water gradually, under continued trituration, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Cinnamon Bark, bruised, *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Of these processes, that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia is the easier, though the second, the British, may yield a sweeter product. On standing, cinnamon water is apt to precipitate, owing to the gradual oxidation and formation of cinnamic acid, which is comparatively insoluble in water; this can be prevented, according to E. Backhaus, by passing a stream of carbonic acid through the fresh water for a few minutes. We have never seen the precipitation successfully prevented, notwithstanding the application of numerous so-called preventives; these usually delay the precipitation, but in a few weeks' time the cloudiness due to the formation of minute crystals of cinnamic acid invariably appears. Cinnamon water is much used as a vehicle for other less agreeable medicines, but should be given cautiously in inflammatory affections. For ordinary purposes the U. S. preparation is sufficiently strong when diluted with an equal measure of water. Dr. E. Holmes recommends glycerin as an excellent intermedium between the oil of cinnamon and water. Ten drops of glycerin will effect the solution of a drop of the oil in a fluidounce of water.

AQUA CREOSOTI. U. S. Creosote Water.

(Ā'QUĄ CRĒ-Ǫ-SŌ'TĪ.)

Creasote; Eau créosotée, *Fr.;* Kreosotwasser, *G.*

"Creosote, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Distilled Water, *nine hundred and ninety cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 228 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Agitate the Creosote vigorously with the Distilled Water, and filter through a well-wetted filter." *U. S.*

This preparation contains 1 per cent., or about 4·8 minims, of creosote in each fluidounce, and affords a convenient method of administering that medicine. It is about the same strength as that formerly official. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·69–15 C.c.). It may also be used with advantage as a gargle, a lotion, or mixed with cataplasms, to correct *fetor*, and gently stimulate *indolent surfaces*.

AQUA DESTILLATA. U. S., Br. Distilled Water.

H_2O; 17·96. (Ā'QUĄ DĔS-TĮL-LĀ'TĄ.) H_2O; 18.

Eau distillée, Hydrolat simple, *Fr.;* Destillirtes Wasser, *G.*

"Water, *one thousand volumes* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms], To make *eight hundred volumes* [or about 27 fluidounces]. Distil the Water from a suitable apparatus provided with a block-tin or glass condenser. Collect the first *one hundred volumes* [or 3¼ fluidounces], and throw this portion away. Then collect *eight hundred volumes* [or 27 fluidounces], and keep the Distilled Water in glass-stoppered bottles, rinsed with hot distilled water immediately before being filled." *U. S.*

"Take of Water *ten gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil from a copper still, connected with a block-tin worm; reject the first half gallon, and preserve the next eight gallons." *Br.*

No natural water is sufficiently pure for certain pharmaceutical purposes; and hence the necessity of the above processes for its distillation. It is best to reject the first portion which comes over, as this may contain carbonic acid and other volatile impurities; and the last portion of the water ought not to be distilled, lest it should pass over with an empyreumatic taste. The distillation is usually performed with the ordinary still and worm; but, to avoid any impurity from the worm or the receiver, the condenser is directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia to be of block tin or glass. In the British formula the worm is ordered to be of block tin; and the same is undoubtedly contemplated in our official process, as the ordinary tin-coated sheet-iron, commonly called tin, would be wholly unfit for the purpose. Mr. Brande states that distilled water often derives from

the still a foreign flavor, which it is difficult to avoid. He therefore recommends that a still and condenser be kept exclusively for distilling water; or, where this cannot be done, that steam be driven through the worm for half an hour, for the purpose of steaming it out, before it is used, the worm-tub having been previously emptied. J. N. Hurty prefers well water as the source of distilled water, and that it be boiled before collecting the distillate, to get rid of ammonia, and, to prevent access and growth of spores, that the water be heated to boiling before introducing it into the container, and that it be drawn off by a siphon-tube reaching to the bottom of the vessel, the mouth of which is loosely stopped with cotton. (*Western Druggist*, 1887, p. 4.) Even the use of pure tin, which is generally considered unexceptionable, does not give perfect security against impurity, as water distilled from metallic alembics with the head and worm of this metal has a peculiar odor which it retains for some time. Ordinary distilled water invariably contains ammonia, as may be proved by adding a few drops of Nessler's reagent. (See p. 195.) In order to free distilled water from volatile nitrogenous bodies, it is necessary to redistil it after it has been placed in contact with potassium permanganate and caustic potash. After about one-twentieth of the water has come over, the distillate is usually free from ammonia, and leaves no residue on evaporation. If traces of ammonia remain, acid potassium sulphate is added, and it is redistilled. (*Stas.*)

Properties, etc. Distilled water, as usually obtained, has a vapid and disagreeable taste, and is not perfectly pure; water, to be rendered so, requiring to be distilled in silver vessels. The properties of pure water have already been given under the head of *Aqua*. Distilled water should undergo no change by hydrogen sulphide, or on the addition of tincture of soap, lead subacetate, barium chloride, ammonium oxalate, silver nitrate, or lime water. "The transparency of Distilled Water should not be affected, nor should any color be imparted to it, by test-solutions of hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide (absence of *metallic impurities*), or by those of barium chloride (*sulphates*), silver nitrate (*chlorides*), ammonium oxalate (*calcium*), or mercuric chloride (*ammonia*); nor should its transparency be affected when mixed with twice its volume of calcium hydrate test-solution (absence of *carbonic acid*). It should give no reaction for nitrates or nitrites when tested as described under Water (see *Aqua*). When 1000 C.c. of Distilled Water are evaporated on a water-bath to dryness, *no residue* should remain. On heating 100 C.c. of Distilled Water, acidulated with 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, to boiling, and subsequently adding 1 C.c. of potassium permanganate centinormal volumetric solution, the color of the liquid should not be completely destroyed by boiling for ten minutes, nor by afterwards setting the vessel aside, well covered, for ten hours (absence of *organic* or *other oxidizable matters*)." *U. S.* It is uselessly employed in some formulas, but is essential in others. "It gives only a faint yellow coloration when a solution of potassio-mercuric iodide is added to three or four fluidounces." *Br.* As a rule, when small quantities of active medicines are to be given in solution, and in the preparation of collyria, distilled water should be directed. The following list contains the chief substances which require distilled water as a solvent: tartar emetic, corrosive sublimate, silver nitrate, barium and calcium chlorides, lead acetate and subacetate, potassium permanganate, iron and zinc sulphates, quinine sulphate, morphine sulphate, hydrochlorate, and acetate, and, in general terms, all the alkaloids and their salts. Distilled water is used in preparing the official diluted acids, for absorbing gaseous ammonia, and for forming nearly all the official aqueous solutions.

AQUA FŒNICULI. U. S., Br. Fennel Water.

(Ā'QUẠ FŒ-NĬC'Ŭ-LĪ.)

Eau de Fenouil, *Fr.*; Fenchelwasser, *G.*

"Oil of Fennel, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Oil of Fennel with the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, add the Distilled Water gradually, under continued trituration, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Fennel Fruit, bruised, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Fennel water is a pleasant vehicle for other medicines, and useful when a mild aromatic is indicated. The process of the British Pharmacopœia, although more troublesome, furnishes a more delicate and agreeable water.

AQUA HYDROGENII DIOXIDI. U. S. Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide.

[Solution of Hydrogen Peroxide.]

(Ā'QUẠ HŸ-DRỌ-GĒ'NI-Ī DĪ-ŎX'I-DĪ.)

"A slightly acid, aqueous solution of Hydrogen Dioxide [$H_2O_2 = 33{\cdot}92$], containing, when freshly prepared, about 3 per cent., by weight, of the pure Dioxide, corresponding to about 10 volumes of available oxygen." *U. S.*

Oxygenized Water, Oxygen hydrate; Péroxide d'hydrogène, *Fr.;* Wasserstoff Hyperoxyd, *G.*

"Barium Dioxide, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 255 grains]; Phosphoric Acid, Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Pour *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces] of cold Distilled Water into a suitable bottle, add to it the Barium Dioxide in such a way that it shall not form lumps, and shake vigorously so that a uniform mixture may result. Provide suitable means of refrigeration, so that the bottle and contents may be kept at a temperature below 10° C. (50° F.), and shake it thoroughly every few minutes during half an hour. Afterwards, continuing the refrigeration, shake it occasionally, but vigorously, until the Dioxide has become fully hydrated, which may be recognized from the fact that only a small portion of the water separates from it on standing, and that it may be mixed with the separated water without great effort by shaking. Having introduced *ninety-six cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 118 minims] of Phosphoric Acid into a bottle having the capacity of about *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 4 pints], add to it *three hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 10½ fluidounces] of Distilled Water, cool the mixture, and remove *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims] as a reserved portion. Now add the well-mixed magma, in about four portions, to the acid liquid, and mix them intimately by vigorous and continuous shaking, cooling the bottle after each addition of magma. From time to time test the reaction of the liquid, and, when it becomes alkaline, add to it, cautiously, a little of the reserved Phosphoric Acid, until the liquid has again acquired an acid character. Repeat the agitation from time to time, and also the cautious addition of Phosphoric Acid, as long as the liquid becomes alkaline on prolonged, vigorous shaking. If necessary, a further quantity of Phosphoric Acid should be diluted with Distilled Water, in the proportion above given, and a portion of this liquid used for saturation. Having finally shaken the bottle again very thoroughly, and until the liquid part is neutral to litmus paper, set it aside until the precipitate occupies only about one-third of the volume of the contents, and pour the supernatant liquid upon a wetted, double, rapidly-acting, white filter, of a diameter of thirty centimeters [or 12 inches]. Then transfer the semi-liquid precipitate to the filter, rinse the bottle with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Distilled Water, transfer this to the filter, and when the liquid has drained off, wash the barium phosphate on the filter with Distilled Water, until the filtrate measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Now add to it, first, *twenty drops*, and afterwards, if necessary, further, smaller quantities of Diluted Sulphuric Acid, until a small portion of the liquid, after filtration (which may be assisted by a little starch), is no longer rendered cloudy by Diluted Sulphuric Acid. Mix the cloudy liquid with about *ten grammes* [or 154 grains] of starch by agitation, so that the starch may be thoroughly distributed throughout the liquid, and then filter it through a well-wetted, white filter of a diameter of twenty-five centimeters [or ten inches], returning the first portions until it runs through clear. When all the liquid has passed, ascertain the percentage of Hydrogen Dioxide contained in it by the method of assay given below, and dilute the remaining liquid if necessary, so that it will contain 3 per cent. of absolute Hydrogen Dioxide. Keep the product in loosely-stoppered bottles, in a cool place. Since Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide will gradually diminish in strength, even when carefully kept, it should either be freshly made when wanted, or be kept on hand only in such quantity as will probably be consumed within a short time. Any Solution which has become weaker need not, for this reason, be thrown away, but may be reserved for an occasion when a weaker or diluted solution is prescribed or demanded. Or it may be employed, when making a fresh supply, as a diluent of the stronger solution." *U. S.*

The extended use of this preparation, which was discovered by Thenard in 1818, has earned for it a place in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890. It consists of water in which, by the presenting to it of oxygen in a nascent state, an additional atom of this element has combined with the hydrogen, forming the dioxide, $(HO)_2$, or H_2O_2.

The official process consists in the decomposition of barium dioxide by phosphoric acid, barium phosphate being thrown down as a precipitate, hydrogen dioxide being found dis-

solved in the supernatant aqueous liquid; the barium phosphate is filtered out, and any trace of barium salt is finally removed by the cautious addition of sulphuric acid, which precipitates as insoluble barium sulphate; the very fine precipitate which usually passes through the pores of filter-paper is caught and held on the filter by the starch, and the clear solution is adjusted to contain 3 per cent. of absolute hydrogen dioxide by the official assay, which follows:

Valuation of Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide. Dilute 10 C.c. of the Solution with water to make 100 C.c. Transfer 17 C.c. of this liquid (containing 1·7 C.c. of the Solution) to a beaker, add 5 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, and then, from a burette, potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, until the liquid just retains a faint pink tint after being stirred. Each C.c. of the potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution corresponds to 0·0017 Gm. of absolute Hydrogen Dioxide. To express the strength of any Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide approximately in *volumes of available oxygen* (that is, in volumes of oxygen, given off by 1 volume of the Solution upon decomposition), multiply the number of C.c. of permanganate decinormal volumetric solution decolorized by 1 C.c. of the Solution, by 0·56 (0·5594); or those decolorized by 1·7 C.c. of the Solution, by 0·33. (It is assumed that 1000 C.c. of oxygen, at 0° C. (32° F.) and 760 Mm. pressure, weigh 1·43 Gm.) To express the strength in *percentage (by weight) of absolute Hydrogen Dioxide*, multiply the number of C.c. of permanganate decinormal volumetric solution decolorized by 1 C.c. of it, by 0·17; or divide the number of C.c. of permanganate volumetric solution decolorized by 1·7 C.c. of it, by 10.

For another method of preparing this Solution, see U. S. D., sixteenth edition, page 1887. The official Solution is strong enough for most practical uses, for, although it can readily be made stronger, the difficulties of preserving it largely increase with its increased strength, and hence the Committee of Revision wisely fixed the standard at *ten volumes of available oxygen.*

Properties. Solution of hydrogen dioxide was prepared by Regnault in a nearly pure state. As thus procured, it is a colorless liquid of a fluid consistence, of the sp. gr. 1·452, remaining liquid at zero, beginning to give out oxygen when heated above 15·5° C. (60° F.), and at a higher heat rapidly and sometimes explosively resolved into water and oxygen. But when diluted with water, with which it unites in all proportions,* it is not decomposed under 37·7° C. (100° F.). The great facility with which it parts with oxygen renders it a powerful oxidizer; and the simple contact with various substances, as platinum, gold, and silver, causes it to be resolved into oxygen and water. On the contrary, certain other substances, even though ordinarily evincing a strong affinity for oxygen, as phosphorus, for example, are unaffected by it, and there are a large number of bodies, as ammonia, hydrocyanic acid, tobacco, aconite, and most other narcotic substances, which have the property not only of being unaffected by it, but of restraining its oxidizing influence on other bodies.

The official Solution is described as "a colorless liquid, without odor, slightly acidulous to the taste, and producing a peculiar sensation and soapy froth in the mouth; liable to deteriorate by age, exposure to heat, or protracted agitation. Specific gravity, about 1·006 to 1·012 at 15° C. (59° F.). When exposed to the air at the ordinary temperature, or when heated on a water-bath at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), the solution loses chiefly water. When rapidly heated, it is liable to decompose suddenly. Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide has an acid reaction due to a small amount of free acid purposely allowed to remain in it for preservation. On adding to 10 C.c. of water, in a test-tube, 1 drop of potassium chromate test-solution, then 10 drops of diluted sulphuric acid, and pouring a few C.c. of ether on top, the subsequent addition of a few drops of Solution of Hydrogen Dioxide, even when considerably diluted, will cause a blue color to appear at the zone of contact of the two liquids. After shaking, the ethereal layer will separate with a blue color. Upon evaporating 50 C.c. of the Solution to dryness, on a water-bath, not more than 0·25 Gm. of residue should remain. Upon evaporating 50 C.c. of the Solution, previously rendered alkaline by sodium hydrate test-solution, to dryness, transferring the dry residue to a watch-glass, moistening it with sulphuric acid, and setting the glass in a moderately warm place for a few hours, the surface of the glass, after being washed, should exhibit no sign of corrosion (absence of *hydrofluoric acid*). 50 C.c. of the Solution should not require more than 0·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution to render the liquid alkaline, phenolphtalein being used as indicator (limit of *free acid*). The addition of a few drops of diluted sulphuric acid to 10 C.c.

* *Ozonic ether* is a name proposed for a solution of hydrogen peroxide in ether, which was first noticed by Dr. Richardson. Ether will take a portion of the peroxide from its watery solution, forming a compound of considerable stability, as it has borne a voyage to Australia without change. Care, however, must be taken to guard against the consequences of its extreme inflammability. (See *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 156.)

of the Solution should produce no turbidity or precipitate (absence of *barium*)." *U. S. Solution of hydrogen dioxide should be kept in a cool place, and not too tightly stoppered.* Neglect of these precautions, particularly in hot weather, will be likely to result in an explosion and fracture of the bottle containing it, due to a brisk evolution of oxygen in a confined space on account of the increased temperature.

Medical Properties and Uses. Many years ago, Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, pointed out that hydrogen peroxide is a powerful physiological agent, which when brought in contact with most animal tissues, or with sugar or starch, acts as an oxidizant. He stated that when injected into the left cavity of the heart of an animal it restores recently-lost irritability, but that it has an opposite effect in the right cavity; also, that when thrown into the artery immediately after death it restores for a time the contractile power of the muscles, and suspends cadaveric rigidity. It does not, however, seem to be of value for affecting the general system, as it was found in the experiments of Dr. H. C. Wood to coagulate blood so rapidly when put into the blood-vessel that it does not seem possible for it to find entrance into the blood. Nevertheless it has been used internally in low *fevers* and *whooping-cough*, and various other diseases, and has been strongly lauded by Dr. John Day (*London Lancet*, Jan. 1868) and others as a positive cure in *diabetes*. Further experience has demonstrated, however, its inutility in *glycosuria*. It is extremely improbable that any of the peroxide can find its way into the system when its solutions are given by the mouth, as it would certainly destroy itself by acting upon the organic contents and secretions of the gastro-intestinal tract.

When hydrogen peroxide is brought in contact with mucous membranes or ulcerated surfaces, albuminous coagulation is immediate, with the formation of a white coating and a rapid evolution of gas. It is a very powerful antiseptic, which has been found by various experimenters, especially Dr. Pane (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Jan. 1891) to be extremely poisonous to pathogenic germs. The conclusions of Dr. Pane were that (1) Hydrogen peroxide in a solution of 1 to 100 has an energetic disinfecting power. (2) The solution 1 to 1000 is a weak antiseptic, and inferior to the corresponding solution of corrosive sublimate. The solution of H_2O_2, in nutritive substances, 1 to 352, not only impedes the development but after some days kills the spores of the bacillus of charbon. (3) The solution of H_2O_2, in nutritive substances, from 1 to 352 to 5052, impedes the development of the spores of the bacilli of charbon, but does not deprive them of their germinative power when they are transferred to another nutritive substance. Thus, oxygenated water in nutritive substances has a more powerful action on the spores of the bacillus of charbon than has corrosive sublimate, since the spores can develop freely in a solution of gelatin of 1 to 1000 of the mercurial.

On account of its oxidizing properties, it is a powerful deodorant, rapidly destroying hydrogen sulphide and similar gases. When hydrogen peroxide is brought in contact with pus, rapid change occurs, with evolution of oxygen gas, and Dr. Pane found under the microscope that so soon as charged with gas the corpuscles become granular, lose their form, and break up into detritus.*

Its liquid form makes it especially adapted for putrid cavities and abscesses, which it will thoroughly cleanse. It cannot, however, take the place of such antiseptics as mercuric chloride, because its influence is so immediate and fugacious. As a preventive antiseptic it is of little value. For disinfecting the hands and instruments of the surgeon it has the great advantage of immediate and powerful action, and of not staining the hands or clothing. By some surgeons it is said not to affect the instruments.

As a local application in specific *inflammations of mucous membranes* hydrogen peroxide is of greatest value. In *scarlet fever* and *diphtheria* the official Solution may be applied by mop to the pharynx, often with extraordinarily good results. Diluted one-half, it may be injected into the nasal cavities when they are affected. Injection of a solution of from 20 per cent. to full strength has received commendation in the treatment of *gonorrhœa* and *chancre*. The official Solution has also been used with alleged great success as a local styptic. It is probably for practical purposes free from poisonous properties. The fatal results which Dr. Pane pro-

* *Ozone.* It has been proposed to use ozone as a means of disinfecting air, but in an elaborate study Prof. Sonntag (*Zeitschrift für Hygiene*, Bd. viii., S. 95) found that unless the ozone were present in the proportion of 13·53 milligrammes per liter no effect upon the life of pathogenetic organisms in the air could be detected; and even when in this strength it was extremely irregular and uncertain in its influence. This is also in accord with results reached by M. Herman (*Ann. de la Soc. Méd.-Chir. de Liège*, July, 1892), who found that ozone is of no value as a practical disinfectant, air containing it becoming irrespirable long before the strength was sufficient to affect the lower forms of life.

duced by injecting the strong solution directly into the peritoneal cavity of the rabbit being, in all probability, due to the shock produced by the intense local irritation of the peritoneum. Death from shock also affords the most plausible explanation of the case reported by Dr. Laach (*Lancet*, Oct. 1886), in which six injections into the pleural cavity, each containing 0·8 cubic centimeter of a 3-per-cent. solution of hydrogen peroxide, were administered, but at the seventh the patient complained of faintness, the pulse failed, respiration became oppressed, and death occurred in ten minutes. As a local application to mucous membranes, the official solution should be used; the stronger solutions are sometimes too irritating.

Solution of hydrogen dioxide has come to be a common commercial preparation in 10- or 15-per-cent. aqueous solutions. It is used for the purpose of cleaning and bleaching old and stained engravings and oil paintings. The dioxide has also been used as an auricome for bleaching dark-colored hair. It is employed, moreover, in increasing degree in the textile industries for bleaching. Lunge has proposed its use in the ready valuation of chlorinated lime or bleaching powder, which is decomposed by it with the simultaneous liberation of oxygen from both substances in equal amount. It has been detected by M. Struvé, of St. Petersburg, in minute proportion, in the air of the atmosphere in Southern Russia. (*Chem. News*, July 2, 1869, p. 23.) Schönbein has made the same discovery in the vicinity of Basel, in Switzerland. In both instances it was found in the rain water. (*Neues Repertorium*, 1869, xviii. 364.)

AQUA LAURO-CERASI. Br. Cherry-Laurel Water.

(Ā'QUA LÂU'RŌ–ÇĚR'Ą-SĪ.)

Eau distillée de Laurier-cerise, *Fr.;* Kirschlorbeerwasser, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Leaves of Cherry Laurel *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Water *two pints and a half* [Imperial measure]. Chop the leaves, crush them in a mortar, introduce them with the water into a retort, and distil one pint of liquid. Shake the product, filter through paper, and adjust the strength of the finished product either by addition of hydrocyanic acid or by diluting the distillate with distilled water, so that 810 grains of it tested as described in the process for diluted hydrocyanic acid shall require 150 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of nitrate of silver to be added, before a permanent precipitate begins to form, which corresponds to 0·1 per cent. of real hydrocyanic acid." *Br.*

As the cherry-laurel is little cultivated in the United States, the Water is not official; but from experiments by the late Prof. Procter there is little or no room to doubt that a preparation identical in its effects might be made from the leaves of our common wild cherry, *Cerasus serotina.* The imported cherry-laurel water, as found in commerce, is generally impaired by age, and not to be relied on.

A. Ripping, of Rotterdam, proposes to make an artificial cherry-laurel water by adding 6 grammes of oil of cherry-laurel and 4·5 grammes of potassium cyanide to a half-liter of water, and distilling the mixture in a tubulated retort, a current of carbonic acid gas being passed through it at the same time. The distillate is afterwards diluted with distilled water so as to contain one-tenth per cent. of hydrocyanic acid. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1876, pp. 526–531.)

In a former edition of the Dispensatory it was stated that the best plan of preparing this water is "to thoroughly bruise the leaves, and, having mixed them with at least three times their weight of water, to allow the mixture to stand at a temperature of about 86° F. for at least twelve hours, so that opportunity may be given for those reactions by which the hydrocyanic acid is produced, and then to distil them by means of a current of steam. Without the preliminary maceration the distillation by steam does not afford a satisfactory result; but properly performed, it yields the largest possible product. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1861, p. 15; and Juin, 1864, p. 523.)" More recent investigations have, however, thrown great doubt upon this statement. Cherry-laurel leaves contain 65 per cent. of water, sufficient to provoke the reactions which result in the formation of a volatile oil and hydrocyanic acid. Water is very prone to hasten the conversion of the volatile oil into benzoic acid by oxidation, and it has been found by Mr. C. Umney (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 467) and by Dr. Moore (*Ibid.*, 604) that the water distilled without previous maceration is somewhat stronger in hydrocyanic acid and decidedly stronger in oil (Umney) than the official product. The strength of official cherry-laurel water is so uncertain as to render it ineligible. It ought to be a powerful preparation, about one-twentieth the strength of the official hydrocyanic acid (Br. Ph.), and yet in commerce it varies as 53 to 100 (Umney). The difference depends upon the age of the preparation, the mode of preparing, and the time of year at which the leaves are gathered. M. Garot (*Annuaire de*

Thérap., 1843, p. 45) has found that the leaves yield only half as much in July as in April. Mr. C. Umney obtained 1·26 grains of acid in 1000 grains in March, in July 1·08 grains, and in November 0·64 gr. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 468.) Dr. Moore, in an elaborate series of experiments, obtained the largest product in July of one year and in October of the next. Mr. Leger (*Ibid.*, June, 1873) has found the maximum percentage in July, and also that different leaves taken from the same bush on the same day vary enormously, young leaves being much richer than old ones. It is evidently impossible to get a uniform cherry-laurel water, except by following the plan of the French Codex* of testing the product and bringing it to a definite uniform strength; in the French Codex this is 50 milligrammes of acid to a cubic centimeter. The proportion of hydrocyanic acid in the Water diminishes with time. It has been ascertained by M. Deschamps that if a drop of sulphuric acid be added to a pint of the preparation it will keep unchanged for at least a year. It is best preserved by the entire exclusion of air and light. M. Lepage found that, preserved in full and perfectly air-tight bottles, both this and bitter-almond water remained unchanged at the end of a year; while if freely exposed to the air, they lost all their hydrocyanic acid and essential oil in two or three months. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xvi. 346.) In view of the uncertain strength of the Water as obtained from the leaves, it was proposed in France, in reference to the Codex then in preparation, to fix upon a definite proportion of hydrocyanic acid; and the percentage generally adopted was from 0·04 to 0·05. Dr. W. H. Pile proposed an easy volumetric method for estimating the hydrocyanic acid strength of cherry-laurel and bitter-almond waters, as well as of other liquids containing this acid. (See *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 130.)

Medical Properties. Cherry-laurel water is employed in Europe as a sedative narcotic, identical in its properties with a dilute solution of hydrocyanic acid; but it is of uncertain strength, and should not be allowed to supersede the more definite preparation of the acid now in use. Its fraudulent use in Paris in the preparation of a cordial, in imitation of the genuine cherry cordial, made by fermentation and distillation, and like it called "*kirsch*," has been the subject of no little reprobation. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 33, 1865.) The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

AQUA MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ. U. S., Br. Peppermint Water.

(Ā'QUA MĔN'THÆ PĪ-PĔ-RĪ'TÆ.)

Eau de Menthe poivrée, *Fr.;* Pfefferminzwasser, *G.*

"Oil of Peppermint, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Oil of Peppermint with the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, add the Distilled Water gradually, under constant trituration, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Peppermint *one fluidrachm and a half;* Water *one gallon and a half* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

* The following conclusions in reference to cherry-laurel water were arrived at by a committee of pharmaceutists in Paris, appointed to examine the subject of the distilled waters with a view to the revision of the Codex. 1. The whole of the volatile oil and hydrocyanic acid furnished by cherry-laurel leaves results from a reaction between two substances analogous to the emulsin and amygdalin of bitter almonds, which can take place only in the presence of water. 2. The quantity of volatile oil furnished by the leaves is always in direct relation to that of hydrocyanic acid. 3. The leaves furnish, by mere contact for twenty-four hours with cold water, only one-third of the quantity which they can be made to yield. 4. The fermentable matter of the leaves is liable to change, so that the leaves, after being picked, afford less and less of the acid the longer they are kept; and a moist heat favors change, so that complete decomposition takes place in a few hours. 5. Difference in climate, soil, exposure to the sun, and age of the tree, have but a secondary influence on the productiveness of the leaves. 6. The season of the year, however, has a great influence. The younger the leaf, the greater is its yield; so that, while 0·150 per cent. of the acid was obtained from the forming leaves in spring, those of the autumn yielded only 0·132, those of the winter 0·120, and leaves two years old gave only 0·112. 7. Different plants, under apparently the same circumstances, differ greatly in productiveness, so that 0·176 per cent. was obtained from the most productive, and only 0·092 from the least so. 8. The distillation by steam yields the greatest possible product. The committee, therefore, propose the adoption of this method, the bruised leaves having been previously mixed with at least three times their weight of water, and exposed to a gradually increasing heat, not to exceed 140° F., when all reaction ceases. 9. Bruising is the best method of comminuting the leaves. 10. As it is impossible to obtain a Water always identical from the leaves, the committee propose to fix a definite strength, and state that the proportion generally adopted is from 0·040 per cent. of acid as the minimum to 0·050 or one-twentieth of one per cent. as the maximum, which is only one-half the strength proposed for bitter-almond water. 11. Though a change rapidly takes place in this and bitter-almond water exposed to the air, yet in bottles full, and perfectly closed by glass stoppers, the change at the end of a year is scarcely perceptible; and this observation applies to the distilled waters in general. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1864, p. 520.)

AQUA MENTHÆ VIRIDIS. U. S., Br. Spearmint Water.

(Ā'QUẠ MĔN'THÆ VĬR'Ị-DĬS.)

Eau de Menthe verte, *Fr.*

"Oil of Spearmint, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Triturate the Oil of Spearmint with the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, add the Distilled Water gradually, under constant trituration, and filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Spearmint *one fluidrachm and a half;* Water *one gallon and a half* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The two mint waters are among the most grateful and most employed of this class of preparations. Together with cinnamon water, they are used in this country, almost to the exclusion of all others, as the vehicle of medicines given in the form of mixture. They serve not only to conceal or qualify the taste of other medicines, but also to counteract their nauseating properties. Peppermint water is generally thought to have a more agreeable flavor than that of spearmint, but some prefer the latter. Their effects are the same.

AQUA PIMENTÆ. Br. Pimento Water.

(Ā'QUẠ PĪ-MĔN'TÆ.)

"Take of Pimento, bruised, 14 ounces [av.]; Water 2 gallons [Imp. meas.]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Pimento water is an agreeable aromatic water, used as a vehicle.

AQUA ROSÆ. U. S., Br. Rose Water.

(Ā'QUẠ RŌ'ṢÆ.)

Eau distillée de Rose, *Fr.;* **Rosenwasser,** *G.*

"Stronger Rose Water, Distilled Water, of each, *one volume* [or 1 pint]. Mix them immediately before use." *U. S.*

"Take of Fresh Petals of the Hundred-leaved Rose *ten pounds* [avoirdupois] (or an equivalent quantity of the petals preserved while fresh with common salt); Water *five gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Although domestic rose water of fair quality may be made by distilling fresh rose petals, it does not possess the strength or delicacy of the by-product obtained from abroad, as officially described under *Aqua Rosæ Fortior;* hence the above process of diluting this stronger rose water. The British Pharmacopœia retains the process of distilling the fresh petals of the hundred-leaved rose. These are usually preferred in the recent state; but it is said that, when preserved by being incorporated with one-third of their weight of common salt, they retain their odor, and afford a water equally fragrant with that prepared from the fresh flower. Indeed, Mr. Haselden prefers the salted roses, believing that the water prepared from them is less mucilaginous, less apt to become sour, and keeps its odor better than that prepared from the fresh flowers. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 15.) It is not uncommon to employ the whole flower, including the calyx; but the product is less fragrant than when the petals only are used, as officially directed.* Rose water is sometimes made by distilling together water and the oil of

* A. Monthus states that the petals of the hundred-leaved rose are more odorous the nearer they are to the centre of the flower, and, contrary to what is said in the text, thinks that the calyx should not be rejected in preparing the distilled water. He maintains that so far from injuring the product it in fact contributes to its preservation, and that the water obtained from the whole flower is less liable to that mucosity which is the commencement of decomposition. This effect he ascribes to the astringent matter of the calyx, coagulating the mucilaginous matter of the petals, and preventing it from passing over in the distillation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1863, p. 497.)

Milk of Roses. In making this cosmetic it is essential to produce an emulsion which, if it separates after long repose, may be restored by slight agitation. Although other perfumes may be, and are, commonly added to it, the scent of roses should predominate and form its characteristic odor. There are three varieties, the English, French, and German. The latter variety should never be employed as a cosmetic, on account of its containing lead.

English. Almonds (blanched) 1½ ounces; Oil of Almonds and White Windsor Soap, of each, 1 drachm; Rose Water ⅔ pint. Make an emulsion; to the strained emulsion add a mixture of Essence or Spirit of Roses ½ fluidrachm; Alcohol 2½ fluidounces; and subsequently of Rose Water q. s. to make the whole measure one pint; more alcohol is apt to cause the separation of the ingredients. Some makers add a few drops of oil of bergamot, with two or three drops each of oil of lavender and otto of roses, dissolved in the alcohol.

Or, Oil of Almonds and White Windsor Soap, of each, 1 ounce; Salts of Tartar ½ drachm; Boiling Water ¼ pint. Triturate, and subsequently agitate until perfectly united. When cold, further add Alcohol 2 fluidounces; Spirit of Roses a few drops; Rose Water q. s. to make the whole measure a pint.

French. Tincture of Benzoin (simple) ½ fluidounce; Tincture of Styrax ¼ fluidounce; Spirit of Roses 1 to 2

rose. This is best performed by dropping 10 drops of oil of rose on a sponge and adjusting it in the upper part of a still in the body of which a gallon of water is placed: the steam from the boiling water will carry over portions of the oil, and the distillate will thus be impregnated.

When properly prepared, it has the delightful perfume of the rose in great perfection. It is most successfully made on a large scale. Like the other distilled waters, it is liable to spoil when kept; and the alcohol which is sometimes added to preserve it is incompatible with some of the purposes to which the water is applied, and is even said to render it sour through acetous fermentation. It is best, therefore, to avoid this addition, and to substitute a second distillation. This distilled water is chiefly employed, on account of its agreeable odor, in collyria and other lotions. It is wholly destitute of irritating properties, unless it contain alcohol.

AQUA ROSÆ FORTIOR. U. S. Stronger Rose Water. [Triple Rose Water.]

(Ā'QUẠ RŌ'ṢÆ FÖR'TI-ỌR.)

Aqua Rosæ, *U. S.* 1880.

"Water saturated with the volatile oil of Rose petals, obtained as a by-product in the distillation of Oil of Rose. Stronger Rose Water should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

This has been introduced for the purpose of making rose water. (See article next above.)

"Stronger Rose Water should be colorless and clear, not mucilaginous, and give no reaction with hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*)." *U. S.*

AQUA SAMBUCI. Br. Elder-Flower Water.

(Ā'QUẠ SĂM-BŪ'CĪ.)

"Take of fresh Elder Flowers, separated from the stalks, *ten pounds* [avoirdupois] (or an equivalent quantity of the flowers preserved while fresh with common salt); Water *five gallons* [Imperial measure]. Distil one gallon [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Elder flowers yield very little oil upon distillation; and, if the water be needed, it may be best prepared from the flowers. Mr. Haselden prefers the salted flowers to the fresh, for the reason stated under Rose Water. The preparation is little used in this country.

ARGENTI CYANIDUM. U. S. Silver Cyanide.

Ag CN; 133·64. (ĂR-ĢĚN'TĪ CȲ-ĂN'I-DŬM.) Ag CN; 133·7.

Cyanuret of Silver; Argentum Cyanatum; Cyanure d'Argent, *Fr.*; Cyansilber, *G.*

A process for preparing this salt is no longer official. Below may be found that of the U. S. P. 1870.*

In the process of 1870 all the silver contained in a given weight of silver nitrate, placed in a receiver in solution, is converted into cyanide by hydrocyanic acid, produced from potassium ferrocyanide by the action of sulphuric acid, $AgNO_3 + HCN = HNO_3 + AgCN$. The materials in the retort are sufficient to produce a little more hydrocyanic acid than is necessary to convert the whole of the silver in the receiver into cyanide; so that the complete decomposition of the silver nitrate is insured. Silver cyanide should be kept in dark amber-colored vials, protected from light.

According to Messrs. Glassford and Napier, the best way of obtaining silver cyanide is to add potassium cyanide to a solution of silver nitrate so long as a precipitate is formed.

Properties. Silver cyanide is "a white powder, without odor or taste, permanent in dry air, but gradually turning brown on exposure to light. Insoluble in water, alcohol, or cold

fluidrachms; Alcohol 2½ fluidounces. Mix, and add gradually, with agitation, Rose Water 16½ fluidounces. Augustin recommends the addition of a little potassium carbonate (say 1 drachm to the pint) when it is intended to be used as a lotion in acne.

Or, Tincture of Benzoin (simple) 1 fluidrachm; Tincture of Balsam of Peru 20 drops; Rose Water ½ pint. The addition of an ounce of alcohol, in lieu of a like quantity of rose water, improves it.

German. Dilute solution of Lead Diacetate, ½ fluidounce; Lavender Water 2 fluidrachms; Alcohol 2½ fluidounces; Rose Water ¾ of a pint. Mix and agitate.

* "Take of Nitrate of Silver, Ferrocyanide of Potassium, each, *two troyounces*; Sulphuric Acid *a troyounce and a half*; Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Nitrate of Silver in a pint of Distilled Water, and pour the solution into a tubulated glass receiver. Dissolve the Ferrocyanide of Potassium in ten fluidounces of Distilled Water, and pour the solution into a tubulated retort, previously adapted to the receiver. Having mixed the Sulphuric Acid with four fluidounces of Distilled Water, add the mixture to the solution in the retort, and distil, by means of a sand-bath, with a moderate heat, until six fluidounces have passed over, or until the distillate no longer produces a precipitate in the receiver. Lastly, wash the precipitate with Distilled Water, and dry it." *U. S.* 1870.

nitric acid, but soluble in boiling nitric acid with evolution of hydrocyanic acid; also soluble in ammonia water and in solution of sodium hyposulphite or of potassium cyanide. When heated, the salt fuses, gives off cyanogen gas, and, on ignition, leaves a residue of metallic silver, amounting to 80·56 per cent. of its original weight." *U. S.*

Its best solvent is potassium cyanide. It has no medical uses, but is official solely for the purpose of making Hydrocyanic Acid.

ARGENTI IODIDUM. U. S. Silver Iodide.

Ag I; 234·19. (ĂR-ĢĔN′TĪ Ī-ŎD′Ĭ-DŬM.) Ag I; 234·3.

This official salt may be readily prepared by adding a solution of potassium iodide to one of silver nitrate, and washing and drying the precipitate, which should be kept in dark amber-colored vials, protected from light.

According to the experiments of M. Fizeau, it has the remarkable property of contracting with heat and expanding with cold, differing in this respect from the chlorides and bromides of the same metal, and the iodides of other metals. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1867, p. 435.) This appears, however, to be only a partial truth, the iodide having three allotropic forms and a point of maximum density at about 116° C. (240·8° F.). See paper by G. F. Rodwell, in *Chem. News*, xx. 288; xxi. 14. The Pharmacopœia describes it as "a heavy, amorphous, light yellowish powder, unaltered by light, if pure, but generally becoming somewhat greenish-yellow, and having neither odor nor taste. Insoluble in water, alcohol, diluted acids, or in solution of ammonium carbonate, but soluble in about 2500 parts of stronger ammonia water. It is also dissolved by an aqueous solution of potassium cyanide, and by a concentrated solution of potassium iodide, and the resulting solutions yield a black precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution or ammonium sulphide test-solution. When heated to about 400° C. (752° F.), the salt melts to a dark-red liquid, which, on cooling, congeals to a soft, yellow, slightly transparent mass. When mixed with ammonia water, it turns white, but regains its yellowish color upon being washed with water. If a small quantity of chlorine water be agitated with an excess of the salt, the filtrate acquires a dark-blue color on the addition of starch test-solution. If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be digested for five minutes with 10 C.c. of a cold 15-per-cent. solution of ammonium carbonate, the filtrate, when supersaturated with nitric acid, should not be rendered more than faintly opalescent (absence of *chloride*). On digesting a portion of the salt—which has been found to be free from chloride, or from which the latter has been completely removed by repeated digestion with ammonium carbonate—for five minutes with 10 C.c. of ammonia water, and supersaturating the filtrate with nitric acid, only a slight opalescence, but no yellowish-white precipitate, should be produced (absence of *bromide*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Dr. Chas. Patterson, of Dublin, states that this salt possesses the general medical properties of nitrate of silver, and may be used without any danger of producing discoloration of the skin, but in the latter assertion he is probably incorrect. The dose is one or two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), three times a day, given in the form of pill.

ARGENTI NITRAS. U. S., Br. Silver Nitrate.

$AgNO_3$; 169·55. (ĂR-ĢĔN′TĪ NĪ′TRĂS.) $AgNO_3$; 169·7.

Nitrate of Silver, Lunar Caustic; Argentum Nitricum Crystallisatum, *P. G.;* Azotas (Nitras) Argenticus; Azotate d'Argent, Nitre lunaire, *Fr.;* Salpetersaures Silberoxyd, Silbersalpeter, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia does not give a process for making this salt.* The British process is as follows. "Take of Refined Silver *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *two and a half fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Add the Nitric Acid and the Water to the Silver in a flask, and apply a gentle heat till the metal is dissolved. Decant the clear liquor from any black powder which may be present, into a porcelain dish, evaporate, and set aside to crystallize; pour off the liquor, and again evaporate

* The U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1870, gave the following. "Take of Silver, in small pieces, *two troyounces;* Nitric Acid *two troyounces and a half;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Acid with a fluidounce of Distilled Water in a porcelain capsule, add the Silver to the mixture, cover it with an inverted glass funnel, resting within the edge of the capsule, and apply a gentle heat until the metal is dissolved, and red vapors cease to be produced; then remove the funnel, and, increasing the heat, evaporate the solution to dryness. Melt the dry mass, and continue the heat, stirring constantly with a glass rod, until free nitric acid is entirely dissipated. Dissolve the melted salt, when cold, in six fluidounces of Distilled Water, allow the insoluble matter to subside, and decant the clear solution. Mix the residue with a fluidounce of Distilled Water, filter through paper, and, having added the filtrate to the decanted solution, evaporate the liquid until a pellicle begins to form, and set it aside in a warm place to crystallize. Lastly, drain the crystals in a glass funnel until dry, and preserve them in a well-stopped bottle. By evaporating the mother-water, more crystals may be obtained." *U. S.*

and crystallize. Let the crystals drain in a glass funnel, and dry them by exposure to the air, carefully avoiding the contact of all organic substances. To obtain the nitrate in rods, fuse the crystals in a capsule of platinum or thin porcelain, and pour the melted salt into proper moulds. Nitrate of Silver must be preserved in bottles carefully stoppered." *Br.* "To form toughened nitrate of silver or toughened caustic add 5 parts of nitrate of potassium to 95 parts of the nitrate of silver before fusion." *Br.* (See *Argenti Nitras Dilutus*, and *Argenti Nitras Fusus*, p. 222.)

The two formulas are essentially the same; but that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1870, is more detailed and precise, with two peculiarities which deserve notice. One of these is the direction to cover the materials in the capsule, during the continuance of the reaction, with a glass funnel. This is in order to economize the nitric acid, a portion of which rises in vapor, and, being condensed on the inner surface of the funnel, falls again into the capsule. The second peculiarity is the fusion of the salt before being dissolved. This would, from the phraseology of the directions, appear to have been intended to get rid of any uncombined nitric acid which might remain in the dry salt. But the effect is to decompose any copper nitrate that might have been derived from the silver, which, if coin be employed, always contains copper. The heat decomposes the copper nitrate, and the comparatively insoluble oxide is formed, which remains on the filter when the mass is subsequently dissolved in water and filtered, the silver nitrate not being decomposed by the heat used.

During the solution of silver in nitric acid, part of the acid is decomposed and nitric oxide is given off, which becomes red by contact with the atmosphere, and the oxygen oxidizes the silver. This is taken up by the remainder of the acid, and produces silver nitrate in solution, which, by due evaporation, furnishes crystals of the salt. The silver should be pure, and the acid diluted for the purpose of promoting its action. If the silver contain copper, the solution will have a greenish tint, not disappearing on the application of heat; and if a minute portion of gold be present, it will be left undissolved as a black powder. The acid also should be pure. The commercial nitric acid, as it frequently contains both hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, should never be used. The hydrochloric acid gives rise to an insoluble chloride, and the sulphuric, to the sparingly soluble silver sulphate.* For an account of the manufacture of silver nitrate on a large scale, see *Druggists' Circular*, 1887, p. 3.

Properties. Silver nitrate is in "colorless, transparent, tabular, rhombic crystals, becoming gray or grayish-black on exposure to light in presence of organic matter, odorless, having a bitter, caustic, and strongly metallic taste and a neutral reaction. Soluble at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·6 part of water, and in 26 parts of alcohol; in 0·1 part of boiling water, and in 5 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated to about 200° C. (392° F.), the salt melts, forming a faintly yellow liquid, which, on cooling, congeals to a pure white, crystalline mass. At a higher temperature it is gradually decomposed with evolution of nitrous vapors." *U. S.* The solution stains the skin an indelible black color, and is itself discolored by the most minute portion of organic matter, for which it forms a delicate test. The affinity of this salt for animal matter is evinced by its forming definite compounds with albumen and fibrin. The solution also stains linen and muslin in a similar manner; and hence its use in making the so-called indelible ink. To remove these stains, Mr. W. B. Herapath advises to let fall on the moistened spots a few drops of tincture of iodine, which converts the silver into silver iodide. The iodide is then dissolved by a solution of sodium hyposulphite, made with half a drachm to a fluidounce of water, or by a moderately dilute solution of caustic potassa, and the spots are washed out with warm water. They are taken out also by a solution of two and a half drachms of potassium cyanide, and fifteen grains of iodine, in three fluidounces of water. Stains on the skin may be removed by the same reagents. Dr. H. Kraetzer recommends, instead of potassium cyanide, a solution of 10 parts sal ammoniac and 10 parts corrosive sublimate in 100 parts of water, with which the stains are said to be removed readily from the hands, and from linen, wool, and cotton without injuring the fabric. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1880, p. 52.) Silver nitrate is incompatible with almost all spring and river water, on account of a little common salt usually contained in it; with soluble chlorides; with sulphuric, hydrosulphuric, hydrochloric, and tartaric acids, and their salts; with the alkalies and their carbonates; with

* It is desirable that pure silver, free from copper, should be used in this process. As silver coin always contains copper, it should be purified before being employed. For this purpose, according to the method of M. Lienau, it should be dissolved in nitric acid, and the solution precipitated by chlorine water, which throws down the silver only in the form of chloride. The precipitate is to be well washed with chlorine water, then dissolved in solution of ammonia, and precipitated by clean copper wire. The silver is deposited as a black powder, which, when washed with solution of ammonia, is perfectly pure. (See *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 368.)

lime water; and with astringent infusions. It is sometimes improperly prescribed in pill with tannic acid, by which it is decomposed. Silver nitrate is an anhydrous salt, consisting of one atom of silver, combined with the monatomic group characteristic of nitric acid.

Impurities and Tests. Hydrochloric acid or a solution of sodium chloride, added in excess to one of silver nitrate, should throw down the whole of the silver as a white curdy precipitate darkening on exposure to light, and nothing besides. This precipitate should be entirely soluble in ammonia. If not so, the insoluble part is probably lead chloride. If the supernatant liquid, after the removal of the precipitate, be discolored or precipitated by hydrogen sulphide, the fact shows the presence of metallic matter, which is probably copper or some remains of lead, or both. The solution, after precipitation by hydrochloric acid and filtration, should leave no residue when evaporated. A piece of the salt, heated on charcoal by the blow-pipe, melts, deflagrates, and leaves behind a whitish metallic coating. After all, the best sign of the purity of silver nitrate is the characteristic appearance of the crystals. "An aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and yields, with hydrochloric acid, a white precipitate, which is readily dissolved, without color (absence of *copper*), by ammonia water. If 5 C.c. of a 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt be mixed with 20 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, and heated to boiling, no turbidity should be perceptible (absence of *lead*). If another portion of the aqueous solution be completely precipitated by hydrochloric acid, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness, no residue should be left (absence of *foreign salts*). 0·34 (0·3391) Gm. of Silver Nitrate, dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, should require, for complete precipitation, 20 C.c. of sodium chloride decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. When silver nitrate in a pure state is brought in contact with a living tissue, it acts as an escharotic. Owing to the formation of a dense film of coagulated albumen, the depth of its action is very limited; the albuminous coating is at first white, but soon becomes blackish, owing to the reduction of the silver. The solution of the salt is, if not too strong, a local stimulant and astringent, and is very largely employed (grs. xx to f℥i) in ordinary *angina*, or more concentrated (grs. xxx to f℥i) in *diphtheria*, and is also used in *inflammations of the urethral and conjunctival mucous membranes;* for the latter purpose the strength should usually not exceed one or two grains to the ounce. As a counter-irritant, stimulant, and alterative, or an escharotic in various *external ulcerations*, morbid growths, etc., silver nitrate finds a very wide use. It is largely employed, also, internally in *inflammations* and *ulcerations* of the *alimentary tract*, such as *subacute gastritis*, *pyrosis*, *ulcer of the stomach*, *chronic diarrhœa*, *catarrh of the gall-ducts*, etc. In all stomachic diseases it should be given half an hour before eating, so as to reach as thoroughly as possible the gastric mucous membrane. Dr. Boudin, of Marseilles, employed it in *typhoid fever*, and Prof. Wm. Pepper has followed the practice with asserted brilliant results. As it has been found in all the tissues of the body, it is undoubtedly absorbed. It is soluble in peptones, and is probably so taken up, although some believe that it is converted in the stomach into a soluble double chloride with sodium or potassium. It is never used in practical medicine to produce an acute impression on the general system, but was at one time much employed as a slowly acting alterative in certain nervous affections, especially *epilepsy* and *chronic spinal inflammation*, such as *locomotor ataxia*, *spasmodic tabes*, *tabes dorsalis*, etc., but this method of treatment has about passed out of vogue. The occasional production of a slate-colored discoloration of the skin is a great drawback to the long-continued use of the nitrate, but it probably never occurs under a course of the remedy of less than two months. It affects also the mucous membrane, and, according to Dr. Branson (confirmed by Dr. Wm. Pepper), an indication of the approach of discoloration is furnished by the occurrence of a dark-blue line on the edges of the gums, very similar to that produced by lead, but somewhat darker. When once produced, the discoloration seems to be permanent, although Dr. L. P. Yandell has reported two cases in which the discoloration of the skin disappeared during a course of potassium iodide. (*N. R.*, July, 1873.)

The dose of silver nitrate (crystals) is the fourth of a grain (0·016 Gm.), gradually increased to half a grain (0·03 Gm.), three times a day. For internal exhibition, the physician should always prescribe the crystals, and never direct the fused nitrate, which may not be pure. Silver nitrate should always be given in pill, as the solution is decomposed by the liquids of the mouth. It should not be made up into pill with crumb of bread, as this contains common salt, but with some vegetable powder and mucilage, preferably powdered sugar of milk with an excipient of glucose. But, as all organic substances decompose it more or less, M. Vée proposes the use of inorganic matter, such as nitre, or preferably pure silica obtained by pre-

cipitating one of the silicates by an acid, and washing it. The least possible proportion of tragacanth may be used to give adhesiveness to the mass. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1864, p. 408.)

When ingested in sufficient dose, silver nitrate is a violent poison, and has several times caused death. The symptoms are those of toxic gastro-enteritis, with marked constitutional disturbance, especially coma, convulsions, paralysis, and profound alteration of the respiration. The treatment of the poisoning resolves itself into the use of the ordinary antidotes (common salt, soap, alkalies, etc.).

ARGENTI NITRAS DILUTUS. U. S. (Br.) Diluted Silver Nitrate. [Mitigated Caustic.]

(ĂR-ĢĔN'TĪ NĪ'TRĂS DĮ-LŪ'TŬS.)

Argenti et Potassii Nitras, *Br.;* Silver and Potassium Nitrate.

"Silver Nitrate, *thirty grammes* [or 463 grains]; Potassium Nitrate, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]. Melt the salts together in a porcelain crucible, at as low a temperature as possible, stirring the melted mass well until it flows smoothly. Then cast it into suitable moulds. Keep the product in dark amber-colored vials." *U. S.*

"Take of Nitrate of Silver 1 ounce [av.]; Nitrate of Potassium 2 ounces [av.]. Fuse and mix thoroughly together in a capsule of platinum or thin porcelain, and pour the melted mass into proper moulds. Preserve in bottles carefully stoppered." *Br.*

The introduction of these preparations grew out of the frequent demand for a fused silver nitrate which would not be so severe in its action as the pure article. The manufacturers have been furnishing for many years a "*No. 2 Lunar Caustic*," which contains 67 per cent. of pure silver nitrate; the diluted nitrate of the U. S. P. 1880 contained 50 per cent. of lunar caustic, but the present Pharmacopœia has further reduced the strength to 33 per cent., and it is now identical with the British preparation.

Properties. Diluted silver nitrate is officially described as "a white, hard solid, generally in the form of pencils or cones of a finely granular fracture, becoming gray or grayish-black on exposure to light in presence of organic matter; odorless, having a caustic, metallic taste, and neutral to litmus paper. Each of its constituents retains the solubility in water and in alcohol mentioned, respectively, under *Argenti Nitras* and *Potassii Nitras*. An aqueous solution of Diluted Silver Nitrate yields, with a slight excess of hydrochloric acid, a white precipitate, which is readily soluble in ammonia water. The filtrate from this precipitate, when evaporated to dryness, yields a white residue which is completely soluble in water, and this solution affords a yellow, crystalline precipitate with platinic chloride test-solution, and a white, crystalline precipitate with sodium bitartrate test-solution. If to an aqueous solution of Diluted Silver Nitrate a slight excess of ammonia water be added, it should neither assume a blue color (absence of *copper*), nor show any turbidity (absence of *lead* and *bismuth*). If 1 Gm. of Diluted Silver Nitrate, dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, be mixed with 20 C.c. of sodium chloride decinormal volumetric solution and a few drops of potassium chromate test-solution, not more than 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution should be required to impart to the liquid a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 33 per cent. of pure silver nitrate)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This preparation is used only externally. It is similar in its action to the fused nitrate, but less energetic.

ARGENTI NITRAS FUSUS. U. S. (Br.) Moulded Silver Nitrate. [Lunar Caustic.]

(ĂR-ĢĔN'TĪ NĪ'TRĂS FŪ'SŬS.)

Argenti Nitras, *Br.;* Lunar Caustic; Lapis Infernalis, Argentum Nitricum Fusum, *P.G.;* Azotas (Nitras) Argenticus Fusus; Azotate d'Argent fondu, Pierre infernale, *Fr.;* Höllenstein, Geschmolzenes Salpetersaures Silberoxyd, *G.;* Fused Nitrate of Silver.

"Silver Nitrate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]. To the Silver Nitrate, contained in a porcelain capsule, add the Hydrochloric Acid, and melt the mixture at as low a temperature as possible. Stir well, and pour the melted mass into suitable moulds. Keep the product in dark amber-colored vials, protected from light." *U. S.*

"To obtain the Nitrate in rods, fuse the crystals in a capsule of platinum or thin porcelain, and pour the melted salt into proper moulds. To form Toughened Nitrate of Silver or

'Toughened Caustic,' add 5 parts of nitrate of potassium to 95 parts of the nitrate of silver before fusion. 10 grains of this preparation will yield with hydrochloric acid 8 grains of precipitate, and the filtrate when evaporated will leave a white residue." *Br.*

For most purposes it is desirable to have the silver nitrate less brittle than in its pure state. Prof. J. L. Smith, of Louisville, Ky., found that this could be effected by adding a little silver chloride, which rendered the stick tough, without materially impairing its efficiency. Dr. Squibb proposed to accomplish the object by adding 40 grains of hydrochloric acid, with half a fluidounce of distilled water, to two ounces of silver nitrate, heating the mixture by means of a sand-bath to dryness, and then melting and casting into moulds. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858.) This process has been practically adopted in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. In order to keep the sticks from becoming discolored during the casting process, it is advisable to add a diluted nitric acid (1 in 5) occasionally to the melted nitrate, and carefully prevent the mass from becoming overheated. The British process is merely the continuation of that by which the nitrate is obtained in crystals. As the salt while melting penetrates a common crucible, the fusion is performed in one of porcelain or platinum, the size of which should be sufficient to hold five or six times the quantity of the salt operated on, in order to prevent its overflowing in consequence of the ebullition. Sometimes small portions of the liquid are spirted out, and the operator should be on his guard against this occurrence. When the mass flows like oil, it is completely fused, and ready to be poured into the moulds. These should be warmed, but not greased, as the organic matter would partially decompose the fused salt.

Properties. Moulded silver nitrate, as prepared by the above process, is in the form of hard brittle sticks of the size of a goose-quill, at first translucent, but quickly becoming gray or more or less dark under the influence of light, owing to the reduction of the silver, effected probably by organic matter or hydrogen sulphide contained in the atmosphere. That the change does not depend on the sole action of light has been proved by Mr. Scanlan, who finds that silver nitrate in a clean glass tube hermetically sealed undergoes no change by exposure to light. The sticks often become dark-colored and nearly black on the surface, and when broken across, exhibit a crystalline fracture with a radiated surface. Moulded silver nitrate, when pure, is wholly soluble in distilled water; but even fair samples of the moulded salt will not totally dissolve, a very scanty black powder being left of reduced silver, arising probably from the salt having been exposed to too high a heat in fusion. Stein (*Schweiz. Wochenschrift für Pharmacie*, 6, 10, 1877) recommends a plan for obtaining sticks of lunar caustic of special diameter or length by taking a glass tube or rod of the required outside diameter and wrapping around it moistened parchment paper, pasting the edges, tying the lower end, and drying. The melted lunar caustic is poured into the paper mould, held upright in a test-tube, and allowed to cool by standing. *Elastic crayons* of silver nitrate may be made by taking a laminaria tent $\frac{1}{10}$ of an inch (0·002 mm.) in diameter, dipping it into thick mucilage, rolling it in finely-powdered lunar caustic, and drying it. (*Pajot.*) Entirely black lunar caustic is sometimes seen in France, which contains about 2 per cent. of potassium nitrate and the same quantity of black manganese oxide. Heller's caustic pencils look like ordinary lead-pencils, and consist of long, thin sticks of lunar caustic, encased in wood; they may be sharpened like lead-pencils, and the point protected by a cap to prevent injury when not in use. "A white, hard solid, generally in the form of pencils or cones of a fibrous fracture, becoming gray or grayish-black on exposure to light in the presence of organic matter, odorless, and having a bitter, caustic, and strongly metallic taste. Soluble at 15° C. (59° F.), with the exception of about 5 per cent. of silver chloride, in 0·6 part of water, and in 26 parts of alcohol; in 0·1 part of boiling water, and in 5 parts of boiling alcohol. The portion left undissolved by water should be completely soluble in ammonia water." *U. S.*

Impurities and Tests. Moulded silver nitrate is liable to contain free silver from having been exposed to too high a heat, lead and copper nitrates from the impurity of the silver dissolved in the acid, and potassium nitrate from fraudulent admixture or otherwise. Free silver will be left undissolved as a black powder, after the action of distilled water. A very slight residue of this kind is hardly avoidable; but if there be much free silver it will be shown by the surface of a fresh fracture of one of the sticks presenting an unusually dark gray color. (*Christison.*) The mode of detecting lead and copper is explained under silver nitrate. (See *Argenti Nitras.*) "A clear, aqueous solution of the salt, decanted from the insoluble portion, should be neutral to litmus paper, and should respond to the tests of identity and purity mentioned under *Argenti Nitras.* If 0·34 Gm. of Moulded Silver Nitrate, dissolved as completely as possible in 10 C.c. of water, be mixed with 20 C.c. of sodium chloride deci-

normal volumetric solution and a few drops of potassium chromate test-solution, not more than 1 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution should be required to impart to the liquid a permanent red color (corresponding to 95 per cent. of pure silver nitrate)." *U. S.* In order to detect potassium nitrate, a solution of the suspected salt should be treated with hydrochloric acid in excess, to remove silver, and with hydrogen sulphide, to throw down other metals if they happen to be present. The filtered liquid, if the salt be pure, will entirely evaporate by heat; if it contain potassium nitrate, this will be left, easily known by its properties as a nitrate. This impurity sometimes exists in moulded silver nitrate in large amount, varying, according to different statements, from 10 to 75 per cent. According to Dr. Christison, it may be suspected if the sticks present a colorless fracture. Prof. Pollacci (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvii. 160) states that if silver nitrate, after having been heated in a porcelain capsule to redness and cooled, imparts an alkaline reaction to water, it contains nitre. In the Br. Pharmacopœia the following method is given for testing moulded silver nitrate for impurity; the British preparation contains no hydrochloric acid. "Ten grains dissolved in two fluidrachms of distilled water give with hydrochloric acid a precipitate, which, when washed with hot distilled water and thoroughly dried, weighs 8·44 grains. The filtrate when evaporated by a water-bath leaves no residue." If the weight of the precipitate be greater or less than here stated, there must be some impurity in the nitrate; and any non-precipitable matter, if solid at the temperature of the water-bath, will be left behind when the filtrate is evaporated.

Medical Properties. Moulded silver nitrate should be restricted to external use. Externally applied, the moulded nitrate acts variously as a stimulant, vesicant, and escharotic, and may be employed either dissolved in water or in the solid state. A drachm of the moulded salt, dissolved in a fluidounce of water, forms an escharotic solution, which may often be resorted to with advantage. But moulded silver nitrate is most frequently employed in the solid state; and, as it is not deliquescent nor apt to spread, it forms the most manageable caustic that can be used. When thus employed, it is useful to coat the caustic, as recommended by M. Dumeril, by dipping it into melted engravers' sealing-wax, which strengthens the stick, protects it from change, prevents it from staining the fingers, and affords facilities for limiting the action of the caustic to particular spots. If it is desired, for example, to touch a part of the throat with the caustic, it is prepared by scraping off the sealing-wax with a penknife, to a suitable extent, from one end. Another way to strengthen the stick is to cast it around a platinum wire, as recommended by M. Chassaignac; or around a wick of cotton, according to the plan of M. Blatin. By the latter plan, when the stick is broken, the fragments remain attached. If the moulded nitrate be rubbed gently over the moistened skin until this becomes gray, it generally vesicates, causing usually less pain than is produced by cantharides. The fused nitrate is also employed to destroy *strictures of the urethra*, *warts* and *excrescences*, *fungous flesh*, *incipient chancres*, and the *surface of other ulcers.*

It is often of service lightly applied, either in concentrated solution or in stick, to ulcers in expediting their cicatrization. It is very largely employed in the local treatment of *inflammations of the mucous membranes*, as in *cystitis*, *leucorrhœa*, *gonorrhœa*, *conjunctivitis*, *faucitis*, *laryngitis*, etc. In these cases the strength of the solution must be adapted to the susceptibility and the exact condition of the membrane. In cases of intense and especially of specific inflammations, the solution may be a saturated one, the object being to destroy the specific granulations: thus, in *gonorrhœal conjunctivitis*, and in virulent *diphtheritic faucitis*, even the solid stick is used by some practitioners, whereas in ordinary conjunctivitis the strength should rarely be above one or two grains to the ounce, and in faucitis twenty to forty grains to the ounce. Strong solutions of silver nitrate are sometimes used for the *aborting of a gonorrhœa*, but the treatment is usually considered dangerous, as liable to increase the intensity of the inflammation if unsuccessful. In the advanced stages of gonorrhœa a solution of three to five grains to the ounce may be injected.

Lunar caustic is also frequently used as a topical remedy in various superficial inflammations. The method originated in 1820 by Mr. John Higginbottom of treating *erysipelas* by silver nitrate still finds favor with some of the profession. After thorough washing of the skin with soap and water, and afterwards with pure water, and subsequent drying, a concentrated solution of twenty grains of silver nitrate to a drachm of distilled water is applied freely on the inflamed surface and beyond it on the healthy skin by means of a linen mop. In various inflammations of the subcellular tissues silver nitrate often acts advantageously: thus, applied to the skin in sufficient concentration to blacken the surface, it will sometimes avert a *felon* or an *epididymitis*. It has been employed by injection for the radical cure of *hydrocele*,

and in solid stick applied as a fine point to each *pustule of small-pox* upon the face for the prevention of pitting.

ARGENTI OXIDUM. U. S., Br. Silver Oxide.

Ag_2O; 231·28. (ĂR-ĢĔN'TĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM.) Ag_2O; 231·4.

"Silver Oxide should be kept in dark amber-colored vials. It should not be triturated with readily oxidizable or combustible substances, and should not be brought in contact with ammonia." *U. S.*

Argentum Oxydatum, Argentic Oxide; Oxyde d'Argent, *Fr.*; Silberoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Nitrate of Silver, in crystals, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Lime *three pints and a half* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *ten fluidounces.* Dissolve the Nitrate of Silver in four [fluid]ounces of the Distilled Water, and, having poured the solution into a bottle containing the Solution of Lime, shake the mixture well, and set it aside to allow the deposit to settle. Draw off the supernatant liquid, collect the deposit on a filter, wash it with the remainder of the Distilled Water, and dry it at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.). Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

A process for preparing silver oxide has not been adopted in the present Pharmacopœia; that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 is given below.*

Silver oxide was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850, and was adopted in the Br. Pharmacopœia from the Dublin. In the processes for making it, silver nitrate is decomposed by potassa or lime, the oxide being precipitated, and potassium nitrate or calcium nitrate, as the case may be, remaining in solution. When thus obtained, the oxide is an olive-brown powder. If the potassa used be not wholly free from carbonic acid, the precipitated oxide will be contaminated with some silver carbonate. According to Mr. Borland, of London, the carbonate is sometimes sold for the oxide. A third process for obtaining this oxide is that of Gregory, which consists in boiling the moist, recently-prepared silver chloride with a very strong solution of caustic potassa (sp. gr. 1·25 to 1·30), when, by double decomposition, silver oxide and potassium chloride are formed.

Properties and Tests. "A heavy, dark brownish-black powder, liable to reduction by exposure to light, odorless, and having a metallic taste. Very slightly soluble in water, to which it imparts an alkaline reaction, and insoluble in alcohol, but readily and completely soluble in nitric acid without effervescence (absence of *carbonate*). When heated to about 250° to 300° C. (482° to 572° F.), it is rapidly decomposed, with the evolution of oxygen, and leaving a residue of metallic silver. The solution of the oxide in nitric acid should be colorless, and should respond to the reactions and tests mentioned under Silver Nitrate (see *Argenti Nitras*). If 0·5 Gm. of the Oxide be ignited in a porcelain crucible, it should yield 0·465 Gm. (or 93·1 per cent.) of metallic silver." *U. S.* When its solution in nitric acid is precipitated by sodium chloride in excess, the supernatant liquid is not discolored by ammonium sulphydrate. The non-action of this test shows the absence of most foreign metals, especially copper and lead. It parts with its oxygen with great facility, being decomposed by many organic substances; in this way it causes sulphur, amorphous phosphorus, or tannin to take fire when rubbed together with it quite dry, in a mortar.

Medical Properties and Uses. This oxide has been proposed as a substitute for silver nitrate, as having the general therapeutic virtues of the latter, without its escharotic effect and its objectionable property of discoloring the skin. Experience, however, has shown that it will tint the skin. (*New York Med. Journ.*, June, 1869; *Phila. Med. Times*, vi.) It was first tried as a medicine by Van Mons and Sementini. In 1840 it was employed by Dr. Butler Lane, who considered it to act as a sedative. In 1845 the late Sir James Eyre strongly recommended it in his work on exhausting diseases. Dr. Lane used it with more or less success in *nausea*, *cardialgia*, *pyrosis*, various *painful affections of the stomach* without organic lesion, *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, *night-sweats* without other obvious affection, *dysmenorrhœa*, *menorrhagia*, *leucorrhœa*, *chronic enlargements of the uterus* attended with flooding, etc. The oxide appeared to exert a peculiar control over *uterine fluxes.* Some of the cases treated required the use of tonics after the curative influence of the oxide had been exerted. The late Dr. Golding Bird also obtained favorable effects from the use of silver oxide, and confirmed to a

* "Take of Nitrate of Silver *four troyounces*; Distilled Water *half a pint*; Solution of Potassa *a pint and a half*, or *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Nitrate of Silver in the Water, and to the solution add Solution of Potassa so long as it produces a precipitate. Wash this repeatedly with water until the washings are nearly tasteless. Lastly, dry the precipitate and keep it in a well-stopped bottle, protected from the light." *U.S.* 1870.

certain extent the results of Dr. Lane, especially as to its valuable powers in *menorrhagia*. In stomach disease characterized by a glairy instead of a watery discharge, Dr. Bird derived not the slightest benefit from the oxide, though he used it in thirty cases. In *tænia* it has been used successfully in two cases by Mr. Whittel. The dose of silver oxide is a grain (0·065 Gm.) twice or thrice a day. If pills are ordered, they should not be made with honey, conserve of roses, or other excipient containing glucose; and, indeed, most organic substances, especially in a moist state, deoxidize the oxide, reviving the silver. There would seem to be need of great caution in making these pills. Dr. Jackson has recorded a case in which pills of silver oxide, morphia muriate, and extract of gentian exploded violently in the pocket of the patient. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 552.) Mr. Ambrose Smith recommends, as among the best excipients, gum arabic, or this with a little syrup. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1859, p. 308.) The best method of administering is probably in gelatin capsules, the oxide being introduced in the form of a dry powder. Silver oxide has been used in an ointment, composed of from five to ten grains to the drachm of lard, as an application to *venereal sores*, and to the urethral membrane in *gonorrhœa*, smeared on a bougie.

ARGENTUM PURIFICATUM. Br. Refined Silver.

Ag; 108. (ĂR-ĢĔN'TŬM PŪ-RĮ-FĮ-CĀ'TŬM.) Ag; 108.

"Pure metallic silver." *Br.*

Argent raffiné, Argent, *Fr.;* Silber, Raffinirtes Silber, *G.;* Argento, *It.;* Plata, *Sp.*

Silver is occasionally found in the metallic state, sometimes crystallized, at other times combined with gold, antimony, arsenic, or mercury; but usually it occurs in the state of sulphide, either pure or mixed with other sulphides, as those of copper, lead, and antimony. It is sometimes found as a chloride.

The most productive mines of silver are found on this continent, being those of Mexico and Peru and our own Rocky Mountain States and Territories; the richest in Europe are those of Norway, Hungary, and Transylvania. Mines have been opened and profitably worked in California and Nevada, but at present it is chiefly Colorado and Idaho which furnish the great bulk of the American silver production. Arizona and New Mexico also contain very rich silver deposits. The principal ore is the sulphide. The mineral containing silver which is most disseminated is argentiferous galena, which is lead sulphide containing a little silver sulphide. Argentiferous galena exists in several localities in the United States. Native silver is associated, in small quantities, with the native copper of the Lake Superior region; and a little of it has come into the market. The two metals, though more or less mixed, are yet quite distinct, never being alloyed to any considerable extent, showing conclusively that the deposits have not undergone igneous fusion at any time, but that the metals have deposited from solution. The coining value of the silver produced in the United States for the years 1890, 1891, and 1892, according to the Director of the Mint, was $66,396,988, $75,416,565, and $83,909,210 respectively. The entire production for the world in the year 1891 amounted to 4,465,822 kilogrammes, of which the United States produced about 40·6 per cent.

Extraction. Silver is extracted from its ores by two principal processes, *amalgamation* and *cupellation*. At Freiberg, in Saxony, the ore, which is principally the sulphide, is mixed with a tenth of sodium chloride and roasted in a reverberatory furnace. As fast as the sulphide is oxidized to sulphate, this reacts with the sodium chloride, forming silver chloride and sodium sulphate. The roasted mass is then reduced to very fine powder, mixed with half its weight of mercury, one-third of its weight of water, and about a seventeenth of iron in flat pieces, and subjected for sixteen or eighteen hours to constant agitation in barrels turned by machinery. The chlorine combines with the iron, and remains in solution as iron chloride; while the reduced silver forms an amalgam with the mercury. The amalgam is then subjected to pressure in leathern bags, through the pores of which the excess of mercury passes, a solid amalgam being left behind. This is then subjected to heat in a distillatory apparatus, by means of which the mercury is separated from the silver, which is left in a porous mass. In Peru and Mexico the process is similar to that above given, common salt and mercury being used; but slaked lime and iron sulphide are also employed, with an effect which is not very obvious.

When argentiferous galenas are worked for the silver they contain, they are at first reduced, and the argentiferous lead obtained is fused on a large, oval, shallow vessel called a *test*, and exposed to the blast of a bellows, whereby the lead is oxidized, half vitrified, and driven off the test in scales, in the form of *litharge*. The operation being continued on successive por-

tions of argentiferous lead, the whole of the lead is separated, and the silver, not being oxidizable, accumulates on the test as a brilliant fused mass, until its amount is sufficient to be removed. The time required for the separation is much abridged by the process of Mr. Pattinson, of Newcastle, England. This consists in allowing the melted alloy to cool slowly, and separating the crystals which first form, consisting mainly of lead, by means of a perforated ladle. The residue is a very fusible alloy of lead and silver, in which the latter metal is in large proportion, and from which it can be easily separated by cupellation or other means.

Properties. Silver is a white metal, very brilliant, tenacious, malleable, and ductile. In malleability and ductility it is inferior only to gold. It is harder than gold, but softer than copper. Its atomic weight is 108, symbol Ag, and sp. gr. from 10·4 to 10·5. It forms but one well-characterized oxide. Exposed to a full red heat, it enters into fusion, and exhibits a brilliant appearance. It is not oxidized in the air, but contracts a superficial tarnish of silver sulphide by the action of hydrogen sulphide in the atmosphere; from which it may be freed by washing it with a strong solution of potassium cyanide, and, as soon as it becomes bright, washing it with water and drying it. (*Chem. News*, 1866, p. 12.) It is entirely soluble in diluted nitric acid. If any gold be present, it will remain undissolved as a dark-colored powder. From the nitric solution the whole of the silver may be thrown down by sodium chloride, as a white precipitate of silver chloride, characterized by being completely soluble in ammonia. If the remaining solution contain copper or lead, it will be precipitated or discolored by hydrogen sulphide. "The solution, deprived of silver by means of sodium chloride, and filtered, is not colored, *or but slightly so*, and is not precipitated by hydrosulphuric acid." *U. S.* 1870. "If ammonia be added in excess to a solution of the metal in nitric acid, the resulting fluid exhibits neither color nor turbidity" (*Br.*); proving the absence of copper, lead, and other metals. "10 grains dissolved in a little nitric acid, the solution diluted with water, and diluted hydrochloric acid added in slight excess, yields a white precipitate which, when thoroughly washed, dried, and heated, weighs 13·25 grains." *Br.*

ARMORACIÆ RADIX. Br. Horse-radish Root.

(ĂR-MŌ-RĀ'CĮ-Æ RĀ'DĬX.)

"The fresh root of Cochlearia Armoracia, Linn. From plants cultivated in Britain, and most active in the autumn and early spring before the leaves have appeared." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Cruciferæ, Siliquosæ.)

Armoracia, Br. 1864; Raifort sauvage, Moutarde des Moines, Radis de Cheval, *Fr.;* Meerrettig, *G.;* Rafano rusticano, *It.;* Rabano rusticano, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Silicula emarginate, turgid, scabrous with gibbous, obtuse valves. *Willd.*

Cochlearia Armoracia. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 451; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 400, t. 145. The root of this plant is perennial, sending up numerous very large leaves from the midst of which a round, smooth, erect, branching stem rises two or three feet in height. The radical leaves are lance-shaped, waved, scolloped on the edges, sometimes pinnatifid, and stand upon strong footstalks. Those of the stem are much smaller, without footstalks, sometimes divided at the edges, sometimes almost entire. The flowers are numerous, white, peduncled, and form thick terminal clusters. The calyx has four ovate, deciduous leaves, and the corolla an equal number of obovate petals, twice as long as the calyx, and inserted by narrow claws. The pod is small, elliptical, crowned with the persistent stigma, and divided into two cells, each containing from four to six seeds.

The horse-radish is a native of western Europe, growing wild on the sides of ditches, and in other moist situations. It is cultivated for culinary purposes in most civilized countries, and is naturalized in some parts of the United States. Its flowers appear in June.

The root, which is official in its fresh state, is long, conical at top, then nearly cylindrical for some inches, at last tapering, whitish externally, very white within, fleshy, of a strong pungent odor when scraped or bruised, and of a hot, biting, somewhat sweetish, and sometimes bitterish taste. Its virtues are imparted to water and alcohol. They depend upon a *volatile oil*, which is dissipated by drying; the root becoming at first sweetish, and ultimately insipid and quite inert. Its acrimony is also destroyed by boiling. The oil may be obtained by distillation with water. It is colorless or pale yellow, heavier than water, very volatile, excessively pungent, acrid, and corrosive, exciting inflammation and even vesication when applied to the skin. Hubatka considers it as identical with the volatile oil of mustard. He combined it with ammonia and obtained crystals of *thiosinamin*, $NH_2.CS.N(C_3H_5)H$, which agreed with that produced from mustard oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., v. 42.) According to Gutret,

only six parts of it are obtained from 10,000 of the root. Besides this principle, the fresh root contains, according to the same chemist, a bitter resin in minute quantity, sugar, extractive, gum, starch, albumen, acetic acid, calcium sulphate and acetate, water, and lignin. A. Hilger found in the ashes of the root of horse-radish, lime, magnesia, potassa, a trace of soda and iron oxide, with sulphuric, hydrochloric, carbonic, phosphoric, and silicic acids in combination. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, p. 597, 1878; *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 21.) From observations made by F. L. Winckler, it may be inferred that *myronic acid* exists in the root combined with potassa, and that it is from the reaction between this acid, *myrosine*, also existing in the root, and water, that the volatile oil is produced, in the same manner as oil of mustard from mustard seed. (See *Sinapis*.) Horse-radish when distilled with alcohol yields none of the oil. (*Journ. für Prakt. Pharm.*, xviii. 89.) The root may be kept for some time without material injury, if buried in sand in a cool place.

It is said that if to the powder of the dried root, which has become apparently inert, the emulsion of white mustard seed containing myrosine be added, it reacquires its original irritant properties; so that it is the myrosine and not the potassium myronate which is injured by drying. Hence the powdered root may be added with advantage to mustard in preparing cataplasms, pediluvia, etc. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, xxvii. 268.)*

Medical Properties and Uses. Horse-radish is highly stimulant, exciting the stomach when swallowed, and promoting the secretions, especially that of urine. Externally it is rubefacient. Its chief use is as a condiment to promote appetite and invigorate digestion; but it is also occasionally employed as a medicine, particularly in *dropsy* attended with enfeebled digestion and general debility. It has, moreover, been recommended in *palsy* and *chronic rheumatism*, both as an internal and an external remedy, and in *scorbutic affections* is highly esteemed. Cullen found advantage in cases of *hoarseness*, from the use of a syrup prepared from an infusion of horse-radish and sugar, and slowly swallowed in the quantity of one or two teaspoonfuls, repeated occasionally. The root may be given in the dose of half a drachm (1·95 Gm.) or more, grated or cut into small pieces.

ARNICÆ FLORES. U. S. Arnica Flowers.

(ÄR′NĮ-ÇÆ FLŌ′RĒȘ.)

"The flower-heads of Arnica montana, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Leopard's Bane; Flores Arnicæ, *P. G.;* Fleurs d'Arnique, *Fr.;* Wohlverleichblüthen, Arnicablüthen, *G.*

ARNICÆ RADIX. U. S. (Br.) Arnica Root.

(ÄR′NĮ-ÇÆ RĀ′DĬX.)

"The rhizome and roots of Arnica montana, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.* "The dried rhizome and rootlets of Arnica montana." *Br.*

Arnicæ Rhizoma, *Br.;* Racine d'Arnique, *Fr.;* Arnikawurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx with equal leaflets in a double row. *Seed-down* hairy, sessile. *Seeds* of the disk and ray furnished with seed-down. *Receptacle* hairy. *Hayne.*

Arnica montana. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 2106; *B. & T.* 158. This is a perennial, herbaceous plant, having a woody, brownish, horizontal root, from one to three inches long, and two or three lines thick, ending abruptly, and sending forth numerous slender fibres of the same color. The stem is about a foot high, cylindrical, striated, hairy, and terminating in one, two, or three peduncles, each bearing a flower. The radical leaves are ovate, entire, ciliated, and obtuse; those of the stem, which usually consist of two opposite pairs, are lance-shaped. Both are bright green, and somewhat pubescent on their upper surface. The flowers are yellow.

This plant is a native of the mountainous districts of Europe and Siberia, and is found, according to Nuttall, in the northern regions of this continent, west of the Mississippi. It has been introduced into England, and might no doubt be cultivated in this country. The flowers, leaves, and root are employed; but the flowers are usually preferred.

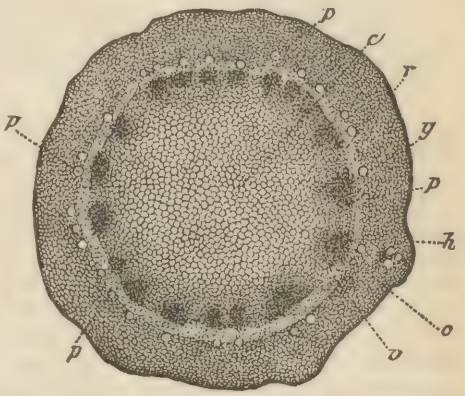
Properties. The whole plant, when fresh, has a strong, disagreeable odor, which is apt to

* The French Codex contains a formula for a *Compound Syrup of Horse-radish* (*Sirop Antiscorbutique*), as follows. Scurvy-grass, water-cress, horse-radish (root), all fresh, of each, 100 parts, buckbean (marsh trefoil), fresh, 10 parts, bitter orange peel 20 parts, canella 5 parts, white wine 400 parts, sugar 500 parts. Thoroughly contuse and comminute the solid ingredients, macerate for 48 hours with the wine, and distil off 100 parts. Express and strain the residue from the distillation, clarify the liquid with white of egg, and strain; add 300 parts sugar, and make into a syrup of sp. gr. 1·270 whilst boiling; with the rest of the sugar and sufficient water make a thick syrup, mix this with the other syrup, allow to cool, then add the distilled essence. *Iodized Syrup of Horse-radish* may be made by adding one part of tincture of iodine to ninety-nine parts of the compound syrup above.

excite sneezing, and is diminished by drying. The taste is acrid, bitterish, and durable. The dried root is cylindrical, contorted, and marked by scars from the insertion of the leaves. Water extracts its virtues. The Pharmacopœia thus describes the flowers and the root:

"Heads about 3 Cm. [one and one-fifth inch] broad, depressed-roundish, consisting of a scaly involucre in two rows, and a small, nearly flat, hairy receptacle, bearing about sixteen yellow, strap-shaped, ten-nerved ray-florets, and numerous yellow, five-toothed, tubular disk-florets, having slender, spindle-shaped achenes, crowned by a hairy pappus. Odor feeble, aromatic; taste bitter and acrid." *U. S.*

"Rhizome about 5 Cm. [two inches] long, and 3 or 4 Mm. [one-eighth to one-sixth inch] thick; externally brown, rough from leaf-scars; internally whitish, with a rather thick bark, containing a circle of resin-cells, surrounding the short, yellowish wood-wedges, and large, spongy pith. The roots numerous, thin, fragile, grayish-brown, with a thick bark containing a circle of resin-cells. Odor somewhat aromatic; taste pungently aromatic and bitter." *U. S.*



Arnica root. *c*, pith, marrow; *h*, outer bark; *o*, middle bark; *p*, resin-tubes; *y*, woody bundles.

Bastick (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 389) separated an alkaloid from the flowers, to which he gave the name of *arnicine*. The *arnicine* of Walz (*N. Jahrb. Pharm.*, xiii.), extracted from both the root and the flowers, is a different substance; it is an amorphous yellow mass of acrid taste, slightly soluble in water, freely in alcohol or ether, and dissolving also in alkaline solutions. It is precipitable from its alcoholic solution by tannic acid or by water. Walz assigns to arnicine the formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$; other chemists that of $C_{35}H_{54}O_7$. Arnicine has not been proved to be a glucoside, although it is decomposed by dilute acids. Sigel (1873) obtained from dried arnica root about ½ per cent. of essential oil, and 1 per cent. from the fresh; the oil of the latter had a sp. gr. of 0·999 at 18° C. (64·4° F.). The oil was found to be a mixture of various bodies, the principal being the *dimethyl ether of thymohydroquinone*, $C_{10}H_{12}\begin{cases}OCH_3\\OCH_3,\end{cases}$ boiling at about 235° C. (455° F.), and with this, *phloryl isobutyrate* to the extent of one-fifth of the oil, and the *methyl ether* of a *phlorol*. (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., p. 1530.) The water from which the oil separates contains *isobutyric acid;* probably also a little *angelic* and *formic acids;* but neither capronic nor caprylic acid, which had been pointed out by Walz. Arnica root contains *inulin*, which Dragendorff extracted from it to the extent of about 10 per cent. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d edition, p. 391.)

Medical Properties and Uses. When taken internally in sufficient dose, arnica acts as an irritant to the stomach and bowels, often producing an emetic and cathartic effect, and is said by Bergius to be diuretic, diaphoretic, and emmenagogue. It is capable of acting as a poison in overdoses, causing burning in the stomach, violent abdominal pains, intense headache, and great nervous disturbance, with, in some cases, marked reduction of the pulse-rate, and finally collapse. A case of tetanic spasm of one side, and ultimate death, under its use, is on record; but there is reason to doubt whether arnica was the real cause of the fatal issue. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1854, p. 46.) It is much used by the Germans, who prescribe the flowers and root with advantage in *amaurosis*, *paralysis*, and other *nervous affections*. It is said to prove useful in that disordered condition which succeeds *concussion* of the *brain* from falls, blows, etc., and from this circumstance has received the title of *panacea lapsorum*. It has also been recommended in *chronic catarrh of the old*, *intermittent fever* and its sequelæ, *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, *nephritis*, *gout*, *rheumatism*, *passive hemorrhages*, *dropsy*, *chlorosis*, *amenorrhœa*, and various other complaints, in most of which it seems to have been empirically prescribed; but the exact value of the remedy has not been determined. The powdered flowers and leaves are employed as a sternutatory; and the inhabitants of Savoy and the Vosges are said to substitute them for tobacco. They may be given in substance or infusion. The dose of the powder is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.) frequently repeated. The infusion may be prepared by digesting an ounce of the flowers in a pint of water, of which from half a fluidounce to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.) may be given every three hours. It should always be strained

through linen, in order to separate the fine fibres, which might irritate the throat. A tincture prepared from the flowers is largely used in this country as a domestic remedy in *sprains*, *bruises*, etc. It is employed externally. A tincture of the root is now official: this would be preferable for internal use. (See *Tinctura Arnicæ Radicis.*)

ARSENI IODIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Arsenic Iodide.

As I_3; 454·49. (ĂR'SĔ-NĪ Ī-ŎD'Ĭ-DŬM.) As I_3; 454·7.

"Obtained by the direct combination of iodine and metallic arsenium, or by evaporating to dryness an aqueous mixture of arsenious and hydriodic acids." *Br.*

Arsenii Iodidum, *Br.;* Arsenici Iodidum, *U. S.* 1870; Iodide of Arsenic, Arsenious Iodide; Arsenicum jodatum, Arsenik Jodür, *G.;* Iodure d'Arsenic, *Fr.*

"Arsenic Iodide should be kept in glass-stoppered vials, in a cool place, protected from light." This iodide was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia for the purpose of being used in preparing the solution of arsenic and mercury iodide. It is made by the direct combination of its constituents, with the aid of a gentle heat.

For U. S. process of 1870 see foot-note.* J. F. Babcock (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1875, p. 693) proposes to make it by placing a troyounce of iodine in a suitable vessel with 10 or 12 fluidounces of water, and passing hydrogen sulphide through until the iodine color is entirely gone; then filtering, heating the filtrate until the odor of hydrogen sulphide has been dissipated; then adding a quarter of a troyounce of arsenous acid, heating until dissolved, filtering, and evaporating to dryness. $As_2O_3 + 6HI = 2AsI_3 + 3H_2O$. Nickle's process enables the operator to obtain the salt in a crystalline condition. Arsenic and iodine in equivalent proportions are heated together with carbon disulphide in a flask, to which an upright condenser is attached, until the iodine color disappears. The solution is then evaporated to the crystallizing point.

In the *Berichte d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 2643, 1881, may be found a process for obtaining this salt chemically pure, by making a hot solution of arsenous acid in hydrochloric acid, and mixing it with a concentrated solution of potassium iodide, whereupon the teriodide separates as a crystalline powder; this may be washed with hydrochloric acid, sp. gr. 1·120, until a portion of the washings on evaporation ceases to leave a residue of potassium chloride.

Properties, etc. Arsenic iodide is in "glossy, orange-red, crystalline masses, or shining, orange-red, crystalline scales, having an iodine-like odor and taste, and gradually losing iodine on exposure to air and light. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 7 parts of water, and in about 30 parts of alcohol; also soluble in ether, and in carbon disulphide. The salt is gradually decomposed by boiling water, and by boiling alcohol. By heat it is completely volatilized; and if it be heated with diluted nitric acid, vapor of iodine will be evolved. The aqueous solution of the salt has a yellow color, is neutral to litmus paper, and, on standing, gradually decomposes into arsenous and hydriodic acids. On adding hydrogen sulphide test-solution to the solution acidulated with hydrochloric acid, a lemon-yellow precipitate is produced." *U. S.* It has a great tendency to decompose even at ordinary temperatures, iodine separating and volatilizing, oxygen being absorbed and arsenous acid formed. Arsenic iodide as found in commerce varies greatly in composition, being usually deficient in arsenic. (See *Ephemeris*, vol. ii. p. 772.) It has been used by Biett as an external application in corroding *tubercular skin diseases.* By the late Dr. A. T. Thomson it was given internally with alleged advantage in *lepra.* The ointment used by Biett was composed of three grains of the iodide to an ounce of lard. The dose is an eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.) three times a day, in pill or solution.

ARSENUM. Arsenic.

As; 74·9. (ĂR'SĔ-NŬM.) As; 75.

Arsenicum, *U.S.* 1870; Arsenum, Arsenium; Arsenic, *Fr.;* Arsenik, *G.;* Arsenico, *It., Sp.*

This metal was introduced into the U. S. and Dublin Pharmacopœias in 1850, for the purpose of being used to form arsenic iodide, and the solution of arsenic and mercury iodide, at that time two new salts of those works. It has been rejected by the compilers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia and the British. The Dublin College gave the following formula:

"Take of White Oxide of Arsenic of Commerce two drachms [*Dub. weight*]. Place the

*"Take of Arsenic *sixty grains;* Iodine *three hundred grains.* Rub the Arsenic in a mortar until reduced to a fine powder; then add the Iodine, and rub them together until they are thoroughly mixed. Put the mixture into a small flask or a test-tube, loosely stopped, and heat it very gently until liquefaction occurs. Then incline the vessel in different directions, in order that any portion of the iodine, which may have condensed on its surface, may be returned into the melted mass. Lastly, pour the melted iodide on a porcelain slab, and, when it is cold, break it into pieces, and keep it in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

Oxide at the sealed end of a hard German glass tube, of about half an inch in diameter and eighteen inches long, and, having covered it with about eight inches of dry and coarsely pulverized charcoal, and raised the portion of the tube containing the charcoal to a red heat, let a few ignited coals be placed beneath the Oxide, so as to effect its slow sublimation. When this has been accomplished, the metallic arsenic will be found attached to the interior of the tube at its distant or cool extremity.

"In conducting this process, the furnace used in the performance of an organic analysis should be employed, and the fuel should be ignited charcoal. It will be proper also to connect the open extremity of the tube with a flue, for the purpose of preventing the possible escape into the apartment of arsenical vapors; and, with the view of keeping it from being plugged by the metal, to introduce occasionally into it, as the sublimation proceeds, an iron wire through a cork, fixed (but not air-tight) in its open extremity."

In the above process, the white oxide (arsenous oxide) is reduced by the agency of ignited charcoal, which attracts the oxygen of the oxide, and revives the metal. On the large scale, metallic arsenic is generally obtained by heating arsenical pyrites ($FeAs,FeS_2$) in earthen tubes; when the metal sublimes, and two mols. of ferrous sulphide, FeS, are left.

Properties. Arsenic is a brittle, crystalline metal, of a steel-gray color, and possessing much brilliancy when recently broken or sublimed. Exposed to the air, its surface becomes dull and blackish. Its texture is granular, and sometimes a little scaly. Rubbed on the hands, it communicates a peculiar odor; but it is devoid of taste. Its sp. gr. is about 5·73 (5·88, *U. S.*). When heated to about 180° C. (356° F.) it sublimes, giving rise to white vapors having a garlicky odor.* Its atomic weight is 74·9. It forms two combinations with oxygen, arsenous and arsenic oxides, As_2O_3 and As_2O_5 respectively, to each of which the corresponding acid is known, and three with sulphur, namely, the disulphide, or realgar, As_2S_2; the trisulphide, or orpiment, As_2S_3, corresponding in composition to arsenous oxide; and the pentasulphide, As_2S_5, corresponding to arsenic oxide. (See *Acidum Arsenosum;* also *Realgar* and *Orpiment* in Part II. of this work.) *Arsenic oxide* is obtained by distilling off a mixture of twelve parts of nitric and one of hydrochloric acid from four parts of arsenous acid, until the whole acquires the consistence of a thin syrup. The liquid is then poured into a porcelain dish, and evaporated at a moderate heat. Suddenly the arsenic oxide concretes into an opaque white mass, which should be transferred, while warm, to a well-stopped bottle. Arsenic oxide is white, solid, deliquescent, and soluble in six parts of cold and two of boiling water. It forms several acids, corresponding to the several varieties of phosphoric acid, to which it bears a close analogy. With silver nitrate it gives a brick-red precipitate of silver arsenate. As a poison it is even more virulent than arsenous oxide. It consists of two atoms of arsenic and five of oxygen (As_2O_5).

Arsenic is much diffused. Besides being present in a great many minerals, it has been detected, in minute proportion, in the earth of graveyards by Orfila; in certain soils and mineral waters by M. Walchner; in the ashes of various plants by M. Stein; and in various kinds of mineral coal, as also in the incrustation formed in the boiler of a sea-going steamer, by M. Daubrée.

ASAFŒTIDA. U. S., Br. Asafetida.

(ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Į-DĄ—ăs-ą-fēt'į-dą.)

"A gum-resin obtained from the root of Ferula fœtida (Bunge), Regel (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.* "A gum-resin obtained by incision from the living root of Ferula Narthex, Boiss., Narthex Assafœtida, Falconer, and of Ferula Scorodosma, Benth. and Hook. fil.; and probably other species." *Br.*

Cibus Deorum; Gummi-resina Asafœtida; Asse-fétide, Assafœtida, *Fr.;* Stinkasant, Teufelsdreck, *G.;* Assafetida, *It.;* Asafetida, *Sp.;* Ungoozeh, *Pers.;* Hilteet, *Arab.*

Concerning the genus Ferula there has been much dispute by botanists, but at present a much wider range is given to it than formerly. H. Falconer (*Trans. Linn. Soc.*, xx. 285) separated from it the genus *Narthex*, relying chiefly upon the distinctness of the vittæ as characteristic, whilst Bunge separated the genus *Scorodosma* on account of the absence of vittæ. According, however, to Bentham and Hooker, the vittæ in Bunge's type specimens are no more inconspicuous than in various other species of the genus; and, further, the vittæ vary so much that no generic character can be drawn from them. The genus Ferula is a very difficult one

* The statement that arsenic on being heated sufficiently passes at once into the state of vapor without fusing was disproved by experiments of Dunnington and Odger, made under the direction of Prof. Mallet, of the University of Virginia. They succeeded in fusing arsenic without great difficulty. (*Chem. News*, Aug. 30, 1872.)

to characterize briefly, and for its description the reader is referred to Bentham and Hooker, *Genera Plantarum*, i. 917.

Narthex assafœtida. Falconer. *Ferula assafœtida.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1413. *B. & T. Ferula narthex.* Bois. This plant was first described from actual observation by H. Falconer, who found it near Kashmir. It has flowered twice in the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens. The root is perennial, fleshy, tapering, simple or divided, a foot or more in length, about three inches thick at top, where it is invested above the soil with numerous small fibres, dark gray and transversely corrugated on the outside, internally white, and abounding in an excessively fetid, opaque, milky juice. The leaves, which spring from the root, are numerous, large, and spreading, nearly two feet long, light green above, paler beneath, and of a leathery texture. They are three-parted, with bipinnatifid segments and oblong-lanceolate, obtuse, entire or variously sinuate, decurrent lobes, forming a narrow winged channel on the divisions of the petiole. From the midst of the leaves rises a luxuriant, herbaceous stem, from six to ten feet high, two inches in diameter at the base, simple, erect, round, smooth, striated, solid, and terminating in a large head of compound umbels, with from ten to twenty rays, each surmounted by a roundish partial umbel. It is furnished with numerous branches, springing from the axils of dilated sheathing petioles. The flowers are pale yellow, and the fruit oval, thin, flat, foliaceous, and reddish brown. The plant is said to differ in its leaves and product in different situations. It is a native of Persia, Afghanistan, and neighboring regions, and flourishes abundantly in the mountainous provinces of Laar and Khorassan, where its juice is collected. Burns, in his travels into Bokhara, states that the young plant is eaten with relish by the people, and that sheep crop it greedily.

Ferula scorodosma. Bentham and Hooker. *Scorodosma fœtidum.* Bunge. *Ferula assafœtida*, L., of Boissier, *Flora Orientalis*, ii. 994, resembles in its general characters *F. narthex*, but is not quite so large; has its stem nearly naked, with the numerous umbels only at the top, and the few stem leaves lacking the wide sheathing petioles. This plant was first discovered by Lehman, in 1844, growing in sandy deserts near the Sea of Aral. About twenty years later it was found by Bunge in Persia.

It is possible that asafetida is obtained from several species of umbelliferous plants, although it seems to be determined that the official plants yield the bulk of it. These plants do not agree with the figures given by Engelbert Kaempfer of the plant which he observed in 1687, and to which he gave the name of *Assafœtida disgunensis*, although Falconer considers the latter plant as identical with his *Narthex assafœtida*, and Borszczon, who studied *F. scorodosma*, growing wild in the neighborhood of the Caspian Sea, believes this plant the same as that of Kaempfer. It is very likely that the difficulty of identification is due to inaccuracies in the original figure of Kaempfer. *F. persica* is also said to produce an asafetida-like gum-resin, and was recognized by the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia.

The oldest plants are most productive, and those under four years old are not considered worth cutting, according to the statement of Kaempfer in 1687. At the season when the leaves begin to fade, the earth is removed from about the top of the root, and the leaves and stem, being twisted off near their base, are thrown with other vegetable matters over the root, in order to protect it from the sun. After some time the summit of the root is cut off transversely, and, the juice which exudes having been scraped off, another thin slice is removed, in order to obtain a fresh surface for exudation. This process is repeated at intervals till the root ceases to afford juice, and perishes. During the whole period of collection, which occupies nearly six weeks, the solar heat is as much as possible excluded. The juice collected from numerous plants is put together, and allowed to harden in the sun. Dr. H. W. Bellew visited Kandahar in 1872, and witnessed the collection of the drug; he describes the process essentially as did Kaempfer. The roots varied in size from that of a carrot to the thickness of a man's leg, and their yield from half an ounce to two pounds. The drug, he states, is very much adulterated. The fruit is said to be sent to India, where it is highly esteemed as a medicine. In 1884 Afghanistan was visited by Dr. J. E. T. Aitchison, who found the plains having an altitude of 2000 to 4000 feet, arid and bare in winter, but in the early summer covered with a thick growth of *Ferula fœtida*, *Dorema ammoniacum*, and *Ferula galbaniflua*. The great cabbage-like heads of the asafetida plant, representing the primary stage of the flower-heads covered over by the stipules of its leaves, are eaten raw by the natives as a sort of green. In June the asafetida is obtained. The root-stock is first laid bare to the depth of a couple of inches, those plants only which have not reached their flower-bearing stage being selected. A slice is then taken from the top of the root-stock, which is immediately covered with twigs and

clay, forming a sort of dome, with an opening towards the north, so that the sun cannot get at the exposed root. About five or six weeks later, a thick, gummy, not milky, reddish substance found upon the exposed surface of the root in more or less irregular lumps is scraped off with a piece of iron hoop or removed with a slice of the root and at once placed in a leather bag. The asafetida is conveyed to Herat, where it is adulterated with red clay before being sent into commerce. It is brought to this country either from India, whither it is conveyed from Bushire and down the Indus, or by the route of Great Britain. It sometimes comes in mats, but more frequently in cases, the former containing eighty or ninety pounds, the latter from two hundred to four hundred pounds. It is sometimes also imported in casks.

Properties. As found in commerce, asafetida is in irregular masses, softish when not long exposed, of a yellowish or reddish-brown color externally, exhibiting when broken an irregular, whitish, somewhat shining surface, which soon becomes red on exposure, and ultimately passes into a dull yellowish brown. This change of color is characteristic of asafetida, and is ascribed to the influence of air and light upon its resinous ingredient. The masses appear as if composed of distinct portions agglutinated together, sometimes of white, almost pearly tears, embedded in a darker, softer, and more fetid paste. Occasionally the *tears* are separate, though rarely in the commerce of this country. They are roundish, oval, or irregular, and generally flattened, from the size of a pea to that of a large almond, sometimes larger, yellowish or brownish externally and white within, and not unlike ammoniac tears, for which they might be mistaken except for their odor, which, however, is weaker than that of the masses. A very fine variety of asafetida is spoken of by Bellew as being procured from the leaf-bud in the centre of the root. It does not come into European commerce, but is the *Kandaharee Hing* of the Indian bazaars. (*P. J. Tr.*, viii. 103.) It occurs in moist flaky pieces and tears, yielding a reddish-yellow oil on pressure, and mostly mixed with the remains of leaf-buds. The odor of asafetida is alliaceous, fetid, and tenacious; the taste, bitter, acrid, and durable. The effect of time and exposure is to render it more hard and brittle, and to diminish the intensity of its smell and taste, particularly the former. Kaempfer assures us that one drachm of the fresh juice diffuses a more powerful odor, through a close room, than one hundred pounds of the drug as usually kept in the stores. The color, which is at first white, becomes pink, and finally the well-known brown, on exposure. Asafetida softens by heat without melting, and is of difficult pulverization. Its sp. gr. is 1·327. (*Berzelius.*) It is inflammable, burning with a clear, lively flame. It yields all its virtues to alcohol, and forms a clear tincture, which becomes milky on the addition of water. "When triturated with water, it yields a milk-white emulsion, which becomes yellow on the addition of ammonia water. It is partly soluble in ether, and at least 60 per cent. of it should dissolve in alcohol." *U. S.* Macerated in water it produces a turbid red solution, and triturated with that fluid it gives a white or pink-colored milky emulsion of considerable permanence. Touched with nitric acid (sp. gr. 1·2) the tear becomes of an evanescent green color. When asafetida is dissolved by means of sulphuric acid or ammonia, it exhibits a bluish fluorescence. In 100 parts, Pelletier found 65 parts of resin, 19·44 of gum, 11·66 of bassorin, 3·60 of volatile oil, with traces of acid calcium malate. The odor of the gum-resin depends on the *volatile oil*, which may be procured by distillation with water or alcohol, and amounts to 6 to ·9 per cent., according to Flückiger. It is lighter than water, colorless when first distilled, but becoming yellow with age, of an exceedingly offensive odor, and of a taste at first flat, but afterwards bitter and acrid. It contains, according to Stenhouse, from 15·75 to 23 per cent. of sulphur; but according to Flückiger, it may contain as much as 25 per cent. Hlasiwetz (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, 71, p. 23) considers it a mixture, in variable proportions, of the sulphide and bisulphide of a compound radical consisting of carbon and hydrogen (C_6H_{11}). Allyl persulphide, which is sublimed when oil of mustard is heated with potassium persulphide, is said by Wertheim to have an extremely intense odor of asafetida; a fact which justifies the supposition that it may be identical with the oil of that gum-resin. (*Gmelin*, ix. 377.) The oil boils at about 138° C. (280° F.), but suffers decomposition, yielding hydrogen sulphide. When long exposed to the air it becomes slightly acid, and acquires a somewhat different odor. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 178.)

The resin is, according to Hlasiwetz and Barth (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, 138, p. 61), a mixture containing *ferulaic acid*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$, crystallizing in iridescent needles, and obtained by precipitating the alcoholic solution with lead acetate, washing the precipitate, and decomposing it with diluted sulphuric acid. Submitted to dry distillation, the resin yields *umbelliferone*, $C_9H_6O_3$, and blue-colored oils. Fused with caustic potash, ferulaic acid yields oxalic acid and

carbonic acid, several acids of the fatty series, and proto-catechuic acid. The resin itself treated in like manner, after it has been previously freed from gum, yields resorcin.

Impurities and Adulterations. Asafetida is probably often purposely adulterated; it frequently comes of inferior quality, and mixed with various impurities, such as sand and stones. Portions which are very soft, dark brown, or blackish, with few or no tears, and indisposed to assume a red color when freshly broken, should be rejected. We have been informed that a case seldom comes without more or less of this inferior asafetida, and of many it forms the larger portion. It is sold chiefly for horses. A factitious substance, made of garlic juice and white pitch with a little asafetida, has occurred in commerce. Asafetida is said to be usually mixed with wheat or barley flour or with earthy matters at the place of its production; the impurities sometimes exceeding 30 per cent. *Hingra* of the Bombay bazaars is a very stony variety, composed largely of earthy matter.

Asafetida is sometimes kept in a powdered state; but this is objectionable, as the drug is thus necessarily weakened by the loss of volatile oil, and is more liable to adulteration.

Medical Properties and Uses. Asafetida acts as a stimulant antispasmodic, efficient expectorant, and feeble laxative. Some consider it also emmenagogue and anthelmintic. Its volatile oil is undoubtedly absorbed, as its peculiar odor may be detected in the breath and the secretions. As an antispasmodic, it is employed in the treatment of *hysteria*, *hypochondriasis*, *convulsions* of various kinds, *spasm of the stomach and bowels* unconnected with inflammation, and in numerous other nervous disorders of a merely functional character. From the union of expectorant with antispasmodic powers, it is highly useful in *spasmodic pectoral affections*, such as *whooping-cough* and *asthma*, and in certain *infantile coughs* and *catarrhs*, complicated with nervous disorder, or with a disposition of the system to sink. In *catarrhus senilis;* in the secondary stages of *peripneumonia notha*, *croup*, *measles*, and *catarrh;* in *pulmonary consumption;* in fact, in all cases of *subacute* or *chronic disease of the chest* in which there is want of due nervous energy, asafetida may be occasionally prescribed with advantage. In the form of enema, it is useful in cases of *inordinate accumulation of air in the bowels*, and also in the *hysteric paroxysm* and other functional convulsions. Its laxative tendency is often advantageous, and it may be usefully combined with cathartics in *flatulent constipation*.

It appears to have been known in the East from very early ages, and, notwithstanding its repulsive odor, is at present much used in India and Persia as a condiment. Persons soon habituate themselves to its smell, which they even learn to associate pleasantly with the agreeable effects experienced from its internal use. Children with whooping-cough sometimes become fond of it.

The medium dose is ten grains (0·65 Gm.), which may be given in pill or emulsion. The tincture is official, and is much used. When given by injection, the gum-resin should be triturated with warm water. From half a drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.) may be administered at once in this way. It may also sometimes be conveniently given in the form of a suppository.* A syrup has been recommended in which the fetid odor of the drug is obviated by the use of the infusion of wild cherry bark. (See *A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 397.) †

ASCLEPIAS. U. S. Asclepias. [Pleurisy Root.]

(AS-CLĒ'PI-AS.)

"The root of Asclepias tuberosa, Linné (nat. ord. Asclepiadeæ)." *U. S.*

Butterfly-Weed; Racine d'Asclépiade tubereuse, *Fr.;* Knollige Schwalbenwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx small, five-parted. *Corolla* rotate, five-parted, mostly reflexed. *Staminal crown* (or nectary) simple, five-leaved; leaflets opposite the anthers, with a subulate averted process at the base. *Stigmas* with the five angles (corpuscles) opening by longitudinal chinks. *Pollinia* five distinct pairs. *Torrey.*

* *Emplastrum Asafœtida.* The U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized a plaster of asafetida, which is sometimes used locally in *hysteria*, *pneumonia*, *convulsions* in children, etc. It was prepared as follows. "Asafetida, *thirty-five parts* [or thirteen ounces av.]; Lead Plaster, *thirty-five parts* [or thirteen ounces av.]; Galbanum, *fifteen parts* [or five and a half ounces av.]; Yellow Wax, *fifteen parts* [or five and a half ounces av.]; Alcohol, *one hundred and twenty parts* [or three pints]. Digest the Asafetida and Galbanum with the Alcohol on a water-bath, separate the liquid portion, while hot, from the coarser impurities by straining, and evaporate it to the consistence of honey; then add the Lead Plaster and the Wax, previously melted together, stir the mixture well, and evaporate to the proper consistence." *U. S.* 1880.

† J. W. Wood prepares syrup of asafetida by dissolving 256 grains of asafetida in two fluidounces of glycerin by the aid of a gentle heat, and straining. He then dissolves 15 drops oil of wintergreen, 5 drops oil of cinnamon, and 1 drop oil of bitter almond, in three fluidrachms of 95 per cent. alcohol, and adds to it the above, together with enough simple syrup to make one pint. Each fluidrachm represents two grains of asafetida. (*A. J. P.*, 1874.)

Several species of Asclepias besides *A. tuberosa* have been employed medicinally: *A. syriaca* and *A. incarnata* were recognized in the Secondary Catalogue U. S. Pharm. 1870.

A. incarnata, or *Flesh-colored Asclepias*, has an erect, downy stem, branched above, two or three feet high, and furnished with opposite, nearly sessile, lanceolate, somewhat downy leaves. The flowers are red, sweet-scented, and disposed in numerous crowded erect umbels, which are generally in pairs. The nectary is entire, with its horn exserted. In one variety the flowers are white. The plant grows in all parts of the United States, preferring a wet soil, and flowering from June to August. Upon being wounded it emits a milky juice. Dr. Griffith states that the root is a useful emetic and cathartic. (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, iv. 283.) Dr. Gram has found in the *Asclepias curassavica*, *A. incarnata*, *A. vincetoxicum*, *A. officinale*, a glucoside, *asclepiadin*, which he believes to be a pure form of the asclepiadin of Harnack and the asclepin of Feneulle, and closely to resemble emetine in its physiological action, but to be so unstable as to be of no practical value. From *A. vincetoxicum* M. Tanret (*Compt-Rend.*, c. 277) has isolated two glucosides, soluble and insoluble *vincetoxin*, with the formula $C_{16}H_{12}O_6$. The soluble vincetoxin is a clear yellow amorphous powder, easily soluble in water, alcohol, and chloroform, insoluble in ether. It begins to decompose at 130° C. The insoluble vincetoxin dissolves readily in alcohol, chloroform, and ether, but in water only in the presence of the soluble vincetoxin. It fuses at 59° C. Decomposed by dilute acids, they each yield an uncrystallizable, inactive, unfermentable sugar. An indigenous species, *A. verticillata*, is used in the Southern States as a remedy in *snake-bites* and the *bites of venomous insects*. Three gills of a saturated decoction are said to cause an anodyne and sudorific effect, followed by a gentle sleep. (*Va. Med. Journ.*, Dec. 1858.)

A. syriaca. Willd. *A. cornuti* (Decaisne, *Gray's Manual*). *Common Silk-weed*, or *Common Milk-weed*, has simple stems, from three to five feet high, with opposite, lanceolate-oblong, petiolate leaves, downy on their under surface. The flowers are large, of a pale-purple color, sweet-scented, and arranged in two or three nodding umbels. The nectary is bidentate. The pod or follicle is covered with sharp prickles, and contains a large quantity of silky seed-down. It is very common in the Middle United States. It flowers in July and August. Its milky juice has a faint smell, a sub-acrid taste, and an acid reaction. According to Schultz, 80 parts of it contain 69 of water, 3·5 of a wax-like fatty matter, 5 of caoutchouc, 0·5 of gum, 1 of sugar with salts of acetic acid, and 1 of other salts. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, 1844, p. 302.) Dr. C. List found the chief solid ingredient of the juice to be a peculiar resinous crystalline substance (*asclepion*, $C_{20}H_{34}O_3$) allied to lactucon. To obtain it, the juice is coagulated by heat, filtered, and the filtrate digested with ether, which dissolves the asclepion, and yields it by evaporation. To purify it, the residue must be treated repeatedly with anhydrous ether, which leaves another substance undissolved. It is white, crystalline, tasteless, inodorous, fusible, insoluble in water and alcohol, soluble in ether, oil of turpentine, and concentrated acetic acid. A strong hot solution of potassa does not affect it. (*Liebig's Annalen*, Jan. 1849.) Hinchman examined *A. cornuti* in 1881, and found asclepion, caoutchouc, fixed oil, tannin, glucose, a bitter principle, gum, starch, volatile oil, and ash. (*A. J. P.*, liii. p. 435.) Anodyne, cathartic, and alterative properties have been claimed for the root of this plant, and it has been especially commended in *asthma* and in *scrofula*, but probably is of very little medical value. A drachm of it in decoction may be given two or three times a day.

Asclepias tuberosa. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1273; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* ii. 59; Barton, *Med. Bot.* i. 239. The root of the butterfly-weed, or *pleurisy root*, is perennial, and gives origin to numerous stems, which are erect, ascending, or procumbent, round, hairy, of a green or reddish color, branching at the top, and about three feet in height. The leaves are scattered, oblong-lanceolate, very hairy, of a rich deep-green color on their upper surface, paler beneath, and supported usually on short footstalks. They differ, however, somewhat in shape according to the variety of the plant. In the variety with decumbent stems they are almost linear, and in another variety cordate. The beautiful reddish-orange-colored flowers occur in terminal or lateral corymbose umbels. The fruit is an erect lanceolate follicle, with flat ovate seeds connected to a longitudinal receptacle by long silky hairs.

This plant differs from other species of Asclepias in not emitting a milky juice when wounded. It is indigenous, growing throughout the United States from Massachusetts to Georgia, and as far west as Texas, and when in full bloom, in June and July, having a splendid appearance. It is most abundant in the Southern States. The root is the only part used in medicine. It is "large and fusiform, dried in longitudinal or transverse sections, from 2 to 15 Cm. long, and about 2 Cm. or more in thickness; the head knotty, and slightly but dis-

tinctly annulate, the remainder longitudinally wrinkled, externally orange-brown, internally whitish; tough, and having an uneven fracture; bark thin, and in two distinct layers, the inner one whitish; wood yellowish, with large, white, medullary rays. It is inodorous, and has a bitterish, somewhat acrid taste. When long kept it acquires a gray color." *U. S.*

When dried, it is easily pulverized; and its taste is bitter, but not otherwise unpleasant. Mr. E. Rhoads discovered in it a peculiar principle, which he obtained by treating the cold infusion with tannic acid, mixing the precipitate, previously washed and expressed, with litharge, drying the mixture and exhausting it with hot alcohol, and finally decolorizing and evaporating the alcoholic liquor. The product was a yellowish-white powder, having the taste of the root, soluble in ether, and much less readily so in water, from which it was precipitated by tannic acid. Mr. Rhoads also found evidence of the existence in the root of tannic and gallic acids, albumen, pectin, gum, starch, a resin soluble and another insoluble in ether, fixed oil, a volatile odorous fatty matter, and various salts, besides from 30 to 35 per cent. of lignin. (*A. J. P.*, xxxiii.) Quackenbush (*A. J. P.*, 1889) found in it and also in *A. cornuti* a crystalline glucoside.

Medical Properties and Uses. The root of *Asclepias tuberosa* is diaphoretic and expectorant, and in sufficient dose cathartic. In the Southern States it has long been employed by regular practitioners in *catarrh*, *pneumonia*, *pleurisy*, *consumption*, and other pectoral affections. It is said to be gently tonic, and has been popularly used in *pains of the stomach* from flatulence and indigestion. From twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.) of the root in powder may be given several times a day; but as a diaphoretic it is best administered in decoction, an ounce to a quart; dose, a teacupful every two or three hours till it operates.

ASPIDIUM. U. S. (Br.) Aspidium. [Male Fern.]

(ĄS-PĬD'Ị-ŬM.)

"The rhizome of Dryopteris Filix-mas, Schott, and of Dryopteris marginalis, Asa Gray (nat. ord. Filices)." *U. S.* "The rhizome with the persistent bases of the petioles of Aspidium Filix mas, Swartz. Collected late in the autumn, divested of its scales, roots, and all dead portions, and carefully dried with a gentle heat. Should not be used if more than a year old." *Br.*

Filix Mas, *Br.* and *U. S.* 1870; Rhizoma Filicis, *P. G.;* Radix Filicis maris, Male Shield Fern; Fougère mâle, *Fr.;* Wurmfarnwurzel, Woldfarnwurzel, Johanniswurzel, *G.;* Felce maschia, *It.;* Helecho, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Fruit dots roundish or round, borne on the backs or extremities of free pinnate veins; indusium flat, scarious, orbicular, or round kidney-shaped, covering the sporangia, attached to the receptacle at the centre, or at the sinus opening all round the margin.

As the term Dryopteris was first used by Amman in 1739, and was again applied by Adanson in 1763, as the name of the genus which has been commonly known as Aspidium by botanists, the revisers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia are at least theoretically correct in using the term; although some may doubt the wisdom of disturbing a name so thoroughly established as Aspidium, especially in view of the fact that the word "Dryopteris" has been used for the sub-genus of Aspidium, to which the official species belongs,—namely, that in which the indusium is fixed at the narrow sinus, and the fronds are membranous or thin.*

The male fern has a perennial, horizontal root or rhizome, from which numerous annual fronds or leaves arise, forming tufts from a foot to four feet in height. The stipe, or footstalk, and midrib are thickly beset with brown, tough, transparent scales; the frond itself is oval-lanceolate, acute, pinnate, and of a bright-green color. The pinnæ or leaflets are remote below, approach more nearly as they ascend, and run together at the summit of the leaf. They are deeply divided into lobes, which are of an oval shape, crenate at the edges, and gradually diminish from the base of the pinna to the apex. The fructification is in small dots on the back of each lobe, placed in two rows near the base, and distant from the edges. The plant is a native of Europe, Asia, and the north of Africa. It is also said to have been found in some of the Polynesian islands, and grows in Canada, following the Rocky Mountain chain through Mexico, Venezuela, etc., as far south as Peru. In the Eastern United States it is replaced by *A. marginale*, Sw., and *A. goldianum*, Hook.

A. marginale. Swartz. (*Gray's Manual.*) Frond ovate-oblong in outline (one to two feet long), pale green; pinnæ lanceolate, from a broad almost sessile base; pinnules oblong, obtuse,

* The synonymes of the male fern are extraordinarily numerous. We append some of them: *Aspidium filix mas*, of many authors; *Polypodium filix mas*, Linn.; *Polystichum filix mas*, Roth.; *Nephrodium filix mas*, Rich.; *Lastrea filix mas*, Presl.; *Tectarea filix-mas*, Cavan; *Dryopteris filix-mas*, Schott; *Lophodium filix-mas*, Newm.; *Polypodium nemorale*, Salisb.; *Polystichum durum et induratum*, Schur.; *Polystichum abbreviatum*, De Candolle; *Aspidium mildeanum*, Göppert; *Dryopteris affinis; Polypodium heleopteris.*

crowded. This species differs from *A. filix mas* chiefly in having its fruit dots upon the margins of its evergreen fronds.*

The revisers of our Pharmacopœia have perhaps acted prematurely in admitting *Aspidium marginale*, but it is probable that most species of the genus, if not of the natural order, are medicinally active. Mr. J. L. Patterson (*A. J. P.*, 1875) found that the newly-recognized *A. marginale* contained all of the active principle of *A. filix mas*, and Mr. Chas. H. Cressler has demonstrated the activity of its oleoresin. (*Ibid.*, 1878.) On the Pacific slope the indigenous *A. rigidum* is locally used against the tape-worm, and Mr. W. J. Bowman has found in it filicic acid and resin. Popular belief has long ascribed tænicidal virtues to our native *Asplenium filix fœmina;* and the Kaffirs of South Africa use the rhizome of *Aspidium athamanticum* under the name of *inkomankomo*, or *uncomocomo*. It is the *pannum* of European commerce. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 447.) R. Kürsten (*P. J. Tr.*, xxii., 1891) found its active principle closely allied to filicic acid, from which it differs in being especially soluble in strong alcohol, in subliming at 80° C., and in not yielding isobutyric acid when heated in a sealed tube with water. *Pannic* acid crystallizes in thin, shining, light yellow, rectangular prisms, melting at 187° C. (368·6° F.).

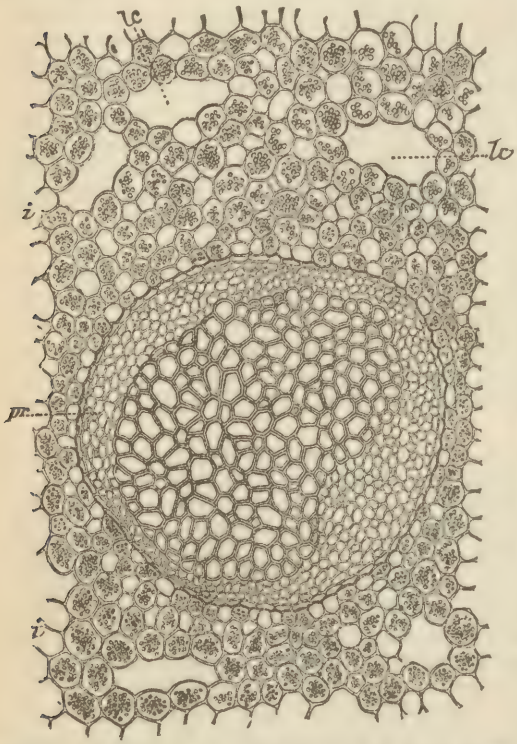
The proper period for collecting the rhizome is during the summer, when, according to M. Peschier, of Geneva, it abounds more in the active principle than in any other season. The same writer informs us that it deteriorates rapidly when kept, and in about two years becomes entirely inert. The rhizomes of other species of fern are frequently substituted for the official; and in the dried state it is difficult to distinguish them. The chaff, together with the dead portions of the rhizome and stipes, should be removed, and only such portions as have retained their green color should be used.

Properties, etc. As taken from the ground, the rhizome consists of a long cylindrical caudex, around which are closely arranged, overlapping each other like the shingles of a roof, the remains of the leafstalks or stipes, which are an inch or two in length, from two to four lines thick, somewhat curved and directed upwards, angular, brown, shining, and surrounded near their origin from the rhizome with thin silky scales of a light brown color. From between these remains of the footstalks emerge numerous small radical fibres. The whole rhizome, thus constituted, presents a somewhat flexible, cylindrical mass, one or two inches thick, and from three inches to a foot or more in length. In this form, however, it is not usually found in commerce. The whole is ordinarily broken up into fragments, consisting of the separated remains of the leafstalks before described, with a small portion of the substance of the rhizome attached to their base, where they are surrounded by the silky scales. These fragments, as seen in commerce, often appear as if long kept, and are probably, in general, much deteriorated by time. The following observations are made by Geiger in relation to the collection and preservation of the rhizome. The inner parts of the fresh rhizome, and of the portions of stalk attached to it, are fleshy and of a light yellowish-green color. In collecting them, all the black discolored portions should be cut away, the fibres and scales separated, and only the sound green parts preserved. These should be immediately but carefully dried, and

* *Botanical Nomenclature.* We think the botanical nomenclature in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 has somewhat unfortunately been adopted to suit the views of certain botanists who have been recently attempting to radically revise botanical nomenclature. In accordance with the rules adopted by an international congress held in Paris in 1867, the first name applied to any plant, species, or genus must be adopted for the genus and species, provided that the generic name has been given previous to 1737, and the specific name previous to 1753. It is plain, however, that these rules are arbitrary and involve certain absurdities, and that the attempt to carry them out strictly must introduce great confusion into botanical nomenclature, involving the rearrangement or renaming of the herbaria of the world, and much use of printer's ink and confusion of thought. The rules would require us to call the fennel plant *Fœniculum fœniculum;* the sassafras plant, *Sassafras sassafras;* and so on. The confusion which results from these rules, and the absurdity of the rules, are further shown by the genus *Calceolaria*. According to Fifer's *Nomenclator Botanicus*, the name Calceolaria was given in 1725 to a *Scrophulariaceous* genus, and was adopted as the name of that genus by Linnæus in 1771. It would seem, however, that in 1758, Loefling gave the name Calceolaria to a genus of *Violacea*. It is plain that Calceolaria was first applied to the *Scrophulariaceous* genus; but, because the first application was made previous to 1737, the name must, according to the rules, be applied to the genus of violets, and it is so applied by the school of botanists already spoken of. (See *Annals of New York Academy*, 1893, p. 51.) It so happens that the world over the name *Calceolaria* has for one hundred and twenty-five years been used for the Scrophulariaceous group, and for one hundred years or so *Ionidium* has been employed for the group of violets. Now, forsooth, the rights of priority are to be thrown aside, the universal custom of over a century overthrown, all the world's herbaria rearranged, books rewritten, and confusion in general to reign, because gentlemen in 1867, in the city of Paris assembled, chose to say, We will make a set of arbitrary rules! In our opinion so long as the authoritative botanical works, like *Gray's Manual*, adopt a certain botanical nomenclature, the Pharmacopœia should cling to general custom, and not be led into the disputed and barren territory of botanical revision in nomenclature. Of course, in drug definitions the Pharmacopœial botanical nomenclature must be adhered to; but we can see no sufficient reason for changing the nomenclature in the U. S. Dispensatory.

then pulverized; and the powder should be kept in small well-stopped glass bottles. The powder thus prepared has a pale yellowish color with a greenish tinge.

The dried rhizome is "from 5 to 15 Cm. long, 10 to 25 Mm. in thickness, and, together with the closely imbricated, dark brown, roundish, and slightly curved stipe-remnants, 50 to 75 Mm. in diameter; densely covered with brown, glossy, transparent, and soft, chaffy scales; internally pale green, rather spongy." *U. S.* Microscopic examination shows that it is composed of polyhedral, porous-walled cells and vascular bundles containing scalariform ducts: in *A. filix mas* ten of these bundles are larger than the others, and are arranged in an attempted circle near to the surface; whilst in *A. marginale* there are only six bundles in the circle. It has been analyzed by H. Bock, who gives as its constituents volatile oil, fixed oil, resin, starch, vegetable jelly, albumen, gum, sugar, tannic and gallic acids, pectin, lignin, and various salts. (See *A. J. P.*, xxiv. 64.) Peschier ascertained that its active properties reside in the ethereal extract, which is the fixed oil in an impure state, containing volatile oil, resin, coloring matter, etc. It is a thick dark liquid, with the odor of the fern, and a nauseous, bitterish, somewhat acrid taste. Dr. E. Luck has found in it a peculiar acid, which he denominates *filicic acid*, and has extracted from the root two others, named *tannaspidic* and *pteritannic acids*. (*Chem. Gaz.*, ix. 407 and 452.) Luck gave to the filicic acid the formula $C_{13}H_{14}O_4$, but Grabowsky claimed that it should be $C_{14}H_{18}O_5$, and that the acid was in reality *dibutyryl phloroglucin*, $C_6H_4(C_4H_7O)_2O_3$. Daccomo found in male fern (*A. J. P.*, 1889) *filicic acid*, to which he gives the formula $C_{14}H_{16}O_5$, a white waxy substance, melting at 80° C., with the formula $(C_{13}H_{26}O)_n$, glucose, tannin, a red coloring matter (*filix red*), a green oil which he separated into several fractions, and two resins, one brick-red, melting at 85°–93°, and the other black and plastic. He considers that filicic acid is probably an isobutyric acid derivative of hydroxynaphthaquinone.



Rhizome of Aspidium. *lc*, open interspace; *pr*, prosenchyma; *i*, parenchyma.

Medical Properties and Uses. Male fern was used by the ancients, and is mentioned as a vermifuge in the works of Dioscorides, Theophrastus, Galen, and Pliny, and by some of the earlier modern writers. But it does not appear to have been generally known till about the year 1775, when the King of France purchased from Madame Nouffer, the widow of a Swiss surgeon, a secret remedy for *tape-worm*, which proved to be the powdered root of the male fern. The oleoresin of male fern is a very efficient tænicide, and is also much used against the anchylostoma. It is, however, in overdose a distinct poison. Drs. Katayama and Okamoto (*Sei-i-kwai*, July, 1892) having collected from literature twenty-two cases of poisoning by it, of which five proved fatal. Six drachms have caused death. (*Lancet*, 1882.) The symptoms have been vomiting, diarrhœa, vertigo, headache, tremor, cold sweat, dyspnœa, cyanosis, mania, coma, convulsions. In nearly half of the cases there was amblyopia, or even amaurosis, with dilated, fixed pupils; the loss of sight is usually temporary, but has proved permanent. Katayama and Okamoto succeeded in producing blindness in the lower animals. They believe that the use of castor oil with the male fern notably increases the absorption of the extract. Prevost and Binet have found that in the lower animals, given hypodermically, the oleoresin produces violent dyspnœa and death from arrest of the heart in systole, and Fröhner has found parenchymatous nephritis in animals fatally poisoned by it. For the expulsion of *tape-worm*, the patient should live upon milk and a little bread for one day, and the following morning

take a full dose (f℥ss to f℥i) of the oleoresin, fasting, and repeating it in two or three hours. At noon the patient may resume the use of food, and in the evening a brisk cathartic should be given. Male fern is said (with doubtful accuracy) to prove more effectual against the tape-worm of the Swiss (*Bothriocephalus latus*) than against the *Tænia solium*, which is more frequent in France and England. (*Bremser.*)

ASPIDOSPERMA. U. S. Aspidosperma. [Quebracho.]

(ĂS-PĮ-DŌ-SPĔR'MĄ.)

"The bark of Aspidosperma Quebracho-blanco, Schlechtendal (nat. ord. Apocynaceæ)." *U. S.*

Quebracho Bark, Quebracho Blanco.

The technical characters of the genus *Aspidosperma*, in which are included a number of South American trees, may be found in De Candolle's *Prodromus*, vol. viii. p. 396, or in Hooker's *Genera Plantarum*, vol. ii. p. 702.

Quebracho is an evergreen tree, which sometimes reaches the height of one hundred feet, and is remarkable for its erect stem and its wide-spreading crown reaching out over the cacti and lower bushes among which it grows. The smooth grayish or yellowish branches at the top are more or less erect, whilst below they are horizontal or descending, like those of the weeping willow. The opposite or ternately verticillate leaves are short petiolate or subsessile, coriaceous, rigid, glaucescent, elliptical-lanceolate. The flower occurs in axillary or terminal sub-cymose panicles; the five-parted, glaucous, campanulate calyx has its segments ovate, acute, whilst the yellowish, five-divided, hypocrateriform corolla has its oblong-linear lobes extended or subinvolute, with an auriculate, sinistrorsely contorted base. The oval, four-angled pollen-grains are smooth and yellowish. The capsules, with the ovule solitary for abortion, are dehiscent into two valves, which are usually medianly subcarinate. The pericarp is thick and woody. The wood of the quebracho tree is not met with in commerce, but is said to be very hard, distinctly marked with rings of growth, and of a bright chocolate-brown color, except the very young wood, which is yellowish or reddish. According to the experiments of Hesse and Penzoldt, the wood is inactive, and contains no alkaloids; it is used for tanning purposes in South America.*

Properties. Quebracho bark is remarkable for the extreme thickness of the corky layer which often constitutes more than half of its entire substance, and is separated from the lower layer by more or less sharply defined outline. The corky layer is usually externally dirty gray, or where it has been rubbed appears yellowish red. As seen with the magnifying glass it is traversed by nearly parallel yellowish lines having numerous whitish points between them. The inner portion of the bark is uniform, except for whitish points. These characteristics of the bark are more plainly observed after moistening the surface. In different specimens the color of the inner bark varies up to light yellow. When examined with high powers the outer layer is seen to be composed of superimposed parenchymatous cells, traversed by bands of small, thick-walled cork cells, constituting the parallel lines before spoken of. The whitish points spoken of are groups of sclerenchymatous cells whose membrane has been so thickened by secondary deposits that the cavity is nearly obliterated. The inner portion of the bark is composed of parenchymatous cells, usually of a cinnamon-brown color, rich in starch, and containing a light-brown granular substance, with groups of sclerenchymatous cells similar to those already spoken of, but containing a dark-yellow substance, which seems to be in drops. These sclerenchymatous cells



Section from the inner bark of Quebracho, showing isolated bast cells and a group of sclerenchymatous cells.

* *Quebracho colorado* and *Quebracho Gum* are respectively the wood and the dried juice or watery extract of the *Loxopterygium lorentzii*, a large tree growing in the Argentine Republic. The wood is very heavy, hard, and of a reddish-brown color. (See *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 152; also Penzoldt, *loc. cit.*; *P. J. Tr.*, xii.) Quebracho colorado has been used as a substitute for the true quebracho, but is essentially different from it, and probably is a simple astringent and gastro-intestinal stimulant, although Dr. Penzoldt claims that it is similar in its action, but much weaker than quebracho blanco.

are more abundant in the inner part of the bark, and are arranged in spindle-shaped fibres, which can be readily separated by scraping the inner surface of the bast. The fibres are surrounded by angular bodies, which on careful examination will be seen to be really a multitude of small cells, each containing a crystal of calcium oxalate. The U. S. P. description of quebracho bark is as follows. "In nearly flat pieces, about 1 to 3 Cm. thick; the outer surface yellowish-gray or brownish, deeply fissured; inner surface yellowish-brown or reddish-brown, distinctly striate; fracture displaying two sharply defined strata, of about equal thickness, and both marked with numerous whitish dots and striæ arranged in tangential lines; the fracture of the outer, lighter colored layer rather coarsely granular, and that of the darker colored, inner layer short-splintery; inodorous; taste very bitter and slightly aromatic."

Chemical Constituents. In 1878, Fraude (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1878, p. 2189; 1879, p. 1560) discovered in the quebracho blanco an alkaloid, *aspidospermine*, $C_{22}H_{30}N_2O_2$; but a series of experiments have led Dr. F. Penzoldt to the conclusion that it does not represent the whole medical activity of the bark, and O. Hesse is said to have found five other alkaloids, *aspidospermatine*, $C_{22}H_{28}N_2O_2$, and isomeric with it *aspidosamine*, $C_{22}H_{28}N_2O_2$, *quebrachine*, $C_{21}H_{26}N_2O_2$, and isomeric with this *hypoquebrachine*, $C_{21}H_{26}N_2O_2$, and *quebrachamine*. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xiii. 2308.) *Aspidospermine* fuses at 205°–206° C., is soluble in about 6000 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and the solution has a decidedly bitter taste, soluble in about 48 parts of absolute alcohol, in 106 parts of ether, insoluble in glycerin; it dissolves readily in fats and fixed oils, cod-liver oil dissolving a larger proportion than it does of quinine. Its *sulphate* and *hydrochlorate* are very soluble. The citrate is crystallizable, and very soluble. The yield of aspidospermine is very small, 0·33 per cent. of the bark. *Aspidospermatine* is crystalline, and fuses at 162° C.; *aspidosamine* is amorphous, and fuses at 100° C.; *quebrachine* in colorless crystals fuses at 214°–216° C.; *hypoquebrachine* is a yellowish mass resembling albumen, and fuses at 80° C.; *quebrachamine* forms colorless silky needles, only slightly soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, and benzin, and fuses at 142° C.

Medical Properties and Uses. Quebracho bark is said to be employed as an antiperiodic in Chili, but in Europe and America it has been used solely as a remedy in *cardiac* and *asthmatic dyspnœa*. (*Die Wirkungen Quebrachodrogin*, Dr. F. Penzoldt, Erlangen, 1881.) In the lower animals large doses of the bark produce motor palsy, with dyspnœa, and finally death, apparently from asphyxia. The breathing early becomes slower in rate, but deeper; the blood-pressure is not much affected until late. Our knowledge of the action of the alkaloids of quebracho is very imperfect, and we give a synopsis of the important researches in a footnote.* A notable phenomenon observed with all the alkaloids was that, although death apparently took place from asphyxia, the venous blood was red or reddish. It would seem to be proved that the active principles of quebracho have a very notable influence upon the respiratory centres; and the curious coloration of the blood seen after death has given rise to the belief that the alkaloid directly affects the blood in its relations to oxygen. Indeed, Dr. F. Penzoldt (*loc. cit.*) believes that the relief of dyspnœa obtained clinically by the use of the drug is caused by its increasing the power of the blood to take oxygen, and the dyspnœa caused by poisonous doses he attributes to its preventing the blood yielding the oxygen to the

* Several experimenters have studied more or less completely the physiological action of the alkaloids of quebracho blanco. Harnack and Hoffmann (*Zeit. für Klin. Med.*, 1884, vol. viii.) find that *aspidospermatine* causes in the frog respiratory paralysis, with palsy of all the striated muscular fibre of the body, including the heart-muscle. Upon mammals it acts very feebly, its most marked influence being upon the respiration. *Quebrachine* acted upon the frog precisely as did aspidospermatine. Its influence upon the mammal was at least twenty times as great as that of aspidospermatine, comparatively small doses producing death by respiratory paralysis. *Quebrachamine* acted very much as did aspidospermatine upon the breathing and upon the muscular fibre. *Aspidosamine* acted upon the breathing and upon the muscular fibre like aspidospermatine, but also paralyzed the motor nerve-endings. Its influence upon mammals was quite feeble. According to this research, the combined alkaloids have especial influence upon the respiration and the respiratory centres, and at the same time affect the muscular fibres directly and the peripheral nerve-endings. Schiffer (*Archiv f. Physiol.*, 1883, p. 249) has found that the extract of a commercial quebracho blanco produces in the rabbit general muscular weakness, followed by paralysis with greatly diminished reflexes and an appearance of the deepest narcosis, with increased frequency of breathing, unaltered cardiac activity, and unchanged pupils. After very large doses death occurs in a very short time, preceded by convulsions. The motor nerve-trunks were found even during life almost devoid of functional activity. The exact nature of the bark used for the making of the extract is not stated. Eloy and Huchard (*Archives de Phys. et Path.*, April 1, 1886) found that the extract of quebracho blanco has some effect on sensibility after the taking out of the quebrachine, hypoquebrachine, aspidospermine, and aspidospermatine, but that these alkaloids themselves have no effect on general sensibility. The four alkaloids named produced paralysis, with, if in excessive doses, tonic convulsions, and all of them had the power of reducing the temperature, quebrachine being in this respect the most active. Aspidospermine increased the amplitude of the respiratory movements to a very marked degree, but in overdose produced irregularity and failure of respiration. The three other alkaloids had much less effect upon respiration.

tissues, but he does not prove his theory. There would seem to be a physiological basis for the results obtained by various clinicians, who have found that quebracho is a valuable remedy when the respiration is embarrassed by *emphysema*, *bronchitis*, *chronic pneumonia*, and other complaints mechanically influencing pulmonary functions. Even in *uræmic dyspnœa* the remedy has been found useful. Aspidospermine of commerce is a more or less impure mixture of all alkaloids of the bark, and hence may be considered to represent its activity. The dose of the commercial aspidospermine is from a quarter to half a grain (0·016 to 0·03 Gm.). The fluid extract may be given in doses of from a quarter to one fluidrachm (1 to 4 C.c.); the solid extract is said to be ten times the strength of the crude bark, and may be given in doses of from one to three grains (0·065 to 0·194 Gm.)

ATROPINA. U. S., Br. Atropine.

$C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$; 288·38. (ĂT-RŌ-PĪ'NĂ.) $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$; 289.

"An alkaloid obtained from Belladonna. As it occurs in commerce, it is always accompanied by a small proportion of hyoscyamine extracted along with it, from which it cannot be readily separated." *U. S.*

Atropia; Atropinum, *P. G.;* Atropine, *Fr.;* Atropin, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia has very properly omitted the process for preparing atropine; for process of 1870 see foot-note.* The British process is as follows: "Take of Belladonna Root, recently dried and in coarse powder, *two pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *ten pints* [Imperial measure]; Slaked Lime *one ounce* [av.]; Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Carbonate of Potassium, of each, *a sufficiency;* Chloroform *three fluidounces;* Purified Animal Charcoal *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces.* Macerate the Root in four pints [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, for twenty-four hours, with frequent stirring. Transfer to a displacement apparatus, and exhaust the root with the remainder of the Spirit by slow percolation. Add the Lime to the tincture placed in a bottle, and shake them occasionally several times. Filter, add the Diluted Sulphuric Acid in very slight excess to the filtrate, and filter again. Distil off three-fourths of the Spirit, add to the residue the Distilled Water, evaporate as rapidly as possible, until the liquor is reduced to one-third of its volume and no longer smells of alcohol; then let it cool. Add very cautiously, with constant stirring, a solution of the Carbonate of Potassium so as nearly to neutralize the acid, care, however, being taken that an excess is not used. Set to rest for six hours, then filter, and add Carbonate of Potassium in such quantity that the liquid shall acquire a decided alkaline reaction. Place it in a bottle with the Chloroform; mix well by frequently repeated brisk agitation, and pour the mixed liquids into a funnel furnished with a glass stop-cock. When the Chloroform has subsided, draw it off by the stop-cock, and distil it on a water-bath from a retort connected with a condenser. Dissolve the residue in warm Rectified Spirit; digest the solution with a little Animal Charcoal; filter, evaporate, and cool until colorless crystals are obtained." *Br.*

The U. S. process of 1870 is a modification of that of Prof. Procter. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1860.) For discussion of this and other processes, see the U. S. Dispensatory, 14th ed.

The British process is a combination of the processes of Mein and Rabourdin (see 14th ed. U. S. Dispensatory), the former being followed until after the addition of potassium carbonate, and the alkaloid thus liberated being taken up by chloroform as in the latter. The use of lime in the earlier stage of the proceedings is to cause a precipitation of various substances which would otherwise embarrass the subsequent operations. This alkaloid cannot be prepared profitably on the small scale by the pharmacist, and for this reason the Pharmacopœia furnishes several good tests for recognizing its quality, and refrains from giving a process. A new method for preparing atropine is given in *Chem. Centralbl.*, No. 111, 180. (See *Proc. A.*

* "Take of Belladonna Root, in fine powder, *forty-eight troyounces;* Purified Chloroform *four troyounces and a half;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Solution of Potassa, Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the powder with a pint of Alcohol, and having introduced the mixture into a cylindrical percolator, pour alcohol gradually upon it until sixteen pints have passed. From the liquid thus obtained distil off twelve pints of Alcohol. To the residue add sufficient Diluted Sulphuric Acid to give it an acid reaction, and, having evaporated the liquid to half a pint, add an equal bulk of Water, and filter through paper. To the filtered liquid add, first a troyounce and a half of the Chloroform, and then Solution of Potassa in slight excess, and shake the whole together at intervals for half an hour. When the heavier liquid has subsided, separate it, and, having added a troyounce and a half of the Chloroform to the lighter liquid, again shake them together, and separate the heavier from the lighter liquid as before. Add to this lighter liquid the remainder of the Chloroform, and, after agitation, separate the heavier liquid for the third time. Mix the heavier liquids in a capsule, and set the mixture aside until, by spontaneous evaporation, the Atropia is left dry." *U. S.* 1870.

P. A., 1884, p. 315.) As stated under *Belladonna*, it may be formed from the alkaloid hyoscyamine under a variety of conditions.

Properties and Tests. Atropine is in "white, acicular crystals, or a more or less amorphous, white powder, without odor, having a bitter, acrid taste, and gradually assuming a yellowish tint on exposure to air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 130 parts of water, 3 parts of alcohol, 16 parts of ether, 4 parts of chloroform, and about 50 parts of glycerin. At about 108° C. (226·4° F.) it melts, forming a colorless liquid; at about 140° C. (284° F.) it begins to give off white, acrid fumes, and, when ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. It has a markedly alkaline reaction; its saturated aqueous solution acquires a pink color upon the addition of a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution. If a small quantity of atropine, or of one of its salts, be heated with a few C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid, a peculiar odor, recalling that of a mixture of rose, orange-flower, and melilot, will become noticeable. On now gradually adding minute fragments of potassium dichromate, the odor will change to that of oil of bitter almond, the rose odor disappearing as more dichromate is added. Atropine and its salts are decomposed by prolonged contact with sodium or potassium hydrate, and if heated with either of them, evolve ammonia. On dissolving a small quantity (about 0·1 Gm.) of atropine in 2 C.c. of alcohol, and adding an equal volume of mercuric chloride test-solution, a yellow precipitate, which soon turns red, is produced. On adding concentrated sulphuric acid to atropine, no color should be produced (absence of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor should any color be developed by the subsequent addition of nitric acid (absence of and difference from *morphine*). The aqueous solution of atropine, or of any of its salts, is not precipitated by platinic chloride test-solution (difference from *most other alkaloids*). With gold chloride test-solution it gives a precipitate which, when recrystallized from boiling water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, is deposited, on cooling, in minute crystals forming a yellow, lustreless powder on drying (difference from, and absence of more than a small proportion of, *hyoscyamine*)." *U. S.*

It is inflammable, giving off an odor like that of benzoic acid, and, when burned in the open air, leaving no residue. By distilling it with potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid, Dr. E. Pfeiffer succeeded in obtaining crystals of benzoic acid and propylamine. (*A. J. P.*, 1864, p. 226.) Dr. Kraut, by heating it with baryta water, succeeded in obtaining a peculiar acid and peculiar base, the former of which he calls *tropic acid*, $C_9H_{10}O_3$, melting at 117° C., and oxidizable by dilute potassium permanganate to bitter almond oil and benzoic acid, and the latter *tropine*,* $C_8H_{15}NO$, melting at 62° C. (*Ibid.*, p. 232.) Ladenburg (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 12, 942, and 13, 104) has succeeded in effecting the synthesis of atropine from these two constituents, which, when heated over a water-bath in the presence of dilute hydrochloric acid, unite to form the alkaloid. It is said, moreover, that when a little of it, dissolved in a few drops of sulphuric acid, is heated, an odor is given out resembling that of orange flowers. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1864, p. 112.) Hinterberger states that an alcoholic solution of atropine, when cyanogen is passed through it, assumes a blood-red color, and, on spontaneous evaporation, deposits a red, syrupy liquid insoluble in water. (*Gmelin.*) The detection of atropine in small quantity is a matter of great difficulty; the best test is the physiological, which consists in placing the suspected liquid in the eye of a cat, or other animal, when, if the alkaloid be present, dilatation of the pupil will occur. According to Brunner, the best chemical test is the aromatic smell which is produced by adding this alkaloid and a little water to a hot mixture of sulphuric acid and potassium bichromate or ammonium molybdate. (*P. J. Tr.*, iv. 385.) For further information see *Belladonna*;† also *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 206.

Medical Properties and Uses. The local and general effects of atropine on the system are precisely those of belladonna. It is, however, more speedy in its operation, probably in consequence of its easier absorption. Thus, the poisonous action of belladonna is seldom experienced in less than half an hour, while that of atropine shows itself violently in fifteen or twenty minutes. The most prominent effects from small remedial doses are dryness and stricture of the throat, and slight uneasiness of the head, with confusion or giddiness; from somewhat larger doses, dilatation of the pupil, some dimness of vision, frontal headache, hur-

* The physiological action of *tropine hydrochlorate* has been partially investigated by Dr. H. G. Beyer. (*Med. News*, Aug. 27, 1887.) He concludes that it gives rise to vaso-motor constriction by exciting the vaso-motor constrictors, and that it sometimes causes vaso-motor dilatation by exciting vaso-motor dilator nervous elements.

† For the behavior of atropine under the influence of an electric current, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1870, i. 244.

It is stated by H. Bullot that if to an aqueous solution of atropine acidulated with sulphuric acid an aqueous solution of picric acid be added, a precipitate will not form with good English atropine; with that obtained by the method of Simon, there will be a very slight precipitate; with the German alkaloid, an abundant yellow precipitate.

ried respiration, slight delirium, flushed face, and sometimes a scarlet rash. After poisonous doses the above symptoms occur in a more aggravated form. Two distinct stages of the poisoning can usually be noted. At first there is great dimness or total temporary loss of vision, excessive dilatation of the pupil, headache, delirium, which is always talkative and may be violent, an enormous increase in the frequency of the pulse, which is also small and hard, an elevation of the bodily temperature, and decided increase of the rate of respiration. Subsequently the second stage develops, and paralytic symptoms set in: the delirium gives way to stupor, restlessness to paralytic weakness, the pulse becomes very feeble, the surface cold, the respirations grow more and more shallow, and death from failure of both respiration and circulation occurs.

In some instances violent convulsions have occurred; nausea and vomiting, and even diarrhœa, are occasionally produced. The atropine is eliminated by the kidneys, and may produce increased diuresis, but usually there is, in cases of poisoning, retention of urine from vesical paralysis. The increase of the heart's action by atropine is chiefly due to its paralyzing the peripheral vagi, the inhibitory nerves of the heart; the final cardiac failure which takes place when poisonous doses have been taken is apparently the result of a direct depressant action on the heart-muscle. Upon the vaso-motor centres atropine in a moderate dose acts as a stimulant, thereby causing a great rise of the arterial pressure. After poisonous doses the primary vaso-motor spasm is followed by dilatation of the vessels and great fall of the arterial pressure. Paralysis of the motor nerves is one of the most marked effects of the poison; upon the afferent nerves the poison seems to have but little influence. On all non-striated muscle atropine exerts a very powerful influence, and it is probable, although not certain, that whilst in poisonous amount it lessens and finally paralyzes intestinal movements by a direct action upon the muscular coats, in small doses it increases peristalsis by paralyzing the inhibitory nerves which control this intestinal function. The action of the drug upon the respiratory centres is a very important one, atropine being in moderate doses one of the most powerful persistent stimulants to the respiratory centre known. The asphyxia of belladonna poisoning is certainly in large measure due to the paralysis of the nerve-trunks which the poison produces, although it is also probable that the first period of excitation of the respiratory centres is followed by one of depression.

Atropine chiefly depends for its therapeutic powers upon—1st, its sedative action upon the peripheral nerves; 2d, its stimulant action on the respiratory centres; 3d, its influence upon the heart and vaso-motor centres. By virtue of its first-mentioned power it is useful in *spasmodic diseases*, such as *whooping-cough*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *local spasm*, etc. As the action is upon the nerve-trunks, the remedy is much more effective when it can be applied locally, as by atomization in *whooping-cough* and *asthma*, or by hypodermic injection in *wry neck*. As atropine has some influence upon the afferent nerve, it has some power of relieving *pain;* but for this action to be marked, direct application is necessary. On account of its influence upon respiration, it is invaluable in *narcotic poisonings* and other bodily conditions with failure of the function. In *shock* and other similar states in which vaso-motor paralysis is an important part of the morbid condition, it is a very useful stimulant. On account of the paralyzing influence which it has upon the inhibitory intestinal nerves, atropine may be used as an adjuvant to more decided laxatives.

On the glandular system atropine exerts a decided influence; its effect upon the salivary and perspiratory glands being at present best understood. The remarkable action which it has in checking the functional activity of these glands is probably exerted through the nervous system, for in Keuchel's experiments it was distinctly proved that the chorda tympani nerve, excitation of which normally provokes salivation in atropine poisoning, is paralyzed. In a case recorded by Dr. James Andrew two-thirds of a grain of atropine occasioned the most alarming symptoms, which continued for several days (*Ed. Month. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xiv. 34); and a lady under the care of M. Roux, of Brignolles, took somewhat more than a grain, with the same alarming symptoms (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1861, p. 14); though in both cases recovery took place under treatment. In a child three years old less than half a grain was followed by similar dangerous symptoms and the same favorable result. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Dec. 1850, p. 601.) A solution of atropine dropped into the eye produces dilatation of the pupil after ten or fifteen minutes, without causing congestion or inflammation; and the dilatation will usually continue for three or four days. It is said that the dilatation is sometimes followed by contraction of the pupil, especially when the dose is large. The alkaloid also produces its characteristic constitutional effects when applied to the skin denuded of the epidermis, or to a mucous membrane, as of the rectum, vagina, etc., and especially when injected into the subcu-

taneous areolar tissue. The remedies for its poisonous operation are the same as those for belladonna; the most prominent being evacuation of the stomach, cold applications to the head, the preparations of opium internally, and stimulants when the strength is failing. As the value of atropine in opium poisoning, which seems unquestionable, is due to its influence on the respiratory centres, it is far from certain that opium is of at all proportionate advantage in poisoning by belladonna, etc. The official compound solution of iodine has been given as a chemical antidote to atropine, and with asserted advantage. It acts by forming an insoluble compound with the alkaloid. (See *Belladonna.*)

Atropine may be administered internally for all the purposes for which belladonna is given; and it is very largely used as a local remedy, for application to the eye, or to the surface of the body, or for subcutaneous injection; and for these purposes it has the advantage over the ordinary preparations of belladonna of greater precision of dose, quickness of action, and neatness and cleanness. In *ptyalism* and in *colliquative sweats* the most prompt effects can be obtained from the hypodermic use of atropine. The hypodermic dose of atropine may be set down as the one-hundredth of a grain, the dose by the mouth as the one-seventy-fifth of a grain, although in serious cases these amounts may be much exceeded. Thus, in some cases of *opium poisoning* one-twentieth of a grain (0·003 Gm.) may be exhibited at once. On the other hand, in susceptible persons, one-hundredth of a grain (0·0006 Gm.) will produce decided dryness of the throat, and one-fiftieth of a grain (0·0012 Gm.) is alleged to have caused toxic symptoms. As the atropine itself is insoluble, the sulphate should always be preferred. For application to the sound skin, the form of ointment is most convenient. This may be made by rubbing a grain of the alkaloid first with four minims of alcohol, and then with a drachm of lard. Glycerin and olein also have been recommended as vehicles of atropine for external use, and may be incorporated with it in the same proportion.

When solution of atropine sulphate is used for *dilating the pupil*, it may be either dropped into the eye within the lower lid, or introduced on small slips of paper previously saturated with the solution and dried, or, what is still more convenient, by means of minute circular disks of gelatin, made by mixing the solution with gelatin and evaporating so as to procure a thin film, which is to be cut into circular pieces. These have the advantage over paper that they do not require to be subsequently removed from the eye.

The external use of atropine is not without danger, unless great caution be observed. A case is on record in which an ointment composed of three grains of the sulphate and two drachms of lard, applied upon a vesicated surface on the neck, produced in a few minutes the most violent symptoms of belladonna poisoning, ending in death in two hours. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1867, p. 9.) The solution of atropine or its salts* is very apt to have developed in it a fungous growth with consequent decomposition of the alkaloid.

ATROPINÆ SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Atropine Sulphate.

$(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2, H_2SO_4$; 674·58. (ĂT-RŌ-PĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.) $(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2, H_2SO_4$; 676.

Sulphate of Atropia; Atropinum Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Sulfate d'Atropine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Atropin, *G.*

"Take of Atropine *one hundred and twenty grains;* Distilled Water *four fluidrachms;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid *a sufficiency.* Mix the Atropine with the Water and add the Acid gradually, stirring them together until the alkaloid is dissolved, and the solution is neutral. Evaporate it to dryness at a temperature not exceeding 100° F. (37·8° C.)." *Br.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia gives no process for preparing this salt. The official formula of 1870 is essentially the process of M. Ch. Maitre.† Atropine being soluble in ether, while its

* *Atropine Salicylate.* This salt is alleged to have advantages over the sulphate, mainly because of its more rapid and efficient action, provided it be pure and perfectly neutral. It may be prepared by Frederici's process, which is to dissolve 23 parts of atropine in pure alcohol by a gentle heat, and to add enough salicylic acid (about 18 parts) to render the solution neutral, which is determined by the use of litmus paper. The solution is carefully evaporated, and finally dried in a drying-oven. It is deliquescent, and should be kept in securely-stopped vials. The dose is the same as that of the sulphate.

Atropinum Santonicum, a compound of atropine and santonic acid, is described by Herr Bombelon (*Pharm. Zeitung*, April, 1886) as an amorphous non-hygroscopic powder, readily soluble in water, which presents advantages over all other atropine salts in being non-irritating, and also in affording a solution which is stable if kept in yellow glass bottles to avoid the formation of photo-santonic acid. One drop of a solution of 0·01 Gm. in 20 Gm. of water is sufficient to dilate the pupil, the dilatation disappearing in from twelve to twenty-four hours.

† "Take of Atropia *sixty grains:* Stronger Ether *four fluidounces and a half;* Sulphuric Acid *six grains;* Stronger Alcohol *a fluidrachm.* Dissolve the Atropia in the Ether; then mix the Acid and Alcohol, and add the mixture, drop by drop, to the ethereal solution until the Atropia is saturated. Allow the liquid to stand until the precipitate formed is deposited. Then decant the ether, and expose the residue to spontaneous evaporation until the salt is dry." *U. S.* 1870.

sulphate is insoluble in that fluid, a convenient method is afforded for preparing the sulphate with little evaporation. By adding the mixed acid and alcohol to the ethereal solution, the sulphate is formed, and, being insoluble in the ether, is deposited; while the little left dissolved in the alcohol is obtained by spontaneous evaporation. The quantity of acid added is intended to be just sufficient to saturate the alkaloid; but if the saturation should not be exact, it would be easy to render it so by the addition of a little more alkaloid or a little more acid, as required.

From the great facility with which atropine undergoes change, much caution is necessary in preparing its salts; and the process was arranged in reference to this caution. Upon the addition of the mixed acid and alcohol to the ethereal solution, the liquid becomes milky, and deposits on the sides of the vessel a copious precipitate, of a viscid appearance, which soon dries upon the decantation of the ether and the placing of the vessel in a drying-room. To succeed with this process it is necessary that the liquids employed should be carefully freed from water, the sulphuric acid being monohydrated, and that the temperature should be kept as low as possible. There should be no excess of acid; and, if such an excess should be found upon applying the test of litmus paper, the solution should be neutralized by a portion of reserved solution of atropine. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 361; from *Répert. de Pharm.*) In the British process the same object of avoiding decomposition by heat is attained by the low temperature at which the evaporation is effected.

Properties. A white, indistinctly crystalline powder, permanent in the air, odorless, having a very bitter, nauseating taste, and a neutral reaction. "Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·4 part of water, 6·2 parts of alcohol, 2270 parts of ether, or 694 parts of chloroform. At 187° C. (309° F.) the salt melts, forming a brownish-yellow liquid. When ignited, it chars, emits acrid vapors, and is completely consumed. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. On adding sodium carbonate test-solution to a concentrated aqueous solution of the salt, a white precipitate is obtained which should respond to the reactions and tests given under atropine (see *Atropina*). The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.*

If it be required to procure the sulphate in the form of crystals, which may sometimes be desirable, to avoid adulteration, the process of M. Laneau may be employed. A solution of crystallized atropine in absolute alcohol, in the proportion of 2·89 parts of the former to 4 parts of the latter by weight, having been made with the assistance of a gentle heat, 0·4 part of sulphuric acid of the sp. gr. 1·85, diluted with 3 parts of absolute alcohol, is to be gradually added, and stirred with a glass rod, until saturation, as shown by test-paper, is effected. The solution is then allowed to evaporate spontaneously, and the thinner the stratum the sooner will the process be completed. The crystals are in colorless needles more or less interlaced. (See *A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 315.)

The effects of the salt on the system are precisely the same as those of atropine, and it may be used in the same dose. Its great advantage over the alkaloid is its solubility in water. A one-per-cent. solution is said to be instantaneously efficacious in *toothache*, applied to the denuded dental pulp; and also to produce complete insensibility of the dental nerves, in cases in which an artificial tooth is inserted in a living root. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1861, p. 19.)

AURANTII AMARI CORTEX. U. S. (Br.) Bitter Orange Peel.

(ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī Ą-MĀ'RĪ CÖR'TĔX—âu-răn'shę-ī.)

"The rind of the fruit of Citrus vulgaris, Risso (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried outer part of the rind or pericarp of Citrus vulgaris, Risso (Citrus Bigaradia, Duhamel)." *Br.*

Aurantii Cortex, *Br.;* Aurantii pericarpium; Cortex Fructus Aurantii, *P. G.;* Cortex Aurantiorum, Cortex Pomorum Aurantii; Ecorce (Zestes) d'Oranges amères, Ecorce de Bigarade, *Fr.;* Pomeranzenschale, *G.*

AURANTII DULCIS CORTEX. U. S. Sweet Orange Peel.

(ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī DŬL'CIS CÖR'TĔX.)

"The rind of the fresh fruit of Citrus Aurantium, Linné (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.*

Cortex Aurantiorum Dulcium; Ecorce (Zestes) d'Oranges douces, *Fr.;* Apfelsinenschalen, *G.;* Scorze del Frutto dell' Arancio, *It.;* Corteza de Naranja, *Sp.*

AURANTII FRUCTUS. Br. Bitter Orange.

(ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī FRŬC'TŬS.)

"The ripe fruit of Citrus vulgaris, Risso (Citrus Bigaradia, Duhamel)." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft. *Petals* five, oblong. *Anthers* twenty, the filaments united into different parcels. *Berry* nine-celled. *Willd.*

This very interesting genus is composed of small evergreen trees, with ovate or oval-lanceolate and shining leaves, odoriferous flowers, and fruits which usually combine beauty of color with a fragrant odor and grateful taste. They are all natives of warm climates. Though the species are not numerous, great diversity exists in the character of the fruit; and many varieties, founded upon this circumstance, are noticed by writers. In the splendid work on the natural history of the *Citrus* by Risso and Poiteau, 169 varieties are described under the eight following heads: 1, sweet oranges, 2, bitter and sour oranges, 3, bergamots, 4, limes, 5, shaddocks, 6, lumes, 7, lemons, and 8, citrons. Of these it is difficult to decide which have just claims to the rank of distinct species and which must be considered merely as varieties. Those employed in medicine may be arranged in two sets, of which the orange, *C. aurantium*, and the lemon, *C. medica*, are respectively the types; the former characterized by a winged, the latter by a naked or nearly naked petiole. The form and character of the fruit, though not entirely constant, serve as the basis of subdivisions. *C. decumana*, which yields the *shaddock*, agrees with *C. aurantium* in the form of its petiole.

Citrus aurantium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1427; *B. & T.* 51. The orange-tree grows to the height of about fifteen feet. Its stem is rounded, much branched, and covered with a smooth, shining, greenish-brown bark. In the wild state, and before inoculation, it is often furnished with axillary spines. The leaves are ovate, pointed, entire, smooth, and of a shining pale green color. When held between the eye and the light, they exhibit numerous small transparent vesicles, filled with volatile oil; and, when rubbed between the fingers, are highly fragrant. Their footstalks are about an inch long, and have wings or lateral appendages. The flowers, which have a delightful odor, are large, white, and attached by short peduncles, singly, or in clusters, to the smallest branches. The calyx is saucer-shaped, with pointed teeth. The petals are oblong, concave, white, and beset with numerous small glands. The filaments are united at their base in three or more distinct portions, and support yellow anthers. The germen is roundish, and bears a cylindrical style, terminated by a globular stigma. The fruit is a spherical berry, often somewhat flattened at its base and apex, rough, of a yellow or orange color, and divided internally into nine vertical cells, each containing from two to four seeds, surrounded by a pulpy matter. The rind of the fruit consists of a thin exterior layer, abounding in vesicles filled with a fragrant volatile oil, and of an interior one, which is thick, white, fungous, insipid, and inodorous. There are two varieties of *C. aurantium*, considered by some as distinct species. They differ chiefly in the fruit, which in one is sweet, in the other is sour and bitterish and has a darker and rougher rind. The first retains the original title, the second (the Seville orange) is called *Citrus vulgaris* by De Candolle, and *C. bigaradia* by Risso.*

This beautiful evergreen, in which the fruit is mingled, in every stage of its growth, with the blossoms and foliage, has been applied to numerous purposes of utility and ornament. A native of China and India, it was introduced into Europe at a very early period, was transplanted to America soon after its first settlement, and is now found in every civilized country where the climate is favorable. The fruit is brought to us chiefly from Florida, the south of Europe, and the West Indies. The Florida and Havana oranges are the sweetest.

Various parts of the plant are used in medicine. The leaves, which are bitter and aromatic, are employed in some places in the form of infusion as a gently stimulant diaphoretic. They yield by distillation with water a volatile oil, which is said to be often mixed by the distillers with the oils obtained from the flowers and unripe fruit. In regard to polarized light it has a rotatory power to the left, which is considerably weakened by the prolonged action of heat. (Chautard, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xliv. 28.) The fresh flowers may be kept for some time by mixing them well with half their weight of sodium chloride, pressing the mixture in a suitable jar, and keeping it well closed in a cool place. They were formerly recognized by the U. S. P. under the name of *Aurantii Flores*, and were officially described as "about half an inch (12 mm.) long; calyx small, cup-shaped, five-toothed; petals five, oblong, obtuse, rather fleshy, white and glandular-punctate; stamens numerous, in about three sets; ovary globular, upon a small disk, with a cylindrical style, and a globular stigma; odor very fragrant; taste aromatic and somewhat bitter." *U. S.* 1880. The dried flowers are used on the continent of

* A variety of the orange, called the *Mandarin Orange* (*Citrus bigaradia sinensis* or *C. bigaradia myrtifolia*), which is probably a native of China, but cultivated in Sicily, the south of Italy, and Florida, bears a fruit much smaller than the common orange, round, but flattened above and below, with a smooth, thin, delicate rind, and a very sweet delicious pulp. A volatile oil is obtained from the rind by expression, of a yellow color, a very bland agreeable odor, different from that of the orange or lemon, and a not unpleasant taste, like that of the rind. When freed from coloring matter by distillation, it was found by M. S. de Luca to be a pure hydrocarbon, with the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxiii. 52.)

Europe as a gentle nervous stimulant, in the form of infusion, two drachms to the pint of boiling water, taken in the dose of a teacupful. The flowers should be dried in the shade, at a temperature between 24° C. (75° F.) and 35° C. (95° F.).

An oil is obtained also from the flowers by distillation, which is called *neroli* in France, and is much used in perfumery, and in the composition of *liqueurs*. (See *Oleum Aurantii Florum.*) It is an ingredient of the famous Cologne water. That obtained from the flowers of the Seville or bitter orange (*C. vulgaris*) is deemed the sweetest. It was introduced into the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, with the title of *Aurantii Oleum*, to serve for the preparation of orange-flower water. Soubeiran considers this oil rather as a product of the distillation than as pre-existing in the flowers. The fact may thus be explained that orange-flower water made by dissolving even the finest neroli in water has not the precise odor of that procured by distillation from the flowers. Pure neroli has a rotating power to the right, in this respect differing from the oil of the leaves. (*Chautard.*)

The fruit is applied to several purposes. Small unripe oranges, about the size of a cherry or less, previously dried, and rendered smooth by a turning-lathe, are sometimes employed to maintain the discharge from issues. They are preferred to peas on account of their agreeable odor, and by some are thought to swell less with the moisture; but this is denied by others, and it is asserted that they require to be renewed at the end of twenty-four hours. These fruits are sometimes found in commerce under the name of *orange berries*. They are of a grayish or greenish brown color, fragrant odor, and bitter taste, and are said to be used for flavoring cordials. A volatile oil is obtained from them by distillation, known to the French by the name of *essence de petit grain*, and employed for similar purposes with that of the flowers. The oil, however, which now goes by this name is said to be distilled from the leaves, and those of the bitter orange yield the best. The oils from the unripe and the ripe fruit have a rotating power to the right, the latter much greater than the former; and this property might serve to distinguish them from the oil of the leaves. Several of the oils from the Aurantiaceæ deposit a crystalline substance, differing from camphor. (*Chautard.*) The juice of the Seville orange is sour and bitterish, and forms with water a refreshing and grateful drink in febrile diseases. It is employed in the same manner as lemon-juice, which it resembles in containing citric acid, though in much smaller proportion. The sweet orange is more pleasant to the taste, and is extensively used as a light refrigerant article of diet in inflammatory diseases, care being taken to reject the membranous portion. The rind of both the sweet and bitter varieties is directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, the bitter only by the British. With the latter the outer portion is that considered official, as the inner is destitute of activity, and by its affinity for moisture renders the peel liable to become mouldy. The best mode of separating the outer rind, when its desiccation and preservation are desired, is to pare it from the orange in narrow strips with a sharp knife, as we pare an apple. When the object is to use the fresh rind for certain pharmaceutical purposes, as for the preparation of the *confection of orange peel*, it is best separated by a grater. The dried peel sold in the shops is usually that of the Seville orange, and is brought chiefly from countries adjacent to the Mediterranean.

Properties. Orange peel has a grateful aromatic odor, and a warm bitter taste, which depend upon the volatile oil contained in its vesicles. "In narrow, thin bands, or in quarters; epidermis of a dark brownish-green color, glandular, and with very little of the spongy, white, inner layer adhering to it; it has a fragrant odor, and an aromatic, bitter taste." *U. S.* The sweet peel is orange yellow and has a sweetish, fragrant odor, and an aromatic, slightly bitter taste. Both yield their sensible properties to water and alcohol. The bitter principle, *hesperidin*, $C_{22}H_{26}O_{12}$, was discovered by Lebreton in 1828, but its character as a glucoside was established first by Hilger and Hoffmann. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 9, 26, 685.) Treated with dilute acids it yields *hesperetin*, $C_{16}H_{14}O_6$, and glucose. It is crystalline (fusing point 250°–251° C.), and may be prepared by Paterno and Briosi's process, as follows. The cut and bruised oranges are covered with diluted alcohol, potassa solution added in excess, the liquor filtered after two days, and impure hesperidin precipitated by hydrochloric acid; the precipitate is boiled with acetic acid for ten minutes, and, after cooling, filtered from the resinous mass left. The hesperidin gradually separates from the filtrate upon standing, in white fine needles. From 4000 oranges about 6 ounces av. of the principle were obtained. (*Berichte d. Chem. Ges.*, 1876, pp. 250–252.) Tanret found in the rind of the bitter orange, 1, a crystalline acid, $C_{44}H_{28}O_{14}$; 2, a non-crystalline resinous body; 3, *hesperidin;* 4, *isohesperidin*, a crystalline glucoside isomeric with hesperidin; 5, *aurantianarin*, a new glucoside, to which the bitterness of the peel is due. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 839.) The oil may be obtained by expression from the fresh

grated rind, or by distillation with water. It is imported into the United States in tinned copper cans. It has properties resembling those of the oil of lemons, but spoils more rapidly on exposure to the air, acquiring a terebinthinate odor. The perfumers use it in the preparation of Cologne water, and for other purposes; and it is also employed by the confectioners. According to Dr. Imbert-Gourbeyre, persons who are much exposed to the inhalation of the oil of bitter oranges are apt to be affected with cutaneous eruptions, and various nervous disorders, as headache, tinnitus aurium, oppression of the chest, gastralgia, want of sleep, and even muscular spasm. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, Feb. 1854, p. 128.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Bitter orange peel is a mild tonic, carminative, and stomachic; the sweet is simply aromatic; but neither is much used alone. They are chiefly employed to communicate a pleasant flavor to other medicines, to correct their nauseating properties, and to assist their stimulant impression upon the stomach. They are a frequent and useful addition to bitter infusions and decoctions, such as those of gentian, quassia, columbo, and Peruvian bark. It is obviously improper to subject orange peel to long boiling, as the volatile oil is thus driven off. The dose in substance is from half a drachm to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). Violent colic, convulsions, and even death have been caused in children by eating large quantities of the rind. When orange peel is used simply for its agreeable flavor, the rind of the sweet orange is preferable; as a tonic, that of the Seville orange.

AURI ET SODII CHLORIDUM. U. S. Gold and Sodium Chloride.

(ÂU'RĪ ĔT SŌ'DI-Ī ȻHLŌ'RIDŬM.)

"A mixture of equal parts, by weight, of dry Gold Chloride [$AuCl_3 = 302·81$] and Sodium Chloride [$NaCl = 58·37$]. It should be kept in well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Gold and sodium chloride may be prepared by dissolving gold in nitrohydrochloric acid, evaporating the solution to dryness, weighing, and dissolving the dry mass in eight times its weight of distilled water. To this solution a weight of pure decrepitated common salt equalling that of the dry gold chloride is added, previously dissolved in four parts of water. The mixed solution is then evaporated to dryness, being in the mean time constantly stirred with a glass rod. A process for making this salt from gold coin without requiring the preliminary purification necessary in the above process may be found in *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1882, p. 311.

Properties. The salt is of a golden-yellow color, and, when crystallized, is in the form of long prismatic crystals, unalterable in the air. The Pharmacopœia describes it as "an orange-yellow powder, odorless, having a saline and metallic taste, and slightly deliquescent in damp air. The compound is very soluble in water, and at least one-half of it should be soluble in cold alcohol. When exposed to a red heat, it is decomposed, and metallic gold is separated. A fragment of the compound imparts a persistent, intensely-yellow color to a non-luminous flame. Its aqueous solution has a slightly acid reaction, and yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. On bringing a glass rod, dipped into ammonia water, close to a portion of the compound, no white fumes should make their appearance (absence of *free acid*). If 0·5 Gm. of Gold and Sodium Chloride be dissolved in 50 C.c. of water, in a porcelain capsule, the solution acidulated with 5 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, and after the addition of 1 Gm. of pure oxalic acid, heated for about two hours, on a water-bath, a precipitate of metallic gold will be obtained, which, when washed, dried, and ignited, should weigh not less than 0·15 Gm. (corresponding to at least 30 per cent. of metallic gold). The filtrate from the precipitated gold should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor, after being supersaturated with ammonia water, by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The precise action of this salt upon the system is not known, but it is thought to affect the general nutrition, and to be therefore alterative. By many gynæcologists it is believed to have a specific direction to the genital organs, and it is used in *hysteria*, *ovarian irritation and neuralgia*, *chronic ovaritis*, and even *chronic uterine inflammation*. It has also been commended in *syphilis*, *chronic rheumatism*, *diabetes mellitus*, and other chronic disorders affecting nutrition. The double salt of gold and sodium chloride has recently been very largely used in the treatment of the *alcoholic habit*. It is believed to be the basis of the notorious "*Keeley cure*," which, according to the best information obtainable, seemingly reliable, consists in chief part of the administration of ascending doses of the double chloride, with hypodermic injections in the interim (one every three hours) of very minute doses of atropine and strychnine. It would seem certain that no medication can suffice for moral

reformation, but there is considerable evidence to show that the treatment just spoken of, by toning up the nervous system and bringing about a general increase of nutritive tone, may aid those who are determined upon reform. Dose, one-quarter to one-twelfth of a grain (0·015 to 0·005 Gm.).

BALSAMUM PERUVIANUM. U. S., Br. Balsam of Peru.

(BĂL'SĄ-MŬM PĘ-RŪ-VĮ-Ā'NŬM.)

"A balsam obtained from Toluifera Pereiræ (Royle), Baillon (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.*
"A balsam exuded from the trunk of Myroxylon Pereiræ, Klotzsch (Toluifera Balsamum, var. Baill.), after the bark has been beaten, scorched, and removed." *Br.*

Balsamum Peruvianum Nigrum, Balsamum Indicum; Baume des Indes, Baume de Pérou, *Fr.;* Peruvianischer Balsam, *G.;* Balsamo del Peru, *It.;* Balsamo negro, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx subincurved, irregularly dentate. *Vexillum* broadly orbiculate; four inferior *petals* sub-equal, free, narrow. *Stamens* deciduous with the petals, free or at their extreme base very shortly connate. *Ovaries* long, stipitate, near the apex two ovulate. *Styles* short incurved, with a minute terminal stigma. *Legume* stipitate, compressed, indehiscent, with the apex indurated, and one-seeded. *Seed* one, subreniform, with a thin testa. *Cotyledons* plano-convex. *Radicle* very short, incurved. (Bentham and Hooker, *Genera Plantarum.*)

De Candolle and other botanists considered that the genera Myroxylon and Toluifera of Linnæus are not distinct from Myrospermum of Jacquin, but it is now generally recognized that the two Linnæan genera are, taken together, entitled to rank as a single genus. To this the title of Myroxylon has been generally applied by botanists following Bentham and Hooker, but Baillon (*Natural History of Plants*, vol. ii. 366) seems to be in accord with the generally accepted rules of botanical nomenclature in preferring the name Toluifera. In regard to the species now under consideration there has been much discussion, and although the plant is now well known botanically, botanists are not agreed as to its specific distinctness; Ruiz (*Flora Peruviana*), Carson (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 297), Baillon, and others believing it to be identical with the tree which yields balsam of Tolu. Flückiger and Hanbury (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., 205) give the following points of difference: in *M. pereiræ* the branches come off near the ground, the calyx is widely cup-shaped, and shallow, the racemes loose, 6 to 8 inches long, and the legume much narrowed at its base; whilst in *M. toluifera* the trunk does not branch for 30 or 40 feet, the calyx is rather tubular, the racemes dense and 3 to 4½ inches long, the legume scarcely narrowed at the base. Besides the official species, there are others of the genus which possess medical virtues, and have been more or less employed.* The pod of *M. frutescens* (Jacq.), growing in Trinidad, is popularly used in that island as a carminative, and externally, in the form of a tincture, as a lotion in rheumatic pains; and by incisions in the stem a small quantity of balsamic juice is obtained not distinguishable from balsam of Tolu. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1862, p. 108.) Another species is known in Paraguay under the name of *quino-quino*, the bark of which is used, in powder and decoction, as a remedy in wounds and ulcers, and from the trunk of which a juice is obtained which in its concrete state closely resembles dried balsam of Peru. (*Ibid.*, Oct. 1862, p. 183.)†

Toluifera pereiræ; Myroxylon pereiræ, Klotzsch; *Myrospermum pereiræ*, Royle et Auctores; "*Myrospermum of Sonsonate*," Pereira; is a handsome tree, with a straight, round, lofty stem, a smooth ash-colored bark, and spreading branches at the top. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, and unequally pinnate. The leaflets are from five to eleven, shortly petiolate, oblong, oval-oblong, or ovate, about three inches long by somewhat less than an inch and a half in breadth, rounded at the base, and contracting abruptly at top into an emarginate point. When held up to the light they exhibit, in lines parallel with the primary veins, beautiful rounded and linear

* For an account of the various imperfectly described species related to this plant, see 14th Ed. U. S. D.

† A product of *T. peruiferum*, sometimes known as *Brazilian balsam* or as *Oleo-Balsam*, has been offered for sale as genuine Peru balsam. In bulk it is of a dark brown color, but in thin layers it is dark red. Its odor is smoky, feebly fragrant; its taste slightly pungent, leaving a choking, disagreeable, persistent feeling. It is entirely soluble in ether and in rectified spirits. It also mixes with castor oil in all proportions, forming with carbon disulphide a clear light brown solution with residue, and in the deposit, by its chloroform solution, of a powdery precipitate upon standing. At 17° C. its specific gravity is 1·031. Its general constitution is very similar to that of Balsam of Peru, containing volatile oil, myroxylin, cinnamic and tannic acids, and resin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., xi. 818.) It is especially to be distinguished from Peru Balsam by its behavior with sulphuric acid. When Peru Balsam is treated with sulphuric acid, and cold water poured upon it, a beautiful violet is imparted to the surface, and the whole mass has a bright shade. The same procedure yields with the Oleo-Balsam a gray mass. For further information see *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 771.

pellucid spots. The common and partial petioles and midribs are smooth to the naked eye, but when examined with a microscope are found to be furnished with short hairs. The fruit, including the winged footstalks, varies from two to four inches in length. At its peduncular extremity it is rounded or slightly tapering; at the top enlarged, rounded, and swollen, with a small point at the side. The mesocarp, or main investment of the fruit, is fibrous, and contains in distinct receptacles a balsamic juice, which is most abundant in two long receptacles or vittæ, one upon each side. The yellowish-white beans yielded to Mr. Rother (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 244) two per cent. of coumarin; the husks, a brown, extremely bitter, somewhat acrid resin. A gum-resin exudes in small quantities from the trunk of the tree, which, though containing, besides gum and resin, a small proportion of volatile oil, is distinct from the proper balsam, and yields no cinnamic acid. (Attfield, *P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1863.)

This tree grows in Central America, in the State of San Salvador, upon the Pacific coast. It is found in the wild forests, singly or in groups, but the trees are owned by individuals. Dr. Charles Dorat states that it is never found at a greater height on the mountains than one thousand feet, that it begins to be productive after five years, and continues to yield for thirty years or more, and that the aroma of its flower is perceived at the distance of one hundred yards. (*A. J. P.*, xxxii.) The balsam is collected by the aborigines, on lands reserved to them, within a small district denominated the Balsam Coast, extending from Acajutla to Port Libertad. Early in November or December the bark is beaten on four sides of the trunk, so as to separate it from the wood without breaking it; intermediate strips being left sound, in order not to destroy the life of the tree. The bruised bark soon splits, or cuts are made in it. Five or six days after the beating the injured surface is set on fire, and about a week later the bark, if it has not fallen off spontaneously, is removed. The juice now begins to exude freely from the exposed wood, which the natives cover with rags. The latter, when saturated, are boiled in water in large jars, and the liquid allowed to stand; whereupon the water rises to the top, and is poured off, leaving the balsam, which is put into calabashes or bladders. It is then taken for sale to the neighboring towns, where it is purified by subsidence and straining and put into jars or metallic drums for exportation. The destroyed bark is said to renew itself in two years, so that by care a tree can be long worked; two pounds is stated to be the average yearly yield. In 1861 the tree was introduced in Ceylon with complete success.

A substance called *white balsam* (*Balsamo blanco*) is procured from the fruit by expression. This has been confounded with the balsam of Tolu, but is wholly distinct. It is of a semi-fluid or soft-solid consistence, somewhat granular, and, on standing, separates into a white resinous crystalline deposit, and a superior translucent more fluid portion. The smell, though quite distinct from that of the balsam of Tolu and Peru, is not disagreeable. Dr. Stenhouse has obtained from it a peculiar resinous body, readily crystallizable, and remarkably indifferent in its chemical affinities, which he denominates *myroxocarpin*. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 290.) Dr. Dorat, however, denies that the white balsam is produced by the same tree, or in the same vicinity.

Another substance obtained from the same tree, and much used in Central America, is a tincture of the fruit made by digesting it in rum. It is called *balsamito* by the inhabitants, and is said to be stimulant, anthelmintic, and diuretic. It is also used as an external application to gangrenous or indolent ulcers, and as a wash to the face to remove freckles. According to Dr. Dorat, the balsamito is not the tincture, but an alcoholic extract of the young fruit. Neither this nor the white balsam reaches the markets of this country.

The balsam of Peru was named from its place of exportation; and it was long thought to be a product of Peru. It is now shipped partly from the Pacific coast, and partly from the Balize or other Atlantic ports, whither it is brought across the country. It was Guibourt who first made known the fact of its exclusive production in Central America. As imported, it is usually in tin canisters, with a whitish scum on its surface, and more or less deposit, which is dissolved with the aid of heat.

Properties. Balsam of Peru is viscid like syrup or honey, of a dark reddish-brown color, a fragrant odor, and a warm bitterish taste, leaving when swallowed a burning or prickling sensation in the throat. When exposed to flame it takes fire, diffusing a white smoke and fragrant odor. Containing resin, volatile oil, and both benzoic and cinnamic acids, it is properly considered a balsam, though probably somewhat altered by heat. "A liquid having a syrupy consistence, free from stringiness or stickiness, of a brownish-black color in bulk, reddish-brown and transparent in thin layers, of an agreeable vanilla-like, somewhat smoky odor, and a bitter taste, leaving a persistent after-taste. On exposure to air it does not become hard. Specific gravity, 1·135 to 1·150 at 15° C. (59° F.). Miscible, in all proportions, with absolute alcohol,

chloroform, or glacial acetic acid; only partially soluble in ether or benzin. It is completely soluble in 5 parts of alcohol." *U. S.* Boiling water extracts the acid. The oily liquid which separates on agitating Peru balsam with caustic potash or soda, called *Peru balsam oil* by Stolze, *cinnamein* by Frémy, may be separated by fractional distillation into three portions,—viz., *benzyl alcohol*, C_7H_8O, passing over at about 200° C. (392° F.); *benzylic benzoate*, $C_7H_5O_2,C_7H_7$, the principal portion, boiling at 303°–304° C. (577·5°–579° F.); and *benzylic cinnamate*, $C_9H_7O_2,C_7H_7$, passing over at about the boiling point of mercury. The crude oil likewise contains small quantities of free cinnamic and benzoic acids, resulting from the decomposition of the benzylic ether by the alkali used in separating it, and equivalent to the free benzylic alcohol also contained in it. According to Kraut (*Ann. Ch. Pharm.*, 153, p. 129), the benzylic cinnamate constitutes nearly 60 per cent. of the balsam.

Peru balsam appears to contain only a single resin, yielding, by analysis, 66·3 to 67·25 per cent. of carbon, and 6·22 to 6·32 per cent. of hydrogen (Kraut, *loc. cit.*). This resin separated from the alkaline solution of the balsam by hydrochloric acid is brown, has a faint odor of vanilla, and when fused with potash yields protocatechuic acid, together with a little benzoic acid. The resin yielded about two-thirds its weight of protocatechuic acid. (Kachler, *Zeitsch. für Ch.*, [2] 6, 59.) The tree also exudes a gum-resin, which, according to Attfield (*P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 248), contains 77·4 per cent. of a resin, and is non-aromatic, devoid of cinnamic acid, and entirely distinct from balsam of Peru. The leaves of the tree contain a fragrant oil.

The balsam is said to be adulterated in Europe (especially at Bremen) with castor oil, copaiba, Canada turpentine, etc. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 549); and a factitious substance has been sold in this country for the genuine balsam, prepared by dissolving balsam of Tolu in alcohol. This may be distinguished by its taking fire readily and burning with a blue flame. (*N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.*, i. 133.) It would, moreover, undergo diminution in volume when mixed with water, which is not the case with the genuine balsam. (*Br.*) A method of detecting castor oil, proposed by Dr. Wagner, is to expose a small portion of the suspected balsam to distillation until somewhat more than one-half has passed, to shake the distillate with baryta water, to remove by means of a pipette the layer of oil floating on the surface, and to shake this with a concentrated solution of sodium bisulphite. If castor oil be present, the liquid will immediately become a crystalline mass. (*A. J. P.*, xxx. 570.) The official tests of purity are as follows. "Water agitated with a portion of the Balsam reddens blue litmus paper. If 1 C.c. of carbon disulphide be mixed with 3 C.c. of the Balsam, contained in a dry test-tube, a clear liquid will result. On now adding 8 more C.c. of carbon disulphide and agitating, the resinous constituent of the Balsam (amounting to about 15 per cent.) will adhere to the walls of the tube, and the liquid portion will be clear, of a tint not deeper than light brownish, and not more than faintly fluorescent (absence of *gurjun balsam*). If 2 C.c. of the Balsam be vigorously shaken, in a dry test-tube, with 8 C.c. of benzin, so that the Balsam may be spread over the walls of the tube, and the liquid then immediately poured off, the Balsam should remain adherent to the walls for some minutes and subside slowly, while the liquid (which should be filtered, if turbid) should be colorless or only faintly yellow, and should deposit no sediment on standing (absence of appreciable quantities of *storax*, *turpentine*, *copaiba*, etc.). If 10 drops of the Balsam be triturated, in a small mortar, with 20 drops of sulphuric acid, a tough, homogeneous, brownish-red mass will result, which, when washed with cold water, should, after a few minutes, be converted into a brittle, resinous mass (absence of *fixed oils*). On distilling water with a portion of the Balsam, no *essential oil* should pass over." *U. S.* Prof. Flückiger relies upon the specific gravity, which should be between 1·140 and 1·145, and the *lime test*, in which 10 drops of the balsam are shaken with 6 grains (0·4 Gm.) of slaked lime, forming, if there be no adulteration, a soft mixture, which does not harden. *Grote's test* consists in shaking 3 drops of balsam with 2 C.c. of official ammonia water; if, after standing, the mixture solidifies, colophony or other adulterant is present: benzoin, storax, and certain other substances cannot be detected by this test. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, pp. 302, 361.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This balsam is a warm stimulating stomachic and expectorant, and has been recommended in *chronic catarrhs*, certain forms of *asthma*, *phthisis*, and other *pectoral complaints* attended with debility. It has also been used in *gonorrhœa*, *leucorrhœa*, *amenorrhœa*, *chronic rheumatism*, and *palsy*. At present, however, it is little employed by American physicians. As an external application it has been found beneficial in *chronic indolent ulcers* and in *local tuberculosis of skin*, *bone*, *larynx*, etc. The dose is half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.). It is best administered diffused in water with sugar and the yolk of

egg or gum arabic, or in smaller doses dropped on a lump of sugar. When prescribed as an addition to expectorant mixtures, sufficient mucilage of acacia should be ordered with it to suspend it properly.*

BALSAMUM TOLUTANUM. U. S., Br. Balsam of Tolu.

(BĂL'SĄ-MŬM TŌ-LŪ-TĀ'NŬM.)

"A balsam obtained from Toluifera Balsamum, Linné (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "A balsam which exudes from the trunk of Myroxylon Toluifera, H. B. & K. (Toluifera Balsamum, Mill), after incisions have been made in the bark." *Br.*

Baume de Tolu, Baume de Carthagène, *Fr.;* Tolubalsam, *G.;* Balsamo del Tolu, *It.;* Balsamo de Tolu, *Sp.*

Although Linnæus described this tree as a distinct species, Ruiz, one of the authors of the *Flora Peruviana*, considered it identical with *Myroxylon peruiferum;* but M. Achille Richard determined that it was distinct, and gave it the specific name of *toluiferum*, which was formerly adopted in both the Br. and U. S. Pharmacopœias. Very properly, however, the revisers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia have returned to the Linnæan name.

The balsam is procured by making V-shaped incisions in the trunk quite through the bark. The juice is received in small calabash cups, which are inserted in slight excavations beneath the point of the two vertical incisions meeting at the lower end; and Mr. Weir has seen as many as twenty cups at a time on one tree. The collectors go from tree to tree, emptying the cups into flasks of raw hide. In these skin vessels the juice is taken to the different ports on the river, where it is transferred to tin cans. It is brought from Carthagena in calabashes or baked earthen jars, or in tin or glass vessels.

Properties. As first imported, balsam of Tolu has a soft tenacious consistence, which varies considerably with the temperature. By age it becomes hard and brittle like resin. It is shining, translucent, of a reddish or yellowish brown color, a highly fragrant odor, and a warm, somewhat sweetish and pungent, but not disagreeable taste. Exposed to heat, it melts, inflames, and diffuses an agreeable odor while burning. It is entirely soluble in volatile oils. The official description of it is as follows. "A yellowish-brown, semi-fluid or nearly solid mass, becoming more brittle when exposed to cold, transparent in thin layers, having an agreeable odor recalling that of vanilla, but distinct from it, and a mild, aromatic taste." The U. S. Pharmacopœia gives the following tests of purity. "Readily and completely soluble in alcohol, the solution showing an acid reaction with litmus paper. Also completely soluble in chloroform, and in solutions of the fixed alkalies; almost completely soluble in ether, but nearly insoluble in water, benzin, or carbon disulphide. Carbon disulphide, aided by a gentle heat, removes from the Balsam scarcely anything but some of its cinnamic and benzoic acids. On decanting and evaporating the disulphide, no substance having the properties of *resin* should remain." *U. S.* Boiling water extracts its acid. Distilled with water it affords a small proportion of volatile oil; and, if the heat be continued, an acid matter sublimes. Mr. Hatchett states that when dissolved in the smallest quantity of solution of potassa it loses its own characteristic odor and acquires that of the clove pink. G. L. Ulex gives as a test of the purity of the balsam, that if heated in sulphuric acid it dissolves without disengagement of sulphurous acid, and yields a cherry-red liquid. (*Archiv der Pharm.*, Jan. 1853.) A modification of this test is that of R. A. Cripps (*P. J. Tr.*, xix. 1888), who states that by a comparative test of the suspected balsam with a pure specimen 1 per cent. of storax or other resinous adulterant can be detected. Thirty grammes of the sample are digested in carbon disulphide for fifteen minutes with general warmth, the clear liquid decanted, evaporated to dryness, and dissolved in sulphuric acid. A bright-red rose color is produced, remaining rose for a length of time if the balsam be pure, rapidly becoming brown if the balsam have been adulterated. The balsam is a mixture of volatile oil, free acid, and resin. The volatile oil is obtained by distilling the balsam with water, and may amount to a little over 1 per cent. This oil is chiefly *tolene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 170° C. (338° F.), and rapidly hardening by absorption of oxygen from the air. The free acid, according to Deville and Scharling, consists of benzoic and cinnamic acids, which statement has been recently confirmed by Flückiger. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 204.) Busse (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1876, p. 833) has shown, moreover, that the benzylic ethers of both cinnamic and benzoic acids are present in the balsam, the benzyl cinnamate in larger amount.

According to Kopp, there are two resins in Tolu balsam, one easily soluble in alcohol, $C_{18}H_{19}O_4$, and another sparingly soluble, $C_{18}H_{20}O_5$. According to Deville, however, there is

* In the case of alleged fatal poisoning in a child six days old, reported by Dr. Lohaus (*Therap. Monatsch.*, March, 1892), it does not seem probable that the Peru balsam was the cause of the symptoms.

only one resin, that to which the second formula belongs. Trommsdorff obtained 88 per cent. of resin, 12 of acid, and only 0·2 of volatile oil. According to Mr. Heaver, the balsam yields by distillation about one-eighth of its weight of pure cinnamic acid. The acid distils over in the form of a heavy oil, which condenses into a white crystalline mass. It may be freed from empyreumatic oil by pressure in bibulous paper, and subsequent solution in boiling water, which deposits it in minute colorless crystals upon cooling. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 77.) A factitious balsam described by Dr. R. V. Mattison (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 51) contained 63 per cent. of storax.

Medical Properties and Uses. Balsam of Tolu is a feeble stimulant expectorant; the syrup of Tolu is much used, on account of its agreeable flavor, as the basis of cough-mixtures. Old and obstinate *catarrhs* are said to be sometimes greatly relieved by the inhalation of the vapor proceeding from an ethereal solution of this balsam. Dose, from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), frequently repeated. The best form of administration is that of emulsion, made by triturating the balsam with mucilage and loaf-sugar, and afterwards with water.

BARII DIOXIDUM. U. S. Barium Dioxide. [Barium Peroxide.]

BaO_2; 168·82. (BĀ′RĮ-Ī DĪ-ŎX′Į-DŬM.)

"Commercial, anhydrous Barium Dioxide. It should be kept in well-closed vessels." *U. S.*

This compound of barium is introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 for the first time. It is used solely for making hydrogen dioxide. Barium forms two oxides, BaO and BaO_2: the former is produced by the action of oxygen or dry air on barium. Barium Dioxide, BaO_2, is made by heating barium oxide to about 450° C., when it takes up another atom of oxygen. It is "a heavy, grayish-white, or pale yellowish-white, amorphous, coarse powder, odorless and tasteless. When exposed to the air, it slowly attracts moisture and carbon dioxide, and is gradually decomposed. Almost insoluble in cold water, with which, however, it forms a definite hydrate, and to which it imparts a decidedly alkaline reaction. Hydrochloric, phosphoric, and most other mineral acids decompose it, producing the corresponding barium salts, and hydrogen dioxide, which remains in solution for a considerable time, if the reaction have taken place in the cold, and an excess of the acid be present. When heated to a bright red heat, Barium Dioxide fuses, loses oxygen, and is reduced to barium oxide. Barium Dioxide should be dissolved by diluted hydrochloric or phosphoric acid without leaving more than a trace of residue. If 2·11 Gm. of Barium Dioxide be dissolved, as completely as possible, in ice-cold water to the volume of 25 C.c., with the aid of 7·5 C.c. of phosphoric acid, and 5 C.c. of this solution (corresponding to 0·422 Gm. of the Dioxide) be measured off for assay, it should require not less than 40 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution to impart to the liquid a permanent pink tint, corresponding to not less than 80 per cent. of pure Barium Dioxide (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 2 per cent. of the latter)." *U. S.*

Barium Dioxide is not used medicinally.

BARIUM. Barium.

Ba; 136·8. (BĀ′RĮ-ŬM.) Ba; 136·8.

This is the metal present in the earth baryta. It was first obtained in 1808 by Sir H. Davy, who described it as a difficultly fusible metal, of a silvery-gray color, decomposing water readily, and considerably heavier than sulphuric acid. When exposed to the air, it instantly becomes covered with a crust of baryta. Barium chloride and barium carbonate were formerly official.

Baryta (or barium oxide) may be obtained from the native carbonate by intense ignition with carbonaceous matter, or from the native sulphate by ignition with charcoal, which converts it into barium sulphide, subsequent solution of the sulphide in nitric acid, and strong ignition of the nitrate formed, to dissipate the acid. As thus obtained, it is an anhydrous solid, caustic, alkaline, difficultly fusible, and of a grayish-white color. Its sp. gr. is about 4. It acts on the animal economy as a poison. When sprinkled with water it slakes like lime, becomes hot, and is reduced to the state of a white pulverulent hydrate. The same hydrate is formed in mass when the anhydrous earth is made into a paste with water and exposed to a red heat in a platinum crucible. The excess of water is expelled, and the hydrate, undergoing fusion, may be poured out and allowed to congeal. Barium hydrate dissolves in water, and forms the reagent called *baryta water*. A boiling saturated solution, as it cools, yields crystals of barium hydrate containing eight molecules of water of crystallization.

Baryta consists of one atom of barium and one of oxygen. Its chemical formula is, therefore,

BaO. When barium oxide is heated in a current of oxygen or air, it takes up an atom of oxygen and is changed into barium dioxide, BaO_2. When this is heated somewhat higher, it gives off the extra atom of oxygen and becomes BaO again. This power of taking up oxygen from the air and giving it up at a somewhat higher heat is now utilized on a commercial scale in the Brin process for making oxygen. Barium dioxide is also of growing importance as the material from which hydrogen dioxide, H_2O_2, is made, and has been introduced into the U. S Pharmacopœia of 1890. *Barium carbonate*, $BaCO_3$, is the native carbonate, a rare mineral, discovered in 1783 by Dr. Withering, in honor of whom it is called *witherite*. It is found in Sweden and Scotland, but most abundantly in the lead-mines of the north of England. It occurs usually in grayish, or pale yellowish-gray, fibrous masses, but sometimes crystallized. Its sp. gr. varies from 4·2 to 4·4. It is generally translucent, but sometimes opaque. It effervesces with acids, and, before the blowpipe, melts into a white enamel without losing its carbonic acid. It is distinguished from strontium carbonate, with which it is most liable to be confounded, by its greater specific gravity, and by its yielding a light greenish rather than a reddish flame upon the burning of alcohol impregnated with its solution in hydrochloric acid. The presence of strontium is indicated by a reddish flame.

When pure, barium carbonate is entirely soluble in hydrochloric acid. Any barium sulphate present is left undissolved. If neither ammonia nor hydrogen sulphide produces discoloration or a precipitate in the hydrochloric acid solution, the absence of aluminum, iron, copper, and lead is shown. Lime may be detected by adding an excess of sulphuric acid, which will throw down the baryta as a sulphate, and afterwards testing the clear liquid with sodium carbonate, which, if lime be present, will produce a precipitate of calcium carbonate.

Barium carbonate acts as a poison on the animal economy. Its only pharmaceutical use is to prepare barium chloride. (For *Barium Chloride* and *Barium Sulphate*, see Part II.)

BEBERINÆ SULPHAS. Br. Sulphate of Beberine.

(BĒ-BĒ-RĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

"Prepared from Nectandra or Bebeeru bark. It is probably a mixture of sulphates of beberine, $C_{36}H_{42}N_2O_6$, nectandrine, $C_{40}H_{46}N_2O_8$, and other alkaloids." *Br.*

Beberiæ Sulphas; Sulphate of Bibirine; Sulfate de Bébéerine, *Fr.*; Schwefelsaures Bebirin, *G.*

"Take of Bebeeru Bark [Nectandra, *U. S.*], in coarse powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *half a fluidounce* [Imperial measure]; Slaked Lime *three quarters of an ounce*, or *a sufficiency;* Solution of Ammonia *a sufficiency;* Rectified Spirit *sixteen fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid *a sufficiency;* Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Add the Sulphuric Acid to the Water; pour upon the Bebeeru Bark enough of this mixture to moisten it thoroughly; let it macerate for twenty-four hours, place it in a percolator, and pass through it the remainder of the acidulated water. Concentrate the acid liquor to the bulk of one pint, cool, and add gradually the Lime in the form of milk of lime, agitating well, and taking care that the fluid still retains a distinct acid reaction. Let it rest for two hours; filter through calico; wash the precipitate with a little cold Distilled Water, and to the filtrate add Solution of Ammonia until the fluid has a faint ammoniacal odor. Collect the precipitate on a cloth, wash it twice with ten ounces of cold water, squeeze it gently with the hand, and dry it by the heat of a water-bath. Pulverize the dry precipitate, put it into a flask with six ounces of the Rectified Spirit, boil, let it rest for a few minutes, and pour off the spirit. Treat the undissolved portion in a similar manner with fresh spirit until it is exhausted. Unite the spirituous solutions, add to them four ounces of Distilled Water, and distil so as to recover the greater part of the spirit. To the residue of the distillation add by degrees, and with constant stirring, Diluted Sulphuric Acid till the fluid has a slight acid reaction. Evaporate the whole to complete dryness on the water-bath, pulverize the dry product, pour on it gradually one pint [Imp. meas.] of cold Distilled Water, stirring diligently; filter through paper; evaporate the filtrate to the consistence of syrup, spread it in thin layers on flat porcelain or glass plates, and dry it at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.). Preserve the product in stoppered bottles." *Br.*

In the above process the bark is exhausted by water acidulated with sulphuric acid; lime is added to separate various inert matters, still leaving the acid in excess, as otherwise it might precipitate the beberine itself; the filtered liquor is treated with ammonia, which throws down the beberine; the precipitate is exhausted by alcohol, which dissolves the alkaloid; and the solution, having been concentrated, is treated with sulphuric acid so as to form the sulphate, which is obtained by evaporation to dryness. It is obvious that the salt of beberine thus

obtained must be very impure, and among other substances probably contains a portion of *sipirine*, another alkaloid of the bark. Indeed, Prof. Flückiger has found the commercial article to yield a very trifling amount, less than 25 per cent. of the pure alkaloid. It is in dark brown translucent scales, yellow when reduced to powder, of a strongly bitter taste, and soluble in water and alcohol. According to the Br. Pharmacopœia, "its watery solution gives with barium chloride a white precipitate, and with caustic soda a yellowish-white precipitate, which is dissolved by agitating the mixture with twice its volume of ether; and the ethereal solution, separated by a pipette, and evaporated, leaves a yellow, translucent residue, entirely soluble in dilute acids." If the whole of the precipitate produced is dissolved by ether, it cannot contain sipirine, which is insoluble in that menstruum. It is entirely destructible by heat, and water forms with it a clear brown solution. According to Dr. Flückiger (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 193, 1869), pure beberine is a white, amorphous powder, whose concentrated watery solution is not precipitated by tartar emetic, but affords abundant white precipitates with sodium phosphate, potassium nitrate, iodide, or iodohydrargyrate, mercury perchloride, potassium platinocyanide, and nitric or iodic acid. Its acetate yields yellow amorphous precipitates with red or yellow potassium prussiate, potassium chromate, potassium bichromate, and platinum bichloride. Mr. D. B. Dott has confirmed the results of Prof. Flückiger's examination, although he found a larger percentage of alkaloids than the latter did. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the alkaloids in crystals, it was almost impossible to ascertain the quantity present. (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1881, p. 442; 1885, p. 420.) Beberine was asserted by Walz in 1860 to be identical with *buxine*, obtained from *Buxus sempervirens*. This statement was confirmed by Flückiger, who proved that *pelosine* was identical with both of the above principles. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 1870, p. 192.) The alkaloid dried at 100° C. has the formula $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$. (Palen gives $C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$ as the formula.)

Beberine sulphate is a tonic, supposed to possess antiperiodic powers: it has been given in *malarial diseases*, also in *dysmenorrhœa*, *menorrhagia*, and *leucorrhœa*, and has been recommended in *blennorrhœal discharges*, and in *atony of the kidneys and bladder*. The dose is from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.). (See *Nectandra*.)

BELÆ FRUCTUS. Br. Bael Fruit.

(BĒ'LÆ FRŬC'TŬS.)

"The dried half-ripe fruit of Ægle Marmelos." *Br.*

Indian Bael, Bengal Quince, *E.;* Bael, Coing du Bengale, *Fr.;* Baelfrucht, Bengalische Quitte, *G.*

This official drug of the British Pharmacopœia is known to some extent in Great Britain, but scarcely at all in the United States, and was probably sanctioned by the British Council out of compliment to practitioners in the East Indies, who are said to use it with advantage. It is the unripe fruit of the *Ægle marmelos* of De Candolle, belonging to the Aurantiaceæ, and with the following generic character. "*Flowers* bisexual. *Petals* 4–5, patent. *Stamens* 30–40, with distinct filaments, and linear-oblong anthers. *Ovary* 8–15-celled, with numerous ovules in each cell. *Style* very short and thick. *Stigma* capitate. *Fruit* baccate, with a hard rind, 8–15-celled, the cells 6–10-seeded. *Seed* with a woolly coat, covered with a slimy liquid." (*Wight & Arnott.*)

This species of Ægle, sometimes called the *Bengal quince*, is a rather large tree, with an erect stem, and few and irregular branches, covered with an ash-colored bark, and furnished in general with strong, very sharp, axillary thorns, single or in pairs. The leaves are ternate, with oblong-lanceolate, crenulated, slightly dotted leaflets, of which the terminal is largest. The flowers are large, white, and in small terminal or axillary panicles. The fruit is a berry, of about the size of a large orange, somewhat spherical, but flattened at the base, and depressed at the insertion of the stem, with a hard smooth shell, and from 10 to 15 cells, containing besides the seeds a large quantity of exceedingly tenacious mucilage, which when dried is hard and transparent. The tree is a native of Hindostan and of Farther India. It is figured in *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1850. Several parts of the tree are used in India. The ripe fruit is fragrant and of a delicious flavor; and a sort of sherbet prepared from it is given in febrile affections. The mucilage about the seeds is applied to various purposes in the arts, on account of its viscid properties. The rind is used in dyeing. The flowers are deemed refrigerant by the native physicians. The fresh leaves yield by expression a bitterish and somewhat pungent juice, which, diluted with water, is occasionally used in the early stage of catarrhal and other fevers. The bark of the stem and root is thought to possess febrifuge properties.

Properties. The dried fruit is imported into England in vertical slices, or in broken

pieces consisting of a part of the rind with the adherent pulp and seeds. The rind is about one-eighth of an inch thick, covered with a smooth pale brown or grayish epidermis, and internally, as well as the dried pulp, pale brownish orange, or cherry-red. When moistened, the pulp becomes mucilaginous. The fruit is astringent to the taste, and yields its virtues to water by maceration or decoction. Mr. Pollock found in it tannic acid, a concrete essential oil, and a vegetable acid (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Feb. 1864, p. 199), but Prof. Flückiger states that neither a ferric nor a ferrous salt shows the infusion to contain any appreciable quantity of tannin, nor is the drug in any sense possessed of astringent properties. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 131.)

The difficulty of obtaining bael in England is said to have led to the substitution for it of mangosteen, the fruit of *Garcinia mangostana*. This is in irregular fragments of the rind, without adhering pulp. The pieces are convex, three or four lines or more in thickness, externally covered with a smooth, deep reddish-brown, easily separable coating, and internally pale reddish brown or reddish yellow, smooth, with projecting vertical lines. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1867.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Bael, as the medicine is called in India, is said to possess astringent properties which render it useful in *diarrhœa*, *dysentery* with debility of the mucous membrane, and other diseases of the bowels with relaxation, which it relieves without inducing constipation. It is much used by some practitioners in India, generally in the form of decoction, made by slowly boiling down a pint of water containing two ounces of the dried fruit to four fluidounces. Of this one or two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) are given in acute cases every two or three hours, in chronic cases two or three times a day. A liquid extract is directed in the Br. Pharmacopœia, the dose of which may be one or two fluidrachms (3·7–7·4 C.c.). An extract is sometimes used in the dose of half a drachm to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.).

BELLADONNÆ FOLIA. U. S., Br. Belladonna Leaves.

(BĔL-LĄ-DŎN′NÆ FŌ′LI-Ą.)

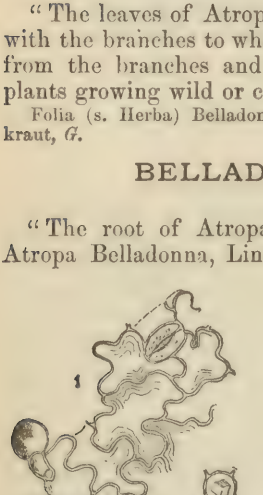
"The leaves of Atropa Belladonna, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh leaves, with the branches to which they are attached, of Atropa Belladonna; also the leaves separated from the branches and carefully dried; gathered, when the fruit has begun to form, from plants growing wild or cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Folia (s. Herba) Belladonnæ; Feuilles de Belladone, *Fr.;* Tollkirschen-Blätter, Wolfskirschen-Blätter, Tollkraut, *G.*

BELLADONNÆ RADIX. U. S., Br. Belladonna Root.

(BĔL-LĄ-DŎN′NÆ RĀ′DĬX.)

"The root of Atropa Belladonna, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.* "The root of Atropa Belladonna, Linn., from plants growing wild or cultivated in Britain and carefully dried; or imported in a dried state from Germany." *Br.*



Belladonna Leaf. 1, epidermis of the under side, with stomata and hair; 2, piece of a bundle of wood vessel; 3, parenchymatous tissue of leaf, showing raphides.

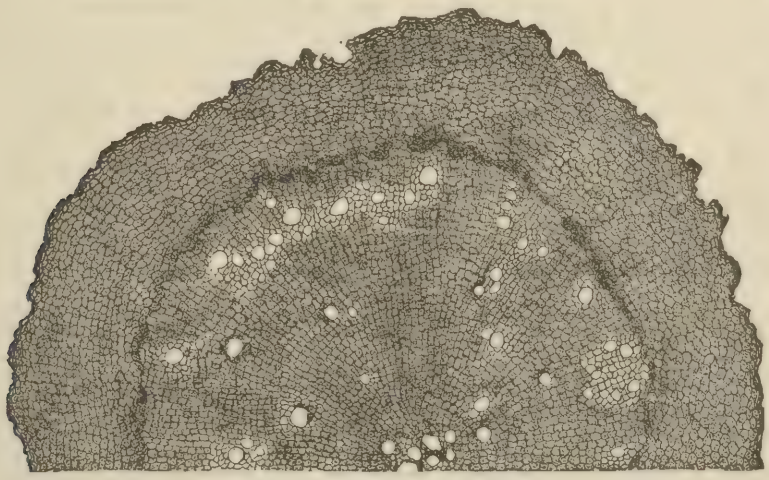
Racine de Belladone, Belladone, *Fr.;* Gemeine Tollkirsche, Wolfskirsche, Tollkirschen-Wurzel, Wolfskirschen-Wurzel, *G.;* Belladonna, *It.;* Belladona, Belladama, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla bell-shaped. *Stamens* distant. *Berry* globular, two-celled. *Willd.*

Atropa Belladonna. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1017; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 19, pl. lxv.; *B. & T.* 193. The belladonna, or *deadly nightshade*, is an herbaceous perennial, with a fleshy, creeping root, from which rise several erect, round, purplish, branching stems, to the height of about three feet. The leaves, which are attached by short footstalks to the stem, are in pairs of unequal size, oval, pointed, entire, of a dusky green on their upper surface, and paler beneath. The flowers are large, bell-shaped, pendent, of a dull reddish color, with solitary peduncles, rising from the axils of the leaves. The fruit is a roundish berry with a longitudinal furrow on each side, at first green, afterwards red, ultimately deep purple, slightly resembling a cherry, and containing, in two distinct cells, numerous seeds, and a sweetish violet-colored juice. The calyx adheres to the base of the fruit.

The plant is a native of Europe, where it grows in shady places, along walls, and amidst rubbish, flowering in June and July, and ripening its fruit in September. It grows vigorously under cultivation in this country, and retains all its activity, as shown by the observations of Mr. Alfred Jones. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 106.) All parts of it are active. The leaves and roots are

directed by the United States and British Pharmacopœias, the latter including the young branches, which are probably not less efficient. The leaves should be collected in June or July, when the plant is in flower, the roots in the autumn or early in the spring, and from plants three years old or more. Leaves which have been kept long should not be used, as they undergo change through absorption of atmospheric moisture, emitting ammonia, and probably losing a portion of their active nitrogenous matter. It has been affirmed that the finest-looking leaves are to be rejected, as probably being those of cultivated plants, and inferior in strength to the smaller and less sightly leaves of the wild plant. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 455.) This is, however, probably an error, as the analyses made by Mr. A. W. Gerrard (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 153) show that while the wild belladonna plant contains a little more alkaloid than the cultivated, the difference is not sufficient to be of material consequence. The same investigator found that the leaf yields the alkaloid most abundantly, the root, fruit, and stem being the next in order, and that the period of flowering, between two and four years of age, is the best time for collecting the plant. The dried leaves as they occur in the American market appear to vary remarkably in the percentage of alkaloid; the best are fully equal to the finest English leaves. Specimens which contain much stem or are musty should always be rejected, as weak in active principle. (See paper by Prof. V. Coblentz, *American Druggist*, July, 1885.) Mr. Holmes has found in the English market the root of *Medicago sativa* used as an adulterant. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882.)



Transverse section of Belladonna Root.

Properties. "Leaves from 10 to 15 Cm. long, from 5 to 10 Cm. broad, broadly ovate, equilaterally narrowed into a petiole, tapering at the apex, entire on the margin, smooth, thin, the upper surface brownish-green, the lower surface grayish-green, both surfaces whitish punctate; odor slight; taste bitterish, disagreeable." *U. S.* The root occurs "in cylindrical, somewhat tapering, longitudinally wrinkled pieces, 10 to 25 Mm. or more in thickness; externally brownish-gray, internally whitish; fracture nearly smooth and mealy, not radiating or showing medullary rays in the thicker roots, only in the layer near the bark; nearly inodorous; taste sweetish, afterwards bitterish and strongly acrid. Roots which are tough and woody, breaking with a splintery fracture, should be rejected; likewise the hollow stem-bases which are sometimes present."* *U. S.* The bark of the belladonna root is thick, presenting immediately under

* *Scopolia.* In 1771, Dr. John Anthony Scopoli, of the University of Pavia, described in the *Flora Carniolica* an *Atropa* from Idria. Three years later, Jacquin made this plant the type of the new genus *Scopolia*, and gave it the specific name of *carniolica*. Of this plant Koch made two species, one with green and the other with purple flowers, but the more recent botanists are in accord in believing that the green-flowered plant, the *Scopolia hladnikiana* of Koch, the *Scopolia viridiflora* of Rabenhorst, is not specifically distinct, there being, indeed, three varieties of *S. carniolica*, one with purple, one with green, and one with yellow flowers, the latter being the *S. concolor* of De Candolle: indeed, E. M. Holmes has shown that the root examined by Schmidt was probably from a plant with yellow flowers, and therefore the *concolor* of De Candolle.

The genus *Scopolia* (often spelled *Scopola*) is the connecting link between *Atropa* and *Hyoscyamus*, resembling *Atropa* in leaf and flower, and in the microscopical character of its rhizome, but differing in that its fruit is not a berry and in the inflation of its calyx. The Japanese plant, *S. japonica*, is so closely allied to *S. carniolica* that its

the epidermis a dark line composed of from six to eight layers of tabular cells. The bark itself is composed entirely of parenchymatous cells, more or less filled with muller-shaped starch grains, which are often united in the cells into compound grains. Bundles of raphides, probably of calcium oxalate, are usually very evident. As to the relative strength of these two parts, M. Hirtz, of Strasburg, inferred from his experiments that the root yields an extract five times stronger than that obtained from the leaves, but did not determine the relative yield of extract; whilst Lefort obtained from young roots 0·6, from old roots 0·25, and from dried leaves 0·44 per cent. of atropine; and Dragendorff obtained 0·66 from dried leaves, and 0·4 per cent. from the roots. (*Jahresb.*, 1874, p. 96.) Both the leaves and root, as well as all other parts of the plant, impart their active properties to water and alcohol. Brandes rendered it probable that these properties reside in a peculiar alkaline principle which he supposed to exist in the plant combined with an excess of malic acid and appropriately named *atropine*. Besides atropine malate, Brandes found in the dried herb two principles, a green resin (chlorophyll), wax, gum, starch, albumen, lignin, and various salts. The alkaloid principle was first, however, procured in a state of purity by Mein, a German apothecary, who extracted it from the root.* Ladenburg (1879–1884) exhaustively studied the several sources of atropine and the allied alkaloids that exert a mydriatic action, and found that there are three alkaloids, *atropine*, *hyoscyamine*, and *hyoscine*, which possess the common formula $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$, and in belladonna root, *belladonine*, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_4$. Of these, atropine occurs in the *Atropa belladonna* and in *Datura stramonium*, hyoscyamine in these plants and also in *Hyoscyamus niger* and *Duboisia myoporoides;* hyoscine is found in *Hyoscyamus niger* alone, and belladonine in belladonna root alone. The first of the alkaloids of the formula $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$, *atropine*, fuses at 114° C.–115° C. (237·2° F.–239° F.), and forms a double gold chloride, fusing at 135° C.–137° C. (275° F.–278·6° F.); the second, the alkaloid known under the several names of *hyoscyamine*, *daturine*, and *duboisine*, fuses at 108·5° C. (227·5° F.), and yields a gold salt, fusing at 160° C.–162° C. (320° F.–323·6° F.); and the third, *hyoscine*, obtained as yet only in the form of a syrup, but forming a crystalline gold salt, which fuses at 198° C.–200° C. (388·4° F.–392° F.), and is less soluble than the hyoscyamine gold salt. In *Duboisia myoporoides* (see Part II.) the only alkaloid present seems to be the second of these, and the complete identity of it with the purified alkaloid of *hyoscyamus* has been established by Ladenburg, both by analysis of the free alkaloid and

specific distinctness is very doubtful; it has been separated upon the characters of the style being curved, the calyx-teeth unequal, and the leaves less obovate and having much longer petioles than *S. carniolica;* but Holmes has shown that the curved style occurs in *S. carniolica*. *Scopolia carniolica* is a common plant in Bavaria, Austro-Hungary, and southwestern Russia, usually in the hilly districts, where it grows in damp, stony places. Its general appearance is that of the belladonna, but it is much shorter, rarely growing above a foot in height, has thinner leaves, and is especially distinguished by its fruit being a transversely dehiscent capsule and by the presence of a distinct rhizome. The latter occurs in commerce either entire or longitudinally split in half, in pieces from two to five inches in length and from one-third to three-fourths or even one inch in diameter; of a grayish-brown color, very irregular in shape, often much bent or twisted, the whole surface usually covered thickly with the broad, subcircular, deeply-hollowed-out, projecting scars of the stems of successive seasons, and finely and coarsely wrinkled longitudinally and transversely. The section is whitish and distinctly starchy in appearance. The texture is hard, but somewhat brittle. The taste is slightly bitter, and disagreeable.

The Japanese rhizome is from two to six inches long, about one-half inch in diameter, rarely branched, cylindrical or slightly compressed, knotty, bent, with circular disk-like scars, of a pale brown color, not whitish when abraded, with a slightly mousy, narcotic odor, and a taste nearly free from bitterness. According to Mr. Thos. Greenish, the microscopical characteristics of the rhizome of *Scopolia carniolica* are very similar to those of belladonna root, the chief differences being that the bark is less thick, the dark line under the epidermis narrower, the vascular bundles neither so large nor so numerous, and the bundles of raphides less pronounced; the starch grains are also smaller and their shape less distinct. The structure of the rhizome of *S. japonica* was found to be the same as that of the European species.

Chemistry. The alkaloid *scopolamine* (or *scopoleine*), $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4$, has been found to be the characteristic constituent of the root, but is also found in small quantities in belladonna root, stramonium seeds, and *Duboisia myoporoides*. Scopolamine forms permanent transparent crystals of the formula $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4 + H_2O$, melting at 59° C. to a colorless liquid. The double gold chloride melts at 212° C.–214° C. Scopolamine is decomposed by baryta into *scopoline*, $C_8H_{13}NO_2$, a crystalline base, melting at 110° C., and *atropic acid*, $C_9H_8O_2$. Commercial hyoscine hydrobromide is said by E. Schmidt often to consist almost entirely of scopolamine hydrobromide, and Hesse has considered the two bases as identical. Mr. Seward W. Williams states, as the result of the assay of many tons of the root of *Atropa belladonna* and of the rhizome of *Scopolia*, each of the best qualities as occurring in the American market, that whilst the belladonna root yields on an average 0·50 per cent. of alkaloid, the scopolia yields 0·58 per cent.

Medical Properties. The physiological and medical properties of the scopolia rhizome are undoubtedly very similar to those of belladonna. If, as seems scarcely probable, the observation of Sir Dyce Duckworth, that scopolia is less apt than belladonna to dry the mouth and dilate the pupils when given internally, be confirmed, the drug may be more useful than the belladonna itself. At present scopolia rhizome is used very largely in America for the making of belladonna plasters, and probably also for the manufacture of atropine.

* It is probable that the state of growth affects the alkaloidal contents of belladonna roots, for, according to the researches of Prof. Schmidt (*Pharm. Zeit.*, Sept. 1889), roots one year old contained free atropine with hyoscyamine, but in fresh old roots only hyoscyamine was present.

its salts, and by study of the action of different reagents upon it.* Hyoscyamine is more soluble in water and dilute alcohol than atropine, and, as already stated, forms a gold salt of different fusing point. Its decomposition products under the influence of caustic baryta or hydrochloric acid are the same as those of atropine,—viz., *tropine* and *tropic acid.* Regnauld and Valmont have confirmed Ladenburg's results as far as atropine and hyoscyamine are concerned. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1881, p. 610.) Hübschmann (*Schweiz. Zeits. Pharm.*, 1858, p. 123) and Kraut (*Ann. der Ch. und Pharm.*, 148, p. 236) both described, under the name of *belladonine*, a second alkaloid extracted from belladonna. This *belladonine* and another alkaloid, *atropamine*, found at times in belladonna root, possess the formula $C_{17}H_{21}O_2$, and are considered as anhydro-atropines. Both bases form varnish-like masses. For the mode of preparing atropine, and its properties, see the article *Atropina.* Dunstan and Ransom have devised processes for isolating the alkaloids from the root and leaves which they assert are simple and accurate. (See *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 277 ; *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1886, p. 392.)

The imported belladonna, especially that from Germany, is occasionally adulterated. (See 15th edition U. S. D., page 284.) W. Will published (*Archiv f. Physiolog.*) in 1888 the results of an investigation undertaken at the request of the Schering manufactory to determine why the proportion of hyoscyamine and atropine in a root seems to vary with the method of working, and reached the surprising conclusion that hyoscyamine can be changed into atropine under a variety of circumstances, such as fusion, action of weak soda solution (even at ordinary temperatures), and of ammonia. The change of the optical activity of the hyoscyamine into the inactive atropine, the alteration of fusing point in the two alkaloids, and of their double gold chloride salts, all confirm the results of the investigation. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1888, p. 1717.) These results were also confirmed by Schmidt. They were at first doubted by Ladenburg, but seem now to be admitted, the two alkaloids being stereo-isomeric, and capable of such change.

Medical Properties and Uses. The action of belladonna upon the system is that of atropine. (See page 242.) All parts of the plant are poisonous. It is not uncommon, in countries where it grows wild, for children to pick and eat the berries, allured by their fine color and sweet taste. Soon after the poison has been swallowed, its peculiar influence is experienced in dryness of the mouth and fauces, burning in the throat and stomach, great thirst, difficult deglutition, nausea and ineffectual retching, loss of vision, vertigo, and intoxication or delirium, with violent gestures and sometimes fits of laughter, followed by coma. A feeble pulse, cold extremities, subsultus tendinum, deep coma or delirium, and sometimes convulsions, precede death. To obviate the poisonous influence of the belladonna the most effectual method is to evacuate the stomach as speedily as possible, by means of emetics or the stomach-pump, and afterwards to cleanse the bowels by purgatives and enemata. The infusion of galls may be serviceable as an antidote. Both morphine and pilocarpine are to some extent physiologically antagonistic to atropine, and have been found very useful in belladonna poisoning. (See *Brit. Med. Journ.*, Feb. 1890.) They should be given hypodermically.

Belladonna has been used as a medicine from early times. The leaves were first employed externally to discuss *scirrhous tumors* and heal *cancerous* and other *ill-conditioned ulcers*, and were afterwards administered internally for the same purpose. Belladonna has acquired considerable credit as a preventive of *scarlatina*,—an application of the remedy first suggested by the author of the homœopathic doctrine,—but it is absolutely devoid of any such power. For further information, see *Atropine.*

The extract is much used locally. Rubbed upon the areola of the breast, it has been found to arrest the *secretion of milk ;* and upon the abdomen, to relieve the *vomiting of pregnancy*, and other irritations sympathetic with the gravid uterus. In *cardiac diseases* the plaster is often applied with advantage over the heart. The decoction or extract, applied to the neck of the uterus, is asserted to have hastened *tedious labor* dependent on rigidity of the os tincæ ; and spasmodic *stricture of the urethra*, *neck of the bladder*, and *sphincter ani*, *anal fissures*, and painful *uterine affections*, have been relieved by the local use of the extract, either smeared upon bougies or administered by injection. In the latter mode it has relieved *strangulated hernia.* It is asserted also to be useful in *paraphimosis.* The inhalation of the vapor from a decoction of the leaves or extract has been recommended in *spasmodic asthma.* For this purpose, two drachms of the leaves, or fifteen grains of the aqueous extract, are employed to the pint of water. A much better plan is to smoke the dried leaves, either in the form of a cigar-

* Ladenburg collected additional facts and embodied them in a valuable historical sketch of these researches in the *Annalen.* (See *A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 463; 1884, p. 206.)

ette or in a pipe. Relief is said to have been obtained in *phthisis* by smoking the leaves, infused when fresh in a strong solution of opium, and then dried.

Belladonna may be given in substance, but is very rarely used except in extract or tincture. The dose of the powdered leaves is for children from the eighth to the fourth of a grain (0·008–0·016 Gm.), for adults one or two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), repeated daily, or twice a day, and gradually increased till the characteristic effects are experienced.

From its quicker action, more uniform strength, and greater cleanliness, *atropine* has been largely substituted for extract of belladonna for local use. (See *Atropine*.)

BENZINUM. U. S. Benzin. [Petroleum Benzin. Petroleum Ether.]

(BĔN-ZĪ′NŬM.)

"A purified distillate from American petroleum, consisting of hydrocarbons, chiefly of the marsh-gas series [C_5H_{12}, C_6H_{14}, and homologous compounds]. Benzin should be carefully kept in well-stoppered bottles or tin cans, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

This useful product of petroleum was first introduced in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880; it is obtained in the process of purifying petroleum by fractional distillation (see *Petroleum*, Part II.), and it is defined in the Pharmacopœia as "a transparent, colorless, diffusive liquid, of a strong, characteristic odor, slightly resembling that of petroleum, but much less disagreeable, and having a neutral reaction. Specific gravity, 0·670 to 0·675 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, 50° to 60° C. (122° to 140° F.). Insoluble in water; soluble in about 6 parts of alcohol, and readily soluble in ether, chloroform, benzol, and fixed and volatile oils. Benzin is highly inflammable, and its vapor, when mixed with air and ignited, explodes violently. On evaporating Benzin from the hand, it should leave no odor, and on evaporating it from a warmed dish, it should leave no residue (absence of *heavy hydrocarbons*). When it is boiled for a few minutes with one-fourth its volume of spirit of ammonia, and a few drops of silver nitrate test-solution, the ammoniacal liquid should not turn brown (absence of *pyrogenous products* and *sulphur compounds*). If 5 drops of Benzin be added to a mixture of 40 drops of sulphuric and 10 drops of nitric acid, in a test-tube, the liquid warmed for about ten minutes, and then set aside for half an hour, on diluting it, in a shallow dish, with water, it should not evolve the bitter-almond-like odor of nitro-benzol (difference from, and absence of, *benzol*)." *U. S.* Petroleum benzin must be carefully distinguished from benzol (now generally called benzene by chemists), a product derived from coal tar (see *Benzol*, Part II.). Although the Pharmacopœia gives a test to distinguish an admixture with benzol, this adulteration of benzin is hardly likely to take place here in the near future, because of the great difference in price. The principal consumption of benzin at present is in the arts as a solvent, and as a substitute for oil of turpentine, which it resembles very much in its solvent properties. In pharmacy it has been used to deprive powdered drugs of their fixed oil by percolation (see *Charta Sinapis*), to obtain volatile oils by percolating the oily drug with the benzin and subsequently evaporating the mixture spontaneously, as a substitute for ether in making oleoresins, and for many other purposes to which it is adapted on account of its powers as a solvent. Benzin is a good solvent for fats, resins, rubber, and some of the alkaloids.

Dragendorff recommends the rectification of benzin by fractional distillation from lard, collecting the portion which distils below 45° C. We have found petrolatum to be efficient as a fatty substance which serves to retain in the still the impurities.*

BENZOINUM. U. S., Br. Benzoin.

(BĔN-ZŌ-Ī′NŬM.)

"A balsamic resin obtained from Styrax Benzoin, Dryander (nat. ord. Styraceæ)." *U. S.*

"A balsamic resin obtained from Styrax Benzoin, Dry.; and probably from one or more other species of Styrax, Linn. It is generally procured by making deep incisions in the bark of the trees, and allowing the liquid that exudes to concrete by exposure to the air." *Br.*

Benzoe, *P.G.;* Resina Benzoe, Asa Dulcis; Gum Benjamin; Benjoin, *Fr.;* Benzöe, *G.;* Belzoino, *It.;* Benjui, *Sp.*

* Geo. M. Beringer (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 6) has found the following process useful for rapidly purifying benzin. Take of Potassium Permanganate, 1 ounce av.; Sulphuric Acid, ½ pint; Water, 3½ pints. Mix the acid and water, and when the mixture has become cold, pour it into a two-gallon bottle. Add the permanganate and agitate until it is dissolved. Then add Benzin, 1 gallon, and thoroughly agitate. Allow the liquids to remain in contact for 24 hours, frequently agitating the mixture. Separate the benzin and wash in a similar bottle with a mixture of Potassium Permanganate, ¼ ounce av.; Soda, ½ ounce av.; Water, 2 pints. Agitate the mixture frequently during several hours. Then separate the benzin and wash it thoroughly with water. The quantity of permanganate necessary is in direct proportion to the impurities existing in the benzin.

The botanical source of benzoin was long uncertain. At one time it was generally supposed in Europe to be derived from the *Laurus benzoin* of this country. This error was corrected by Linnæus, who, however, committed another in ascribing the drug to *Croton benzoë*, a shrub which he afterwards described under the name of *Terminalia benzoin*. Mr. Dryander was the first who ascertained the true benzoin-tree to be a *Styrax*. (*Lond. Phil. Trans.*, lxxvii.)

Gen. Ch. Calyx inferior. *Corolla* funnel-shaped. *Drupe* two-seeded. *Willd.*

Styrax benzoin. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 623; *B. & T.* 169. This is a tall tree of quick growth, sending off many strong round branches, covered with a whitish downy bark. Its leaves are alternate, entire, oblong, pointed, smooth above, and downy beneath. The flowers are in compound, axillary clusters, nearly as long as the leaves, and usually hang, all on the same side, upon short slender pedicels.

The benzoin- or *benjamin-tree* is a native of Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Laos, and Siam. By wounding the bark near the origin of the lower branches, a juice exudes, which hardens upon exposure and forms the *benzoin* of commerce. According to the researches of A. Tschirch (*Journ. Roy. Microscop. Soc.*, 1890), the exudation is purely the result of pathological processes, the plant containing no resin-receptacles. The trees, which are either wild or cultivated, are deemed of a proper age to be wounded at six years, when the trunks are usually about seven or eight inches in diameter. The operation is performed annually, and the product on each occasion from one tree never exceeds three pounds. The juice which first flows is the purest, and affords the whitest and most fragrant benzoin. It is exported chiefly from Bangkok in Siam, and Acheen in Sumatra. *Siam benzoin* is usually imported in cubical blocks, which take their form from the wooden boxes in which the soft resin has been packed. It is brittle, with a peculiar, vanilla-like fragrance, but bitter taste. It may be a compact mass, containing more or less numerous opaque white tears embedded in a rich amber-colored translucent resin, mixed to a greater or less extent with bits of bark, wood, etc. In some specimens these tears are exceedingly small, in others almost wanting. The finest variety is composed almost entirely of these tears, loosely agglutinated together. According to Mr. E. M. Holmes, Siam benzoin is produced by a tree whose leaves are rather thinner and have a less marked venation than the leaves of the *Styrax benzoin*. *Sumatra benzoin* differs from the Siam in having a much grayer color; the resin is grayish brown, the tears are usually fewer than in the finer variety, and the bits of wood, etc., more abundant. The odor differs from, and is less agreeable than, that of Siam benzoin. *Palembang benzoin* resembles Sumatra benzoin, but is somewhat more transparent, and is stated to yield a larger percentage of benzoic acid. It is also asserted that it can be distinguished by its tincture when dropped into water, not producing milkiness, but a flocculent deposit.* *Penang benzoin* also resembles Sumatra benzoin, but has an odor which is more like that of storax, and it is probably not yielded by the *Styrax benzoin;* possibly it is the product of one of the Sumatran species, *S. subdenticulata* and *S. porterianum*. For an account of the cultivation and collection of benzoin in Sumatra, by Mr. L. M. Vonck, see *Chem. and Drug.*, 1891, 486–488; also *Drug. Circ. and Chem. Gaz.*, 1891, 258.

Properties. Benzoin has a fragrant odor, with very little taste, but when chewed for some time leaves a sense of irritation in the mouth and fauces. It breaks with a resinous fracture, and presents a mottled surface of white and brown or reddish brown; the white spots being smooth and shining, while the remainder, though sometimes shining and even translucent, is usually more or less rough and porous, and often exhibits impurities. In the inferior kinds the white spots are very few, or entirely wanting. Benzoin is easily pulverized, and, in the process of being powdered, is apt to excite sneezing. Its sp. gr. is from 1·063 to 1·092. "In lumps consisting of agglutinated, yellowish-brown tears, which are internally milk-white, or in the form of a reddish-brown mass, more or less mottled from whitish tears embedded in it. It is almost wholly soluble in 5 parts of moderately warm alcohol, and in solutions of the fixed alkalies. When heated, it gives off fumes of benzoic acid. It has an agreeable, balsamic odor, and a slight, aromatic taste." *U. S.* When heated it melts, and emits thick, white, pungent fumes, which excite cough when inhaled, and consist chiefly of benzoic acid. It is wholly soluble, with the exception of impurities, in alcohol, and is precipitated by water from the solution, rendering the liquor milky. It imparts to boiling water a notable proportion of benzoic acid. Lime water and the alkaline solutions partially dissolve it, forming benzoates, from which the acid may be precipitated by the addition of other acids. Its chief constituents are resin

* A factitious substance has been sold in our markets for benzoin, consisting of chips of wood agglutinated by a resinous substance, with no benzoic acid, and with only a trace of cinnamic acid. (J. M. Maisch, *A. J. P.*, xxxv. 494.)

and benzoic acid; and it therefore belongs to the balsams. The white tears and the brownish connecting medium are said by Stolze to contain nearly the same proportion of acid, which, according to Bucholz, is 12·5 per cent., to Stolze, 19·8 per cent. In a more recent examination by Kopp, the white tears were found to contain from 8 to 10 per cent. of acid, and the brown 15 per cent. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iv. 46.) The resin is of three kinds, one extracted with the benzoic acid by a boiling solution of potassium carbonate in excess, another dissolved by ether from the residue, and the third affected by neither of these solvents. Besides benzoic acid and resin, the balsam contains a little extractive, and traces of volatile oil. Benzoin retards the oxidation of fatty matters, and thus tends to prevent rancidity.

It appears from recent researches that benzoin, besides its own characteristic acid, often contains also cinnamic acid, which is found more especially in the white tears. Indeed, Hermann Aschoff obtained from some benzoin of Sumatra a pure cinnamic acid, without any benzoic; and Messrs. Kolbe and Lautermann, upon examining a specimen of the tears, discovered what they at first supposed to be a peculiar acid, but which on further investigation proved to be a mixture of cinnamic and benzoic acids. H. Beckurts and W. Brueche confirm the statement that Siam benzoin contains no cinnamic acid, which is usually present in Sumatra benzoin. They found the specific gravity from 1·120 to 1·171; ash from 0·05 to 2·38 per cent.; portion insoluble in alcohol from 2·1 to 9 per cent. Benzoin may be rapidly tested for cinnamic acid by heating a small quantity with a little soda and water and warming the filtrate with potassium permanganate, when the odor of bitter almonds will be developed. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1892. ccxxx.) Aschoff recommends the following method of detecting *cinnamic acid.* Boil the benzoin with milk of lime, filter, decompose with hydrochloric acid, and add either potassium bichromate with sulphuric acid, or potassium permanganate, when, if cinnamic acid be present, the odor of oil of bitter almond will be perceived. The two acids, which when they occur together in benzoin are said to be always mixed in equal proportion, may be at least partially separated by simple crystallization; their melting points being very different, that of benzoic acid 121° C. (249° F.), and that of the mixed acid, consisting of one part of the cinnamic and two of the benzoic, only 25·5° C. (78° F.). (*P. J. Tr.*, 1863, p. 77.) According to Mr. A. C. Curtis, *cinnamein* may be obtained by boiling benzoin with twice its bulk of lime in forty parts of water for fifteen or twenty minutes, filtering, cooling, adding hydrochloric acid, washing the precipitate, and recrystallizing from water acidulated with hydrochloric acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 486.)

Rump (1878) treated Siam benzoin with caustic lime, precipitated the benzoic acid with hydrochloric acid, and agitated the liquid with ether. The latter on evaporating afforded a mixture of benzoic acid and *vanillin*, $C_8H_8O_3$. Subjected to dry distillation, benzoin affords as chief product benzoic acid, together with empyreumatic products, among which Berthelot has proved the presence (in Siam benzoin) of *styrol*, C_8H_8. The latter was also obtained in 1874 by Theegarten from Sumatra benzoin by distilling it with water. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 1874, p. 727.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Benzoin is stimulant and expectorant, and was formerly employed in pectoral affections; but, except as an ingredient of the compound tincture of benzoin, it has fallen into disuse. Trousseau and Pidoux recommend strongly its inhalation in *chronic laryngitis.* Either the air of the chamber may be impregnated with its vapor by placing a small portion upon some live coals, or the patient may inhale the vapor of boiling water to which the balsam has been added. It is employed in pharmacy for the preparation of benzoic acid (see *Acidum Benzoicum*); and the milky liquor resulting from the addition of water to its alcoholic solution is sometimes used as a cosmetic, under the impression that it renders the skin soft. A tincture has been strongly recommended in *anal fissure.* In the East Indies, the balsam is burnt by the Hindoos as a perfume in their temples.*

* A styptic liquid, prepared by a Roman pharmaceutist named Pagliari, and kept secret for a time, has acquired some reputation among the French army surgeons. It is made by boiling, for six hours, eight ounces of tincture of benzoin (containing about two ounces of the balsam), a pound of alum, and ten pounds of water, in a glazed earthen vessel, stirring constantly, and supplying the loss with hot water. The liquor is then strained and kept in stopped bottles. It is limpid, styptic, of an aromatic smell, and said to have the property of causing an instantaneous coagulation of the blood. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxv. 199.) M. Meyer, believing that the long boiling is injurious, if in no other way, by dissipating the benzoic acid, proposes to dispense with it, and has substituted the following formula, which furnishes a product always identical. Take tears of benzoin, 6 grammes (about ʒiss), alcohol at 90° C. 15 grammes; dissolve, and add of water 300 grammes, alum 30 grammes; mix, and boil till the liquid becomes clear. The liquid should mark 6° on the hydrometer. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., v. 123.)

Fumigating pastiles are made from 16 parts of benzoin, 4 of balsam of Tolu, 4 of yellow saunders, 1 of labdanum, 48 of charcoal, 2 of nitre, 1 of tragacanth, 2 of gum arabic, and 12 of cinnamon water, by reducing the solid ingredients to powder, and mixing the whole into a plastic mass, which is to be formed into cones flattened at the base, and dried first in the air, and then in a stove. (Soubeiran, *Traité de Pharm.*, 3e éd., i. 463.)

BISMUTHI CITRAS. U. S., Br. Bismuth Citrate.

$Bi\,C_6H_5O_7$; 397·44. (BĬŞ-MŪ′THĪ CĪ′TRĂS.) $Bi\,C_6H_5O_7$; 399.

Citrate of Bismuth; Bismuthum Citricum; Citrate de Bismuth, *Fr.;* Citronensaures Wismuth, *G.*

"Bismuth Subnitrate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Citric Acid, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Bismuth Subnitrate and the Citric Acid with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13½ fluidounces] of Distilled Water for about fifteen minutes, or until a drop of the mixture yields a clear solution with ammonia water. Then add *five thousand cubic centimeters* [about 11 pints] of Distilled Water, allow the suspended matter to deposit, wash the precipitate, first by decantation, and afterwards on a strainer, with Distilled Water, until the washings are tasteless, and dry the residue at a gentle heat." *U. S.*

"Take of Subnitrate of Bismuth 5½ ounces [av.]; Nitric Acid 11 fluidounces [Imp. meas.] or a sufficiency; Citric Acid 4 ounces [av.]; Bicarbonate of Sodium 8 ounces [av.]; Distilled Water a sufficiency. Heat the Subnitrate of Bismuth with the Nitric Acid until the salt is dissolved. Pour in some water, with constant stirring, until the cloudiness produced by the water no longer rapidly disappears. Dissolve the Bicarbonate of Sodium in Distilled Water, add the Citric Acid, boil until all gas is expelled, and then add the liquid to the clear or only faintly opalescent solution of bismuth until no further precipitate is produced. Heat to boiling, occasionally stirring. Set the whole aside to cool. When cold, filter, and wash the precipitate of citrate of bismuth until no free nitric acid remains. Dry the product over a water-bath." *Br.*

As citric acid ($H_3C_6H_5O_7$) is tribasic, one atom of bismuth, being trivalent, will exactly replace the three hydrogen atoms of the citric acid and form a neutral bismuth citrate. When bismuth subnitrate is boiled with a solution of citric acid it is decomposed, the nitric acid is replaced by the citric acid, and the insoluble bismuth citrate is formed; the completion of the process is known by the mixture yielding a clear solution with water of ammonia.

Properties. "A white, amorphous or micro-crystalline powder, odorless and tasteless, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but soluble in ammonia water, and in solutions of the citrates of the alkalies. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and, on ignition, leaves a more or less blackened residue having a yellow surface, and soluble in warm nitric acid. This solution, when dropped into water, occasions a white turbidity. A solution of the salt in ammonia water, when treated with hydrogen sulphide in excess, yields a black precipitate. If the filtrate from the latter be deprived by heat of the excess of hydrogen sulphide and cooled, a portion of it, boiled with lime water, yields a white precipitate. If another portion of the cooled filtrate be mixed with an equal volume of concentrated sulphuric acid, and again cooled, no brown or brownish-black color should appear around a crystal of ferrous sulphate dropped into the liquid (limit of *nitrate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt is not used itself in medicine, but has been made official for pharmaceutical purposes.

BISMUTHI ET AMMONII CITRAS. U. S., Br. Bismuth and Ammonium Citrate.

(BĬŞ-MŪ′THĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ′NĮ-Ī CĪ′TRĂS.)

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium; Citrate de Bismuth et d'Ammoniaque, *Fr.;* Citronensaures Wismuthoxyd-Ammonium, *G.*

"Bismuth Citrate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Ammonia Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Bismuth Citrate with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6½ fluidounces] of Distilled Water to a smooth paste, heat the mixture on a water-bath, and gradually add Ammonia Water, until the salt is dissolved, and the liquid is neutral or has only a faintly alkaline reaction. Then filter the solution, evaporate it on a water-bath to a syrupy consistence, and spread it upon plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in small, well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium *one pint* [Imp. meas.] or a sufficiency. Evaporate the solution over a water-bath to the consistence of a syrup. Spread the resulting fluid in thin layers on glass or porcelain plates, and dry at a temperature not exceeding 100° F. (37·8° C.). Remove the scales and preserve them in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This salt has been used quite extensively during the last twenty years, principally for pre-

paring extemporaneously the London Liquor Bismuthi originally suggested by Schacht. (See *Liquor Bismuthi et Ammoniæ Citratis.*)

Properties. "Small, shining, pearly or translucent scales, odorless, having a slightly acidulous and metallic taste, and becoming opaque on exposure to the air. Very soluble in water, and but sparingly soluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt fuses, and finally leaves a more or less blackened residue, having a yellow surface, and soluble in warm nitric acid. This solution, when dropped into water, occasions a white turbidity. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral or faintly alkaline to litmus paper. When boiled with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it evolves the vapor of ammonia, and when treated with hydrogen sulphide, it yields a black precipitate. If the filtrate from the latter be deprived by heat of the excess of hydrogen sulphide and cooled, a portion of it, boiled with lime water, yields a white precipitate. If another portion of the cooled filtrate be mixed with an equal volume of concentrated sulphuric acid, and again cooled, no brown or brownish-black color should appear around a crystal of ferrous sulphate dropped into the liquid (absence of *nitrate*)." *U. S.* As frequently seen in commerce it is not entirely soluble in water: this is due to the loss of ammonia through exposure, and a few drops of ammonia water added to the turbid solution are generally sufficient to restore its transparency. The Committee of Revision very properly omitted to give its chemical formula, as it is by no means proved that it has a definite composition. It is believed by some to be a true double citrate, $BiC_6H_5O_7(NH_4)_3C_6H_5O_7$. On the other hand, Bartlett (*Zeitsch. für Chem.*, 1865, p. 350) obtained on evaporation of the ammoniacal solution $BiC_6H_5O_7,NH_3 + 3H_2O$, and Rother (*Jahresbericht*, 1876, p. 564) obtained on crystallizing from warm ammonia $BiC_6H_5O_7,3NH_3 + 3H_2O$. "Ten grains dissolved in water, and treated with sulphuretted hydrogen in excess, yield a precipitate which, when washed and dried, weighs about six and a half grains." *Br.*

Medical Properties. This salt differs from the older preparations of bismuth in its solubility, and probably is for this reason more rapid, more astringent, and more irritant in its action. In cases of *irritation* or *inflammation* of the *gastro-intestinal mucous membrane* it is very much inferior to the insoluble preparations, but when there is relaxation with excessive discharges it may usefully be employed. The dose is from one to three grains (0·065–0·20 Gm.).

BISMUTHI OXIDUM. Br. Oxide of Bismuth.

Bi_2O_3; 465·68. (BĬṢ-MŪ'THĪ ŎX'Ị-DŬM.) Bi_2O_3; 468.

Oxyde de Bismuth, *Fr.;* Bismuthum Oxydatum, Oxydum Bismuthicum; Wismuthoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Subnitrate of Bismuth *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Soda *four pints* [Imp. meas.]. Mix and boil for five minutes; then having allowed the mixture to cool and the oxide to subside, decant the supernatant liquid, wash the precipitate thoroughly with distilled water, and finally dry the oxide by the heat of a water-bath." *Br.*

The bismuth subnitrate is decomposed by the solution of soda in this process, bismuth hydrate being formed, which is precipitated, whilst sodium nitrate remains in solution. $2(BiNO_4,H_2O) + 2NaHO = Bi_2 6HO$ (or $Bi_2O_3,3H_2O$) $+ 2NaNO_3$. At the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.) the bismuth hydrate is decomposed, water is liberated, and the anhydrous oxide is left.

Properties. Bismuth oxide is a powder of a dull lemon-yellow color, insoluble in water, but soluble in nitric acid mixed with half its volume of water without effervescence.

Medical Properties. Bismuth oxide resembles bismuth subnitrate in its medical properties, and may be administered in similar doses.

BISMUTHI SUBCARBONAS. U. S. (Br.) Bismuth Subcarbonate.

(BĬṢ-MŪ'THĪ SŬB-CĂR'BỌ-NĂS.)

Bismuthi Carbonas, *Br.;* Carbonate of Bismuth; Oxycarbonate of Bismuth; Bismuthum Subcarbonicum, Subcarbonas Bismuthicus; Souscarbonate de Bismuth, *Fr.;* Basisches Kohlensaures Wismuthoxyd, *G.*

A process for this salt is no longer official; that of the Pharm. 1870 will be found in the foot-note below.*

* "Take of Bismuth, in pieces, *two troyounces;* Nitric Acid *eight troyounces and a half;* Water of Ammonia *five fluidounces;* Carbonate of Sodium *ten troyounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Mix four troyounces and a half of the Nitric Acid with four fluidounces of Distilled Water in a capacious glass vessel, and, having added the Bismuth, set the whole aside for twenty-four hours. Dilute the resulting solution with ten fluidounces of Distilled Water, stir it thoroughly, and, after twenty-four hours, filter through paper. To the filtered liquid, previously diluted with an equal measure of Distilled Water, slowly add the Water of Ammonia, constantly stirring. Transfer the whole to a strainer, and after the precipitate has been drained, wash it with two pints of Distilled Water, and drain it again. Then place the precipitate in a proper vessel, add the remainder of the Nitric Acid, and afterwards four fluidounces of Distilled Water, and set the solution aside. At the end of twenty-four hours, filter through paper.

"Take of Purified Bismuth, in small pieces, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Carbonate of Ammonium *six ounces* [avoird.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Nitric Acid with three [fluid]ounces [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and add the Bismuth in successive portions. When effervescence has ceased, apply for ten minutes a temperature approaching that of ebullition, and afterwards decant the solution from any insoluble matter that may be present. Evaporate the solution until it is reduced to two fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and add this in small quantities at a time to a cold filtered solution of the Carbonate of Ammonium in two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, continually stirring during admixture. Collect the precipitate on a calico filter, and wash it with Distilled Water until the washings pass tasteless. Remove now as much of the adhering water as can be separated from the precipitate by slight pressure with the hands, and finally dry the product at a temperature not exceeding 150° F. (65·5° C.)." *Br.*

This preparation was first made official in the 1860 edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. As metallic bismuth generally contains arsenic, it is very important to provide that this should be left behind, in the processes for making its medicinal preparations. It is on this account that the formula of the U. S. Pharm. 1870 was so elaborate. The bismuth is first dissolved in nitric acid, a portion of which oxidizes the metal, with the evolution of nitrous vapors, while another portion combines with the oxide produced to form bismuth nitrate. At the same time the arsenic is also oxidized at the expense of the nitric acid, and unites with a portion of the oxidized metal so as to produce bismuth arsenate. Both of these salts, therefore, are contained in the solution, which is very concentrated. Both have the property, when their solution is diluted with water, of separating into two salts, one an insoluble subsalt which is deposited, and the other a soluble acid salt which is held in solution. But the arsenate is more disposed to the change than the nitrate, and requires for the purpose a smaller amount of water of dilution. Hence the first direction, after the metal has been dissolved, is to add a moderate quantity of distilled water, insufficient to cause the decomposition of the nitrate. From this diluted solution the insoluble subarsenate is slowly deposited, so as, in the course of twenty-four hours, to free it almost if not entirely from the poisonous metal. This is separated by filtration, and the solution is now diluted with a much larger quantity of distilled water, which causes a copious deposition of bismuth subnitrate. But, in order not to waste the acid nitrate remaining in solution, this is decomposed by ammonia, which takes most of the nitric acid, and precipitates the bismuth combined with the remainder, in the form of subnitrate. The whole of the precipitated subnitrate, thus freed from arsenic, is redissolved in nitric acid, and the solution of the nitrate now obtained, being diluted with just so much water as to produce a commencing precipitation of subnitrate, is freed by filtering from the small quantity formed, and slowly added to a solution of sodium carbonate. An interchange takes place; sodium nitrate and bismuth carbonate are formed, the former of which remains in solution, and the latter is deposited. This part of the process tends still further to get rid of the arsenic; for if any of the arsenic acid or bismuth arsenate existed in the solution the poisonous acid would combine with the soda, and, thus forming a soluble salt, would be retained by the water. Nothing now remains but to wash, dry, and powder the precipitate.

The British process is more simple, because, using bismuth already purified, it is without the preliminary measures taken in the U. S. process to separate the arsenic.

Properties. Bismuth subcarbonate is "a white or pale yellowish-white powder, of somewhat varying chemical composition,* odorless and tasteless, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but completely soluble in nitric or hydrochloric acid, with copious effervescence. When heated to redness, the salt loses water and carbon dioxide, and leaves from 87 to 91 per cent. of a yellow residue which is soluble in nitric or hydrochloric acid, and blackened by hydrogen sulphide." *U. S.* Its sp. gr. is about 4. It effervesces with acids, and, when exposed to heat, loses 9·5 per cent. of its weight (*U. S.* 1870) in consequence of the escape of carbonic acid, and is converted into the anhydrous teroxide, of a light yellow color. When mixed with sulphuric acid, and subjected to Marsh's test, it should yield no arsenic, or merely a trace.

Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in twelve fluidounces of Distilled Water, with the aid of heat, and filter the solution through paper. To this, when cold, slowly add the solution of nitrate of bismuth, with constant stirring. Transfer the whole to a strainer, and after the precipitate has been drained, wash it with Distilled Water until the washings pass tasteless. Lastly, press, dry it on bibulous paper with a gentle heat, and rub it into powder." *U. S.* 1870.

* The British Pharmacopœia gives the following chemical formula: $(Bi_2O_2CO_3)_2H_2O$; the U. S. Pharmacopœia states that this is approximate.

Tests. "If 3 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in just a sufficient quantity (about 4 C.c.) of warm nitric acid, and the solution poured into 100 C.c. of water, a white precipitate is produced. After filtering, and evaporating the filtrate on a water-bath to 30 C.c., again filtering, and dividing this filtrate into portions of 5 C.c., these should respond to the following tests: On mixing one portion with an equal volume of diluted sulphuric acid, it should not become cloudy (absence of *lead*.) If another portion be precipitated with a slight excess of ammonia water, the supernatant liquid should not exhibit a bluish tint (absence of *copper*). Other portions should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), or barium nitrate test-solution (*sulphate*), nor yield, with hydrochloric acid, a precipitate which is insoluble in a slight excess of the latter (*silver*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be boiled with 10 C.c. of a mixture of equal parts of acetic acid and water, the solution cooled and filtered, and the filtrate freed from bismuth by hydrogen sulphide and again filtered, the last filtrate should leave no residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies* and *alkaline earths*). On boiling 1 Gm. of the salt with 10 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it should not evolve the odor of *ammonia*. If 1 Gm. of the salt be added to 10 C.c. of a mixture of equal parts of concentrated sulphuric acid and water, tinged slightly blue with indigo test-solution, on heating, the bluish tint should not be discharged (absence of *nitrate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be ignited in a porcelain crucible, the residue, when cold, dissolved in 5 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), and a small piece of pure tin-foil added, no dark coloration or precipitate should be produced within fifteen minutes (limit of *arsenic*)." *U. S.* "If to nitric acid mixed with half its volume of distilled water as much carbonate of bismuth be added as the acid will dissolve, one volume of this solution poured into twenty volumes of water will yield a white precipitate. The nitric acid solution gives no precipitate with solution of nitrate of silver, or becomes only slightly turbid." *Br.* If arsenic were present, a precipitate would take place with a much smaller proportion of water.

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt was brought into notice by M. Hannon, of Brussels (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1857, p. 214), on the ground that it was more tonic than the subnitrate; it is, however, exactly equivalent to the latter salt in therapeutic action and dose.

BISMUTHI SUBNITRAS. U. S., Br. Bismuth Subnitrate.

(BĬS-MŪ'THĪ SŬB-NĪ'TRĂS.)

Subnitrate of Bismuth; Bismuthum Album, *Br.* 1864; White Bismuth; Bismuthum subnitricum, *P.G.*; Bismuthum Hydrico-nitricum, Magisterium Bismuthi, Subazotas (s. Subnitras) Bismuthicus; Sous-azotate de Bismuth, *Fr.*; Basisches Salpetersaures Wismuthoxyd, *G.*; Oxynitrate of Bismuth.

A process for bismuth subnitrate is no longer official. The process of the U. S. P. 1870 is given in the foot-note.*

"Take of purified Bismuth, in small pieces, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Nitric Acid with three [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water, and add the Bismuth in successive portions. When effervescence has ceased, apply for ten minutes a temperature approaching that of ebullition, and decant the solution from any insoluble matter that may be present. Evaporate the solution until it is reduced to two fluidounces, and pour it into half a gallon of Distilled Water. When the precipitate which forms has subsided, decant the supernatant liquid, add half a gallon [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water to the precipitate, stir them well together, and, after two hours, decant off the liquid, collect the precipitate on a calico filter, enfold it with the calico and press it with the hands, and dry it at a temperature not exceeding 150° F. (65·5° C.)." *Br.*

The alterations from the old process, in the U. S. P. formula of 1870, were based upon the wish to get rid of any arsenic that might be present in the bismuth used. This is accomplished

* Take of Bismuth, in pieces, *two troyounces*; Nitric Acid *eight troyounces and a half*; Carbonate of Sodium *ten troyounces*; Water of Ammonia *five fluidounces*; Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Mix four troyounces and a half of the Nitric Acid with four fluidounces of Distilled Water, in a capacious glass vessel, and, having added the Bismuth, set the whole aside for twenty-four hours. Dilute the resulting solution with ten fluidounces of Distilled Water, stir it thoroughly, and, after twenty-four hours, filter through paper. Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in twenty fluidounces of Distilled Water with the aid of heat, and filter the solution through paper. To this, when cold, slowly add the solution of nitrate of bismuth, with constant stirring. Transfer the whole to a strainer, and, after the precipitate has been drained, wash it with Distilled Water until the washings pass tasteless, and drain again as completely as possible. Then place the moist precipitate in a capacious vessel, gradually add the remainder of the Nitric Acid, and afterwards four fluidounces of Distilled Water, and set the solution aside. At the end of twenty-four hours, filter through paper, and to the filtered liquid, previously diluted with four pints of Distilled Water, slowly add the Water of Ammonia, with constant stirring. Transfer the whole to a strainer, and, after the precipitate has been drained, wash it with two pints of Distilled Water, drain it again, and press out as much of the liquid as possible. Lastly, dry it upon bibulous paper with a gentle heat, and rub into powder." *U. S.* 1870.

by first preparing the carbonate, by adding the nitric acid solution of bismuth to a solution of sodium carbonate in excess, whereby most of the arsenic is retained in the solution, probably as sodium arsenate, while the insoluble carbonate is precipitated. This is dissolved, with the aid of heat, in nitric acid, so as to make a very concentrated solution of the nitrate, to which, when cold, just so much water is added as to begin to produce a permanent turbidity. The object of this is to allow any arsenic that may be still present to be deposited, which happens for reasons stated in explaining the process for procuring the subcarbonate. (See page 265.) The deposited matter having been precipitated, only the pure nitrate remains in solution, which is made to yield the subnitrate by large dilution with water, and still more completely by the addition of ammonia.

In the British formula, the old method is pursued of simply dissolving the bismuth, which has been previously purified, in nitric acid somewhat diluted, concentrating the solution, and precipitating by adding it to a large quantity of water. When bismuth is added to dilute nitric acid, red fumes are copiously given off, and the metal, oxidized by the decomposition of part of the nitric acid, is dissolved by the remainder so as to form a solution of bismuth ternitrate. It is unnecessary to have the metal in powder, as it dissolves with great facility when added to the acid in fragments. When the solution is completed, the liquor should be added to the water, and not the water to the solution. In order to have a smooth light powder, which is most esteemed, the precipitate should be well washed to remove every trace of free nitric acid, and dried as speedily as possible. In the use of this formula it is taken for granted that the bismuth has been ascertained to be free from arsenic; and, if it prove upon the application of Marsh's test to be otherwise, means should certainly be employed to purify it before using it. Measures for this purpose are mentioned under *Bismuthum Purificatum.* Should the subnitrate or subcarbonate be ascertained to contain arsenic, it may, as suggested by Dr. Herapath, be purified by boiling it with solution of caustic soda or potassa twice successively, then thoroughly washing the residue, which will be yellow oxide of bismuth, dissolving it again in nitric acid, and precipitating by water as before. (*Chem. News*, 1863, p. 77.) In the washing of bismuth subnitrate, the salt is asserted to lose a portion of its nitric acid; and the change may be considerable, if the washing be continued so long as the liquid comes away in any degree acidulous. It has been ascertained by Julius Löwe that this effect may be avoided by washing with a very dilute solution of ammonium nitrate, containing one part in 500 parts of water. (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 15, 1859, p. 119.)* *Bismuthous nitrate*, a crystalline salt ($Bi3NO_3,5H_2O$), is deposited from a solution of bismuth in nitric acid. This has been used by Dr. Balmanno Squire dissolved in glycerin, under the name of *Glycerole of Nitrate of Bismuth.* (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 11, 1876.) W. W. Moorhead prepares it by taking two troyounces of crystalline bismuth nitrate and dissolving in sufficient glycerin to make eight fluidounces. No heat should be used. This preparation can be diluted with an equal bulk or less of water, or one part can be added to forty-eight of water without ready precipitation, but one part to twelve, eight, or six of water soon precipitates. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 98; also pp. 23 and 89.)

Properties. Bismuth subnitrate is "a heavy, white powder, of somewhat varying chemical composition,† odorless and almost tasteless, and permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water, and insoluble in alcohol; but readily soluble in nitric or hydrochloric acid. When heated to 120° C. (248° F.), the salt loses water (between 3 and 5 per cent. of its weight); and when subsequently heated to redness, it evolves nitrous vapors, leaving from 79 to 82 per cent. of its weight of a yellow residue which is soluble in nitric or hydrochloric acid, and blackened by hydrogen sulphide. When brought upon moistened blue litmus paper, the salt shows

* In order to avoid the handling of large volumes of liquid, as well as the loss of bismuth by the production of soluble salts, A. Lalieu proposes the following process, which, he says, yields a much larger, purer, and denser product: 200 grammes of bismuth are dissolved in a sufficient quantity of nitric acid; the clear solution is decanted and poured into about 8 liters of water containing 500 grammes of water of ammonia. The precipitate is washed, transferred to a capsule, and 50 to 60 grammes of caustic soda, dissolved in a little water, are added to it. The capsule is then exposed for 15 to 20 minutes to the heat of a water-bath, and the contents stirred up several times. After having again become cold, the supernatant liquor is poured off, the precipitate is thoroughly washed, and a quantity of nitric acid, representing 48·5 grammes of anhydrous nitric acid (to be determined from the sp. gr., etc.), is added to it in small portions at a time, and under constant stirring. If, during this addition, the mass should become too thick, a little water may be added, but not enough to destroy the pasty consistence of the mass. The capsule is then replaced for a few minutes on the water-bath, and the mass well stirred. The latter, which had been yellow, becomes soon perfectly white, and somewhat more liquid. It is then diluted with a little water, the precipitate collected on a filter placed on a muslin strainer, washed, drained, pressed, and dried. The product amounts to about 265 grammes. (*L'Union Pharmaceutique*, No. 8; *N. R.*, Nov. 1878.)

† The British Pharmacopœia gives the following chemical composition: $BiONO_3,H_2O$; the U. S. Pharmacopœia states that this is approximate.

a slightly acid reaction. On dissolving 3 Gm. of the salt in 3 C.c. of warm nitric acid, no effervescence should occur (absence of *carbonate*), and no residue should be left (absence of *insoluble foreign salts*). If this solution be poured into 100 C.c. of water, a white precipitate is produced. If the filtrate separated from this precipitate be evaporated on a water-bath to 30 C.c., the liquid again filtered, and the new filtrate divided into portions of 5 C.c. each, these should respond to the tests for purity described under *Bismuthi Subcarbonas*. When further tested as described under *Bismuthi Subcarbonas*, the salt should be found free from *alkalies* and *alkaline earths*, and should give no reaction for *ammonia*. If 1 Gm. of the salt be heated, in a porcelain crucible, until nitrous vapors cease to be evolved, the residue, when cold, dissolved in 5 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), and a small piece of pure tin-foil added, no dark coloration or precipitate should be produced within fifteen minutes (limit of *arsenic*)." *U. S.* It is readily soluble in the strong acids, from which it is precipitated by water. The fixed alkalies dissolve it sparingly, and ammonia more readily. It is darkened by hydrogen sulphide gas, but not by exposure to light, unless it contains a little silver, or is subjected to the influence of organic matter. If the nitric solution is not precipitated by dilute sulphuric acid, it is free from lead. It sometimes contains arsenic, which may be detected by acting on it with pure sulphuric acid, evaporating to dryness, dissolving in hot distilled water, and testing a part of the solution by Marsh's apparatus. By this method M. Lassaigne detected one-sixth of 1 per cent. of arsenic in a sample of subnitrate sold in Paris. M. Glénard proposes two new methods of searching for arsenic in the subnitrate; one merely qualitative, the other quantitative. The first consists in strongly heating a mixture of the suspected salt with potassium acetate. The least trace of arsenic will be detected by the strong and offensive odor produced, owing to the formation of cacodyl. In the second, the bismuth subnitrate is heated with pure hydrochloric acid. If arsenic be present it will rise in vapors in the form of chloride. These should be carefully collected and condensed, and then treated with an excess of hydrogen sulphide. The arsenic sulphide precipitated will be the measure of the metal. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1868, p. 176.) M. Lassaigne has found as much as 27 per cent. of bismuth chloride in this preparation, when obtained by precipitating, with water, a solution of bismuth in a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids. The same impurity is introduced, to a small extent, by using common water containing chlorides; and bismuth subsulphate renders the preparation impure, when the water used contains calcium sulphate. (*Journ. de Chim. et Méd.*, 1855, p. 276.) These facts show the necessity of using distilled water. As regards the origin of the chlorine sometimes existing in commercial bismuth subnitrate, it is asserted by Mr. R. C. Tichborne to be a common practice with the manufacturer, in order to save the bismuth existing in the mother-liquor, after the deposition of the subnitrate, to precipitate it with sodium chloride, thus obtaining an insoluble bismuth oxychloride, which is then added to the previous product. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1860, p. 413.) For the modes of detecting and separating it, the reader is referred to the *Chemical News* (1863, p. 109). The metal thallium is said to be present in most specimens of the pharmaceutical preparations of bismuth, whilst the fetid odor of the breath so often produced when the subnitrate is administered is believed to be due to traces of tellurium. (Brownen, *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 16, 1875.) It has also been said that the arsenic usually present in minute quantities is the cause of the garlicky odor of the breath. Dr. E. R. Squibb (*Ephemeris*, Sept. 1882) states, however, that the "bismuth breath" has been noticed in patients who were taking a preparation of bismuth in which the absence of both tellurium and arsenic was conclusively shown. The cause of the peculiar odor is, therefore, at present doubtful. Calcium phosphate has been ascertained to be an occasional adulteration of the subnitrate. A ready method of detecting it suggested by M. Roussin has proved to be fallacious, and may lead to false decisions as to the presence of the phosphate. There can be no difficulty in detecting the adulteration by the U. S. P. tests. Bismuth subnitrate was called by the earlier chemists *magistery of bismuth*. It is incompatible with potassium iodide (slowly forming a brick-red bismuth iodide) and with alkaline bicarbonates.

Medical Properties. The great insolubility of bismuth subnitrate has led to the belief that it is not absorbed in the gastro-intestinal tract, but the finding of it by Orfila in the spleen and liver, by Lewald in the milk, by Bergeret and Mayençon and other chemists in the urine, proves that the slow absorption of the drug does take place. The largest doses, however, given internally, never produce any general sensible effect upon the system, the remedy being employed solely for its soothing, sedative, feeble astringent influence upon mucous membranes. It is very useful in *subacute gastritis*, *gastralgia*, *pyrosis*, and allied *stomachic dis-*

ease, in which affections it should be given before or just after meals; when given one to two hours after meals, the subnitrate escapes with the contents of the stomach into the intestines, and is very useful in conditions of *irritation of the intestinal mucous membranes*. It may be employed in *diarrhœas of irritation*, and even in *dysentery*, but in *diarrhœas of relaxation* it is of little service. Its use produces dark-green or blackish discoloration of the stools. Bismuth subnitrate is also a very useful topical application in various mucous inflammations, other than gastro-intestinal; thus, it is used with advantage by injection (gr. v–xx to f ʒi of mucilage) in the first stage of *gonorrhœa*, in *leucorrhœa*, in *dysentery*, and in *rectal irritation*, and by snuffing in *coryza*, etc. The dose of bismuth subnitrate is from five to forty grains (0·324 to 2·6 Gm.), three or more times a day; the large dose being employed in *diarrhœa*. Even in much larger amounts than those mentioned the medicine is practically safe; the symptoms described by Orfila and other early toxicologists as produced by it having been undoubtedly due to irritant impurities which formerly existed in the drug.

As has been shown by Theodore Kocher, even the insoluble preparations of bismuth are active antiseptics, and they were for a time much used in Germany in the treatment of *wounds*. It was claimed for them that they acted like iodoform and were not capable of producing poisonous symptoms. Further experience has shown, however, that this is incorrect; that when applied in large quantities to extensive wounded surfaces they are capable of yielding so much bismuth to absorption as to produce a poisoning, which is characterized by acute stomatitis, with a peculiar black discoloration of the mucous membrane, usually beginning upon the borders of the teeth, but spreading over the whole mouth, followed by an intestinal catarrh, with pain and diarrhœa: in severe cases desquamative nephritis, as shown by albuminous urine and epithelial tube-casts, may also occur.

BISMUTHUM. Br. Bismuth.

Bi; 208·9. (BĬŞ-MŪ'THŬM.) **Bi; 210.**

"A crystalline metal. In its crude state it is impure." *Br.*

Etain de Glace, Bismuth, *Fr.;* Wismuth, *G.;* Bismutte, *It.;* Bismut, *Sp.*

Bismuth occurs usually in the metallic state, occasionally as a sulphide or a telluride, and rarely as an oxide. It is found principally in Saxony. It occurs also in Cornwall, and has been found at Monroe, in Connecticut, in Archer County, Texas (*A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 228), and in Colorado with gold and silver ores. It has also been discovered largely in South Australia, whence a quantity of it has been sent into commerce. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1867, p. 95.) It is obtained almost entirely from native bismuth, which is heated by means of wood or charcoal, whereby the metal is fused and separated from its gangue. Most of the bismuth of commerce comes from Saxony, although it is now also largely obtained from Bolivia. The bismuth from South America is said to be naturally free from arsenic, and to be therefore preferable for pharmaceutical purposes. Small quantities have been found in Utah and Wyoming.

Bismuth was first recognized as a metal by Agricola in 1520. Before that period it was confounded with lead. It is a brittle, pulverizable, brilliant metal, of a crystalline texture, and of a white color with a slight reddish tint. Its crystals are rhombohedral, but with an angle of 87° 40′, which makes it difficult to distinguish them from cubes, in which the angle would be 90°. Indeed, many books still speak of it as cubical in form. It undergoes but a slight tarnish in the air. Its sp. gr. is 9·8, 9·83, *Br.* (purified), melting point 264° C. (507° F.). When impure bismuth solidifies after fusion, globules of the metal, nearly pure, are thrown up from the mass. This takes place when the metal contains as much as 50 per cent. of impurity. The same phenomenon does not occur when pure bismuth is melted. (*R. Schneider.*) At a high temperature, in close vessels, bismuth volatilizes, and may be distilled over. When heated in the open air to a full red heat, it takes fire, and burns with a faint blue flame, forming an oxide of a yellow color. This is the *teroxide*, and consists of two atoms of bismuth and three of oxygen. There is another compound of bismuth and oxygen, consisting of two atoms of the former and five atoms of the latter, which is called *bismuthic oxide*, Bi_2O_5. It is obtained in the form of a hydrate by boiling bismuth nitrate in solution of potassa, washing the precipitate, and mixing it while moist with solution of potassa into which chlorine is passed. A mixture of bismuthous and bismuthic oxides is precipitated, from which the former is separated by digestion with nitric acid. The hydrated oxide remaining, when washed and dried, is in the form of a red powder, which gives up its water at 130° C. (266° F.), and at a higher heat loses oxygen. Bismuth is acted on freely by hydrochloric acid, but violently by nitric acid, which dissolves it with a copious liberation of red fumes.

Sulphuric acid, when cold, has no action on it, but at a boiling heat effects its solution with the liberation of sulphurous acid. As it occurs in commerce, it is generally contaminated with other metals, among which are arsenic in minute quantity, traces of silver, cadmium, nickel, lead, and iron, and sometimes a very small proportion of thallium. Classen has found in so-called "purissimus" bismuth, lead, copper, and iron, and in one sample of bismuth, sold as suitable for scientific purposes, he obtained from 500 grammes 10 grammes of lead chloride. (*Apoth. Zeitung*, 1891, p. 121; see, also, *Chem. News*, 1892, lxv. 28.) It may be purified from all contaminating metals by dissolving the bismuth of commerce in diluted nitric acid, precipitating the clear solution by adding it to water, and reducing the white powder thus obtained with black flux. The same precipitate is obtained by adding ammonia to the nitric solution; if the supernatant liquor is blue, the presence of copper is indicated; if the precipitate is yellowish, iron is present.

Pharm. Uses, etc. Bismuth is not used in medicine in an uncombined state, but is employed pharmaceutically to obtain bismuth subcarbonate and subnitrate, the only medicinal preparations formed from this metal. In the arts it is used to form a white paint for the complexion, called *pearl white*, and as an ingredient of the best pewter.

BISMUTHUM PURIFICATUM. Br. Purified Bismuth.

(BĬŞ-MŪ'THŬM PŪ-RĮ-FĮ-CĀ'TŬM.)

Bismuth purifié, *Fr.*; Gereinigtes Wismuth, *G.*

"Take of Bismuth *ten ounces* [av.]; Cyanide of Potassium *half an ounce* [av.]; Sulphur *eighty grains;* Carbonate of Potassium, recently ignited, Carbonate of Sodium, recently ignited, of each *a sufficiency*. Melt the Bismuth in a crucible. Add the Cyanide of Potassium and Sulphur, previously mixed. Heat the whole to low redness for about fifteen minutes, constantly stirring. Remove the crucible from the fire, and let it cool until the flux has solidified to a crust. Pierce two holes in the crust, and pour the still fluid bismuth into another crucible. Remelt this partially purified bismuth with about five per cent. of a mixture of equal parts of the dried Carbonates of Potassium and Sodium, heating to bright redness and constantly stirring. Remove the crucible from the fire, cool, and pour out the bismuth into suitable moulds." *Br.*

The object of the above process is to separate contaminations of copper, arsenic, and other impurities found in commercial bismuth. The first part of the process is a modification of Hugo Tamm's method for separating the copper, whereby the melted metal is brought into contact with potassium sulphocyanate, which, acting as a flux, forms a compound with the copper, which separates as a crust. The partially purified bismuth is then remelted in contact with a small quantity of dried potassium and sodium carbonates, which separates iron, cooled, and poured into moulds.

A mode of purifying bismuth is given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 in the process for preparing the subnitrate. That of the former British Pharmacopœia was different, consisting in the oxidation of the arsenic and other contaminating metals that may be present, by means of the nitric acid of the nitre, and their consequent separation from the bismuth, the great mass of which remains behind unaffected. This method was referred to in the twelfth edition of the Dispensatory (p. 1025), where also the plan of M. W. Pierre is mentioned, consisting in the addition of from 2·5 to 5 per cent. of zinc to the bismuth, and strongly heating the mixture in a crucible, with a piece of charcoal to prevent the oxidation of the zinc. Both the arsenic and zinc are driven off. (*Chem. News*, Jan. 16, 1861.) According to Mr. Tilden, the British official process was both wasteful of the bismuth and incapable of removing the impurities. (*P. J. Tr.*, ser. 3, i. 505.) For other methods of purification, see *Schweiz. Woch. f. Ph.*, No. 5; *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1877.

"Dissolved in a mixture of equal volumes of nitric acid and distilled water, it forms a solution which by evaporation yields colorless crystals, that are decomposed on the addition of water, giving a white precipitate. If the mother liquor from which the crystals have been separated be evaporated with hydrochloric acid until all the nitric acid is dissipated, a little of the product yields no evidence of arsenium on being examined by the hydrogen test commonly known as Marsh's Test; no blue coloration on adding water and excess of ammonia, and no precipitate on filtering and saturating the ammoniacal filtrate with nitric acid; no white precipitate with diluted sulphuric acid; no red or black precipitate with sulphite of sodium; and no blue precipitate with ferrocyanide of potassium." *Br.*

BROMUM. U. S., Br. Bromine.

Br; 79·76. (BRŌ'MŬM.) **Br; 79·8.**

"A liquid non-metallic element, obtained from sea-water, and from some saline springs." *Br.*
Brominium, *U. S.* 1870; Bromum, *P. G.;* Brome, *Fr.;* Brom, *G.;* Bromo, *It.*

Bromine is an elementary body, possessing many analogies to chlorine and iodine. It was discovered in 1826 by M. Balard, of Montpellier, in the bittern of sea-salt works, in which it exists as a magnesium bromide. Since then it has been found in the waters of the ocean, in certain marine animals and vegetables, in various aquatic plants, as the water-cress, in numerous salt springs, and in the mineral kingdom. It has also been detected by M. Mène in the coal-gas liquor of the Paris gas works. In the United States it was first obtained by Professor Silliman, who found it in the bittern of the salt works at Salina, in the State of New York. It was discovered in the salt wells near Freeport, Pa., by Dr. David Alter, but is now obtained in largest amount from the brines of West Virginia. The chief works are located at Parkersburg and Mason City, W. Va., Pomeroy, Ohio, and Midland County, Mich. The annual production of bromine in the United States for the last few years has been as follows: 1886, 428,334 lbs.; 1888, 307,386 lbs.; 1889, 418,891 lbs.; 1890, 387,847 lbs.; 1891, 368,786 lbs.; and 1892, 379,480 lbs. The notable increase in 1886 was mainly due to the Michigan production, which then equalled that of West Virginia. The bromides contained in the mother-liquors of the salt wells are oxidized by manganese dioxide in West Virginia and Ohio, while potassium chlorate is the favorite oxidizing agent in Michigan, because of the large proportion of calcium chloride in the liquor. (*The Mineral Industry of the U. S.*, 1892.)

Preparation. The original salt-liquor or brine is pumped out of the ground at 9° B., evaporated to about 15° in large iron pans, then allowed to settle, and is further evaporated in wooden tanks heated by steam pipes to the point of crystallization. These tanks, five in number, are placed at different elevations, one above the other. Each day the liquor is run off from No. 1, the highest, to No. 2, next day to No. 3, and so on until it reaches No. 5, the crystallized salt being removed from each tank after draining off the liquor. The brine which reaches No. 5 is bittern, and consists chiefly of calcium, magnesium, sodium, and some aluminum chlorides, with varying percentages of sodium and calcium bromides.

The bittern marking 30° to 38° B. is evaporated to about 45° B. By this further evaporation an additional percentage of impure salt is removed, the liquor is then run into stone stills, materials for generation of chlorine added, and heat applied by means of steam until the bromine has been all eliminated and vaporized. It is condensed and collected in cooled receivers. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1877, p. 448.) An improved bromine still is figured in *N. R.*, April, 1877; see, also, *N. R.*, 1883, p. 108; *Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 121.

The bittern of the salt works of Schoenbeck, in Germany, which contains only seven-tenths of one part of bromine in 1000 parts, is subjected to several successive operations, whereby the solution is reduced in bulk, and so far purified as to contain chiefly magnesium bromide and chloride. The chlorine is separated in the form of hydrochloric acid gas, by heating the liquid with sulphuric acid, at a temperature not exceeding 259° F.; the sulphates are crystallized out; and the bromine is evolved in the usual manner by sulphuric acid and manganese dioxide. The last operation, occupying six hours, is performed in a leaden still, of sufficient capacity to contain a charge of 84 pounds of the concentrated bittern, 60 or 70 pounds of weak sulphuric acid from the leaden chambers, and 40 pounds of manganese dioxide. The product is 4 pounds of bromine. (Moritz Hermann, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1854.)

Bromine has also been obtained from sea-weeds by carbonizing them, lixiviating the carbonaceous residue, and then separating the ingredients, among which are iodine and bromine. For details, see *Chem. News* (July 6, 1866, p. 2). More than two-thirds of the bromine of commerce is used for the manufacture of bromides for medicinal use, and for photography; the remainder is used for aniline colors.

Properties. Bromine is a volatile liquid, of a dark red color when viewed in mass, but hyacinth-red in thin layers. Its taste is very caustic, and its smell intensely strong and disagreeable, having some resemblance to that of chlorine.* Its sp. gr. is very nearly 3 (2·99, *U. S.*, 2·97 to 3·14, *Br.* At —24·5° C. (—12° F., *Baumhauer*,† —7·2° C., *Philipp*) it becomes

* Inhaled in the form of vapor it produces great irritation, and endangers asphyxia through spasm of the glottis. A case which had nearly proved fatal was apparently saved by throwing steam sufficiently cooled into the larynx. (G. P. Duffield, *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 288.)

† See *A. J. P.*, Oct. 1872, p. 452. The higher degree usually given in chemical works is ascribed by Baumhauer to the presence of water in the bromine examined.

a hard, brittle, crystalline solid, having a dark leaden color, and a lustre nearly metallic. It boils at about 63° C. (145·4° F.), forming a reddish vapor resembling that of nitrous acid, and of the sp. gr. 5·54. It evaporates readily, a single drop being sufficient to fill a large flask with its peculiar vapor. "Agitated with solution of soda in such proportion that the fluid remains very slightly alkaline, it forms a colorless liquid, which, if colored by the further addition of a small quantity of the bromine, does not become blue on the subsequent addition of a cold solution of starch" (*Br.*); thus showing the absence of iodine.

Bromine is sparingly soluble in water (in 30 parts at 15° C. (59° F.), *U. S.*), to which it communicates an orange color, more soluble in alcohol, and still more so in ether, chloroform, and carbon disulphide. By the aid, however, of potassium bromide, it may be dissolved to any desirable extent in water. Its alcoholic and ethereal solutions lose their color in a few days, and become acid from the generation of hydrobromic acid. It bleaches vegetable substances like chlorine, destroys the color of indigo sulphate, and decomposes organic matters. Its combination with starch has a yellow color. It corrodes the skin and gives it a deep yellow stain. Bromine is intermediate in its affinities between chlorine and iodine, since its combinations are decomposed by chlorine, while, in its turn, it decomposes those of iodine. It forms acids which are analogous in properties and composition to the corresponding acids of chlorine and iodine. It combines also with chlorine, forming bromine chloride, which probably has the formula $BrCl_5$. This is prepared by passing chlorine through bromine, and condensing the vapors at a low temperature. It is a reddish-yellow liquid, very volatile, soluble in water, with a penetrating odor and disagreeable taste.

Commercial bromine sometimes contains as much as 6 or 8 per cent. of *carbon tetrabromide*, as ascertained by M. Poselger. He discovered the impurity by submitting some bromine to distillation, during the progress of which the boiling point rose to 120° C. (248° F.). The residuary liquid at this temperature was colorless, and when freed from a little bromine, proved to be carbon bromide, as an oily, aromatic liquid.* Chlorine and iodine are frequently found in bromine, the former being more common in American and the latter in German bromine.

The U. S. P. gives the following tests for determining the purity of bromine. "If Bromine be added to an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it should combine to form a permanently clear liquid, without the separation of oily drops, or the development of an odor resembling that of chloroform (absence of *bromoform* or *other organic bromine compounds*). If an aqueous solution of Bromine be shaken with a slight excess of reduced iron until it becomes nearly colorless, the filtered liquid, on the addition of a small amount of ferric chloride and of starch test-solution, should not assume a blue color (absence of *iodine*). If 1 C.c. of a saturated aqueous solution of Bromine be diluted with 9 C.c. of water, then mixed with 3 C.c. of ammonium carbonate test-solution, and 5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, and the whole actively shaken, the filtered liquid, when supersaturated with nitric acid, should not become more than opalescent, nor separate a flocculent precipitate within three minutes (absence of more than 3 per cent. of *chlorine*); on exposure to air or heat it is completely volatilized." *U. S.*

In testing for bromine in mineral or saline waters, the water is evaporated in order to crystallize most of the salts. The solution, after having been filtered, is placed in a narrow tube, and a few drops of strong chlorine water are added. If this addition produce an orange color, bromine is present. The water examined, in order that the test may succeed, must be free from organic matter, and the chlorine not be added in excess. Bromine may be detected in marine vegetables by carbonizing them in a covered crucible, exhausting the charcoal, previously pulverized, with boiling distilled water, precipitating any alkaline sulphide present in the solution by zinc sulphate, and then adding successively a few drops of nitric acid and a portion of ether, shaking the whole together. If bromine be present it will be set free and dissolve in the ether, to which it will communicate an orange color. (*Dupasquier.*) According to Reynoso, a more delicate test is furnished by hydrogen peroxide, which liberates bromine from its compounds without reacting on it when free. The mode of proceeding is as follows. Put a piece of barium peroxide in a test-tube, and add successively distilled water, pure hydro-

* It is stated by T. L. Phipson that he has found in commercial bromine, accounted pure, a notable amount of cyanogen, and that it may be detected as follows. Take of iron filings and bromine, of each, half an ounce; add to the filings 2 or 2·5 ounces of water; introduce the bromine very gradually, stirring steadily; filter rapidly while warm from the reaction; and put the filtered liquid in a partially closed bottle. In the course of some hours a deposit of iron ferricyanide (Berlin blue) will have formed, and may be collected on a filter. In the course of two days the whole of the cyanogen will be deposited. In the samples of bromine thus examined he had found from 0·5 to 1 per cent. of cyanogen. (*Chem. News*, 1873, p. 51.)

chloric acid, and ether. The materials are here present for generating hydrogen peroxide; and so soon as bubbles are seen to rise to the surface, the substance suspected to contain bromine is added, and the whole shaken together. If a bromide be present, the hydrochloric acid will give rise to hydrobromic acid; and the hydrogen peroxide, acting on this, will set free the bromine, which will dissolve in the ether, and give it a yellow tint and the odor of bromine.

Medical Properties. Bromine, from its analogy to iodine, was early tried as a remedy. It has been asserted that it acts like iodine as an alterative, and as a stimulant to the lymphatic system. It has been employed in *bronchocele*, *scrofulous tumors* and *ulcers*, *secondary* and *tertiary syphilis*, *amenorrhœa*, *diphtheritic affections*, *chronic diseases of the skin*, and *hypertrophy of the ventricles*. Magendie recommends it in cases in which iodine does not operate with sufficient activity or has lost its effect by habit, but at present it is very rarely used. About six drops (0·36 C.c.) of an aqueous solution containing one part of bromine to forty of distilled water may be taken several times a day in water. Locally in its concentrated state it is a very powerful and deep caustic. When used as a wash for *ulcers*, from ten to forty minims may be added to a pint of water. The use of bromine as a caustic in *hospital gangrene* was proposed by Dr. Goldsmith during the war of the rebellion, and became universal in the army hospitals. Applied pure by means of a glass rod, it destroyed the diseased tissues more rapidly and thoroughly than did even strong nitric acid. Of the compounds of bromine, the potassium, ammonium, iron, and mercury bromides have been chiefly used. Some of them have been found to exercise a remarkable influence in allaying *nervous irritation*, and are now much employed for that purpose. See these titles respectively in the different parts of this work.* *Bromine chloride* has been used in *cancer* by Landolfi, of Naples, both externally as a caustic and internally. But a committee of the French Academy reported decidedly against it.

Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, of Louisville, Ky., proposes the following as a convenient formula for a solution of bromine. Dissolve 160 grains of potassium bromide in two fluidounces of water, add one troyounce of bromine, and, stirring diligently, pour in sufficient water to make the solution measure four fluidounces. The solution should be kept in accurately stopped bottles. This is a suitable preparation for application to hospital gangrene, and may be diluted to any desirable extent with water. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 202.)

Bromine, in an overdose, acts as a corrosive poison. A case of poisoning by this substance, which proved fatal in seven hours and a half, is related by Dr. J. R. Snell. The amount swallowed was about an ounce, and the symptoms generally were those produced by the irritant poisons: such as violent inflammation of the lips, mouth, tongue, and œsophagus, with incessant burning pain, followed, in two hours and a half, by prostration, ending in death. (*New York Journ. of Med.*, Sept. 1850.) The best antidote, according to Mr. Alfred Smee, is ammonia, given largely diluted and mixed with sweet oil.

Bromine is extensively used in photography and in the manufacture of coal-tar colors.

BRYONIA. U.S. Bryonia. [Bryony.]

(BRĪ-Ō′NĮ-Ą.)

"The root of Bryonia alba, and of Bryonia dioica Linné (nat. ord. Cucurbitaceæ)." *U. S.*

Bryone couleuvrée, *Fr.*; Zaunrübe, Gichtrübe, *G.*

Bryonia alba, or white bryony, is a perennial, climbing, herbaceous plant, growing in thickets and hedges in different parts of Europe. It bears rough, heart-shaped, five-lobed leaves, small yellow monœcious flowers, arranged in racemes, and roundish black berries about the size of a pea. Another species, called *B. dioica*, with diœcious flowers and red berries, bears so close a resemblance in character and properties to the preceding that it is considered by some botanists merely a variety. The roots of both plants are gathered for use. When fresh they are spindle-shaped, sometimes branched, a foot or two in length, as thick as the arm, or even thicker, externally yellowish gray and circularly wrinkled, within white, succulent, and fleshy, of a nauseous odor, which is lost in great measure by drying, and of a bitter, acrid, very disagreeable taste. The peasants are said sometimes to hollow out the top of the root, and to employ the juice which collects in the cavity as a drastic purge. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) The berries are also purgative, and are used in dyeing. *B. americana*, Lam., and *B. africana*,

* *Iodine bromide* in aqueous solution is sometimes employed, which is made by rubbing 10 parts of iodine with 40 parts of distilled water, introducing into a flask, adding 20 parts of bromine, and shaking until the iodine is dissolved. 530 parts of distilled water are added, and the whole filtered. 20 parts contain 1 part of iodine terbromide. A solution containing 15 per cent. is sometimes found in commerce.

Thunb., are respectively used in the West Indies and Africa as hydragogue cathartics in dropsy. The berries of the European *Black Bryony*, *Tamus communis*, are said to be an irritant poison, and M. Coutagne has found that their tincture causes in animals paralysis and convulsions. (*Rép. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1884.)

Properties. As kept in the shops, the root is in circular transverse slices, externally yellowish gray and longitudinally wrinkled, internally of a whitish color, becoming darker by age, concentrically striated, light, brittle, and readily pulverizable, yielding a whitish powder. It is officially described as follows. "In transverse sections about 5 Cm. in diameter, the bark gray-brown, rough, thin, the central portion whitish or grayish, with numerous, small, projecting wood-bundles arranged in circles and radiating lines; fracture short; inodorous; taste disagreeably bitter." *U. S.* Besides a peculiar bitter principle, called *bryonin*, the root contains starch in considerable proportion, gum, resin, sugar, a concrete oil, albumen, and various salts. It yields its active properties to water. *Bryonin*, $C_{48}H_{80}O_{19}$, may be obtained by mixing the powdered root with one-sixth of its weight of purified animal charcoal, in fine powder, putting the mixture into a percolator, already containing a quantity of animal charcoal equal to that mixed with the bryony, and then percolating successively with strong alcohol, diluted alcohol, and sufficient water to displace the alcoholic liquid. The tincture thus obtained yields the bryonin by spontaneous evaporation. This is extremely bitter, soluble in water and alcohol, insoluble in ether, unaltered by the alkalies, and dissolved by sulphuric acid, with the production of a blue color. It purges actively in the dose of two grains. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 166.) When treated with acids bryonin is resolved into sugar and two peculiar substances, one soluble in ether, called *bryoretin*, $C_{21}H_{35}O_7$, the other insoluble in that liquid, and named *hydrobryoretin*, $C_{21}H_{37}O_8$. It is, therefore, a glucoside. (G. F. Walz. See *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 251; see, also, report of investigation by C. F. Heller, *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 68.)

Medical Properties. Bryony is an active hydragogue cathartic, in large doses sometimes emetic, and disposed, if too largely administered, to occasion inflammation of the alimentary mucous membrane. It appears also to have direct relations with the nervous system, and it has in a number of cases produced serious or even fatal poisoning. Vomiting and purging have been commonly present, but in some cases there has been no diarrhœa. Giddiness, delirium, and dilated pupils, coupled with fall of the bodily temperature, imperceptible pulse, cold perspiration, and other manifestations of collapse, are the usual symptoms. Eighty minims of the homœopathic tincture caused very serious but not fatal poisoning. (For cases see *P. J. Tr.*, 1858, p. 542; *Lancet*, May 9, 1868; *Brit. Med. Journ.*, 1883, ii. 1067; *Ther. Gaz.*, ii. 35; also *Woodman and Tidy.*) The recent root is highly irritant, and is said, when bruised and applied to the skin, to be capable of producing vesication. The medicine was well known to the ancients, and has been employed by modern physicians as a hydragogue cathartic in *dropsy*, but is now superseded by jalap. Dose of powdered root, from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.).* (See *Tinctura Bryoniæ.*)

BUCHU. U. S. (Br.) Buchu.

(BŪ'ȻHŪ.)

"The leaves of Barosma betulina (Thunberg), Bartling et Wendland, and Barosma crenulata (Linné), Hooker (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Barosma betulina, Bart. and Wendl., Barosma crenulata, Hook., and Barosma serratifolia, Willd." *Br.*

Buchu Folia, *Br.;* Folia Bucco, Folia Diosmæ, s. Barosmæ; Feuilles de Bucco (Booko, Buchu), *Fr.;* Buckublätter, Buccoblätter, *G.*

The leaves of the official and other Barosmas (so named from *βαρύς*, heavy, and *ὀσμή*, odor), and of some *Agathosmas*, are collected by the Hottentots, who value them on account of their odor, and, under the name of *bookoo* or *buchu*, rub them, in the state of powder, upon their greasy bodies.

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft or five-parted. Disk lining the bottom of the calyx, generally with a short scarcely prominent rim. *Petals* five, with short claws. *Filaments* ten; the five opposite the petals sterile, petaloid; the other five longer, subulate. *Style* as long as the petals. *Stigma* minute, five-lobed. *Fruit* composed of five cocci, covered with granular dots at the back. These plants are small shrubs, with opposite leaves and peduncled flowers. *Lindley.*

The official species are all erect, slender shrubs with opposite leaves, dotted with conspicuous

* Prof. Petresco asserts that *Bryonia alba* is physiologically different from *Bryonia dioica;* that it contains a glucoside, *brein*, which is a powerful stimulant to the arterioles, rendering the drug a valuable remedy in the treatment of *post-partum hemorrhage* and other *metrorrhagias.*

pellucid oil glands, smooth, angular, purplish branches, often of a purplish color, white flowers, and a fruit of five erect carpels. They are chiefly distinguished by their leaves.

Barosma crenata. Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 213.—*Diosma crenata.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* i. 714.—*Barosma crenulata.* Hooker. *B. & T.* 46. The leaves are opposite, ovate or obovate, acute, serrated and glandular at the edge, coriaceous, and full of small pellucid dots on the under surface. The flowers are white or of a reddish tint, and stand solitarily at the end of short, lateral leafy shoots.*

B. serratifolia. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* p. 257; Lind. *Flor. Med.* p. 213; *B. & T.* 47. The leaves are linear lanceolate, equally narrowed towards either end, three-nerved, with a truncate apex, which is always furnished with an oil-cell, and a sharply serrulate margin. Their length is from an inch to an inch and a half; their width one-fifth of an inch.

B. betulina. Bartling. The leaves of this species are cuneate-obovate, apex recurved, with their margin sharply denticulate by spreading teeth. They are from one-half to three-quarters of an inch long, by three-tenths to five-tenths of an inch wide.

Properties. Buchu leaves are officially described as follows. "About 15 Mm. long, roundish-obovate with a rather wedge-shaped base, or varying between oval and obovate, obtuse, crenate or serrate, with a gland at the base of each tooth, dull yellowish-green, thickish, pellucid-punctate; odor and taste strongly aromatic, somewhat mint-like, pungent and bitterish." *U. S.* The leaves of *B. crenata* constitute the *short buchu* or *round buchu*, whilst those of *B. serratifolia* are the *long buchu* of commerce. The leaves of *B. crenulata* are at present comparatively infrequent in commerce, the parcels usually consisting of those of one of the other species almost unmixed. The species can be recognized by the characters already given. Mixed with buchu leaves, or sometimes constituting the bulk of the parcel, the leaves of the *Empleurum serrulatum* sometimes occur. They are to be distinguished by being longer and narrower than any buchu leaf, with a sharp-pointed apex, parallel sides, and coarse denticulation. They have an acrid taste and a peculiar odor.

Flückiger obtained from *B. betulina* 1·56 per cent. of volatile oil, which had the odor of peppermint rather than of buchu, and deviated the plane of polarization considerably to the left. On exposure to cold it furnished a camphor, which, after re-solution in alcohol, crystallized in needle-shaped forms. After repeated purification in this manner, the crystals of *Barosma camphor*, or *diosphenol*, have a peppermint odor; they fuse at 85° C. and begin to sublime at 110° C. After fusion they again solidify only at 50° C. Submitted to elementary analysis, the crystals yielded 74·08 per cent. of carbon and from 9 to 10 per cent. of hydrogen. Barosma camphor is abundantly soluble in carbon disulphide. The crude oil from which the camphor had been separated had a boiling point of about 200° C., quickly rising to 210° C. or even higher. The oil which distilled between these temperatures, rectified over sodium, gave approximately the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O$. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 109.) Prof. Spica examined *B. crenata* and found the volatile oil to differ from that obtained by Prof. Flückiger from *B. betulina;* the stearopten was similar to diosphenol, but upon analysis gave the figures $C_{19}H_{16}O_2$, and hence is regarded by Prof. Spica as an oxycamphor. The elæopten was a greenish-yellow oil, having a pleasant odor and a pungent, peppermint-like taste; by fractioning, it was separated into a portion isomeric with borneol, resembling thymol in smell and taste, and having the composition $C_8H_{12}O$, to which the name of *dioscamphor* was given. A substance extracted by alcohol from the residue after the removal of the oil Prof. Spica named *diosmin.* (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 106.) The results of Spica were confirmed by Shimoyama (*Amer. Journ. Phar.*, 1888, p. 624), who made several simple derivatives of diosphenol, and then prepared from it, by prolonged digestion with alcoholic potash, *diolic acid*, $C_{10}H_{18}O_3 + H_2O$, forming white crystalline needles, melting at 96°–97° C., and a compound to which he gives the name *diolalcohol.* Wayne's experiments (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 19) appear to indicate that the oil also contains a substance capable of being converted into salicylic acid. Prof. J. M. Maisch believes that buchu leaves do not contain salicylic acid, although the stearopten of the oil gives a blackish color with ferric chloride. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1881.) The yield of ash varies, according to the researches of H. W. Jones (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 673), from 4·69 to 4·40 in *B. betulina*, 4·32 to 5·39 in *B. crenulata*, 5·03 to 5.22 in *B. serratifolia;* the ash itself was remarkable as containing a great deal of manganese. The short-leaved buchu was found by Mr. P. W.

* C. J. S. Thompson has found that the leaves of *B. serratifolia* yield only 3·45 per cent. of resin and 1 per cent. of volatile oil, whilst those of *B. crenulata* yield 3·75 per cent. of resin and 1·6 per cent. of volatile oil, and those of *B. betulina* give 4·25 per cent. of resin and 1·45 per cent. of volatile oil: so that *B. serratifolia* would seem to be the least active of the official species. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi. 1890.)

Bedford to yield an average of 1·21 per cent. of volatile oil; while the long-leaved, though more highly valued in the market, gave only 0·66 per cent., showing its great inferiority in strength. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1863, p. 211.)

Medical Properties. The Hottentots have long used buchu in a variety of diseases. From these rude practitioners the remedy was borrowed by the resident English and Dutch physicians, by whose recommendation it was employed in Europe, and has come into general use. Its activity depends upon the volatile oil, which is eliminated by the kidneys. Under its action there is no marked increase in the amount of the urine, hence the remedy is of no value in *dropsies;* but the oil affects very decidedly the mucous membrane of the genito-urinary tract. The remedy is very useful in *diseases of the urinary organs*, such as *gravel, chronic catarrh of the bladder, morbid irritation of the bladder and urethra, diseases of the prostate*, and *retention or incontinence of urine* from a loss of tone in the parts concerned in its evacuation. It should be given when the inflammation is not severe, but not when it is in that condition of chronicity requiring oil of turpentine, tincture of cantharides, or other more stimulant diuretics. The best preparation is the fluid extract; dose, a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.) three or four times a day.

BUTYL-CHLORAL HYDRAS. Br. Hydrate of Butyl-Chloral.

$C_4H_5Cl_3O, H_2O$. (BŪ′TĬL–ȹHLŌ′RAL HĪ′DRĂS.)

"Butyl-chloral, produced by the action of dry chlorine gas on aldehyde cooled to a temperature of 14° F. (—10° C.), separated by fractional distillation, and converted into the solid hydrous butyl-chloral by the addition of water." *Br.*

Hydrous Butyl Chloral; Croton Chloral Hydrate, wrongly so called, *Br.;* Chloral butylicum; Butyl chloralhydrate; Hydrate de chloral butylique, *Fr.;* Butylchloralhydrat, *G.*

This substance was discovered by Krämer and Pinner, of Berlin, during an examination of the accumulated by-products of the chloral factory of Schering. It was named croton-chloral hydrate because it was believed to bear a relationship to crotonic acid, the peculiar acid of croton oil; this was subsequently disproved by Pinner, who showed that it belonged to the butyl series. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, vii. 1321, 1561.) It is made by passing dry chlorine through aldehyde cooled to —10° C. (14° F.), in an apparatus similar to that used in making chloral. Fractional distillation is resorted to, and the product boiling between 163° C. (325·4° F.) and 165° C. (329° F.) is reserved; this is butyl-chloral, a colorless oily liquid. The necessary amount of water is added, and butyl-chloral hydrate is obtained.

Properties. Butyl-chloral hydrate occurs in the form of crystalline, micaceous scales of a pungent odor, sparingly soluble in water, freely soluble in alcohol, hot water, and glycerin, but insoluble, or nearly so, in chloroform, a property which may be employed to separate it from ordinary chloral hydrate. When treated with caustic alkalies it is converted into formic acid, potassium chloride, and allylene dichloride, $C_3H_4Cl_2$. "It fuses at about 172° F. (77°·8 C.) to a transparent liquid, which, in cooling, commences to solidify at about 160° F. (71°·1 C.) Soluble in about fifty parts of water, in its own weight of glycerine and of rectified spirit, and nearly insoluble in chloroform. The aqueous solution is neutral or but slightly acid to litmus paper. It does not yield chloroform when heated with solutions of potash or soda or with milk of lime." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Butyl-chloral was proposed by Liebreich, in 1870, as a remedy for the treatment of *trigeminal neuralgia*. He states that a drachm (3·88 Gm.) of it causes deep sleep, accompanied by anæsthesia of the head, with complete loss of irritability of the eyeball and of the trigeminal nerve, the circulation being kept up with great tenacity, and death, if the dose have been large enough, resulting from the arrest of respiration. These statements of Liebreich were contradicted by the research of J. von Mering and of H. W. Schmidt, who found that no anæsthesia was produced unless sufficient doses were given to cause complete narcosis, and that the general course of the symptoms caused by the croton-chloral was exactly parallel to that of those produced by the chloral hydrate. Nevertheless a number of observers have used croton-chloral with asserted good results in the treatment of *tic-douloureux*. The relief obtained is, unfortunately, only temporary and palliative. The drug has been commonly administered in doses of from 5 to 20 grains (0·324 to 1·29 Gm.) in syrup. The safer plan is to give 5 grains (0·324 Gm.) every half-hour until 30 grains (1·94 Gm.) have been taken or relief afforded. The original formula of Liebreich was—Butyl Chloral 5 to 10 parts; Glycerin 20 parts; Distilled Water 130 parts. Dose, half a fluidounce, followed in five minutes by a second dose, ten minutes later by a third dose, unless relief is afforded. It is not sure that such medication would be safe. Dose of British Pharmacopœia, 5 to 15 grains (0·324 to 0·972 Gm.).

CAFFEINA. U.S., Br. Caffeine. [Theine.]

$C_8H_{10}N_4O_2.H_2O$; 211·68. (CĂF-FĒ-Ī'NĄ.) $C_8H_{10}N_4O_2.H_2O$; 212.

"A feebly basic, proximate principle, obtained from the dried leaves of Thea sinensis, Linné (nat. ord. Ternstrœmiaceæ), or from the dried seeds of Coffea arabica, Linné (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ), and found also in other plants."* *U. S.* "An alkaloid usually obtained from the dried leaves of Camellia Thea, Link; or the dried seeds of Coffea Arabica, Linn., by evaporating aqueous infusions from which astringent and coloring matters have been removed." *Br.*

Caffeia, Theina, Guaranina.

Caffeine (*Caffeia*) was first discovered by Runge, and afterwards by Robiquet. Strecker first proved it to be methyl-theobromine by making it from theobromine synthetically.† (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, 118, 170.) It may be obtained in the following manner. Exhaust bruised coffee by two successive portions of boiling water, unite the infusions, add lead acetate in order to precipitate various principles accompanying the caffeine, filter, decompose the excess of lead acetate in the filtered liquor by hydrogen sulphide, concentrate by evaporation, and neutralize with ammonia. The caffeine is deposited in crystals upon cooling, and may be purified by redissolving in water, treating with animal charcoal, and evaporating. H. J. Versmann, of Lubeck, recommends the following process as more economical. Powdered coffee, mixed with one-fifth of its weight of slaked lime, is exhausted, by means of percolation, with alcohol of 0·863; the tincture is distilled to separate the alcohol; the residue is rinsed out of the still with warm water, and the supernatant oil separated; the liquid is evaporated so as to solidify on cooling; and the crystalline mass thus obtained, having been expressed and dried by pressure in bibulous paper, is purified by solution in water with animal charcoal, and recrystallization. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1852, p. 67.) H. Leuchsenring obtains caffeine by availing himself of its property of subliming unchanged by heat. He precipitates a concentrated decoction of coffee by a weak solution of lead acetate, filters, evaporates to dryness, mixes the residue with sand, and sublimes as in Mohr's process for procuring benzoic acid. (*A. J. P.*, xxxii. 25.) Still another method, proposed by Vogel, is to treat coffee, ground to powder, with benzin, which dissolves the caffeine, and an oily substance, to separate the benzin by distillation, to treat the residue with boiling water, which dissolves the caffeine, and deposits it in a crystalline form, after filtration and concentration. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxv. 436.) Paul and Cownley's process for estimating the caffeine in coffee is to mix finely powdered coffee with moist lime, and exhaust with alcohol by hot repercolation. The alcohol is evaporated off, and the residue mixed with water and a few drops of diluted sulphuric acid; the mixture is filtered, and the filtrate and washings, when cool, treated with chloroform to wash out the alkaloid; the chloroformic solution is evaporated in a tared capsule, and the residue weighed as caffeine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 565. For another method, by E. D. Smith, see *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 17.)

Properties. Caffeine is in "fleecy masses of long, flexible, white crystals, possessing a silky lustre, without odor, having a bitter taste, and permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 80 parts of water, 33 parts of alcohol, 555 parts of ether, or 7 parts of chloro-

* The United States Pharmacopœia allows caffeine to be prepared from either one of the ordinary commercial sources, but because tea-leaves contain a much larger percentage of the alkaloid than does the coffee berry, and are frequently thrown into commerce in a damaged condition, unfit for use as a beverage, commercial caffeine is almost always prepared from them. If the assertion of Dr. Thomas J. Mays, that theine, though chemically identical with caffeine, is physiologically different, be confirmed, it will become necessary to recognize theine as an official alkaloid, and direct that caffeine be prepared from coffee. The argument that tea and coffee differ in their gross effects on the human body, and that therefore the alkaloids cannot be identical, has no force, because coffee contains an active empyreumatic oil, developed during the process of roasting. How far the conclusions arrived at by Dr. Mays by experiments upon frogs must be accepted still remains a matter of opinion. We think, however, that further physiological studies of the three alkaloids theine, caffeine, and guaranine are necessary before their physiological diversity can be considered established. Dunston and Shepheard (*Jour. Chem. Soc.*, 1893, 195) have recently reviewed the question of the identity of caffeine and theine with great care, and have established the complete chemical identity of the two by a study of a number of derivatives. The clinical results obtained by Dr. Mays (*Med. News*, vol. xlviii.) are sufficient to warrant the trial of theine as a local anæsthetic injected in a dose of a third of a grain over painful nerves.

† In an examination of 25 varieties of coffee, Prof. Dragendorff found a variation in the amount of caffeine of from 0·6 to 2·2 per cent. The most important varieties were as follows:

Brown Preang	0·71 per cent.	First native Ceylon	0·87 per cent.
Finest Mocha	0·64 "	Second " "	1·54 "
Yellow Menado	1·22 "	Third " "	1·59 "
Finest plantation Jamaica	1·43 "	Costa Rica	1·18 "
First Surinam	1·78 "	West Indian	1·22 "
Pearl plantation Ceylon	0·78 "	Rio	1·14 "
Yellow Java	0·88 "	Jamaica	0·67 "
Gray Java	2·21 "	Santos	1·46 "

form. Also soluble in about 2 parts of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol. When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), Caffeine loses its water of crystallization, and at 229° C. (444·2° F.) it melts, forming a colorless liquid. When ignited, Caffeine is completely volatilized without charring or leaving a residue. Caffeine is neutral to litmus paper. On dissolving a small quantity of Caffeine in concentrated sulphuric acid, and adding a minute fragment of potassium dichromate to the liquid, the latter will acquire a yellowish-green color, which gradually becomes green. If a small quantity of Caffeine be dissolved in about 1 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, a little potassium chlorate added, the whole evaporated to dryness on a water-bath, and the capsule then inverted over a vessel containing a few drops of ammonia water, the residue will acquire a rich purple color, which is destroyed by alkalies. Caffeine should dissolve in strong sulphuric or nitric acid without producing a color (absence of *organic impurities*). Its aqueous solution should not be precipitated by mercuric potassium iodide test-solution (absence of *other alkaloids*)." *U. S.* It is precipitated from its aqueous solution by no reagent except tannic acid and solution of iodide of potassium and mercury. When this solution, made by saturating potassium iodide with mercuric oxide, is added to a solution of caffeine, a precipitate is produced, which soon takes the form of white, shining, acicular crystals. This reaction is proposed as a test of caffeine by Prof. Dellfs; for though the same solution will precipitate the other alkaloids, the product is always amorphous. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Feb. 15, 1855.) Caffeine is remarkable for containing a larger proportion of nitrogen than almost any other proximate vegetable principle, in this respect equalling some of the most highly animalized products.

Medical Properties and Uses. There have been a few cases of poisoning by caffeine; a drachm of citrated caffeine swallowed by an adult was followed by burning at the throat, giddiness, faintness, nausea, tremor of the extremities, abdominal pain, mental distress, great cardiac oppression, and finally collapse. Consciousness was not impaired, and there was no headache until the patient began to recover. A decoction of 8 ounces of freshly roasted coffee, taken for the purpose of producing abortion, caused pronounced choreic tremors, great restlessness, quickened respiration, and rapid pulse, with very strong, even violent, heart-beats. In doses of 3 to 5 grains caffeine produces in the healthy individual a peculiar wakefulness, with stimulation of the cerebrum, and some increase of the urinary secretion and force of the pulse. There is usually marked increase of the mental activity and of the capability for sustaining mental work. About two hours after the ingestion of 12 grains by Dr. Pratt, there were intense physical restlessness and mental anxiety, with obstinate sleeplessness, active and persistent thinking, general muscular tremulousness, and frequent urination.

Given in large dose to the lower animals, caffeine * produces hurried respiration, restlessness, slightly lowered followed by markedly elevated temperature, tetanic and clonic convulsions, progressive paralysis, and finally death from paralytic arrest of respiration. The cause of the convulsions in mammals is not determined, but in the frog they are of spinal origin, for both Pratt and Le Blond have found that section of the cord does not arrest them below the point of section, whilst destruction of the cord (Pratt and Leven) prevents their development. It would appear, therefore, that caffeine acts upon the frog as a stimulant to the motor side of the spinal cord, and it is probable that the physical restlessness and tremulousness produced in man are largely of spinal origin. Upon the motor nerves caffeine has no effect, but there is some reason for suspecting that it exerts a very feeble influence upon the sensory nerves. Upon the muscles caffeine acts as a powerful poison; when an isolated piece of the gastrocnemius of the frog is thrown into a one-per-cent., or even weaker, solution of the citrate of caffeine, it becomes contracted and stiff, and unable to respond to the galvanic current in from two to three minutes. It has been abundantly proved that it is the muscle-fibre which is affected, and it seems to be established that the paralysis is preceded by a period of excitement, during which the contractility of the muscle is increased both in its sensitiveness to stimuli and in its power. The action of caffeine upon the circulation is distinct, as has been shown by Leven, Binz, and other observers. The alkaloid produces in the mammal elevation of the arterial pressure, which is at least in part due to a direct action upon the heart; caffeine in small dose reinforcing the isolated frog's heart, and giving to its contractions more amplitude and more energy. Prof. Reichert found that even after destruction of the vaso-motor centres in the

* *Caffeine Derivatives.* Professor W. Filehne (*Archiv f. Anat. und Physiol.* (*Physiolog. Abtheil.*), 1886) has made an investigation of the physiological action of certain derivatives and decomposition products of caffeine, namely, hydroxy-caffeine, diethoxy-hydroxy-caffeine, ethoxy-caffeine, caffeidine, caffuric acid, hypo-caffeine, caffoline, guarineine, uric acid. An abstract of the original paper will be found in the *Therapeutic Gazette*, 1886, page 628.

medulla oblongata, caffeine still elevates the arterial pressure. He believes that this rise of the arterial pressure, which must be independent of the vaso-motor centres, is due to a direct action of the caffeine upon the muscle-fibres in the vessel-walls. Direct proof of this, however, seems to be wanting, and it remains uncertain whether the rise of pressure is due entirely or only in part to the cardiac stimulation. In advanced stages of caffeine poisoning the arterial pressure falls, both the heart and the vaso-motor system being depressed or paralyzed. The pulse-rate is usually but not always increased by caffeine; sometimes it is distinctly slowed; these results are probably due to some influence exerted upon the pneumogastric system.

One of the most constant symptoms produced in man by overdoses of caffeine is excessive diuresis, and experiments made upon the lower animals show that caffeine acts as a diuretic not only by influencing the circulation, but also by directly affecting the secreting cells of the kidney or the nerves which dominate those cells, the probabilities being in favor of the first of these theories of action. According to Prof. Schroeder, not only the water but also the solids of the urine are increased.

The question whether caffeine has an influence upon tissue-changes and the consequent nitrogenous elimination cannot be considered as distinctly answered, though the most probable conclusion is that the action of caffeine upon urea elimination and upon general nutrition is not direct or pronounced. The caffeine in therapeutic dose is probably entirely destroyed in the system, but when taken in toxic dose is usually eliminated by the kidneys.

Caffeine is a valuable remedy in practical medicine as a cerebral and cardiac stimulant and as a diuretic. In undue *somnolence*, in *nervous headache*, in *narcotism*, also, at times, when the exigencies of life require excessively prolonged wakefulness, caffeine may be used as the most powerful agent known for producing wakefulness. In a series of experiments, Dr. J. Hughes Bennett found that within narrow limits there is a direct physical antagonism between caffeine and morphine. Coffee and caffeine in narcotic poisoning are of value as a means of keeping the patient awake, and of stimulating the respiratory centres.

As a cardiac stimulant, caffeine may be used in any form of *heart-failure;* the indications for its use are those which call for the employment of digitalis. It is superior to digitalis in never disagreeing with the stomach, in having no distinctive cumulative tendency, and in the promptness of its action. It is pronouncedly inferior to digitalis in the power and certainty of its action, and in the permanence of its influence once asserted. As a diuretic it is superior; it is very valuable in the treatment of *cardiac dropsies*, and is often useful in *chronic Bright's disease* when there is no irritation of the kidneys.

On account of its tendency to produce wakefulness, it is usually better to mass the doses early in the day, at least six hours being left between the last dose and the ordinary time for sleep. From eight to fifteen grains may be given in the course of a day in severe cases. If tried, it would probably prove a useful drug in cases of *sudden collapse* from various causes. The ordinary salts of it are, however, not available for hypodermic use, because they are decomposed in the presence of water. The double benzoate of sodium and caffeine has been proposed as moderately stable and free from irritant properties: the following formula has also been commended by M. Tanret for hypodermic use: Sodii salicyl., 31 gr.; Caffeinæ, 40 gr.; Aquæ destillatæ, 60 gr. For internal administration the soluble preparation known as citrated caffeine is usually preferred. Dose, from 3 to 8 grains (0·194 to 0·51 Gm.).

CAFFEINA CITRATA. U. S. (Br.) Citrated Caffeine.

(CĂF-FĒ-Ī'NĄ CĪ-TRĀ'TĄ.)

"A weak compound of caffeine and citric acid." *Br.*

Caffeinæ Citras, *Br.;* Citrate of Caffeine.

"Caffeine, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Citric Acid, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Distilled Water, hot, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Dissolve the Citric Acid in the hot Distilled Water, add the Caffeine, and evaporate the resulting solution, on a water-bath, to dryness, constantly stirring towards the end of the operation. Reduce the product to a fine powder and transfer it to well-closed bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Caffeine *one ounce* [av.]; Citric Acid *one ounce* [av.]; Distilled Water *two ounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve the Citric Acid in the Water, and stir the Caffeine into the heated solution. Evaporate to dryness on a water-bath, constantly stirring towards the end of the operation. Reduce to a fine powder." *Br.*

This is a new preparation of the U. S. Pharmacopœia; although defined as a weak compound of caffeine and citric acid, it is not regarded by chemists as a chemical salt, but as a

mechanical mixture of the two substances composing it. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following as its chemical formula: $C_8H_{10}N_4O_2,H_3C_6H_5O_7$. It is officially described as "a white powder, odorless, having a purely acid taste and an acid reaction. One part of Citrated Caffeine forms a clear, syrupy solution with about 3 parts of water. Upon dilution with water, this yields a white precipitate (caffeine), which redissolves when about 25 parts of water have been added. It is also soluble in a mixture of 2 volumes of chloroform and 1 volume of alcohol." *U. S.* The Br. Pharm. describes it as "a white inodorous powder with an acid and faintly bitter taste and an acid reaction on litmus. It is soluble in a mixture of two parts of chloroform and one part of rectified spirit. With a little water it forms a clear syrupy solution, which on dilution yields a white precipitate of caffeine that redissolves when ten parts of water have been added. Heated in the air, the salt chars and burns, leaving a mere trace of ash. From a boiling aqueous solution excess of lime water gives a white precipitate. Tannic acid yields a white precipitate soluble in excess of the reagent. If to a little of the salt a crystal of chlorate of potassium be added, and a few drops of hydrochloric acid, and the mixture be evaporated to dryness in a porcelain dish, a reddish residue results, which becomes purple when moistened with solution of ammonia." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Citrated caffeine is possessed of the physiological and therapeutical properties of caffeine. The dose is from 3 to 8 grains (0·194 to 0·51 Gm.).

CAFFEINA CITRATA EFFERVESCENS. U. S. Effervescent Citrated Caffeine.

(CĂF-FE-Ī'NA CĪ-TRĀ'TA ĔF-FER-VĔS'CENS.)

"Caffeine, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Citric Acid, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sodium Bicarbonate, *three hundred and thirty grammes* [or 11 ounces av., 279 grains]; Tartaric Acid, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 254·7 grains]; Sugar, in very fine powder, *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. To make *one thousand grammes* [or about 35 ounces av.]. Triturate the solid ingredients, separately well dried, to a fine, uniform powder. Mix this with Alcohol to a soft paste and rub it through a No. 6 tinned-iron sieve or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This effervescent granulated salt has been largely used, and has obtained recognition in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 for the first time. It contains 1 per cent. of caffeine. It forms an agreeable method of administering citrated caffeine, its medical properties being identical. The dose is a teaspoonful in water, to be taken during effervescence.

CALAMINA PRÆPARATA. Br. Prepared Calamine.

(CĂL-A-MĪ'NA PRÆ-PA-RĀ'TA.)

"Native carbonate of zinc, calcined in a covered earthen crucible at a moderate temperature, powdered, and freed from gritty particles by elutriation." *Br.*

Lapis Calaminaris Præparata.

Calamine is found in the United States, but more abundantly in Germany and England. It usually occurs in compact or earthy masses, or concretions, of a dull appearance, readily scratched by the knife, and breaking with an earthy fracture; but sometimes it is found crystallized. Its color is very variable; being, in different specimens, grayish, grayish yellow, reddish yellow, and, when very impure, brown or brownish yellow. Its sp. gr. varies from 3·4 to 4·4. Before the blowpipe it does not melt, but becomes yellow and sublimes. When of good quality it is almost entirely soluble in the dilute mineral acids, and, unless it has been previously calcined, emits a few bubbles of carbonic acid. If soluble in sulphuric acid, it can contain but little calcium carbonate, and no barium sulphate.

Calamine must be impalpable before being used in medicine. The following is the U. S. formula of 1850. "Take of Calamine a convenient quantity. Heat it to redness, and afterwards pulverize it; then reduce it to a very fine powder in the manner directed for Prepared Chalk." The object of this process is to bring the native zinc carbonate, or calamine, to the state of an impalpable powder. Calamine, as sold in England and the United States, was formerly almost always spurious, consisting principally or wholly of barium sulphate colored with ferric sesquioxide. Of six samples analyzed by Mr. F. Bringhurst, of Wilmington, Del., five were totally devoid of zinc, and the sixth contained only 2 per cent. of the oxide. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1857.) But more recently (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886) Mr. R. H. Davis has found that most of

the calamine sold as such in Great Britain is genuine. Prepared calamine is in the form of a pinkish or flesh-colored powder, of an earthy appearance. Sometimes it is made up into small masses. It is used only as an external application, being employed as a mild astringent and exsiccant in excoriations and superficial ulcerations. For this purpose it is usually dusted on the part, and hence the necessity for its being in very fine powder. It is often employed in the form of cerate. (See *Unguentum Calaminæ.*)

The British Pharmacopœia describes it as "a pale pinkish-brown powder, without grittiness; almost entirely soluble, with effervescence, in acids."

CALAMUS. U. S. Calamus. [Sweet Flag.]

(CĂL'Ą-MŬS.)

"The rhizome of Acorus Calamus, Linné (nat. ord. Aroideæ)." *U. S.*

Rhizoma Calami, *P.G.;* Radix Calami Aromatici, Radix Acori; Acore vrai, Acore odorant, *Fr.;* Kalmuswurzel, *G.;* Calamo aromatico, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Spadix cylindrical, covered with florets. *Corolla* six-petalled, naked. *Style* none. *Capsule* three-celled. *Willd.*

Acorus Calamus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 199; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 63; *B. & T.* 279. The sweet flag, or calamus, has a perennial, horizontal, jointed, somewhat compressed root (rhizome), from half an inch to an inch thick, sometimes several feet in length, sending off numerous round and yellowish or whitish radicles from its base, and bunches of brown fibres resembling coarse hair from its joints, internally white and spongy, externally whitish with a tinge of green, variegated with triangular stains of light brown and rose color. The leaves are all radical, sheathing at the base, long, sword-shaped, smooth, green above, but, near their origin from the root, of a red color, variegated with green and white. The scape or flower-stem resembles the leaves, but is longer, and from one side, near the middle of its length, sends out a cylindrical spadix, tapering at each end, about two inches in length, and crowded with greenish-yellow flowers. These are without calyx, and have six small, concave, membranous, truncated petals. The fruit is an oblong capsule, divided into three cells, and containing numerous oval seeds.*

This is an indigenous plant, growing throughout the United States, in low, wet, swampy places, and along the sides of ditches and streams, and flowering in May and June. It is also a native of Europe and Western Asia; and a variety is found in India. The European plant differs slightly from the American. The leaves as well as the root have an aromatic odor; but the latter only is employed. It should be collected late in the autumn, or in the spring. After removal from the ground, the rhizomes are washed, freed from their fibres, and dried with a moderate heat. By drying they lose nearly one-half their diameter, but are improved in odor and taste.

Properties. The roots, as found in commerce, are "in sections of various lengths, unpeeled, about 2 Cm. broad, subcylindrical, longitudinally wrinkled; on the upper surface marked with leaf-scars forming triangles, and on the lower surface with the circular scars of the rootlets in wavy lines; externally reddish-brown, somewhat annulate from remnants of leaf-sheaths; internally whitish, of a spongy texture, breaking with a short, corky fracture, showing numerous oil-cells and scattered wood-bundles, the latter crowded within the subcircular endoderm. It has an aromatic odor, and a strongly bitter taste." *U. S.* Their texture is light and spongy, their color internally whitish or yellowish white, and their fracture short and rough. A variety imported from Germany consists exclusively of the interior portion of the root. The pieces are usually long, slender, irregularly quadrangular, and of a grayish-white color.

The odor of calamus is strong and fragrant; its taste warm, bitterish, pungent, and aromatic. Its active principles are taken up by boiling water. From 100 parts of the fresh root of the European plant, Trommsdorff obtained 0·1 of volatile oil, 2·3 of soft resin, 3·3 of extractive with a little potassium chloride, 5·5 of gum with some potassium phosphate, 1·6 of starch analogous to inulin, 21·5 of lignin, and 65·7 of water. Sixteen ounces of the dried root afforded to Neumann about two scruples of volatile oil. The oil is at first yellow, but ultimately becomes red, and has the smell and taste of calamus. Kurbatow (*Annal. d. Chemie*, vol. 173, p. 4) examined oil of calamus, and found that the portion boiling below 170° C. (338° F.) yielded

* *Japanese Calamus.* A root not to be distinguished from European calamus root has entered commerce from Japan. It yields five per cent. of a highly aromatic essential oil, having a specific gravity of 0·991 at 16° C.; one part dissolving in 500 parts of fifty per cent. spirit. It boils at 210° to 290° C., yielding at the lower temperature an oil with a characteristic calamus odor, and at the higher temperature one with a peculiar sesquiterpene odor.

after treatment with sodium a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, having sp. gr. ·8793 at 0° C. (32° F.), and having a boiling point of 158° C. (316·4° F.). The extractive matter has an acrid and sweetish taste. H. Thomas obtained from calamus rhizomes a bitter principle, which he named *acorin*, in the form of a clear, thick, yellow liquid, having a neutral reaction, aromatic odor, and bitter, aromatic taste. It is a glucoside, having the formula $C_{36}H_{60}O_6$, splitting into oil of calamus and sugar; insoluble in water, but readily soluble in absolute alcohol, methylic alcohol, and chloroform. By oxidation *acoretin*, a neutral resin, is formed, and from the extract remaining after the acorin is removed he obtained an alkaloid which he named *calamine;* this is crystalline, insoluble in water and ether, but soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and acetone. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 465; *P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 1085.) The root is sometimes attacked by worms, and deteriorates by keeping. The India variety is more slender than the European, and has a stronger and more pleasant flavor.

Medical Properties and Uses. Calamus is a feeble aromatic, which may be used with advantage in pain or uneasiness of the stomach or bowels arising from *flatulence*, and as an adjuvant to tonic or purgative medicines. It was probably known to the ancients, and is supposed to have been the ἄκορον of the Greeks; but the *calamus aromaticus* of Dioscorides was a different product, having been derived, according to Dr. Royle, from a species of *Andropogon*. The medicine is at present not much used. The dose in substance is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). An infusion, made in the proportion of an ounce of the root to a pint of boiling water, is sometimes given in the dose of a wineglassful (60 C.c.) or more. (See *Extractum Calami Fluidum.*)

CALCIUM. Calcium.

Ca; 39.91. (CĂL'CĮ-ŭM.) Ca; 40.

This is the metal characteristic of lime, and, consequently, of all calcareous substances. It was obtained by Dr. Matthiessen, in 1855, in masses of the size of a pea, by the electrolysis of calcium chloride with a Bunsen battery. It is a pale yellow metal, remarkably glittering when freshly filed. Its fracture is jagged, becoming granular. It is malleable and very ductile. In a dry air it remains unaltered, but it soon tarnishes in a moist one. It melts at a red heat, and afterwards burns with splendor, forming lime, or calcium oxide. (*Chem. Gaz.*, June 15, 1855.)

Calcium is a very abundant element in nature, existing in the mineral kingdom chiefly as a carbonate, in the form of limestone, marble, chalk, and calcareous spar; and as a phosphate and carbonate in the bones and shells of animals.

CALCII BROMIDUM. U. S. Calcium Bromide.

$CaBr_2$; 199·43. (CĂL'CĮ-Ī BRŌ'MĮ-DŭM.) $CaBr_2$; 199·6.

Calcium Bromatum, Bromure de Calcium, Bromure de Chaux, *Fr.;* Brom Calcium, *G.*

"Calcium Bromide should be preserved in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* It is prepared by M. Boedecker by first forming a sulphur bromide, by the addition of 20 parts of the flowers of sulphur to 240 parts of bromine; this is added to a milk of lime containing 140 parts of fresh lime. Calcium bromide and sulphate are formed and are readily separated. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., viii. 463.) Mr. Jas. R. Mercein puts five ounces of bromine and two and a half pints of water in a half-gallon specie jar, passes a stream of hydrogen sulphide through the bromine until it is all taken up, filters, drives off excess of hydrogen sulphide by heat, distils the solution of hydrobromic acid thus obtained until four-fifths have passed over, saturates this with excess of precipitated calcium carbonate, filters, and evaporates. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 100.) Mr. Macdonald (*ibid.*, 1873) employs the following method. Dissolve 4 ounces of ammonium bromide in a pint of water. Put into a flask and bring to the boiling point. Keep boiling, and add milk of lime (made from *pure* calcined lime) in small quantities, until ammoniacal vapors cease to be evolved. The operator can easily tell when this point has been reached, by the sense of smell. Filter the solution, evaporate to a syrupy consistency, remove from the fire, and stir until cold.

Properties. "A white, granular salt, odorless, of a sharp, saline taste, and very deliquescent. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·7 part of water, and in 1 part of alcohol; much more soluble at a boiling temperature. At 680° C. (1256° F.) the salt fuses, and at a higher temperature it is partly decomposed, with loss of bromine. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt yields, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. If to 5 C.c. of the aque-

ous solution a few drops of chloroform be added and then 1 C.c. of chlorine water, bromine will be liberated, and, on agitating the mixture, will dissolve in the chloroform with a yellow or brownish-yellow color." *U. S.*

Tests. "If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 20 C.c. of water, it should form a clear, colorless solution, leaving no residue (absence of *insoluble impurities*). If to 5 C.c. of this aqueous solution, slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, neither coloration nor turbidity should be perceptible (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). The addition of ammonium sulphide test-solution to the aqueous solution should not produce any color or turbidity (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20), slightly acidulated with acetic acid, be completely precipitated with ammonium oxalate test-solution, the filtrate should, on evaporation, leave not more than a trace of fixed residue (limit of *magnesium* and *alkalies*). If diluted sulphuric acid be dropped upon the salt, the latter should not at once assume a yellow color (absence of *bromate*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) a few drops of starch test-solution be added, and then chlorine water, drop by drop, no blue color should appear (absence of *iodide*). No turbidity should be produced, if 0·2 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (absence of *sulphate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be mixed with 0·5 Gm. of iron filings and 0·5 Gm. of powdered zinc, and heated in a test-tube with 5 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution, no ammoniacal vapors should be evolved (absence of *nitrate* or *nitrite*). If 0·25 Gm. of the well-dried salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution added, it should require 25 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to 99·7 per cent. of the pure salt, a greater amount indicating presence of *chloride*, a smaller amount *other impurities*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Calcium bromide was proposed by Dr. Hammond, in 1871, as a substitute for the corresponding salt of potash. It has failed to gain much support from the medical profession, but is sometimes employed as an adjuvant in *epilepsy* and *hysteria*. Its action upon the lower animals has been partially investigated by Guttmann (*Phila. Med. Times*, iv. 361), who finds that it is a sedative to the nerve-centres, but lacks the depressant cardiac action of potassium bromide. Dose, one-half to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.).

CALCII CARBONAS PRÆCIPITATUS. U. S. (Br.) Precipitated Calcium Carbonate.

$CaCO_3$; 99·76. (KĂL'CI-Ī KĂR'BO-NĂS PRÆ-CĬP-I-TĀ'TŬS.) $CaCO_3$; 100.

Calcis Carbonas Præcipitata, *Br.*; Calcaria Carbonica Præcipitata, *P.G.*; Carbonas Calcicus Præcipitatus, Creta Præcipitata; Carbonate de Chaux précipité, Craie précipitée, *Fr.*; Präcipitirter kohlensauer Kalk, *G.*

A formula for this preparation is found in the Pharmacopœia of 1870.*

"Take of Chloride of Calcium *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Sodium *thirteen ounces* [avoird.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Chloride of Calcium and the Carbonate of Sodium each in two pints [Imperial measure] of the Water; well mix the two solutions; and allow the precipitate to subside. Collect this on a calico filter, wash it with boiling Distilled Water until the washings cease to give a precipitate with nitrate of silver, and dry the product at the temperature of 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

The processes do not essentially differ. In each a mutual interchange of principles takes place, resulting in the production of sodium chloride which remains in solution, and calcium carbonate which is deposited, $CaCl_2 + Na_2CO_3 = CaCO_3 + 2NaCl$. Any peculiar advantage of the preparation must depend on the minute division of its particles. According to Dr. Bridges, this effect is best obtained by employing the solutions at the boiling temperature, a precaution which is observed in most processes now. (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 163.) When properly made, it is "a fine, white powder, without odor or taste, and permanent in the air. Nearly insoluble in water; the solubility is increased by the presence of ammonium salts, and especially by carbonic acid; alkaline hydrates diminish it. Insoluble in alcohol. In diluted acetic, hydrochloric, or nitric acid, it is completely soluble, with effervescence. When heated to redness with access of air, the salt loses carbon dioxide, and a residue of calcium oxide remains. For applying tests of identity and of purity, boil 6 Gm. of Calcium Carbonate with a mixture of 50 C.c. of di-

* "Take of Solution of Chloride of Calcium *five pints and a half*; Carbonate of Sodium *seventy-two troyounces*; Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in six pints of Distilled Water. Heat this solution and the Solution of Chloride of Calcium, separately, to the boiling point, and mix them. After the precipitate has subsided, separate it from the supernatant liquid by decantation, and wash it with boiling Distilled Water until the washings cease to be affected by a solution of nitrate of silver. Lastly, dry the precipitate on bibulous paper." *U. S.* 1870.

luted acetic acid and 50 C.c. of water, allow the liquid to cool, and filter. In this solution, ammonium oxalate test-solution produces a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. If from 20 C.c. of this solution the calcium be completely precipitated by a slight excess of ammonium oxalate test-solution, the filtrate should, on evaporation, leave only a trace of fixed residue (limit of *magnesium* and *alkalies*). If 10 C.c. of the solution be slightly acidulated with acetic acid, no immediate turbidity should be produced by the addition of 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If to 10 C.c. of the solution, slightly acidulated with nitric acid, 0·1 C.c. of silver nitrate volumetric solution be added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the filtrate should remain perfectly clear upon addition of more silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). Addition of ammonia water should not produce any turbidity in the solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *phosphate*, etc.). If to the solution, slightly acidulated with acetic acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, neither color nor turbidity should be produced (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). If 1 Gm. of the salt be agitated with 50 C.c. of water, the filtrate should not show an alkaline reaction with litmus paper, and, on evaporation, should not leave more than a trace of residue (limit of *soluble impurities*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. For ordinary use, it probably has no such superiority over prepared chalk as to counterbalance its greater expensiveness, but it is preferred by some in the preparation of tooth-powders. Dose, from 10 to 40 grains (0·65–2·6 Gm.) or more.

CALCII CHLORIDUM. U. S., Br. Calcium Chloride.

$CaCl_2$; 110·65. (KĂL'SĮ-Ī KHLŌ'RĮ-DŬM.) $CaCl_2$; 110·8.

"Calcium Chloride, rendered anhydrous by fusion at the lowest possible temperature. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Calcaria Muriatica, Chloridum Calcicum; Muriate of Lime, Hydrochlorate of Lime; Chlorure de Calcium, Hydrochlorate de Chaux, *Fr.;* Chlorcalcium, Salzsaures Kalk, *G.*

Calcium chloride consists of chlorine united with calcium, the metallic radical of lime. It may be readily formed by saturating hydrochloric acid with chalk or marble, evaporating to dryness, and heating to redness. The hydrochloric acid, by reacting with the lime, forms calcium chloride and water, the latter of which is dissipated at a red heat, $CaCO_3 + 2HCl = CaCl_2 + CO_2 + H_2O$. The Br. Pharmacopœia, after neutralizing the acid with calcium carbonate, adds a little solution of chlorinated lime and slaked lime, filters, evaporates till the chloride becomes solid, and, instead of igniting the residue, dries it at about 204·4° C. (400° F.). Its composition, according to the Br. Pharm., is $CaCl_2,2H_2O$.

Properties. Calcium chloride is in "white, slightly translucent, hard fragments, odorless, having a sharp, saline taste, and very deliquescent. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·5 parts of water, and in 8 parts of alcohol; in 1·5 parts of boiling alcohol, and very freely in boiling water; insoluble in ether. Below a red heat the salt fuses, and, on cooling, solidifies without change in composition; but at a higher temperature, especially if kept in fusion for some time, a portion is decomposed and calcium oxide formed. When perfectly pure, the salt dissolves in water without residue, and the solution is strictly neutral to litmus paper. When the salt is overheated in fusing, the solution has an alkaline reaction, and a small residue is left, which is soluble in hydrochloric acid. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) yields, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. With silver nitrate test-solution it yields a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should remain clear upon addition of ammonia water (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.), or of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If from 20 C.c. of the solution the calcium be completely precipitated by ammonium oxalate test-solution, the filtrate should, on evaporation, leave not more than a trace of fixed residue (limit of *magnesium* and *alkalies*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, be mixed with an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, neither color nor turbidity should appear (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). No turbidity should be produced by the addition of 0·5 C.c. of potassium dichromate test-solution to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (absence of *barium*)." *U. S.* On account of its avidity for water, the fused salt is used for drying gases. The crystallized salt is also very deliquescent, and has the form of colorless, transparent, striated, six-sided prisms. The crystals, on exposure to heat, first dissolve in their water of crystallization, and, after this has evaporated, undergo the igneous fusion. With ice or snow they form a powerful frigorific mixture. "The salt evolves no chlorine or hypochlorous acid on the addition of hydrochloric acid, is entirely soluble in twice its weight of water, also

in alcohol, and the aqueous solution is not precipitated by lime water." *Br.* Calcium chloride exists in the water of the ocean and of many springs. It is usually associated with common salt and magnesium chloride, from which it is separated with difficulty. When crystallized it contains six molecules of water.

Calcium chloride is used medicinally in solution only.*

CALCII HYDRAS. Br. Hydrate of Calcium.

(CĂL'CI-Ī HĪ'DRĂS.)

"Hydrate of calcium, $Ca(HO)_2$, with some impurities." *Br.*

Calcis Hydras; Hydrate of Lime; Slaked Lime.

"Take of Lime *two pounds* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Place the Lime in a metal pot, pour the water upon it, and when vapor ceases to be disengaged cover the pot with its lid and set it aside to cool. When the temperature has fallen to that of the atmosphere, put the slaked lime on an iron-wire sieve, and by gentle agitation cause the fine powder to pass through the sieve, rejecting what is left. Put the powder into a well-stoppered bottle, and keep it excluded as much as possible from the air. Slaked lime should be recently prepared." *Br.*

For an account of the physical and medical properties of this slaked lime, see *Calx.*

CALCII HYPOPHOSPHIS. U. S., Br. Calcium Hypophosphite.

$Ca(PH_2O_2)_2$; 169·67. (CĂL'CI-Ī HĪ-PŌ-PHŌS'PHIS.) $CaH_4(PO_2)_2$; 170.

Calcis Hypophosphis; Hypophosphite of Lime; Calcaria Hypophosphorosa, Hypophosphis Calcicus; Hypophosphite de Chaux, *Fr.;* Unterphosphorigsaurer Kalk, *G.*

Attention has been called to the hypophosphites as a class of salts, in consequence of their recommendation by Dr. Churchill, of Paris, in the treatment of *phthisis*, in which they are thought to be useful by furnishing phosphorus to the tissues. One of the first papers on their mode of preparation and qualities was communicated by Prof. Procter. (See *A. J. P.*, xxx. 118.) Hypophosphorous acid consists of one atom of phosphorus, two of oxygen, and three of hydrogen, of which latter, however, only one is replaceable by metal. It is, therefore, a monobasic acid. It has a strong affinity for oxygen, and acts as a powerful deoxidizing or reducing agent, which property it is supposed to owe to the presence of the unreplaceable hydrogen atoms, sometimes termed "aldehydic" hydrogen. When heated, it is resolved into hydrogen phosphide and phosphoric acid. Its salts are generally soluble in water and deliquescent, and many of them are soluble in alcohol. They are converted into phosphates by heat, with the escape of hydrogen phosphide; and some of them are explosive.

Calcium hypophosphite has attracted most attention, and would meet the views of those who wish to supply calcium phosphate to the system, as the hypophosphorous acid is converted into the phosphoric by its deoxidizing power. To prepare it Prof. Procter gave the following formula. Slake 4 pounds (avoirdupois) of lime with a gallon of water, add it, in a deep boiler, to 4 gallons of boiling water, and mix thoroughly. To the mixture add a pound (av.) of phosphorus, and continue the boiling, adding hot water from time to time to keep up the measure, until the combination is complete, and phosphuretted hydrogen is no longer evolved. It is necessary that provision should be made for the escape of the gas, which takes fire spontaneously in contact with the air. There are formed in the liquid calcium phosphate and hypophosphite, the phosphorus having become oxidized at the expense of the water, the hydrogen of which has escaped in combination with another portion of phosphorus, which is therefore lost. The liquid is filtered to separate the insoluble phosphate and residuary lime, then concentrated, and refiltered to separate the calcium carbonate formed by the action of the air on a little lime held in solution, and lastly evaporated till a pellicle appears; after which the salt may be allowed to crystallize by setting the liquid aside, or may be obtained in the granular form by continuing the heat, and stirring. The salt should be introduced into bottles. The British Pharmacopœia has practically adopted this process, but any uncombined lime remaining in the solution is separated by passing carbonic acid gas through it.

Calcium hypophosphite is in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, or small, lustrous scales, or a white, crystalline powder, odorless, having a nauseous, bitter taste, and permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 6·8 parts of water, and in 6 parts of boiling water; insol-

* *Liquor Calcii Chloridi* was official in U. S. Pharm. 1870. A convenient method of making this preparation is to dissolve 228 grains of fused calcium chloride in 1 fluidounce of distilled water, and filter if necessary.

uble in alcohol. When heated in a test-tube, the salt decrepitates, and above 300° C. (572° F.) it begins to decompose, giving off water, and emitting inflammable gases (hydrogen and hydrogen phosphide), and leaving a residue of calcium pyrophosphate and metaphosphate, with some red phosphorus. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) is neutral to litmus paper, and yields, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. The aqueous solution, slightly acidulated with sulphuric acid, yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a precipitate which is white at first, but rapidly turns brown and black by separation of metallic silver. With copper sulphate test-solution, on gentle heating, a reddish-brown precipitate of copper hydride is formed. When the aqueous solution is added, drop by drop, to mercuric chloride test-solution, at first a white precipitate of mercurous chloride is formed, which, as soon as the hypophosphite solution is added in excess, turns gray from reduction to metallic mercury. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 20 C.c. of water, no insoluble residue should be left (absence of *phosphate*, *sulphate*, and other *insoluble impurities*). In this solution no precipitate should be produced by the addition of lead acetate test-solution (absence of *soluble phosphate*); nor, after acidulating with hydrochloric acid, by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *soluble sulphate*); nor by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, etc.). On adding to 5 C.c. of the solution (1 in 20) 1 C.c., each, of ammonium chloride test-solution and ammonia water, and 3 C.c. of ammonium carbonate test-solution, applying a gentle heat for a few minutes, and then filtering, not more than a very slight turbidity should be produced upon adding to the filtrate a few drops of sodium phosphate test-solution (limit of *magnesium*). If 0·1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, then mixed with 10 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 50 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, and the mixture boiled for fifteen minutes, it should require not more than 3 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the red color (corresponding to at least 99·68 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* The solubility of calcium hypophosphite is increased by the addition of hypophosphorous acid. For a method of purifying alkaline hypophosphites, see *Journ. de Pharm. d'Anvers*, 1879, p. 57; *N. R.*, 1879, p. 142.

As the soluble salts of mercury, copper, and silver are reduced by the hypophosphites, they are of course incompatible with it in prescriptions. With calcium hypophosphite all the soluble sulphates and carbonates produce precipitates. As the hypophosphites are insoluble in cod-liver oil, they should be dissolved in syrup before being added to the oil. (See *Syrupus Calcii Hypophosphitis.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Calcium hypophosphite has been with the other hypophosphites strongly recommended in *chronic phthisis*, and is still much used; but the weight of testimony appears to be opposed to the first favorable impressions; and, though some cases may have seemed to be benefited, yet great care must be taken not to allow a reliance on the hypophosphites to interfere with the use of remedies known to be efficient, as cod-liver oil, and supporting measures generally. The remedy has also been highly recommended in *scrofulous diseases* and in cases of defective nutrition of the nerve-centres; but in most of these latter cases some direct preparation of phosphorus is probably superior, as it is not proved and not probable that the hypophosphites can yield up their phosphorus to the nerve-centres. The dose of either of the hypophosphites is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), three times a day. (See *Syrupus Hypophosphitum.*)

CALCII PHOSPHAS PRÆCIPITATUS. U. S. (Br.) Precipitated Calcium Phosphate.

$Ca_3(PO_4)_2$; 309·33. (KĂL'CI-Ī PHŌS'PHĂS PRÆ-CĬP-I-TĀ'TŬS.) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$: 310.

Calcis Phosphas, *Br.;* Phosphate of Calcium; Calcaria Phosphorica, *P. G.;* Phosphas Calcicus Præcipitatus: Precipitated Phosphate of Lime; Phosphate de Chaux hydraté, *Fr.;* Phosphorsaure Kalkerde, *G.*

A formula for this preparation was given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.*

"Take of Bone Ash *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *six fluidounces* [Imperial

* "Take of Bone, calcined to whiteness, and in fine powder, *four troyounces;* Muriatic Acid *eight troyounces;* Water of Ammonia *twelve fluidounces*, or *a sufficient quantity;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Macerate the Bone in the Acid, diluted with a pint of Distilled Water, until it is dissolved, and filter the solution. Add another pint of Distilled Water, and then, gradually, Water of Ammonia, until the liquid acquires an alkaline reaction. Mix the precipitate obtained, while yet in the state of magma, with twice its bulk of boiling Distilled Water, and pour the whole upon a strainer. Wash the precipitate with boiling Distilled Water until the washings cease to be affected by a solution of nitrate of silver, acidulated with nitric acid. Lastly, dry the precipitate with a gentle heat." *U. S.*

measure]; Water *two pints* [Imp. meas.]; Solution of Ammonia *twelve fluidounces* or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Digest the Bone Ash in the Hydrochloric Acid diluted with a pint of Water, until it is dissolved. Boil for a few minutes; filter; add the remainder of the Water, and afterwards the Solution of Ammonia, until the mixture acquires an alkaline reaction; and, having collected the precipitate on a calico filter, wash it with boiling Distilled Water as long as the liquid which passes through occasions a precipitate, when dropped into solution of nitrate of silver acidulated with nitric acid. Dry the washed product at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.**

This preparation, whatever opinion may be entertained of its real powers, has been very properly retained in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, as it is considerably used, and is by some much esteemed. One of its more recent uses is to replace magnesium carbonate and absorbent cotton in the process for medicated waters.

The hydrochloric acid dissolves the calcium phosphate of the bones, and lets it fall, on the addition of ammonia, in a state of minute division. The ablution is intended to free it from adhering ammonium chloride. The salt thus obtained is, for the sake of distinction, called *bone calcium phosphate.* It is "a light, white, amorphous powder, odorless and tasteless, and permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in cold water; partly decomposed by boiling water, which dissolves out an acid salt; almost insoluble in acetic acid, except when freshly precipitated; easily soluble in hydrochloric or nitric acid; insoluble in alcohol. At an intense, white heat the salt fuses without decomposition. When moistened with silver nitrate test-solution, a yellow color is assumed by the salt either before or after ignition (distinction from *acid calcium phosphate*, which, after ignition, when moistened with silver nitrate, remains white). For applying tests of identity and purity, shake 2 Gm. of the salt with 20 C.c. of water and add nitric acid, drop by drop, until solution is effected; then add water to make the liquid measure 40 C.c. No effervescence should occur on adding the acid (absence of *carbonate*). From a portion of this solution the salt is precipitated unchanged by a slight excess of ammonia water. From another portion ammonium molybdate test-solution precipitates yellow ammonium phosphomolybdate; the reaction is accelerated by a gentle heat. If to 5 C.c. of the solution, acidulated with nitric acid, 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution be added, not more than a slight turbidity should result (limit of *chloride*). The clear solution should not be rendered turbid by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*); nor by potassium sulphate test-solution (*barium*); nor by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (*arsenic, lead*, etc.); nor should it be colored blue by potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (*iron*). If 5 C.c. of the solution be mixed with 1 C.c. of sodium acetate test-solution, and then with ammonium oxalate test-solution, until the calcium is completely precipitated, the filtrate should not be rendered very turbid by adding ammonia water in slight excess (limit of *magnesium*)." *U. S.*

"Ten grains dissolve perfectly and without effervescence in diluted hydrochloric acid, and the solution yields with ammonia a white precipitate, insoluble in boiling solution of potash, and weighing nearly ten grains when washed and dried." *Br.*

Medical Uses. In the form of burnt hartshorn, calcium phosphate formerly enjoyed a brief popularity in the treatment of *rickets* and *mollities ossium*, in which its use seemed to be indicated upon obvious chemical grounds. In 1851, Benecke suggested that, as it is essential in animals as well as plants to the formation of cells, it might be found useful in certain pathological states of the system characterized by defective nutrition, such as the *scrofulous affections*, and from that time its use has gradually become more frequent, and, in connection with other phosphates, as those of iron, sodium, and potassium, it has acquired no little reputation in different forms of *scrofula*, *mollities ossium*, *rickets*, and even *chronic phthisis.* It is also thought to have proved useful by hastening the *union of fractured bones;* and M. Alphonse Milne-Edwards is said to have shown, by experiments upon dogs and rabbits, that in these animals the callus in fractured bones forms more quickly under its use than without it. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, May, 1856, p. 489.) Though insoluble in water, it is probably in general dissolved by the gastric liquids, in consequence of the acid present in them; but it is best administered in acid solution, and is at present very extensively used dissolved in lactic acid and emulsified with cod-liver oil. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). (See *Syrupus Calcii Lactophosphatis;* also *Pulvis Antimonialis.*)

* For description of an apparatus for preparing calcium phosphate on a large scale, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1, 1875, p. 193.

CALCII SULPHAS EXSICCATUS. U. S. (Br.) Dried Calcium Sulphate.

[Dried Gypsum.]

(CĂL'CĮ-Ī SŬL'PHĂS ĔX-SIC-CĀ'TŬS.)

"A powder containing about 95 per cent., by weight, of Calcium Sulphate [$CaSO_4 = 135{\cdot}73$], and about 5 per cent. of Water; prepared from the purer varieties of Native Gypsum [$CaSO_4 + 2H_2O = 171{\cdot}65$], by carefully heating until about three-fourths of the water has been expelled. Dried Calcium Sulphate should be kept in well-closed vessels, carefully protected from moisture." *U. S.* "Native sulphate of calcium ($CaSO_4,2H_2O$) rendered nearly anhydrous by heat." *Br.*

Calcii Sulphas, *Br.;* Sulphate of Calcium; Calcis Sulphas; Sulphate of Lime; Gypsum; Plaster of Paris.

This has been made official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 for the first time. The native sulphate is best known as *gypsum*, and in its massive variety as *alabaster*. When powdered gypsum is carefully heated to 170° C. it loses all its water of crystallization and becomes *plaster of Paris*. This is capable of uniting with water again and solidifying. It is officially described "as a fine white powder, without odor or taste. From moist air it attracts water, becomes granular, and then loses the property of hardening with water. When mixed with half of its weight of water, Dried Calcium Sulphate forms a smooth, cohesive paste, which rapidly hardens. It is soluble in about 410 parts of water, at 15° C. (59° F.); in 388 parts, at 38° C. (100·4° F.); and in 476 parts, at 100° C. (212° F.). In alcohol it is insoluble. It readily dissolves in diluted nitric or hydrochloric acid, also in saturated solutions of potassium nitrate, sodium hyposulphite, and of various ammonium salts. When heated above 204° C. (399·2° F.), Dried Calcium Sulphate becomes anhydrous and loses the property of forming a paste with water and hardening rapidly. Its saturated solution in water should be neutral to litmus paper. It forms white precipitates with barium chloride test-solution, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, and with alcohol. No effervescence should occur on the addition of diluted acids to Dried Calcium Sulphate (absence of *carbonate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Gypsum is used by surgeons for mechanical purposes, and not at all in internal medicine. It is so slightly soluble in water that it may be considered for ordinary purposes insoluble. According to Bucholz, it is soluble in 460 parts of water cold or hot; according to Giese, in 380 parts of cold and 388 of boiling water. Notwithstanding the statement of Bucholz, the fact has been well established that its solubility varies with the temperature, but, like that of sodium sulphate, very unequally. Thus, according to M. Poggiale, it is greatest at 35° C. (95° F.), and above or below that temperature gradually diminishes, so that at 100° C. (212° F.), or the boiling point of water, it is very nearly the same as at 5° C. (41° F.), not far from the freezing point. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., v. 86.) The other point is that, when deprived of its water by heat, and reduced to the state of a white powder, it rapidly absorbs water added to it, and, from the state of semi-liquid paste into which it is brought with that fluid, hardens without great change of bulk. It is this property which fits plaster of Paris so well for all kinds of moulding; and to this also it owes its peculiar adaptability to the purpose of a splint. To prepare it for use, the gypsum must first be deprived of the greater part of its water by exposure to a heat of 100° C. (212° F.), or from that to 121·1° C. (250° F.). It loses both its molecules of water of crystallization at a temperature of about 170° C. (338° F.), and is then known as *burnt gypsum*. If heated above 204° C. (399·2° F.) it becomes *dead-burnt*, and does not take up water readily and does not harden. When dehydrated, it is reduced to fine powder, and kept in air-tight vessels for use. As thus prepared, if mixed with two parts of water, it forms a semi-liquid cream-like mass, which becomes solid and hard in fifteen or twenty minutes, the temperature rising during the process, as in the slaking of lime. The hydrated gypsum expands in solidifying, hence its advantages in preparing casts,—the expansion causes it to fill accurately all interstices. According to Mr. T. E. Stark, a medical officer in the British army, flannel is the best material for bandages to be used with gypsum. It should be cut into strips an inch and a half broad and two or three yards long, which should first be spread on a table and rubbed well with the powdered gypsum on both sides, and always in the direction of the thread. The bandages should then be rolled up loosely, and kept for use in air-tight cases. Thus applied, the bandages, first thoroughly wetted, should be rolled round the limb, overlapping at the edges, so as to make a uniform covering. After application, it should be left to harden, which generally happens in fifteen or twenty minutes. A simpler method of using the gypsum for this purpose is, after the application of the bandages, to paint the whole thoroughly and carefully with the milk of gypsum, which will solidify, and enclose the part in a firm case.

CALENDULA. U. S. Calendula. [Marigold.]

(CA-LĔN'DŬ-LA.)

"The florets of Calendula officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Fleurs de Tous les mois, Souci, *Fr.;* Ringelblume, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Flower-head heterogamous, rayed, with the female flowers of the ray fertile, in one or two rows, the hermaphrodite of the disk sterile. *Involucre* broad, with linear, acuminate, subequal, often scarious bracts in one or two rows. *Receptacle* flat, naked. *Corolla* of female flowers ligulate, with the lamina entire or three-dentate. Hermaphrodite flowers, regular, tubular, with an enlarged limb shortly five-cut at the apex. *Anthers* sagittate, with the auricles setaceous-mucronate or caudate. *Style* of the hermaphrodite flower undivided. *Achenia* bare; those of the ray incurved, 2–3-serrate, heteromorphous usually upon the back, or everywhere muricate; the outer often elongate, linear, sometimes empty; the intermediate broader, often alate; the interior shorter, more incurved; those of the disk thin, smooth, empty. (Bentham and Hooker, *Genera Plantarum*, ii. 454.)

Calendula officinalis. L. The common marigold of the gardens is too well known to need description, other than that of the Pharmacopœia.

Properties. "Florets about 12 Mm. long, linear and strap-shaped, delicately veined in a longitudinal direction, yellow or orange-colored, three-toothed above, the short hairy tube enclosing the remnants of a filiform style terminating in two elongated branches; odor slight and somewhat heavy; taste somewhat bitter and faintly saline." *U. S.* The odor is much stronger in the fresh than in the dry herb, and on exposure to the sun the yellow color fades into whitish. Among its constituents is a peculiar principle, called *calendulin*, discovered by Geiger most abundantly in the flowers, and considered by Berzelius as analogous to bassorin, though soluble in alcohol. *French* or *African Marigold*, so called, is very frequently substituted for the official drug. It is the *Tagetes patula* L. and *T. erecta* Lin., both of Mexico. The flowers are readily distinguished by the scales of the involucre being united to form a tube, and by the slender, flattish achenes being crowned with a few chaffy or awned scales. The broadly strap-shaped ray-florets are toothed, and of a light or deep orange color sometimes striped with red.

Medical Properties and Uses. In the days of therapeutic darkness calendula was thought to be antispasmodic, sudorific, deobstruent, and emmenagogue, and was given in low forms of *fever*, *scrofula*, *jaundice*, *amenorrhœa*, etc. Both the leaves and the flowers were used; but the latter were preferred, and were usually administered in the recent state in the form of tea. An extract was also prepared, and employed in *cancerous* and other *ulcers*, *sick stomach*, etc. The tincture has been used to a considerable extent as an embrocation in sprains, bruises, etc., and probably is of as much value as simple alcohol.

CALUMBA. U. S. (Br.) Calumba. [Columbo.]

(CA-LŬM'BA.)

"The root of Jateorhiza palmata (Lamarck), Miers (nat. ord. Menispermaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried transversely cut slices of the root of Jateorhiza Calumba, Miers; Cocculus palmatus, D. C." *Br.*

Calumbæ Radix, *Br.;* Radix Colombo, *P. G.;* Radix Columbo; Colomba, *U. S.* 1850; Colombo, *Fr.;* Columbowurzel, *G.;* Columba, *It.;* Raiz de Columbo, *Sp.;* Kalumbo, *Port.;* Calumb, *Mozambique.*

The columbo plant was long but imperfectly known. Flowering specimens of a plant gathered by Commerson, about the year 1770, in the garden of M. Poivre in the Isle of France, and sent to Europe with that botanist's collection, were examined by Lamarck, and described under the name of *Menispermum palmatum*. But its original locality was unknown, and it was only conjectured to be the source of columbo. In the year 1805, M. Forten, while engaged in purchasing the drug in Mozambique, obtained possession of a living offset of the root, which, being taken to Madras and planted in the garden of Dr. Anderson, produced a male plant, which was figured and described by Dr. Berry. From the drawing thus made, the plant was referred to the natural family of the Menispermaceæ; but, as the female flowers were wanting, some difficulty was experienced in fixing its precise botanical position. De Candolle, who probably had the opportunity of examining Commerson's specimens, gave its generic and specific character, but confessed that he was not acquainted with the structure of the female flower and fruit. This desideratum, however, was supplied by ample drawings sent to England by Mr. Telfair, of Mauritius, made from plants which were propagated from roots obtained by Captain Owen in 1825, while prosecuting his survey of the eastern coast of Africa.

The plant was first placed in the genus Cocculus, which was separated by De Candolle from Menispermum. Subsequently, J. Miers established a new genus, which has been received by botanists, giving to it the name of Jateorhiza. Miers also separated his plant specifically from *C. palmatus* of De Candolle, describing it under the name of *Jateorhiza calumba*. This species is now recognized by the Br. Pharmacopœia, and was formerly also acknowledged by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. But the very careful researches of Mr. Hanbury (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 23) led him to consider the specific differences as unimportant and inconstant, with which view the botanists of the U. S. 1890 revision coincided. The differences are that in *J. palmata* "the lobes at the base of the leaf overlap, and the male inflorescence is nearly glabrous; while in *J. calumba* the basal lobes are rounded, but do not overlap, and the male inflorescence is setose-hispid." The plants are probably only varieties of one species, and it is almost certain that columbo is derived from each of them.

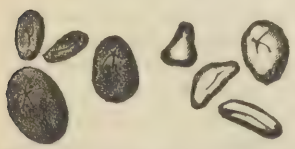
Gen. Ch. Sepals 6, in two rows, somewhat unequal, thin. *Petals* 6, shorter than the sepals. Male flowers: *Stamens* 6, free, with the apex recurved-clavate. *Anthers* unilocular, with the apex extrorse, dehiscent by a transverse cleft. Female flowers: *Carpels* 3, with lacerate, reflex stigmata. *Drupe* ovoid, with a subterminal cicatrix of the style. *Putamen* somewhat concave in its inner face. *Seed* meniscoid; albumen fleshy, ruminate; embryo somewhat curved. *Cotyledons* laterally bivaricate." (Bentham and Hooker, *Genera Plantarum*, i. 34.)

"The plants of this genus, natives of intertropical Africa, are all climbers, distinguished by a very peculiar habit, having very large deeply-lobed leaves, upon very long petioles, and clothed with long strigose hairs; their inflorescence is in long slender racemes; the fruit is a drupe containing a putamen covered with a dense hairy coating embedded in the fleshy mesoderm."

Cocculus palmatus. De Cand. *Syst. Veg.* i. 523; Woodv. *Med. Bot.*, 3d ed., v. 21; Hooker, *Curtis's Bot. Mag.*, Nos. 2970, 2971.—*Jateorhiza palmata.* Miers, *Annals and Mag. of Nat. Hist.*, Feb. 1864, p. 183. *B. & T.* 13. This is a climbing plant, with a perennial root consisting of several fasciculated, fusiform, somewhat curved, and descending tubers, as thick as an infant's arm. The stems, of which one or two proceed from the same root, are twining, simple in the male plant, branched in the female, round, hairy, and about as thick as the little finger. The leaves, which stand on rounded, glandular, hairy footstalks, are alternate, distant, cordate, with three, five, or seven entire, acuminate, wavy, somewhat hairy lobes, and as many nerves, each running into one of the lobes. The flowers are small and inconspicuous, and arranged in solitary axillary racemes, which in the male plant are compound, in the female simple, and in both shorter than the leaves.

Jateorhiza calumba. Miers. Br. Pharm.—*Cocculus palmatus.* Wallich, non De Cand.—*Menispermum calumba.* Roxb. *Flor. Ind.* This species is characterized by "rounded, angularly striate, roughly pilose branches; broadly orbicular, sinuously lobed leaves, with rounded sinuses; the lobes being 5 in number, broadly ovate, acute, mucronately acuminate; the basal deeply divaricate and hence broadly cordate; 7 to 9 nerved, opaque above, on both sides furnished with short, adpressed, somewhat curved, reddish hairs, beneath, pale, strongly reticulate with prominent nerves and veins; the petiole somewhat slender, striate, tortuous, and roughly glandular; the racemes axillary, solitary or many; the rachis greatly elongated, striate, bristly, with elongated, smooth, divaricate, almost capillary, subflexuous, few-flowered branches; the flowers sessile, and almost without bracts." (*Miers.*)

Both of these so-called species are natives of Mozambique, on the southeastern coast of Africa, where they grow wild in great abundance in the thick forests extending from the sea many miles into the interior. They are not cultivated. The root is dug up in March, when dry weather prevails. From the base of the root numerous fusiform offsets proceed, less fibrous and woody than the parent stock. These offsets are separated and cut into transverse slices, which are dried in the shade. The old root is rejected.



Magnified starch granules of columbo root.

Columbo is a staple export of the Portuguese from their dominions in the southeast of Africa. It is taken to India, and thence distributed. It was formerly supposed to be a product of Ceylon, and to have derived its name from Colombo, a city of that island, from which it was thought to be exported. It is possible that, when the Portuguese were in possession of Ceylon, Colombo may have been the entrepôt for the drug brought from Africa, and thus have given origin to its name. Some, however, consider a more probable derivation to be from the word *calumb*, which is said to be the Mozambique name for the root.

Properties. "In nearly circular disks, 3 to 6 Cm. in diameter, externally greenish-brown and wrinkled, internally yellowish or grayish-yellow, depressed in the centre, with a few interrupted circles of projecting wood-bundles, distinctly radiate in the outer portion; fracture short, mealy; odor slight; taste mucilaginous, slightly aromatic, very bitter." *U. S.* Along with the disks are sometimes a few cylindrical pieces an inch or two in length. The cortical portion is thick, of a bright yellow, slightly greenish color internally, but covered with a brownish, wrinkled epidermis. The interior or medullary portion, which is readily distinguishable from the cortical, is light, spongy, yellowish, usually more or less shrunk, so that the pieces are thinnest in the centre; and is often marked with concentric circles and radiating lines. Those pieces are to be preferred which have the brightest color, are most compact and uniform, and least worm-eaten. The odor of columbo is slightly aromatic. The taste is very bitter, that of the cortical much more so than that of the central portion, which is somewhat mucilaginous. The root is easily pulverized. The powder is greenish, becoming browner with age, and deepening when moistened. As it attracts moisture from the air, and is apt to undergo decomposition, it should be prepared in small quantities.

M. Planche analyzed columbo in 1811, and found it to contain a nitrogenous substance, probably albumen, in large quantity, a bitter yellow substance not precipitated by metallic salts, and one-third of its weight of starch. He obtained also a small proportion of volatile oil, salts of lime and potassa, ferric oxide, and silica. Wittstock, of Berlin, afterwards isolated a principle, which he called *columbin*. This crystallizes in beautiful transparent quadrilateral prisms of the formula $C_{21}H_{22}O_7$, is without smell, and is extremely bitter. It is but very slightly soluble in water, alcohol, or ether, at ordinary temperatures, and yet imparts to these fluids a strongly bitter taste. It is more soluble in boiling alcohol, which deposits it upon cooling. The best solvent is dilute acetic acid. It is taken up by alkaline solutions, from which it is precipitated by acids. It has neither acid nor alkaline properties, and its alcoholic and acetic solutions are not affected by the metallic salts, or by the infusion of galls. It is obtained by exhausting columbo by means of alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·835, distilling off three-quarters of the alcohol, allowing the residue to stand for some days till crystals are deposited, and lastly treating these crystals with alcohol and animal charcoal. The mother-waters still contain a considerable quantity of columbin, which may be separated by evaporating with coarsely-powdered glass to dryness, exhausting the residue with ether, distilling off the ether, treating the residue with boiling acetic acid, and evaporating the solution to crystallization.

From the researches of Dr. Bödecker it appears that another bitter principle exists in columbo, which corresponds in composition and chemical relations with *berberine*, the active principle of *Berberis vulgaris*, and is assumed to be identical with that substance. It was obtained by exhausting columbo with alcohol of 0·889, distilling off the alcohol, allowing the residual liquor to stand for three days so as to deposit the columbin, evaporating the supernatant liquid together with the aqueous washings of the columbin to dryness, exhausting the residue with boiling alcohol of 0·863, treating the solution thus obtained as the former one, submitting the residue to the action of the boiling water, filtering, and adding hydrochloric acid, collecting the precipitate thus formed on a filter, drying it with bibulous paper, and finally, in order to separate adhering acid, dissolving it in alcohol, and precipitating with ether. The result was an imperfectly crystalline, bright yellow powder, of a disagreeable, bitter taste, supposed to be *berberine hydrochlorate*. It is stated that berberine is present in columbo in much larger proportion than columbin, and, being freely soluble in hot water and alcohol, while columbin is but slightly so, is probably more largely extracted in the ordinary liquid preparations of the root. (*A. J. P.*, xx. 322.) A third constituent, *columbic acid*, was also discovered by Bödecker. It is yellow, amorphous, nearly insoluble in cold water, but dissolving in alcohol and in alkaline solutions. It tastes somewhat less bitter than *columbin*. Bödecker surmises that it may exist in combination with the berberine, and has pointed out a connection between the three bitter principles of columbo. If we suppose a molecule of ammonia, NH_3, to be added to two molecules of *columbin*, $C_{21}H_{22}O_7$, the complex molecule thus resulting will contain the elements of *berberine*, $C_{20}H_{17}NO_4$, *columbic acid*, $C_{22}H_{24}O_7$, and water, $3H_2O$. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 25.)

P. E. Alessandri isolated *calumbine*, which he considers an alkaloid, by the following process. An infusion of columbo is made with a 3 per cent. solution of oxalic acid; the yellow bitter liquid is neutralized with ammonia and evaporated to one-third its bulk; it is, when cooled, treated with ether, separated, and the ethereal solution on evaporation yields pure white calumbine. (*L'Orosi*, v. 1; *P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 995.) Alessandri obtains *berberine* from columbo by

neutralizing a cold infusion, made with diluted oxalic acid (3 per cent.), with baryta; the precipitate which is produced is separated. The liquid is heated, allowed to stand for twenty-four hours to allow the barium oxalate to deposit, filtered, and then a current of carbonic acid is passed through to remove baryta. It is then treated by shaking the ammoniacal liquid with ether as in Alessandri's process for calumbine (see above), and, after the ethereal layer is separated, the aqueous liquid is evaporated to dryness. Berberine is obtained from the extract by treating the latter with alcohol, the berberine being purified by washing with ether. *Calumbic acid* may be obtained from the precipitate produced by the addition of baryta to the oxalic acid infusion. (*L'Orosi*, v. 1; *P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 995.) Bocchiola (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1891, p. 162) states that the older roots contain more of the active principles than the younger ones. He found that the inner and the outer portions of columbo also vary in their constituents; thus, in the woody or inner part he found the following percentages: calumbine 1·90, berberine 0·72, ether extract 0·80, alcoholic extract 3·86, diluted alcoholic extract 17·80, ash 6. In the cortical or outer part he found calumbine 1·42, berberine 1·43, ether extract 0·70, alcoholic extract 3·89, diluted alcoholic extract 17·96, ash 5.

There can be little doubt that both columbin and berberine contribute to the remedial effects of columbo. The virtues of the root are extracted by boiling water and by alcohol. Precipitates are produced with the infusion and tincture by infusion of galls, and by solutions of lead acetate and subacetate, but the bitterness is not affected.

Adulterations. It is said that the root of *white bryony*, tinged yellow with the tincture of columbo, has sometimes been fraudulently substituted for the genuine root; but the adulteration is too gross to deceive those acquainted with the characters of either of these drugs. American columbo, which is the root of *Frasera walteri*, is said to have been sold in some parts of Europe for the genuine. Independently of the sensible differences between the two roots (see *Frasera*), M. Stolze, of Halle, states that, while the tincture of columbo remains unaffected by ferric sulphate or sesquichloride, and gives a dirty-gray precipitate with tincture of galls, the tincture of frasera acquires a dark green color with the former reagent, and is not affected by the latter. (*Duncan.*) Under the name of *columbo wood*, or *false columbo*, the wood of *Coscinium fenestratum*, a plant of the family of Menispermaceæ, growing in Ceylon, has been imported into England and offered for sale in the drug market. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 321, xii. 185.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Columbo is among the most useful of the mild tonics. Without astringency, with very little stimulating power, and generally acceptable to the stomach, it answers admirably as a remedy in simple *dyspepsia*, and in the *debility* of convalescence, especially when the alimentary canal is left enfeebled. Hence it is often prescribed in the declining stages of *remittent fever*, *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, *cholera morbus*, and *cholera infantum*. The absence of irritating properties renders it also an appropriate tonic in the hectic fever of *phthisis* and kindred affections. It has been highly recommended in *vomiting* unconnected with inflammation of the stomach, as in the sickness of pregnant women. It is frequently administered in combination with other tonics, aromatics, mild cathartics, and antacids. A favorite remedy of Dr. Geo. B. Wood for the permanent cure of a disposition to the accumulation of *flatus* in the bowels was an infusion made with half an ounce of columbo, half an ounce of ginger, a drachm of senna, and a pint of boiling water, and given in the dose of a wineglassful three times a day. Columbo is much used by the natives of Mozambique in *dysentery* and other diseases. (*Berry.*) It was first introduced to the notice of the profession in Europe by François Redi, in the year 1685. It is most commonly prescribed in the state of infusion. (See *Infusum Calumbæ;* also *Extractum Calumbæ Fluidum*, and *Tinctura Calumbæ.*) The dose of the powder is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), and may be repeated three or four times a day.

CALX. U. S., Br. Lime.

Ca O; 55·87. (CĂLX.) Ca, O; 56.

Lime prepared by burning white marble, oyster-shells, or the purest varieties of natural calcium carbonate. It should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a dry place." *U. S.* "An alkaline earth, oxide of calcium, CaO, with some impurities, obtained by calcining chalk or limestone so as to expel carbonic acid gas." *Br.*

Calcaria Usta, *P.G.;* Calcaria, Calx Viva, Calx Usta, Oxydum Calcicum; Burned Lime; Quicklime; Chaux, Chaux vive, *Fr.;* Kalk, Gebrannter Kalk, *G.;* Calce, *It.;* Cal viva, *Sp.*

Lime, which is ranked among the alkaline earths, is a very important pharmaceutical agent, and forms the principal ingredient in several standard preparations. It is a very abundant

natural production. It is never found free, but mostly combined with acids; as with carbonic acid in chalk, marble, calcareous spar, limestone, and shells; with sulphuric acid in the different kinds of gypsum; with phosphoric acid in the bones of animals; and with silica in a great variety of minerals.

Preparation. Lime is prepared by calcining, by a strong heat, some form of the native carbonate. The carbonic acid is thus expelled, and the lime remains. When the lime is intended for nice chemical operations, it should be obtained from pure white marble or oyster-shells. For the purpose of the arts it is procured from common limestone, by calcining it in kilns of peculiar construction. When obtained in this way it is generally impure, being of a grayish color, and containing alumina, silica, ferric oxide, and occasionally a little magnesia and manganese oxide.

The official lime of the United States and British Pharmacopœias is the lime of commerce, and therefore impure. It may be obtained purer by exposing pure white marble, broken into small fragments, in a covered crucible, to a full red heat for three hours, or till the residuum, when slaked and suspended in water, no longer effervesces on the addition of hydrochloric acid.

Properties. Lime is in "hard, white, or grayish-white masses, which, in contact with air, gradually attract moisture and carbon dioxide, and fall to a white powder; odorless; of a sharp, caustic taste. Soluble in about 750 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in about 1300 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. Soluble in diluted acetic, hydrochloric, or nitric acid. When sprinkled with about half its weight of water, lime becomes heated, and is gradually converted into a white powder (calcium hydrate or slaked lime). When this is mixed with about 3 or 4 parts of water, it forms a uniform smooth magma (milk of lime). Even at the highest degree of heat, lime remains unaltered and does not fuse. Its aqueous solution gives an intensely alkaline reaction with litmus paper. Its solution in diluted acetic acid gives, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. If 1 part of lime be slaked and then thoroughly mixed with 50 parts of water, and the greater portion of the milky liquid decanted, no hard, gritty particles should be found in the residue, nor should the addition of hydrochloric acid to this residue cause much effervescence (limit of *carbonate*), nor leave more than a slight, insoluble residue. If the decanted portion be dissolved in acetic acid and filtered, if necessary, a portion of the filtrate should not be rendered turbid by potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *barium*). In another portion of the filtrate, the addition of ammonia water should not produce more than a slight turbidity (limit of *aluminum*, etc.)." *U. S.*

Lime is calcium oxide, and consists of one atom of calcium 40, and one of oxygen 16. Its sp. gr. is 3·08, whilst the hydrate has the sp. gr. 2·078. (*Filhol.*) Its solubility in water is greatly increased by the addition of sugar or glycerin. (See *Syrupus Calcis.*) It is distinguished from the other alkaline earths by forming a very deliquescent salt (*calcium chloride*) by reaction with hydrochloric acid, and a sparingly soluble one with sulphuric acid. All acids, acidulous, ammoniacal, and metallic salts, borates, alkaline carbonates, and astringent vegetable infusions are incompatible with it.

Medical Properties. Lime acts externally as an escharotic, and was formerly applied to ill-conditioned *ulcers*. The *lime ointment* of Spender is made by incorporating four parts of washed slaked lime with one part of fresh lard and three parts of olive oil, previously warmed together. Mixed with potassa, lime forms *Potassa cum Calce*. As an internal remedy, it is always administered in solution. (See *Liquor Calcis;* also *Syrupus Calcis.*)

CALX CHLORATA. U. S. (Br.) Chlorinated Lime.

(CĂLX ȻHLǪ-RĀ'TẠ.)

"A compound resulting from the action of chlorine upon calcium hydrate, and containing not less than 35 per cent. of available chlorine. This preparation is often improperly called 'Chloride of Lime.' Chlorinated Lime should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a cool and dry place." *U. S.* "A product obtained by exposing slaked lime to the action of chlorine gas as long as the latter is absorbed." *Br.*

Calx Chlorinata, *Br.;* Chlorinated Lime; Hypochlorite of Lime or Calcium, Oxymuriate of Lime or Calcium, Bleaching Powder; Calcaria Chlorata, *P.G.;* Chloris Calcicus, Chloruretum Calcis, Calcis Chloridum, Calcii Hypochloris, *Lat.;* Chlorure de Chaux, Poudre de Tennant ou de Knox, *Fr.;* Chlorkalk, Bleichkalk, *G.;* Cloruro di Calce, *It.*

This compound, originally prepared as a bleaching agent in 1798 by Tennant, of Glasgow, is now enormously used both in the arts and in medicine.

The following is an outline of the process for making chlorinated lime on the large scale.

A rectangular chamber is constructed, generally of silicious sandstone, the joints being secured by a cement of pitch, rosin, and dry gypsum. At one end it is furnished with an air-tight door, and on each side with a glass window, to enable the operator to inspect the process during its progress. The slaked or hydrated lime is sifted, and placed on wooden trays eight or ten feet long, two feet broad, and one inch deep. These are piled within the chamber to a height of five or six feet on cross-bars, by which they are kept about an inch asunder, in order to favor the circulation of the gas over the lime. The chlorine is generated in a leaden vessel nearly spherical, the lower portion of which is surrounded with an iron case, leaving an interstice two inches wide, intended to receive the steam for the purpose of producing the requisite heat. In the leaden vessel are five apertures. The first is in the centre of the top, and receives a tube which descends nearly to the bottom, and through which a vertical stirrer passes, intended to mix the materials, and furnished at the lower end with horizontal cross-bars of iron, or of wood sheathed with lead. The second is for the introduction of the common salt and manganese. The third admits a siphon-shaped funnel, through which the sulphuric acid is introduced. The fourth is connected with a pipe to lead off the chlorine. The fifth, which is near the bottom, receives a discharge-pipe passing through the iron case and intended for drawing off the residuum of the operation. The pipe leading off the chlorine terminates, under water, in a leaden chest or cylinder, where the gas is washed from hydrochloric acid. From this intermediate vessel the chlorine finally passes, by means of a pretty large leaden pipe, through the ceiling of the chamber containing the lime. The process of impregnation generally lasts four days, this time being necessary to form a good bleaching powder. If it be hastened, heat will be generated, which will favor the production of calcium chloride, with a proportional diminution of chlorinated lime.

The proportions of the materials generally adopted are 10 cwt. of common salt, mixed with from 10 to 14 cwt. of manganese dioxide: to which are added, in successive portions, from 12 to 14 cwt. of strong sulphuric acid, diluted before being used until its sp. gr. is about 1·65, which is accomplished by adding about one-third of its weight of water. In factories in which sulphuric acid is also made, the acid intended for this process is brought to the sp. gr. 1·65 only, whereby the expense of further concentration is saved.

Several electrolytic processes for the decomposition of sodium and potassium chlorides have been brought to public attention within the last year or two, whereby caustic alkali on the one hand and chlorine on the other hand are produced. Of course the chlorine, if produced on a large scale, would be converted into bleaching powder for convenience of handling.

The importation of "bleaching powder" into the United States for the year 1892 was 110,748,289 pounds, valued at $1,839,640.

Properties. Chlorinated lime is "a white, or grayish-white, granular powder, exhaling the odor of hypochlorous acid, having a repulsive, saline taste, and becoming moist and gradually decomposing on exposure to air. In water or in alcohol it is only partially soluble. The aqueous solution first colors red litmus paper blue, and then bleaches it. If the salt be dissolved in diluted acetic acid, an abundance of chlorine gas is evolved, and only a trifling residue left undissolved. From this solution ammonium oxalate test-solution throws down a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.* When perfectly saturated with chlorine it dissolves almost entirely in water. When exposed to heat, it gives off oxygen and some chlorine, and is converted into calcium chloride. It is incompatible with the mineral acids, carbonic acids, and the alkaline carbonates. The acids evolve chlorine copiously, and the alkaline carbonates cause a precipitate of calcium carbonate. (See *Liquor Sodæ Chloratæ.*)*

Chlorinated lime is an oxidizing agent, the oxygen being derived from water, the hydrogen of which unites with the chlorine to form hydrochloric acid. It has a powerful action on organic matter, converting sugar, starch, cotton, linen, and similar substances into formic acid, which unites with the lime. (*W. Bastick.*) It also acts energetically on the volatile oils, including oil of turpentine, producing chloroform. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1855.)

Composition. The composition of bleaching powder is represented by the formula $CaOCl_2$.

* Chlorinated lime is constantly becoming weaker on exposure, giving off chlorine or hypochlorous acid, probably through the influence of the atmospheric carbonic acid, which sets them free by combining with the lime. But it would seem that, even when closely confined, it sometimes at least gives off gaseous matter, as we have an account of a well-stopped bottle containing it having been broken by a violent explosion, without any peculiar exposure to heat. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 72.) M. Barreswil has found that the subjection of chlorinated lime to strong pressure greatly diminishes the tendency to decomposition. It is rendered in this way as hard as a stone, and may be kept long without undergoing change. (*Chem. News*, No. 58, p. 33.)

and it was formerly supposed to be a direct compound of lime with chlorine. This view, however, is not consistent with its reactions, for when distilled with dilute nitric acid it readily yields a distillate of aqueous hypochlorous acid, and when treated with water it is resolved into calcium chloride and hypochlorite, the latter of which may be separated in crystals by exposing the filtered solution to a freezing mixture, or by evaporating it in a vacuum over oil of vitriol and leaving the dense frozen mass to thaw upon a filter. A solution of calcium chloride mixed with hypochlorite then passes through, and feathery crystals remain on the filter, very unstable, but consisting, when recently prepared, of hydrated calcium hypochlorite, $Ca(OCl)_2 4H_2O$. These results seem at first sight to show that the bleaching powder is a mixture of calcium chloride and hypochlorite, formed according to the equation $2CaO + Cl_4 = CaCl_2 + Ca(ClO)_2$; but if this were its true constitution, the powder when digested with alcohol ought to yield a solution of calcium chloride containing half the chlorine of the original compound, which is not the case. Its constitution is, therefore, better represented by the formula $Ca\begin{cases} Cl \\ OCl \end{cases}$ suggested by Dr. Odling, this molecule being decomposed by water into chloride and hypochlorite in the manner just explained, and yielding with dilute nitric acid or sulphuric acid a distillate containing hydrochloric and hypochlorous acids, $CaCl(OCl) + 2HNO_3 = Ca(NO_3)_2 + HCl + HClO$. (Lunge and Schaeppi, *A. J. P.*, 1881; Lunge and Naef, *Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1883.)*

Impurities and Tests. Chlorinated lime may contain a great excess of lime, from imperfect impregnation with the gas. This defect will be shown by the large proportion insoluble in water. If it contain much calcium chloride, it will be quite moist, which is always a sign of inferior quality. When long and insecurely kept, it deteriorates from the gradual formation of calcium chloride and calcium carbonate. Several methods have been proposed for determining its bleaching power, which depends solely on the proportion of loosely-combined chlorine. Walter proposed to add a solution of the bleaching powder to a standard solution of indigo sulphate, in order to ascertain its decolorizing power; but the objection to this test is that the indigo of commerce is very variable in its amount of coloring matter. The oxidation of an arsenous acid solution is largely used in practice. Lunge (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1886, p. 869) has also proposed to use hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) solution for the valuation of bleaching powder. The two solutions both liberate oxygen in exactly equal amount. This is measured in a nitrometer. According to Wittstein and Claude, the test of ferrous sulphate which was formerly official is not reliable. The present volumetric method, which is based upon that of the British Pharmacopœia, is preferred. "If 0·35 (0·354) Gm. of Chlorinated Lime be thoroughly triturated with 50 C.c. of water and carefully transferred, together with the washings, into a flask, and then 0·8 Gm. of potassium iodide and 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid added, the reddish-brown liquid, mixed towards the end of the titration with a few drops of starch test-solution, should require, for complete decoloration, not less than 35 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of available chlorine)." *U. S.*

The following is the test given in the British Pharmacopœia. "When fresh, five grains mixed with fifteen grains of iodide of potassium, and dissolved in four fluidounces of water, produces, when acidulated with one fluidrachm of hydrochloric acid, a reddish solution, which requires for the discharge of its color at least 467 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of hyposulphite of sodium, corresponding to 33 per cent. of available chlorine." In this process iodine is separated by the chlorine in equivalent quantity, and imparts color to the liquid, which is removed by the sodium hyposulphite, by forming colorless compounds with the iodine; and the quantity required for this purpose measures the quantity of iodine, and consequently that of the chlorine, present in the chlorinated solution. (See *Sodii Hyposulphis.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Chlorinated lime, externally applied, is a desiccant and disinfectant, and has been used with advantage in solution, as an application to ill-conditioned *ulcers*, *burns*, *chilblains*, and *cutaneous eruptions*, especially *itch;* as a gargle in *putrid sore throat;* and as a wash for the mouth to disinfect the breath, and for *ulcerated gums.* Internally, it is stimulant and alterative. It has been used to some extent internally, in *adynamic dysentery*, *typhus fever*, and various other *low diseases:* it may be considered as thera-

* According to Lunge's investigations, the best temperature for the absorption of chlorine by calcium hydrate is 40°–45° C.; from pure calcium hydrate a bleaching powder of 43 per cent. active chlorine can be produced, in which case allowance for 4 per cent. of moisture in the hydrate is made; strong mineral acids, when not used in excess, liberate only hypochlorous acid; dry carbon dioxide at normal temperature does not set free any chlorine, but at moderately elevated temperature drives off almost all the chlorine.

peutically equivalent to chlorine. The dose internally is from three to six grains (0·2–0·4 Gm.), dissolved in one or two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) of water, filtered and sweetened with syrup. It should never be given in pills. As it occurs of variable quality, and must be used in solution more or less dilute, according to the particular purpose to which it is to be applied, it is impossible to give any very precise directions for its strength as an external remedy. From one to four drachms of the powder added to a pint of water, and the solution filtered, will form a liquid within the limits of strength ordinarily required. For the cure of *itch*, M. Derheims has recommended a much stronger solution—three ounces of the chloride to a pint of water, the solution being filtered, and applied several times a day as a lotion, or constantly by wet cloths. When applied to *ulcers*, their surface may be covered with lint dipped in the solution. When used as an ointment to be rubbed upon *scrofulous enlargements* of the lymphatic glands, this may be made of a drachm of the chloride to an ounce of lard. Chlorinated lime is less eligible for some purposes than the solution of chlorinated soda. (See *Liquor Sodæ Chloratæ*.)

Chlorine gas is a very active germicide, and, as chlorinated lime affords the best practical method of using it for ordinary disinfecting purposes, it seems proper to discuss the subject at this place. It has been proved by the concurrent results of numerous experimenters that chlorine, if present in the proportion of one part in one hundred in the atmosphere of a room, is able to destroy *disease-germs*, provided that the air and the objects are moist, and that the exposure continues for upwards of one hour. In the case of any infected room or confined space, as the hold of a ship, it seems to us, however, that the endeavor should be to have a larger proportion of the chlorine gas present for several hours, and, if it can be readily accomplished, steam should also be allowed to enter with the gas, so as to make sure that all parts shall be thoroughly moistened. The importance of this is shown by the experiments of Fischer and Proskauer, who found that dry anthrax spores maintained their integrity for one hour when exposed to the action of a dry chlorine atmosphere containing about forty-five per cent. of chlorine, whereas moistened spores were killed by an hour's exposure to a moist atmosphere containing four per cent. of chlorine. Dr. Sternberg found that six hours' exposure of vaccine lint upon ivory points to a moist atmosphere containing one part of chlorine in one hundred was sufficient to destroy the infective power of the lint. Chlorine is not only germicidal, but it also has the power of decomposing sulphuretted hydrogen compounds, and thereby deodorizing. In all these employments of chlorine it must be remembered that it is not possible for human beings to breathe a chlorinated air, and that the apartment must be, therefore, empty, and also as hermetically sealed as possible to prevent the escape of the gas. The experiments of Dr. Duggan show that the hypochlorites as derived from chlorinated lime are very active germicides, one part to four hundred being capable of destroying moist germs in two minutes, and six parts to ten thousand killing the spores of the anthrax-bacillus in six hours. A half of one per cent. of the hypochlorites in solution is said to be sufficient to destroy spores almost instantly. Ordinary bleaching powder contains from twenty-five to forty per cent. of available chlorine; one part of the powder to one hundred of water is strong enough for ordinary purposes. The odor and taste of this solution are such that it can scarcely be considered a dangerous poison, and it has been affirmed, although with doubtful correctness, that such solution will not injure clothing, bedding, etc. The cost of bleaching powder for use in small quantities is so small that even a saturated solution may be prepared for use in the sick-room at a nominal cost. *For the destruction of disease-germs in urine, fecal discharges, sputa, etc., a saturated solution of bleaching powder appears to be in all respects the best disinfectant known.* As it is important to destroy the germs as soon as possible, this solution should be put into the receptacle to be used by the patient *before* the discharges are ejected into them. As the chlorinated solution attacks metals, the spit-cups, etc., should be of china or glass.

In consequence of its powers as a disinfectant, chlorinated lime is a very important compound in its application to medical police. It may be used with advantage for preserving bodies from exhaling an unpleasant odor, before interment, in the summer season. In juridical exhumations its use is indispensable, as it effectually removes the disgusting and insupportable fetor of the corpse. The mode in which it is applied, in these cases, is to envelop the body with a sheet completely wet with a solution made by adding about a pound of the powder to a bucketful of water. This solution may also be employed for disinfecting dissecting-rooms, privies, common sewers, docks, and other places with offensive effluvia.

Chlorinated lime acts exclusively by its chlorine, which, being loosely combined, is disengaged by the slightest affinities. It should, therefore, be carefully kept from contact with the air and organic substances, which cause rapid loss of chlorine, and the modern method of putting it

up for ordinary use in hermetically sealed pasteboard boxes is a great convenience. Mr. R. C. Bicknell examined commercial chlorinated lime put up in these boxes for available chlorine; he found the top layers usually deficient in strength, but in the interior from 30 to 35 per cent. of chlorine. Some of the packages assaying 30 per cent. of chlorine were more than a year old. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 593.) All acids, even carbonic, disengage it; and, as this acid is a product of animal and vegetable decomposition, noxious effluvia furnish the means, to a certain extent, of their own disinfection. But the stronger acids disengage the chlorine far more readily, and among these sulphuric acid is the most convenient. Accordingly, the powder may be dissolved in a very dilute solution of this acid; or a small quantity of the acid may be added to an aqueous solution ready formed, if a more copious evolution of chlorine be desired than that which takes place from the mere action of the carbonic acid of the atmosphere.

Chlorinated lime may be advantageously applied to the purpose of purifying offensive water, a property which makes it invaluable on long voyages. When used for this purpose, from one to two ounces of the chloride may be mixed with about sixty-five gallons of the water. The water must afterwards be exposed for some time to the air, and allowed to settle, before it is fit to drink.

CALX SULPHURATA. U. S., Br. Sulphurated Lime.

[Crude Calcium Sulphide.]

(CĂLX SŬL-PHŪ-RĀ'TĄ.)

"A mixture containing at least 60 per cent. of Calcium Monosulphide [CaS = 71·69], together with unchanged Calcium Sulphate [$CaSO_4$ = 135·73], and Carbon, in varying proportions." *U. S.* "A mixture containing not less than 50 per cent. of sulphide of calcium (CaS)." *Br.*

Calcii Sulphidum; Sulphide of Calcium.

"Dried Calcium Sulphate, in fine powder, *seventy grammes* [or 2 oz. av., 205 grains]; Charcoal, in fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Starch, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]. Mix them thoroughly, pack the mixture lightly into a crucible, cover this loosely, and heat it to bright redness, until the contents have lost their black color. Allow the crucible to cool, reduce the product to powder, and at once transfer it to small, glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 abandoned the former process of preparing this substance, and adopted the British process with some modifications. "Take of Sulphate of Calcium, in fine powder, 7 ounces [av.]; Wood Charcoal, in fine powder, 1 ounce [av.]. Mix thoroughly. Heat to redness in an earthen crucible until the black color has disappeared. Cool, and at once place the whitish residue in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

By decomposing a mixture of seven parts of calcium sulphate and one part of charcoal, heated in a crucible to a red heat, carbonic oxide is formed, which combines with the oxygen of calcium sulphate, and calcium sulphide is produced, $CaSO_4 + 4CO = CaS + 4CO_2$. A less convenient method is to pass hydrogen sulphide over red-hot lime, although if the lime be pure a better product is insured. This preparation, which was introduced into both Pharmacopœias at the last revision, is of doubtful utility, particularly in the form in which it is produced. The amount of calcium sulphide present must vary considerably according to circumstances. The medicinal activity is alone measured by the quantity of sulphide in the finished preparation, calcium sulphate, the other constituent, being inert. It is to be regretted that a method of purification was not appended.

Properties. Sulphurated lime is "a pale gray powder, exhaling a faint odor of hydrogen sulphide, having a nauseous, alkaline taste, and gradually decomposed by exposure to air. Very slightly soluble in cold water, more readily in boiling water, which partially decomposes it; insoluble in alcohol. Sulphurated lime is decomposed by diluted acetic acid, and converted into calcium acetate and hydrogen sulphide gas which escapes, while a residue of calcium sulphate remains. The filtrate from this yields, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.*

Test. "If 1 Gm. of Sulphurated Lime be gradually added to a boiling solution of 2·08 Gm. of cupric sulphate in 50 C.c. of water, the mixture digested on a water-bath for fifteen minutes, and filtered when cold, no color should be imparted to the filtrate by 1 drop of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (presence of at least 60 per cent. of pure Calcium Monosulphide.)" *U. S.* "If eight grains be added to a cold solution of fourteen grains of sulphate of copper in an ounce of water, a little hydrochloric acid be added, and the mixture be then well stirred and heated to a temperature approaching that of ebullition until all action has ceased, the filtered liquid should give no red color with ferrocyanide of potassium." *Br.*

Calcium sulphydrate is formed when hydrogen sulphide is passed into milk of lime as long as it is absorbed. It is in the form of a paste of a greenish-gray color, and exhales a strong odor of hydrogen sulphide.

Medical Properties. It is used as a *depilatory*, and is applied in a layer on the part which is to be deprived of hair. At the end of fifteen minutes it is removed with a wet sponge, which at the same time detaches the hairs. On account of this preparation giving out hydrogen sulphide, it should not be applied near the mouth or nose. An impure aqueous solution of calcium sulphide, necessarily containing calcium hyposulphite from the manner of its preparation, is used with great success, in Belgium, in *itch*, the cure of which it effects in a few hours. It is made by boiling together one part of sublimed sulphur, two of lime, and ten of water. The liquid is allowed to cool, and the clear part poured off and kept in well-stopped bottles. For an explanation of the reaction which takes place, see *Sulphur Præcipitatum*. The patient, after having been well washed with soap and tepid water in a bath, is rubbed over with the liquid, which is allowed to dry on the skin for a quarter of an hour. A second bath is then taken, which completes the cure. The preparation, when it dries, leaves on the skin a thin layer of the sulphur compound, which destroys the itch insect and its eggs.

Calcium sulphide has been strongly recommended by Ringer, Duhring, and other authorities as a remedy for *furuncular eruptions*, and it has also been used successfully in *acne*. It is given in doses of from one-tenth to one-half grain (0·00648–0·0324 Gm.).

CAMBOGIA. U. S., Br. Gamboge.

(KĂM-BŌ'JI-Ą.)

"A gum-resin obtained from Garcinia Hanburii, Hooker filius (nat. ord. Guttiferæ)." *U. S.*
"A gum-resin obtained from Garcinia Hanburii, Hook. fil. (Garcinia Morella, var. pedicellata, Hanbury)." *Br.*

Gambogia, *Pharm.* 1870; Gomme gutte, *Fr.*; Gummigutt, *G.*; Gumma-gotta, *It.*; Gutta gamba, *Sp.*

Several plants belonging to the natural family of Guttiferæ, growing in the equatorial regions, yield on incision a yellow opaque juice, which hardens on exposure and bears a close resemblance to gamboge; but it is only from a particular tree, growing in Siam, that the official gum-resin is procured.* Formerly the United States and all the British Pharmacopœias ascribed it to *Stalagmitis cambogioides*. Both the genus and the species were established by Murray, of Göttingen, in 1788, from dried specimens belonging to König, procured in Ceylon; and, from information derived from the same source, it was conjectured by Murray that the tree yielded not only the gamboge of Ceylon, but also that collected in Siam. On this authority the British Colleges made the references alluded to. But it was ascertained by Dr. Graham, of Edinburgh, that there is no such plant as *Stalagmitis cambogioides;* the description of Murray having been drawn up from accidentally conjoined specimens of two trees belonging to different genera, one being the *Xanthochymus ovalifolius* of Roxburgh, and the other the *Hebradendron cambogioides* of Graham. By several botanists the gum-resin has been ascribed to *Garcinia cambogia*, also a tree of Ceylon belonging to the Guttiferæ and yielding a yellowish concrete juice; but a specimen of this juice, sent to Edinburgh, was found by Dr. Christison to differ from gamboge both in composition and appearance, being of a pale lemon-yellow color. Thus it appears that neither of these references is correct; and, besides, the fact seems to have been overlooked that commercial gamboge is never obtained from Ceylon, but exclusively from Siam and Cochin-China. A gum-resin from Ceylon having been found similar in composition to the gamboge of commerce, and the tree which produced it having been referred by Dr. Graham to a new genus and named by him *Hebradendron cambogioides*, the Edinburgh College, in the last edition of its Pharmacopœia, was induced to adopt this Ceylon gamboge as official, and to recognize the name proposed by Dr. Graham for the tree producing it. But, as this variety is never found in western commerce, and exists only in cabinets, or in the bazaars of India, it scarcely merited a place in an official catalogue; moreover, the genus Hebradendron is not acknowledged by botanists. The *H. cambogioides* is the *Garcinia pictoria* of Roxburgh (*Flor. Ind.*, ii. 627), which Sir Joseph Hooker considers to be a variety of the *G. morella* (Desrous.); though Beddome keeps it distinct on account of its having the fertile flower bearing "the staminodes in bundles, and the stigma very small and 4-lobed." Several years since, Dr. Christison received from Singapore specimens of the gamboge plant cultivated in that island, and derived from Siam, which proved to be a Garcinia, differing from

* According to observations of Messrs. Baildon and Jamie, gamboge is obtained exclusively from the province of Cambodia, the plant not being found in any other part of Siam nor in Cochin-China. (*Journ. de Ph.*, Juillet, 1874.)

the *G. elliptica* of Wallich chiefly in having its male flower upon pedicels. More recently Mr. Hanbury obtained from the same source numerous specimens of the same plant, and was enabled to confirm the statement of Dr. Christison; but he also found that the plant approached very near to the *Garcinia morella* of Desrousseaux, from which it could be distinguished only by its pedicellate flowers. These specimens were afterwards submitted to the inspection of Mr. Thwaites in Ceylon, who is perfectly familiar with the Garcinias of that island, and were pronounced by him to belong to a variety of *G. morella*, scarcely differing from the Ceylon plant, except in having pedicelled instead of sessile flowers; for these two varieties the names of *G. morella*, var. *sessile*, and *G. morella*, var. *pedicellata*, were proposed. Sir Joseph Hooker, however, determined (*Journ. Linn. Soc.*, xiv. 485) that the var. *pedicellata* is a distinct species, differing from *G. morella* in having not only its flowers pedicellate, but also its leaves more ovate and much larger, and its fruit larger: he very properly gave it the specific name of Hanburii to commemorate the contributions of the late Mr. Hanbury to pharmaceutical science, and his connection with the history of the present plant.

Gamboge is said to be procured in Siam by breaking off the leaves and shoots of the tree, the juice, which is contained in ducts or latex vessels in the bark, issuing in drops, and, being received in suitable vessels, it gradually thickens, and at length becomes solid. Dr. Jamie, of Singapore, states that incising the trunk and larger branches is often practised. The juice is frequently received into the hollow joints of the bamboo, and the water expelled by mild continuous heat. In this way the so-called pipe gamboge is formed, the contraction during drying causing the cylinders to be hollow. The name *gummi gutta*, by which it is generally known on the continent of Europe, probably originated from the circumstance that the juice escapes from the plant by drops. The official title was undoubtedly derived from the province of Cambodia, in which the gum-resin is collected. It was first brought to Europe by the Dutch, about the middle of the seventeenth century. We import gamboge from Canton and Calcutta, whither it is carried by the native or resident merchants. There is no difference in the appearance or character of the drug as brought from these two ports,—an evidence that it is originally derived from the same place.

Varieties. The best gamboge is in cylindrical rolls, from one to three inches in diameter, sometimes hollow in the centre, sometimes flattened, often folded double, or agglutinated in masses so that the original form is not always easily distinguishable. The pieces sometimes appear as if rolled, but are in general striated longitudinally from the impression made by the inner surface of the bamboo. They are externally of a dull orange color, which is occasionally displaced by greenish stains, or concealed by the bright yellow powder of the drug, slightly adhering to the surface. In this form the drug is sometimes called *pipe gamboge*. Another variety is imported under the name of *cake* or *lump gamboge*. It is in irregular masses of two or three pounds or more, often mixed with sticks and other impurities, containing many air-cells, less dense, less uniform in texture, and less brittle than the former variety, and breaking with a dull and splintery instead of a shining and conchoidal fracture. The worst specimens of this variety, as well as of the cylindrical, are sometimes called by the druggists *coarse gamboge*. They differ, however, from the preceding only in containing a greater amount of impurities. Indeed, it would appear from the experiments of Christison that all the commercial varieties of this drug have a common origin, and that cake or lump gamboge differs from the cylindrical only in the circumstance that the latter is the pure concrete juice, while to the former farinaceous matter and other impurities have been added for the purpose of adulteration. The inferior kinds of gamboge may be known by their greater hardness and coarser fracture; by the brownish or grayish color of their broken surface, which is often marked with black spots; by their obvious impurities; and by the green color which their decoction, after having been cooled, gives with tincture of iodine (starch). When pure, the gum-resin is completely dissolved by the successive action of ether and water,* so that the amount of residue left by any specimen treated in the manner just spoken of indicates approximately the measure of the adulteration.

Properties. The official description is as follows. "In cylindrical pieces, sometimes hollow in the centre, 2 to 5 Cm. in diameter, longitudinally striate on the surface; fracture flattish-

* *Ceylon gamboge*, derived from the *Hebradendron cambogioides* of Graham (*Cambogia gutta*, Linn., *Garcinia morella*, De Cand., *G. pictoria*, Roxb.), is procured by incisions, or by cutting away a portion of the bark, and scraping off the juice which exudes. The specimens sent to Dr. Christison were in flattish or round masses, eight or nine inches in diameter, apparently composed of aggregated irregular tears, with cavities which are lined with a grayish and brownish powdery incrustation. It resembled coarse gamboge, and was identical in composition. In Ceylon it is used as a pigment and purgative. (*Christison.*)

conchoidal, of a waxy lustre, orange-red; in powder bright yellow; inodorous; taste very acrid; the powder sternutatory. Gamboge is partly soluble in alcohol and in ether. When triturated with water, it yields a yellow emulsion, and forms with solution of potassium or sodium hydrate an orange-red solution, from which, on the addition of hydrochloric acid, a yellow resin is precipitated. Boiled with water, Gamboge yields a liquid which, after cooling, does not become green with iodine test-solution (absence of *starch*)." *U. S.* From the brilliancy of its color, gamboge is highly esteemed as a pigment. It has no smell, and little taste, but, after remaining a short time in the mouth, produces an acrid sensation in the fauces. Its sp. gr. is 1·221, and its chemical formula is given as $C_{20}H_{24}O_4$. Exposed to heat, it burns with a white flame, emitting much smoke, and leaving a light spongy charcoal. It is a gum-resin, without volatile oil. Christison has shown that the proportion of gum and resin varies in different specimens even of the purest drug. In one experiment, out of 100·8 parts he obtained 74·2 of resin, 21·8 of gum, and 4·8 of water. The gum is quite soluble in water, and of the variety denominated arabin. Flückiger, however, says that the gum is not identical with gum arabic, as its solution does not redden litmus, and is not precipitated by neutral lead acetate, nor by ferric chloride, nor by sodium silicate or biborate. By fusing purified gamboge resin with potash, Hlasiwetz and Barth (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 138, p. 61) obtained acetic and other acids of the same series, together with *phloroglucin*, $C_6H_3(OH)_3$, *pyrotartaric acid*, $C_5H_8O_4$, and *isuvitinic acid*, $C_6H_3,CH_3(COOH)_2$. Gamboge is readily and entirely diffusible in water, forming a yellow opaque emulsion, from which the resin is very slowly deposited. It yields its resinous ingredient to alcohol, forming a golden-yellow tincture, which is rendered opaque and bright yellow by the addition of water. Its solution in ammoniated alcohol is not disturbed by water. Ether dissolves about four-fifths of it, taking up only the resin. It is wholly taken up by alkaline solutions, from which it is partially precipitated by the acids. The strong acids dissolve it; the solution when diluted deposits a yellow sediment. The color, acrimony, and medicinal power of gamboge are thought to reside in the resin. Prof. Hirschsohn gives a method for detecting gamboge in mixtures in *Pharm. Zeit. f. Russl.*, xxiv. (*A. J. P.*, 1885.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Gamboge is a powerful, drastic, hydragogue cathartic, so very apt to produce nausea and vomiting and much griping when given in the full dose that it is almost never employed except in combination with other cathartics. In large quantities it is capable of causing fatal effects, and death has resulted from a drachm. The full dose is from two to six grains (0·13–0·4 Gm.), which in cases of *tænia* has been raised to ten or fifteen grains. It may be given in pill or emulsion, or dissolved in an alkaline solution. In the dose of five grains the resin is said to produce copious watery stools, with little or no uneasiness. If this be the case, it is probable that, as it exists in the gum-resin, its purgative property is somewhat modified by the other ingredients.

CAMPHORA. U. S., Br. Camphor.

$C_{10}H_{16}O$; 151·66. (CĂM'PHŌ-RĀ.) $C_{10}H_{16}O$; 152.

"A stearopten (having the nature of a ketone) obtained from Cinnamomum Camphora (Linné), Nees et Ebermaier (nat. ord. Laurineæ), and purified by sublimation. Camphor should be kept in well-closed vessels, in a cool place." *U. S.* "A stearoptene obtained from the wood of Cinnamomum Camphora, Nees and Eberm. (Camphora officinarum, Nees). Imported in the crude state, and purified by sublimation." *Br.*

Camphre, *Fr.;* Kampher, Kampfer, *G.;* Canfora, *It.;* Alcanfor, *Sp.*

The name of camphor has been applied to various concrete, white, odorous, volatile products, found in different aromatic plants, and resulting probably from chemical change in their volatile oil. But commercial camphor is derived exclusively from two plants, the *Camphora officinarum* of Nees or *Laurus camphora* of Linnæus, and the *Dryobalanops camphora;* the former of which yields our official camphor, the latter a product much valued in the East, but unknown in the commerce of this country and of Europe. A considerable quantity of camphor, said to be identical with the official, was a few years since obtained upon the Tenasserim Coast, in Farther India, by subliming the tops of an annual plant abundant in that region and thought to be a species of Blumea. This product, however, does not occur in general commerce. (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 56.) The Rev. Mr. Mason, an American missionary in Burmah, states that the Chinese settlers informed him that the same plant abounds in China, and that camphor is procured from it there. (*Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila.*, 1851, p. 201.) The following observations apply to the official camphor.

Gen. Ch. For characters of genus Cinnamon, see *Cinnamomum.* The genus Camphora as

separated by Nees departs from the characters there given, in the segments of the perianth being completely deciduous, and falling off completely, leaving the berry resting upon the somewhat enlarged cup-shaped or disk-shaped, entire, or slightly serrate base or tube.

Camphora officinarum. Nees, *Laurin.* 88; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 29, pl. xxiv.—*Laurus camphora.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 478.—*Cinnamomum camphora*, *B. & T.* 222. The camphor-tree is an evergreen which sometimes attains great size,* having the aspect of the linden, with a trunk straight below, but divided above into many branches, which are covered with a smooth, greenish bark. Its leaves, which stand alternately upon long footstalks, are ovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth and shining, ribbed, of a bright yellowish-green color on their upper surface, paler on the under, and two or three inches in length. The flowers are small, white, pedicelled, and collected in clusters, which are supported by long axillary peduncles. The fruit is a red berry, resembling that of the cinnamon. The tree is a native of China, Japan, and other parts of eastern Asia.†

The leaves have when bruised the odor of camphor, which is diffused through all parts of the plant, and is obtained from the root, trunk, and branches by sublimation. The process is not precisely the same in all places. The following is said to be the one pursued in Japan.‡ The parts mentioned, particularly the roots and smaller branches, are cut into chips, which are placed with a little water in large iron vessels, surmounted by earthen capitals furnished with a lining of rice-straw. A moderate heat is then applied, and the camphor, volatilized by the steam, rises into the capital, where it is condensed upon the straw. In China the comminuted plant is said to be first boiled with water until the camphor adheres to the stick used in stirring, when the strained liquor is allowed to cool, and the camphor which concretes, being alternated with layers of earth, is submitted to sublimation. In the island of Formosa, where the camphor-tree abounds, the chips are heated in a rough still. This is usually composed of a furnace surmounted with a trough or similar rude vessel, which is protected by clay. In this reservoir the chips are placed, with water upon them, and a perforated board luted upon the top; on this are set earthen pots. A fire having been lighted, steam rises through the chips and carries the camphor with it to deposit it in the pots. The crude camphor is taken to the towns in baskets and then put into large vats, with holes in the bottom, through which an oil escapes called *camphor-oil*, much used by the Chinese for medical purposes. It is said that of recent years hydraulic pressure is largely substituted for drainage, and that the camphor, thus drained, is packed in bags and exported. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1863, p. 280.)

Commercial History. Camphor, in the *crude* state, is brought to this country chiefly from Canton. It comes also from Batavia, Singapore, Calcutta, and frequently from London. All of it is probably derived originally from China and Japan. Two commercial varieties are found in the market. The cheapest and most abundant is the *Chinese camphor*, most of which is produced in the island of Formosa and thence taken to Canton. It comes in chests lined with lead, each containing about 130 pounds. It is in small grains or granular masses, of a dirty-white color, and frequently mixed with impurities. It has occurred in commerce adulterated with ammonium chloride. The other variety is variously called *Japan*, *Dutch*, or *tub* camphor, the first name being derived from the place of its origin, the second from the people through whom it was introduced into commerce, and the third from the recipient in which it is often contained. It has usually come from Batavia, to which port it was taken from Japan. Like the former variety, it is in grains or granular masses; but the grains are larger and of a pinkish color, and there are fewer impurities, so that it yields a larger product when refined.

Crude camphor, as brought from the East, is never found in the shop of the apothecary. It must be refined before it can be used for medicinal purposes. The process for refining

* A tree seen by Kämpfer, in Japan, in 1691, with a trunk 36 feet in circumference, was in the year 1826 described by Siebold as having a circumference of 50 feet.

† Attempts are being made, with, it is asserted, very promising results, to produce camphor in California and also in Florida. Within a few years the price of camphor has enormously risen. This has been stated to be due to the fact that, whilst in the government forests of southern Japan a certain amount of discretion is employed in the cutting of plants, the private forests, which yield four-fifths of the national product, are becoming exhausted by wanton destruction. It would seem, however, that the increase of price is not due so much to decrease of supply as to increase of demand, through the growing use of camphor in the arts (especially in the manufacture of celluloid and smokeless powder), as is shown by the following official report of the total Japanese export in twelve years. 1880, 20,220 piculs; 1881, 21,344 piculs; 1882, 31,610 piculs; 1883, 35,660 piculs; 1884, 29,900 piculs; 1885, 22,207 piculs; 1886, 34,952 piculs; 1887, 48,164 piculs; 1888, 28,394 piculs; 1889, 41,115 piculs; 1890, 37,161 piculs; 1891, 38,504 piculs.

‡ For detailed description, see *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 167; also *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884, p. 132.

camphor was first practised in Europe by the Venetians, who probably derived it from the Chinese. It was afterwards transferred to the Dutch, who long enjoyed a monopoly of this business; and it is only within a few years that the process has been generally known. It is now practised largely in this country, and the camphor refined in our domestic establishments is equal to any formerly imported. Crude camphor is mixed with about one-fiftieth of quicklime, and exposed, in an iron vessel placed in a sand-bath, to a gradually increasing heat, by which it is melted, and ultimately converted into vapor, which condenses in a suitable recipient.* Refined in this manner, it is usually in the form of large circular cakes, one or two inches thick, slightly convex on one side and concave on the other, and perforated in the centre. Camphor can also be made artificially by the oxidation of *camphene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, with chromic acid mixture. Camphene is obtained from either pinenehydrochloride (so-called artificial camphor) or from bornyl chloride by treatment with alcoholic potash, and is a solid crystalline mass, fusing at 49° C. The importations of camphor for the past two years have been: for 1891, 1,716,167 pounds, valued at $468,060; for 1892, 1,955,787 pounds, valued at $447,634.

Properties. "White, translucent masses, of a tough consistence and a crystalline structure, readily pulverizable in the presence of a little alcohol, ether, or chloroform; having a penetrating, characteristic odor, and a pungently aromatic taste. Specific gravity, 0·995 at 15° C. (59° F.). Very sparingly soluble in water, but readily soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzin, and in fixed and volatile oils. When Camphor is triturated, in about molecular proportions, with menthol, thymol, phenol, or chloral hydrate, liquefaction ensues. It melts at 175° C. (347° F.), boils at 204° C. (399·2° F.), and is inflammable, burning with a luminous, smoky flame. On exposure to the air it evaporates more or less rapidly at ordinary temperatures, and, when moderately heated, it sublimes without leaving a residue." *U. S.* Camphor has a peculiar, strong, penetrating, fragrant odor, and a bitter, pungent taste, with a slight sense of coolness. It is beautifully white and pellucid, somewhat unctuous to the touch, brittle, and yet possessed of a tenacity which renders its reduction to a fine powder very difficult, unless its cohesion be overcome by the addition of a minute proportion of alcohol, ether, chloroform, glycerin, essential or fatty oil, or other volatile liquid for which it has an affinity. It may be obtained in powder by pulverizing with an equal weight of sugar, by precipitating the tincture with water, or by grating and afterwards sifting it,† or, better yet, by sublimation. The fracture of camphor is shining, and its texture crystalline. Its sp. gr. varies from 0·9857 to 0·996. When thrown in small fragments upon water, it assumes singular circulatory movements, which cease upon the addition of a drop of oil; and this property has been applied to the detection of grease in liquids, a very small proportion of which is sufficient to prevent the movements. Its volatility is so great that, even at ordinary temperatures, it is wholly dissipated if left exposed to the air. When it is confined in bottles, the vapor condenses on the inner surface, and, in large bottles partially filled, sometimes forms, after long standing, large and beautiful crystals. It melts at 175° C. (347° F.), boils at 204° C. (399·2° F.), and, in close vessels, sublimes unchanged. When allowed to concrete slowly from the state of vapor, it assumes the form of hexagonal plates. It is not altered by air and light. It readily takes fire, burning with a brilliant flame, with much smoke, and without residue. Water triturated with camphor dissolves, according to Berzelius, not more than 1000th part; which, however, is sufficient to impart a decided odor and taste to the solvent. By the intervention of sugar or magnesia a much larger proportion is dissolved. (See *Aqua Camphoræ*.) Carbonic acid increases the solvent power of water, as also does the spirit of nitrous ether.

* We are informed that the process is conducted in the following manner in some of the laboratories of Philadelphia. The vessels in which the camphor is put are of cast iron, circular, from 12 to 15 inches or more in diameter, and 4 inches deep, with perpendicular sides, and a ledge at top, on which the cover rests. This consists of sheet iron, with a hole through the centre about an inch in diameter, over which a small hollow cone of sheet iron is placed loosely. The crude camphor mixed with the lime, the object of which is said to be to combine with the moisture present, which interferes with the due solidification of the camphor vapor, is placed in the iron vessels described, of which from 20 to 50 are arranged in a long sand-bath. Heat is then applied until the camphor melts, after which it is kept as nearly uniform as possible, so that the vaporation may take place regularly, without violent ebullition. The vapor condenses on the lower surface of the lid; and care is taken, by the occasional removal of the iron cone, and clearing of the opening by means of a knife, to allow the escape of any accidental excess of the vapor. For details as to the mode of refining camphor practised in France, see *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chimie* (Fév. 1868).

† But the powder thus formed is apt to aggregate on keeping. To obviate this it is recommended to rub it up with a minute proportion of magnesium carbonate, from 10 to 20 grains to the ounce; or, as suggested by the late Mr. Henry F. Fish, of New York, to pour an alcoholic solution of camphor into water in which magnesium carbonate is suspended, the proportion employed being 16 ounces of camphor to a drachm of the carbonate suspended in a gallon of water. The powder is allowed to settle on a filter. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1870, p. 506.) Another method of accomplishing the same object, proposed by Mr. John C. Lowd, is to sublime camphor from a retort into a large chamber, and collect the powder. (*Ibid.*, March, 1872, p. 112.)

Ordinary alcohol will take up 75 per cent. of its weight of camphor, which is precipitated upon the addition of water. Berzelius states that 100 parts of alcohol, of the sp. gr. 0·806, dissolve 120 parts at 10° C. (50° F.). It is soluble without change in ether, the volatile and fixed oils, strong acetic acid, and diluted mineral acids, and is extremely soluble in chloroform. Nitric acid on prolonged boiling with camphor oxidizes it into *camphoric acid*, $C_{10}H_{16}O_4$,* and *camphoronic acid*, $C_9H_{12}O_5$. Schwanert's *camphresinic acid*, $C_{10}H_{14}O_{12}$, is, according to Kachler, a mixture of these two. Sulphuric acid in the proportion of ten parts to one gives, when heated with camphor, an oil isomeric with camphor, boiling at 200° C. (392° F.), and yielding a solid camphor when distilled repeatedly over solid caustic potash. Sulphuric acid in the proportion of four to one gives with camphor, according to Chautard, a volatile product which he calls *camphrene*, and to which Schwanert gives the formula $C_9H_{14}O$. Kachler (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 164, p. 90) considers, however, that camphrene is only *phorone* (a condensation product of acetone) with slight impurities. Alcoholic potash solution heated with camphor gives a derivative called *campholic acid*, $C_{10}H_{18}O_2$, a white solid, fusing at 95° C. (203° F.), and boiling at 250° C. (482° F.). Resins unite with it, forming a soft tenacious mass, in which the odor of the camphor is sometimes almost extinguished, and frequently diminished; and a similar softening effect results when it is triturated with the concrete oils.† Exposed to a strong heat, in close vessels, camphor is resolved into carbonic acid gas and hydrocarbons, among which cymol is especially to be recognized.

Camphor, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, and borneol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$,‡ are classified together as belonging to the group

* *Camphoric acid* occurs in small, white, acicular or scaly crystals, free from odor, of a feebly acid taste, sparingly soluble in cold, freely in hot, water, also in alcohol, ether, and fatty oils, and having a melting point of about 176° F. It is made by boiling camphor or campholic acid with concentrated nitric acid, and Maissen states that the best results are obtained by using a mixture of camphor and borneol, produced by the action of sodium on camphor.

Camphoric acid appears to be a valuable remedy, of distinct power in checking the *colliquative sweats* of phthisis and perhaps of other diseases, and having a special relation with the mucous membranes. It has been highly commended both internally and locally in *bronchitis* and *phthisis*. As a local application, the 1 per cent. solution is said to act most happily in ordinary *sore throat* and in *laryngitis*; but in the clinic of Professor Mosler, inhalations of camphoric acid solution failed to achieve good in *bronchitis* and in *pulmonary tuberculosis*. In *chronic cystitis* the bladder may be washed out twice a day with a half of 1 per cent. solution, an ounce or so of the solution being left in the bladder, and the strength of the solution increased as necessary. In *pyelitis*, as well as in *cystitis*, the drug should be given by the mouth. Warman claims great value for the remedy in *chronic gonorrhœa*. Fürbringer found it to be useful as an intestinal disinfectant, and it would seem to be a valuable remedy in the treatment of *diarrhœa*. It appears to be rapidly absorbed and as rapidly eliminated, as it may be found in the urine from two to five hours after its ingestion. (*Bohland.*) When used locally it can generally be given internally with advantage at the same time. Dose, 10 to 30 grains (0·650 to 1·95 Gm.), three times a day, in capsule. In the case of night-sweats the large dose may be given at bedtime, or, when the sweats come on towards morning, in the middle of the night.

† As this property of camphor may have a bearing, injuriously or otherwise, on pharmaceutical processes, it is desirable that the operator, as well as the prescriber, should be aware of the degree of effect produced by different resinous substances which may be mixed with it. M. Planche has found that mixtures formed by triturating powdered camphor with powdered *dragon's blood*, *guaiac*, *asafetida*, and *galbanum* assume, and preserve indefinitely, the pilular consistence; with *benzoin*, *tolu*, *ammoniac*, and *mastic*, though at first of a pilular consistence, afterwards become soft by exposure to the air; with *sagapenum* and *animé*, assume a permanently semi-liquid form; with *olibanum*, *opopanax*, *gamboge*, *euphorbium*, *bdellium*, *myrrh*, and *amber*, remain pulverulent, though somewhat grumous; and with *tacamahac*, *resin of jalap*, *sandarac*, and *resinoid matter of cinchona*, preserve the form of powder indefinitely. The same experimenter observed that camphor loses its odor entirely when mixed with *asafetida*, *galbanum*, *sagapenum*, *animé*, and *tolu*; retains a feeble odor with *dragon's blood*, *olibanum*, *mastic*, *benzoin*, *opopanax*, *tacamahac*, *guaiac*, and *ammoniac*; while with the other resinous substances above mentioned, it either has its odor increased, or retains it without material change. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiv. 226.)

In mixing camphor with other substances in the form of powder, it is best to first pulverize the camphor with the aid of a little alcohol, then to pulverize the other substances together, and lastly to mix the two powders gently; much rubbing with the pestle having the effect of consolidating the granules of the camphor. (*Procter.*)

‡ *Sumatra Camphor. Borneo Camphor. Dryobalanops Camphor. Baros Camphor. Borneol.* This camphor is produced in the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, by *Dryobalanops camphora*, or *D. aromatica*. This tree is very large, often exceeding one hundred feet in height, with a trunk six or seven feet in diameter, and ranks among the tallest and largest trees in India.* It is found in Sumatra and Borneo, and is abundant on the northwest coast of the former island. The camphor exists in concrete masses, which occupy longitudinal cavities or fissures in the heart of the tree, from a foot to a foot and a half long, at certain distances apart. The younger trees are generally less productive than the old. The only method of ascertaining whether a tree contains camphor is by incision. A party proceed through the forest, wounding the trees, till they find one which will answer their purpose; and hundreds may be examined before this object is attained. When discovered, the tree is felled and cut into logs, which are then split, and the camphor removed by means of sharp-pointed instruments. It is stated that the masses are sometimes as thick as a man's arm; and that the product of a middling-sized tree is nearly eleven pounds; of a large one, double that quantity. The trees which have been wounded and left standing often produce camphor seven

* For a particular description of this tree, see a paper by Dr. W. H. De Vriese, of Leyden, in the *A. J. P.* (xxiv. 329), taken from Hooker's Journal of Botany. In this paper it is stated on the authority of Dr. Junghuhn, who witnessed the process of collection, that the camphor is deposited in very small quantities in minute fissures between the fibres, from which it is scraped off by small splinters of wood, or by the nail; and the thickest and oldest trees seldom yield more than two ounces. This account as to the productiveness of the tree differs greatly from that of Colebrook, as stated in the note above.

called in general *camphors*, which occur with the *terpenes* or essential oils, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and are to be considered as oxidation products of these latter.

Borneol is an alcohol, yielding compound ethers when heated to about 200° C. (392° F.) with organic acids. It is a secondary alcohol, and therefore contains the group CH.OH linked to a more complex group. Secondary alcohols by oxidation yield *ketones*, by the change of the CH.OH group to CO. Common camphor bears this relation to borneol, and is therefore considered as a ketone, although not capable of being formed directly from borneol. The action of metallic sodium, however, upon common camphor, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, yields borneol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$.

Genuine camphor is said to be sometimes adulterated with the artificial, which may be detected by the action of ammonia upon its alcoholic solution, causing a flocculent precipitate, which does not redissolve, and the quantity of which is proportionate to that of the artificial product in any mixture of the two. (*A. J. P.*, xxxiv. 189.) As a means of distinguishing from the artificial camphor resulting from the reaction between the oil of turpentine and hydrochloric acid, Mr. J. W. Bailey recommends that a drop of alcohol, holding a little of the camphor to be tested in solution, be allowed to evaporate on the slide of a microscope. The crystals then formed produce with polarized light beautiful colors, if of natural camphor, but not if of the artificial. (*Neues Repertorium*, xvi. 763, 1867.)*

or eight years afterwards. Mrs. Ida Pfeiffer states, in her *Second Journey round the World* (Am. ed., p. 183), that the camphor is also found in a concrete state under the bark, and is swept down with long brooms. The whole tree is pervaded more or less by the camphor or the oil. The wood retains a fragrant smell, and, being on this account less liable to the attacks of insects, is highly esteemed for carpenter-work.

Borneo camphor resembles in appearance ordinary camphor, but has, according to Christison, a specific gravity of 1·009, and sinks in water. Its odor is also distinctly different from that of camphor. It usually pulverizes without the addition of alcohol, is less volatile than ordinary camphor, and does not crystallize in the interior of the bottles in which it is kept. It fuses at 206° C. and boils at 212° C.; is dextrogyrate; has a formula of $C_{10}H_{17}(OH)$; and by the action of boiling nitric acid is converted into common camphor. It does not reach European commerce, being largely consumed in the Batta provinces, especially in funeral rites; and any that is exported is bought up at enormous prices for China, where it is especially preferred for embalming purposes on account of its being less volatile than the ordinary drug.

Borneo camphor is also produced in Johore, a province of the Malay peninsula, where it is sold in four qualities. The first is composed of transparent crystals, generally a quarter of an inch and upwards in length; the second of brown crystals, inferior in size; the third of powdery coherent and slightly colored grayish crystals, which resemble Japanese camphor; the fourth quality is brownish, pulverulent, and looks like sea-shore sand. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xvii.)

Ngai camphor is yielded by the *Blumea balsamifera*, which occurs in India, China, Formosa, etc. The crude drug is known to the Chinese as *ngai-fêu*, and when refined in Canton as *ngai-p'ien*. About ten thousand pounds annually are exported from Canton. The refined camphor in appearance, odor, hardness, specific gravity, and volatility agrees almost precisely with Borneo camphor. According to Plowman, it has the chemical composition of Borneo camphor, but differs from it in its alcoholic solution being lævogyrate, and in being converted by boiling nitric acid into a substance thought to be identical with the stearopten of *Chrysanthemum parthenium* Pers.

The physiological action of *Borneo* and *Ngai camphor* and of artificial *borneol* has been studied by R. Stockman (*Journ. of Physiol.*, 1888), who finds that the action of the three substances is practically identical and closely resembles that of true camphor. He finds that these substances act as stimulants to the heart, but that when the dose is sufficiently large there occurs a fall of blood-pressure, apparently due to dilatation of the vessels; that in poisoning the respiration is always very much slowed, apparently by a centric action; that the convulsions which the drug produces are due to an influence upon the cerebral cortex; and that there is a lessening of the functional activity of the spinal cord and of the motor nerves.

* Oil of Camphor. Two substances occur in commerce under the name of oil of camphor: the one derived from the *Camphora officinarum*, known as the *Formosa* or *Japanese Oil of Camphor*, and formerly official under the name of *Oleum camphoræ* in the U. S. P.; the other the product of *Dryobalanops camphora*, the *East India oil of camphor*, not occurring in American and European commerce. The commercial oil of camphor, as found in our markets, is a fluid of a light reddish-brown color with a yellowish tint, having a strong odor precisely like that of camphor, a bitterish camphorous taste, and the specific gravity, according to Prof. Procter, of 0·940. As described by M. Lallemand, the oil of the *Camphora officinarum* is very fluid, scarcely colored, and of a strong smell of camphor. It acts strongly on polarized light, and is dextrogyrate. It has been considered to be simply a mixture of camphor, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, and a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, but is in reality much more complex. Yoshida (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 99) separated it into five portions, as follows: 0·2 per cent. boiling below 145° C.; 7 per cent. of a hydrocarbon boiling at 156° C.; 20 per cent. of a hydrocarbon boiling at 172°–173° C.; 22·8 per cent. of camphor, boiling point 205° C.; 50 per cent. of an oxygenated oil boiling at 212°–213° C. The hydrocarbon boiling at 156° C., Yoshida determined to be *terebinthene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, which differs in physical respects, however, from the terebinthene of oil of turpentine. The hydrocarbon boiling at 172°–173° C. he found to have a pleasant lemon odor, and, he thinks, is identical with the *citrene* of lemon oil. To the oxygenated oil, which constitutes half of the crude oil, he gives the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O,H_2O$, and calls it *camphorogenol*. Schimmel & Co., of Leipsic, have, since 1885, extracted *safrol* commercially from the Japanese oil of camphor, and they give a different account of its composition. They state (*Bericht von Schimmel & Co.*, April, 1888) that it contains *camphor*, *safrol*, *eugenol*, a *sesquiterpene*, $C_{15}H_{24}$, and possibly *terpinol*. They do not consider Yoshida's camphorogenol to be a distinct substance.

Within the last few years there has appeared in the American and English markets in considerable quantity an oil of camphor produced in Japan. It is imported in tin cans, and varies in tint from the colorless transparency of water, through pale straw, and yellow, to deep black. The specific gravity varies from 0·898 in the colorless oil to 0·990 in the very dark. The oil seems to vary greatly in the amount of camphor it contains, much of it having nearly all the solid principle removed before exportation. The odor is distinctly camphoraceous, with a peculiarity that suggests the odor of sassafras. It is said by Mr. Peter MacEwan to differ from the Formosa oil in its

Medical Properties and Uses. Camphor does not seem to have been known to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Europe probably derived it from the Arabians, by whom it was employed as a refrigerant. Much difference of opinion has prevailed as to its mode of action; some maintaining its immediate sedative influence, others considering it as a direct and decided stimulant. Its operation appears to be primarily and chiefly directed to the cerebral and nervous systems; and the circulation, though usually affected to a greater or less extent, is probably involved, for the most part, through the brain. It acts also, to a certain extent, as a direct irritant of the mucous membranes with which it is brought into contact, and may thus in some measure secondarily excite the pulse. The effects of the medicine vary with the quantity administered. In moderate doses it produces, in health, mental exhilaration, increased heat of skin, and occasional diaphoresis. The pulse is usually increased in fulness, but little, if at all, in force or frequency. According to the experiments of certain Italian physicians, it has a tendency to the urinary and genital organs, producing a burning sensation along the urethra, and exciting voluptuous dreams (*N. Am. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, ix. 442); and these experiments have been confirmed by the observations of Dr. Reynolds in a case of poisoning by camphor (*Brit. Am. Journ. of Med.*, June, 1846). Cullen, however, states that he has employed it fifty times, even in large doses, without having ever observed any effect upon the urinary passages. By many it is believed to calm irritation of the urinary and genital apparatus and to possess antaphrodisiac properties. In its primary operation it allays nervous disorder, quiets restlessness, and produces a general placidity of feeling, and is thus highly useful in certain forms of disease attended with derangement of the nervous functions. In larger doses it displays a more decided action on the brain, producing more or less giddiness and mental confusion, with a disposition to sleep; and in morbid states of the system relieving pain, and allaying spasmodic action. In immoderate doses it occasions nausea, vomiting, anxiety, faintness, vertigo, delirium, insensibility, coma, and convulsions, which may end in death. The pulse, under these circumstances, is at first reduced in frequency and force (Alexander, *Experimental Essays*, p. 227); but, as the action advances, it sometimes happens that symptoms of strong sanguineous determination to the head become evident in the flushed countenance, inflamed and fiery eyes, and highly excited pulse. (*Quarin.*) In three cases of poisoning by camphor, reported by Schaaf, of Strasburg, the symptoms produced were violent and incessant convulsions, paleness and coolness of the surface, vomiting and frequent micturition, and finally stupor or coma. The patients were children, and the youngest, a girl of about eighteen months, died from the effects of the poison, of which she took about ten grains. (*Monthly Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1850, p. 377.) There can be no doubt that camphor is absorbed, as its odor is observed in the breath and perspiration, and, according to Dr. Reynolds, in the urine also, though the contrary has been asserted.

By its moderately stimulating powers, its diaphoretic tendency, and its influence over the nervous system, camphor is adapted to the treatment of diseases of a typhoid character, which combine with the enfeebled condition of the system a frequent irritated pulse, a dry skin, and much nervous derangement, indicated by restlessness, watchfulness, tremors, subsultus, and low muttering delirium. It is not, however, at present much used in serious disease, but is very extensively employed in various functional nervous disorders, such as *hysteria*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *general nervousness*, and even in *nymphomania*. It is much used in *diarrhœa*, in

behavior towards nitric acid. If half a drachm of the acid be allowed to act upon half a drachm of Japanese oil, and then diluted with half a drachm of water, a crimson color will be produced. The Formosa oil so treated yields a milky color with a scarcely perceptible green shade; hydrochloric acid gives with each oil a salmon color, more marked, however, with the Japanese oil. For further details, see *P. J. Tr.*, vols. xv., xvi., and *Journ. Chem. Soc.*, Oct. 1885. The oil is said to be used in Japan for the preparation of Chinese ink and varnishes, and for burning.

The Formosa camphor oil industry, owing to onerous trade restrictions, has decreased greatly (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Ind.*, 1887, p. 391), while that of Japan has increased enormously. In 1885 the exportation from Japan was 225,200 kilos, in 1886, 537,700 kilos, and in 1887 much more; but on account of the failure of price very recently the Japanese have consumed most of the oil they produce, the importation into the United States in 1892 having been but a little more than one-fourth of what it had been.

The oil of camphor has properties similar to those of camphor, but more stimulant, and is especially applicable to affections of the stomach and bowels in which an anodyne and stimulant impression is indicated, as *flatulent colic* and *spasmodic cholera*. It may also be used externally, as a rubefacient and anodyne liniment, diluted with soap liniment, or olive oil, in *local rheumatism* and *neuralgic pains*, *bruises*, *sprains*, etc. The dose is two or three drops (0·12 to 0·18 C.c.).

The *Dryobalanops oil of camphor* is said to be found in trees too young to produce camphor, and is supposed to constitute the first stage in the development of this substance, as it occupies the cavities in the trunk which are afterwards filled with the camphor. The chief constituent of it is a peculiar volatile oil, which is termed *borneene*, is isomeric with oil of turpentine, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and holds in solution borneol and resin. By fractional distillation this oil may be separated into two portions, the one more volatile than the other, but not differing in composition.

flatulence, spasmodic colic, etc., as a local stimulant to the alimentary canal. In some of these cases, much advantage may be derived from combining it with opium.

It is much used locally as an anodyne, dissolved in alcohol, oil, or acetic acid, and frequently combined with laudanum. In *rheumatic* and *gouty affections*, and various internal spasmodic and inflammatory complaints, it often yields relief in this way. The *ardor urinæ* of gonorrhœa may be alleviated by injecting an oleaginous solution of camphor into the urethra; and the *tenesmus* from ascarides and dysentery, by administering the same solution in the form of enema. Twenty or thirty grains of camphor, added to a poultice, and applied to the perineum, allay the *chordee* which is a painful attendant upon gonorrhœa. Its vapor has been inhaled into the lungs with benefit in *asthma* and *spasmodic cough*; and a lump of it held to the nose is said to relieve *coryza*. It has been employed for the same purpose, and for *nervous headache*, in the form of powder snuffed up the nostrils. It enters into the composition of certain tooth-powders.

Camphor may be given in substance, in the form of bolus or pill, or diffused in water by trituration with various substances. The form of pill is objectionable, as in this state the camphor is with difficulty dissolved in the gastric liquor, and, floating on the top, is apt to excite nausea, or pain and uneasiness in the upper orifice of the stomach. Orfila states that when given in the solid form it is capable of producing ulceration in the gastric mucous membrane. The emulsion is almost always preferred. This is made by rubbing up the camphor with loaf sugar, gum arabic, and water; and the suspension will be rendered more complete and permanent by the addition of a little myrrh. Milk is sometimes used as a vehicle, but is objectionable from its liability to become speedily sour. The aqueous solution is often employed where only a slight impression is desired. For this purpose, the *Aqua Camphoræ* of the U. S. Pharmacopœia is preferable to the solution made by simply pouring boiling water upon a lump of camphor, which is sometimes prescribed under the name of *camphor tea*. When chloroform is not inadmissible, an elegant preparation may be made by dissolving camphor in that liquid, in the proportion of two drachms of the former to a fluidrachm of the latter, and then mixing the solution with water by the intervention of the yolk of an egg. (See *Linimentum Camphoræ;* also *Spiritus Camphoræ*.) The medium dose of camphor is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.); but, to meet various indications, it may be diminished to a single grain (0·065 Gm.) or increased to a scruple (1·3 Gm.). There is no known antidote to camphor, and in poisoning by it, after evacuation of the stomach and bowels, the symptoms must be met as they arise.

CAMPHORA MONOBROMATA. U. S. Monobromated Camphor.

$C_{10}H_{15}BrO$; 230·42. (CĂM'PHQ-RĄ MŎN-Ǫ-BRŌ-MĀ'TĄ.) $C_{10}H_{15}BrO$; 230·8.

Bromated Camphor, Brominated Camphor, Brom-camphor; Camphre monobromé, *Fr.;* Monobrom Camphor, *G.*

This substance was discovered in 1861 by Th. Swarts, who prepared it by heating bibromide of camphor in a sealed tube to 100° C. It may also be made by heating for three hours in a sealed tube, with the water-bath, bromine and camphor in the proper chemical proportions. The crystalline mass is washed with water, recrystallized from alcohol after treatment with animal charcoal, washed with an alcoholic solution of potassa, then with much water, and finally recrystallized from a mixture of alcohol and ether. It is very easy to prepare the monobromide on a small scale in this way. There is, however, at all times a very great pressure upon the inside of the tube, and the attempt to practise the method upon a large scale is very apt to result in shattering the tubes. This has led to numerous experiments as to the best method of preparing it. Prof. Maisch (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 339) introduces 4 oz. of bromine gradually into a retort in which 13 oz. of camphor have been previously placed. In 15 or 20 minutes a brisk reaction will commence. When this subsides, 8 or 9 oz. more of bromine are to be poured in, in four portions, waiting after each addition until the reaction ceases. The liquid in the retort is now to be heated to about 132° C. (270° F.), then cooled, and sufficient petroleum benzin added to dissolve the crystalline mass. The crystals which are formed on cooling may be purified by recrystallization from benzin or hot alcohol. Various modifications of this process have been proposed. Prof. J. U. Lloyd (*A. J. P.*, April, 1875) directs the addition of water to the camphor and bromine in the retort, and boils the mixture for two hours, or until all the water is evaporated. Then the contents are poured into a dish and treated with warm alcohol, and allowed to crystallize, the mother-liquor being drained off and recrystallized from hot alcohol. C. C. Keller (*Schweiz. Wochensch. f. Pharm.*, 1880, p. 50) uses chloroform (instead of water, as proposed by Prof. Lloyd) with the camphor and bromine, and

washes the crystals with absolute alcohol, crystallizing them finally from an ethereal solution. 300 parts of camphor yield 340 parts of monobromated camphor.*

Properties. "Colorless, prismatic needles or scales, having a mild, camphoraceous odor and taste, permanent in the air, unaffected by light, and neutral to litmus paper. Almost insoluble in water; freely soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, hot benzin, and fixed and volatile oils; slightly soluble in glycerin. It is also soluble, without decomposition, in cold, concentrated sulphuric acid, from which it separates again unaltered, when the solution is poured into water. It melts at 76° C. (168·8° F.), and sublimes at a slightly higher temperature. At 274° C. (525·2° F.) it boils without decomposition, and is finally volatilized without leaving a residue." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Monobromated camphor was first proposed as a medicine by Professor Deneffe, and has been used as a nervous sedative in *delirium tremens*, *hysteria*, *convulsive irritation* of teething, *sleeplessness*, etc. According to the experiments of Dr. Bourneville (*Le Progrès Médical*, 1874) and of Dr. Lawson (*The Practitioner*, Aug. 1874), it produces in mammals muscular weakness, passing into paralysis, very decided progressive reduction of temperature, decrease in the respiration rate, sleep passing into stupor, and finally death. Dr. Bourneville states that the vessels of the ear and eyelids in the rabbit are contracted. Its therapeutic action resembles, but is not identical with, that of other bromides; in the experience of Dr. H. C. Wood, it has seemed to be of especial value in *spermatorrhœa*. It is not safe to give it too freely, as in some cases its ingestion has been followed by epileptiform convulsions. The dose of it is 5 grains (0·33 Gm.),† given in pill or emulsion, and repeated every hour for 2 or 3 doses if necessary. The emulsion may be made by dissolving it in six times its weight of expressed oil of almonds, and then forming an emulsion with gum and water in the usual manner.

CANELLÆ CORTEX. Br. Canella Bark.

(CA-NĔL'LÆ CÖR'TĔX.)

"The bark of Canella alba, Murray, deprived of its corky layer and dried." *Br.*

Canella, *U. S.* 1870; Cannelle blanche, *Fr.;* Weisser Zimmt, Canell, Weisser Canell, *G.;* Cannella bianca, *It.;* Canela blanca, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx three-lobed. *Petals* five. *Anthers* sixteen, adhering to an urceolate nectary. *Berry* one-celled with two or four seeds. *Willd.* (*Nat. Ord.* Canellaceæ.)

Canella alba. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 851; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 24, pl. 16; *B. & T.* 26. This is the only species of the genus. It is an erect tree, rising sometimes to the height of fifty feet, branching only at the top, and covered with a whitish bark, by which it is easily distinguished from other trees in the woods where it grows. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, oblong obtuse, entire, of a dark green color, thick and shining like those of the laurel, and of a similar odor. The flowers are small, of a violet color, and grow in clusters upon divided footstalks, at the extremities of the branches. The fruit is an oblong berry, containing one, two, or three black, shining seeds.

Canella alba is a native of Florida, the Bahama Islands, and also of Jamaica and other West India islands. The bark of the branches, which is the part employed in medicine, is loosened and deprived of its epidermis by beating. After removal from the tree it is dried in the shade. It comes to us in pieces partially or completely quilled, occasionally somewhat twisted, of various sizes, from a few inches to two feet in length, from half a line to two or even three lines in thickness, and, in the quill, from half an inch to an inch and a half in diameter. It enters commerce solely from the Bahamas, where it is known as *cinnamon bark*, or as *white wood bark.*

Properties. Canella is of a pale orange-yellow color externally, yellowish white on the inner surface, with an aromatic odor somewhat resembling that of cloves, and a warm, bitterish, very pungent taste. It is brittle, breaking with a short fracture, and yielding, when pulverized, a yellowish-white powder. Boiling water extracts nearly one-fourth of its weight; but the infusion, though bitter, has comparatively little of the warmth and pungency of the bark.

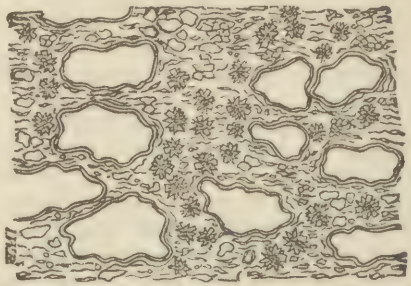
* *Chlorinated Camphor* ($C_{10}H_{15}Cl.O$), the counterpart of monobromated camphor, has been studied physiologically by F. Perrenot under the name of *Chlorure de Camphre* (*Thèse*, Lyon, 1886). He finds that it is not poisonous, but has distinct antiseptic properties, and recommends it as a substitute for iodoform and other antiseptics when ulcerated surfaces need a stimulant dressing.

† *Elixir of Monobromated Camphor* is proposed by Munday (*P. J. Tr.*, March 3, 1877). Monobromated camphor 3 parts, alcohol (90 per cent.) 120 parts, orange-flower water 80 parts, glycerin 100 parts. Mix the alcohol and glycerin; dissolve the monobromated camphor by the use of a gentle heat, and add the orange-flower water. It contains 1 per cent. of monobromated camphor.

It yields all its virtues to alcohol, forming a bright yellow tincture, which is rendered milky by the addition of water. By distillation with water it affords a large proportion of a yellow or reddish, fragrant and very acrid volatile oil. It contains, moreover, according to the analysis of MM. Petroz and Robinet, mannite, a peculiar very bitter extractive, resin, gum, starch, albumen, and various saline substances. Meyers and Reiche obtained twelve drachms of the volatile oil from ten pounds of the bark. They found it to consist of four different oils, the first being identical with the eugenol or eugenic acid of oil of cloves; the second is closely allied to the chief constituent of cajuput oil; the other oils require further examination. The bark yielded to Flückiger 0·74 per cent. of oil. Meyers and Reiche also obtained 8 per cent. of mannite and 6 per cent. of ash, chiefly calcium carbonate. (*Pharmacograph.*, 2d ed., p. 75.) Canella has been sometimes confounded with Winter's bark, from which, however, it differs both in sensible properties and in composition. (See *Wintera.*) Mr. John P. Frey found by proximate analysis the following constituents: volatile oil, 1·28 per cent.; resin, 8·2 per cent.; mannite, 8 per cent.; ash, 8·9 per cent.; also starch, bitter principle, albumen, and cellulose. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 1.)



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Medical Properties and Uses. Canella is possessed of the ordinary properties of the aromatics, acting as a local stimulant and gentle tonic, and producing upon the stomach a warming cordial effect, which renders it useful as an addition to tonic or purgative medicines, in debilitated states of the digestive organs. It is scarcely ever prescribed except in combination. In the West Indies it is employed by the negroes as a condiment, and has some reputation as an antiscorbutic. Dose, ten to forty grains (0·65–2·6 Gm.).

CANNABIS INDICA. U. S., Br. Indian Cannabis. [Indian Hemp.]

(CĂN'NA-BĬS ĬN'DI-CA.)

"The flowering tops of the female plant of Cannabis sativa, Linné (nat. ord. Urticaceæ), grown in the East Indies." *U. S.* "The dried flowering or fruiting tops of the female plants of Cannabis sativa; grown in India, and from which the resin has not been removed. It is known in India as Gunjah or Ganga." *Br.*

Hemp, Indian Hemp; Herba Cannabis Indicæ, *P.G.*; Chanvre Indien, *Fr.*; Indischer Hanf, *G.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-parted. *Stamens* five. FEMALE. *Calyx* one-leaved, rolled up. *Styles* two. *Lindley.*

Cannabis sativa. Linn. *Sp. Plant.* 1457; Griffith, *Med. Bot.* p. 572; *B. & T.* 231. Hemp is an annual plant, from four to eight feet or more in height, with an erect, branching, angular stem. The leaves are alternate or opposite, on long, lax footstalks, roughish, and digitate, with linear-lanceolate, serrated segments. The stipules are subulate. The flowers are axillary; the male in long, branched, drooping racemes; the female in erect, simple spikes. The stamens are five, with long pendulous anthers; the pistils two, with long, filiform, glandular stigmas. The fruit is ovate and one-seeded. The whole plant is covered with a fine pubescence, scarcely visible to the naked eye, and somewhat viscid to the touch. The hemp plant of India, from which the drug is derived, has been considered by some as a distinct species, and named *Can-*

nabis indica; but the most observant botanists, upon comparing it with our cultivated plant, have been unable to discover any specific difference. It is now, therefore, regarded merely as a variety, and is distinguished by the epithet *indica*. Dr. Pereira states that in the female plant the flowers are somewhat more crowded than in the common hemp, but that the male plants in the two varieties are in all respects the same.

C. sativa is a native of the Caucasus, Persia, and the hilly regions in the north of India. It is cultivated in many parts of Europe and Asia, and largely in our Western States. It is from the Indian variety exclusively that the medicine was formerly obtained; the heat of the climate in Hindostan apparently favoring the development of its active principle.* Dr. H. C. Wood, having obtained a parcel of the male plant of *C. americana* from Kentucky, made an alcoholic extract of the leaves and tops, and, upon trying it on the system, found it effective in less than a grain, and, having inadvertently taken too large a dose, experienced effects which left no doubt of the powers of the medicine, and of the identity of its influence with that of the Indian plant. How far the female tops might have the same effect is left uncertain; but, if we are to judge from analogy with the Indian plant, they would be preferable to the male. (*Proc. Am. Philos. Soc.*, vol. xi. p. 226.) The results obtained by Dr. Wood were so decisive that at the 1870 revision of our Pharmacopœia the American plant was recognized; but in 1880 it was dropped.

The seeds, though not now official, have been used in medicine. They are about the eighth of an inch long, roundish-ovate, somewhat compressed, of a shining ash-gray color, and of a disagreeable, oily, sweetish taste. They yield by expression about 20 per cent. of a fixed oil, which has the drying property, and is used in the arts. They contain also uncrystallizable sugar and albumen, and when rubbed with water form an emulsion, which may be used advantageously in inflammations of the mucous membranes, though without narcotic properties. The seeds are much used as food for birds, as they are fond of them. They are generally believed to be in no degree poisonous; but M. Michaud relates the case of a child in whom serious symptoms of narcotic poisoning occurred after taking a certain quantity of them. It is probable that some of the fruit eaten by the child was unripe, as in this state it would be more likely to partake of the peculiar qualities of the plant. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1860.)

In Hindostan, Persia, and other parts of the East, hemp has long been habitually employed as an intoxicating agent. The parts used are the tops of the plant, and a resinous product obtained from it. The plant is cut after flowering, and formed into bundles from two to four feet long by three inches in diameter, which are sold in the bazaars under the name of *gunjah*. The *hashish* of the Arabs is essentially the same. The name *bang* is given to a mixture of the larger leaves and capsules without the stems. There is on the surface of the plant a resinous exudation, to which it owes its clammy feel. Men clothed in leather run through the hemp-fields, brushing forcibly against the plants, and thus separating the resin, which is subsequently scraped from their dress, and formed into balls. These are called *churrus*. In these different states of preparation, the hemp is smoked like tobacco, with which it is said to be frequently mixed. An infusion or decoction of the plant is also sometimes used as an exhilarating drink. From gunjah the Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh, obtained a purer resin by the following process. Bruised gunjah is digested, first in successive portions of warm water, till the expressed liquid comes away colorless; and afterwards for two days, with a moderate heat, in a solution of sodium carbonate, containing one part of the salt for two of the dried herb. It is then expressed, washed, dried, and exhausted by percolation with alcohol. The tincture, after being agitated with milk of lime containing one part of the earth for twelve of the gunjah used, is filtered; the lime is precipitated by sulphuric acid; the filtered liquor is agitated with animal charcoal, and again filtered; most of the alcohol is distilled off, and to the residue twice its weight of water is added; the liquor is then allowed to evaporate gradually; and, finally, the

* On a visit to the botanical garden of Edinburgh, in the autumn of 1860, Dr. George B. Wood saw a full-grown specimen of *Cannabis sativa*, and was surprised to find that it was only about four feet high, had little or no odor, and was scarcely adhesive when handled. If this is the general character of the hemp plant in the north of Europe, it is not surprising that it should be destitute of the medicinal properties of the Indian plant. In Philadelphia the plant attains a height usually of six or eight feet, has a decided narcotic odor, and exudes so much of its peculiar resin as to be very adhesive to the fingers. On this occasion Dr. Christison informed Dr. Geo. B. Wood, from information he had received from India, that the plant there cultivated in the hot plains does not yield hashish satisfactorily, but that this product is chiefly if not exclusively obtained from it in the hilly regions. He said, moreover, that the story of the natives running through the hemp-fields and collecting the resin on their clothing, from which it is afterwards scraped, is, if not quite untrue, at least apocryphal. He had been informed that the real mode of gathering it is to rub the hemp-tops between the hands, and, when the palms and fingers are sufficiently loaded with the resin, to scrape it off. It is possible, however, that different methods may be followed in different localities.

resin is washed with fresh water until it ceases to impart a sour or bitter taste to the liquid, and is then dried in thin layers. Thus obtained, it retains the odor and taste of the gunjah, of which 100 pounds yield 6 or 7 of the resinous extract.

Properties. Fresh hemp has a peculiar narcotic odor, which is said to be capable of producing vertigo, headache, and a species of intoxication. It is much less in the dried tops, which have a feeble bitterish taste. According to Dr. Royle, *churrus* is when pure of a blackish-gray, blackish-green, or dirty olive color, of a fragrant and narcotic odor, and a slightly warm, bitterish, and acrid taste. The Indian hemp is officially described as "branching, compressed, brittle, about 5 Cm. or more long, with a few digitate leaves, having linear-lanceolate leaflets, and numerous, sheathing, pointed bracts, each containing two small, pistillate flowers, sometimes with the nearly ripe fruit, the whole more or less agglutinated with a resinous exudation. It has a brownish-green color, a peculiar, narcotic odor, and a slightly acrid taste." *U. S.* Schlesinger found in the leaves a bitter substance, chlorophyll, green resinous extractive, coloring matter, gummy extract, extractive, albumen, lignin, and salts. The plant also contains volatile oil in very small proportion, which probably has narcotic properties. The resin obtained by T. & H. Smith, of Edinburgh, in 1846, has been thought to be the active principle, and has received the name of *cannabin*. It is neutral, soluble in alcohol and ether, and separable from the alcoholic solution by water as a white precipitate. Martino (*N. Rep. Pharm.*, 4, p. 529) obtained a resin fusing at 68° C. (154·4° F.), easily soluble in alcohol, ether, and volatile oils, difficultly soluble in aqueous alkalies and acids. By oxidation with nitric acid a product is formed, *oxycannabin*, $C_{20}H_{20}H_2O_7$, which, after purification, is white and crystalline. Preobraschensky (*Pharm. Zeit. f. Russl.*, 1876, p. 705) believes that cannabis indica contains the alkaloid nicotine; this has, however, not been confirmed, and is hardly probable, because the physiological actions of the two drugs differ very greatly. The taste of *cannabin* is warm, bitterish, acrid, somewhat balsamic, and its odor fragrant, especially when heated. From the effects on the system of the exhalations from fresh hemp, it was a very probable supposition that the plant owed its medical properties, in part at least, to a volatile principle. By repeated distillation of the same portion of water from relatively large quantities of hemp renewed at each distillation, M. J. Personne obtained a volatile oil, of a stupefying odor, and an action on the system such as to dispose him to think that it was the active principle of the plant. As the water distilled was strongly alkaline, he supposed that this volatile principle might be a new alkaloid; but the alkaline reaction was found to depend on ammonia; and the liquid obtained proved to be a volatile oil, lighter than water, of a deep amber color, a strong smell of hemp, and composed of two distinct oils, one colorless, with the formula $C_{18}H_{20}$, the other a hydride of the first, $C_{18}H_{22}$, which was solid, and separates from alcohol in plate-like crystals. For the former M. Personne proposes the name of *cannabene*. It is affirmed that when this is inhaled, or taken into the stomach, a singular excitement is felt throughout the system, followed by a depression, sometimes amounting to syncope, with hallucinations which are generally disagreeable, but an action on the whole slighter and more fugitive than that of the resin. Siebold and Bradbury (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1881), by the process for nicotine, obtained *cannabinine* in the form of a varnish-like dry mass, which they assert is an alkaloid. Dr. Matthew Hay believes that there are several alkaloids in cannabis indica, and he has obtained one, which he describes in *P. J. Tr.*, 1883. Matthew F. Smith has also obtained an alkaloid corresponding to that described by Siebold and Bradbury. He obtained a yellowish-green, transparent, varnish-like mass, which had a strong peculiar odor, resembling that of coniine, and formed a crystalline sulphate. (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 387.)* *Cannabine tannate* is now an article of commerce and made by Merck; it is asserted by Dr. Dornmüller to have soporific effects, but Dr. H. C. Wood has found it to be inert physiologically. Bombelon prepares pure *cannabine* by decomposing the tannate with zinc oxide and extracting the cannabine as a greenish-brown, non-adhesive powder, which he asserts is more reliable than the tannate. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 132.)

Medical Properties. Extract of hemp is a powerful narcotic, causing exhilaration, intoxication, delirious hallucinations, and, in its subsequent action, drowsiness and stupor, with little effect upon the circulation. It is asserted also to act as a decided aphrodisiac, to increase the appetite, and occasionally to induce the cataleptic state. In overdoses it may produce poisonous effects. In morbid states of the system, it has been found to cause sleep, to allay

* Dr. I. Roux (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887) has experimented upon extracts made by treating purified extract of hemp with petroleum benzin and ether. The ether extract produced insignificant results. The petroleum extract was excitant and convulsivant. The alcoholic extract was a feeble narcotic.

spasm, to compose nervous disquietude, and to relieve pain. In these respects it resembles opium; but it differs from that narcotic in not diminishing the appetite, checking the secretions, or constipating the bowels. It is much less certain in its effects, but may sometimes be preferably employed, when opium is contra-indicated by its nauseating or constipating effects, or its disposition to produce headache, and to check the bronchial secretion. The complaints in which it has been specially recommended are *neuralgia*, *gout*, *rheumatism*, *tetanus*, *hydrophobia*, *epidemic cholera*, *convulsions*, *chorea*, *hysteria*, *mental depression*, *delirium tremens*, *insanity*, and *uterine hemorrhage*. Dr. Alexander Christison, of Edinburgh, affirms that it has the property of hastening and increasing the contractions of the uterus in delivery, and has employed it with advantage for this purpose. It acts very quickly, and without anæsthetic effect. It appears, however, to exert this influence only in a certain proportion of cases. (*Ed. Month. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xiii. 117; xv. 124.) The strength of the extract varies much as found in commerce, and therefore no definite dose can be fixed. When it is of good quality, half a grain or a grain (0·03–0·065 Gm.) will affect the system, whilst some apparently good extracts are practically inert. The proper plan is to begin with one-quarter grain (0·016 Gm.), repeated at intervals of two, three, or four hours, and gradually increased until its influence is felt, and the strength of the parcel employed is thus ascertained. Afterwards the dose should be regulated by the ascertained strength; but, should a new parcel be employed, the same caution must be observed as to the commencing dose. A tincture is prepared by dissolving an ounce of the extract in a pint (Imp. meas.) of alcohol. A dose of this, equivalent to a grain of the extract, is about twenty minims (1·25 C.c.), or forty drops.

CANTHARIS. U. S., Br. Cantharides. [Spanish Flies.]

(CĂN'THA-RĬS.)

"Cantharis vesicatoria, De Geer (class, Insecta; order, Coleoptera). Cantharides should be thoroughly dried at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.), and kept in well-closed vessels." *U. S.* "The beetle, Cantharis vesicatoria, De Geer, dried." *Br.*

Cantharides, *P.G.;* Muscæ Hispanicæ; Cantharides, Cantharide, *Fr.;* Spanische Fliege, Kantharide, Cantharide, *G.;* Cantarelie, *It.;* Cantaridas, *Sp.*

The term *Cantharis* was employed by the ancient Greek writers to designate many coleopterous insects or beetles. Linnæus gave the title to a genus not including the official blistering insect, and placed this in the genus *Meloë*, which, however, has been since divided into several genera. Geoffrey made the Spanish fly (beetle)* the prototype of a new one called *Cantharis*, substituting *Cicindela* as the title of the Linnæan genus. Fabricius altered the arrangement of Geoffrey, and substituted *Lytta* for *Cantharis* as the generic name. The former was adopted by the London College, and at one time was in extensive use; but the latter, having been restored by Latreille, is now recognized in the British and American Pharmacopœias, and is universally employed. By this naturalist the vesicating insects were grouped in a small tribe, corresponding very nearly with the Linnæan genus Meloë, and distinguished by the title *Cantharidæ*. This tribe he divided into eleven genera, among which is Cantharis. Two others of these genera, *Meloë* properly so called, and *Mylabris*, have been employed as vesicatories. *Mylabris cichorii* is thought to be one of the insects described by Pliny and Dioscorides under the name of cantharides, and is to this day employed in Italy, Greece, the Levant, and Egypt; and another species, *M. pustulata*, is used for the same purpose in China. Mr. W. R. Warner has found 500 parts of *M. cichorii* to yield 2·13 parts of cantharidin, which somewhat exceeds the yield of Spanish flies (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 195); and R. Wolff has obtained by ethereal extraction more than 4 parts of cantharidin in 500 of the *Lytta aspersa* of Buenos Ayres. The *M. cichorii* has been recently imported to some extent under the name of *Chinese blistering fly*. It is black, with the powder blackish gray and free from shining particles; it yielded to Prof. Maisch (*Proc. Amer. Pharm.*, 1872) 1·016 per cent., and to L. Fahnestock 1·25 per cent., of cantharidin (*A. J. P.*, 1879). For further account of non-official blistering flies, see page 312.

CANTHARIS. *Class* Insecta. *Order* Coleoptera. *Linn.—Family* Trachelides. *Tribe* Cantharidæ. *Latreille.*

Gen. Ch. Tarsi entire; *nails* bifid; *head* not produced into a rostrum; *elytra* flexible, covering the whole abdomen, linear, semicylindric; *wings* perfect; *maxillæ* with two membranous *laciniæ*, the external one acute within, subuncinate; *antennæ* longer than the head and thorax,

* A *beetle* is to be distinguished from a *fly* by its having the first pair of wings converted into elytra, or wing-cases—*i.e.*, thickened and hardened for protection.

rectilinear; first joint largest, the second transverse, very short; *maxillary palpi* larger at tip. (*Say.*)

Cantharis vesicatoria. Latreille, *Gen. Crust. et Insect.*, ii. p. 220. This beetle is from six to ten lines in length, by two or three in breadth, and of a beautiful, shining, golden-green color. The head is large and heart-shaped, bearing two thread-like, black, jointed feelers; the thorax short and quadrilateral; the wing-sheaths long and flexible, covering brownish membranous wings. When alive, the Spanish flies have a strong, penetrating, fetid odor, compared to that of mice, by which swarms of them may be detected at a considerable distance. They attach themselves preferably to certain trees and shrubs, such as the white poplar, privet, ash, elder, and lilac, upon the leaves of which they feed. They abound most in Spain, Italy, and the south of France, but are found also in all the temperate parts of Europe, and in the west of Asia. According to the researches of Lichtenstein, the eggs are laid by the female in the latter part of June in small cylindrical holes made in the ground. A week later the larvæ hatch out. They are a millimeter long, with two long caudal threads, and of a brown color. After many efforts, M. Lichtenstein succeeded in getting them to feed on the honey contained in the stomach of bees. In a few days they changed into milk-white larvæ, and about a month after this buried themselves in the ground, to assume the chrysalis stage and to hatch out the following spring as perfected beetles. In the wild state the larvæ are said to mount up flowers and attach themselves to bees or other hymenopterous insects; carried by the bee to the hive, the larvæ feed upon the young bees and the honey and bee-bread stored up for use. The beetles usually make their appearance in swarms upon the trees in May and June, when they are collected. The time preferred for the purpose is in the morning, at sunrise, when they are torpid from the cold of the night, and easily let go their hold. Persons with their faces protected by masks, and their hands with gloves, shake the trees, or beat them with poles; and the insects are received as they fall upon linen cloths spread underneath. They are then plunged into vinegar diluted with water, or exposed in sieves to the vapor of boiling vinegar, and, having been thus deprived of life, are dried either in the sun, or in apartments heated by stoves. This mode of killing the flies by the steam of vinegar is as ancient as the times of Dioscorides and Pliny. In some places they are gathered by smoking the trees with burning brimstone. It has been proposed by M. Lutrand to destroy them by the vapor of chloroform. When perfectly dry, they are introduced into casks or boxes lined with paper and carefully closed, so as to exclude as much as possible the atmospheric moisture. According to M. Neutwich, the young fly has no vesicating power (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. and Dec., 1870, p. 355); but this is denied by H. Beauregard. (*Ibid.*, xv. 873.)

Cantharides come chiefly from Spain, Italy, Sicily, and other parts of the Mediterranean. Considerable quantities are also brought from St. Petersburg, derived originally, in all probability, from the southern provinces of Russia, where the insect is very abundant. The Russian flies are most esteemed. They may be distinguished by their greater size, and their color approaching to that of copper.

In the United States are several species of Cantharis, which have been employed as substitutes for *C. vesicatoria* and found equally efficient; but none of them are now recognized by our national Pharmacopœia; even *C. vittata*, which was at one time official, having been discarded.*

* *Blistering Flies not official.* 1. *Cantharis vittata.* Latreille, *Gen. Crust. et Insect.;* Durand, *Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 274, fig. 4. The *potato fly** is rather smaller than *C. vesicatoria*, which it resembles in shape. Its length is about six lines. The head is light red, with dark spots upon the top: the feelers are black; the elytra or wing-cases are black, with a yellow longitudinal stripe in the centre, and with a yellow margin; the thorax is also black, with three yellow lines; and the abdomen and legs, which have the same color, are covered with a cinereous down. It inhabits chiefly the potato vine, and appears about the end of July or beginning of August, in some seasons very abundantly. It is found on the plant in the morning and evening, but during the heat of the day descends into the soil. The insects are collected by shaking them from the plant into hot water, and are afterwards carefully dried in the sun. They are natives of the Middle and Southern States. This species of Cantharis was first described by Fabricius in the year 1781, and was introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Isaac Chapman, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who found it equal if not superior to the Spanish fly as a vesicatory. The testimony of Dr. Chapman has been corroborated by that of many other practitioners. It may be applied to the same purposes, treated in the same manner, and given in the same dose as the foreign insect. Mr. W. R. Warner obtained 1·99 parts of cantharidin from 500 parts of this beetle, but by improved methods Mr. Fahnestock procured 1½ per cent. of the active principle. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 195; li. 298.) According to the researches of Prof. Jos. Leidy, the vesicating principle resides in the blood, the eggs, and a peculiar fatty matter of certain accessory glands of the generative apparatus (*Am. Jour. of Med. Sci.*, Jan. 1860, p. 60); whilst H. Beauregard (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 873) found

* According to the researches of L. Dembinski, the *Colorado potato-beetle*, or "potato bug" (*Doryphora decemlineata*), contains no cantharidin. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 550.)

Properties. "About 25 Mm. long and 6 Mm. broad; flattish-cylindrical, with filiform antennæ, black in the upper part, and with long wing-cases and ample membranous, transparent, brownish wings; elsewhere of a shining, coppery-green color. The powder is grayish-brown, and contains green, shining particles. Odor strong and disagreeable; taste slight, afterwards acrid." *U. S.* Dried Spanish flies preserve the form and color, and, to a certain extent, the disagreeable odor, of the living insect. They have an acrid, burning, and urinous taste. Their powder is of a grayish-brown color, interspersed with shining green particles, which are the fragments of the feet, head, and wing-cases. If kept perfectly dry, in well-stopped glass bottles, they retain their activity for a great length of time. A portion which had been preserved by Van Swieten for thirty years, in a glass vessel, was found still to possess vesicating properties. But exposed to a damp air they quickly undergo putrefaction; and this change takes place more speedily in the powder. Hence the insects should either be kept whole, and powdered as they are wanted for use, or, if kept in powder, should be well dried immediately after pulverization, and preserved in air-tight vessels. They should never be purchased in powder, as, independently of the consideration just mentioned, they may in this state be more easily adulterated. But, however carefully managed, cantharides are apt to be attacked by mites, which feed on the interior soft parts of the body, reducing them to powder, while the hard exterior parts are not affected. An idea was at one time prevalent that the vesicating

that the blood, the seminal vesicules of the male, the eggs, and all parts of the generative organs of the female are active.

2. *Cantharis cinerea.* Latreille, *Gen. Crust. et Insect.;* Durand, *Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 274, fig. 5. The *ash-color cantharis* closely resembles the preceding species in figure and size, but differs from it in color. The elytra and body are black, without the yellow stripes that characterize *C. vittata*, and are entirely covered with a short and dense ash-colored down, which conceals the proper color of the insect. The feelers are black, and the first and second joints are very large in the male. This species also inhabits the potato plant, and is occasionally found on other plants, as the English bean and wild indigo. It is a native of the Northern and Middle States. Illiger in 1801 discovered its vesicating properties; but Dr. Gorham was first to call public attention particularly to the subject, and to the fact of its equality in all respects with the potato fly, in a communication addressed, in the year 1808, to the Medical Society of Massachusetts.

3. *Cantharis marginata.* Latreille, *Gen. Crust. et Insect.;* Durand, *Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 274, fig. 6. This is somewhat larger than *C. vittata*, and of a different shape. The elytra are black, with the suture and margin ash-colored. The head, thorax, and abdomen are black, but nearly covered with an ash-colored down; and on the upper part of the abdomen, under the wings, are two longitudinal lines of a bright clay color. The insect is usually found, in the latter part of summer, upon different species of Clematis, and frequents especially the lower branches which trail along the ground. Professor Woodhouse, of Philadelphia, first ascertained its vesicating properties; but it had previously been described by Fabricius as a native of the Cape of Good Hope. Dr. Harris, of Massachusetts, found it as efficient as any other species.

4. *Cantharis atrata.* Latreille, *Gen. Crust. et Insect.;* Durand, *Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 274, fig. 7. The *black cantharis* is smaller than the indigenous species already described, but resembles *C. marginata* in figure. Its length is only four or five lines. It is distinguished by its size, and its uniform black color. It frequents more especially the different species of Aster and Solidago, though it is found also on *Prunella vulgaris*, *Ambrosia trifida*, and some other plants. Mr. Durand met with considerable numbers of this insect near Philadelphia, in the month of September; and they continued to appear till the middle of October. They are common in the Northern and Middle States, but are not confined exclusively to this country, being found also in Barbary. Drs. Oswood and Harris, of New England, satisfactorily ascertained their vesicating powers. They are probably identical with the insect noticed as vesicatory by Prof. Woodhouse, under the name of *Meloë niger*.

5. *Cantharis vulnerata.* Harrison Allen, *Medical Zoology*, 1st ed., p. 150. Dr. Geo. H. Horn states that this is so abundant upon the Pacific coast that he has often seen bushels of it covering the ground. It has a black body, an orange-colored head, sometimes with a broad black stripe down the middle, and black wing-cases. Dr. Horn found it medicinally very active, as was also the less plentiful *C. melæna*.

Several other species have been discovered in the United States, but not yet practically employed. Among these are *C. æneas*, a native of Pennsylvania, discovered by Mr. Say; *C. politus* and *C. aszelianus*, inhabiting the Southern States; *C. nuttalli*, a large and beautiful insect of Missouri, first noticed by Mr. Nuttall, and said to surpass the Spanish fly in magnitude and splendor; and *C. albida*, another large species, found by Mr. Say near the Rocky Mountains. Of these, *C. nuttalli* (*Lytta nuttalli*, Say, *Am. Entomol.*, i. 9) bids fair, at some future period, to be an object of importance in the western section of this country. The head is of a deep greenish color, with a red spot in front; the thorax is of a golden green; the elytra red or golden purple and somewhat rugose on their outer surface, green and polished beneath; the feet black; the thighs blue or purplish. The exploring party under Colonel Long ascertained the vesicating powers of this insect. It was found in the plains of the Missouri, feeding on a scanty grass. In one spot it was so numerous as to be swept away by bushels, in order that a place might be cleared for encamping. There are also a number of beetles found in the United States which are plentiful enough to be capable of affording a commercial article, and which are so closely allied to the genus Cantharis as to render it probable that they possess blistering properties. For an account of the more important, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1876, p. 506.

Mylabris bifasciata and *M. lunata*, said to be common South African beetles used by the natives for producing vesication, have appeared in the London market. They yielded to J. Oldham Braithwaite from 1·09 to 1·02 per cent. of cantharides. *Meloë proscarabæus* and *M. majalis* have been occasionally substituted for cantharides in Europe, and *M. trianthemæ* is used in the upper provinces of Hindostan. Mr. J. O. Braithwaite found the *Mylabris bifasciata* of the Cape of Good Hope extremely rich in cantharidin, whilst its co-dweller, *M. lineata*, contained but little. (*P. J. Tr.*, xviii. 246.) *Hueckys sanguinea*, or "*Chinese cantharides*" of the London market, does not contain cantharidin. (J. Moss, *P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 845.) *Epicauta gorhami* is said to be used in Japan as a cantharidal beetle. (*Pharm. Zeit.*, March, 1891.)

property of the insect was not injured by the worm, which was supposed to devour only the inactive portion. But this has been proved to be a mistake. M. Farines, an apothecary of Perpignan, has satisfactorily shown that, though the hard parts left by these mites possess some vesicating power, and the powder produced by them still more, yet the sound flies are much stronger than either. Camphor, which has been recommended as a preservative, does not prevent the destructive agency of the worm.* It is stated by M. Farines that when the flies are destroyed by the vapor of pyroligneous acid, instead of common vinegar, they acquire an odor which contributes to their preservation. Cantharides will bear a very considerable heat without losing the brilliant color of their elytra; nor is this color extracted by water, alcohol, ether, or the oils; so that the powder might be deprived of all its active principle and yet retain the exterior characters unaltered. The wing-cases resist putrefaction for a long time, and the shining particles have been detected in the human stomach months after interment.

So early as 1778, Thouvenel attempted to analyze cantharides, and the attempt was repeated by Dr. Beaupoil in 1803; but no very interesting or valuable result was obtained till 1810, when Robiquet discovered in them a crystalline substance, which proved to be the vesicating principle of the insect and received the name of *cantharidin*. The constituents, according to Robiquet, are—1, a green oil, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol, and inert as a vesicatory; 2, a black matter, soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol, and inert; 3, a yellow viscid matter, soluble in water and alcohol, and without vesicating powers; 4, cantharidin; 5, a fatty matter, insoluble in alcohol; 6, calcium and magnesium phosphates, acetic acid, and, in the fresh insect, a small quantity of uric acid. Orfila afterwards discovered a volatile principle, upon which the fetid odor of the fly depends. It is separable by distillation with water. Prof. Dragendorff has found a volatile principle which acts on the system in the same manner as cantharidin. When powdered flies are moistened with water and distilled, the part which passes over, at or below 100° C. (212° F.), contains this principle. (*Chem. News*, May 31, 1867.) That the green coloring matter is chlorophyll seems to be shown by the experiments of Pocklington, who (*P. J. Tr.*, [3] iii. p. 681) found that when cantharides was treated with alcohol, ether, and carbon disulphide, the solutions yielded absorption spectra agreeing with that of chlorophyll.

Cantharidin is a white substance, in the form of crystalline scales, of a shining micaceous appearance, inodorous, tasteless, almost insoluble in water and in cold alcohol, but soluble in ether, chloroform, benzol, the oils, and in hot alcohol and acetic acid, which deposit it upon cooling.† It fuses at 210° C. (410° F.), is volatilizable by heat without decomposition, and its vapor condenses in acicular crystals. As determined by the experiments of Mr. Wm. A. Guy, the subliming heat of isolated cantharidin is 100° C. (212° F.), or the temperature of boiling water. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1868, p. 373.) According MM. Masing and Dragendorff, cantharidin, with the composition $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$, is capable of combining with water, and thus becomes cantharidic acid, $2(C_5H_6O_2.H_2O)$, or $C_{10}H_{14}O_5$, and in this state forms definite compounds with bases, such as $2(C_5H_6O_2.KHO) + H_2O$, and $2(C_5H_6O_2.NaHO) + H_2O$, which are crystallizable. These may be obtained by heating cantharidin with an alkaline solution. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Janv. 1868, p. 79.) Cantharidin itself has been found to combine like an acid with the salifiable and earthy bases, forming soluble compounds with potassium, sodium,

* It appears from the experiments of M. Nivet that, though camphor does not preserve the entire fly from the attacks of the larvæ of the *Anthrenus*, it actually destroys the mites of the Cantharis so often found in the powder, and may, therefore, be introduced with advantage, in small lumps, into bottles containing powdered cantharides. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 604.) Ammonium carbonate has also been recommended as a preservative. Pereira has found that a few drops of strong acetic acid, added to the flies, are very effectual. Among the best means of preserving them, whether whole or in powder, is the application of the process of Apert, which consists in exposing them for half an hour, confined in glass bottles, to the heat of boiling water, which destroys the eggs of the insect, without impairing the virtues of the flies. (*Ibid.*, xxii. 246.) Of course the access of water to the flies should be carefully avoided. Lutrand recommends chloroform as the best preservative that he has tried. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xviii. 214.) We have little doubt that exposure, in a confined vessel, to the vapor of carbolic acid, would be a perfect protection against all forms of insect life.

† *Cantharidin* (*solubility*). The solubilities of cantharidin were examined with great care by Professor Procter, with the following results. It is insoluble in water. Cold alcohol dissolves it slightly, hot alcohol freely. It is more soluble in ether, which also dissolves it more freely hot than cold. Chloroform, cold or hot, is its best solvent; and acetone ranks next to it in this respect. Olive oil, at 250° F., dissolves one-twentieth of its weight, and oil of turpentine, boiling hot, one-seventieth; and both deposit the greater portion on cooling. The olive oil solution after deposition vesicates, the terebinthinate does not. Strong acetic, sulphuric, and nitric acids dissolve it, with the aid of heat, and deposit it unchanged on cooling. It is also dissolved by solutions of potassa and soda, and to a small extent by a strong solution of ammonia. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 296.) Formic acid is said to be the best solvent. Somewhat different results in relation to the solubility of cantharidin have been obtained by M. E. Rowan. Careful examination with distilled water showed that, when agitated for eight days at ordinary temperatures with pure cantharidin, it was capable of dissolving 0·0266 per cent. of that principle; boiling water dissolves 0·297 per cent.; boiling alcohol (99 Tralles) 2·168 per cent. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1873, p. 409.)

and lithium hydrates, salts of very sparing solubility with baryta, strontia, and lime, and with magnesia a salt which, though feebly soluble in water (100 parts of water dissolving only 0·24 of the salt) (see *P. J. Tr.*, March 13, 1880), is much more largely dissolved in cold than in hot water, and in cold than in hot alcohol. (For further details concerning the relations of cantharidin with bases, and the preparation of its salts, see *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1873, p. 282.) The most satisfactory test of cantharidin is its vesicating property. Notwithstanding the insolubility of this principle in water and cold alcohol, the decoction and tincture of cantharides have the medicinal properties of the insect; and Lewis ascertained that both the aqueous and alcoholic extracts acted as effectually in exciting vesication as the flies themselves, while the residue was in each case inert. Cantharidin consequently exists in the insect so combined with the yellow matter as to be rendered soluble in water and cold alcohol. If, as stated by E. Dietrich (1883), formic acid is present in the Spanish fly, it is probable that the solution of the cantharidin is due to its presence. H. G. Greenish calls attention to the fact that much loss of cantharidin takes place in making the various pharmaceutical preparations, through insufficient exhaustion by the use of the ordinary solvents. He obtained 0·822 per cent. of cantharidin from exhausted residues. Homolka records in *Ber. d. Chem. Ges*, xix. 1082, the results of an investigation on the chemical decompositions of cantharidin.

Adulterations. These are not common. Occasionally other insects, or even beads, are added, purposely, or through carelessness. These may be readily distinguished by their appearance. Flies exhausted of their cantharidin are sometimes substituted for the genuine drug. They are worthless, and are to be distinguished by their lack of substance and their yielding a nearly colorless ethereal tincture. Pereira states that powdered flies are sometimes adulterated with euphorbium. According to the researches of Mr. Fahnestock (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 298), age destroys the activity of the drug without of necessity impairing its physical appearance.

The percentage of cantharidin found in cantharides furnishes the best test of their virtues. Professor Procter succeeded, by means of chloroform, in isolating cantharidin with great facility. He treated the flies with chloroform by percolation, displacing the last portion by means of alcohol, and allowing the resulting solution to evaporate spontaneously. Cantharidin is thus obtained in crystals mixed with the green oil, the greater portion of which may be removed by bibulous paper. The residuary crystals are dissolved in a mixture of ether and alcohol, which, by the spontaneous evaporation of the ether, yields the cantharidin nearly pure. M. Mortreux, having ascertained that the cantharidin is insoluble in carbon disulphide, proposed to use this fluid for removing the fatty matter associated with the cantharidin crystals obtained by the use of chloroform. He employed the same liquid in estimating the proportion of cantharidin, which he found to be about 20 centigrammes for 40 grammes of the flies, or half of one per cent. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 3e sér., xlvi. 33, 1864.) Wittstein obtains it by digesting coarsely-powdered flies repeatedly with water, straining through linen and expressing, allowing the liquid to settle for a day, separating the supernatant oil, adding a little wood charcoal, evaporating to dryness, treating the residue with ether so long as the solution affords a laminated substance on evaporation, evaporating the ethereal solution, treating the residue with cold alcohol of 80 per cent. for one day with frequent shaking, and finally drying the scales. (See *A. J. P.*, xxviii.) Mr. Williams has obtained it by means of benzol. (*Ibid.*, xxvi.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Internally administered, cantharides is a powerful irritant, with a peculiar direction to the urinary and genital organs. Genito-urinary irritation is ordinarily the first symptom produced by small doses of cantharides, and, if the dose have been large enough, it may amount to violent strangury, attended with excruciating pain, and the discharge of bloody urine. Toxic doses of Spanish fly produce obstinate and painful priapism, vomiting, bloody stools, severe pains in the whole abdominal region, excessive salivation with a fetid cadaverous breath, hurried respiration, a hard and frequent pulse, burning thirst, exceeding difficulty of deglutition, sometimes a dread of liquids, frightful convulsions, tetanus, delirium, and death. Orfila has known twenty-four grains of the powder to prove fatal. Dissection reveals inflammation and ulceration of the mucous coat of the whole intestinal canal. According to M. Poumet, if the intestines be inflated, dried, cut into pieces, and examined in the sun between two pieces of glass, they will exhibit small shining yellow or green points, strongly contrasting with the matter around them. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iii. 167.)* The

* Cantharidin may be detected in the body after death from poisoning. M. Dragendorff states that he has succeeded in finding it in the dead body of a cat three months after it had been taken, and is convinced that it might be discovered in the human corpse six months after burial. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1873, p. 443.)

poisonous effects are to be counteracted by emetics, cathartics, and opiates by the stomach and rectum. From the experiments of Schroff it seems that oils somewhat accelerate the poisonous action, probably by dissolving the cantharidin. (See *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 365.) By experiments upon dogs, M. Thouery, a French apothecary, has satisfied himself that animal charcoal possesses a real antidotal power. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1858, p. 65.) Cantharides have been long and beneficially used in medicine. Either these or other vesicating insects appear to have been given by Hippocrates in *dropsy* and *amenorrhœa*, in the latter of which complaints, when properly prescribed, they are a highly valuable remedy. They are also useful in obstinate *gleet*, *leucorrhœa*, and *seminal weakness*, and in *paralytic incontinence of urine*. They are used also in certain cutaneous eruptions, especially those of a scaly character, and in chronic *eczema*. Their unpleasant effects upon the urinary passages are best obviated by the free use of diluent drinks, and, when not consequent upon great abuse of the medicine, may almost always be relieved by an anodyne injection, composed of laudanum with a small quantity of mucilaginous fluid. The dose of Spanish flies is one or two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.) of the powder, which may be given twice a day, in the form of pill. The tincture, however, is more frequently employed.

Externally applied, cantharides excites inflammation in the skin, which terminates in a copious secretion of serum under the cuticle. It may be employed either as a rubefacient, or to blister. In the former capacity it is seldom used, but as an epispastic it is preferred to all other substances. When blisters are allowed to stay on only long enough to irritate the skin, but not to blister, they are known as *flying blisters*. Used in this way, they are sometimes of service in *neuralgias*, applied directly over the seat of pain. Their chief value is, however, found in cases of severe internal irritation. It is of great importance that the practitioner clearly comprehend the distinct uses of the rubefacient and the blister. The rubefacient is to be employed as a revulsive when the internal irritation is severe but is not connected with pronounced organic change. The immediate impression of a rubefacient, acting as it does upon a much larger surface than does the blister, is greater than that of the blister, but the permanent revulsive action is much less. The blister is, therefore, to be used when the internal disease is connected with inflammatory structural change. Thus, in a case of *gastrodynia*, a rubefacient is of much more service than a blister, whilst the blister is decidedly more effective in *peritonitis*. In a general wide-spread *congestion of the lung* the rubefacient is to be preferred to the blister, but in *pneumonia* the blister to the rubefacient. As, however, congestion of neighboring parts usually accompanies a localized inflammation, a rubefacient is sometimes to be employed as a temporary substitute for or adjuvant to a blister. The amount of serous discharge produced by blisters appears to be sometimes of service in almost directly evacuating local serous exudations. Thus, not rarely, repeated blistering affords the best treatment of a *serous pleurisy*. Possibly, however, even in these cases, the blister acts purely as a counter-irritant, as it certainly does in *chronic rheumatism* and other *diseases of the joints*. In all *chronic joint inflammations* the best results may often be obtained by a reblistering, extending, if necessary, over weeks and months. In some cases of *skin disease* blisters are capable of substituting their own action for the original morbid disease, and they are still occasionally used for this purpose in *tinea capitis*, obstinate *herpes*, and other affections. The length of time that a blister should be applied varies with the individual and with the position of the disease. In some constitutions they produce a poisonous impression, attended with frequent pulse, dryness of the mouth, subsultus tendinum, and even convulsion. Such symptoms are probably the results of an intense peripheral nervous irritation acting upon very susceptible centres. Such is not, however, the case with the strangury which may follow absorption of the cantharidin, and which is always the result of the direct action of the cantharidin upon the genito-urinary tract. In order to avoid such genito-urinary irritation, and also as much as possible the pain at the seat of application, the blister should be left on only until it distinctly reddens the skin, when a flaxseed poultice may be applied, and in the course of two or three hours the blister is formed. The time necessary for such reddening of the skin is usually from four to six hours, if the cantharidin be active. (See *Ceratum Cantharidis*.)

Prof. Liebreich strongly recommends hypodermic injections of cantharidin in the treatment of *phthisis*, but general clinical experience has not confirmed the value of the remedy. *Liebreich's cantharidal solution* was made by heating 20 C.c. of water with 2 decigrammes of cantharidin and 4 of potassium hydrate until solution was obtained, then adding enough water to make one thousand cubic centimeters. The dose of the cantharidate was 0·0001 increased to 0·0002 Gm., or even beyond.

CAPSICUM. U. S. (Br.) Capsicum. [Cayenne Pepper. African Pepper.]

(CĂP'SĮ-CŬM.)

"The fruit of Capsicum fastigiatum, Blume (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe fruit of Capsicum fastigiatum, Blume." *Br.*

Capsici Fructus, *Br.;* Capsicum Fruit; Cayenne Pepper, African Pepper; Fructus Capsici, *P. G.;* Piper Hispanicum; Pod Pepper, *E.;* Capsique, Piment des Jardins, Piment rouge, Poivre de Cayenne, Poivre de Guinée, Poivre d'Inde, *Fr.;* Spanischer Pfeffer, *G.;* Pepperone, *It.;* Pimiento, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla wheel-shaped. *Berry* without juice. *Willd.*

Numerous species of Capsicum, inhabiting the East Indies and tropical America, are enumerated by botanists, the fruit of which, differing simply in the degree of pungency, may be indiscriminately used. *C. baccatum*, or bird pepper, and *C. frutescens*, are said to yield most of the Cayenne pepper brought from the West Indies and South America; and Ainslie informs us that the latter is chiefly employed in the East Indies. Both Pharmacopœias now recognize, as the source of capsicum, *C. fastigiatum*, a species growing in the East Indies and on the coast of Guinea. The one most extensively cultivated in Europe and this country is *C. annuum*. The first three are shrubby plants, the last is annual and herbaceous.

Capsicum annuum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1052; *B. & T.* 189. The stem of the annual capsicum is thick, roundish, smooth, and branching; rises two or three feet in height; and supports ovate, pointed, smooth, entire leaves, which are placed without regular order on long footstalks. The flowers are solitary, white, and stand on long peduncles at the axils of the leaves. The calyx is persistent, tubular, and five-cleft; the corolla, monopetalous and wheel-shaped, with the limb divided into five spreading, pointed, and plaited segments; the filaments, short, tapering, and furnished with oblong anthers; the germen, ovate, supporting a slender style which is longer than the filaments and terminates in a blunt stigma. The fruit is a pendulous, pod-like berry, of varying shape and size, light, smooth, and shining, of a bright scarlet, orange, or sometimes yellow color, with two or three cells, containing a dry, loose pulp, and numerous flat, kidney-shaped, whitish seeds.

Capsicum fastigiatum. Blume. *B. & T.* 188. This species resembles closely *C. annuum*, but is distinguished by the lobes of the corolla being more acute, and especially by the fruit and seeds. The latter are smaller than those of *C. annuum*, and the erect, narrowly ovoid, oblong pod is nearly cylindrical, one-half to three-quarters of an inch long, and of a bright orange-scarlet color when ripe.

These plants are natives of the warmer regions of Asia and America, and are cultivated in almost all parts of the world for both culinary and medicinal purposes. *C. annuum* is chiefly grown in this country; its flowers appear in July and August, and the fruit ripens in October. The several varieties of it differ in the shape of the fruit. The most abundant is probably that with a large irregularly ovate berry, depressed at the extremity, which is much used in the green state for pickling. The variety most used in making Cayenne pepper is that with long, conical, generally pointed, recurved fruit, usually not thicker than the finger. Sometimes we meet with small, spherical, slightly compressed berries, not greatly exceeding a large cherry in size. The red or Cayenne pepper of commerce is obtained by grinding the pods of several species of Capsicum, and is of variable strength. A variety of capsicum, consisting of very small, conical, pointed, exceedingly pungent berries, less than an inch in length, is imported from Liberia. It is probably the *Capsicum fastigiatum.* In England the fruit of *C. annuum* is frequently called *chillies.* The official description of the fruit of *C. fastigiatum* is as follows: "Oblong-conical, from 10 to 20 Mm. long, supported by a flattish, cup-shaped, five-toothed calyx, with a red, shining, membranous and translucent pericarp, enclosing two cells, and containing flat, reniform, yellowish seeds attached to a thick, central placenta. It has a peculiar odor, and an intensely hot taste." *U. S.*

Powdered capsicum is usually of a more or less bright red color, which fades upon exposure to light and ultimately disappears. The color of the Liberia or African pepper, in powder, is a light brownish yellow. The odor is peculiar and somewhat aromatic, stronger in the recent than in the dried fruit. The taste is bitterish, acrid, and burning, producing a fiery sensation in the mouth, which continues for a long time. The pungency appears to depend on a peculiar principle, which was obtained, though not in a perfectly isolated state, by Braconnot, and named *capsicin.* It is obtained as a thick yellowish-red liquid, but slightly soluble in water. When gently heated it becomes very fluid, and at a higher temperature is dissipated in fumes which are extremely irritating to the respiration. It is a mixed substance, consisting of resinous and

fatty matters. In 1876, Thresh isolated a well-defined active principle, *capsaicin*, from the extract, which he obtained by exhausting Cayenne pepper with petroleum. From the red liquor dilute caustic alkali removes capsaicin, which is to be precipitated in minute crystals by passing carbonic acid through the alkaline solution. The crystals may be purified by recrystallizing them from either alcohol, ether, benzin, glacial acetic acid, or hot carbon disulphide; in petroleum capsaicin is but sparingly soluble, yet dissolves abundantly on addition of fatty oil. The latter being present in the pericarp is the reason capsaicin can be extracted by the above process. The crystals of capsaicin are colorless, and answer to the formula $C_9H_{14}O_2$; they melt at 59° C. (138·2° F.), and begin to volatilize at 115° C. (239° F.), but decomposition can be avoided only with great care. The vapors of capsaicin are of the most dreadful acridity, and even the ordinary manipulation of that substance requires much precaution. Felletar (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1870, p. 347) first obtained from capsicum fruits a volatile alkaloid, which resembles coniine in odor, but is distinguished by the different shape of its hydrochlorate crystals. H. Pabst has recently made a thorough investigation of the fruit of *C. annuum*. He does not think that an alkaloid exists originally in the fruit, but believes that the alkaloidal reactions are due to a decomposition product. He finds, besides *capsaicin*, a red coloring matter, and oleic, palmitic, and stearic acids. The red coloring matter, by saponification, was shown to be a cholesterin ester of the fatty acids. (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 370.) Red lead oxide is sometimes added to the powdered capsicum sold in Europe. It may be detected by digesting in diluted nitric acid, and precipitating the lead by sodium sulphate. Capsicum is said to be sometimes adulterated with colored sawdust; to be recognized by the microscope. The cut represents the characteristic cells of ground capsicum. It is occasionally attacked by insects.



Fragments of tissue from powdered capsicum.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cayenne pepper is a powerful local stimulant, producing when swallowed a sense of heat in the stomach, and a general glow over the body without any narcotic effect. It is much employed as a condiment, and proves highly useful in correcting the flatulent tendency of certain vegetables and aiding their digestion. Hence the advantage derived from it by the natives of tropical climates, who live chiefly on vegetable food. In the East Indies it has been used from time immemorial. From a passage in the works of Pliny, it appears to have been known to the Romans. As a medicine it is useful in cases of enfeebled and languid stomach, and is occasionally prescribed in *dyspepsia* and *atonic gout*, particularly when attended with much flatulence, or occurring in persons of intemperate habits. It has also been given as a stimulant in *palsy* and certain *lethargic affections*. To quinine sulphate it forms an excellent addition in some cases of *intermittents* in which there is a great want of gastric susceptibility. Upon the same principle of rousing the susceptibility of the stomach, it may prove useful in low forms of fever, as an adjuvant to tonic or stimulant medicines. Its most important application, however, is to the treatment of *malignant sore throat* and *scarlet fever*, in which it is used both internally and as a gargle. The following formula was employed in *malignant scarlatina*, with great advantage, in the West Indies, where this application of the remedy originated. Two tablespoonfuls (31·1 Gm.) of the powdered pepper, with a teaspoonful (3·9 Gm.) of common salt, are infused for an hour in a pint of boiling liquid composed of equal parts of water and vinegar. This is strained, when cool, through a fine linen cloth, and given in the dose of a tablespoonful (15 C.c.) every half-hour. The same preparation is also used as a gargle. It is, however, only to the worst cases that the remedy is applied so energetically. In milder cases of scarlatina, with inflamed or ulcerated throat, much relief and positive advantage often follow the employment of the pepper in a more diluted state. Capsicum has been advantageously used in *sea-sickness*, in the dose of a teaspoonful (3·9 Gm.), given in some convenient vehicle on the first occurrence of nausea. It is thought also to have been beneficial in *hemorrhoidal affections*. It has long been used as a stomachic stimulant in the *enfeebled digestion of drunkards*, and in *delirium tremens*.

Applied externally, Cayenne pepper is a powerful rubefacient, which has the advantage of acting speedily without endangering vesication. It may be applied in the form of cataplasm, or more conveniently and efficiently as a lotion, mixed with heated spirit. The powder or tincture brought into contact with a *relaxed uvula* often acts very beneficially. The tincture has

also been used advantageously in *chilblain*. The fluid extract and the ethereal extract (*Oleoresina Capsici*, *U. S.*) are powerfully rubefacient.

The dose of the powder is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.), which is most conveniently given in the form of pill. Of an infusion prepared by adding two drachms to half a pint of boiling water, the dose is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.). A gargle may be prepared by infusing half a drachm of the powder in a pint of boiling water, or by adding half a fluidounce of the tincture to eight fluidounces of rose-water.

CARBO. Carbon.

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Pure Charcoal; Carbone, *Fr.;* Carbonio, *It.;* Kohlenstoff, *G.;* Carbon, *Sp.*

Carbon is an element of great importance, and very extensively diffused in nature. It exists in large quantity in the mineral kingdom, and is the most abundant constituent of animal and vegetable matter. In the crystallized state it constitutes the diamond; and, more or less pure, it forms the substances called graphite, or black lead, plumbago, anthracite and bituminous coal, coke, animal charcoal, and vegetable charcoal. Combined with oxygen it forms *carbon dioxide*, or *carbonic acid gas*, which is a constituent of the atmosphere, and present in many natural waters, especially those which have an effervescing quality. United with oxygen and a base it forms the carbonates, among others *calcium carbonate*, which is one of the most abundant minerals. There are three allotropic conditions of carbon, represented respectively by the diamond, graphite, and charcoal.

The *diamond* is found principally in India, in Brazil, and in South Africa. Several diamonds have been found in the gold regions of Georgia and North Carolina. This gem is perfectly transparent, and the hardest and most brilliant substance in nature. Its sp. gr. is about 3·5. It is fixed and unalterable in the fire, provided air be excluded, but is combustible in air or oxygen, the product being the same as when charcoal is burned, namely, carbon dioxide. It has been made artificially at the temperature of the electric arc (2500° to 3000° C.) by Moissan.

Next to diamond, graphite or plumbago is the purest natural form of carbon. Graphite is the substance of which black-lead crucibles and pencils are made. It is found in greatest purity in the mine of Borrowdale, in England, and in Ceylon, from which latter place most of the graphite of commerce is now obtained, but it also occurs very pure in this country, and in extensive deposits at Ticonderoga, N.Y., at Stourbridge, Mass., and in Canada. In physical characters it is utterly different from the diamond; it crystallizes in hexagonal plates, is very soft and unctuous, of 2 to 2·5 sp. gr., and generally contains a little ash. It was formerly supposed to be a carbide of iron; but in very pure specimens it is nearly free from iron, which must, therefore, be deemed an accidental impurity. *Anthracite*, the purest variety of natural coal, occurs in different parts of the world, but particularly in the State of Pennsylvania. It contains from 90 to 95 per cent. of carbon, and several per cent. of ash. *Bituminous coal* is another variety, containing, besides the fixed or free carbon, some 10 to 15 per cent. of volatile hydrocarbons or gas-making material. When this is driven off by the process of charring, as in the manufacture of coal-gas, a kind of mineral charcoal, called *coke*, is obtained, very useful in the arts as a fuel. When peat is charred, it is converted into *peat charcoal*, which forms a cheap disinfectant and deodorizer, applicable to the purification of hospitals, dissecting-rooms, factories, privies, etc.

Carbon may be obtained in a state approaching to purity by several processes. One method is to expose lamp-black to a full red heat in a close vessel. It may also be obtained, in a very pure state, by passing the vapor of volatile oils through an ignited porcelain tube, whereby the hydrogen and oxygen of the oil will be dissipated, and the charcoal left in the tube. The purest lamp-black is now made from natural gas in western Pennsylvania and in Ohio. This lamp-black is miscible with water, does not color ether, and is free from oily matter.

Properties. Carbon, in its uncrystallized state, is an insoluble, infusible solid, generally of a black color, and without taste or smell. It burns when sufficiently heated, uniting with the oxygen of the air, and generating carbonic acid gas. Its sp. gr. in the solid state, apart from its pores when in mass, is 3·5; but with the air of the pores included, it is only 0·44. It is a very unalterable and indestructible substance, and has great power in resisting and correcting putrefaction in other bodies. When properly prepared, it possesses the property of absorbing the coloring and odorous principles of most liquids. (See *Carbo Animalis*.) Its other physical properties differ according to its source and peculiar state of aggregation. As

a chemical element it enjoys a very extensive range of combination. It forms two compounds with oxygen, *carbon dioxide* (carbonic acid gas) and *carbon monoxide* (carbonous oxide). With hydrogen it forms a number of compounds, called *hydrocarbons*, of which the most interesting, excluding hypothetical radicals, are light carburetted hydrogen or marsh-gas, olefiant gas, the light and concrete oils of wine, the hydrocarbons constituting petroleum, and the various essential oils. With nitrogen it constitutes cyanogen, the compound radical of hydrocyanic or prussic acid; and united in minute proportion with iron it forms steel.

CARBO ANIMALIS. U. S., Br. Animal Charcoal.

(KÄR'BŌ ĂN-Ị-MĀ'LĬS.)

"Charcoal prepared from bone." *U. S.* "The residue of bones which have been exposed to a red heat without access of the air." *Br.*

Bone Black, Ivory Black; Charbon animal, Noir d'Os, *Fr.;* Thierische Kohle, Knochenkohle, Beinschwarz, Thierkohle, *G.;* Carbone animale, *It.;* Carbon animal, *Sp.*

The animal charcoal employed in pharmacy and the arts is usually obtained from bones, by subjecting them to a red heat in close vessels. The residue of the ignition is a black matter, which when reduced to powder forms *bone-black*, sometimes incorrectly called *ivory-black*. Ivory by carbonization will furnish a black which, on account of its fineness and intensely black color, is more esteemed than the ordinary bone-black; but it is much more expensive.

In manufacturing bone-black, the bones, first boiled in water to separate the fat, are subjected to destructive distillation in iron cylinders connected with vessels which receive the ammoniacal liquor, called *bone-spirit*, together with a dark tarry liquid (*bone-oil*), this being a secondary product of the operation. When the bone-spirit ceases to come over, the residue is charred bone, or bone-black. Bone consists of animal matter with calcium phosphate and carbonate. In consequence of the decomposition of the animal matter involved in this destructive distillation, the nitrogen and hydrogen, united as ammonia, and a part of the charcoal, in the form of carbonic acid gas, distil over; while the remainder of the charcoal is left in the cylinder, intermingled with the calcareous salts. M. Deiss, of Paris, proposes carbon disulphide as a solvent for the fat of bones, as it furnishes a larger and better product of fat, and renders the bones fitter for producing a good bone-black. (*Chem. Gaz.*, April 1, 1856.) This form of animal charcoal necessarily contains calcium phosphate and carbonate.

Properties. "Dull black, granular fragments, or a dull black powder, odorless, nearly tasteless, and insoluble in water or alcohol. When ignited, it leaves a grayish or yellowish-white ash, amounting to about 85 per cent. of the original weight of the portion taken, which should have been previously dried at 120°–125° C. (248°–257° F.) to a constant weight. The ash should be soluble in hydrochloric acid, with the aid of heat, leaving not more than a trifling residue. If 1 Gm. of Animal Charcoal be boiled for several minutes with a mixture of 3 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution and 5 C.c. of water, the filtrate should be colorless or nearly so (evidence of *complete carbonization*)." *U. S.* It is, however, more dense and less combustible than vegetable charcoal; from which, moreover, it may be distinguished by burning a small portion of it on a red-hot iron, when it will leave a residuum imperfectly acted on by sulphuric acid; whereas the ashes from vegetable charcoal readily dissolve in this acid, forming a bitterish solution.

Animal charcoal by no means necessarily possesses the decolorizing property, as this depends upon its peculiar state of aggregation. If a piece of pure animal matter is carbonized, it usually enters into fusion, and, from the gaseous matter which is extricated, becomes porous and cellular. The charcoal formed has generally a metallic lustre, and a color resembling that of black lead. It has, however, little or no decolorizing power, even though finely pulverized.

The decolorizing power of vegetable charcoal was first noticed by Lowitz, of St. Petersburg; and that of animal charcoal by Figuier, of Montpellier, in 1811. In 1822 the subject was ably investigated by Bussy, Payen, and Desfosses. The power is generally communicated to charcoal by igniting it in close vessels, but not always. The kind of charcoal, for example, obtained from substances which undergo fusion during carbonization scarcely possesses the property, even though it may be afterwards finely pulverized. The property in question is possessed to a certain extent by wood charcoal,* but is developed in it in a much greater

* Dr. Stenhouse divides decolorizing charcoals into three classes. First, pure charcoals, which, being in a state of minute division, decolorize by their porosity alone. Second, those which, like aluminized charcoal and artificial bone-black, decolorize solely by the bases they contain, acting as mordants. Third, those which, like bone-black, decolorize partly by their mineral matter, and partly by their minutely-divided charcoal. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1857.)

degree by burning it with some chemical substance, which may have the effect of reducing it to an extreme degree of fineness. The most powerful of all the charcoals for discharging colors are those obtained from certain animal matters, such as dried blood, hair, etc., by first carbonizing them in connection with potassium carbonate, and then washing the product with water. Charcoal thus prepared seems to be reduced to a state of extremely minute division, and is, therefore, very porous. The next most powerful decolorizing charcoal is *bone-black*, in which the separation of the carbonaceous particles is effected by the calcium phosphate present in the bone. Vegetable substances also may be made to yield a good charcoal for destroying color, provided, before carbonization, they be well comminuted, and mixed with pumice stone, chalk, flint, or other similar substance in a pulverized state.

The following table, abridged from one drawn up by Bussy, denotes the relative decolorizing power of different charcoals:

KINDS OF CHARCOAL.	Decolorizing power on Syrup.	Decolorizing power on Indigo.
Bone-black	1	1
Bone charcoal treated with an acid	1·6	1·8
Lamp-black, not ignited	3·3	4
Charcoal, from potassium acetate	4·4	5·6
Blood ignited with calcium phosphate	10	12
Lamp-black ignited with potassium carbonate	10·6	12·2
Blood ignited with chalk	11	18
White of egg ignited with potassium carbonate	15·5	34
Glue ignited with potassium carbonate	15·5	36
Bone charcoal, formed from bone deprived of calcium phosphate by an acid, and subsequently ignited with potassium carbonate	20	45
Blood ignited with potassium carbonate	20	50

In order to determine the commercial value of animal charcoal, M. Corenwinder has proposed to ascertain its power of absorbing lime from a solution of calcium saccharate of determinate strength. The value is in proportion to the absorbing power of the charcoal. A given weight of the charcoal to be tested is left in contact, for an hour, with a given volume of the solution of the saccharate, taken in excess. The liquid is then filtered, and a small measure of it saturated with dilute sulphuric acid of known strength. The less the acid necessary for this purpose, the greater the amount of lime absorbed, and the better the animal charcoal. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1854; *Scientific American*, April 22, 1876; *Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887; *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887.)

Spent animal charcoal, which has been used by the sugar refiners, may have its decolorizing power restored by calcination, which destroys the organic matters that have become fixed in it; and it is stated that it may be submitted to this process twenty times before becoming unfit for use, although this depends upon the amount of calcium salts it takes up from the raw sugars, beet sugars using up the black faster than sugars from the cane. According to Pelouze, the same object may be accomplished by subjecting it to a weak solution of potassium or sodium carbonate. In removing the coloring matter, the alkaline solution becomes yellow. After its action the animal charcoal must be carefully washed, first with boiling water, and afterwards with acidulated water. But a process devised by MM. Leplay and Cuisinier is probably more effectual. The charcoal, without being removed from the cylinders, is thoroughly washed, treated by steam to remove viscous substances, and then percolated successively, 1, by a weak alkaline solution, which removes salts and some coloring matters; 2, by weak hydrochloric acid, which, in removing a certain amount of salts of lime, liberates coloring matter; 3, again with a weak alkaline solution, to carry off the remaining coloring matter; and 4, lastly by a solution of calcium biphosphate, by which the decolorizing power of the charcoal is restored.

Animal charcoal is capable of taking the bitter principles from infusions and tinctures, and iodine from liquids which contain it in solution. Its power, however, of acting on solutions and chemical compounds is much more decided in its purified state, as shown by both Warington and Weppen. (See *Carbo Animalis Purificatus;* see, also, *Ephemeris*, 1885, p. 721.)

Bone-black consists of about 90 per cent. of calcium phosphate and carbonate, and 10 per cent. of charcoal.

Pharm. Uses. Animal charcoal is used in pharmacy for decolorizing vegetable principles, such as gallic acid, quinine, morphine, veratrine, etc., and in the arts, principally for clarifying

syrups in sugar refining, for depriving spirits distilled from grain of the peculiar volatile oil, called *fusel oil*, which imparts to them an unpleasant smell and taste, as first distilled, and for the filtration of petroleum residuums in the manufacture of petrolatum and petroleum jellies. (See *Petrolatum.*) The manner in which it is used as a decolorizer is to mix it with the substance to be decolorized, and to allow the mixture to stand for some time. The charcoal unites with the coloring matter, and the solution by filtration is obtained white and transparent. Its use, however, in decolorizing the organic alkalies and other vegetable principles no doubt causes a loss by absorption; since it has been shown by the experiments of M. Lebourdais, mentioned under the head of purified animal charcoal, that several of these principles may be obtained by the sole action of charcoal. For most pharmaceutical operations, and for use as an antidote, animal charcoal must be purified by hydrochloric acid from calcium phosphate and carbonate. (See *Carbo Animalis Purificatus.*) According to Guthe, a German chemist, bone charcoal, without purification, is to be preferred as a decolorizer in all cases in which the calcareous salts exert no injurious effect.

CARBO ANIMALIS PURIFICATUS. U. S., Br. Purified Animal Charcoal.

(CĂR'BŌ ĂN-Ị-MĀ'LĬS PŪ-RỊ-FỊ-CĀ'TŬS.)

"Animal Charcoal from which the earthy salts have been almost wholly removed. Product, about 10 per cent." *Br.*

Charbon animal purifié, *Fr.;* Gereinigte Knochenkohle, *G.*

"Animal Charcoal, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 254 grains]; Boiling Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Introduce the Animal Charcoal into a capacious flask, add *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains] of Hydrochloric Acid, and *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Boiling Water, and connect the flask with an upright condenser. By means of a sand-bath keep the mixture gently boiling during eight hours. Then add *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 17½ fluidounces] of Boiling Water, transfer the mixture to a muslin strainer, and, when the liquid has run off, return the Charcoal to the flask. Add to it *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]* of Hydrochloric Acid and *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Boiling Water, boil for two hours, again add *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 17½ fluidounces] of Boiling Water, transfer the whole to a plain filter, and, when the liquid has run off, wash the residue with Boiling Water until the washings give only a faint cloudiness with silver nitrate test-solution. Dry the powder in a drying oven, and immediately transfer it to well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

"Take of Bone Black, in powder, *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *ten fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Hydrochloric Acid with a pint of the Water, and add the Bone Black, stirring occasionally. Digest at a moderate temperature for two days, agitating from time to time; collect the undissolved charcoal on a calico filter, and wash with Distilled Water until what passes through gives scarcely any precipitate with nitrate of silver. Dry the charcoal, and then heat it to redness in a closely-covered crucible." *Br.*

Animal charcoal, as it is made by charring bones, necessarily contains bone-phosphate and calcium carbonate, the presence of which does no harm in some decolorizing operations; but in delicate chemical processes these salts may be dissolved or decomposed, and thus become a source of impurity. It is on this account that animal charcoal requires to be purified from its calcareous salts; and this is accomplished by diluted hydrochloric acid, which dissolves the phosphate and decomposes the carbonate. According to Dr. Stenhouse, aluminized vegetable charcoal is equally efficacious with purified animal charcoal as a decolorizer. (See page 324.)

Properties. Purified animal charcoal is "a dull black powder, odorless, tasteless, and insoluble in water, alcohol, or other solvents. If 2 Gm. of the powder be ignited at a red heat with free access of air in a broad, shallow porcelain or platinum dish, it should not leave a residue weighing more than 0·08 Gm., or 4 per cent. of the original weight (limit of *silicates* and *other fixed, inorganic matter*). If 1 Gm. of the powder be boiled with a mixture of 3 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution and 5 C.c. of water during three minutes, the filtrate should be colorless (evidence of *complete carbonization*)." *U. S.*

It has been shown by Mr. Robert Warington that bitter vegetable substances, including the organic alkalies, are removed from solution by passing through purified animal charcoal, especially when the action is assisted by heat. M. Weppen finds that a similar effect is pro-

* The U. S. Pharmacopœia 1890 (1st edition) is evidently in error in stating this quantity as 100 cubic centimeters; it should be 100 grammes, to correspond with the quantity previously given.

duced by it in removing resins from tinctures, tannic acid and bitter principles from astringent and bitter infusions, and certain metallic salts from their solutions. Purified animal charcoal, thus employed, has been resorted to by M. Lebourdais as an agent for obtaining the active principles of plants. A decoction or infusion of the plant is either boiled with or filtered through the charcoal, which takes up, more or less completely, the bitter and coloring principles. The charcoal, after having been washed and dried, is treated with boiling alcohol, which dissolves the principles taken up. Finally, the alcohol is distilled off, and the principles are obtained in a separate state. In this way digitalin, ilicin, scillitin, columbin, colocynthin, arnicine, strychnine, quinine, and other principles have been obtained by M. Lebourdais. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Nov. 15, 1848.) In relation to the method of M. Lebourdais, see a paper by Mr. J. S. Cobb, in *A. J. P.*, 1851. Dr. A. B. Garrod has proposed purified animal charcoal as an antidote to vegetable and animal poisons, with which it appears to combine. According to his experiments, common bone-black has not one-fifth of the power possessed by the purified substance, and vegetable charcoal and lamp-black are nearly or quite useless. The amount of the antidote proposed by Dr. Garrod is half an ounce for each grain of a vegetable organic alkali. Dr. Alfred Taylor deems the results of Dr. Garrod inconclusive. The late Professor B. H. Rand made some interesting observations in relation to the antidotal powers of purified animal charcoal, and proved that poisonous doses of the strongest vegetable poisons may be swallowed with impunity, if mixed with that substance. (*Med. Exam.*, Sept. 1848.) As an antidote for phosphorus (see *N. Y. Med. Record*, 1874, p. 68) its value is very doubtful.

In using animal charcoal for decolorizing active vegetable principles much loss is often incurred by the absorption of those principles by the charcoal.

CARBO LIGNI. U. S., Br. Charcoal.

(CÄR'BŌ LĬG'NĪ.)

"Charcoal prepared from soft wood, and very finely powdered. It should be kept in well-closed vessels." *U. S.* "Wood charred by exposure to a red heat without access of air." *Br.*

Wood Charcoal, Vegetable Charcoal; Carbo Pulveratus, *P. G.;* Carbo Præparatus, Carbo e Ligno; Charbon végétal, Charbon de Bois, *Fr.;* Holzkohle, Präparirte Kohle, *G.;* Carbone di Legno, *It.;* Carbon de Lena, *Sp.*

Preparation on the Large Scale. Billets of wood are piled in a conical form, and covered with earth and sod to prevent the free access of air; several holes being left at the bottom and one at the top of the pile, in order to produce a draught to commence the combustion. The wood is then kindled from the bottom. In a little while the hole at the top is closed, and, after the ignition is found to have pervaded the whole pile, those at the bottom are stopped also. The combustion taking place with a smothered flame, the volatile portions of the wood, consisting of hydrogen and oxygen, are dissipated, while the carbon is left; a portion of it, however, being lost by combustion. Wood, thus carbonized, yields not more than 17 or 18 per cent. of charcoal. A better method is to char the wood in iron cylinders, when it yields from 22 to 23 parts in 100 of excellent charcoal; and, at the same time, the means are afforded for collecting the volatile products, consisting of pyroligneous acid, empyreumatic oil, and tar. This process for obtaining charcoal has been described under another head. (See *Acidum Aceticum.*) A method of preparing charcoal by subjecting wood to overheated steam has been invented by M. Violette. When the temperature of steam is 300° C. (572° F.), the wood is converted into a peculiar charcoal, called *red charcoal*, which is intermediate in its qualities between wood and ordinary charcoal. When the temperature is lower, the carbonization is incomplete; when higher, the product is black charcoal. The steam process yields a uniform charcoal for a given temperature, which may be easily regulated, and a product about double that obtained in closed cylinders. Charcoal contains *carbon*, in proportion to the temperature at which it is formed; varying from 65 per cent. when made at 250° C. (482° F.) to 80 per cent. when made at 400° C. (752° F.). The gaseous matter present is always inversely as the temperature of carbonization. Thus, for charcoal made at 300° C. (572° F.), it is one-third of its weight; at 350° C. (662° F.), one-fourth. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1851, p. 35.)

Mr. E. C. C. Stanford has called attention to a variety of vegetable charcoal, obtained by charring a species of sea-weed, *Laminaria digitata*, gathered on the shores of the Hebrides, which, although, on account of the large proportion of calcium carbonate contained in it (20 per cent.), unfit for use in refining sugar, possesses more of the deodorizing and decolorizing power than animal charcoal itself, which, with the exception referred to, it closely resembles in chemical composition. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1867, p. 186.)

Preparation for Medicinal Use. M. Belloc recommends charcoal for this purpose to be obtained from poplar shoots, cut at the time the sap rises, and deprived of their bark. The carbonization should be performed in cast-iron vessels at a red-white heat. The product is a light and brilliant charcoal, which must be purified by being macerated for three or four days in water, frequently renewed. It is then dried, powdered, and placed in bottles, which should be well stopped. The charcoal most esteemed in Philadelphia for medicinal purposes is that prepared by the Messrs. Dupont, near Wilmington, Delaware, for the manufacture of gunpowder. It is made from young willow shoots of two or three years' growth.

Properties. Charcoal is a black, shining, brittle, porous substance, tasteless and inodorous, and insoluble in water. It is a good conductor of electricity, but a bad one of heat. It possesses the remarkable property of absorbing many times its own bulk of certain gases. "If 1 Gm. of Charcoal be boiled with a mixture of 3 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution and 5 C.c. of water for several minutes, the filtrate should be colorless or nearly so (evidence of *complete carbonization*)." *U. S.* When exposed to the air after ignition, it increases rapidly in weight, absorbing from 12 to 14 per cent. of moisture. As ordinarily prepared, it contains the incombustible part of the wood, amounting to 1 or 2 per cent., which is left as ashes when the charcoal is burned. These may be removed by digesting the charcoal in diluted hydrochloric acid, and afterwards washing it thoroughly with boiling water.

Medical Properties, etc. Powdered charcoal is disinfectant and absorbent. It is employed with advantage in *diarrhœa* as an absorbent, and in *dyspepsia* with fetid breath and eructations. It is also useful, in the form of injection, in *putrid discharges from the uterus*. M. Belloc recommends it strongly in *gastralgia*, and especially *pyrosis*, in which, if it fails to remove the disease, it abates the pain, nausea, and vomiting; and his observations have been confirmed by a committee of the French Academy of Medicine. As a remedy in *obstinate constipation*, Dr. Daniel, of Savannah, speaks of it in high terms. He also found it useful in *nausea and constipation of pregnancy*. On the other hand, some practitioners have found charcoal to confine the bowels. Dr. Wilson, of New Zealand, speaks highly of it in the *diarrhœa* of measles, and in epidemic cholera. Dr. Newman recommends it as a dressing to *wounds* and *ulcers*. Mr. Wormald, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has made a useful application of the disinfecting power of dry charcoal, in what he calls the *charcoal quilt*. This consists of two sheets of cotton wadding, quilted together in small segments, with a tolerably thick layer of powdered charcoal between them. The quilts, thus prepared, may be of any size, so as to fit a *gangrenous sore* or *stump*. Its use as an ingredient of poultices is noticed under *Cataplasma Carbonis*. Several of its varieties are used as tooth-powder. Those generally preferred are the charcoals of the cocoa-nut shell and of bread. It is said that charcoal proves useful in preserving the teeth by absorbing the acid sometimes morbidly present in the mucus of the mouth. The dose of charcoal varies from one to four teaspoonfuls (3·9–15·5 Gm.) or more. Dr. Daniel gave it in his case of constipation in doses of a tablespoonful (15·5 Gm.), repeated every half-hour. *Charcoal biscuits* have been prepared, containing 15 or 20 per cent. of charcoal in fine powder, whilst *charcoal lozenges*, either with charcoal alone or associated with bismuth, have been employed with asserted good results in certain forms of gastric disturbances.

For internal use charcoal is preferred by some in the *granular form*. Mr. W. Lascelles Scott employs the following method of preparing it. He prefers the wood of the box, willow, or linden, which, after being charred, should be allowed to cool out of contact with air, then boiled for some time in diluted hydrochloric acid, and afterwards, having been thoroughly washed with pure water, in a little weak ammonia. The fragments are again ignited, and then quickly powdered, and passed through a sieve of 80 or 100 apertures to the inch. Nine pounds of this powder are mixed with one pound of pure sugar passed through a 30 sieve, and 4 ounces of gum arabic in impalpable powder. The whole is then moistened with a few ounces of warm distilled water, to which have been added an ounce and a quarter of tincture of benzoin, and a little mucilage. The mass is now granulated on flat steam pans, in the usual manner, at a temperature of 101·6°–107·2° C. (215°–225° F.). When perfectly dry it is sifted, and secured in well-stopped bottles. (*Chem. News*, 1867, p. 204.)

Dr. Stenhouse has devised a process for combining alumina with common vegetable charcoal, forming what he calls *aluminized charcoal*, which is an economical substitute for purified animal charcoal, and equally efficacious as a decolorizer. It is prepared by digesting finely-powdered charcoal with sufficient of the solution of aluminum sulphate to give an impregnation of 7·5 per cent. of alumina. The whole is evaporated to dryness, and ignited in a covered Hessian crucible, until the water and acid have been dissipated. Aluminized charcoal is per-

fectly black, though thoroughly impregnated with anhydrous alumina, and only requires to be carefully pulverized to be ready for use. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1857, p. 364.) On similar principles, Dr. Stenhouse prepares his *artificial bone-black*, by impregnating powdered wood charcoal with 7·5 per cent. of calcium phosphate, by digesting it in a solution of this salt in hydrochloric acid, evaporating to dryness, and igniting in covered vessels. This charcoal decolorizes well, but can be used only for neutral solutions.

Charcoal may act either as an oxidizer or as a deoxidizer; and these contrary powers seem to depend upon its having for oxygen a medium affinity, which enables it to take that element from some bodies, and to yield it to others, or at least by its porosity to facilitate atmospheric oxidation. Thus, it is known to reduce several oxides; while, on the other hand, it aids powerfully in the oxidation of animal matter. The bodies of two dogs having been laid in an open box on a bed of charcoal, a few inches deep, and covered by the same material, were kept by Mr. John Turnbull, of Glasgow, for six months in his laboratory, without emitting any perceptible effluvium; and when they were examined at the end of this time, scarcely anything remained but the bones. Dr. Stenhouse, who relates this experiment, has confirmed it by observations of his own, and believes that the animal matter thus treated undergoes putrefaction, though the products, by their rapid oxidation and absorption, are prevented from contaminating the air. He therefore considers charcoal not to be antiseptic, but the very opposite. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1854.) It is said that water may be kept sweet at sea by the addition of a little powdered charcoal to each cask.

CARBONEI DISULPHIDUM. U. S. Carbon Disulphide.

[Carbonei Bisulphidum, Pharm. 1880.]

CS_2; 75·93. (CĂR-BŌ'NḘ-Ī DĪ-SŬL'PHĮ-DŬM.) CS_2; 76.

"Carbon Disulphide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, or in tin cans, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

Carboneum Sulfuratum, Alcohol Sulfuris, *P. G.;* Carbonii Bisulphidum; Carbon Sulphide; Sulfure de Carbone, *Fr.;* Schwefelkohlenstoff, *G.*

This compound, corresponding to carbon dioxide (carbonic acid gas), CO_2, is prepared by the direct combination of carbon and sulphur at a moderate red heat. To effect this, charcoal is heated to redness in a vertical cylinder, while sulphur is admitted through a lateral tubulure near the bottom. As the sulphur melts and vaporizes, it combines with the carbon, and the carbon disulphide formed distils over through a series of condensing tubes, which, while they serve to collect the crude carbon disulphide, allow of the escape of the hydrogen sulphide formed at the same time. The crude product is then rectified, first over a solution of chlorinated lime to break up any hydrogen sulphide gas remaining, and then repeatedly either over mercury, mercuric chloride, anhydrous cupric sulphate, or over a pure fatty oil, which withdraws from it all free sulphur and bad-smelling sulphur compounds. Obach experimented with potassium permanganate as a purifying agent, as was suggested by Allary. He finds it well adapted for use on a small scale in combination with mercury, sulphur, mercuric sulphate. (*N. R.*, 1883.) The manufacture of carbon disulphide has within late years assumed large proportions. In the works of Deiss at Pantin, near Marseilles, France, 500 kilogrammes are turned out daily, and their annual production in 1880 exceeded 1,200,000 kilogrammes.

It is used in the arts for the extraction of oils from different oil-seeds, for the extraction of sulphur from some varieties of sulphur ores, for the cleansing of wool and recovering the fat, in the manufacture of india-rubber goods as a solvent for the caoutchouc, for the extraction of perfumes, and latterly on an enormous scale in France as a remedy against the *phylloxera*.

Properties. "A clear, colorless, highly refractive liquid, very diffusive, having a strong, characteristic, but not fetid odor, and a sharp, aromatic taste. Soluble in 535 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.); very soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, fixed and volatile oils. Specific gravity, 1·268 to 1·269 at 15° C. (59° F.). Carbon Disulphide vaporizes rapidly at the ordinary temperature, is highly inflammable, boils at 46°–47° C. (114·8°–116·6° F.), and, when ignited, burns with a blue flame, producing carbon and sulphur dioxide. It should not affect the color of blue litmus paper moistened with water (absence of *sulphur dioxide*). A portion evaporated spontaneously in a glass vessel should leave no residue (absence of *dissolved sulphur*). Lead acetate test-solution agitated with it should not be blackened (absence of *hydrogen sulphide*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Carbon disulphide is a powerful poison, but is not used as an internal remedy. According to M. Delpech, the workmen exposed to the fumes of the disul-

phide are affected with headache, vertigo, and over-excitement of the nervous system, as evinced by voluble talking, incoherent singing, or immoderate laughter, or sometimes by weeping; and a continuance of the exposure is apt to cause at length a state of cachexia, characterized by general weakness, loss of sexual appetite, dulness of sight and hearing, and impairment of memory. The swallowing by a man, with suicidal intent, of half an ounce of carbon disulphide was followed in half an hour by absolute unconsciousness, very rapid, feeble pulse, slow and stertorous respiration, cold and clammy surface of body, and insensitive conjunctiva, with mobile pupils. Two hours later, death occurred. The blood was found fluid, and there were no marked lesions of irritation in the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. (*Lancet*, July 17, 1886.) India-rubber workers, by whom the disulphide is largely used, are said to suffer frequently from paralytic symptoms. (*Lancet*, Jan. 1886.)

Externally, the disulphide has been used as a counter-irritant and local anæsthetic. In *enlarged lymphatic glands*, Dr. Turnbull has employed it with asserted good success. He applies it by means of a bottle with a proper-sized mouth, containing a fluidrachm of the disulphide, imbibed by a piece of sponge. The skin over the gland is first well moistened with water. He employed the vapor also with benefit in deafness, when dependent on want of nervous energy and a deficiency of wax. For this purpose, the bottle containing the disulphide is made with a neck to fit the meatus, and, being applied to the ear, is held there until considerable warmth is produced. The remedy has been used often with very good results, in a similar manner, in *facial* and other *neuralgias* and various local *pains*. It causes a good deal of smarting, but its disagreeable odor is the chief objection to it. M. Chiandi Bey finds that a solution of carbon disulphide (three parts per thousand) is a most energetic antiseptic, killing microbes and arresting all fermentation; he proposes its use in *zymotic diseases* internally. (*Compt.-Rendus*, xcix.) In France the disulphide has been used in *diarrhœa* in 3·5 per cent. solution; dose, two tablespoonfuls four or five times a day.

CARDAMOMUM. U. S. (Br.) Cardamom.

(CĂR-DA-MŌ'MŬM.)

"The fruit of Elettaria repens (Sonnerat), Baillon (nat. ord. Scitamineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of the Malabar Cardamom, Elettaria Cardamomum, Maton. The seeds are best kept in their pericarps, in which condition they are imported; but when required for use they should be separated and the pericarps rejected." *Br.*

Cardamomi Semina, *Br.;* Cardamoms; Fructus (Semen) Cardamomi Minoris, *P. G.;* Cardamomum Minus, Cardomomum Malabariam; Malabar Cardamoms; Cardamomes, Petit Cardamome, *Fr.;* Cardamomen, Kleine Cardamomen, *G.;* Cardamomo minore, *It.;* Cardamomo menor, *Sp.;* Ebil, *Arab.;* Kakelah seghar, *Pers.;* Capalaga, *Malay;* Gujaratii elachi, *Hindost.*

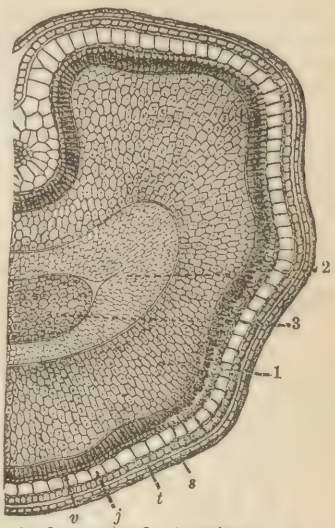
The subject of Cardamom has been involved in some confusion and uncertainty, both in its commercial and botanical relations. The name has been applied to the aromatic capsules of various Indian plants belonging to the family of Scitamineæ. Three varieties have long been designated by the several titles of the *lesser*, *middle*, and *larger*,—*cardamomum minus*, *medium*, and *majus;* but these terms have been used differently by different writers, so that their precise signification remains doubtful. To the late Dr. Pereira we are mainly indebted for the clearing up of this confusion. It is well known that the *lesser cardamom* of most writers is the variety recognized by the Pharmacopœias and generally kept in the shops. The other varieties, though circulating to a greater or less extent in European and Indian commerce, are little known in this country.* The following remarks have reference exclusively to the genuine Malabar, or official, cardamom.

* The following is a sketch of the non-official cardamoms, compiled chiefly from the publications of Pereira and of Flückiger and Hanbury.

1. *Ceylon Cardamom.* This has been denominated variously *cardamomum medium*, *cardamomum majus*, and *cardamomum longum*, and is sometimes termed in English commerce *wild cardamom.* It is the *large cardamom* of Guibourt. In the East it is sometimes called *grains of Paradise;* but it is not the product known with us by that name. (See p. 327, 7.) It is derived from a plant cultivated in Candy, in the island of Ceylon, and also growing wild in the forests of the interior, which was designated by Sir James Edward Smith *Elletaria major*, but is now generally acknowledged to be only a variety of the official plant. This plant was described by Pereira in *P. J. Tr.* (ii. 388). The fruit is a lanceolate-oblong, acutely triangular capsule, somewhat curved, about an inch and a half long and four lines broad, with flat and ribbed sides, tough and coriaceous, brownish or yellow ash-colored, having frequently at one end the long, cylindrical, three-lobed calyx, and at the other the fruit-stalk. It is three-celled, and contains angular, rugged, yellowish-red seeds, of a peculiar fragrant odor and spicy taste. Its effects are analogous to those of the official cardamom.

2. *Round Cardamom.* This is probably the Ἄμωμον of Dioscorides and the *Amomi uva* of Pliny, and is believed to be the fruit of *Amomum cardamomum* (Willd.), growing in Sumatra, Java, and other East India islands. The

Linnæus confounded, under the name of *Amomum cardamomum*, two different vegetables, —the genuine plant of Malabar, and another growing in Java. These were separated by Willdenow, who conferred on the former Sonnerat's title of *Amomum repens*, while he retained the original name for the latter, though not the true cardamom plant. In the tenth volume of the Linnæan Transactions, 1811, Mr. White, a British army surgeon in India, published a very minute description of the Malabar plant, which he had enjoyed frequent opportunities of examining in its native state. From this description Dr. Maton inferred that the plant, according to Roscoe's arrangement of the Scitamineæ, could not be considered an *Amomum;* and, as he was unable to attach it to any other known genus, he proposed to construct a new one, with the name of *Elettaria*, derived from *elettari* or *elatari*, the Malabar name of this vegetable. Sir James Smith afterwards suggested the propriety of naming the new genus *Matonia*, in honor of Dr. Maton; and the latter title, having been adopted by Roscoe, obtained a place in former editions of the London and U. S. Pharmacopœias. The celebrated Dr. Roxburgh described the Malabar cardamom plant as an *Alpinia*, with the specific name *cardamomum*. As doubts were entertained of the necessity for the new genus proposed by Maton, Roxburgh was followed in the London and U. S. Pharmacopœias, and the fruit was referred to *Alpinia cardamomum*. This decision, however, was revised in the later editions of the U. S. and British Pharmacopœias. Roscoe arranged it with the abandoned genus *Renealmia* of Linnæus, which he restored.



Cardamom seed. 1, perisperm; 2, endosperm; 3, embryo; *v*, inner seed-coat; *j*, oil cells; *s*, seed-coat; *t*, outer seed-coat. (After Berg.)

Gen. Ch. Corolla with the tube filiform and the inner limb one-lipped. *Anther* naked. *Capsule* often berried, three-celled, three-valved. *Seeds* numerous, arillate. *Blume.*

capsules are usually smaller than a cherry, roundish or somewhat ovate, with three convex sides, more or less striated longitudinally, yellowish or brownish white, and sometimes reddish, with brown, angular, cuneiform, shrivelled seeds, which have a spicy camphorous flavor. They are sometimes, though rarely, met with connected in their native clusters, constituting the *amomum racemosum*, or *amome en grappes*, of the French. They are similar in medicinal properties to the official, but are seldom used except in the southern parts of Europe.

3. *Java Cardamom.* The plant producing this variety is supposed to be the *Amomum maximum* of Roxburgh, growing in Java and other Malay islands in the East. The capsules are oval, or oval-oblong, often somewhat ovate, from eight to fifteen lines long, and from four to eight broad, usually flattened on one side and convex on the other, sometimes curved, three-valved, and occasionally imperfectly three-lobed, of a dirty grayish-brown color, and coarse fibrous appearance. When soaked in water, they exhibit as their distinguishing character from nine to thirteen ragged membranous wings along their whole length, which distinguish them from all other varieties. The seeds have a feebly aromatic taste and smell. This variety of cardamom affords but a very small proportion of volatile oil, is altogether of inferior quality, and, when imported into London, is usually sent to the continent.

4. *Madagascar Cardamom.* This is the *Cardamomum majus* of Geiger and some others, and is thought to be the fruit of *Amomum angustifolium* of Sonnerat, growing in marshy grounds in Madagascar. The capsule is ovate, pointed, flattened on one side, striated, with a broad circular scar at the bottom, surrounded by an elevated, notched, corrugated margin. The seeds have an aromatic flavor analogous to that of official cardamom.

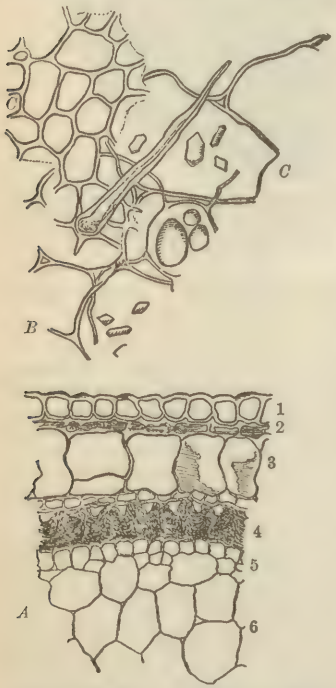
5. *Bengal Cardamom.* The fruit of *Amomum subulatum*, Roxb., sometimes known by the name of Winged Bengal Cardamom. *Morung elachi*, or *Buro elachi*, is about an inch in length, obscurely three-sided, ovoid or somewhat obconic, with nine narrow, jagged ridges or wings (best seen after soaking in water) upon its distal end, which terminates in a truncate bristly nipple. The pericarp is coarsely striated, of a deep brown, splitting into three valves, disclosing a three-lobed mass of seeds, 60 to 80 in number, agglutinated by their viscid saccharine anthers.

6. *Nepal Cardamom* is produced by an Amomum of undetermined species, and resembles the Bengal cardamom, except in having a long tubular calyx on its summit, and in being usually attached to a stalk.

7. *Grains of Paradise. Grana Paradisi.* Under this name and that of *Guinea grains*, and *Malegueta* or *Mallaguetta pepper*, are found in commerce small seeds of a round or ovate form, often angular, and somewhat cuneiform, minutely rough, brown externally, white within, of a feebly aromatic odor when rubbed between the fingers, and of a strongly hot and peppery taste. Two kinds of them are known in the English market, one larger, plumper, and more warty, with a short conical projecting tuft of pale fibres on the umbilicus; the other smaller and smoother, and without the fibrous tuft. The latter are the most common. It is probable that one of the varieties is produced by *Amomum grana paradisi* of Sir J. E. Smith, and the other by Roscoe's *Amomum melegueta*. (Pereira's *Mat. Med.*, 3d ed., p. 1134.) Dr. W. F. Daniell, who has published (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 312 and 356) an elaborate paper on the Amoma of Western Africa, states that the true Mallaguetta pepper is obtained exclusively from varieties of the same species to which belong the *Amomum grana paradisi* of Afzelius and the *A. melegueta* of Roscoe; while the *A. grana paradisi* of Sir J. E. Smith is a different plant, and yields a different product. These grains are imported from Guinea, and other parts of the western coast of Africa. Similar grains are taken to England from Demerara, where they are obtained from a plant cultivated by the negroes, supposed to have been brought from Africa, and believed by Dr. Pereira to be the *Amomum melegueta* of Roscoe. (*Ibid.*, vi. 412.) At the international exhibition of

Elettaria cardamomum. Maton; *B. & T.* 267.—*Alpinia cardamomum.* Roxburgh.—*Amomum repens.* Sonnerat; Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 9.—*Renealmia cardamomum.* Roscoe, *Monandrous Plants.* Figured in *Linn. Trans.* x. 248, and Carson's *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 55. The cardamom plant has a tuberous horizontal root or rhizome, furnished with numerous fibres, and sending up from eight to twenty erect, simple, smooth, green and shining, perennial stems, which rise from six to twelve feet in height, and bear alternate sheathing leaves. These are from nine inches to two feet long, from one to five inches broad, elliptical-lanceolate, pointed, entire, smooth and dark green on the upper surface, glossy and pale sea-green beneath, with strong midribs, and short footstalks. The flower-stalk proceeds from the base of the stem, and lies upon the ground, with the flowers arranged in a panicle. The calyx is monophyllous, tubular, and toothed at the margin; the corolla monophyllous and funnel-shaped, with the inferior border unilabiate, three-lobed, and spurred at the base. The fruit is a three-celled capsule, containing many seeds; during drying it is said to lose three-fourths of its weight.

This valuable plant is a native of the mountains of Malabar, where it springs up spontaneously in the forests after the removal of the undergrowth, and is very extensively cultivated by the natives. For a detailed account of culture see *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 605; also *P. J. Tr.*, 1888. The plant begins to yield fruit at the end of the fourth year, and continues to bear for several years afterwards. The capsules when ripe are picked from the fruit-stems, dried over a gentle fire, and separated by rubbing with the hands from the footstalks and adhering calyces.



Cardamom fruit. *A*, section of seed; 1, outer membrane; 2, diagonal cells; 3, oil cells; 4, parenchyma; 5, palisade-like cells; 6, seed albumen; *B*, epidermis of seed, with hair; *C*, parenchyma of seed-coat.

Thus prepared, they are ovate-oblong, from three to ten lines long, from two to four thick, three-sided with rounded angles, obtusely pointed at both ends, longitudinally wrinkled, and of a yellowish-white color. The seeds which they contain are small, angular, irregular, rough as if embossed upon their surface, of a brown color, easily reduced to powder, and thus separable from the capsular covering, which, though slightly aromatic, is much less so than the seeds, and should be rejected when the medicine is administered. The seeds constitute about 74 parts per cent. by weight. According to Pereira, three varieties are distinguished in commerce: 1, the *shorts*, from three to six lines long, from two to three broad, browner and more coarsely ribbed and more highly esteemed than the others; 2, the *long-longs*, from seven lines to an inch in length by two or three lines in breadth, elongated, and somewhat acuminate; and 3, the *short-longs*, which are somewhat shorter and less pointed than the second variety. The odor of cardamom is fragrant, the taste warm, slightly pungent, and highly aromatic. "Ovoid or oblong, from 10 to 15 Mm. long, obtusely triangular, rounded at the base, beaked, longitudinally striate; of a pale buff color, three-celled, with a thin, leathery, nearly tasteless pericarp, and a central placenta. The seeds are about 4 Mm. long, reddish-brown, angular, rugose, depressed at the hilum, surrounded by a thin, membranous arillus, and have an agreeable odor and a pungent, aromatic taste." *U. S.* Cardamom yields its virtues to water and alcohol, but more readily to the latter. The seeds contain 4·6 per cent. of volatile oil, 10·4 of fixed oil, 2·5 of a salt of potassium mixed with a coloring principle, 3·0 of starch, 1·8 of nitrogenous mucilage, 0·4 of yellow coloring matter, and 77·3 of ligneous fibre. (Trommsdorff.) The

1862, at London, Dr. Geo. B. Wood noticed a specimen of similar grains, under the name of grains of Paradise, sent from the island of Trinidad. Their effects on the system are analogous to those of pepper; but they are seldom used except in veterinary practice, and to give artificial strength to spirits, wine, beer, and vinegar. In the same journal (ii. 443), Dr. Pereira points out seven distinct scitamineous fruits to which the name of grains of Paradise has been applied by different authors. J. C. Thresh made a proximate analysis of the seeds, and found volatile oil, resin, tannin, starch, albuminoids, and an active principle in the form of a straw-colored, viscid, odorless fluid, pungent, but not so hot as capsaicin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 297.) Fredk. Schwartz found in the seeds a reddish-brown acrid resin, and an oil having a burning aromatic taste, upon which the virtues probably depend. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 118.)

Other products of different Scitamineæ, which have received the name of cardamom, are described; but the above are all that are known in commerce, or likely to be brought into our drug markets.

volatile oil is colorless, of an agreeable and very penetrating odor, and of a strong aromatic, burning, camphorous, and bitterish taste. It is dextrogyrate, and consists essentially of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, with small quantities of formic and acetic acids. From old specimens of oil Dumas and Peligot claim to have obtained crystals of *terpene hydrate*, $C_{10}H_{20}O_2 + H_2O$, while Flückiger has obtained a crystalline deposit from Ceylon oil which he considers identical with common camphor. Weber (*Ann. Ch. und Phar.*, 238, p. 98) speaks of finding a small amount of a crystalline non-volatile compound which fuses at 60°–61° C. The sp. gr. of the oil is between 0·92 and 0·94. It cannot be kept long without undergoing change, and finally, even though excluded from the air, loses its peculiar odor and taste. If ether be made to percolate through the powdered seeds, and the liquor obtained be deprived of the ether, a light greenish-brown fluid remains, consisting almost exclusively of the volatile and fixed oils. It has the odor of cardamom, and keeps better than the oil obtained by distillation. (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 116.) The seeds should be powdered only when wanted for use, as they retain their aromatic properties best while in the capsule.

Cardamoms are not often adulterated; but G. W. Kennedy has seen nearly 4 per cent. of orange seeds and unroasted grains of coffee mixed with the cardamoms. (*A. J. P.*, 1872.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Cardamom is a warm and grateful aromatic, less heating and stimulating than some others belonging to the class, and very useful as an adjuvant or corrective of cordial, tonic, and purgative medicines. Throughout the East Indies it is largely consumed as a condiment. It was known to the ancients, and derived its name from the Greek language. In this country it is employed chiefly as an ingredient in compound preparations.

CARUM. U. S. (Br.) Caraway.

(CĀ′RŬM.)

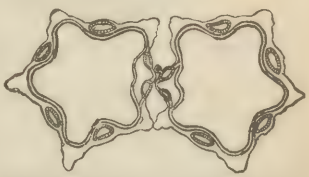
"The fruit of Carum Carvi Linné (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried fruit of Carum Carui." *Br.*

Carui Fructus, *Br.;* Caraway Fruit; Fructus Carvi, *P. G.;* Cumin des Prés, Carvi, *Fr.;* Carvi, *It.;* Gemeiner Kümmel, Kümmel, *G.;* Alcaravea, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Fruit ovate-oblong, striated. *Involucre* one-leafed. *Petals* keeled, inflexed-emarginate. *Willd.*

Carum carui. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1470; *B. & T.* 121. This plant is biennial and umbelliferous, with a spindle-shaped, fleshy, whitish root, and an erect stem, about two feet in height, branching above, and furnished with doubly pinnate, deeply incised leaves, the segments of which are linear and pointed. The flowers are small and white, and in erect terminal umbels, which are accompanied with an involucre, consisting sometimes of three or four leaflets, sometimes of one only, and are destitute of partial involucre.

The caraway plant is a native of Europe, growing wild in meadows and pastures, and cultivated in many places. It has been introduced into this country. The flowers appear in May and June, and the seeds, which are not perfected till the second year, ripen in August. The root, when improved by culture, resembles the parsnip, and is used as food in the north of Europe. The seeds are the part used in medicine. They are collected by cutting down the plant, and threshing it on a cloth. Our markets are supplied partly from Europe, partly from our own gardens. The American seeds are usually rather smaller than the German. Under the name of *Ajowan*, the fruits of the *Carum ajowan*, Bentham & Hooker (*Ammi copticum*, Linn.), are largely used in India. They are $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch long, and resemble the fruits of common parsley, but are distinguished by their odor, and by their surface being very rough from numerous very minute tubercles. They contain about 4 per cent. of a volatile oil, which has the odor of the oil of thyme, and contains thymol: it may be used as an aromatic carminative. (See *Brit. Med. Journ.*, June 6, 1885.)



Transverse section of caraway, showing oil-tubes.

Caraway seeds (half-fruits) are about two lines in length, slightly curved, with five longitudinal ridges, which are of a light yellowish color, while the intervening spaces are dark brown. "Oblong, laterally compressed, about 4 or 5 Mm. long, usually separated into the two mericarps, which are curved, narrower at both ends, brown, with five yellowish, filiform ribs, and with six oil-tubes." *U. S.* They have an agreeable aromatic smell, and a sweetish, warm, spicy taste. These properties depend on an essential oil, which they afford largely by distillation.

(See *Oleum Cari.*) The residue is insipid. They yield their virtues readily to alcohol, and more slowly to water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Caraway is a pleasant stomachic and carminative, occasionally used in *flatulent colic*, and as an adjuvant or corrective of other medicines. The dose in substance is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). An infusion may be prepared by adding two drachms of the seeds to a pint of boiling water. The volatile oil, however, is most employed. (See *Oleum Cari.*) The seeds are baked in cakes, to which they communicate an agreeable flavor, while they stimulate the digestive organs.

CARYOPHYLLUS. U.S. (Br.) Cloves.

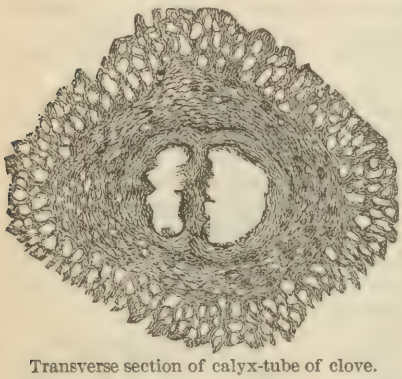
(CĂR-Y-Ǫ-PHĬL'LŲS.)

"The unexpanded flowers of Eugenia aromatica (Linné), O. Kuntze (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried flower-bud of Eugenia caryophyllata, Thunb. (Caryophyllus aromaticus, Linn.)." *Br.*

Caryophyllum, *Br.;* Caryophylli, *P. G.;* Caryophylli Aromatici; Girofle, Clous aromatiques, Clous de Girofles, *Fr.;* Gewurznelken, Nägelein, *G.;* Garofani, *It.;* Clavos de Espicia, *Sp.;* Cravo da India, *Portug.;* Kruidnagel, *Dutch;* Kerunfel, *Arab.*

Gen. Ch. Tube of the *calyx* cylindrical; limb, four-parted. *Petals* four, adhering by their ends in a sort of calyptra. *Stamens* distinct, arranged in four parcels in a quadrangular fleshy hollow, near the teeth of the calyx. *Ovary* two-celled, with about twenty ovules in each cell. *Berry* one- or two-celled, one- or two-seeded. *Seeds* cylindrical or half-ovate. *Cotyledons* thick, fleshy, convex externally, sinuous in various ways internally. *Lindley. De Cand.*

Eugenia caryophyllata. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 965; *B. & T.* 112.—*Caryophyllus aromaticus.* Linn. *Sp. Plant.*, 735; De Cand. *Prodrom.* iii. 262; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 43, pl. 37. This small tree is one of the most elegant of those inhabiting the islands of India. It has a pyramidal form, is always green, and is adorned throughout the year with a succession of beautiful rosy flowers. The stem is of hard wood, and covered with a smooth, grayish bark. The leaves are about four inches in length by two in breadth, obovate-oblong, acuminate at both ends, entire, sinuated, with many parallel veins on each side of the midrib, supported on long footstalks, and opposite. They have a firm consistence, and a shining green color, and when bruised are highly fragrant. The flowers are disposed in terminal corymbose panicles, and exhale a strong, penetrating, and grateful odor.



Transverse section of calyx-tube of clove.

The natural geographical range of the clove is extremely limited, being confined to the Molucca Islands. According to Flückiger, cloves were known in western Europe as early as the sixth century, long before the discovery of the Moluccas by the Portuguese. After the conquest of the Molucca Islands by the Dutch, the monopolizing policy of that commercial people led them to extirpate the trees in nearly all the islands except Amboyna and Ternate, which were under their immediate inspection. Notwithstanding, however, their jealous vigilance, a French governor of the Isles of France and Bourbon, named Poivre, succeeded, in the year 1770, in obtaining plants from the Moluccas and introducing them into the colonies under his control. Five years afterwards, the clove-tree was introduced into Cayenne and the West Indies, in 1803 into Sumatra, and in 1818 into Zanzibar. The latter place has, indeed, become the chief source of supply; the crop for 1889 was estimated at 13,000,000 pounds, worth, at the place of growth, 10 cents a pound.*

The unexpanded flower-buds are the part of the plant employed under the ordinary name of cloves.† They are first gathered when the tree is about six years old. The fruit has similar aromatic properties, but much weaker. The buds are at first white, then become green, and then bright red, when they must be at once collected, which is done sometimes by hand-picking, sometimes by beating the trees with bamboos and catching the falling buds. In the

* Cloves from Cayenne, and from various West India islands, as Martinique, Guadeloupe, and Trinidad, have been for several years circulating in commerce.

† The stems of the flowers also enter commerce. They possess the odor and taste of the cloves, and, as they are worth only about one-fifth the price of the cloves and are said nearly to equal them in strength, they are largely used in the manufacture of ground cloves, as well as of oil of cloves. The French call them *griffes de girofles.*

Moluccas they are said to be sometimes immersed in boiling water and afterwards exposed to smoke and artificial heat before being spread out in the sun. In Zanzibar, Cayenne, and the West Indies, they are dried simply by solar heat.

Cloves appear to have been unknown to the ancients. They were introduced into Europe by the Arabians, and were distributed by the Venetians. After the discovery of the southern passage to India, the trade in this spice passed into the hands of the Portuguese, but was subsequently wrested from them by the Dutch, by whom it was long monopolized. The United States derive much of their supply from the West Indies and Guiana; but the great sources of cloves have been recently the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, on the east coast of Africa. In 1872 the clove orchards in Zanzibar were nearly destroyed by a hurricane, but they have been replanted.* The Molucca cloves are said to be thicker, darker, heavier, more oily, and more highly aromatic than those cultivated elsewhere. They are known by the name of *Amboyna cloves*. The *Bencoolen cloves*, from Sumatra, are deemed equal, if not superior, by the English druggists.

Properties. Cloves in shape resemble a nail with a round head with four spreading points beneath it. "About 15 Mm. long, dark brown, consisting of a subcylindrical, solid and glandular calyx-tube, terminated by four teeth, and surmounted by a globular head, formed by four petals, which cover numerous curved stamens, and one style. Cloves emit oil, when scratched, and have a strong, aromatic odor, and a pungent, spicy taste." *U. S.* Their color is externally deep brown, internally reddish; their odor strong and fragrant; their taste hot, pungent, aromatic, and very permanent. The best cloves are large, heavy, brittle, and exude a small quantity of oil on being pressed or scraped with the nail. When light, soft, wrinkled, pale, and of feeble taste and smell, they are inferior. Those from which the essential oil has been distilled are sometimes fraudulently mixed with the genuine. In powdered cloves this fraud appears to be extensively practised, and its detection is almost impossible.

Trommsdorff obtained from 1000 parts of cloves 180 of volatile oil, 170 of a peculiar tannin, 130 of gum, 60 of resin, 280 of vegetable fibre, and 180 of water. M. Lodibert afterwards discovered a fixed oil, aromatic and of a green color, and a white resinous substance which crystallizes in fasciculi composed of very fine diverging silky needles, without taste or smell, soluble in ether and boiling alcohol, and exhibiting neither alkaline nor acid reaction. This substance, called by M. Bonastre *caryophyllin*, was found in the cloves of the Moluccas, of Bourbon, and of Barbadoes, but not in those of Cayenne, from which, however, it has since been procured. To obtain it, the ethereal extract of cloves is treated with water, and the white substance thrown down is separated by filtration, and treated repeatedly with ammonia to deprive it of impurities. The most recent determination of its formula by Mylius (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1873, p. 1053) makes it $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$. Dr. Theod. Martius obtains it cheaply by exposing cloves, previously deprived as far as possible of oil by distillation with water, to distillation at a higher temperature, redistilling the brown liquid obtained until the distillate nearly ceases to have the taste or smell of cloves, and then purifying the residue by washing with water, and treating it with boiling alcohol and animal charcoal repeatedly, until the caryophyllin, which is deposited by the alcohol on cooling, is perfectly white. (See *A. J. P.*, xxxii. 65.) M. Dumas has discovered another crystalline principle, which forms in the water distilled from cloves, and is gradually deposited. Like caryophyllin, it is soluble in alcohol and ether, but differs from that substance in becoming red when touched with nitric acid. M. Bonastre proposed for it the name of *eugenin*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 565.) It has the formula $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$, and is isomeric with eugenol or eugenic acid, a constituent of oil of cloves. Water extracts the odor of cloves with comparatively little of their taste. All their sensible properties are imparted to alcohol; and the tincture when evaporated leaves an excessively fiery extract, which becomes insipid if deprived of the oil by distillation with water, while the oil which comes over is mild. Hence it has been inferred that the pungency of this aromatic depends on a union of the essential oil with the resin. *Caryophyllic acid*, $C_{20}H_{32}O_6$, is obtained by gradually adding caryophyllin to fuming nitric acid, kept cool by immersing the vessel in water until crystals begin to separate; these are purified by dissolving them in ammonia, precipitating with hydrochloric acid, and redissolving in alcohol and crystallizing. For an account of the oil, see *Oleum Caryophylli*. The infusion and oil of cloves are reddened by nitric acid, and rendered blue by tincture of ferric chloride; facts of some interest, as morphine gives the same reactions.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cloves are among the most stimulant of the aromatics,

* For detailed information as to method of growth, see *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1890.

but, like others of this class, act less upon the system at large than on the part to which they are immediately applied. They are sometimes administered in substance or infusion to relieve *nausea* and *vomiting*, correct *flatulence*, and excite *languid digestion;* but their chief use is to assist or modify the action of other medicines. They enter into several official preparations. Their dose in substance is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

The French Codex directs a *tincture of cloves* to be prepared by digesting for six days, and afterwards filtering, a mixture of four ounces of powdered cloves and sixteen of alcohol of 31° Cartier. Three ounces to the pint of alcohol is a sufficiently near approximation.

CASCARILLA. U. S. (Br.) Cascarilla.

(CĂS-CĄ-RĬL'LĄ.)

"The bark of Croton Eluteria, Bennett (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried bark of Croton Eluteria." *Br.*

Cascarillæ Cortex, *Br.;* Cascarilla Bark; Cortex Cascarillæ, *P. G.;* Cortex Eluteriæ, Cortex Thuris; Chacrilie, Ecorce éleuthérienne, Cascarille, *Fr.;* Cascarillrinde, Cascarilla, Kaskarillrinde, *G.;* Cascariglia, *It.;* Chacarilla, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* cylindrical, five-toothed. *Corolla* five-petalled. *Stamens* ten to fifteen. FEMALE. *Calyx* many-leaved. *Corolla* none. *Styles* three, bifid. *Capsule* three-celled. *Seed* one. *Willd.*

There has been much confusion in relation to the different species of Croton growing in the West Indies, and as to which of them the Cascarilla of commerce is to be ascribed. At present, however, it is generally admitted that this bark,* which is brought exclusively from the Bahama Islands, is the product of *Croton eluteria;* and, though it is probable that the proper *C. cascarilla* may at one time have yielded a portion of its bark to commerce, at present little or none is derived from that species. The London College committed the error, which it afterwards corrected, of recognizing *C. cascarilla* of Don as the source of it. This botanist mistook the *Copalchi bark* of Mexico, which is produced by *Croton pseudo-china* of Schiede, and somewhat resembles cascarilla, for the genuine bark, and hence proposed to transfer the specific name of Cascarilla to the Mexican plant.†

Croton eluteria. Bennett, *Journ. of the Linn. Soc.* iv. 29; Daniell, *P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., iv. 145, figured at p. 150; *B. & T.* 238.—*Clutia eluteria.* Woodv. *Med. Bot.* 3d ed., iv. 633, t. 223. As described by Dr. W. F. Daniell, who resided in the Bahama Islands, this, though commonly a shrub from three to five feet high, sometimes appears in the form of a small tree with a stem from four to eight inches in diameter.‡ The stem is straight, and marked at intervals with white or grayish stains. The leaves are petiolate, from two to three inches in length by an inch or more in breadth, often somewhat cordate at the base, obtusely acuminate, pale or grayish green above, and densely covered beneath with shining silvery scales, appearing white at a distance. They are smaller and narrower in the plants of arborescent growth. The flowers, which have a delicious odor, are monœcious, small, white, petiolate, and closely set in simple terminal or axillary spikes. The shrub is a native of the Bahamas, scarce at present in the island of New Providence, but still abundant in Andros, Long, and Eleutheria

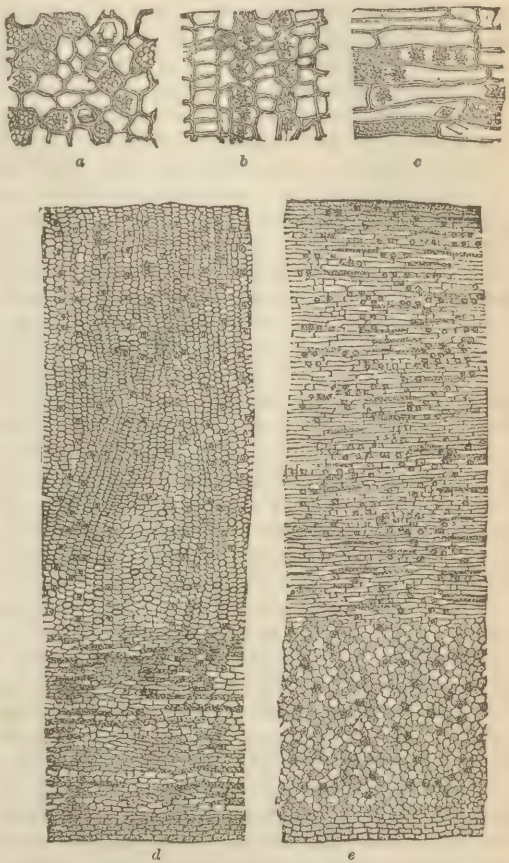
* Under the name of "cascarilla," also "*Quina morada,*" the bark of the *Pogonopus febrifugus* is said to be used in the Argentine Republic as a substitute for true cinchona bark. There has been separated from it a blue fluorescent substance, *moradin,* and an alkaloid, *moradeine.* (*P. J. Tr.,* xx. p. 854.)

† *Copalchi bark* has been mistaken not only for cascarilla, but also for a variety of cinchona. Portions of it, having been taken to Europe, attracted the attention both of pharmacologists and physicians. Two kinds were noticed: one, in small slender quills, of an ash color, bearing some resemblance to a variety of pale cinchona, but having the flavor of cascarilla, and burning with a similar odor; the other in larger quills, with a thick cork-like epidermis, very bitter, and yielding an aromatic odor when burnt. The former is the product of *Croton pseudo-china;* the latter is of unknown origin, but conjecturally referred to *C. suberosum.* Mr. J. E. Howard states that the quilled copalchi bark contains a bitter alkaloid, soluble in ether, and precipitable as a white hydrate from its acid solution. (*P. J. Tr.,* xiv. 319.) Copalchi bark is an aromatic tonic, employed in Mexico in intermittents, and capable of useful application in all cases requiring a mild aromatic bitter. Dr. Stark has employed it advantageously in feeble states of digestion with irritable bowels, and found it, in one or two cases, to exhibit antiperiodic properties. It may be given in infusion, made with half an ounce of the bark to a pint of water, in the dose of one or two fluidounces three times a day. (*Ed. Med. and Surg. Journ.,* April, 1849, p. 410; see, also, *P. J. Tr.,* 1886, p. 917.)

‡ The plant referred to in very early editions of this work as having been seen by Dr. Wright in Jamaica, and called by him *C. eluteria,* is, according to Mr. Bennett, a distinct species, *C. sloanei,* which was confounded by Linnæus with the genuine cascarilla plant, under the name of *Clutia eluteria.* The genuine plant was first described by him in his *Hortus Cliffortianus* (pp. 486–7), from a specimen in Clifford's herbarium in the British Museum, and afterwards apparently confused with a Jamaica specimen sent to him by Patrick Brown, from the latter of which the description of his *Clutia eluteria* was drawn up, which is quite inapplicable to the original plant. It is the *C. sloanei* also that was described by Schwartz in his *Flora Indiæ Occidentalis* (p. 1183), under the name of *Croton eluteria,* and probably the same that was figured by Dr. Carson in his *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 34, pl. 78. (See *P. J. Tr.,* 1859, pp. 132–3.)

islands, from the latter of which it derived its botanical title. Daniell calls the plant *sweet-wood*. The name of *sea-side balsam* belongs to another species, *C. balsamiferum* of Linnæus, which grows in the Bahamas and other West India islands, and owes its name to the exudation of a balsamic juice from its young branches when wounded.

Croton cascarilla. Bennett, *Journ. of the Linn. Soc.* iv. 30.—*Clutia cascarilla.* Linn. *Sp. Plant.* ed. 1, p. 1042.—*Ricinoides elæagnifolia.* Catesby, *Hist. Carolin.* ii. t. 46. As described by Daniell, this is a shrub of from four to six feet, much branched, with a pale grayish-green stem, without the white stains of the former species. The leaves are petiolate, long, narrow, lanceolate, tapering towards each end, pointed, with flat or somewhat undular margins, above smooth and green, beneath pale and very hairy. The flowers are monœcious, in simple terminal spikes, with small white petals tinged with yellow. They are very fragrant. The plant is a native of the Bahamas, and is said also to grow in Hayti. In the Bahamas it is much scarcer than formerly, and is said by Dr. Daniell to yield at present none of the cascarilla of commerce, of which much was formerly derived from it. This species seems to have been confounded by some with *Croton lineare* of Jacquin, which grows in the Bahamas and most of the West India islands, where it is known by the name of *wild rosemary*, owing probably in part to its fragrant smell, but still more to its narrow linear leaves with reflected margins.



Figs. *a*, *c*, highly magnified sections, showing raphides and starch granules and a bast-cell; *b*, longitudinal section highly magnified, showing raphides and starch granules; *d*, transverse section moderately magnified; *e*, longitudidal section.

Cascarilla is brought to this market from the West Indies, and chiefly, as we have been informed, from the Bahamas. It comes in bags or casks. We have observed it in commerce in two forms, so distinct as to merit the titles of varieties. In one, the bark is in rolled pieces of every size, from three or four inches in length and half an inch in diameter to the smallest fragments, covered externally with a dull whitish or grayish-white epidermis, which in many portions is partially, sometimes wholly removed, leaving a dark-brown surface, while the inner surface has a chocolate color, and the fracture is a reddish brown. The small pieces are sometimes curled, but have a distinct abrupt edge as if broken from the branches. The second variety consists entirely of very small pieces, not more than an inch or two in length, very thin, without the white epidermis, not regularly quilled, but curved more or less in the direction of their length, often having a small portion of woody fibre attached to their inner surface, and appearing precisely as if shaved by a knife from the stem or branches. Whether these two varieties are derived from distinct species, or differ only from the mode of collection, it is difficult to determine. The official description of cascarilla is as follows. "In quills or curved pieces about 2 Mm. thick, having a grayish, somewhat fissured, easily detached, corky layer, more or less coated with a white lichen, the uncoated surface being dull brown, and the inner surface smooth. It breaks with a short fracture, having a resinous and radially striate appearance. When burned, it emits a strong, aromatic, somewhat musk-like odor; its taste is warm and very bitter." *U. S.*

Properties. Cascarilla has an aromatic odor, rendered much more distinct by friction, and a warm, spicy, bitter taste. It is brittle, breaking with a short fracture. When burnt it emits a pleasant odor, closely resembling that of musk, but weaker and more agreeable. This

property serves to distinguish it from other barks. It was analyzed by Trommsdorff, and more recently by M. Duval, of Lisieux, in France. The constituents found by the latter were albumen, a peculiar kind of tannin, a bitter crystallizable principle called *cascarillin*, a red coloring matter, fatty matter of a nauseous odor, wax, gum, volatile oil, resin, starch, pectic acid, potassium chloride, a salt of lime, and lignin. The oil, according to Trommsdorff, constitutes 1·6 per cent., is of a greenish-yellow color, has a penetrating odor analogous to that of the bark, and is of the sp. gr. 0·938. It is apparently a mixture of two oils, the first of which is a terpene boiling at 172° C. and of the sp. gr. 0·862, and the other a higher-boiling oxygenated constituent. Gladstone (*Jahresb. der Pharm.*, 1872, p. 450) gives to the hydrocarbon of cascarilla oil the composition of oil of turpentine. To obtain cascarillin, M. Duval treated the powdered bark with water, added lead acetate to the solution, separated the lead by hydrogen sulphide, filtered, evaporated with the addition of animal charcoal, filtered again, evaporated at a low temperature to a syrupy consistence, and, having allowed the semi-liquid substance thus obtained to harden by cooling, purified it by twice successively treating it, first with a little cool alcohol, to separate the coloring and fatty matters, and afterwards with boiling alcohol and animal charcoal. The last alcoholic solution was allowed to evaporate spontaneously. Thus obtained, cascarillin is white, crystalline, inodorous, bitter, very slightly soluble in water, soluble in alcohol and ether. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., viii. 96.) It melts at 205° C. (401° F.), is not volatile nor a glucoside. Its composition answers to the formula $C_{12}H_{18}O_4$. Dr. P. E. Alessandri regards *cascarilline* as an alkaloid, and obtains it economically by mixing powdered cascarilla with sufficient 3 per cent. aqueous solution of oxalic acid to cover it, shaking the mixture, and heating it to 140° F., then allowing it to cool, expressing the mixture and saturating the filtered liquor with ammonia, then evaporating at a low temperature to two-thirds of its bulk, allowing it to cool, and separating any deposit. The clear liquid is then shaken with ether; this takes up the cascarilline, which may be obtained through evaporation of the ethereal liquid. (*L'Orosi*, v. 1; *P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 993.) R. A. Cripps was unable to obtain the alkaloid by Alessandri's method, and suggests that the bitterness of the so-called cascarilline might be due to adherent resin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 1103.) Either alcohol or water will partially extract the active matters of cascarilla; but diluted alcohol is the proper menstruum.

Medical Properties and Uses. This bark is aromatic and tonic. It was known in Germany so early as the year 1690, and was much used as a substitute for Peruvian bark by those who were prejudiced against that febrifuge in the treatment of *remittent and intermittent fevers*. It has, however, lost its reputation, and is now employed only where a pleasant and gently stimulant tonic is desirable, as in *dyspepsia*, *chronic diarrhœa* and *dysentery*, *flatulent colic*, and other cases of debility of the stomach or bowels. It is said to promote the flow of milk in the lower animals, and has been proposed with a view to the same effect in the human subject. It is sometimes advantageously combined with the more powerful bitters. It may be given in powder or in infusion. The dose of the former is from a scruple to half a drachm (1·3–1·95 Gm.), which may be repeated several times a day. Prof. Procter published a formula for a fluid extract which contains the virtues of a troyounce of the bark in a fluidounce. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 113.) In consequence of its pleasant odor when burnt, some smokers mix it in small quantity with their tobacco; but it is said to occasion vertigo and intoxication.

CASSIA FISTULA. U. S. (Br.) Cassia Fistula. [Purging Cassia.]

(CĂS'SĬ-Ą FĬS'TŪ-LĄ.)

"The fruit of Cassia Fistula, Linné (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The pulp obtained from the recently imported pods of Cassia Fistula." *Br.*

Cassiæ Pulpa, *Br.;* Cassia Pulp; Fructus Cassiæ Fistulæ; Casse officinale, Casse en Bâtons, Pulpe de Casse, Casse mondée, Casse, *Fr.;* Rohrenkassie, Purgiercassie, Fistelkassie, *G.;* Cassia, *It.;* Cana Fistula, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-leaved. *Petals* five. *Anthers*, three upper sterile, three lower beaked. *Willd.*

The tree which yields the purging cassia is ranked by some botanists as a distinct genus, separated from the Cassia, and denominated *Cathartocarpus*. (See *Lindley's Flor. Med.*, 262.)

Cassia fistula. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 518; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 24, pl. 26; *B. & T.* 87.—*Cathartocarpus fistula.* Persoon, *Synops.* i. 459. This is a large tree, rising to the height of forty or fifty feet, with a trunk of hard, heavy wood, dividing towards the top into numerous spreading branches, and covered with a smooth ash-colored bark. The leaves are commonly composed of five or six pairs of opposite leaflets, which are ovate, pointed, undulated, smooth,

of a pale green color, from three to five inches long, and supported upon short petioles. The flowers are large, of a golden yellow color, and arranged in long, pendent, axillary racemes. The fruit consists of long, cylindrical, woody, dark-brown, pendulous pods, which when agitated by the wind strike against each other and produce a sound that may be heard at a distance. This species of Cassia is a native of Upper Egypt and India, whence it is generally supposed to have been transplanted to other parts of the world. It is at present very extensively diffused through the tropical regions of the old and new continents, being found in Insular and Continental India, Cochin-China, Egypt, Nubia, the West Indies, and the warmer parts of the continent of America. The fruit is the official portion of the plant. It is imported from the East and West Indies, chiefly the latter, and from South America.

Properties. Cassia pods are a foot or more in length, straight, or but slightly curved, cylindrical, less than an inch in diameter, with a woody shell, externally of a dark-brown color, and marked with three longitudinal shining bands, extending from one end to the other, two of which are in close proximity, appearing to constitute a single band, and the third is on the opposite side of the pod. These bands mark the place of junction of the valves of the legume, and are represented as sometimes excavated in the form of furrows. There are also circular depressions at unequal distances. The official description is as follows. "Cylindrical, 40 to 60 Cm. long, nearly 25 Mm. in diameter, blackish-brown, somewhat veined, the sutures smooth, forming two longitudinal bands; indehiscent, internally divided transversely into numerous cells, each containing a reddish-brown, glossy, flattish-ovate seed imbedded in a blackish-brown sweet pulp; odor resembling that of prunes." *U. S.* The pods brought from the East Indies are smaller, smoother, have a blacker pulp, and are more esteemed than those from the West Indies. We have seen pods in the American market sold as cassia pods, which were an inch and a half in diameter, flattened on the sides, exceedingly rough on the outer surface, and marked by three longitudinal very elevated ridges, corresponding to the bands or furrows of the common cassia. The pulp was rather nauseous, but in other respects seemed to have the properties of the official purging cassia. They corresponded exactly with a specimen of the fruit of *Cassia brasiliana* brought from the West Indies, and were probably derived from that plant.

The heaviest pods, and those which do not make a rattling noise when shaken, are to be preferred, as they contain a larger portion of the pulp, which is the part employed. This should be black and shining and have a sweet taste. It is apt to become sour if long exposed to the air, or mouldy if kept in a damp place. The pulp is extracted from the pods by first bruising them, then boiling them in water, and afterwards evaporating the decoction; or, when the pods are fresh, by opening them at the sutures and removing the pulp by a spatula.

Cassia pulp has a slight rather sickly odor, and a sweet mucilaginous taste. From the analysis of M. Henry it appears to contain sugar, gum, a substance analogous to tannin, a coloring matter soluble in ether, traces of a principle resembling gluten, and a little water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cassia pulp is laxative, and may be advantageously given in small doses in cases of *habitual costiveness.* In quantities sufficient to purge, it occasions nausea, flatulence, and griping. In this country it is rarely prescribed, except as an ingredient in the official confection of senna, which is a pleasant and useful laxative preparation. The dose of the pulp as a laxative is one or two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.), as a purge one or two ounces (31·1–62·2 Gm.).

CASTANEA. U. S. Castanea. [Chestnut.]

(CĂS-TĀ'NĒ-Ą.)

"The leaves of Castanea dentata (Marshall), Sudworth (nat. ord. Cupuliferæ), collected in September or October, while still green." *U. S.*

Folia Castaneæ; Feuilles de Châtaignier, Feuilles de Marronnier, Châtaigne, *Fr.;* Kastanie, Kastanienblätter, *G.;* Castagna, *It.;* Castaña, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Ament* naked. *Calyx* none. *Corolla* five-petalled. *Stamens* ten to twenty. FEMALE. *Calyx* five- or six-leaved, muricate. *Corolla* none. *Germs* three. Stigma pencil-formed. *Nuts* three, included in an echinated calyx. *Willd.*

This is a very small genus, separated from the original Fagus of Linn., including only two or three recognized species; the *Castanea vesca* of Europe and North America, and *C. pumila* of the United States, which will be found described in Part II. of the present work. The European and American chestnut-trees are often spoken of under the same botanical title; as no points of difference can be found between them which all botanists are willing to recognize as authorizing distinct specific designations. The late Dr. Geo. B. Wood, however, believed, for

reasons given below, that they are distinct trees, differing in origin, and as much entitled to distinct names as the European and American white oaks, or indeed any other analogous species of the two continents. The general aspect of the two trees is such that the accustomed eye will at a glance recognize the difference. The specific difference of the American chestnut-tree from the European is denied by many botanists, notably the late Prof. Asa Gray. Recently, however, the trend of professional opinion seems to be towards the view which was held by Prof. Geo. B. Wood, that the two trees really represent distinct species. The general aspect of the two trees is certainly very diverse: in the European chestnut the main branches are horizontal, and the tree when mature has a very round and formal head; whilst the American chestnut, with its slender, twiggy shoots, and its gnarled and twisted branches, is very irregular in its annual growth and in its ultimate form. The leaves of the European chestnut are more erect and less deeply serrate than those of the American, and usually have a rounded or heart-shaped base; whereas the base of the American leaf is commonly somewhat pointed. Again, the European leaf is commonly stellately tomentose on the under surface, at least when young. The much greater size and the somewhat peculiar shape of the fruit of the European, or, as it is commonly called in this country, the Spanish chestnut, are sufficient specific characters. Besides, the European tree does not lose its distinctive character under complete change of circumstances. Transplanted into North America, and propagated by the seed, it has retained, through a succession of generations, the original size of its fruit, which, had the tree been of the same species as the American, would have almost certainly more or less deteriorated.

*Castanea dentata.** Willd.; Michaux, *N. American Sylva*, iii. 9.—*Castanea americana.* Persoon. (See *Mérat and De Lens.*) The American chestnut is, under favorable circumstances, one of our largest and most magnificent native trees. Michaux states that he had measured several trees the trunks of which at six feet from the ground were fifteen or sixteen feet in circumference, and their stature equal to that of the loftiest trees of the forest. So great a size, however, is rare. Its leaves, which are the official portion, serve also at once to distinguish the tree. They are from four to ten inches long by about two in breadth, oblong-elliptical, sharp at the end, strongly and somewhat unequally serrated, with prominent parallel nerves beneath, of a brilliant color and firm consistence. The only leaves that are liable to be confounded with them are those of the chestnut-oak, which have a very similar form and structure, but are at once distinguishable by the rounded crenate projections on the edge, instead of the sharp serratures of the chestnut. The male flowers are whitish, and disposed on axillary peduncles, four or five inches long; the fertile aments similarly disposed, but less conspicuous. The fruit is a spherical burr, an inch or two in diameter, and very prickly, containing two or three brown nuts, the appearance of which is too well known to require description here. When perfectly ripe, it opens and lets fall the seeds. The bark is very peculiar and characteristic in its appearance, with a longitudinal arrangement of its fibres. The wood is firm and elastic, though not compact, with a remarkable power of resisting decomposition from the weather, and therefore very valuable for posts and rails in fencing. It is not well fitted for fuel, in consequence of a great disposition to snap in the fire, and to throw off burning particles to a considerable distance.

The American chestnut is spread largely through the eastern portions of the United States, from New Hampshire to the mountainous districts of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee, though rare in the maritime parts of Virginia and the other Southern States. The leaves should be collected after maturity, and before the autumnal decay.

The European species is distributed in the south of Europe very much as the American is with us, preferring hilly regions, and abounding in Spain, the south and west of France, Switzerland, and Italy. It sometimes attains an enormous magnitude. Michaux describes one, growing at Sancerre in France, which at six feet from the ground is thirty feet in circumference, and six hundred years ago was known as the *Great Chestnut.* Though supposed to be more than one thousand years old, its trunk is perfectly sound, and its branches are annually loaded with fruit. Much larger than this is the celebrated chestnut of Mount Etna, of which the trunk is said to be one hundred and sixty feet in circumference, though hollow in the centre, so that the tree lives by its bark. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) In Europe the young chestnut is much used for making hoops, for which it is preferred to all other wood on account of resisting the effects of air and moisture. For this purpose it is much cultivated in Europe, and cut when large enough. But the tree is still more valuable on account of its large nuts, which are much used as food, being a favorite on the table of the rich, and often the main dependence

* *Castanea vesca*, var. *americana*, is the name given by Michaux to the American chestnut; but previous to his naming it, Marshall had described it in 1775 as *Fagus castanea dentata.*

of the poor peasant, who considers himself well off when possessed of a few healthy chestnut-trees. Whole provinces are said to be supported by this fruit. Though cultivated in small numbers in this country, they have not been so extensively introduced as they ought to be, chiefly, in all probability, from their difficulty of propagation. The inner bark of the chestnut has been vaunted in Europe as a remedy in *dysentery*. (*Mérat and De Lens.*)

Properties. The leaves, which have already been described, are so flexible and tenacious that it is difficult to powder them. In preparing them for the action of a solvent, they must be comminuted by cutting and bruising them in a mortar. They are not, therefore, well fitted for percolation. (*Maisch.*) They have little smell, and a slightly astringent and scarcely bitterish taste, so that they are not offensive to children. They yield their virtues freely to water, and probably less so to alcohol. John B. Turner found in chestnut leaves chlorophyll, tannin, gallic acid, gum, and albumen. (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 542.) In addition to these constituents, L. J. Steltzer found potassium, calcium, magnesium, and iron carbonates, chlorides, and phosphates, and a trace of resin and fat. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 294.)

Medical Uses. The only remedial use of the leaves, so far as we have learned, has been in the treatment of *whooping-cough*, as originally proposed by G. C. Close in 1862. Their effects on the system do not appear to have been carefully studied; but their sensible properties do not indicate the possession of any extraordinary physiological power. The leaves may be administered in infusion or in fluid extract. Dr. Unzicker prepared an infusion with three or four drachms of the leaves and a pint of boiling water, and gave of it, well sweetened, as much as the child would drink.

CATAPLASMATA. Cataplasms.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂŞ'MĄ-TĄ.)

Poultices, *E.;* Cataplasmes, *Fr.;* Umschläge, Breiumschläge, *G.*

Cataplasms, or *poultices*,* are moist substances intended for external application, of such a consistence as to accommodate themselves accurately to the surface to which they are applied, without being so liquid as to spread over the neighboring parts, or so tenacious as to adhere firmly to the skin. As they are in this country seldom made by the apothecary, they were not deemed by the compilers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia proper objects for official direction.

CATAPLASMA CARBONIS. Br. Charcoal Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂŞ'MĄ CĂR'BŌ-NĪS.)

Cataplasme au Charbon, *Fr.;* Kohlenumschlag, *G.*

"Take of Wood Charcoal, in powder, *half an ounce;* Crumb of Bread *two ounces;* Linseed Meal *one ounce and a half;* Boiling Water *ten fluidounces.* Macerate the Bread in the Water for ten minutes near the fire, then mix, and add the Linseed Meal gradually, stirring the ingredients, that a soft poultice may be formed. Mix with this half the Charcoal, and sprinkle the remainder on the surface of the poultice." *Br.*

Charcoal, recently prepared, has the property of absorbing those principles upon which the offensive odor of putrefying animal substances depends. In the form of poultice, it is an excellent application to *foul* and *gangrenous ulcers*, correcting their fetor, and improving the condition of the sore. It should be frequently renewed.

CATAPLASMA CONII. Br. Hemlock Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂŞ'MĄ CŌ-NĪ'Ī.)

Cataplasme avec la Ciguë, *Fr.;* Schierling-Umschlag, *G.*

"Take of Juice of Hemlock *one fluidounce;* Linseed Meal *four ounces;* Boiling Water *ten fluidounces.* Evaporate the Hemlock Juice to half its volume, add this to the Linseed Meal and Water previously mixed, and stir them together." *Br.*

This cataplasm may be advantageously employed as an anodyne application to *cancerous*, *scrofulous*, *syphilitic*, and other *painful ulcers;* but it is liable to produce constitutional effects, by the absorption of the active principle. (See *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 177.)

* *Spongio-Piline* is a thick cloth into which sponge in very small pieces has been felted, and a layer of rubber applied upon the surface. It is used as a substitute for a poultice by simply soaking a piece of the desired size in warm or hot water, and, after wiping the rubber side dry, applying at once, using a bandage to keep in place if necessary. Moisture is retained a long time, evaporation being prevented by the rubber coating. If desired, Fluid Extract of Belladonna, Conium, or any similar preparation, may be added in proper quantity to the warm water.

CATAPLASMA FERMENTI. Br. Yeast Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂṢ'MĄ FĘR-MĔN'TĪ.)

Cataplasme avec la Levure de Bière, *Fr.;* Hefenumschlag, *G.*

"Take of Beer Yeast *six fluidounces;* Wheaten Flour *fourteen ounces;* Water, heated to 37·8° C. (100° F.), *six fluidounces.* Mix the Yeast with the Water, and stir in the Flour. Place the mass near the fire till it rises." *Br.*

By exposing a mixture of yeast and flour to a gentle heat, fermentation takes place, and carbonic acid gas is extricated, which causes the mixture to swell, and is the source of its peculiar virtues. The yeast cataplasm is gently stimulant, and is sometimes applied to *foul* and *gangrenous ulcers*, the fetor of which it corrects, while it hastens the separation of the slough.

CATAPLASMA LINI. Br. Linseed Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂṢ'MĄ LĪ'NĪ.)

Cataplasma Emolliens, s. Communis; Flaxseed Poultice; Cataplasme de Farine de Lin, Cataplasme simple (commun), *Fr.;* Leinsamen-Umschlag, *G.*

"Take of Linseed Meal *four ounces;* Boiling Water *ten fluidounces.* Mix the Linseed Meal gradually with the Water, with constant stirring." *Br.*

The flaxseed meal which remains after the expression of the oil is sometimes employed; this is called *cake meal;* but that which has not been submitted to pressure is decidedly preferable, and answers an excellent purpose when mixed with boiling water, without other addition. Fresh lard or olive oil, spread upon the surface of the poultice, serves to prevent its adhesion to the skin, and to preserve its softness.

The use of this and other emollient cataplasms is to relieve *inflammation*, or to promote *suppuration.* They act mainly by the sedative influence of their moisture and by excluding the air. An extensively employed poultice, termed *bread-and-milk poultice*, is prepared by heating together milk and the crumb of bread. The milk should be quite sweet, and fresh lard should be incorporated with the poultice. Mush made with the meal of Indian corn also forms an excellent emollient cataplasm.*

CATAPLASMA SINAPIS. Br. Mustard Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂṢ'MĄ SĮ-NĀ'PĬS.)

Sinapismus, *P. G.;* Cataplasma Rubefaciens; Sinapisme, Cataplasme de Moutarde, Cataplasme rubéfiant, *Fr.;* Senfteig, *G.*

"Take of Mustard, in powder, 2½ ounces [av.], or a sufficiency; Linseed Meal 2½ ounces [av.]; Boiling Water, Water, of each a sufficiency. Mix the Mustard with two or three ounces of lukewarm Water; mix the Linseed Meal with six to eight ounces of boiling Water; add the former to the latter, and stir them together." *Br.*

The simplest and most effectual mode of preparing a mustard poultice, plaster, or *sinapism*, as it is variously termed, is to mix the powdered mustard of the shops, diluted with flour or flaxseed according to the exigencies of the case, with a sufficient quantity of warm water to give it a due consistence. Vinegar never increases its efficiency, and, in the case of the black mustard seed, has been ascertained by MM. Trousseau and Blanc to diminish its rubefacient power. The same may be said of alcohol. A boiling temperature is also injurious, by interfering with the development of the volatile oil or acrid principle. (See *Sinapis.*)

The mustard poultice is a very powerful rubefacient, producing at once a sense of warmth, which increases until it becomes an almost insufferable burning, and leaving after removal an intensely red burning surface, followed, if the application has been sufficiently prolonged, by desquamation or vesication. In some cases of low vitality even obstinate ulcers and gangrene have resulted from the protracted action of mustard. A poultice composed of pure black mustard should rarely be left on more than from fifteen to twenty minutes, one of white mustard from twenty to thirty minutes, whilst one of half strength may be applied from thirty to forty-five minutes. On some susceptible skins a mustard plaster is tolerated for only a very few minutes. In cases of insensibility or of excessive internal irritation, care is necessary not to allow the application to continue too long, as violent inflammation followed by obstinate ulceration may result. It is remarkable that in the conditions just spoken of a mustard plaster may at the time of its

* A substitute for linseed meal poultices has been prepared by saturating a piece of thick felt paper with a decoction of linseed and drying. When intended to be used, the prepared paper is dipped in hot water. It swells considerably, and is applied to the desired part, covered with waxed paper, rubber tissue, or oiled silk, fastened with bandages, and allowed to remain 12 hours. (Volkhausen, *Pharm. Ztg.*, 1879, p. 95.)

application seem to have no effect whatever, leaving the surface white and painless, and yet, when reaction occurs, furious inflammation, ending, it may be, in sloughing, may result. A severe inflammation produced by mustard is more painful and more obstinate than one caused by cantharides. In children particular care is necessary in the application of mustard. The poultice should be thickly spread on linen, muslin, or thick paper, and may be covered with gauze or unsized paper in order to prevent its adhesion to the skin. If hairs be present they should be removed by the razor. Sinapisms may be employed whenever a speedy rubefacient impression is desired. (See *Charta Sinapis.*)

CATAPLASMA SODÆ CHLORINATÆ. Br. Chlorine Poultice.

(CĂT-Ą-PLĂȘ'MĄ SŌ'DÆ ȻHLŌ-RĮ-NĀ'TÆ.)

"Take of Solution of Chlorinated Soda *two fluidounces;* Linseed Meal *four ounces;* Boiling Water *eight fluidounces.* Mix the Linseed Meal gradually with the Water, and add the Solution of Chlorinated Soda, with constant stirring." *Br.*

This is an excellent application to *sloughing* and other *fetid ulcers*, to correct the smell and to afford a moderate stimulation.

CATECHU. U. S., Br. Catechu.

(CĂT'Ę-ȻHŪ—kăt'ę-kū.)

"An extract prepared from the wood of Acacia Catechu (Linné fil.), Willdenow (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "An extract of the leaves and young shoots of Uncaria Gambir." *Br.*

Catechu Pallidum, Pale Catechu, Cutch, Terra Japonica, Catechu Nigrum; Cachou, *Fr.;* Catechu, Katechu, Pegu Catechu, *G.;* Catecu, Catciu, Catto, *It.;* Catecu, *Sp.;* Cutt, *Hindostanee.*

The British Pharmacopœia has entirely rejected the proper catechu, which in the former edition was recognized under the inappropriate name of Catechu Nigrum, retaining by the name of Catechu a product which, though analogous to catechu, is entirely distinct, being derived from a different plant, and known commonly by a different name, that, namely, of *gambir.** We treat in the text of the proper catechu, and in a note of gambir among the catechus not recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia.

Acacia catechu. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 1079; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 32, pl. 24; *B. & T.* 95. According to Mr. Kerr, whose description has been followed by most subsequent writers, *Acacia catechu* is a small tree, seldom more than twelve feet in height, with a trunk one foot in diameter, dividing towards the top into many close branches, and covered with a thick, rough, brown bark. The leaves, which stand alternately upon the younger branches, are composed of from fifteen to thirty pairs of pinnæ nearly two inches long, each of which is furnished with about forty pairs of linear leaflets, beset with short hairs. At the base of each pair of pinnæ is a small gland upon the common footstalk. Two short recurved spines are attached to the stem at the base of each leaf. The flowers are in close spikes, which arise from the axils of the leaves, and are about four or five inches long. The fruit is a lanceolate, compressed, smooth, brown pod, with an undulated thin margin, and contains six or eight roundish flattened seeds, which when chewed emit a nauseous odor.

This species of Acacia is a native of the East Indies, growing abundantly in various provinces of Hindostan, and in the Burmese Empire. Pereira says that it is common in Jamaica. Like most others of the same genus, it abounds in astringent matter, which may be extracted by decoction. Catechu is an extract from the wood of the tree.

This drug had been long known before its source was discovered. It was at first called *terra Japonica*, under the erroneous impression that it was an earthy substance derived from Japan. When ascertained by analysis to be of vegetable origin, it was generally considered by writers on the Materia Medica to be an extract of the *betel nut*, which is the fruit of a species of palm, denominated *Areca catechu.* Its true origin was made known by Mr. Kerr, assistant surgeon of the civil hospital in Bengal, who had an opportunity of examining the tree from which it was obtained, and observing the process of extraction. According to Mr. Kerr, the manufacturer, having cut off the exterior white part of the wood, reduces the interior brown or reddish-colored portion into chips, which he then boils in water in unglazed earthen vessels till all the

* In a series of tests made with gambir and catechu, as they occur in the American markets, by Henry Trimble (*A. P. A.*, 1888), gambir was found to be more uniform in its constitution, and to be superior in the amount of available astringent principles; also to have the advantage of being more easily powdered. This is in accord with the studies of E. S. Reider (*A. J. P.*, April, 1889), who finds that the catechu of the American market usually contains very small amounts of catechin and large amounts of impurities.

soluble matter is dissolved. The decoction thus obtained is evaporated first by artificial heat, and afterwards in the sun, till it has assumed a thick consistence, when it is spread out to dry upon a mat or cloth, being, while yet soft, divided by means of a string into square or quadrangular pieces. The account subsequently given by Dr. Royle, of the preparation of the extract in Northern India, is essentially the same. The process, as he observed it, was completed by the pouring of the extract into quadrangular earthen moulds. It is said that the unripe fruit and leaves are also sometimes submitted to decoction. Our countryman the Rev. Howard Malcom states, in his "Travels in South-Eastern Asia," that catechu is largely prepared from the wood of *Acacia catechu* near Prome, in Burmah. Two kinds, he observes, are prepared from the same tree; one *black*, which is preferred in China, and the other *red*, which is most esteemed in Bengal. At present, however, it would seem that three colors of catechu are prepared: the light-red or red, which is considered best and is especially employed in Burmah and India to chew with the betel nut; the dark-red and black, which are made especially for European and American markets, and which are apt to suffer adulteration *en route* in China.

The name *catechu* in the native language signifies the *juice of a tree*, and appears to have been applied to astringent extracts obtained from various plants. According to the U. S. Pharmacopœia, however, the term is properly restricted to the extract of *Acacia catechu;* as it was not intended to recognize all the astringent products which are floating in Asiatic commerce; and those from other sources than the Acacia, though they may occasionally find their way into our shops, do so as an exception to the rule. A minute account of the diversified forms and exterior characters which official catechu presents as produced in different localities would tend to perplex the reader rather than to serve any good practical purpose. These characters are, moreover, frequently changing, as the drug is procured from new sources, or as slight variations may occur in the mode of its preparation. Commerce is chiefly supplied with catechu from Bahar, Northern India, and Nepaul through Calcutta, from Canara through Bombay, and from the Burmese dominions. We derive it directly from Calcutta, or by orders from London, and it is sold in our markets without reference to its origin. It is frequently called *cutch* by the English traders, a name derived from the Hindostanee word *cutt*.*

* In order not to embarrass the text unnecessarily, we have thrown together, in the form of a note, the following observations upon the varieties of catechu; those being first considered which are probably derived from *Acacia catechu*, and therefore recognized as official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia.

1. *Official Catechu. U. S.*

The following, so far as we have been able to distinguish them, are the varieties of official catechu to be found in the markets of Philadelphia.

1. *Plano-convex Catechu. Cake Catechu.* This is in the form of circular cakes, flat on one side, convex on the other, and usually somewhat rounded at the edge, as if the soft extract had been placed in saucers, or vessels of a similar shape, to harden. As found in the retail shops, it is generally in fragments, most of which, however, exhibit some evidences of the original form. The cakes are of various sizes, from two or three to six inches or more in diameter, and weighing from a few ounces to nearly two pounds. Their exterior is usually smooth and dark brown; but we have seen a specimen in which the flat surface exhibited impressions as if produced by coarse matting. The color internally is always brown, sometimes of a light yellowish brown or chocolate color, but more frequently dark reddish brown, and sometimes almost black. The cakes are almost always more or less cellular in their interior; but in this respect great diversity exists. Sometimes they are very porous, so as almost to present a spongy appearance, sometimes compact and nearly uniform; and this difference may be observed even in the same piece. The fracture is sometimes rough and dull, but in the more compact parts is usually smooth and somewhat shining; and occasionally a piece split in one direction will exhibit a spongy fracture, while in another it will be shining and resinous, indicating the consolidation of the extract in layers. This variety of catechu is often of good quality. It is common at present in our market, but we have been unable to trace its origin accurately. There can be little doubt, from its internal character, that it comes from the East Indies, and is the product of *A. catechu;* but no accounts that we have seen of the preparation of the drug, in particular geographical sites, indicate this particular shape; and it is not impossible that portions of it may be formed out of other varieties of catechu by a new solution and evaporation.

2. *Pegu Catechu.* This is the product derived from the Burmese dominions, and named from that section of the country whence it is exported. It enters commerce, probably in general through Calcutta, in large masses, sometimes of one cwt., consisting of layers of flat cakes, each wrapped in leaves, said to be those of the *Nauclea brunonis*. In this form, however, we do not see it in the shops, but almost always in angular, irregular fragments, in which portions of two layers sometimes cohere with leaves between them, indicating their origin. It is characterized by its compactness, shining fracture, and blackish-brown or dark port-wine color, so that when finally broken it bears considerable resemblance to kino. This is an excellent variety of catechu, and is not unfrequent in commerce.

3. *Catechu in Quadrangular Cakes.* This is scarcely ever found in commerce in its complete form, and the fragments are often such that it would be impossible to infer from them the original shape of the cake. This is usually between two and three inches in length and breadth, and somewhat less in thickness, of a rusty-brown color externally, and dark brown or brownish gray within, with a somewhat rough and dull fracture, but, when broken across the layers in which it is sometimes disposed, exhibiting a smoother and more shining surface. Guibourt speaks of the layers as being blackish externally and grayish within, and bearing some resemblance to the bark of a tree, a resemblance, however, which has not struck us in the specimens which have fallen under our notice. There is little doubt that this variety comes from the provinces of Bahar and Northern India, where the preparation of the drug

Properties. Catechu, as it comes to us, is in masses of different shapes, some in balls more or less flattened, some in circular cakes, some saucer-shaped, others cubical or oblong, or quite irregular, and of every grade in size, from small angular pieces, which are evidently fragments of the original cakes, to lumps which weigh one or two pounds. The color is exter-

was witnessed by Mr. Kerr and Dr. Royle, who both speak of it as being brought, when drying, into the quadrangular form. It has been called *Bengal catechu*, because exported from that province.

Pale catechu, so far as the term is not applied to *gambir*, may be considered as belonging to this variety. A specimen with this name, which was sent from India to the London exhibition of 1862, and which Dr. G. B. Wood had an opportunity of examining, was in oblong rectangular pieces, or fragments of such pieces, about three and a half inches long by an inch and a half in breadth, of a dirty yellowish color within, and an earthy fracture, quite free from gloss, and bearing a much stronger resemblance to gambir than to ordinary catechu.

4. *Catechu in Balls.* We have seen this in two forms—one consisting of globular balls about as large as an orange, very hard and heavy, of a ferruginous aspect externally, very rough when broken, and so full of sand as to be gritty under the teeth; the other in cakes, originally, in all probability, globular, and of about the same dimensions, but flattened and otherwise pressed out of shape before being perfectly dried, sometimes adhering two together, as happens with the lumps of Smyrna opium, and closely resembling in external and internal color, and in the character of their fracture, the quadrangular variety last described. The former kind is rare, and the specimens we have seen had been twenty years in the shop, and had very much the appearance of a factitious product. The latter is in all probability the kind known formerly as the *Bombay catechu*; as Dr. Hamilton, and, more recently, Major Mackintosh, in describing the mode of preparing catechu on the Malabar coast, of which Bombay is the entrepôt, say that, while the extract is soft, it is shaped into balls about the size of an orange.

2. *Catechus not recognized in the U. S. Pharmacopœia.*

1. **Catechu,** *Br. Gambir. Terra Japonica. Pale Catechu.* Many years ago, Dr. Campbell, a medical officer at Bencoolen, called attention to the astringent properties of an extract chewed by the Malays with *pinang* and *siren* (betel nut). This led to an increasing use of the article, until now thousands of tons are yearly shipped to Europe and America. The plant from which it is obtained, called by Mr. Hunter, who first minutely described it, *Nauclea gambir*, but by Roxburgh, De Candolle, and others, *Uncaria gambir*, is a climbing shrub of the natural order Rubiaceæ of Jussieu, Cinchonaceæ of Lindley. (*B. & T.* 139.) It is a native of Malacca, Sumatra, Cochin-China, and other parts of Eastern Asia, and is largely cultivated in the islands of Bintang, Singapore, and Prince of Wales. The gambir is prepared by lopping off the leaves, shoots, and twigs of the plant, chopping them into pieces, and throwing them into an iron pot filled with boiling water. When the leaves are exhausted and the liquid sufficiently thick, it is poured into small wooden tubs, and so soon as sufficiently cool, a half-closed hand is plunged into the semi-fluid and a piece of light wood shaped like an elongated dice-box rapidly worked up and down in the hollow formed by the hand. The extract begins to thicken by a process which is compared to crystallization. The mass is finally turned out, and cut into cubes, which are put upon trays and smoke-dried.

Gambir is in cubes with sides about an inch square, is light and porous, so that it floats when thrown in water, is deep yellowish or reddish brown externally, but pale yellowish within, presents a dull earthy surface when broken, is inodorous, and has a strongly astringent, bitter and subsequently sweetish taste. It softens and swells up when heated, and leaves a minute proportion of ashes when burnt. It is partially soluble in cold water, and almost wholly so in boiling water, which deposits a portion upon cooling. Duhamel, Ecky, and Procter dissolved 87·5 per cent. of it in cold water by means of percolation. (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 166.) Nees von Esenbeck found it to consist of from 36 to 40 per cent. of catechu-tannic acid, a peculiar principle called *catechuin*, *catechin*, or *catechuic acid*, gum or gummy extractive, a deposit like the cinchonic red, and 2·5 per cent. of lignin. *Catechin*, when perfectly pure, is snow-white, of a silky appearance, crystallizable in fine needles, melting at 217° C., unalterable in the air if dry, fusible by heat, very slightly soluble in cold water, with which it softens and swells up, soluble in boiling water, which deposits it on cooling, and soluble also in alcohol and ether. It very slightly reddens litmus paper, and, though coloring the solution of chloride of iron green, and producing with it a grayish green precipitate, differs from tannic acid in not affecting a solution of gelatin. It bears considerable analogy to gallic acid in its relations to the metallic salts, but does not, according to Neubauer, bear the same relation to the tannic acid of catechu that gallic acid does to that of galls. On the contrary, instead of resulting from the oxidation of tannic acid, it is by heat converted into a substance analogous to tannin. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 329 and 331; from *Liebig's Annalen*, xcvi. 337.) The very great discordance of different authors as to its formula seems to be explained by some recent experiments of Etti (*Liebig's Ann.*, 186, p. 327), who shows that *catechin*, $C_{19}H_{18}O_8$, readily gives at 100° C. (212° F.), or even when kept for some time over sulphuric acid, an anhydride, $C_{38}H_{34}O_{15}$, and at 160° C. (320° F.) a second anhydride, $C_{38}H_{32}O_{14}$, which, mixed in varying proportions, explain the varying results. Gautier (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 1878, p. 368) assigns to catechin the formula $C_{21}H_{18}O_8$.

Good gambir should occur in a hard compact mass, breaking up, when the adhering mat is removed, into distinct cubes of a brownish-black color externally and a deep mahogany-red with an occasional streak of yellow internally. It should not steam when the mat is opened. From this quality it grades down to a stuff which has been prepared by mixing the material obtained by reboiling the exhausted leaves with various mixtures. This lowest grade is not in cubes, steams when opened, frequently shows large patches of black or dirty blue color, and often has a sour fetid smell; its color varies from black to light-brown color. The varieties between the two extremes are very great; sometimes gambir occurs in solid mass of fair quality; sometimes the cubes are of extraordinary size, and of a color varying from a dirty white to very pale yellow. The finer varieties of gambir vary in physical characteristics; sometimes it is in oblong instead of cubical pieces, without differing in other respects from the ordinary kind; sometimes in small circular cakes, or short cylindrical pieces, heavier than water, of a pale reddish-yellow color, moderately astringent, gritty under the teeth, and quite impure; sometimes in very small cubes, distinguishable by the black color they afford with tincture of iodine, indicating the admixture of sago or other amylaceous matter; and, finally, in circular cakes of the size of a small lozenge flat on one side and somewhat convex on the other, of a pale pinkish yellowish-white color, and a chalky feel. This is most highly esteemed by the natives in India. (*Pereira.*) At the Edinburgh Forestry Exhibition in 1885 the Maharajah of Johore exhibited specimens labelled "gambir produced in Johore." The first quality, which was "*makan*" (for eating), was in regular cubes, externally cassia-brown color, internally pale cinnamon brown, and yielded 32 per cent. of tannic acid; the second quality was in badly-formed cubes, externally brown and black, internally cinnamon, and yielded 30 per cent. of tannic acid; the

nally of a rusty brown more or less dark, internally varying from a pale reddish or yellowish brown to a dark liver color. In some specimens it is almost black, in others somewhat like the color of port wine, and in others again, though rarely, dull red like annatto. The extract has been distinguished into the *pale* and *dark* varieties; but there does not appear to be sufficient ground for retaining this distinction, at least in relation to the proper catechu obtained from the wood of *A. catechu.* Catechu is inodorous, with an astringent and bitter taste, followed by a sense of sweetness. It is brittle, and breaks with a fracture which is rough in some specimens, in others uniform, resinous, and shining. That which is preferred in our market is of a dark color, easily broken into small angular fragments, with a smooth glossy surface, bearing some resemblance to kino. Catechu is often mixed with sand, sticks, and other impurities. The U. S. P. gives the following tests of purity. "In irregular masses, containing fragments of leaves, dark brown, brittle, somewhat porous and glossy when freshly broken. It is nearly inodorous, and has a strongly astringent and sweetish taste. If a portion of Catechu be digested with 10 times its weight of alcohol, and the liquid filtered, the undissolved matter, after being dried at 100° C. (212° F.), should not exceed 15 per cent. of the original weight. The tincture, diluted with 100 parts of water, acquires a green color on the addition of ferric chloride test-solution. If two parts of Catechu be boiled with 20 parts of water, a brownish-red, turbid liquid will be obtained which turns blue litmus paper red. Upon incineration, Catechu should not leave more than 6 per cent. of ash." *U. S.* The proportion of tannic acid, which may be considered the efficient principle, varies from about 45 to 55 per cent. in catechu or cutch, and from 36 to 40 per cent. in gambir. The portion designated by Davy as extractive is said to contain, if it does not chiefly consist of, a principle discovered by Buchner, and now called *catechin*, *catechuin*, or *catechuic acid*, to which Etti gives the formula $C_{19}H_{18}O_8$. To prepare pure catechin, Etti (*loc. cit.*) proceeds as follows. Catechu is dissolved in eight times its weight of boiling water, and the liquid, after being strained through a cloth, is left for some days until the insoluble catechin has subsided. The crude catechin is collected in a linen cloth and submitted to the action of a screw-press, then dissolved in a sufficient amount of dilute alcohol, and the filtered solution is shaken up with ether as long as any catechin is thereby dissolved; and after the ether has been removed by distillation the residue is taken up with distilled water, and the solution is left for a few days, when the catechin crystallizes out in an almost colorless state. After pressure in a cloth it is again dissolved in boiling water, when a yellowish-white body remains behind, which appears to be *quercetin.* The deep-red liquid remaining behind after the catechin has been dissolved out with ether contains *catechu red*, $C_{38}H_{34}O_{15}$, which is evidently the first anhydride of catechin.

third quality was in dull-brown, well-shaped cubes, internally pale brown, and yielded 19 per cent. of tannic acid. The oblong or *parallelopiped gambir* was of a uniform dull brown, very hard and strong, and yielded only 2 per cent. of tannic acid. Mr. MacEwan believes that the low percentage of tannin was due to the decoction not having been subjected to prolonged boiling, which favors the decomposition of catechin, with the formation of catechu-tannic acid. None of the finest varieties of gambir, such as are used by the natives for chewing, occur to any extent in American commerce.

Enormous quantities of gambir are used both in Europe and America in tanning, calico-printing, and dyeing, and in other art processes requiring tannic acid. The finer grades are powerfully astringent, and may be used for the same medicinal purposes as the official catechu.

2. *Areca Catechu.* This is obtained from the *areca nut*, or *betel nut*, which is the seed of *Areca catechu*, a palm cultivated in all parts of India. (See Part II.) It is prepared by boiling the nuts in water and evaporating the decoction. There are two varieties: one of a black color, very astringent, mixed with paddy husks and other impurities, and obtained by evaporating the first decoction; the other, yellowish brown, of an earthy fracture, and pure, resulting from the evaporation of a decoction of the nuts which had been submitted to the previous boiling. The first is called *kassu*, the other *coury*. (Heyne, *Tracts, etc., on India.*) They are prepared in Mysore, and Ainslie states that both varieties are sold in the bazaars of Lower India, and used for the same purpose as the official catechu by the native and European practitioners. They are also much used for chewing by the natives. But they are seldom exported, and it is uncertain whether they find their way into European or American commerce. Pereira thought he had identified the *kassu* with a variety of catechu derived from Ceylon, where he had been informed that an extract of the areca nut is prepared. It was in circular flat cakes, from two to three inches in diameter, scarcely an inch thick, covered on one side with paddy husks, and internally blackish brown and shining, like Pegu catechu.

Guibourt and Pereira describe other varieties, which we have not met with, and which are probably rare. One of these is the *Siam catechu*, in conical masses shaped like a betel nut and weighing about a pound and a half. Its fracture is shining and liver-colored, like that of hepatic aloes; in other respects it resembles Pegu catechu. Another is the *black mucilaginous catechu* of Guibourt, in parallelopipeds an inch and a half in length by an inch in breadth. Internally it is black and shining, and its taste is mucilaginous and feebly astringent. A third is the *dull reddish catechu* of Guibourt, in somewhat flattened balls, weighing three or four ounces, of a dull reddish, wavy, and often marbled fracture. Many years since, an extract like this was brought to Philadelphia upon speculation by a merchant from Calcutta, but it is not now in the market. Lastly, there is a *pale* or *whitish* catechu, in small roundish or oval lumps, with an irregular surface, dark or blackish brown externally, very pale and dull internally, and of a bitter, astringent, and sweetish taste, with a smoky flavor. It is unknown in commerce.

The *tannic acid* is of the variety which precipitates iron of a greenish-black color, and differs from most of the other varieties in not yielding grape-sugar when digested with dilute sulphuric acid. It is not, therefore, a glucoside. It precipitates gelatin, but not tartar emetic (*Kane*), and is not, like the tannic acid of galls, converted into gallic acid by exposure to the air. It may be distinguished by the name of *catechu-tannic acid*. Catechu is almost wholly soluble in a large quantity of water, to which it imparts a brown color. The extractive or catechuic acid is much less soluble than the astringent principle, which may be almost entirely separated from it by the frequent application of small quantities of cold water. Boiling water dissolves it much more readily than cold, and deposits it of a reddish-brown color upon cooling. Both principles are readily dissolved by alcohol or proof spirit, and also by ether. For the important reactions of catechu, see *Acidum Tannicum*.

The importations of *cutch* or catechu and terra japonica or gambir for purposes of tanning and calico-printing are quite large, amounting in 1891 to 29,889,719 lbs., valued at $1,505,218, and in 1892 to 25,819,493 lbs., valued at $1,069,043. M. de Meyer affirms that the best method of detecting adulteration of catechu is to treat the suspected drug with ether. Catechu of good quality, after repeated treatment with ether, loses 53 per cent. of its weight, and the dried residue weighs only 47 per cent. of the catechu employed. If this be exceeded, the drug must be proportionately impure. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1870, p. 479.) A. Jossart (*Journ. Pharm. d'Anvers*, 1881, p. 41) examined a catechu which was adulterated with 60 to 65 per cent. of ferrous carbonate.

Medical Properties and Uses. Catechu is a powerful astringent. The dark-colored is somewhat more powerful than the light, and is therefore usually preferred; but the light, being rather sweeter, is chosen by the Malays, Hindoos, and other East Indians, who consume vast quantities of this extract by chewing it, mixed with aromatics and a small proportion of lime, and wrapped in the leaf of the *Piper Betel*. Catechu may be advantageously used in most cases where astringents are indicated. The complaints to which it is best adapted are *diarrhœa* dependent on debility or relaxation of the intestinal mucous membrane, and *passive hemorrhages*, particularly from the uterus. A small piece held in the mouth and allowed slowly to dissolve is an excellent remedy in *relaxation of the uvula* and the *irritation of the fauces* and *troublesome cough* which depend upon it. Applied to *spongy gums*, in the state of powder, it sometimes proves useful; and it has been recommended as a dentifrice in combination with powdered charcoal, Peruvian bark, myrrh, etc. Sprinkled upon the surface of *indolent ulcers*, it is occasionally beneficial, and it is much used in India for the same purpose, in the form of an ointment. An infusion of catechu may be used as an injection in *obstinate gonorrhœa*, *gleet*, and *leucorrhœa*, and we have found it highly beneficial, when thrown up the nostrils, in arresting *epistaxis*. The dose is from ten grains to half a drachm (0·65–1·95 Gm.), which should be frequently repeated, and is best given with sugar, gum arabic, and water.*

CAULOPHYLLUM. U. S. Caulophyllum. [Blue Cohosh.]

(CÂU-LŌ-PHŸL'LŲM.)

"The rhizome and roots of Caulophyllum thalictroides (Linné), Michaux (nat. ord. Berberidaceæ)." *U. S.*

Pappoose Root, Squaw Root, Blueberry Root.

Gen. Ch. Sepals 6, with three small bractlets at the base, ovate-oblong. *Petals* 6, thick and gland-like, somewhat kidney-shaped or hooded bodies, with short claws much smaller than the sepals, one at the base of each of them. *Stamens* 6; *anthers* oblong. *Pistil* gibbous, style short. *Stigma* minute and unilateral. *Ovary* bursting soon after flowering by the pressure of the two erect, enlarging seeds and withering away. The spherical *seeds* naked on their thick seed-stalks, looking like drupes; the fleshy integument turning blue; albumen of the texture of horn. (*Gray's Manual.*)

Caulophyllum thalictroides. Michaux.—*Leontice thalictroides.* Linn. This is an indigenous, perennial, herbaceous plant, with matted, knotty rhizomes, from which rises a single smooth stem, about two feet high, naked till near the summit, where it sends out a large triternately compound leaf, and ending in a small raceme or panicle of greenish-yellow flowers, at the base

* *Fluid Extract of Catechu.* Prof. Procter suggested the following formula for a *fluid extract of catechu* based on the solvent power of glycerin over this extract. *Eight troyounces* of pure catechu, in moderately coarse powder, are mixed in a mortar with *four fluidounces* of glycerin so as to form a paste, to which enough diluted alcohol is added to make a pint. The liquid is poured into a bottle, shaken occasionally for twenty-four hours, and then strained through muslin. Each fluidrachm represents thirty grains of catechu. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1863, p. 241.)

of which is often a smaller biternate leaf. The whole plant when young, as well as the seeds, which are about as large as peas, is glaucous. It is the only known species of the genus. It is found in most parts of the United States, growing in moist rich woods.

Properties. The root-stock is the only part used. It has a sweetish, pungent taste, and yields its virtues to water and alcohol. It is officially described as follows. "Rhizome of horizontal growth, about 10 Cm. long, and about 6 to 10 Mm. thick, bent; on the upper side with broad, concave stem-scars and short, knotty branches; externally grayish-brown, internally whitish, tough and woody. Roots numerous, matted, about 10 Cm. long, and 1 Mm. thick, rather tough; nearly inodorous; taste sweetish, slightly bitter and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* Caulophyllum was examined by Mayer, who found it to contain *saponin*. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 99.) A. E. Ebert subsequently made an investigation of its constituents, and found albumen, gum, starch, phosphoric acid, extractive, two resins, coloring matter, and a body analogous to saponin. The *caulophyllin* of the eclectics is made in the usual way, by pouring a concentrated alcoholic tincture into water and collecting, washing, and drying the resinous precipitate. Prof. J. U. Lloyd purified the substance which Ebert described as analogous to saponin, and for distinction terms it *leontin*. (See *Drugs and Medicines of North America*, vol. ii. p. 152.)

Medical Properties. Caulophyllum has been scarcely used at all by the general medical profession, although the so-called eclectic or homœopathic practitioners claim for it peculiar valuable properties. It is said to be sedative, antispasmodic, and oxytocic, and to have the power when *uterine inertia* occurs during labor to cause the contractions to become very severe, without altering their general character as does ergot. It is also alleged to be capable of arresting threatened *abortion*, to be very efficacious in *hysteria*, *amenorrhœa*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *menorrhagia*, *uterine subinvolution*, etc.; also to be capable of originating uterine contractions and producing abortion. For a detailed description of the various more or less contradictory powers ascribed to it, the reader is referred to Lloyd's *Drugs and Medicines of North America*, vol. ii. p. 155. It is given in decoction, infusion, or tincture, the first two being made in the proportion of an ounce to a pint of water, the last of four ounces to a pint of spirit. Dose of decoction or infusion, one or two fluidounces (31·1 or 62·2 C.c.); of tincture, one or two fluidrachms. Leontin has been used in doses of one drachm of the one-per-cent. solution.

CERA ALBA. U. S., Br. White Wax.

(CĒ'RĄ ĂL'BĄ.)

"Yellow wax bleached." *U. S.* "Yellow wax bleached by exposure to moisture, air, and light." *Br.*

Cire blanche, *Fr.;* Weisses Wachs, *G.;* Cera bianca, *It.;* Cera blanca, *Sp.*

CERA FLAVA. U. S., Br. Yellow Wax.

(CĒ'RĄ FLĀ'VĄ.)

"A peculiar, concrete substance, prepared by Apis mellifica, Linné (class, Insecta; order, Hymenoptera)." *U. S.* "Prepared from the honeycomb of the Hive Bee, Apis mellifica." *Br.*

Cera Citrina; Beeswax; Cire jaune, *Fr.;* Gelbes Wachs, *G.;* Cera gialla, *It.;* Cera amarilla, *Sp.*

Wax is a product of the common bee, *Apis mellifica* of naturalists, which constructs with it the cells of the comb in which the honey and larvæ are deposited. It was at one time doubted whether the insect elaborated the wax by its own organs, or merely gathered it from vegetables. The question was set at rest by Huber, who fed a swarm of bees exclusively on honey and water, and found that they formed a comb consisting of wax. This, therefore, is a proper secretion of the insect. It is produced in the form of scales under the rings of the belly. But wax also exists in plants, bearing in this, as in other respects, a close analogy to the fixed oils. It is, however, the product of the bee only that is recognized by the Pharmacopœias.* This is

* *China wax*, called *pe-la* by the Chinese, resembles spermaceti in whiteness and crystalline appearance, but is distinguished by greater hardness and friability and a somewhat fibrous fracture. It melts at about 83° C. (181° F.), is very slightly soluble in alcohol or ether, is insoluble in cold oil of turpentine and rectified petroleum, but is dissolved with the aid of heat, and very soluble in benzol. These solubilities distinguish it from spermaceti. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 9.) It was formerly supposed to be of vegetable origin, but has been ascertained to be the product of an insect belonging to the genus Coccus, which fixes itself to the branches of a certain tree, and, investing them closely, becomes embedded in a waxy material, which is scraped off with the insects, and constitutes the crude wax. It is purified by melting and straining. (Hanbury, *P. J. Tr.*, xii. 476.) The tree from which the wax is obtained is the *Fraxinus chinensis* of Roxburgh. (*Ibid.*, Sept. 1, 1859.)

Mr. T. T. Cooper, in his "Travels of a Pioneer" in China, gives some interesting statements as to the production of this wax, which are the result of his own personal observations. It is chiefly the province of S'zchuan which is the seat of this industry, the cultivation of the China wax being a source of great wealth to this province, second

directed in two forms: 1, that of *yellow wax*, procured immediately from the comb; and, 2, that of *white wax*, prepared by bleaching the former. We shall consider these separately, and afterwards give an account of *vegetable wax*.

1. Cera Flava, or *Yellow Wax*. This is obtained by slicing the comb taken from the hive, draining and afterwards expressing the honey, and melting the residue in boiling water, which is kept hot for some time in order to allow the impurities to separate and either subside or be dissolved by the water. When the liquid cools the wax concretes, and, having been removed and again melted in boiling water, is strained and poured into pans or other suitable vessels. The labor-saving device is sometimes adopted of stretching a strainer of cheese-cloth upon a hoop and wedging the latter down into the hot mixture below the level of the water; as this cools, the melted wax slowly rises through the cloth, and thus a perfectly clean cake of wax is formed on top on cooling. It is usually brought to market in round flat cakes of considerable thickness. The druggists of Philadelphia are supplied chiefly from the Western States and North Carolina, especially the latter, and from Cuba and California.

Properties. Yellow wax is "a yellowish to brownish-yellow solid, having an agreeable, honey-like odor, and a faint, balsamic taste. Specific gravity, 0·955–0·967 at 15° C. (59° F.).* Melting point, 63°–64° C. (145·4°–147·2° F.). It is brittle when cold, and when broken presents a dull, granular, not crystalline fracture. By the heat of the hand it becomes plastic. Yellow Wax is insoluble in water, sparingly soluble in cold alcohol, but almost completely in boiling alcohol. It is completely soluble in ether, chloroform, and in fixed and volatile oils; partially soluble in cold benzol or carbon disulphide, and completely in these liquids at a temperature of 25° to 30° C. (77° to 86° F.). If 1 Gm. of Yellow Wax be boiled, for half an hour, with 35 C.c. of a 15-per-cent. aqueous solution of sodium hydrate, the volume being preserved by the occasional addition of water, the Wax should separate, on cooling, without rendering the liquid opaque, and no precipate should be produced in the filtered liquid by hydrochloric acid (absence of *fats* or *fatty acids*, *Japan wax*, *resin*); nor should the same reagent produce a precipitate in water which has been boiled with a portion of the Wax (absence of *soap*). If 5 Gm. of Yellow Wax be heated in a flask, for fifteen minutes, with 25 C.c. of sulphuric acid, to 160° C. (320° F.), and the mixture then diluted with water, no solid, wax-like body should separate (absence of *paraffin*). If a portion of Yellow Wax be ignited on platinum, it should not emit the odor of acrolein (absence of *tallow* and *other fats*.)" *U. S.*

Various adulterations have been practised, most of which may be readily detected. Meal, earth, and other insoluble substances are at the same time discovered and separated by melting and straining the wax. When the fracture is smooth and shining instead of being granular, the presence of resin may be suspected. This is dissolved by cold alcohol, while the wax is left untouched. Yellow wax is frequently adulterated with a mixture of paraffin and rosin; such wax is usually translucent on the edges. For other adulterating substances used, and the modes of detecting them, see the remarks which follow on white wax.

Yellow wax is used chiefly as an ingredient of plasters and cerates.

2. Cera Alba, *Bleached Yellow Wax*, or *White Wax*. The color of yellow wax is discharged

only in importance to the silk-culture. The "wax trees" are all cut down at the height of 8 feet, leaving no branches, the trunks being about as thick as a man's thigh, and sending forth shoots in the spring. The insects are cultivated in a different province, that of Yunnan, whence vast quantities of the eggs are sent annually to S'zchuan, where they are received in little balls of the size of a pea. These are suspended, enclosed in young leaves, to the shoots of the tree in March. In about two months the larvæ appear, and, feeding on the leaves, soon attain the size of small butterflies, which spread themselves in immense numbers over the branches, which are whitened by them so as to seem covered with feathery snow. The grub, as it advances to the chrysalis form, buries itself in a white secretion by which all the branches are coated an inch in thickness. These are then cut off near the stem and divided into small pieces, which are tied in bundles and put into large caldrons, where they are boiled in water till all the wax melts and rises to the surface. It is then skimmed off and run into moulds, where it hardens. In this form it is spread over the Empire, where it is used for candles and as medicine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872; also vol. xv., 1885.)

* Dieterich has modified Hager's method of taking the specific gravity of wax, as follows. A piece of wax is heated on the edge of a colorless flame, so that drops of melted wax may fall into alcohol placed in a saucer. Having thus obtained about a dozen wax-pearls, they are allowed to dry thoroughly by letting them remain on blotting-paper for 24 hours. Eight portions of diluted alcohol are prepared, of the following specific gravities respectively: 0·960; 0·961; 0·962; 0·963; 0·964; 0·965; 0·966; 0·967; and the pearl is dropped into these liquids in turn. The specific gravity of the wax is of course the same as the specific gravity of that liquid in which the pearl remains floating indifferently in any part of the vessel. (See Remington's *Practice of Pharmacy*, page 71, *Lovi's beads*.) Dieterich examined hundreds of specimens annually, and found the wax to vary in sp. gr. from 0·963 to 0·966. He also determined the specific gravities of the following substances used to adulterate wax: white wax, 0·973; cera japonica, Japan wax, 0·975; ceresin, half white, 0·920; ozokerite, crude, 0·952; rosin, common, 1·108; cacao butter, 0·980–0·981; pure rosin, 1·045; beef suet, 0·952–0·953; yellow wax, 0·963–0·964; ceresin, white, 0·918; ceresin, yellow, 0·922; spermaceti, 0·960; French rosin, 1·104–1·105; paraffin, med. hard, 0·913–0·914; stearin, A No. 1, 0·971–0·972; mutton suet, 0·961. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1882, p. 55.)

by exposing it, with an extended surface, to the combined influence of air, light, and moisture. The process of bleaching is carried on to a considerable extent in this country. The wax, previously melted, is made to fall in streams upon a revolving cylinder, kept constantly wet, upon which it concretes, forming thin ribbon-like layers. These, having been removed, are spread upon linen cloths stretched on frames and exposed to the air and light, care being taken to water and occasionally turn them. In a few days they are partially bleached; but, to deprive the wax completely of color, it is necessary to repeat the whole process once, if not oftener. When sufficiently white, it is melted and cast into small circular cakes. The color may also be discharged by chlorine; but the wax is said to be somewhat altered.* White wax sometimes contains one or more free fatty acids, consequent probably upon the employment of alkalies in bleaching it, which render it an unfit ingredient in the unctuous preparations of certain salts. Of these acids it may be deprived by means of alcohol.

Perfectly pure wax is white, shining, diaphanous in thin layers, inodorous, insipid, harder and less unctuous to the touch than the yellow, soft and ductile at 35° C. (95° F.) and fusible at 65° C. (149° F.), retaining its fluidity at a lower temperature. According to Saussure, its sp. gr. in the solid state is 0·966. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes it as "a yellowish-white solid, somewhat translucent in thin layers, having a slightly rancid odor, and an insipid taste. Specific gravity, 0·965 to 0·975 at 15° C. (59° F.). Melting point, about 65° C. (149° F.). In other respects White Wax has the characteristics of, and should respond to the reactions and tests given under, Yellow Wax (see *Cera Flava*)." *U. S.* By a great heat it is partly volatilized, partly decomposed; and, when flame is applied to its vapor, it takes fire and burns with a clear bright light. It is insoluble in water, and in cold alcohol or ether, but is slightly soluble in boiling alcohol and ether, which deposit it in a great measure upon cooling. The volatile and fixed oils dissolve it with facility, resin readily unites with it by fusion, and soaps are formed by the action of soda and potassa in solution. It is not affected by the acids at ordinary temperatures, but is converted into a black mass when boiled with concentrated sulphuric acid. Bleached wax contains, according to Lewy's analysis, 80·2 per cent. of carbon, 13·4 of hydrogen, and 6·4 of oxygen. It is a mixture of three different substances, which may be separated from one another by alcohol,—viz.: 1, *myricin*, insoluble in boiling alcohol, and consisting chiefly of myricyl palmitate, $C_{16}H_{31}(C_{30}H_{61}O_2)$,—that is, a compound of *palmitic acid*, $C_{16}H_{31}O.OH$, and *myricyl alcohol*, $C_{30}H_{61}OH$; 2, *cerotic acid*, $C_{27}H_{54}O_2$ (formerly called *cerin* when obtained only in an impure state), which is dissolved by boiling alcohol, but crystallizes out on cooling; 3, *cerolein*, which remains dissolved in the cold alcoholic liquid. This latter is probably a mixture of fatty acids, as indicated by its acid reaction. It has not been investigated fully, however. (See results of Schwalb's analysis, *Jour. Chem. Soc.*, 1887, p. 124.)

Wax has been variously adulterated. *White lead* sinks to the bottom of the vessel when the wax is melted. *Starch*, *meal*, and other *insoluble substances* remain behind when the wax is dissolved in oil of turpentine or benzin; and the starch is known by producing a blue color with iodine added to water in which the wax has been boiled. *Water*, which is said to be sometimes fraudulently incorporated with it, by agitation when partially melted, is driven off by heat. *Fatty substances* render lime water turbid when agitated with it and allowed to stand. For the detection of stearin and stearic acid, M. Lebel dissolves the suspected wax in two parts of oil, beats the cerate thus formed with its weight of pure water, and then adds a few drops of solution of lead subacetate. If stearin be present, there will be an immediate decomposition, and the mixture will acquire an extraordinary solidity from the formation of lead stearate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xv.) Vogel proposes chloroform as a means of detecting the adulteration with fatty matters. That liquid dissolves only 25 per cent. of wax, but stearin and stearic acid completely. If, therefore, wax treated with 6 or 8 parts of chloroform loses more than one-quarter of its weight, it may be considered as impure. (*Ibid.*, xvii.) Overbeck detects stearic acid by the abundant effervescence produced from the escape of carbonic acid when a small portion of the suspected wax is boiled in a solution composed of one part of sodium car-

* The following process for purifying wax by steam has been patented by M. Cassgrand, in France, and is said to have been employed advantageously. Wax melted by steam is passed along with the steam through a coiled tube or worm, is received into a double bottom heated by steam, where it is washed with water, and is then raised by a pump into another pan, also heated by steam, where it is again washed with water: the whole operation is repeated three or four times, the wax being allowed to rest for about four or five minutes in the upper pan after each operation, and, after the last one, an hour or two for the subsidence of impurities. The wax is then granulated by means of cold water, allowed to dry for two or three days, and then exposed to light and air. The whole process is completed in a few days. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 525.)

bonate and fifty of distilled water. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 128.) Fehling detects *stearic acid* and *resin* by boiling one part of the wax in twenty of alcohol, filtering the solution when cold, and then adding water. If either of these substances be present there will be a flocculent precipitate, whereas if the wax be pure there will scarcely be an observable turbidness. The natural fats, as *tallow*, *suet*, *lard*, etc., are not amenable to this test; but it may be applied by first saponifying them, and thus converting them into the fatty acids, as the stearic. But, as wax itself is somewhat liable to be affected, it is necessary to avoid too strong an alkaline solution, and too long boiling in the process. To obviate such a result, 30 grains of the wax are to be boiled with two or three fluidounces of water containing 6 grains of pure sodium hydrate, and the mass saturated with a very dilute acid, and heated. The wax is then to be separated, dried between folds of blotting-paper, and treated as above for stearic acid. (*Neues Repert. für Pharm.*, viii. 78.) For the detection of rosin, cold alcohol is sufficient. It dissolves the rosin, and yields it on evaporation, attended with a very small portion of pure wax, which yields 2·4 per cent. to cold alcohol. (Ed. Davies, *A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 537.) F. Jean states that a few drops of sulphuric acid added to the melted wax adulterated with rosin, cause a red color, or, if only 1 per cent. be present, a greenish tint. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 307.) To detect *paraffin*, which is another adulteration said to be frequent, Prof. Landolt, of Bonn, heats the wax with fuming sulphuric acid (Nordhausen), which destroys the wax, converting it into a black jelly-like mass, while the paraffin is left as a transparent layer on the surface. (See *A. J. P.*, xxxiv. 35.) M. Lies Bodart detects the same impurity by a somewhat complex process, based on the etherification of the wax; the paraffin being left sufficiently pure to enable its proportion to be estimated. For the particulars of the process, the reader is referred to the *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.* (4e sér., iii. 287, 1866). A simpler method is that of M. Dullo, who treats the adulterated wax with ether. If this dissolves more than 50 per cent., the presence of paraffin is indicated. M. Payen resorts to the point of fusion as a means of detecting paraffin. This substance melts at a lower temperature than wax, and lowers the melting point of wax with which it is mixed. (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., ii. 233.) White wax should not melt below 65·5° C. (150° F.); yellow not below 60° C. (140° F.). (*Br.*) *Japan wax* is said also to be largely employed for adulterating beeswax; so that sometimes but little of the product of the bee is to be found in the mixture. To detect Japan wax, M. Dullo boils together for a minute 10 Gm. (150 grains) of wax, 120 Gm. of water, and 1 of soda. If there be Japan wax present, a soap will immediately form, which will slowly solidify on cooling. Beeswax does not saponify under these circumstances. (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., i. 448.) Ceresin, a principle obtained from ozokerite (see Part II.), is also employed as an adulterant, and is manufactured largely for that purpose in Vienna. It is only native paraffin, and of course answers to the tests for that substance. There are other less precise methods of detecting adulterations. Thus, spermaceti and lard render wax softer and less cohesive, of a smoother and less granular fracture, and of a different odor when heated. The melting point and specific gravity are lowered by tallow, suet, and lard. *Legrip's cereometer* is based upon the altered specific gravity of wax when adulterated. Any one may apply this principle by making such a mixture of alcohol and water that pure wax will neither sink nor rise in it, but remain wherever placed. (See page 345.) Adulterated wax would either float or sink in this liquid. Pereira says that pure wax is yellowish white; and that the white wax in circular cakes always contains spermaceti, added to improve its color.

Medical Properties and Uses. Wax has little effect upon the system. Under the impression that it sheathed the inflamed mucous membrane of the bowels, it was formerly prescribed in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery;* and it is mentioned by Dioscorides as a remedy in the latter complaint; but at the present time, we suppose, no one would think of employing wax for such purposes. Its sole use in modern medicine is in the formation of ointments, cerates, plasters, and suppositories, surgical dressings, etc., in which it acts mechanically, either giving stiffness or serving to protect from water. It is an ingredient in almost all the official cerates, which owe to it their general title.

3. Vegetable Wax. Many vegetable products contain wax. It exists in the pollen of numerous plants, and forms the bloom or glaucous powder which covers certain fruits, and the coating of varnish with which leaves are sometimes supplied. In some plants it is so abundant as to be profitably extracted for use. Such is the *Ceroxylon andicola*, a lofty palm growing in the South American Andes. Upon the trunk of this tree, in the rings left by the fall of the leaves, is a coating of wax-like matter, about one-sixth of an inch thick, which is removed by the natives and employed in the manufacture of tapers. It contains, according to Vauquelin, two-thirds of a resinous substance and one-third of pure wax. Two kinds of wax are collected

in Brazil, one called *carnauba*,* from the leaves of the *Copernicus cerifera*, a palm, which forms large forests in the province of Ceara, the other *ocuba*, from the fruit of a shrub of the province of Para. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., v. 154.)† A form of vegetable wax sometimes seen in this country is that derived from *Myrica cerifera*, and commonly called *myrtle wax*. The *wax myrtle* is an aromatic shrub, from one to twelve feet high, growing in the United States, from New England to Louisiana, and flourishing especially on the sea-coast. The fruit, which grows in clusters closely attached to the stems and branches, is small, globular, and covered with a whitish coat of wax, which may be separated for use. Other parts of the plant are said to possess medical virtues. The bark of the root is acrid and astringent, and in large doses emetic, and has been popularly employed in jaundice. The process for collecting the wax is simple. The berries are boiled in water, and the wax, melting and floating on the surface, is either skimmed off and strained, or allowed to concrete as the liquor cools, and then removed. To render it pure, it is again melted and strained, and cast into large cakes. It is collected in New Jersey, North Carolina, and New England, and particularly in Rhode Island.

Myrtle wax is of a pale grayish-green color, somewhat diaphanous, more brittle and unctuous to the touch than beeswax, of a feeble odor, and a slightly bitterish taste. It is about as heavy as water, and melts, according to Dr. G. E. Moore, at from 46·6° C.–48·8° C. (116° F.–120° F.). It is insoluble in water, scarcely soluble in cold alcohol, soluble, excepting about 13 per cent., in twenty parts of boiling alcohol, which deposits the greater portion on cooling, soluble also in boiling ether, and slightly so in oil of turpentine. It is readily saponifiable with the alkalies. By Dr. John it was found to found to consist, like beeswax, of cerin and myricin, containing 87 per cent. of the former and 13 of the latter; but a more accurate analysis by Dr. Moore gives as its constituents one part of palmitin and four of palmitic acid, with a little laurin or lauric acid. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, 1852, p. 319.) The green color and bitterness depend upon distinct principles, which may be separated by boiling with ether. On cooling, the wax is deposited colorless, while the ether remains green. The color is ascribed by Dr. Moore to chlorophyll.

* *Carnauba Wax* is collected by cutting out the leaf-buds, drying and beating them, and melting the powder thus detached in water. According to Nevil Story Maskelyne, it consists chiefly of melissyl-alcohol, $C_{30}H_{62}O$, which saponifies, another alcohol, $C_{23}H_{48}O$, and small quantities of resin and a substance melting at 150° C. (221° F.). Berard believes it to be composed of free cerotic acid and melissyl ether. H. Stürke has stated as the result of an investigation that carnauba wax contains: a hydrocarbon, melting at 59° C.; an alcohol, $C_{23}H_{56}.CH_2OH$, melting at 76° C.; myricyl alcohol, $C_{30}H_{61}.OH$, melting at 85·5° C.; a diatomic alcohol, $C_{25}H_{50}.(OH)_2$, melting at 103·5°–103·8° C.; an acid, $C_{24}H_{48}O_2$, isomeric with lignocerotic acid, melting at 72·5° C.; an acid, $C_{27}H_{54}O_2$, isomeric with cerotic acid, melting at 79° C.; and an acid, or rather the lactone (anhydride) of an acid, $C_{19}H_{38}\left\{\begin{matrix}CH_2OH\\COOH\end{matrix}\right.$, melting at 103·5° C., from which an acid, $C_{19}H_{38}(COOH)_2$, melting at 90° C. has been prepared. (Schaedler, *Technol. der Fette und Oele*, 2te Auf., p. 884.) It is hard, brittle, and buff-colored, yellow, or greenish, resembling the resins more than wax, and melts at 85° C. (185° F.), which is much higher than the fusing point of other kinds of vegetable wax. "It takes a fine polish when rubbed with any soft material," does not receive impressions from the finger at the natural temperature of the hand, and is adapted for polishing furniture, either alone or mixed with wax. 2,000,000 pounds of it are said to be annually produced in Brazil, where it is largely used, mixed with tallow, in making candles, etc.

Under the name of *Ocotilla wax*, Mrs. Helen Abbott Michael described (*A. J. P.*, Feb. 1885) a wax which she has obtained from the bark of the *Fouquieria splendens*, and believes to be a new variety. A wax which is said to be used, under the name of *Arbol de la Cera*, in Mexico not only for domestic purposes, but also as a remedy in diarrhœa and jaundice, is that obtained by boiling the fruit of the *Myrica jalapensis* in water. It is greenish or yellow, more brittle and unctuous than beeswax, has a feeble odor, a slightly bitter taste, and a density nearly equal to that of water, and melts at 43°; but on exposure the fusing point rises to 47·5°. It is wholly soluble in boiling ether, insoluble in water, sparingly soluble in cold alcohol, and dissolves in twenty parts of boiling alcohol, depositing the greater part on cooling; alkalies saponify it readily. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 339, 1885.)

† *Japanese Wax*. A substance under this name has been imported into Europe in considerable quantities, either directly from Japan, or through the Chinese ports. It is obtained from the berries of the *Rhus succedaneum* of Linnæus, and in small amount from the *R. sylvestris* and *R. vernicifera*, or lacquer plant. The partially dried berries are crushed, winnowed, steamed, placed in hemp cloth bags, steamed again, and pressed in a wooden wedge press. They yield about 15 per cent. of a coarse greenish tallowy mass. It has come in two forms, the one, as originally distinguished by Mr. Hanbury, of circular cakes, about four inches in diameter, and an inch thick, flat on one side and somewhat convex on the other; the second, as brought directly from Japan, of large rectangular blocks, which are packed in chests. It bears a considerable resemblance to purified beeswax, but is not quite so white, having a slightly yellowish tint, is softer, more friable, and has a somewhat rancid smell and taste. Its melting point is below that of wax, varying from 49° C. (120° F.), as stated by Prof. Procter, to 52° C. (125° F.), and even 55° C. (131° F.), as observed in different specimens by Mr. Hanbury. Meyer noticed a sample melting at 42° C. (107° F.). It is much more soluble in alcohol than is beeswax, is saponifiable with the alkalies, and is in the main a glyceride of palmitic acid with smaller amounts of the glycerides of stearic and arachidic acids. It has been employed in the preparation of candles, which yield as brilliant light as those made of common wax. It has been found useful in the preparation of cerates, etc. From Roucher's experiments it appears that there are two melting points of this wax, one corresponding closely with Prof. Procter's results, while the same wax rapidly heated to a point above that of fusion and then allowed to cool, if plunged into water at 42° C., melts into a transparent liquid; consequently melting at a point 12° C. below its freezing point in its ordinary state, which was 54° C.; the two temperatures being about equivalent in Fahrenheit's scale to 107° and 129°. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1872.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This variety of wax has been popularly employed in the United States as a remedy for *dysentery;* in which disease Dr. Fahnestock gave the powdered wax in doses of a teaspoonful (3·75 C.c.) frequently repeated, with alleged great advantage. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, ii. 313.) It is occasionally substituted by apothecaries for beeswax in the formation of plasters, and is used in the preparation of tapers and candles. It is somewhat fragrant when burning, but emits a less brilliant light than common lamp oil.

CERATA. Cerates.

(CĔ-RĀ'TĂ.)

Cérats, Céréotés, *Fr.;* Cerate, Wachssalben, *G.*

These are unctuous substances consisting of oil or lard, mixed with wax, spermaceti, or resin, to which various medicaments are frequently added. Their consistence, which is intermediate between that of ointments and that of plasters, is such that they may be spread at ordinary temperatures upon linen or leather, by means of a spatula, and do not melt or run when applied to the skin. In preparing them, care should usually be taken to select the oil or lard perfectly free from rancidity. In reference to the wax, too, there would seem to be a choice, as experience has shown that cerates made with yellow wax keep longer unchanged than those made with white or bleached wax, probably because there is in yellow wax some principle which corrects the tendency of fatty matters to become rancid. (F. Bringhurst, *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 59.) The liquefaction should be effected by a very gentle heat, which may be applied by means of a water-bath; and during the refrigeration the mixture should be well stirred, and the portions which solidify on the sides of the vessel should be made to mix again with the liquid portion, until the whole assumes the proper consistence, or, as some prefer, the melted cerate is allowed to cool quickly without stirring. When a large quantity is prepared, the mortar or other vessel into which the mixture may be poured for cooling should be previously heated by means of boiling water. It has been proposed to substitute paraffin for wax in the preparation of the cerates, but the great tendency to produce granulation in the finished cerate has largely prevented its use. It is, we think, unfortunate that this class of preparations has been abandoned in the British Pharmacopœia; the several cerates having been rejected, or transferred to the class of Ointments. Independently of the connection between the name and one of the characteristic constituents of the cerates, there is a ground of difference between them and the ointments in their consistence; that of the cerates being such as to render them especially suitable for spreading on linen, while that of ointments is peculiarly adapted to inunction.*

CERATUM. U. S. Cerate.

(CĔ-RĀ'TŬM.)

Ceratum Adipis, *U. S.* 1860; Ceratum Simplex, *U. S.* 1850; Cérat simple, *Fr.;* Einfaches Cerat, Wachssalbe, *G.*

"White Wax, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 255 grains]; Lard, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt them together, and stir the mixture constantly until it is cool." *U. S.*

In the preparation of this cerate, peculiar care should be taken that the oleaginous ingredient be entirely free from rancidity, and that the heat employed be not sufficient to produce the slightest decomposition; for the value of the preparation depends on its perfect blandness. To avoid change, it should be put up in small jars, and covered closely with tin-foil so as to exclude the air. It is used for dressing *blisters*, *wounds*, etc., in all cases in which the object is to prevent the contact of air and preserve the moisture of the part and at the same time to avoid all irritation. It is sometimes improperly employed as the vehicle of substances to be applied by inunction. For this purpose lard should be used in winter, and simple ointment in summer, the cerate having too firm a consistence. George W. Sloan recommends simple cerate as a pill excipient for certain oxidizable substances and special uses. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884.)

The simple ointment, Unguentum Simplex, of the British Pharmacopœia is very nearly equivalent to this preparation, but contains some olive oil. It will be described among the ointments.

* Dr. W. H. Mielcke (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1881, Nos. 20, 21) proposes a class of preparations, to which he has given the name "*Steatins*," "*Steatinum*." These are of about the consistence of cerates, of varied composition, and contain usually a considerable portion of tallow. The *Steatinum Iodoformi* offers a fair specimen of the class. "Take of mutton tallow 18 parts, expressed oil of nutmeg 2 parts, iodoform, in fine powder, 1 part. Melt the tallow and add the other ingredients." For other formulas, see *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 404.

CERATUM CAMPHORÆ. U. S. Camphor Cerate.

(CẸ-RĀ'TŬM CĂM'PHỌ-RÆ.)

"Camphor Liniment, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; White Wax, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 255 grains]; Lard, *six hundred grammes* [or 21 ounces av., 72 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the White Wax and Lard with the aid of a gentle heat; then add the Camphor Liniment, and stir the mixture occasionally, until it has become cold." *U. S.*

The proportion of camphor has been greatly increased in this preparation by the U. S. P. 1890; it now contains 2 per cent. of camphor, that of the U. S. P. 1880 contained only three-fifths of 1 per cent. This preparation was introduced in the U. S. P. 1880 primarily for use in making cerate of subacetate of lead by the extemporaneous process. It was subsequently found useful as a slightly stimulating dressing, hence the proportion of camphor has been increased.

CERATUM CANTHARIDIS. U. S. (Br.) Cantharides Cerate.

(CẸ-RĀ'TŬM CẠN-THĂR'Ị-DĪS.)

Emplastrum Cantharidis, *Br.;* Cantharides Plaster; Emplastrum Cantharidum (Vesicatorium) Ordinarium, *P. G.;* Emplastrum Epispasticum, s. Vesicatorium, s. Vesicans; Emplâtre de Cantharides, Emplâtre vésicatoire, *Fr.;* Spanischfliegen Pflaster, Blasenpflaster, *G.*

"Cantharides, in No. 60 powder, *three hundred and twenty grammes* [or 11 ounces av., 126 grains]; Yellow Wax, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 152 grains]; Resin, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 152 grains]; Lard, *two hundred and twenty grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 332 grains]; Oil of Turpentine, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Moisten the Cantharides with the Oil of Turpentine, and set the mixture aside, well covered, for forty-eight hours. Then add it to the Yellow Wax, Resin, and Lard, previously melted and strained through muslin, and keep the mixture in a liquid condition, by means of a water-bath, stirring occasionally, until its weight has been reduced to *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Then remove it from the bath, and stir it occasionally until it is cool." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs of Cantharides, in powder, *twelve ounces* [avoirdupois]; Yellow Wax, and Prepared Suet, each, *seven ounces and a half;* Prepared Lard *six ounces;* and Resin *three ounces;* melts the Wax, Suet, and Lard together, by a water-bath, and adds the Resin previously melted; then introduces the Cantharides, mixes the whole thoroughly, and continues to stir the mixture while cooling.

This is the common well-known *blistering plaster.* As it can be readily spread without the aid of heat, it is properly a cerate, and is, therefore, correctly named in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The process now official differs from that of previous Pharmacopœias in the use of Oil of Turpentine; the previous maceration of the cantharides with this solvent has for its object the softening and extraction of the cantharidin; the present cerate is not so firm in consistence as that made by the U. S. P. 1880, for, although some of the oil of turpentine is evaporated by the heat employed, sufficient is still retained by the process to render the cerate softer. There can be no question of the advantage of retaining the cantharides in contact with hot liquefied fatty bodies to facilitate the extraction of the cantharidin. The cerate is essentially the same as prepared by the two processes; though the U. S. formula has a decided advantage over the British, in keeping the mixture of the flies and the other ingredients for some time at an elevated temperature, while in the latter they are allowed to cool after being mixed with the fatty matters. Care was formerly considered requisite, in making the cerate, not to injure the flies by heat. It was, therefore, recommended that they should not be added to the other ingredients until immediately before these begin to stiffen, after having been removed from the fire; and, though this direction has been omitted, no provision is made for the continued application of heat. From the experiments of Mr. Donovan (*Dublin Med. Press*, Aug. 1840), and those of Professor Procter (*A. J. P.*, xiii. 302, and xxiv. 296), it may be inferred that the vesicating principle of Spanish flies is not injured or dissipated by a heat under 148·8° C. (300° F.), and that an elevated temperature, instead of being hurtful, is positively advantageous in the preparation of the cerate. The cantharidin is thus more thoroughly dissolved by the oleaginous matter, and consequently brought more efficiently into contact with the skin, than when retained in the interior of the tissue of the fly. Another advantage, stated by Donovan, is that the moisture usually existing to a certain extent in all the ingredients of the cerate is thus dissipated, and the preparation is less apt to become mouldy, or otherwise to undergo decom-

position. Instead, therefore, of waiting until the melted wax, resin, and lard begin to stiffen, it is better to add the powder before the vessel is removed from the fire. Mr. Donovan recommends that, as soon as the other ingredients are melted, the powdered flies should be added, and the mixture stirred until the heat is shown by a thermometer to have risen to 121·1° C. (250° F.), when the vessel is to be removed from the fire, and the mixture stirred constantly until cool. At the heat mentioned, ebullition takes place in consequence of the escape of the moisture contained in the materials. In the cerate thus prepared, the active matter has been dissolved by the lard, and the powder may be separated, if deemed advisable, by straining the mixture before it solidifies. Care should be taken that the temperature be not so high as to decompose the ingredients; and it would be better to keep it within 100° C. (212° F.), by means of a water-bath, as in the U. S. process, than to incur any risk from its excess. Violent irritation and even vesication of the face of the operator are stated to have resulted from exposure to the vapors of the liquid, at a temperature of 121·1° C. (250° F.). (*P. J. Tr.*, ii. 391.) From an experiment, however, of Professor Procter, it appears that, though cantharidin begins to volatilize slightly at 121·1° C. (250° F.), and rapidly rises in vapor and sublimes at from 205·5° C. to 211·1° C. (402° F. to 412° F.), yet it is not decomposed unless by increasing the heat considerably above the last-mentioned point. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 296 and 298.) It is desirable that the flies should be very finely pulverized. Coarsely-powdered cantharides should not be used, because of the imperfect and unequal distribution of the vesicating agent. Powdered euphorbium is said to be sometimes fraudulently added.

The cerate will always raise a blister in ordinary conditions of the system, if the flies are good, and not injured in the preparation. It should be spread on soft leather, though linen or even paper will answer the purpose when that is not to be had. An elegant mode of preparing it for use is to spread a piece of leather, of a proper size, first with adhesive plaster, and afterwards with the cerate, leaving a margin of the former uncovered, in order that it may adhere to the skin. Heat is not requisite, and should not be employed in spreading the cerate. Some sprinkle powdered flies upon the surface of the plaster, press them lightly with a roller, and then shake off the portion which has not adhered; but, if the flies originally employed were good, this addition is superfluous. The habit of applying over the surface with a brush an ethereal tincture of cantharides, which leaves a thin coating of extract, renders the preparation more certain.

Upon the application of the plaster, the skin should be moistened with warm vinegar or other liquid. In adults, when the full action of the flies is desired, and the object is to produce a permanent effect, the application should be continued for eight hours, and on the scalp for twelve hours. In very delicate persons, however, or those subject to strangury, or upon parts of a loose texture, or when the object is merely to produce a blister to be healed as quickly as possible, the plaster should remain no longer than is necessary for the production of full redness of the skin, which generally occurs in five or six hours, or even in a shorter time. It should then be removed, and followed by a flaxseed poultice, or some other emollient dressing, under which the cuticle rises, and a full blister is usually produced. By this management the patient will generally escape strangury, and the blister will very quickly heal after the discharge of the serum.* In young children, cantharides sometimes produce alarming and even fatal ulceration, if too long applied, and from two to four hours are usually sufficient for any desirable purpose. When the head, or other very hairy part, is to be blistered, an interval of ten or twelve hours should, if possible, be allowed between the shaving of the part and the application of the plaster, so that the abrasions may heal, and some impediment be offered to the absorption of the flies. After the blister has been formed, it should be opened at the most depending parts, and, the cuticle being allowed to remain, should be dressed with simple cerate; but, if it be desirable to maintain the discharge for a short time, resin cerate should be used, and the cuticle removed if it can be done without inconvenience. When it is wished that the blistered surface should heal as soon as possible, Goulard's cerate should be

* The late Dr. M. B. Smith, of Philadelphia, informed us that he had frequently employed uva ursi as a preventive of *strangury* from blisters, and had never found it to fail. He gave a small wineglassful of the decoction of uva ursi every hour, commencing two hours after the application of the blister. Camphor is sometimes incorporated with the blistering cerate to prevent strangury, though with doubtful effect. A plan proposed by M. Vée is to spread over the surface of the plaster, when ready for delivery, by means of the finger, a saturated solution of camphor in ether. The ether evaporates, leaving a thin coating of camphor uniformly diffused. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., viii. 68.) Guyot Dannecy believes camphor to be useless in this connection, and recommends dusting the blister with bicarbonate of sodium and powdered cantharides in equal parts. The late Dr. Joseph Hartshorne, of Philadelphia, was in the habit, in cases where he apprehended strangury, of directing four grains of opium and twenty of camphor to be mixed with the cerate of a blister of large size, and experienced the happiest effects from the addition.

freely applied. The effects of an issue may be obtained by employing savine ointment, or the ointment of Spanish flies, as a dressing. If much inflammation takes place in the blistered surface, it may be relieved by emollient poultices, weak lead water, or Goulard's cerate. When there is an obstinate indisposition to heal, we have found nothing so effectual as zinc ointment with two to four grains of carbolic acid to the ounce.

Various preparations of cantharides have been proposed and employed as substitutes for the cerate. They consist for the most part of cantharidin, more or less pure, either dissolved in olive oil and applied to the skin by means of a piece of paper saturated with it, or incorporated with wax and spread in a very thin layer upon fine waxed cloth, silk, or paper, constituting *blistering cloth*, *blistering paper*, *vesicating taffeta*, etc. The advantages of these preparations are that they occupy less space, are more portable, and, being very pliable, are more easily adapted to irregularities of the surface. Absolutely pure cantharidin is expensive and not requisite,* as extracts of cantharides, made with ether, alcohol, or boiling water, will answer every purpose. Henry and Guibourt give the following formula. Digest powdered cantharides in ether, distil off the ether, evaporate the residue by means of a salt-water bath, until ebullition ceases, melt the mass which remains with twice its weight of wax, and spread the mixture upon waxed cloth. The *waxed cloth* may be prepared by spreading upon linen or muslin a mixture composed of 8 parts of white wax, 4 of olive oil, and 1 of turpentine, melted together. An extract of cantharides of a buttery consistence, said to act very efficiently when applied by means of paper greased with it, is prepared by digesting 4 parts of flies with one part of strong acetic acid and 16 of alcohol, straining, filtering, and evaporating at a moderate heat.† A preparation which received the favorable report of a committee of the Society of Pharmacy, at Paris, is the following, proposed by M. Dubuisson. Four parts of a hydro-alcoholic extract of the flies, made by maceration, are mixed with an aqueous solution of one part of pure gelatin, so as to obtain a solution of suitable consistence, which is then applied upon a piece of extended waxed cloth, care being taken that the brush should always have the same direction. When the first layer has dried, a second and a third are to be applied in the same manner. The gelatin renders the cloth more adhesive and less deliquescent. The hydro-alcoholic extract is preferred to the alcoholic, because it contains less of the green oil, which does not readily mix with the other ingredients. The committee, however, preferred the aqueous extract, as cheaper and more active. This taffeta has been tried, and found to raise blisters in four hours. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., viii. 67.) For very speedy vesication, an infusion of the flies in strong acetic acid is sometimes employed. None of these preparations are likely to supersede the cerate, but the demand for them has been met by introducing into the Pharmacopœia *Charta Cantharidis* U. S. P. 1880 and *Collodium Cantharidatum.*

CERATUM CETACEI. U. S. Spermaceti Cerate.

(CḚ-RĀ'TŬM CḚ-TĀ'CḚ-Ī.)

Emplastrum Spermatis Ceti, Ceratum Labiale Album; Cérat de Blanc de Baleine, Onguent blanc, *Fr.*; Wallrath-Cerat, *G.*

"Spermaceti, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; White Wax, *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains]; Olive Oil, *five hundred and fifty grammes* [or 19 ounces av., 175 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt together the Spermaceti and White Wax; then add the Olive Oil previously heated, and stir the mixture constantly until it is cool." *U. S.*

The direction to heat the oil before adding it to the other ingredients is important. If added

* Dragendorff (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 273) recommends *sodium cantharidate.* M. E. Delpech (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 240) proposes the use of *potassium cantharidate* in substance or solution. He prepares it by dissolving two parts of cantharides in 150 parts of alcohol, and adding 1·6 parts of caustic potash dissolved in a very little water. The whole becomes a crystalline mass, from which the alcohol may be separated by pressure. See also R. Rother, *Chicago Pharmacist*, Nov. 1872.

† *Ceratum Extracti Cantharidis.* The U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized the Cerate of the Extract of Cantharides, and gave for it the following formula: "Cantharides, in No. 60 powder, *thirty parts* [or six ounces av.]; Resin, *fifteen parts* [or three ounces av.]; Yellow Wax, *thirty-five parts* [or seven ounces av.]; Lard, *thirty-five parts* [or seven ounces av.]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Moisten the Cantharides with *eighteen parts* [or four fluidounces] of Alcohol, and pack firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then gradually pour on Alcohol, until *one hundred and eighty parts* [or two and a half pints] of percolate are obtained, or until the Cantharides are exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol by means of a water-bath, transfer the residue to a tared capsule and evaporate it, on a water-bath, until it weighs *fifteen parts* [or three ounces av.]. Add to this the Resin, Wax, and Lard, previously melted together, and keep the whole at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.) for fifteen minutes. Lastly, strain the mixture through muslin, and stir it constantly until cool." *U. S.* This preparation was introduced in 1860 as a substitute for the older cerate, but has failed to sustain its alleged superiority, and has very properly been dismissed.

cold, it is apt to produce an irregular congelation of the wax and spermaceti, and thus to render the preparation lumpy. The cerate is employed as a dressing for blisters, excoriated surfaces, and wounds, and as the basis of more active preparations. When the ingredients are pure and sweet, it is perfectly free from irritating properties. The present formula contains a little less spermaceti than that of the U. S. P. 1870. From experiments made by Mr. J. B. Barnes, it appears that this cerate keeps much better when made of unbleached materials than when prepared with olive oil and wax previously bleached. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 352.)

CERATUM PLUMBI SUBACETATIS. U. S. (Br.) Cerate of Lead Subacetate. [Goulard's Cerate.]

(CĒ-RĀ'TŬM PLŬM'BĪ SŬB-ĂÇ-Ē-TĀ'TĪS.)

Unguentum Glycerini Plumbi Subacetatis, *Br.;* Unguentum Plumbi Subacetatis Compositum; Compound Ointment of Subacetate of Lead; Unguentum Plumbi, *P. G.;* Ceratum cum Subacetate Plumbico; Cérat de Saturne, Saturné de Goulard, *Fr.;* Bleisalbe, Bleicerat, *G.*

"Solution of Lead Subacetate, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Camphor Cerate, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Mix them thoroughly. This Cerate should be freshly prepared, when wanted." *U. S.**

The British Pharmacopœia makes an ointment by mixing glycerin of subacetate of lead with soft and hard paraffin together. (See *Unguentum Glycerini Plumbi Subacetatis;* also *Glycerini Plumbi Subacetatis.*)

This cerate received the name by which it is commonly known from M. Goulard, by whom it was employed and recommended. It immediately begins to assume a yellowish color, and after a short time becomes so rancid as to be scarcely fit for use. Hence it should be prepared in small quantities at a time. The addition of a few drops of acetic acid prevents the yellow color from appearing, and there seems to be no objection to its use. The late Mr. Jacob Bell found it more satisfactory when made with yellow wax. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1859, p. 459.) Eggenfels, a German pharmacist, recommends the following method of proceeding to prevent its change of color. The wax and oil are melted in a water-bath; the solution of lead subacetate, previously heated, is added in small portions successively, and the mixture well stirred, and digested for some time; a partial saponification takes place, and an emulsion afterwards; and the cerate retains its white color. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 408.) It is used chiefly in *excoriations*, *burns*, *scalds*, and *chilblains*, and in *cutaneous eruptions.* Wherever there is an acute active inflammation of the skin it is a most efficient remedy.

CERATUM RESINÆ. U. S. (Br.) Resin Cerate. [Basilicon Ointment.]

(CĒ-RĀ-TŬM RĒ-ŞĪ'NÆ.)

Unguentum Resinæ, *Br.;* Ointment of Resin, Unguentum Basilicum; Cérat de Résine anglais, *Fr.;* Harzcerat, *G.*

"Resin, *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains]; Yellow Wax, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Lard, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt them together at a moderate heat, strain the mixture through muslin, and allow it to cool without stirring. In cold weather use the following proportions: Resin *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains]; Yellow Wax, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 101 grains]; Lard, *five hundred and thirty grammes* [or 18 ounces av., 305 grains]." *U. S.*

"Take of Resin, in coarse powder, *eight ounces;* Yellow Wax *four ounces;* Simple Ointment *sixteen ounces;* Almond Oil *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Melt at a low temperature, strain the mixture while hot through flannel, and stir constantly while it cools." *Br.*

This preparation does not differ greatly from that formerly official. An improvement has been made in the manipulation over that for the ointment official in 1870, in directing the ointment not to be stirred, a better consistence being secured by this change. The straining is directed in consequence of the impurities which resin often contains. A novelty has been introduced in an official process by the addition of a "cold weather" formula. This seems to be of doubtful utility, individual susceptibility to the perception of heat and cold varying greatly;

* The British Pharmacopœia of 1867 takes *six fluidounces* of the Solution of Subacetate of Lead, *eight ounces* [avoirdupois] of White Wax, *a pint* [Imperial measure] of Oil of Almonds, and *sixty grains* of Camphor. The wax and four-fifths of the oil are melted by means of a water-bath, and the solution of subacetate of lead added gradually, stirring as the mixture cools; the camphor, dissolved in the remaining fifth of the oil, is then added, and the whole mixed thoroughly.

if an alternative formula were really desirable, "cold weather" should be defined by a certain number of degrees of temperature, but the inquiry will naturally arise, if a "cold weather" process is desirable in the Pharmacopœia for any cerate, why was it not appended for each official cerate? Resin cerate, commonly called *basilicon ointment*, is much used as a gently stimulant application to *blistered surfaces*, *indolent ulcers*, *burns*, *scalds*, and *chilblains*. We have found no application more effectual in disposing the *ulcers* which follow *burns*, to heal.*

CEREVISIÆ FERMENTUM. Br. Beer Yeast.

(CĔR-Ē-VĪS'Ī-Æ FĘR-MĔN'TŬM.)

"The ferment obtained in brewing beer, and produced by Saccharomyces (Torula, Turpin) cerevisiæ, Meyen." *Br.*

Fermentum, *U. S.* 1870; Levure de Bière, Levure, *Fr.;* Bierhefen, Oberhefe, *G.;* Fermento di Cervogia, *It.;* Espuma de Cerveza, *Sp.*

Two well-marked varieties of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiæ* have been recognized. The one is the most active at the ordinary temperature (16°–20° C.), and carries through its fermentative work in from three to four days; the other works at a lower temperature (6° to 8° C.), and the fermentation is much slower. The first placed in a saccharine liquid is carried by the carbon dioxide which it liberates to the surface of the liquid, where it continues its activity; it is, therefore, known as a surface or top yeast. The second, on the contrary, is not carried up, and rests during its entire activity on the bottom of the fermenting vessel, and is hence called a bottom yeast. Two quite distinct methods of beer-brewing are practised, depending upon the use of the one or the other of these varieties of yeast. (For fuller information as to the nature of yeast and its conditions of culture and activity, see Sadtler's *Industrial Organic Chemistry*, Philadelphia, 1891, p. 176, *et seq.*)

It is flocculent, frothy, somewhat viscid, semi-fluid, of a dirty yellowish color, a sour vinous odor, and a bitter taste. Exposed to a moderate heat it loses its liquid portion, becomes dry, hard, and brittle, and may in this state be preserved for a long time, though with the loss of much of its peculiar power. *Yeast cakes* are made by putting yeast into sacks, washing it with water, then submitting it to pressure, and ultimately drying it. (*Ibid.*, p. 225.)

Yeast is insoluble in alcohol or water. Its ultimate composition, according to Schlossberger (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, 51, p. 199), is carbon 49·9 per cent., hydrogen 6·6 per cent., nitrogen 12·1 per cent., and oxygen 31·4 per cent. Its proximate constituents are albuminoids, cellulose, fats, and resinous substances. The property for which it is chiefly valued is that of exciting the vinous fermentation in saccharine liquids and in various farinaceous substances. This property it owes to its nitrogenous ingredient; for if separated from this it loses its powers as a ferment, and reacquires them upon its subsequent addition. It is also rendered ineffective by strong alcohol, by several of the acids, as sulphuric and concentrated acetic acids, by various other substances, and by a heat of 212° F. At a high temperature the yeast is decomposed, affording products similar to those which result from the decomposition of animal matters. From experiments by Mr. Horace T. Brown, it would appear that the degree of atmospheric pressure has much influence upon the progress of the alcoholic fermentation, which is considerably retarded by a diminution of that pressure. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1874, p. 615.)

Besides alcohol and carbonic acid, which are the characteristic products of the vinous fermentation, various other substances are generated in smaller or larger proportions. Pasteur has shown that while 94 to 95 per cent. of the sugar decomposes into ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide, the other 5 or 6 per cent. decomposes by secondary reactions, yielding *glycerin* 2·5 to 3·6 per cent. and *succinic acid* 0·4 to 0·7 per cent. The higher homologues of ethyl alcohol are also produced in small amount, forming the fusel oil or the raw spirit.

The opacity of yeast is due to the presence of a microscopic fungus, first discovered in it by Leuwenhoek in 1680. As originally announced by Thénard in 1803, this yeast plant is the cause of the alcoholic fermentation. It consists of numerous cells, irregular, roundish, or cylindrical in shape, separate, jointed into rows, or budding one from the other. It is most probable that the yeast plant is the mycelium, or early vegetative stage, of more than one

* *Ceratum Resinæ Compositum, U. S.* 1870. *Compound Resin Cerate.* Deshler's Salve. Cérat de résine composé, *Fr.* "Take of Resin, Suet, Yellow Wax, each, *twelve troyounces;* Turpentine *six troyounces;* Flaxseed Oil *seven troyounces.* Melt them together, strain the mixture through muslin, and stir it constantly until cool." *U. S.* 1870. This is somewhat more stimulating than the Ceratum Resinæ, but is applicable to similar purposes, particularly to the treatment of indolent ulcers. Under the name of *Deshler's salve*, it is popularly employed in some parts of the United States. It should be kept well protected from the air, in consequence of its liability when exposed to acquire a tough consistence. It was official in 1870, but was dropped at the 1880 revision.

species of mucor or mould; and some authorities recognize various species of the yeast fungus. The name of *Torula*, or *Torula cerevisiæ*, was first given to the yeast plant, which was subsequently called *Mycoderma vini;* Dr. M. Reess, in his elaborate work (*Alkoholsgährungspilze*, Leipsic, 1870), made a distinct genus of it, *Saccharomyces*, including many species.

E. Ch. Hansen, of Copenhagen, has applied the methods of pure cultivation introduced by bacteriologists to the study of the yeast plant, and has introduced not only into science, but into brewing practice in Europe, pure yeast cultures. (For an account and illustration of his results, see Sadtler's *Ind. Org. Chem.*, pp. 177 and 178.)

There have been three theories in regard to fermentation: 1st, that it is a chemical process; 2d, that it is of galvanic origin; 3d, that it is the result of the vital actions of the yeast plant. The chemical theory founded by Trommsdorff and Meissner was advocated by Liebig, but, chiefly owing to the labors of Pasteur, the vital theory is now universally accepted.

Medical Properties. Yeast has been highly commended as a stimulant remedy in *typhoid*, *hectic*, and other similar fevers, but is at present very rarely used. In some of these cases it has been given with great asserted advantage in doses of a pint (473·1 C.c.) a day. It still continues to be employed to a considerable extent as a remedy against successive *eruptions of boils*, in doses of an ounce (29·5 C.c.) three times a day. Locally applied it is probably stimulant, although it may be the products of fermentation rather than the yeast which give the peculiar value to the "yeast poultice." (See *Cataplasma Fermenti.*)

CERII OXALAS. U. S., Br. Cerium Oxalate.

[Cerous Oxalate.]

$Ce_2(C_2O_4)_3 . 9H_2O$; 704·78. (CĒ′RI-Ī ŎX′A-LĂS.) $Ce_2(C_2O_4)_3 . + 9H_2O$; 708.

"A salt which may be obtained as a precipitate by adding solution of oxalate of ammonium to a soluble salt of cerium." *Br.*

Oxalate of Cerium; Cerium Oxalicum, Oxalas Ciricus; Oxalate de Cérium, *Fr.;* Oxalsaures Ceroxydul, Cerium Oxalat, *G.*

Cerium is a metal, which was discovered in 1803 by Berzelius and Hisinger, and about the same time by Klaproth, who, however, described it as an earth. By the two former chemists it was recognized as a metal, and named cerium in honor of the goddess Ceres. It was obtained from a Swedish mineral, formerly from its great weight called *heavy stone of Bastnas* (*Bastnas Schwerstein*), but now named *cerite*, after the metal extracted from it. Besides cerite, it has been found in several other minerals, as *gadolinite*, *orthite*, etc., in the north of Europe, a number of different minerals from Greenland, and *allanite* near Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania. It is not easy to obtain it pure in the metallic state, as its oxides and salts are difficult of reduction. Berzelius describes it as in the form of pulverulent masses, of a deep chocolate-brown, which exhibit, however, under the burnisher a metallic appearance and a dark-gray color. Hildebrand and Norton have since prepared it in large quantity by the electrolysis of its chloride. It is a bad conductor of electricity. Heated in the air it takes fire before the point of ignition, and burns vividly, passing to the state of peroxide. At ordinary temperatures it is oxidized in a moist atmosphere, giving out a strong and disagreeable smell of hydrogen. In water, especially when moderately heated, it rapidly oxidizes, with the evolution of hydrogen, and the water does not become alkaline. There are two cerium oxides formerly considered as the protoxide and sesquioxide. (According to more recent investigators, cerium forms a sesquioxide and a dioxide only, so that cerous oxalate, which is the official salt, is an oxalate of the sesquioxide, a fact recognized in the Pharmacopœia of 1880.) Sulphur and phosphorus combine with it. Of its compounds two only have been introduced into medicine, the nitrate and the oxalate.

Cerium oxalate may be obtained from cerite, and Prof. F. F. Mayer, of New York, gives a process for the purpose, of which the following is an outline. The mineral consists of cerium, lanthanum, and didymium silicates, with numerous other substances in smaller proportion, the cerium oxide constituting about 39 per cent. of the whole. The powdered mineral is made into a paste with sulphuric acid, and then heated over a lamp until the mass ceases to swell and no longer absorbs sulphuric acid very cautiously added. Upon the cooling of the mass, it is powdered, and exposed in a crucible to the heat of an anthracite fire until it assumes a pale brownish-red color. It is now lixiviated first with hot water and then with nitric acid, and the solution treated with hydrogen sulphide in order to get rid of various metals by precipitation. To the clear liquid some hydrochloric acid is first added, and then a solution of oxalic acid, the

former of which holds in solution the calcium oxalate produced, the latter throws down cerium oxalates and oxalates of other metals. The precipitate, having been washed with warm water, is formed into a paste with a quantity of magnesium carbonate equal to half that of the mineral employed; and the paste is dried on porous fire-brick, finely powdered, and calcined till it becomes of a cinnamon color. It now contains all of the cerium in the form of ceroso-ceric oxide. To separate this the mass is treated with an excess of nitric acid, the solution evaporated to get rid of the excess of acid, then diluted with warm water, and lastly poured into a vessel containing boiling water acidulated with a little more than half of one per cent. of sulphuric acid. A yellow precipitate of basic cerium sulphate is formed, while a little of the neutral sulphate, and all the lanthanum and didymium, remain dissolved. The precipitate is now dissolved in stronger sulphuric acid, the solution digested with a few crystals of sodium hyposulphite, in order to reduce the cerium ceroso-ceric oxide to cerous oxide, and the liquid, having been filtered, is treated with solution of oxalic acid, which causes a precipitate of cerium oxalate. This is washed with warm water, and dried. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 4.)

Cerium oxalate is "a white, granular powder, without odor or taste, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, or in solutions of potassium or sodium hydrate; soluble in diluted sulphuric or hydrochloric acid. When heated to redness, it is decomposed, leaving a residue of reddish-yellow ceric oxide (a brown color would indicate the presence of *didymium*). On boiling the salt with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, white cerous hydrate is left as insoluble residue, while in the filtrate, supersaturated with acetic acid, calcium chloride test-solution will produce a white precipitate insoluble in acetic acid, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. If the yellow residue, left after heating, be dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid, and a small crystal of strychnine added, a deep blue color will appear, which will rapidly change to purple and then to red. From the solution in diluted hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, potassium hydrate test-solution precipitates white, cerous hydrate, which does not redissolve in an excess of the reagent, and gradually turns yellow in contact with air. Ammonium carbonate test-solution precipitates white, cerous carbonate, which is somewhat soluble in an excess of the reagent. If 0·1 Gm. of Cerium Oxalate be dissolved in 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid, and 2 C.c. of potassium sulphate test-solution be added, small, colorless crystals of cerium potassium sulphate will be deposited after some time. No effervescence should occur when the salt is dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid (absence of *carbonate*); nor should the solution be colored or rendered turbid on the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, etc.). On boiling the salt with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution and filtering, no precipitate should be produced in the filtrate either by ammonium chloride test-solution (absence of *aluminum*), or by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc*)." *U. S.* As usually seen in commerce it has a pinkish tinge, due to the presence of a trace of a compound of didymium. The British Pharmacopœia states that "if the salt be boiled with solution of potash and filtered, the filtrate is not affected by solution of chloride of ammonium, but, when supersaturated with acetic acid, it gives with chloride of calcium a white precipitate, soluble in hydrochloric acid. Ten grains when incinerated lose 5·2 grains in weight." When heated to dull redness it yields a reddish-brown powder, which is wholly soluble without effervescence in boiling hydrochloric acid, and the resulting solution gives with solution of sulphate of potassium a white crystalline precipitate. *Br.*

Medical Properties. Cerium oxalate is supposed to act in a manner very similar to bismuth subnitrate. It was originally brought forward by Sir James Y. Simpson as a remedy in the *vomiting of pregnancy*, and has been extensively used in this affection, and also in gastric disturbances of various diseases, such as *phthisis*, *uterine disorder*, *hysteria*, *dyspepsia*, *pyrosis*, etc. To a less extent it has been used in intestinal inflammatory diseases. Prof. Simpson also considered it to be a good nervine tonic, and used it with asserted great advantage in *chorea*. The dose is a grain (0·065 Gm.), doubled if necessary, and repeated three times a day, or more frequently if a return of the vomiting should seem to require it. It may be given in pill or suspended in water.

Cerium nitrate has also been employed, though not official. Prof. Simpson believed it to be a nervine tonic, and also useful in *irritable dyspepsia* and *chronic vomiting*. The dose is the same as that of the oxalate, though it would be prudent to begin with a smaller quantity, as, being a soluble salt, it might be more disposed to irritate in overdoses.

CETACEUM. U. S., Br. Spermaceti.

(CĒ-TĀ'CĒ-ŬM.)

"A peculiar, concrete, fatty substance, obtained from Physeter macrocephalus, Linné (class, Mammalia; order, Cetacea)." *U. S.* "A concrete fatty substance, obtained, mixed with oil, from the head of the Sperm Whale, Physeter macrocephalus. It is separated from the oil by filtration and pressure, and afterwards purified." *Br.*

Ambre Blanc, Blanc de Baleine, Spermacéti, Cétine, *Fr.;* Wallrath, Spermacetis, *G.;* Spermaceti, *It.;* Esperma de Ballena, *Sp.*

The spermaceti whale is from sixty to eighty feet long, with an enormous head, not less in its largest part than thirty feet in circumference, and constituting one-third of the whole length of the body. The upper part of the head is occupied by large cavities, separated by cartilaginous partitions, and containing an oily liquid, which, after the death of the animal, concretes into a white spongy mass consisting of spermaceti mixed with oil. This mass is removed, and the oil allowed to separate by draining. The crude spermaceti obtained from a whale of the ordinary size is more than sufficient to fill twelve large barrels. It still contains much oil and other impurities, from which it is freed by expression, washing with hot water, melting, straining, and repeated washing with a weak boiling potash lye. Common whale oil and the oil of other cetaceous animals contain small quantities of spermaceti, which they slowly deposit on standing.*

Spermaceti is in white, pearly, semi-transparent masses; of a neutral reaction; of a crystalline foliaceous texture; friable, soft, and somewhat unctuous to the touch; slightly odorous; insipid; of the sp. gr. 0·943; fusible at 44·5° C. (112° F.) (*Bostock*), 43·9° C. to 50° C. (111° F. to 122° F.) (*Br.*); volatilizable at a high temperature without change, *in vacuo*, but partially decomposed if the air is admitted; inflammable; insoluble in water; soluble in small proportion in boiling alcohol, ether, and oil of turpentine, but deposited as the liquids cool; and in the fixed oils; not affected by the mineral acids, except sulphuric, which decomposes and dissolves it; rendered yellowish and rancid by long exposure to hot air, but capable of being again purified by washing with a warm lye of potash. "Specific gravity, about 0·945 at 15° C. (59° F.). It melts near 50° C. (122° F.), and congeals near 45° C. (113° F.). Insoluble in water, and nearly so in cold alcohol; soluble in boiling alcohol; also in ether, chloroform,† carbon disulphide, fixed and volatile oils; only slightly soluble in cold benzin. An alcoholic solution of Spermaceti is neutral to litmus paper. If 1 Gm. of Spermaceti be boiled with 1 Gm. of anhydrous sodium carbonate and 50 C.c. of alcohol, and the mixture cooled and filtered, the filtrate, upon being supersaturated with acetic acid, may become turbid, but should not afford a precipitate (absence of *stearic acid*)." *U. S.* As found in commerce it is not chemically pure, containing a fixed oil, and often a peculiar coloring principle. From these it is separated by boiling in alcohol, which on cooling deposits it in crystalline scales. Thus purified, it does not melt under 49° C. (120° F.), is soluble in 40 parts of boiling alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·821 (*Thénard*), and is harder, more shining, and less unctuous than ordinary spermaceti. Spermaceti is a mixture of various fats. When recrystallized from alcohol as just described, the purified *cetin* is obtained, while the alcohol on evaporation deposits an oil (mechanically admixed sperm oil), the *cetin-elaine* of Berzelius, which saponified yields *cetin-elaic acid*, an acid resembling but distinct from oleic acid. The cetin which crystallizes out of the alcohol is essentially *cetyl palmitate*, $C_{16}H_{33}$-($C_{16}H_{31}O_2$),—that is, a compound of *cetyl alcohol* (*ethal of Chevreul*), $C_{16}H_{33}$.OH, and *palmitic acid*, $C_{16}H_{32}O_2$. According to Heintz, however, there are small amounts of other fats with the cetin; fats containing the acids *stearic*, $C_{18}H_{36}O_2$, *myristic*, $C_{14}H_{28}O_2$, and *lauro-stearic*, $C_{12}H_{24}O_2$, and the alcohol radicals corresponding to these acids.

Medical Properties and Uses. Spermaceti has been given as a demulcent in irritations of the mucous membranes; but it has no remedial properties. It may be reduced to powder by the addition of a little alcohol or almond oil, or administered in emulsion, conveniently made by mixing the spermaceti first with half its weight of olive oil, then with powdered gum arabic, and lastly with water gradually added. It enters into many ointments and cerates.

* According to W. Gilmour, *sperm oil* should contain not less than 4 per cent. of cetin, and if much less be obtained by the following process, adulteration has been practised. Shake one part by weight of sulphuric acid (sp. gr. 1·84) with four parts of the oil; allow to stand 20 minutes, shaking twice; add 3 ounces of distilled water; shake this thoroughly, and allow to stand 16 to 20 hours; dilute with 3 or 4 times its volume of distilled water; agitate thoroughly. On standing the cetin floats upon the top, and can readily be skimmed off, washed, dried, and weighed. (*P. J. Tr.*, vii. 328.)

† In consequence of its solubility in chloroform, stains made by dropping it on cloth, or the grease-spots from burning candles, may be quickly removed by that liquid.

CETRARIA. U. S., Br. Cetraria. [Iceland Moss.]

(CĒ-TRĀ'RĮ-Ą.)

"Cetraria islandica (Linné), Acharius (class, Lichenes)."* *U. S.* "The dried lichen, Cetraria Islandica." *Br.*

Iceland Lichen; Lichen Islandicus, *P. G.;* Mousse d'Islande, Lichen d'Islande, *Fr.;* Isländisches Moos, Isländisches Flechte, Lungenmoos, *G.;* Lichene islandico, *It.;* Liquen islandico, *Sp.;* Iceland Lichen.

Gen. Ch. Plant cartilagino-membranous, ascending or spreading, lobed, smooth, and naked on both sides. *Apothecia* shield-like, obliquely adnate with the margin, the disk colored, planoconcave; border inflexed, derived from the frond. *Loudon's Encyc.*

Cetraria Islandica. Acharius, *Lichenog. Univ.* 512; *B. & T.* 302.—*Lichen islandicus.* Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 803, t. 271. Iceland moss is foliaceous, erect, from two to four inches high, with a dry, coriaceous, smooth, shining, laciniated frond or leaf, the lobes of which are irregularly subdivided, channelled and fringed at their edges with rigid hairs. Those divisions upon which the fruit is borne are dilated. The color is olive-brown or greenish gray above, reddish at the base, and lighter on the under than on the upper surface. The fructification is in flat, shield-like, reddish-brown receptacles, with elevated entire edges, placed upon the surface of the frond near its border. The plant is found in the northern latitudes of the old and new continents, and on the elevated mountains farther south. It received its name from the abundance with which it prevails in Iceland. It is also abundant on the mountains and sandy plains of New England. "It should be free from pine leaves, mosses, and other lichens, which are frequently found mixed with it." *U. S.*

The dried moss is of diversified color, grayish white, brown, and red, in different parts, with less of the green tint than in the recent state. It is officially characterized as follows. "From 5 to 10 Cm. long, foliaceous, irregularly branched into fringed and channelled lobes, brownish above, whitish beneath, and marked with small, depressed spots; brittle and inodorous; when softened in water, cartilaginous, and having a slight odor; its taste is mucilaginous and bitter." *U. S.* It is inodorous, and has a mucilaginous, bitter taste. Macerated in water, it absorbs rather more than its own weight of the fluid, and, if the water be warm, renders it bitter. Boiling water extracts all its soluble principles. The decoction thickens upon cooling, and acquires a gelatinous consistence, resembling that of starch in appearance, but without its viscidity. After some time the dissolved matter separates, and when dried forms semi-transparent masses, insoluble in cold water, alcohol, or ether, but soluble in boiling water, and in solution forming a blue compound with iodine. *Lichenin*, or *Lichen starch*, $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$, resembles starch in its general characters, but differs from it in some respects. Berzelius found in 100 parts of Iceland moss 1·6 of chlorophyll, 3·0 of a peculiar bitter principle, 3·6 of uncrystallizable sugar, 3·7 of gum, 7·0 of extractive, 44·6 of the peculiar starch-like principle, 1·9 of calcium and potassium lichen-stearates mixed with calcium phosphate, and 36·2 of amylaceous fibrin—the excess being 1·6 parts. Lichenin has been found to consist of two distinct proximate principles, for one of which the name lichenin may be retained, while for the other no particular designation has been chosen, but which we may call *lichenoid*. According to Th. Berg (*Thèse de Dorpat*, 1872), cetraria yields 35·15 per cent. of the mixed principles, of which 20 per cent. is of lichenin, and 11·5 of the so-called lichenoid. To separate them, a decoction of the moss, concentrated to a small bulk, and still hot, is treated by alcohol. The lichenoid is deposited in flocculi, which gradually unite in a viscid mass. This, being washed by alcohol until it ceases to be bitter, and then dried, yields a light friable matter partly soluble in cold water, with which it forms a yellow, limpid solution. To deprive it of mineral and coloring substances, it is dissolved in a little water, and precipitated afresh by alcohol. Lichenin is insoluble in cold water, but swells up and easily dissolves in hot water. It is insoluble in alcohol and in ether. It is only tinged by iodine. Lichenoid is, on the contrary, colored blue by that reagent. It is in part dissolved in cold water; and the undissolved part is equally colored blue by iodine. It is, like lichenin, insoluble in alcohol and ether. Both substances have strong analogies

* Poisonous properties are very rare among the great cryptogamic family of Lichens. The *Cetraria juniperina* of Europe is said to be sometimes used as a poison for foxes; whilst the *wolf's moss* (*Ulfmossa*) of the north of Europe contains *vulpinic acid*, $C_{19}H_{14}O_5$, which has been found by Kobert to be an active protoplasmic poison: in frogs it produces tetanus, convulsions, and paralysis of central origin; in mammals it causes dyspnœa, vomiting, trembling, and a slowing of the pulse, with rise of the blood-pressure due to stimulation of the respective nerve-centres. After death the blood is not coagulable, and the secreting kidney-cells are found covered with a crystalline or amorphous mass of a vulpinate. No difference of action exists between vulpinic acid derived from wolf's moss and that synthetically produced. From *Cetraria pinastrin* Professor Zopf has separated *pinastrinic acid*, which seems to be very closely allied to vulpinic acid. (*Sitzungsb. der Dorpat. Naturforsch.-Gesellschaft*, 1892.)

with starch, yet are distinct. For a further account of these principles, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 1873.

The name of *cetrarin* has been conferred on the bitter principle. The following process for obtaining it is that of Dr. Herberger. The moss, coarsely powdered, is boiled for half an hour in four times its weight of alcohol of 0·883. The liquid when cool is expressed and filtered, and treated with diluted hydrochloric acid, in the proportion of three drachms to every pound of moss employed. Water is then added in the quantity of about four times the bulk of the liquid, and the mixture left for a night in a closed matrass. The deposit which forms is collected on a filter, allowed to drain as much as possible, and submitted to the press. To purify it, the mass, while still moist, is broken into small pieces, washed with alcohol or ether, and treated with two hundred times its weight of boiling alcohol, which dissolves the cetrarin, leaving the other organic principles by which it has hitherto been accompanied. The greater part is deposited as the liquor cools, and the remainder may be obtained by evaporation. By this process one pound of moss yielded to Dr. Herberger 133 grains of cetrarin. This principle is white, not crystalline, light, unalterable in the air, inodorous, and exceedingly bitter, especially in alcoholic solution. Its best solvent is absolute alcohol, of which 100 parts dissolve 1·7 of cetrarin at the boiling temperature. Ether also dissolves it, and it is slightly soluble in water. Its solutions are quite neutral to test-paper. It is precipitated by the acids, and rendered much more soluble by the alkalies. Concentrated hydrochloric acid changes its color to a bright blue. It precipitates the salts of iron, copper, lead, and silver. In the dose of two grains (0·130 Gm.) every two hours, it has been used successfully in intermittent fever. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiii. 505.) Drs. Schnedermann and Knop have ascertained that the cetrarin above referred to consists of three distinct substances: 1, *cetraric acid*, $C_{18}H_{16}O_8$, which is the true bitter principle, crystallizable, and intensely bitter; 2, a substance resembling the fatty acids, called *lichen-stearic acid*, $C_{14}H_{34}O_3$, the crystals of which melt at 120° C. (248° F.); and, 3, a green coloring substance, which they name *thallochlor*. These principles are obtained perfectly pure with great difficulty. (*Ann. der Pharm.*, lv. 144.) Hilger and Buchner (*Ber. der Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1890, p. 461) have extracted both lichen-stearic and cetraric acids and studied them more fully. They give to the former the formula $C_{43}H_{76}O_{13}$, and to the latter the composition $C_{30}H_{30}O_{12}$, and both are shown to be dibasic acids.

The gum and starch contained in the moss render it sufficiently nutritive to serve as food for the Lapps and Icelanders, who employ it powdered and made into bread, or boiled with milk, after having partially freed it from the bitter principle by repeated maceration in water. As suggested by Berzelius, the bitterness may be entirely extracted by macerating the powdered moss, for 24 hours, in twenty-four times its weight of a solution formed with 1 part of an alkaline carbonate and 375 parts of water, then decanting the liquid, and repeating the process with an equal quantity of the solution. The powder, being now dried, is perfectly sweet, and has been used to some extent in pharmacy as a substitute for acacia. It lacks one important quality of the latter, however,—*i.e.*, adhesiveness; and it must be entirely devoid of bitterness, if it is to be used for this purpose.

Medical Properties and Uses. Iceland moss is demulcent, nutritious, and tonic, and well calculated for affections of the mucous membrane of the lungs and bowels, with debility of the digestive organs, or of the system generally. Hence it has been found useful in *chronic catarrhs*, and other *chronic pulmonary affections* attended with copious puruloid expectoration, in *dyspepsia*, in *chronic dysentery* and *diarrhœa*, and in the *debility* succeeding acute disease, or dependent on copious purulent discharge from external *ulcers*. At one time it possessed much reputation as a remedy in *pulmonary consumption*. It had long been employed in this disease, and in *hæmoptysis*, by the Danish physicians, before it became generally known. In the latter half of the last century it came into extensive use, and numerous cures supposed to have been effected by it are on record. We now know that it can exercise no specific influence over the tuberculous affection; but as Prof. Kobert has found that cetrarin is a stimulant to the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane and to peristalsis, besides having a tendency to increase the formation of red and white blood corpuscles, it is easily seen how cetrarin may do good in *phthisis* as a demulcent tonic. Cetrarin itself has been commended in *chlorosis* or *debility*, with constipation; dose, 1·5 to 3 grains (0·1–0·2 Gm.). It is usually employed in the form of decoction. (See *Decoctum Cetrariæ*.) By some writers it is recommended to deprive it of the bitter principle by maceration in water or a weak alkaline solution, before preparing the decoction; but we thus reduce it to the state of a simple demulcent, or mild article of diet, in which respect it is not superior to the ordinary farinaceous or gummy substances used in medicine. The

powder is sometimes given in the dose of thirty grains or a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.); and a preparation at one time obtained some repute, in which the ground moss was incorporated with chocolate, and used at the morning and evening meal as an ordinary beverage.

CHARTÆ. Papers.

(CHÄR'TÆ.)

Papiers sparadrapiques, *Fr.;* Medicamentirte Papiere, *G.*

This class of preparations, long official in the French Codex, was afterwards adopted into the British Pharmacopœia, but was not introduced into that of the United States until 1870.

CHARTA EPISPASTICA. Br. Blistering Paper.

(CHÄR'TĄ ĔP-ĮS-PĂS'TĮ-CĄ.)

Charta Cantharidis, *U. S.* 1880; Cantharides Paper; Charta Vesicatoria; Papier épispastique, Papier à Vésicatoire aux Cantharides, *Fr.;* Spanischfliegen-Papier, *G.*

"Take of White Wax *four ounces;* Spermaceti *one and a half ounces;* Olive Oil *two fluidounces;* Resin *three-quarters of an ounce;* Canada Balsam *one quarter of an ounce;* Cantharides, in powder, *one ounce;* Distilled Water *six fluidounces.* Digest all the ingredients, excepting the Canada Balsam, in a water-bath for two hours, stirring them constantly; then strain, and separate the plaster from the watery liquid. Mix the Canada Balsam with the plaster melted in a shallow vessel, and pass strips of paper over the surface of the hot liquid, so that one side of the paper shall receive a thin coating of plaster. It may be convenient to employ paper ruled so as to indicate divisions each of which is one square inch." *Br.* The weights employed in this process are avoirdupois, and the measures Imperial.

This was intended as a convenient substitute for the common blistering plaster, and, if equally effectual, would be frequently preferred, but, probably from lack of power, it has failed to sustain itself in the United States, and was very properly dropped at the 1890 revision of the U. S. P. We give the former U. S. process in a foot-note.*

CHARTA POTASSII NITRATIS. U. S. Potassium Nitrate Paper.

(CHÄR'TĄ PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī NĪ-TRĀ'TĪS.)

Papier nitré, *Fr.*

"Potassium Nitrate, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Distilled Water, *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims]. Dissolve the Potassium Nitrate in the Distilled Water. Immerse strips of white, unsized paper in the solution, and dry them. Keep the paper in well-closed vessels." *U. S.*

This preparation is identical with the *Charta Nitrata* of the German Pharmacopœia; it is sometimes called *asthma paper.* Care should be taken to dissolve thoroughly all of the nitrate, so that it shall not be deposited upon the paper in large particles and interfere with slow and steady combustion.

Medical Properties. This paper is an excellent remedy, which in many cases of *asthma* affords much relief. It is used by burning it in front of the patient, who inhales its fumes. Its efficacy is much increased by saturating it with fluid extract of belladonna and drying. Paper thus prepared must be used with some caution.

CHARTA SINAPIS. U. S., Br. Mustard Paper.

(CHÄR'TĄ SĮ-NĀ'PĪS.)

Papier sinapisé, *Fr.;* Senfpapier, *G.*

Black Mustard, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; India-Rubber, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Benzin, Carbon Disulphide, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Pack the Black Mustard in a conical percolator, and gradually pour Benzin upon it until the percolate ceases to produce a permanent, greasy stain upon blotting paper. Remove the powder from the percolator, and dry it by exposure to the air. Having meanwhile dissolved the India-Rubber in a mixture of *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], each, of

* *Charta Cantharidis.* White Wax, *eight parts* [or four ounces av.]; Spermaceti, *three parts* [or one and a half ounces av.]; Olive Oil, *four parts* [or two fluidounces]; Canada Turpentine, *one part* [or half an ounce av.]; Cantharides, in No. 40 powder, *one part* [or half an ounce av.]; Water, *ten parts* [or five fluidounces]. Mix all the substances in a tinned vessel, and boil gently for two hours, constantly stirring. Strain through a woollen strainer without expressing, and, by means of a water-bath, keep the mixture in a liquid state in a shallow, flat-bottomed vessel with an extended surface. Coat strips of sized paper with the melted plaster, on one side only, by passing them successively over the surface of the liquid; when dry, cut the strips into rectangular pieces." *U. S.* 1880.

Benzin and Carbon Disulphide, mix the purified Mustard with a sufficient quantity of the solution to produce a semi-liquid magma, and apply this, by means of a suitable brush, to one side of a piece of rather stiff, well-sized paper, so as to cover it completely, and then allow the surface to dry. A surface of sixty square centimeters should contain about 4 grammes of Black Mustard deprived of oil. Before it is applied to the skin, Mustard Paper should be dipped in warm water for about fifteen seconds." *U. S.*

"Take of Mustard, in powder, *one ounce;* Solution of Gutta-percha *two fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency*. Mix the Mustard with the Gutta-percha Solution so as to form a semi-fluid mixture, and having poured this into a shallow, flat-bottomed vessel, such as a dinner plate, pass strips of cartridge-paper over its surface, so that one side of the paper shall receive a thin coating of the mixture. Then lay the paper on a table with the coated side upwards, and let it remain exposed to the air until the coating has hardened. Before being applied to the skin, let the Mustard Paper be immersed for a few seconds in tepid water." *Br.*

The formula for this preparation has been greatly improved by the U. S. P. 1890. The British preparation is at fault in not providing for the extraction of the fixed oil of mustard by previously percolating with benzin or carbon disulphide, otherwise the paper will be greasy, giving to the plaster an untidy appearance, and causing it to adhere to the skin. Solution of gutta-percha is unsuited for use in this preparation, on account of want of adhesiveness, and the tendency of the mixture, when dry, to crack and peel off. We have used instead a solution of 1 part of pure rubber in 30 of equal parts of carbon disulphide and benzin. On the large scale, by means of a plaster-spreading apparatus a uniform coat of this solution may be applied to paper. As the latter passes out from under the apparatus, a sieve containing the powdered mustard is shaken over it; this is fixed by the adhesive coat and firmly retained after the evaporation of the volatile liquids in a warm place. The application of the powdered mustard must be properly regulated according to the speed with which the machine delivers the coated paper. The paper is cut into pieces of convenient size, and needs only to be wetted to be ready for use. Owing to the fact that the large manufacturers can put mustard paper upon the market at such low rates that it pays the apothecary better to buy than to prepare it, Charta Sinapis, so far as we can learn, is rarely made in the retail stores. Experience has shown that the ready-made mustard papers err rather from too much than from too little activity. Moreover, their action cannot be regulated with the same nicety as can that of the mustard poultice. Unless in the case of travellers, and of others who must wait upon themselves, the domestic application is preferable. The mustard leaves can rarely be borne for more than ten or fifteen minutes.

CHELIDONIUM. U. S. Chelidonium. [Celandine.]

(ȼHĔL-Ị-DŌ′NỊ-ŬM.)

"The entire plant, Chelidonium majus, Linné (nat. ord. Papaveraceæ)." *U. S.*

Herba Chelidonii, *P. G.;* Tetterwort; Chélidoine, Herbe à l'Hirondelle, *Fr.;* Schöllkraut, *G.*

Celandine is a perennial herbaceous plant, growing wild in this country, about old houses and in rocky places; supposed to have been introduced from Europe, where it is indigenous. It is one or two feet high, bears pinnate leaves and small peduncled umbels of yellow flowers, and when wounded emits a yellow, opaque juice. The whole plant is used. It has a faint unpleasant odor, and a bitter, acrid, durable taste, which is stronger in the roots than in the leaves. The odor is nearly lost by drying, but the taste remains. The yellow juice is bitter and exceedingly acrid, and when applied to the skin produces inflammation and even vesication. It is officially described as follows: "Root several-headed, branching, reddish-brown; stem about 50 Cm. long, light green, hairy; leaves about 15 Cm. long, thin, petiolate, the upper ones smaller and sessile, light green, on the lower side glaucous, lyrate-pinnatifid, the pinnæ ovate-oblong, obtuse, coarsely crenate or incised and the terminal one often three-lobed; flowers in small, long-peduncled umbels with two sepals and four yellow petals; capsule linear, two-valved and many-seeded. The fresh plant contains a saffron-colored milk-juice, and has an unpleasant odor and acrid taste." *U. S.*

Dr. Probst, of Heidelberg, found in it a peculiar acid denominated *chelidonic acid;* two alkaline principles, one of which forms neutral salts with the acids, and is called *chelerythrine* in consequence of the intense redness of its salts, the other unites with but does not neutralize the acids, and is named *chelidonine;* and lastly a neutral crystallizable, bitter principle, which from its yellow color he calls *chelidoxanthin.* Chelerythrine appears to be an acrid narcotic

poison. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxix. 113.) It has been shown by Dr. James Schiels, of St. Louis, to be identical with *sanguinarine*, and may be prepared in the same manner. (See *Sanguinaria.*) Zwenger isolated another acid, which he names *chelidoninic acid*, although both Walz and Kraut consider it to be only succinic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 7.) Schmidt considers chelidoninic acid to be identical with ethylene-succinic acid. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 531.)

Subsequently (1889) Prof. Schmidt announced the presence of twelve different bases, four of which he has studied: *chelidonine*, $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5 + H_2O$; *methylchelidonine*; *α-methylchelidonine* and *β-methylchelidonine*, represented by the formula $C_{21}H_{21}NO_5$. These bases were ascertained to possess physiologically an action resembling that of morphine. (*Pharm. Zeit.*, 1889, p. 582.) Schmidt (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 13) also found *protopine*, and showed the identity of stylophorine, from *Stylophorum diphyllum*, with chelidonine. This last result was confirmed by Selle. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 176.) Selle later (*Arch. der Pharm.*, 1890, 441–462) sums up the composition of *Chelidonium majus* as follows: it contains, besides chelidonine and chelerythrine, three other alkaloids, called *α-homochelidonine*, $C_{21}H_{21}NO_5$, *β-homochelidonine*, $C_{21}H_{21}NO_5$, and *protopine*. These results practically agree with those before obtained by Schmidt. The identity of chelerythrine and sanguinarine is not conceded by G. König. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1891, p. 321.) He gives the composition $C_{21}H_{17}NO_4$ to the former and $C_{20}H_{15}NO_4$ to the latter, making one the methyl derivative of the other.

Medical Properties and Uses. Celandine is an acrid purgative, possessed also of diuretic, and perhaps diaphoretic and expectorant, properties. In overdoses it produces unpleasant effects, and is by some considered poisonous. By the ancients it was much esteemed as a remedy in *jaundice*; and it has been found useful in the same complaint by some modern physicians. It was the chief ingredient of the old *decoctum ad ictericos* of the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia. It has been given also in other complaints, especially those of a *scrofulous character* affecting the mesenteric and lymphatic glands, the skin, and the eyes. The yellow juice is often applied to *corns* and *warts*, which it destroys by stimulating them beyond their vital powers, and it is said to be very useful in *eczema*, *urticaria*, and other *itching eruptions*. The fresh herb is also applied locally about the pelvis, with asserted benefit, in *amenorrhœa*, and is much used in the south of Europe as a vulnerary. The dose of the dried root or herb is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·9–3·9 Gm.), that of the fresh root one or two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.), and the same quantity may be given in infusion. The dose of the aqueous extract is from five to ten grains (0·324 to 0·648 Gm.), of the expressed juice from ten to twenty drops (0·648 to 1·29 C.c.), to be gradually increased.

CHENOPODIUM. U. S. Chenopodium. [American Wormseed.]

(ĶHĒ-NŌ-PŌ′DI-ŬM.)

"The fruit of Chenopodium ambrosioides, Linné, and variety anthelminticum, Gray (nat. ord. Chenopodiaceæ)." *U. S.*

Fructus Chenopodii Anthelmintici; Semences de Chénopode anthelmintique, *Fr.*; Amerikanischer Wurmsamen, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-leaved, four-cornered. *Corolla* none. *Seed* one, lenticular, superior. *Willd.*

Chenopodium anthelminticum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1304; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 183; *B. & T.* 216. This is an indigenous perennial plant, with an herbaceous, erect, branching, furrowed stem, which rises from two to five feet in height. The leaves are alternate or scattered, sessile, oblong-lanceolate, attenuated at both ends, sinuated and toothed on the margin, conspicuously veined, of a yellowish-green color, and dotted on their under surface.* The flowers are very numerous, small, of the same color with the leaves, and arranged in long, leafless, terminal panicles, composed of slender, dense, glomerate, alternating spikes.

This species of Chenopodium, known commonly by the names of *wormseed* and *Jerusalem oak*, grows in almost all parts of the United States, but most vigorously and abundantly in the southern section. It is usually found in the vicinity of rubbish, along fences, in the streets of villages, and in open grounds about the larger towns. It flowers from July to September, and ripens its seeds successively through the autumn. The whole herb has a strong, peculiar, offensive, yet somewhat aromatic odor, which it retains when dry. All parts of the plant are occasionally employed; but only the fruit is official. This should be collected in October.†

* Dr. H. Paschkis has made an elaborate study of the microscopic structure of this leaf. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1881, p. 44.)

† *C. anthelminticum* is cultivated to a considerable extent in Maryland, twenty or thirty miles north of Baltimore. The seeds are sown in small beds of rich mould early in spring, and during the month of June the young plants are

Wormseed, as found in commerce, is in small grains, not larger than the head of a pin, irregularly spherical, very light, of a dull greenish-yellow or brownish color, a bitterish, somewhat aromatic, pungent taste, and possessed in a high degree of the peculiar smell of the plant. These grains, when deprived, by rubbing them in the hand, of a capsular covering which invests the proper seed, exhibit the shining, blackish surface of the obtusely-edged seed. They abound in a volatile oil, upon which their sensible properties and medical virtues depend, and which is obtained by distillation. (See *Oleum Chenopodii.*) The same oil impregnates to a greater or less extent the whole plant.

Medical Properties and Uses. Wormseed is one of our most efficient indigenous anthelmintics, and is thought to be particularly adapted to the expulsion of the *round worms* in children. A dose of it is usually given before breakfast in the morning, and at bedtime in the evening, for three or four days successively, and then followed by calomel or some other brisk cathartic. If the worms are not expelled, the same plan is repeated. The medicine is most conveniently administered in powder, mixed with syrup, in the form of an electuary. The dose for a child two or three years old is from one to two scruples (1·3–2·6 Gm.). The volatile oil is more frequently given than the fruit in substance; though its offensive odor and taste sometimes render it difficult of administration. The dose for a child is from five to ten drops (0·3–0·6 C.c.) mixed with sugar, or in the form of emulsion. A tablespoonful (15 C.c.) of the expressed juice of the leaves, or a wineglassful (60 C.c.) of the decoction prepared by boiling an ounce of the fresh plant in a pint of milk, with the addition of orange-peel or other aromatic, is sometimes substituted in domestic practice for the fruit and oil.

The fruit of *Chenopodium ambrosioides*, which is very prevalent in the Middle States, is said to be used indiscriminately with that of *C. anthelminticum*, and to be employed in Brazil, under the name of *Herba Santa Maria*, as an anthelmintic and in pectoral complaints (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 713); also in Europe in nervous affections, particularly *chorea* (a cupful of an infusion (℥ii to f℥x) morning and evening). It may be distinguished by its odor, which is weaker and less offensive, and to some persons agreeable. The plant itself is often confounded with the true wormseed, from which it differs in having its flowers in leafy racemes.

C. Botrys, or *Jerusalem oak*, is another indigenous species, possessing anthelmintic virtues. It is said to have been used in France with advantage in *catarrh* and *asthma*.

CHIMAPHILA. U. S. Chimaphila. [Pipsissewa.]

(ĶHĮ-MĂPH'Į-LĄ.)

"The leaves of Chimaphila umbellata (Linné), Nuttall (nat. ord. Ericaceæ)" *U. S.*

Prince's Pine, Winter-green; Herbe de Pyrole ombellée, *Fr.;* Doldenblüthiges Harnkraut, Wintergrün, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-toothed. *Petals* five. *Style* very short, immersed in the germ. *Stigma* annular, orbicular, with a five-lobed disk. *Filaments* stipitate; stipe discoid, ciliate. *Capsules* five-celled, opening from the summits, margins unconnected. *Nuttall.*

This genus was separated from *Pyrola* by Pursh. It embraces two species, *C. umbellata* and *C. maculata*, which are both indigenous, and known by the common title of *winter-green.* The generic title is formed of two Greek words, χεῖμα, winter, and φίλος, a friend.

Chimaphila umbellata. Barton, *Med. Bot.* i. 17; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 62, pl. 53.—*Pyrola umbellata.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 622; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* ii. 15.—*Chimaphila corymbosa.* Pursh. *B. & T.* 165. The pipsissewa is a small evergreen plant, with a perennial, creeping, yellowish root (rhizome), which gives rise to several simple, erect or semiprocumbent stems, from four to eight inches in height, and ligneous at their base. The leaves are wedge-shaped, somewhat lanceolate, serrate, coriaceous, smooth, of a shining, sap-green color on the upper surface, paler beneath, and supported upon short footstalks, in irregular whorls, of which there are usually two on the same stem. The flowers are disposed in a small terminal corymb, and stand upon nodding peduncles. The calyx is small and divided at its border into five teeth or segments. The corolla is composed of five roundish, concave, spreading petals, which are of a white color tinged with red, and exhale an agreeable odor. The stamens are ten, with filaments shorter than the petals, and with large, nodding, bifurcated, purple anthers. The

pulled up, and set out in ridges three feet apart, with intervals of from six to ten inches. The plants do not require to be renewed oftener than once in four or five years. The crop of the second year is more productive than that of the first. The plant is fit for distillation during the first half of September. The distillation is carried on in the same neighborhood. The whole herbaceous part of the plant is used. It is said to yield from 1·5 to 2 per cent. of the oil, and the produce of an acre will yield 20 pounds. (See *A. J. P.*, xxii. 304.)

germ is globular and depressed, supporting a thick and apparently sessile stigma, the style being short and immersed in the germ. The seeds are numerous, linear, chaffy, and enclosed in a roundish, depressed, five-celled, five-valved capsule, having the persistent calyx at the base. This humble but beautiful evergreen is a native of the northern latitudes of America, Europe, and Asia. It is found in all parts of the United States. It grows under the shade of woods, and prefers a loose sandy soil enriched by decaying leaves. The flowers appear in June and July. All parts of the plant are endowed with active properties. The leaves and stems are found in commerce. The leaves are officially described as "about 5 Cm. long, oblanceolate, sharply serrate above, wedge-shaped and nearly entire towards the base; coriaceous, smooth, and dark green on the upper surface. It is nearly inodorous, and has an astringent and bitterish taste." *U. S.*

C. maculata, or *spotted winter-green*, though not official, probably possesses similar virtues. The character of the leaves of the two plants will serve to distinguish them. Those of *C. maculata* are lanceolate, rounded at the base, where they are broader than near the summit, and of a deep olive green, veined with greenish white; those of the official species are broadest near the summit, gradually narrowing to the base, and of a uniform shining green.

Properties. Pipsissewa, when fresh and bruised, exhales a peculiar odor. The leaves have been already described. Their taste is pleasantly bitter, astringent, and sweetish; that of the stems and root unites with these qualities a considerable degree of pungency. Boiling water extracts the active properties of the plant, which are also imparted to alcohol. The leaves have been examined by Mr. Samuel Fairbank, who found in them gum, starch, sugar, extractive, pectic acid, tannic acid, resin, fatty matter, chlorophyll, yellow coloring matter, lignin, a peculiar whitish substance which he calls *chimaphilin*, and various inorganic substances, as potassa, lime, magnesia, sodium chloride, and sulphuric, phosphoric, and silicic acids. The chimaphilin was obtained by agitating a tincture with chloroform, allowing the mixture to stand, removing the lighter liquid, and allowing the chloroformic solution to evaporate. A yellow crystalline substance was left, which, purified by solution in alcohol, filtration, and spontaneous evaporation, constituted the substance in question. It was also obtained by simply distilling the stems with water. It is in beautiful, golden-yellow, acicular crystals, inodorous, tasteless, fusible, volatilizable unchanged, insoluble or nearly so in water, soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, and the fixed and volatile oils, and possessed of neither acid nor alkaline properties. (*Journ. and Trans. of the Maryland Coll. of Pharm.*, 1860.) The active principle of the leaves seems to have been isolated by E. S. Beshore (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 125) by treatment of the powdered leaves with petroleum spirit. He obtained white crystals, melting at 236° C., sparingly soluble in cold or boiling 90-per-cent. alcohol, sparingly soluble in ether, benzin, chloroform, and cold glacial acetic acid; more soluble in hot glacial acetic acid. An ultimate analysis gave the formula $C_{10}H_{19}O$. He also obtained the golden-yellow crystalline principle of Fairbank both from the leaves and the stems. He considers it distinct from the one described above. Josiah C. Peacock (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 295) has made a careful analysis of both *C. umbellata* and *C. maculata*. He obtained in several ways the yellow crystalline principle *chimaphilin*, and studied its properties. It forms yellow acicular crystals, nearly odorless and tasteless, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol, chloroform, ether, benzen, petroleum benzin, acetous and glacial acetic acid. They may be sublimed by careful heating without change. Chimaphilin melts at 108°–109° C., and has the composition $C_{24}H_{21}O_4$. Peacock also found three other crystalline principles, for which no formulas, however, are given.

Medical Properties and Uses. This plant is diuretic, tonic, and astringent. It was employed by the aborigines in various complaints, especially *scrofula*, *rheumatism*, and *nephritic affections*. From their hands it passed into those of the European settlers, and was long a popular remedy in certain parts of the country before it was adopted by the profession. The first regular treatise in relation to it that has come to our knowledge was the thesis of Dr. Mitchell, published in the year 1803; but it was little thought of till the appearance of the paper of Dr. Sommerville, in *Lond. Med.-Chir. Trans.*, vol. v. It has been particularly recommended in dropsy, but is in fact a stimulant and not a hydragogue diuretic, and is useful in all those complaints of the urinary passages for which uva ursi is prescribed. It is much esteemed by some practitioners as a remedy in *scrofula*, and in *obstinate ill-conditioned ulcers* and *cutaneous eruptions* supposed to be connected with the strumous diathesis. In these cases it is used both internally, and locally as a wash. The best preparation is the official fluid extract, which may readily be made into a syrup. The dose is two fluidrachms (7·5 C.c.) three or four times a day.

CHIRATA. U. S., Br. Chirata.

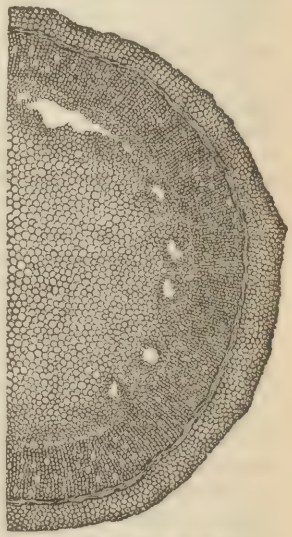
(ȼHI-RĀ'TA.)

"The entire plant, Swertia Chirata, Hamilton (nat. ord. Gentianeæ)." *U. S.* "The dried plant Ophelia Chirata, Griseb.; Wallich, Plant. Asiat. (Gentiana Chirata), collected when the fruit begins to form." *Br.*

Chiretta; Chirette, *Fr.;* Chiretta, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla withering, rotate, in æstivation twisted to the right; with glandular hollows protected by a fringed scale upon the segments. *Anthers* not changing. *Stigmas* sessile. *Capsules* conical; one-celled, with spongy placentæ upon the sutures. *Seeds* indefinite, minute. *Lindley.*

Agathotes chirayta. Don, *Lond. Philos. Mag.* 1836, p. 76.—*Gentiana chirayta.* Fleming, *Asiat. Research.* xi. 167.—*Ophelia Chirata.* Grisebach. *B. & T.* 183. The *chirayta*, or *chirata*, is an annual plant, about three feet high, with a branching root, and an erect, smooth, round stem, branching into an elegant leafy panicle, and furnished with opposite, embracing, lanceolate, very acute, entire, smooth, three- or five-nerved leaves. The flowers are numerous, peduncled, yellow, with a four-cleft calyx having linear acute divisions, the limb of the corolla spreading and four-parted, four stamens, a single style, and a two-lobed stigma. The capsules are shorter than the permanent calyx and corolla. The plant is a native of Nepaul and other parts of Northern India. The whole of it is gathered when the flowers begin to decay.*



Chirata, transverse section.

The dried plant is imported into Europe in bundles, consisting mainly of the stems, with portions of the root attached. The stems contain a yellowish pith. The drug is officially described as a "root nearly simple, about 7 Cm. long; stem branched, nearly 1 meter long, slightly quadrangular above; containing a narrow wood-circle and a large yellowish pith. Leaves opposite, sessile, ovate, entire, five-nerved. Flowers numerous, small, with a four-lobed calyx and corolla. The whole plant smooth, pale brown, inodorous, and intensely bitter." *U. S.* It imparts its virtues to water and alcohol; and they are retained in the extract. According to Lassaigne and Boissel, the stems contain resin, a yellow bitter substance, brown coloring matter, gum, and various salts. Flückiger and Höhn, who have subsequently examined the stems and roots, have extracted from them sugar, wax, chlorophyll, soft resin, tannin, an acid which they name *ophelic*, possessing the formula $C_{13}H_{20}O_{10}$, and a peculiar bitter substance, denominated *chiratin*, $C_{28}H_{48}O_{15}$. The acid is syrupy, deliquescent, yellowish brown, at first slightly sour, afterwards intensely bitter. It is soluble in water, with some turbidness, probably owing to resin mixed with it, and completely soluble in alcohol, or a mixture of this with ether. It decomposes certain salts, and forms amorphous compounds with acids. Chiratin is a yellow, hygroscopic powder, but feebly crystallizable, very bitter, sparingly soluble in cold water, more so in hot water, and readily dissolved by alcohol and ether. It is neutral to test-paper, and yields a copious precipitate with tannic acid. By the action of acids, chiratin is separated into ophelic acid, and a yellowish-brown, amorphous substance, bitter, scarcely soluble in water, readily soluble in spirit, and not reducing copper solutions, as the ophelic acid does. Höhn gives it the formula $C_{13}H_{24}O_3$, and names it *chiratogenin.* (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1870, p. 106.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Chirata has long been used in India. It has been introduced into Europe, and appears to be highly esteemed, but has not been employed to any considerable extent in this country. Its properties are those of the pure bitters, and probably do not differ from those of the other members of the family of Gentianaceæ. (See *Gentiana.*) Like these, in overdoses it nauseates and oppresses the stomach. Some have supposed that, in

* In the Indian bazaars the name chirata is applied to various dried gentianaceous plants; the most important of these is the *Ophelia angustifolia.* It yields the *Paharee* or *Hill chirata*, which is distinguished by its inferior bitterness, and its rectangular, winged stems, whose section presents a thick woody ring and a centre nearly or entirely hollow, with only traces of pith. A false chirata, which has also found its way into the London markets, and resembles the official variety in having a well-developed pith, but which is completely lacking in bitterness, is affirmed to be the product of *Ophelia alata.* (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 903.)

addition to its tonic properties, it exerts a peculiar influence over the liver, promoting the secretion of bile and correcting it when deranged, and restoring healthy evacuations in cases of habitual costiveness. It has been used in *dyspepsia*, and in the *debility* of convalescence, and generally in cases in which corroborant measures are indicated. In India it has been successfully employed in *intermittents* and *remittents*, combined with the seeds of *Guilandina bonducella*. It may be given in powder, infusion, tincture, or fluid extract. The dose in substance is twenty grains (1·3 Gm.).

CHLORAL. U. S. (Br.) Chloral. Chloral Hydrate.

C_2HCl_3O, H_2O; 164·97. (ĊHLŌ'RAL.) C_2HCl_3O, H_2O; 165·2.

"A crystalline solid, composed of Trichloraldehyde or Chloral with one molecule of water. It should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.* "Chloral, produced by the action of dry chlorine gas on anhydrous alcohol, purified by treatment, first with sulphuric acid and afterwards with a small quantity of lime, and finally converted into hydrous chloral by the addition of water." *Br.*

Chloral Hydras, *Br.;* Hydrous Chloral; Chloralum Hydratum Crystallisatum, *P. G.;* Hydrate de Chloral, *Fr.;* Chloral Hydrat, *G.*

In adopting the name chloral to designate chloral hydrate, the U. S. Pharmacopœia has unfortunately perpetuated an inaccuracy which neither the English, the Germans, nor the French follow in their usage, the term *hydrate* being always employed, as it should be. The fact that water is absolutely necessary to allow of the crystallization of the preparation, and to give it medicinal character, should be recognized in the name. As custom has sanctioned the usage here in the present article, whenever the term chloral is used, the hydrate is intended; and whenever the uncombined substance is referred to, it is designated *anhydrous chloral.* Perhaps no medicine has come so rapidly into extensive use as that now under consideration. Though discovered by Liebig so long since as 1832, and afterwards investigated by Dumas, who determined its chemical formula, it was not until 1869 that its remedial properties were first made known by their discoverer, Dr. Otto Liebreich, of Berlin: in 1878 the consumption of chloral was estimated at one ton daily in England and America alone; and, although not used now to this extent, it is still largely employed.

Anhydrous Chloral. In preparing anhydrous chloral, the simple method originally employed by Liebig, of acting directly on alcohol by chlorine, is generally preferred, even, we believe, by the larger manufacturers; though a more complex proceeding has been suggested by Staedeler, of distilling together proximate vegetable principles, as fecula, sugar, etc., with black manganese oxide and hydrochloric acid, whereby the chlorine acts *in statu nascendi.* The following details of the manufacture of chloral hydrate as carried out on a commercial scale have been supplied by E. Schering, of Berlin, who has been for some years the largest manufacturer of it. Absolute alcohol in lots of 50 pounds is placed in large glass flasks and saturated with chlorine, which is passed in a continuous stream for 6 to 8 weeks. The chlorine is led into cold alcohol at first, and when no more is absorbed, the alcohol is heated at first gently and then to 60° C. (140° F.). When saturated, the mixture formed is agitated with sulphuric acid at a temperature of 60° C. (140° F.) for several hours, during which time most of the hydrochloric acid escapes. The separated chloral is then rectified over calcium carbonate. The pure chloral so obtained is then mixed in glass flasks with the necessary amount of water, and the resulting hydrate either cast into cakes or purified by crystallization. As solvents for this purpose certain of the side products of the chloral manufacture, after being purified and rectified, are used, for instance, ethylene and ethylidene chlorides. Or in their absence chloroform is used; petroleum benzin and carbon disulphide have also been recommended. (See also *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 413.)* According to Gerhardt, the formula of anhydrous chloral is C_2Cl_3HO; in other words, aldehyde, C_2H_4O, in which 3 atoms of hydrogen have been replaced by 3 atoms of chlorine. The alcohol, C_2H_6O, may be supposed to give up 2 atoms of its hydrogen to form aldehyde, which exchanges 3 of its atoms of hydrogen for 3 atoms of the chlorine, the hydrogen forming hydrochloric acid with 3 other atoms of the chlorine. The name of chloral was derived from the *chlor*ine and *al*cohol from which it is formed. The anhydrous chloral thus formed is a colorless liquid, of penetrating disagreeable odor, of little taste, of the sp. gr. 1·502, and boiling at 94° C. (201·2° F.). It is soluble in ether or chloroform without change.

Meta-chloral. By continued contact of anhydrous chloral and concentrated sulphuric acid,

* Page states that a larger yield of chloral will be obtained if the alcohol used in its preparation be treated first with 5 per cent. of ferric chloride or thallium chloride. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1885, p. 44.)

a change is effected in the chloral, by which it becomes a solid insoluble in water, which is designated as *insoluble chloral*, or *meta-chloral*. It is tasteless, of a white color resembling porcelain, and insoluble in alcohol and ether. Its formula is $C_6H_3Cl_9O_3$, being formed by the union of three molecules of chloral. It is stated that when perfectly pure, chloral does not become polymerised; the change is also said to be prevented by the addition of a little chloroform. When heated to 180° C., metachloral distils with reversion to liquid chloral. (Allen, *Com. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., i. p. 171.)

Chloral Alcoholate. A compound obtained by M. Roussin, which he announced as pure chloral hydrate, was found by M. Personne to contain no water, but to be in fact a compound of alcohol and chloral, and is now known by the name of *chloral alcoholate*, C_2HCl_3O,C_2H_6O. It results directly from the action of absolute alcohol on anhydrous chloral, and is now known to be formed as a stage in the manufacture of chloral from alcohol. As it is very likely to be confounded with chloral hydrate, the following points of difference should be noted. It forms white crystals melting at 46° C. (114·8° F.), and boils at 113·5° C. (236° F.), while chloral hydrate crystals melt at 58° C. (136·4° F.), and boil at 97·5° C. (207° F.); chloral alcoholate melts without complete solution when warmed with two volumes of water, and, on cooling, congeals below the surface of the water, while chloral hydrate is soluble in one and one-half times its weight of water; chloral alcoholate, gently heated with nitric acid of 1·2 sp. gr., is violently attacked, while chloral hydrate is scarcely acted on; chloral alcoholate, heated on platinum foil, inflames readily, while chloral hydrate scarcely burns. (Allen, *Com. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., i. p. 172.)

The three related products, the *anhydrous chloral*, the polymeric *meta-chloral*, and the *alcoholate*, described above, have been more or less introduced into the European markets, and have required some notice to prevent them from being confounded with the hydrate, which is alone official. The following observations will be confined to this compound; and the reader will note that whether the simple term chloral, or the exact designation, chloral hydrate, is used, the same substance is intended.

Properties of Chloral Hydrate, or Chloral, *U. S.* This results from simply mixing anhydrous chloral with water. Acicular crystals soon form, which consist of a molecule each of the chloral and water, constituting chloral hydrate, or official chloral. As employed in the United States, this comes, we believe, exclusively from Europe, and chiefly from Germany. It was at one time made in this country by Dr. E. R. Squibb, of Brooklyn. It occurs in commerce mainly in two forms, in distinct crystals, which is the official form, or in crystalline plates,* about three lines in thickness, broken into small, irregular, angular pieces, so as to be readily introduced into broad-mouthed bottles. These pieces, while retaining their tabular form, are somewhat translucent, but usually covered with a white powder, which somewhat conceals that property. This is the more common form and the cheaper; but the crystals are to be preferred, as their purity may be relied on. Chloral is white, of a peculiar pungent odor, and an acrid pungent taste, especially affecting the velum pendulum. The odor has been compared to that of an over-ripe melon. Exposed to the air it very slowly volatilizes, and, like camphor, when enclosed in a bottle, covers the interior surface with numerous minute crystallizations. The boiling point of the pure crystals is 97·5° C. (207° F.). If the boiling point be under 95° C., it indicates an under-hydrated preparation; if above 98° C., an over-hydrated one. (E. R. Squibb.) The pure hydrate does not take fire when heated in a spoon, but evaporates without residue. With the aid of heat, its solution may be effected readily in chloroform; and the solution, on cooling, deposits it in beautiful crystals, which are generally needle-shaped; but, when deposited from carbon disulphide, they are prisms. The aqueous solution is prone to decomposition, which is ultimately attended with the development of low organisms. Chloral should not, therefore, be kept long in this state. (Dr. E. Labbée, *Arch. Gén.*, Sept. 1870.) In its relation to acids and alkalies it is neutral, or, according to E. Schering, slightly acid when perfectly pure. When equal parts of chloral in crystals and of camphor in small fragments are shaken together in a bottle, and allowed to stand, they liquefy, forming a clear solution. When chloral and sulphuric acid are mixed, the temperature is greatly reduced. A solution of chloral hydrate dissolves morphine, quinine, and most of the vegetable alkaloids. (R. F. Fairthorne, *A. J. P.*, Oct. 1871, p. 447.) When ammonium sulphide is added to an aqueous

* M. Guérin adds his testimony to the necessity for dispensing only chloral hydrate which has been recrystallized and which is in the form of distinct crystals. He examined many samples, and found acidity in the cake variety, due, as he believes, to the formation of hydrochloric and formic acids, produced by the action of water retained in the cake during the manufacture, and this remaining in contact with the confused mass of crystals excites decomposition. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 253.)

solution of chloral hydrate, the mixture rapidly turns yellow, and, after passing through several shades of color, finally becomes dark brown. From this liquid diluted sulphuric acid throws down a bulky brown precipitate. This, purified from precipitated sulphur and dried, is a light-brown powder of the composition $C_{18}H_{24}S_{13}N_4O_6$. Hydrogen sulphide gas forms a sulphydrate by its action on chloral. These reactions are important, as the detection of metallic poisons in toxicological cases by hydrogen sulphide has been complicated by the presence of chloral hydrate. A still more important chemical reaction of chloral is that which takes place when the hydrate, or either of its other forms, is placed under the influence of an alkali. Chloroform is developed, and along with it a formate of the alkali employed. Thus, in a strong solution of potassa, put a pinch of powdered chloral, and almost instantly the odor of chloroform becomes sensible, and some oil-like globules of chloroform may be seen at the bottom of the vessel. The reaction is as follows:

$$\underset{\text{Chloral hydrate}}{C_2HCl_3O,H_2O} + \underset{\text{potassium hydrate}}{KOH} = \underset{\text{chloroform}}{CHCl_3} + \underset{\text{potassium formate}}{CHO.OK} + \underset{\text{water}}{H_2O}.$$

This relation of chloral to chloroform would serve as a ready test of the former, and may be used also to determine its quality; for pure chloral hydrate ought by calculation to yield 76·35 per cent. of chloroform, and the best known yields, according to the table of Mason, 71·5 (72·20 Selden) per cent. If, therefore, the product of chloroform should fall much below the latter percentage, the parcel acted on is probably impure. For other methods of assaying chloral hydrate, see Allen, *Com. Org. Analysis*, i. pp. 174 and 175. The following tests of purity are given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. "Separate, rhomboidal, colorless and transparent crystals, having an aromatic, penetrating, and slightly acrid odor, and a bitterish, caustic taste; slowly volatilized when exposed to the air. Freely soluble in water, alcohol, or ether; also in chloroform, benzol, benzin, carbon disulphide, fixed and volatile oils. It liquefies when triturated with about an equal quantity of camphor, menthol, thymol, or carbolic acid. When heated to about 58° C. (136·4° F.), it melts, forming a liquid having a specific gravity of about 1·575, which, at a higher temperature, should not evolve inflammable vapors. Liquefied Chloral solidifies to a crystalline mass between 35° and 50° C. (95° and 122° F.). Chloral is decomposed by caustic alkalies, alkaline earths, and ammonia, chloroform being formed, and a formate of the base produced. A freshly prepared, aqueous solution of Chloral is neutral, but gradually acquires an acid reaction. A neutral alcoholic solution remains neutral permanently. Chloral should be dry, and not readily attract moisture in dry air. A solution of Chloral (1 in 20) in diluted alcohol, acidulated with nitric acid, should remain unaffected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid* and *chlorides*). If 1 Gm. of Chloral be dissolved in 2 C.c. of warm water, mixed with potassium hydrate test-solution in slight excess (about 8 C.c.), the mixture filtered, and a portion of the clear filtrate treated with iodine test-solution until it is yellowish, no yellow, crystalline precipitate (iodoform) should appear within half an hour (absence of *chloral alcoholate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. When chloral is ingested in full therapeutic dose (from 15 to 30 grains), it produces in from ten minutes to half an hour a quiet, placid sleep, which usually continues about three hours, when it ceases, generally without any unpleasant symptom during its progress or after its termination. In some instances the ordinary doses fail to cause sleep, and in others the sleep is attended with dreams and hallucinations, and followed by unpleasant symptoms, like those which often succeed other hypnotics, especially opium; such as nausea, headache, unpleasant nervous disorder, etc. These diversities may be ascribed in part to peculiarity of constitution; but more frequently, in all probability, they are owing to morbid conditions existing at the time, which oppose themselves to the proper action of the chloral. In an individual in health chloral will probably almost always induce a calm sleep, differing little from the natural. Moreover, these unpleasant symptoms are now much more rarely produced than formerly, and there can be but little doubt that they have often been due to the impurities of the drug. The pulse is in this degree of action not affected, or is rendered a little slower; the pupil is contracted, but becomes normal so soon as the subject is awakened; the respiration is deep, full, and regular. When larger amounts are given, the sleep is much deeper, and may pass into profound coma; the respirations fall in number; the pulse is weakened and rendered slower, but may become rapid and irregular if the dose has been toxic; the temperature is reduced; the muscular system is relaxed, and both sensibility and reflex action are diminished. If a fatal dose has been given, all these symptoms are intensified: with coma, intense muscular relaxation, weak, thready pulse, and a pupil contracted at first, but afterwards dilated, the victim gradually sinks into death, paralyzed and anæsthetic.

The immediate cause of death is generally a paralytic arrest of respiration; but in many cases there appears to have been a simultaneous arrest of the cardiac action, and it is very possible that fatal syncope may at times occur. At post-mortem examination, congestion of the meninges and substance of the brain and cord, and of the lungs, is commonly found. The blood is thought by Richardson (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Sept. 4, 1870) to coagulate less firmly than normal.

After the brain the motor tract of the spinal cord, including the respiratory centre, is most sensitive to the action of chloral. The loss of voluntary muscular power and the lessening of reflex activity which the drug produces are the result of this spinal influence. Upon the sensory tract of the cord chloral acts with much less vigor, while the nerves and muscles practically escape its influence. Of course any agent which produces sleep in some measure relieves pain, but the anæsthetic influence of chloral is far from pronounced, and often patients on waking will complain bitterly of pain suffered during sleep.

The physiological action of chloral may be summed up as follows. Upon the cerebrum it acts as a most powerful and certain hypnotic; in full doses it acts as an intense depressant upon the centres at the base of the brain, and upon the spinal cord, causing slowing and weakness of the heart's action, probably vaso-motor paralysis, slowing of the respiration, and muscular weakness, lessening of reflex activity, with a certain amount of anæsthesia; in fatal doses it causes death generally by arresting respiration through paralysis of the nerve-centres, and finally stopping the heart in diastole. Its action in very small doses is uncertain, but there is considerable evidence to indicate that it irritates or stimulates the spinal and the cardiac, and even the vaso-motor, centres. On the vagi and on the motor nerve-trunks it has no marked influence. Clinical experience indicates that chloral acts as a depressant to the heart-muscle; although some authorities believe the influence of the drug upon the heart is not direct, but exerted through the nerve-centres. Chloral has little effect on the secretions, though it is said somewhat to increase the secretion of urine. In man, it is stated by Bouchut that, in accordance with his observations, this secretion is not only increased, but has been found also augmented in density; at the same time reducing the cupro-potassic liquor, and rendered brown by potassa or bismuth subnitrate; as if a temporary glycosuria were produced. Formic acid has never been found in the urine as a result of the taking of chloral. (*Arch. Gén.*, Sept. 1870, p. 346.)

The conversion of chloral by alkalies in solution into chloroform and formic acid first suggested its use in medicine to Liebreich (*Wiener Medicinische Wochenschrift*, August, 1869); and the theory that its action is really due to chloroform generated by the alkalinity of the blood has been received with favor by Personne and other writers, but there are very many facts which militate against the truth of this supposition. Thus, chloroform cannot be detected in either the blood, breath, or excretions of chloralized animals, although chloroform at once manifests itself when it is administered, and in the so-called "salt frogs" of Cohnheim, after substitution of warm salt water for the blood of the animal, chloral acts as upon the normal batrachian.

Chloral, especially when used continuously, is said to produce in some individuals serious disturbances. Such are vaso-motor paralysis, transient skin neurosis, acute purpura, and great prostration of the heart's action, sometimes amounting to paralysis of that organ, and sometimes ending fatally, even though the doses of the chloral used were within the limits ordinarily deemed safe. For a full discussion of these phenomena, see H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*. There can be no doubt that great caution should be practised in administering the drug when the heart is very weak or the general powers are much enfeebled. Dr. Jolly relates two cases in which 5 grammes (about 76 grains), given every night, caused death, in one case after the fifth dose, and in the second after the thirteenth dose, without abnormal symptoms until after the last dose, when the action of the heart and respiration suddenly ceased, and the patient died. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, Nov. 1872.) These cases would appear to justify the statement that there is a possible cumulative action of the drug. Although 480 grains have been recovered from, Dr. Fuller has recorded a case in which a single dose of thirty grains proved fatal in a young lady, and two others in which the same quantity caused alarming symptoms in similar circumstances: so that the highest dose to begin with in ordinary diseases, especially in delicate women, should not exceed twenty grains. In poisoning by chloral, if the case be seen early, the stomach should be thoroughly evacuated by an emetic or the stomach-pump, and the system afterwards supported by cardiac and respiratory stimulants, as milk punch, ammonium carbonate, etc. Atropine, digitalis, and strychnine should be administered freely, and the same general measures taken to sustain the respiration as are usually practised in opium poison-

ing. Atropine is undoubtedly of value when there is failure of respiration, and care should always be taken to maintain the bodily temperature. Artificial respiration should be practised when necessary. The bodily temperature should be maintained by external heat.

From what has been said it will be readily perceived that the two great indications for this remedy are to procure sleep and to relax spasm. In pure *nervous insomnia*, and in the same affection attendant on various diseases, as in *acute fevers, active congestion of the brain, cerebral inflammation, mania, delirium tremens*, etc., it is superior to opium; fifteen to twenty or twenty-five grains (1–1·3 or 1·565 Gm.) are generally sufficient for a commencing dose, to be repeated in half the quantity in an hour if the first dose fail. The sleep is usually calm and undisturbed for three or four hours, and may be renewed, if required, by the repetition of the dose. When the sleeplessness is due to pain, opium is much more effective than chloral. The combination of chloral and morphine is often very useful in procuring sleep for the suffering. As an anæsthetic, chloral should never be employed; the intravenous use of it, as at one time practised in France, is most dangerous and absolutely unjustifiable. In spasmodic affections chloral is one of the most powerful remedies known. In *tetanus* and in *strychnine poisoning* it is singularly useful, but must be given in very large doses. In *hysteria, severe chorea*, and other functional or spinal convulsions, it is no less efficient. In *epilepsy* and other forms of cerebral convulsions chloral is of less service, although it is frequently employed with benefit in puerperal convulsions. In *local spasms* it is often of service, and it has been used with success in *strangulated hernia, spasm of the glottis, spasmodic croup, asthma, hiccough*, and even in *incontinence of urine*. Chloral is possessed of very decided antiseptic properties; a solution of the strength of 30 grains to the ounce will preserve animal tissues for a long time. Locally applied, chloral is stimulating and antiseptic, and may occasionally be used with very good results in the treatment of *foul sores, irritable ulcers*, etc., which need stimulation. The solution may vary from five to thirty-one grains to the ounce, according to the exigencies of the case. Dr. A. M. Fauntleroy states that if powdered chloral be sprinkled on adhesive plaster and the whole heated sufficiently to adhere to the skin, and applied whilst warm, there is produced an increasing burning, and in about ten minutes a blister is formed.

Pharmaceutical Preparations. Chloral is best administered in solution with syrup of orange flowers, or in simple solution. The French sometimes employ *chloral cream*, made of chloral hydrate 5 parts, water 15 parts, white sugar finely powdered 100 parts, flavored with mint, orange, or vanilla. One grain of chloral is contained in 24 grains of the cream, and a teaspoonful is equivalent to about 3 grains of chloral. This preparation keeps well, and the dose may be dissolved in a little water. *Chloral liniment* may be made by dissolving 6 parts chloral in 30 parts oil of sweet almonds. *Chloral ointment*, 6 parts chloral, 3 parts white wax, 27 parts lard; the lard and wax are melted at a gentle heat, the chloral added in powder and dissolved. (See *Chloral Camphoratum*, Part II.) *Chloral plaster*, to produce counter-irritant effects, is prepared by spreading powdered chloral on Burgundy pitch plaster.

CHLOROFORMUM. U. S., Br. Chloroform.

$CHCl_3$; 119·08. (ꞔHLŌ-RO-FÖR'MŬM.) $CHCl_3$; 119·2.

"A liquid consisting of 99 to 99·4 per cent., by weight, of absolute Chloroform, and 1 to 0·6 per cent. of Alcohol. It should be kept in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

Chloroformum Purificatum, *U. S.* 1880; Chloroformium, *P. G.;* Formylum Trichloratum; Chloroforme pur, *Fr.;* Reines Chloroform, *G.*

"Take of Chlorinated Lime *ten pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *thirty fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Slaked Lime *a sufficiency;* Water *three gallons* [Imp. meas.]; Sulphuric Acid *a sufficiency;* Chloride of Calcium, in small fragments, *two ounces* [av.]; Quick Lime *half an ounce;* Distilled Water *nine fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Ethylic Alcohol *a sufficiency*. Place the Water and the Spirit in a capacious still, and raise the mixture to the temperature of 100° F. (37°·8 C.). Add the Chlorinated Lime and five pounds [av.] of the Slaked Lime, mixing thoroughly. Connect the still with a condensing worm encompassed by cold water, and terminating in a narrow-necked receiver; and apply heat so as to cause distillation, taking care to withdraw the fire the moment that the process is well established. When the distilled product measures fifty ounces, the receiver is to be withdrawn. Pour its contents into a gallon [Imp. meas.] bottle half filled with Water, mix well by shaking, and set at rest for a few minutes, when the mixture will separate into two strata of different densities. Let the lower stratum, which constitutes crude chloroform, be washed by agitating it in a bottle with three

[fluid]ounces of the Distilled Water. Allow the Chloroform to subside, withdraw the water, and repeat the washing with the rest of the Distilled Water, in successive quantities of three [fluid]ounces at a time. Agitate the washed Chloroform for five minutes in a bottle with an equal volume of pure Sulphuric Acid, allow the mixture to settle, and transfer the upper stratum of liquid to a bottle containing a little alkaline water. After agitation transfer the chloroform to a dry bottle containing the Chloride of Calcium mixed with half an ounce of Quick Lime. Mix well by agitation. After the lapse of an hour decant the chloroform into a flask, connect the flask with a Liebig's condenser, and distil over the Pure Chloroform by means of a water-bath. Add one per cent. by weight of Ethylic Alcohol. Preserve the product in a cool place, in a bottle furnished with an accurately ground stopper. The lighter liquid which floats on the Crude Chloroform after its agitation with water, and the washings with distilled water, should be preserved, and employed in a subsequent operation." *Br.*

In the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850 a process was given for preparing chloroform; but, as this is never made on a small scale by the apothecary, it was very properly transferred, in 1860, to the Materia Medica Catalogue. *Chloroformum venale*, or commercial chloroform, was introduced, and also a formula for the purification of chloroform; this was very properly dropped in the U. S. P. 1890, as pure chloroform is now furnished by the manufacturers and easily obtainable at a moderate price; the process for purifying chloroform attached to the tests of the U. S. P. 1880 will be found below. The process of the British Pharmacopœia is for the preparation of the chloroform *ab initio*, with directions which secure its purity if complied with. In this process, the reaction by which the chloroform is produced takes place between the chlorinated lime and the alcohol; the slaked lime being intended probably to lessen the production of the chlorinated pyrogenous oil. As first distilled, the chloroform is very impure, and is directed to be washed first with ordinary water, and afterwards with distilled water, which separate alcohol, chlorine, and probably other contaminating substances. In consequence of the density of the chloroform and its insolubility in water, it readily subsides, forming a distinct layer which may be easily separated. The crude product, after having been freed from alcohol by the washing with water, is purified from the chlorinated pyrogenous oil, which comes over with the chloroform, by agitation with an equal volume of sulphuric acid, which ought to be *pure* and *colorless*, and at least of the density 1·840. The oil is charred and destroyed by the acid, which becomes yellow or reddish brown, and is partially changed into sulphurous acid. To remove the latter acid, as well as any water present, the chloroform, which floats on the surface of the acid, is removed and agitated well with chloride of calcium and quick lime, then again submitted to distillation, and one per cent. of absolute alcohol added to preserve the chloroform from decomposition. In the U. S. 1880 process (see 16th edition U. S. D.) the method of purification is somewhat different. Instead of equal measures of the impure chloroform and sulphuric acid and an agitation for only 5 minutes, the commercial chloroform is shaken occasionally for 24 hours with but one-fifth of its weight of the acid. To remove any water and acid that may be present, instead of calcium chloride and lime, a little stronger alcohol is mixed with the chloroform in a dry retort, and then lime in coarse powder is added, and the mixture is distilled to dryness.

Purification, *U. S. P.* 1890. Chloroform which fails to respond to these tests (see p. 375) should be purified by the following process. Chloroform, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 359 grains]; Dried Sodium Carbonate, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Deodorized Alcohol, *four cubic centimeters* [or 65 minims]. Add the Sulphuric Acid to the Chloroform, contained in a glass-stoppered bottle, and shake them together occasionally during twenty-four hours, avoiding exposure to bright daylight. Separate the lighter Chloroform layer, add to it the Dried Sodium Carbonate, previously rendered anhydrous by heating it in a porcelain capsule on a sand-bath until it ceases to give off aqueous vapor, and shake them together frequently and thoroughly during half an hour. Then transfer the Chloroform to a dry retort, add to it the Alcohol, and distil, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 67·2° C. (153° F.), into a well-cooled, tared receiver, until the distillate measures *two hundred and fifty-five cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluid-ounces, 298 minims].

It sometimes happens that the chloroform purified with sulphuric acid, though apparently pure at first, will not keep, but after some time becomes so loaded with chlorine and hydrochloric acid as to be altogether unfit for respiration. Dr. Squibb attributes the fact that chloroform purified by concentrated sulphuric acid does not keep well, to the very purity attained. He believes that perfectly pure chloroform is prone to decomposition, and is rendered more

stable by the addition of a small proportion of alcohol, so as to reduce its density to the official standard. This he effects by adding alcohol in the proportion of ten drops to each fluidounce of good chloroform of maximum density (see *Amer. Med. Monthly*, July, 1857). This recommendation was carried into effect in the U. S. 1880 process, and explains the addition of alcohol before distillation. Dr. Gregory also attributes the tendency to decomposition to its purity, and to the action of sunlight; having found that those portions which he had purified with the greatest care were soonest decomposed under the influence of light.

As chloroform of great purity is *usually* to be purchased in the market, it is not necessary for the pharmacist to apply the official process of purification to every parcel that he may meet; but it is in the highest degree incumbent on him to sell none for inhalation which is not so pure as to stand the tests given in the Pharmacopœia, and if he can obtain none so pure, then to purify it himself.

The intermediate formation of chloral as a result of the reaction between alcohol and chlorinated lime suggested the preparation of chloroform from chloral, which has of late years been produced in immense quantities. The advantages which were anticipated from decomposing pure chloral hydrate with alkalies have not altogether been realized, for the product is much more expensive, and the claim of greater stability has not been sustained, as it requires just as much alcohol to preserve it as that made in the usual way.

Chloroform is now made on a large scale both in this country and in Germany by the distillation of acetone with chlorinated lime; indeed, this process has latterly almost entirely replaced the manufacture from alcohol. Liebig, as long ago as 1832, described the reaction, but it was thought to be not adapted for commercial use. In 1882 the manufacture was begun on a commercial scale at Mannheim, Germany, and since June, 1885, in this country. To get a satisfactory yield a very pure acetone is necessary. When such acetone is taken, a yield of nearly or quite 200 per cent. of chloroform can be obtained. (For an account of the methods of purifying the acetone and distilling with chlorinated lime, see *A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 321.) In July, 1885, a patent was taken out by G. Michaelis, of Albany, for the manufacture of chloroform from the liquid products resulting from the decomposition of crude acetates at high temperatures. These liquid products are acetone and other higher ketones. The purified chloroform from acetone has a small quantity of alcohol added to prevent decomposition and bring it to Pharmacopœia requirements. Pure methyl alcohol, on the other hand, does not yield chloroform. The erroneous statements on this point generally current are probably due to the fact that commercial wood spirit contains a large percentage of acetone.

Pettenkofer inferred, from numerous experiments on the manufacture of chloroform, that very different quantities are obtained, on different occasions, from the same amount of materials, and the same process. The yield is less the longer the mixture is allowed to stand before distillation, and is greater when the heat of the mixture is between 57·2° C. (135° F.) and 75° C. (167° F.) than at either a lower or a higher temperature. When the latter degree is exceeded, the chloroform contains more chlorine. (*Buchner's Neues Repert.*, x. 103.)

Discovery and History. Chloroform was discovered by Mr. Samuel Guthrie, of Sackett's Harbor, N.Y., in 1831, and about the same time by Soubeiran in France, and Liebig in Germany. Guthrie obtained it by distilling a gallon from a mixture of three pounds of chlorinated lime and two gallons of alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·844, and rectifying the product by redistillation, first from a great excess of chlorinated lime, and afterwards from potassium carbonate. (*Silliman's Journal*, vol. xxi., Jan. 1832, p. 64.) In a subsequent letter to Professor Silliman, dated Feb. 15, 1832, Mr. Guthrie states that the substance which he had obtained, "distilled off sulphuric acid, has the specific gravity of 1·486, or a little greater, and may then be regarded as free from alcohol; and if a little sulphuric acid which sometimes contaminates it be removed by washing it with a strong solution of potassium carbonate, it may then be regarded as *absolutely pure*." (*Ibid.*, vol. xxii., July, 1832, p. 105.) It is thus evident that Mr. Guthrie obtained, in a pure state, the substance now called chloroform; but he erroneously supposed his product to be the well-known oily liquid of the Dutch chemists, which it greatly resembles, and for the preparation of which he believed he had fallen on a cheap and easy process. Under this impression, he called the substance, in his communications, *chloric ether*, one of the names by which *Dutch liquid*, or *ethene dichloride*, is designated. He was induced to make the preparation from noticing in Professor Silliman's Elements of Chemistry a reference to the Dutch liquid as a grateful diffusible stimulant when properly diluted with alcohol and water.

Properties. Chloroform is "a heavy, clear, colorless, mobile and diffusible liquid, of a characteristic, ethereal odor, and a burning, sweet taste. Specific gravity, not below 1·490 at

15° C (59° F.), or 1·473 at 25° C. (77° F.). Chloroform is volatile even at a low temperature, and boils at 60° to 61° C. (140° to 141·8° F.). It is not inflammable, but its heated vapor burns with a green flame." *U. S.* According to Remys (*Archiv der Pharm.*, 3, v. 31), pure chloroform has the sp. gravity of 1·500 at 15° C. (59° F.). Besnou gives the densities of various mixtures of alcohol and the purest commercial chloroform at 4·5° C. (40° F.) as follows:

Specific Gravity.	Chloroform, per cent.	Alcohol, per cent.	Specific Gravity.	Chloroform, per cent.	Alcohol, per cent.
1·4945	100·0	0·0	1·4772	97·5	2·5
1·4908	99·5	0·5	1·4602	95·0	5·0
1·4874	99·0	1·0	1·4262	90·0	10·0
1·4845	98·5	1·5	1·4090	87·5	12·5

When pure, it has no action on potassium, except to cover the surface of the metal with small bubbles of gas. Chloroform is a powerful antiseptic. Like creosote, it does not coagulate albumen. It is scarcely acted on by sulphuric acid in the cold, but dissolves readily in alcohol and ether. The alcoholic solution, when moderately diluted with water, forms an aromatic, saccharine liquid of a very grateful taste. A strong alcoholic solution is decomposed by abundance of water, the chloroform separating and subsiding, and the alcohol uniting with the water. "Soluble in about 200 times its volume of cold water, and, in all proportions, in alcohol, ether, benzol, benzin, and the fixed and volatile oils." *U. S.* It is liable to decomposition by sunlight, or even diffused daylight; and hence the propriety of keeping it in bottles, covered with dark paper, in a rather dark place. Chloroform has extensive solvent powers, being capable of dissolving caoutchouc, gutta-percha, mastic, elemi, tolu, benzoin, and copal. Amber, sandarac, lac, and wax are only partially soluble. It also dissolves iodine, bromine, the organic alkalies, the fixed and volatile oils, most resins, and fats. It dissolves sulphur and phosphorus sparingly. It possesses the power of dissolving a large quantity of camphor, and furnishes the means of administering that medicine in an elegant form. As a general solvent, it has the advantage over ether of not being inflammable; the inflammability of the latter being the cause of frequent accidents. For an extensive list of substances soluble, insoluble, and partly soluble in chloroform, see a paper by M. Lepage, of Gisors, France, copied into *A. J. P.*, 1852, p. 147.* It has been found by J. B. Barnes that chloroform has the power of preventing the alcoholic, lactic, and other fermentations, probably by killing the organisms that provoke these processes. Twenty minims preserved sixteen ounces of malt, to which two drachms of yeast had been added, as long as the experiment lasted. The same quantity kept fresh eight fluidounces of milk in a warm place for five days. Mucilage and infusions were preserved for weeks with one minim or even less to the ounce. Similar results were reached by Mr. F. J. Barrett and others. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1874, pp. 441, 442, 455.) The active properties of chloroform forbid its use as a preservative of medicinal infusions, but from milk it could always be removed by boiling. A. Munz (*P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 967) proposes the employment of chloroform as a test between chemical and living ferments, since he has found it to have no effect upon the former, though absolutely destructive to the latter.

Composition. Chloroform is composed of one atom of carbon, one of hydrogen, and three of chlorine. Its simplest derivation in theory is from marsh-gas (*methane*), CH_4, whence it is often called *trichloro-methane*. While it can be thus produced, by the action of chlorine upon marsh-gas, in practice, it is formed either from alcohol by the action of bleaching-powder, from chloral by an alkaline hydrate, or latterly from acetone and bleaching-powder.

The reactions are sometimes complex, but if the temperature be carefully kept at from 70° C. (158° F.) to 73° C. (163·4° F.), they are essentially as follows:

$$C_2H_6O + CaOCl_2 = CaCl_2 + C_2H_4O + H_2O;$$

* The following table of the solubility of the several alkaloids and their salts in chloroform, prepared with great care by A. Schlimpert, may be of some practical use. At 17·7° C. (64° F.) 100 parts of chloroform dissolve

Morphine	1·66	Cinchonine sulphate	3·00	Caffeine	11·00
Morphine acetate	1·66	Chinoidine	25·30	Digitaline	1·25
Quinine	15·00	Veratrine	11·60	Brucine	14·00
Quinine sulphate	0·00	Atropine	33·00	Aconitine	22·00
Quinine hydrochlorate	11·10	Strychnine	14·10	Santonin, pure	23·00
Cinchonine	2·50	Strychnine nitrate	6·60	Santonin, impure	33·30

(*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 160; from *Archiv der Pharm.*, Nov. 1859, p. 151.)

that is, one molecule of bleaching-powder, reacting with one of alcohol, yields one of calcium chloride, one of aldehyde, and one of water. The aldehyde formed is then further decomposed, according to the reaction

$$2(C_2H_4O) + 6(CaOCl_2) = 3CaCl_2 + 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2(C_2HCl_3O);$$

that is, two molecules of aldehyde, reacting with six of bleaching-powder, yield three of calcium chloride, three of calcium hydrate, and two of chloral. The chloral is, however, decomposed by the free base calcium hydrate, according to the reaction

$$2(C_2HCl_3O) + Ca(OH)_2 = Ca(CHO_2)_2 + 2(CHCl_3);$$

that is, two molecules of chloral reacting with one of calcium hydrate yield one of calcium formate and two of chloroform. The reaction for the manufacture from acetone is simpler:

$$2C_3H_6O + 3Ca(OCl)_2 = 2CHCl_3 + 2Ca(OH)_2 + Ca(C_2H_3O_2)_2.$$

Impurities and Tests. Chloroform is liable to contain alcohol and ether, both of which lower its specific gravity. If it have a less density than 1·38, it will float instead of sinking in a mixture of equal weights of concentrated sulphuric acid and water after it has cooled. M. Mialhe has proposed the following test for the presence of alcohol. Drop into distilled water a small quantity of the chloroform. If pure, it will remain transparent at the bottom of the glass; but if it contain even a small proportion of alcohol, the globules will acquire a milky appearance. Soubeiran's method was to agitate almond oil and chloroform together in a tube. If the chloroform be pure, it remains clear; if it contain as much as 5 or 6 per cent. of alcohol, it becomes milky. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1860, p. 95.) Prof. Procter detected alcohol by adding the suspected chloroform to an oxidizing mixture of potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid. If alcohol be present, the deep orange color of the chromic mixture will gradually become green; if absent, no change of color will take place. (*A. J. P.*, 1856, p. 213.) Hoffmann's violet has been recently suggested as a test. If a small portion is added to chloroform containing alcohol, the solution is colored a deep purple. Boettger recommends adding to the chloroform a solution of molybdic acid in pure, strong sulphuric acid, when even a trace of alcohol will cause an intense blue color. (1879.) Chloroform, when pure, upon being mixed with an equal volume of sulphuric acid, does not color it; but when contaminated with these oils it gives the acid a color varying from yellow to reddish brown, according to the amount of impurity. Alcohol also is detected and removed by sulphuric acid. In applying this test, several fluidounces of chloroform should be used, as a slight change of color cannot be easily seen in a test-tube, and care must be taken to see that mechanical impurities, like cork-dust, dirt, etc., have been filtered out of the specimen, or the acid will be discolored from this cause. A still more delicate test of the oily impurities, according to Dr. Gregory, is the smell which they leave. If chloroform thus contaminated be poured upon the hand, it quickly evaporates, leaving the oily impurities, recognizable by their offensive odor, now no longer covered by that of the chloroform. The pure substance, rubbed on the skin, quickly evaporates, and leaves scarcely any smell. Chloroform sometimes contains Dutch liquid, which may be discovered by adding an alcoholic solution of potassa; when the mixture, if this impurity be present, will heat and give off a permanent gas, which is *acetyl chloride*, C_2H_3OCl. (*Geuther.*)* Fuming nitric acid, heated with chloroform to 90° C. (194° F.) for 120 hours, forms a new substance, *chloropicrine*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xv.)

Two methods for purifying chloroform, one physical and the other chemical, have been brought out in the last year or so and have attracted much attention. The first of these is the Pictet method of purifying the chloroform by submitting it to very low temperatures, whereby the impurities are first frozen out and filtered off from the chloroform at —70° C., and then the chloroform itself is solidified at from —80° C. to —100° C. and separated from any liquid impurities. It was at first claimed for this "Chloroform Pictet" that it would not be decomposed by sunlight and did not require the addition of alcohol to preserve it. These claims do not seem to be substantiated by later tests. The other method is based on the discovery of R. Anschütz, that chloroform crystallizes out with salicylid, $C_6H_4\left\{\begin{matrix}CO\\O\end{matrix}\right>$, and *o*-homosalicylid, $C_6H_3(CH_3)\left\{\begin{matrix}CO\\O\end{matrix}\right>$, while the impurities of chloroform remain. These crystalline compounds contain respectively 33·24 and 30·80 per cent. of chloroform, and this can be liberated from its combination by very moderate heating. The compounds can be kept for a long time in closed vessels in a slight atmosphere of chloroform, and the salicylid and *o*-homosalicylid can be used over and over again. After becoming acid, through exposure to light, chloroform may be readily regenerated,

* In relation to chloroform, see the paper of Soubeiran and Mialhe, *Journ. de Pharm.*, July, 1849, copied into *A. J. P.*, xxi. 313; also the paper of Dr. Gregory, *Chem. Gaz.*, May 15, 1850.

by agitating it with solution of sodium carbonate, and distilling from a little unslaked lime. From what has been said above, chloroform to be kept for use should have the sp. gr. 1·49, and if denser than this, should be brought to it by the addition of alcohol. It is best kept in cork-stoppered bottles. As the cork is not acted on by chloroform, if it become yellow and softened it will indicate the presence of an acid, and thus act as a test. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 289.)

Official Tests. The U. S. Pharmacopœia directs that "if 20 C.c. of Chloroform be poured upon a clean, odorless filter laid flat upon a warmed porcelain or glass plate, and the plate be rocked from side to side until the liquid is all evaporated, no foreign odor should become perceptible as the last portions disappear from the paper, and the paper should be left nearly odorless when compared with a new, odorless filter. If 10 C.c. of Chloroform be well shaken with 20 C.c. of distilled water, and the liquid be allowed to separate completely, the water should be neutral to litmus paper, and should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chlorides*), or potassium iodide test-solution (absence of *free chlorine*). If to about 5 C.c. of Chloroform, contained in a dry test-tube of the capacity of about 10 C.c., about 4 C.c. of perfectly clear barium hydrate test-solution be added without agitation, and the test-tube be then corked and set aside in a dark place for six hours, no film should be visible at the line of contact of the two liquids (absence of *products of decomposition* in Chloroform which may be otherwise pure). If 40 C.c. of Chloroform be shaken with 4 C.c. of colorless, concentrated sulphuric acid in a 50 C.c. glass-stoppered cylinder during twenty minutes, and the liquids be then allowed to separate completely so that both are transparent, the Chloroform should remain colorless, and the acid should appear colorless, or very nearly colorless, when seen in a stratum of not less than about 15 Mm. in thickness (absence of *impurities decomposable by sulphuric acid*). If 2 C.c. of the sulphuric acid, separated from the Chloroform, be diluted with 5 C.c. of distilled water, the liquid should be colorless and clear, and, while hot from the mixing, should be odorless, or give but a faint vinous or ethereal odor (absence of *odorous decomposition products*). When further diluted with 10 C.c. of distilled water, it should remain clear, and should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chlorinated compounds*). If 10 C.c. of the Chloroform, separated from the acid, be well shaken with 20 C.c. of distilled water, and the liquid be allowed to separate completely, the watery portion should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chlorinated compounds*)." *U. S.* These tests imply the presence of but a minute proportion of alcohol, and the total absence of chlorine and those volatile and empyreumatic substances which constitute the most injurious impurities of chloroform. A heat that would be felt through the bottle, on the admixture of sulphuric acid with chloroform, would evince the presence of too much alcohol or water. The want of discoloration from the contact of the two liquids shows the absence of empyreumatic oily matter; but a very slight discoloration might proceed from the alcohol present, and would not, therefore, be a material objection. A color bordering on that of madeira wine would imply an objectionable amount of impurities. The volatile impurities are less volatile than chloroform, and would consequently be the last to escape on the evaporation of the liquid. Impure chloroform, therefore, leaves a foreign odor behind it when allowed to evaporate from the hand, and especially when from a porcelain plate, in the amount and manner indicated; and if a specimen stand this test well, it may be considered as free from noxious volatile impurity. The slight foreign aroma without pungency, which is given out under these circumstances, is of no injurious significance. It is stated that chloroform made from chloral may be distinguished from other chloroform by its remaining colorless when the sulphuric acid test is employed, and by its leaving no aromatic residue when evaporated, evidences of its absolute purity. It has been claimed that this chloral chloroform does not undergo decomposition, but this has been proved not to be correct. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 409.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Chloroform, when applied locally, is very irritant and produces decided pain, which may be followed by some numbness and local anæsthesia. If the chloroform be prevented from evaporating, its prolonged contact with the skin is apt to produce blistering. Taken internally, it is absorbed and acts upon the general system. The rapidity of its absorption, and, to some extent, its general effects, depend upon the method in which it is administered. It is commonly exhibited by the mouth or by inhalation. Taken into the stomach in doses of 15 to 25 drops (0·24–0·38 C.c.), it induces only gastric symptoms, chiefly due to its irritant properties; but when there is excessive flatulence, colic, or gastralgia, it not only causes an increased peristalsis and expulsion of any flatus present, but evinces a distinct local narcotic influence by quieting pain and spasm. Taken in doses of 1 to 2 fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.), it produces a narcotism similar to that seen when it is administered

by inhalation, the narcotism, however, developing and passing off much more slowly than in the latter case. Chloroform, as prepared by Mr. Guthrie, was used internally as early as 1832 by Professor Ives and Dr. Nathan B. Ives, of New Haven, in *asthma*, *spasmodic cough*, *scarlet fever*, and *atonic quinsy*, with favorable results. (*Silliman's Journ.*, xxi. 406, 407.) It was employed by Dr. Formby, of Liverpool, in *hysteria*, in 1838; by Mr. Tuson, of London, in *cancer* and *neuralgic affections*, in 1843; and by M. Guillot, of Paris, in *asthma*, in 1844. The first case in which it was employed in inhalation is related by Professor Ives, of New Haven, under date of January 2, 1832. The case was one of *pulmonic disease*, attended with general debility and difficult respiration, and was effectually relieved. (*Silliman's Journ.*, vol. xxi., Jan. 1832, p. 406.) In March, 1847, the action of the pure substance by inhalation was tried on the lower animals by M. Flourens, and its effects on the spinal marrow described. In November of the same year, Dr. Simpson, of Edinburgh, after experimenting with a number of anæsthetic agents in order to discover a substitute for ether, tried chloroform at the suggestion of Mr. Waldie, and, having found its effects favorable, brought it forward as a new remedy for pain, by inhalation in *surgery* and *midwifery*. The advantages which he conceived it to possess over ether were the smallness of the dose, its more prompt action, more agreeable effects, less tenacious odor, greater cheapness, and greater facility of exhibition.

The usual effects produced by a full dose of chloroform, administered by inhalation, are the rapid production of coma, relaxation of the muscles, slow and often stertorous breathing, upturning of the eyes, and total insensibility to agents which ordinarily produce acute pain. The effect on the heart's action is somewhat variable, but the pulse is usually quickened, with a more or less marked loss of volume and firmness. Sometimes frothing of the mouth takes place, and, more rarely, convulsive twitches of the face and limbs. The insensibility is generally produced in one or two minutes, and usually continues for five or ten minutes; but the effect may be kept up for many hours, provided the inhalation be cautiously renewed from time to time. As a rule, no recollection is retained of anything that occurred during the state of insensibility. In some cases sensibility is distinctly affected before consciousness, but the loss is rarely complete enough to be of any practical value; so that it is almost always necessary to produce unconsciousness before the surgeon can commence his operation. The dose of chloroform for inhalation is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.), equivalent to 250 drops, or more, to be repeated in two minutes, if the desired effect should fail to be produced. The most convenient inhaler is a handkerchief, loosely twisted into the form of a bird's nest, which, after having been imbued with the chloroform, is held to the mouth and nose. The use of this simple inhaler insures a due admixture of atmospheric air with the vapor of the chloroform. The patient should always be in the horizontal posture. The moment insensibility is produced, which should be brought on *gradually*, the inhalation should be suspended; and if consciousness return too soon, it should be cautiously renewed. In all cases an experienced assistant should attend to the administration of the chloroform and to nothing else, watching the state of the respiration and pulse. The moment there is the least snoring or failure of the pulse, the vapor should be withdrawn. As shown by Claude Bernard, the hypodermic use of morphine greatly prolongs the anæsthesia caused by chloroform. Chloroform should not be administered to persons subject to epilepsy, affected with organic disease of the heart, or predisposed to syncope. Even with the greatest care, there is always danger in the anæsthetic use of this agent. It is estimated (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1870; *Pacific Med. Journ.*, June, 1869) that death occurs once in 3000 inhalations on an average. In very many fatal cases the operation has been a very trifling one, and death has occurred in the most robust, and in those who had previously taken the anæsthetic without bad effects. The advantages which chloroform has over ether are in its greater rapidity of action, and in the fact that it is less prone to produce, as an after-effect, much nausea and vomiting. The greater safety of ether, however, more than counterbalances these advantages, so that a large proportion of surgeons believe the use of chloroform unjustifiable, except under especial circumstances.* The reason that ether is so much safer than chloroform lies not chiefly in the greater power of the latter agent, but in the fact that it is directly paralyzant to the heart, whilst ether is primarily stimulant to that viscus. Experiments show that in the lower animals the arterial pressure steadily falls during the administration of the chloroform, whilst under ether it rises, and clinical experience abun-

* The most elaborate statistics upon the comparative safety of ether and chloroform are those editorially compiled in the *Medical News*, Oct. 29, 1892. 638,461 recorded administrations of chloroform with 170 deaths give the proportion of 1 to 3749 inhalations; 300,157 etherizations with 18 deaths give 1 to 16,677. The enormous mass of these statistics is such that their teachings must be practically accurate. They show that the ratio of danger in chloroformization is about 4·5 times greater than that of etherization.

dantly demonstrates that the effects of these agents upon the circulation in man and in the lower animals are identical. As chloroform accidents usually occur very suddenly, the patient should always be closely watched. In most instances a peculiar pallor of the face is the first evidence of danger. The remedies for the accident are placing the patient at an angle of 45°, with the head downward, or even completely inverting the person, cold air fanned upon the face, cold water poured upon the head, sinapisms to the feet, frictions and heat to the body and extremities, and ammonia to the nostrils. If respiration ceases, the tongue should be seized with the artery-forceps and pulled forward from off the glottis, and artificial respiration vigorously performed. When the patient can swallow, strong alcoholic drinks may be given with advantage. Dr. Halfourd has proposed the injection of liq. ammoniæ into the veins, and it has been successfully practised in one or two cases; and, if circumstances favor it, intravenous injections of the tincture of digitalis may be employed. Faradaic irritation of the body should also be practised, and in some cases faradization of the phrenic nerve has seemed to be of service. Sometimes chloroform produces unpleasant remote effects, such as abolition of smell, perversion of taste, and loss of tonicity in the bladder and rectum.

In midwifery chloroform is believed to be safer than in surgery, and its use is very extensive. It probably tends to increase the danger of post-partum hemorrhage, but this tendency can be overcome by the administration of ergot after the head has come well down upon the perineum. It is frequently stated that no case of death has occurred from its administration during labor; but this appears to be a mistake. On account of its power of producing muscular relaxation, chloroform is frequently employed in general and local spasms. In setting *fractured bones*, in *reducing dislocations* or *strangulated hernias*, etc., the surgeon frequently employs it, and it is often used by the physician in *hiccough*, *chorea*, *whooping-cough*, *hysteria*, *asthma*, *angina pectoris*, *biliary* and *nephritic colic*, *tetanus*, *poisoning from strychnine*, *hydrophobia*, and *tic douloureux*. In these cases it is superior to ether, when a very prompt action is necessary.

As chloroform is powerfully sedative, and ether powerfully stimulant, it was very naturally supposed that by combining them the depressing effects of the former might be counteracted by the latter; but experience has not confirmed the suggestion of theory in this case, as fatal effects have several times followed the joint administration of the two anæsthetics. This result may be in part explained by the more rapid volatilization of the chloroform, which may cause it to reach the surface of absorption with comparatively little admixture of the ethereal vapor, as suggested by Mr. Robert Ellis. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, March 9, 1867.) It has been claimed that chloroform which has been purified by the cold process is much less depressant than that of ordinary purity, and in the experiments of R. Du Bois-Reymond (*Therap. Monat.*, Jan. 1892) the residue left after the purification of chloroform by cold, while it did not differ in its action upon the circulation from the pure chloroform, was found to be distinctly more paralyzing to the respiratory centres. Rechter (*Journ. Pharm. et Chim.*, 1892) and others, however, have reached the conclusion that the narcosis produced by Pictet's chloroform does not differ in any way from that commonly seen, and at present writing it does not appear probable that the purification by cold yields practical results commensurate with its cost.

Locally, chloroform is employed as a very prompt, active counter-irritant and narcotic in *neuralgia*, *colic*, etc., and deep injections of it in the neighborhood of painful nerve-trunks have been practised by Dr. Roberts Bartholow with asserted good effects. M. Fournié has found that the vapor from a mixture of equal measures of glacial acetic acid and chloroform is even more effectual, as a local anæsthetic, than that of pure chloroform, producing complete insensibility of the skin in five minutes, if applied from a bottle heated simply by the hand. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1862, p. 385.) Chloroform, in vapor, may be used as a topical application to the rectum. M. Ehrenreich employed it with success in *tenesmus*. A drachm may be vaporized by the heat of warm water from a bottle, fitted with a flexible tube, inserted into the bowel. Prof. Langenbeck, of Berlin, prefers chloroform to tincture of iodine as an injection for the radical cure of *hydrocele*.

Chloroform may be gelatinized by agitating it with an equal weight of white of egg in the cold. In three hours it takes the gelatinous form. A stronger preparation may be made by shaking together, in a bottle, four parts of chloroform and one of white of egg, and placing the mixture in water at 60° C. (140° F.). In four minutes the gelatinization is completed. *Gelatinized chloroform* may be applied to the skin, spread on linen, or by friction.

When an overdose of chloroform is taken by the mouth, it is essential to empty the stomach by the pump or siphon tube, and then treat the case much as in serious narcosis from inhalation. In a case of suicide by swallowing chloroform, in which death took place in about thirty-four

hours, the lining membrane of the larynx and trachea was found inflamed, the bronchi were loaded with a dirty-gray purulent fluid, the lungs were inflamed as in the first stage of pneumonia, and the brain and its membranes congested; but these morbid appearances are not constant.

In relation to the preparations, consisting of chloroform and alcohol, which have been used under the name of "chloric ether," the reader is referred to *Spiritus Chloroformi.** (See, also, *Aqua Chloroformi*, *Emulsum Chloroformi*, and *Linimentum Chloroformi.*)

CHONDRUS. U. S. Chondrus. [Irish Moss. Carragheen.]

(KHŎN'DRUS.)

"Chondrus crispus, Stackhouse, and Gigartina mamillosa, J. Agardh (class, Algæ)." *U. S.*

Carrageen, *P. G.;* Caragahen, Fucus Crispus; Carragaheen, Mousse marine pertée, *Fr.;* Irländisches Moos, Perlmoos, Knorpeltang, *G.*

Gigartina. Gen. Ch. Fronds fleshy, cartilaginous, compressed, composed of an internal layer of longitudinal, slender, anastomosing filaments, which pass horizontally outward and divide dichotomously into short moniliform filaments, the whole set in a gelatinous substance; antheridia in superficial spots; tetraspores conciate, densely aggregated, forming spots just below the surface, cystocarps borne in external conceptacles.

Chondrus. Gen. Ch. The same as gigartina, except that the cystocarps are immersed.

Chondrus crispus. Greville, *Alg. Brit.* 129, t. 15; *B. & T.* 305.—*Sphærococcus crispus.* Agardh.—*Fucus crispus.* Linn. The *Irish moss*, or *carrageen* as it is frequently called, consists of a flat, slender, cartilaginous frond, from two to twelve inches in length, dilated as it ascends until it becomes two or three lines in width, then repeatedly and dichotomously divided, with linear wedge-shaped segments, and more or less curled up so as to diminish the apparent length. The capsules are somewhat hemispherical, and are embedded in the disk of the frond. The plant grows upon rocks and stones on the coast of Europe, and is especially abundant on the southern and western coasts of Ireland, where it is collected. It is also a native of the United States, and is said to be gathered largely on the southern sea-coast of Massachusetts, where it is partly torn from the rocks, and partly collected upon the beach, on which it is thrown up during storms. It is prepared for market by spreading it out high on the beach, to dry and bleach in the sun. (Aug. P. Melzar, *Proc. A. P. Ass.*, 1860.) An elaborate account of the plant, of its distribution on the sea-coast of Massachusetts, and of the mode of gathering and curing it, is given by Mr. G. Hubert Bates, of Scituate, Mass. (*U. S. Agricultural Report*, 1866; also *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 417.)

Gigartina mamillosa, Ag. *Phycologia Britannica*, Pl. 199, resembles the true Irish moss, and, growing with it upon the rocks, is often gathered with it. It can, however, be at once distinguished by the numerous papillæ which cover the surface and margins of the fronds and bear the fruit (cystocarps). In chemical and medicinal properties it is probably identical with *C. crispus.*

Irish moss when collected is washed and dried. It is probably sometimes bleached by the use of potassium permanganate and sodium hyposulphite by the same process as that used for bleaching sponge. (See *Spongia Decolorata*, *Part II., National Formulary.*) Herr Schack was led to suspect this through discovering the presence of sulphurous acid in a German specimen. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1886, p. 87.) In the fresh state it is of a purplish color, but, as found in the shops, is yellowish or yellowish white, with occasionally purplish portions. It is officially described as "yellowish or white, horny, translucent; many times forked; when softened in water, cartilaginous; shape of the segments varying from wedge-shaped to linear; at the apex emarginate or two-lobed. It has a slight sea-weed odor, and a mucilaginous, somewhat saline taste. One part of it boiled for ten minutes with 30 parts of water yields a solution which gelatinizes on cooling, and is not colored blue by iodine test-solution." *U. S.* It swells in cold water, but does not dissolve. Boiling water dissolves a large proportion of it, and the solution, if sufficiently concentrated, gelatinizes on cooling. Herberger found 79·1

* *Chlorodyne.* An empirical remedy under this name was first used in London, but is now in some of its imitations very largely employed in various parts of the world. Many formulas are extant. The following has been extensively used in Philadelphia. Morphine hydrochlorate 8 grains, water f ℥ss, hydrochloric acid f ℥ss, chloroform f ℥iss, tincture of cannabis indica f ℥i, hydrocyanic acid, U. S. P., ♏xii, alcohol f ℥ss, oil of peppermint ♏ij, oleoresin of capsicum ♏i. The morphine hydrochlorate and water are heated in a flask with the hydrochloric acid until a clear solution is produced, then the other ingredients are mixed together, and when the first solution is cold the mixture added to it. This is a dangerous remedy, and should be used with great care in three- to ten-drop doses for an adult. (See *Mistura Chloroformi et Opii, Part II., National Formulary.*)

per cent. of pectin, and 9·5 of mucus, with fatty matter, free acids, chlorides, etc., but neither iodine nor bromine. M. Dupasquier discovered in it both of these elements, which had generally escaped attention in consequence of their reaction, as soon as liberated, upon the sodium sulphide resulting from the decomposition of the sodium sulphate of the moss when charred. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iii. 113.) The analysis made by Church in 1877 gave: mucilage, 55·4; water, 18·8; mineral matter, 14·2; albuminoids, 9·4; and cellulose, 2·2 per cent. The pectin Pereira thought peculiar, and proposed to call it *carrageenin*. It is distinguished from gum by affording, when dissolved in water, no precipitate with alcohol; from starch, by not becoming blue with tincture of iodine; from pectin, by yielding no precipitate with lead acetate and no mucic acid by the action of nitric acid. M. Ch. Blondeau gives the name of *goëmine* to a substance obtained by boiling carrageen (*goémon*, Fr.) for several hours in distilled water, and precipitating the mucilaginous liquid by alcohol. The precipitate being redissolved in water yields on evaporation thin, transparent, elastic plates, resembling ichthyocolla, which soften and swell up on contact with cold water. This substance, which is probably complex, is without smell or taste, neutral to test-paper, and dissolves completely in alkaline liquids. Blondeau's analysis gave 21·80 per cent. of carbon, 4·87 of hydrogen, 21·36 of nitrogen, 2·51 of sulphur, and 49.46 of oxygen. Flückiger, who analyzed this mucilage with care, found in it *no* sulphur, and only 0·88 per cent. of nitrogen. The drug itself yielded not more than 1·012 per cent. of nitrogen. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 748.)* Carrageenin is said to have been used as a substitute for acacia under the name of *imitation gum arabic;* the latter occurs in three forms, white, light yellow, and yellow. They all have similar properties, swelling up like tragacanth when mixed with cold water, but not forming a clear solution unless the mixture be boiled, in this latter respect differing from tragacanth or albumen; iodine did not give a blue color, and alcohol did not precipitate the solution, even when 50 per cent. of it was added. It has mild adhesive properties. (E. C. Federer, *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 146.) The mucilage of Irish moss has come into considerable use as an emulsifying agent. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887; *A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 170.) (See *Mucilago Chondri, Part II., National Formulary.*)

Carrageen is nutritive and demulcent, and, being easy of digestion and not unpleasant to the taste, forms a useful article of diet in cases in which the farinaceous preparations, such as tapioca, sago, barley, etc., are usually employed. It has been particularly recommended in *chronic pectoral affections*, *scrofulous complaints*, *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, and *disorders of the kidneys and bladder*. It may be used in the form of decoction, made by boiling a pint and a half of water with half an ounce of the moss down to a pint. Sugar and lemon-juice may usually be added to improve the flavor. Milk may be substituted for water when a more nutritious preparation is required. It is recommended to macerate the moss for about ten minutes in cold water before submitting it to decoction. Any unpleasant flavor that it may have acquired from the contact of foreign substances is thus removed.

CHRYSAROBINUM. U. S., Br. Chrysarobin.

(KHRĬS-Ą-RŌ-BĪ'NŬM.)

"A neutral principle, in its commercial, more or less impure form, extracted from Goa Powder, a substance found deposited in the wood of Andira Araroba, Aguiar (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The medullary matter of the stem and branches of Andira araroba, Aguiar; dried, powdered, and purified; containing more or less chrysophanic acid according to age and condition, and yielding much chrysophanic acid by oxidation." *Br.*

Goa Powder, Araroba, Poh di Bahia; Poudre de Goa, *Fr.;* Goa-Pulver, *G.*

Chrysarobin, or Araroba, has long been used as a medicine in Brazil, and exported in considerable quantities to Portugal, whence it found its way through the Portuguese colonies into Eastern commerce. In the East Indies it is usually known as Goa Powder. Indeed, the identity of the two powders was first proved in 1875 by Dr. J. F. Dasilva Lima. (*P. J. Tr.*, v.) It has been supposed to be yielded by certain lichens, but was shown by Dr. R. A. Monteiro to be obtained from a leguminous tree abundant in the forests of the Brazilian province of Bahia, which was referred by Mr. E. M. Holmes to the genus Cæsalpinia, but which was determined by studies made in its native forests by Dr. J. M. de Aguiar to be an undescribed Andira.

* Most species of sea-weed contain a mucous substance analogous to, if not identical with, that of carrageen, but are not available for use on account of their disagreeable taste. In France the *Gigartina aciculosus* is said to be extensively sold as carrageen. (Dragendorff, *Jahresb.*, 1874, p. 42.)

Andira araroba, Aguiar, is a large tree, attaining a height of 100 feet, with a smooth trunk, and a spheroidal, not very bushy head. The wood is yellowish, with numerous longitudinal canals, besides abundant irregular interspaces or lacunæ, in which the chrysarobin is found. (See *P. J. Tr.*, ix. 755; x. 42, 814.) The oldest trees yield the largest amount of the powder; the parts containing it are finely chipped or scraped off. The workmen who procure it often suffer severely from irritation of the eyes and face.

Properties. "A pale orange-yellow, microcrystalline powder, odorless and tasteless; turning brownish-yellow on exposure to air. Very slightly soluble in cold water or alcohol; soluble, without leaving more than a small residue, in 150 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 33 parts of boiling benzol, and in solutions of the alkalies. When heated to 151° C. (303·8° F.), it fuses, forming a dark, opaque mass; and, when ignited, it is partly sublimed, and finally consumed without leaving a residue. When boiled with about 2000 parts of water (which produces only partial solution), the light reddish-brown filtrate does not affect litmus paper, and is not altered by ferric chloride test-solution. In concentrated sulphuric acid it is soluble with a deep-red color; on pouring this solution into water, the substance is again deposited unchanged. On adding 0·1 Gm. of Chrysarobin to 10 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, in a test-tube, and shaking the latter, the solution, which is at first yellow or yellowish-red, will gradually acquire a deep-red color." *U. S.* As first obtained, chrysarobin is stated to be of a pale primrose yellow, but it rapidly darkens with age, so that in commerce it varies from a dull ochre color to a dark chocolate or maroon-brown. It is sometimes a rather fine powder, but is usually more or less agglomerated, and not rarely contains fragments of woody tissue. Its taste is bitter. It is insoluble in water and most menstrua, but yields as much as 80 per cent. of its weight to solutions of caustic alkalies and to benzol. The British Pharmacopœia requires that it shall be "almost entirely soluble in 150 parts of hot rectified spirit." Attfield analyzed Goa powder, and found, along with 2 per cent. of resin, 5·5 per cent. of woody fibre, and 7 per cent. of bitter extractive, 80 to 84 per cent. of what he considered to be chrysophanic acid; but Liebermann and Siedler showed that this was not chrysophanic acid at all, but a substance easily convertible into the acid, which substance they called *chrysarobin*, and gave to it the formula $C_{30}H_{26}O_7$. (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 80.) When chrysarobin is distilled with zinc dust it yields methylanthracene, $C_{15}H_{12}$. Liebermann has since established clearly the relationship of chrysarobin to chrysophanic acid, as the latter is a dioxymethylanthraquinone, the former is a reduced quinone. Hence its affinity for oxygen, as the reduction products of the quinone class almost always tend to absorb oxygen and again go back to their original condition. Liebermann, in observing the chemical relationship of chrysophanic acid to commercial alizarine and purpurine, was led to study their reduction products (or leuco-compounds), and so discovered a class known as *anthrarobins*, having similar medicinal properties to chrysarobin (see *Anthrarobin*, Part II.).

Medical Uses. When taken internally in sufficient amount, chrysarobin acts as a decided gastro-intestinal irritant, producing large, very watery, brownish stools, and repeated vomiting without much nausea. Dr. J. A. Thompson (*N. R.*, 1877, p. 167) states that it acts efficiently as a cholagogue purgative in doses of 20 to 25 grains (1·3–1·565 Gm.); but it has failed to secure a place as an internal remedy. Chrysarobin has been long used in South America and India as a remedy in *skin diseases*, but the attention of the general profession was first called to it in 1874 by Sir Joseph Fayrer. It is frequently applied in *psoriasis* and very *chronic eczema*, by being rubbed up with water into a dough, which is spread over the diseased spot after it is as far as possible freed from scales by washing. As soon as the dough is dry, it should be covered with a layer of collodion or solution of gutta-percha, and the whole allowed to remain for several days, when it is removed by washing and renewed. In using chrysarobin, care must be observed not to allow it to come in contact with the clothes, as it leaves an indelible stain. It is at present employed largely in the preparation of chrysophanic acid; its action is affirmed to differ from that of chrysophanic acid and to be largely the result of its strong affinity for oxygen, causing it to act as a reducing agent. In *hemorrhoids*, Dr. M. S. Kossobudskji claims to obtain extraordinary results. His method is to first wash off the hemorrhoids with a two-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid or a one-per-cent. solution of creolin, and then, after thoroughly drying them with absorbent cotton, to apply two or three times daily a salve composed of chrysarobin, 12 grains; iodoform, 4½ grains; extract of belladonna, 9 grains; vaseline, 3¾ drachms. In the treatment of internal hemorrhoids he employs suppositories composed of chrysarobin, 1¼ grains; iodoform, $\frac{3}{10}$ of a grain; extract of belladonna, $\frac{1}{7}$ of a grain; cacao butter, 30 grains; with sufficient glycerin to make suppositories.

CIMICIFUGA. U. S. (Br.) Cimicifuga. [Black Snakeroot.]

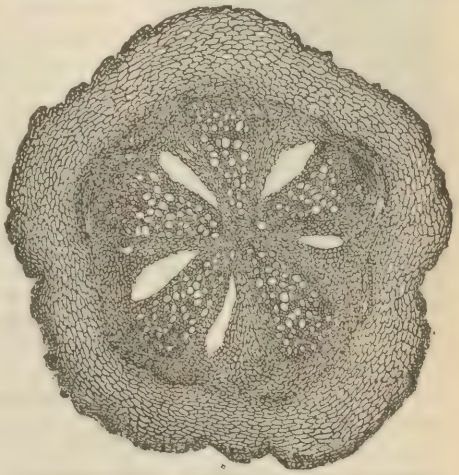
(CĬM-Ĭ-CĬF'Ū-GĂ.)

"The rhizome and roots of Cimicifuga racemosa (Linné), Nuttall (nat. ord. Ranunculaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried rhizome and rootlets of Cimicifuga racemosa, Elliott (Actæa racemosa, Linn.)." *Br.*

Cimicifugæ Rhizoma, *Br.;* Actææ Radix; Black Snakeroot; Black Cohosh; Racine d'Actée à Grappes, *Fr.;* Schwarze Schlangenwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx four- or five-leaved. *Petals* four to eight, deformed, thickish, sometimes wanting. *Capsules* one to five, oblong, many-seeded. *Seeds* squamose. *Nuttall.*

Cimicifuga racemosa. Torrey, *Flor.* 219; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 9, pl. 3.—*C. serpentaria.* Pursh, *Flor. Am. Sept.* p. 372.—*Actæa racemosa.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1139.—*Macrotys racemosa.* Eaton's *Manual,* p. 288; *B. & T.* 8. This is a tall stately plant, having a perennial root, and a simple herbaceous stem, which rises from four to eight feet in height. The leaves are large, and ternately decomposed, having oblong-ovate leaflets, incised and toothed at their edges. The flowers are small, white, and disposed in a long, terminal, wand-like raceme, with occasionally one or two shorter racemes near its base. The calyx is white, four-leaved, and deciduous; the petals are minute, and shorter than the stamens; the pistil consists of an oval germ and sessile stigma. The fruit is an ovate capsule containing numerous flat seeds. The plant grows in shady or rocky woods from Canada to Florida, flowering in June and July.

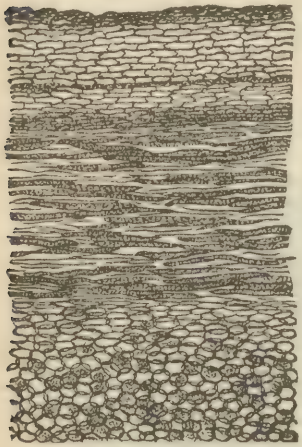


Transverse section of Cimicifuga; rootlet showing five ligneous rays.

Properties. The dried root consists of a thick, irregularly bent or contorted body or caudex, from one-third of an inch to an inch in thickness, often several inches in length, furnished with many slender radicles, and rendered exceedingly rough and jagged in appearance by the remains of the stems of successive years, which to the length of an inch or more are frequently attached to the root.* It is officially described as follows. "The rhizome is of horizontal growth, hard, 5 Cm. or more long, about 25 Mm. thick, with numerous stout, upright or curved branches, terminated by a cup-shaped scar, and with numerous wiry, brittle, obtusely quadrangular roots, about 2 Mm. thick; the whole brownish-black, of a slight but heavy odor, and of a bitter, acrid taste. Rhizome and branches have a smooth fracture, with a rather large pith, surrounded by numerous sublinear, whitish wood-rays, and a thin, firm bark. The roots break with a short fracture, have a thick bark, and contain a ligneous cord expanding into about four rays." *U. S.* The odor, though not strong, is peculiar and rather disagreeable, and is gradually lost by keeping. The root yields its virtues to boiling water. It was found by Mr. Tilghman, of Philadelphia, to contain gum, starch, sugar, resin, wax, fatty matter, tannic and gallic acids, a black coloring matter, a green coloring matter, lignin, and salts of potassa, lime, magnesia, and iron. (*A. J. P.*, vi.) It no doubt also contains, when fresh, a volatile principle, with which its virtues may be in some degree associated; as we are confident that it is more efficacious in the recent state than when long kept. In fact, Mr. George H. Davis, in a more recent analysis, has separated by distillation a small proportion of volatile oil, having decidedly the peculiar odor of the root. Mr. Davis also found, in addition to the principles above mentioned, albumen and extractive among the organic, and silica among the inorganic constituents. The sugar, moreover, noticed by him was of the uncrystallizable variety, and the resin of two kinds, one soluble in alcohol but not in ether, the other soluble in both these menstrua. (*A. J. P.*, xxxiii.). A crystallizable principle has been obtained from the root by Mr. T. Elwood Conard. After failing to obtain any volatile principle from the fresh root by distillation, he prepared a strong tincture of the root, treated this with the solution of lead subacetate, which precipitated resin, tannin, and coloring matters, then filtered, and precipitated the lead by hydrogen sulphide in excess, and allowed the tincture to evaporate spon-

* For a detailed description of the microscopic character of the root, see *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 460.

taneously; and, finally, having treated the residuary powder with benzin, afterwards washed it with water, dissolved it to saturation in strong alcohol, and treated the solution with alumina. The mixture was allowed to evaporate to a dry mass, which was nearly exhausted with alcohol. The solution, being allowed to evaporate, left behind a crystalline mass, somewhat resembling alum. This substance has little taste, on account of its extreme insolubility in the saliva, but in alcoholic solutions has very strongly the acrid taste characteristic of the fresh root. The crystals are very soluble in cold, and more so in hot, alcohol, soluble also in chloroform, and slightly so in ether. They are fusible and inflammable. They are neutral, possessing neither acid nor alkaline properties. Their effects on the system were not examined. (*A. J. P.*, 1871.) L. F. Beach (*A. J. P.*, 1876) obtained from commercial resin of cimicifuga (the so-called cimicifugin or macrotin) a crystalline principle by Conard's process. M. S. Falck (*A. J. P.*, 1884) found in the juice of the fresh plant a crystalline principle resembling the principle announced by Conard. On the other hand, neither F. H. Trimble (*A. J. P.*, 1878) nor Profs. Warder and Coblentz were able to obtain a crystalline principle, while C. S. Gallaher obtained crystals of cane sugar from the fluid extract. (*A. J. P.*, 1887.) In view of these facts, it would appear that the active principle is a resinous amorphous body. (See *Drugs and Medicines of North America*, vol. i.)



Longitudinal section, highly magnified.

Medical Properties and Uses. In 1831 cimicifuga was introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Young. In overdoses it is said to cause general relaxation, vertigo, tremors, decided reduction of the pulse; occasionally it vomits, but its emetic action is never violent, and is probably simply the result of a mild gastric irritation. It certainly in large doses produces giddiness, with intense headache and prostration. It has been found by Dr. R. Hutchinson to cause in frogs complete anæsthesia by a direct action upon the sensory side of the spinal cord. The same observer noted that toxic doses produce in mammals slowing of the pulse and fall of the arterial pressure, results which appear to be due in part to a direct depressant action upon the heart-muscle or its ganglia, in part to a paralysis of the vasomotor centre. It has been used in the past in *rheumatism*, *dropsy*, *hysteria*, *phthisis*, and various other affections, but at present is employed almost exclusively in the treatment of the *St. Vitus's dance* of childhood, in which it is an efficient remedy. The dose of the powder is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). The *decoction* (℥i to Oj) was formerly much used in the dose of two fluidounces (60 C.c.), but is now entirely out of vogue. The dose of the *tincture* is one or two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.). The *fluid extract* is, however, the best preparation; dose, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.) three or four times a day in water. The *extract* is efficient, and has the advantage that it can be administered so as to be practically free from taste in pilular form. The practitioners calling themselves eclectics use, under the name of *cimicifugin*, or *macrotin*, an impure resin obtained by precipitating a saturated tincture of the root with water; dose, a grain or two (0·065–0·13 Gm.). (See *N. J. Med. Rep.*, viii. 247.)

CINCHONA. U. S. (Br.) Cinchona.

(SĬN-KHŌ'NA.)

"The bark of Cinchona Calisaya, Weddell, Cinchona officinalis, Linné, and of hybrids of these and of other species of Cinchona (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ), containing not less than 5 per cent. of total alkaloids, and at least 2·5 per cent. of quinine [$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2 + H_2O = 341·3$]." *U. S.* "The dried bark of Cinchona Calisaya, Weddell; Cinchona officinalis, Linn.; Cinchona succirubra, Pavon; Cinchona lancifolia, Mutis; and other species of Cinchona from which the peculiar alkaloids of the bark may be obtained." *Br.*

Cinchonæ Cortex, *Br.;* Peruvian Bark; Cinchona Bark; Quinquina, *Fr.;* China, Peruvianische Rinde, *G.;* China, *It.;* Quina, *Sp.*

Varieties.

Cinchonæ Flavæ Cortex; Yellow Cinchona Bark. Cinchona Flava, U. S. 1880. *Yellow Cinchona.* [*Calisaya Bark.*] "The bark of the trunk of Cinchona Calisaya, Weddell (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ, Cinchoneæ), containing at least 2 per cent. of quinine." *U. S.* 1880. *Cinchonæ Rubræ Cortex, Br.; Red Cinchona Bark. Cinchona Rubra. Red Cinchona.* [*Red Bark.*]

"The bark of Cinchona succirubra, Pavon (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ), containing not less than 5 per cent. of its peculiar alkaloids." *U. S.* "The dried bark of the stem and branches of cultivated plants of Cinchona succirubra, Pavon." *Br.*

Botanical History.

Though the Peruvian bark was introduced into Europe so early as 1640, it was not till the year 1737 that the plant producing it was known to naturalists. In that year La Condamine, on a journey from Quito to Lima, through the province of Loxa, had an opportunity of examining the tree, of which, upon his return, he published a very complete description, with plate, under the name *Quinquina*, stating that three species were recognized. (*Mém. Ac.*, Paris, 1738, p. 226.) Four years later, Linné, without justification, proposed a new name, *Cinchona*, in honor of the Countess of Chinchon, who first made the bark known in Europe. Although the original name has been adopted by several authors, the synonyme Cinchona appears in most writings, and the species are at present arranged under that name. Under the rules of nomenclature adopted at the Genoa Congress in August, 1892, the necessity of restoring the name Quinquina is avoided, and we retain the later name Cinchona. Linné recognized but one species, which he called *C. officinalis*, and this continued, till a comparatively recent period, to be recognized by the Pharmacopœias as the only source of the Peruvian bark of commerce. But a vast number of plants belonging to the Linnæan genus Cinchona were in the course of time discovered; and the list became at length so unwieldy and heterogeneous that botanists were compelled to distribute the species into several groups, each constituting a distinct genus, and all associated in the natural family of Cinchonaceæ. Seventy-three of those which may be denominated *False Cinchonas* have been enumerated by Weddell. The botanical characters distinguishing the true Cinchonas from the related groups, according to the classification of Bentham and Hooker, are exhibited in the following table:

Cinchoneæ. Corolla-lobes valvate, imbricate, or contorted. Ovary 2-celled, ovules very many in each cell. Fruit capsular. Seeds numerous, minute, vertical or ascending, peltate, imbricate, winged, albuminous; radicle almost always superior. Trees or shrubs, the stipules (except in Hillieæ) entire.

Subtribe I. Eucinchoneæ.—Corolla valvate.

Subtribe II. Hillieæ.—Corolla imbricated or contorted.

I. Eucinchoneæ.

* Placentæ adnate to the middle of the septum.

** Placentæ ascending or erect from the base of the septum.

*** Placentæ pendulous from the apex of the cells.

† Capsule septicidal, the valves occasionally bifid.

†† Capsule almost always loculicidal.

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1. *Cinchona.* Panicles terminal. Corolla-lobes pubescent on the margins. Capsules dehiscent from the base upward.

2. *Cascarilla.* Panicles terminal. Corolla-lobes papillose on the margins. Capsules dehiscent from the top downward.

3. *Remijia.* Panicles or racemes axillary, interrupted.

1. *Cinchona*, L.

Calyx-tube turbinate, pubescent; limb 5-dentate, persistent. Corolla hypocrateriform, pubescent, the tube terete or nearly so, the limb 5-lobed, spreading, smooth within, the margin pilose, valvate. Stamens 5, inserted into the tube of the corolla, the filaments short or elongated; anthers included, or the apex exsert, dorsifixed, linear. Disk pulvinate. Ovary 2-celled; style slender, the branches short, obtuse, within papillose, inserted or sub-exsert. Evergreen trees or shrubs, the branchlets terete or 4-angled. Leaves opposite, petiolate. Stipules interpetiolar, the base glandular within, deciduous. Flowers white, purple, or flesh-colored, fragrant.

For our knowledge of these plants as they existed naturally, we are chiefly indebted to the following botanists, besides La Condamine, of whom we have before spoken: Joseph de Jussieu, who in the year 1739 explored the country about Loxa, and gathered specimens still existing in the cabinets of Europe; Mutis, who in 1772 discovered Cinchona trees in Colombia, and afterwards, aided by his pupil, Zea, made further investigations and discoveries in the same region; Ruiz and Pavon, who in 1777 began a course of botanical inquiries in the central portions of Lower Peru, and discovered several new species; Humboldt and Bonpland, who visited several of the Peruvian bark districts, and published the results of their observations after 1792; Pöppig, who travelled in Peru so late as 1832, and published an account of his journey about the year 1835; Weddell, whose researches in Bolivia are so well known and have been so productive of valuable information in relation to the Calisaya bark and allied species; whilst Karsten, Caldas, Martius, Ledger, Markham, and other intrepid explorers have in later times largely added to our information. The conclusions concerning the relations of

the many forms, based upon the observations and collections of the above-named travellers, have undergone important modifications in view of the behavior of the plants under cultivation. The specific classification of the Cinchonas has always presented great difficulties, owing to the different relative values ascribed by different authors to the several structural characters. Under cultivation it has been seen that these characters are extremely variable, owing partly to the natural tendency of the species to develop strongly-marked varieties, and partly to the great freedom with which they hybridize. While these tendencies have been stronger in the cultivated plants, they have evidently not been wanting in a state of nature. Thus we have come to place an entirely new estimate upon the supposed specific characters, and modern authors have been led to deny specific rank to many of the formerly accepted species. The extreme view is that of Dr. Otto Kuntze, who recognizes but four full species. This view is probably shared by no one, but Dr. Kuntze's general conclusions concerning the great extent of hybridization, and its influence in the production of new forms, are undoubtedly sound.* The writer's studies in the Bolivian plantations led him independently to the same conclusions. Any specific classification, however carefully worked out, must be considered to some extent as matter of opinion merely.

Probably the most satisfactory classification is that of Weddell, revised in 1870. (*Ann. d. Sci. Nat.* 5th series, vols. xi. and xii.) Messrs. Bentham and Hooker, in the *Genera Plantarum*, admit the existence of about 36 species, but this number appears entirely too large. The most of the species no longer possess more than a botanical and historical interest, as, under the changed conditions brought about by cultivation, their products are no longer collected for the market. The species which have been brought under cultivation for commercial purposes are alone named in the following list. Even this short list has been still further reduced as experience has determined the few species and forms which can be most profitably cultivated. Hence only the three species Nos. I., II., and V. of the list, which with their hybrids furnish almost all our bark at the present day, are here described:

I. C. officinalis.
  var. Condaminea, } yielding crown bark.
  " Bonplandia, }
  " crispa, }
II. C. succirubra, Pavon, yielding red bark.
III. C. pitayensis, }
  C. lancifolia, } yielding Colombian bark.
  C. cordifolia, }
IV. C. nitida, }
  C. micrantha, } yielding gray bark.
  C. peruviana, }
V. C. calisaya.
  var. Ledgeriana, } yielding yellow bark.

C. calisaya, Weddell (*Hist. Nat. des Quinquinas*, p. 30, t. 3). Tree tall, usually surpassing those about it, the trunk often more than 2 feet in diameter. Leaves petiolate, the blade ovate-oblong to slightly obovate, 3 to 7 inches long by 1 to 3 inches broad, obtuse, the base acute or slightly attenuated, very thin, smooth, and, especially below, with a satiny lustre, above dark green, below emerald-green or deep purple-green, scrobiculate, the glands scarcely visible above. Stipules oblong, about equalling the petioles, very smooth, very obtuse. Panicles ovate to subcorymbose. Calyx pubescent, with a cup-shaped limb and short triangular teeth. Corolla rose-colored (in cultivation often white or nearly so), the tube cylindrical and about 4 lines long, the laciniæ more deeply colored, the edges white-hairy. Stamens included. Capsule ovate, scarcely as long as the flowers. Seeds elliptical lanceolate, the margin irregularly fimbriate-toothed. Bolivia and Southern Peru, 4000 to 6000 feet. Source of the Calisaya or Yellow Bark. The species presents many forms, and two varieties are recognized.

Var. ledgeriana, Howard, differs from the type chiefly in its thicker, narrower, oblong leaves, with attenuate base, often bluish-green below. It yields a thick and remarkably rich bark, and is probably the most valued of all the cinchonas. Specific rank has been strongly claimed for it.

Var. microcarpa, Weddell, is very similar to the last, with a firm leaf and short pod. It also yields a rich bark. It is not at all improbable that the accepted name "ledgeriana" of Howard is a mere synonyme for the older name *microcarpa* of Weddell.

The *var. josephiana*, so called, has in reality nothing to do with this species, nor with any other. It is distinct, and yields a thin and worthless bark. In Bolivia it is known as "*Pajinal*," and its presence in the plantation constitutes a serious difficulty. In appearance the plant is considerably like the ledgeriana, with which it hybridizes freely, and the two, with their hybrids, have been apparently much confused in all plantations except those of Bolivia. Ledgeriana has a tall and slender habit, with a small crown, while Josephiana is shorter and broader, less symmetrical, and generally coarser. The branchlets of the former are blackish, those of the latter bright red.

C. succirubra, Pavon, Mss. (Howard in *Pharm. Journ.*, Oct. 1856, p. 209, with a figure). Extreme size even greater than that of the last. Branches silvery. Petiole pubescent, leaf ovate to oval, acute with a very short point, the

* The principal sources of information bearing on this phase of the subject are the several reports of the plantations in Java, India, and Jamaica, Howard's *Quinology of the East Indian Plantations*, Markham's *Peruvian Bark*, Kuntze's *Arten, Hybriden und Cultur der Chininbäume*, Hooper in the *Pharmacographia Indica*, several contributions by Trimen to the *Tropical Agriculturist*, and Prof. Rusby in the *Pharmaceutical Record*, Oct. 1887.

base more or less narrowing, often 6 by 9 inches, dark green and smooth above, below paler and pubescent to a variable degree, especially on the veins, not scrobiculate, the margin slightly revolute. Stipules entire, oblong, obtuse, sub-amplexicaul. Flowers much as in the last, but rather smaller. Fruit lanceolate. Western slopes of Mt. Chimborazo. The source of the Red Bark.

C. officinalis, Linné (*Sp. Pl.*, ed. i., p. 172). Petioles smooth, cylindrical, and, like the veins, reddish; blade 4 to 5 inches long, varying from broadly oval to lanceolate, acute at both ends, the margins usually recurved, smooth and deep green above, paler, but bright green below, scrobiculate, the principal veins pubescent. Stipules equalling the petioles, ovate, acute, entire, pubescent. Flowers and fruit much as in *C. calisaya*. Widely distributed in the equatorial Andes, at an elevation of from 5000 to 7500 feet. The source of the barks known as Pale, Crown, Loxa, Cuenca, and Huanuco. This is the original species, upon which the genus Quinquina or Cinchona was founded. All things considered, it is, perhaps, to be regarded as the principal species of the genus. Its variability is extreme, and it is doubtful if any two authors can be found who agree perfectly as to its limits. The forms of no other species have suffered such vicissitudes of nomenclature as have those of *C. officinalis*. Those which to one author appear easily included within it, in the hands of another serve as types of quite a group of species and varieties. The classification of our present supplies of bark is, however, not materially affected by these considerations.

The specific variations produced by hybridization in the above characters may not be here considered, though it may be stated that they are entirely characteristic. The parentage of a hybrid is ordinarily fully and strongly indicated in its appearance. As a rule, also, the alkaloidal yield takes a mean between that of the parents, but sometimes this is conspicuously not the case.

Geographical Distribution.

The genuine Cinchona trees are natives exclusively of South America. In that continent, however, they are widely diffused, extending from the 19th degree of south latitude, considerably south of La Paz, in Bolivia, to the mountains of Santa Marta, or, according to Weddell, to the vicinity of Caracas, on the northern coast, in about the 10th degree of north latitude. They follow, in this distance, the circuitous course of the great mountain ranges, and for the most part occupy the eastern slope of the second range of the Cordilleras. Except northward from Guayaquil, or a very little to the southward of that latitude, the growth of the cinchona, other than upon the eastern slopes of the Andes, is impossible even under cultivation. Elsewhere both the western slope and the plateau are entirely too dry or too cold for these plants, which require a moderate and equable temperature and an abundant and fairly constant supply of water. Irrigation cannot supply the place of a humid climate, for the atmosphere as well as the soil must be well charged with moisture. A certain amount of dry weather is, however, required for the ripening of the capsules. Free drainage is an important condition. Mr. Cross and others, who have personally inspected the region in the Andes where the best barks are obtained, have found the Cinchona trees only on the well-drained slopes, and never on wet ground. With regard to temperature, Mr. Cross found that in the region of the *C. officinalis* the variation was from 34° to 70° F., a fall below 40° or a rise above 65° being rare, and the mean range being from 45° to 60°. Messrs. Humboldt and Caldas place the figures several degrees higher.

For the Red Bark region, Dr. Spruce gives the following table:

Mean minimum	61½° F.
Mean maximum	72½°
Highest observed	80½°
Lowest observed	57°
Mean daily variation	10½°

For the Calisaya region, Mr. Markham gives the following table:

Mean temperature	69⅝° F.
Highest observed	75°
Lowest observed	56°
Mean daily variation	10¼°

An environment suitable for the Cinchona is adapted to such plants as the most elevated of the palms and bamboos, the tree-ferns, arborescent Melastomaceæ, fuchsias, begonias, epiphytic orchids, and the Erythroxylon coca. The limits of altitude and climatic conditions are closely drawn. In the most southern districts, the trees descend to about 2500 feet, while in the warmest regions they scarcely ascend to the 10,000-foot level. The individual species are for the most part rigidly restricted as to altitude and latitude, and, indeed, it has not always been found easy to detect the climatic conditions which would cause one species or variety to thrive while another very near it would languish. This is especially true of the more valuable species. The actual distribution of the more important species is best displayed by the map on the following page, taken from Markham's work entitled "Peruvian Bark."

It is to be noted that at present the stocks of wild barks have been enormously reduced, as detailed under Commercial History. Indeed, in certain sections, as the Calisaya district, the tree has been practically exterminated in the wild state, so far as relates to a bark-supply.*

* The writer, while travelling in Bolivia, in 1886, used to listen to the evening conversation of his Indians, who would describe with deepest earnestness some locality, perhaps many leagues distant, where a small tree might be

From the far interior, however, an occasional bale of wild Calisaya is still received. The Crown Bark region of Ecuador is still fairly productive, and in Colombia and Venezuela there are vast supplies of more or less inferior barks which await some favorable change in the market—never very likely to take place—which will render their collection profitable. Even at present a limited and irregular supply of one of these barks is furnished. With the exceptions here noticed, our present supplies of bark are entirely the product of cultivation, to which, therefore, we must give our chief attention.

THE CINCHONA REGIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA.



Cultivation and Production.

The alarming prospect of the failure of the supply of Cinchona bark (see Commercial History) induced Europeans, about the middle of the present century, to turn their attention to the possibility of introducing the trees to cultivation. So early as 1737, La Condamine had collected a large number of young plants, with a view of conveying them to Europe; but, after having descended the Amazon in safety for more than a thousand leagues, they were washed overboard, near the mouth of that river, from the boat containing them, and were all lost. After this failure, though the idea of transplanting the Cinchonas was occasionally suggested, nothing was done until 1846–7, when Dr. Weddell, now celebrated for his successful exploration of the region of the Calisaya bark, sent some seeds to France, which were planted with success in the Jardin des Plantes, and thus supplied some of the conservatories of Europe with specimens of the plant. But the first successful effort with a view to great practical results was made in 1853, by the Dutch government, by whom Mr. Hasskarl, formerly superintendent of the Botanical Garden in Java, was sent to South America on this important mission. A number of young Cinchona plants were sent by him directly across the Pacific to Batavia, which they reached before the close of 1854. From these, and from seeds obtained from other sources, which were planted in the mountains of Java, in sites selected for their supposed conformity in climate with the native locality of the Cinchona, have sprung the most important plantations now in existence.

Stimulated by the suggestions of Dr. Royle, and by the partial success of the Dutch, the English government engaged, in 1859, the services of Mr. Clements R. Markham, who proceeded to Bolivia, in South America, and, after almost incredible hardships, arising partly from the nature of the country and partly from the jealousy of the native authorities, succeeded in collecting and transmitting to England upwards of 400 Calisaya plants. Most of these, however, were so much injured on their way from England to India, by the excessive heat of the Red Sea, that very few, on their arrival in Hindostan, had sufficient life remaining to grow when planted. Happily, the deficiency was supplied by seeds of *C. calisaya* sent from Java, where they were produced, to Calcutta, at the request of the English Governor-General. (De Vrij, *P. J. Tr.*, 1863, p. 440.) Whilst Mr. Markham was in Bolivia, other agents were collecting other species in Peru and Ecuador, whence seeds of the pale and red bark Cinchonas reached India, and, being planted in the selected sites, proved to be very productive.

Careful attention to the conditions of growth enumerated under Geographical Distribution was found essential in the selection of sites for the plantations. Those selected were near the

found standing; and all his efforts, supplemented by the promise of liberal rewards, were not sufficient to secure good-sized specimens of wild bark.

Sanitary Station of Ootacamund in the Neilgherry Hills of Southern India, at heights varying from 5000 to 7450 feet. These positions unite the peculiar characters of the native region of the Cinchonas in the Andes, not only as regards elevation and latitude, but also as to atmospheric moisture. Other sites were selected for experimental plantations; and since the first introduction of the Cinchona trees, their culture has been extended to various points from Hakgalla, in the island of Ceylon, to the Himalaya Mountains,—as in the Wynaad, the Coorg, the hills of Travancore, and especially at Peermede in the Presidency of Madras; in Sikkim and Darjeeling in the Presidency of Bengal; at Lingmulla in the Presidency of Bombay; and in the valley of Kangra in the Punjab,—from the southern to the northern extremity of British India. Outside of India and Ceylon, culture by the British has been undertaken in the West Indies, particularly Jamaica, in Guiana, and in the Fiji Islands. The first plants taken by Weddell from Peru to Paris all perished, but the French afterward established plantations in the Isle of Bourbon, at Guadeloupe, and in Algiers, none of which are now known to exist. The Portuguese have established plantations upon the west coast of Africa. Very extensive plantations have been formed, chiefly by the Germans, in Bolivia. A rather large plantation in Colombia is now nearly old enough to be productive. In Mexico and Central America various attempts to introduce the industry have been made. The question of introducing it into the United States has frequently been raised, both officially and otherwise. But it may be stated that there is no spot in North America where the conditions warrant the slightest hope of success in this direction.

The history of Cinchona cultivation affords a striking illustration of the importance of government aid in the establishment of a new industry of this kind. The early and repeated disappointments and failures, owing to the natural obstacles in the way of securing stocks, and to an almost total ignorance of the conditions determining the successful propagation and growth of the plant, and the composition of its bark, were such as to have discouraged the most hopeful of private enterprises. Repeated and expensive expeditions were necessary before the first transplantings were accomplished, and these stocks were preserved and propagated only through the instrumentality of well-appointed public gardens and plantations. In Java, after these early difficulties had been surmounted and success apparently attained, it was found that owing to cross-fertilization much of the progeny was entirely worthless, and the work of propagation had to be begun anew. The same difficulty was encountered elsewhere, and the slow and expensive method of propagation by cuttings was largely resorted to. In Ceylon the public were slow to become interested, and the officials were obliged not only to give away the young plants, but to solicit experiments with them as a personal favor. In Jamaica a hurricane visited the young and flourishing plantations and almost completely destroyed them. But at length, in spite of all, not only were thriving and permanent government plantations established, but private capital and enterprise upon a vast scale were enlisted.

Sharp competition has largely determined the relative degrees of success attained in the cultivation of Cinchona in the different localities. The consumption of the bark is not to be compared with that of breadstuffs or clothing or building material, being, after all, quite limited, and capable of being readily met by almost any one of the contributing countries. Hence that country that can produce and market the bark at the lowest price, all things considered, may totally destroy the industry in other localities, even though these may be by nature admirably adapted to its production, as witness the partial case of Bolivia. Of prime importance in affecting this result is the cost of labor, so much lower in the East than in any portion of America. Its influence acts in more ways than at first appear. Not only does it give an advantage in the cultivation and marketing of the product by original methods, but it permits the introduction of new methods which greatly increase both the amount and richness of the bark. When it is remembered that it costs no more to market, and but a trifle more to extract, a rich bark than a poor one, so that the market value of the bark increases more rapidly than its percentage yield, it will be seen how immense is the advantage to a producing district of being able to utilize cheap labor in improving the quality of the product. In proximity to market India and Java again possess an advantage over the South American countries, whence the bark must be transported—largely by human porters—across the Andes, over the worst of roads, and these impassable during a large portion of the year.* The ability to extract the bark upon the spot is capable of largely counterbalancing a lack of market facilities; but

* Large planters in Bolivia informed the writer that the cost of collecting, drying, and marketing their bark was not far from one English shilling per pound, exclusive of all cost of production. That some way must have been since found for greatly reducing this expense is evident, for much of the bark has sold at prices below this figure.

it so happens that this advantage also inures to the benefit of the Eastern countries. Originally undertaken in India for the purpose of affording a cheap antiperiodic (the crude alkaloids known as "*febrifuge*" or "*quinetum*"), home extraction has become a most important industry, and has assumed various forms. There is at the present time much discussion as to the practicability of extracting the Java bark at the point of production. Through the influence of the above conditions the location of the important industry of Cinchona cultivation has been gradually wrought out. Of the districts of cultivation named above, we may exclude from consideration as appreciably affecting the market all except Java, Ceylon, India, and Bolivia. Of these important centres of production the relative standing has during late years undergone great changes.

Year (January 1 to January 1)	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Exports from Ceylon (lbs.)	1,151,102	1,329,453	4,402,901	7,296,671	11,444,190	14,274,142	14,563,402
Year (July 1 to July 1)	.....	.....	.....	1882–83.	1883–84.	1884–85.	1885–86.
Exports from British India (lbs.)	.....	.....	.....	420,000	1,108,000	1,196,000	1,531,000
Exports from Java, about 8 per cent. from gov't plantations (Amst. lbs. = about $1\frac{1}{16}$ Eng. lbs.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Year (January 1 to January 1)	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	
Exports from Ceylon (lbs.)	12,986,347	13,251,200	9,433,715	8,655,990	5,679,339	7,130,000	
Year (July 1 to July 1)	1886–87.	1887–88.	1888–89.	1889–90.	1890–91.	1891–92.	1892–93.
Exports from British India (lbs.)	1,250,000	1,450,000	3,074,000	2,936,000	3,256,979	3,633,728	
Exports from Java, about 8 per cent. from gov't plantations (Amst. lbs. = about $1\frac{1}{16}$ Eng. lbs.)	2,230,000	3,493,000	4,415,000	5,121,268	6,876,816	7,786,867	7,955,090

Without attempting an analysis of the data on which this table is based, we would refer to the following important conclusions by which the student is impressed. (1) South America, from being the original and only source of supply, has come to yield in 1890 only about five per cent. of the world's supply. (2) Of this small amount, but an insignificant portion is from the wild trees, a consideration which has a most important bearing upon the character and quality of recent supplies. (3) The steady and rapid increase in Java production in the face of depression and positive decline elsewhere. (4) The great increase in the ratio of private to government production.

The first shipment from Java was of 900 pounds, in 1869. It is to be remembered that a great part of the Indian product is not exported. The total acreage now devoted to cinchona culture is estimated at 63,491, and the number of trees at 73,540,000.

Character of Stocks. It is most important that we should have some knowledge of the varieties of Cinchona composing the stocks in the several producing districts. Unfortunately, it is difficult to obtain from all the countries statistics in such form as will allow of their being presented in a table. *Ceylon.*—All that Mr. Ferguson, in his *Ceylon Hand-Book and Directory* (1890–91), is able to say of the 19,500,000 trees existing there is that "a good deal of attention has been given to the hybrids Robusta magnifolia allied to Crown, and pubescens [*not the species pubescens*] allied to Red bark trees; and the Crown *officinalis* barks in the higher districts 5000 feet upwards; to Ledgerianas grown from seed originally received from Mr. MacIvor off Ledger's trees and from Java and Sikkim in the lower districts, and to Calisayas (Morada and Verde) grown from seed direct from South America; but still we suppose that in number planted out 'Succirubra is king;' it grows at nearly all elevations from 1500 feet upwards." *India.*—In 1889 the trees upon 1779 acres of government plantation in Madras were as follows: officinalis, 981,918; hybrids, 655,856; succirubras, 70,693; calisayas, 273; other kinds, 915. Upon 3000 acres of government plantation in Bengal, with six million trees, Calisayas and hybrids represent by far the greater part, replacing as rapidly as possible the succirubras, owing to a successful method of extracting quinine sulphate instead of the febrifuge as heretofore. Private plantations are estimated to contain 9799 acres, and here the tendency is even stronger towards the rich calisayas, ledgerianas, and hybrids. *Java.*—The report of the government plantations for the second quarter of 1891 gives ledgerianas, 2,659,000; succirubras, 1,076,000; officinalis, 52,900; calisayas, 2200; lancifolias, 1500. Of the three last named, none were apparently being propagated. Regarding the small number of calisayas, it

is to be remembered that ledgeriana is practically of this species, and its richest form. *South America.*—The comparatively small supplies of uncultivated bark proceed almost wholly from *C. officinalis* and its varieties and one other species not definitely known. The cultivated is wholly from *C. calisaya*, professedly of pure blood, any hybridization being purely accidental, sought to be avoided by the planters, and occurring with worthless varieties. Before considering the quality of these barks it is desirable to refer briefly to the methods of cultivation, to which such quality is largely owing.

Methods of Cultivation.

The history of Cinchona cultivation teems with evidence as to the difficulty of obtaining pure seeds, owing to the tendency of the plants towards cross-pollination. In every locality where the industry has been established has the disgust of the gardener been excited by the discovery that the plants which he had reared with great care, and upon which he had based great expectations, were contaminated by the admixture of foreign pollen. This was especially true in case of the earlier attempts, before this tendency had become known. Experience at length established the fact that absolute isolation of the seed-trees was essential. One of the curious developments of these experiments was the fact, already referred to, that the value of the progeny was not always assured by the value of its parentage. Some of the hybrids, even when least expected, would develop a surprisingly rich yield; and this tendency has been utilized to develop the most valuable stocks in existence. So certain is it that some of the plants from the best of seed will prove worthless, that the careful selection of the seedlings while young is deemed necessary, and in South America, at least, all planting contracts are based upon this expectation, the contractor not being paid for his work until the plants have become old enough to show with certainty the proportion of good plants contained. Both in the selection of the young seedlings and the acceptance of the plantation, the test of identity is found in the leaf. Propagation by cuttings, extensively practised in some localities, has been found too slow and expensive to become general. A thorough preparation of the soil is as beneficial in the case of Cinchona as in that of other crops. Thorough tillage after transplantation is also essential, a free growth of weeds meaning destruction to a large part of the young trees. The cultivation of a secondary crop between the rows of trees is, however, practicable. A large percentage of profit depends upon the selection of a suitable age for collecting the bark. There comes a time when the use of the ground for starting a new crop is more valuable than the gain by permitting the present crop to remain, and after some years an actual deterioration of the bark sets in. This age is not the same for all the trees in the plantation. Several years' difference may occur in the maturing of trees germinated at the same time. In the case of calisaya it occurs at from 6 to 9 years from seed, and its indication is the "chicken-leg" scaliness of the bark, as described under Classification. The officinalis matures somewhat less early. In the Bolivian plantations the most experienced hand is selected as the marker, and the cutters follow him, peeling the trees which he has indicated. How far these careful methods of selection are followed elsewhere, the writer is not informed.

Four principal methods of collecting the bark are in vogue, these being variously modified in different sections. The first is *uprooting*, the most primitive, by which the trees are simply uprooted at the proper age, and the ground replanted. The barks of root, stem, and branches are preserved and marketed separately. The second method is *coppicing*, by which, after peeling a quill from the lower portion of the trunk, the latter is cut a few inches from the ground and the remainder of the stem bark and the branch bark are removed. The "coppice" is formed by a second growth of two shoots from each of the stumps. A second coppice is commonly grown, and this is harvested by uprooting. By the third method, *scraping*, the outer bark is scraped off, leaving the liber untouched. This has been found especially applicable to young trees, in which the second growth of bark is rapidly formed and contains 20 to 30 per cent. more alkaloid than that which has been taken off. It seems to be a general opinion among the planters that shaving checks the growth of the tree after it is 5 years old, so that from 3 to 5 years is the age at which it is best practised. The fourth method is known as *mossing*. It having been noticed that the Cinchona alkaloids, especially in any other form than that of sulphate, were apt, on exposure to the direct light of the sun, to become reddened by the generation of coloring matter, at the expense of the alkaloid, it was a very natural inference that a similar change might take place in the living plant, as a consequence of which the proportion of alkaloids they were capable of producing might be greatly diminished. It was also observed that the bark upon that side of the tree where the sun struck it was less rich

than that upon the shady side. To obviate this presumed effect, Mr. MacIvor was induced to make the experiment of covering the stems of the growing trees with a layer of moss, so as completely to protect the bark against the influence of sunlight. The result was favorable beyond all expectation; and the yield of the bark thus protected in alkaloids is said to be doubled, tripled, or increased even in larger proportion. A tree can thus be made continuously productive; for if a slip is removed longitudinally from the trunk, from top to bottom, by covering the decorticated portion with moss, the bark is renewed at least as rich as previously in the alkaloids, while from time to time other strips may be taken, till the whole of the old bark is removed, and the new ready for removal by a repetition of the same process; and the tree is thus preserved indefinitely, probably for the whole normal length of its life. Hooper says that renewed bark is always of greater value than the mossed, and mossed than the natural, so long as the trees are under 20 years old, for it has been found that after that time the bark ceases to thicken, and the alkaloids remain stationary or even decrease. Perhaps 20 years is even too old. The practical difficulty with the process is that it requires skilled workmen, not always attainable, and hence the "coppicing system" still largely prevails in India. The supplies of suitable moss accessible to the Indian plantations having become exhausted, recourse was had to grass, old rags, paper, straw, hay, etc., all of which have been found to serve the same useful purpose. Regarding the relative amounts of the different forms of bark, we note that Ceylon returns show the following general percentages ranging over a period of four years: renewed, 30 per cent.; natural stem, 25 per cent.; root, 5 per cent.; branch, 40 per cent. Not much is to be learned from these figures, as they must, in the nature of the case, differ very widely according to the method of collection employed. As to composition, it was found that the branch bark (probably due partly to the quantity of wood which inevitably comes away with it) was but one-third as rich in quinine as the natural stem bark, while the renewed bark was twice as rich as the natural stem bark. The root bark was about equal to the natural stem bark. It is difficult to understand the last statement, in view of the well-known fact that an assay of the bark of stem and root of any one tree shows the latter to be much richer. The low result may have been due to the presence of wood, earth, or other foreign matter.

The methods of packing the bark have also undergone important modifications since the early days of cultivation. The extensive adulteration practised when the wild bark brought very high prices led to a demand for it in large pieces which could be readily and quickly examined; hence the appearance of the large *tabla* and *quill* forms, the latter afterwards becoming the standard for the cultivated bark. The bark of the trunk, and sometimes of the branches when very large, is cut into two-foot lengths, and each length removed in a single piece, which in drying rolls up to form a quill. Such peeling can of course be successfully practised only at the appropriate season of the year. The bark of the roots, branches, and dead or dry trunks must be removed by chipping, scraping, or shaving, commonly the latter. The quills, after thorough drying, are carefully packed in bales, or preferably in boxes, to avoid breakage, and are marketed in packages of from 100 to 250 pounds. Large quantities of cultivated bark are still marketed in this way, but, increasing competition having lowered prices so that economy in freight has become a very important item, most of the bark is now broken up, and its bulk even reduced by high pressure.

The effect of cultivation upon the world's supply of Cinchona products has been revolutionary as regards quantity, quality, and price. Immense as was the area which yielded the original wild bark, it could never begin to furnish such extensive and regular supplies as are obtained at the present day. Various influences have combined to produce the improvement in quality. The first is the complete suppression of the very extensive adulterations and substitutions, some of them most difficult to detect, as well as very nearly that of the shipment of the lowest-grade barks. It does not pay to assume the risk of such undertakings, now that the expense is little, if any, less than that of supplying a good article. Again, the more strict selection of high-grade barks has resulted from the increasingly large demands of the quinine manufacturers, who appreciate the economy of obtaining 100 pounds of alkaloid from a ton of bark, instead of working over five tons to get the same quantity. Selection, however, is not the only means by which this end has been attained. The gardener's art has produced results which have entirely eclipsed the best efforts of nature. The mere transplantation and cultivation of the trees were early found to increase their richness in alkaloids. In Java, excellent results were obtained by grafting the young shoots of ledgeriana upon young plants belonging to a species of little value, as much as 13 per cent. of quinine sulphate being said to have been obtained from bark so produced. The careful production, selection, and propagation of hybrids have done more to

increase the alkaloidal percentage than any other influence. Hybrids yielding from 11 to 13 per cent. of quinine sulphate were early produced, and very recently one has been reported from Java yielding no less than 16 per cent., equivalent to very nearly 12 per cent. of pure quinine. The effects of mossing have already been referred to. Samples of mossed bark yielding 8 per cent. and 10 per cent. of quinine have been of common occurrence. But it is not the occurrence of these exceptionally rich samples which marks the improvement in this direction; it is rather the increased average percentage of the annual yield. Unfortunately, we have no statistics enabling us to arrive at very definite conclusions as to the average percentages of the crops of original wild bark, but it is certainly not too much to say that a yield of quinine as great, say, as last year's average for the Java crop, would have been regarded as exceptional even for select lots of such wild bark. Within a few years large plantations in Java have been uprooted, because their yield of some 3 per cent. or more of quinine sulphate was seen to offer no hope of successful competition against the rich bark now coming on.

As to the relative richness of bark from different sections, we cannot believe that it has any permanent character, depending wholly upon methods of selection and cultivation. The cultivated barks of Bolivia originally took precedence, but superior cultivation in Asia has enabled plantations there to excel her in this direction, at least as regards select lots, which probably represent the general product of the future. In India, the general average of the barks has tended in the direction of total alkaloids rather than of quinine, owing to the large production for the manufacture of febrifuge, and the consequent cultivation of succirubras. At present a change to quinine-producing varieties is energetically under way there. Ceylon has always been noted for the low grade of her barks, as regards either quinine or the total alkaloids. Upon the whole, Java bids fair to take the lead as to quality. The following estimate of quinine percentages was made concerning the crops of 1888 and 1889 by Messrs. Lewis & Peat:

	1889.	1888.		1889.	1888.
Ceylon crop	2⅛ per cent.	2⅝ per cent.	Java crop	4 per cent.	4 per cent.
India "	2 "	2½ "	Bolivia crop	4½ "	4½ "

The Java crop of 1891 averaged 4·15 per cent.* for a crop of more than 8,500,000 pounds. This is probably not less than three times the average of the old wild crops of South America. The result does great credit to Java, for during the early history of her bark enterprise her plantations were found stocked with discouraging quantities of poor or even worthless barks, which have been eliminated by the most steady enterprise and patient industry.

The effect of this wonderful industry upon the price of bark, and especially upon that of quinine, can be appreciated by viewing the average prices per pound paid for all the bark imported into the United States in the several years between 1885 and 1890. It is to be noted that as the price thus steadily declined, the product steadily grew richer and more valuable.

Year	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
Price per pound	25·7c.	20·2c.	15·5c.	12·3c.	12·8c.	9·9c.

Commercial History.

The above general history of Cinchona leaves little necessary to be said of its commercial history, except to deduce from the facts already presented certain practical conclusions showing the present conditions of supply and demand, these bearing especially upon our concluding remarks concerning pharmacognosy and classification.

For more than a century after Peruvian bark came into use, it was procured almost exclusively from the neighborhood of Loxa. In a memoir published in 1738, La Condamine speaks of the bark of Riobamba, Cuenca, Ayavaca, and Jaen de Bracomoros. Of these places, the first two, together with Loxa, lie within the ancient kingdom of Quito, at the southern extremity; the others are in the same vicinity, within the borders of Peru. The drug was shipped chiefly at Payta, whence it was carried to Spain and thence spread over Europe. Beyond the limits above mentioned the Cinchona was not supposed to exist, till, in the year 1753, a gentleman of Loxa discovered it, while on a journey to Santa Fé de Bogota, in numerous situations along his route, wherever, in fact, the elevation of the country was equal to that of Loxa, or about 6500 feet above the level of the sea. This discovery extended through Quito into Colombia, as far as two degrees and a half north of the equator. But no practical advantage was derived from it; and the information lay buried in the archives of the viceroyalty till subsequent events brought it to light. To Mutis has been awarded the credit of making known the existence of the Cinchona in Colombia, he having claimed its discovery

* Statistics of the Java crop of 1892, just received, indicate an average of 4½ per cent.

in the neighborhood of Bogota in 1772. Recently great doubt has been thrown upon the justness of this claim. A botanical expedition was afterwards organized by the Spanish government, with the view of exploring this part of their dominions, and the direction was given to Mutis. Its researches eventuated in the discovery of several species of Cinchona in Colombia; and a commerce in the bark soon commenced, which was carried on through the ports of Carthagena and Santa Marta.

To these sources another was added about the same time (1776) by the discovery of the Cinchona in the centre of Peru, in the mountainous region about the city of Huanuco, which lies on the eastern declivity of the Andes, northeast of Lima, at least six degrees south of the province of Loxa. To explore this new locality, another botanical expedition was set on foot, at the head of which were Ruiz and Pavon, the distinguished authors of the *Flora Peruviana*. These botanists spent several years in that region, during which time they discovered numerous species. Lima became the entrepôt for the bark collected around Huanuco; and hence probably originated the name of Lima bark, so often conferred, in common language, not only upon the varieties received through that city, but also upon the medicine generally.

Soon after the last-mentioned discovery, two additional localities of the Cinchona were found; one at the northern extremity of the continent, near Santa Marta, the other very far to the south, in the provinces of La Paz and Cochabamba, then within the viceroyalty of Buenos Ayres, now in the republic of Bolivia. These latter places became the source of an abundant supply of excellent bark, which received the name of Calisaya. It was sent partly to the ports on the Pacific, partly to Buenos Ayres.

The consequence of these discoveries was a vast increase in the supply of bark, which was now shipped from the ports of Guayaquil, Payta, Lima, Arica, Buenos Ayres, Carthagena, and Santa Marta. At the same time the average quality was probably deteriorated; for, though many of the new varieties were possessed of excellent properties, yet equal care in superintending the collection and assorting of the bark could scarcely be exercised in a field so much more extended. The varieties now poured into the market soon became so numerous as to burden the memory if not to defy the discrimination of the druggist; and the best pharmacologists found themselves at a loss to discover any permanent peculiarities which might serve as the basis of a proper and useful classification. The restrictions upon the commerce of South America, by directing the trade into irregular channels, had also a tendency to deteriorate the character of the drug. Little attention was paid to a proper assortment of the several varieties; and not only were the best barks mixed with those of inferior species and less careful preparation, but the products of other trees, bearing no resemblance to the Cinchona, were sometimes added, having been artificially prepared so as to deceive a careless observer. The markets of this country were peculiarly ill furnished. The supplies, being derived chiefly, by means of a contraband trade, from Carthagena and other ports on the Spanish Main, or indirectly through Havana, were necessarily of an inferior character; and most of the good bark which reached us was imported by our druggists from London, whither it was sent from Cadiz. A great change, however, in this respect took place after the ports on the Pacific were opened to our commerce. The best kinds of bark were thus rendered directly accessible to us: and the trash which formerly glutted our markets became in great measure excluded. Much bark was also imported from Carthagena and other ports of the Caribbean Sea, being brought down the Magdalena River from the mountains of Colombia; and an additional source of supply was opened through the Amazon, though this bark was of inferior quality. More or less perplexity attending the recognition of the barks continued until after the firm establishment of the bark culture and the cheapening of the price, to the exclusion of the worthless varieties, as already described.

The price of the bark was as irregular and uncertain as its quality. The Cinchona forests, being in thinly-inhabited districts, did not, for the most part, belong to individuals, but were open to the enterprise of all who chose to engage in the collection of the bark. As a consequence, the operations were carried on without reference to the future condition of the interest, and most wasteful modes of procedure resulted at length in the almost complete destruction of the source of supply, and in fabulous prices—$350 to $450 per cwt.—being paid for the better grades of bark. To this result private speculation, official intrigue, and national greed all contributed. Various attempts were made to utilize the leaves, flowers, and wood of the tree, but these were found not to contain the active constituents in sufficient amount. Fortunately, cultivation has about abolished all the evils and perplexities attending this trade, and has given us a steady and practically unlimited supply of the finest bark at prices which,

compared with those above referred to, are merely nominal.* Although this great fall in price has resulted in a great financial depression at the present time, and has even brought disaster to some planters whose expenses have been greater than can be returned at present rates, yet, on the whole, the business has been very profitable, having paid for itself several times over. The present depression is supposed to have been brought on largely by the very heavy marketing by Ceylon, amounting, Ferguson says, to 82,000,000 pounds in seven years. Much of this marketing was in turn due to a craze for tea-planting, on account of which, from 1885 to 1888, 22,000 acres were uprooted, throwing upon the market 35,000,000 pounds of bark. Mr. A. C. Meyjes, who has devoted much study to the commercial history of Cinchona bark, estimates the present annual consumption at about 15,000,000 pounds.

One of the most important developments of the modern bark-trade is the fixing of the price in accordance with the quality as determined by assay. The most accurate method of selecting a characteristic sample for assay is a subject which has received much study, without the discovery of any method which does not depend for its value upon the discrimination and care exercised in its employment. The plan which is regarded as the safest is to take a given weight, say 8 ounces, from the inner portion of each package constituting the lot, mix and powder the entire suite, and furnish to applicants the required amount of the resulting powder. If any portion of any bale or bales is damaged, care is taken to add a proportionately large fragment of such portion. The bark is then recorded as containing so many units, a "unit" being each per cent. of quinine contained in a pound of bark. In rich bark the units are worth more each than in poor, owing to the increased yield of alkaloid for the same cost of manufacture.

In the United States, at least, some difficulty has been experienced by druggists in securing the better grades of bark at regular rates, owing to the activity of the manufacturers in draining the market of the most desirable stock. The finer-appearing packages of unbroken bark, having been marketed at greater cost, are necessarily held at higher prices. Possessing no special value for manufacturing purposes, these fall to the share of the druggist, but at higher prices than broken bark of the same richness. This fact has led to the recognition of two distinct classes, known as manufacturers' bark and druggists' bark. While the latter is of finer appearance, it is not necessarily, nor in fact commonly, superior to the former. Indeed, not at all to the credit of our druggists, it is true that, because their bark is not commonly submitted to assay, they receive a bark of fine appearance but inferior quality. The greater portion of the bark is now sold at auction in the cities of Amsterdam and London.

Year	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Packages of about 150 lbs. sold in London (mostly Ceylon and Indian)	90,435	90,470	70,635	67,528	53,850	56,833
Packages of about 150 lbs. held in London at close of year	59,619	56,754	57,181	48,213	49,142	37,878
Packages of about 180 lbs. sold in Amsterdam (mostly Java)			24,749	39,636	42,520	45,239

Stocks ordinarily held in Amsterdam are very much smaller than those in London.

Besides this, a considerable amount of Bolivian bark goes to Hamburg and to Havre, whence the Paris market is partly supplied. New York receives little bark direct, the most of it being purchased in London and Amsterdam. Samples of the various lots are forwarded in time for a selection to be made and purchases ordered by mail or cable. From the statistics which we have given, showing the character of the bark produced by the several countries, and also the sources of the bark sold in the principal markets, those interested can readily judge as to the general character of the offerings at different points.

A few words remain to be said of the wild South American barks at present dealt in, and only partly included in the preceding enumeration. Enough has already been said to explain their very general exclusion. At the same time it is to be remembered that there still remain in the London warehouses some 1500 tons of such bark, collected many years ago, which is being gradually worked off upon the market at very low prices. Another portion of such bark is even yet being collected, and, as much of this latter is used by retail druggists, it demands our attention. This bark is almost wholly of two sorts, (1) the Crown bark,—Cuenca, Loxa, and Huanuco,—from *C. officinalis*, and (2) the Hard Yellow or Maracaibo variety. Concerning the former it is exceedingly difficult to obtain statistics, but the annual production is supposed to be about 1200 packages. The greater portion of it goes to France, and is probably consumed

* One writer, referring to the results of the Ceylon production, says, "We swamped the markets of the world, conferring simultaneously untold benefits on humanity by compelling a reduction in the price of Howard's quinine of more than 75 per cent. . . . Simultaneously we have reduced the value of the unit of quinine in bark against ourselves and all other producers from 2*s.* in 1880 to 3*d.*, and even 1½*d.*, though now 2*d.*"

in the southern European countries. Of the 57 packages of bark imported into the United States direct from South America in 1891, 27 were of the cultivated Calisaya and the remainder Crown. This is a fairly good bark. Of the second, or Maracaibo, there is no very regular collection and shipment. The most of it goes to Hamburg, and there large quantities of it can be obtained at any time. Considerable of it goes to London also, and once in several years the United States receives a shipment of several hundred bales. The most of this is reshipped to the West Indies or goes to the Pacific coast, and it is mostly used in making Huxham's tincture and other preparations in which the bitter element is the chief consideration. Although really very poor, it is, after sifting and winnowing, a fine-looking yellow bark and quite bitter, owing to alkaloids other than quinine, and it finds a ready sale at fair prices. It may be added that occasional packages of wild Calisaya in table form, and of wild thick Red bark, are received in London.

Classification.

Reference has already been made to the extreme difficulty which attended the earlier attempts to classify the Cinchona barks of commerce,—difficulties not probably encountered elsewhere in the Materia Medica. We have also made it clear that these difficulties no longer exist, the varieties having been reduced to a very few. Most of the discarded barks will be found described in previous editions of this work. We find it necessary to enumerate and describe here only the Pale bark, from *C. officinalis*, the Red bark, from *C. succirubra*, the Yellow bark, from *C. calisaya* and its var. *ledgeriana*, and the Hard Yellow or Maracaibo bark, and to refer briefly to the hybrid forms. First, a few words concerning the forms in which Cinchona bark occurs. We have (1) the large flat pieces or chips of irregular shape and size,—this referring at present almost wholly to the Maracaibo variety; (2) the small chips or broken bark, referring in large part to the root bark, and to other bark broken for close packing; (3) the shaved bark, referring to some root bark and to stem bark taken from dry stems, but chiefly to branch bark; (4) the quill bark, referring to natural bark taken from the stem and root in quill form, this including the uncultivated pale bark and all the varieties of cultivated bark; and (5) the renewed and mossed bark, which may be of any cultivated variety. The classification of all varieties and forms into druggists' and manufacturers' barks enables us to dispense in great part with a description of some of these forms. The manufacturer cares nothing for form, appearance, or structure, and but little for the variety of his supplies. He is interested wholly in its composition, and this he determines by assay. For this reason most of the broken bark goes to him. The druggist requires the quill or large chip bark: so that the great bulk of the branch bark is also thrown, at low prices, upon the hands of the manufacturer.

As regards the root barks, no classified description has come to the writer's attention. In their structure they correspond very closely to the stem barks of the same variety. They can be readily distinguished from the latter by their less thickness, lighter external and darker inner color, greater softness, and twisted or contorted structure. They occur in short, irregular quills or chips, or sometimes as shavings, and contain very much more dust than any other form. Except partly as regards structure, the descriptions of stem barks will not apply to branch barks of the same variety, for the characteristic markings do not appear in the young condition. The branch bark appears in shavings, to the inner surfaces of many of which more or less of the wood adheres. If the branches were shaved while yet fresh, these shavings will be more or less rolled up and curled; but if dry before being removed, this rolling and curling will not occur. Shaved bark taken from living trees is thin, soft, and brittle, consisting of the outer bark only. The large quills are of uniform length from the same plantation, but not necessarily so from different plantations or different sections. They are commonly from 2 to 3 feet in length, but some have been marketed having a length of 5 feet. Usually they represent the entire circumference of the stem, but occasionally only half of it. In drying they roll up very tightly from one or both edges, and rarely one will be wholly or partly involved in another. The periderm, with all its markings, remains intact, and no other form so well displays the natural appearances as this. Mossed bark differs from natural stem bark in its great thickness and weight, less breadth of the quills, freedom from lichens, very dark color, and rough, corrugated or warty surface. The outer bark or cellular portion bears a greater ratio to the inner or fibrous portion than in natural bark. Renewed bark is lighter, both in color and weight, thinner, soft and brittle, and marked by a very peculiar external smoothness, sometimes very marked indeed. In its general appearance it is strikingly like a root bark, except for the rela-

tive straightness of its fibres. Like the mossed bark, it is in narrow, only partly rolled quills or bands, and is entirely free from lichens.

As they differ so greatly among themselves in coloration, lichen-growth, degree and form of exfoliation, structure and consequent fracture, there are but few characters which can be combined in a general description of the Cinchona barks which we consider. The external color varies from light ashy gray to nearly black, the inner varies less in its shades of yellow-brown and red-brown. All are more or less bitter, and most are astringent, but only Loxa bark has a distinctive odor. The fracture is never very long-splintery, and never tough. As to structure, the bast fibres are loosely arranged, the radial rows being neither continuous nor very long. The fibres themselves are always unbranched, which distinguishes the true from the false barks, are rather short and obtuse, brittle, and usually easily detached from their bed. Laticiferous ducts and stone-cells may or may not be present. The former become less conspicuous as the bark grows older, so that their relative absence becomes indicative of a stage in which the due proportion of alkaloid should have been acquired.

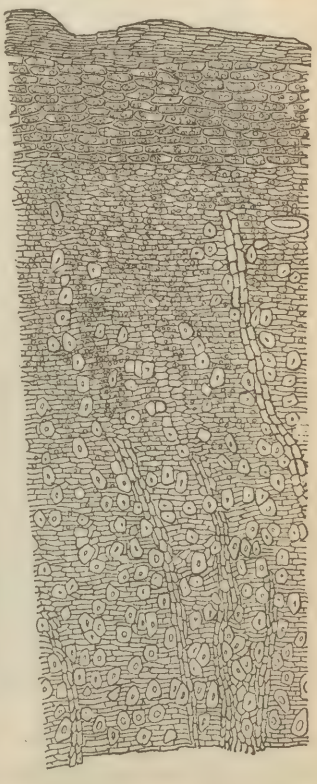
It may be noted here that by far the greater portion of the alkaloid, particularly quinine, is stored in the outer bark, though that in the inner bark is in a purer state. The latter is not stored in the fibres, but in the cellular tissue between them.

As regards the former classification of barks by color, it referred only in small part to the external color, chiefly to the powder. These colors were never regarded as absolutely characteristic, as the three barks, yellow, red, and pale, exhibited gradations by which they mingled at their extremes. Under present conditions, the lines of demarcation have become even more indistinct, and, as a matter of fact, in the market the terms "yellow" and "red" are used with great looseness. It is true that we receive much pure-blooded Yellow Bark, *Ledgeriana* from the East, and *Calisaya* both from there and from South America; but it is also undeniable that much of the bark sold under the several names is of mixed blood, and the typical characters are often greatly obscured. The presence in our market of these mixed forms has made the terms even less valuable than they once were, and dealers cannot be found to agree as to the character of many samples. Nevertheless, the occurrence of the typical forms, and the appearance in a hybrid of the blended characters, render it desirable to preserve this classification, and to group the new forms around the types.

Yellow or Calisaya Bark. Cinchona Flava.

Derived from *C. calisaya* and its var. *ledgeriana.* Scarcely collected in a wild state, but cultivated in all plantations. Demand and production rapidly increasing. The largest quinine yielder, its amount being 70 to 80 per cent. of the total alkaloid. The var. *ledgeriana* yields a very valuable hybrid bark with *C. succirubra. C. calisaya* also hybridizes with the latter species.

Description. Flat or "table" bark, now very little produced. Quills, unless broken for shipment, large and handsome, 1½ to 2½ feet long, single or double, sometimes as much as 2½ inches in diameter, ⅛ to nearly ¼ inch thick. Externally gray to lightly brownish gray, internally light cinnamon-color, the striæ very fine. Powder light yellowish brown. Its lichens are thin and closely adherent, not rendering it shaggy. External markings very characteristic, consisting of a very light longitudinal ridging or none at all, but of numerous transverse and longitudinal fissures or cracks, the presence and arrangement of which constitute the chief characteristic of Calisaya. Upon the young stems and branches they do not appear. The first to appear are the usually large primary fissures, which encircle the stem at the nodes, or points where pairs of leaves once stood. Subsequently, numerous smaller secondary transverse fissures appear upon the internodes, and these quickly become connected and crossed by longitudinal cracks, thus dividing the periderm up into more or less quadrangular checks, which may remain attached or fall away. This gives to mature Calisaya bark an appearance of scaliness like that upon the tarsus of a fowl, and this is known to the South American collectors by a term which signifies the "chicken-leg appearance." It has also been spoken of as a "carving-like" marking. Like the roughness upon a musk-melon, its great development is regarded as an indication of high quality, and especially is this true of a close proximity of the primary fissures. This roughness is also regarded as a sure indication of maturity. There are excellent distinctions between these and the somewhat similar



C. calisaya.

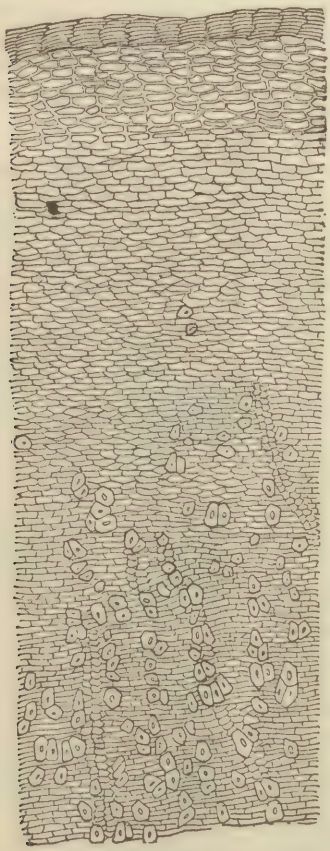
fissures upon the bark of *C. officinalis*. In the latter they are coarser and more gaping. Even more important is the absence from Pale Bark of most of the longitudinal cracks, so that it does not become "chicken-legged," or at most only very slightly so. The external color of Yellow Bark is lighter than that of the Pale Bark. Longitudinal ridges are few if any, short, irregular, and inconspicuous. In fine South American bark some very small bright-red spots can be detected upon the periderm. East Indian Calisaya can commonly be recognized by its somewhat dingy or brownish shade of gray, the gray of the South American bark being bright and somewhat bluish-steel-colored.

In structure, the zone of large, rather numerous laticiferous ducts just outside the bast is conspicuous in young, and therefore inferior, samples. The rather small bast fibres are loosely scattered, almost uniformly single, a radial arrangement being made out. The fracture is rough-splintery, though not coarse. Stone-cells few or none. Odorless, more bitter, and less astringent than the Pale Bark. Ledger bark is the same as Calisaya in all its essential characters, but does not reach so great a size. In hybrids of Calisaya with Succirubra the characters and quality of the latter appear to predominate.

Red Bark. Cinchona Rubra.

Derived from *C. succirubra*. Scarcely collected in a wild state, but cultivated in all plantations except those of South America. Demand and production rapidly decreasing. A large alkaloid yielder, but of this only about 20 per cent. is quinine. Largely hybridized with *C. officinalis*. Also hybridized with *C. calisaya* and its var. *ledgeriana*.

Description. Quills similar to those of Calisaya, though running somewhat broader and thicker. Externally of a dingy brown gray, less lichen-bearing than either of the others. Inner surface of a more reddish cinnamon-brown than in Calisaya. Powder reddish brown. The important characteristic of red bark is the prominent longitudinal ridges, many of them short and confluent, with intervening furrows or elongated meshes. The ridges are suberous, bear numerous small warty protuberances, and may be traversed by faint cracks. Transverse fissures may or may not be present in red bark. If so, they are few, short, and irregularly disposed, and not connected by longitudinal cracks to give the checkered appearance of Calisaya. Hybrids with officinalis display numerous transverse fissures, and the external color is lighter and more dingy. Fracture short-splintery, not coarse. Odor none. Taste bitter and astringent.



C. succirubra.

Structure. Bast fibres few and loosely disposed in numerous interrupted, single or double radial lines, much disposed to stand in pairs or in threes. Laticiferous ducts more disposed to remain conspicuous than in the other barks, large, few, and distinct in a single row near the bast region. Stone-cells wanting.

Pale Bark.

Varieties and Synonymes. Crown Bark, Loxa or Loja Bark, Cuenca Bark, Huanuco Bark. Derived from *C. officinalis*. Collected in a wild state about Loxa and other parts of Ecuador, and cultivated in all plantations except the South American, especially in



C. officinalis. (A rather young sample.)

India. Demand and production decreasing. Quinine constitutes 60 to 70 per cent. of the total alkaloids. Largely hybridized with *C. succirubra*.

Description. Quills single or double, irregularly broken or entire, 3 or 4 to 15 or 18 inches long by ¼ to ¾, rarely 1, inch in diameter, and having a very wide range in thickness, the natural mostly 1 to 2 lines thick. Shaggy, with more abundant lichens than in any other species, the abundance of these having been considered, not entirely without reason, as an indication of the relative quality. Color of periderm darker than in the other species, but varying much from a brown gray to nearly black. Inner surface of a paler brown than in the other species, finely striate. Powder pale brown. The external markings consist of transverse fissures and longitudinal ridges, some of them wart-bearing. It is only in the thinner samples, in which the warts and fissures scarcely appear, that the ridges are continuous and conspicuous. In the prominence and breadth of its fissures and the inconspicuousness of its ridges, this bark is most distinct from the Red Bark. These characters are yet sufficiently distinct from the somewhat similar ones of Calisaya, as noted in describing that bark.

Fracture short, the inner fibrous zone sharp and narrow. Taste not so bitter as in the others. Odor of the genuine Loxa variety peculiar and characteristic. Its structure shows the rather short and not numerous bast fibres in short interrupted single or double radial rows, and much disposed to occur in bundles of three to six or more. Stone-cells rarely seen, and laticiferous ducts conspicuous only when young.

Hard Yellow, or Maracaibo Bark. Puerto Cabello Bark.

Derivation not at all certain. Collected only in a wild state in the mountains of Southern Colombia, and yielding almost the whole of the inferior wild bark now collected for market. Importation and sale in the United States quite irregular and unimportant. One of the best of the lower-grade barks, but not to be compared with any of those already described. Said to yield about 2 per cent. of crystallizable sulphates, three-fourths of which is quinine sulphate, but a characteristic specimen assayed for this investigation by Prof. Virgil Coblentz yielded 2·65 per cent. of total alkaloids, only a trace of which was quinine. Contains a large amount of resin. The common or commercial names by which have been designated the several barks of the northern countries related to this one are of very irregular application. At the time when the trade in them was large and important, the term "Maracaibo Bark" was restricted to the less resinous variety, derived from *C. cordifolia*. At the present time, however, it is commonly applied in the New York and London markets to the variety under consideration. It is also often sold simply as "Yellow Bark," and it is not impossible that it is sometimes accepted, under this synonyme, for Calisaya.

Description. In irregular broken pieces, rarely so short as an inch, and mostly from 2 to 5 or 6 inches long, 1 to 2½ or 3 inches broad, and ⅛ to ⅜ of an inch thick. Formerly it included many much smaller fragments as well as much dust, but these portions are now mostly sifted and winnowed out before marketing. The pieces are more or less flat, the thinner and narrower ones somewhat incurved, the broader and thicker recurved. The bark is compact, heavy, and fibrous. Most of the pieces display upon the outer surface more or less of the periderm, forming silvery-white or yellowish-white patches, very thin and rather soft. Occasionally the periderm is instead dark, hard, very rough, and much fissured. From many pieces the entire periderm is absent, disclosing the outer face of the bast, very similar to the inner face. This is compactly and rather finely fibrous, of a deep yellow, with a slight rust-brown tinge. Throughout, the bast is of this structure and color. Between it and the periderm there may be seen with varying distinctness, in most pieces, a characteristic resinous band of irregular width, dark reddish brown and waxy-lustrous on the cut surface. The radial rows of bast fibres are quite irregular. The fracture is quite long-fibrous. The odor is distinct, and the taste quite bitter.

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False Barks. In the sixteenth edition of the U. S. Dispensatory may be found an elaborate description of the various false barks which have from time to time entered commerce. Most of this we omit, but the so-called Cuprea Barks at one time were of so much importance that we here insert the matter contained in that edition concerning them. It may be stated, however, that no considerable collection of these barks has been made for some years, and that it does not seem probable that they will ever again enter commerce. Some fifteen hundred tons of them are said, however, to be still stored in London, the remnant of a much larger quantity of the barks which has been and still is being slowly sold off for unprofessional uses.

Cuprea Bark. As early as 1820, a Brazilian surgeon, by the name of Remijio, pointed out to his countrymen that the bark of certain small trees or shrubs growing in Brazil was as effective as the Peruvian bark in malarial fevers, and ever since in Brazil these plants have been known by the name of *Quinia de Sera*, or *Quinia de Remijio*. St.-Hilaire (*Plantes Us. Bras.*) placed these shrubs in the genus Cinchona, as *C. Remijiana*, *ferruginea*, and *Vellozii*; but De Candolle (*Prodromus*, iv. 357) erected for them a new genus, Remijia, which has since been universally recognized by botanists. It is distinguished from Cinchona by the fruit capsules opening semi-loculicidally, by its peltate seeds, and by its inflorescence in elongated axillary racemes with opposite fascicles of flowers. In 1857 a new bark appeared in the London market, but only within the last few years has this so-called *Cuprea bark* appeared in large quantities. After its value became known, the search for it in South America became very active; indeed, in Colombia a "fever" is said to have broken out, which has caused agriculture to be neglected and deranged the business of the country, whilst in London the supply has been so great as to break the whole cinchona market. Mr. S. G. Rosengarten informs us that the bark reaches this country from London, and also directly from Colombia. There are two distinct regions which yield it: one is the lower part of the basin of the Magdalena River, in the province of Santander, the trees growing in the mountain-chain of La Paz, and the port of export being Bucaramanga; the other the basin of the Orinoco, among the mountains which constitute the eastern branch of the Cordillera of the Andes.

Bentham states that the genus Remijia comprises 13 species; according to the researches of José Triana, but two of these, *R. Purdieana*, Wedd. (*Ann. Sci. Nat.*, 3e sér., xi. p. 272), and *R. pedunculata*, Triana (*Cinchona pedunculata*, Karsten), yield the Cuprea bark of commerce. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1882.) An exceedingly important fact con-

Chemical History.

In the analysis of Cinchona bark, the attention of chemists was at first directed exclusively to the action of water and alcohol upon it, and to the determination of the relative proportions of its gummy or extractive and resinous matter. The presence of tannin and of various alkaline or earthy salts in minute quantities was afterwards demonstrated. Fourcroy made an elaborate analysis, which proved the existence of other principles in the bark besides those previously ascertained. Dr. Westring was the first who attempted the discovery of an active principle in the bark, on which its febrifuge virtues might depend; but he was not successful. Seguin afterwards pursued the same track, and endeavored, by observing the effects of various reagents, to discover the relative value of different varieties of the drug; but his conclusions have not been supported by subsequent experiment. M. Deschamps, an apothecary of Lyons, obtained from bark a crystallizable salt of lime, the acid of which Vauquelin afterwards separated, and called *kinic acid* (*quinic acid*). The latter chemist also pushed to a much greater extent the researches of Seguin as to the influence of reagents, and arrived at the conclusion that those barks were most efficient which gave precipitates with tannin or the infusion of galls. Reuss, of Moscow, succeeded in isolating a peculiar coloring matter from red bark, which he designated by the name of *cinchonic red*, and obtained a bitter substance which probably consisted in part of the peculiar alkaline principles subsequently discovered. The first step, however, towards the discovery of cinchonine and quinine* appears to have been taken by the late Dr. Duncan, of Edinburgh, so early as 1803. He believed the precipitate afforded by the infusion of cinchona with that of galls to be a peculiar vegetable principle, and accordingly denominated it *cinchonin*. Dr. Gomez, a Portuguese physician, convinced that the active principle of bark resided in this cinchonin, but mixed with impurities, instituted experiments upon some pale bark, which resulted in the separation of a white crystalline substance, considered by him to be the pure *cinchonin* of Dr. Duncan. It was obtained by the action of potassa upon an aqueous infusion of the alcoholic extract of the bark, and was undoubtedly the principle now universally known by the name of *cinchonine* or *cinchonia*. But Dr. Gomez was ignorant of its precise nature, considering it to be analogous to resin. M. Laubert afterwards obtained the same principle by a different process, and described it under the name of *white matter*, or *pure white resin*. To Pelletier and Caventou was reserved the honor of crowning all these experiments, and applying the results which they obtained to important practical purposes. In 1820 they demonstrated the alkaline character of the principle discovered by Gomez and Laubert, and gave it definitively the name of *cinchonine*. They discovered in the yellow or Calisaya bark another alkaline principle, which they denominated *quinine*. Both these bases they proved to exist in the barks, combined with *quinic* or *kinic acid*, in the state of *cinchonine and quinine quinate*. It was, moreover, established by their labors that the febrifuge property of bark depends upon the presence of these two principles. In 1833, MM. O. Henry and Delondre

nected with these trees is that they grow in a dry climate, and in position a little above the level of the sea, and hence without doubt could be cultivated in many intertropical countries where the Cinchonas will not grow. They would in all probability flourish within the limits of the United States.

The specimens of Cuprea bark which have been furnished us as typical by the Messrs. Rosengarten are composed of pieces varying from half an inch to 3 or 4 inches in length, from a quarter to a twelfth of an inch in thickness, strong and hard, varying from a yellowish to a red cinnamon color, and having a somewhat cupreous tint, distinctly curled, *very smooth* upon their inner surface, on their outer surface smoothish, or in the larger specimens rough, with the epidermis usually adherent; marked, except in the very large pieces, with fine wrinkles, and sometimes with transverse or spiral grooves, which are sometimes quite shallow, but often are deeply and sharply cut. The texture is dense and hard, the fracture is short, not fibrous, and free from spicules. The microscopic characters differ from those of the true Cinchonas in the bast-cells being small and with their cavity widely open, not obliterated by secondary layers. The shaved transverse section of Cuprea bark is further characterized by a peculiar horny appearance different from that of the true Cinchonas. The bark is also remarkable for its density, which Arnaud gives as from 1·128 to 1·18, and consequently sinks in water. Cuprea bark varies in the percentage of quinine it contains. The Messrs. Rosengarten state that the yield in their laboratories has been from 1 to 2 per cent., and that usually the bark is remarkably free from inferior alkaloids. The complete absence of cinchonidine is said to be characteristic of them. Messrs. D. Howard and I. Hodgkin, Dr. B. H. Paul, and Mr. Cownley and Mr. T. G. Whiffen almost simultaneously announced the discovery of a new alkaloid, *homoquinine* or *ultraquinine*, which there is some reason for believing is a double salt of quinine and quinidine. (*Chem. News*, xlv. 6.) The characteristic chemical product is the alkaloid *cinchonamine*, whose right to a separate existence seems to be well established.

* The termination *a* or *ia* was adopted by the American and English chemists to distinguish the organic alkaloids from other organic proximate principles the names of which terminate in *in* or *ine*, the terms quinine and cinchonine becoming *quinia* and *cinchonia*. On the same principle, *quinidine*, *quinicine*, *cinchonidine*, and *cinchonicine* were called respectively *quinidia*, *quinicia*, *cinchonidia*, and *cinchonicia*. The Committee of Revision of the Pharmacopœia, 1880, however, finally accepted the custom of Continental writers, and the *a* and *ia* termination was dropped and *ine* substituted.

discovered a new alkaloid, but afterwards, finding its composition in its anhydrous state the same as that of quinine, concluded that it was a hydrate of that base. About 1844, Winckler announced anew the existence of the same principle, which he considered distinct, and named *chinidine;* and, under the similar title of *quinidine*, it has now taken its place among the cinchona alkaloids. In 1853, M. Pasteur found that what had been considered as quinidine consisted in fact of two alkaloids, for one of which he retained the name of quinidine, and called the other *cinchonidine;* and, on pushing his investigations further, he ascertained that no less than six alkaloids may be obtained from different varieties of Peruvian bark,—namely, *quinine* and *quinidine* isomeric with each other, *cinchonine* and *cinchonidine* also isomeric, and two others, derivatives from the preceding through the agency of heat, viz., *quinicine* from quinine, and *cinchonicine* from cinchonine, each being isomeric with the alkaloid from which it is derived.*

At the present time, 1893, the following alkaloids are recognized, as either existing naturally, or produced artificially, from the Cinchona, Cuprea, or allied barks.

Natural Alkaloids. 1. QUININE, $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 2. QUINIDINE (*Conchinine of Hesse*), $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 3. CINCHONINE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. 4. CINCHONIDINE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. (These four alkaloids are the most important, and the only ones used medicinally.) 5. *Quinamine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 6. *Quinamidine* or *Conquinamine* (*Conchinamine of Hesse*), $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 7. *Cupreine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O_2$. 8. *Homoquinine* or *Ultraquinine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O_2$. 9. *Hydroquinine*, $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_2$. 10. *Hydroquinidine*, $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_2$. 11. *Hydrocinchonine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$. 12. *Hydrocinchonidine* or *Cinchamidine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$. 13. *Cinchonamine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$. 14. *Paytine*, $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O,H_2O$. 15. *Homocinchonine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. 16. *Homocinchonidine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. 17. *Cinchotine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$. 18. *Cusconine*, $C_{23}H_{28}N_2O_4$. 19. *Concusconine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$. 20. *Cusconidine*, $C_{23}H_{28}N_2O_4$. 21. *Aricine* (*Cinchovatine of Manzini*), $C_{23}H_{28}N_2O_4$. 22. *Paracine*, $C_{16}H_{18}N_2O$. 23. *Paytamine*, $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O$. 24. *Dihomocinchonine*. 25. *Dicinchonine*, $C_{38}H_{44}N_4O_2$. 26. *Diquinidine* (*Dicinchonine of Hesse*), $C_{40}H_{46}N_4O_3$. 27. *Javanine*. 28. *Cincholine*. 29. *Chairamine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$. 30. *Conchairamine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$. 31. *Chairamidine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$. 32. *Conchairamidine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$.

The Artificial Alkaloids at present known are: 1. *Quinicine*, $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 2. *Diquinicine*, $C_{40}H_{46}N_4O_3$. 3. *Cinchonicine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. 4. *Dicinchonicine*, $C_{38}H_{42}N_4O$. 5. *Quinamicine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2$. 6. *Protoquinamicine*, $C_{17}H_{20}N_2O_2$. 7. *Apoquinamine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$. 8. *Homocinchonicine*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$.

Chinoidine or *Quinoidine* is a term now applied to the resinous substance consisting not only of the *amorphous* natural alkaloids, but of those which are produced artificially through the action of heat and acids upon the crystalline alkaloids. It was formerly official, but was dropped at the 1890 revision. The other constituents of Cinchona bark are *Quinic* or *Kinic*, *Quinovic* or *Kinovic*, *Quinotannic* or *Cinchotannic* acids, *Quinovin* or *Kinovin*, *Cinchonic red*, volatile butyraceous oil in small quantity, red and yellow coloring matter. These constituents will now be considered in detail.

Quinine, *Quinidine*, *Cinchonine*, *Cinchonidine*, or their sulphates, having been made official, will be treated of under separate heads (see Index). *Quinicine* and *Cinchonicine*, being derivatives of quinine and cinchonine, will be considered under their respective sources.

QUINAMINE, *Quinamia*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2$. Dr. O. Hesse discovered this cinchona alkaloid in the bark of *C. succirubra* from Darjeeling in 1872. He has since found it in all the East Indian succirubra barks, as well as in the barks of *C. nitida*, *C. calisaya*, var. *Schuhkrafft*, *C. erythrantha*, *C. erythroderma*, *C. rosulenta*, and *C. calisaya* (Para bark), and particularly in *C. ledgeriana*. De Vrij (*L' Union Pharm.*, 1877, p. 204; *N. R.*, 1877, p. 300) has published a process for its preparation. It crystallizes in very long, asbestos-like, white prisms, without water of crystallization. It is nearly insoluble in cold water and in solution of potassa or ammonia, more easily in boiling water; is readily dissolved by hot alcohol, which deposits it in crystals, and less readily by diluted alcohol. Ether, benzin, and benzene dissolve it rather easily at ordinary temperature, more readily when boiling hot, and give it up crystallized on cooling and evaporation. In alcoholic solution it has an alkaline reaction. It neutralizes sulphuric and hydrochloric acids, forming with the latter an amorphous salt, but with the former one that crystallizes with difficulty in hexagonal scales and short prisms. Its solution is dextrogyrate. Quinamine is almost tasteless, but its solutions in acid are very bitter. Unlike quinine, its sulphuric acid solution is not fluorescent. Its reaction with gold chloride is very characteristic, the solution of the chloride producing with it a yellowish-white precipitate,

* It is unfortunate that in Germany some confusion yet exists in the names adopted for the cinchona alkaloids. Cinchonidine is frequently called *chinidine*, and Hesse insists on calling quinidine *conchinine*.

which soon becomes purple, and separates gold, the supernatant liquid assuming a purplish-red and afterwards a brown color. (For other characters, see *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 302.)

QUINAMIDINE, *Quinidamia* (*Conchinamine of Hesse*), $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2$, is found in *C. rosulenta* and *C. succirubra*, and probably exists in other species of red bark. It crystallizes in long, brilliant prisms, which melt at 123° C. (253·4° F.). A crystalline hydriodide has been produced. Like quinamine, its gold salt soon decomposes.

CUPREINE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O_2$, was discovered by Paul and Cownley in the bark of *Cinchona cuprea*, or *Remijia pedunculata*, on the upper Orinoco. It crystallizes from alcohol in anhydrous form, but from ether in prisms with $2H_2O$. Cupreine is sparingly soluble in ether or chloroform, but readily soluble in alcohol. This solution is lævogyrate, alkaline, gives a dark reddish-brown color with ferric chloride, and responds to the thalleioquin test. It forms with soda a definite crystallizable compound containing $C_{19}H_{21}N_2O.ONa$, from the solution of which the alkaloid cannot be extracted by ether. This cupreine-soda is important as furnishing a synthesis of quinine, according to the reaction $C_{19}H_{21}N_2O.ONa + CH_3I = C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2 + NaI$. (See *Cuprea Bark*, p. 397.)

HOMOQUININE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O_2$, was discovered in 1881 simultaneously by D. Howard and J. Hodgkin, B. H. Paul, A. J. Cownley, and T. G. Whiffen (*P. J. Tr.*, 1881, p. 497; 1882, p. 905). It was named by Howard, and Hesse states that J. A. Tod observed the alkaloid in 1880. It is obtained from the Cuprea bark, and was first noticed by Paul and Cownley on account of the readiness with which it crystallized from its ethereal solution. It exists in the bark sometimes to the extent of 0·3 per cent. *Ultraquinine* is the name suggested for *Homoquinine* by Whiffen, on account of its extreme lævogyrate properties. It is freely soluble in alcohol and chloroform, sparingly in ether, from which it crystallizes in proportion as it can take up water. (*Hesse.*) It is also soluble in diluted sulphuric acid, producing fluorescence, and gives with chlorine water and ammonia a green coloration (thalleioquin). The sulphate coincides exactly in properties with quinine sulphate, except in its behavior with ether. Its tartrate closely resembles cinchonidine tartrate. Homoquinine and its salts behave towards polarized light like quinine. Dr. O. Hesse is convinced of the identity of the alkaloid *cupreine* discovered by Paul and Cownley, and he believes that homoquinine is merely a compound of quinine with cupreine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 641.) On the other hand, Paul and Cownley prove that there are analytical differences between homoquinine and cupreine. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. p. 402.)

HYDROQUININE, $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_2$, was discovered by Hesse in the mother-liquors from which quinine sulphate has been crystallized; he afterwards found it in the commercial quinine salt to the extent of 4 per cent. Quinine cannot be perfectly freed from hydroquinine even by repeated crystallization of the neutral sulphates, but the hydroquinine can be completely separated by converting the alkaloid into the acid sulphate and recrystallizing this from water or alcohol, when the hydroquinine remains in the mother-liquor. (*Allen.*) According to Hesse, it dissolves freely in alcohol and ether, and gives the thalleioquin reaction with chlorine water and ammonia like quinine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 904.)

HYDROQUINIDINE (hydroconchinine), $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_2 + 2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$, is crystalline, dissolving freely in hot alcohol and in chloroform, but less freely in ether. It gives the thalleioquin reaction like quinine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 904.)

HYDROCINCHONIDINE, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$, bears the same relation to cinchonidine that hydroquinine does to quinine. It is found associated with homocinchonidine in commercial cinchonidine. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 20.)

CINCHONAMINE, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$. This alkaloid was discovered in 1881 by M. Arnaud in Cuprea bark. It exists in the proportion of 0·2 per cent., and is usually associated with cinchonine. His process is to treat the bark with milk of lime, dry the mixture, exhaust with boiling alcohol, distil off the alcohol, and take up the residue with diluted hydrochloric acid; cinchonamine hydrochlorate crystallizes out, cinchonine hydrochlorate remaining in solution. Cinchonamine is insoluble in cold water, soluble in 30 parts of alcohol, more soluble in hot alcohol, and in 100 parts of ether. It is dextrogyrate. For formulas for salts of cinchonamine, see *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 156. Physiologically, cinchonamine, according to the experiments of Sée and Bochefontaine, has six times the toxic power of quinine, and has decided sialagogue properties. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 791.) *Cinchotine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$, is isomeric with cinchonamine; it dissolves very sparingly in ether.

PAYTINE, $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O,H_2O$, was discovered by Hesse in the white Payta bark. PAYTAMINE is an amorphous alkaloid accompanying *Paytine*.

HOMOCINCHONINE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$, *cinchonidine of Koch*, is obtained from the bark of *C. rosulenta;* it is lævogyrate, and crystallizes from its alcoholic solution in large prisms. It has been mistaken for *aricine*.

DIHOMOCINCHONINE, $C_{38}H_{44}N_4O_2$, is an amorphous alkaloid obtained from *C. rosulenta*. It is dextrogyrate.

HOMOCINCHONIDINE, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$, is also obtained from *C. rosulenta*. It crystallizes in large prisms, and forms a neutral sulphate containing six molecules of water, which may be had in commerce. Its existence is denied by Skraup.

CUSCONINE, $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4,2H_2O$, was discovered by Leverköhn. It is a constituent of the cusco bark, *C. pubescens* var. *Pelletieriana*, and Hesse has recently found it in Cuprea bark. It is nearly insoluble in water, soluble in 35 parts of ether, more easily in alcohol, very soluble in chloroform. It may be distinguished from other cinchona alkaloids by forming with sulphuric acid a neutral sulphate, which is amorphous, gelatinous, and yellow, and insoluble in an excess of the acid.

CONCUSCONINE, $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$, discovered by Hesse. It is tasteless.

CUSCONIDINE is an amorphous alkaloid found in cusco bark, accompanying cusconine.

ARICINE, $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$. *Cinchovatine.* This alkaloid, found in cusco bark, and quite recently in Cuprea bark, was formerly believed by Hesse to be identical with cinchonidine. Pelletier and Cariol obtained *aricine* as far back as 1829 (see note, p. 308, 14th ed. U. S. D.). Its separate existence is now not doubted. It crystallizes in prisms, and its salts are of sparing solubility.

PARICINE, $C_{16}H_{18}N_2O$, is found with quinamine in the bark of *C. succirubra* of Darjeeling, and, according to Hesse, it may be separated from all the cinchona alkaloids with which it may be associated in solution by treating with sodium carbonate, which precipitates paricine first.

DICINCHONINE, $C_{38}H_{44}N_4O_2$, exists in the bark of *C. rosulenta* and *C. succirubra*, and may also be obtained by fractional precipitation from the mixed amorphous alkaloids before melting, but not from commercial chinoidine.

DIQUINIDINE, *dichonchinine of Hesse*, $C_{40}H_{46}N_4O_3$, is found principally in chinoidine which has been obtained from barks containing quinine and quinidine. It is dextrogyrate, produces a fluorescent solution with diluted sulphuric acid, and responds to the thalleioquin reaction.

JAVANINE, obtained by Hesse from *C. calisaya* var. *Javanica*.

CINCHOLINE, a pale-yellow liquid alkaloid, having an odor recalling that of quinoline or chinoline, discovered by Hesse in 1882. (See *P. J. Tr.*, May 6, 1882.)

CHAIRAMINE, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4$, discovered by Hesse in *Remijia Purdieana*, occurs in white needles which are readily soluble in ether and chloroform. (*Ann. d. Chem.*, 225, p. 211.)

CONCHAIRAMINE, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4 + H_2O + C_2H_6O$, also discovered by Hesse, crystallizes with both water and *alcohol of crystallization*. It is soluble in hot alcohol, ether, and chloroform. The alcoholate dissolves in sulphuric acid containing molybdic acid, giving a brown coloration, which soon becomes intensely green. (*Ann. d. Chem.*, 225, p. 211.)

HYDROCINCHONINE, $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O$, discovered by Caventou, is obtained by treating cinchonine with potassium permanganate. It is soluble in 1300 parts of water, more soluble in alcohol and in ether. The statement that it may be found in commercial cinchonine has not been confirmed. Hesse states that it may be found in Cuprea bark.

CONCHAIRAMIDINE, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4 + H_2O$, crystallizes in white needles, and is very soluble in ether, chloroform, alcohol, benzene, and acetone. (*Ann. d. Chem.*, 225, p. 211.)

Of the artificial bases, QUINAMICINE and QUINAMIDINE are isomeric; they are both amorphous, and are produced by heating quinamine in contact with diluted sulphuric acid. If the action of sulphuric acid be continued at 120° C. (248° F.) to 130° C. (266° F.), an amorphous brownish substance is formed which may be precipitated by sodium carbonate, and is insoluble in ether. Hesse has named this PROTOQUINAMICINE.

DIQUINICINE, $C_{40}H_{46}N_4O_3$, also termed *diconchinine* and *apodiquinidine*, is one of the chief amorphous alkaloids in commercial chinoidine; its formula indicates its relation to quinine or quinidine. By deducting one molecule of water from a double molecule of either there results diquinicine, thus: $2C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2 - H_2O = C_{40}H_{46}N_4O_3$.

DICINCHONICINE, $C_{38}H_{42}N_4O$?, *dichonchonine* or *apodicinchonine*, is derived from cinchonine and cinchonidine, and found in commercial chinoidine. It probably exists in bark in an amorphous condition.

APOQUINAMINE is isomeric with homocinchonine, and is prepared by boiling quinamine or quinamidine with hydrochloric acid for a short time. It is white, amorphous, soluble in ether,

alcohol, and diluted hydrochloric acid. HOMOCINCHONICINE is prepared from homocinchonidine just as cinchonicine and quinicine are prepared from cinchonine and quinine,—*i.e.*, by heating their sulphates.

The other constituents of Cinchona bark are of less importance.

QUINIC ACID (*Cinchonic* or *Kinic Acid*), $C_7H_{12}O_6$. This acid was isolated as early as 1785 by Hofmann, an apothecary of Leer, who obtained it from the calcium salt from cinchona. It exists in a number of important plants,—ivy, oak, elm, ash, coffee, etc. It may be desirable to procure the alkaloids in the state of saline combination in which they exist in the bark, since it is possible that they may exert an influence over the system in this state somewhat different from that produced by their combinations with the sulphuric or other mineral acid. As it is impossible to procure the quinates immediately from the bark in a pure state, it becomes necessary first to obtain the quinic acid separately, which may thus become of some practical importance. We shall, therefore, briefly describe the mode of procuring it, and its characteristic properties. It is usually prepared from calcium quinate, the residue obtained in the manufacture of quinine sulphate (see *Quininæ Sulphas*) by decomposing an aqueous solution of calcium quinate with oxalic acid, filtering out the precipitated calcium oxalate, and evaporating the filtrate to the crystallizing point; or by evaporating the infusion of bark to a solid consistence, and treating the extract with alcohol, we have in the residue a viscid matter consisting chiefly of mucilage with calcium quinate, which is insoluble in alcohol. If an aqueous solution of this substance be formed, and allowed to evaporate at a gentle heat, crystals of the quinate will be deposited, which may be purified by a second crystallization. The salt thus obtained, being dissolved in water, is decomposed by means of oxalic acid, which precipitates the lime and leaves the *quinic acid* in solution. This may be procured in the crystalline state by spontaneous evaporation, though as usually prepared it is in the form of a thick syrupy liquid. The crystals are transparent and colorless, sour to the taste, soluble in 2 parts of water, but less soluble in alcohol, and almost insoluble in ether. By heating quinic acid or a quinate with manganese dioxide and sulphuric acid, we get yellow crystals of *kinone*, better known as *quinone*, $C_6H_4O_2$; a reaction which may be used for ascertaining the presence of quinic acid. The cinchonine and quinine quinates may be obtained either by the direct combination of their constituents, or by the mutual decomposition of the sulphates of those alkaloids and calcium quinate. *Cinchonine quinate* has a bitter and astringent taste, is very soluble in water, is soluble also in alcohol, and is crystallized with difficulty. *Quinine quinate* is also very soluble in water, but less so in rectified alcohol. Its taste is very bitter, resembling that of yellow bark. It crystallizes in beautiful stellate groups, which are opaque or semi-transparent. The salt is with difficulty obtained free from color, and only by employing the ingredients in a state of extreme purity. (*Ann. de Chim. et de Phys.*, Juillet, 1829.) Lautemann found, in experiments upon himself, that quinic acid, when taken into the system, undergoes a conversion into hippuric acid and in this state escapes with the urine. (*Ann. der Chem. und Pharm.*, cxxv. 9.) M. Rabuteau has investigated the physiological properties of quinic acid, and has found it closely to resemble the ordinary vegetable acids, being harmless in its effects on the system, and forming with water a refreshing drink like lemonade. Like other vegetable acids, also, it is decomposed in the system, forming, when taken in the state of an alkaline salt, a carbonate of the alkali in the blood, and rendering that fluid alkaline. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1872, p. 524.) Quinic acid is said by Zwenger to have been found in the leaves of *Vaccinium myrtillus*. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1861, p. 128.)

QUINOVIN, *Kinovin*, or *Chinovin*. *Kinovic Bitter*, $C_{38}H_{62}O_{11}$. Originally discovered in the false bark called quinquina nova, or new bark, this substance has since been found in the Calisaya bark, and probably exists, in greater or less proportion, in all the Cinchona barks. It was detected by De Vrij not only in the bark but also in the wood and leaves of *C. calisaya* and *C. lucumæfolia*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1860, pp. 225, 258.) It is white, uncrystallizable, almost insoluble in water, but readily dissolved by alcohol and ether. It is very bitter, and, as it is asserted to have no febrifuge virtues, may on this account mislead the judgment in relation to the activity of the bark in which it may be found. Some barks are said to owe their bitterness mainly to this ingredient. Winckler gives, as a certain test of its presence in any bark, copper sulphate, which is indifferent to infusion of bark containing none of this principle, but detects the smallest proportion of it by producing a dirty-green color, soon followed by the deposition of a fine similarly colored powder. This is a salt of copper, and has a very bitter and metallic taste. (See *A. J. P.*, xxv. 343.)

Quinovin in alcoholic solution was shown in 1859 by Hlasiwetz to be resolved by means of

hydrochloric acid gas into quinovic acid, $C_{24}H_{38}O_4$, and an uncrystallizable sugar, *mannitan*, $C_6H_{12}O_5$, by assimilation of H_2O. The formation of quinovic acid takes place more easily if kinovin is placed in contact with sodium amalgam and spirit of wine, when after 12 hours mannitan and sodium quinovate are formed. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 364.)

Liebermann and Giesel (*Berichte*, xvi. 987) believe that two modifications exist, *α-quinovin* and *β-quinovin*, the former in Cinchona, the latter in Cuprea bark: *α*-quinovin is a white crystalline powder, nearly insoluble in cold and hot water, but soluble in caustic alkalies, lime water, ammonia, and glacial acetic acid, soluble with difficulty in chloroform, ether, and benzin; it dissolves in 57 parts of nearly absolute alcohol. *β*-quinovin closely resembles *α*-quinovin, but is not soluble in ether, and crystallizes readily from dilute alcohol.

De Vrij proposes the following method of isolating quinovin. Macerate powdered cinchona with a very weak solution of caustic potassa or soda, precipitate the filtered liquid with an acid, redissolve the precipitate in milk of lime to separate the cinchonic red, filter and precipitate the solution boiling hot with hydrochloric acid, separate the precipitate, wash it, express as much as possible, and lastly dry it on porous stones, and powder it. For a process for preparing quinovin from by-products, see Allen's *Organic Analysis*, 1892, vol. iii., Part II., p. 443. Thus prepared, the quinovic bitter forms soluble compounds with magnesia and lime, and has been employed, in this mode of combination, as a tonic in the hospital of Batavia, with encouraging success. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1860, p. 258.) Quinovic or *Kinovic Acid*, resulting, as before stated, from the decomposition of quinovin, and possessing the formula $C_{24}H_{38}O_4$, is white, in rhomboidal crystals, insoluble in water, but slightly soluble in ether, somewhat more so in boiling alcohol, but very soluble in ammonia and the fixed alkalies. All its solutions are decidedly bitter. Its acid properties are feeble, yet it is capable of decomposing the alkaline carbonates. (*Ibid.*, Nov. 1859, p. 386.) Dr. Kerner (*Deutsche Klin.*, xx. p. 81) speaks very favorably of quinovic acid as an excellent and at the same time perfectly safe tonic, which produces no narcotic symptoms, and given to adults, in the quantity of half or three-quarters of an ounce, causes not the slightest ill effect. He prefers it in the form of calcium quinovate, of which 40 grains (2·6 Gm.) is the average dose. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1869, p. 543.)

By the experiments of Henry, Jr., and Plisson, it may be considered as established that the alkaloids of the different varieties of bark are combined at the same time with quinic acid and with one or more of the coloring matters which, in relation to these substances, appear to act the part of acids. This idea was originally suggested by Robiquet. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xii. 282, 369.) The compounds of quinine, cinchonine, etc., with the coloring matter are scarcely soluble in water, while their quinates are very soluble.

The odor of bark appears to depend on a *volatile oil*, which Fabroni and Trommsdorff obtained by distillation with water. The oil floated on the surface of the water, was of a thick consistence, and had a bitterish, acrid taste, with the odor of bark.

The *fatty matter*, which was first obtained pure by M. Laubert, is of a greenish color as obtained from the pale bark, orange yellow from the yellow. It is insoluble in water, soluble in boiling alcohol, which deposits a part of it on cooling, very soluble in ether even cold, and saponifiable with the alkalies.

Cinchofulvic Acid. The *cinchonic red* of Reuss, identical with the *insoluble red coloring matter* of Pelletier and Caventou, $C_{12}H_{14}O_7$, is reddish brown, insipid, inodorous, largely soluble in alcohol, especially when hot, and almost insoluble in ether or water, though the latter dissolves a little at the boiling temperature. The acids promote its solubility in water. It precipitates tartar emetic, but not gelatin; but if treated with a cold solution of potassa or soda, or with ammonia, lime, or baryta with heat, and then precipitated by an acid, it acquires the property of forming an insoluble compound with gelatin. It yields protocatechuic acid, $C_7H_6O_4$, when fused with caustic potash. It is most abundant in the red bark (over 10 per cent.), and least so in the pale.

The *yellow coloring matter* has little taste, is soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, precipitates neither gelatin nor tartar emetic, and is itself precipitated by subacetate of lead.

Cinchotannic Acid. *Cinchotannin*, $C_{14}H_{16}O_9$. *Tannic acid*, *tannin*, or *soluble red coloring matter* of Pelletier and Caventou, has been considered as possessing all the properties which characterize the proximate vegetable principles associated together under the name cinchotannic acid. It is a glucoside existing in cinchona barks in the proportion of 3 to 4 per cent. It has a brownish-red color and an austere taste, is soluble in water and alcohol, combines with metallic oxides, and produces precipitates with the salts of iron, which vary in color according to the variety of bark, being deep green with the pale bark, blackish brown with the yellow,

and reddish brown with the red. It also forms white precipitates with tartar emetic and gelatin, and readily combines with atmospheric oxygen, becoming insoluble. It must, however, differ materially from the tannic acid of galls, which could not exist in aqueous solutions containing cinchonine and quinine without forming insoluble compounds with them. Rembold has shown that when cinchotannic acid is boiled with diluted sulphuric acid cinchonic red is produced, sugar being formed at the same time.

Cinchocerotin, $C_{27}H_{48}O_2$. This substance was discovered by Dr. Kerner in flat Calisaya bark from South America. He obtained it in white, very light, crystalline scales. It is not soluble in boiling water, nor in hydrochloric, dilute sulphuric, or glacial acetic acid, but dissolves readily in ether, chloroform, and alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 357.)

Incompatibles. Of the relations of bark to the several solvents employed in pharmacy we shall speak hereafter, under the heads of its infusion, decoction, and tincture; where we shall also have an opportunity of mentioning some of the more prominent substances which afford precipitates with its liquid preparations. It is sufficient at present to state that all the substances which precipitate the infusion of bark do not by any means necessarily affect its virtues, as it contains several inert ingredients which form insoluble compounds with bodies that do not disturb its active principles. As *tannic acid* forms with the alkaloids compounds insoluble in water, it is desirable that substances containing this acid in a free state should not be prescribed in connection with the infusion or decoction of bark; for, though these insoluble tannates might be found efficacious if administered, yet, being precipitated from the liquid, they would be apt to be thrown away as dregs, or at any rate would communicate, if agitated, an unpleasant turbidness. The same may be said of the *tincture* and *compound solution of iodine*, which form insoluble compounds with all the cinchona alkaloids, and of the *alkalies*, *alkaline carbonates*, and *alkaline earths*, which precipitate them from their aqueous solution.

Estimation of Value. It is evident, from what has been said, that an infusion of bark, on account of the tannin-like principle which it contains, may precipitate gelatin, tartar emetic, and the salts of iron, without having a particle of cinchonine, quinine, or other alkaloid in its composition, and that consequently any inference as to its value, drawn from these chemical properties, would be fallacious; but, as the active principles are thrown down by the tannic acid of galls, no bark can be considered good which does not afford a precipitate with the infusion of this substance.*

It is impossible to determine with accuracy the relative proportion of the active ingredients in the different varieties of cinchona, as the quantity is by no means uniform in different specimens of the same variety. The results of the most recent experiments have been already stated under the head of the several varieties of bark described. But it is highly important, in relation to any particular sample of bark, to be able to ascertain its medicinal efficiency, which is measured by the quantity of the peculiar cinchona alkaloids it may contain. In 1880 the U. S. Pharmacopœia for the first time in its history gave a process for assaying Cinchona bark; this was deemed necessary because of the impossibility of judging of the quality of the bark by its physical appearances. The manufacturing chemist never trusts to anything short of a careful chemical assay, and Cinchona bark should never be dispensed or used without having its quality tested or certified to by a competent authority. The following official process of assay is much simpler than that of the U. S. Pharm. 1880, and will give sufficiently accurate results for the uses of the pharmacist. Each manufacturer and quinologist usually has his own secret process, and a method which will accurately differentiate the quantities of the alkaloids is usually difficult and unreliable in the hands of the inexperienced.

"Assay of Cinchona. I. *For Total Alkaloids.* Cinchona, in No. 80 (or finer) powder, and completely dried at 100° C. (212° F.), *twenty grammes;* Alcohol, Ammonia Water, Chloroform, Ether, Normal Sulphuric Acid (volumetric solution), Potassium Hydrate volumetric solution, each, *a sufficient quantity.* To 20 Gm. of Cinchona, in very fine powder, and contained in a

* *Grahe's Test.* A test of the Cinchona barks containing one or more of their characteristic alkaloids has been proposed by Grahe. It is founded on the fact that when these barks are exposed to destructive distillation a product is obtained of a bright carmine color, which is yielded by no other bark under the same circumstances, and not by cinchona unless it contain one or more of its peculiar alkaloids. Nor do the pure alkaloids afford it; but, if mixed with a little acetic, quinic, tannic, citric, or tartaric acid, they exhibit the reaction, showing that in the bark it takes place between the alkaloids and organic acids contained in it. Grahe applies the test by heating a piece of the bark weighing from five to ten grains in an ordinary test-tube, and gradually increasing the heat to redness. Whitish smoke, and watery vapor condensing on the surface of the tube, are first given off, which are soon followed by the appearance of redness in the fumes, and by the deposition, an inch above the heated part, of a red pulverulent film, which is gradually changed into a thick, oily liquid, running down the glass in drops or streaks of a fine carmine color. (*Chemisches Centralblatt,* Feb. 17, 1858, p. 97.)

bottle provided with an accurately ground glass stopper, add 200 C.c. of a previously prepared mixture of 19 volumes of alcohol, 5 volumes of chloroform, and 1 volume of ammonia water, stopper the bottle, and shake it thoroughly and frequently during four hours. Then separate the liquid by pouring it into another bottle through a funnel containing a pellet of cotton, in such a manner that no material loss by evaporation may result. Transfer 100 C.c. of the clear filtrate (representing 10 Gm. of Cinchona) to a beaker, and evaporate it to dryness. Dissolve the residue of crude alkaloids thus obtained in 10 C.c. of water and 4 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid, with the aid of a gentle heat, filter the cooled solution into a separatory funnel, and wash the beaker and filter until the filtrate no longer has an acid reaction, using as small a quantity of water as possible. Now add 5 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution, or such an amount as will render the liquid decidedly alkaline, and extract the alkaloids by shaking the mixture, first with 20 C.c., and then repeatedly with 10 C.c., of chloroform, until a drop of the last chloroform extraction, when evaporated on a watch-glass, no longer leaves a residue. Evaporate the united chloroformic extracts in a tared beaker, dry the residue at 100° C. (212° F.), and weigh. The weight found, multiplied by *ten* (10), will give the percentage of *total alkaloids* in the specimen of Cinchona tested.

"*II. For Quinine.* Transfer 50 C.c. of the clear filtrate remaining over from the preceding process (and representing 5 Gm. of Cinchona) to a beaker, evaporate it to dryness, and proceed as directed in the assay for total alkaloids, using, however, only one-half the amounts of volumetric acid and alkali there directed. Add the united chloroformic extracts containing the alkaloids in solution, gradually, and in small portions at a time, to about 5 Gm. of powdered glass contained in a porcelain capsule placed over a water-bath, so that, when the contents of the capsule are dry, all or nearly all of the dry alkaloids shall be in intimate admixture with the powdered glass, and the chloroform be completely expelled. Now moisten the residue with ether, and, having placed a funnel containing a filter of a diameter of 7 Cm., and well wetted with ether, over a small graduated tube (A), transfer to the filter the ether-moistened residue from the capsule. Rinse the latter several times, if necessary, with fresh ether, so as to transfer the whole of the residue to the filter, then percolate with ether added drop by drop, until exactly 10 C.c. of percolate have been obtained. Then collect another volume of 10 C.c., by similar, slow percolation with ether, in a second graduated tube (B). Transfer the contents of the two tubes completely (using ether for washing) to two small, tared capsules, properly marked (A and B) so as to avoid confusion, evaporate to a constant weight at 100° C. (212° F.), and weigh them. (The residue in A will contain practically all the quinine, together with a portion of the alkaloids less soluble in ether; the residue in B will consist almost entirely of these alkaloids.) From the amount of residue obtained in capsule A deduct that contained in B, and multiply the remainder by *twenty* (20). The product will represent, approximately, the percentage of *quinine* (containing one molecule of water) in the specimen of Cinchona tested." *U. S.*

The Br. Pharmacopœia gives the following method for testing Red Cinchona bark:

"*Test.* When used for purposes other than that of obtaining the alkaloids or their salts, it should yield between five and six per cent. of total alkaloids, of which not less than half shall consist of quinine and cinchonidine, as estimated by the following methods.

"1. *For Quinine and Cinchonidine.* Mix 200 grains of red cinchona bark in No. 60 powder with sixty grains of hydrate of calcium; slightly moisten the powders with half an ounce of water; mix the whole intimately in a small porcelain dish or mortar; allow the mixture to stand for an hour or two, when it will present the characters of a moist, dark brown powder, in which there should be no lumps or visible white particles. Transfer this powder to a six-ounce flask, add three fluidounces of benzolated amylic alcohol,* boil them together for about half an hour, decant and drain off the liquid on to a filter, leaving the powder in the flask; add more of the benzolated amylic alcohol to the powder and boil and decant as before; repeat this operation a third time; then turn the contents of the flask on to the filter, and wash by percolation with more of the benzolated amylic alcohol until the bark is exhausted. If, during the boiling, a funnel be placed in the mouth of the flask, and another flask filled with cold water be placed in the funnel, this will form a convenient condenser, which will prevent the loss of more than a small quantity of the boiling liquid. Introduce the collected filtrate while still warm into a stoppered glass separator; add to it twenty minims of diluted hydrochloric acid, mixed with two fluidrachms of water; shake them well together, and when the acid liquid has

* "Made by mixing together three volumes of benzol and one of amylic alcohol, and decanting the supernatant fluid from any deposited water." *Br.*

separated this may be drawn off, and the process repeated with distilled water slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, until the whole of the alkaloids have been removed. The acid liquid thus obtained will contain the alkaloids as hydrochlorates, with excess of hydrochloric acid. It is to be carefully and exactly neutralized with ammonia while warm, and then concentrated to the bulk of three fluidrachms. If now about fifteen grains of tartarated soda, dissolved in twice its weight of water, be added to the neutral hydrochlorates, and the mixture stirred with a glass rod, insoluble tartrates of quinine and cinchonidine will separate completely in about an hour; and these collected on a filter, washed, and dried, will contain eight-tenths of their weight of the alkaloids, quinine and cinchonidine, which, divided by 2, represents the percentage of those alkaloids. The other alkaloids will be left in the mother-liquor.

"2. *For Total Alkaloids.* To the mother-liquor from the preceding process add solution of ammonia in slight excess. Collect, wash, and dry the precipitate, which will contain the other alkaloids. The weight of this precipitate divided by 2, and added to the percentage weight of the quinine and cinchonidine, gives the percentage of total alkaloids." *Br.*

The German Pharmacopœia gives the following method: "The powdered bark is assayed as follows: Shake 20 Gm. of it strongly and repeatedly with a mixture of 10 Gm. of water of ammonia, 20 Gm. of alcohol, and 170 Gm. of ether, and, after a day, decant 120 Gm. of the clear liquid. To this liquid add 3 C.c. of volumetric hydrochloric acid, remove the ether by distillation or evaporation, and again add, if necessary, enough hydrochloric acid to render the solution acid. Then filter, and mix the cold filtrate with 3·5 C.c. of volumetric solution of potassa. When the alkaloids have subsided, drop more of the solution of potassa into the clear supernatant liquid, until nothing more is thrown down. Finally, collect the whole of the precipitate on a filter, and wash it repeatedly with small portions of water, until drops of the wash water allowed to come in contact with the surface of a cold, aqueous, neutral, saturated solution of sulphate of quinine no longer produce a turbidity. When the alkaloids have drained, press them gently between bibulous paper, and, having dried them sufficiently in the air to permit their being removed to a watch-glass, dry them completely, first over sulphuric acid, and, finally, by means of a water-bath. The weight of alkaloids procured by this method should not be less than 0·42 Gm. When a small portion of the same is boiled with 300 parts of water, the filtrate, after cooling, should yield flakes of quinine. When to 5 parts of this solution, after being cooled and decanted, 1 part of chlorine water is added, and water of ammonia immediately dropped in, the liquid should acquire a beautiful green color."* *Ph. Germ.*

* *Dr. E. R. Squibb's Method of Assaying Cinchona Bark.* Take of the powdered cinchona 5 grammes = 77·16 grains; lime, well burnt, 1·25 grammes = 19·29 grains; amylic alcohol, stronger ether, purified chloroform, normal solution of oxalic acid, normal solution of sodium and water, of each a sufficient quantity; or double all the quantities throughout, as well as size of vessels, etc., if the barks be poor, or if it be desired to divide the errors of manipulation. Add to the lime contained in a 10-Cm. = 4-inch capsule, 30 C.c. = 1 fluidounce of hot water, and when the lime is slaked, stir the mixture, add the cinchona, stir very thoroughly, and digest in a warm place for a few hours, or overnight. Then dry the mixture at a low temperature on a water-bath, rub it to powder in the capsule, and transfer it to a flask of 100 C.c. = 3·3 fluidounces capacity, and add to it 25 C.c. = $\frac{5}{6}$ fluidounce of amylic alcohol. Cork the flask, and digest in a water-bath at a boiling temperature, and with frequent vigorous shaking, for four hours. Then cool and add 60 C.c. = 2 fluidounces of stronger ether, sp. gr. 0·728, and again shake vigorously and frequently during an hour or more. Filter off the liquid through a double filter of 10 Cm. = 4 inches diameter, into a flask of 150 C.c. = 5 fluidounces capacity, and transfer the residue to the filter. Rinse out the flask on to the filter with a mixture of 10 volumes of amylic alcohol and 40 of stronger ether, and then percolate the residue on the filter with 15 C.c. = half a fluidounce of the same mixture, added drop by drop from a pipette to the edges of the filter and surface of the residue. Return the residue to the flask from whence it came, add 30 C.c. = 1 fluidounce of the amylic alcohol and ether mixture, shake vigorously for five minutes or more, and return the whole to the filter. Again percolate the residue with 15 C.c. of the menstruum, applied drop by drop from a pipette as before. Then put the filter and residue aside, that it may be afterwards tested in regard to the degree of exhaustion. Boil off the ether from the filtrate in the flask by means of a water-bath, taking great care to avoid igniting the ether vapor, and also to avoid explosive boiling by having a long wire in the flask. When boiled down as far as practicable in the flask, transfer the remainder to a tared capsule of 10 Cm. = 4 inches diameter, and continue the evaporation on a water-bath until the contents are reduced to about 6 grammes = 92 grains. Transfer this to a flask of 100 C.c. = 3·3 fluidounces capacity, rinsing the capsule into the flask with not more than 4 C.c. = 64 minims of amylic alcohol. Then add 6 C.c. = 96 minims of water, and 4 C.c. = 64 minims of normal solution of oxalic acid, and shake vigorously and frequently during half an hour. Pour the mixture while intimately mixed on to a well-wetted double filter of 12 Cm. = $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter, and filter off the watery solution from the amylic alcohol into a tared capsule of 10 Cm. = 4 inches diameter. Wash the filter and contents with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of water, applied drop by drop from a pipette to the edges of the filter and surface of the amylic alcohol. Then pour the amylic alcohol back into the flask over the edge of the filter and funnel, rinsing the last portion in with a few drops of water. Add 10 C.c. = 160 minims of water, and 1 C.c = 16 minims of normal solution of oxalic acid; again shake vigorously for a minute or two, and return the whole to the wetted filter, and filter off the watery portion into the capsule with the first portion. Return the amylic alcohol again to the flask, and repeat the washing with the same quantities of water and normal oxalic solution. When this has drained through, wash the filter and contents with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of water, applied drop by drop from a pipette. Evaporate the total filtrate in the capsule on a water-bath, at a low temperature, until it is reduced to about 15 grammes = 241 grains, and transfer this to a flask of

It is usually sufficient to ascertain the quantity of total alkaloids in bark, for this is really a test of the efficacy of the bark for pharmaceutical purposes; since all the organic alkaline principles contained in it are efficient as medicines, and in all probability in a nearly equal degree. But for manufacturing purposes it is necessary to push the investigation further, and ascertain the proportion of the several alkaloids in the mixture.

From the most recent and carefully conducted assays, it appears that the best official yellow Calisaya bark, the finest red bark, and the finest fibrous Carthagena bark (*soft Pitaya*) are about equal in their amount of alkaloids, each containing from 3 to 4 per cent., and the Indian and Java barks frequently exceed these yields; De Vrij obtained from bark of *C. officinalis* grown at Ootacamund total alkaloids as high as 11·96 per cent. (9·1 per cent. of which was quinine). The highest yield yet recorded was obtained by De Vrij from Ootacamund bark, 13·5 per cent., the greater part of which was quinine.* Between these and the barks of lowest value there is every grade of productiveness, down to a mere trace of alkaloidal matter.†

The quantities of cinchona and other barks used in the manufacture of quinine, imported into the United States during the years 1891 and 1892, were, according to the U. S. Bureau of Statistics, for 1891, 2,901,783 lbs., valued at $301,070, and for 1892, 3,434,875 lbs., valued at $301,385. The maximum importation in recent years was in 1879, when 6,388,641 lbs. were imported.

Medical Properties and Uses. This valuable remedy was unknown to the civilized world till about the middle of the seventeenth century, though the natives of Peru are generally supposed to have been long previously acquainted with its febrifuge powers. Humboldt, however, is of a different opinion. In his memoir on the Cinchona forests, he states that it is unknown as a remedy to the Indians inhabiting the country where it grows; and, as these people adhere pertinaciously to the habits of their ancestors, he concludes that it never was employed by them. They have generally the most violent prejudices against it, considering

100 C.c. = 3·3 fluidounces capacity, rinsing the capsule into the flask with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of water. Add 20 C.c. = 66 fluidounces of purified chloroform, and then 6·1 C.c. = 98 minims of normal solution of sodium, and shake vigorously for five minutes or more. While still intimately mixed by the shaking, pour the mixture upon a filter of 12 Cm. = 4¾ inches diameter, well wetted with water. When the watery solution has passed through, leaving the chloroform on the filter, wash the filter and chloroform with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of water, applied drop by drop. Then transfer the chloroform solution, by making a pin-hole in the point of the filter, to another filter of 10 Cm. = 4 inches diameter, well wetted with chloroform, and placed over a tared flask of 100 C.c. = 3·3 fluidounces capacity. Wash the watery filter through into the chloroform-wet filter with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of purified chloroform, and when this has passed through into the flask, wash the chloroform-wet filter also with 5 C.c. = 80 minims of chloroform applied drop by drop to the edges of the filter. When the whole chloroform solution of alkaloids is collected in the flask, boil off the chloroform to dryness in a water-bath, when the alkaloids will be left in watery groups of radiating crystals adhering over the bottom and sides of the flask. Place the flask on its side in a drying stove, and dry at 100° C. = 212° F. to a constant weight. The weight of the contents multiplied by 20 gives the percentage of the total alkaloids of the cinchona in an anhydrous condition, to within ·1 or ·2 of 1 per cent. if the process has been well managed.

* *Quinetum.* Under this name a compound is produced in India and other Eastern countries, which consists of the mixed alkaloids of Red Bark, the object being to produce a cheap febrifuge which will answer all practical purposes and save the cost of refining. The following formula has been adopted by the Dutch Society for the Advancement of Pharmacy: "Red Cinchona bark (the bark of the trunk of *Cinchona succirubra*, grown in Java and India, and containing at least 6 per cent. of alkaloids), in fine powder, 1000 parts; normal hydrochloric acid (volumetric standard), 1000 parts; oxalic acid, 12 parts; solution of soda, q. s.; water, q. s.

"Macerate the cinchona with the hydrochloric acid and 3000 parts of water for at least 12 hours, occasionally stirring. Pour the mixture into a percolator, the lower orifice of which is closed by a linen plug, and, as soon as the liquid runs off clear, displace with water until the liquid running from the percolator is no longer precipitated (though it may be colored) by solution of soda.

"To the strained liquid (which may amount to perhaps 8000 parts) add the oxalic acid dissolved in a little water, and then add *carefully*, under continued stirring, just enough solution of soda until the precipitate which forms at first separates in coherent flakes. Separate this precipitate (which consists of calcium oxalate and cinchona red) by pouring off as much of the still acid clear liquid as is possible, and filter the remainder. To the united liquids add now an excess of solution of soda, let it settle, and collect the precipitate upon a moistened double filter. Wash it with a weak soda solution until the washings have only a light-red color; then wash with the least possible quantity of water, until the washings begin to have a bitter taste. Let the precipitate drain, dry it in the air, and powder it.

"Quinetum is completely soluble in strong, warm alcohol. When 3·1 grammes of quinetum are dissolved in 10 C.c. of normal hydrochloric acid, this solution must be clear, and, on the addition of 2 grammes of Rochelle salt, must yield a precipitate which, when dried, should amount to *at least* 65 per cent. of the weight of the quinetum dissolved." (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 10.)

† To obviate the disadvantages arising from the variable strength of bark, M. Guillermond recommends to fix on an appropriate strength, as indicated by the percentage of quinine, below the highest, yet much above the lowest, and either to select bark of this strength, or to bring that employed to the medium strength, by adding a stronger or weaker bark, as the case may require, in due proportion. He recommends as this standard the yield of 3·2 per cent. of quinine sulphate. This is to be treated by alcohol till entirely exhausted, and the tincture evaporated so as to yield an extract which shall exactly represent the virtues of the bark and shall always have the same strength. From this extract all the preparations of bark are to be made, which will thus always be uniform in strength. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1863, p. 124.

it poisonous, and in the treatment of fever prefer the milder indigenous remedies. Ruiz and Pavon, however, ascribe the discovery to the Indians; and Tschudi states, in his Travels in Peru (Am. ed., ii. 280), that the inhabitants of the Peruvian forests drink an infusion of the green bark as a remedy in intermittent fever.* On the other hand, the statements of Humboldt have been confirmed by the travellers Markham and Spence, the former remarking that the native Indian doctors do not use the bark, and the latter that the Cascarilleros of Ecuador believe that their red bark is used solely for dyeing. It is uncertain whether, as Jussieu stated in 1739, the Jesuit fathers received their knowledge from the Indians, or, as Humboldt believes, discovered the virtues of the drug for themselves, having been led to make trial of it by its extreme bitterness. The Countess of Chinchon, wife of the Viceroy of Peru, having in her own person experienced the beneficial effects of the bark, is said, on her return to Spain in the year 1640, to have first introduced the remedy into Europe. Hence the name of *pulvis Comitissæ*, by which it was first known. After its introduction it was distributed and sold by the Jesuits, who are said to have obtained for it the price of its weight in silver. From this circumstance it was called *Jesuits' powder*, a title which it long retained. In 1653, Dr. Chifflet, physician to the Archduke Leopold, directed the attention of all Europe to the bark by his work entitled *Pulvis Febrifugus Orbis Americani*. This gave rise to a very active controversy; the high price of the drug aiding very greatly those who opposed its introduction. According to Sturm, twenty doses in 1658 cost sixty florins. It seems first to have been advertised in England for sale in 1658 by a James Thomson, and by 1660 it was much employed. It still, however, encountered much prejudice and ignorance, and was not made official in the London Pharmacopœia until 1677. Sir Robert Talbot (or Talbor) used it as a secret remedy with so much address and success that in 1679 he cured Charles II. of a tertian, and subsequently sold his secret to Louis XIV. of France, who published it in 1681.

When taken into the stomach, bark usually excites in a short time a sense of warmth in the epigastrium, which often diffuses itself over the abdomen and even the breast, and is sometimes attended with considerable gastric and intestinal irritation. Nausea and vomiting are sometimes produced, especially if the stomach was previously in an inflamed or irritated state; and its action is not unfrequently accompanied by purging. If the dose of the cinchona bark have been large enough, the symptoms of cinchonism may result. (See *Quinine*.) At one time cinchona bark (dose, 10 grains to 1 drachm = 0·65 to 3·9 Gm.) and its preparations were used as antiperiodics, but at present for such purpose one of its alkaloids is always selected. The best preparation for use as a tonic is the *compound tincture*.

CINCHONIDINÆ SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Cinchonidine Sulphate.

(CĬN-ĊHŌ-NĪ-DĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4.3H_2O$; 738·52. $(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4 + 3H_2O$; 768.

"The neutral sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from the bark of various species of Cinchona." *U. S.* "The sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from the bark of various species of Cinchona." *Br.*

Sulphate of Cinchonidine; Schwefelsaures Cinchonidin, *G.*; Sulfate de Cinchonidine, *Fr.*

This salt is prepared from the mother-liquors obtained in the manufacture of quinine sulphate, and is separated from the sulphates of the other alkaloids by fractional crystallization. The British-India and Javanese cultivated red barks usually contain large quantities of cinchonidine. Of the South American barks, probably the Colombian varieties yield the largest proportion of cinchonidine. Owing to some confusion in naming cinchonidine and quinidine, this alkaloid is sometimes incorrectly called in Germany *chinidine*. Skraup's researches on the composition of cinchonine and cinchonidine (1879) established the correctness of the formula $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$, instead of the long-accepted formula of Pasteur (1853), $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O$. Skraup's formula has been confirmed by Hesse, and is now generally accepted among chemists. The French Codex of 1884 uses it, but the British Pharmacopœia of 1885 retains the old formula.

Properties. Cinchonidine sulphate occurs in "white, silky, acicular crystals, without odor, and having a very bitter taste; slightly efflorescent on exposure to air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 70 parts of water, and in 66 parts of alcohol; in 1·42 parts of boiling water, and in 8 parts of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 1316 parts of chloroform, and almost insoluble in ether. The presence of sulphates of other cinchona alkaloids increases its solubility in ether and chloroform. At 100° C. (212° F.) the salt gives off its water of crystalli-

* Tschudi also observes that he has found the fresh bark more efficacious than the dried, as, in less than half the usual dose, it not only effects cures in a short time, but insures the patient against the return of the disease.

zation. At 215° C. (419° F.) it melts, and, when ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. The salt is neutral, or has a faintly alkaline reaction on litmus paper. On adding ammonia water to the aqueous solution of the salt, a white precipitate (cinchonidine) is produced, which is but slightly soluble in ammonia, but dissolves in about 75 parts of ether. If concentrated sulphuric acid be added to a small quantity of the salt, not more than a faintly yellowish color should be developed (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*). Upon adding to this liquid a crystal of potassium dichromate, a yellowish-green color is produced, which gradually changes to grass-green. Addition of barium chloride test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt produces a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. A solution of the salt (about 1 in 1000) in diluted sulphuric acid should not exhibit more than a faint blue fluorescence (absence of more than traces of the *sulphates of quinine* or *quinidine*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at 100° C. (212° F.) until it ceases to lose weight, the residue, cooled in a desiccator, should weigh not less than 0·920 Gm. (absence of an *undue amount of water*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be macerated, with frequent agitation, at the ordinary temperature, with 20 C.c. of water, 0·5 Gm. of potassium and sodium tartrate then added, the maceration continued, under repeated agitation, for one hour at 15° C. (59° F.), and the mixture then filtered, the addition of one drop of ammonia water to the filtrate should not produce more than a slight turbidity (absence of more than small proportions of the *sulphates of cinchonine* or *quinidine*)." *U. S.*

Cinchonidine. The alkaloid itself is not official; as usually seen it is in white, light, pulverulent masses. It is crystallizable, soluble in 1680 parts of cold and in a somewhat smaller quantity of hot water, in about 20 parts of alcohol, and in 70 parts of ether. It melts at 206·5° C. (404° F.), and becomes a solid mass of crystals at 190° C. (374° F.). The *acid sulphate* (sometimes called *bisulphate*) is much more soluble in water than the official sulphate. The *cinchonidine salicylate* is neutral and crystalline, insoluble in cold water, sparingly in hot water, easily soluble in alcohol and diluted alcohol. It may be prepared by the direct combination of salicylic acid with the alkaloid. (Rosengarten, *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 616.) The *hydrobromate* has been employed by Prof. Gubler hypodermically. (*N. R.*, 1879, p. 366.)*

Medical Properties. So far as our knowledge goes, this alkaloid influences the system similarly to quinine, the only difference being that it is less powerful. It may be given in doses one-third greater than those of quinine, but should not be relied on in severe cases.

CINCHONINA. U. S. Cinchonine.

$C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$; 293·41. (CĬN-ĊHŌ-NĪ'NĂ.) $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$; 294.

"An alkaloid obtained from the bark of various species of Cinchona." *U. S.*

This alkaloid was introduced for the first time into the U. S. P. 1880. The sulphate has had an extensive use, is again official, and is the source from whence this alkaloid is usually prepared. Cinchonine is most conveniently precipitated from an aqueous solution of cinchonine sulphate by ammonia water. Several processes have been employed for the preparation of cinchonine. One of the simplest is the following. Powdered pale bark is submitted to the action of sulphuric or hydrochloric acid very much diluted, and the solution obtained is precipitated by an excess of lime. The precipitate is collected on a filter, washed with water, and treated with boiling alcohol. The alcoholic solution is filtered while hot, and deposits the cinchonine when it cools. A further quantity is obtained by evaporation. If not perfectly white, it may be made so by converting it into a sulphate with dilute sulphuric acid, then treating the solution with animal charcoal, filtering, precipitating by an alkali, and redissolving by alcohol in the manner already mentioned. It may also be obtained from the mother-waters of quinine sulphate by diluting them with water, precipitating with ammonia, collecting the precipitate on a filter, washing and drying it, and then dissolving it in boiling alcohol, which deposits the cinchonine in a crystalline form upon cooling. It may be still further purified by a second solution and crystallization. Its formula is now generally accepted as $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$, the molecular weight of which is 294, as proposed by Skraup, instead of the older formula, $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O$, of Pasteur.

* *Cinchonidine Benzoate* may be made by Byasson's process. Sixty parts of benzoic acid are dissolved in two hundred parts of alcohol, and poured into a porcelain vessel containing three thousand parts of boiling distilled water; two hundred parts of cinchonidine sulphate are dissolved in two thousand parts of water, using sufficient diluted sulphuric acid to effect the solution; this is precipitated with ammonia, and washed with a small quantity of cold water; the moist precipitate of cinchonidine is added to the hot solution of benzoic acid, and filtered while hot. The solution must be made faintly alkaline by the cautious addition of ammonia. On cooling, the cinchonidine benzoate separates in the form of small, thin, prismatic needles, resembling cinchonidine sulphate. The yield is about two hundred parts. (*Pharm. Rec.*, 1884, p. 45.)

Properties. This alkaloid occurs in "white, lustrous prisms or needles, without odor, at first almost tasteless, but soon developing a bitter after-taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 3760 parts of water, and in 116 parts of alcohol; in 3500 parts of boiling water, and in 26·5 parts of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 526 parts of ether, and in 163 parts of chloroform. At 240° C. (464° F.) the crystals fuse together, and at 258° C. (496·4° F.) they melt, forming a brown liquid. When ignited, they are consumed without leaving a residue. When placed on moistened, red litmus paper, Cinchonine shows an alkaline reaction. On adding to a neutral or not more than faintly acid solution of Cinchonine, or of any of its salts, enough potassium ferrocyanide test-solution to redissolve the precipitate first formed, and afterwards an acid, a golden-yellow precipitate will be formed, which, when redissolved by gently warming the liquid, will separate, on cooling, in minute scales or needles. On adding an excess of ammonia water to a solution of Cinchonine in a dilute acid, the alkaloid will be precipitated. The precipitate is but feebly soluble in ammonia, and should require not less than 300 parts of ether for solution. A solution of Cinchonine (1 in 1000) in diluted sulphuric acid should not exhibit more than a faint blue fluorescence (absence of more than traces of *quinine* or *quinidine*). Cinchonine should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tinge to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*)." *U. S.* Waddington found it to sublime readily, without change, in perfectly characteristic crystals. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1868, p. 414.)* Its alkaline character is very decided, as it neutralizes the strongest acids. Of the salts of cinchonine, the sulphate, nitrate, hydrochlorate, phosphate, and acetate are soluble in water. The neutral tartrate, oxalate, and gallate are insoluble in cold water, but soluble in hot water, alcohol, or an excess of acid. Winckler has shown that cinchonine is rendered uncrystallizable or amorphous by sulphuric acid in excess, aided by heat; a fact of importance in the preparation of the sulphate of this alkaloid. (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 15, 1848.) Cinchonine is but little more soluble in carbonic acid water than in pure water, and does not, like quinine, yield crystals of the carbonate on exposure of its carbonic acid solution. (*Comptes-Rendus*, Nov. 7, 1853, p. 727.) It differs from quinine by its rotating the plane of polarization to the right, by the want of fluorescence in its solutions, and by its failing to respond to the thalleioquin test.

Exposed to the air, cinchonine does not suffer decomposition, but very slowly absorbs carbonic acid gas, and acquires the property of effervescing slightly with acids. It is precipitated sulphur yellow by gold terchloride. Chlorine water dissolves it or any of its salts without change; but if ammonia be now added, a white precipitate is produced. It is thus distinguishable from quinine. (See *Quinine.*) Dr. J. W. Bill, U.S.A., proposes potassium ferrocyanide as a very delicate test of cinchonine. If added to the solution of a salt of this alkaloid, it produces a yellowish-white curdy precipitate, which is dissolved upon the application of a gentle heat, but is again deposited, when the liquid cools, as an abundant crop of golden-yellow crystals. No other alkaloid exhibits the same reaction. A cloudy precipitate is produced by the same reagent with a salt of quinine; but this does not happen when the ferrocyanide is in excess; and, if the precipitate be dissolved by heat, no subsidence takes place on cooling. Hence, in the application of this test to cinchonine, a slight excess of the ferrocyanide should be added. (*Am. Journ. of Science and Arts*, July, 1858, p. 108.)

By the action of potassium permanganate cinchonine is decomposed, with the effect of producing, at first, an entirely distinct neutral principle, *cinchotenine*, $C_{18}H_{20}N_2O_3 + 3H_2O$, and an alkaloid, which the authors named *hydrocinchonine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$, as it differs from cinchonine (cinchonia) only in having two additional atoms of hydrogen. The cinchotenine, when further oxidized by the same reagent, yields quinoline and pyridine derivatives (see Part II.), as *cinchonic* (quinoline-carboxylic) *acid*, $C_9H_6N(COOH)$, and *cinchomeronic* (pyridine-dicarboxylic) *acid*, $C_5H_3N(COOH)_2$.

Medical Properties. The physiological action of cinchonine is similar to but less powerful than that of quinine. Thus, Conzen (quoted by Husemann) has found that its action on infusoria and on fermentation is similar to but weaker than that of its sister alkaloid, and that on the movements of the white blood-corpuscles its influence seems transient. Upon dogs, according to Bernatzik's experiments, the lethal dose of cinchonine is to that of quinine as 5 is to 4. As an antiperiodic or tonic, cinchonine exerts an influence similar to that of quinine, but is probably about one-third weaker, and must be used in correspondingly larger dose.

* It is asserted that the hydrochlorates of quinine, cinchonine, and quinidine, heated on a slip of platinum, short of combustion, emit a purple vapor like iodine. Neither the alkaloids nor their sulphates have this property; but the addition of one-tenth of hydrochlorate will cause the evolution of the colored vapor. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 397.)

CINCHONINÆ SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Cinchonine Sulphate.

(CĬN-ĈHŌ-NĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4, 2H_2O$; 720·56.* $(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4.2H_2O$; 722.

"The sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from the bark of various species of Cinchona and Remijia." *Br.*

Cinchoniæ Sulphas, *Pharm.* 1870; Cinchoninum Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Sulfate de Cinchonine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Cinchonin, *G.*

The process official in U. S. P. 1870 is as follows: "Take of the mother-water, remaining after the crystallization of Sulphate of Quinine, in the process for preparing that salt, *a convenient quantity;* Solution of Soda, Alcohol, Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Animal Charcoal, in fine powder, each, *a sufficient quantity.* To the mother-water add gradually, with constant stirring, Solution of Soda, until the liquid becomes alkaline. Collect on a filter the precipitate formed, wash it with water, and dry it. Then wash it with successive small portions of alcohol, to remove other alkaloids which may be present. Mix the residue with eight times its weight of water, and, having heated the mixture, add gradually Diluted Sulphuric Acid until it is saturated and becomes clear. Then boil the liquid with Animal Charcoal, filter it while hot, and set it aside to crystallize. Lastly, drain the crystals, and dry them on bibulous paper. By evaporating the mother-liquid, more crystals may be obtained." *U. S.*

In consequence of its greater solubility, Cinchonine Sulphate remains behind in the mother-water, when quinine sulphate crystallizes, in the process for preparing the latter salt. To separate it from other substances contained in the mother-water, it is decomposed by solution of soda, which is preferable to potassa, as it forms a very soluble salt with sulphuric acid, whereas the potassium sulphate, being of difficult solubility, might fall with the precipitated cinchonine. The precipitate may be safely washed with small portions of alcohol, as the alkaloid is almost insoluble in that liquid when cold. It is next reconverted into the sulphate; and the solution, having been boiled with *unpurified* animal charcoal to decolorize it, and at the same time neutralize any possible excess of sulphuric acid which might interfere with the crystallization of the salt, is filtered while hot, and then allowed to stand. It is particularly important that there should be no excess of sulphuric acid while the solution is exposed to heat, as under this influence the alkaloid is much disposed to become uncrystallizable. Hence the advantage of using unpurified animal charcoal or bone-black, as the calcium carbonate contained in it neutralizes any excess of the acid. The cinchonine sulphate, held in solution by the liquid while hot, is deposited by it, upon cooling, in crystals.

It may be also prepared by first obtaining cinchonine from one of the pale barks; treating this with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, added gradually till the alkaloid is dissolved; then boiling with purified animal charcoal, filtering the solution while hot, and setting it aside to crystallize.

There are two cinchonine sulphates, the neutral and the acid sulphate. The official salt is the neutral sulphate. It is in "hard, white, lustrous, prismatic crystals, without odor, and having a very bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 66 parts of water, and in 10 parts of alcohol; in 13·59 parts of boiling water, and in 3·25 parts of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 78 parts of chloroform, but almost insoluble in ether. At 100° C. (212° F.) it gives off its water of crystallization, and at 215° C. (419° F.) it melts, forming a brown liquid. When ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. Addition of ammonia to an aqueous solution of the salt produces a white precipitate which should respond to the reactions and tests given under *Cinchonina.* On adding barium chloride test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt, a white precipitate is produced, which is insoluble in hydrochloric acid. A solution of the salt (1 in 1000) in diluted sulphuric acid should not exhibit more than a faint blue fluorescence (limit of *quinine* or *quinidine*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at 100° C. (212° F.) until it ceases to lose weight, the residue, cooled in a desiccator, should weigh not less than 0·95 Gm. (absence of an *undue amount of water*). If 1 part of the salt, reduced to powder, be macerated, with frequent agitation, at the ordinary temperature, with 80 parts of chloroform, it should wholly, or almost wholly, dissolve (limit of *quinine* or *cinchonidine*).† The salt should not impart more than a

* The British Pharmacopœia gives the following formula for this salt: $(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O)_2,H_2SO_4,2H_2O$.

† A test distinguishing between quinine sulphate and cinchonine sulphate has been announced by M. Palm, of Russia, in potassium polysulphide, prepared by boiling solution of potassa with an excess of sulphur. When a solution of this sulphide is added to a boiling solution of quinine sulphate, the latter, however small the quantity present, is thrown down as a red terebinthinate mass, which hardens on cooling and then assumes the appearance of a resin; while with cinchonine sulphate a white powder is precipitated containing sulphur. (*Journ. de Pharm.,* Mai, 1864.)

faintly yellowish tinge to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*)." *U. S.* The *acid sulphate*, or *bisulphate*, $C_{19}H_{22}N_2OH_2SO_4,3H_2O$, is prepared by adding sulphuric acid to the neutral sulphate. According to Baup, 100 parts are soluble in 45 parts of water and in 100 parts of absolute alcohol; it is insoluble in ether. It crystallizes in rhombic octohedrons.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cinchonine sulphate has the same remedial properties as quinine sulphate, but must be given in somewhat larger dose. Tonic dose, a grain or two (0·065–0·13 Gm.) three or four times a day; antiperiodic dose, 15 grains to 40 grains (1·0–2·6 Gm.) between the paroxysms. It may be taken in pill, or in solution made by the addition of dilute sulphuric acid in the proportion of a minim or two drops for each grain of the salt. To lessen the bitterness in taste, it may be given suspended in syrup, without the use of any acid, or with a few grains of powdered liquorice added to the mixture.

CINNAMOMUM CASSIA. U. S. Cassia Cinnamon.

(CĬN-NĄ-MŌ'MŬM CĂS'SĮ-Ą.)

"The bark of the shoots of one or more undetermined species of Cinnamomum grown in China (Chinese Cinnamon) (nat. ord. Laurineæ)." *U. S.*

Cinnamomum, *U. S.* 1880; Cassia; Cassia Bark; Cortex Cinnamomi, *P. G.;* Cinnamomum Chinense, Cassia Cinnamomea; Cassia Lignea; Cassia Bark; Casse, Cannelle de Chine, *Fr.;* Cassienzimmt, Zimmtkassie, Chinesischer (Gemeiner) Zimmt, *G.;* Canellina, *It.;* Casia, *Sp.*

CINNAMOMUM SAIGONICUM. U. S. Saigon Cinnamon.

(CĬN-NĄ-MŌ'MŬM SĂ-Į-GŎN'Į-CŬM.)

"The bark of an undetermined species of Cinnamomum (nat. ord. Laurineæ)." *U. S.*

CINNAMOMUM ZEYLANICUM. U. S. (Br.) Ceylon Cinnamon.

(CĬN-NĄ-MŌ'MŬM ZĘ-LĂN'Į-CŬM.)

"The inner bark of the shoots of Cinnamomum Zeylanicum, Breyne (nat. ord. Laurineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried inner bark of shoots from the truncated stocks or stools of the cultivated cinnamon tree, Cinnamomum Zeylanicum, Breyn. Imported from Ceylon, and distinguished in commerce as Ceylon Cinnamon." *Br.*

Cinnamomi Cortex, *Br.;* Cinnamomum, *U. S.* 1880; Cinnamon Bark; Cortex Cinnamomi Zeylonici; Cinnamomum Acutum, s. Verum; Cannelle de Ceylon, Cannelle, *Fr.;* Brauner Canel, Zeylonzimmt, Zimmt, *G.;* Canella, *It.;* Canela, *Sp.;* Kurundu, *Cingalese;* Karua puttay, *Tamil.*

Both *cinnamomum* and *cassia* were terms employed by the ancients, but whether exactly as now understood it is impossible to determine. The term *cassia*, or *cassia lignea*, has been generally used in modern times to designate the coarser barks analogous to cinnamon. It was probably first applied to the barks from Malabar, and afterwards extended to those of China and other parts of Eastern Asia. It has been customary to ascribe *cassia lignea* to the *Laurus cassia* of Linnæus; but the specific character given by that botanist was so indefinite, and based on such imperfect information, that the species has been almost unanimously abandoned by botanists. The barks sold as cinnamon and cassia in different parts of the world are derived from various species of Cinnamomum.

Gen. Ch. Flowers hermaphrodite or polygamous. *Perianth* six-cleft, the upper half of each segment deciduous. *Stamens* nine, with four-celled anthers, six (opposite the perianth-segments) opening inwards without glands, three (opposite three of the above) opening outwards and bearing a gland on each side at the base. *Staminodia* three (opposite the three other outer stamens), with capitate or cordate abortive anthers. *Berry* resting on the enlarged six-lobed base of the perianth." (Bentham, *Flora Hongkongensis.*) As thus defined, the genus Cinnamomum does not include the genus Camphora. (See *Camphora.*)

1. *Cinnamomum zeylanicum.* Nees, *Laurineæ*, 52; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 329; Hayne, *Darstel. und Beschreib., etc.* xii. 263.—*Laurus cinnamomum.* Linn. This is a tree about 20 or 30 feet high, with a trunk from 12 to 18 inches in diameter and covered with a thick, scabrous bark. The branches are numerous, strong, horizontal, and declining; and the young shoots are beautifully speckled with dark green and light orange colors. The leaves are opposite for the most part, coriaceous, entire, ovate or ovate-oblong, obtusely pointed, and three-nerved, with the lateral nerves vanishing as they approach the point. There are also two less obvious nerves, one on each side arising from the base, proceeding towards the border of the leaf, and then quickly vanishing. The footstalks are short and slightly channelled, and, together with the extreme twigs, are smooth and without the least appearance of down. In one variety the

leaves are very broad and somewhat cordate. When mature, they are of a shining green upon their upper surface, and lighter-colored beneath. The flowers are small, white, and arranged in axillary and terminal panicles.* The fruit is an oval berry, which adheres like the acorn to the receptacle, is larger than the black currant, and when ripe has a bluish-brown surface, diversified with numerous white spots. The tree emits no smell perceptible at any distance. The bark of the root has the odor of cinnamon with the pungency of camphor, and yields this principle upon distillation. The leaves have a spicy odor when rubbed, and a hot taste. A volatile oil distilled from them has been introduced into commerce.† The petiole has the flavor of cinnamon. It is a singular fact that the odor of the flowers is to people in general disagreeable, being compared by some to the scent exhaled from newly-sawn bones. The fruit has a terebinthinate odor when opened, and a taste in some degree like that of juniper berries. A fatty substance, called *cinnamon-suet*, is obtained from it when ripe, by bruising it and then boiling it in water, and removing the oleaginous matter which rises to the surface, and concretes upon cooling. It is the prepared bark that constitutes the genuine cinnamon.

This species is a native of Ceylon, where it has long been cultivated. It is said also to be a native of the Malabar Coast, and has at various periods been introduced into Java, the Isle of France, Bourbon, the Cape Verds, Brazil, Cayenne, several of the West India islands, and Egypt, and in some of these places is at this time highly productive, especially in Cayenne, where the plant was flourishing so early as 1755. It is exceedingly influenced, as regards the aromatic character of its bark, by the circumstances of soil, climate, and mode of culture. Thus, we are told by Marshall that in Ceylon, beyond the limits of Negombo and Matura, in the western and southern parts of the island, the bark is never of good quality, being greatly deficient in the aromatic flavor of the cinnamon; and that even within these limits it is of unequal value, from the various influences of exposure, soil, shade, and other circumstances. Cinnamon closely resembling Ceylon cinnamon is said to have been sent to Europe from Brazil.

2. *C. aromaticum.* Nees, *Laurineæ*, 52; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 330.—*C. cassia.* Blume, Ed. Ph.; Hayne, *Darstel. und Beschreib., etc.* xii. 23.—*Laurus cassia.* Aiton, *Hort. Kew.* ii. 427.—Not *Laurus cassia* of Linn. This is of about the same magnitude as the former species, and, like it, has nearly opposite, shortly petiolate, coriaceous, entire leaves, of a shining green upon the upper surface, lighter-colored beneath, and furnished with three nerves, of which the two latter vanish towards the point. The leaves, however, differ in being oblong-lanceolate and pointed, and in exhibiting, under the microscope, a very fine down upon the under surface. The footstalks and extreme twigs are also downy. The flowers are in narrow, silky panicles. The plant grows in China, Sumatra, and other parts of Eastern Asia, and is said to be cultivated in Java. It is believed to be the species which furnishes, wholly or in part, the Chinese cinnamon or cassia brought from Canton, and is supposed to be the source of the *cassia buds.*

Besides the two species above described, others have been thought to contribute to the cinnamon and cassia of commerce. In 1839 (*Madras Journ. Lit. and Sci.*, No. 22), Dr. Wight stated that in his belief cinnamon was derived from 12 to 18 specially distinct trees. *C. inners*, Reinw., is distinguished from *C. zeylanicum* by the nervation of its leaves, which are also paler and thinner than those of the official plant, of which, however, it is probably only a variety. It yields the so-called *wild cinnamon* of Japan. *C. loureirii* of Nees, growing in the mountains of Cochin-China near Laos, and in Japan, affords, according to Loureiro, a cinnamon of which the finest kind is superior to that of Ceylon. *C. nitidum*, growing in Ceylon, Java, and on the

* Cassia Buds. This spice consists of the calyx of one or more species of Cinnamomum, surrounding the young germ, and, as stated by Dr. Martius, on the authority of the elder Nees, about one-quarter of the normal size. It is produced in China; and Mr. Reeves states that great quantities of it are brought to Canton from the province which affords cassia. The species which yields it is in all probability the same with that which yields the bark, though it has been ascribed by Nees to *Cinnamomum loureirii*. In favor of the former opinion is the statement of Dr. Christison, that *C. aromaticum*, cultivated in the hot-houses of Europe, bears a flower-bud which closely resembles the cassia bud when at the same period of advancement. Cassia buds have some resemblance to cloves, and are compared to small nails with round heads. The enclosed germen is sometimes removed, and they are then cup-shaped at top. They have a brown color, with the flavor of cinnamon, and yield an essential oil upon distillation. They may be used for the same purposes as the bark.

† The *cinnamon leaf oil*, as formerly imported into Great Britain, was of two kinds, one containing a considerable quantity of a fatty fixed oil, perhaps cinnamon-suet from the fruit, the other a pure volatile oil. The oil was said to be obtained by distilling the leaves after maceration in sea-water. It resembled the oil of cloves and pimento in sensible properties, having a brownish color, a penetrating, fragrant odor, and a very pungent taste. According to Stenhouse, it was of the sp. gr. 1·053, had an acid reaction, and consisted of eugenol, a neutral substance with the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a minute proportion of benzoic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 319.) This oil seems to have disappeared from commerce; but it has recently been studied by Schimmel & Co. The oil of their own distillation, as also samples distilled in Java, was limpid, sp. gr. 1·056–1·060, and contained 87 per cent. of eugenol and about 0·1 per cent. of cinnamic aldehyde. A cinnamon leaf oil from the Seychelles consisted chiefly of eugenol.

continent of India, is said to have been the chief source of the drug known formerly by the name of *Folia Malabathri* and consisting of the leaves of different species of Cinnamomum mixed together. *C. culilawan* of the Moluccas yields the aromatic bark called culilawan, noticed in Part II. of this work; and similar barks are obtained from another species of the same region, named *C. rubrum*, and from *C. sintoc* of Java. *Massoy bark*, from which an aromatic volatile oil is obtained called *oil of massoy*, is the product of *C. kiamis*. (Gmelin, *Handbook*, xiv. 380.) In the mountains of Eastern Bengal, at a height of 1000 to 4000 feet, flourish *C. obtusifolium*, Nees, *C. pauciflorum*, Nees, and *C. tamala*, W., and these, with other unknown species, afford quantities of bark which are shipped from Calcutta, Java, Timor, etc., to Europe under the name of *cassia lignea*, *cassia*, *cassia vera*, or *wild cassia*. These barks are mostly highly aromatic, resembling cinnamon more or less closely in flavor, and are distinguished by yielding to cold water an abundant mucilage.

Culture, Collection, Commerce, etc. In Ceylon, cinnamon bark was originally collected exclusively from the tree in a wild state; but the Dutch introduced the practice of cultivating it, which has been continued since the British came into possession of the island. The principal cinnamon gardens are in the vicinity of Columbo. The seeds are planted in a prepared soil at certain distances; and, as four or five are placed in a spot, the plants usually grow in clusters like the hazel-bush. In favorable situations they attain the height of five or six feet in six or seven years; and a healthy bush will then afford two or three shoots fit for peeling, and every second year afterwards from four to seven shoots in a good soil. The cinnamon harvest commences in May and continues till late in October. The first object is to select shoots proper for decortication, and those are seldom cut which are less than half an inch or more than two or three inches in diameter. Before decortication these shoots are trimmed up, and the small pieces, when dried, constitute *cinnamon chips*. The bark is divided by longitudinal incisions, of which two are made in the smaller shoots, several in the larger, and is then removed in strips by means of a suitable instrument. The pieces are next collected in bundles, and allowed to remain in this state for a short time, so as to undergo a degree of fermentation, which facilitates the separation of the epidermis. This, with the green matter beneath it, is removed by placing the strip of bark upon a convex piece of wood and scraping its external surface with a curved knife. The bark now dries and contracts, assuming the appearance of a quill. The peeler introduces the smaller tubes into the larger, and connects them also endwise, thus forming a congeries of quills which is about forty inches long. When sufficiently dry, these cylinders are collected into bundles weighing about thirty pounds and bound together by pieces of split bamboo. The commerce in Ceylon cinnamon was formerly monopolized by the East India Company; but the cultivation is now unrestricted, and the bark may be freely exported upon the payment of a fixed duty. It is assorted in the island into three qualities, distinguished by the designations of *first*, *second*, and *third*. The inferior kinds, which are of insufficient value to pay the duty, are used for the preparation of oil of cinnamon. The exportation from Ceylon was, in 1890, 1,839,814 lbs. of bark and 535,847 lbs. of chips; in 1891, 2,309,774 lbs. of bark and 588,264 lbs. of chips.

Properties. Immense quantities of cinnamon are exported from China, the finest of which is little inferior to that of Ceylon, though the mass of it is much coarser. It passes in commerce under the name of *cassia*, and is said by Mr. Reeves to be brought to Canton from the province of Kwangse, where the tree producing it grows very abundantly. (*Trans. Med.-Bot. Soc.*, 1828, p. 26.)* It has already been stated that this tree is supposed to be the *Cinnamomum aromaticum;* but we have no positive proof of the fact. It is, indeed, asserted that true cinnamon of very fine grade occurs in China, although it never enters foreign commerce, because of the high price which it commands at home. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi., 1890.) These fine cinnamons are said to be produced in the mountainous district of Annam, or Cochin-China. Cinnamon of good quality is said to be collected in Java; and considerable quantities of inferior quality have been thrown into commerce, as *cassia lignea*, from the Malabar Coast. Manila and the Isle of France are also mentioned as sources whence this drug is supplied. Little, however, reaches the United States from these places. The island of Martinique, Cayenne, and several of the West India islands yield to commerce considerable quantities of cinnamon of various qualities. That of Cayenne is of two kinds, one of which closely resembles, though it does not quite equal, the aromatic of Ceylon, the other resembles the Chinese. The former is supposed to be derived from plants propagated from a Ceylonese stock, the latter from plants which have sprung from a tree introduced from Sumatra. By far the greater proportion of cinnamon brought to this

* For method of collection, see *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1890.

country is imported from China. It is entered as *cassia* and *Saigon cassia* at the custom-house.

From what source the ancients derived their cinnamon and cassia is not certainly known. Neither the plants nor their localities, as described by Dioscorides, Pliny, and Theophrastus, correspond precisely with our present knowledge; but in this respect much allowance must be made for the inaccurate geography of the ancients. It is probable that the Arabian navigators at a very early period conveyed this spice within the limits of the Phœnician and Grecian and subsequently of Roman commerce.

Ceylon cinnamon is in long cylindrical fasciculi, composed of numerous quills, the larger enclosing the smaller. In the original sticks, which are somewhat more than three feet in length, two or three fasciculi are neatly joined at the end, so as to appear as if the whole were one continuous piece. The finest is of a light brownish-yellow color, almost as thin as paper, smooth, often somewhat shining, pliable to a considerable extent, with a splintery fracture when broken. It has a pleasant, fragrant odor, and a warm, aromatic, pungent, sweetish, slightly astringent, and highly agreeable taste. When distilled it affords but a small quantity of essential oil, which, however, has an exceedingly grateful flavor. It is brought to this country from England; but it is costly. The inferior sorts are browner, thicker, less splintery, and of a less agreeable flavor, and are little if at all superior to the best Chinese. The finer variety of *Cayenne cinnamon* approaches in character that above described, but is paler and in thicker pieces, being usually collected from older branches. That which is gathered very young is scarcely distinguishable from the cinnamon of Ceylon. Ceylon cinnamon is in "long, closely rolled quills, composed of eight or more layers of bark of the thickness of paper; pale yellowish-brown; outer surface smooth, marked with wavy lines of bast-bundles; inner surface striate; fracture short-splintery; odor fragrant; taste sweet and warmly aromatic." *U. S.**

Chinese cinnamon, or *Cassia*, is in tubes from one-eighth of an inch to an inch in diameter, usually single, sometimes double, very rarely more than double. In some instances the bark is rolled very much upon itself, in others is not even completely quilled, forming segments more or less extensive of a hollow cylinder. It is of a redder or darker color than the finest Ceylon cinnamon, thicker, rougher, denser, and breaks with a shorter fracture. It has a stronger, more pungent and astringent but less sweet and grateful taste, and, though of a similar odor, is less agreeably fragrant. It is the kind almost universally kept in our shops. Of a similar character is the cinnamon imported directly from various parts of the East Indies. But under the name of cassia have also been brought to us very inferior kinds of cinnamon, collected from the trunks or large branches of the trees, or injured by want of care in keeping, or perhaps derived from inferior species. It is said that cinnamon from which the oil has been distilled is sometimes fraudulently mixed with the genuine. These inferior kinds are detected, independently of their greater thickness and coarseness of fracture, by their deficiency in the peculiar sensible properties of the spice. Chinese cinnamon is "in quills of varying length and about 1 Mm. or more in thickness; nearly deprived of the corky layer; yellowish-brown; outer surface somewhat rough; fracture nearly smooth; odor fragrant; taste sweet, and warmly aromatic." *U. S.*

Saigon cinnamon takes its name from Saigon, the capital of French Cochin-China. It is a thick cassia bark, which has come into European commerce, and is recognized for the first time by the U. S. P. 1890. It is officially described as "in quills about 15 Cm. long, and 10 to 15 Mm. in diameter, the bark 2 or 3 Mm. thick; outer surface gray or light grayish-brown with whitish patches, more or less rough from numerous warts and some transverse ridges and fine longitudinal wrinkles; the inner surface cinnamon-brown or dark brown, granular and slightly striate; fracture short, granular, in the outer layer cinnamon-colored, having near the cork numerous whitish striæ forming an almost uninterrupted line; odor fragrant; taste sweet, warmly aromatic, somewhat astringent." *U. S.* The odor of this cinnamon is fragrant, the taste is highly aromatic, markedly that of cinnamon, and, in the specimens that we have seen, only slightly astringent. It also occurs in commerce much broken, in which state it commands a somewhat smaller price than when in quills. The Saigon buds also are brought into the port of New York. The quality of Saigon cassia, as it is commonly termed in trade journals, is distinctly superior to that of other cassias, and the price which it commands much higher. It is obtained from the *Cinnamomum loureirii* of Nees, the *Laurus cinnamomum* of Loureiro. According to Siebold, the bark of the large branches is of inferior quality and is rejected; that from the smallest branches resembles the Ceylon cinnamon in thickness, but has a very pungent taste and smell, and is little esteemed; while the intermediate branches yield an excellent bark, about

* For an account of the cultivation of *C. Zeylanicum*, see *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 261.

a line in thickness, which is even more highly valued than the cinnamon of Ceylon, and yields a sweeter and less pungent oil. (*Ann. der Pharm.*, xx. 280.)

The *Pharmacographia* gives the following tests for distinguishing powdered cassia from powdered cinnamon, and for recognizing the inferior varieties of cassia. Make a decoction of powdered cinnamon of known genuineness, and one of similar strength of the suspected powder; when cool and strained, test a fluidounce of each with one or two drops of tincture of iodine. A decoction of cinnamon is but little affected, but in that of cassia a deep blue-black tint is immediately produced. The cheap kinds of cassia known as *cassia vera* may be distinguished from the more valuable Chinese cassia as well as from cinnamon by their richness in mucilage; this can be extracted by cold water as a thick glairy liquid, giving dense ropy precipitates with corrosive sublimate or neutral acetate of lead, but not with alcohol.

Microscopic Structure. Ceylon cinnamon usually consists simply of liber, the outer coatings having been stripped off during its preparation for market. Three layers are distinguishable in the liber. "1. The external surface, which is composed of one to three rows of large thick-walled cells (Fig. 1), forming a coherent ring; it is only interrupted by bundles

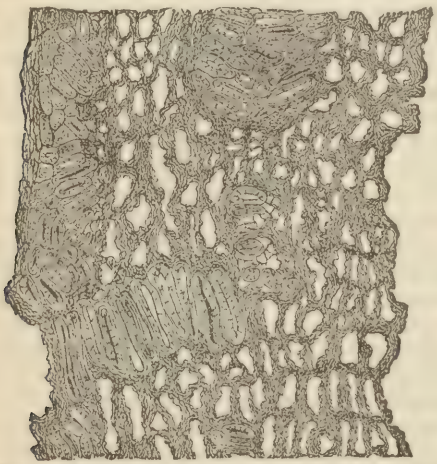
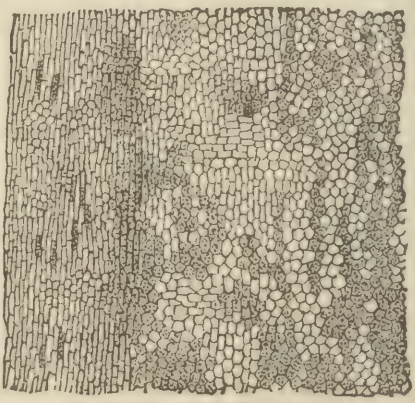
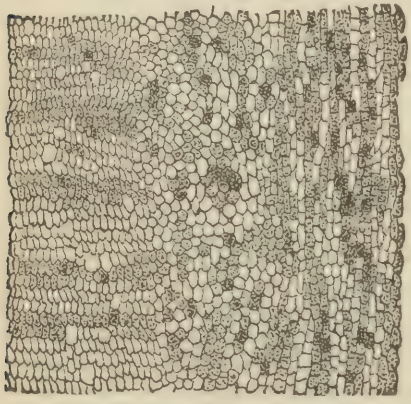


FIG. 1.—True Cinnamon, transverse section (very highly magnified).



Cassia Bark, longitudinal section.

of liber fibres, which are obvious even to the unaided eye. 2. The middle layer is built up of about 10 rows of parenchymatous thin-walled cells, interrupted by much larger cells containing deposits of mucilage, while other cells not larger than those of the parenchyme itself are loaded with essential oil. 3. The innermost layer exhibits the same thin-walled but smaller cells, yet intersected by narrow somewhat darker medullary rays, and likewise interrupted by cells containing either mucilage or essential oil, instead of bundles of liber fibres. Fibres mostly isolated are scattered through the two inner layers, the parenchyme of which abounds in small starch granules accompanied by tannic matter. On a longitudinal section the length of the liber fibres becomes more evident, as well as oil-ducts and gum-ducts." (*Pharmacographia.*)



Cassia Bark, transverse section.

The coarser cassia bark, or *cassia lignea*, usually has some of the external or corky layer adherent to it, and always the parenchymatous mesophlœum or middle bark, but the liber constitutes the chief mass. Isolated liber fibres and thick-walled cells (stone-cells) are scattered even through the outer layers of a transverse section. In the middle zone they are numerous, but do not form a coherent sclerenchymatous ring as in Ceylon cinnamon. The innermost part of the liber shares the structural character of cinnamon, with differences due to age, as, for instance, the greater development of the medullary rays. Oil-cells and gum-ducts are likewise distributed

in the parenchyme of the former. The finest cassia or Chinese cinnamon has the three layers described in Ceylon cinnamon, but is readily distinguished by the adherent outer parenchymatous and suberous layer.

Chemical Composition. According to the analysis of Vauquelin, cinnamon contains a peculiar volatile oil, tannin, mucilage, a coloring matter, an acid, and lignin. The tannin is of the variety which yields a greenish-black precipitate with the salts of iron. Jas. A. Ferguson (1887), in the Laboratory of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, determined the ash of several samples of Ceylon cinnamon, finding an average of 4 per cent., while in powdered *cinnamon cassia* he found 2·8 and 2·5 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, pp. 278, 279.) The oil obtained from the Cayenne cinnamon was found to be more biting than that from the Ceylonese, and at the same time to be somewhat peppery. Bucholz found in 100 parts of *cassia lignea* 0·8 of volatile oil, 4·0 of resin, 14·6 of gummy extractive (probably including tannin), 64·3 of lignin and bassorin, and 16·3 of water, including loss. This aromatic yields its virtues wholly to alcohol, and less readily to water. At the temperature of boiling alcohol very little of the oil rises, and an extract prepared from the tincture retains, therefore, the aromatic properties. For an account of the volatile oil, see *Oleum Cinnamomi.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Cinnamon is among the most grateful and efficient of the aromatics. It is warm and cordial to the stomach, carminative, astringent, and, like most other substances of this class, more powerful as a local than as a general stimulant. It is seldom prescribed alone, though, when given in powder or infusion, it will sometimes allay nausea, check vomiting, and relieve flatulence. It is chiefly used as an adjuvant, and enters into a great number of official preparations. It is often employed in *diarrhœa*, in connection with chalk and astringents, and has recently been recommended as peculiarly efficacious in *menorrhagia.* Dose of powder, 10 grains to a scruple (0·65–1·3 Gm.).

COCA. U. S., Br. Coca.

(CŌ′CA.)

"The leaves of Erythroxylon Coca, Lamarck (nat. ord. Lineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Erythroxylon Coca, Lamarck." *Br.*

Erythroxylon, *Pharm.* 1880; Cuca; Feuilles de Coca, *Fr.;* Cocablätter, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted, at the base five-angular. *Styles* three, distinct to the base and not united into one. *De Candolle, Prodromus*, i. 573.

E. coca. Lam. *B. & T.* i. 40. Leaves ovate, areolate, membranaceous, branches squamous, pedicels lateral, aggregated in twos or threes, a little longer than the flower. *De C.**

According to the researches of Prof. H. H. Rusby, there are two distinct varieties or, perhaps, species of Erythroxylon Coca, one the Bolivian form, the other the Peruvian, which are distinguished by the fruits being much the larger in the Bolivian variety, whilst the leaves are much the larger in the Peruvian. The Bolivian drug† is the more highly esteemed in Peru.

* The commercial value of cocaine has led to the examination by Prof. Eykmann of Java, and Mr. Howard of Kew Gardens, of various species of the genus Erythroxylon, other than *E. coca:* in a number of species the alkaloid was found, but always in too small quantities for commercial purposes. (For details, see *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1889.)

† From time to time various cocas of commerce are spoken of as varieties known by the name of the cities in which the large commercial houses have their head-quarters, or of the districts in which the cocas have been grown. Such cocas are, however, not really commercial varieties, and change from time to time in their names and even characteristics. There appear to be at present (1893) in the American markets only two distinctly characterized cocas: the one known as Trujillo or Truxillo coca, coming from the department of La Libertad in Northern Peru; the other, the Huanuco coca, coming from Huanuco and Cuzco in South Central Peru. Bolivian coca does not seem to reach us in its acknowledged form.

Truxillo coca is composed of bright-colored, extremely thin, very fragile leaves, which are distinctly smaller, narrower, and more lanceolate than those of the Huanuco coca, and have the lateral lines very fine; owing to their lack of strength, the leaves are much broken, indeed in fragments, in the commercial samples. According to Prof. Rusby, this coca is yielded by the typical *E. coca*, but it is attributed by Hesse to *E. coca* var. *nova-granatense.* It is probably, therefore, similar to the coca produced in India, Ceylon, and Java, which has not reached this country commercially.

The leaves of the *Huanuco* or *Cuzco coca* are thick, indeed somewhat coriaceous, not much broken, from an inch to three inches in length. We have compared a large number of specimens of this coca with Bolivian coca, gathered in the province of Yungas near Coriaco, by Prof. H. H. Rusby or his assistant, and with other less authentic specimens of Bolivian coca. We can make out no difference between the Huanuco leaf and the coca leaf grown in Bolivia, and believe that the Huanuco coca is the product of *E. coca* var. *bolivianum*, grown in Peru.

The comparative value of cocas is a matter of great commercial importance. The South American coca is said to vary from 0·02 per cent. up to 1·02 per cent., or even more, in the yield of alkaloids, the average being, according to Hesse, in good specimens about 0·08 per cent. Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., however, write us that in a very large number of chemical assays they have never been able to obtain more than 0·05 per cent. of cocaine out of any South American coca. It is possible that alkaloidal deterioration occurs during transportation. According to Warden, the alkaloidal yield of India coca varies from 0·36 to 1·67 per cent. The government chemists in Java report that

The coca, which grows wild in various parts of South America, is cultivated not only in its native country, but also in British India, in Ceylon, and in Java. The coca shrubs of India and Ceylon seem to be the offspring of plants originally sent out from Kew Garden, which plants were derived from seeds obtained from Huanuco, and have been considered by Dr. Morris as a distinct variety, to which he gives the name of *E. nova-granatense*. Java plants originally grown from seeds obtained from a Ghent firm are said to be so distinct in characteristics as to constitute a true variety, to which the name *spruceanum* has been given. They are probably, however, merely altered forms of *E. nova-granatense*, and we do not think that more than two varieties or sub-species of the coca plant should be recognized. For figures of plants, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi. The coca plant, which is propagated from the seed in nurseries, begins to yield in eighteen months, and continues productive for half a century. The leaves, when mature, are carefully picked by hand so as to avoid breaking them or injuring the young buds,* are slowly dried in the sun, and are then packed in bags (*cestos*) holding from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty pounds each. They were in general use among the natives of Peru at the time of the conquest, and have continued to be much employed to the present time. It is affirmed that nearly ten million dollars' worth, or forty million pounds, are annually produced, some plantations yielding three or four harvests a year. For details as to method of cultivation, etc., see *Therap. Gazette*, Jan. 1886.

Properties. The leaves resemble in size and shape those of tea, being oval-oblong, pointed, two inches or more in length by somewhat over an inch in their greatest breadth, and furnished with short delicate footstalks; but they are not, like the tea-leaves, dentate, and are distinguished from most other leaves by a slightly curved line on each side of the midrib, running from the base to the apex. These lines are not ribs, but curves, which have been produced by the peculiar folding of the leaf in the bud. Good specimens are perfectly flat, of a fine green color; brown leaves should always be rejected as inferior. They have an agreeable odor resembling that of tea, and a peculiar taste, which, in decoction, becomes bitter and astringent. "Varying between ovate, lanceolate, and obovate-oblong, and from 2 to 5 or 7 Cm. in length; short-petiolate, entire, rather obtuse or emarginate at the apex, slightly reticulate on both sides, with a prominent midrib, and on each side of it a curved line running from base to apex; odor slight and tea-like; taste somewhat aromatic and bitter. When chewed, it temporarily benumbs the lips and tongue." *U. S.*

Chemical Constitution. In 1853, Wackenroder demonstrated the existence of tannic acid in coca leaves; and in 1859, M. Stanislaus Martin found in them a peculiar bitter principle, resin, tannin, an aromatic principle, extractive, chlorophyll, a substance analogous to theine, and salts of lime. Previous to this (1855) Gardeke had isolated the crystalline alkaloid and given it the name of *erythroxyline*. Dr. Albert Niemann, of Goslar, made the first thorough investigation of the leaves, and gave to the alkaloid the name it now usually bears of *cocaine*. The following was his process. The leaves were exhausted with 85-per-cent. alcohol acidulated with 2 per cent. of sulphuric acid; the tincture was treated with milk of lime and filtered; the filtrate was neutralized with sulphuric acid, and the alcohol distilled off. The syrupy residue was treated with water to separate resin, and then precipitated by sodium carbonate. The deposited matter was exhausted by ether, and the ethereal solution, after most of the ether had been distilled, was allowed to evaporate spontaneously. The cocaine was thus obtained in colorless crystals, mixed with a yellowish-brown matter of a disagreeable odor, which was separated by washing with cold alcohol. Dr. Squibb's process for cocaine and its hydrochlorate is as follows. Coarsely ground coca leaves are repercolated with an aqueous five-per-cent. solution of sulphuric acid, and a very dense, slightly acid percolate is obtained; this is thoroughly agitated with pure coal oil and an excess of sodium carbonate; the liberated alkaloid is retained by the coal oil, and is nearly free from coloring matter; the oily solution is then agitated with acidulated water, and again precipitated by sodium carbonate in the presence of ether. The ethereal solution of cocaine is treated with diluted hydrochloric acid fractionally, and the nearly colorless solutions of cocaine hydrochlorate are cautiously evaporated in shallow

the Java leaf contains over 2 per cent. of cocaine; but a sample obtained directly from Java by Parke, Davis & Co. yielded only 1·06 per cent. of total alkaloids. The total yield of alkaloids is not an exact criterion of the value of the leaves, because in some, and it is said especially in the Ceylon and Java cocas, cocaine constitutes only a small proportion of the total alkaloids. It is not possible to determine the alkaloidal value of a coca by its physical properties, so that at present the large manufacturers of cocaine buy the drug by assay.

It is interesting to note that Mr. C. J. H. Warden states (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1888) that India coca can be distinguished by the peculiarities of its cocatannic acid.

* *Taja* is a peculiar disease of the coca plant, believed to be due to a fungus which results from wounding the twigs during careless picking of the leaves.

porcelain pans almost to dryness. The product is in the form of a white, crystalline, granular powder, and is a nearly pure anhydrous salt. (*Ephemeris*, 1887, p. 906.) Pure cocaine is in colorless, transparent prisms, inodorous, of a bitterish taste, soluble in 704 parts of cold water, more soluble in alcohol, and freely so in ether. The solution has an alkaline reaction, and a bitterish taste, leaving a peculiar numbness on the tongue, followed by a sensation of cold. The alkaloid melts at 97·7° C. (208° F.), and on cooling congeals into a transparent mass, which gradually becomes crystalline. Heated above this point it changes color, and is decomposed. It is inflammable, burning with a bright flame, and leaving charcoal. With the acids it forms soluble and crystallizable salts, which are more bitter than the alkaloid itself. The formula is $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4$. Dr. Niemann also obtained wax, a variety of tannic acid (*cocatannic acid*), and a concrete volatile odorous substance. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 122.) A volatile alkaloid, *hygrine*, first noticed by Maclagan, but named by Lossen, is a thick, pale yellow, oily liquid, having a strong alkaline reaction, a burning taste, and the odor of trimethylamine. Its existence has, however, been doubted. M. Lossen has examined cocaine, and ascertained that when heated with hydrochloric acid it splits into benzoic acid, methyl alcohol, and a new base which he calls *ecgonine*, of which the formula is $C_9H_{15}NO_3$. Cocaine is, therefore, ascertained to be *methylbenzoylecgonine*, $CH_3.N\left\{\begin{matrix}C_5H_7\\ \vert\\ CH(OC_7H_5O)CH_2.CO_2CH_3\end{matrix}\right.$, while *benzoylecgonine*, which also occurs in coca leaves, is $C_{16}H_{19}NO_4$. Cocaine is thus seen to be the methyl ether of this latter. The fundamental base, ecgonine, $CH_3.N\left\{\begin{matrix}C_5H_7\\ \vert\\ CH(OH).CH_2.COOH\end{matrix}\right.$, forms monoclinic prisms melting at 198° C.* The mutability of cocaine with acids explains why the attempts to extract the alkaloid with acid liquids have failed. M. Lossen therefore recommends the omission of acid in operating on the leaves, and proposes the following modification of Niemann's plan. An infusion is first made; this is precipitated with lead acetate; the lead is removed by sodium sulphate; the liquid is concentrated, sodium carbonate added, and the whole shaken with ether. The ether extracts the alkaloid, and yields it in a crude state by evaporation. It is then purified as in the process of Dr. Niemann. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1862, p. 522.) The tannin of coca leaves strikes a green-black with ferric salts, and has received the name of *cocatannic acid*. For methods of assaying coca leaves, see Lyons, *Chicago Pharmacist*, 1885, Sept.; Squibb, *Ephemeris*, 1887; Prescott, *Organic Analysis*.

Medical Properties. As a nerve stimulant, coca has been used immemorially by the Peruvian and Bolivian natives. In 1853, Dr. Weddell stated that it produces a gently excitant effect, with an indisposition to sleep, in these respects resembling tea and coffee; also that it will support the strength for a considerable time in the absence of food, but does not supply the place of nutriment, and probably in this respect also acts like the two substances referred to. The Indians, while chewing it, mixed with some alkaline substance, as the ashes of certain plants, or lime, pass whole days in travelling or working without food. It is, however, clearly proved that these leaves do not take the place of nutriment, but simply put off the sense of fatigue and hunger, the Indian making up at his evening meal for the day's abstinence. It is probable that they prevent hunger simply by their local benumbing influence upon the nerves of the stomach. Their moderate habitual use does not seem to be injurious, but the habit is said readily to grow upon the person, and finally the inveterate excessive coca-chewer can be recognized by his uncertain step, general apathy, sunken eyes surrounded by deep purple aureoles, trembling lips, green and crusted teeth, and excessively fetid breath, with peculiar blackness about the corners of the mouth. An incurable insomnia is apt to be developed, emaciation becomes extreme, dropsy appears, and even death results in a condition of general marasmus. When coca is taken in a single large dose it produces a condition of peculiar physical beatitude and calm, followed by a sensation of excessive power, which is affirmed to be accompanied by a real increase of physical ability. Dr. Mantegazza took in the course of two hours about 900 grains of the coca leaf, with the result of great increase in the number

* *Cocaine Homologues.* M. Poulsson has physiologically investigated compounds in which the radical methyl, ethyl, and propyl are substituted for the *benzoic acid*, and to which he has given the names of *homométhincocaïne, homoéthincocaïne*, and *homopropincocaïne*. He finds that these substances act upon the animal organization like ordinary cocaine. On the other hand, *cocaylbenzoyloxyacetic acid* and *benzoylhomoecgonine* do not have the physiological action of cocaine. M. Ehrlich has found that benzoylecgonine and methylecgonine are twenty times less poisonous than cocaine, whilst the derivatives of cocaine obtained by substituting "in the benzoylecgonine other alcoholic radicals than methyl for the hydrogen of the carboxyl group, *cocaéthyline, cocopropyline, isopropyline*, and *cocoïsobutyline*," are as toxic as cocaine and act like it. (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, Oct. 1890.)

of the heart-beats, and a condition of intoxication resembling that produced by hasheesh. He was possessed by a feeling of intense joyousness, while a succession of visions and phantasmagoria, most brilliant in form and color, trooped rapidly before his eyes. He then passed into a condition of delirious excitement, which was succeeded by a deep sleep lasting three hours.

The symptoms which have just been detailed are those which have been recorded by various writers as produced by the coca leaf in the land of its growth, and especially upon the natives of the country. The action of the alkaloid cocaine, and even of the drug coca, upon North Americans and Europeans, differs essentially from these effects.* Numerous cases of poisoning have occurred from the alkaloid: P. Mannheim has collected as many as ninety-nine. (*Cleveland Med. Gaz.*, Sept. 1891.) In mild cases the ordinary symptoms have been great restlessness and nervous excitement, but no sense of beatitude, rather a condition of fear and terror. With this state come usually distinctly accelerated pulse, increased frequency of respiration, and, perchance, muscular twitchings or even mild convulsions. In the more severe cases of poisoning the symptoms vary; sometimes there have been nausea, vomiting, rapid almost imperceptible pulse, great perspiration, collapse with or without loss of consciousness; in other cases the pulse has been slow and feeble, and sometimes pronounced cyanosis, with slow or almost arrested respiration, has been the most alarming manifestation. The pupils are usually dilated, but are reported in some cases as "contracted." After very large doses convulsions usually occur; they are often violent and epileptiform; not rarely, at times at least they are partial, and in many cases opisthotonos has been pronounced. Consciousness rarely escapes; usually it is lost, but sometimes it is merged into a mania with hallucinations and delusions, which mania may become violent and even homicidal, as in a case reported by Mattison. Poisoning has followed both the internal administration and the local uses of the alkaloid. The occasional over-effects of small doses are quite remarkable: thus, four drops of a two-per-cent. solution in the eye produced in an old lady intoxication which persisted four days; eight drops of a ten-per-cent. solution in the eye of a girl of twelve years caused violent poisoning; and even one drop of a one-per-cent. solution in the eye of a child fourteen years old is said to have been followed by violent symptoms. A number of cases are on record in which one grain of the alkaloid given hypodermically has caused very severe fainting. Death is reported in several cases from the local use of the remedy, and twelve drops of a four-per-cent. solution given hypodermically to a girl of eleven caused death in forty seconds. On the other hand, large doses have been recovered from: twenty-two grains by the mouth, ten grains hypodermically, five grains hypodermically, six grains hypodermically. (See H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics.*)

Although cocaine has been used an enormous number of times as a local application without much stint, and although doses have been given of two grains, it is evidently not safe to apply more than three-quarters of a grain to the mucous membranes of an adult, or to give more than the same amount at a dose, or to use hypodermically more than half a grain.

Cocaine is a cerebral stimulant, producing peculiar mental excitement, ending after large toxic doses in narcosis, with epileptiform convulsions, which are probably of cerebral origin. In the poisoning there is at first increased reflex activity, followed by paralysis of voluntary motion and of reflex activity, which are chiefly due to a direct action upon the spinal cord, the sensory side of the cord being probably more sensitive to the drug than the motor side. Toxic doses depress and finally paralyze the sensory nerves, and in a much less degree the motor nerves. The action of cocaine upon the circulation is pronounced, though less than its influence upon the nervous system. The arterial pressure is increased, which increase is probably the result, first, of a stimulation of the vaso-motor centres in the medulla oblongata; second, of a stimulant action upon the heart; and, thirdly and more doubtfully, of a slight stimulation of the muscle-fibres in the vessel walls. The increased action of the heart is probably due, as Prof. E. T. Reichert has made out, to a depressing influence on the cardio-inhibitory apparatus, both centric and peripheral, causing an acceleration of the pulse. It is probable, however, that the alkaloid acts directly upon the cardiac muscle, or intra-cardiac nerves, so as to increase the energy of contraction. Toxic doses of cocaine produce sooner or later a fall of the arterial

* The reason of this difference is not evident. Prof. Rusby found that coca triturated with Mayer's reagent both before and after exportation gave evidence of a much larger percentage of the alkaloid before the exportation. He believes that during exportation the leaves lose largely of some volatile substance, probably hygrine. According to Hesse, however, hygrine is not an alkaloid of coca, but is a foreign body due to impurities in the reagents employed. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xx. p. 1135, 1891; also vol. xxii. p. 102.) Dr. H. C. Wood made some not very thorough tests with preparations of coca made in South America from the fresh drug under the supervision of Prof. Rusby and furnished by Parke, Davis & Co., and was not able to detect any difference between their action and that of the parallel preparations made in this country. At present it seems probable that the difference of action under discussion is due simply to difference of race, precisely as with the effects of hasheesh upon Asiatics and upon Europeans.

pressure, which appears to be the result of a direct action upon the heart and the vaso-motor system. Upon striated muscles cocaine appears to have a peculiar though very feeble action, which is not manifested during poisoning by it. It has been asserted that cocaine acts as a powerful diuretic, but the drift of present evidence is to show that it has no definite influence upon the amount of urine secreted; what evidence is available indicates that it decreases the elimination of urea. Dropped into the eye, cocaine actively dilates the pupil without increasing the intra-ocular pressure or completely paralyzing the accommodation. It is a powerful stimulant to the respiratory centres, increasing the rapidity and fulness of the respirations, but if the dose be sufficiently large it after a time causes the respirations to become very shallow, and finally paralyzes the respiratory centres. Moderate doses are said to increase, large doses to paralyze, peristalsis.

The stimulant effect of coca has led to its extensive use in *melancholia*, *neurasthenia*, *hysteria*, and allied disorders. The results obtained, however, have not been what were expected. Almost all clinicians agree that in melancholia no good whatever is achieved, and that in neurasthenia and hysteria the drug, unless given in small doses, acts deleteriously, although in some cases the fluid extract of coca or a coca wine seems to be of service for a time in stimulating the digestion and, to some slight extent, the general nervous system. Locally applied, cocaine is a very distinct and certain anæsthetic, acting, according to the observations of Von Anrep, upon the nerves of special sense as well as upon those of common sensibility. Cocaine penetrates mucous membranes readily, but is not able to pass through the skin, and when given hypodermically so rapidly diffuses itself that its local anæsthetic influence is very fugacious unless the circulation in the part be controlled by mechanical means. Injected so as to come immediately in contact with the large nerve-trunk, it is capable of producing temporary anæsthesia over the whole distribution of the nerve. When applied in concentrated solution to the mucous membranes, it produces at once a marked pallor, which is probably due to a powerful constriction of the blood-vessels caused by a direct action upon their muscle-fibres. In practical medicine cocaine is used for its local effects in benumbing sensibility and relieving pain in all mucous tracts that can be reached by the surgeon. In *burns*, *painful ulcers*, *fissures of the anus*, etc., it is a very valuable remedy. It is also employed with success in various local inflammations of the mucous membranes, subduing nervous irritability, and by its constringing influence relieving or even curing acute inflammations. Thus, a mixture of cocaine and bismuth will often arrest an acute coryza. In *hay fever*, in the *irritated sore throat* of advanced phthisis, in *chronic laryngitis*, in inflamed *hemorrhoids*, and even in *bronchitis* with excessive cough, it often may be locally applied with advantage. The fugaciousness of its effects makes it a valuable mydriatic when it is desired simply to examine the eye-ground. The strength of the solution for local application may vary from two to ten per cent., according to the effects desired. In *coryza* and *hay fever* bougies made with cacao butter, containing each one-quarter to one-half grain of cocaine, are often very efficacious. In internal medicine cocaine is valuable for its local influence upon the gastro-intestinal tract in excessive vomiting, and also in serous diarrhœa. The habitual use of cocaine as a stimulant has in many cases led to the formation of the cocaine habit, with the production of ill health, accompanied by headache, malaise, insomnia, prostration, often faintness, vertigo, and deterioration of the cerebral function. The immediate withdrawal of the remedy in these cases is not usually followed by any serious danger to life: symptoms that may arise are to be met on general principles.

The dose of coca is from one-half to one drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). If given in infusion the leaves should be swallowed, as it is by no means certain that they yield their virtues to water. The fluid extract is now official, and is a very eligible preparation; a *tincture of coca*, made in the proportion of one part in five of diluted alcohol, and a *wine of coca*, one in ten, would also be efficient. The *elixir of coca*, as usually found, is too weak to be of much value. (See Part II.)

* *Benzoyl ψ Tropein. Tropacocaine*, $C_8H_{14}NO.C_7H_5O$. This compound, belonging chemically to the class of Tropeines (see Atropine, p. 242), was isolated by Giesel from a narrow-leaved coca plant from Java. (*Ber. der Chem. Gesell.*, xxiv. p. 2336.) It is obtained as an oil, which when quite dry solidifies in radiating crystals, melting at 49° C. It has a strong alkaline reaction, and is easily soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzene, and petroleum spirit. It is decomposed by heating with hydrochloric acid into benzoic acid and pseudo-tropine, $C_8H_{15}NO$.

Tropacocaine has been studied by Dr. Arthur P. Chadbourne, who finds that its general action on the system resembles that of cocaine, and that although it is capable of causing death by paralyzing the respiratory centres, and is also in overdose a powerful cardiac depressant, it nevertheless is very much less poisonous than cocaine. On the other hand, Chadbourne's experiments and the clinical researches of Prof. Schweigger seem to show that tropacocaine as a local anæsthetic is much more powerful and prompt in its action than cocaine. Half a minute after the injection of a three-per-cent. solution into the legs, Silex performed tenotomy without pain. If these results be confirmed, tropacocaine will probably prove to be a powerful and practical local anæsthetic.

COCAINÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S., Br. Cocaine Hydrochlorate.

$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4, HCl$; 338·71. (CŌ-CA-Ī'NÆ HŸ-DRO-ØHLŌ'RĂS.) $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4, HCl$; 339·5.

"The hydrochlorate of an alkaloid obtained from Coca." *U. S.* "The hydrochlorate of an alkaloid obtained from the leaves of Erythroxylon Coca, Lamarck." *Br.*

Hydrochlorate of Cocaine.

"It may be obtained by agitating with ether an aqueous solution of an acidulated alcoholic extract, made alkaline with carbonate of sodium; separating and evaporating the ethereal liquid; purifying the product by repeating the treatment with acidulated water, carbonate of sodium, and ether; decolorizing; neutralizing with hydrochloric acid, and recrystallizing." *Br.* For other processes, see *Coca.*

Properties. "Colorless, transparent crystals, or a white, crystalline powder, without odor, of a saline, slightly bitter taste and producing upon the tongue a tingling sensation followed by numbness of some minutes' duration. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·48 part of water, and in 3·5 parts of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, and in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 2800 parts of ether, or in 17 parts of chloroform. On heating a small quantity of the powdered salt for twenty minutes at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), it should not suffer any material loss (absence of *water of crystallization*). The prolonged application of heat to the salt, or to its solution, induces decomposition. At 193° C. (379·4° F.) the salt melts with partial sublimation, forming a light brownish-yellow liquid. When ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. On adding 5 drops of a 5-per-cent. solution of chromic acid to 5 C.c. of a 2-per-cent. solution of Cocaine Hydrochlorate, a yellow precipitate is produced which redissolves on shaking; on now adding 1 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, a permanent, orange-yellow precipitate will be formed. If a small quantity of the salt be rubbed, with a glass rod, on a dry, white porcelain surface, with an equal bulk of mercurous chloride, and the mixture then breathed upon, it will acquire a dark gray or grayish-black color. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. The addition of sulphuric or nitric acid to the salt, at the ordinary temperature, should develop no color. If 1 drop of a mixture of 1 volume of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution and 2 volumes of water be added to 5 C.c. of a 2-per-cent. solution of Cocaine Hydrochlorate mixed with 3 drops of diluted sulphuric acid and contained in a small, clean, glass-stoppered vial, the pink tint produced by the permanganate should not entirely disappear within half an hour (absence of *cinnamyl-cocaine* and some *other bases derived from Coca*)." *U. S.*

For physiological and medical properties, see *Coca.* The dose of the salts of cocaine may be set down at from one-quarter to one grain (0·016 to 0·065 Gm.).

COCCUS. U. S., Br. Cochineal.

(CŎC'CŲS.)

"The dried female of Coccus cacti, Linné (class, Insecta; order, Hemiptera)." *U. S.* "The dried female insect, Coccus Cacti, Linn., reared on Opuntia cochinillifera, Mills, and on other species of Opuntia." *Br.*

Coccionella, *P. C.;* Cochenille, *Fr., G.;* Scharlachwurm, *G.;* Cocciniglia, *It.;* Cochinilla, *Sp.*

The coccus is a genus of hemipterous insects, having the snout or rostrum in the breast, the antennæ filiform, and the posterior part of the abdomen furnished with bristles. The male has two erect wings, the female is wingless. The *C. cacti* is characterized by its depressed, downy, transversely wrinkled body, its purplish abdomen, its short and black legs, and its subulate antennæ, which are about one-third of the length of the body. (*Rees's Cyclopædia.*) Another species, *C. ilicis*, which inhabits a species of oak, is collected in the mountainous parts of the Morea, in Greece, and used as a dye-stuff in the East, under the name of *kermes*, *chermes*, or *alkermes.* The dried insects are nearly globular, smooth, about the size of a pea, and of a reddish-brown color. They yield a carmine-colored powder, and, with a salt of tin, a fine scarlet-red dye. They probably contain carminic acid, though we have met with no analysis of them. The *Coccus cacti* is found wild in Mexico and Central America, inhabiting different species of Cactus and allied genera of plants, and is said to have been discovered also in some of the West India islands and in the southern parts of the United States. In Mexico, particularly in the provinces of Oaxaca and Guerrero, it is an important object of culture. The Indians form plantations of the *nopal* (*Opuntia cochinillifera*), upon which the insect feeds and propagates. During the rainy season, a number of the females are preserved under cover,

upon the branches of the plant, and, after the cessation of the rains, are distributed upon the plants without. They perish quickly after having deposited their eggs. These, hatched by the heat of the sun, give origin to innumerable minute insects, which spread themselves over the plant. The males, of which, according to Mr. Ellis, the proportion is not greater than one to one hundred or two hundred females, being provided with wings and very active, approach and fecundate the latter. After this period, the females, which before moved about, attach themselves to the leaves, and increase rapidly in size; so that, in the end, their legs, antennæ, and probosces are scarcely discoverable, and they appear more like excrescences on the plant than distinct animated beings. They are now gathered for use, by detaching them by means of a blunt knife, a quill, or a feather; a few being left to continue the race. They are destroyed either by dipping them enclosed in a bag into boiling water, or by the heat of a stove. In the former case they are subsequently dried in the sun. The males, which are much smaller than the full-grown females, are not collected. It is said that of the wild insect there are six generations every year, furnishing an equal number of crops; but the domestic is collected only three times annually, the propagation being suspended during the rainy season, in consequence of the inability of the insect to support the inclemency of the weather. The insect has been taken from Mexico to the Canary Islands; and very large quantities of cochineal have been delivered to commerce from the island of Teneriffe.* Its culture is said to have proved successful in Java and Algeria, but unprofitable in Spain.†

Cochineal is defined in the U. S. Pharmacopœia as follows: "About 5 Mm. long; of a purplish-gray or purplish-black color; somewhat oblong and angular in outline; flat or concave beneath; convex above; transversely wrinkled; easily pulverizable, yielding a dark red powder. Odor faint; taste slightly bitterish. Cochineal contains a red coloring matter soluble in water, alcohol, or water of ammonia, slightly soluble in ether, insoluble in fixed and volatile oils. On macerating Cochineal in water, it swells up, but no insoluble powder should be separated. When completely incinerated, Cochineal should leave not more than 5 per cent. of ash."

As found in commerce, the finer cochineal, *grana fina* of Spanish commerce, is in irregularly circular or oval, somewhat angular grains, about one-eighth of an inch in diameter, convex on one side, concave or flat on the other, and marked with several transverse wrinkles. Two varieties of this kind of cochineal are known to the druggist, distinguished by their external appearance. One is of a reddish-gray color, formed by an intermixture of the dark color of the insect with the whiteness of a powder by which it is almost covered, and with patches of a rosy tinge irregularly interspersed. From its diversified appearance, it is called by the Spaniards *cochinilla jaspeada*. It is the variety commonly found in commerce. The other, *cochinilla renegrida*, or *grana nigra*, is dark-colored, almost black, with only a minute quantity of the whitish powder between the wrinkles. The two are distinguished in our markets by the names of *silver grains* and *black grains*. Some suppose the difference to arise from the mode of preparation: the gray cochineal consisting of the insects destroyed by a dry heat; the black, of those destroyed by hot water, which removes the external whitish powder. According to Mr. Faber, who derived his information from a merchant residing in the neighborhood where the cochineal is collected, the silver grains consist of the impregnated female just before she has laid her eggs; the black, of the female after the eggs have been laid and hatched. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 47.) There is little or no difference in their quality.‡ Another and much inferior variety is the *grana sylvestra*, or wild cochineal, consisting partly of very small separate insects, partly of roundish or oval masses, which exhibit, under the microscope, minute and apparently new-born insects, enclosed in a white or reddish cotton-like substance. It is scarcely known in our drug market.

Cochineal has a faint heavy odor, and a bitter slightly acidulous taste. Its powder is of a purplish-carmine color, tinging the saliva intensely red. According to Pelletier and Caventou,

* Various species of Opuntia are adapted to the support of the cochineal insect, especially those which are very juicy, with few thorns and a thick skin. It is the *O. ficus indica* which is chiefly cultivated in Teneriffe, the dry but hot climate of which is peculiarly adapted to the growth both of the plant and the insect. For an account of the mode of rearing the cochineal insect in the Canary Islands, see *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1871; in Central America, see *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 30; *N. R.*, 1880, p. 175.

† In Asia Minor, in the vicinity of Oushak, are great quantities of an insect, closely resembling the Coccus cacti, which feeds on a species of Cistus; but it is unknown whether any portion has been introduced into general commerce. (*A. J. P.*, xxxv. 455.)

‡ *Cake cochineal* is the name given to a variety of the drug produced in the Argentine Republic. A specimen examined by Dr. Stark was in flat cakes about a quarter of an inch thick, and, under the microscope, was seen to consist chiefly of the cochineal insect, mixed with small portions of the thorns and epidermis of the cactus, in consequence of careless gathering. It is inferior for dyeing purposes to the ordinary variety. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 346.)

it consists of a peculiar coloring principle, a peculiar animal matter constituting the skeleton of the insect, stearin, olein, an odorous fatty acid, and various salts. Tyrosin, a crystallizable animal principle, has been found by De la Rue. (*Gmelin*, xiii. 358.) It was also analyzed by John, who called the coloring principle *cochinilin*. It is, however, universally known now as *carminic acid*, and has the composition $C_{17}H_{18}O_{10}$. Hlasiwetz and Grabowski (*Ann. Chem. und Ph.*, 141, p. 329) have shown that it is a glucoside, and is decomposed by boiling with diluted sulphuric acid into a non-fermentable sugar and *carmine red*, $C_{11}H_{12}O_7$. Carminic acid is of a brilliant purple-red color, unalterable in dry air, is decomposed at temperatures over 136° C. (276·8° F.), is very soluble in water, soluble in cold and more so in boiling alcohol, insoluble in ether, and without nitrogen. It is obtained by macerating cochineal in ether, and treating the residue with successive portions of boiling alcohol, which on cooling deposits a part of the carminic acid, and yields the remainder by spontaneous evaporation. It may be freed from a small proportion of adhering fatty matter by dissolving it in alcohol of 40° Baumé and then adding an equal quantity of ether. The pure carminic acid is deposited in the course of a few days. Chlorine readily destroys the carminic acid, and nascent hydrogen reduces it to a leuco body, which again becomes red on exposure to the air. Prof. Liebermann found that the coating of the silver cochineal consisted of a peculiar wax, which he named *coccerin*, $C_{30}H_{60}$-$(C_{31}H_{61}O_3)_2$; this is soluble in benzene, but nearly insoluble in ether. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 186; from *Berichte.*) The watery infusion of cochineal is of a violet-crimson color, which is brightened by the acids and deepened by the alkalies. The coloring matter is readily precipitated. The salts of zinc, bismuth, and nickel produce a lilac precipitate, and those of iron a dark purple approaching to black. The salts of tin, especially the nitrate and the chloride, precipitate the coloring matter of a brilliant scarlet, and form the basis of those splendid scarlet and crimson dyes which have rendered cochineal so valuable in the arts. With alumina the coloring matter forms the pigment called *lake*. The finest lakes are obtained by mixing the decoction of cochineal with freshly-prepared gelatinous alumina. The pigment called *carmine* is the coloring matter of cochineal precipitated from the decoction by acids, the salts of tin, etc., or by animal gelatin, and when properly made is of the most intense and brilliant scarlet. Cochineal-carmine requires for its production a decoction of cochineal itself, and not of carminic acid, the nitrogenized matters being essential to its formation. Liebermann (*Ber. der Chem. Gesell.*, xviii. p. 1971) considers cochineal carmine to be no ordinary compound of a coloring matter with alumina, but to be an alumina albuminate of the carmine coloring matter comparable in some respects to the product from alizarine and alumina with "Turkey-red oil." J. J. Hess proved that if fatty matters found in cochineal were removed by treatment with alcohol, a much more brilliant carmine could be produced. He found in Guatemala cochineal 17 per cent. of a crystalline stearopten, in Java cochineal 7 per cent., and in Canary cochineal 18 per cent. (Dingler, *P. J. Tr.*, 235, 88; *N. R.*, 1880, p. 338.) The degree of coloring power in cochineal may be approximately measured by the decolorizing effect produced by solution of potassium permanganate. For a method of applying this process, the reader is referred to a paper by J. M. Merrick, of Boston, in *A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 263; from *Amer. Chem.*, April, 1871.

Cochineal has been adulterated by causing certain heavy substances, such as powdered talc, lead carbonate, and barium sulphate, by shaking in a bag or otherwise, to adhere, by means of some glutinous material, to the surface of the insects, and thus increase their weight. Cochineal yields 1·5 per cent. of ashes. Five specimens of the drug have been examined, which left in their ashes respectively 8, 12, 16, 18, and 25 per cent. of the salt of baryta. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 220.) The fraud may be detected by the absence, under the microscope, of a woolly appearance which characterizes the white powder upon the surface of the unadulterated insect. Metallic lead, which is said frequently to exist in fine particles in the artificial coating, may be discovered by powdering the cochineal and suspending it in water, when the metal will remain behind. Grains of a substance artificially prepared to imitate the dried insect have been mixed with the genuine in France. A close inspection will serve to detect the difference. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ix. 110.) Vermilion and chrome-red (lead dichromate) are said also to have been largely used in the adulteration of carmine, to the extent sometimes of 60 or even 70 per cent. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1860, p. 547.) There can be no difficulty in detecting them by the appropriate tests. Starch has been used, according to Prof. Maisch, for the same purpose in the United States, and in one specimen he found 57·14 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, xxxiii. 18.)

The importations of cochineal have diminished, owing to the gradual replacement of this dye by the newer azo colors. The annual importations for 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892 were 549,998 lbs., 202,931 lbs., 86,399 lbs., and 230,039 lbs., respectively.

Medical Properties, etc. Cochineal is supposed by some to possess anodyne properties, but is probably useless. In pharmacy it is employed to color tinctures and tooth-powders. To infants with *whooping-cough*, cochineal in substance is given in the dose of about one-third of a grain (0·02 Gm.) three times a day. The dose of a tincture (one part in eight parts of diluted alcohol) is for an adult from twenty to thirty drops (1·25–1·9 C.c.). In *neuralgia*, Sauter gave half a tablespoonful (7·5 C.c.) with asserted cure.

CODEINA. U. S., Br. Codeine.

$C_{18}H_{21}NO_3.H_2O$; 316·31. (CŌ-DĒ-Ī'NA.) $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3.H_2O$; 317.

"An alkaloid obtained from Opium." *U. S.* "An alkaloid contained in opium." *Br.*

Codeia; Codeinum, *P. G.*; Codeine, *Fr.*; Codein, *G.*

*Codeine** was discovered in 1832 by Robiquet in morphine hydrochlorate prepared according to the process of Gregory. It exists in opium combined like morphine with meconic acid, and is extracted along with that alkaloid in the preparation of the hydrochlorate. (See *Morphina.*) When the solution of the mixed morphine and codeine hydrochlorates is treated with ammonia, the former alkaloid is precipitated, and the codeine, remaining in solution, may be obtained by evaporation and crystallization. It may be purified by treating the crystals with hot ether, which dissolves them and yields the codeine in colorless crystals on spontaneous evaporation. Codeine is the methyl derivative of morphine, as shown in the formula $C_{17}H_{18}(CH_3)NO_3$. It may be formed artificially from morphine by treating this latter successively with methyl iodide and fixed alkali. (Grimaux, 1881, *Jour. Chem. Soc.*, 44, 358.) Codeine occurs in "white, or nearly translucent, orthorhombic prisms, or octohedral crystals, odorless, having a faintly bitter taste, and slightly efflorescent in warm air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 80 parts of water, and in 3 parts of alcohol. In boiling water Codeine melts into oily drops which dissolve in 17 parts of the water. It is very soluble in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 30 parts of ether, and in 2 parts of chloroform. At 100° C. (212° F.) Codeine loses its water of crystallization (5·67 per cent.); at 155° C. (311° F.) it melts, forming a colorless liquid; and, when ignited, it is consumed without leaving a residue. Codeine is alkaline to litmus paper. If 0·1 Gm. of Codeine be dissolved in 6 C.c. of cold, concentrated sulphuric acid (free from nitrose), the resulting liquid should be colorless. If about 2 C.c. of this solution be poured into a small porcelain capsule, and 1 drop of highly diluted nitric acid (made by adding 1 drop of nitric acid to 200 C.c. of water) added, a bluish-red tint gradually changing to pale blue will be developed. Another portion of the same solution, of about 2 C.c., gently warmed, and mixed with 1 drop of a mixture of 1 volume of ferric chloride test-solution and 19 volumes of water, likewise assumes a bluish or blue tint (difference from *morphine*). On adding to 5 C.c. of an aqueous solution of Codeine (1 in 100) 10 drops of bromine water, and shaking so as to redissolve the precipitate formed, the liquid will gradually develop a light claret-red tint. This tint may be developed at once by the addition of ammonia water. On sprinkling 0·05 Gm. of Codeine upon 2 C.c. of nitric acid (specific gravity 1·200), the crystals will turn red, but the acid, even when warmed, will acquire only a yellow color (difference from and absence of *morphine*)." *U. S.* When added in excess to boiling water, the undissolved portion melts and sinks to the bottom, having the appearance of an oil. It may be separated from morphine by a solution of potassa or soda, which dissolves the morphine and leaves the codeine. It has an alkaline reaction on test-paper, and combines with acids to form salts, some of which are crystallizable, particularly the nitrate. Its capacity of saturation is almost identical with that of morphine. According to Robiquet, 1 part of hydrochloric acid is saturated by 7·837 of codeine, and by 7·88 of morphine. It is distinguishable, however, from the latter principle by the different form of its crystals, which are octohedral, by its solubility in boiling ether, greater solubility in water, and insolubility in alkaline solutions, and by not assuming a red color with nitric acid, or a blue one with ferric salts. Tincture of galls precipitates from its solutions a codeine tannate. Crystallized from a watery solution, it contains

* Apocodeine, $C_{18}H_{19}NO_2$. This alkaloid, discovered in 1869 by Matthiessen and Wright, is made by heating a concentrated solution of zinc chloride with codeine. It is soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform; insoluble in water. It gives a reaction similar to apomorphine, but is more stable. It has been found by Dujardin-Beaumetz to be about equal to apomorphine in the same dose; and it also acts as an expectorant in a manner similar to apomorphine. It may be used hypodermically if the solution be *perfectly neutral.*

A second derivative from codeine, isomeric with it in formula, has been obtained by Merck as a by-product in the manufacture of apocodeine, and has received the name of *pseudocodeine.* It differs from codeine in its higher melting point, 182° C. (359·6° F.), and in its property of being instantly precipitated by ammonia, in the form of crystalline needles, not only from cold but likewise from boiling aqueous solutions of its salts. According to Kobert, it resembles codeine in its physiological action.

about 6 per cent. of water, which is driven off at 100° C. (212° F.). The crystals obtained from a solution in ether contain no water.

Medical Properties. It is probable that pure codeine is a very feeble alkaloid, tolerated by the human system in very large doses. On the other hand, cases of severe poisoning have been published, and experimenters have claimed for it a very powerful influence upon the lower animals. As late as 1874, Dr. Myrtle reported the instance of a man who was almost killed by four grains of codeine, prepared by Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh. (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, 1874, i. 478.) The symptoms were first vascular excitement and exhilaration, then depression, with great anxiety, nausea and vomiting, cold, pale, moist skin, slight contraction of the pupil, and delirious sleeplessness. On the other hand, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell took five grains of codeine without effect, save some nausea, slight giddiness, and cerebral heaviness, and a trifling acceleration of the pulse; whilst we have given codeine prepared by Powers & Weightman, of Philadelphia, in doses of eight grains a day without distinct effect. It is very evident that commercial codeine has been and probably still is of varying composition, and the results frequently obtained have been produced by coherent alkaloids. Mr. Wm. Weightman informed us that nearly the whole product of their laboratory goes to France, where it appears to be largely used as a calmative drug, free from many of the objections to opium, but in no way comparing with it in power. It has been highly lauded in the treatment of *diabetes mellitus*, and cases of recovery under its use reported. In the grave form of this disorder we have seen it fail to exert any perceptible influence, but the evidence is sufficient to demand a fair trial of the remedy in any individual case. Medical practitioners often use it to quiet *cough*, to allay *intestinal pain*, and to fulfil various other of the minor narcotic indications for which opium is commonly administered. On account of its frequent contamination, care should be exercised as to the commencing dose, but no effect at all is to be expected, if the alkaloid be pure, from less than one grain (0·06 Gm.), and this dose may be rapidly increased until some symptoms are produced. It may be given in pill or in syrupy solution.

COLCHICI RADIX. U. S. (Br.) Colchicum Root.

(CŎL'ȻHI-CĪ RĀ'DĬX.)

"The Corm of Colchicum autumnale, Linné (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh corm of Colchicum autumnale, collected about the end of June or beginning of July; and the same stripped of its coats, sliced transversely, and dried at a temperature not exceeding 150° F. (65°·5 C.)." *Br.*

Colchici Cormus, *Br.;* Colchicum Corm; Bulbus s. Tuber Colchici; Meadow-Saffron Root; Bulbe de Colchique, de Safran bâtard, *Fr.;* Zeitlosenknollen, *G.*

COLCHICI SEMEN. U. S. (Br.) Colchicum Seed.

(CŎL'ȻHI-CĪ SĒ'MĔN.)

"The seed of Colchicum autumnale, Linné (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.* "The seeds of Colchicum autumnale, Linn., collected when fully ripe, which is commonly about the end of July or beginning of August; and carefully dried." *Br.*

Colchici Semina, *Br.;* Colchicum Seeds; Semen Colchici, *P. G.;* Semences de Colchique, Colchique, *Fr.;* Zeitlose, Herbst-Zeitlose, Zeitlosensamen, *G.;* Colchico, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. A *spathe*. *Corolla* six-parted, with a tube proceeding directly from the root. *Capsules* three, connected, inflated. *Willd.*

Colchicum autumnale. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 272; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 759, t. 258. This species of Colchicum, often called *meadow-saffron*, is a perennial bulbous plant, the leaves of which appear in spring, and the flowers in autumn. Its manner of growth is peculiar, and deserves notice as connected in some measure with its medicinal efficacy. In the latter part of summer, a new bulb, or *cormus* as the part is now called, begins to form at the lateral inferior portion of the old one, which receives the young offshoot in its bosom and embraces it half round. The new plant sends out fibres from its base, and is furnished with a radical spathe, which is cylindrical, tubular, cloven at top on one side, and half under ground. In September, from two to six flowers, of a lilac or pale-purple color, emerge from the spathe, unaccompanied with leaves. The corolla consists of a tube five inches long, concealed for two-thirds of its length in the ground, and of a limb divided into six segments. The flowers perish by the end of October, and the rudiments of the fruit remain under ground till the following spring, when they rise upon a stem above the surface, in the form of a three-lobed, three-celled capsule. The leaves of the new plant appear at the same time: so that in fact they follow

the flower instead of preceding it, as might be inferred from the order of the seasons in which they respectively show themselves. The leaves are radical, spear-shaped, erect, numerous, about five inches long, and one inch broad at the base. In the mean time, the new bulb has been increasing at the expense of the old one, which, having performed its appointed office, perishes; while the former, after attaining its full growth, sends forth shoots, and in its turn decays. The old bulb in its second spring, and a little before it perishes, sometimes puts forth one or more small bulbs, which are the sources of new plants.

C. autumnale is a native of the temperate parts of Europe and of Northern Africa, growing in moist pastures and meadows. Attempts have been made to introduce its culture into this country, but with no great success; though small quantities of the bulb, of apparently good quality, have entered commerce. The flowers possess virtues similar to those of the bulb.

Colchici Radix. The medicinal virtue of the bulb depends much upon the season at which it is collected. Early in the spring it is too young to have fully developed its peculiar properties; and late in the fall it has become exhausted by the nourishment afforded to the new plant. The proper period for its collection is from the early part of June, when it has usually attained perfection, to the middle of August, when the offset appears.* It may be owing, in part, to this inequality at different seasons that entirely opposite reports have been given of its powers. Krapf ate whole bulbs without inconvenience; Haller found the bulbs entirely void of taste and acrimony; and we are told that in Carniola the peasants use it as food with impunity in the autumn. On the other hand, there can be no doubt of its highly irritating and poisonous nature, when fully developed, under ordinary circumstances. Perhaps soil and climate may have some influence in modifying its character.

The bulb is often used in the fresh state in the countries where it grows, as it is apt to be injured in drying, unless the process is carefully conducted. The usual plan is to cut the bulb, as soon as possible after it has been dug up, into thin transverse slices, which are spread out separately upon paper or perforated trays and dried with a moderate heat. The reason for drying it quickly after removal from the ground is that it otherwise begins to vegetate, and a change in its chemical nature takes place; and such is its retentiveness of life that, if not cut in slices, it is liable to undergo a partial vegetation even during the drying process. Dr. Houlton recommends that the bulb be stripped of its dry coating, carefully deprived of the bud or young bulb, and then dried whole. It is owing to the high vitality of the bud that the bulb is so apt to vegetate. During desiccation there is great loss of weight, 70 per cent. being the average for a number of years in the laboratory of Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, in London.

Properties. The recent bulb or cormus of *C. autumnale* resembles that of the tulip in shape and size, and is covered with a brown membranous coat. Internally it is solid, white and fleshy, and, when cut transversely, yields, if mature, an acrid milky juice. There is often a small lateral projection from its base, which is the bud for the development of a new plant: this bud is frequently broken off in drying. When dried, and deprived of its external membranous covering, the corm is of an ash-brown color, convex on one side, and somewhat flattened on the other, where it is marked by a deep groove extending from the base to the summit. As found in commerce, it is always in the dried state, sometimes in segments made by vertical sections of the bulb, but generally in transverse circular slices, about the eighth or tenth of an inch in thickness, with a notch at one part of their circumference. "About 25 Mm. long, ovoid, flattish and with a groove on one side; externally brownish and wrinkled; internally white and solid; often in transverse slices, reniform in shape, and breaking with a short, mealy fracture; inodorous; taste sweetish, bitter, and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* The cut surface is white and of an amylaceous aspect. Examined with the microscope, the corm is seen to be composed of large irregular cells, full of ovoid, angular, sometimes compound, starch grains, and interspersed with spiral vessels in vascular bundles. The odor of the recent bulb is said to be hircine. It is diminished, but not lost, by drying. The taste is bitter, hot, and acrid. The active principle is an alkaloid, *colchicine*, the chemical history of which we give in full in a foot-note below.† Wine and vinegar extract all the virtues of the bulb. Dr. A. T.

* Dr. Christison, however, has found the roots collected in April to be more bitter than those gathered in July, and conjectures that the common opinion of their superior efficacy at the latter season may not be well founded. Prof. Schroff states, as the result of his observation, that the autumnal root is much stronger than that dug in the summer. (See *A. J. P.*, xxix. 324.)

† The alkaloid of colchicum has been a subject of some controversy. According to Geiger and Hesse, to whom has been ascribed the credit of determining its precise nature, *colchicine* (*colchicia*) is crystallizable, and has a very bitter and sharp taste, but is destitute of the extreme acrimony of veratrine, and does not, like that principle, excite violent sneezing when applied to the nostrils. It differs also in being more soluble in water, and less poisonous. To

Thomson states that the milky juice of fresh colchicum produces a fine blue color if rubbed with the tincture of guaiac, and that the same effect is obtained from an acetic solution of the dried bulb. He considers the appearance of this color, when the slices are rubbed with a little distilled vinegar and tincture of guaiac, as a proof that the drug is good and has been well dried. Dr. J. M. Maclagan has shown that this change of color is produced with the albumen, which is not affected if previously coagulated: so that the value of the test consists simply in proving that the drying has not been effected at a heat above 180° F., or the temperature at

a kitten eight weeks old, one-tenth of a grain was given dissolved in dilute alcohol. Violent purging and vomiting were produced, with apparently severe pain and convulsions, and the animal died at the end of twelve hours. The stomach and bowels were found violently inflamed, with effusion of blood through their whole extent. A kitten somewhat younger was destroyed in ten minutes by only the twentieth of a grain of colchicia; and, on examination after death, marks of inflammation were found only in the upper part of the œsophagus. The alkaloid was obtained from the seeds by a process similar to that employed in the preparation of hyoscyamine from hyoscyamus. (See *Hyoscyamus.*) A simpler process is to digest the seeds of meadow-saffron in boiling alcohol, precipitate with magnesia, treat the precipitated matter with boiling alcohol, and finally filter and evaporate.

The nature of the active principle of colchicum subsequently engaged the attention of L. Oberlin. Upon repeating the process of Geiger and Hesse, he was unable to obtain a crystallizable product, and came to the conclusion that the substance obtained by them was complex. By acidifying its aqueous solution by sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, and concentrating until the liquid became intensely yellow, he obtained, upon the addition of water, a yellowish-white precipitate, which, when well washed and freed from coloring matter, dissolved readily in alcohol or ether, and crystallized with facility. The crystalline product thus obtained he proposed to call *colchiceine.* It is a neutral substance, contains no acid, crystallizes in pearly lamellæ, is almost insoluble in cold water, to which, however, it imparts a slight bitterness, is more soluble in boiling water, and readily dissolves in alcohol, ether, methylic alcohol, and chloroform. It is dissolved by concentrated sulphuric, hydrochloric, and nitric acids, becoming yellow, by acetic acid without change of color, and by ammonia and potassa. It is not altered or precipitated by lead acetate or subacetate, silver nitrate, mercuric chloride, or infusion of galls, but is rendered green by ferric chloride. It was found to be very poisonous to rabbits, killing an animal in 12 hours in the dose of about one-seventh of a grain, and in a few minutes in the dose of five times that quantity. (*Comptes-Rendus,* Dec. 1856, p. 1199.)

Subsequently Mr. J. E. Carter, of Philadelphia, made some experiments which appeared to invalidate the conclusions of Oberlin as to the nature of colchicine, and to confirm the previous opinion of its alkaloid character. Mr. Carter used the bulb, instead of the seeds, which had previously in general been made the subject of experiment. He employed two processes for the extraction of the alkaloid, but found the following most productive. The dried and powdered bulb was exhausted by alcohol of 0·835 by means of percolation; the tincture thus obtained was evaporated to the consistence of syrup; water acidulated with acetic acid was added, and the liquor, after filtration, was nearly neutralized with ammonia, and then precipitated by solution of tannic acid; the precipitated tannate, after being well washed, was rubbed with five times its weight of freshly prepared hydrated lead oxide, small quantities of alcohol being added from time to time during the trituration; the whole was then filtered, and the filtered liquid evaporated at a gentle heat. Twenty grains were thus obtained from three pounds of the dried root. Thus obtained, *colchicine* was yellowish in mass, nearly white in powder, inodorous, bitter without being acrid, not sternutatory, soluble in water hot or cold, still more so in dilute acids and alkaline solutions, very soluble in alcohol and chloroform, sparingly so in pure ether, and insoluble in benzene. Mr. Carter did not succeed in crystallizing it. It was alkaline to test-paper, neutralized the acids, and with sulphuric acid formed a crystallizable salt. The most delicate test appeared to be that of sulphuric acid and potassium nitrate. A piece of potassium nitrate, added to its solution in sulphuric acid, produced a beautiful blue color, changing to green, dark brown or purple, and finally reddish yellow. (For a further account of Mr. Carter's experiments, see *A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 209.)

Mr. Carter's statement has been fully confirmed by Prof. J. M. Maisch, who made a very careful examination of a portion of the colchicine obtained by Mr. Carter, and kept as a specimen, with the following results. It was an amorphous powder; of a light-yellow color, a faint odor, and intense bitterness; sparingly soluble in ether, and readily in water and alcohol. The aqueous solution was slightly turbid, probably from the decomposition by time and exposure of a portion of the colchicine into resin and colchiceine. Heated on platinum foil, it melted, and at a higher temperature took fire, and burned without residue. It restored the blue color of reddened litmus, and even neutralized sulphuric acid in very minute proportion. It answered to the best tests of colchicine, namely, 1, the effect on its solution of both acids and alkalies, which caused it to assume a yellow color, and, 2, the violet and blue color produced by oxidizing agents on the dry colchicine. When treated first with concentrated sulphuric acid, and then with nitric acid or a fragment of a nitrate, it went through a series of changes of color, ending in yellow. The same effect resulted from sulphuric acid with a trace of potassium chromate or bichromate, ferric chloride, or lead oxide; the first two causing a green color with the solution, through the intermixture of their yellowishness with the blue developed. The colchicine also answered to the following tests of the alkaloids, giving precipitates with potassio-mercuric iodide, phosphomolybdic acid, and tannic acid.

Colchicine is now recognized as the *methyl ester* of *acetyl-trimethyl colchicinic acid*, and has the formula $C_{22}H_{25}NO_6$. When colchicine is heated with 3 parts of hydrochloric acid for two hours on the water-bath, it is decomposed, with the formation of *colchicinic acid*, $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$, and *dimethyl colchicinic acid*, $C_{18}H_{19}NO_5$. When colchicine is boiled with water containing sulphuric acid, it is decomposed according to the formula $C_{22}H_{25}NO_6 + H_2O = C_{21}H_{23}NO_6 + CH_3OH$, the products being *colchiceine* and methyl-alcohol. Colchiceine, which is *aceto trimethyl colchicinic acid*, can also be made synthetically by heating *trimethyl colchicinic acid* with acetic anhydrides to 100° C. Colchicine has also been built up synthetically from colchiceine, sodium methylate, and methyl iodide, which are heated together to 100° C. (Johanny, Zeisel, *Monatshefte*, 9, p. 868.)

In preparing colchicum pharmaceutically, if it be desired to retain the colchicine unchanged, both acids and alkalies should be avoided, especially when heat is employed. Of the official preparations, the two fluid extracts contain the colchicine as in nature; the acetic extract has a portion at least of colchiceine in its composition. In the wines, when kept, the colchicine probably passes gradually into colchiceine. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 97.) But it has not been proved that these latter preparations are in any degree less efficacious remedially; and, in the absence of all experience to the contrary, the inference is that colchiceine may have all the powers of colchicine; for the acetic extract, and the wines after being long kept, have often been used in practice, without having been found less effectual than other preparations of colchicum.

which albumen coagulates. A very deep or large notch in the circumference of the slices is considered an unfavorable sign, as it indicates that the bulb has been somewhat exhausted in the nourishment of the offset. The decoction yields a deep blue precipitate with solution of iodine, white precipitates with lead acetate and subacetate, mercurous nitrate, and silver nitrate, and a slight precipitate with tincture of galls. The value of colchicum is best tested by its bitterness.

Medical Properties and Uses. When taken internally in therapeutic dose, colchicum usually produces no other symptoms than intestinal pains and looseness of the bowels. In some rare cases it is said to give rise to copious diuresis or diaphoresis instead of purging. When larger amounts are exhibited, the purging is more pronounced, and there may be also vomiting. With these symptoms there may be some depression, which seems to be due to the gastro-intestinal irritation rather than to the direct action of the poison. In an overdose, it may produce dangerous and even fatal effects. Excessive nausea and vomiting, abdominal pains, purging and tenesmus, great thirst, sinking of the pulse, coldness of the extremities, and general prostration, with occasional symptoms of nervous derangement, such as headache, delirium, and stupor, are among the results of its poisonous action. A peculiarity of its influence is that when its dose is increased beyond a certain point there is not a corresponding increase in the rapidity of the fatal issue. This is probably because it kills not by a direct influence upon the heart or the nervous system, but by causing gastro-enteritis. On post-mortem examination the alimentary mucous membrane is found much inflamed.

Colchicum was well known to the ancients as a poison, and is said to have been employed by them as a remedy in gout and other diseases. Störck revived its use among the moderns. He gave it as a diuretic and expectorant in *dropsy* and humoral *asthma*, and on the continent of Europe it acquired considerable reputation in these complaints; but the uncertainty of its operation led to its general abandonment, and it had fallen into almost entire neglect, when Dr. Want, of London, again brought it into notice by attempting to prove its identity with the active ingredient of the *eau médicinale d'Husson*, so highly celebrated as a cure for gout. In James's Dispensatory, printed in 1747, it is said to be used in gout as an external application. The chief employment of the meadow-saffron is at present in the treatment of *gout* and *rheumatism*, in which experience has abundantly proved it to be a highly valuable remedy. We have, within our own observation, found it especially useful in these affections, when of a shifting or neuralgic character. It sometimes produces relief without obviously affecting the system; but it is more efficient when it evinces its influence upon the skin or alimentary canal. Professor Chelius states that it changes the chemical constitution of the urine in arthritic patients, producing an evident increase of the uric acid. Dr. Maclagan has found it greatly to increase the proportion of both urea and uric acid in the urine, and, where these previously existed in the blood, to separate them from it. (*Ed. Monthly Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., v. 23.) But Graves and Gardner affirm that the urates diminish under its influence, and in a very careful and extended research Dr. A. B. Garrod found that its action upon the uric acid elimination is very irregular and uncertain. It has been found useful in *prurigo*, *urticaria*, and other cutaneous affections of a gouty nature. In modern practice it is employed almost solely in gout. It is generally given in the state of vinous tincture (see *Vinum Colchici Radicis*); but there are various other official preparations, any one of which may be used efficiently. The dose of the dried bulb is from two to eight grains (0·13–0·52 Gm.), which may be repeated every four or six hours till its effects are obtained.

The alkaloid *colchicine* acts like colchicum; according to Maret and Combemale, in doses of one-twelfth of a grain (0·005 Gm.) producing violent diarrhœa, with diminished urinary secretion; in doses of one-thirty-second of a grain (0·002 Gm.) causing some abdominal disturbance, with increased diuresis. According to Dr. J. Sprega, three grains (0·2 Gm.), repeated in three hours, caused violent gastro-enteritis, ending in death in thirty-one hours. (*Gazz. d. Ospitali*, Oct. 1890.)

Colchici Semen.—The seeds of the meadow-saffron ripen in summer, and should be collected about the end of July or beginning of August. They never arrive at maturity in plants cultivated in a dry soil or in confined gardens. (*Williams.*) They are nearly spherical, about the eighth of an inch in diameter, of a reddish-brown color externally, white within, and of a bitter acrid taste. "Subglobular, about 2 Mm. thick, very slightly pointed at the hilum; reddish-brown, finely pitted, internally whitish; very hard and tough; inodorous; taste bitter and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* They are chiefly composed of a gray horny albumen, constituted of very thick-walled cells, and surrounded by a closely adherent testa. The leafless embryo is

very small, and is situated close to the surface opposite the strophiole. Dr. Williams, of Ipswich, England, first brought them into notice in 1820 as superior to the bulb. Prof. Schroff, however, has found that their activity is inferior to that of the dried bulb, dug in autumn (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 324); and recent studies indicate that they contain only a very small percentage of alkaloid. A wine, fluid extract, and tincture of the seeds are directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. Their dose is about the same as that of the bulb.

COLLODIUM. U. S., Br. Collodion.

(CǪL-LŌ′DI-ŬM.)

Collodion, *Fr.*; Collodium, *G.*

"Pyroxylin, *thirty grammes* [or 463 grains]; Ether, *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims]; Alcohol, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]. To the Pyroxylin, contained in a suitable bottle, add the ether, and let it stand for fifteen minutes; then add the Alcohol, and shake the bottle until the Pyroxylin is dissolved. Cork the bottle well, and set it aside until the liquid has become clear. Then decant the clear portion from any sediment which may have formed, and transfer it to bottles, which should be well corked. Keep the Collodion in cork-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"Take of Pyroxylin *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Ether *thirty-six fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *twelve fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Ether and the Spirit, and add the Pyroxylin. Set aside for a few days, and, should there be any sediment, decant the clear solution. Keep it in a well-corked bottle." *Br.*

Collodion is a solution of gun cotton. On account of the facility with which ether evaporates, it is the better menstruum for remedial purposes; but gun cotton will not dissolve in that liquid when quite pure, and the addition of a little alcohol is necessary. Formerly the U. S. Pharmacopœia directed that the gun cotton be prepared at the time of making the collodion, giving directions for the purpose, but at the revision of 1870 the process of the British Pharmacopœia was substantially adopted, a formula for the preparation of pyroxylin being given separately in the Pharmacopœia. The present formula differs very slightly from that of 1870, containing a little more pyroxylin and alcohol. (See *Pyroxylin.*) A change has been made, however, in directing the collodion to be decanted from the sediment. In the Pharm. 1870 the sediment was directed to be re-incorporated with the clear collodion, and the result was the making of a tougher film. This sediment consists of undecomposed filaments of cotton, and these become partially felted as the ethereal liquid evaporates and the film is forming; this direction of the former Pharmacopœia was usually disregarded, although for many purposes the cloudy film is to be preferred.

Collodion is a transparent, colorless liquid, of a syrupy consistence and an ethereal smell. When applied to a dry surface, the ether quickly evaporates, and a transparent film is left, having remarkable adhesiveness and contractility. On account of the great volatility of ether, collodion must be kept in bottles well stopped. When insecurely kept, the liquid thickens and becomes less fit for the use of the surgeon. The thickened liquid sometimes contains acicular crystals. The addition of ether will generally restore the collodion to its original condition.

Collodion was first applied to the purposes of surgery by Dr. J. Parker Maynard.* of Boston, when a student of medicine, in January, 1847. It is employed for holding together the edges of incised wounds, for covering ulcers or abraded or diseased surfaces, chilblains, chapped nipples, etc., with an impervious film not acted upon by water, and for encasing parts which require to be kept without relative motion. It is applied brushed over the part, or by means of strips of muslin. In whatever way applied, the solvent quickly evaporates, and leaves the solid adhesive material. The rigid film thus formed contracts with a good deal of force. This property adapts collodion for certain purposes, such as drawing together the edges of wounds, exciting pressure on buboes, etc. When, however, the surgeon desires simply to protect a surface, a flexible, non-contracting film is preferable, and the official *Collodium flexile* should be used. Collodion has been variously medicated, and thus made the vehicle of several important medicines for external application. *Iodized collodion* has been proposed by Dr. C. Flem-

* Dr. Maynard recommended the following formula. Take of sulphuric acid of sp. gr. 1·850 *two parts*, and of nitric acid of sp. gr. 1·450 *one part*. Mix them, and, having permitted the heat to fall to about 100° F., add raw cotton to saturation. Let it macerate for one or two hours; then pour off the acids, wash the cotton till the washings cease to affect litmus paper, and dry thoroughly. The gummy matter thus formed is now to be dissolved in ether of the sp. gr. about ·750, or in a mixture of three parts of pure ether and one part of alcohol of 95 per cent. Two ounces of cotton will make about a pint of collodion. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, 1866, p. 39.)

ing, for the purpose of obtaining the specific effects of iodine in a rapid manner, especially on tumors. It is made by dissolving from ten to twenty grains of iodine in a fluidounce of collodion. See *Collodium Iodatum* (N. F.). M. Aran has proposed a *ferruginous collodion*, made of equal parts of collodion and tincture of ferric chloride, as a remedy in erysipelas.* A *caustic collodion* may be prepared by dissolving 4 parts of corrosive sublimate in 30 of collodion. Dr. Macke, of Sorau, has used this preparation for destroying nævi materni. The eschar formed is one or two lines in thickness, and separates in from three to six days, leaving but a trifling cicatrix. (See *A. J. P.*, May, 1858, for formulas in which collodion is made the vehicle of iodine, belladonna, sulphur, etc.) All these medicated collodions are most conveniently applied by means of a camel's-hair brush. See also *Collodium Tiglii* (N. F.), and *Collodium Salicylatum Compositum* (N. F.).†

COLLODIUM CANTHARIDATUM. U.S. (Br.) Cantharidal Collodion.

[Blistering Collodion.]

(CŌL-LŌ′DĮ-ŬM CĄN-THĂR-Į-DĀ′TŬM.)

Collodium Vesicans, *Br.;* Blistering Collodion; Collodium Cantharidatum, *P. G.;* Collodium Cantharidale, s. Vesicans; Collodion vésicant (cantharidé), *Fr.;* Blasenziehendes Collodium, *G.*

"Cantharides, in No. 60 powder, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Flexible Collodion, *eighty-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av.]; Chloroform, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Pack the Cantharides firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Chloroform upon it, until the powder is exhausted. Recover the chloroform by distillation from a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, in a capsule, on a water-bath, until it weighs *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]. Dissolve this in the Flexible Collodion, and set it aside to become clear by settling. Finally pour off the clear portion from any sediment which may have formed, and transfer it to bottles, which should be securely corked. Keep the Cantharidal Collodion in cork-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"Take of Blistering liquid (see *Liquor Epispasticus*) *twenty fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Pyroxylin *one ounce* [av.]. Add the Pyroxylin to the liquid in a stoppered bottle, and shake them together until the former is dissolved." *Br.*

The official process differs considerably in the manipulation from that of the U. S. P. 1870, although the finished preparation is not essentially different. Chloroform is used to extract the cantharidin from the powdered cantharides, by percolation; the chloroform is afterwards recovered by distillation, and the oily residue containing the vesicant is dissolved in the collodion. The efficiency of chloroform as a solvent of cantharidin has been shown by Professor Procter. The original process of M. Ilisch was to exhaust, by percolation, a pound of cantharides, with a mixture consisting of a pound of ether and three ounces of acetic ether, and in two ounces of this liquid to dissolve 25 grains of gun cotton. Professor Procter states that it has been found more advantageous to exhaust the flies with ether, distil off the ether, and mix the oily residue with collodion already prepared of the proper consistence (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 303); and this is probably a better formula than the official, if care is used in recovering the ether to avoid contact with flame. Mr. Charles S. Rand (*A. J. P.*, xxii. 18) states that Ilisch's preparation, made with double the proportion of ether, vesicates equally well, and proposes the addition of about 1 per cent. of Venice turpentine, which he has found to prevent the disagreeable and sometimes painful contraction of the collodion upon drying. The preparation may be kept indefinitely, in an opaque glass-stoppered bottle, without change; but on exposure to the light, the greenish coloring matter of the flies bleaches, and the liquid becomes yellowish.‡ *Cantharidized collodion* may be made from cantharidin by dissolving four grains of cantharidin in one thousand grains of flexible collodion.

* *Pavesi's Styptic Collodion.* Collodion, 100 parts; carbolic acid, 10 parts; pure tannin, 5 parts; benzoic acid, 3 parts. Agitate till thoroughly mixed. On evaporation it leaves a brown pellicle, adhering strongly to tissues, and effecting instant coagulation of the blood and albumen.

Iodoform Collodion is made, according to Moleschott, by dissolving 1 part of iodoform, in fine powder, in 15 parts of flexible collodion. It is recommended for relieving pain caused by gout, and for orchitis, pericarditis, etc. See also *Collodium Iodoformatum* (N. F.).

† *Silk Collodion.* M. Persoz the younger prepares a collodion by bringing silk to the condition of the material from which the worm spins its thread. This he does by dissolving it in a solution of zinc chloride, and then separating the solvent by means of dialysis. The chloride passes through the parchment of a dialyser, leaving the silk substance in a soft fibreless state. The material thus obtained is said to be applicable to photographic purposes. Before it could be used as collodion, it would be necessary to dissolve it in a volatile liquid which would evaporate spontaneously on application to the surface. (See *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 182.)

‡ *Croton Oil Collodion* is made by mixing equal weights of croton oil and flexible collodion. (*Report on Revision of U. S. Pharm., A. P. A.*, 1880.)

Cantharidal collodion is a very convenient epispastic remedy. It may be applied to the surface by means of a camel's-hair brush, and after the evaporation of the ether, which takes place in less than a minute, may be reapplied if the surface should not be well covered. It produces a blister in about the same time as the ordinary cerate, and has the advantages that it is applied with greater facility, is better adapted to cover uneven surfaces, and retains its place more certainly. According to Mr. Rand, if the evaporation of the ether be restrained by a piece of oiled silk immediately after its application, it will act much more speedily.

COLLODIUM FLEXILE. U. S., Br. Flexible Collodion.

(CŌL-LŌ'DI-ŬM FLĔX'I-LĒ.)

Collodium Elasticum, *P. G.;* Collodion élastique, *Fr.;* Elastisches Collodium, *G.*

"Collodion, *nine hundred and twenty grammes* [or 32 ounces av., 198 grains]; Canada Turpentine, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Castor Oil, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Weigh the ingredients, successively, into a tared bottle, and mix them thoroughly. Keep the product in cork-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"Take of Collodion *twelve fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Canada Balsam *half an ounce;* Castor Oil *quarter of an ounce.* Mix, and keep in a well-corked bottle." *Br.*

The contractility of the collodion film has long been felt as a drawback to its use simply for the purposes of protection. Mr. C. S. Rand, of Philadelphia, proposed to obviate this by dissolving one part of gun cotton and three of Venice turpentine in twenty parts of ether. To give more flexibility to the film, M. Sourisseau, of Kaiserberg, suggested the addition of one part of elemi to twelve of collodion. According to Mr. Startin, of London, opacity and elasticity may be imparted at the same time by adding from half a drachm to a drachm of lard, or some similar fatty matter, previously dissolved in ether, to an ounce of collodion. The qualities of softness and elasticity may also be given by combining collodion with castor oil, in the proportion of thirty parts to two, agreeably to the plan of M. Guersant, who found it useful, thus modified, in erysipelas; and the proportion of castor oil may be increased if thought desirable. This is the method preferred by the French Codex. An elastic collodion, somewhat similar, in which, besides castor oil, Venice turpentine and white wax are ingredients, has been proposed by E. Lauras. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 303.) According to MM. Cap and Garot, the most successful way for obtaining an elastic collodion is to mix two parts of glycerin with one hundred of collodion. *Glycerized collodion* is exceedingly supple, does not crack and scale off from the skin, and accommodates itself to the motions of the part. In order to imitate the color of the skin, an ethereal tincture of turmeric or saffron may be added, so as to produce the desired tint. Dr. Meller has proposed a solution of shellac in highly rectified alcohol, so as to have a gelatinous consistence, as a substitute for collodion. Of all these plans, probably that followed in the official directions is the best. Dr. Tournie recommends, in superficial cervical adenitis with redness, painting the part with several layers of flexible collodion every two days. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1874, p. 540.)

COLLODIUM STYPTICUM. U. S. Styptic Collodion.

(CŌL-LŌ'DI-ŬM STĬP'TI-CŬM.)

Styptic Colloid, Xylostyptic Ether; Collodion styptique, *Fr.*

"Tannic Acid, *twenty grammes* [or 308·6 grains]; Alcohol, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Ether, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims]; Collodion, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Introduce the Tannic Acid, Alcohol, and Ether into a graduated bottle, agitate until the Tannic Acid is thoroughly incorporated and partially dissolved, then add enough Collodion to make up the volume to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], and shake occasionally, until the Acid is completely dissolved. Keep the product in cork-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

This collodion is a modification of the *styptic colloid* of Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London (*P. J. Tr.*, 1867, p. 29), a preparation which has had considerable use, particularly in hospitals. Experience has shown, however, that Dr. Richardson's formula contained too little tannin; the quantity has been increased in the U. S. process to 20 per cent., but this is more than will usually dissolve. The manipulation in the official formula might be improved by directing the tannic acid to be rubbed into a smooth paste in a mortar with sufficient alcohol, before introducing into the bottle. This would enable the pharmacist to prepare it extemporaneously.

When applied on wounded or abraded surfaces, it soon loses the ether and alcohol, and a firm coating is left, in which, besides the tannin and colloidal substance, are the coagulated blood and secretions from the surface, forming a covering for the part by which the air is excluded. The liquid is applied with a camel's-hair brush, or by means of cotton saturated with it, to the edges of wounds closed by stitches, to ulcerated surfaces and bleeding parts. If it be desired to make a special impression on the diseased surface, carbolic acid, creosote, iodine, morphine, etc., may be incorporated with the styptic fluid.*

COLOCYNTHIS. U. S. (Br.) Colocynth.

(CŎL-Ǫ-CŸN'THIS.)

"The fruit of Citrullus Colocynthis, Schrader (nat. ord. Cucurbitaceæ), deprived of its rind." *U. S.* "The dried peeled fruit, freed from seeds, of Citrullus Colocynthis, Schrad." *Br.*

Colocynthidis Pulpa, *Br.;* Colocynth Pulp; Fructus Colocynthidis, *P. G.;* Poma Colocynthidis; Pulpe de Coloquinte, Coloquinte, *Fr.;* Coloquintenapfel, Koloquintenmark, Koloquinten, *G.;* Coloquintida, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-toothed. *Corolla* five-parted. *Filaments* three. FEMALE. *Calyx* five-toothed. *Corolla* five-parted. *Pistil* three-cleft. *Seeds* of the *gourd* with a sharp edge. *Willd.*

Cucumis colocynthis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 611; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 189, t. 71.—*Citrullus colocynthis,* Royle's *Mat. Med.* The *bitter cucumber* is an annual plant, bearing considerable resemblance to the common watermelon. The stems, which are herbaceous and beset with rough hairs, trail upon the ground, or rise upon neighboring bodies, to which they attach themselves by their numerous tendrils. The leaves, which stand alternately on long petioles, are triangular, many-cleft, variously sinuated, obtuse, hairy, of a fine green color on the upper surface, rough and pale on the under. The flowers are yellow, and appear singly at the axils of the leaves. The fruit is a globular pepo, of the size of a small orange, yellow and smooth when ripe, and contains, within a hard, coriaceous rind, a white, spongy, medullary matter, enclosing numerous ovate, compressed, white or brownish seeds.

The plant is a native of Turkey, and abounds in the islands of the Archipelago. It grows also in various parts of Africa and Asia. Burckhardt, in his travels across Nubia, found the country covered with it; Thunberg met with it at the Cape of Good Hope; and Ainslie says that it grows in many parts of Lower India, particularly in sandy places near the sea. It is said to be cultivated in Spain, to abound in Morocco and in the neighboring countries, and even to have been collected in Japan. The fruit is gathered in autumn, when it begins to become yellow, and, having been peeled, is dried quickly in a stove or by the sun. Thus prepared, it is imported from the Levant. Small quantities are said to be imported into England from Mogador in the form of brown, unpeeled globular gourds.† The so-called *Persian colocynth* of the London markets is very small, and has apparently been compressed in a fresh state, so that the position of the seeds is perceptible through the dry pulp. The microscopic structure and the proportion of the pulp to the seed appear to be the same as in other colocynths. (*P. J. Tr.,* xvi. p. 107.)

Properties. As found in commerce, colocynth is in the shape of whitish balls about the size of an orange, very light and spongy, and abounding in seeds which constitute three-fourths of their weight. The seeds are somewhat bitter, but possess little activity, and, according to Captain Lyon, are even used as food in the north of Africa.‡ When the medicine is prepared for use, they are separated and rejected, the pulpy or medullary matter only being employed. This has a very feeble odor, but a nauseous and intensely bitter taste. The U. S. Pharmacopœia thus describes colocynth: "From 5 to 10 Cm. in diameter; globular; white or yellowish-white; light, spongy; readily breaking into three wedge-shaped pieces, each containing, near the rounded surface, many flat, ovate, brown seeds; inodorous; taste intensely bitter. The pulp

* *Carbolized Styptic Colloid.* In this preparation advantage is taken of the antiseptic and styptic properties of carbolic acid, and a very effective hæmostatic results. It is made by adding ten per cent. of carbolic acid to official styptic collodion.

† In Union Village, Lebanon, Ohio, the Shakers formerly prepared an extract from a hybrid between the colocynth and the watermelon. The two plants were placed close to each other, and the hybrid resulting yielded the second year a gourd resembling a watermelon, but very bitter, and affording an abundant extract. This is stated to be equal in purgative properties to that of colocynth, but at present it is not manufactured.

‡ Dr. Nachtigal confirms this statement of Captain Lyon's, but with the qualification that, before being eaten, the seeds are deprived of their coating by some mechanical means, and the kernels are heated to the boiling point, then washed with cold water, dried, and powdered. Professor Flückiger found a bitter principle in the testa, which accounts for its rejection as food, though rendering improper the rejection of the seed in preparing the extract. He found in the kernels about 45 per cent. of fixed oil and 18 per cent. of albumen. (*A. J. P.,* 1872, p. 538.)

only should be used, the seeds being separated and rejected." *U. S.* Water and alcohol extract the virtues of colocynth. It is a matter of importance to be able to determine whether the drug miller who usually powders colocynth is careful to reject the seeds. If the seeds have been ground with the mass, the microscope will show the presence of numerous albuminous granules derived from the cotyledons. (W. T. Clark, *P. J. Tr.*, vii. 509.) These are best found by putting a small amount of the powder on the glass slide, adding a drop of water, and gently rubbing the cover glass over it,—fragments of the double-walled embryo sac showing on the outer side elongated, more or less hexagonal, thin-walled cells, and on the inner side irregular, tabular, thick-walled cells. Powdered colocynth containing a large number of starch granules has suffered adulteration. Vauquelin obtained the bitter principle of colocynth in a separate state, and called it *colocynthin*. According to Meissner, 100 parts of the dry pulp of colocynth contain 14·4 parts of colocynthin, 10·0 of extractive, 4·2 of fixed oil, 13·2 of a resinous substance insoluble in ether, 9·5 of gum, 3·0 of pectic acid (pectin), 17·6 of gummy extract derived from the lignin by means of potassa, 2·7 of calcium phosphate, 3·0 of magnesium phosphate, and 19·0 of lignin, besides water.* Colocynthin is obtained by boiling the pulp in water, evaporating the decoction, treating the extract thus procured with alcohol, evaporating the alcoholic solution, and submitting the residue, which consists of the bitter principle and potassium acetate, to the action of a little cold water, which dissolves the latter and leaves the greater part of the former untouched. Mr. Bastick obtained it by exhausting the pulp with cold water, heating the solution to ebullition, adding lead subacetate so long as a precipitate was produced, filtering the liquor when cold, adding dilute sulphuric acid gradually until it no longer occasioned a precipitate, boiling to expel free acetic acid, filtering to separate lead sulphate, evaporating cautiously nearly to dryness, extracting the colocynthin from the residuum by strong alcohol, which left the salts, and finally evaporating the alcoholic solution. The following process, employed by Dr. Walz, probably yields it in a purer state. Colocynth is exhausted by alcohol of 0·84, the tincture evaporated to dryness, the residue treated with water, and the solution precipitated first with lead acetate and afterwards with lead subacetate. The yellow filtered liquor is then treated with hydrogen sulphide to separate the lead, and, after filtration, with solution of tannic acid, which throws down a compound of tannic acid and colocynthin. This is dissolved in alcohol, the tannin thrown down by lead subacetate, the excess of lead separated, and the liquid digested with animal charcoal, filtered, and evaporated. The residue, washed with anhydrous ether, is pure colocynthin. This is yellowish, somewhat translucent, brittle and friable, fusible by a heat below 100° C. (212° F.), inflammable, more soluble in alcohol than in water, but capable of rendering the latter intensely bitter. M. Mouchon states that it is insoluble in ether. It is neither acid nor alkaline; but its aqueous solution gives with infusion of galls a copious white precipitate. Its formula, according to Dr. Walz, is $C_{56}H_{84}O_{23}$. Upon the same authority it is a glucoside, being resolved by the action of sulphuric acid into sugar and a peculiar resinous substance termed *colocynthein*. Henke doubts the probability of colocynthin being a glucoside, and states that it is uncrystallizable; he reviews the methods of previous investigators, and



470 diameters.

a, inner layer of embryo sac; *b*, outer layer of ditto; *c*, cells of palisaded layer with granules; *d*, stomata from cotyledon; *e*, granules from cotyledons; *f*, epidermis of rind; *h*, starch granule (side view).

* Dr. Walz supposed that he had found another peculiar principle, *colocynthitin*. It was obtained by treating with ether the alcoholic extract previously exhausted by water, decolorizing the ethereal solution with animal charcoal, evaporating to dryness, and disolving the residue in anhydrous alcohol, which deposited it in crystals on spontaneous evaporation. It is white and tasteless, and is probably a resin. (*N. Jahrbuch der Pharm.*, xvi. 10.)

obtained by his own process but 0·66 per cent. of colocynthin. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1883, p. 200; *A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 301.) According to Johannson, colocynthin, when heated with diluted sulphuric acid, yields colocyntheïn, elaterin, and bryonin. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 451.)* An infusion of colocynth, made with boiling water, gelatinizes upon cooling. Neumann obtained from 768 parts of the pulp, treated first with alcohol and then with water, 168 parts of alcoholic and 216 of aqueous extract.

Medical Properties and Uses. The pulp of colocynth is a powerful drastic, hydragogue cathartic, producing, when given in large doses, violent griping, and sometimes bloody discharges, with dangerous inflammation of the bowels. Death has resulted from a teaspoonful and a half of the powder. (*Christison.*) Even in moderate doses it sometimes acts with much harshness, and it is therefore seldom prescribed alone. By some writers it is said to be diuretic. It was frequently employed by the ancient Greeks and the Arabians, though its drastic nature was not unknown to them. Among the moderns it is occasionally used in obstinate dropsy, and in various affections depending on disordered action of the brain. In combination with other cathartics it loses much of its violence, but retains its purgative energy, and in this state is extensively employed. The compound extract of colocynth is a favorite preparation with many practitioners; and, combined with calomel, extract of jalap, and gamboge, it forms a highly efficient and safe cathartic, especially useful in congestion of the portal circle and torpidity of the liver. (See *Pilulæ Catharticæ Compositæ.*) The dose of colocynth is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.). It is best administered in minute division, effected by trituration with gum or farinaceous matter. The active principle has sometimes been employed, and, in the impure state in which it is prepared by the process of M. Emile Mouchon, may be given in the dose of a grain (·065 Gm.).†

Thunberg states that the fruit of *C. colocynthis*, at the Cape of Good Hope, is rendered so mild by being properly pickled that it is eaten both by the natives and by the colonists; but, as it is thus employed before attaining perfect maturity, it is possible that the drastic principle may not have been developed.

CONFECTIONES. Confections.

(CŌN-FĔC-TĪ-Ō′NĒS—kǫn-fĕk-shę-ō′nēz.)

Electuaries; Conserves, Electuaires, Saccharolés mous, *Fr.;* Conserven, Latwergen, *G.*

Under the general title of Confections, the Pharmacopœias include all those preparations having the form of a soft solid, in which one or more medicinal substances are incorporated with saccharine matter, with a view either to their preservation or more convenient administration. But two confections have been retained in the present revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The old division into Conserves and Electuaries has been abandoned; but, as there is some ground for the distinction, we shall make a few general remarks upon each division before proceeding to the consideration of the individual preparations.

Conserves consist of undried vegetable substances and refined sugar beaten into a uniform mass. By means of the sugar, the vegetable matter is enabled to resist for some time the decomposition to which it would otherwise be exposed in the undried state, and the properties of the recent plant are thus retained to a certain extent unaltered. But, as active medicines even thus treated undergo some change, and those which lose their virtues by desiccation cannot be long preserved, the few conserves now retained are intended rather as convenient vehicles of other substances than for separate exhibition. The sugar used in their preparation should be reduced to a fine powder by pounding and sifting, as otherwise it will not mix uniformly with the other ingredients.

Electuaries are mixtures consisting of medicinal substances, especially dry powders, combined with syrup or honey, in order to render them less unpleasant to the taste, and more convenient for internal use. They are usually prepared extemporaneously; and it is only when their complex nature renders it convenient to keep them ready made, or some peculiarity in the mode of mixing the ingredients requires attention, that they become proper objects for official direc-

* According to Ernst Johannson (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1884), colocynthin can readily be found in the alvine discharges and in the body, after poisoning by it, by the following tests: $\frac{1}{20}$ milligramme will give with concentrated sulphuric acid a reddish-yellow color, deepening into red; Froehde's reagent strikes with $\frac{1}{40}$ milligramme a cherry-red color; one part of ammonium vanadanate in 200 parts of concentrated sulphuric acid makes with $\frac{1}{40}$ milligramme a blood-red spot surrounded by a bluish tint; alcohol with sulphuric acid strikes a yellow color, not altered by warming; selenosulphuric acid (H_2SeSO_3) does the same; basic lead acetate and tannic acid precipitate by weak solutions.

† For further processes for preparing colocynthin, see U. S. D., fourteenth edition, or *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 166, 1863, 116.

tion. Their consistence should not be so soft, on the one hand, as to allow the ingredients to separate, nor so firm, on the other, as to prevent them from being swallowed without mastication. Different substances require different proportions of syrup. Light vegetable powders usually require twice their weight, gum-resins two-thirds of their weight, resins somewhat less, mineral substances about half their weight, and deliquescent salts not more than one-tenth. Should the electuary be found, after having been kept for a short time, to swell up and emit gas, it should be beaten over again in a mortar, so that any portion of the sugar which may have crystallized may be again accurately incorporated with the other ingredients. Should it, on the contrary, become dry and hard from the mutual reaction of its constituents, more syrup should be added, so as to give it the requisite consistence. If the dryness result from the mere evaporation of the aqueous part, water should be added instead of syrup; and the same remark is applicable to the conserves. To prevent the hardening of electuaries, the French writers recommend the use of syrup prepared from brown sugar, which is less apt to crystallize than that made from the refined. Molasses would answer the same purpose, but its taste might be objectionable. Some employ honey, but this is not always acceptable to the stomach. Glycerin might sometimes be used with advantage.*

CONFECTIO OPII. Br. Confection of Opium.

(CǪN-FĔC′TI-Ō Ō′PI-Ī—kǫn-fĕk′shę-ŏ.)

Electuarium Theriaca, *P. G.;* Confection (Electuaire) opiacé, Thériaque, *Fr.;* Opiumlatwerge, Theriak, *G.*

"Take of Compound Powder of Opium *one hundred grains;* Syrup *three hundred grains.* Mix." *Br.*

This preparation was dropped in the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. It was intended as a substitute for those exceedingly complex and unscientific preparations formerly known by the names of *theriaca* and *mithridate*, which have been expelled from modern pharmacy. It was an official preparation of the London and Edinburgh Colleges, and, after having been discarded in the first British Pharmacopœia, was adopted in the last edition. The preparation is a combination of opium with spices, which render it more stimulant, and more grateful to a debilitated stomach. It may be given in atonic *gout*, flatulent *colic*, *diarrhœa* unattended with inflammation, and other diseases requiring the use of a stimulant narcotic. Added to Peruvian bark or quinine sulphate, it increases the efficacy of this remedy in obstinate cases of intermittent fever. One grain of opium is contained in about thirty-six grains of the U. S. confection 1870,† and in about forty grains of the British. Dose, from five to twenty grains (0·325 to 1·3 Gm.).

CONFECTIO PIPERIS. Br. Confection of Pepper.

(CǪN-FĔC′TI-Ō PĪ′PĘR-ĪS.)

Electuarium Piperis; Electuaire de Poivre, *Fr.;* Pfefferlatwerge, *G.*

"Take of Black Pepper, in fine powder, *two ounces;* Caraway Fruit, in fine powder, *three ounces;* Clarified Honey *fifteen ounces.* Rub them well together in a mortar." *Br.* This preparation was intended as a substitute for *Ward's paste*, which acquired some reputation in Great Britain as a remedy in piles and ulcers of the rectum. To do good, it must be continued, according to Mr. Brodie, for two, three, or four months. The dose is from one to two drachms (3·9 to 7·8 Gm.), repeated two or three times a day. Its stimulating properties render it inapplicable to cases attended with much inflammation.

* *Confectio Aromatica. Aromatic Confection.* (Electuarium Aromaticum; Electuaire, Confection aromatique, *Fr.;* Aromatische Latwerge, Gewürzlatwerge, *G.*) "Take of Aromatic Powder *four troyounces;* Clarified Honey *four troyounces*, or *a sufficient quantity.* Rub the Aromatic Powder with Clarified Honey until a uniform mass of the proper consistence is obtained." *U. S.* 1870. The aromatic confection has been abandoned in the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias, probably because readily prepared extemporaneously. It affords, nevertheless, a convenient means of administering the spices contained in it, and an agreeable vehicle for other medicines. The 1870 U. S. formula differed favorably from that of 1850 in the omission of the saffron; and the place of the syrup of orange peel has been economically supplied by using a larger proportion of honey. The confection is given in debilitated states of the stomach. The dose is from ten to sixty grains (0·65–3·9 Gm.).

Confectio Aurantii Corticis. Confection of Orange Peel. (Conserva Aurantii; Conserve d'Ecorce d'Orange, *Fr.;* Apfelsinenschalen-Conserve, *G.*) "Take of Sweet Orange Peel, recently separated from the fruit by grating, *twelve troyounces;* Sugar [refined] *thirty-six troyounces.* Beat the Orange Peel with the Sugar, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.* 1870. This confection, like the preceding, has been dropped in the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias. It is not used as frequently as it deserves to be. It is, when well made, a grateful aromatic vehicle or adjunct for tonic and purgative powders.

† "Take of Opium, in fine powder, *two hundred and seventy grains;* Aromatic Powder *six troyounces;* Clarified Honey *fourteen troyounces.* Rub the Opium with the Aromatic Powder, then add the Honey, and beat the whole together until thoroughly mixed." *U. S.* 1870.

CONFECTIO ROSÆ. U. S. (Br.) Confection of Rose.

(CŌN-FĔC'TI-Ō RŌ'ZÆ.)

Confectio Rosæ Gallicæ, *Br.;* Confection of Roses; Conserva Rosarum; Conserve de Rose rouge, *Fr.;* Rosen-Conserve, *G.*

"Red Rose, in No. 60 powder, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *six hundred and forty grammes* [or 22 ounces av., 252 grains]; Clarified Honey, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Stronger Rose Water, *one hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 197 minims]. Rub the Red Rose with the Stronger Rose Water previously heated to 65° C. (149° F.), then gradually add the Sugar and Honey, and beat the whole together until a uniform mass results." *U. S.*

"Take of fresh Red-Rose Petals *one pound;* Refined Sugar *three pounds.* Beat the Petals to a pulp in a stone mortar; add the Sugar, and rub them well together." *Br.*

This preparation differs from that formerly official only in a slight increase, 4 per cent., in the quantity of sugar; this is rather an improvement.

In the British process the unblown petals only are used, and these should be deprived of their claws; in other words, the rose-buds should be cut off a short distance above their base, and the lower portion rejected. In the last four editions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, dried roses have been substituted for the fresh, as the latter are not brought to our market. The process is very similar to that of the French Codex. We have been informed, however, that much of the confection of roses made in Philadelphia on the large scale is prepared from the fresh petals of the hundred-leaved rose and others, by beating them into a pulp with sugar, as in the British process. An excuse for this deviation from the official formula is, that the confection thus made has greater adhesiveness than the official, and is therefore better fitted for the formation of pills. This confection is slightly astringent, but is almost exclusively used as a vehicle of other medicines, or to impart consistence to the pilular mass.

CONFECTIO ROSÆ CANINÆ. Br. Confection of Hips.

(CŌN-FĔC'TI-Ō RŌ'ZÆ CA-NĪ'NÆ.)

Confectio Cynosbati, Conserva Cynorrhodi; Conserve de Cynorrhodon, *Fr.;* Hainbutten-Conserve, *G.*

"Take of Hips deprived of their seed-like fruits *one pound;* Refined Sugar *two pounds.* Beat the Hips to a pulp in a stone mortar, and rub the pulp through a sieve, then add the sugar, and rub them well together." *Br.*

This preparation is acidulous and refrigerant, and is used in Europe for forming more active medicines into pills and electuaries. On standing it is apt to develop saccharine crystals, and is therefore not so eligible as confection of rose.

CONFECTIO SCAMMONII. Br. Confection of Scammony.

(CŌN-FĔC'TI-Ō SCAM-MŌ'NI-Ī.)

Electuaire ou Confection de Scammonée, *Fr.;* Scammonium-Latwerge, *G.*

"Take of Resin of Scammony, in powder, *six ounces;* Ginger, in fine powder, *three ounces;* Oil of Caraway *one-quarter of a fluidounce;* Oil of Cloves *one-eighth of a fluidounce;* Syrup *six fluidounces;* Clarified Honey *three ounces.* Rub the powders with the Syrup and the Honey into a uniform mass, then add the Oils and mix." *Br.* The ounce used in this process is the avoirdupois ounce. The confection is actively cathartic in the dose of half a drachm or a drachm (1·9 or 3·9 Gm.), but is very little used.

CONFECTIO SENNÆ. U. S., Br. Confection of Senna.

(CŌN-FĔC'TI-Ō SĔN'NÆ.)

Electuarium e Senna, *P. G.;* Electuarium de Senna Compositum, Electuarium Lenitivum; Electuaire de Séné composé, Electuaire lénitif, *Fr.;* Senna-Latwerge, *G.*

"Senna, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Cassia Fistula, bruised, *one hundred and sixty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 281 grains]; Tamarind, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Prune, sliced, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Fig, bruised, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *five hundred and fifty-five grammes* [or 19 ounces av., 252 grains]; Oil of Coriander, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Place the Cassia Fistula, Tamarind, Prune, and Fig in a close vessel with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 17 fluidounces] of Water, and digest for three hours, by means of a water-bath. Separate the coarser portions with the hand, and

rub the pulpy mass, first through a coarse hair sieve, and then through a fine one, or through a muslin cloth. Mix the residue with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces] of Water, and, having digested the mixture for a short time, treat it as before, and add the product to the pulpy mass first obtained. Then, by means of a water-bath, dissolve the Sugar in the pulpy liquid, and evaporate the whole, in a tared vessel, until it weighs *eight hundred and ninety-five grammes* [or 31 ounces av., 250 grains]. Lastly, add the Senna and the Oil of Coriander, and incorporate them thoroughly with the other ingredients while they are yet warm." *U. S.*

"Take of Senna, in fine powder, *seven ounces;* Coriander Fruit, in fine powder, *three ounces;* Figs *twelve ounces;* Tamarind *nine ounces;* Cassia Pulp *nine ounces;* Prunes *six ounces;* Extract of Liquorice *one ounce;* Refined Sugar *thirty ounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency to make seventy-five ounces.* Boil the Figs and Prunes gently with twenty-four [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water in a covered vessel for four hours; then, having added more Distilled Water to make up the quantity to its original volume, mix the Tamarind and Cassia Pulp, digest for two hours, and rub the softened pulp of the fruits through a hair sieve, rejecting the seeds and other hard parts. To the pulped product add the Sugar and Extract of Liquorice and dissolve them with the aid of a little heat; while the mixture is still warm, add to it gradually the mixed Senna and Coriander powders, and mix the whole thoroughly, making the weight of the resulting Confection seventy-five ounces either by evaporation or by the addition of more Distilled Water." *Br.* The ounce employed in the British process is the avoirdupois ounce.

The Confection of Senna, when correctly made, is an elegant preparation, and keeps well if properly protected. The present U. S. process differs from that of 1860 in preparing the pulps, as suggested in former editions of this Dispensatory, instead of taking them already prepared. The present preparation contains about 10 per cent. more sugar than that official in 1880. An improvement has been made in the process of the U. S. P. 1890 by replacing the coriander seed of the former Pharmacopœias with oil of coriander: it is almost impossible to powder coriander fine enough to avoid hard particles except by drying it to such an extent as to deprive it injuriously of its volatile oil, and the plan of using the oil directly has therefore been adopted. It was formerly not uncommon to omit the cassia pulp in this preparation, as the pods were not always to be found in the market; but, as this is next to senna the most active ingredient, the omission was to be regretted. Cassia fistula is now readily procured in commerce, and there can be no excuse for its omission. It has also been proposed to substitute the fluid extract of senna for the crude drug (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 123); but, as the fluid extract is of such uncertain quality, the leaves themselves are preferable.

A very good, pleasant laxative, admirably adapted to cases of habitual costiveness, especially in pregnant women and in persons affected with *piles.* Dose, two drachms (7·8 Gm.), at bedtime.

CONFECTIO SULPHURIS. Br. Confection of Sulphur.

(CŌN-FĔC'TĪ-Ō SŬL'FHŪ-RĪS.)

Electuarium Sulphuris; Electuaire de Soufre, *Fr.;* **Schwefel-Latwerge,** *G.*

"Take of Sublimed Sulphur *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acid Tartrate of Potassium, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Syrup of Orange Peel *four fluidounces;* Tragacanth, in powder, *eighteen grains.* Rub them well together." *Br.*

This is merely a mode of administering the two laxatives, sulphur and potassium bitartrate; and the relative proportion of the latter is so small that it can have little effect. The addition of tragacanth is due to a suggestion of Mr. Peter Boa, who found that without it a syrupy layer of liquid formed on top of the confection. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 682.) The dose is from one to two drachms (3·9 to 7·8 Gm.) or more.

CONFECTIO TEREBINTHINÆ. Br. Confection of Turpentine.

(CŌN-FĔC'TĪ-Ō TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĪ-NÆ.)

Electuarium Terebinthinatum; Electuaire térébenthiné, *Fr.;* **Terpentinöl-Latwerge,** *G.*

"Take of Oil of Turpentine *one fluidounce;* Liquorice Root, in powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Clarified Honey *two ounces* [av.]. Rub the Oil of Turpentine with the Liquorice, add the Honey, and mix to a uniform consistence." *Br.*

Confections might be multiplied indefinitely upon the principle which appears to have been adopted here, that, namely, of giving a convenient formula for the administration of medicines. The effects of this confection are those only of the oil of turpentine. The dose may be from half a drachm to a drachm (1·9 to 3·9 Gm.).

CONII FOLIA. Br. Hemlock Leaves.

(CŌ-NĪ'Ī FŌ'LI-Ą.)

"The fresh leaves and young branches of Conium maculatum, Linn.; gathered from wild British plants when the fruit begins to form." *Br.*

Hemlock Leaves; Herba Conii, *P. G.;* Herba Cicutæ Majoris; Feuilles de grande Ciguë (de Ciguë officinale), *Fr.;* Schierlingskraut, Schierlings-Blätter, *G.*

CONIUM. U. S. (Br.) Conium. [Hemlock.]

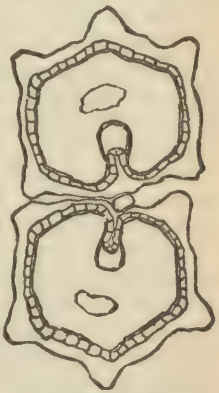
(CŌ-NĪ'ŬM.)

"The full-grown fruit of Conium maculatum, Linné (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ), gathered while yet green." *U. S.* "The fruit of Conium maculatum, Linn., gathered when fully developed, but while still green, and carefully dried." *Br.*

Conii Fructus, *Br.;* Hemlock Fruit; Fruits de grande Ciguë, Ciguë ordinaire, Grande Ciguë, *Fr.;* Gefleckter Schierling, Schierlingsfrüchte, *G.;* Cicuta, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Partial involucre halved, usually three-leaved. *Fruit* nearly globular, five-streaked, notched on both sides. *Willd.*

Conium maculatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1395; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 113; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 104, t. 42. This is an umbelliferous plant, having a biennial spindle-shaped whitish root, and an herbaceous branching stem, from three to six feet high, round, hollow, smooth, shining, slightly striated, and marked with brownish-purple spots. The lower leaves are tripinnate, more than a foot in length, shining, and attached to the joints of the stem by sheathing petioles; the upper are smaller, bipinnate, and inserted at the division of the branches; both have channelled footstalks, and incised leaflets, which are deep green on their upper surface and paler beneath. The flowers are very small, white, and disposed in compound terminal umbels. The general involucre consists of from three to seven lanceolate, reflected leaflets, whitish at their edges; the partial involucre, of three or four, oval, pointed, spreading, and on one side only. There are five petals, cordate, with their points inflected, and nearly equal. The stamens are spreading, and about as long as the corolla; the styles diverging. The fruit, commonly called seeds, is roundish-ovate, a line and a half or rather less in length by a line in breadth, striated, and composed of two plano-convex, easily separable parts, which have on their outer surface five crenated ribs separated by slightly wrinkled furrows. On cross-section the absence of oil-ducts becomes apparent, and a deep furrow upon the commissural face of the albumen gives a reniform appearance. As kept in the shops, the mericarps are usually separated. They are thus officially described: "About 3 Mm. long; broadly ovate; laterally compressed; grayish-green; often divided into the two mericarps, each with five crenate ribs, without oil-tubes, and containing a seed which is grooved on the face; odor and taste slight. When triturated with solution of potassium or sodium hydrate, Conium gives off a strong, disagreeable, mouse-like odor." *U. S.*



Unripe Conium Fruit, transverse section.

Conium is a native of Europe, and has become naturalized in the United States, where it is also cultivated for medicinal purposes. It grows usually in clusters along the roadsides or in waste grounds, and is found most abundantly near old settlements. It flowers in June and July. The whole plant, especially at this period, exhales a fetid odor, compared by some to that of mice, by others to that of the urine of cats; and narcotic effects result from breathing for a long time air loaded with the effluvia. The plant varies in narcotic power according to the weather and climate, being most active in hot and dry seasons and in warm countries. The hemlock of Greece, Italy, and Spain is said to be much more energetic than that of the north of Europe. As a rule, those plants are most active which grow in a sunny exposure. The term *cicuta*, which has often been applied to this plant, belongs to a different genus. The leaves and fruit are official. The proper season for gathering the leaves is when the plant is in flower; and Dr. Fothergill asserts, from experiment, that they are most active about the time that the flowers begin to fade. The footstalks* should be rejected, and the leaflets quickly dried, either in the hot sun, on tin plates before a fire, or by a stove-heat not exceeding 120° F. They should be kept in boxes or tin cases, excluded from the air and light, by exposure to which they lose their fine green color and become deteriorated. The

* Dr. Manlius Smith, of Manlius, N.Y., has demonstrated that the footstalks are almost destitute of the active alkaline principle. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1873, p. 39.)

same end is answered by pulverizing them, and preserving the powder in opaque and well-stopped bottles. But little reliance can be placed on the dried leaves, as, even when possessed of a strong odor and a fine green color, they may be destitute of the narcotic principle. When rubbed with caustic potassa they should exhale the odor of coniine. The fruit retains its activity much longer than the leaves. Dr. Christison found them to have sustained no diminution of power after having been kept eight years. Hirtz inferred from experiment that extract of the seeds was ten times stronger than that of the leaves. Commercial conium occasionally contains other umbelliferous plants, or it may be almost wholly composed of such plants, and even anise has been used as an adulteration to the fruit. The presence of such impurities is to be recognized by physical examination.

Properties. The dried leaves of the hemlock have a strong, heavy, narcotic odor, less disagreeable than that of the recent plant. Their taste is bitterish and nauseous; their color a dark green, which is retained in the powder. A slight degree of acrimony possessed by the fresh leaves is said to be dissipated by drying. The seeds have a yellowish-gray color, a feeble odor, and a bitterish taste. Their form has already been described. Water distilled from the fresh leaves has the odor of hemlock, and a nauseous taste, but does not produce narcotic effects. The decoction has little taste, and the extract resulting from its evaporation is nearly inert. From these facts it is inferable that the active principle, as it exists in the plant, is not volatile at 100° C. (212° F.), and, if soluble in water, is injured by a boiling heat. Alcohol and ether take up the narcotic properties of the leaves; and the ethereal extract, which is of a rich dark green color, is stated by Dr. A. T. Thomson to have the smell and taste of the plant in perfection, and in the dose of half a grain to produce headache and vertigo. Upon destructive distillation, the leaves yield a very poisonous empyreumatic oil. Schrader found in the juice of the leaves, resin, extractive, gum, albumen, a green fecula, and various saline substances. Brandes obtained from the plant a very odorous oil, albumen, resin, coloring matter, and salts. Geiger was the first who obtained the active principle in a separate state, and proved it to be alkaline. It appears that there are two volatile substances in hemlock; one of them an *oil*, which is in very small quantity and has never been chemically studied; it is obtained by simple distillation. The volatile alkaloid, *coniine*, is the active principle. As it exists in the plant in combination with an acid, it is not readily volatilized; but when alkali is previously added, it freely comes over with the distillate. The acid of conium Peschier believed to be peculiar, and named *coniic acid*. Other observers assert that it is *malic acid*. Geiger obtained coniine by the following process. He distilled fresh hemlock with caustic potassa and water, neutralized with sulphuric acid the alkaline liquid which came over, evaporated this liquid to the consistence of syrup, added anhydrous alcohol so long as a precipitate of ammonium sulphate was afforded, separated this salt by filtration, distilled off the alcohol, mixed the residue with a strong solution of caustic potassa, and distilled anew. The coniine passed over with the water, from which it separated, floating on the surface in the form of a yellowish oil. According to Dr. Christison, an easier process is to distil cautiously a mixture of a strong solution of potassa and the alcoholic extract of the unripe fruit. Dr. J. Schorm suggests an improvement in the process, which yields a purer coniine, in *Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1881, p. 1765; also *N. R.*, Dec. 1881. As obtained by the above process, coniine is in the state of a hydrate, containing one-fourth of its weight of water and a little ammonia. From the former it may be freed by calcium chloride; from the latter, by exposing it under an exhausted receiver till it ceases to emit bubbles of gas.

The fresh leaves or seeds should be employed in the preparation of coniine, as the alkaloid undergoes decomposition by time and exposure. The seeds contain most of this principle; but even in these it exists in very small proportion. From 6 pounds of the fresh and 9 of the dried seeds, Geiger obtained about an ounce of coniine; while from 100 pounds of the fresh herb he got only a drachm, and from the dried leaves none. Christison recommends the full-grown fruit while yet green, and states that 8 pounds will yield half an ounce of coniine hydrate, and contain much more. In relation to the relative strength of different parts of the plant, Dr. Manlius Smith, of New York, gives as the result of a series of carefully conducted experiments that the unripe fruit of the conium is far preferable to the dried leaves, and is even stronger than the full-grown fruit, that it may be dried without serious injury, and that a very active preparation may be made from it. He also found that full-grown fruit collected in August, and dried in the dark, retained its activity unimpaired for several years. This would appear to contradict in some measure previous opinions of the injurious effects of time. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1869, pp. 491–2.)

Coniine, $C_8H_{17}N$, has been thoroughly studied by Hofmann (1881), who established the correct formula as given, instead of $C_8H_{15}N$, as it was formerly assumed, and Ladenburg (1886), who effected its synthesis from *allyl pyridine* by reduction with sodium in alcoholic solution: $C_5H_4(C_3H_5)N + 8H = C_5H_{10}(C_3H_7)N$. This reaction gives *α-normal propyl piperidine*, which is optically inactive, but by the crystallization of its tartrate splits into *coniine* (dextro-rotatory) and a very similar lævo-rotatory coniine, just as racemic acid splits into dextro-rotatory and lævo-rotatory tartaric acid.

CONIINE is in the form of a yellowish oily liquid, of sp. gr. 0·862, of a very acrid taste, and a strong penetrating odor, compared to that of the urine of mice, and recalling the smell of fresh hemlock, though not identical with it. In volatility it resembles the essential oils, readily rising with the vapor of boiling water, but when unmixed requiring for ebullition a temperature of 166° C. (330·8° F.). It is freely soluble in alcohol, ether, and the fixed and volatile oils, and slightly so in water. It unites with about one-fourth of its weight of water to form a hydrate. It reddens turmeric, and neutralizes the acids, forming with them soluble salts, some of which are crystallizable. With tannic acid it forms an insoluble compound. Like ammonia, it occasions a white cloud when approached by a rod moistened with hydrochloric acid; and the resulting hydrochlorate, contrary to previous statements, is asserted by Prof. Wertheim to be crystallizable, and not in the least deliquescent. For other reactions of coniine see a valuable paper by L. W. Andrews (*Journ. Chem. Society*, 1891, p. 871). The statement of Wertheim as to the crystallization of the hydrochlorate has been confirmed by Geo. C. Close, who prepared it by directly uniting its constituents and evaporating its solution by means of a water-bath. The salt crystallized from the solution. He did not succeed in obtaining crystallizable salts with sulphuric, citric, or oxalic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 62.) It coagulates albumen, and precipitates the salts of aluminum, copper, zinc, manganese, and iron. It also precipitates silver nitrate, but in excess redissolves the precipitate. Most of its salts are decomposed by evaporation. When exposed to the air, it speedily assumes a deep brown color, and is ultimately converted into a resinous matter, and into ammonia which escapes. Under the influence of heat this change takes place with much greater rapidity. The presence of coniine may be detected in an extract or other preparation of hemlock by rubbing it with potassa, which instantly develops its peculiar odor.* It is a most energetic poison.

Methylconiine. From a communication by Drs. A. von Planta and Aug. Kekulé to the *Annal. der Chem. und Pharm.* (lxxxix., s. 129–156), it would appear that commercial coniine consists most commonly of at least two homologous bases,—one being the proper *coniine* ($C_8H_{17}N$), which contains one atom of hydrogen capable of being replaced by radicals, and the other, named *methylconiine*, $C_8H_{16}(CH_3)N$, in which the methyl group CH_3 has been substituted for the replaceable H atom of coniine. In relation to the modes of separating these alkaloids and their distinctive properties, we must content ourselves with referring to the original paper. (See also *Journ. Chem. Society*, 1891, p. 1118.)

Conhydrine. Prof. T. Wertheim also found a new alkaloid mixed with the coniine obtained by distillation from fresh hemlock flowers. It is crystallizable, fusible below 100° C. (212° F.), and volatilizable at a higher temperature, diffusing the peculiar odor of coniine, or one very much like it. Water dissolves it considerably, ether and alcohol freely; and the solution has a strong alkaline reaction. Its formula is given as $C_8H_{17}NO$. When distilled with anhydrous phosphoric oxide it splits into coniine and one molecule of water. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 321.) It may be separated from coniine by exposing the mixed alkaloids to a freezing mixture, expressing, and then repeatedly crystallizing from ether. (*Gmelin*, xiii. 169.) E. Merck obtained a small quantity of a new alkaloid from the high-boiling portion of crude coniine. The isolation was accomplished by fractional distillation in vacuo and recrystallization. The alkaloid crystallizes in needles, is easily soluble in water, alcohol, ether, benzene, and chloroform, fuses at about 98° C., and boils at 230°–232° C. According to Ladenburg, the alkaloid is an isomer of conhydrine, having the formula $C_8H_{17}NO$, and for this reason the name *pseudo-conhydrine* was selected. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1891, 414; see, also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1891, p. 1170.)

Paraconiine. Coniine was supposed to have been artificially produced by Hugo Schiff. From

* Orfila gives the following additional chemical characters of coniine. Heated in a capsule, it forms white vapors *having a strong smell of celery and of the urine of mice.* Weak tincture of iodine gives a white precipitate, becoming olive with excess of the tincture. *Pure concentrated sulphuric acid does not alter it;* but when the mixture is heated, it becomes first brown, then blood-red, and finally black. *Nitric acid imparts a topaz color,* not changed by heat. Platinum and gold chlorides give yellow precipitates, and corrosive sublimate a white one. Potassium permanganate is immediately decolorized. *Neutral lead acetate gives no precipitate,* nor does the subacetate. The parts of this note in italics indicate the means of distinguishing this alkaloid from nicotine. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 89.)

the reaction of *butyric aldehyde* with an alcoholic solution of ammonia, he obtained two bases, one of which, *dibutyraldine*, yielded, on distillation, first a neutral oily substance, and afterwards a strong alkaline base, which proved to have the physiological properties of natural coniine, but was optically inactive, while true coniine is dextro-rotatory. Since the change in the formula of true coniine it will be seen that the base *paraconiine*, which is $C_8H_{15}N$, is not even isomeric with coniine.

Medical Properties and Uses. Hemlock is supposed to be the narcotic used by the Athenians to destroy the life of condemned individuals, and by which Socrates and Phocion died. It was also used by the ancients as a medicine, but fell into entire neglect, and did not again come into notice till the time of Störck, by whom it was much employed and extravagantly praised. Though fatal to some animals, hemlock is eaten with impunity by others, as horses, goats, and sheep. Anodyne, soporific, antispasmodic, antaphrodisiac, deobstruent, and diuretic properties have been ascribed to it. It was highly recommended by Störck as a remedy in *scirrhus* and *cancerous ulcers*, and has since been employed in all kinds of chronic enlargements, and in diseases most numerous and most diverse.

Modern research has, however, greatly limited the use of the medicine, rendering its possession of alterative properties extremely doubtful. When taken internally in sufficient dose it produces very profound muscular weakness, associated, it may be, with vertigo and disordered vision. After toxic doses the muscular prostration is extreme, the eyelids droop from weakness, the voice is suppressed, the pupils dilated, the light almost lost; consciousness is usually preserved to the last, and life finally is extinguished without struggle. In some cases there have been convulsive movements, and violent cardiac palpitation has been noted. The chief action of the poison is upon the motor nerves, which it paralyzes; the efferent or sensitive nerves are also affected, but to a much less extent. Conium probably exerts no direct influence upon the cerebral centres, but there is some reason for believing that it is a spinal depressant. At present conium is rarely employed by the general practitioner, except in spasmodic affections, such as *chorea* and *whooping-cough*. Probably the most frequent use of it is by alienists for the production of calm in maniacal excitement.

The juice of the fresh leaves of conium is much used in England, but the fluid extract of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, made from the fruit, is the best of all preparations. The powdered leaves may be given in the dose of three or four grains (0·20–0·26 Gm.) twice a day, gradually increased till the occurrence of slight vertigo or nausea indicates that it has taken effect. To maintain a given impression, it is necessary to increase the dose even more rapidly than is customary with most other narcotics, as the system becomes very speedily habituated to its influence. In some instances the quantity administered in one day has been augmented to more than two ounces. The strength of the preparations of hemlock is exceedingly unequal; and caution is therefore necessary, when the medicine is given in very large quantities, to employ the same parcel, or, if a change be made, to commence with the new parcel in small doses, so as to obviate any danger which might result from its greater power. Unpleasant consequences have followed a neglect of this precaution. There are also an official tincture, a fluid extract, and an alcoholic extract, all of which, when properly made, are considered efficient preparations. The expressed juice of the fresh plant, with a little alcohol for its preservation, is one of the most reliable forms in which the leaves can be used. The powdered seeds should be given in a dose considerably smaller than that of the leaves.* The fresh leaves are sometimes used externally as an anodyne cataplasm; and the extract, and an ointment prepared from the leaves, are applied to the same purpose. A plaster made from the extract has also been employed.†

Coniine acts precisely as does hemlock, and may be used for the same purposes. The dose is from one-fourth to one-half drop (0·15 to 0·30 C.c.). A solution of one part in one hundred of very dilute alcohol has been used with advantage in certain cases of *scrofulous ophthalmia* with photophobia, applied several times daily by friction about the eyelids. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xix. 219.) Prof. Mauthner, of Vienna, recommends it especially in the spasmodic contraction of the orbicularis oculi in scrofulous children, using a solution containing

* The root, while containing a small proportion of coniine, is too feeble, according to the experiments of Dr. John Harley, of London, to be used practically with advantage. Dr. Harley has found in the root three new proximate principles, one a very bitter resin, which he names *conamarine*, and the two others crystallizable bodies, named respectively *rhizoconin* and *rhizoconolein*. They are all neutral, and, so far as known, medicinally inert. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1867.)

† The following formula of Planche has been approved by the Society of Pharmacy of Paris. Take of extract of hemlock 90 parts, of purified elemi 20 parts, of white wax 10 parts. Melt the resin and wax with a gentle heat, and incorporate the extract with the mixture. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1862, p. 46.)

half a grain of coniine in a drachm of almond oil, which he applies by a pencil to the eyelids twice or thrice daily. As a collyrium, from one to three drops may be added to six drachms of pure water, and two drachms of mucilage of quince seeds, the whole being carefully strained.

Coniine hydrochlorate has been recommended for exhibition by Mr. G. C. Close, as preferable to the uncombined alkaloid. From half a grain he experienced no sensible effects; but a grain produced the characteristic symptoms of coniine in an even unpleasant degree. These doses are probably dangerous, and not more than a sixth of a grain (0·01 Gm.) should be given as a commencing dose. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 62.) Dr. Harley has prepared an acid *coniine benzoate* by adding two mols. of the acid to one of the base, and found the resulting salt effectual in the dose of half a grain. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1871, p. 585.) According to Mourrut, one of the best crystallizable salts of coniine is the *bromhydrate*. The alkaloid is treated with aqueous bromhydric acid, which causes, especially with the brown variety of coniine, an elevation of temperature, and a disengagement of white fumes of the odor of coniine; the mixture then turns green, and finally blackish red. The crystals, which form after some time, may be obtained quite colorless by repeated crystallizations. They are colorless prismatic needles, soluble in water and alcohol, less so in ether and chloroform, inodorous and almost tasteless, and are not deliquescent. They should be kept in the dark, otherwise they assume a red tint. The salt has been used by various practitioners with great success in the treatment of *whooping-cough*, in doses of about one-twelfth of a grain (·005 Gm.), if necessary, every hour, for a child three years of age; or one-thirtieth of a grain (·002 Gm.) for a child of one year; or one-sixth of a grain (·01 Gm.) for adults. In *sciatica* it has been employed hypodermically in quantities of one-twelfth of a grain (·005 Gm.) with good results. (*Répert. de Pharm.*, 1876, p. 369; *N. R.*, 1876, 1879, pp. 18, 178.) *

CONVALLARIA. U. S. Convallaria.

(CŌN-VĂL-LĀ′RĮ-Ą.)

"The rhizome and roots of Convallaria majalis, Linné (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.*

Lily of the Valley; Lilium Convallium; Muguet, *Fr.*; Maiblumen, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Perianth bell-shaped (white), six-lobed, deciduous; the lobes recurved. Stamens six, included, inserted on the base of the perianth; anthers introrse. Ovary three-celled, tapering into a stout style; stigma triangular. Ovules four to six in each cell. Berry few-seeded (red). *Gray.*

The ordinary lily of the valley of the gardens is a perennial, low, stemless herb, having slender running root-stocks, which send up each spring from the scaly sheathing bud two oblong, bright green, smooth leaves, whose long sheathing petioles are so enrolled as to appear like a stalk, and producing in late spring or early summer a one-sided raceme of beautiful, sweet-scented, nodding, bell-shaped flowers, placed upon an angular scape. It is primarily a native of Europe, but may be found in America escaped from gardens, and a plant which grows wild in the higher Alleghanies from Central Virginia to South Carolina seems to be identical with it. The root-stock of the lily of the valley occurs in pieces two to three inches long, covered with a mass of contorted, fine, almost fibrous rootlets. It is much thicker at one end, to which are attached the remains of the petioles and scape, and rapidly or sometimes almost abruptly tapers towards the smaller end. The long end is much gnarled and wrinkled, with leaf-scars. It is officially described as "of horizontal growth and somewhat branched, about 3 Mm. thick, cylindrical, wrinkled, whitish, marked with few circular scars; at the annulate joint with about eight or ten long, thin roots; fracture somewhat fibrous, white; odor peculiar, pleasant; taste sweetish, bitter, and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* G. F. Walz found in lily of the valley *convallarin* and *convallamarin*. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 577.) Con-

* Dr. Harley's experiments on the relative value of the different preparations of conium are based upon their physiological effects. The results obtained were as follows. 1. The Extractum Conii, *B. P.*, and Succus Conii, *B. P.*—20 grains of the extract equalled 2 fluidrachms of the juice (10 gr. to f℥j). 4. Succus Conii, *B. P.*; Tincture of the green fruit (London ℥v in ℥xx): four drachms of the juice equalled fifty minims of the tincture (℥iv to ♏50). 11. Different preparations of Succus, *B. P.*, prepared by different persons,—Buckle's (the plant yielding 75 per cent. of juice) and Hanbury's (the plant yielding 35 per cent. of juice): nine drachms of Buckle's equalled three drachms of Hanbury's (℥ix to ℥iij). 12. Extract of green fruit, Tincture of green fruit, and Succus, *B. P.*—Three grains of the extract equalled four fluidrachms of the Tincture, and four drachms of Succus (gr. iij of extract = f℥iv of Tincture, and ℥iv of Succus). 14. Of *Squibb's fluid extract* 50 minims equal of the *Tinct.* of the *green fruit*, London, ℥iss; of the Succus Conii, *B. P.*, ℥v; of the Tincture of the fresh plant, ℥iiiss to ℥iv; and of the Tincture of the dry plant, f℥j. 15. Of Squibb's fluid extract ℥j equals of pale Succus ℥vi, of dark Succus ℥ij; of Tincture of the green fruit ℥iss; of Tincture of the fresh plant ℥iv; Neutral Coniine Benzoate, gr. ¾. 18. Of Succus Conii, *B. P.* (Buckle's), ℥vj = Coniine Benzoate, gr. ½. The author draws the following conclusions from his experiments. The green fruit, as the basis of Tinctures and Extracts, is decidedly superior to any other part of the plant; and the spirituous extract of the green fruit should be substituted for the almost worthless Extract of the Br. Pharm. The variable strength of the Succus is an objection. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1871, p. 585.)

vallarin is in colorless rectangular prisms, scarcely soluble in water, but sufficiently so to render the solution acrid and to cause it when shaken to foam like soap and water. It is easily dissolved by alcohol. Its composition is represented by the formula $C_{34}H_{62}O_{11}$, and it is decomposed by long boiling with dilute acids into sugar and *convallaretin*. It is a glucoside. Convallamarin is a white powder, very bitter and afterwards sweetish, soluble in water and alcohol, but not in ether. This also is a glucoside. Its composition is $C_{23}H_{44}O_{12}$, and it is decomposed by heating with dilute sulphuric acid into sugar and *convallamaretin*. For preparing convallamarin Tanret modifies Walz's method, as follows. An alcoholic tincture made from the whole plant is precipitated with lead subacetate and filtered; the excess of lead is removed with dilute sulphuric acid, avoiding the use of more than is necessary, and, after neutralizing, the tincture is distilled, the last portion of alcohol being driven off in the open air; then the cooled and filtered liquor is treated with tannin, care being taken to keep the liquid neutral by cautiously adding a dilute solution of sodium carbonate. A compound of tannin and convallamarin is precipitated, which, after washing, is dissolved in 60° alcohol, the solution decolorized with charcoal, decomposed with zinc oxide, filtered, and evaporated to dryness. In this way convallamarin is obtained nearly white, and having the appearance of ordinary digitalin. To free it from the salts that are sometimes carried down by the tannin precipitate, it is a good plan to redissolve it in 90° alcohol, filter, and then evaporate. One kilogramme of the fresh plant collected in the first days of August yielded two grammes of convallamarin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 423.) Taken internally the flowers are said to be emetic and cathartic, and their extract purges actively in the dose of half a drachm. They were formerly used in *epilepsy* and against *worms*. The *root*, which is also bitter, has similar purgative properties, and in powder is said to be sternutatory.

Medical Properties. The lily of the valley is stated to have been long used in Russia for the relief of *dropsy*, and in 1880 Drs. Troitzky and Bojojawlewsky commended it highly to the notice of the profession in valvular *heart disease*. The effects on the system of convallarin and convallamarin have been investigated by Dr. H. Marmé, of Germany, with the following results. *Convallarin*, in doses of 3 or 4 grains, acts as a purgative without observable inconvenience to the animals acted on; *convallamarin*, even in small doses, produces active vomiting, whether given by the mouth or injected into the subcutaneous tissue or directly into the veins. The latter principle acts especially on the heart, at first diminishing the number of its pulsations, and afterwards rendering them more frequent and irregular, and causing death in a few minutes after the introduction of the poison. The heart appears to be paralyzed, and cannot be excited after death. The principle acts on the heart through the vagi nerves. From 6 to 8 milligrammes (one-tenth to one-eighth of a grain) cause death when injected into the cervical vein in rabbits. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, 1867; *Schmidt's Jahrbuch.*, 1867, v.) The physiological action of convallarin has been investigated by a number of observers, with contrary results. Prof. Sée finds that in the dog it slows the action of the heart and increases the blood-pressure decidedly; whilst Leubuscher states that in no doses whatever does it elevate the arterial pressure. Ott, Coze, and Simon find that the heart is arrested in systole; Sée, that the arrest is diastolic; whilst Löwenthal, using the same preparation in exactly the same manner and dose upon different animals of the same species, obtained diverse results. Nathanson asserts that the confusion is largely due to the impurity and lack of genuineness in the products used; even Dr. Merck having admitted the impurity of his commercial convallamarin. Nathanson found that convallarin produced in man, when given in doses of 0·06 to 0·12 gramme, three or four times daily, only nausea, diarrhœa, and gastric pain; while convallamarin administered in daily amounts, gradually increasing from 0·03 to 0·3 gramme, reduced the rate of the pulse and markedly increased the flow of urine, only in very rare cases causing nausea or vomiting. In cardiac dropsy Sée gives, of an aqueous extract of the whole plant, 15 to 23 grains a day; Bojojawlewsky each day 50 to 100 grains of the plant in infusion. (See *Extractum Convallariæ Fluidum.*)

COPAIBA. U. S., Br. Copaiba. [Balsam of Copaiba.]

(CŌ-PĀ'BA.)

"The oleoresin of Copaiba Langsdorffii (Desfontaines), O. Kuntze, and of other species of Copaiba* (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The oleo-resin obtained by cutting deeply or

* The change of the generic name from Copaifera to Copaiba is another sacrifice to botanical reform. Prof. H. H. Rusby very properly says that this reform, as embodied in Kuntze's *Revisio Generum*, "will cause complete confusion." The generic records are said to be as follows: Copaiba, Mill., *Gard. Dict.* (1739); Copaiva, L., *Mat. Med.* (1749), *fide* O. Kuntze; Copaifera, L., *Gen.* (1762), *fide* O. Kuntze.

boring into the trunk of Copaifera Langsdorffii, Desf.; and other species of Copaifera, Linn." *Br.*

Balsamum Copaiva, *P. G.;* Balsam Copaiba, Balsam Capivi; Copahu, Oleo-résine (Baume) de Copahu, *Fr.;* Copaiva; Copaiva-Balsam, *G.;* Balsamo di Copaiba, *It.;* Balsamo de Copayva, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Petals* four. *Legume* ovate. *Seed* one, with an ovate arillus. *Willd.*

Copaiba was first noticed in a work published by Purchas, in England, in 1625. The next reference to it was by Cristoval d'Acuña, in 1638. In 1648, Marcgrav and Piso gave a detailed account of the tree which produces it, and the methods of gathering it. Jacquin in 1763 described a species of Copaifera, growing in Martinique, which he named *C. officinalis.* As this was believed to be the same plant with the one observed by Marcgrav in Brazil, it was adopted in the Pharmacopœias; but their identity was denied; and Desfontaines proposed for Jacquin's species the title of *C. jacquini*, in honor of that botanist. It is now known that many species of Copaifera exist in Brazil and other parts of South America; and all of them, according to Martius, yield copaiba. Besides *C. officinalis* or *C. jacquini*, the following are described by Hayne: *C. guianensis*, *C. langsdorffii*, *C. coriacea*, *C. beyrichii*, *C. martii*, *C. bijuga*, *C. nitida*, *C. laxa*, *C. cordifolia*, *C. jussieui*, *C. sellowii*, *C. oblongifolia*, and *C. multijuga.* Hayne believed that *C. bijuga* was the plant seen by Marcgrav and Piso. The four species to which in the Pharmacographia the production of copaiba is especially attributed are *C. officinalis*, L., *C. guianensis*, Desf., *C. coriacea*, Mart., and *C. langsdorffii.*

C. officinalis is a native of Venezuela, and grows in the province of Carthagena, mingled with the trees which afford the balsam of Tolu. It grows also in some of the West India islands, particularly Trinidad and Martinique. Though recognized in former editions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia as a source of copaiba, it probably yields little of that now in use. According to Hayne (x. t. 17 f. c.), the species from which most of the copaiba of commerce is derived is *C. multijuga*, growing in the Brazilian province of Para. It was recognized by the U. S. P. 1870; but Bentham, after examining the only specimens extant, asserts it not to be a Copaifera at all. It is probable that *C. guianensis*, which inhabits the neighboring territory of Guiana, especially in the vicinity of the Rio Negro, affords also considerable quantities; and *C. langsdorffii* and *C. coriacea*, which are natives of the province of São Paulo, are thought to yield most of the juice collected in that section of Brazil. *C. nitida*, inhabiting the province of Minas Geraes, probably also contributes to the commercial supplies through the port of Rio Janeiro.

The juice is obtained by making a square chamber in the stems of the trees, reaching to the very centre; and the operation is said to be repeated several times during the same season. It is asserted that a single tree will yield about eighty-four English Imperial pints. As it flows from the wound, it is clear, colorless, and very thin, but it soon acquires a thicker consistence, and a yellowish tinge. It is most largely collected in the provinces of Para and Maranham, in Brazil, and is brought to this country from the port of Para, in small casks or barrels. Large quantities of it come from Maracaibo, in Venezuela, and from other ports on the Caribbean Sea, whence it is brought in casks, demijohns, cans, jugs, etc. The drug is also exported from Angostura, Cayenne, Rio Janeiro, and some of the West India islands.

Properties. Copaiba is a clear, transparent liquid, usually of the consistence of olive oil, of a pale yellow color, a peculiar not unpleasant odor, and a bitterish, hot, nauseous taste. Its sp. gr. varies ordinarily from 0·950 to 1·000, but has been known to be as low as 0·916. (Procter, *A. J. P.*, xxii. 292.)* It is insoluble in water, but entirely soluble in absolute alcohol, ether, and the fixed and volatile oils. Strong alkaline solutions dissolve it perfectly; but the resulting solution becomes turbid when largely diluted with water. With the alkalies and alkaline earths it forms saponaceous compounds, in which the resin of the copaiba acts the part of an acid. It dissolves magnesia, especially with the aid of heat, and even disengages carbonic acid from the carbonate of that earth. If triturated with a sixteenth of its weight of magnesia and set aside, it gradually assumes a solid consistence; and a similar change is produced with calcium hydrate. (See *Massa Copaibæ.*) Its essential constituents are volatile oil and resin, with at times small quantities of acids. As it contains no benzoic acid, it cannot

* The variety of copaiba found by Prof. Procter to have this low sp. gr. was supposed to be from Para. It was of a light straw color, very fluid, and possessed of the pure copaiba odor. It contained 80 per cent. of volatile oil and 20 of resin, and was not affected by recently calcined magnesia. It appears to be the same with a variety described by Dr. L. Posselt in the *Chemical Gazette* for May 1, 1849. The view of Prof. Procter that it is the product of young trees, in which the juice has not become fully elaborated, is highly probable. As the virtues of copaiba depend mainly on the oil, this variety should be more efficacious than the copaiba in common use.

with propriety retain its old title of *balsam of copaiva*. The substances which it most closely resembles, both in composition and in properties, are the turpentines. (See *Oleum Copaibæ*.) For a description of an apparatus for distilling the volatile oil, see a paper by R. A. Cripps in *Chemist and Druggist*, 1892, p. 282. Cripps found commercial copaiba to contain the following percentages of volatile oil: 40·95, 45, 45·3, 46·4, 47·8, 48·2, 49·6, 50·4, 50·8, 53·3, 59·6.

"A transparent or translucent, more or less viscid liquid, of a pale yellow to brownish-yellow color, having a peculiar, aromatic odor, and a bitter and acrid taste. Specific gravity: 0·940 to 0·990 at 15° C. (59° F.). Insoluble in water; readily soluble in absolute alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzin, and fixed and volatile oils. It yields a transparent mixture with one-third of its volume of ammonia water. When Copaiba is heated, it should not evolve the odor of *turpentine*. When the volatile oil has been completely driven off by heating Copaiba in a flat-bottomed capsule, the residue, when cold, should be amorphous, transparent, and friable (absence of *fixed oils*). Copaiba should not be fluorescent, and, when heated to 130° C. (266° F.), it should not become gelatinous. On adding 1 drop of Copaiba to 19 drops of carbon disulphide, and shaking the mixture with 1 drop of a cold mixture of equal parts of nitric and sulphuric acids, it should not acquire a purplish-red or violet color (absence of *gurjun balsam*)." *U. S.*

The *resinous* mass which remains after the distillation of the oil is hard, brittle, translucent, greenish brown, and nearly destitute of smell and taste. By mixing it with the oil in proper proportion, we may obtain a liquid identical or nearly so with the original juice. This resinous mass is of an acid character, and yields a series of amorphous salts. It may be obtained pure by exposing a mixture of 9 parts of copaiba and 2 parts of aqueous ammonia (sp. gr. 0·95) to a temperature of 10° C. In this way crystals of *copaivic acid*, $C_{20}H_{30}O_2$, are obtained. This acid agrees with the *abietic acid* of colophony in composition, but not in properties. Copaivic acid is readily soluble in alcohol, and especially in warmed copaiba itself; much less in ether. When recrystallized from alcohol, copaivic acid fuses at 116°–117° C. (241°–242·6° F.). (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 305.) An analogous substance, *oxycopaivic acid*, $C_{20}H_{28}O_3$, was found in 1841 by H. von Fehling in Para copaiba; and Strauss in 1865 extracted *metacopaivic acid*, $C_{22}H_{34}O_4$, from Maracaibo copaiba. Copaivic acid forms crystallizable salts with alkalies, and *sodium copaivate*, $NaC_{20}H_{29}O_2$, made by combining molecular quantities of the acid and soda, is asserted by Zlamál and Roquette to be more efficient than any other preparation of copaiba. A *miscible copaiba* proposed by Groves was made by treating copaiba with a saturated solution of potassium carbonate. It resembled ordinary copaiba in appearance and consistence, but was alkaline, and when shaken with water, instead of floating on the surface, readily formed a white emulsion, more or less stable according to the degree of dilution. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 195.)

Copaiba, upon exposure to the air, acquires a deeper color, a thicker consistence, and greater density, and, if spread out upon an extended surface, ultimately becomes dry and brittle. This change is owing partly to the volatilization and partly to the oxidation of the essential oil. As it is the soft resin that results from the oxidation of the oil, it follows that the proportion of this resin increases with age. Considerable diversity must, therefore, exist in the drug, both in physical properties and in the properties of its ingredients, according to its age and degree of exposure. Similar differences also exist in the copaiba procured from different sources. Thus, that of the *West Indies*, when compared with the *Brazilian*, which is the variety above described, and in common use, is of a thicker consistence, of a deeper or darker yellow color, less transparent, and of a less agreeable, more terebinthinate odor; and specimens obtained from the ports of Venezuela or Colombia were found, upon examination by M. Vigne, to differ from each other not only in physical properties, but also in their chemical relations. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, N. S., i. 52.) The same is true, as observed by M. Buignet, of their action on polarized light, in which they differ not only in degree, but sometimes also even in direction. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1861, pp. 266–7.) It is not impossible that differences may exist in the juice according to the circumstances of its collection. The species of Copaifera from which the juice is collected, as well as the age of the tree, its position, and the season of collection, must also have influence over the product. It is highly probable that the resinous matter results from oxidation of the oil in the cells of the plant, and that the less elaborated the juice may be, the larger proportion it will contain of the oil. It is said that a volatile oil flows abundantly from a tree near Bogota, which is employed to adulterate the copaiba collected in that vicinity and shipped from Maracaibo and other neighboring ports.

Adulterations. Copaiba is said to be frequently adulterated.* The fixed oils are the most frequent addition, especially castor oil, which, in consequence of its solubility in alcohol, cannot, like the others, be detected by the agency of that fluid. Various plans have been proposed for detecting the presence of castor oil. The simplest is to boil a drachm of the copaiba in a pint of water till the liquid is wholly evaporated. If the copaiba contain a fixed oil, the residue will be more or less soft, according to the quantity present; otherwise it will be hard. Another mode, proposed by M. Planche, consists in shaking together in a bottle one part of solution of ammonia of the sp. gr. 0·9212 (22° Baumé) with two and a half parts of copaiba, at a temperature of from 50° to 60° F. The mixture, at first cloudy, quickly becomes transparent if the copaiba is pure, but remains more or less opaque if it is adulterated with castor oil. According to J. E. Simon, however, a variety of genuine copaiba occurs in commerce in which this test fails (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 236); and it does not apply to the variety containing 80 per cent. of volatile oil, described by Prof. Procter. (See note, p. 445.) Magnesium carbonate, caustic potassa, and sulphuric acid have also been proposed as tests. In the late Edinburgh Pharmacopœia it was stated that copaiba "dissolves a fourth part of its weight of magnesium carbonate, with the aid of a gentle heat, and continues translucent." The presence of a small proportion of any fixed oil renders the mixture opaque. One part of potassa dissolved in two of water forms a clear solution with nine parts of pure copaiba, and the liquid continues clear when moderately diluted with water or alcohol; but the presence of one-sixth of fixed oil in the copaiba occasions more or less opacity in the liquid, and half the quantity causes the precipitation of white flakes in a few hours. (*Stolze.*) Turpentine, which is said to be sometimes added to copaiba, may be detected by its smell, especially if the copaiba be heated. According to Mr. Redwood, most of the proposed tests of the purity of copaiba are liable to fallacy; and the best measure of its activity is the quantity of volatile oil it affords by distillation. Castor oil, Venice turpentine, linseed oil, or gurjun balsam may be detected by means of petroleum benzin, which makes a clear solution with pure copaiba, but if either of the substances mentioned be present a milky mixture, which soon settles into two layers, is formed, the copaiba solution being on top (*A. J. P.*, July, 1873; *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxiv. 191, xxvi. 286). Prof. Maisch has found that *ten* volumes of benzin, instead of *three* as proposed by Prof. Wayne, must be added to one of copaiba to get the best results from this test. Indeed, it has been shown that pure copaiba will sometimes show turbidity when mixed with benzin. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 131.) Hager recommends the use of absolute alcohol, which he says completely dissolves, without turbidity, all the varieties of copaiba except the Para, whose solution on standing clears itself by the deposition of a few white flakes. J. M. Fulton asserts that some pure copaibas are not entirely dissolved by absolute alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, 1877.) For additional tests and criticisms by Beckurts and Brueche, see *Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1891, p. 90; also *Proc. Amer. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1892, p. 635.

Medical Properties and Uses. Copaiba is gently stimulant, diuretic, laxative, and in very large doses often actively purgative. It produces, when swallowed, a sense of heat in the throat and stomach, and extends an irritant action not only throughout the alimentary canal, but also to the urinary passages, and in fact, in a greater or less degree, to all the mucous membranes, for which it appears to have a strong affinity. The urine acquires a peculiar odor during its use, and its smell may be detected in the breath. It sometimes occasions an eruption upon the skin resembling that of measles, and attended with disagreeable itching and tingling, or even violent pemphigus. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1873, p. 416.) Nausea and vomiting, painful purgation, strangury and bloody urine, and a general state of fever are caused by excessive doses. As a remedy it has been found most efficient in diseases of the mucous membranes, particularly those of a chronic character. Thus, it is given with occasional advantage in *leucorrhœa*, *chronic cystitis*, *chronic dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, *hemorrhoids*, *chronic bronchitis*, and *psoriasis*. The complaint, however, in which it is most employed is *gonorrhœa*. It should not be administered in the first stages, when the inflammation is severe and acute, nor is it applicable to very chronic, indolent forms of the disorder, such as gleet. It was formerly much esteemed as a vulnerary, and as an application to *ulcers;* but it is now seldom used externally. Dr. Ruschenberger recommends it locally in *chilblains*. (*Med. Examiner*, i. 77.)

Both the volatile oil and the resin are eliminated by the kidneys in an altered condition: if to

* Some years since, a substance was imported into New York, under the name of *red copaiba*, which did not possess a single characteristic of the genuine drug. It was of a thick, semi-fluid consistence, not unlike that of balsam of Tolu, as it often reaches us, of a brown color similar to that of the same balsam, though darker, and of an unpleasant yet somewhat aromatic odor, recalling that of liquidambar, but less agreeable. Its origin is unknown.

the urine of a person taking the drug nitric acid be added, a precipitate is thrown down, which may be mistaken for albumen. The volatile oil is more active than is the resin, which is not, however, inert. Dr. Wilks, of Guy's Hospital, London, speaks of the resin with great confidence as a hydragogue diuretic in obstinate *dropsy*, given in the dose of fifteen or twenty grains three times a day.

The dose of copaiba is from twenty drops to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.) three times a day, or a smaller quantity repeated more frequently. It may be given dropped on sugar, but in this form is often so exceedingly offensive as to render some concealment of its nauseous qualities necessary. A less disagreeable form is that of emulsion, prepared by rubbing the copaiba first with mucilage or the yolk of an egg, and sugar, and afterwards with some aromatic water, as that of mint or cinnamon. The *volatile oil*, which is official, may be given in the dose of ten or fifteen drops, in emulsion, or, as is almost universally preferred, in capsules.

CORIANDRUM. U. S. (Br.) Coriander.

(CŌ-RĮ-ĂN′DRUM.)

"The fruit of Coriandrum sativum, Linné (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe fruit of Coriandrum sativum." *Br.*

Coriandri Fructus, *Br.;* Coriander Fruit; Fructus Coriandri, *P. G.;* Coriandre, *Fr.;* Koriander, *G.;* Coriandro, *It.;* Cilantro, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla radiate. *Petals* inflex-emarginate. *Universal involucre* one-leafed. *Partial involucres* halved. *Fruit* spherical. *Willd.*

Coriandrum sativum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1448; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 137, t. 53. This is an annual plant, with an erect, round, smooth, branching stem, rising about two feet, and furnished with compound leaves, of which the upper are thrice ternate, with linear pointed leaflets, the lower pinnate, with the pinnæ cut into irregular serrated lobes like those of parsley. The flowers are white or rose-colored, and in compound terminal umbels; the fruit globular, and composed of two concave hemispherical portions. *C. sativum* is a native of Italy, but at present grows wild in most parts of Europe, having become naturalized in consequence of its extended cultivation. The flowers appear in June, and the fruit ripens in August. It is a singular fact that all parts of the fresh plant are extremely fetid when bruised, while the fruit becomes fragrant by drying. This is the official portion. It is brought to us from Europe.



Transverse section magnified.

The fruit of the coriander is globular, about an eighth of an inch in diameter, obscurely ten-ribbed, with minute indications of secondary ribs in the furrows, of a grayish or brownish-yellow color, and separable into the two mericarps (half-fruits), which are only bound together by the membranous pericarp. Each half-fruit is provided with two oil-tubes on the conjoining face. The whole fruit has the persistent calyx at its base, and is sometimes surmounted by the adhering conical style. Coriander is thus described by the U. S. Pharm.: "Globular; about one-sixth of an inch (4 mm.) in diameter; crowned with the calyx-teeth and stylopod; brownish-yellow, with slight longitudinal ridges; the two mericarps cohering, enclosing a lenticular cavity, and each furnished on the face with two oil-tubes; odor and taste agreeably aromatic." *U. S.* The aromatic taste and smell depend on a *volatile oil*, which may be obtained separate by distillation. One pound of the seeds yields forty-two grains of the oil. (*Zeller.*) This is colorless or pale yellow, with an agreeable odor of coriander, a mild aromatic taste, and a sp. gr varying from 0·859 to 0·871. Its main constituent, according to Semmler (*Ber. der Chem. Gesell.*, xxiv. p. 206), is *coriandrol*, boiling between 194° C. and 198° C., which has the composition $C_{10}H_{18}O$, and is therefore isomeric with borneol. Besides this, a small quantity (some 5 per cent.) of *dextro-pinene* was isolated, boiling between 156° C. and 160° C. It is one of the most permanent of the volatile oils, resisting oxidation for a long time. The virtues of the fruit are imparted to alcohol by maceration, and less readily to water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Coriander is a rather feeble aromatic. It is almost exclusively employed in combination with other medicines, either to cover their taste, to render them acceptable to the stomach, or to correct their griping qualities. It was well known to the ancients. The dose is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.).

CREOSOTUM. U. S. (Br.) Creosote.

(CRĒ-Ō-SŌ'TŬM.)

"A mixture of phenols, chiefly guaiacol and creosol, obtained during the distillation of wood-tar, preferably of that derived from the beech, Fagus sylvatica, Linné (nat. ord. Cupuliferæ)." *U. S.* "A product of the distillation of wood-tar." *Br.*

Creasotum, *Br.;* Creasote; Kreosotum, *P. G.;* Créosote, *Fr.;* Kreosot, *G.**

This is a substance discovered in 1830 by Reichenbach in the products of the distillation of wood. This distillation of wood yields products very analogous to one fraction of the coal-tar obtained by the destructive distillation of bituminous coal. This fraction is the heavy oil of coal-tar, which comes over between 165° C. (329° F.) and 200° C. (392° F.): it is often called "*coal-tar creosote*," and contains a group of phenols, including carbolic acid, or common *phenol*, C_6H_6O, boiling at 182° C. (359·6° F.), *cresylic acid*, or *cresol*, C_7H_8O, boiling at 198° C. (388·4° F.), and *xylenol*, or *dimethyl phenol*, $C_8H_{10}O$, boiling at 211° C. (411·8° F.). Wood-tar is a complex mixture of phenoloid bodies. These are chiefly the acid methylic ethers of catechol (or pyrocatechin) and its homologues. We may mention as the chief constituents—

A. Monohydric Phenols.

Phenol, or carbolic acid	C_6H_5OH.
Paracresol	$C_6H_4(CH_3)OH$.
Xylenol, or phlorol	$C_6H_3(CH_3)_2OH$.

B. Methylic Ethers of Dihydric Phenols.

Guaiacol	$C_6H_4(OCH_3)OH$.
Creosol	$C_6H_3(CH_3)OCH_3.OH$.
Homocreosol	$C_6H_2(CH_3)_2OCH_3OH$.
Cœrolignol	$C_6H_3(C_3H_7)OCH_3OH$.

C. Methylic Ethers of Trihydric Phenols.

Dimethyl pyrogallate	$C_6H_3(OCH_3)_2OH$.
Dimethyl methyl-pyrogallate	$C_6H_2(CH_3)(OCH_3)_2OH$.
Dimethyl propyl-pyrogallate (picamar)	$C_6H_2(C_3H_7)(OCH_3)_2OH$.
Methyl propyl-pyrogallate	$C_6H_2(C_3H_7)(OCH_3)(OH)_2$.

(*Allen's Com. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., vol. ii. p. 565.)

Preparation. Creosote is obtained either from wood-tar or from crude pyroligneous acid. When wood-tar is used, it is distilled until it has attained the consistence of pitch. The distilled liquid divides itself into three layers, an aqueous between two oily layers. The inferior oily layer, which alone contains the creosote, is separated, and saturated with sodium carbonate to remove acetic acid. The liquid is allowed to rest, and the new oil which separates is decanted from it. This oil is distilled, and yields products lighter than water, and a liquid heavier. The latter alone is preserved, and, after having been agitated repeatedly with weak phosphoric acid to neutralize ammonia, is allowed to remain at rest for some time. It is next washed as long as acidity is removed, and then distilled with a fresh portion of weak phosphoric acid, care being taken to cohobate from time to time. The oily liquid thus rectified is colorless, and contains much creosote, but also a portion of *eupion* or light oil distillate. To separate the latter, the liquid is mixed with a solution of caustic soda of the density 1·12, which dissolves the creosote, but not the eupion. The eupion, which floats above from its levity, is then separated; and the alkaline solution of the creosote is exposed to the air, until it becomes brown in consequence of the decomposition of a foreign matter, and is then saturated with sulphuric acid. This sets free the creosote, which is decanted, and again distilled. The treatment by solution of soda, sulphuric acid, etc., is to be repeated until the creosote no longer becomes brown by exposure to the air, but only slightly reddish. It is then dissolved in a stronger solution of soda, and distilled again, and finally redistilled for the last time, rejecting the first portion which comes over, on account of its containing much water, collecting the next portion, and avoiding to push the distillation too far. The product collected in this distillation is creosote.

When creosote is extracted from pyroligneous acid, the first step is to dissolve sodium sulphate in it to saturation. The oil which separates and floats above is decanted, and, having been allowed to remain at rest for a few days, is saturated by potassium carbonate with the assistance of heat, and distilled with water. The oleaginous liquid obtained is of a pale yellow color, and is to be treated with phosphoric acid, etc., as above detailed, in relation to the treatment of the corresponding oil obtained from wood-tar.

Properties. Creosote, when pure, is a colorless oleaginous liquid, of the consistence of

* The official name of this compound was changed in U. S. P. 1890 from "creasotum" to "creosotum." This alteration, in our opinion, is of doubtful utility: the original name is in accord with the etymological orthography.

oil of almonds, slightly greasy to the touch, volatilizable by heat, and having a caustic, burning taste, and a penetrating, disagreeable odor, like that of smoked meat, and analogous to, yet different from, that of phenol. As met with in commerce, it has frequently a brownish tinge. It burns with a sooty flame. Applied in a concentrated state to the skin, it corrugates and then destroys the cuticle, causing a white spot. On paper it leaves a greasy stain, which disappears in a few hours, or in ten minutes if heated to 100° C. (212° F.). Its sp. gr. is 1·057 at 55° (*Gorup-Besanez*), 1·035–1·085 (*U. S.*), 1·071 (*Br.*). It boils at about 203° C. (397° F.), and remains fluid at —27° C. (—17° F.). It is a non-conductor of electricity, and refracts light strongly. It is devoid of acid or alkaline reaction. Mixed with water, it forms two solutions; one consisting of one part of creosote and about eighty of water, the other, of one part of water and ten of creosote. (*Berzelius.*) It dissolves a large proportion of iodine and phosphorus, and a considerable amount of sulphur, especially when assisted by heat.

The Pharmacopœia describes creosote as "an almost colorless, yellowish or pinkish, highly refractive, oily liquid, having a penetrating, smoky odor, and a burning, caustic taste; usually becoming darker in tint on exposure to light. Specific gravity: not below 1·070 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in about 150 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), but without forming a perfectly clear solution. With 120 parts of hot water it forms a clear liquid which on cooling becomes turbid from the separation of minute oily drops. The filtrate from this yields a reddish-brown precipitate with bromine test-solution (distinction from *carbolic acid*). Soluble, in all proportions, in absolute alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzin, carbon disulphide, acetic acid, and fixed and volatile oils. It begins to boil at about 205° C. (402·8° F.), and most of it distils over between 205° and 215° C. (401° and 419° F.). When it is cooled to —20° C. (—4° F.), it becomes gelatinous, but does not solidify (difference from *carbolic acid*). It is inflammable, burning with a luminous, smoky flame. Creosote is neutral, or only faintly acid to litmus paper. On mixing equal volumes of Creosote and collodion in a dry test-tube, no coagulum should form. If 1 volume of Creosote be mixed with 1 volume of glycerin, a nearly clear mixture will result from which the Creosote will separate on the addition of 1 or more volumes of water. On adding to 10 C.c. of a saturated, aqueous solution of Creosote 1 drop of ferric chloride test-solution, the liquid will acquire a violet-blue tint which rapidly changes to greenish and brown, with formation, usually, of a brown precipitate. (The preceding three tests show difference from and absence of notable quantities of *carbolic acid.*) On mixing 2 C.c. of Creosote with 8 C.c. of a 7·5-per-cent. solution of sodium hydrate, a clear, pale yellowish liquid results which becomes turbid when diluted with water, but clears up after 50 C.c. have been added (absence of *neutral oils*). If 1 C.c. of Creosote be mixed with a warm, 20-per-cent. solution of potassium hydrate in absolute alcohol, a solid crystalline mass will form upon cooling. If 1 C.c. of Creosote be shaken with 2 C.c. of benzin and 2 C.c. of freshly prepared barium hydrate test-solution, upon separating, the benzin should not be blue or muddy, and the aqueous layer should not have a red tint (absence of *cœruligiol* and some *other high-boiling constituents of wood-tar*)." *U. S.*

Creosote instantly dissolves ammonia, and retains it with great force. Strong nitric and sulphuric acids decompose it, the former giving rise to reddish vapors, the latter to a red color, which becomes black on the addition of more of the acid. Dilute nitric acid converts it into a brown resin, which, treated with ammonia, and then dissolved in boiling alcohol, gives, by evaporation, certain salts of ammonia, two of which contain new acids, discovered by Laurent. Hydrochloric acid produces no change in it. "Dropped on white filtering paper and exposed to a temperature of 212° F. (100° C.), it leaves no translucent stain. It turns the plane of polarization of a ray of polarized light to the right. It is not solidified by the cold produced by a mixture of hydrochloric acid and sulphate of sodium." *Br.* Mr. Morson, of London, who has long been a manufacturer of creosote, complains of the discredit into which it has fallen in consequence of the substitution for it, in commerce, of carbolic acid: he says that the directions of the Pharmacopœia for the distinction of the two are insufficient, and gives a test, discovered by his son, Mr. Thos. Morson, which is at once simple and satisfactory. It is based on the solvent power of glycerin over carbolic acid, which is dissolved by it in all proportions, while pure creosote is insoluble or nearly so; and, consequently, if any liquid assumed to be creosote dissolves largely in glycerin, it probably consists in the whole, or in large part, of carbolic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1872, p. 921.) Subsequent experiments appear to show that this test succeeds best with Morson's creosote; and beech-wood creosote, although pure, sometimes mixes with glycerin without turbidity. A still better test, according to Mr. John A. Clark, is an alcoholic solution of iron perchloride. (*Tinct. Ferri Perchlor*, Br.), which

with an alcoholic solution of creosote produces a deep greenish-blue color, but with carbolic acid a light brown. (*A. J. P.*, June, 1873, p. 269.) Creosote dissolves a large number of metallic salts, and reduces some of them to the metallic state; as, for example, silver nitrate and acetate. *Froehde's reagent* (a solution of 1 part of molybdic acid in 100 parts of sulphuric acid) is recommended by E. W. Davy as a distinguishing test for carbolic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1878, p. 1022.) A drop or two of the doubtful liquid is to be agitated with two fluidrachms of distilled water, the whole filtered, and a drop or two of the test-solution added. Pure creosote gives a brown or reddish-brown reaction on standing or slight warming, passing to a light yellowish brown; with carbolic acid, the brown passing to a maroon soon develops a more or less intense purple. Of all the properties of creosote, the most remarkable is its power of preserving meat. It is this property which has suggested its name, derived from *κρεάς*, *flesh*, and *σώζω*, *I preserve*.

Impurities and Adulterations. Creosote is apt to contain eupion, and is sometimes adulterated with rectified oil of tar and the fixed and volatile oils. All these substances are detected by strong acetic acid, which dissolves the creosote, and leaves them behind, floating above the creosote solution. Creosote from beech-wood tar, however, is only partially dissolved by hot acetic acid of ordinary strength. Fixed oils are also discovered by a stain on paper not discharged by heat. Any trace of the matter which produces the brownish tinge is detected by the liquid becoming discolored by exposure to sunshine. Commercial creosote almost always contains carbolic and cresylic acids, from coal-tar; and, indeed, much of what is sold for creosote is nothing more than impure carbolic acid. (See *Acidum Carbolicum*.) It has been already stated that this acid strongly resembles creosote; and this resemblance probably extends also to their therapeutical effects: so that the substitution is less to be regretted than might otherwise be the case. But, as the effects of the two on the system may not be identical, it is highly desirable to be able to distinguish between them. Tests for this purpose have been given above, and, with those quoted from the Pharmacopœia, are sufficient for the purpose.

Medical Properties, etc. The physiological effects of creosote have never been carefully and thoroughly studied. It certainly rivals carbolic acid in its antiseptic power. It is, when applied locally, a paralyzant to the nerves, and probably to all higher tissues; indeed, it has been generally believed to be almost identical in the range and powers of its activity with carbolic acid. If it be true, however, as stated in *La Semaine Méd.*, July, 1891, that Prof. Bouchard has administered it in doses of two and a half drachms without evil result, it cannot be physiologically equivalent to carbolic acid. The correctness of this view is further indicated by the rarity of cases of creosote poisoning in the records of medicine. Dr. Freudenthal (*N. Y. Med. Rec.*, April, 1892) reports the case of a woman who took 600 drops of creosote in a very short time, the ingestion being followed almost immediately by unconsciousness, with intense trismus, contracted immobile pupils, and general cyanosis, but in which recovery was made practically without the administration of remedies. He further states that subsequently this same patient, by increasing the dose of creosote, was able to take 500 drops daily without ill effect. It is used in medicine, first as a germicide, second, for its local effects. It is as a germicide that it was introduced in the treatment of *phthisis*. It has received in this disease much commendation, especially from Prof. Sommerbrodt, who has recently reported thirteen years' experience with it. He insists on the necessity of the purity of the creosote, and of the use of large doses, one to two grammes per day, for many months or years. He gives it by the mouth, dissolved in cod-liver oil, in capsules. Creosote has also been used hypodermically in phthisis. Thus, Perom employed a ten-per-cent. solution given in oil of sweet almonds, two injections of eighty minims each being given daily. Dor administered, by intra-tracheal injections, a five-per-cent. solution in recently-boiled olive oil, holding that the drug reached the pulmonic alveoli and attacked the disease locally. On account of its local action as a powerful paralyzant of nerve-tissue, creosote is frequently employed with great advantage in cases of nausea, vomiting, or *diarrhœa* dependent upon excessive irritability, without acute inflammation, of the gastric or intestinal mucous membrane; it has also been successfully used in the *vomiting of pregnancy* or of *hysteria*, in *cholera morbus*, *cholera infantum*, *lienteric diarrhœa*, *typhoid fever*, and even in *dysentery*. When in these cases there is a tendency to fermentation of the contents of the stomach or bowels, creosote is especially valuable, and may often be combined advantageously with an alkali or chalk. Externally creosote has been employed for exactly the same diseases as has carbolic acid. Indeed, the latter remedy, on account of its superior cheapness, has almost entirely supplanted it. The skin diseases to the treatment of which creosote has been supposed to be best suited are those of a

scaly character. In *burns* its efficacy has been insisted on, especially in those attended with excessive suppuration and fungous granulations. In *chilblains* also it is stated to be a useful application. Mixed with four parts of lard, it is said to have proved very serviceable in *erysipelas*. When applied to wounds it acts as a hæmostatic, stopping the capillary hemorrhage, but possesses no power to arrest the bleeding from large vessels. Accordingly, creosote water has been applied locally in *menorrhagia*, and to arrest *uterine hemorrhage* and the bleeding from leech-bites. The ulcers in the treatment of which it has been found most useful are those of an indolent and gangrenous character, in which its several properties of escharotic, stimulant, and antiseptic are usefully brought into play. In all these cases, should the remedy cause irritation, it must be suspended, or alternated with emollient and soothing applications. Injected into fistulous ulcers, it proves a useful resource, by exciting the callous surfaces and disposing them to unite. Wherever there are foul ulcers, gangrenous surfaces, or inflamed serous, mucous, or glandular tissues giving rise to fetid discharges, creosote may be substituted for carbolic acid; as examples may be mentioned fetid *leucorrhœa*, puerperal *metritis*, fetid *otorrhœa*, putrid or *diphtheritic sore throat*, chronic *empyema*. The strength of the application may vary from that of pure creosote to a single drop to the fluidounce of water, according to the delicacy of the part and the severity of the disease. On account of its local anæsthetic and antiseptic influence, it is much employed by dentists for the obtunding of sensitive dentine and as an ingredient of pastes for the destruction of nerves. One or two drops of the pure substance must be carefully introduced into the hollow of the tooth on a little cotton, avoiding contact with the tongue or cheek. To render it effectual, the hollow of the tooth must be well cleansed before it is applied. A mixture of 15 parts of creosote and 10 of collodion is said to have a jelly-like consistence, and to be usefully applied to carious teeth, which it protects from the air; but, as pure creosote does not coagulate collodion, this remark applies properly to the impure carbolic acid before stated to be commonly sold under the same name.

Under the name of VAPOR CREASOTI (*Inhalation of Creasote*), the British Pharmacopœia directs a preparation consisting of 12 minims of creasote and 8 fluidounces of boiling water, which are to be mixed in an inhaling apparatus, so arranged that the air shall be made to pass through the solution and then inhaled. It may be used in chronic inflammation of the air-passages.

The internal dose of creosote is one to three minims (0·06–0·18 C.c.), administered in pill, mixture, or solution. In an overdose it acts as a poison, producing giddiness, obscurity of vision, depressed action of the heart, convulsions, and coma. Prof. Hobart A. Hare has found that sulphuric acid and the soluble sulphates are antidotal to creosote as they are to carbolic acid. The medical treatment consists in the evacuation of the poison, and the administration of ammonia and other stimulants.

The addition of three or four drops of creosote to a pint of ink effectually prevents it from becoming mouldy. The antiseptic properties of wood-smoke are probably chiefly owing to creosote.

CRETA. Br. Chalk.

$CaCO_3$; 99·76. (CRĒ'TA.) $CaCO_3$; 100.

"Native friable carbonate of calcium." *Br.*

Craie, *Fr.;* Kreide, *G.;* Creta, *It.;* Greda, *Sp., Port.*

Calcium carbonate, in the extended meaning of the term, is the most abundant of simple minerals, constituting, according to its state of aggregation and other peculiarities, the different varieties of calcareous spar, common and shell limestone, marble, marl, and chalk. It occurs also in the animal kingdom, forming the principal part of shells, and a small proportion of the bones of the higher orders of animals. It is present in small quantity in most natural waters, being held in solution by the carbonic acid which they contain. In the waters of limestone districts it is a very common impregnation, and causes purging in those not accustomed to its use. In all such cases, boiling the water, by expelling the carbonic acid, causes the carbonate to be deposited. It has been shown, however, that calcium carbonate is itself in a slight degree soluble in water; so that a small proportion remains in limestone water which has been long exposed to boiling. Hofmann estimated the quantity remaining in solution at thirty-four milligrammes in a litre. That the carbonate is not held in solution by free carbonic acid is shown by the fact that lime water causes no precipitation. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 147.) Besides being official in the state of chalk, calcium carbonate is also ordered as it exists in marble and oyster-shell, and as obtained by precipitation. (See *Marmor Alba*, and *Calcii Carbonas Præcipitatus.*) In the present article we shall confine our observations to

chalk. This occurs abundantly in the south of England and the north of France. It exists massive in beds, and very frequently contains nodules of flint, and fossil remains of land and marine animals. Until recently it was not known to exist in the United States; but Prof. F. V. Hayden states that chalk-beds identical with those of Europe extend for 400 miles along the Missouri River in Dakota.

Properties. Chalk is an insipid, inodorous, insoluble, opaque, soft solid, generally white, but grayish white when impure. It is rough to the touch, easily pulverized, and breaks with an earthy fracture. It soils the fingers, yields a white trace when drawn across an unyielding surface, and when applied to the tongue adheres slightly. Its sp. gr. varies from 2·3 to 2·6. It is never a perfectly pure calcium carbonate, but contains, besides gritty silicious particles, small portions of alumina and ferric oxide. If pure, it is entirely soluble in hydrochloric acid; but usually a little silica is left. If this solution be not precipitated by ammonia, it is free from alumina and iron. Like all carbonates, it effervesces with acids. Though insoluble in water, it dissolves in an excess of carbonic acid. Chalk, on account of the gritty particles which it contains, is unfit for medicinal use until it has undergone levigation, when it is called *prepared chalk*. (See *Creta Præparata*.)

CRETA PRÆPARATA. U. S., Br. Prepared Chalk.

$CaCO_3$; 99·76. (CRĒ'TĄ PRÆ-PĄ-RĀ'TĄ—prē-pą-rā'tą.) $CaCO_3$; 100.

Craie préparée, *Fr.*; Präparirte Kreide, *G.*

Below will be found the process official in the Pharmacopœia of 1870.*

The Br. Pharmacopœia has abandoned its former process, and is now content with defining the medicine to be "chalk freed from most of its impurities by elutriation, and afterwards dried in small masses, which are usually of a conical form."

The object of the above process is to reduce chalk to a very fine powder. The mineral, previously pulverized, should be rubbed with a little water upon a porphyry slab, by means of a muller of the same material. Having been thus very minutely divided, it is agitated with water, which upon standing a short time deposits the coarser particles, and, being then poured off, slowly lets fall the remainder in an impalpable state. The former part of the process is called *levigation*, the latter *elutriation*. The soft mass which remains after the decanting of the clear liquor is made to fall upon an absorbent surface in small portions, which when dried have a conical shape. Practically, prepared chalk is generally made on the large scale from *whiting* by the manufacturer. (See *P. J. Tr.*, vii. 146.)†

No directions are given now in the Pharmacopœia for its preparation; it is thus described: "A white, amorphous powder, often moulded into conical drops, odorless and tasteless; permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water; insoluble in alcohol. Soluble in diluted acetic, hydrochloric, or nitric acid with copious effervescence, but without leaving more than a trifling residue. When heated to redness Prepared Chalk loses carbon dioxide and is converted into lime. The solution in diluted acetic acid yields, with ammonium oxalate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in acetic, but soluble in hydrochloric acid. If from the solution in diluted acetic acid the calcium be completely removed by precipitation with ammonium oxalate test-solution in slight excess, the filtrate should not be rendered very turbid upon addition of sodium phosphate test-solution and a little ammonia water (limit of *magnesium*). Another portion of the solution in acetic acid should not assume more than a slight bluish tint upon addition of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*). Another portion of the same solution should not be rendered turbid by the addition of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). In another portion of the solution no precipitate should occur upon the addition of potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *barium*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This is the only form in which chalk is used in medicine. It is an excellent antacid; and, as the salts which it forms in the stomach and bowels, if not astringent, are at least not purgative, it is admirably adapted to *diarrhœa* accompanied with acidity. It is also sometimes used in acidity of stomach attending *dyspepsia* and

* "Take of Chalk *a convenient quantity*. Add a little water to the Chalk, and rub it into fine powder. Throw this into a large vessel nearly full of water, stir briskly, and, after a short interval, decant the supernatant liquor, while yet turbid, into another vessel. Treat the coarser particles of the Chalk, remaining in the first vessel, in a similar manner, and add the turbid liquid to that previously decanted. Lastly, set the liquor by, that the powder may subside, and, having poured off the water, dry the powder." *U. S.* 1870.

† Mr. F. Harris Alcock found some very handsome specimens of "prepared chalk" in the English market to contain 67·016 per cent. of calcium sulphate. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 1015.)

gout, when a laxative effect is to be avoided; and it is one of the best antidotes for oxalic acid. It has been employed as an application to *burns* and *ulcers*, which it moderately stimulates, while it absorbs the ichorous discharge and thus prevents it from irritating the diseased surface or the sound skin. It is given internally in the form of powder, or suspended in water by the intervention of gum arabic and sugar. (See *Mistura Cretæ*.) It is better fitted for the chalk mixture than the precipitated calcium carbonate, in consequence of its more impalpable character and greater powers of adhesion. Dose, from ten to forty grains (0·65–2·6 Gm.).

CROCUS. U. S., Br. Saffron.

(CRŌ'CŬS.)

"The stigmas of Crocus sativus, Linné (nat. ord. Irideæ)." *U. S.* "The dried stigmas, and top of the style, of Crocus sativus." *Br.*

Safran, *Fr., G.;* Zafferano, *It.;* Azafran, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla six-parted, equal. *Stigmas* convoluted. *Willd.*

Crocus sativus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 194; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 763, t. 259. The common cultivated saffron is a perennial plant, with a rounded and depressed bulb or cormus, from which the flower rises a little above the ground, upon a long, slender, white, and succulent tube. The flower is large, of a beautiful lilac or bluish-purple color, and appears in September or October. The leaves are radical, linear, slightly revolute, dark green upon their upper surface, with a white longitudinal furrow in the centre, paler underneath, with a prominent flattened midrib, and enclosed at their base, together with the tube of the corolla, in a membranous sheath, from which they emerge soon after the appearance of the flower. The style hangs out on one side between the two segments of the corolla, and terminates in three long convoluted stigmas, which are of a rich orange color, highly odorous, rolled in at the edges, and notched at the summit. The stigmas of the *Crocus orientalis* are used in the East.

C. sativus, or *autumnal crocus*, is believed to be a native of Greece and Asia Minor, where it has been cultivated from the earliest ages. It is, however, unknown in a wild state, and, as the French plant does not produce seed, Chappellier asserts that it is a hybrid. (*Bull. Soc. Bot. de France*, xx.) More recently, however, Chappellier has found that the ordinary crocus, as grown in France, is readily fertilized by the Grecian variety, and it is most probable that the species is a distinct one. There are three main varieties of it, the French, the Grecian, and the Chinese. The first of these is superior in color and flavor, the second in the amount of yield, whilst the third is said to unite these qualities. Saffron is also cultivated for medicinal use in Sicily, Spain, France, England, and other temperate countries of Europe. Large quantities of saffron are raised in Egypt, Persia, and Cashmere, whence it is sent to India. Much of the drug reaches the market of Constantinople from the neighborhood of Tiflis and the Caucasus. We cultivate the plant in this country chiefly as a garden flower, although some of the drug of very fine quality has been produced in Pennsylvania. It is liable to two diseases, which interfere with its culture,—one dependent on a parasitic fungus which attaches itself to the bulb, the other called by the cultivators in France *tacon*, by which the bulb is converted into a blackish powder. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xviii. 41.)

In England the flowers appear in October, and the leaves continue green through the winter; but the plant does not ripen its seed, and is propagated by offsets from the bulb. These are planted in grounds prepared for the purpose, and are arranged either in rows or in small patches at certain distances. The flowers are gathered soon after they show themselves, as the period of flowering is very short. The stigmas, or summits of the pistils, together with a portion of the style, are separated from the remainder of the flower, and carefully dried by artificial heat, or in the sun. During this process they are sometimes made to assume the form of a cake by pressure; but the finest saffron is that which has been dried loosely. The two forms are distinguished by the names of *cake-saffron* and *hay-saffron*. Five pounds of the fresh stigmas are said to yield one pound of the dried. The English saffron, formerly most highly esteemed in this country, has disappeared from our market. What may be sold under the name is probably derived from other sources. Much of the drug is imported from Gibraltar, packed in canisters. Parcels of it are also brought from Trieste and other ports of the Mediterranean. The Spanish saffron is generally considered the best in the United States, although most European writers in Materia Medica give the preference to the French saffron. Genuine *cake-saffron* is at present seldom found in commerce. The better grades of Spanish saffron are known as *Valencia* saffron, whilst *Alicante* saffron is said by Prof. Maisch to contain scarcely more than 50 per cent. of genuine saffron. According to Landerer, the stigmas of

several other species besides those of *C. sativus* are gathered and sold as saffron in Greece and Turkey.*

Properties. Saffron has a peculiar, sweetish, aromatic odor, a warm, pungent, bitter taste, and a rich deep orange color, which it imparts to the saliva when chewed. The stigmas of which it consists are an inch or more in length, expanded and notched at the upper extremity, and narrowing towards the lower, where they terminate in a slender, capillary, yellowish portion, forming a part of the style. They are thus officially described: "Separate stigmas, or three, attached to the top of the style, about 3 Cm. long, flattish-tubular, almost thread-like, broader and notched above; orange-brown; odor strong, peculiar, aromatic; taste bitterish and aromatic. Saffron should not include the yellow styles. When pressed between filtering paper, it should not leave an oily stain. When chewed it tinges the saliva deep orange-yellow. When soaked in water, it should not deposit any pulverulent, mineral matter, nor show the presence of organic substances differing in shape from that described. On agitating 1 part of Saffron with 100,000 parts of water, the liquid will acquire a distinctly yellow color. No color is imparted to benzin agitated with Saffron (absence of *picric acid* and some *other coal-tar colors*). On drying Saffron at 100° C. (212° F.), it should not lose more than 14 per cent. of its weight (absence of *added water*). When thus dried, and ignited with free access of air, 100 parts of the dry Saffron should not leave more than 7·5 per cent. of ash (absence of *foreign inorganic substances*)." *U. S.* Analyzed by Vogel and Bouillon-Lagrange, it afforded 65 per cent. of a peculiar extractive matter, and 7·5 of an odorous volatile oil, together with wax, gum, albumen, saline matter, water, and lignin. The extractive was named *polychroïte*, from the changes of color which it undergoes by the action of reagents. Weiss (Wiggers and Husemann, *Jahresbericht*, 1868, p. 35) showed that *polychroïte* was a glucoside, from the decomposition of which resulted an additional coloring matter of the saffron, to which he applied the name *crocin*. For the preparation of polychroïte according to Weiss, saffron was extracted with ether, by which fat, wax, and essential oil were removed, and it was then exhausted with water. From the aqueous solution, gummy matters and some inorganic salts were precipitated by strong alcohol. After the separation of these substances polychroïte was precipitated by addition of ether. Thus obtained, it is an orange-red, viscid, deliquescent substance, which dried over sulphuric acid becomes brittle and of a fine ruby-red color. Kayser has (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1884, p. 2228) made a thorough investigation of the coloring matter of saffron. He calls it *crocin*, and gives it the formula $C_{44}H_{70}O_{28}$. He obtained it after purification as a pure yellow powder, easily soluble in water and dilute alcohol, slightly soluble only in absolute alcohol. Concentrated sulphuric acid gives a deep blue color, which turns violet, then cherry-red, and finally brown. It is easily decomposed by lime or baryta water into *crocetin* and a right-rotating sugar which Kayser calls *crocose*. The crocetin is a clear red powder, not soluble in water, but easily soluble in alcohol and ether. Its solution in alkalies shows an orange-yellow color, from which solution acids separate it again in orange-colored flocks. Its formula is $C_{34}H_{46}O_9$. Kayser also found a bitter principle, to which he gave the name *picrocrocin* or *saffron bitter*, and the formula $C_{38}H_{66}O_{17}$. It is to the essential oil, which, according to M. Henry, is present to the amount of 10 per cent., that the medicine owes its activity. It may be partially separated by distillation. It has the formula $C_{10}H_{14}O$, boils at 208°–210°

* At the International Exhibition in London in the year 1862, Dr. Geo. B. Wood noticed a specimen of saffron from the island of Ceylon, closely resembling that of the *Crocus sativus*. It consisted of the stigmas of the *Crocus orientalis*. According to Mr. Charles A. Heinitsh, until within a few years saffron was cultivated to a considerable extent in Lancaster County, Pa. The plant requires a rich soil, which should be deeply dug and heavily manured. The bulbs are planted in August, eight inches apart, and the growing plant should be kept free from weeds. The flowering period begins about the middle of September, and continues till the beginning of October. The flowers are picked early in the morning, and the stigmas separated and dried in the shade. This is done every day during the period of flowering. He thinks the cultivation can be profitably conducted. A plot of 72 square feet will produce 9000 stigmas, weighing 420 grains, or from 33 to 36 pounds to the acre. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 38.) In the Apennines the bulbs, which have been left in the ground during the winter without protection, are removed in August, are planted again in September in rows, and four weeks later the collection of the flowers is begun. (See *Arch. d. Pharm.*, Aug. 1885.) For an account of the cultivation in England, see *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1887. M. Monthus, an experienced cultivator in France, prefers a dry calcareous soil; plants the bulbs 3 or 4 inches deep; after the harvest in October manures the ground; and renews the planting every three years. He thus prevents the diseases peculiar to the plant. M. Monthus recommends the *petals* of the flower as applicable to the same purposes as the stigmas, having found them to be possessed of aromatic properties. They demand no peculiar caution in drying; but to preserve them it is necessary to exclude light and moisture. Acids redden them with extreme facility, and alkalies turn them green. He therefore recommends a tincture to be made from them, as a substitute for syrup of violets. He prepares the tincture by macerating 10 parts of the dried flowers in 100 parts of alcohol of 40°, for 48 hours. A longer maceration would destroy the color. Paper may be stained with the tincture, and kept green or red, the former for acids, the latter for alkalies. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1867, p. 54.)

C. (406·4°–410° F.), is yellow, of a hot, acrid, bitterish taste, and heavier than water, in which it is slightly soluble.

Adulterations. The high price of this medicine gives rise to frequent adulterations. Water is said to be very often added in order to increase its weight. Oil or glycerin is also added for the same purpose, or to improve the appearance. In some specimens the dyed corolla of the crocus with the attached stamens is abundant. Sometimes the flowers of other plants, particularly *Carthamus tinctorius*, or safflower, *Calendula officinalis*, or official marigold, and *arnica*, are fraudulently mixed with the genuine stigmas. They may be known by their shape, which is rendered obvious by throwing a portion of the suspected mass into hot water, which causes them to expand. (See *Carthamus.*) A specimen of this adulteration has been introduced into the American market, by the name of *African saffron.* (Maisch, *A. J. P.*, March, 1872, p. 110.) Other adulterations are the fibres of dried beef, the stamens of the crocus, distinguishable by their yellow color, the stigmas previously exhausted in the preparation of the infusion or tincture, and various mineral substances, easily detected upon close examination. The flowers of a Brazilian plant named *Fuminella* have, according to M. J. L. Soubeiran, been employed for the adulteration of saffron. They may be detected by shaking, gently but repeatedly, a large pinch of the suspected saffron over a piece of paper. The flowers of Fuminella, being smaller and heavier, separate and fall, and may be seen to consist of very short fragments, with a color like that of saffron, but a rusty tint which the latter does not possess. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1855.) J. Müller recommends concentrated sulphuric acid as the most certain test of saffron. It instantly changes the color of pure saffron to indigo blue. (*Chem. Gaz.*, May, 1845.) An adulteration which has been largely practised appears to consist of yellow-colored chalk or barium sulphate, made into a thin paste probably with honey, and attached to the stigmas, sometimes isolated, sometimes in groups of five or six, enveloping them almost completely. If this saffron be kept in a dry place, and often handled, the paste becomes partly broken up, and the colored powder spreads itself in the mass and the envelope. The chalk can at once be detected by shaking the suspected saffron with water, and treating the precipitated powder with hydrochloric acid, when effervescence will occur. A less than the ordinary brightness of color in the saffron should lead to suspicion of this adulteration. Much can be told as to the purity of saffron by agitating the suspected flowers in distilled water; if the drug be pure the liquid will remain clear, slowly assuming a fine pure yellow tint; the saffron also will retain its red color for hours. Another excellent plan is to scatter a pinch of the flowers upon the surface of warm water, when the stigmas should spread out and display their proper form. Minute fragments of red saunders, which are often added to saffron, may be separated by agitating with water. (For an elaborate discussion of adulteration, see *A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 487.)* In various European markets there has been offered a saffron largely adulterated with borates, chlorides, and other salts of sodium and potassium, and yet retaining the physical properties of saffron of high character. These and other adulterations with inorganic salts can be detected by the amount of ash left on burning, genuine saffron leaving from five to seven per cent. This saffron also yielded immediately to water an orange-yellow color. Further, some of it at least was hygroscopic, so that when rubbed up between the fingers into a ball it retained that form instead of being elastic as is true saffron.

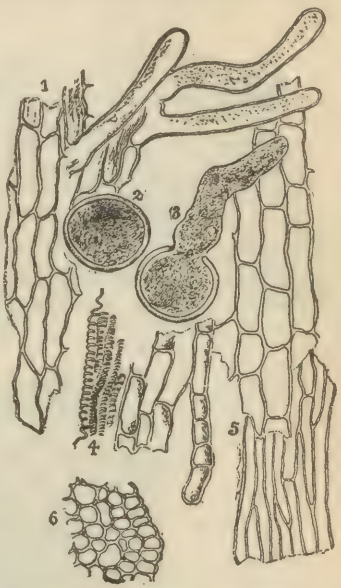
Attention has been called to a product of the Cape of Good Hope, named *Cape saffron*,

* B. S. Proctor has proposed a color test which would seem to be very efficient. One grain of saffron is to be agitated with two drachms of ether, which should become fairly yellow (any over-coloring of the ether indicates aniline or other dye); ether decanted; saffron dried, then agitated with two drachms of rectified spirit, and heated short of ebullition, for about one hour; next dried with two drachms of water in the same manner; this alternate use of spirit and water is to be continued until the solvent ceases to extract color and the fibres are nearly white; the total liquors being made up to exactly two fluidounces should have a color closely resembling that of fourteen grains of potassium bichromate in two ounces of water. In comparison, the best results are obtained by taking eight minims of the standard liquor and diluting it with an ounce of water, half filling a test-tube about half an inch in diameter with this diluted standard, then adding to an ounce of water eight minims of the liquor obtained from the sample under examination, and, having half filled a similar test-tube with this, holding the two tubes side by side against a sheet of white paper. E. Vinassa recommends that saffron should always be steeped in petroleum before examination under the microscope, and the particles should then all present equality in coloration. Immersion in chloral hydrate and subsequent boiling with water enable the operator easily to detect admixtures of sandal or campeche wood and of safflower. Attention should also be paid to the pollen-grains, hairs, and crystals present. Chemical examination shows that the amount of water should not exceed 16 per cent. and the ash 8 per cent. in a good sample, whilst the tinctorial power may be estimated by comparison with potassium bichromate solution. The capillary behavior of an aqueous solution of saffron is also very interesting, and is distinguished from that of any other natural or artificial coloring matter in that distinct zones of color are produced in strips of filtering paper dipped in the solution, the uppermost zone being terminated by a sharply defined light yellow line. (*Bull. Pharm.*, Nov. 1892.)

which has a remarkable resemblance to genuine saffron, having a similar odor, and yielding a similar color to water, though the flowers themselves are differently colored. It is the flower of a small plant very abundant at the Cape, belonging to the family of *Scrophulariaceæ*, and is said by Dr. Pappé, of Cape Town, to possess medical virtues closely resembling those of true saffron. The flowers have been used successfully in the convulsions of children. (*P. J. Tr.*, vi. 462, 1865.)

Choice of Saffron. Saffron should not be very moist, nor very dry, nor easily pulverized; nor should it emit an offensive smell when thrown upon live coals. The freshest is the best, and that which is less than a year old should, if possible, be selected. It should possess in a high degree the characteristic properties of color, taste, and smell. When agitated with water it should color it bright yellow, and it should not effervesce in the presence of a dilute acid. If it do not color the fingers when rubbed between them, or if it have an oily feel, or a musty flavor, or a black, yellow, or whitish color, it should be rejected. In the purchase of this medicine in cakes, those should be selected which are close, tough, and firm in tearing; and care should be taken to avoid *cakes of safflower*.

As its activity depends, partly at least, on a volatile ingredient, saffron should be kept in well-stopped vessels. Some recommend that it should be enclosed in a bladder and introduced into a tin case.



Fragment of coarsely powdered Crocus. 1, epidermis, showing hair; 2, pollen cell; 3, pollen cell commencing to grow; 4, bundles of wood vessels; 5, parenchymatous tissue with epidermis; 6, transverse section, showing parenchyma and epithelium.

Medical Properties and Uses. Saffron was extensively used by the ancients and by mediæval physicians, as a highly stimulant antispasmodic and even narcotic emmenagogue, and is still employed to some extent upon the Continent; but in Great Britain and the United States it has fallen into well-deserved and almost complete desuetude. In domestic practice saffron tea is occasionally used in *exanthematous* diseases, to promote the eruption. At present it is chiefly used to impart color and flavor. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).*

CUBEBA. U. S., Br. Cubeba. [Cubeb.]

(CŪ-BĒ'BA.)

"The unripe fruit of Piper Cubeba, Linné filius (nat. ord. Piperaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried, unripe, full-grown fruit of Piper cubeba, Linn. fil. (Cubeba officinalis, Miquel)." *Br.*†

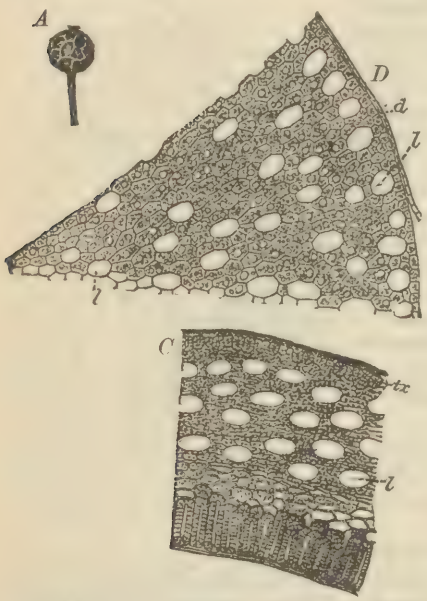
Cubebs, Cubebæ, *P. G.;* Fructus (s. Baccæ) Cubebæ, Piper Caudatum; Cubèbe, Cubèbe poivre à Queue, *Fr.;* Kubeben, *G.;* Cubebe, *It.;* Cubebas, *Sp.;* Kebabeh, *Ar.*

* *Syrupus Croci.* A *Syrup of Saffron* is sometimes called for, and would seem to be an appropriate preparation. The following formula is recommended by Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy, of Pottsville, as producing excellent results. Take of saffron ℥ss, glycerin ℥ij, water ℥vi. Macerate for a week, filter into a pint bottle, and add sufficient water through the filter to make ℥viij; then add 14 avoird. oz. of sugar, and dissolve without heat, frequently shaking. (*A. J. P.*, Feb. 1871, p. 54.)

† The fruit of the *Piper afzelii* of Lindley, *Cubeba clusii* of Miquel, figured in the *P. J. Tr.* (xiv. 201), is known in commerce as *African cubebs, Ashantee pepper, Guinea pepper,* or *African black pepper.* It was formerly taken to Europe in considerable quantities by the Portuguese, but has been superseded by the more agreeable products of the East Indies. The fruit is one-third smaller than the official cubebs, is more compact, and has a taste more analogous to that of ordinary black pepper. Dr. Stenhouse has also shown that it is chemically more analogous to black pepper than to cubebs, as it contains piperin and not cubebin. (*Ibid.*, xiv. 364.) A variety of cubebs from the Dutch East Indies differs essentially from genuine cubebs in being somewhat larger, with less distinct veins and somewhat flattened footstalks, of a less agreeable odor, and a less hot and pungent taste. It has been ascribed to *Piper anisatum.* (See *A. J. P.*, xxxv. 511.) This is probably the cubebs referred by Flückiger and Hanbury to *P. crassipes*, and described by them as larger than the ordinary cubebs, much shrivelled, with a pedicle one and a half times to twice as long as the berry, of a very bitter taste and an odor different from that of cubebs. In 1887 a false cubebs in London produced marked symptoms of gastro-intestinal irritation. Examined by Wm. Kirby (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv.), this importation conformed to the description of *P. crassipes* by Flückiger and Hanbury, except in the stalk not being so long and the taste not very bitter. Microscopically it was distinguished from other cubebs in having ten rows of cells in the endocarp instead of four, and about fourteen instead of eleven or twelve woody bundles (the last character of very doubtful constancy). In the same year (*P. J. Tr.*, xv.) Mr. Kirby described another false cubebs, with illustration. In the unground state this spurious article may be distinguished from cubebs by its larger size, less wrinkled surface, flattened pedicel, cajuput odor when bruised, and by giving no carmine color when

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Corolla* none. *Berry* one-seeded. *Willd.*

Cubebæ officinalis. Miquel.—*Piper cubeba.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 159; Woodv. *Med. Bot.*, 3d ed.. v. 95. This is a climbing perennial plant, with a smooth, flexuous, jointed stem, and entire, petiolate, oblong or ovate-oblong, acuminate leaves, rounded or obliquely cordate at the base, strongly nerved, coriaceous, and very smooth. The flowers are dicœcious and in spikes, with peduncles about as long as the petioles. The fruit is a globose, pedicelled berry. This species of Piper is a native of Java, Penang, and probably other parts of the East Indies. It is extensively grown in the coffee plantations, supported by the trees which are used for shade, and has been introduced into Ceylon. The dried unripe fruit is the official portion.

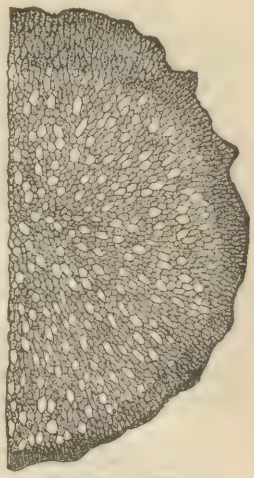


Cubeb fruit. *A*, fruit itself, natural size; *C*, segment of the fruit, magnified; *tx*, ring of stony wall-cells; *l*, oil-cells; *D*, section of the seed; *l*, oil-tubes; *d*, epidermis.

Properties. Cubebs are round, about the size of a small pea, of a blackish or grayish-brown color, and furnished with a short stalk, which is continuous with raised veins that run over the surface of the berry and embrace it like a net-work. The shell is hard, almost ligneous, and contains within it a single loose seed, covered with a blackish coat, and internally white and oleaginous. "Globular, about 4 or 5 Mm. in diameter, contracted at the base into a rounded stipe about 6 or 8 Mm. long, reticulately wrinkled, blackish-gray, internally whitish and hollow; odor strong, spicy; taste aromatic and pungent. Cubeb should not be mixed with the nearly inodorous rachis or stalks." *U. S.* The odor of the berry is agreeably aromatic; the taste warm, bitterish, and camphorous, leaving in the mouth a peculiar sensation of coolness, like that produced by oil of peppermint. The pericarp of the cubeb berry consists of three layers, the exterior of which is composed of an interrupted row of small, thick-walled cubical cells arranged in irregular groups of three or four. The middle layer of the pericarp is composed of loose, undeveloped tissue, interspersed with large oil-cells, and contains quantities of starch and sometimes groups of needle-shaped crystals. The inner layer is free from starch, and is formed of four rows of parenchymatous cells. At the junction of the inner and middle layers there are usually ten to twelve distinct woody bundles, chiefly composed of narrow spiral vessels along with a few dotted vessels. The testa consists of one row of large, thick-walled cells. The perisperm is surrounded by red membrane, formed of rather large cells, and is composed of angular parenchymatous cells containing starch and oil. On allowing thin sections to stand in glycerin for

crushed on a white surface and treated with strong sulphuric acid. In the powder it may be at once recognized by its characteristic starch granules. The berries of *Daphnidium cubeba* have also been sold in London as cubebs; they resemble the true cubebs, but differ in possessing a more agreeable flavor and in the seed readily splitting into two oily cotyledons with a superior radicle, indicating its lauraceous character. Even in powder the *Daphnidium cubeba* is to be recognized from a species of Piper by the absence of small angular starch granules. Mr. E. M. Holmes and Mr. E. D. Gravill (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv.) give the following tests which may be available in detecting powdered false cubebs. After being crushed, the genuine cubebs gives on a porcelain slab with concentrated sulphuric acid a deep crimson with a distinct carmine tint in it. *P. crassipes* strikes a reddish-brown color. *Daphnidium cubeba* a yellowish-brown color. Iodine gives with a decoction of genuine cubebs a pure blue tint, and with spurious cubebs a dull purple tint. One cubic centimeter of the tincture of true cubebs treated with ten cubic centimeters of strong sulphuric acid (sp. gr. 1·843) develops a deep violet color, the false cubebs similarly treated a deep red-brown. On diluting these mixtures with four fluidounces of distilled water and allowing them to stand, the true cubebs becomes opalescent and changes to a deep blue, the false becomes opalescent and changes to a dirty yellow. In applying these tests to adulterated cubebs, the color developed will, of course, be dependent upon the amount and character of the adulteration. The fruits of various Pipers find their way into commerce, alone or mixed with true cubebs. Those of *Piper lowong* and of *P. fiberioides* closely resemble true cubebs, whilst those of *P. caninum* are smaller and have stalks only half the diameter of the berry. Under the name of *Kebee cubebs* the fruit of the *Pothomorphe* (*Cubeba*) *mollissima* sometimes is exported from Java. According to Messrs. Gehe, the false cubebs which enter the commercial drug can usually be distinguished by the seed being adherent to the inner wall of the fruit. A product with the name of *African cubebs* which has been sent to London from Cape Coast Castle, in Africa, is the fruit of a plant belonging to the *Xanthoxylaceæ*, probably either a *Toddalia* or a *Vepris*. According to Prof. Archer, it is simply aromatic and stimulant, without any of the special virtues of cubebs. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1865, p. 463.)

a few weeks, crystals are formed both in the pericarp and in the perisperm. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv. 653.) The powder is dark-colored and of an oily aspect. The most obvious constituent of cubebs is the volatile oil, the proportion of which yielded by the drug varies from 4 to 13 per cent. It is, as shown by Oglialoro, a mixture of an oil, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 158°–163° C. (316·4°–325·4° F.), which is present in very small amount, and two oils of the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling at 262°–265° C. (503·6°–509° F.). One of these is strongly lævogyrate, and yields a crystallized compound, $C_{15}H_{24}2HCl$, melting at 118° C., while the other is less lævogyrate, and does not combine with HCl.



Transverse section.

The oil distilled from old cubebs on cooling at length deposits large transparent inodorous octohedra of *camphor of cubebs*, $C_{15}H_{26}O$. E. Schmidt (1873) found that this camphor melts at 66·5° C.; simply by standing over sulphuric acid, more rapidly on heating, it gave up water and passed into that fraction of cubeb oil which boils at 260° C., of which it is, therefore, simply the hydrate. Another constituent of cubebs is *cubebin*. This is an inodorous substance, crystallizing in small needles or scales, melting at 125° C. (257° F.), having a bitter taste in alcoholic solution; it dissolves freely in boiling alcohol, but deposits on cooling, and is abundantly soluble in chloroform. Its composition, according to Weidel (1877), is $C_{10}H_{10}O_3$. Fused with caustic potash it yields proto-catechuic acid. The resin extracted from cubebs consists of an indifferent portion, nearly 3 per cent., and of *cubebic acid*, $C_{13}H_{14}O_7$, amounting to about 1 per cent. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 587.)

The formula of cubebic acid as just given is that of Schmidt. Schultze (*Jahresbericht*, 1873, p. 863), on the other hand, gives to it the formula $C_{28}H_{30}O_7 + H_2O$. According to MM. Capitaine and Soubeiran, *cubebin* is best obtained by expressing cubebs from which the oil has been distilled, preparing from them an alcoholic extract, treating this with a solution of potassa, washing the residue with water, and purifying it by repeated crystallizations in alcohol. It bears a close resemblance to piperin, but materially differs from it in composition, as it contains no nitrogen. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 355.) In the official oleoresin of cubeb a deposit takes place consisting chiefly of cubebin, which may be obtained by washing the deposit with a small quantity of cold alcohol to remove adhering resin and oil, and then dissolving repeatedly in boiling alcohol, and crystallizing until the product is white.* The volatile oil is official. (See *Oleum Cubebæ*.) By practical trial Bernatzik has satisfied himself that the peculiar virtues of cubebs as a remedy in gonorrhœa depend not on the cubebin or the volatile oil, but on the cubebic acid. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, October, 1867, p. 534.) When the ethereal extract of cubebs is deprived of its volatile oil by evaporation, on a water-bath, and of cubebin and wax by deposition, a soft resin is left, the *cubebic acid* of Bernatzik, in which, according to Mr. F. V. Heydenreich, who experimented with it as a physiological agent, the diuretic properties reside, the cubebin being without apparent effect, and the volatile oil, though stimulant and carminative, having no diuretic action. The soft resin, which was of the consistence of honey, of a dark olive-green color, and some remaining odor of cubebs, when taken in the dose of ten grains every two hours for six hours, acted as a laxative, and gave the urine a peculiar odor, without increasing its quantity; but in the dose of a drachm, once repeated at an interval of three hours, while it produced the same effects as the smaller dose, it considerably augmented the urine. In still larger doses it produced decided irritation of the urinary passages. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1868.) Mr. Heydenreich's experiments are confirmatory of Bernatzik's conclusion as to the peculiar active principles of cubebs. Cubebs gradually deteriorate by age, and in powder become rapidly weaker, in consequence of the escape of their volatile oil. They should be kept whole, and pulverized when dispensed. The powder is said to be sometimes adulterated with that of pimento.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cubebs are generally stimulant, with a special direction to the urinary organs. In considerable quantities they excite the circulation, increase the heat of the body, and sometimes occasion headache and giddiness. At the same time they frequently produce an augmented flow of the urine, to which they impart a peculiar odor. Among their effects are also occasionally nausea and moderate purging; and they are said to cause a

* Prof. E. Schaer calls attention to the similarity in reaction between cubebin and veratrine, aconitine, morphine, and digitalin. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 531.)

sense of coolness in the rectum during the passage of the fæces. We have no evidence that they were known to the ancients. They were probably first brought into Europe by the Arabians, and were formerly employed for similar purposes with black pepper; but they were found much less powerful and fell into disuse. In India they have long been used in gonorrhœa and gleet, and as a grateful stomachic and carminative in disorders of the digestive organs, and they are at present very frequently given both in this country and in Europe in *gonorrhœa*, after the subsidence of the first active inflammatory symptoms. They have been given also in *leucorrhœa*, *cystirrhœa*, the *urethritis* of women and female children, *abscess of the prostate gland*, *piles*, and *chronic bronchial inflammation*. In connection with copaiba they have been especially recommended in affections of the neck of the bladder and the prostatic portion of the urethra. They are best administered in powder, of which the dose in gonorrhœa is from one to three drachms (3·9–11·65 Gm.) three or four times a day. For other affections, the dose is sometimes reduced to ten grains (0·65 Gm.). The volatile oil may be substituted, in the dose of ten or twelve drops (0·6–0·72 C.c.), suspended in water by means of sugar; though, if the experiments of Bernatzik and Heydenreich are to be relied on, the oil is much less efficient than the soft resin as a remedy in gonorrhœa and in diseases of the urinary passages generally. An ethereal extract is directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and considerably used; and, as it contains the soft resin or cubebic acid, it is no doubt a very efficient preparation. (See *Oleoresina Cubebæ*.) An infusion, made in the proportion of an ounce of cubebs to a pint of water, has been employed as an injection in discharges from the vagina.

CUPRI NITRAS. Br. Nitrate of Copper. [Cupric Nitrate.]

$Cu(NO_3)_2, 3H_2O$. (CŪ'PRĪ NĪ'TRĂS.)

"May be obtained by dissolving copper in diluted nitric acid and evaporating the solution until crystallization takes place on cooling to a temperature not lower than 70° F. (21°·1 C.)." *Br.*

This salt was introduced in the last revision of the British Pharmacopœia. As obtained by the above process, the crystals are prismatic and of a deep-blue color, and very deliquescent and corrosive. At a temperature below 70° F. (21°·1 C.), with one-third of its weight of water it forms tabular crystals which have the composition $Cu(NO_3)_2,6H_2O$. The addition of a very little more water causes the crystals to form a styptic and caustic fluid. The diluted aqueous solution should show only a faintly acid reaction to litmus paper.

Medical Properties. This salt has the same physiological and medical properties as copper sulphate, and may be used in the same dose.

CUPRI SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Copper Sulphate. [Cupric Sulphate.]

$CuSO_4.5H_2O$; 248·8. (CŪ'PRĪ SŬL'PHĂS.) $CuSO_4.5H_2O$; 249·2.

"May be obtained by heating sulphuric acid and copper together, dissolving the soluble product in hot water, and evaporating the solution until crystallization takes place on cooling, or by dissolving black oxide of copper in hot diluted sulphuric acid, filtering, evaporating, and crystallizing." *Br.*

Cuprum Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Cuprum Vitriolatum; Blue Vitriol, Roman Vitriol, Blue Stone; Sulfate de Cuivre, Vitriol bleu, Couperose bleu, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Kupfer, Kupfersulfat, Kupfervitriol, Blauervitriol, Blauer Galitzenstein, *G.;* Rame solfato, Vitriolo di Rame, *It.;* Sulfato de Cobre, Vitriolo azul, *Sp.*

Preparation, etc. Copper sulphate occasionally exists in nature, in solution in the water which flows through copper-mines. In this case the salt is procured by merely evaporating the waters which naturally contain it. Another method of obtaining it is to roast the native sulphide in a reverberatory furnace, whereby it is made to pass, by absorbing oxygen, into the state of sulphate. The roasted mass is lixiviated, and the solution obtained evaporated that crystals may form. The salt procured by either of these methods contains a little ferric sulphate, from which it may be freed by adding either an excess of cuprous oxide, which precipitates ferric oxide, or recently precipitated copper subcarbonate, which causes the deposition of the iron as a carbonate. (*A. J. P.*, xxxiv. 507.) A third method consists in wetting, and then sprinkling with sulphur, sheets of copper, which are next heated to redness, and while hot plunged into water. The same operation is repeated until the sheets are entirely corroded. At first a sulphide of the metal is formed, which, by the action of heat and air, gradually passes into the state of sulphate. This is dissolved by the water, and obtained in crystals by evaporation. A fourth method is to dissolve copper scales to saturation in sulphuric acid contained in a wooden vessel lined with sheet lead. The scales consist of metallic copper mixed with

oxide, and are produced in the process for annealing sheet copper. Sometimes copper sulphate is obtained in pursuing one of the methods for separating silver from gold. The silver is dissolved by boiling the alloy in sulphuric acid. The silver sulphate formed is then decomposed by the immersion of copper plates in its solution, with the effect of forming copper sulphate and precipitating the silver.

In the U. S. Pharmacopœia copper sulphate is presumed to be obtained pure from the manufacturer; the British Pharmacopœia suggests the method in which it may be prepared, without entering into the details of the process. The German Pharmacopœia has two kinds official, *Cuprum Sulfuricum*, which corresponds with the former *Cuprum Sulfuricum Purum*, and *Cuprum Sulfuricum Crudum*, or commercial sulphate.

Properties. Copper sulphate has a rich deep blue color, and a strong metallic styptic taste. It reddens vegetable blues, and crystallizes in "large, transparent, deep blue, triclinic crystals, odorless, of a nauseous, metallic taste; slowly efflorescent in dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 2·6 parts of water, and in 0·5 part of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol. When carefully and continuously heated to 30° C. (86° F.), the salt loses 2 of its 5 molecules of water (14·43 per cent.), and is converted into a pale blue, amorphous powder. Two more molecules of water are lost at 100° C. (212° F.), while the fifth is retained until 200° C. (392° F.) is reached, when a white, anhydrous powder remains (63·9 per cent. of the original weight). At a still higher temperature sulphur dioxide and oxygen are given off, and a residue of black cupric oxide is left. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) has a blue color and shows an acid reaction with litmus paper. If a drop of the solution be placed upon a bright piece of iron, it will produce a red stain of metallic copper. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution the solution yields a deep reddish-brown precipitate. Barium chloride test-solution produces a white precipitate, insoluble in hydrochloric acid. If ammonia water be added to the solution, drop by drop, a pale blue precipitate of cupric hydrate is formed, which redissolves in an excess of ammonia water, forming a deep azure-blue solution, leaving no trace of residue undissolved (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.) If the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be heated to boiling with an excess of sodium hydrate test-solution, until all of the copper has been converted into black cupric oxide, it will yield a filtrate which, after acidulation with acetic acid, should not be colored or rendered turbid by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *zinc*, etc.) If hydrogen sulphide gas be passed through 10 C.c. of the solution slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, until all the copper is precipitated as sulphide, the filtrate should, on evaporation, leave not more than a trace of residue (limit of *iron*, *aluminum*, *alkaline earths*, etc.)." *U. S.* When heated, copper sulphate first melts in its water of crystallization, and then dries and becomes white. If the heat be increased, it next undergoes the igneous fusion, and finally, at a high temperature, loses its acid, cupric oxide being left. Four of the molecules of water of crystallization can be driven off at 100° C. (212° F.); but the fifth only goes off at a temperature of from 220° C. (428° F.) to 240° C. (464° F.), when the anhydrous salt remains. Potassa, soda, and ammonia throw down from it a bluish-white precipitate of hydrated cupric oxide, which is immediately dissolved by an excess of the last-mentioned alkali, forming a rich deep blue solution, called *aqua sappharina*. It is decomposed by the alkaline carbonates, and by borax, lead acetate and subacetate, ferric acetate, silver nitrate, mercuric chloride, potassium tartrate, and calcium chloride, and it is precipitated by all astringent vegetable infusions. If it becomes very green on the surface by the action of the air, it contains ferric oxide. This oxide may also be detected by ammonia, which will throw it down along with the copper oxide, without taking it up when added in excess. When copper sulphate is obtained from the *dipping liquid* of manufacturers of brass or German silver ware, it is always contaminated with zinc sulphate, as pointed out by Mr. S. Piesse. This liquid is at first a mixture of sulphuric and nitric acids, but becomes, at last, nearly saturated with copper. When zinc is present in copper sulphate, it will be taken up by solution of potassa, added in excess, from which it may be thrown down, in white flocks, by a solution of bicarbonated alkali.

Medical Properties and Uses. Copper sulphate is irritant or mildly escharotic; and when in dilute solution, stimulant and astringent. At one time it was given in *epilepsy* and other nervous diseases; but at present it is never used internally, except for its influence upon the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. In *chronic diarrhœa* with ulceration it is often a useful remedy. In doses of 5 grains it acts as a powerful, prompt emetic, without causing general depression or much nausea, but is too irritant to be used freely. Externally it is employed in solution as a stimulant to ill-conditioned ulcers, as an escharotic for destroying

warts, fungous granulations, and callous edges, and as a styptic to bleeding surfaces. It is found, in not a few instances, to promote the cicatrization of ulcers, and is not unfrequently employed, with that view, as a wash for chancres. The preparation called *cuprum aluminatum* (*lapis divinus—pierre divine*) is made, according to the French Codex, by mixing, in powder, three ounces, each, of copper sulphate, potassium nitrate, and alum, heating the mixture in a crucible, so as to produce watery fusion, then mixing in a drachm of powdered camphor, and, finally, pouring out the whole on an oiled stone to congeal. The mass, when cold, is broken into pieces, and kept in a well-stopped bottle. It is often desirable to employ copper sulphate, as a caustic, in the form of pencil. Its tendency to effloresce interferes with its use in this way in the pure state. M. Llovet recommends for the purpose a mixture of one part of potassa-alum and two of copper sulphate, which are to be first powdered, and then gradually melted together in a porcelain vessel, and poured into moulds made of bronze. (*Gaz. des Hôp.*, Juillet 28, 1863.) Another mode of preparing *pencils of copper sulphate* is to rub briskly together four parts of that salt and one of borax, and to mould the plastic mass which results into the desired form. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1864, p. 106.) The best form is that of an elongated cone, made by selecting suitable crystals and turning them in a lathe to the desired form; or they may be made by filing the crystals, and finishing with sand-paper.

The dose of copper sulphate, as an astringent, is a quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.); as an emetic, five grains (0·33 Gm.), repeated in fifteen minutes if necessary, but not oftener than once. As a stimulant wash, the solution may be made of the strength of two, four, or eight grains to the fluidounce of water. For its effects as a poison, see *Cuprum*.

CUPRUM. Br. Copper.

Cu; 63·18. (CŪ'PRŬM.)

"Fine Copper wire, about No. 25 wire gauge, or about 0·02 inch." *Br.*

Cupreum Filum; Fil de Cuivre, Cuivre, *Fr.*; Kupfer, Kupferdraht, *G.*; Rame, *It.*; Cobre, *Sp.*

This metal is very generally diffused in nature, and exists principally in four states: as native copper, as an oxide, as a sulphide, and as a salt. Its principal native salts are the sulphate, carbonate, arsenate, and phosphate. In the United States it occurs in various localities, but especially in the neighborhood of Lake Superior, in East Tennessee, in Montana, and in Arizona. The principal producing copper-mines of Europe are those of Spain and Portugal and of Mansfeld in Germany. Chili and Japan are also relatively large producers at present.

The total production of copper in the United States has increased very rapidly in recent years, and now is just about half that of the world's annual production. It was for 1890, 259,861,000 lbs. domestic production and 6,017,000 lbs. from foreign ores; for 1891, 286,100,000 lbs. domestic production and 11,500,000 lbs. from foreign ores; for 1892, 325,180,000 lbs. domestic production and 10,200,000 lbs. from foreign ores. The three largest-producing States are Montana, Michigan, and Arizona, in the order named, the first producing fully half of the production of the whole United States. The total consumption of copper in the United States for 1892 was 266,895,715 lbs., and the exports were 90,036,800 lbs.

Properties. Copper is a brilliant, sonorous metal, of a reddish color, and very ductile, malleable, and tenacious. It has a slightly nauseous taste, and emits a disagreeable smell when rubbed. Its texture is granular, and its fracture hackly. Its sp. gr. is 8·92 to 8·95, and its fusing point 1398° C. (2538° F.) according to Daniell, being intermediate between the fusing points of silver and gold. Its atomic weight is given as 63·5, or, according to the most accurate determinations, 63·18. Exposed to the air it undergoes a slight tarnish. Its combinations are numerous and important. With oxygen it forms two well-characterized oxides, a red suboxide, better known as *cuprous* oxide, Cu_2O, and a black oxide, known as *cupric* oxide, CuO. While a cuprous chloride, iodide, and sulphide are known, it is the cupric oxide chiefly that unites with the common acids to form cupric salts. With metals copper forms numerous alloys, of which that with zinc, called brass, and that with tin, called bronze, are the most useful.

Characteristics. Copper is recognized by its color, and the effects of tests on the solution of its nitrate. This solution, with potassa, soda, and ammonia, yields a blue precipitate, soluble in excess of the latter alkali, with which it forms a deep azure-blue liquid. Potassium ferrocyanide occasions a brown precipitate of copper ferrocyanide, and a bright plate of iron immersed in the solution immediately becomes covered with a film of metallic copper. Potassium ferrocyanide is a very delicate test for minute portions of copper in solution. Another test, proposed by M. Verguin, is to precipitate the copper in the metallic state on platinum by electro-chemical action. For this purpose a drop of the liquid to be examined is placed on

a slip of platinum foil, and a slip of bright iron is brought in contact with the platinum and the liquid. If copper be present it will be instantly precipitated on the surface of the platinum.

Action on the Animal Economy. Copper in its pure state is perfectly inert, but in combination it is highly deleterious. Nevertheless a minute portion of the metal has been found in the human body. According to Millon, copper, when it exists in the blood, is, like the iron, attached to the red corpuscles. To bring the copper into a state favorable for ready detection, he advises that the blood, as it escapes from a vein, be received in about three times its bulk of water, and the mixture poured into a bottle of chlorine and agitated. The whole, upon being rapidly filtered, furnishes a liquid in which copper is readily detected. Wackenroder found copper in the blood of man, but does not consider it a constant and normal constituent. He also detected this metal in the blood of domestic animals living on a mixed diet, but not in their blood when nourished on vegetable food only. (*Chem. Gaz.*, May 1, 1854.) It has been found in the feathers of certain birds, as of a grass-green paroquet from Australia, which is said to frequent districts of the country where copper is found. (*Ibid.*, Oct. 24, 1873, p. 212.) The soluble combinations of copper, when taken in poisonous doses, produce a coppery taste in the mouth; nausea and vomiting; violent pain in the stomach and bowels; frequent black and bloody stools; small, irregular, sharp, and frequent pulse; faintings; burning thirst; difficulty of breathing; cold sweats; paucity of urine, and burning pain in voiding it; violent headache; cramps, convulsions, and finally death. The best antidote is the potassium ferrocyanide, given freely, which forms with the poison the very insoluble copper ferrocyanide. Soap and alkalies are also antidotal. Before the antidote can be procured, large quantities should be given of milk, and white of eggs mixed with water, which act favorably by forming copper caseate and copper albuminate; but these compounds should be evacuated as soon as possible by vomiting and purging. Should vomiting not take place, the stomach-pump may be employed. The symptoms of slow poisoning by copper are, according to Dr. Corrigan, of Dublin, a cachectic appearance, emaciation, loss of muscular strength, colicky pains, cough without physical signs, and retraction of the gum, with a persistent purple edge, quite distinct from the blue edge produced by lead. (*Braithwaite's Retrospect*, Am. ed., xxx. 303.) But there is much doubt whether these symptoms can be produced by the metal. (See H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*.)

In medico-legal examinations, where cupreous poisoning is suspected, Orfila recommends that the viscera be boiled in distilled water for an hour, and that the matter obtained by evaporating the filtered decoction to dryness be carbonized by nitric acid. The carbonized product will contain the copper. By proceeding in this way there is no risk of obtaining the copper which may happen to pre-exist in the animal tissues. This method of search is preferable to that of examining the contents of the stomach and intestines, from which copper may be absent, while it may have penetrated the different organs by absorption, especially the abdominal viscera.

Vessels of copper which are not coated with tin should not be used in pharmaceutical or culinary operations; for, although the metal uncombined is inert, yet the risk is great that the vessels may be acted on and a poisonous salt formed.

CUSPARIÆ CORTEX. Br. Cusparia Bark.

(CŬS-PĀ'RĮ-Æ CÖR'TĔX.)

"The dried bark of Galipea Cusparia, St. Hilaire." *Br.*

Angustura, *U. S.* 1870; Angusture, *Fr.;* Angusturarinde, *G.;* Corteccia dell' Angustura, *It.;* Corteza de Angostura, *Sp.*

This bark was dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1880.

The subject of Angustura bark in its botanical relations has been involved in some confusion. The drug was at first supposed to be derived from a species of Magnolia, and was referred by some to *Magnolia glauca* of this country. Humboldt and Bonpland were the first to throw light upon its true source. When at Angostura, a South American city on the Orinoco, they received specimens of the foliage of the plant from which the bark was obtained, and afterwards believed that they had found the same plant in a tree growing in the vicinity of Cumana. This latter they had the opportunity of personally inspecting, and were therefore enabled to describe accurately. Unable to attach it to any known genus, they erected it into a new one with the title of *Cusparia*, a name of Indian origin, to which they added the specific appellation of *febrifuga*. On their authority, *Cusparia febrifuga* was generally believed to be the true source of the medicine, and was recognized as such by the London College. A specimen having in the mean time been sent by them to Willdenow, the name of *Bonplandia* was

imposed on the new genus by that celebrated botanist, and it was subsequently adopted by Humboldt and Bonpland themselves, in their great work on equinoctial plants. Hence the title of *Bonplandia trifoliata*, by which the tree is described in many works on Materia Medica. De Candolle, however, having found in the description all the characters of the genus *Galipea* of Aublet, rejected both these titles, and substituted that of *Galipea cusparia*, which was adopted by the London College, and has been retained in the British Pharmacopœia. But, after all these changes, it appears from the researches of Dr. Hancock, who resided for several months in the country of the Angustura bark tree, that it is doubtful whether the plant described by Humboldt and Bonpland is that which yields the medicine, and is not another species of the same genus. Among other striking differences between them is that of their size; the tree described by Humboldt and Bonpland being at least sixty feet high, while that from which the bark is obtained is never more than twenty feet. Hancock proposed for the latter the title of *Galipea officinalis*, which was adopted in the U. S. P. 1870.

Gen. Ch. Corolla inferior, irregular, four- or five-cleft, hypocrateriform. *Stamens* four; two sterile. *Loudon's Encyc.*

Galipea officinalis. Hancock, *Trans. Lond. Medico-Bot. Soc.*—*Galipea cusparia.* St.-Hilaire, *B. & T.* 43. This is a small tree, irregularly branched, rising to the medium height of twelve or fifteen feet, with an erect stem from three to five inches in diameter, and covered with a smooth gray bark. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, and composed of three leaflets, which are oblong, pointed at each extremity, from six to ten inches in length, from two to four in breadth, and supported upon the common petiole by short leaf-stalks. They are very smooth and glossy, of a vivid green color, marked occasionally with small whitish round spots, and, when fresh, of a strong odor resembling that of tobacco. The flowers are numerous, white, arranged in axillary and terminal peduncled racemes, and of a peculiar unpleasant odor. The fruit consists of five bivalve capsules, of which two or three are commonly abortive. The seeds, two of which are contained in each capsule, one often abortive, are round, black, and of the size of a pea. The tree grows abundantly on the mountains of Carony, between the 7th and 8th degrees of N. latitude, and is well known in the missions near the Orinoco, upwards of 200 miles from the ocean. It flourishes at the height of from six hundred to one thousand feet above the level of the sea. Its elegant white blossoms, which appear in vast profusion in August and September, add greatly to the beauty of the scenery.

The bark is generally brought from the West Indies packed in casks; but, according to Mr. Brande, the original package as it comes from Angostura consists of the leaves of a species of palm, surrounded by a net-work of sticks.

Properties. The pieces are of various lengths, for the most part slightly curved, rarely quilled, sometimes nearly flat, from half a line to a line or more in thickness, pared away towards the edges, covered externally with a light yellowish gray or whitish wrinkled epidermis, easily scraped by the nail, and internally of a yellowish fawn color. They are very fragile, breaking with a short, resinous fracture, and yield, on being pulverized, a pale yellow powder; but when macerated for a short time in water, swell up to two or three times their original thickness and become soft and tenacious, and may be cut into strips with scissors. The cut surface usually exhibits under the microscope numerous white points or minute lines. (*Br.*) Calcium oxalate raphides are abundant in the bark, but the most characteristic peculiarity is the presence of numerous cells a little larger than the other parenchymatous cells and completely filled with oil or a yellowish resin.* The smell of Angustura bark is peculiar and disagreeable when fresh, becoming fainter with age; the taste is bitter and slightly aromatic, leaving a sense of pungency at the end of the tongue. According to Fischer, it contains volatile oil, bitter extractive, a hard and bitter resin, a soft resin, a substance analogous to caoutchouc, gum, lignin, and various salts. Oberlin and Schlagdenhauffen (1878) found in the bitter extractive an alkaloid, *angosturine*, $C_{10}H_{40}NO_{14}$, which melts at 85° C., is crystallizable, and is turned red by pure sulphuric acid, and green by sulphuric acid with admixture of nitric acid. The volatile oil, which may be obtained by distillation with water, is of a pale yellowish color, lighter than water, of an acrid taste, and with the odor of the bark. Its formula is given as $C_{13}H_{24}O$ by Dr. C. Herzog, who states that its boiling point is 266·1° C. (511° F.), probably one of the highest of the volatile oils. (*Chem. Gaz.*, May 15, 1858.) *Cusparin* is the name given by Saladin to a principle deposited in tetrahedral crystals when an infusion of the bark is treated with absolute alcohol, at common temperatures, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously.

Beckurts and Nehring (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 410) have recently announced the discovery of

* For an elaborate microscopical study of the bark, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxviii. 230.

four alkaloids in Angustura bark,—viz., *galipine*, $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3$, melting at 115·5° C. and crystallizing in slender lustrous needles of white color; *galipidine*, $C_{19}H_{19}NO_3$, melting at 111° C. and crystallizing in silky lustrous plates of white color; *cusparine*, $C_{20}H_{19}NO_3$, melting at 89° C. and readily soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, acetone, and benzene, more sparingly in light petroleum; and *cusparidine*, $C_{19}H_{17}NO_3$, melting at 78° C. and crystallizing in minute slender white needles. Its salts are less soluble than those of galipine and galipidine, but more readily than those of cusparine. The four alkaloids are tertiary bases. Beckurts and Nehring also extracted the essential oil, amounting to 1·5 per cent. It had a sp. gr. at 15° C. of 0·956. Distilled under a pressure of 35 Mm. it commenced to boil at 153° C., and the greater part distilled between 200° and 220° C., the last portions becoming solid when artificially chilled. They found the bitter principle *angosturin*, which when purified was white and melted at 58° C. A glucoside was also found, the solution of which fluoresced; but it was not fully investigated.

Dr. A. T. Thomson states that precipitates are produced with the infusion by the solutions of ferrous sulphate, antimony and potassium tartrate, copper sulphate, lead acetate and subacetate, mercuric chloride, silver nitrate, and pure potassa, by nitric and sulphuric acids, and by the infusions of galls and yellow cinchona; but how far these substances are medicinally incompatible with the bark it would be difficult to determine.

False Angustura. Under this title, European writers describe a bark which was introduced on the Continent mixed with true Angustura bark, and, being possessed of poisonous properties, produced in some instances unpleasant effects when dispensed by mistake for that medicine. It is distinguished by its greater thickness, hardness, weight, and compactness; by its resinous fracture; by the appearance of its epidermis, which is sometimes covered with a ferruginous efflorescence, sometimes is yellowish gray and marked with prominent white spots; by the brownish color and smoothness of its internal surface, which is not, like that of the genuine bark, separable into laminæ; by the white slightly yellow powder which it yields; by its total want of odor, and its intense tenacious bitterness. When steeped in water it does not become soft, like the true Angustura. Pelletier and Caventou found it to contain *brucin*. (See *Nux Vomica*.) In consequence of the presence of this principle, a drop of nitric acid upon the internal surface of the bark produces a deep-red spot. The same acid, applied to the external surface, renders it emerald-green. In true Angustura bark a dull-red color is produced by the acid on both surfaces. The *false Angustura* was at first supposed to be derived from *Brucea antidysenterica*, but at present is ascribed to *Strychnos nux vomica*.

Brazilian Angustura Bark, the product of *Esenbeckia febrifuga*, consists of slightly curved pieces 8 to 10 inches long, about $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in thickness, of a persistently bitter taste. The outer surface is usually ashen gray, and always marked with longitudinal red or black spots on a yellow ground; the inner surface is reddish, with paler, distinct, elongated fibres. On maceration the bark does not swell. (Oberlin and Schlagdenhauffen, *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxviii.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Angustura bark had been long used by the natives of the countries where it grows before it became known elsewhere. From the continent its employment extended to the West Indies, where it acquired considerable reputation, and about eighty years since it was introduced into Europe. Its operation is that of a stimulant tonic. In large doses it also evacuates the stomach and bowels, and is often employed for this purpose in South America. It is said to be peculiarly efficacious in bilious *diarrhœas* and *dysenteries*, and has been recommended in *dyspepsia* and other diseases requiring a tonic treatment. The testimony, however, of practitioners in Europe and the United States is not strongly in its favor; and it is probably better adapted to tropical diseases than to those of temperate climates.

It may be given in powder, infusion, tincture, or extract. The dose in substance is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). In larger quantities it is apt to produce nausea. From five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.) is the dose of the extract, which, however, according to Dr. Hancock, is inferior to the powder or infusion. To obviate nausea, it is frequently combined with aromatics. (See *Infusum Cuspariæ*.)

CUSSO. U. S., Br. Kousso. [Brayera, Pharm. 1880.]

(cūs′sō.)

"The female inflorescence of Hagenia Abyssinica (Bruce), Gmelin (nat. ord. Rosaceæ.)" *U. S.* "The dried panicles (chiefly of female flowers) of Hagenia Abyssinica, Willd. (Brayera anthelmintica, Kunth)." *Br.*

Koosso; Flores Kosso, *P. G.*; Kusso, *E.*; Cousso, Kousso, *Fr.*; Kosso, Kusso, Cusso, *G.*

Gen. Ch. "*Calyx* with the tube bibracteolate at the base, turbinate; throat internally constricted by a membranous ring; the limb with two series of segments, each five in number, the outer much larger. *Petals* five, inserted in the throat of the calyx, small, linear. *Stamens* from fifteen to twenty, inserted with the petals. *Filaments* free, unequal. *Anthers* bilocular, dehiscing longitudinally. *Carpels* two at the bottom of the calyx, free, unilocular, containing one or two pendulous ovules. *Styles* terminal, exserted from the throat of the calyx, thickened upward. *Stigmas* subpeltate, dilated, crenate, oblong." The flowers are said to be diœcious; though the male flowers have well-developed carpels.

Brayera anthelmintica. Kunth; De Cand. *Prodrom.* ii. 580; Pereira, *Mat. Med.*, 3d ed., ii. 1818.—*Hagenia abyssinica.* Lamarck. *B. & T.* 102.—*Banksia abyssinica.* Bruce. This is a tree about twenty feet high, growing on the table-land of Abyssinia, at an elevation of from three thousand to eight thousand feet. The branches exhibit circular cicatrices, left by the fallen leaves. These are crowded near the ends of the branches, large, pinnate, sheathing at the base, with opposite, lanceolate, serrate leaflets, villose at the margin, and nerved beneath. The unisexual flowers are tinged with purple, pedicelled, with an involucre of four roundish, oblong, obtuse, membranous bracts, and are arranged in fours, upon hairy, flexuous, bractate peduncles, with alternate branches. They are small and of a greenish color, becoming purple. These and the unripe fruit are the parts of the plant employed. The petals are apt to be wanting in the dried flowers. They are brought from Abyssinia packed in boxes, reaching Europe chiefly by way of Aden and Bombay. The Abyssinian name of the medicine has been variously spelled by European writers kosso, koosso, cusso, cosso, etc. The fruit of the tree is said to be used as an anthelmintic in Abyssinia, but Dragendorff failed to detect any active principle in it.

Properties. The dried flowers are in unbroken though compressed clusters. The male flowers are usually collected, so that ordinarily the general color of the mass is greenish yellow or light brown; sometimes the female flowers constitute the bulk of the drug, which then has a distinct reddish tint, and is often known in commerce as *red kousso*. In accordance with our Pharmacopœia, this commercial variety should alone be used. The official description is as follows: "In bundles, rolls, or compressed clusters, consisting of panicles about 25 Cm. long, with a sheathing bract at the base of each branch; the two roundish bracts at the base of each flower, and the four or five obovate, outer sepals, are of a reddish color, membranous and veiny; calyx top-shaped, hairy, enclosing two carpels or nutlets; odor slight, fragrant, and tea-like; taste bitter, acrid, and nauseous." *U. S.* As the medicine, from its high price, is apt to be adulterated, it should be procured in the unpowdered state, in which the botanical characters of the flower will sufficiently test its genuineness. It has a fragrant balsamic odor; and the taste, slightly perceptible at first, becomes in a short time somewhat acrid and disagreeable. Analyzed by Wittstein, it was found to contain, in 100 parts, 1·44 of fatty matter and chlorophyll, 2·02 of wax, 6·25 of bitter acrid resin, 0·77 of tasteless resin, 1·08 of sugar, 7·22 of gum, 24·40 of tannic acid, 40·97 of lignin, 15·71 of ashes, with 0·14 part of loss. In 1855 it was studied by Clemens Willing (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1855, p. 224), who found a small quantity of tannin, volatile oil, crystallizable acid, and a bitter resin. In 1858, Pavesi (*Viertelj. f. Prak. Pharm.*, viii. 505) made a further chemical study of the drug; but we are chiefly indebted to Dr. Bedall, of Munich, for determining that the bitter acrid resin of Wittstein is equivalent to the tæniin of Pavesi, and for the name of *kosin*. It may be obtained by treating kousso repeatedly with alcohol to which calcium hydrate has been added; the residue is boiled with water, the liquids are mixed, filtered, and distilled, and the residue treated with acetic acid, which precipitates the kosin in a white flocculent form, soon becoming denser and resin-like, and, on drying, yellowish, or, at a higher temperature, brown. The product is 3 per cent. In bulk, kosin has an odor like that of Russia leather, a persistent bitter and acrid taste, a yellowish or yellowish-white color, and an indistinct crystalline appearance under the microscope. It is very sparingly soluble in water, but freely so in alcohol, ether, and alkaline solutions. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 394.) Its formula, according to Flückiger, is $C_{31}H_{38}O_{10}$. It fuses at 142° C. (287·6° F.), and remains after cooling an amorphous yellow mass, but if touched with alcohol it immediately assumes the form of stellate tufts of crystals. This may be repeated at pleasure, kosin not being altered by cautious fusion. (*Pharmacog.*, 2d ed., p. 258.) Kosin is not decomposed by boiling dilute acids. It dissolves in strong sulphuric acid, giving a yellow solution, which becomes turbid by addition of water, white amorphous kosin being thrown down. From the fact that at the same time an odor of isobutyric acid is evolved, Flückiger considers that it may be a compound ether of that acid.

Koussinate of Sodium has been recommended by Pavesi as a very eligible preparation for obtaining the virtues of kosin: a process is given in *Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 96, *A. J. P.*, 1885.

Medical Properties. Koosso is highly valued in Abyssinia as a vermifuge. Bruce speaks of it in his travels, and gives a figure of the plant. Dr. Brayer, a French physician practising in Constantinople, published a treatise on it at Paris in 1823. It was in his honor that Kunth adopted the generic title of the plant. Much attention has recently been attracted to this medicine; and trials made with it have proved that it has extraordinary efficacy in the destruction and expulsion of the *tape-worm*. Its effects when taken internally are not very striking. In the ordinary dose it sometimes produces heat of stomach, nausea, and even vomiting, and shows a tendency to act on the bowels, though this effect is not always produced. It appears to act exclusively as a poison to the worms, and has been found equally effectual in both kinds of tape-worm. The medicine is taken in the morning upon an empty stomach, a light meal having been made the preceding evening. A previous evacuation of the bowels is also recommended. The flowers are given in the form of powder, mixed with half a pint of warm water, the mixture being allowed to stand for fifteen minutes, then stirred up, and taken in two or three draughts at short intervals. The medicine may be preceded and followed by lemonade. The medium dose for an adult is half an ounce (15·5 Gm.), which may be diminished one-third for a child of twelve years, one-half for one of six years, and two-thirds for one of three years. Should the medicine not act on the bowels in three or four hours, a brisk cathartic should be administered. One dose is said to be sufficient to destroy the worm. Should the quantity mentioned not prove effectual, it may be increased to an ounce (31·1 Gm.).

The principle kosin has been considerably used in Germany, and Dr. Bedall recommends it as one of the best tænifuges, two scruples (2·6 Gm.) being sufficient to discharge the worm; and, taken in 2 or 4 powders, it usually agrees with the patient, only exceptionally causing transient nausea and vomiting; but Buchheim found *pure* kosin less powerful as an anthelmintic than that which was not pure, whilst Arena (*Pharm. Zeitschr. f. Russl.*, 1879, p. 655) believes that kosin is not the active principle at all, but that the activity of koosso resides exclusively in the green slightly bitter resin, which is soluble in alcohol and ether. If this view be correct, it explains the greater efficacy of freshly-powdered koosso, for the green resin turns yellow by age and loses its power. (See *Extractum Cusso.*)

CYPRIPEDIUM. U. S. Cypripedium. [Ladies' Slipper.]

(ÇŸP-RĮ-PĒ'DĮ-ŬM.)

"The rhizome and roots of Cypripedium pubescens, Swartz, and of Cypripedium parviflorum, Salisbury (nat. ord. Orchideæ)." *U. S.*

Rhizoma Cypripedii; Ladies' Slipper Root; Racine de Cypripède jaune, Valériane américaine, *Fr.*; Gelbfrauenschuh-Wurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Sepals spreading; the two anterior generally united into one under the lip. *Petals* similar, but usually narrower, spreading. *Lip* a large inflated sac, somewhat slipper-shaped. *Column* short, three-lobed; the lateral lobes bearing an anther under each, the middle dilated and petal-like. *Gray.*

Under the common name of *ladies' slipper*, or *moccasin plant*, several species of Cypripedium inhabit the woods in different parts of the United States. They are small plants, with large, many-nerved, plaited leaves, sheathing at the base, and large often beautiful flowers, of a shape not unlike the Indian moccasin, whence they derive one of their common names. Their generic name of Cypripedium (*Κύπρις*, *Venus*, and *πόδιον*, *sock*) had a similar origin. Several of them have been used by American physicians, the root being the part employed. Dr. R. P. Stevens, of Ceres, Pennsylvania, says of them that he has found the *C. spectabile* and *C. acaule*, especially when growing in dark swamps, to be possessed of narcotic properties, and to be less safe than the *C. parviflorum*, which is gently stimulant with a tendency to the nervous system, and is quite equal to valerian. He has employed it advantageously in *hysteria*, and in the pains of the joints following scarlet fever. (*N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, iv. 359.) Dr. E. Ives considers *C. pubescens*, *C. spectabile*, and *C. humile* identical in their effects, but *C. pubescens* the most powerful. (*Trans. Am. Med. Assoc.*, iii. 312.) The roots of the two species *C. pubescens* and *C. parviflorum* are indiscriminately kept in the shops and sold by the same name.

Cypripedium pubescens. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 142. The *yellow ladies' slipper*, as this plant is called from the color of its flowers, has a simple often flexuous, pubescent, leafy stem, from

one to two feet high. The leaves are pubescent, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, narrowing at the base, about four or five inches long by two in breadth, alternate, sessile, and sheathing. The flower is usually solitary and terminal, with four divisions of the perianth, the two outer cohering nearly to the apex, the inner longer, narrower, undulatory or twisted, and the lip an inch or two in length, swelling sac-like, and of a yellow color. The fruit is an oblong capsule, tapering at each end, recurved, pubescent, and peduncled. The plant is indigenous, growing abundantly in rich, moist woods throughout the United States.

Cypripedium parviflorum. (Salisbury.) *Common Ladies' Slipper. Small-flowered Ladies' Slipper.* This is a perennial plant with a leafy stem, a foot or two in height, and comparatively small yellowish-green flowers, appearing in May. The specific character of the flower, which is that also of the plant, is that the lobe of the style is triangular and acute; the outer petals are oblong-ovate and acuminate; the inner linear and contorted; the lips shorter than the petals, and compressed. This species grows extensively through the United States south of the Potomac, east and west of the Alleghanies, and in several of the Northern States, particularly New York, Michigan, Connecticut, and Vermont. In Pennsylvania, especially near Philadelphia, it does not appear to prevail, and it is not mentioned in Darlington's *Flora Cestrica* as among the plants of Chester County.

The rhizome is from two to four inches long. "Of horizontal growth, bent, 10 Cm., or less, long; from 3 to 5 Mm. thick; on the upper side beset with numerous circular, cup-shaped scars; closely covered below with simple, wiry roots varying from 10 to 15 Cm. in length; brittle, dark brown or orange-brown; fracture short, white; odor peculiar, heavy; taste sweetish, bitter, and somewhat pungent." *U. S.* Prof. Maisch gives a distinctive description of the roots of the two species, of which the following is a condensed account. Of *C. pubescens* the rhizome is almost horizontal, in its greatest length nearly four inches, slightly bent with a shallow downward curve, from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch thick, with numerous deeply concave scars left by the stems, having fully the width of the rhizome. The rootlets are numerous, several inches in length, sometimes even nine inches or more, about $\frac{1}{14}$ of an inch thick, without branches, somewhat undulate, and, though attached to the rhizome on all sides, are abruptly turned downward, owing to its horizontal position in the ground. Their color is yellowish brown, becoming much darker on drying, which causes longitudinal wrinkles. The cortical part of both species is colored blue by iodine. The rhizome of *C. parviflorum* is altogether different from the former, being bent nearly at right angles three or four times, each section about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch long; and the whole length, while only about two inches in a straight line from end to end, is yet actually three inches along the course of the rhizome. This is about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch thick, and has stem-scars about the same in width, with about three in each bend. The rootlets, which are attached to all sides of the rhizome, are numerous, four to six inches long, less undular than those of *C. pubescens*, and of a brighter color, being a decided orange-brown when fresh, and changing little on drying. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 297.)

The roots of the Cypripedia are sometimes mixed, as brought into the market, with those of *Hydrastis canadensis*, from the plants occasionally growing in close contiguity. (See *Hydrastis.*) Roots of seneka have also been noticed in specimens of Cypripedium; but there can be no difficulty in distinguishing them.

Properties. Cypripedium has a somewhat aromatic odor, which diminishes by time, and a bitter, sweetish, peculiar, and in the end somewhat pungent taste. It yields its virtues to water and alcohol. The root has been analyzed by Mr. Henry C. Blair, who found it to contain a volatile oil, a volatile acid, tannic and gallic acids, two resins, gum, glucose, starch, and lignin. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 494.) The so-called eclectics prepare what they improperly call *cypripedin* by precipitating with water a concentrated tincture of the root. The substance thus obtained is complex, and has no claim to the name given it, which ought to be reserved for the active principle when discovered. It is probable that the virtues of the root reside in a volatile oil and a bitter principle.

Medical Uses. Cypripedium appears to be a gentle nervous stimulant or antispasmodic, and has been used for the same purposes as valerian, though less powerful. Dr. E. Ives, of New Haven, Conn., commends the remedy in *hypochondriasis, neuralgia*, and morbid sensitiveness of the nervous system generally, and especially of the eye. It may be used in powder, infusion, or tincture. The dose of the powder given by Dr. Ives was fifteen grains (1 Gm.) three times a day. The oleoresin, obtained by precipitating the tincture, has been given in doses varying from half a grain to three grains (0·03–0·20 Gm.). (See *Extractum Cypripedii Fluidum.*)

DECOCTA. Decoctions.

(DĒ-CŎC'TĄ.)

Décoctions, *Fr.*; Abkochungen, *G.*

Decoctions are solutions of vegetable principles, obtained by *boiling* the substances containing these principles in water. Vegetables generally yield their soluble ingredients more readily, and in larger proportion, to water maintained at the point of ebullition, than to the same liquid at a lower temperature. Hence decoction is occasionally preferred to infusion as a mode of extracting the virtues of plants, when the call for the remedy is urgent, and the greatest possible activity in the preparation is desirable. The process should be conducted in a covered vessel, so as to confine the vapor over the surface of the liquid, and thus prevent the access of atmospheric air, which sometimes exerts an injurious agency upon the active principle. The boiling, moreover, should not, as a rule, be long continued; as the ingredients of the vegetable are apt to react on one another, and thus lose, to a greater or less extent, their original character. The substance submitted to decoction should if dry be either powdered or well bruised, if fresh should be sliced, so that it may present an extensive surface to the action of the solvent; and previous maceration for some time in water is occasionally useful by overcoming the cohesion of the vegetable fibre. Should the physician not happen to prescribe this preliminary comminution, the pharmacist should not omit it.

All vegetable substances are not proper objects for decoction. In many the active principle is volatile at a boiling heat, in others it undergoes some change unfavorable to its activity, and in a third set is associated with inefficient or nauseous principles, which, though insoluble or but slightly soluble in cold water, are abundantly extracted by that liquid at the boiling temperature, and thus encumber, if they do not positively injure, the preparation. In all these instances, infusion is preferable to decoction. Besides, by the latter process more matter is often dissolved than the water can retain, so that upon cooling a precipitation takes place and the liquid is rendered turbid, and this constitutes the greatest objection to this class of preparations. When the active principle is thus dissolved in excess, the decoction should always be strained while hot, so that the matter which separates on cooling may be mixed again with the fluid by agitation at the time of administering the remedy. In compound decoctions, the ingredients may be advantageously added at different periods of the process, according to the length of boiling requisite for extracting their virtues; and, should one of them owe its activity to a volatile principle, the proper plan is, at the close of the process, to pour upon it the boiling decoction, and allow the liquor to cool in a covered vessel.

As a rule, glass or earthenware vessels should be preferred, as those made of metal are sometimes corroded by the ingredients of the decoction, which thus become contaminated. Vessels of clean cast-iron or common tin, or of block tin, are preferable to those of copper, brass, or zinc; but iron pots should not be used where astringent vegetables are concerned.

Decoctions, from the mutual reaction of their constituents, as well as from the influence of the air, are apt to spoil in a short time. Hence they should be prepared only when wanted for use, and should not be kept, in warm weather, for a longer period than forty-eight hours.

The tendency of modern medicine and pharmacy has been decidedly against the employment of decoctions; the nauseous taste, bulky dose, repulsive appearance, and non-permanent character have been powerful reasons for causing their retirement, whilst the use of tinctures and fluid extracts has largely increased. In the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia the number of official decoctions was reduced to two, and a general formula was appended for the guidance of the pharmacist. The U. S. P. 1890 reduced the strength of the decoctions from 10 per cent. to 5 per cent., as will be seen from the following. "An ordinary Decoction, the strength of which is not directed by the physician, nor specified by the Pharmacopœia, shall be prepared by the following formula: Take of the Substance, coarsely comminuted, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Put the substance into a suitable vessel provided with a cover, pour upon it *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of cold Water, cover it well, and boil for fifteen minutes. Then let it cool to about 40° C. (104° F.), express, strain the expressed liquid, and pass enough cold Water through the strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms].

"*Caution.* The strength of Decoctions of energetic or powerful substances should be specially prescribed by the physician." *U. S.* The decoctions which were official in 1870 but dropped at the 1880 revision are *Decoctions of Pipsissewa, Yellow Cinchona, Red Cinchona,*

Dogwood, *Bittersweet*, *Logwood*, *Barley*, *White Oak*, *Seneka*, and *Uva Ursi*. With the exception of decoction of barley, these were all made by boiling a troyounce of the drug with a pint of water for fifteen minutes, straining, and adding sufficient water through the strainer to make the decoction measure a pint.

DECOCTUM ALOES COMPOSITUM. Br. Compound Decoction of Aloes.

(DĒ-CŎC'TUM ĂL'Ō-ĒS CŌM-PŎS'Ĭ-TŬM.)

Tisane (Décocté) d'Aloès composée, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetztes Aloedecoct, *G.*

"Take of Extract of Socotrine Aloes *half an ounce* [av.]; Myrrh, Saffron, Carbonate of Potassium, of each, *quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Extract of Liquorice *two ounces* [av.]; Compound Tincture of Cardamoms *fifteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water a sufficiency to make *fifty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Reduce the Extract of Aloes and the Myrrh to coarse powder, and put them together with the Carbonate of Potassium and Extract of Liquorice into a suitable covered vessel with a pint of Distilled Water; boil gently for five minutes, then add the Saffron. Let the vessel with its contents cool, then add the Tincture of Cardamoms, and, covering the vessel closely, allow the ingredients to macerate for two hours; finally, strain through flannel, pouring as much Distilled Water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure *fifty fluidounces*. This preparation should be kept in vessels from which air is excluded as far as possible." *Br.*

This is essentially the former process of the British Colleges. The direction is properly given to rub the aloes, myrrh, and potassium carbonate together before the addition of the other ingredients. The effect of the alkaline carbonate is by combining with the resin of the myrrh, and the insoluble portion (apotheme of Berzelius) of the aloes, to render them more soluble in water, while the liquorice assists in the suspension of the portion not actually dissolved. The tincture of cardamom is useful not only by its cordial property, but also by preventing spontaneous decomposition. This decoction is said not to filter clear when first made, but, if kept for some time, to deposit insoluble matter, and then to become bright and clear on filtering. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 491.)

Long boiling impairs the purgative property of aloes; and the same effect is thought to be produced, to a certain extent, by the alkalies, which certainly qualify its operation and render it less apt to irritate the rectum. This decoction, therefore, is milder as a cathartic than aloes itself: it is also more tonic and cordial, from the presence of the myrrh, saffron, and cardamom, and derives antacid properties from the potassium carbonate. It is given as a gentle cathartic, tonic, and emmenagogue, and is especially useful in *dyspepsia*, *habitual constipation*, and atonic *amenorrhœa*. The dose is from one-half to two fluidounces (15–60 C.c.). The decoction should not be combined in prescription with acids, acidulous salts, or other bodies incompatible with the alkaline carbonate.

DECOCTUM CETRARIÆ. U. S., Br. Decoction of Cetraria.

(DĒ-CŎC'TUM CĒ-TRĀ'RĬ-Æ.)

Decoction of Iceland Moss; Tisane (Décocté) de Lichen d'Islande, *Fr.;* Islandisch-Moos-Absud (Decoct), *G.*

"Cetraria, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Cover the Cetraria, in a suitable vessel, with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of cold Water, express after half an hour, and throw the liquid away. Then boil the Cetraria with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water for half an hour, strain, and add enough cold Water, through the strainer, to make the product, when cold, measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Iceland Moss *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Wash the Moss in cold water, to remove impurities; boil it with the Distilled Water for ten minutes in a covered vessel, and strain, with gentle pressure, while hot; then pour Distilled Water over the contents of the strainer until the strained product measures a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This is one of the two decoctions retained in the present U. S. Pharmacopœia. It is stronger than the one official in 1870. At present there is 5 per cent. of Iceland moss used in the preparation, where there was formerly but about 3 per cent. It is now of about the same strength as the British. The directions of the U. S. P. 1850 were to boil *half an ounce* of the Moss with *a pint and a half* of Water down to a pint, and to strain with compression; and this process

is preferable when the object is to extract not only the bitter principle, but also the whole of the demulcent and nutritive matter. As the bitter principle is dissolved along with the starch-like matter of the moss, this decoction unites an unpleasant flavor to its demulcent properties; but the plan which has been proposed of first extracting the bitterness by maceration in water or a very weak solution of an alkaline carbonate, and afterwards preparing the decoction, is inadmissible, as the peculiar virtues which distinguish the medicine from the ordinary demulcents are thus entirely lost. (See *Cetraria.*) A pint (473 C.c.) of the decoction may be taken during the day.*

DECOCTUM CINCHONÆ. Br. Decoction of Cinchona.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM CĬN-ĢHŌ'NÆ.)

Decoctum Chinæ Regiæ: Tisane (Décocté) de Quinquina jaune, *Fr.;* Königschina-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Red Cinchona Bark, in No. 20 powder, *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel. Strain the decoction, when cold, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*† Dose, one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

DECOCTUM GRANATI RADICIS. Br. Decoction of Pomegranate Root.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM GRĄ-NĀ'TĪ RĄ-DĪ'CĬS.)

Decoctum Corticis Radicis Granati; Tisane (Décocté) d'Ecorce de la Racine de Grenadier, *Fr.;* Granatwurzel-Rinden-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Pomegranate Root Bark, sliced, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Boil down to a pint [Imp. meas.], and strain, making the strained product up to a pint [Imp. meas.], if necessary, by pouring distilled water over the contents of the strainer." *Br.* Dose, two to four fluidounces (60–120 C.c.).

For the uses and dose of this decoction, see *Granati Radicis Cortex.*

DECOCTUM HÆMATOXYLI. Br. Decoction of Logwood.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM HÆ-MĄ-TŎX'Y-LĪ—hē-mą-tŏk'sĭj-lī.)

Tisane (Décocté) de Bois de Campêche, *Fr.;* Blauholz-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Logwood, in chips, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Cinnamon Bark, bruised, *fifty-five grains;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil the Logwood in the Water for ten minutes in a covered vessel, adding the Cinnamon towards the end. Strain the decoction, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

We prefer the old U. S. formula, which ordered an ounce of the logwood to be boiled with two pints down to a pint, and doubt much whether the wood is exhausted by a boiling of ten or fifteen minutes. The cinnamon of the Br. formula is in general a very suitable addition, but there might be circumstances under which it would be better omitted; and in this case, as in others, any addition to the simple decoction might be left to the judgment of the prescriber.

* *Decoctum Chimaphilæ.* U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Pipsissewa.* "Take of Pipsissewa, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Pipsissewa in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870. This decoction is in every way inferior to the fluid extract. One pint (472 C.c.) of it may be given in the course of twenty-four hours.

† *Decoctum Cinchonæ Flavæ.* U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Yellow Cinchona.* "Take of Yellow Cinchona, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Yellow Cinchona in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870.

Decoctum Cinchonæ Rubræ. U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Red Cinchona. Decoction of Red Bark.* "Take of Red Cinchona, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Red Cinchona in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870.

These decoctions have been very appropriately dropped from the Pharmacopœia. Although capable, no doubt, of impressing the system, they are very ineligible preparations. The dose of either decoction is two fluidounces (60 C.c.), to be repeated more or less frequently according to circumstances. Two drachms of orange peel, added to the decoction while still boiling hot, improve its flavor, and render it more acceptable to the stomach.

Decoctum Cornûs Floridæ. U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Dogwood.* "Take of Dogwood, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Dogwood in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870. This decoction has been proposed as a substitute for that of Peruvian bark; but, though possessed of analogous properties, it is much inferior in efficacy, and is not likely to be extensively employed so long as the Peruvian tonic is attainable. The dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.).

Decoctum Dulcamaræ. U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Bittersweet.* "Take of Bittersweet, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Bittersweet in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870. This is a good preparation of bittersweet if it is absolutely necessary to use an aqueous menstruum. Dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

This is an excellent astringent in *diarrhœas* of relaxation. Dose, for an adult, two fluidounces (60 C.c.); for a child about two years old, two or three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 C.c.).

DECOCTUM HORDEI. Br. Decoction of Barley.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM HÖR'DĘ-Ī.)

Tisane d'Orge perlé, *Fr.;* Gerstenschleim, *G.*

"Take of Pearl Barley *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imperial measure]. Wash the Barley in cold water, and reject the washings; boil the washed Barley with the Distilled Water for twenty minutes, in a covered vessel, and strain. The product is about one pint." *Br.*

Barley water, as this decoction is usually called, is much employed as a nutritive drink in febrile and inflammatory complaints, and, from the total absence of irritating properties, is peculiarly adapted to cases in which the gastric or intestinal mucous membrane is inflamed. As the stomach of those for whom it is directed is often exceedingly delicate, and apt to revolt against anything having the slightest unpleasantness of flavor, it is important that the decoction should be properly made; and, though the office of preparing it generally falls to nurses, yet the introduction of the process into the Pharmacopœia is not without advantage, as a formula is thus ever before the physician, by which he may give his directions, with the certainty, if obeyed, of having a good preparation. The object of the washing with cold water is completely to remove any mustiness, or other disagreeable flavor, which the barley may have acquired from exposure. Dose, one to four fluidounces (30–120 C.c.).

DECOCTUM PAPAVERIS. Br. Decoction of Poppy.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM PĄ-PĀ'VĘ-RĪS.)

Tisane de Pavot, *Fr.;* Mohnkapseln-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Poppy Capsules, bruised, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a pint and a half* [Imperial measure]. Boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel, then strain, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This decoction is used as an anodyne fomentation in painful tumors, and in superficial cutaneous inflammation or excoriation. It is recommended not to reject the seeds, as their oil, suspended in the water by the mucilage of the capsules, adds to the emollient virtues of the preparation.

DECOCTUM PAREIRÆ. Br. Decoction of Pareira.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM PĄ-REI'RÆ—pę-rā'rē.)

Tisane de Pareira Brava, *Fr.;* Pareirawurzel-Absud, Grieswurzel-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Pareira Root, in No. 20 powder, *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil for fifteen minutes in a covered vessel, then strain, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This is apt to remain turbid after straining, but, if allowed to stand, gradually deposits insoluble matter, and then can be filtered perfectly clear. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 491.) The dose is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) three or four times a day.

DECOCTUM QUERCUS. Br. Decoction of Oak Bark.

(DĘ-CŎC'TŲM QUĒR'CŬS.)

Tisane (Décocté) d'Ecorce de Chêne, *Fr.;* Eichenrinden-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Oak Bark, bruised, *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel, then strain, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.**

This decoction contains the tannin, bitter principle, and gallic acid of oak bark. It affords precipitates with the decoction of Peruvian bark and other substances containing vegetable alkaloids, with solution of gelatin, and with most metallic salts, particularly those of iron. Alkaline solutions diminish or destroy its astringency. Its uses have been already detailed. The dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.), frequently repeated.

* *Decoctum Quercûs Albæ.* U. S. 1870. *Decoction of White-oak Bark.* "Take of White-oak Bark, bruised, *a troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the White-oak Bark in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870.

DECOCTUM SARSÆ. Br. Decoction of Sarsaparilla.

(DĒ-CŎC'TŬM SĂR'SÆ—sär'sē.)

Tisane de Salsepareille, *Fr.;* Sarsaparilla-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Jamaica Sarsaparilla, cut transversely, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imperial measure]. Digest the Sarsaparilla in the Water for an hour; then boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel, cool, and strain, pouring distilled water, if required, over the contents of the strainer, or otherwise making the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

An idea was long entertained that the virtues of sarsaparilla resided in its fecula, the extraction of which was, therefore, the main object of the decoction. Hence the long boiling formerly ordered by the London and Edinburgh Colleges. But this opinion is now admitted to have been erroneous. The activity of the root is believed to depend upon one or more acrid principles, soluble to a certain extent in water, cold or hot, and either volatilized, or rendered inert by chemical change, at the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.). This fact appears to be demonstrated by the experiments of Pope,* Hancock,† Soubeiran,‡ Béral, and others. Soubeiran macerated one portion of bruised sarsaparilla in cold water for twenty-four hours; infused another portion in boiling water, and digested with a moderate heat for two hours; boiled a third portion bruised, and a fourth unbruised, in water for two hours; and in each instance used the same relative quantities. Testing these various preparations by the taste, he found the cold and hot infusions scarcely different in this respect, and both possessed of a stronger odor and more acrid taste than the decoctions, of which that prepared with the bruised root was the strongest. From these facts the inference is obvious, that the best method of imparting the virtues of sarsaparilla to water is either by cold or hot infusion. Digestion for some hours in water maintained at a temperature of 82·2° C. (180° F.), or somewhat less, in a covered vessel, has strong testimony in its favor. Percolation, if properly conducted, is a convenient and no doubt efficient mode of exhausting the root, so far as water will effect that object. Decoction is the worst method; and the longer it is continued, the weaker will be the preparation. For these reasons the decoction of sarsaparilla has not been official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia since 1840. The unsplit root is ordered in the British Pharmacopœia from the conviction, probably, that the internal amylaceous part is inert; but there can be no doubt that the drug yields its virtues more readily when well bruised or otherwise comminuted than in the natural state. Precipitates are produced by various substances with this decoction; but it has not been ascertained how far such substances interfere with its activity. Those which merely throw down the fecula do not injure the preparation. Dose, from four to six fluidounces (120–180 C.c.).

DECOCTUM SARSAPARILLÆ COMPOSITUM. U. S. (Br.) Compound Decoction of Sarsaparilla.

(DĒ-CŎC'TŬM SĂR-SĄ-PĄ-RĬL'LÆ CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬM.)

Decoctum Sarsæ Compositum, *Br.;* Tisane (Apozème) sudorifique, Décocté de Salsepareille composé, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetztes Sarsaparilla-Decoct, *G.*

"Sarsaparilla, cut and bruised, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Sassafras, in No. 20 powder, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Guaiacum Wood, rasped, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, bruised, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Mezereum, cut and bruised, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Boil the Sarsaparilla and Guaiacum Wood for half an hour in a suitable vessel with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water. Then add the Sassafras, Glycyrrhiza, and Mezereum, cover the vessel well, and macerate for two hours. Finally strain, and add enough cold Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Jamaica Sarsaparilla, cut transversely, *two ounces and a half;* Sassafras Root, in chips, Guaiacum Wood turnings, Dried Liquorice Root, bruised, each *a quarter of an ounce;* Mezereon Bark *one-eighth of an ounce;* Boiling Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imperial measure]. Digest the solid ingredients in the Water for an hour; then boil for ten minutes

* Trans. of the Medico-Chirurg. Society of London, vol. xii. p. 344.

† Trans. of the Medico-Botan. Society of London. See also Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm., vol. i. p. 295. The observations of Dr. Hancock are entitled to much credit, as he practised long in South America, in the neighborhood of the best sarsaparilla regions.

‡ Journ. de Pharm., tom. xvi. p. 38.

in a covered vessel; cool and strain, pouring distilled water, if required, over the contents of the strainer, or otherwise making the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.* The ounce employed in this process is the avoirdupois ounce.

This decoction is an imitation of the celebrated *Lisbon diet drink*. The sarsaparilla and mezereon are the active ingredients; the guaiacum wood imparting scarcely any of its virtues, and the sassafras and liquorice serving little other purpose than to communicate a pleasant flavor. An improvement was made in the U. S. formula of 1880 in directing the sassafras, glycyrrhiza, and mezereum to be added after the boiling of the ligneous drugs has been completed. Compound Decoction of Sarsaparilla now contains a little more sarsaparilla, sassafras, guaiacum wood, and glycyrrhiza than the U. S. formula of 1870, but nearly double the quantity of mezereum: as the latter has been believed by many to be the only active substance in this weak preparation, the increase in quantity was judicious. If prepared with good sarsaparilla, and with a due regard to the practical rules which may now be considered as established, the decoction may be used with advantage as a gentle diaphoretic and alterative in secondary syphilis, either alone, or as an adjuvant to a mercurial course; also in certain scrofulous and other depraved conditions of the system, in chronic rheumatism, and in various obstinate cutaneous affections. The dose is from four to six fluidounces (120–180 C.c.) three or four times a day. The patient during its use should wear flannel next the skin, and avoid unnecessary exposure to changes of temperature.*

DECOCTUM SCOPARII. Br. Decoction of Broom.

(DĔ-CŎC'TŬM SCŌ-PĀ'RĬ-Ī.)

Tisane de Genêt à Balais, *Fr.;* Besenginster-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Broom-tops, dried, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel, then strain, and pour as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This decoction is a useful diuretic in *dropsy*. From half a pint to a pint (236–472 C.c.) may be taken during the day, in doses of from two to four fluidounces (60–120 C.c.).†

DECOCTUM TARAXACI. Br. Decoction of Dandelion.

(DĔ-CŎC'TŬM TĂ-RĂX'Ă-CĪ.)

Tisane de Pissenlit, *Fr.;* Löwenzahnwurzel-Absud, *G.*

"Take of Dried Dandelion Root, sliced and bruised, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Boil for ten minutes in a covered vessel, then strain, and pour

* The *Decoction of Zittmann* (Decoctum Zittmanni) is a preparation of Sarsaparilla much used in Germany for similar purposes with our compound decoction of sarsaparilla; and, as it has attracted some attention in this country as a remedy in obstinate ulcerative affections, we give the formula of the German Pharmacopœia, which is generally followed in its preparation. *Decoctum Sarsaparillæ Compositum Fortius*, P. G. [*Zittmann's Stronger Decoction.*] *Stärkeres Zittmann'sches Decoct.*—"Take of sarsaparilla root, cut, *one hundred parts;* pour upon it common water, *two thousand six hundred parts;* digest for twenty-four hours; then add of sugar powdered, alum powdered, each, *six parts*, and heat them in a covered vessel, in a steam bath, for three hours, stirring frequently. Towards the end of the boiling, add of anise bruised, fennel seed bruised, each, *four parts;* senna cut, *twenty-four parts;* liquorice root cut, *twelve parts*. Strain by expression, and set aside for a short time. The clear decanted liquid should be *two thousand five hundred parts*. When not otherwise directed, a colature of two thousand five hundred grammes is divided into eight portions.

"N.B.—When Decoctum Zittmanni is prescribed, it is prepared in a similar manner, except that to the sugar and alum are added of mild chloride of mercury, *four parts;* cinnabar (red sulphide of mercury), *one part*, enclosed in a linen bag." *P. G.*

Decoctum Sarsaparillæ Compositum Mitius, P. G. [*Zittmann's Milder Decoction.*] *Milderes Zittmann'sches Decoct.*—"Take the residue of the stronger decoction and sarsaparilla root, cut, *fifty parts;* pour upon them common water, *two thousand six hundred parts*, and expose to the heat of a steam bath for three hours in a covered vessel, stirring frequently. Towards the end of the operation add of lemon peel, cassia bark, small cardamoms, liquorice root, each, cut and bruised, *three parts*. Strain by expression, and set aside for a short time. The clear decanted liquid should be *two thousand five hundred parts*. When not otherwise directed, a colature of two thousand five hundred grammes is divided into eight portions." *P. G.* Mercury was detected by Wiggers in this decoction in very small proportion. It should not be prepared in metallic vessels, lest the mercurial in solution should be decomposed. The decoction may be drunk freely.

† *Decoctum Senegæ*. U. S. 1870. *Decoction of Seneka.* "Take of Seneka, bruised, a *troyounce;* Water *a sufficient quantity*. Boil the Seneka in a pint of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and add sufficient Water, through the strainer, to make the decoction measure a pint." *U. S.* 1870.

This is one of the decoctions in which experience has shown that long boiling impairs the activity of the medicine. It is customary to add to the seneka in decoction an equal weight of liquorice root, which serves to cover its taste and in some measure to obtund its acrimony. The virtues and practical application of seneka will be treated of under *Senega*. The dose of the decoction is about *two fluidounces* (60 C.c.).

as much distilled water over the contents of the strainer as will make the strained product measure a pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Dose, two fluidounces (60 C.c.) two or three times a day. (See *Taraxacum.*)

DIGITALIS. U. S. (Br.) Digitalis. [Foxglove.]*

(DĬJ-Ĭ-TĀ'LĬS.)

"The leaves of Digitalis purpurea, Linné (nat. ord. Scrophularineæ), collected from plants of the second year's growth." *U. S.* "The dried leaf of Digitalis purpurea, collected from wild British plants of the second year's growth, when about two-thirds of the flowers are expanded, and carefully dried." *Br.*

Digitalis Folia, *Br.;* Digitalis Leaf; Folia Digitalis, *P. G.;* Digitalis Leaves, Foxglove Leaves; Feuilles de Digitale pourprée (de grande Digitale), Digitale pourprée, Doigtier, *Fr.;* Purpurrother Fingerhut, Fingerhutkraut, *G.;* Digitale purpurea, *It.;* Dedalera, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Corolla* bell-shaped, five-cleft, ventricose. *Capsule* ovate, two-celled. *Willd.*

Digitalis purpurea. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 383; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 218, t. 78. The foxglove is a beautiful plant, with a biennial or perennial fibrous root, which in the first year sends forth large tufted leaves, and in the following summer a single erect, downy, and leafy stem, rising from two to five feet, and terminating in an elegant spike of purple flowers. The lower leaves are ovate, pointed, about eight inches in length and three in breadth, and stand upon short, winged footstalks; the upper are alternate, sparse, and lanceolate; both are obtusely serrate, and have wrinkled velvety surfaces, of which the upper is a fine deep green, the under paler and more downy. The flowers are numerous, and attached to the upper part of the stem by short peduncles, in such a manner as generally to hang down upon one side. At the base of each peduncle is a floral leaf, which is sessile, ovate, and pointed. The calyx is divided into five segments, of which the uppermost is narrower than the others. The corolla is monopetalous, bell-form, swelling on the lower side, irregularly divided at the margin into short obtuse lobes, and in shape and size not unlike the end of the finger of a glove, a circumstance which has suggested most of the names by which the plant is designated in different languages. Its mouth is guarded by long soft hairs. Externally, it is in general of a bright purple; internally, it is sprinkled with black spots upon a white ground. There is a variety with white flowers. The filaments are white, curved, and surmounted by large yellow anthers. The style is simple, and supports a bifid stigma. The seeds are numerous, very small, grayish brown, and contained in a pyramidal two-celled capsule.†

The foxglove grows wild in the temperate parts of Europe, where it flowers in the middle of summer. In this country it is cultivated both for ornament and for medical use. The leaves are the part generally employed. Much care is requisite in selecting, preparing, and preserving them, in order to insure their activity. They should be gathered in the second year, immediately before or during the period of inflorescence, and those only chosen which are full-grown and perfectly fresh (*Geiger*); but the observations of F. Schneider would lead to the conclusion that they are much stronger when not gathered before the latter part of summer or the beginning of autumn. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 221.) It is said that those plants are preferable which grow spontaneously in elevated places exposed to the sun. (*Duncan.*) As the leafstalk and midrib are comparatively inactive, they may be rejected. Withering recommends that the leaves should be dried either in the sunshine, or by a gentle heat before the fire; and care should be taken to keep them separate while drying. Pereira states that a more common and, in his opinion, a preferable mode is to dry them in a basket in a dark place in a drying-stove. It is probably owing, in part, to the want of proper attention in preparing digitalis for the market that it is so often inefficient. The dried leaves should be kept in tin canisters, well closed so as to exclude light and moisture; or they may be pulverized, and the powder preserved in well-stopped and opaque bottles. As foxglove deteriorates by time, it should be frequently renewed, as often, if possible, as once a year. Its quality must be judged of by the degree in which it possesses the characteristic properties of color, smell, and especially taste. It is said to be sometimes adulterated; but if it be bought in leaf, there can



Digitalis Leaf. Epidermis of the lower side, showing stomata and hairs.

* Foxglove is a corruption of Folksglove, Folk being an old English synonyme of Fairies.

† *Digitalis ambigua* contains, according to Paschkis, the same constituents as *D. purpurea* (*Apoth. Ztg.*, 1888.)

be little difficulty, to one acquainted with the characters of the genuine leaves, in detecting the sophistication.

The seeds contain more of the active principle than the leaves, are less apt to suffer in drying, and keep better, but are little used. So far as the relative strength of these two parts can be determined from that of their alcoholic extracts, it would appear, from the experiments of Prof. Hirtz, that the seeds are ten times stronger than the leaves. (See *A. J. P.*, xxxiii.)

Properties. Foxglove is without smell in the recent state, but acquires a faint narcotic odor when dried. The color of the dried leaf is a dull pale green, modified by the whitish down upon the under surface; that of the powder is a fine deep green. "From 10 to 30 Cm. long; ovate or ovate-oblong, narrowed into a petiole; crenate; dull green, densely and finely pubescent; wrinkled above; paler and reticulate beneath; midrib near the base broad; odor slight, somewhat tea-like; taste bitter, nauseous. An infusion prepared with 1 part of Digitalis and 10 parts of boiling water, and allowed to cool, has a peculiar odor, turns blue litmus paper red, and, upon the addition of a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution, acquires a darker tint, a brown precipitate appearing after a few hours. The infusion, diluted with 3 parts of water, becomes turbid on the addition of a few drops of tannic acid test-solution." *U. S.* Digitalis yields its virtues both to water and to alcohol. It contains, besides active principles, a volatile oil, a fatty matter, a red coloring substance analogous to extractive, chlorophyll, albumen, starch, sugar, gum, lignin, and salts of potassa and lime, among which, according to Rein and Haase, is potassium superoxalate. M. Morin, of Geneva, discovered in the leaves two acids; one fixed, called *digitalic acid*, the other volatile and resembling valerianic acid, which he proposed to name *antirrhinic acid* (*P. J. Tr.*, vii. 294). Dr. Morries obtained a narcotic empyreumatic oil by the destructive distillation of the leaves.

Under the name of *digitalin** there have long been in commerce two distinct substances obtained from digitalis, both of them of the nature of extracts rather than of organic principles. The *French* digitalin was that originally prepared by Homolle. It is a whitish powder, of a neutral reaction, soluble in 2000 parts of cold and in 1000 parts of hot water. It is this digitalin which was formerly recognized by the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias. The so-called *German* digitalin is distinguished from the French by being, in great part or entirely, freely soluble in water.

In 1871, M. Nativelle received from the French Academy the prize of Orfila for the discovery of the active principle of digitalis. The method of preparation, as finally improved and modified by himself, and published in the *Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 1874, p. 81, and also a process which has the advantage of being far shorter and more readily carried out, devised by M. Tanret (*Ibid.*, Oct. 1875), may be found on p. 1143, 14th ed., U. S. Dispensatory.

Crystallized digitalin of Nativelle occurs in granular radiating masses of acicular crystals, or in brilliant acicular crystals. The characteristic reactions of it are stated by Tanret to be, the yellowish-green color which it strikes with hydrochloric acid; the brown or rose color, according to the amount of digitalin, developed by concentrated sulphuric acid; and the violet color

* *French digitalin* may be prepared according to the following process, which was formerly recommended by the British Pharmacopœia:

"Take of Digitalis Leaf, in coarse powder, *forty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, Acetic Acid, Purified Animal Charcoal, Solution of Ammonia, Tannic Acid, Oxide of Lead in fine powder, Pure Ether, of each, *a sufficiency*. Digest the Digitalis with a gallon [Imperial measure] of the Spirit for twenty-four hours at a temperature of 120°; then put them into a percolator, and, when the tincture has ceased to drop, pour a gallon [Imp. meas.] of Spirit on the contents of the percolator, and allow it slowly to percolate through. Distil off the greater part of the Spirit from the tincture, and evaporate the remainder over a water-bath until the whole of the alcohol has been dissipated. Mix the residual extract with five [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water to which half an ounce [avoird.] of Acetic Acid has been previously added, and digest the solution thus formed with a quarter of an ounce of Purified Animal Charcoal; then filter, and dilute the filtrate with Distilled Water until it measures a pint [Imp. meas.]. Add Solution of Ammonia nearly to neutralization, and afterwards add one hundred and sixty grains of Tannic Acid dissolved in three [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water. Wash the precipitate that will be formed with a little Distilled Water; mix it with a small quantity of the Spirit and a quarter of an ounce of the Oxide of Lead, and rub them together in a mortar. Place the mixture in a flask, and add to it four [fluid]ounces of the Spirit: raise the temperature to 160°, and keep it at this heat for about an hour. Then add a quarter of an ounce of Purified Animal Charcoal; put it on a filter, and from the filtrate carefully drive off the Spirit by the heat of a water-bath. Lastly, wash the residue repeatedly with Pure Ether." According to the method of Walz (Husemann, *Die Pflanzenstoffe*, p. 900), *German digitalin* is prepared by extracting under pressure one part of digitalis with eight parts of alcohol, evaporating, digesting the residue with successive portions of water so long as they acquire a bitter taste, uniting the liquids, and treating them with litharge and lead acetate until a portion filtered for testing is no longer precipitated by lead acetate. Sulphuric acid is added to the filtrate to precipitate the lead, and, after filtration, neutralized with ammonia, and the liquid precipitated by tannic acid. The precipitate, having been well washed and pressed, is rubbed up with freshly precipitated lead oxide, the mass boiled with alcohol, and, after the lead has been separated by precipitation with sulphuric acid, and most of the alcohol distilled off, the residue is allowed to slowly evaporate, the crude digitalin being left behind.

which is produced in its solution in dilute sulphuric acid when a drop of bromine water or, better still, some of the vapor of bromine is added. According to Nativelle, it is insoluble in water, very soluble in chloroform, soluble in 12 parts of cold and in 6 parts of boiling alcohol of 90 per cent. When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), it softens and becomes elastic; heated on platinum foil, it fuses without coloring, and evaporates in white vapor. Solution of chloral dissolves it readily. Hydrochloric acid dissolves it with emerald-green color; sulphuric acid with green color, changing to clear red on treatment with bromine, but turning green again on addition of water. According to Flückiger, it is also dissolved by warm concentrated phosphoric acid with intensely green color. The formula of Nativelle's digitalin is $C_{25}H_{40}O_{15}$. Nativelle's *digitalin* appears to be a glucoside, as diluted sulphuric acid decomposes it with the formation of *digitaliretin* and glucose. According to Ch. Blaquart (*L'Union Pharmaceutique*, Nov. 1872), ten per cent. of it can readily be obtained from the crude drug. Besides digitalin, M. Nativelle obtained a crystallizable but inert substance, to which he gave the name of *digitin*.

The relation of Nativelle's crystallized digitalin to digitalis and the amorphous digitalin has given rise to considerable controversy. The French commission affirmed that it acted similarly to digitalin, but was much stronger. M. Gubler, M. Vulpian, and M. Blaquart have separately arrived at a different result from this; they found the crystallized digitalin no stronger—sometimes even weaker—than the amorphous French preparation. However this may be, it is plain that Nativelle's digitalin cannot be the sole or even the chief principle of digitalis, since he found it in the residue left as exhausted and inert in the preparation of French digitalin. Further, there is abundant proof that the French digitalin is a powerful preparation, and, if it contain no crystallized digitalin, the latter is not the sole or even the chief active principle of digitalis. Dr. Roucher (*Les Mondes*, Juillet, 1872) affirms that Nativelle's digitalin is a complex body, and O. Schmiedeberg (*Archiv für Exper. Pathologie und Pharmak.*, Bd. iii. p. 19; *P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 741) confirms this. The latter author has examined the constitution of digitalis very carefully, and found that there are four principles in it: *digitonin*, $C_{31}H_{52}O_{17}$, a substance allied to saponin, which constitutes the bulk of the German or soluble digitalin; *digitalin*, $(C_5H_8O_2)x$, which constitutes the greater part of the French or insoluble digitalin; *digitalein;* and *digitoxin*, the most active of all the substances. These principles readily break up into a number of derivatives: hence the various principles which have been obtained from digitalis by investigators.

Schmiedeberg divided the active constituents of digitalis into two classes, one soluble, the other insoluble, in water. The soluble constituents he separated into two bodies, digitonin and digitalein, by means of absolute alcohol. J. Houdas, *Comptes-Rendus*, 1891, 648, states that there is but one compound in soluble digitalin,—viz., digitalein; by treating digitalein with dilute acids two glucosides, not having the appearance of glucose, were obtained. (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 134; *Berichte*, 1892, xxv. 13, 14.) Kiliani (*Berichte*, 1892, xxiv. 3951) maintains, however, that Schmiedeberg's digitalein is really a mixture of seven or eight substances, and contains at most 60 per cent. of digitonin. The digitalin known in commerce as "digitalin crist." consists almost entirely of digitonin, and is medicinally almost worthless.

According to Schmiedeberg (*loc. cit.*), the digitalin of Nativelle is a mixture of digitalin with digitoxin, a second base. The pure *digitalin*, according to Schmiedeberg, forms soft, colorless, uncrystallizable granules. These are easily soluble in alcohol, slightly so in ether or chloroform, and almost insoluble in water. It is a glucoside, yielding glucose and digitaliretin.

For the extraction of *digitoxin* Schmiedeberg precipitates the extract obtained with 50-per-cent. alcohol by the aid of lead acetate, evaporates the filtrate, and, washing the separated residue with weak soda solution, dries it and extracts with chloroform. Some yellowish matter is removed with benzin, and the crude digitoxin purified by crystallization from warm alcohol of 80 per cent., adding a little charcoal. The yellowish crystals so obtained must be washed with sodium carbonate, ether, or benzin, and then recrystallized from warm absolute alcohol containing a little chloroform. The formula of digitoxin, according to Schmiedeberg, is $C_{21}H_{32}O_7$. It is not a glucoside, but in alcoholic solution it is decomposed by dilute acids, and then affords *toxiresin*, an uncrystallizable substance, which may easily be separated on account of its ready solubility in ether; it appears to be produced also when digitoxin is maintained for some time in the state of fusion at about 240° C. (464° F.). "Toxiresin proved to be a very powerful poison, acting energetically upon the heart and muscles of frogs. The very specific action of foxglove is due not exclusively, however, to digitoxin."

Kiliani (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 415) has recently summarized his results, and finds that the digitalin of Schmiedeberg is a distinctly individual substance which possesses in a marked

degree the characteristic property of acting upon the heart. This substance, under the name of *digitalin verum*, has the formula $(C_5H_8O_2)x$, and forms a white amorphous powder, melting at nearly 217° C., becoming yellow. When heated with dilute hydrochloric acid, it splits up into *digitaligenin*, glucose, and *digitalose*.

The above résumé of our present knowledge clearly shows that the chemistry of digitalis cannot be considered as settled; but it also clearly shows that no digitalin represents digitalis. Moreover, the digitalin* of commerce varies almost indefinitely, and we do not think it ought to be used at all in practical medicine.

Medical Properties and Uses. Experiments upon the lower animals, confirmed by clinical observation, have shown that digitalis acts primarily and with most force upon the circulation, producing a great rise in the arterial pressure, followed, in poisoning, by a no less marked fall, which, however, does not take place at all after moderate doses. The increased blood force is due partly to increased cardiac action and partly to vaso-motor spasm. Upon the heart digitalis acts by stimulating the peripheral ends of the inhibitory nerves and also the cardiac muscle. By the first influence it produces prolongation of the diastole; by the second, an increased putting forth of power in the systole. The work done by the heart under the influence of the drug is much beyond normal. After a toxic dose the systolic irritation overbalances the diastolic stimulation, and the pulse becomes dicrotic, because the diastole is interrupted by an abortive systole. Finally, the apex of the heart never dilates, diastole is continually interrupted by systolic contractions, and the aortic system remains empty, because the left ventricle never relaxes sufficiently to receive blood. The final cessation of the heart's action is not due to paralysis, but to spasm, the heart ceasing not in diastole, but in systole.

This résumé of our knowledge of the physiological action clearly shadows forth the proper use of the drug. It is indicated when the heart is weak, not absolutely, but relatively weak, or, in other words, when the work required of the heart is greater than its power. When digitalis is administered in ordinary doses, it produces at first no distinct effect; but if the dose be repeated, after a time the pulse becomes less frequent. The pauses between the beats are longer than before, and the individual beat is longer, fuller, and stronger, indicating that the heart is acting with more force than normal. When the reduction of the pulse-rate has commenced, it is apt to continue for some days, and even to increase for a time, although the use of the remedy be intermitted, slowness and permanency of action being characteristic of digitalis. In some cases, gastric disturbance, and even nausea, vomiting, and diarrhœa, are produced by therapeutic doses of the drug. If sufficient of the remedy have been taken into the system, the pulse may fall to 35 or 40 a minute, still preserving the peculiarity of a distinctly dicrotic beat. Now a very peculiar phenomenon may often be witnessed. Whilst the patient is quiet in the horizontal position the pulse is very slow and strong, but when he rises to his feet it becomes at once rapid, irregular, small, and feeble, and even hobbling. During the milder operation of digitalis there may be some sense of cerebral disturbance, brow-tightness, and even a confusion of thought and giddiness. After toxic doses the symptoms are severe; a feeble, scarcely perceptible pulse, nausea and vomiting, stupor or delirium, cold sweats, extreme prostration of strength, hiccough, convulsions, and syncope have in several cases preceded the fatal issue.

The dilated heart is of course a weak heart, and simple cardiac dilatation is one of the strongest indications for the use of digitalis, whilst cardiac hypertrophy is a contra-indication. It must not be forgotten, however, that in valvular disease of the heart, the heart, although stronger than normal, may be relatively weak, because the leakage at the diseased valve requires more power to overcome its effect than even the increased strength of the cardiac muscle is able for. Hypertrophy exists, but is not sufficient to be compensatory. In all forms of valvular lesion, when the hypertrophy is not compensatory, digitalis is very useful. It is also to be employed (hypodermically) in sudden cardiac exhaustion from any cause. Dropsy is very

* According to E. Merck, there occur in commerce: *German digitalin*, composed of digitalein, with some digitonin and digitalin; soluble in water and alcohol; *Nativelle's crystallized digitalin*, consisting chiefly of digitoxin; *Homolle's amorphous digitalin*, or *digitalin* of the French and Belgian Pharmacopœias, nearly insoluble in water, consisting of digitalin with some digitoxin; *Merck's crystallized digitalin*, composed of digitin; *digitoxin*, occurring in concentrically grouped needles. In a recent research (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Jan. 1892) Dr. Fouquet reaches the conclusion that all the digitalins which appear in commerce can be arranged into two groups. The first group comprises those digitalins which are soluble in chloroform and insoluble in water,—to wit, crystallized digitalin, amorphous digitalin (French), and digitoxin. The second group comprises those digitalins which are insoluble in chloroform and soluble in water,—to wit, German digitalin and digitalein. The digitalins of the first group, when pure, he found to be of equal activity and to represent fully digitalis. Of them he gives as much as a milligramme at a dose, repeating the dose after twenty-four hours in half quantity.

frequently the result of a general venous repletion, which also interferes with the function of the kidneys. Under these circumstances digitalis is a favorite remedy, and also acts as a decided diuretic. In these cases the result is in greater or less part due to the improvement of the circulation; but the drug has some tendency, even in health, to provoke diuresis. It is especially when it fails to do this that the so-called cumulative action is apt to be witnessed. After giving the drug for a long time without apparent effect, suddenly symptoms so severe as to be toxic are manifested. In aneurism, or when from any reason the coats of the vessels are thin or fragile, digitalis is contra-indicated. We have seen a dilated aorta ruptured by the powerful blood-current produced by the drug.

Externally applied, digitalis sometimes acts speedily and powerfully as a diuretic, and has proved useful in dropsy. For this purpose the fresh leaves bruised, or the dried leaves made into a poultice, or flannels wet with the tincture, may be applied to the abdomen and on the inside of the thighs. Ch. Hoffman has shown by experiments on himself that the active matter of digitalis is capable of being absorbed through the skin, and that its effects on the system may be obtained by means of baths.* A case is recorded in which a cataplasm of the leaves applied to the abdomen for the relief of obstinate and dangerous suppression of urine, and repeated in six hours, brought on excessive diuresis, with a discharge amounting to probably 8 gallons in less than 24 hours, producing fatal exhaustion. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Jan. 1868.)

Digitalis is administered in substance. The dose of the powder is one grain (0·065 Gm.), repeated twice or three times a day, and gradually increased till some effect is produced upon the head, stomach, pulse, or kidneys, when it should be omitted or reduced. The question as to which of the preparations of digitalis is preferable is a very important one. All the active principles are soluble in alcohol; the tincture (*Tinctura Digitalis*), therefore, fully represents the crude drug. According to Kobert, in the making of the fluid extract digitoxin is precipitated as an insoluble powder. If this be correct, the fluid extract does not as fully represent the crude drug as does the tincture. It is, however, very possible, indeed probable, that digitoxin should be precipitated in one method of making a fluid extract and not in another, so that it cannot be considered demonstrated that the fluid extract, U. S. P., contains no digitoxin. As digitoxin is not soluble in water, it would seem, *a priori*, probable that it and the other constituents of the so-called French or insoluble digitalin would be left behind in making an infusion, but certainly the infusion of digitalis is an active preparation and is preferred by many practitioners. Is it possible that the superiority claimed by some clinicians for the infusion, which we have elsewhere otherwise explained (see page 731), is in fact due to the absence from it of active substances which are present both in the crude digitalis and in the tincture. A careful chemical physiological investigation of the relative activities of the preparations of digitalis seems to us urgently needed.

Digitalin has been used internally, but, for reasons assigned on p. 478, is a very ineligible preparation, and is of uncertain strength. The dose to begin with should not exceed the fiftieth or sixtieth of a grain (0·001 Gm.), and should not be carried beyond the twelfth (0·005 Gm.). It is much administered in the form of granules, made by saturating small globules of sugar with an alcoholic solution of digitalin. The granules of Homolle, which are commonly used in Europe, each contain a milligramme, or about the seventieth of a grain; equivalent, on the average, to perhaps a grain and a half of digitalis of medium strength. One of these globules may be given as a commencing dose. Forty of them taken with a view to suicide, though followed by copious vomiting, produced the most alarming prostration, with a pulse weak, 46 to 48 in a minute, intermittent, and sometimes scarcely perceptible. The patient, however, ultimately recovered. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1858, p. 103.)

DULCAMARA. U. S. Dulcamara. [Bittersweet.]

(DŬL-CĄ-MĀ'RĄ.)

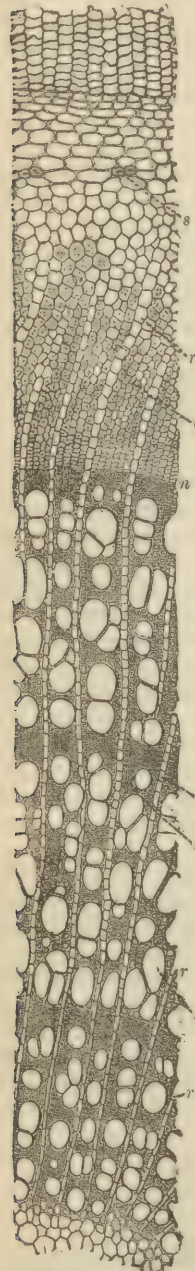
"The young branches of Solanum Dulcamara, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.*

Stipites Dulcamaræ, *P. G.;* Tiges de Douce-amère (de Nevrelle grimpante), Douce-amère, *Fr.;* Bittersüss, Bittersüss-Stengel, Alpranken, *G.;* Dulcamara, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla wheel-shaped. *Anthers* somewhat coalescing, opening by two pores at the apex. *Berry* two-celled. *Willd.*

* M. Hoffman, during a period of 44 days, took 16 baths prepared with 300 liters of water and 250 grammes of digitalis leaves. After the third bath he began to feel the effects of the medicine,—namely, a peculiar uneasiness, and a reduction of the pulse 4 or 5 pulsations per minute; and this condition persisted several hours. At the eighth bath the uneasiness was increased, and the pulse decreased from 68 to 51. After the sixteenth bath the pulse fell to 48. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Juillet, 1867, p. 37.)

This genus includes numerous species, of which several have been used in medicine. Besides *S. dulcamara*, which is the only official species, a few others merit notice. 1. *Solanum nigrum*, the *common garden* or *black nightshade*, is an annual plant from one to two feet high, with an unarmed herbaceous stem, ovate, angular-dentate leaves, and white or pale violet flowers, arranged in peduncled nodding umbel-like racemes, and followed by clusters of spherical black berries, about the size of peas. There are numerous varieties of this species, one of which is a native of the United States. The leaves are the part employed. They are said to produce diaphoresis, sometimes diuresis and moderate purging, and in large doses nausea and giddiness. As a medicine they have been used in cancerous, scrofulous, and scorbutic diseases, and other painful ulcerous affections, being given internally, and applied at the same time to the parts affected in the form of poultice, ointment, or decoction. A grain of the dried leaves may be given every night, and gradually increased to ten or twelve grains, or till some sensible effect is experienced. The medicine, however, is scarcely used at present. By some persons the poisonous properties ascribed to the common nightshade are doubted. M. Dunal, of Montpellier, states, as the result of numerous experiments, that the berries are not poisonous to man or the inferior animals; and the leaves are said to be consumed in large quantities in the Isles of France and Bourbon as food, having been previously boiled in water. In the latter case the active principle of the plant must have been extracted by decoction. 2. The leaves, stalks, and unripe berries of *Solanum tuberosum*, or the *common potato*, are asserted to be narcotic; and an extract prepared from the leaves has been employed in cough and spasmodic affections, in which it is said to act like opium. (*Geiger.*) Dr. Latham, of London, found the extract to produce favorable effects in protracted *cough*, *chronic rheumatism*, *angina pectoris*, *cancer* of the uterus, etc. On the other hand, Dr. Worsham, of Philadelphia, found the extract, in the quantity of nearly one hundred grains, to cause no sensible effect. (*Phila. Journ. of the Med. and Phys. Sciences*, vi. 22.) We can reconcile these opposite statements only upon the supposition that the properties of the plant vary with the season, or with the place and circumstances of culture. Dr. Julius Otto found *solanine* in the germs of the potato. He was induced to make the investigation by observing that cattle were destroyed by feeding on the residue of germinating potatoes used for the manufacture of brandy. A case of death in a girl of fourteen, from eating the unripe fruit of the potato, is recorded in the *British Med. Journ.* for Sept. 3, 1859. The prominent symptoms were partial stupor, speechlessness, jactitation, hurried breathing, lividness of the skin, cold sweats, very frequent and feeble pulse, and a constant spitting through the closed teeth of viscid frothy phlegm. Death occurred on the second day. C. Haaf has found the same alkaloid in old potatoes which had begun to germinate, in the proportion of 0·16 in 500 parts; and in very young potatoes, deprived of their coating, precisely the same quantity. Fully ripe potatoes, which had not begun to sprout, gave a negative result. (*Neues Repert. für Pharm.*, 1864, p. 559.) 3. The well-known *tomato*, so much used as a vegetable at the table, and so advantageous through its nutritive, laxative, and antiscorbutic properties, is the fruit of a species of Solanum, denominated *S. lycopersicum*. The juice of the fruit is free from solanine, but contains several acids. Mr. T. D. McElhenie demonstrated the presence of citric, malic, and oxalic acids. (See *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 198.) The seeds probably contain the alkaloid, as their alcoholic extract has a bitter, pungent taste. (See *A. J. P.*, xxxiv. 519.) Solanine has been obtained from the leaves and herbaceous part of the plant generally, by Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1873, p. 606.) An infusion of the leaves is strongly recommended by M. Stanislaus Martin as a diuretic. (*Am. J. of Med. Sci.*, 1873, p. 246.) 4. Several instances of poisoning are on record from the fruit of *S. pseudocapsicum*, or *Jerusalem cherry*, which, from its resemblance to the



Section of Dulcamara. *r*, medullary rays; *sp*, ducts; *x*, woody tissues; *n*, cambium layer; *q*, bast-tissue; *s*, bast-cells.

common cherry, is liable to be eaten by children. 5. In the *Edin. Med. Journ.* (1867, p. 398) several cases are recorded by Dr. Manners, of Jamaica, W.I., of poisoning by the *susumber berries*, of which one proved fatal, and several others recovered, probably in consequence of the early evacuation of the stomach by a mustard emetic. The symptoms recorded were anxious countenance, dilated pupil, cold skin, and difficult articulation. The fatal case was not seen by Dr. Manners till after death. The susumber berries are the fruit of a species of Solanum, denominated by Lunnan, in his "Hortus Jamaicensis," *S. bacciferum*, of which there are two varieties, one relatively innocent, as its fruit is habitually used by the natives, the other poisonous, as would be inferred from the cases here noticed. 6. The *Solanum paniculatum*, called *jerubeba* in Brazil, is said to be largely used in South America in affections of the liver and spleen, catarrh of the bladder, anæmia, and amenorrhœa. The leaves, fruit, and root are employed, externally in the form of a plaster, internally in the form of syrup, wine, and extract. (*London Lancet*, 1866, p. 158.) *Solanum jacquinii* Willd. is used in India as a diaphoretic and expectorant.

Solanum dulcamara. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1028; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 237, t. 84; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 169. The *bittersweet* or *woody nightshade* is a climbing shrub, with a slender, roundish, branching, woody stem, which, in favorable situations, rises six or eight feet in height. The leaves are alternate, petiolate, ovate, pointed, veined, soft, smooth, and of a dull green color. Many near the top of the stem are furnished with lateral projections at their base, giving them a hastate form. Some have the projection only on one side. Most of them are quite entire, some cordate at the base. The flowers are disposed in elegant clusters, somewhat analogous to cymes, and standing opposite to the leaves. The calyx is very small, purplish, and divided into five blunt, persistent segments. The corolla is wheel-shaped, with five pointed, reflected segments, which are of a violet-blue color, with a darker purple vein running longitudinally through their centre, and two shining greenish spots at the base of each. The filaments are very short, and support large, erect, lemon-yellow anthers, which cohere in the form of a cone around the style. The berries are of an oval shape and a bright scarlet color, and continue to hang in beautiful bunches after the leaves have fallen. This plant is common to Europe and North America. In the United States it extends from New England to Ohio, and is in bloom from June to August. The root and stalk have medicinal properties, though the latter only is official. A case, however, of death caused by the use of the berries by a child has been recorded. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 436.) Bittersweet should be gathered in autumn, after the fall of the leaf; and the extreme twigs should be selected. That grown in high and dry situations is said to be the best.

The dried twigs, as brought to the shops, are of various lengths, cylindrical, about as thick as a goose-quill, externally wrinkled, and of a grayish-ash color, consisting of a thin bark, an interior ligneous portion, and a central pith. They are inodorous, though the stalk in the recent state emits, when bruised, a peculiar, rather nauseous smell. Their taste, which is at first bitter and afterwards sweetish, has given origin to the name of the plant. "About 5 Mm., or less, thick, cylindrical, somewhat angular, longitudinally striate, more or less warty, usually hollow in the centre, cut into short sections. The thin bark is externally pale greenish, or light greenish-brown, marked with alternate leaf-scars, and internally green; the greenish or yellowish wood forms one or two concentric rings. Odor slight; taste bitter, afterwards sweet." *U. S.* Boiling water extracts all their virtues. These are supposed to depend, at least in part, upon an alkaloid called *solanine* or *solania*, which was originally discovered by M. Desfosses, of Besançon, in the berries of *Solanum nigrum*.* Winckler (1841) first observed that the alka-

* *Solanine* is most conveniently obtained from the sprouts of the common potato, by Wackenroder's process, which may be found detailed in the 16th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory. Its formula is variously given by various authorities: according to Delffs, it is $C_{40}H_{32}O_{14}$; according to Kletzinsky, it is $C_{42}H_{55}NO_{14}$; according to Zwenger and Kind, it is $C_{42}H_{75}NO_{15}$; and Hilger states that it is $C_{42}H_{87}NO_{15}$. Adrian asserts that it is a glucoside, and by heating with sulphuric or chlorhydric acid it breaks up into glucose and a second base, *solanidine*. This was confirmed by Zwenger and Kind, who give to solanidine the formula $C_{26}H_{41}NO_2$. The salts which solanine forms with acids are mostly gummy in consistence. The oxalate alone forms crystalline crusts. The physiological action of solanine has been studied by several investigators, with not altogether concordant results. Geneuil (*Bull. de Thérap.*, tome iii.) finds that it has a depressing influence upon the medulla, spinal cord, and both motor and sensory nerve-trunks. In an elaborate investigation, Max Perles (*Arch. f. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, Leipzig, 1889, xxvi.) has determined that solanine acts as a powerful poison upon all forms of living protoplasm. When mixed with the blood outside of the body it causes rapid coagulation with alteration of the blood-corpuscles. In the frog it produces a centric paralysis, with later paralysis of the heart. When injected intravenously it caused in mammals violent dyspnœa, with cramp, arrest of respiration, and the presence of thrombi in the blood-vessels. Toxic doses given by the mouth produce excitement, with tremors, fibrillary contractions, cramp followed by central paralysis, collapse, and death in deep coma, preceded by a fall of temperature which is so great as to be almost characteristic. Vomiting and

loid of dulcamara stems can be obtained only in an amorphous state, and that it behaves to platinic and mercuric chlorides differently from the solanine of potatoes. Moitessier (1856) confirmed this observation, and obtained only amorphous salts of the solanine of bittersweet. Wittstein (1852) supposed another alkaloid, *dulcamarine*, to be present, but Geissler (1875) showed that this substance was a glucoside, and not an alkaloid, yielding on decomposition with dilute acids *dulcamaretin* and sugar. He assigned the formula $C_{22}H_{34}O_{10}$ to dulcamarine, and $C_{16}H_{26}O_6$ to dulcamaretin. (Flückiger, *Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 451.) *Solanine* is in the form of a white opaque powder, or of delicate acicular crystals, somewhat like those of quinine sulphate, though finer and shorter. It is inodorous, of a bitter taste, fusible at a little above 100° C. (212° F.), scarcely soluble in water, soluble in alcohol and ether, and capable of neutralizing the acids. It is distinguished by the deep brown or brownish-yellow color which iodine imparts to its solution, and by its reaction with sulphuric acid, which becomes first reddish yellow, then purplish violet, then brown, and, lastly, again colorless, with the deposition of a brown powder.* In regard to the physiological action of solanine the statements of the earlier and later observers are at such variance that they must have worked with different substances. J. Otto found one grain sufficient to kill a rabbit in six hours; whilst Dr. Gaignard found five grains insufficient. The symptoms produced by solanine are said to be spasmodic labored respiration, dilatation of the pupils, intense dyspnœa, convulsions, paraplegia. Besides solanine, the stalks of *S. dulcamara* contain, according to Pfaff, a peculiar principle to which he gave the name of *picroglycion*, indicative of the taste at once bitter and sweet which it is said to possess. This was obtained by Blitz, in the following manner. The watery extract was treated with alcohol, the tincture evaporated, the residue dissolved in water, the solution precipitated with lead subacetate, the excess of this salt decomposed by hydrogen sulphide, the liquor then evaporated to dryness, and the residue treated with acetic ether, which yielded the principle in small isolated crystals by spontaneous evaporation. Pfaff found also in dulcamara a vegeto-animal substance, gummy extractive, gluten, green wax, resin, benzoic acid, starch, lignin, and various salts of lime.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dulcamara possesses feeble narcotic properties, with the power of increasing the secretions, particularly those of the kidneys and skin. Dr. Geo. B. Wood observed, when the system was under its influence, a dark purplish color of the face and hands, and at the same time considerable languor of the circulation. In overdoses it produces nausea, vomiting, faintness, vertigo, and convulsive muscular movements. A man took from three to four quarts of a decoction made from a peck of the stalks, and was attacked with pain in the joints, numbness of the limbs, dryness of the mouth, and palsy of the tongue, with consciousness unimpaired, the pulse quiet, but small and rather hard, and the skin cool; followed by recovery. (*Lond. Med. Gaz.*, 1850.) Dulcamara has been recommended in various diseases, but is now chiefly employed in the treatment of cutaneous eruptions, particularly those of a scaly character, as *lepra*, *psoriasis*, and *pityriasis*. In these complaints it is often beneficial, especially in combination with minute doses of the antimonials. It is said to have

diarrhœa were frequently observed, and after death inflammation of the gastro-intestinal mucous membranes, and also a parenchymatous and even hemorrhagic nephritis. During life the urine was albuminous, containing casts, and not rarely was dark red from hæmoglobin, or sometimes meta-hæmoglobin. According to Capparoni, minute doses of solanine, whilst diminishing the rapidity of the heart's action, increase the arterial pressure.

In the researches of Max Perles, the action of *solanidine* was very similar to that of solanine, the chief difference between the two being that solanine is a violent local irritant, whilst solanidine seems free from local irritant properties. The two poisons are stated to belong physiologically to the sapotoxine group.

Solanine has been used by Geneuil, Capparoni, Vulpian, and others with asserted good results in *asthma*, to relieve the *cough* of *bronchitis*, to quiet the irritation of *cystitis* in the old, and for the relief of *gastralgia*, *pruritus*, *sciatica*, and other neuralgic or rheumatic pains. Capparoni (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, May, 1888) affirms that it is an excellent analgesic, calming *ataxic* pains, and that it is even capable of controlling the *tremors* of lateral *sclerosis*.

Solanine has, however, been tried by various clinicians without results favorable to its use in practical medicine. (Consult *B. & F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, July, 1854, Am. ed., p. 189; *Arch. Gén. de Méd.*, Mars, 1859, p. 360; *Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, July 15, 1887. The dose of solanine, as given by different writers, varies. Fronmüller has seen as much as 0·5 gramme (7·5 grains) taken without producing anything more serious than marked malaise, general weakness, giddiness, and sleep. Clarus gives the medium dose for adults as 0·01 to 0·06 Gm. ($\frac{1}{6}$ to $\frac{1}{10}$ gr.) of the acetate, and has seen 0·1 Gm. (6 gr.) of the same salt produce general cephalic distress, with occipital pain, dyspnœa, increase of the frequency and loss of the force of the pulse; followed after some hours by sudden vomiting, diarrhœa, great weakness, and marked dyspnœa. Capparoni administered from 0·25 to 0·30 Gm. ($3\frac{3}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ gr.) during the twenty-four hours in divided doses. It is probable that much of the solanine that has been used by investigators has been impure; and it would hardly be safe to begin with the pure alkaloid in the dose of more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a grain, increasing the dose *pro re nata*.

* The following reaction is proposed as a test for solanine. Equal measures of concentrated sulphuric acid and alcohol are mixed. A trace of solanine added to the mixture, while warm, produces a rose-red color; larger quantities, a cherry-red color, which disappears after five or six hours, and the intensity of which is not affected by the presence of morphine even in large quantities. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 484.)

been beneficially employed in chronic *rheumatism* and chronic *catarrh*. Antaphrodisiac properties have been ascribed to it. The usual form of administration is that of decoction, of which two fluidounces may be taken four times a day, and gradually increased till some slight disorder of the head indicates the activity of the medicine. A fluid extract is official. The dose of the extract is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.), of the fluid extract thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.). That of the powder would be from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). In cutaneous affections, a strong decoction is often applied to the skin at the same time that the medicine is taken internally. (See *Extractum Dulcamaræ Fluidum.*)

ELASTICA. U. S. India-Rubber. [Caoutchouc.]

(Ē-LĂS'TĮ-CĄ.)

"The prepared milk-juice of various species of Hevea (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ), known in commerce as Para Rubber." *U. S.*

Resina elastica, Gummi elasticum; Caoutchouc, *Fr.*; Kautschuk, Federharz, *G.*

India-rubber has been made official in the U. S. P. 1890 because of its use in making mustard paper. Considerable amounts of india-rubber find their way to Europe from the west coast of Africa, especially from the region of the Gambia and from Sierra Leone. Although various plants appear to yield this product, the chief supply is said to come from the *Landolphia florida* and the *Landolphia ovariensis*. The great bulk of caoutchouc still enters commerce from South America and India, the finest quality being the Para rubber from Brazil. The chief caoutchouc plant of India is the *Ficus elastica*. This is a very large tree, whose seed usually germinates in the fork of a tree, and gives off as it grows aerial roots, which sink into the ground; by a continuation of this process at last a single tree will be possessed of a great many trunks and cover a large extent of ground. The apocynaceous creeper *Chavannesia esculenta* of India is said to yield caoutchouc, and the milky juice of a Jamaican vine, *Forsteronia floribunda*, is affirmed to yield 22 ounces of excellent caoutchouc for every quart of juice. The most important india-rubber trees of South America belong to the genera Castilloa and Hevea. The first genus belongs to the Artocarpaceæ, and is represented by two or more species (*C. elastica* and *C. markhamiana*), which are scattered over all the equatorial western portions of South America. The genus Hevea occupies the valley of the Amazon, extending up to the Cordilleras. It is composed of large trees with alternate, long-petiolate, digitate, 3-foliolate leaves; the folioles are sessile, or petiolulate penni-nerved, patellar-grandulose at base; the flowers occur in axillary or terminal ramified cymiferous racemes. There are eight species of the genus enumerated by Mr. J. Collins. In the southern Brazilian province of Ceará, Mr. Cross, whilst collecting india-rubber plants for the British government, discovered a new tree (*Manihot glaziovii*), resembling in appearance the birch, and yielding to commerce much caoutchouc. Whilst all the other South American rubber plants grow in an excessively moist climate, it flourishes in a dry district. (See Appendix to Markham's *Peruvian Bark*, London, 1880.) On being wounded, the various trees emit a milky juice, which concretes on exposure and constitutes the substance in question.

Properties. India-rubber occurs in large flat pieces, or moulded into various shapes. The latter are formed by applying successive layers of the juice upon moulds of clay, which are broken and removed when the coating has attained a sufficient thickness and consistence. In the drying of these layers they are exposed to smoke, which gives to the concrete mass a blackish color. India-rubber is officially described as "in cakes, balls, or hollow, bottle-shaped pieces, externally brown to brownish-black, internally brownish or of lighter tint; very elastic; insoluble in water, diluted acids, or diluted solutions of alkalies; soluble in chloroform, carbon disulphide, oil of turpentine, benzin, and benzol. When heated to about 125° C. (257° F.) it melts, remaining soft and adhesive after cooling. Odor faint, peculiar; nearly tasteless. When pure, or nearly pure, India-rubber floats on water." *U. S.*

Chemical Constitution. The juice of the india-rubber trees, when it concretes by exposure to the air, assumes on the outer surface a yellowish-brown color, while the mass remains white or yellowish white within. It is said that a little alum facilitates the coagulation, while ammonia retards it; so that a little of the latter may be advantageously added, when it is desired to keep the milky juice in the liquid state. (R. Spruce, *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 118.) The recent juice contains, according to Faraday, 1·9 per cent. of vegetable albumen, traces of wax, 7·13 per cent. of a bitter nitrogenous substance soluble in water and alcohol, 2·9 of a substance soluble in water but insoluble in alcohol, 56·37 of water with a little free acid, and only 31·7 of the pure elastic principle to which chemists have given the name of caoutchouc. Besides

these principles, the concrete juice, as it reaches us, generally contains soot, derived from the smoke used in drying it. *Pure caoutchouc*, or india-rubber, is nearly colorless, and in thin layers transparent. It is highly elastic, lighter than water, without taste and smell, fusible at about 120° C. (248° F.), remaining unctuous and adhesive upon cooling, inflammable at a higher temperature, insoluble in water, alcohol, the weak acids, and alkaline solutions, soluble in ether when entirely freed from alcohol, soluble also in chloroform and most of the fixed and volatile oils, though, in the latter, at the expense of its elasticity. It is said, however, that the oils of lavender and sassafras dissolve it without change, and that when precipitated by alcohol from its solution in oil of cajuput it is still elastic. But its best solvents, for practical purposes, are coal-naphta or benzin, the empyreumatic oil obtained by distilling caoutchouc itself, and pure oil of turpentine. According to Dr. Bolley, the best method of effecting its solution, for the preparation of a varnish, is first to digest it, cut in small pieces, in carbon disulphide, which converts it into a jelly, and then to treat this jelly with benzin. A larger proportion is thus taken up than by any other method. (See *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 414.) India-rubber is not affected by atmospheric air, chlorine, hydrochloric or sulphurous acid gas, or ammonia. It consists apparently of a hydrocarbon, *isoprene*, C_5H_8, boiling point 37° C., sp. gr. 0·622, and of other hydrocarbons which seem to be polymers of this. Bouchardat obtained a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 176°–181° C., sp. gr. 0·854, to which the name of *caoutchin* was given. He also succeeded in preparing from isoprene an artificial caoutchouc by acting upon it with saturated hydrochloric acid in sealed tubes.*

Medical Properties and Uses. India-rubber is so insoluble that it cannot be absorbed in any form into the blood. It is used enormously in the arts for an infinite variety of purposes. In chemistry and surgery it has also numerous applications.†

ELATERINUM. U. S., Br. Elaterin.

$C_{20}H_{28}O_5$; 347·20. (ĔL-Ă-TĒ-RĪ'NŬM.) $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$; 348.

"A neutral principle obtained from Elaterium, a substance deposited by the juice of the fruit of Ecballium Elaterium (Linné), A. Richard (nat. ord. Cucurbitaceæ)." *U. S.* "The active principle of Elaterium. It may be obtained by exhausting elaterium with chloroform, adding ether to the chloroformic solution, collecting the precipitate, washing the latter with ether, and purifying by recrystallization from chloroform." *Br.*

This preparation was introduced into the Pharmacopœias on account of the well-known variability in quality of commercial elaterium. (See *Elaterium* and *Trituratio Elaterini.*) Care must be taken to examine the elaterin, which is itself liable to be adulterated. It is in "minute, white, hexagonal scales, or prismatic crystals, without odor, and having a slightly acrid, bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 4250 parts of water, and in 337 parts of alcohol; in 1820 parts of boiling water, and in 34 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 543 parts of ether, or in 2·4 parts of chloroform. At 190° C. (374° F.) the crystals begin to agglutinate, and at about 209° C. (408·2° F.) they melt, forming a yellowish-brown liquid.

* The unpleasant odor acquired by india-rubber, through its property of absorbing gases, which almost unfits it sometimes for purposes to which it is otherwise applicable, may be obviated by exposing it to the still greater power of absorption possessed by charcoal. (See *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 236.)

By the action of sulphur, india-rubber acquires properties which greatly increase its value in the arts. It either becomes pliable, soft, and tough, or, if the amount of sulphur be increased, of a horny consistence, but preserves its elasticity under the influence both of heat and cold, is compressible with great difficulty, and resists the ordinary solvents, such as petroleum and oil of turpentine. In this state it is said to be *vulcanized*. The discovery of the process of *vulcanization* is ascribed to Mr. Charles Goodyear, of New York. (*Chem. Gaz.*, x. 193.) It consists in submitting india-rubber in thin sheets to the action of a mixture composed of 40 parts of carbon disulphide and 1 of sulphur chloride. For fuller details the reader is referred to the *Journ. de Pharm.* (3e sér., xvii. 205.) But the same object may be effected by other methods. When thin layers of india-rubber are immersed for two or three hours in melted sulphur at the heat of 116° C. (240° F.), they are penetrated by the sulphur, but undergo no change of properties. If now heated in an inert medium to a temperature of from 135° C. (275° F.) to 160° C. (320° F.), a chemical reaction takes place, and the vulcanized product is obtained. The same result takes place if the india-rubber be first pounded with from 12 to 20 per cent. of finely-powdered sulphur, and then heated to the temperature requisite for vulcanization. In either case a portion of uncombined sulphur remains mechanically mixed with the vulcanized india-rubber, from which it may be separated by various solvents, such as solutions of caustic soda or potassa, carbon disulphide, oil of turpentine, anhydrous ether, etc. The *desulphurated* product thus obtained, while exempt from the disadvantages arising from the reaction of free sulphur, is more porous than before. (*Ibid.*, xxi. 366.) For details of these two processes,—viz., vulcanization by heat with sulphur or metallic sulphides, and cold vulcanization with solutions of sulphur chloride,—see Sadtler's *Industrial Organic Chemistry*, pp. 99–101.

† An excellent *glue* may be made by dissolving, with the aid of heat and agitation, 3 parts of india-rubber in 30 of naphta, and adding 64 parts of finely-powdered shellac. It may be obtained in sheets by pouring it when hot on plates of metal. (*A. J. P.*, 1867.)

When ignited, they are consumed without leaving a residue. Elaterin is neutral to litmus paper. Elaterin is dissolved by solutions of the alkalies, and reprecipitated on supersaturating with an acid. When dissolved in cold, concentrated sulphuric acid, it causes the latter to become yellow at first, which color gradually changes to scarlet. On dissolving some crystals of Elaterin in melted carbolic acid, and then adding a few drops of strong sulphuric acid, a crimson color will be developed which soon becomes scarlet. An alcoholic solution of Elaterin should not be precipitated by tannic acid test-solution, mercuric chloride test-solution, or platinic chloride test-solution (absence of, and difference from, *alkaloids*)." *U. S.* "With melted carbolic acid it yields a solution which, on the addition of sulphuric acid, acquires a crimson color, rapidly changing to scarlet." *Br.* Ernst Johannson (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1884) gives the following reactions for elaterin besides those mentioned in the Pharmacopœia. In all of them elaterin is held in alcoholic solution. Froehde's reagent gives a green color passing into brown which fades away. Vanadinsulphuric acid with the fortieth of a milligramme produced a splendid blue color passing into a clear green, finally into reddish brown. After mixing with selenic acid and an addition of sulphuric acid, in a few minutes a red-brown color develops, which is not so deep as that which is produced by sulphuric acid. Kohler's reaction is made by dissolving elaterin in a few drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid, evaporating the acid in a water-bath, washing the white, amorphous residue with boiling water, and adding some concentrated sulphuric acid, when an amaranth-red color develops. By means of these reactions Johannson has been able to find elaterin in large quantities in the fæces of animals poisoned by it, but no trace in the blood or urine or any part of the organism. It may be procured by evaporating an alcoholic tincture of elaterium to the consistence of thin oil, and throwing the residue while yet warm into a weak boiling solution of potassa. The potassa holds the green resin in solution, and the elaterin crystallizes as the liquor cools. Mr. Hennell obtained it by treating with ether the alcoholic extract procured by the spontaneous evaporation of the tincture. This consists of elaterin and the green resin, the latter of which, being much more soluble in ether than the former, is completely extracted by this fluid, leaving the elaterin pure. But, as elaterin is also slightly soluble in ether, a portion of this principle is wasted by Mr. Hennell's method. By evaporating the ethereal solution, the green resin is obtained separate. Mr. Hennell says that this was found to possess the purgative property of elaterium, as it acted powerfully in a dose less than one-third of a grain. But the effect was probably owing to the presence of a portion of elaterin which had been dissolved by the ether. Flückiger prefers to exhaust elaterium with chloroform, and add to the percolate ether, which precipitates elaterin. The precipitate may be dissolved in chloroform and recrystallized.

Mr. Morries obtained 26 per cent. from the best British elaterium, 15 per cent. from the worst, and only 5 or 6 per cent. from the French; while a portion procured according to the directions of the London College yielded to Mr. Hennell upwards of 40 per cent. The Br. Pharmacopœia directs that the proportion of elaterin should not be less than 20 per cent. Experiments by Mr. John Williams satisfactorily prove that the fruit, exhausted of the free juice from which elaterium is obtained, contains very little if any elaterin, certainly not enough to compensate for the cost of its extraction. (*Chem. News*, 1860, p. 124.)

Medical Properties. Elaterin represents all the activities of elaterium. It would scarcely be safe to begin with more than $\frac{1}{20}$ of a grain (0·003 Gm.); the doses of the Br. Ph. are from $\frac{1}{40}$ to $\frac{1}{10}$ of a grain. (See *Trituratio Elaterini.*)

ELATERIUM. Br. Elaterium.

(ĔL-Ą-TĒ′RĮ-ŬM.)

"A sediment from the juice of the Squirting Cucumber fruit." *Br.*

The British Pharmacopœia recognizes the fruit under the name of *Ecbalii Fructus, Squirting Cucumber Fruit*, and defines it as the fruit, very nearly ripe, of Ecbalium Elaterium, from plants cultivated in Britain.

Extractum Elaterii; Elaterium, Elaterion, *Fr.;* Elaterium, *G.;* Elaterio, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-cleft. *Corolla* five-parted. *Filaments* three. FEMALE. *Calyx* five-cleft. *Corolla* five-parted. *Style* trifid. *Gourd* bursting elastically. *Willd.*

Momordica elaterium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 605; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 192, t. 72.—*Ecbalium agreste.* Richard; Lindley, *Med. and Œcon. Bot.* p. 95.—*Ecbalium officinarum.* Br.—*Ecbalium elaterium.* French Codex, 1837. The *wild* or *squirting cucumber* is a perennial plant, with a large fleshy root, from which rise several round, thick, rough stems, branching and trailing like the common cucumber, but without tendrils. The leaves are petiolate, large, rough, irreg-

ularly cordate, and of a grayish-green color. The flowers are yellow, and proceed from the axils of the leaves. The fruit has the shape of a small oval cucumber, about an inch and a half long, an inch thick, of a greenish or grayish color, and covered with stiff hairs or prickles. When fully ripe, it separates from the peduncle, and throws out its juice and seeds with considerable force through an opening at the base, where it was attached to the footstalk. The name of squirting cucumber was derived from this circumstance, and the scientific and official title is supposed to have had a similar origin; though some authors maintain that the term *elaterium* was applied to the medicine rather from the mode of its operation upon the bowels than from the projectile property of the fruit.*

This species of Momordica is a native of the south of Europe, and is cultivated in Great Britain, where, however, it perishes in the winter. Elaterium is the substance spontaneously deposited by the juice of the fruit, when separated and allowed to stand. From the experiments of Dr. Clutterbuck, it has been supposed that only the free juice about the seeds, which is obtained without expression, affords the product. The substance of the fruit itself, the seeds, as well as other parts of the plant, have been thought to be nearly or quite inert. From the statements made by Mr. Bell (see note below), these opinions must probably be somewhat modified; but there is no doubt that strong expression injures the product. When the fruit is sliced and placed upon a sieve, a perfectly limpid and colorless juice flows out, which soon becomes turbid, and in the course of a few hours begins to deposit a sediment. This, when collected and carefully dried, is very light and pulverulent, of a yellowish-white color, slightly tinged with green. It is the genuine elaterium, and was found by Clutterbuck to purge violently in the dose of one-eighth of a grain. But the quantity contained in the fruit is very small. Clutterbuck obtained only six grains from forty cucumbers. Commercial elaterium is often a weaker medicine, owing in part, perhaps, to adulteration, but much more to the mode in which it is prepared. In order to increase the product, the juice of the fruit is often expressed with great force; and there is reason to believe that it is sometimes evaporated so as to form an extract, instead of being allowed to deposit the active matter. The French elaterium is prepared by expressing the juice, clarifying it by rest and filtration, and then evaporating to a suitable consistence. As the liquid remaining after the deposition of the sediment is comparatively inert, it will be perceived that the preparation of the French Codex must be relatively feeble. The following are the directions of the British Pharmacopœia: "Cut the fruit lengthwise, and lightly press out the juice. Strain it through a hair sieve, and set aside to deposit. Carefully pour off the supernatant liquor; pour the sediment on a linen filter, and dry it on porous tiles, in a warm place. The decanted fluid may deposit a second portion of sediment, which can be dried in the same way." The latter portion deposited is of a lighter color. (*Pereira.*) The slight pressure directed is necessary for the separation of the juice from the somewhat immature fruit employed. The perfectly ripe fruit is not used, as, in consequence of its disposition to part with its contents, it cannot be carried to market. In the British Pharmacopœia, the former name of Extractum Elaterii of the London College has been very properly abandoned, as the preparation is in no correct sense of the word an extract. Elaterium is brought chiefly from England; but it is probable that a portion of the elaterium of which Dr. Pereira speaks as coming from Malta reaches our market also.†

* From the Greek ἐλαύνω, *I drive*, or ἐλατήρ, *driver*. The word *elaterium* was used by Hippocrates to signify any active purge. Dioscorides applied it to the medicine of which we are treating.

† The following notice of the cultivation of the elaterium plant and the preparation of the drug at Mitcham, in Surrey, England, condensed from a paper by Mr. Jacob Bell in the *P. J. Tr.* for October, 1850, may have some interest for the American reader. The seeds are sown in March, and the seedlings planted in June. In luxuriant plants the stem sometimes acquires an extraordinary breadth. In one instance, though not thicker than the forefinger where it issued from the earth, it was in its broadest part four inches wide and half an inch thick. A wet season interferes with the productiveness of the plant. At the spontaneous separation of the fruit, it throws out its juice sometimes to the distance of twenty yards; and hazard of injury to the eyes is incurred by walking among the plants at their period of maturity. A bushel of the fruit weighs 40 pounds, and the price varies from 7 to 10 shillings sterling. In the manufacture of elaterium, which begins early in September, the fruit, having been washed, if necessary, to cleanse it from earthy matters, is sliced longitudinally into halves, and then submitted to expression, wrapped in a hempen cloth, in a common screw-press. Considerable force is used in the expression. The juice is then strained through hair, cypress, or wire sieves, and set aside for deposition. The deposit usually takes place in three or four hours. When this part of the process is completed, the supernatant liquor is carefully poured off, the deposit is placed on calico cloths resting on hair sieves, and allowed to drain for about twelve hours, after which it is removed by a knife, spread over small cloths, and dried on canvas frames in the drying-stove. About half an ounce of fine elaterium is obtained from a bushel of fruit. Some obtain more; but the product is inferior, in consequence of the use of too much force in the expression. Good elaterium has a pale pea-green tint; that of inferior quality is of a duller hue. The juice expelled in bursting is said to undergo very little change in the air, while that expressed from the ripe fruit immediately afterwards becomes milky, and deposits elaterium. The recently burst fruit, therefore, is nearly if not quite as good for the preparation of the drug as that collected before perfect maturity. For a paper on

Properties. The *best elaterium* is in thin flat or slightly curled cakes or fragments, often bearing the impression of the muslin upon which it was dried, of a greenish-gray color becoming yellowish by exposure, of a feeble odor, and a bitter somewhat acrid taste. It is pulverulent and inflammable, and so light that it swims when thrown upon water. When of *inferior quality*, it is sometimes dark-colored, much curled, and rather hard, breaking with difficulty, or presenting a resinous fracture. The *Maltese elaterium* is in larger pieces, of a pale color, sometimes without the least tinge of green, destitute of odor, soft, and friable, and not unfrequently gives evidence of having been mixed with chalk or starch. It sinks in water, and usually contains so little elaterin that it should be employed only as a source of that principle.* "Does not effervesce with acids; boiled with water and the cooled mixture treated with iodine, affords little or no blue color; yields half its weight to boiling rectified spirit. Treated by the method described for 'Elaterin,' it should yield twenty-five per cent., or not less than twenty per cent., of that substance." *Br.*

Dr. Clutterbuck first observed that the activity of elaterium resided in the portion of it soluble in alcohol and not in water. This fact was afterwards confirmed by Dr. Paris, who found that the alcoholic extract, treated with boiling distilled water, and afterwards dried, had the property of purging in minute doses, while the remaining portion of the elaterium was inactive. The subsequent experiments of Mr. Hennell, of London, and Mr. Morries, of Edinburgh, which were nearly simultaneous, demonstrated the existence of a crystallizable matter in elaterium which is the active principle, and has been named *elaterin*.† (See *Elaterinum*.) According to Mr. Hennell, 100 parts of elaterium contain 44 of elaterin, 17 of a green resin (*chlorophyll*), 6 of starch, 27 of lignin, and 6 of saline matters. The alcoholic extract which Dr. Paris called *elatin* is probably a mixture of elaterin and the green resin or chlorophyll.‡ Walz (1859) found in the juice of the fruits and herb of *Ecballium*, as well as in that of *Cucumis prophetarum*, L., a second crystallizable bitter principle, *prophetin*, and the amorphous substances *ecballin* or *elateric acid*, *hydro-elaterin*, and *elateride*, all of which require further examination.

the cultivation of the elaterium plant at Hitchin, Herts, England, see *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 163; at Market Deeping, *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1881, p. 239.

* In the analyses of T. A. Elwood, the average yield of English elaterium was 21·5 per cent., of Maltese elaterium 15·3 per cent. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1891.)

† H. W. Jones and F. Ransom detail an improved method of assaying elaterium in the *Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1886, p. 442: it is as follows: "Macerate 1 gramme of finely powdered elaterium with chloroform in a covered dish for a few hours, then transfer to a miniature glass percolator (*e.g.*, the barrel of a small glass syringe) plugged with cotton, and wash with chloroform, allowing about 10 C.c. to pass through the marc after the menstruum has begun to pass in a colorless condition. Place the percolate in a small dish, and evaporate off the chloroform at a gentle heat. Treat the residue with a small quantity of pure, absolute ether, and transfer to a small percolator or funnel, plugged with cotton. Wash with pure ether until at least 10 C.c. have passed through colorless, and reserve the ethereal washings. Redissolve the elaterin, so obtained, by passing chloroform through it whilst still in the funnel or percolator, and evaporate the chloroformic solution once more to dryness in a small dish. Treat the residue so obtained with ether, exactly as before. Allow the united ethereal washings to evaporate spontaneously until the bulk is reduced to about 3 C.c. Transfer this liquid to a small cylinder (*e.g.*, a 10 C.c. measure), and allow the separated elaterin to deposit. Carefully decant the colored supernatant liquid, add 4 C.c. of pure ether to the residue, and again decant after deposition has taken place. Finally dissolve the elaterin in the cylinder with the aid of chloroform, and wash out the larger amount previously collected in the funnel with the same solvent. Unite the chloroformic solutions, evaporate in a tared dish, dry on a water-bath, and weigh."

‡ *Chlorophyll.* The substance to which Pelletier gave this name, under the impression that it was a peculiar proximate principle, was subsequently supposed by that chemist to be a mixture of wax and a green fixed oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 109.) Afterwards, M. Frémy succeeded, by the joint action of a menstruum composed of two parts of ether and one of hydrochloric acid diluted with a little water, in separating chlorophyll into two coloring principles, one yellow and the other blue; the former being dissolved by the ether, and the latter by the hydrochloric acid. The yellow, M. Frémy proposed to name *phylloxanthin*, the blue *phyllocyanin*. (*Ibid.*, Avril, 1860.)

Phylloxanthin is neutral, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and ether, and crystallizable, sometimes in yellow plates, sometimes in reddish prisms, resembling potassium bichromate, and possessing dyeing powers analogous to those of chromic acid.

Phyllocyanic acid is soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, giving to these an olive-like color, with bronze-red or violet reflections. All its salts are brown or green; but only the alkaline are soluble in water. This acid dissolves in sulphuric and hydrochloric acids, giving rise to solutions which, according to their strength, are green, reddish, violet, or beautifully blue. This M. Frémy considers the important fact of the investigation, as it explains the various tints which chlorophyll offers in vegetation.

Several quite thorough studies of chlorophyll color have been made since, notably that of Tschirch. (*P. J. Tr.* [2], 21, pp. 370–376.) The crude extract of chlorophyll always contains, associated with the two coloring matters *phyllocyanin* and *phylloxanthin*, *chlorophyllan*, an oxidation product of the crude chlorophyll. The purest chlorophyll is prepared by heating an alcoholic solution of the chlorophyllan with zinc dust. Thus obtained, it yields an emerald-green solution with alcohol, which fluoresces red quite strongly and shows the same absorption spectrum as the living plant.

The treatment of chlorophyllan with alcoholic potash changes it into *chlorophyllanic acid*; heating with strong hydrochloric acid, on the other hand, changes either chlorophyll or chlorophyllan into *phyllocyanic acid* and phylloxanthin.

Choice of Elaterium. The inequality of elaterium depends probably more on diversities in the mode of preparation than on adulteration. Sometimes, however, it is greatly sophisticated; and large quantities are said to have been imported into this country consisting mainly of chalk colored green artificially. (B. Canavan, *N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.*, iii.) It should possess the sensible properties above indicated as characterizing good elaterium, should not effervesce with acids, and should yield from one-sixth to one-fourth of elaterin. (See *Elaterinum.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Elaterium is a powerful hydragogue cathartic, and in a large dose generally excites nausea and vomiting. If too freely administered, it operates with great violence upon both the stomach and bowels, producing inflammation of these organs, which has in some instances eventuated fatally. It also increases the flow of urine. The fruit was employed by the ancients, and is recommended in the writings of Dioscorides as a remedy in mania and melancholy. Sydenham and his contemporaries considered elaterium highly useful in dropsy; but, in consequence of some fatal results from its incautious employment, it fell into disrepute, and was generally neglected till again brought into notice by Dr. Ferriar. It is now considered one of the most efficient hydragogue cathartics in the treatment of *dropsy.* The full dose of commercial elaterium as formerly found in commerce was often from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.); but, as the quality has greatly improved, this dose might now be much too large, and the best plan is to give it in the dose of a sixth to a quarter of a grain (0·01 to 0·016 Gm.), repeated every hour till it operates, and increased if necessary. It should be observed that these doses are inapplicable to the very old and feeble and those prostrated by disease. Two-fifths of a grain proved fatal by purging in an ill and feeble lady of 70 years. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 373.) The dose of Clutterbuck's elaterium is the eighth of a grain (·008 Gm.), that of elaterin is from the twentieth to the sixteenth of a grain (0·003 to 0·004 Gm.). One grain may be dissolved in a fluidounce of alcohol with four drops of nitric acid, and from 25 to 30 minims may be given diluted with water, but the granule affords a preferable method.

ELEMI. Br. Manila Elemi.

(ĔL'Ē-MĪ.)

"A concrete, resinous exudation, the botanical source of which is undetermined but is sometimes referred to Canarium commune, Linn." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Terebinthaceæ, *Juss.*)

Résine élemi, *Fr.;* Oelbaumharz, Elemi, *G.;* Elemi, *It.;* Goma de Limon, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx four-toothed. *Petals* four, oblong. *Stigma* four-cornered. *Berry* drupaceous. *Willd.*

Some botanists separate from this genus the species which have their fruit in the form of a capsule instead of a nut, and associate them together in a distinct genus with the name of *Icica.*

Most of the trees belonging to these two genera yield, when wounded, a resinous juice analogous to the turpentines. It is not improbable that the drug usually known by the name of *elemi* is derived from several different trees. That known to the ancients is said to have been obtained from Ethiopia, and all the elemi of commerce was originally brought from the Levant. The tree which afforded it was not accurately known, but was supposed to be a species of Amyris. At present the drug is said to be derived from three sources,—namely, Brazil, Mexico, and Manila. The Brazilian is believed to be the product of a plant mentioned by Marcgrav under the name of *icicariba*, and called by De Candolle *Icica icicariba.* It is a lofty tree, with pinnate leaves, consisting of three or five pointed, perforated leaflets, smooth on their upper surface and woolly beneath. It is erroneously stated in some works to be a native of Carolina. The elemi is obtained by incisions into the trees, through which the juice flows and concretes upon the bark. The Mexican is said by Dr. Royle to be obtained from a species of Elaphrium, which that author has described from dried specimens and proposes to name *E. elemiferum.* (*Mat. Med.*, Am. ed., p. 339.) The Manila elemi is conjecturally referred to *Canarium commune.* (*Ibid.*, p. 340.)

Elemi is in masses of various consistence, sometimes solid and heavy like wax, sometimes light and porous; unctuous to the touch; diaphanous; of diversified colors, generally greenish with intermingled points of white or yellow, sometimes greenish white with brown stains, sometimes yellow like sulphur; fragile and friable when cold; softening by the heat of the hand; of a terebinthinate somewhat aromatic odor, diminishing with age, and resembling to some extent that of lemon and fennel; of a warm, slightly bitter, disagreeable taste; entirely soluble, with the exception of impurities, in boiling alcohol; and affording a volatile oil by distillation. "Moistened with rectified spirit, it breaks up into small particles, which, when examined by the microscope, are seen partly to consist of acicular crystals." *Br.* A variety examined by

M. Bonastre was found to consist of 60 parts of resin, 24 of a resinous matter soluble in boiling alcohol, but deposited when the liquid cools, 12·5 of volatile oil, 2 of extractive, and 1·5 of acid and impurities. M. Baup found the resin to be of two kinds, one amorphous, the other crystallizable; the latter of which, as obtained from West India elemi, he proposes to call *elemin*, and considers identical with the crystallizable resin *amyrin*, obtained from Manila elemi. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xx. 331.) Elemi is sometimes adulterated with colophony and turpentine. Dr. Emil Mannkoff obtained from Brazilian elemi about 6 per cent. of a colorless volatile oil, insoluble in water, but easily dissolved both by alcohol and ether, of a not unpleasant odor, and a somewhat acrid and bitter taste. (*B. & F. Medico-Chir. Rev.*, July, 1859, p. 170.) Prof. Flückiger obtained as much as 10 per cent. of essential oil from Manila elemi. He found it to be a fragrant, colorless, neutral oil, of sp. gr. 0·861 at 15° C. (59° F.), and strongly dextrogyrate. Deville, on the other hand, obtained an oil equally strongly lævogyrate. Flückiger thus sums up the constituents of elemi: essential oil, $C_{10}H_{16}$; *amyrin*, $3(C_{10}H_{16}) + H_2O$; amorphous resin, $2(C_{10}H_{16}) + 2H_2O$; *bryoidin*, $2(C_{10}H_{16}) + 3H_2O$; *elemic acid*, and bitter extractive.

Medical Properties and Uses. Elemi has properties analogous to those of the turpentines, but is exclusively applied to external use. In the United States it is rarely employed even in this way. In the pharmacy of Europe it enters into the composition of numerous plasters and ointments. We are told that it is occasionally brought to this country in small fragments mixed with the coarser kinds of gum arabic from the Levant and India. (See *Unguentum Elemi.*)

ELIXIRIA. Elixirs.

(ĔL-IX-ĬR′I-Ą.)

Elixirs as they are known in modern American pharmacy are aromatic, sweetened, spirituous preparations, containing small quantities of active medicinal substances. They differ greatly from the liquids formerly termed elixirs, from the fact that the first object sought for in the modern elixir is an agreeable taste, and usually this is attained only by such sacrifices as to render the effect of the medicine almost *nil*, whilst the principal activity is due to the alcohol, which has proved in many cases very injurious. These considerations have heretofore prevented an official recognition of elixirs, and the U. S. Pharm. 1890 recognizes but two, one of which, the Aromatic Elixir, has been introduced merely as a vehicle. Owing to their extensive use by practitioners all over our country, it became necessary to notice some of the most important in this commentary, and in the 15th edition of the Dispensatory a number of formulas for elixirs were inserted in Part I.; but, as an extensive list is now to be found in the National Formulary, and as these have a semi-official standing, it has been deemed best to group all the elixirs together under their proper titles in Part II., *q. v.* Elixir of Orange, official in U. S. Pharm. 1880, may be made by the formula in the foot-note.*

ELIXIR AROMATICUM. U. S. Aromatic Elixir.

(Ē-LĬX′ĮR ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT′Ī-CŬM.)

"Compound Spirit of Orange, *twelve cubic centimeters* [or 195 minims]; Syrup, *three hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 12 fluidounces, 326 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Deodorized Alcohol, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. To the Compound Spirit of Orange add enough Deodorized Alcohol to make *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims]. To this solution add the Syrup in several portions, agitating after each addition, and afterwards add, in the same manner, *three hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 12 fluidounces, 326 minims] of Distilled Water. Mix the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate intimately with the liquid, and then filter through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until a transparent liquid is obtained. Lastly, wash the filter with a mixture of *one volume* of Deodorized Alcohol and *three volumes* of Distilled Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

* *Elixir Aurantii. U. S. Elixir of Orange. Simple Elixir.* "Oil of Orange Peel, *one part* [or two and a half fluidrachms]; Cotton, *two parts* [or half an ounce av.]; Sugar, in coarse powder, *one hundred parts* [or twenty-five ounces av.]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *three hundred parts* [about four pints]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *one part* [or one pint] of Alcohol to *three parts* [or two and a half pints] of Water. Add the Oil of Orange to the Cotton, in small portions at a time, distributing it thoroughly by picking the Cotton apart after each addition; then pack tightly in a conical percolator, and gradually pour on the mixture of Alcohol and Water, until *two hundred parts* [or three and a quarter pints] of filtered liquid are obtained. In this liquid dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, and strain." *U. S.*

This is a new official preparation. It takes the place of the former elixir of orange, and by many is regarded as more agreeable. Its introduction grew out of the necessity for some official action which would enable pharmacists readily to furnish elixirs when called for by an extemporaneous or speedy process. The aromatic elixir is, of course, merely a base or vehicle, and in many cases the medicinal substance may be simply dissolved in the elixir. It may be necessary to add some insoluble, inert powder, like precipitated chalk, magnesium carbonate, etc., to the liquid before filtering, in order to obtain a perfectly transparent elixir, and it is customary in many parts of the country to color the preparation with cochineal or caramel. (See Part II. for formulas for various elixirs.)

ELIXIR PHOSPHORI. U. S. Elixir of Phosphorus.

(Ē-LĬX'ĮR PḤŎS'PHO-RĪ.)

"Spirit of Phosphorus, *two hundred and ten cubic centimeters* [or 7 fluidounces, 48 minims]; Oil of Anise, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Glycerin, *five hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 18 fluidounces, 287 minims]; Aromatic Elixir, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. To the Spirit of Phosphorus, contained in a graduated bottle, add the Oil of Anise and Glycerin, and mix them by repeatedly inverting the bottle, until they form a clear liquid. Then add Aromatic Elixir, in several portions, gently agitating after each addition, until a transparent liquid is obtained, and the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Keep the product in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

Each cubic centimeter of this new official preparation represents about *one-fourth milligramme* (0·00025 Gm., or $\frac{1}{260}$ grain) of phosphorus. A teaspoonful of the recently-made elixir contains about $\frac{1}{65}$ grain of phosphorus. Dose, from twenty to forty minims.

EMPLASTRA. Plasters.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRĄ.)

Emplâtres, *Fr.*; Pflaster, *G.*

Plasters are solid compounds intended for external application, adhesive at the temperature of the human body, and of such a consistence as to render the aid of heat necessary in spreading them. Most of them have as their basis a compound of olive oil and litharge, constituting the Emplastrum Plumbi of the Pharmacopœias. Others owe their consistence and adhesiveness to resinous substances, or to a mixture of these with wax and fats.

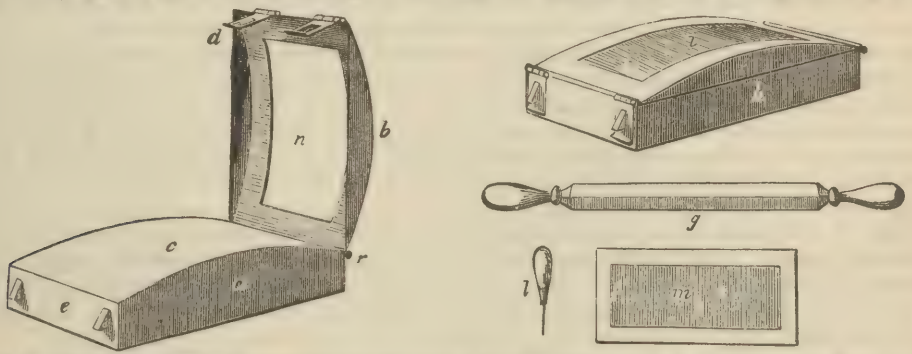
In the preparation of the plasters, care is requisite that the heat employed be not sufficiently elevated to produce decomposition, nor so long continued as to drive off any volatile ingredient upon which the virtues of the preparation may in any degree depend. After having been prepared, they are usually shaped into cylindrical rolls, and wrapped in paper to exclude the air. Plasters should be firm at ordinary temperatures, should spread easily when heated, and, after being spread, should remain soft, pliable, and adhesive, without melting, at the heat of the human body. When long kept, they are apt to change color and to become hard and brittle; and, as this alteration is most observable upon their surface, it must depend chiefly upon the action of the air, which should therefore be as much as possible excluded. The defect may usually be remedied by melting the plaster with a moderate heat and adding a sufficient quantity of oil to give it the due consistence.

Plasters are prepared for use by spreading them upon leather, linen, or muslin, according to the particular purposes they are intended to answer. Leather is most convenient when the application is made to the sound skin, linen or muslin when the plaster is used as a dressing to ulcerated or abraded surfaces, or with the view of bringing and retaining together the sides of wounds. The leather usually preferred is white sheepskin, or the kind known commercially as "hemlock splits." A margin about a quarter or half an inch broad should usually be left uncovered, in order to facilitate the removal of the plaster, and to prevent the clothing in contact with its edges from being soiled. An accurate outline may be obtained by pasting upon the leather a piece of paper so cut as to leave in the centre a vacant space of the required dimensions, and removing the paper when no longer needed. The same object may often be accomplished by employing two narrow rulers of sheet tin graduated in inches, and so shaped that each of them may form two sides of a rectangle. These may be applied in such a manner as to enclose within them any given rectangular space, and may be fixed by weights upon the leather, or preferably adjusted by set-screws, while the plaster is spread. For any other shape, as in the instance of plasters for the breast, pieces of tin may be employed having a vacuity within,

corresponding to the required outline. The spreading of the plaster is most conveniently accomplished by the use of a spatula or plaster-iron. This may be heated by means of a spirit-lamp. Care must be taken that the instrument be not so hot as to discolor or decompose the plaster; and special care is requisite in the case of those plasters which contain a volatile ingredient. A sufficient portion of the plaster should first be melted by the heated instrument, and, having been received on a piece of coarse stiff paper, or in a shallow tin tray open on one side, should, when nearly cool, be transferred to the leather, and applied quickly and evenly over its surface. By this plan the melted plaster is prevented from penetrating the leather, as it is apt to do when applied too hot. Before removing the paper from the edge of the plaster, if this has become so hard as to crack, the iron should be drawn over the line of junction. When linen or muslin is used, and the dimensions of the portion to be spread are large, as is often the case with adhesive plaster, the best plan is to pass the cloth "on which the plaster has been laid through a machine formed of a spatula fixed by screws at a proper distance from a plate of polished steel." A machine for spreading plasters is described by M. Hérent in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (3e sér., ii. 403).* (See also *N. R.*, 1879, p. 337.)

The spreading of plasters has become to a great extent a lost art to the pharmacist of this country, owing to the introduction of machine-spread plasters, which contain india-rubber in the adhesive composition. These are reasonably permanent, and do not require the application of heat. When made by reliable manufacturers they are in many cases to be preferred; but the introduction of immense quantities of worthless ones by unscrupulous makers has caused many practitioners to direct plasters to be spread by the pharmacist from official plaster. The perforation or "porousing" of plasters is usually accomplished on a large scale by expensive apparatus. Prof. J. P. Remington has devised an inexpensive apparatus whereby the apothecary can perforate those spread by himself. (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 171.)† Dr. J. J. Edmondson read a paper before the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association in 1887 giving the process for manufacturing rubber-mass plasters as carried on by Johnson & Johnson, of New York. It is as follows. The ingredients employed are—rubber, two parts; Burgundy

* It has been customary with apothecaries to employ an apparatus, such as that shown in the illustration, for spreading quantities of plasters. An oblong rectangular block of hard wood (*a e*) has its upper surface (*c*) slightly convex. To this is attached by a movable joint (at *r*) a sheet-iron frame (*b*), with an opening (*n*) of the dimensions of the plaster to be spread, and clasps (*d*) at the other end, by which this may be fixed to the block. Another portion of the apparatus is a sheet-iron or tin frame (*m*), by which the leather is cut out, and the margin marked. The leather thus prepared is laid on the convex surface of the block (*c*); the sheet-iron frame is brought down on it evenly



(as at *h i*); the plaster, previously melted, but not too hot, is poured on the leather in the centre, and, by means of an iron instrument (*g*) previously heated by a spirit-lamp, is spread uniformly over the surface, the thickness being regulated by the frame against which the iron is pressed. Any excess of plaster is thus pressed over upon the frame. The point of a sharp instrument (*l*) is then drawn along the interior edge of the frame so as to separate the plaster from it, after which the clasps are unfastened and the plaster removed.

† *Emplastrum Aconiti. Aconite Plaster.* (Emplâtre d'Aconit, *Fr.*; Aconit-Pflaster, *G.*) "Take of Aconite Root, in fine powder, *sixteen troyounces*; Alcohol, Resin Plaster, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the Aconite Root with six fluidounces of Alcohol, and pack it in a conical percolator. Cover the surface with a disk of paper, and pour upon it ten fluidounces of Alcohol. When the liquid begins to drop, cork the percolator, and, having closely covered it to prevent evaporation, set it aside in a moderately warm place for four days. Then remove the cork, and gradually pour on Alcohol until two pints of tincture have been obtained or the Aconite Root is exhausted. Distil off a pint and a half of alcohol, and evaporate the residue to a soft uniform extract by means of a water-bath. Add to this sufficient Resin Plaster, previously melted, to make the mixture weigh sixteen troyounces, and then mix them thoroughly." *U. S.* 1870.

This plaster was introduced into the Pharmacopœia of 1870. The formula is a modification of that proposed by Prof. Procter. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 202.) Aconite Plaster may be used whenever it is desired to produce a very powerful local anodyne effect.

pitch, one part; gum olibanum, one part. This may vary with some special plasters, but they constitute the component parts of the mass used for the majority.

The crude rubber is at first steeped in hot water, to cleanse and soften it, then the rubber is passed through the washer and crusher, where it is subjected to severe pressure between two corrugated rolls, eight inches in diameter and one foot wide, while a stream of water falling continually washes it thoroughly, and it comes out in sheets somewhat softened. After these sheets are dried, which requires a number of days, they are passed through the grinder, where they are crushed between two smooth rollers, fourteen inches in diameter and thirty-six inches across. This thoroughly softens the rubber and makes it plastic, so that it can be readily worked up with the other ingredients. The principal operation, the mixing, then takes place. The medication must be carefully combined, and the whole manipulation so managed that the plaster will be uniform, so that age or varying temperature shall not affect it. This operation is performed by means of rollers, sixteen inches in diameter, arranged so that one revolves at twice the speed of the other. Between these large rollers the mass is passed with whatever medication is required: *e.g.*, when a belladonna mass is to be made, a certain amount of the stock mass is taken and of extract of belladonna in proportions corresponding to the formula in the Pharmacopœia. These are repeatedly passed through the rollers until the extract of belladonna is thoroughly mixed with the mass, care being taken to keep the temperature from rising high enough to decompose or affect the alkaloids. The spreading is also done by rollers, into which the thoroughly-mixed mass is fed at the same time that the cloth is fed, the thickness of the plasters being governed by adjusting-screws on the side of the machine. The rubber base is pliable, adhesive, will not become too hard or too soft, will yield up the medication to the absorbents of the skin, and will retain its properties indefinitely.

EMPLASTRUM AMMONIACI CUM HYDRARGYRO. U. S., Br. Ammoniac Plaster with Mercury.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM ĂM-MŌ-NĪ'Ą-CĪ CŬM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RŌ.)

Ammoniac and Mercury Plaster; Emplâtre de Gomme Ammoniaque mercuriel, *Fr.;* Quecksilber-und Ammoniak-Pflaster, *G.*

"Ammoniac, *seven hundred and twenty grammes* [or 25 ounces av., 173 grains]; Mercury, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 153 grains]; Oleate of Mercury, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]; Lead Plaster, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Digest the Ammoniac with the Diluted Acetic Acid, in a suitable vessel, avoiding contact with metals, until it is entirely emulsified; then strain, and evaporate the strained liquid by means of a water-bath, stirring constantly, until a small portion, taken from the vessel, hardens on cooling. Triturate the Oleate of Mercury with the Mercury gradually added, until globules of the metal cease to be visible. Next add, gradually, the Ammoniac, while yet hot; and finally, having added enough Lead Plaster, previously melted by means of a water-bath, to make the mixture weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], mix the whole thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Ammoniacum *twelve ounces* [avoirdupois]; Mercury *three ounces* [avoird.]; Olive Oil *fifty-six grains*; Sublimed Sulphur *eight grains*. Heat the Oil, and add the Sulphur to it, gradually, stirring till they unite. With this mixture triturate the Mercury until globules are no longer visible; and, lastly, add the Ammoniacum, previously liquefied, mixing the whole carefully." *Br.*

The finished preparation does not differ materially from that produced by the formula of the last Pharmacopœia.* The use of diluted acetic acid to facilitate the straining of the ammoniac is an improvement over the water formerly used. The use of lead plaster to bring up the

* *Emplastrum Ammoniaci. Ammoniac Plaster.* (Emplâtre de Gomme Ammoniaque, Emplâtre fondant (résolutif), *Fr.;* Ammoniak-Pflaster, *G.*) "Ammoniac, *one hundred parts* [or five ounces av.]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *one hundred and forty parts* [or half a pint]. Digest the Ammoniac in the Diluted Acetic Acid, in a suitable vessel, avoiding contact with metals, until it is entirely emulsionized; then strain and evaporate the strained liquid, by means of a water-bath, stirring constantly, until a small portion, taken from the vessel, hardens on cooling." *U. S.* 1880.

As ammoniac is not usually kept purified in our shops, the straining of the solution in the diluted acid is directed, as the most convenient method of separating impurities. Care should also be used to avoid iron spatulas or iron vessels in the preparation of this plaster, as the acetic acid acts on that metal and discolors the plaster. The use of a moderate heat will facilitate the action of the diluted acid; and at best it is a thick creamy mass that is obtained, which requires the aid of the hand to strain it properly. The ammoniac plaster is stimulant, and is applied over scrofulous tumors and chronic swellings of the joints, to promote their resolution. It often produces a papular eruption, and sometimes occasions considerable inflammation of the skin.

weight is needless, in our opinion. The only use of the oleate of mercury is to aid in the extinguishment of the mercury; the compound formed by it probably adds to the efficiency. When ammoniac not previously prepared is used, as it is not fusible by heat, it must be brought to the proper consistence by softening it in a small quantity of hot water, straining, and evaporating. This plaster unites with the stimulant power of the ammoniac the specific properties of the mercury, which is sometimes absorbed in sufficient quantity to affect the gums. It is used as a discutient in enlargement of the glands, tumefaction of the joints, nodes, and other indolent swellings, especially when dependent on a venereal taint. It is also sometimes applied over the liver in *chronic hepatitis*.*

EMPLASTRUM ARNICÆ. U. S. Arnica Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM ĂR'NĮ-ÇÆ—är'nj-sē.)

Emplâtre d'Arnique, *Fr.;* Arnicapflaster, *G.*

"Extract of Arnica Root, *three hundred and thirty grammes* [or 11 ounces av., 280 grains]; Resin Plaster, *six hundred and seventy grammes* [or 23 ounces av., 277 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Add the Extract to the Resin Plaster, previously melted by means of a water-bath, and mix them thoroughly." *U. S.*

These ingredients incorporate readily, and form a good plaster. The preparation was introduced into the Pharmacopœia to enable the apothecary to meet the demand for a convenient preparation of arnica for external use. It is supposed to be useful in *sprains* and *bruises*, and sometimes probably acts beneficially by its stimulant properties in *chronic rheumatism* and other chronic external inflammations.

EMPLASTRUM BELLADONNÆ. U. S., Br. Belladonna Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ.)

Emplâtre de Belladone, *Fr.;* Belladonna-Pflaster, *G.*

"Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna Leaves, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Resin Plaster, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Soap Plaster, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the plasters on a water-bath; then add the Extract of Belladonna Leaves, and continue the heat, stirring constantly, until a homogeneous mass results." *U. S.*

"Take of Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna *four ounces* [av.]; Resin Plaster, Soap Plaster, of each, *eight ounces* [av.]. Melt the plasters by the heat of a water-bath, then add the extract, and mix the whole thoroughly together." *Br.*

This plaster was formerly prepared, in both Pharmacopœias, with the extract made from the inspissated juice of the leaves; but in the U. S. P. 1880 an alcoholic extract of the root was substituted, with the effect of rendering the plaster easier to be spread and more adhesive, and giving it a light yellowish-brown color, without a shade of green. The official preparation is now of a brownish-green color, due to the extract of belladonna leaves. It is a useful anodyne application in *neuralgic* and *rheumatic pains*, and in *dysmenorrhœa*. We have seen the constitutional effects of belladonna result from its external use. Mr. T. W. Worthington proposes a formula for making belladonna plaster with caoutchouc in the *A. J. P.*, xliii. 153. (See page 492.) Machine-spread belladonna plaster can be found in the market which was admitted by a representative of the manufacturer to contain no extract of belladonna whatever.

EMPLASTRUM CANTHARIDIS. Br. Cantharides Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM CĄN-THĂR'Į-DĪS.)

See *Ceratum Cantharidis*. U. S.

EMPLASTRUM CAPSICI. U. S. Capsicum Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM CĂP'SĮ-CĪ.)

"Oleoresin of Capsicum, Resin Plaster, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Melt the Resin Plaster at a gentle heat, spread a thin and even layer of it upon muslin, and allow it to cool. Then, having cut off a piece of the required size, apply a thin coating of Oleoresin of Capsicum, by

* *Emplastrum Antimonii. Antimonial Plaster.* (Emplastrum Stibiatum, s. Antimoniale; Emplâtre (Poix) émétisée, Emplâtre antimonial, *Fr.;* Brechweinstein-Pflaster, *G.*) "Take of Tartrate of Antimony and Potassium, in fine powder, *a troyounce;* Burgundy Pitch *four troyounces*. Melt the Pitch by means of a water-bath, and strain; then add the powder, and stir them well together until the mixture thickens on cooling." *U. S.* 1870.

This is a useful formula, although no longer official. It affords one of the most convenient methods of obtaining the local pustulating effects of tartar emetic. For its effects and uses, see *Antimonii et Potassii Tartras*.

means of a brush, leaving a narrow, blank margin along the edges. A space of *ten centimeters* [$3\frac{15}{16}$ inches] square should contain about *twenty-five centigrammes* [or 4 grains] of Oleoresin of Capsicum." *U. S.*

This affords a convenient way of obtaining the rubefacient effects of capsicum; of course the practice will be for the pharmacist to employ machine-spread adhesive plaster as the base; although, with a little experience, very good work can be done by hand.

EMPLASTRUM FERRI. U. S., Br. Iron Plaster. [Strengthening Plaster.]

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM FĔR'RĪ.)

Emplastrum Roborans, *Br.* 1867; Chalybeate Plaster; Emplastrum Ferratum, s. Martiale; Emplâtre d'Oxyde rouge de Fer, Emplâtre de Canet, *Fr.;* Eisenpflaster, Stärkendes Pflaster, *G.*

"Ferric Hydrate, dried at a temperature not exceeding 80° C. (176° F.), *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains]; Olive Oil, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Burgundy Pitch, *one hundred and forty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 410 grains]; Lead Plaster, *seven hundred and twenty grammes* [or 25 ounces av., 173 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the Lead Plaster and Burgundy Pitch by means of a water-bath, and add the Olive Oil; then add the Ferric Hydrate, and stir constantly until the mixture thickens on cooling." *U. S.*

"Take of Peroxide of Iron, in fine powder, *one ounce;* Burgundy Pitch *two ounces;* Lead Plaster *eight ounces.* Add the Peroxide of Iron to the Burgundy Pitch and Lead Plaster, previously melted together, and stir the mixture constantly till it stiffens on cooling." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1880 preparation differed from that official in 1870 in the substitution of ferric hydrate for ferrous subcarbonate, and of Canada turpentine for a portion of the Burgundy pitch. This latter change proved of questionable utility, the object having been to render the plaster more adhesive and flexible, whereas it was found to be too soft, and the Canada turpentine was irritant. The same end has been accomplished in the U. S. P. 1890 by the addition of olive oil. The use of ferric hydrate in the place of ferrous subcarbonate is an improvement, and in this respect the plaster is in accord with the British formula.

This preparation has enjoyed some popular celebrity, under the impression that it strengthens the parts to which it is applied; whence it has derived the name of strengthening plaster. It is used in those conditions of the loins, larger muscles, and joints which, though usually ascribed to debility, are in fact most frequently dependent on rheumatic or other chronic inflammatory affections, and, if relieved by the plaster, are so in consequence of the gentle excitation produced by it in the vessels of the skin, or of the exclusion of the air. It may also, in some instances, give relief by affording mechanical support; but neither in this nor in any other respect can it be deemed very efficient, because the ingredients composing it have no useful properties that are capable of being taken up by the absorbents.

EMPLASTRUM GALBANI. Br. Galbanum Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM GĂL'BĄ-NĪ.)

Emplastrum Galbani Compositum, *U. S.* 1870: Emplastrum Lithargyri (vel Plumbi) Compositum, Emplastrum Diachylon Compositum; Emplâtre de Galbanum, *Fr.;* Mutterharz-Pflaster, Gummipflaster, Zugspflaster, *G.*

"Take of Galbanum, Ammoniacum, Yellow Wax, of each, *one ounce;* Lead Plaster, *eight ounces.* Melt the Galbanum and Ammoniacum together, and strain. Then add the mixture to the Lead Plaster and Wax, also previously melted together, and mix the whole thoroughly." *Br.*

This plaster was dismissed by the U. S. Pharm. 1890: it has been, however, retained by the Br. Pharm. The galbanum and ammoniac are best prepared by dissolving them in a small quantity of hot water or diluted alcohol, straining the solution, and evaporating it to the proper consistence for mixing with the other ingredients. Before being employed in this process, the galbanum should be purified, as it often contains foreign matters which must injure the plaster. It may be freed from these by melting it with a little water or diluted alcohol, straining, and evaporating to the due consistence. This plaster acts as an excellent local stimulant in chronic scrofulous enlargements of the glands and joints. As a discutient it is also employed in the induration which sometimes remains after the discharge of abscesses.

EMPLASTRUM HYDRARGYRI. U. S., Br. Mercurial Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM HŸ-DRĂR'ĢŸ-RĪ.)

Emplastrum Mercuriale; Emplâtre mercuriel, *Fr.;* Quecksilber-Pflaster, *G.*

"Mercury, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 254 grains]; Oleate of Mercury, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Lead Plaster, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes*

[or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Triturate the Mercury with the Oleate of Mercury in a tared capsule until globules of metal are no longer visible. Then place the capsule on a water-bath, add enough Lead Plaster, previously melted, to make the contents weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], and mix the whole thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury *three ounces;* Olive Oil *fifty-six grains;* Sublimed Sulphur *eight grains;* Lead Plaster *six ounces.* Heat the Oil and add the Sulphur to it gradually, stirring until they unite; with this mixture triturate the Mercury until globules are no longer visible, then add the Lead Plaster, previously liquefied, and mix the whole thoroughly." *Br.* The ounce employed in this process is the avoirdupois ounce.

The present official process differs from that of the U. S. Pharm. 1880 in employing oleate of mercury for the purpose of extinguishing the mercury; this it does effectually, and at the same time increases the efficiency of the mercurial constituent. The quantity of mercury is 30 per cent. The British preparation is stronger, containing nearly 50 per cent.

The U. S. and former British processes may be considered identical in their results. The sulphuretted oil which was employed in the process of the London College to facilitate the extinguishment of the mercury was abandoned in the first British Pharmacopœia, as just in proportion to the increased facility of the process it lessened the efficacy of the resulting plaster, mercury sulphide being wholly inert. Nevertheless, the Br. Pharmacopœia has in its last revision retained the old London formula. Mr. Thomas Blunt has found it almost impossible to divide the mercury sufficiently by trituration with oil and resin, and the resulting plaster was so crumbly that it could not be formed into rolls; but on substituting a weight of Venice turpentine equal to that of the oil and resin combined, he found it to answer completely. An objection, however, to the turpentine is, that it might render the plaster too irritant for susceptible skins. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 56.)

This plaster is employed to produce the local effects of mercury upon venereal *buboes*, *nodes*, and other chronic tumefactions of the bones or soft parts, dependent on a syphilitic taint. In these cases it sometimes acts as a powerful discutient. It is frequently also applied to the side in *chronic hepatitis* or *splenitis*. In peculiarly susceptible persons it occasionally affects the gums.

From observations made in France by M. Serres and others, it appears that the mercurial plaster of the Codex (*Emplastrum de Vigo cum Mercurio*) has the power, when applied over the eruption of small-pox, before the end of the third day from its first appearance, to check its progress and prevent suppuration and pitting. This operation of the plaster, so far from being attended with an increase of the general symptoms, seems to relieve them in proportion to the diminution of the local affection. It is also thought that the course of the disease is favorably modified when the mercurial impression is produced upon the system. That the local effect is not ascribable to the mere exclusion of the air is proved by the fact that the use of lead plaster was not followed by the same results. It is probable that other mercurial preparations would answer the same purpose; and the common mercurial ointment has, in our own hands, proved effectual in rendering the eruption upon the face to a considerable extent abortive, in one bad case of small-pox. But, as the most successful results were obtained with the plaster above mentioned, we give in a foot-note the formula of the French Codex.*

EMPLASTRUM ICHTHYOCOLLÆ. U. S. Isinglass Plaster. [Court Plaster.]

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŲM ĬĆH-THY-Ọ-CŎL'LÆ.)

"Isinglass, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Glycerin, *one gramme* [or 15½ grains]; Water, Tincture of Benzoin, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Isinglass in a sufficient quantity of hot Water to make the solution weigh *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]. Spread one-half of this, in successive layers, upon taffeta (stretched on a frame), by means of a brush, waiting after each application until the layer is dry. Mix the second half of the Isinglass solution with the Alcohol and Glycerin, and apply it in the same manner. Then reverse the taffeta, coat it on the back with Tincture of Benzoin, and allow it to become perfectly dry. Cut the plaster in pieces

* *Emplastrum de Vigo cum Mercurio.* "Take of simple plaster [lead plaster] *forty ounces;* yellow wax *two ounces;* resin *two ounces;* ammoniac, bdellium, olibanum, and myrrh, each, *five drachms;* saffron *three drachms;* mercury *twelve ounces;* turpentine [common European] *two ounces;* liquid storax *six ounces;* oil of lavender *two drachms.* Powder the gum-resins and saffron, and rub the mercury with the storax and turpentine in an iron mortar until completely extinguished. Melt the plaster with the wax and resin, and add to the mixture the powders and volatile oil. When the plaster shall have been cooled, but while it is yet liquid, add the mercurial mixture, and incorporate the whole thoroughly." This should be spread upon leather or linen cloths, and applied so as effectually to cover the part to be protected.

of suitable length and preserve them in well-closed vessels. The above-directed quantities are sufficient to cover a piece of taffeta *thirty-eight centimeters* [or about 15 inches] square." *U. S.*

This official preparation will probably be seldom made by the pharmacist. The introduction of a formula will, however, be of service by indicating the manner in which isinglass plaster can be made by those who desire to furnish a good preparation. The addition of glycerin prevents it from becoming brittle, and the tincture of benzoin is intended to render it water-proof. This it only partially accomplishes. Castor oil and weak collodion have been used instead with better results.

EMPLASTRUM MENTHOL. Br. Menthol Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM MĔN'THŌL.)

"Take of Menthol, 2 ounces [av.]; Yellow Wax, 1 ounce [av.]; Resin, 7 ounces [av.]. Melt the wax and resin together, and, as the mixture cools, stir in the menthol until dissolved." *Br.*

This is a new official plaster of the British Pharmacopœia, having been introduced in the additions in 1885. It is a mild counter-irritant, intended especially for relief in localized *neuralgia* and *rheumatic pains.*

EMPLASTRUM OPII. U. S., Br. Opium Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Emplastrum Opiatum, *P. G.;* Emplastrum Cephalicum, s. Odontalgicum; Emplâtre d'Opium, Emplâtre céphalique (temporal, odontalgique, calmant), *Fr.;* Opiumpflaster, Hauptpflaster, *G.*

"Extract of Opium, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Burgundy Pitch, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 153 grains]; Lead Plaster, *seven hundred and sixty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 353 grains]; Water, *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 338 minims], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Rub the Extract of Opium with the Water, until it is uniformly soft, and add it to the Burgundy Pitch and Lead Plaster melted together by means of a water-bath; then continue the heat for a short time, stirring constantly, until the moisture is evaporated." *U. S.*

"Take of Opium, in the finest powder, *one ounce;* Resin Plaster *nine ounces.* Melt the Resin Plaster by means of a water-bath; then add the Opium by degrees, and mix thoroughly." *Br.*

We decidedly prefer the extract of opium, as employed in the present U. S. process, to the opium itself of the British formula. It not only forms a better plaster, but, being soluble, is more likely to produce the anodyne effect desired, by being brought by the perspiration to the liquid state necessary for its absorption. The use of water in the former process is also an advantage, as it enables the opium to be more thoroughly incorporated with the other ingredients; but care should be taken that the moisture be well evaporated. The opium plaster is intended to relieve rheumatic and other pains in the parts to which it is applied.

EMPLASTRUM PICIS. Br. Pitch Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM PĪ'CĬS.)

"Take of Burgundy Pitch *twenty-six ounces;* Common Frankincense [Terebinthina, U. S.] *thirteen ounces;* Resin, Yellow Wax, of each, *four ounces and a half;* Expressed Oil of Nutmeg *one ounce;* Olive Oil, Water, of each, *two fluidounces.* Add the Oils and the Water to the Frankincense, Burgundy Pitch, Resin, and Wax, previously melted together; then, constantly stirring, evaporate to a proper consistence." *Br.* The ounce used in this process is the avoirdupois ounce, and the fluidounce that of the Imperial measure.

This is a rubefacient plaster, which closely resembles the Burgundy pitch plaster of the U. S. P. 1890 (see the next article). It is applicable to catarrhal and other pectoral affections, chronic inflammation of the liver, and rheumatic pains in the joints and muscles. It often keeps up a serous discharge, which requires that it should be frequently renewed. The irritation which it sometimes excites is so great as to render its removal necessary.

EMPLASTRUM PICIS BURGUNDICÆ. U. S. Burgundy Pitch Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRUM PĪ'CĬS BŬR-GŬN'DĮ-ÇÆ.)

Emplastrum Picatum, *F. P.;* Emplâtre de Poix de Bourgogne, *Fr.;* Burgunder Pech-Pflaster, *G.*

"Burgundy Pitch, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Olive Oil, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Yellow Wax, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5

ounces av., 127 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt together the Burgundy Pitch and Yellow Wax, then incorporate the Olive Oil, and stir constantly, until the mass thickens on cooling." *U. S.*

In the former revision of the Pharmacopœia the quantity of wax in this plaster was diminished 3 per cent. This was done to round up the formula, but was undoubtedly a step in the wrong direction. The U. S. Pharmacopœia 1890 process makes a better plaster: 15 per cent. of wax has been directed instead of 10, whilst the addition of 5 per cent. of olive oil still further improves it. The object of the wax and olive oil is to give a proper consistence to the Burgundy pitch, and to prevent its great tendency to become brittle. M. Lavigne proposes to obviate the tendency of Burgundy pitch plaster to crack by incorporating with it caoutchouc, in the following method. Soften 35 parts, by weight, of caoutchouc, in small pieces, by warming it with 13 parts of petroleum in a close vessel. Melt together 300 parts of Burgundy pitch and 25 parts of white wax. Warm the solution of caoutchouc in a suitable vessel, add gradually, with constant stirring, the melted pitch and wax, and finally incorporate thoroughly with the mass 3 parts of glycerin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ix. 131.)

EMPLASTRUM PICIS CANTHARIDATUM. U. S. (Br.) Cantharidal Pitch Plaster. [Warming Plaster.]

(ĔM-PLĂS'TRŬM PĪ'CĬS CAN-THĂR-Ị-DĀ'TŬM.)

Emplastrum Calefaciens, *Br.;* Warm Plaster; Emplâtre de Poix cantharidé, *Fr.;* Pechpflaster mit Canthariden, *G.*

"Cerate of Cantharides, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 359 grains]; Burgundy Pitch, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the Cerate of Cantharides on a water-bath containing boiling water, and continue the heat for fifteen minutes; then strain it through a piece of muslin of close texture so that the Cantharides will be retained on the muslin. To the strained liquid add a sufficient quantity of Burgundy Pitch to make the whole weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], render the mixture homogeneous by stirring, remove the heat, and stir the mass until it thickens on cooling." *U. S.*

"Take of Cantharides, in coarse powder, Expressed Oil of Nutmeg, Yellow Wax, Resin, of each, *four ounces* [av.]; Resin Plaster *three pounds and a quarter* [av.]; Soap Plaster *two pounds* [av.]; Boiling Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Infuse the Cantharides in the Boiling Water for six hours; squeeze strongly through calico, and evaporate the expressed liquid by a water-bath, till reduced to one-third. Then add the other ingredients, and melt in a water-bath, stirring well until the whole is thoroughly mixed." *Br.*

This plaster is an excellent rubefacient, more active than Burgundy pitch, yet in general not sufficiently so to produce vesication. As prepared by the U. S. 1870 process it occasionally blistered; and the proportion of cantharides was, therefore, considerably diminished in the U. S. 1880 and 1890 formulas. This is unfortunate; for, while such a reduction may render the plaster insufficiently active in most cases, it does not entirely obviate the objection, as the smallest proportion of flies, or even the Burgundy pitch alone, would vesicate in certain persons. In whatever mode, therefore, this plaster may be prepared, it cannot always answer the expectations which may be entertained; and the only plan, when the skin of any individual has been found to be very susceptible, is to accommodate the proportions to the particular circumstances of the case. Much, however, may be accomplished by care in the preparation of the plaster, towards obviating its tendency to blister. If the flies of the *Ceratum Cantharidis* have been coarsely pulverized, the latter particles, coming in contact with the skin, will exert upon the particular part to which they may be applied their full vesicatory effect, while if reduced to a very fine powder they would be more thoroughly enveloped in the other ingredients, and thus have their strength much diluted. Hence the cerate when used as an ingredient of the warming plaster should contain the cantharides as minutely divided as possible; and the direction given in the U. S. 1890 process to strain it through cloth of fine texture should be carefully observed. The plan of keeping the cerate used in this preparation for a considerable time at the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), and then straining it so as to separate the flies, is a good one, but it would be better yet to substitute cerate *of the extract* of cantharides for the cerate of cantharides. (See *Ceratum Cantharidis.*) The mode frequently pursued of preparing the warming plaster by simply sprinkling a very small proportion of powdered flies upon the surface of Burgundy pitch is altogether objectionable. It has been objected to the U. S. plaster that it is apt to be too soft in hot weather. Mr. G. C. Close, ascribing this inconvenience to the proportion of lard in the cerate employed, proposes to obviate it by substituting Burgundy pitch plaster for Bur-

gundy pitch, and powdered cantharides for the cerate, and offers a formula in accordance with this suggestion. (See *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 20; from *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1866.)

The warming plaster is employed in *chronic rheumatism*, and in chronic internal diseases attended with inflammation or an inflammatory tendency, such as *catarrh*, *asthma*, *pertussis*, *phthisis*, *hepatitis*, and the sequelæ of *pleurisy* and *pneumonia*.

EMPLASTRUM PLUMBI. U. S., Br. Lead Plaster. [Diachylon Plaster.]

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŲM PLŬM'BĪ.)

Emplastrum Lithargyri, *Br.* 1864; Emplastrum Lithargyri Simplex, *P. G.;* Emplastrum Simplex, *F. P.;* Emplastrum Diachylon Simplex, Emplastrum Album Coctum; Litharge Plaster; Emplâtre simple, Emplâtre de Plomb (de Litharge), *Fr.;* Emplastrum Cerusæ, Froschlaichpflaster, Bleipflaster, Diachylon-Pflaster, *G.*

"Lead Oxide, *three thousand two hundred grammes* [or 112 ounces av., 383 grains]; Olive Oil, *six thousand grammes* [or 211 ounces av., 282 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Lead Oxide, previously passed through a No. 80 sieve, intimately with about one-half of the Olive Oil, by trituration, and add the mixture to the remainder of the Oil contained in a bright copper boiler of a capacity equal to at least four times the bulk of the ingredients. Then add *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of boiling Water, and boil the whole together, over a fire, constantly stirring with a wooden spatula, until a small portion, when dropped into cold water, is found to be pliable and tenacious. From time to time add a little Water to replace that lost by evaporation. When the contents of the boiler have acquired a whitish color and are perfectly homogeneous, transfer them to a vessel containing warm Water, and as soon as the mass has sufficiently cooled, knead it well with the Water so as to remove the glycerin, renewing the Water from time to time, as long as it may be necessary. Finally divide the mass into rolls of suitable size." *U. S.*

"Take of Oxide of Lead in fine powder *five pounds;* Olive Oil *ten pounds;* Water *five pounds.* Boil all the ingredients together gently by the heat of a steam-bath, and keep them simmering for four or five hours, stirring constantly, until the product acquires a proper consistence for a plaster, and adding more water during the process if necessary." *Br.* The weights used in this process are avoirdupois.

The importance of this plaster, as the basis of most of the others, requires a somewhat detailed account of the principles and manner of its preparation. An improvement will be observed in the U. S. P. 1890 process for this plaster in the washing out of the glycerin and the subsequent separation of the liquids by kneading the plaster.

It was formerly thought that the oil and lead oxide entered into direct union, and that the presence of water was necessary only to regulate the temperature and prevent the materials from being decomposed by heat. The discovery, however, was afterwards made, that this liquid was essential to the process, and that the oil and oxide alone, though maintained at a temperature of 220° F., would not combine, while the addition of water, under these circumstances, would produce their immediate union. It was now supposed that the oil was capable of combining only with the hydrated lead oxide, and that the use of the water was to bring the oxide into that state; and in support of this opinion the fact was advanced that the hydrated lead oxide and oil would form a plaster when heated together without any free water. But, since the general reception of Chevreul's views in relation to oils and their combinations with alkalies and other metallic oxides, the former opinions have been abandoned; and it is now admitted that the preparation of the lead plaster affords a genuine example of saponification, as explained by that chemist. A reaction takes place between the oil and water, resulting in the development of *glycerin*, and of two acid bodies, *oleic* and *palmitic acids*, to which, when animal fat is employed instead of olive oil, a third is added,—namely, *stearic acid*. The plaster is formed by a union of these acids with the oxide, and, prepared according to the directions of the Pharmacopœias, is in fact a lead oleo-palmitate, and if the olive oil contained stearin it would be a lead oleo-stearo-palmitate. The glycerin remains dissolved in the water, or mechanically mixed with the plaster. That such is the correct view of the nature of this compound is evinced by the fact that, if the lead oxide be separated from the plaster by digestion at a moderate heat in very dilute nitric acid, the fatty matter which remains will unite with litharge with the greatest facility, without the intervention of water. According to the modern chemical views, the fixed or fatty oils are compounds of the free fatty acids mentioned and the radical *glyceryl*. When boiled with the lead oxide and water, the fatty acids combine with the metallic oxide to form the plaster, and the glyceryl unites with the liberated hydrogen and becomes glycerin.

The reaction for olein and lead oxide is as follows: $2C_3H_5(\underset{\text{olein}}{C_{18}H_{33}O_2})_3 + 3PbO + 3H_2O = 3Pb(\underset{\text{lead oleate}}{C_{18}H_{33}O_2})_2 + 2\underset{\text{glycerin}}{C_3H_5(OH)_3}$. The radical glyceryl ($C_3H_5$) is a triad, and combines with three groups of a fatty acid or three groups of hydroxyl (OH).

Other oleaginous substances and other metallic oxides are susceptible of the same combination, and some of them form compounds having the consistence of a plaster; but, according to M. Henry, of Paris, no oily matter except animal fat can properly be substituted for olive oil, and no metallic oxide, not even one of the other oxides of lead, for litharge. He ascertained, moreover, that the English litharge is preferable for the formation of lead plaster to the German. From more recent experiments of Soubeiran, it appears that massicot or even minium may be substituted for litharge, and a plaster of good consistence be obtained, but that a much longer time is required for completing the process than when the official formula is followed. Owing to the necessity for its partial deoxidation, the use of minium requires a longer continuance of the process than when massicot is employed. According to M. Davallon, Professor in the School of Medicine and Pharmacy at Lyons, it is important that the olive oil employed should be pure; for when adulterated, as it frequently is, it yields an imperfect product. Mr. N. S. Thomas prepared a good plaster by substituting lard for olive oil, in the proportion of eight pounds of lard to five of litharge (*A. J. P.*, xix. 175); and we are told that it is a common practice in this country to make lead plaster with a mixture of lard oil and olive oil. Mueller uses equal parts of lard, olive oil, and litharge, having previously heated the litharge until a small sample causes no effervescence when dropped into nitric acid, showing the absence of carbonate. (*Pharm. Ztg.*, 1879, p. 70; *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 190.) It is said that the English plaster-makers rarely follow the Br. Pharm. direction, preferring the recipe of the old London Pharmacopœia, which contains more litharge and yields a much firmer and less adhesive product.* (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., v. 701, 716.) Lead plaster has also been prepared by double decomposition between soap and lead acetate or subacetate; but the results have not been so advantageous as to lead to the general adoption of this process. (See *A. J. P.*, ix. 727, and *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiii. 163 and 322.)†

Preparation. The vessel in which the lead plaster is prepared should be of such a size that the materials will not occupy more than two-thirds of its capacity.‡ The oil should be first introduced, and the litharge then sprinkled in by means of a sieve, the mixture being constantly stirred with a spatula. The particles of the oxide are thus prevented from coalescing in small masses, which the oil would not easily penetrate, and which would therefore delay the process. While the water exerts an important chemical agency in the changes which occur, it is also useful by preventing too high a temperature, which would decompose the oil, and cause the reduction of the oxide. The waste must, therefore, be supplied by fresh additions as directed in the process; and the water added for this purpose should be previously heated, as otherwise it would not only delay the operation, but by producing explosion might endanger the operator. During the continuance of the boiling, the material should be constantly stirred, and the spatula should be repeatedly passed along the bottom of the vessel, from side to side, so as to prevent any of the oxide, which is disposed by its greater density to sink to the bottom, from remaining in that situation. The materials swell up considerably, in consequence partly of the vaporization of the water, partly of the escape of carbonic acid gas, which is liberated by the oily acids from some lead carbonate usually contained in the litharge. The process should not be continued longer than is sufficient to produce complete union of the ingredients, and this may be known by the color and consistence of the mass. The color of the litharge gradually becomes paler, and at length almost white when the plaster is fully formed. The consistence increases with the progress of the boiling, and is sufficiently

* *Schwarze's Mutterpflaster*, *Emplastrum Fuscum* of the German Pharmacopœia, is made by boiling 64 parts of olive oil with 32 parts of very finely powdered red lead in a copper kettle until the mass is dark brown, and then adding 16 parts of yellow wax. *Emplastrum Fuscum Camphoratum* is the same, with the addition of 1 per cent. of camphor.

† *Zinc Plaster.* M. de Mussey, having witnessed inconveniences from lead plaster in consequence of the absorption of the lead, substituted for it a plaster with a basis of zinc oxide, which he has found to answer very well in practice. It cannot be made by direct combination of the oxide; and it is necessary to have recourse to the method of double decomposition. Solutions of white olive oil soap and of zinc sulphate being mixed, a copious precipitate takes place of zinc oleo-palmitate, which, after being washed and dried, may be combined with resins, oil, and wax, to give it the necessary consistence. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvii. 100.)

‡ The method of triturating the litharge with a portion of the oil (see U. S. P. 1890 process above) is applicable to small operations, but will not be found necessary in making lead plaster on the scale usually employed by manufacturers.

thick when a portion of the plaster, taken out and allowed to cool upon the end of a spatula, or thrown into cold water, becomes solid, without adhering in this state to the fingers. The portion thus solidified should not present, when broken, any red points, which would indicate the presence of a portion of uncombined litharge. When the plaster is formed, it should be removed from the fire, and after a short time cold water should be poured upon it. Portions should then be detached from the mass, and, having been well kneaded under water, in order to separate the viscid solution of glycerin contained in the interior, should be formed into cylindrical rolls, and wrapped in paper. Such, at least, has been the course of proceeding usually recommended. But M. Davallon maintains that the presence of glycerin in the plaster is useful by keeping it in a plastic state, and that washing and kneading are injurious, the former by removing the glycerin, the latter by introducing particles of air and moisture into the mass, which is thus rendered more disposed to rancidity. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 274; from *Journ. de Chim. Méd.*) By employing steam heat in the preparation of this plaster, the risk of burning it is avoided. For a good arrangement for this purpose, see *Mohr and Redwood's Pharmacy*, edited by Prof. Procter, p. 420. Bernbeck found that lead plaster could be preserved from hardening and oxidation if kept in air-tight canisters. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1881, p. 589.)

Lead plaster is officially described as "a yellowish-white, pliable, and tenacious, but not greasy mass, gradually acquiring a brownish tint on the outside. On treating 5 Gm. of Lead Plaster with 25 C.c. of benzol, a somewhat viscid and slightly turbid solution will result, which will separate into a clear and gelatinous layer after some time, but which should not deposit any sediment (absence of *uncombined lead oxide*)." *U. S.*

Mr. C. Lewis Diehl found it almost impossible, in following the U. S. directions of 1860, to obtain a plaster wholly free from uncombined litharge. He obviated the difficulty by first rubbing the sifted litharge with about half its weight of oil, then stirring the mixture with the remainder of the oil, in a tinned copper kettle, adding the water, and heating to 212° F. until a uniform plaster was formed. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 385.) Kremel states that when lead plaster is made from oleic acid, the product is almost entirely soluble in ether; when made with olive oil or lard, it contains lead stearate and palmitate, and thus a larger proportion is insoluble in ether. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 405.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This plaster, which has long been known under the name of *diachylon*, is used as an application to excoriated surfaces and to slight wounds, which it serves to protect from the action of the air. It may also be beneficial by the sedative influence of the lead which enters into its composition. A case is on record in which lead colic resulted from its long-continued application to a large ulcer of the leg. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xxiii. 246.) Dr. J. M. Bigelow reports a case of excessive sweating of the feet cured by putting the patient in bed for thirteen days and keeping the feet enveloped in strips of lead plaster. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1875.) Its chief use is in the preparation of other plasters.*

EMPLASTRUM PLUMBI IODIDI. Br. Iodide of Lead Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŬM PLŬM'BĪ Ī-ŌD'Ị-DĪ.)

Emplâtre d'Iodure de Plomb, *Fr.*; Jodblei-Pflaster, *G.*

"Take of Iodide of Lead *two ounces*; Lead Plaster *one pound*; Resin *two ounces*. Add the Iodide of Lead, in fine powder, to the Plaster and Resin previously melted at as low a temperature as possible, and mix them intimately." *Br.*

This is a local discutient plaster, which may also be used with other means to affect the system. (See *Plumbi Iodidum.*)

* *Logan's Plaster.* Take of Litharge, Lead Carbonate, each, *a pound*; Castile Soap, *twelve ounces*; Butter (fresh), *four ounces*; Olive Oil, *two and a half pints*; Mastic, in powder, *two drachms*. It is to be understood that the pound and ounce are of the avoirdupois weight. Having mixed the Soap, Oil, and Butter, add the Litharge, and boil the mixture gently, constantly stirring, for an hour and a half, or until it shall assume a pale brown color; then increase the heat somewhat, and continue to boil, until a portion of the liquid, dropped on a smooth board, is found not to adhere to it on cooling; then remove it from the fire, and mix the Mastic with it. Logan's plaster has long been in popular use in Philadelphia, and is yet employed by regular practitioners as a protective and discutient application.

Plaster of Lead Carbonate. This was originally introduced into our Pharmacopœia as a substitute for *Mahy's plaster*, at one time much employed in some parts of the United States, but was omitted in the edition of 1840. It is a good application to surfaces inflamed or excoriated by friction, and may be resorted to with advantage in those troublesome cases of cutaneous irritation, and even ulceration, which are apt to occur upon the back and hips during long-continued confinement to one position. We give the process as contained in the Pharmacopœia of 1830. "Take of Carbonate of Lead *a pound*; Olive Oil *two pints*; Yellow Wax *four ounces*; Lead Plaster *a pound and a half*; Florentine Orris, in powder, *nine ounces*. Boil together the Oil and Carbonate of Lead, adding a little water and constantly stirring, till they are thoroughly incorporated; then add the Wax and Plaster, and, when these are melted, sprinkle in the Orris, and mix the whole together." By this process a good plaster may be prepared, rather too soft at first, but soon acquiring the proper consistence.

EMPLASTRUM RESINÆ. U. S., Br. Resin Plaster. [Adhesive Plaster.]

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŲM RĘ-ŞĪ'NÆ.)

Emplastrum Adhesivum, *P. G.;* Emplâtre résineux (adhésif), *Fr.;* Heftpflaster, *G.*

"Resin, in fine powder, *one hundred and forty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 410 grains]; Lead Plaster, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Yellow Wax, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the Lead Plaster and Yellow Wax together with a gentle heat; then add the Resin, and, when it is melted, mix the mass thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Resin *four ounces;* Lead Plaster *two pounds;* Curd Soap *two ounces.* To the Lead Plaster, previously melted at a low temperature, add the Resin and Soap, first liquefied, and stir them until they are thoroughly mixed." *Br.* The weights here referred to are the avoirdupois.

Resin plaster differs from the lead plaster in being more adhesive and somewhat more stimulating. It is the common adhesive plaster of commerce, and is much employed for retaining the sides of wounds in contact, and for dressing ulcers according to the method of Baynton, by which the edges are drawn towards each other and a firm support is given to the granulations. As prepared by the Dublin College it contained soap, which gave it greater pliability, and rendered it less liable to crack in cold weather, without impairing its adhesiveness; and the process of that College has been adopted in the British Pharmacopœia. It is usually spread upon muslin; and the spreading is best accomplished, on a large scale, by means of a machine, as described in the general observations upon plasters. It is kept ready spread by the pharmacist; but, as the plaster becomes less adhesive by long exposure to the air, the supply should be frequently renewed. When the skin is very delicate, it occasionally excites some irritation, and under these circumstances a plaster may be substituted containing a smaller proportion of resin. That originally employed by Baynton contained only six drachms of resin to the pound of lead plaster. To obviate the same evil, M. Herpin recommends the addition of lead tannate, the proportion of which, when adhesiveness is required in the plaster, should not exceed one-twentieth, but under other circumstances may be increased to one-twelfth. (*Bull. de Thérap.*, xlviii. 155.)

In order to render the plaster more adhesive, and less brittle in cold weather, it is customary with many manufacturers to employ a considerable proportion of Burgundy pitch or turpentine in its preparation; but these additions are objectionable, as they greatly increase the liability of the plaster to irritate the skin, and thus materially interfere with the purposes for which the preparation was chiefly intended.*

EMPLASTRUM SAPONIS. U. S., Br. Soap Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŲM SĄ-PŌ'NĬS.)

Emplastrum Saponatum, *P. G.;* Emplastrum cum Sapone, *F. P.;* Emplâtre de Savon, *Fr.;* Seifenpflaster, *G.*

"Soap, dried and in coarse powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Lead Plaster, *nine hundred grammes* [or 31 ounces av., 326 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Rub the Soap with enough Water to reduce it to a semi-liquid state; then mix it with the Lead Plaster, previously melted, and evaporate to the proper consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Curd Soap *six ounces;* Lead Plaster *two pounds and a quarter;* Resin *one ounce.* To the Lead Plaster, melted at a low temperature, add the Soap and the Resin, first liquefied; then, constantly stirring, evaporate to a proper consistence." *Br.* The avoirdupois weights are used in this process.

The present U. S. formula is an improvement upon that of a former edition of the Pharmacopœia. By directing the soap to be in powder instead of sliced, it may be more thoroughly incorporated with the plaster. Greater plasticity is accomplished, in some degree, in the British process by the resin. In preparing the U. S. plaster, Mr. C. Lewis Diehl has found some difficulty in rubbing the soap up perfectly and rapidly with the water, and has, therefore, adopted the plan of first rubbing the soap with its weight of water, then straining the mixture through coarse muslin, and lastly reducing the residue with a proportionate quantity of water, before stirring the whole into the melted plaster. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 386.) Soap plaster is considered

* An adhesive plaster exempt from oxide of lead is prepared by Pettenkofer. It consists of calcareous soap incorporated with turpentine and suet, and may be prepared in the following manner. A solution of soap is decomposed by a solution of calcium chloride. The precipitate, having been expressed and dried, is powdered with half its weight of turpentine dried by heat; and the mixture is melted, along with an eighth part of suet, in boiling water. The mixture is boiled until the mass melts into a homogeneous fluid, when it is worked by the hand, in the ordinary manner, in cold water. Should portions of the calcareous soap not melt, they should be separated by straining through flannel. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 358.)

discutient, and is sometimes used as an application to tumors, where a dressing is required. Somewhat softer in its character, the soap cerate,* formerly official, may be found useful.

EMPLASTRUM SAPONIS FUSCUM. Br. Brown Soap Plaster.

(ĘM-PLĂS'TRŲM SĄ-PŌ'NĬS FŬS'CŲM.)

Emplastrum Cerati Saponis; Soap Cerate Plaster; Emplâtre de Savon saturné, *Fr.*; Seifencerat-Pflaster, *G.*

"Take of Curd Soap, in powder, *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Yellow Wax *twelve and a half ounces* [av.]; Olive Oil *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Oxide of Lead *fifteen ounces* [av.]; Vinegar *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Boil the Vinegar and Oxide of Lead together by the heat of a steam-bath, constantly stirring them until the Oxide has combined with the Acid; then add the Soap and boil again until most of the moisture is evaporated; finally, add the Wax and Oil melted together, and stir the whole continuously, maintaining the heat until by the evaporation of the remaining moisture the product has acquired the proper consistence for a plaster." *Br.*

This is the old *Ceratum Saponis Compositum* of the London College, the name of which has been changed in the British Pharmacopœia, because, the former class of Cerates having been abandoned, it was necessary to put the preparation into another class with a different title. It is not strictly a plaster, as this term is understood in American pharmacy; for heat is not required to spread it, it being applied to the leather or cloth by means of a spatula, like our Cerates, to which it properly belongs. Indeed, it is essentially the same preparation as the *Ceratum Saponis* of the U. S. P. 1870,* consisting, like that, of soap plaster with wax and olive oil, though made differently, and containing some sodium acetate as an incidental result of the process. In the British formula, lead subacetate is first formed by the boiling of litharge or lead oxide with vinegar; and the subacetate is then converted, by double decomposition with hard soap, into a compound of the lead oxide and the fatty acids of the soap, and sodium acetate, which, with some glycerin formed in the process, remains as an ingredient of the lead plaster. The process is completed by incorporating this with the melted wax and oil, thus in fact converting the preparation into a cerate. (See *Ceratum Saponis.*)

EMULSA. Emulsions.

(Ę-MŬL'SĄ.)

Under this head are included in the Pharmacopœia of 1890 liquid preparations in which oleaginous substances are suspended in watery fluids by the intervention of gum, the yolk of egg, or other viscid matter. The preparations forming the present class of emulsions were termed Mixtures in former pharmacopœias, and it is to be regretted that under this indefinite term are still grouped liquids of many kinds: the separation of these into proper classes is only a question of time, and the introduction of this new class into the Pharmacopœia of 1890 marks the first step in the direction of greater accuracy in defining pharmaceutical preparations, and more system in classification. The object of emulsions is usually to facilitate the administration, to conceal the taste, or to obviate the nauseating effects of unpleasant medicines; and their perfection depends upon the intimacy with which the ingredients are blended. Some skill and care are requisite for the production of uniform and perfect emulsions. As a rule, the body to be suspended should be thoroughly mixed by trituration with the substance intended to act as the intermedium, before the watery vehicle is added. In the case of the liquid balsams and oils, if gum arabic be employed as the intermedium it should be previously brought to the state of mucilage of the consistence directed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. When a fixed oil or balsam is to be made into an emulsion, the method most employed abroad is to add one part of gum to two or three of the oil, in a mortar, triturate until the mixture is complete, and then add at once twice as much water as gum used, and triturate rapidly until the oil is completely emulsified, then gradually add the remainder of the vehicle with constant trituration. Agitation in a bottle is sometimes substituted for trituration. The plan most largely used in this country is to make the emulsion with mucilage. Having a broad flat pestle and a mortar perfectly free from grease, put in a little mucilage, rub it around the mortar, add about half as much oil, triturate from the centre so as to emulsify this, then add more mucilage, then oil, and so on until the operation is completed. Care is required never to get the oil in excess of the mucilage. This plan seems to accord with the principle laid down by R. Rother

* *Ceratum Saponis.* U. S. 1870. *Soap Cerate.* (Cérat de Savon, *Fr.*; Seifencerat, *G.*) "Take of Soap Plaster *two troyounces;* White Wax *two troyounces and a half;* Olive Oil *four troyounces.* Melt together the Plaster and Wax, add the Oil, and, after continuing the heat a short time, stir the mixture until cool." *U. S.* 1870.

Soap cerate is thought to be cooling and sedative, and is used in scrofulous swellings and other instances of chronic external inflammation.

(*Chicago Pharmacist*, 1872, p. 25), that the most perfect and rapid emulsifier is a perfect emulsion. The proportion of gum and water necessary to make a good emulsion with the fixed oils varies with the oil. Thus, while castor oil requires only two drachms of the gum and three drachms of water to the ounce, most other fixed oils require half their weight of gum, and a weight of water equal to half that of the oil and gum united. These quantities being well rubbed together, any desirable amount of water may afterwards be gradually added, and will readily incorporate with the other ingredients. The white of egg has been frequently ordered by physicians as the suspending substance; but it is inferior for this purpose to the yolk, or to gum arabic. When the white is used it should be well beaten, and incorporated with the oleaginous or balsamic substances before the water is added.

EMULSUM AMMONIACI. U. S. (Br.) Emulsion of Ammoniac.

[Mistura Ammoniaci, Pharm. 1880.]

(Ē-MŬL'SUM ĂM-MŌ-NĪ'Ā-CĪ.)

Mistura Ammoniaci, *Br.;* Ammoniac Mixture; Emulsio Ammoniaci, Lac Ammoniaci; Ammoniacum Mixture, Milk of Ammoniac; Mixture de Gomme ammoniaque, Lait ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Ammoniak-Emulsion, *G.*

"Ammoniac, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Rub the Ammoniac, in a warmed mortar, with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces] of Water, at first very gradually added, until a uniform emulsion results. Then strain the mixture into a graduated vessel, and wash the mortar and strainer with enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Ammoniacum, in coarse powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *eight fluidounces*. Triturate the Ammoniacum thoroughly with a little Water into a thin paste, gradually add more Water until the mixture assumes a uniform milky appearance, then strain through muslin." *Br.*

In this emulsion the resinous and oily constituents are suspended by means of the gum of the ammoniac, imparting a milky appearance to the preparation, which from this circumstance was formerly called *lac ammoniaci*, or *milk of ammoniac*. The greater portion of the resin subsides upon standing. The emulsion is slightly curdled by acids. The dose is from one to two tablespoonfuls (15 to 30 C.c.).

EMULSUM AMYGDALÆ. U. S. (Br.) Emulsion of Almond.

[Mistura Amygdalæ, Pharm. 1880. Milk of Almond.]

(Ē-MŬL'SUM Ā-MĬG'DĀ-LÆ.)

Mistura Amygdalæ, *Br.;* Almond Mixture; Emulsio Amygdalæ, s. Amygdalarum, Emulsio Simplex; Milk of Almonds, Simple Emulsion; Lait d'Amandes, *Fr.;* Mandelemulsion, Mandelmilch, *G.*

"Sweet Almond, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Having blanched the Almond, add the Acacia and Sugar, and beat them, in a mortar, until they are thoroughly mixed. Then rub the mass with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces] of Water, at first very gradually added, until a uniform mixture results. Strain this into a graduated vessel, and wash the mortar and strainer with enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the whole thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Compound Powder of Almonds *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *sixteen fluidounces*. Rub the powder with a little of the Water into a thin paste, then add the remainder of the Water, and strain through muslin." *Br.*

These preparations are essentially the same, the gum and sugar which enter into the U. S. formula directly being ingredients of the compound powder of almonds of the British. The gum arabic in these formulas is introduced not so much for its demulcent properties as to assist in the suspension of the insoluble ingredients of the almonds. The same formula will answer for the preparation of an *emulsion of bitter almonds*. The oleaginous matter of the almonds is suspended in the water by means of their albumen, gum, and sugar, forming a milky emulsion. When the almonds themselves are employed, as in the U. S. process, care should be taken to reduce them to the consistence of a paste previously to the addition of the water; and with each successive portion of fluid a uniform mixture should be formed before another portion is added. Common water, when pure, may be properly substituted for the distilled. Great care should be taken to select the almonds perfectly free from rancidity. The emulsion is not per-

manent.* Upon standing, the oil rises like thick cream to the surface, and the separation is effected more quickly by heat, alcohol, and the acids, which coagulate the albumen. The preparation is closely analogous to milk in chemical relations and appearance. In warm weather it soon becomes sour.

Emulsion of almond has a bland taste, and may be used as an agreeable, nutritive demulcent in catarrhal and dysenteric affections and irritation of the urinary passages. To be of service it must be freely employed. From two to eight fluidounces (60 to 236 C.c.) may be taken at once. It is occasionally employed as the vehicle of less agreeable medicines, but should not be used with any considerable quantity of tinctures, acidulous salts, or other acid substances.

EMULSUM ASAFŒTIDÆ. U. S. Emulsion of Asafetida. [Mistura Asafœtidæ, Pharm. 1880. Milk of Asafœtida.]

(Ē-MŬL'SŬM ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Ĭ-DÆ—ăs-ą-fēt'ĭ-dē.)

Asafetida Mixture; Mistura (Lac) Asafœtidæ; Mixture (Lait) d'Asafœtida, *Fr.;* Asafœtida-Emulsion, Stinkasantmilch, *G.*

"Asafetida, in selected tears, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Rub the Asafetida, in a warmed mortar, with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces] of Water, at first very gradually added, until a uniform emulsion results. Then strain the mixture into a graduated vessel, and wash the mortar and strainer with enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the whole thoroughly." *U. S.*

The present 4-per-cent. official emulsion slightly exceeds in strength the mixture of the U. S. P. 1870, which contained but 3 per cent. of asafetida. This emulsion is less stimulant than the tincture, and more prompt in its action than the pill. Its excessively disagreeable smell and taste are, however, objections, which induce a frequent preference for the last-mentioned preparation. It is very often employed as an enema. The dose is from one to two tablespoonfuls (15 to 30 C.c.), frequently repeated. From two to four fluidounces (60 to 118 C.c.) may be given by the rectum. Mr. D. Ackerman prepares a concentrated emulsion of asafetida, which will keep if excluded from the light, by using a mixture of three-fourths of pure water and one-fourth of dilute acetic acid as the menstruum. For cleaning mortars in which asafetida has been rubbed, he recommends liquor potassæ, followed by bitter almond water or paste, and soap and water. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 268.)

EMULSUM CHLOROFORMI. U. S. Emulsion of Chloroform. [Mistura Chloroformi, Pharm. 1880.]

(Ē-MŬL'SŬM ĊHLŌ-RŌ-FÖR'MĪ.)

Chloroform Mixture; Emulsio Chloroformi; Emulsion de Chloroforme, *Fr.;* Chloroform-Emulsion, *G.*

"Chloroform, *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 170 minims]; Expressed Oil of Almond, *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Tragacanth, in very fine powder, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Introduce the Tragacanth into a perfectly dry bottle of sufficient capacity, add the Chloroform, and shake the bottle thoroughly, so that every part of the surface may become wetted. Then add about *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and incorporate it by vigorous shaking. Next add the Expressed Oil of Almond, in several portions, shaking after each addition, and when the Oil has been thoroughly emulsified, add enough Water, in divided portions, shaking after each addition, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.* The chloroform mixture of the U. S. P. 1880 † was an excellent preparation; the new emulsion is not quite identical, there being no camphor in it. The expressed oil of almond renders the emulsion more permanent; and the proportion of chloroform is slightly less than in the U. S. P. 1880 chloroform mixture, being 4 per cent. instead of 5 per cent. as formerly. This emulsion affords an easy and agreeable method of administering chloroform;

* *Concentrated Emulsion of Almonds.* H. P. Reynolds prepares a permanent preparation which, when mixed with three times its bulk of water, makes an emulsion which cannot be distinguished from the official, by using the following formula. Take of Sweet Almonds [blanched], Sugar, Glycerin ("C. P."), each, one ounce; Powdered Gum Arabic one drachm; Water two ounces. Rub to a uniform paste, strain through muslin, evaporate by a heat not exceeding 150° F. to the consistency of a fresh solid extract, flavor to suit.

† "Purified Chloroform, *eight parts* [or two fluidrachms]; Camphor, *two parts* [or forty-five grains]; Fresh Yolk of Egg, *ten parts* [or half a fluidounce]; Water, *eighty parts* [or four fluidounces], To make *one hundred parts* [or about five fluidounces]. Rub the Yolk of Egg in a mortar, first by itself, then with the Camphor, previously dissolved in the Chloroform, and lastly, with the Water, gradually added, so as to make a uniform mixture." *U. S.*

the emulsion is permanent and does not separate on standing. On account of the preservative influence of the chloroform, it will keep long unchanged. Dose, one or two tablespoonfuls (15 or 30 C.c.).

ENEMATA. Clysters.

(Ē-NĔM'Ą-TĄ.)

These can scarcely be considered proper objects for official direction; but, having been introduced into the former British Pharmacopœias and retained in the present, the plan of this work requires that they should be noticed. They are substances in the liquid form, intended to be thrown up the rectum, with the view either of evacuating the bowels, of producing the peculiar impression of a remedy upon the lower portion of the alimentary canal and neighboring organs, or of acting on the system generally through the medium of the surface to which they are applied. They are usually employed to assist the action of remedies taken by the mouth, or to supply their place when the stomach rejects them or is insensible to their impression. Sometimes they are preferably used when the seat of the disorder is in the rectum or its vicinity. As a rule, three times as much of any remedy is required to produce a given impression by enema as when taken into the stomach; but this rule should be acted on with caution, as the relative susceptibilities of the stomach and rectum are not the same in all individuals; and with regard to all very active remedies the best plan is to administer less than the stated proportion. Attention should also be paid to the fact that by the frequent use of a medicine the susceptibility of the stomach may be in some measure exhausted, without a proportionate diminution of that of the rectum.

When the object is to evacuate the bowels, the quantity of liquid administered should be considerable: for an adult, from ten fluidounces to a pint; for a child of eight or ten years, half that quantity; for an infant within the year, from one to three fluidounces. Much larger quantities of mild liquids may sometimes be given with safety and advantage, as the bowels will occasionally feel the stimulus of distention when insensible to irritating impressions.

When the design is to produce the peculiar impression of the remedy upon the neighboring parts, or on the system, it is usually desirable that the enema should be retained, and the vehicle should therefore be bland, and as small in quantity as is compatible with convenient administration. A solution of starch, flaxseed tea, or other mucilaginous fluid should be selected, and the quantity should seldom exceed two or three fluidounces. In every case the patient should be instructed to resist any immediate disposition to discharge the injected fluid; and his efforts to retain it should be assisted, if necessary, by pressure with a warm folded towel upon the fundament.

ENEMA ALOES. Br. Enema of Aloes.

(ĔN'Ē-MĄ ĂL'Ō-ĒS.)

"Take of Aloes *forty grains;* Carbonate of Potassium *fifteen grains;* Mucilage of Starch *ten fluidounces.* Mix and rub together." *Br.*

This is intended as a formula for the use of aloes in cases of ascarides in the rectum, and of amenorrhœa attended with constipation.

ENEMA ASAFŒTIDÆ. Br. Enema of Asafetida.

(ĔN'Ē-MĄ ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Į-DÆ—ăs-ą-fĕt'ĭ-dē.)

Enema Fœtidum; Fetid Enema.

"Take of Asafetida *thirty grains;* Distilled Water *four fluidounces.* Rub the Asafetida in a mortar with the Water added gradually, so as to form an emulsion." *Br.*

This is carminative and antispasmodic as well as laxative. In the former Br. Pharmacopœia it was directed to be made by mixing the tincture and distilled water; and in commenting on it we stated that we should prefer a preparation consisting of the gum-resin rubbed up with water, as the alcohol of the tincture might in some instances prove injurious. In the present formula this plan has been adopted. The whole quantity directed may be administered at once.

ENEMA MAGNESII SULPHATIS. Br. Enema of Sulphate of Magnesium.

(ĔN'Ē-MĄ MĂG-NĒ'ŞĮ-Ī SŬL-PHĀ'TĪS.)

Enema Catharticum; Cathartic Clyster.

"Take of Sulphate of Magnesium *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Olive Oil *one fluidounce;* Mucilage of Starch *fifteen fluidounces.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Magnesium in the Mucilage of Starch, add the Oil, and mix." *Br.*

The *laxative enema* most commonly employed in this country consists of a tablespoonful of common salt, two tablespoonfuls of lard or olive oil, the same quantity of molasses, and a pint of warm water. It has the advantage of consisting of materials which are always at hand in families, and is in all respects equal to the official preparation.

ENEMA OPII. Br. Enema of Opium.

(ĔN'Ē-MĄ Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Enema Opii vel Anodynum; Anodyne Enema.

"Take of Tincture of Opium *half a fluidrachm;* Mucilage of Starch *two fluidounces.* Mix." *Br.*

This formula is unobjectionable. Every one in the habit of prescribing opium in this way must have seen a much greater effect produced by a certain amount of laudanum injected into the rectum than by one-third of the quantity swallowed. The fluidrachm contains at least one hundred drops of laudanum of the ordinary size, and not less than one hundred and twenty as they are often formed. From twenty to twenty-five drops are usually considered a medium dose by the mouth; so that sixty drops, equivalent to about thirty minims, are abundantly sufficient by enema. As the object is that the enema should remain in the rectum, the smaller the quantity of the vehicle the better; and a mucilaginous fluid is preferable to water, as it involves the tincture, and prevents the irritation of the alcohol before the opium begins to take effect. The ordinary anodyne enema employed in this country consists of about sixty drops of laudanum and one or two fluidounces of flaxseed tea or solution of starch, conforming precisely with the present British formula. This is an admirable remedy in obstinate *vomiting*, *strangury* from blisters, painful affections of the kidneys, bladder, and uterus, and the *tenesmus of dysentery*. It may also frequently be employed to produce the effects of opium upon the system, when circumstances prevent the administration of that medicine by the mouth.

ENEMA TEREBINTHINÆ. Br. Enema of Turpentine.

(ĔN'Ē-MĄ TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĮ-NÆ.)

"Take of Oil of Turpentine *one fluidounce;* Mucilage of Starch *fifteen fluidounces.* Mix." *Br.*

For the dose of this preparation, see *Oleum Terebinthinæ.*

ERGOTA. U. S., Br. Ergot. [Ergot of Rye.]

(ĔR'GŌ-TĄ.)

"The sclerotium of Claviceps purpurea (Fries), Tulasne (class, Fungi), replacing the grain of rye, Secale cereale, Linné (nat. ord. Gramineæ). Ergot should be only moderately dried. It should be preserved in a close vessel, and a few drops of chloroform should be dropped upon it from time to time to prevent the development of insects. When more than one year old, it is unfit for use." *U. S.* "The sclerotium of Claviceps purpurea, Tulasne, produced between the pales and replacing the grain of Secale cereale." *Br.*

Secale Cornutum, *P. G.;* Secale Clavatum, Mater Secalis, Clavus Secalinus; Spurred Rye; Ergot, Seigle ergoté (noir), Blé cornu, *Fr.;* Mutterkorn, Kornmutter, Lapfenkorn, *G.*

In all the Gramineæ, or grass tribe, and in some of the Cyperaceæ, the place of the seeds is sometimes occupied by a morbid growth which, from its resemblance to the spur of a cock, has received the name of *ergot*, adopted from the French. This product is most frequent in the rye, *Secale cereale*, and from that grain was adopted in the first edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, under the name of *secale cornutum*, or *spurred rye*. In the edition of 1840 the name was changed to *ergota*. It is probable that this morbid growth has similar properties from whatever plant derived; and the fact has been proved in relation to the ergot of wheat. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxxii. 479.) Indeed, in a case reported by Dr. D. L. McGugin (*Iowa Med. Journ.*, iv. 93), this variety of ergot is said to have succeeded promptly when that of rye, previously tried, had failed.* A short thick ergot produced upon the wild rice of Minnesota is said to be used as an abortifacient and during labor by the Indian women.† M. Leperdriel, Jr., of Montpellier, in France, affirms that the *ergot of wheat* is des-

* For the various views that have been held in regard to the nature of ergot, see 15th edition U. S. D.: the sketch is omitted here, as being solely of historic interest.

† There is, indeed, reason for believing that this ergot is specifically identical with the official one, since Tulasne has cultivated the dissimilar sclerotia obtained from twelve species of grasses, and found the fructification in each case identical with that of the ergot of rye. Moreover, from time to time of late years epidemics of abortion in cows have been reported as produced by the use of various ergots. This is a strong indication that all the ergots are similar in medical properties. The ergot of oats is said to be of a black color, measuring from ten to twelve millimeters in length

titute of the poisonous properties of that of rye, and is less liable to change. The former point is, to say the least, very uncertain. Prof. Bentley, of London, found that of two specimens, one of the ergot of rye, the other of wheat, which had been kept under similar circumstances for ten years, the former was quite destroyed, while the latter was apparently unchanged. Ergot is rarer in wheat than in rye; and in the head of the former there is generally but one and very rarely more than two of the diseased grains. It is produced usually in wheat in wet seasons, and on that side of the head most exposed to the dampness. It is shorter and much thicker than the ergot of rye, being about half an inch long and three-quarters of an inch or more in circumference, and cleft into two or three divisions. In color and smell it resembles the spurred rye. (*P. J. Tr.*, March and April, 1863.)

The very beautiful and praiseworthy investigations of M. Tulasne have shown that ergot is not the diseased grain of the rye, but is the *sclerotium* of a fungus, the *Claviceps purpurea*, Tulasne. This fungus has three stages in its life-history. The development of the *sphacelia*, or first stage, commences with that of the pistil, which serves as a soil for it. The ovary of the rye consists of a cellular membrane of two coats, the outer of which has a thick parenchyma, white and gorged with juice; the inner is very delicate and green. The sphacelia, when it takes possession of the ovary, identifies itself with the outer parenchyma, and in some measure replaces it, being as it were borne by the inner membrane. It rapidly increases, taking the form of the ovary, and almost obliterating its cavity. The ovule is either entirely wanting, or may be seen, on a careful examination, in an imperfect form. For some time the parasite is represented entirely by the sphacelia, which is an oblong, fungous mass, almost homogeneous, soft and tender, marked on its surface by numerous sinuous furrows, and having within many irregular cavities, which, as well as the outer coat, are uniformly covered with linear parallel cells. From the summits of these peripheric cells, internal as well as external, issue oval corpuscles, from ·005 to ·007 mm. in length, which spread upon neighboring objects, and especially the glumes of the flowers they inhabit. They are a kind of reproductive cells, called conidia, which are produced by many fungi long before the perfect plant is developed. M. Tulasne calls them "*spermatie*." In the early stage the sphacelia respects the top of the ovary, and the stigmas attached. The stamens often abort; but the filaments and anthers may sometimes be seen buried in the tissue of the sphacelia, and altered by its action. Sometimes the ovule is not completely aborted, but it is certainly never developed into a monster grain. In all ergotized plants, the pistils and stigmas, when they remain, are often covered with a mouldiness, consisting of spores and entangled filaments, which end by covering the parts with an abundant ashy or sooty powder. This is a different fungus, and was confounded by Mr. Quekett with the ergot plant. It is found as well in the non-ergotized as in the ergotized flowers, and in those of plants which do not bear ergot. At a somewhat advanced period of the development of the sphacelia, there exudes, especially from the summit, a very adhesive juice, which spreads over that structure, bearing along with it an immense number of the seedlets or "*spermaties*." This leaves on the surface when dry an oily



Ergot. *A*, head of rye with ergot (*a*) growing in it; *B*, young ergot, showing the growing sclerotium carrying upon its top the old diseased ovary. (After Berg.)

and three to four in thickness, and to have been used in Algeria as a substitute for rye ergot. (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, March, 1888.) The ergot of *diss*, an Algerian reed, *Ampelodesmos tenax*, has appeared in commerce to some extent. It is, when small, slightly curved, but when long (6–9 centimeters) it takes a spiral turn from right to left, the longitudinal furrows being present on the inner face. It is thinner, dryer, and more brittle than the ergot of rye, and has been used for the preparation of an ergotine or extract closely resembling the official one, but said to be of a clearer red or brown color. M. Lallemand asserts that the ergot of diss is twice as strong as the ergot of rye, and states that it is abundant and readily collected. It is also stated to be less hygroscopic and less apt to be attacked by acari than is the official article. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 684, 1886.)

appearance, and afterwards the spots, where it remains, become brownish or blackish. But this exudation does not appear until the sphacelia has ceased to constitute the whole plant.

At the base of the sphacelia is produced a compact body, violet-black without and white within, which is the ergot in a rudimentary state. With this commences the second stage in the development of the fungus. The young ergot is everywhere invested by the tissue of the sphacelia (which Tulasne calls also *spermagonia*, from its office); but, as it increases, it seems to be placed below the spermatopherous apparatus, and raises it steadily out of the floral bracts which concealed it, ending by supporting it wholly at its summit. Sometimes it carries with it the atrophied ovary, which still shows the hairs that crowned it, and some remains of the stigmas. It results that the ergot, which is technically the *sclerotium* of the fungus, remains for some time concealed in the sphacelia, so that this seems to constitute the whole plant. But, when the function belonging to this has been fulfilled, it begins to become dry, and is much deformed. The ergot, on the contrary, increases in all directions, and soon appears above the glume. As it augments, the thin coating which it has received from the spermatopherous tissue, especially below, gradually becomes thinner, and seems to disappear, so that its surface, instead of being uniformly violet-black, is only here and there covered with the remains of the tissue, or with a deposit of the conidia or "*spermatie*." Nevertheless, the sphacelia, deformed, shrunken, and worn away by rains and other causes, remains long at the top of the ergot, along with the abortive ovary, etc., and may even continue to adhere when the ergot is detached from the plant. The time required for the full development of the sphacelia and the ergot or sclerotium varies. In an example under the observation of M. Tulasne, at least a month elapsed after the appearance of the sphacelia before the growth was completed.

Ergot has absolutely nothing in common with normal grain. The anatomical structure and all the physical characters of ergot are those of the mushrooms, or rather of a sclerotic mycelium. The parenchyma, which is whitish, dry, and brittle, consists in all its parts of irregular, globular, or polyhedric thick-walled cells, intimately united, and filled with a limpid oil, but feebly colored by iodine. The superficial utricles, which alone are colored, have an outer wall thicker than the inner, and the color of these is what gives its characteristic hue to ergot. Not the least trace of starch is to be detected. If ergot be planted in a suitable soil, evidences of germination are seen in about three months. Little globular prominences appear on its surface, which gradually enlarge, and raise themselves upon cylindrical stems, and finally become perfect pilei or fruiting fungi, producing elongated, rod-like spores in flask-shaped cavities which open by a little pore. These little fungi belong to the genus *Sphæria*. As they increase, the interior of the ergot becomes exhausted, by contributing to their growth. Falling to the ground, in its natural course, the ergot in the soil germinates, and produces pilei, the spores of which, carried up with the juices of rye, become lodged in the ovary, where they begin the course of life and progress which has been delineated. Different grains are probably infested with different species of Claviceps; but there is no reason to think that any other species is concerned in the product of any official variety of ergot. (*Annales des Sciences Naturelles*, 3e sér., xx. 5, 1853.) The ergot usually projects out of the glume or husk beyond the ordinary outline of the spike or ear. In some spikes the place of the seeds is wholly occupied by the ergot, in others only two or three spurs are observed. It is said to be much more energetic when collected before than after harvest. Rye has generally been thought to be most subject to the disease in poor and wet soils, and in rainy seasons; and intense heat succeeding continued rains has been said to favor its development, especially if these circumstances occur at the time the flower is forming. It is now, however, asserted that moisture has little or nothing to do with its production. It should not be collected until some days after it has begun to form; as, according to M. Bonjean, if gathered on the first day it does not possess the poisonous properties which it exhibits when taken on the sixth day. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1842.)

Properties. Ergot is in solid, brittle yet somewhat flexible grains, from a third of an inch to an inch and a half long, from half a line to three lines in thickness, cylindrical or obscurely triangular, tapering towards each end, obtuse at the extremities, usually curved like the spur of a cock, marked with one or two longitudinal furrows, often irregularly cracked or fissured, of a violet-brown color and often somewhat glaucous externally, yellowish white or violet-white within, of an unpleasant smell when in mass resembling that of putrid fish, and of a taste which is at first scarcely perceptible, but ultimately disagreeable and slightly acrid. "Somewhat fusiform, obtusely triangular, usually curved, about 2 or 3 Cm. long, and 3 Mm. thick; three-furrowed, obtuse at both ends, purplish-black, internally whitish with some purplish striæ, breaking with a short fracture; odor peculiar, heavy, increased by trituration with potassium or sodium hy-

drate test-solution; taste oily and disagreeable. Old Ergot, which breaks with a sharp snap, is almost or entirely devoid of a pinkish tinge upon the fracture, is hard and brittle between the teeth, and is comparatively odorless and tasteless, should be rejected." *U. S.* Ergot yields its virtues to water and alcohol. The aqueous infusion or decoction is claret-colored, and has an acid reaction. It is precipitated by lead acetate and subacetate, silver nitrate, and tincture of galls, but affords with iodine no evidence of the presence of starch. Long boiling impairs the virtues of the medicine.

Ergot has been analyzed by Vauquelin, Winckler, Wiggers, Wright, Legrip, Wenzell, Tanret, Dragendorff, and several others. Dr. Wright supposed the virtues of ergot to reside in the fixed oil, which he therefore recommended as a substitute for the medicine. The *oil of ergot*, when obtained from grains recently collected, is, according to Dr. Wright, often quite free from color; but as usually prepared it is reddish brown. It has a disagreeable, somewhat acrid taste, is lighter than water, and is soluble in alcohol and alkaline solutions. It is prepared by forming an ethereal tincture of ergot by the process of displacement, and evaporating the ether with a gentle heat. It may be more cheaply prepared by substituting benzin for ether. Experience has shown that, though the oil thus prepared with ether may have produced effects analogous to those of ergot, they were to be ascribed rather to some principle extracted along with the oil by the menstruum than to the oil itself; for, when procured by expression, this has been found to be inactive, although Prof. Procter has ascertained that it contains a little *secalin*, one at least of the active principles of ergot, which may be separated from it by washing with acidulated water. According to Mr. T. R. Baker, the oil has a taste and smell similar to those of castor oil, with which it also agrees in ultimate composition, and yields analogous results in saponification. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 101–2.) Dr. T. C. Herrmann investigated specially the chemical constitution of the oil of ergot. As obtained by means of ether, it was brownish yellow, of an aromatic smell and acrid taste, viscid, of the sp. gr. 0·9249, and without the drying property. It consists of 22·703 per cent. of palmitic acid, 69·205 of oleic acid, and 8·091 of glycerin. (*N. R.*, 1872, p. 238; from *Buchner's Repertorium*, 1871, p. 283.) The *sugar of ergot* was found by Mitscherlich to be peculiar, and was named by him *mycose*. He described it as crystallizable, very soluble in water, almost insoluble in cold but dissolved by about 100 parts of boiling alcohol, quite insoluble in ether, and without the action of glucose on the salts of copper. Its formula is $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + 2H_2O$, allying it to cane sugar, and possibly making it identical with *trehalose*. According to Wenzell (*A. J. P.*, May, 1864), ergot of rye contains two peculiar alkaloids, which he designated *ecboline* and *ergotine*, and claimed to be the active principles of the drug. The two bases of ergot are, according to Wenzell, combined with *ergotic acid*, the existence of which has been further admitted by Ganser. It is said to be a volatile body yielding crystallizable salts.

A crystallized, colorless alkaloid, *ergotinine*, $C_{35}H_{40}N_4O_6$, which is probably identical with Wenzell's ergotine, was isolated (1877–78) by Tanret. He obtained it to the amount of 0·04 per cent., some amorphous ergotinine, moreover, being present. The solutions of ergotinine turn greenish and red very soon; they are fluorescent. Sulphuric acid imparts to it a red, violet, and finally blue hue.*

* Bombelon has improved the process for making Wenzell's alkaloids: "*ergotine*" has been renamed by Tanret "*ergotinine*," and "*ecboline*" has been renamed by Kobert "*cornutine*." The process is as follows. Macerate for 24 hours 1000 grammes of ergot, previously deprived of oil and finely powdered, with sufficient alcohol (95 per cent.) containing 50 grammes of pure soda, to completely cover the powder, shaking occasionally. Express the tincture, and macerate the residue with sufficient alcohol to cover, but without soda, for 24 hours; express again, and add to the foregoing tincture, which now will contain all the sphacelic acid combined with sodium, besides ergotinine and cornutine, also some of the fatty matter, resin, and extractive matter. Acidulate distinctly with citric acid, and distil off the alcohol. Add 200 grammes of distilled water to the residue in the still; this will dissolve the citrates of the alkaloids, but not the sphacelic acid, which has been liberated. The remaining mass is transferred to a filter, and treated with 50 grammes of alcohol (95 per cent.), which will dissolve nearly all of it. Neutralize the filtrate strongly with solution of soda, and add 50 grammes of ether. Sphacelate of sodium, being insoluble in ether-alcohol, separates in jelly-like lumps, while the soap and resins remain dissolved. Transfer to a filter, wash the sodium salt with ether-alcohol, let it drain off, wrap the cake in filtering paper, and transfer to a press till thoroughly dry. The dry mass is yellowish and translucent, similar to white Castile soap shavings, and is a resin soap, sphacelic acid being a true acid resin. The cake is powdered in a porcelain mortar and vigorously rubbed with an excess of acetic acid, which will set free the sphacelic acid. The latter is transferred to a filter, washed with distilled water to free it from sodium acetate, and pressed dry between filtering paper. Sphacelic acid thus prepared is a light, nearly white powder, which becomes electric on rubbing. By repeated washings, dissolving in hot alcohol, and filtering through a hot-water filter, it is obtained perfectly pure and of a snow-white color. It is insoluble in water, slightly so in ether, chloroform, and carbon disulphide, more easily in cold, strong alcohol, still more so in hot alcohol. Being prone to decomposition, it would be best to keep it as sodium sphacelate. The perfectly clear, yellowish solution of the citrates of the alkaloids is supersaturated with sodium carbonate, which liberates the alkaloids. By shaking repeatedly with

Dragendorff and several of his pupils since 1875 have isolated the following *amorphous* principles of the drug: 1, *sclerotic acid*, said to be a very active substance, used chiefly in subcutaneous injections; about 4 per cent. of colorless acid may be obtained from good ergot of rye; 2, *scleromucin*, a mucilaginous matter which may be precipitated by alcohol from aqueous extracts of the drug; 3, *sclererythrin*, the red coloring matter probably allied to anthrachinon and the coloring substances of madder, chiefly to purpurin; 4, *scleroiodin*, a bluish-black powder soluble in alkalies; 5, *fusco-sclerotinic acid;* 6, *picrosclerotine*, apparently a highly poisonous alkaloid; lastly, 7, *sclerοxanthin*, $C_7H_7O_3 + H_2O$, and 8, *sclerocrystallin*, $C_7H_7O_3$, have been obtained in crystals; their alcoholic solution is but little colored, yet assumes a violet hue on addition of ferric chloride.

Tanret also observed in ergot of rye a volatile *camphoraceous* substance.

When ergot or its alcoholic extract is treated with an alkali, it yields as products of the decomposition of the albuminoid matters ammonia or ammonia bases, according to Ludwig and Stahl, *methylamine;* according to others, *trimethylamine*. Wenzell states that phosphate of trimethylamine is present in an aqueous extract of ergot, but Ganser ascertained that no such base pre-exists in ergot. Flückiger found that the crystals which abound in the extract after it has been kept for some time are an acid sodium and ammonium phosphate, with a small proportion of sulphate.

We quote from Dilg's summary of the "active constituents of ergot" (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 335) Dragendorff's process for the two most active constituents of ergot, *sclerotic* or *sclerotinic acid* and *scleromucin*. "Digest ergot, previously exhausted by ether and absolute alcohol, with water, dialyse, evaporate the dialysate to a syrupy consistence, and treat with sufficient alcohol to obtain a mixture containing 40 to 45 per cent. alcohol, which precipitates the potassium phosphate, while more alcohol added until the strength is increased to 75 or 80 per cent. precipitates the salts of sclerotic acid, which are soluble in dilute but insoluble in stronger alcohol, and leave about 19 per cent. of ash. The filtrate, upon which alcohol has no further effect, produces with ether a slight precipitate, which after a few days' standing forms a syrupy, brown mass, which has scarcely any medicinal virtue. The filtrate from this precipitate, in which the reactions still distinctly indicate the presence of Wenzell's alkaloids, after evaporating the ether and alcohol, does *not* produce the specific action of ergot. The dark liquid remaining on the dialysator, when mixed with sufficient alcohol to bring it to 45–50 per cent., precipitates the *scleromucin*, which while moist forms a mucilaginous solution with water, but after drying is only partially soluble, differing in this respect from sclerotic acid, which is soluble in all proportions, before and after drying.

"*Sclerotic acid* is obtained in an early pure state by kneading the mixed sclerotates, as obtained above, with 80 per cent. alcohol, and afterwards dissolving them in 40 per cent. alcohol; the solution is mixed with an excess of hydrochloric acid, and after several hours precipitated with absolute alcohol, whereby the ash is reduced to about 3 per cent., and consists mainly of some silica, magnesia, and phosphates of iron and potassium. The acid is not a glucoside, and yields no precipitates with the reagents for alkaloids, except with phosphomolybdic acid a yellow, and with tannin a nearly colorless one. Sclerotic acid is obtained as a yellowish brown, tasteless, and inodorous substance, which has a very slight acid reaction, and is hygroscopic without being deliquescent. It is very well adapted for subcutaneous applications, in doses of 0·03–0·045 Gm. *Scleromucin* is darker in color, slightly hygroscopic, gummy, inodorous, and tasteless, yields 26·8 per cent. of ash, and, like sclerotic acid, contains nitrogen, is not a glucoside, and is precipitated by tannin and phosphomolybdic acid. Good ergot yields about 4 to 4½ per cent. of sclerotic acid, and about 2 to 3 per cent. of scleromucin."

For an improved process for making sclerotic acid, by Podwissotzky, see *N. R.*, 1883, p. 271. Voswinkel obtained from ergot a brown amorphous substance, which he proved by hydrolysis to yield *mannose*. The body is a hemi-cellulose, and the name *mannan* has been given to it. He states that Dragendorff's sclerotic acid and scleromucin are identical with mannan. (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 1891, p. 531.)

ether till the latter is not colored any longer, all the ergotinine will be taken up. The insoluble flakes which remain are cornutine. It is taken up by acetic ether or by chloroform.

Ergotine (Wenzell)—*Ergotinine* (Tanret)—appears as a light yellow, spongy mass, which never crystallizes. Bombelon thinks that the so-called crystallized ergotinine is a decomposition product obtained by the action of chemicals on ergot.

Ecboline (Wenzell)—*Cornutine* (Kobert)—forms an amorphous, reddish mass, which is changed to flesh-color on triturating: being perfectly insoluble in ether, it may be obtained pure by repeated treating with absolute ether. Bombelon much prefers phthalic acid to any other acid for combination with the alkaloids, because it is still more antiseptic than even salicylic acid. (*Pharm. Ztg.*, 1888.)

Kobert (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 1884, p. 607; All, *Das Mutterkorns*, Leipzig, 1884) found three physiologically active principles: 1st, *ergotic acid*, which he considers the principal constituent of the sclerotic acid of Dragendorff and Podwissotzky, and which is isolated by precipitation with ammoniacal lead subacetate, 2d, *sphacelic acid*, which can be isolated by taking advantage of the insolubility of the free acid in water and its solubility in alcohol; 3d, the alkaloid *cornutine*, which is not identical with the crystalline or with the amorphous ergotinine of Tanret; it is readily soluble in alcohol, and is obtained from an alkaline aqueous solution by agitation with ether. This alkaloid is said to be very poisonous. Dr. Kobert's conclusions have been questioned by Tanret (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 889), but the former reaffirms his statements and believes that ergotinine is worthless, and that the activity of fresh ergot is due to sphacelic acid and cornutine as above described: the important fact, however, is noted that these latter principles entirely lose their properties on keeping; he therefore proposes that they be made into pills and coated to protect them. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 597.) Kobert's process for cornutine we append in a foot-note.*

The odor of ergot is no doubt owing to the liberation of its volatile alkaloid, probably in consequence of a slow decomposition of the native salt. A method of detecting ergot in a mixed powder, rye flour for example, is thus afforded. If, on the addition of solution of potassa, the odor of ergot be perceived, its presence is sufficiently proved.

Ergot, when perfectly dry and kept in well-stopped bottles, will retain its virtues for a considerable time, but exposed to air and moisture it speedily undergoes chemical change and deteriorates. M. Gobley kept for more than ten years, perfectly sound, some ergot which he had selected from the year's harvest, carefully sifted, wiped with linen, then exposed to a heat of from 50° to 60° C. for three or four hours, and finally put into small boxes, holding each about 30 Gm. (a troyounce), previously heated with the ergot, and finally closed air-tight with pitch. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mar. 1873, p. 216.) It is, moreover, apt to be attacked by a minute worm, which consumes the interior of the grain, leaving merely the exterior shell and an excrementitious powder. This insect is sometimes found in the ergot before removal from the plant. In the state of powder the medicine still more readily deteriorates; but Prof. Dragendorff believes that the decay is due to oxidization of the fatty principles of the ergot, and can be prevented by depriving the ergot of its oil before powdering. (*A. P. S.*, xxv.) This has since been confirmed by Zschiesing, who preserved ergot for two years, and Bombelon, who kept ergot in good condition for nine years, by previously removing the fixed oil with ether. (*Phar. Zeitung*, No. 49, p. 51; *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 457.) It is best, as a rule, to renew it every year or two. M. Viel recommends that it should be well dried at a gentle heat, and incorporated with double its weight of loaf sugar, by means of which, if protected from moisture, it will retain its virtues for many years. According to M. Zanon, the same result is obtained by stratifying it with well-washed and perfectly dried sand, in a bottle from which air and light are excluded. Camphor and powdered benzoin are said to prevent injury from worms.

Medical Properties and Uses. Given in small doses to men or non-pregnant women, ergot produces no obvious effect. In the quantity of half a drachm or a drachm it may occasion nausea or vomiting, but in order to produce very distinct symptoms enormous doses must be taken. We have given the fluid extract in doses of three ounces, daily, for one or more weeks without perceiving any marked effect. In some cases, after very large doses the pulse is distinctly reduced in frequency, and Dr. Hardy has noted that the fœtal cardiac pulsations are rendered infrequent by it. But one instance of fatal poisoning has occurred, except when abortion has been produced. A case is recorded in which ergot produced great prostration, with an almost absent pulse, paleness and coldness of the surface, partial palsy, with pricking of the limbs, and great restlessness, without stupor or delirium. (*Gazette Méd. de Paris*, Juillet 25, 1857.) The symptoms in another case, recorded by Dr. Oldright, were very similar to those just detailed. The most characteristic is the intense coldness of the surface, which has also been noted in the lower animals. In the fatal case narrated by Dr. Pratschke, uneasiness in the head, oppression of stomach, diarrhœa, urgent thirst, burning pains in the feet, tetanic

* Exhaust the drug with water, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, neutralize the aqueous solution nearly with sodium carbonate, evaporate in vacuo at a very low temperature to a syrupy consistence, and treat with alcohol. Filter, distil off the alcohol carefully, and treat the nearly dry product with anhydrous ether, which removes any ergotinine present. After making the residue alkaline with sodium carbonate it is treated with acetic ether, and the solution shaken with water containing a little citric acid, which removes the cornutine in an almost pure state. This process is repeated, and it is finally precipitated from its acetic ether solution by anhydrous ether. Prepared in this way, cornutine will, if kept dry, and not exposed to light, remain unchanged. (The author kept some for three years.) (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1891, p. 190.)

spasms, violent convulsions, and death ensued upon eating freely of ergotized grain. (*Lon. Med. Gaz.*, Oct. 1850, p. 579.) The long-continued and free use of ergot is highly dangerous, even when no immediate effects are perceptible. Fatal epidemics in different parts of the continent of Europe, particularly in certain provinces of France, have long been ascribed to the use of bread made from rye contaminated with this fungus.* Dry gangrene, typhus fever, and disorder of the nervous system attended with convulsions, are the forms of disease which have followed the use of this unwholesome food. It is true that ergot has been denied to be the cause; but accurate investigations made by competent men upon the spot where the epidemics have prevailed, together with experiments upon inferior animals,† leave no room for reasonable doubt that at least the gangrenous affection alluded to has resulted from it.

Upon the lower animals ergot acts as upon man. Besides its influence upon the uterus, the most important physiological action of the drug is upon the vaso-motor nervous system. It has been abundantly proved that in full therapeutic dose it raises remarkably the arterial pressure by producing a general vaso-motor spasm. This spasm is almost certainly the result of a stimulation of the vaso-motor nerve-centres, but there are still some authorities who believe that the drug acts peripherally upon the muscular coats of the vessels or upon the nerves connected therewith.

On the continent of Europe, in Germany, France, and Italy, ergot has long been empirically employed by midwives for promoting the contraction of the uterus; and its German name of *mutterkorn* implies a popular acquaintance with its peculiar powers. But the attention of the medical profession was first called to it by Dr. Stearns, of Saratoga County, N.Y. (*New York Medical Repository*, 1807.) In its operation upon the pregnant uterus, it produces a constant unremitting contraction and rigidity, rather than that alternation of spasmodic effort and relaxation which is observable in the natural process of labor. Hence, unless the os uteri and external parts are sufficiently relaxed, the medicine is apt to produce injury to the fœtus by the incessant pressure which it maintains; and the death of the child is thought not unfrequently to have resulted from its injudicious employment. The cases to which it is thought to be especially adapted are those of lingering labor, when the os uteri is sufficiently dilated and the external parts sufficiently relaxed, when no mechanical impediment is offered to the passage of the child, and the delay is ascribable solely to want of energy in the uterus. Other cases are those in which the death of the fœtus has been ascertained, and when great exhaustion or dangerous constitutional irritation imperiously calls for speedy delivery. The medicine may also be given to promote the expulsion of the placenta, to restrain inordinate hemorrhage after delivery, and to hasten the discharge of the fœtus in protracted cases of abortion. In women subject to dangerous flooding, a dose of ergot given immediately before delivery is said to have the happiest effects. Ergot is also much used to cause the expulsion of coagula of blood, polypi, and hydatids from the uterine cavity, and even a number of successful cases of its employment for the destruction by strangulation of fibroid tumors of the uterus have been reported. In uterine hemorrhage, unconnected with pregnancy, the medicine is very useful; and it is probably the most used and most efficient of all remedies in pulmonary and other similar internal hemorrhages. Its action in these cases is no doubt the result of the contracting power it has over the smaller vessels. This action of ergot upon the blood-vessels suggests its employment in those cases in which there is local or general dilatation of the blood-vessels. It has been used in pulmonic congestion with apparent good results, and it has been highly lauded in the first stages of pneumonia by several clinicians, especially by Dr. J. E. Kelly (*Med. Register*, 1887, vol. x.), as giving immediate relief when injected hypodermically in low forms of pulmonary hyperæmia such as occur in typhoid fevers. It will probably also be found of service as a vaso-motor stimulant in surgical shock, and has been much used against *cerebral congestion*, in *spinal congestion*, in *colliquative sweats*, and in *diabetes insipidus*. In *apoplexy*, owing to its pronounced tendency to increase the blood-pressure, it must be given with the greatest caution, if at all. The best preparation of ergot for internal administration, except when an immediate influence is desired, is the official solid extract given in capsules. The fluid extract is perhaps absorbed a little more quickly, but it is much more apt to sicken the stomach. The dose of solid extract is 5 to 30 grains (0·33–1·95 Gm.); of the fluid extract, half a fluidrachm to two fluidrachms (1·8–7·4 C.c.). In *hemorrhoids*, and in *varicose veins* of the leg, it has

* Dr. Hofmann states that $\frac{1}{10}$ per cent. of ergot can be detected in bread by macerating 30 grains of coarsely grated bread in 40 grains of ether and 20 drops of diluted sulphuric acid for 24 hours, straining, shaking with solution of sodium bicarbonate and allowing to stand, when the solution separates and is of a violet color. (See also *N. R.*, 1883.)

† An epidemic among sheep was caused by eating ergotized grain. (See *P. J. Tr.*, x. 195.)

been injected into the diseased tissue with success, but probably acts only by producing a severe local inflammation.

Under the name of *Bonjean's ergotine*, a purified extract is sometimes used in the dose of from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.). It is made by exhausting ergot with water, evaporating to the consistence of syrup, precipitating the albumen, gum, etc., by a large excess of alcohol, decanting the clear liquid, and evaporating to the consistence of a soft extract. When promptness and certainty of action are required, ergot may be used hypodermically. Solutions of extract of ergot are very prone to undergo speedy decomposition, and, as such altered solutions are very irritating, it is important that solutions for hypodermic use be made freshly, especially as the experiments of M. Engelmann (*Deutsch. Med. Wochen.*, Sept. 30, 1886) have shown that the addition of ordinary antiseptic agents to such solutions, unless in very large amount, simply delays decomposition, and that the changes may be far advanced although the preparations seem to the eye unaltered. Notwithstanding all possible precautions, the hypodermic injections of ergot have a tendency to produce local inflammations and abscesses, but the danger may be reduced to a minimum by absolute obedience to the following directions: Extract of ergot, five grains, should be dissolved in twenty minims of recently boiled water, and two or three drops of glycerin and half a drop of carbolic acid be added. This solution should be filtered to remove any solid particles, and then at once be thrown deeply into the cellular tissues.

Dujardin-Beaumetz gives the dose of Tanret's crystallized ergotine for hypodermic use as 5 milligrammes ($\frac{7}{100}$ grain). (*Bull. Thérap.*, xciv. 236.) Sclerotic acid does not represent ergot, as was, so far as concerns the commercial article, shown by experiments made in the laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania; indeed, the research of Nikitin, who claims that it is the active principle, affords abundant evidence that it is not so. (*Lond. Med. Record,* 1879, p. 21.)

ERIODICTYON. U. S. Eriodictyon.

(ĔR-Ĭ-Ō-DĬC'TĬ-ŎN.)

"The leaves of Eriodictyon glutinosum, Bentham (nat. ord. Hydrophyllaceæ)." *U. S.*

Yerba Santa; Mountain Balm, Consumptive's Weed, Bear's Weed.

Gen. Ch. Low shrubs (California to New Mexico), with alternate pinnately veined and finely reticulated leaves of firm or coriaceous texture, their margins mostly beset with rigid teeth, at base tapering into more or less of a petiole; the flowers scorpioid-cymose, forming a terminal usually naked thyrsus. Sepals narrow, not enlarging upwards. Corolla violet or purple, or sometimes white. Filaments adnate variably and sometimes very extensively to the tube of the corolla, usually sparsely hirsute. Ovary nearly or completely two-celled by the meeting of the dilated placentæ in the axis. Capsule small (a line or two long), globose-ovate, pointed.

E. glutinosum grows upon dry hills abundantly in California. It is glabrous, resinous to the feeling, with lanceolate leaves three to six inches long, irregularly more or less serrate, sometimes entire, whitened beneath, between the reticulations, by a minute and close tomentum, above glabrous. The corolla is half an inch long, tubular funnel-form; the calyx about one-sixth of an inch long, slightly and sparsely hirsute.

E. tomentosum, which grows often along with *E. glutinosum*, especially in the southern part of California, is readily distinguished by its dense coat of short villous hairs, whitish or rusty-colored with age. It is also a larger shrub than *glutinosum*, has its corolla somewhat salver-form, and its leaves oblong or oval, and obtuse.

Properties. The Eriodictyon leaves have already been sufficiently described, but they are further characterized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia as "oblong-lanceolate, 5 to 10 Cm. long, acute at the apex, and below narrowed into a short petiole, the margin sinuately toothed to nearly entire; upper surface green, smooth, and covered with a brownish resin; lower surface reticulate and minutely white-tomentose; odor somewhat aromatic; taste balsamic and sweetish." *U. S.* H. S. Wellcome (*Pharmacist*, 1876, p. 73) found the drug to contain two aromatic resins, whilst an aqueous infusion of leaves which had been exhausted by alcohol yielded an intensely bitter extract. According to the analysis of Chas. Mohr (*A. J. P.*, 1879, 549), it contains tannic acid and 8 per cent. of an acrid, bitter resin, upon which its activity is believed to depend, also a minute quantity of volatile oil. R. Rother describes (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 225) an acid resin which forms with bases quite soluble salts. The acid resin was obtained after spontaneous volatilization of the several solvents as a green-yellow transparent mass. Thal (*Pharm. Zeit. Russl.*, 1883, p. 209) showed the presence of *ericolin*, $C_{34}H_{56}O_{21}$.

Medical Properties. The yerba santa has long been used in California as a bitter tonic, and also as a stimulant balsamic expectorant. There is considerable testimony to its usefulness in *asthma*, *chronic bronchitis*, and allied conditions; also in chronic inflammation of the genito-urinary tract. Attention has been called by Dr. Kier to its remarkable power of disguising the taste of quinine. It is best exhibited in the form of the official fluid extract, the dose of which is one-half to one drachm (1·8 to 3·69 C.c.); a solid extract has been made, which may be given in doses of from five to fifteen grains (0·324 to 0·972 Gm.). In cases of asthma eriodictyon is often used by smoking. The aromatic syrup is well adapted as a vehicle for quinine. (See *Syrupus Eriodictyi Aromaticus*, National Formulary.)

ESSENTIÆ. Essences.

(ĘS-SĔN'TI-Æ—ęs-sĕn'shę-ē.)

Essenzen, *G.*; Alcoolés concentrés, *Fr.*

Under this name two preparations have been admitted to the British Pharmacopœia. They correspond with the class of official Spirits (see *Spiritus*) in every particular except strength. the Essences having about three times the strength of the Spirits, both being solutions of volatile substances in alcohol.

ESSENTIA ANISI. Br. Essence of Anise.

(ĘS-SĔN'TI-Ą Ą-NĪ'SĪ.)

"Take of Oil of Anise *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces.* Mix. The medical properties of this essence are those of the oil of anise. Dose, 10 to 20 minims [0·65–1·3 C.c.]." *Br.*

ESSENTIA MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ. Br. Essence of Peppermint.

(ĘS-SĔN'TI-Ą MĔN'THÆ PĪ-PĘ-RĪ'TÆ.)

"Take of Oil of Peppermint *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces.* Mix. The medical properties of this essence are those of the oil of peppermint. Dose, 10 to 20 minims [0·65–1·3 C.c.]." *Br.*

EUCALYPTI GUMMI. Br. Eucalyptus Gum.

(EŪ-CĄ-LĬP'TĪ GŬM'MI—yū-ką-lĭp'tī.)

"A ruby-colored exudation, or so-called red gum, from the bark of Eucalyptus rostrata, Schlechtendal, and some other species. Imported from Australia." *Br.*

This is a new official drug in the British Pharmacopœia. In appearance it closely resembles ordinary kino, but is somewhat more brilliant, with a distinctly bitterish taste, and does not equal kino in astringency. "Characters and Tests. From eighty to ninety per cent. of it is soluble in cold water, forming a neutral solution. It is almost entirely soluble in rectified spirit." *Br.* For further description see "Australian Kino," under *Kino.* It is used for *diarrhœas* of relaxation, and other affections for which kino has been employed. Dose, 2 to 10 grains (0·13 to 0·65 Gm.).

EUCALYPTOL. U. S. Eucalyptol.

$C_{10}H_{18}O$; 153·66. (EŪ-CĄ-LĬP'TŎL—yū-ką-lĭp'tŏl.)

"A neutral body obtained from the volatile oil of Eucalyptus globulus, Labillardière, and of some other species of Eucalyptus (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ). Eucalyptol should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

This is a new official liquid of the U. S. P. 1890. In the distillation of eucalyptus leaves, the portion which comes over between 170° C. (338° F.) and 178° C. (352·4° F.) is set aside as crude eucalyptol To obtain it pure a redistillation from caustic potash or calcium chloride is necessary. It is very liquid, nearly colorless, with a strong, aromatic, camphoraceous odor, is slightly soluble in water, but very soluble in alcohol. Nitric acid produces with it a crystallizable acid; by the action of phosphoric anhydride (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xii. 204) it is converted into *eucalyptene*, $C_{10}H_{18}$, a substance allied to cymene, and *eucalyptolen*.

The presence of *cymene*, $C_{10}H_{14}$, was asserted by Faust and Homeyer (1874), but its presence in the oil of *Eucalyptus globulus* is denied by H. Schulz (1881), who made a careful study of this variety, although eucalyptol may be converted into cymene by the action of P_2S_5.

C. Jahns (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 237) gave the formula $C_{10}H_{18}O$ to eucalyptol, and showed it

to be identical with cajuputol, or, as it is now generally known, *cineol*. Wallach (*Ann. der Ch. und Phar.*, 248, pp. 278–283) showed that the oil from *E. globulus* contained cineol (eucalyptol) and *dextro-pinene*, while that from *E. amygdalina* contained cineol and *lævo-phellandrene*.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes it as follows: "A colorless liquid, having a characteristic, aromatic, and distinctly camphoraceous odor, and a pungent, spicy, and cooling taste. Specific gravity: 0·930 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point: 176° to 177° C. (348·8° to 350·6° F.). It is optically inactive (distinction from the *oil of Eucalyptus* and *many other volatile oils*). When exposed to a temperature some degrees below 0° C. (32° F.), or placed in a freezing mixture, it solidifies to a mass of colorless, needle-shaped crystals, which liquefy at —1° C. (30·2° F.). Soluble, in all proportions, in alcohol, carbon disulphide, and glacial acetic acid. If a portion of Eucalyptol be shaken with an equal volume of sodium hydrate test-solution, it should not diminish in volume. Its alcoholic solution should be neutral to litmus-paper, and should not assume a brownish or violet color on the addition of a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of *phenols*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Eucalyptol has been used with very good results, instead of oil of eucalyptus, as a stimulant expectorant in *catarrhal pneumonia*, chronic *bronchitis*, *bronchorrhœa*, and other catarrhal conditions of the respiratory mucous membranes. It has also been employed in chronic *inflammation* of the *genito-urinary* mucous membranes, and locally as an antiseptic dressing to *ulcers*, and as a counter-irritant in *neuralgia* and *rheumatism*. It may be given in doses of from 5 to 10 minims (0·3 to 0·6 C.c.) four to six times a day, best administered in capsules; and its solution in fatty oil has been used hypodermically.

EUCALYPTUS. U. S. Eucalyptus.

(EŪ-CĄ-LŸP'TŲS—yū-ką-lĭp'tŭs.)

"The leaves of Eucalyptus globulus, Labillardière (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ), collected from the older parts of the tree." *U. S.*

Eucalyptus Leaves; Feuilles d'Eucalyptus, *Fr.;* Eucalyptus-Blätter, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx obovate or globose cupulæform, the tube persistent, the limb deciduous, dehiscing by a circular irregular line from the operculiform base. *Stamen* free. *Capsule* 4-loculate or by abortion 3-loculate, dehiscent at the apex, many-seeded. *De Candolle, Prodromus*, iii. 220.

The genus Eucalyptus affords one of the most characteristic features of the Australian and Tasmanian landscapes. There are about one hundred and thirty-five described species, all evergreens, and most of them large trees, popularly known as *Gum trees*, *Woolly butts*, *Iron barks*, etc.* The most important of them is the *E. globulus*.

E. globulus. Labill. *B. & T.* ii. 109. The young operculum conical, the length of the four-sided cupule, the adult depressed and mucronate in the middle; axillary peduncles very short, one-flowered; leaves alternate, lanceolate, subfalcate.

This is one of the largest known trees, attaining sometimes a height of 300 or even 350 feet, with a smooth, ash-colored bark; leaves a foot in length, and varying, according to age, from a glaucous white to a bluish-green color; and large pinkish-white axillary flowers, sometimes single, sometimes in clusters. Although its wood is very resinous, hard, and durable, the tree is remarkable for the rapidity of its growth, reaching, under favorable circumstances, fifty feet of height in five or six years. It flourishes best in valleys having a rich, moist soil, and has very largely been naturalized in semi-tropical countries, partly on account of its economic value, but chiefly because of the reputation it enjoys as a means of overcoming malaria. It does not seem to require great heat for its perfection, but is exceedingly sensitive to frost. Large forests of it have been planted in Algeria and Southern Europe, and its culture is spreading to California, Florida, and other of our Southern States. Its sanitary powers appear to be established, numerous notoriously miasmatic stations and districts having been rendered healthful by its growth. It is probable that the destruction of the miasma is due not so much to emanations from the tree as to the fact that it evaporates water so rapidly from its innumerable large leaves as to drain the swamps and marshes in which it is planted. It is possible, however, that the large amount of volatile oil which must escape from it has some effect, and it is even affirmed (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 423) that the parasitic phylloxera will not attack grape-vines growing near it.

The eucalyptus trees afford a number of products besides the official oil. The eucalyptus oil

* Descriptions and accurate figures of most of this species may be found in Baron Ferd. von Mueller's *Descriptive Notes of the Eucalypts of Australia*, London and Melbourne, 1882.

of commerce is, indeed, composed chiefly of the oils of *E. amygdalina* and *E. dumosa*, which yield a very much larger product than does the official species. The oils of *E. piperita* and *E. hæmastoma* have a peppermint odor, and that of *E. citriodora* a citron-like odor, whilst the oil of *E. staigeriana* exactly resembles the oil of verbena: it is probable that these oils will come into commerce for the purposes of the perfumer.

Properties. The leaves are the official portion of the plant: they are "petiolate, lanceolately scythe-shaped, from 15 to 30 Cm. long, rounded below, tapering above, entire, leathery, grayish-green, glandular, feather-veined between the midrib and marginal veins; odor strongly camphoraceous; taste pungently aromatic and somewhat cooling, bitter and astringent." *U. S.*

In March, 1870, M. Cloez (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xii. 201) reported an elaborate chemical study of the eucalyptus leaves, and his results have been substantially confirmed by Debray (*De l'Eucalyptus Globulus*, Paris, 1872), M. Rabuteau (*Mém. de l'Académie*, Nov. 1872), and Mr. Broughton (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., iii. 463). M. Cloez found, besides chlorophyll, resin, tannin, and inert substances, an essential oil, upon which the virtues of the drug appear to depend. Of this oil the fresh leaves afforded 2·75 parts per hundred, the recently dried leaves 6 parts; leaves which had been kept some time yielded a much smaller percentage. In the distillation, the oil for a time comes over freely at from 170° C. (338° F.) to 178° C. (352·4° F.); subsequently another portion of oil distils at 188° C. (370·4° F.) to 190° C. (374° F.), and finally a very minute portion does not volatilize until the temperature reaches 200° C. (392° F.). M. Cloez believes the oil to be composed of two camphors, differing in their volatility. The bulk of the oil yielded is the portion first distilled: to this Cloez has given the name of *eucalyptol*, or, as it is now also called, *cineol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$. (See previous article.) Many of the oils yielded by species of Eucalyptus do not contain eucalyptol. Any oil intended for medical use should have in it 60–70 per cent. of pure eucalyptol crystallizing at —1° C.

According to M. Duquesnel, the oil of eucalyptus is adulterated—with alcohol, to be detected by means of fuchsin, which is insoluble in the pure oil but soluble in that containing even a very small percentage of alcohol; with fixed oil, to be detected by boiling with water, when the fixed oil remains on the surface; with essential oil of copaiba or turpentine, to be detected by means of the boiling point, that of eucalyptol being 170° C. (338° F.), that of oil of turpentine 155° C. (311° F.), that of oil of copaiba 260° C. (500° F.). (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvi. 45.)

Medical Properties. Eucalyptus was originally recommended as a remedy in intermittent fever, but experience has failed to establish its value as an antiperiodic. Whatever medical virtues it possesses beyond astringency reside in the volatile oil. This when applied locally acts as a powerful irritant. When taken internally in doses of from 20 to 30 drops, it causes increased rapidity of pulse and general excitation, with restlessness and increased venereal appetite, usually followed by a feeling of calmness and repose, ending in sleep. In some cases, disturbance of the bowels, fever, constitutional disturbance, and even symptoms of cerebral congestion have been produced. In animals small doses produce the same effect as in man, and after large doses symptoms of general depression are manifested by falling of the arterial pressure, progressive diminution of temperature, muscular weakness deepening into paralysis, loss of sensibility, irregular respiration, and finally death from failure of respiration. Upon man, when taken in sufficient quantity, the oil exerts a similar influence. In a case noted by M. Gimbert, 80 drops of the oil produced in an old man a feeling of great internal heat, followed by almost complete loss of power and of feeling in the limbs; and after 75 drops Prof. Binz noted somewhat similar phenomena. The palsy produced by toxic doses is due to a direct action upon the spinal cord. Taken internally, it is eliminated by the breath, to which it imparts its odor, and also, in a condition of oxidation, by the kidneys, to the secretion of which it gives a strong smell of violets. M. Gimbert found that in rabbits it augmented to a marvellous extent the excretion of urea. As a stimulating narcotic the oil of eucalyptus has been used with asserted success in *migraine* and other forms of neuralgia. As an antispasmodic it has been highly lauded in *asthma*. In this affection it is best given by inhalation. Cigarettes may be made by rolling up the dried leaves, or the vapor from boiling water containing the oil may be inhaled. In chronic or subacute bronchitis it may often be employed with advantage, especially where there is a tendency to spasm. In subacute or chronic inflammation of the genito-urinary organs it is said to exert a very happy influence. The experiments of Binz and of Gimbert have shown that it acts very positively upon the infusoria and other low forms of life. Gimbert even claims superiority for it as an antiseptic over carbolic acid. Externally it may be used in chronic skin affections and ulcerations when a stimulant antiseptic application

is indicated. Various formulas have been published for tinctures, fluid extracts, etc., but either the oil or eucalyptol should be preferred. Dose of the oil, five to ten drops (0·25 to 0·5 C.c.).

EUONYMUS. U.S. (Br.) Euonymus. [Wahoo.]

(ĒŪ-ŎN'Ȳ-MŬS—yū-ŏn'ę-mŭs.)

Euonymi Cortex, *Br.;* Euonymus Bark.

"The bark of the root of Euonymus atropurpureus, Jacquin (nat. ord. Celastrineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried root bark of Euonymus atropurpureus, Jacquin." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Flowers perfect. *Sepals* 4 or 5, united at the base, forming a short and flat calyx. *Petals* 4–5, rounded, spreading. *Stamens* very short, inserted on the edge or face of a broad and flat 4–5-angled disk, which coheres with the calyx and is stretched over the ovary, adhering to it more or less. *Style* short or none. *Pod* 3–5-lobed, with 1–3 seeds in each cell in a red arillus.

Euonymus atropurpureus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1132; Gray's *Manual*, p. 81; figured in Griffith's *Med. Bot.*, p. 219. The plant has been named variously *wahoo*, *spindle-tree*, and *burning-bush*. It is a tall, erect shrub, with quadrangular branchlets, and opposite, petiolate, oval-oblong, pointed, serrate leaves. The flowers, which stand in loose cymes on axillary peduncles, are small and dark purple, with sepals and petals commonly in fours. The capsule or pod is smooth and deeply lobed. The plant is indigenous, growing throughout the Northern and Western States, and sometimes cultivated for the beauty of its crimson fruit.

The plants belonging to this genus are shrubs or small trees, presenting in the autumn a striking appearance from the rich red color of their fruit, which has obtained for them the name of *burning-bush*. *E. americanus* and *E. europæus* have been cultivated in gardens as ornamental plants. Two or more of the species have been used in medicine. Their properties are probably similar, if not identical. Grundner, who experimented with the fruit of *E. europæus*, found it to have no other effect than that of a diuretic. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1847, p. 873.) An oil expressed from the seeds is used in Europe for the destruction of vermin in the hair, and sometimes also as an application to old sores. (*Ibid.*, 1851, p. 641.) Dr. Griffith says that the seeds of this and other species are purgative and emetic, and that the leaves are poisonous to sheep and other animals feeding on them. He states also that the inner bark of *E. tingens* is beautifully yellow, and used in India for dyeing, and in diseases of the eye. (*Med. Bot.*, p. 220.) It is probable that much of the wahoo of our drug-stores has been obtained from *E. americanus*, which is distinguished from *E. atropurpureus* by its rough, warty, depressed pods, and almost sessile, thickish leaves. This bark was introduced into the last British Pharmacopœia in the supplement.

Properties. The dried bark is in thin pieces, whitish with a darker grayish epidermis, brittle, of a feeble, peculiar, not disagreeable odor, and a bitterish slightly sweetish taste, and somewhat pungent after-taste. "In quilled or curved pieces, from 2 to 5 Mm. thick; outer surface ash-gray, with blackish patches, detached in thin and small scales; inner surface whitish or slightly tawny, smooth; fracture smooth, whitish, the inner layers of a laminated appearance; nearly inodorous; taste sweetish, somewhat bitter and acrid." *U. S.* It imparts its virtues to water and alcohol. Analyzed by Mr. Wm. T. Wenzell, it was found to contain a bitter principle which he named *euonymin*, asparagin, a soft resin, a crystallizable resin, a yellow resin, a brown resin, fixed oil, wax, starch, albumen, glucose, pectin, and various salts of organic and inorganic acids. Euonymin was obtained by agitating with chloroform a tincture made with diluted alcohol, separating the chloroformic solution and allowing it to evaporate spontaneously, treating the residue with ether, dissolving what was left in alcohol, adding lead acetate to the solution, filtering, precipitating the lead with hydrogen sulphide, and evaporating. The euonymin obtained was uncrystallizable, intensely bitter, soluble in water and alcohol, and neutral in its reactions. It was abundantly precipitated from its solution by lead subacetate and phosphomolybdic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 387.) Mr. W. P. Clothier found the bark to yield no volatile oil on distillation. According to the same writer, if a concentrated tincture be poured into water, a dark yellow substance will be thrown down, containing resin and fixed oil, which is the *euonymin* of the eclectics,* very improperly so named, as, though it contains a portion of the active principle, it is a very complex substance. Mr. Clothier found it to purge actively without griping. (*Ibid.*, 1861, p. 491.) Frank V. Cassaday (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 284) found 1·30 per cent. of volatile oil and resin, 1·48 per cent. of *euonic acid* and resin, 2·16 per cent. of euonymin and resin, together with the usual plant constituents. Kubel has discovered

* For an examination of commercial *euonymin* (the eclectic resinoid) by Paul Thibault, see *N. R.*, 1883, p. 294.

in the fresh inner bark of *E. europæus* a saccharine, crystallizable substance, closely resembling mannite, but differing in its crystalline form and in its melting point. He calls it *euonymite*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Dec. 1862, p. 523.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This bark was first introduced into notice, as a remedy for *dropsy*, under the name of Wahoo,* by Mr. George W. Carpenter. In some cases it acts as a mild cathartic, but at other times it fails to produce purgation. We have also seen distinct evidences of an irritant influence upon the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. Cholagogue properties have been ascribed to it, and probably with correctness, as in the experiments of Prof. Rutherford it was found to act most powerfully in causing hepatic secretion in dogs, and in some clinical studies we have made it seemed to have a similar action on man. The fluid extract of it is an efficient preparation, and may be given in doses, as a purgative, of one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.); as a laxative, of half a fluidrachm to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.) (See also *Extractum Euonymi*, *U. S.*, and *Extractum Euonymi Siccum*, *Br.*)

EUPATORIUM. U.S. Eupatorium. [Thoroughwort.]

(EŪ-PA-TŌ′RI-ŬM—yū-pa-tō′ri-ūm.)

"The leaves and flowering tops of Eupatorium perfoliatum, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Herba Eupatorii Perfoliati; Boneset, Indian Sage; Herbe d'Eupatoire perfoliée, Herbe à Fièvre, Herbe parfaite, *Fr.*; Durchwachsener Wasserhanf, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx simple or imbricate, oblong. *Style* long and semi-bifid. *Receptacle* naked. *Pappus* pilose, or more commonly scabrous. *Seed* smooth and glandular, quinquestriate. *Nuttall.*

Of this numerous genus, comprising not less than thirty species within the limits of the United States, most of which probably possess analogous medical properties, *E. perfoliatum* alone now holds a place in our national Pharmacopœia, *E. purpureum* and *E. teucrifolium* having been discarded at the revision of 1840. They merit, however, a brief notice, if only for their former official rank.

Eupatorium purpureum, or *gravel root*, is a perennial herbaceous plant, with a purple stem, five or six feet in height, and furnished with ovate-lanceolate, serrate, rugously veined, slightly scabrous, petiolate leaves, placed four or five together in the form of whorls. The flowers are purple, and consist of numerous florets contained in an eight-leaved calyx. It grows in swamps and other low grounds, from Canada to Virginia, and flowers in August and September. The root has, according to Dr. Bigelow, a bitter aromatic and astringent taste, and is said to be diuretic. Its vulgar name indicates the popular estimation of its virtues. Prof. J. U. Lloyd found in it an apparently new, yellow, neutral, crystalline principle, *euparin*. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

Eupatorium teucrifolium. (Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1753), *E. pilosum* (Walt. *Flor. Car.* 199), *E. verbenæfolium* (Mich. *Flor. Am.* ii. 98), commonly called *wild horehound*, is also an indigenous perennial, with an herbaceous stem, which is about two feet high, and supports sessile, distinct, ovate, acute, scabrous leaves, of which the lower are coarsely serrate at the base, the uppermost entire. The flowers are small, white, composed of five florets within each calyx, and arranged in the form of a corymb. The plant grows in low wet places from New England to Georgia, and abounds in the Southern States. It is in flower from August to November. The whole herb is used. In sensible properties it corresponds with *E. perfoliatum*, though less bitter and disagreeable, and has been used for similar purposes and in like manner. *E. incarnatum* and *E. aromaticum* are said to contain an aromatic principle similar to if not identical with coumarin, obtained by Guibourt from *Coumarouna odorata*, or Tonka bean. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1874, 303.) The roots of *E. aromaticum* are said to be sold in the Western United States under the name of *white snakeroot*. *E. cannabinum*, of Europe, the root of which was formerly used as a purgative, and *E. aya-pana*, of Brazil, the leaves of which at one time enjoyed a very high reputation, have fallen into neglect. The *aya-pana* is an aromatic bitter, like *E. perfoliatum*, but weaker, and is said to be still occasionally met with in European commerce. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, 154.) *E. villosum* is used in Jamaica, under the name of *bitter-bush*, in the preparation of beer, as a tonic, and as a stimulant in low zymotic diseases. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1866; *A. J. P.*, 1887, 155.) *E. collinum* is included in the Mexican Pharmacopœia.

Eupatorium perfoliatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1761; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 33; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 125. *Thoroughwort*, or *boneset*, is an indigenous perennial plant, with

* The name of Wahoo or Waahoo (pronounced *Wawhoo*) was given to it by the Indians. The same name has also been applied to *Ulmus alata*, of the Southern States, and has thus led to mistakes.

numerous herbaceous stems, which are erect, round, hairy, from two to five feet high, simple below, and trichotomously branched near the summit. "Leaves opposite, united at the base, lanceolate, from 10 to 15 Cm. long, tapering, crenately serrate, rugosely veined, rough above, downy and resinous-dotted beneath; flower-heads corymbed, numerous, with an oblong involucre of lance-linear scales, and with from ten to fifteen white florets, having a bristly pappus in a single row; odor weak and aromatic; taste astringent and bitter." *U. S.* The leaves serve to distinguish the species at the first glance. They may be considered either as perforated by the stem, *perfoliate*, or as consisting each of two leaves, joined at the base, *connate*. In the latter point of view, they are opposite and in pairs, which decussate each other at regular distances upon the stem; in other words, the direction of each pair is at right angles with that of the pair immediately above or beneath it. They are narrow in proportion to their length, broadest at the base where they coalesce, gradually tapering to a point, serrate, much wrinkled, paler on the under than on the upper surface, and beset with whitish hairs, which give them a grayish-green color. The uppermost pairs are sessile, not joined at the base. The flowers are white, numerous, supported on hairy peduncles, in dense corymbs, forming a flattened summit. The calyx, which is cylindrical and composed of imbricated, lanceolate, hairy scales, encloses from twelve to fifteen tubular florets, having their border divided into five spreading segments. The anthers are five, black, and united into a tube, through which the bifid filiform style projects.

This species of Eupatorium inhabits meadows, the banks of streams, and other moist places, growing generally in bunches, and abounding in almost all parts of the United States. It flowers from the middle of summer to the end of October. All parts of it are active; but the herb only is official. It has a faint odor, and a strongly bitter, somewhat peculiar taste. The virtues of the plant are readily imparted to water and alcohol. Mr. W. Peterson found it to contain a peculiar bitter principle, chlorophyll, resin, a crystalline matter of undetermined character, gum, tannin, yellow coloring matter, extractive, lignin, and salts. (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 210.) Mr. Bickley found also albumen, gallic acid, and signs of volatile oil. (*Ibid.*, xxvi. 495.) Dr. Peter Collier, chemist of the Department of Agriculture, recently submitted it to analysis, finding 18·84 per cent. of bitter extractive, which he considers the constituent of medicinal importance, 2·87 per cent. of an indifferent crystalline substance, obtained from the alcoholic extract, and traces only of a volatile oil. (*Ibid.*, 1879, p. 342.) George Latin (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1880) found a glucoside, *eupatorin*, and a crystallizable body of the nature of a wax. O. F. Dana, Jr., obtained 3·80 per cent. of extract with benzin; 4·60 per cent. with ether; 33·80 per cent. with alcohol; 24·80 per cent. with water; 5·80 per cent. with alkali. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 229.) A number of analyses of *E. perfoliatum* have been published in the last few years by Dana, Latin, Franz, and Kaercher, but neither the crystalline principle nor any of its salts had been analyzed until Shamel (*Amer. Chem. Journ.*, 1892, p. 224) published an analysis of the nitrate. He gives for it the formula $C_{20}H_{25}O_{36}HNO_3$.

Medical Properties and Uses. Eupatorium is tonic, diaphoretic, and in large doses emetic and aperient, and was at one time employed as an antiperiodic. Given in warm infusion, so as to produce vomiting or copious perspiration, at the commencement of catarrh, of influenza, or of that form of *muscular rheumatism* known as a general cold, it will sometimes abort the attack. As a tonic it is given with advantage in *dyspepsia*, general debility, and other cases in which the simple bitters are employed. Dr. H. S. Wilkins has found the infusion useful in the expulsion of *tapeworm*. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 295.)

With a view to its tonic effects, it is best administered in substance, or cold infusion. The dose of the powder is twenty or thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.), that of the infusion a fluidounce (30 C.c.), frequently repeated. (See *Infusum Eupatorii*.) The aqueous extract has been used with advantage. When the diaphoretic operation is required in addition to the tonic, the infusion should be administered warm, and the patient remain covered in bed. As an emetic and cathartic, a strong decoction, prepared by boiling an ounce with three half-pints of water to a pint, may be given in doses of from four fluidounces to a half-pint (118 to 236 C.c.), or more. (See *Extractum Eupatorii Fluidum*.)

EXTRACTA. Extracts.

(EX-TRĂC'TA.)

Extraits, *Fr.*; Extrakte, *G.*

Extracts, as the term is employed in the Pharmacopœias, are solid preparations, resulting from the evaporation of the solutions of vegetable principles, obtained either by exposing a

dried drug to the action of a solvent, or by expressing the juice from a fresh plant. A distinction was formerly made between those prepared from the infusions, decoctions, or tinctures, and those from the expressed juices of plants, the former being called *Extracta*, the latter *Succi Spissati;* but the distinction has been generally abandoned. There is no such essential difference between these two sets of preparations as to require that they should be separately classed; and something is gained in the simplicity of nomenclature, as well as of arrangement, which results from their union. We shall consider them under the same head, taking care, however, to detail distinctly whatever is peculiar in the mode of preparing each.

The composition of extracts varies with the nature of the vegetable, the character of the solvent, and the mode of preparation. The object is generally to obtain as much of the active principle of the plant with as little of the inert matter as possible; though sometimes it may be desirable to separate two active ingredients from each other, when their effects upon the system are materially different; and this may be accomplished by employing a menstruum which, while it dissolves one, leaves the other untouched. The proximate principles most commonly present in extracts are gum, sugar, starch, tannin, extractive, coloring matter, salts, and the peculiar principles of plants; to which, when a spirituous solvent is employed, may usually be added resinous substances, fatty matter, and frequently more or less essential oil; gum and starch being excluded when the menstruum is pure alcohol. Of these substances, as well as of others which, being soluble, are sometimes necessarily present in extracts, we have taken occasion to treat under various heads in this commentary. There is one, however, which, from its supposed almost uniform presence in this class of preparations, and from the influence it is thought to exert upon their character, deserves particular consideration in this place. We allude to *extractive*, or, as it is sometimes called, *extractive matter*.

It has long been observed that in most vegetables there is a substance, soluble both in water and alcohol, which, in the preparation of extracts, undergoes chemical change during the process of evaporation, imparting to the liquid, even if originally limpid, first a greenish, then a yellowish brown, and ultimately a deep brown color, and becoming itself insoluble. This substance, originally called *saponaceous matter* by Scheele, afterwards received the more expressive name of *extractive*, derived from its frequent presence in extracts. Its existence as a distinct principle is denied, or at least doubted, by some chemists, who consider the phenomena supposed to result from its presence as depending upon the mutual reaction of other principles; and in relation to Peruvian bark it appears to have been proved that the insoluble matter which forms during its decoction in water is a compound of starch and tannin. A similar compound must also be formed in other cases when these two principles coexist; but they are not always present in the same vegetable, nor can all the changes which have been attributed to extractive be accounted for by their union, even when they are present; so that, until further light is shed on the subject, it is best to admit the existence of a distinct class of substances, which, though not the same in all plants, possess sufficient identity of character to be entitled, like sugars, resins, etc., to a generic name. The most important property of extractive is its disposition to pass, by the influence of atmospheric air at a high temperature, into an insoluble substance. If a vegetable infusion or decoction be evaporated in the open air to the consistence of an extract, then diluted, filtered, and again evaporated, and the process repeated so long as any insoluble matter is formed, the whole of the extractive will be separated from the liquid, while the other ingredients may remain. If chlorine be passed through an infusion or decoction, a similar precipitate is formed with much greater rapidity. The change is usually ascribed to the absorption of oxygen by the extractive, which has, therefore, been called, in its altered condition, oxidized extractive; but De Saussure ascertained that, though oxygen is absorbed during the process, an equal measure of carbonic acid gas is given out, and the oxygen and hydrogen of the extractive unite to form water in such a manner as to leave the principle richer in carbon than it was originally. The name of oxidized extractive is, therefore, obviously incorrect; and Berzelius proposed to substitute for it that of *apotheme*, synonymous with deposit. According to Berzelius, apotheme is not completely insoluble in water, but imparts a slight color to that liquid when cold, and is rather more soluble in boiling water, which becomes turbid upon cooling. It is still more soluble in alcohol, and is freely dissolved by solutions of the alkalies and alkaline carbonates, from which it is precipitated by acids. It has a great tendency, when precipitated from solutions, to unite with other principles, and to carry them along with it, thus acquiring properties somewhat different according to the source from which it is obtained. In this way also, even when the extractive of a plant is itself medicinally inert, its conversion into apotheme may be injurious by causing a precipi-

tation of a portion of the active principle; and in practical pharmaceutical operations this change should always, if possible, be avoided. With these preliminary views, we shall proceed to the consideration of the practical rules necessary to be observed in the preparation of extracts. We shall treat of the subject under the several heads of—1, the extraction of the soluble principles from the plant; 2, the method of conducting the evaporation; 3, the proper condition of extracts, the changes they are liable to undergo, and the best method of preserving them.

1. *Extraction of the Soluble Principles.*

There are two distinct modes of obtaining, in a liquid state, the principles which we wish to extract: 1, by expression alone; 2, by the agency of a solvent, with or without expression.

1. By Expression. This method is applicable to recent vegetables. All plants cannot be usefully treated in this way, as many have too little juice to afford an appreciable quantity upon pressure, and of the succulent a considerable portion do not yield all their active principles with their juice. Succulent fruits, and various acrid and narcotic plants, are proper subjects for this treatment. The plants should be operated upon, if possible, immediately after collection. Mr. Battley, of London, recommended that, if not entirely fresh, they should be revived by the immersion of the stalks in water for twelve or eighteen hours, and those only used which recover their freshness by this management. They should then be cut into pieces, and bruised in a stone mortar till brought to a pulpy consistence. When the plant is not very succulent, it is necessary to add a little water during this part of the process, in order to dilute the juice. After sufficient contusion, the pulp is introduced into a linen or canvas bag, and the liquid parts expressed. Mr. Brande states that light pressure only should be employed, as the extract is thus procured greener, of a less glutinous or viscid consistence, and, in his opinion, more active than when considerable force is used in the expression. (*Practice of Pharmacy.*) The juice thus obtained is opaque, and usually green, in consequence of the presence of green wax or chlorophyll, and of a portion of the undissolved vegetable fibre in minute division. By heating the juice to about 71·1° C. (160° F.) the albumen contained in it coagulates, and, involving the chlorophyll and vegetable fibre, forms a greenish precipitate. If the liquid be now filtered, it becomes limpid and nearly colorless, and is prepared for evaporation. The clarification, however, is not absolutely necessary, and is generally neglected. Sometimes the precipitate carries with it a considerable portion of the active principle; in which case it should be subsequently incorporated with the juice, when reduced by evaporation to the consistence of syrup.* Ether added to the expressed juices of plants enables them to be kept long without injurious change. M. Lepage, of Gisors, France, has kept the juice of belladonna in this way more than ten years, and found it, at the end of that time, to yield an extract identical in physical, chemical, and physiological properties with that obtained from the fresh juice. If this fact is found to be of general applicability, it will be of considerable importance, as enabling the pharmaceutist to supply himself at pleasure with extracts to be relied on, without reference to the season.

2. By Solution. The active principles of dried vegetables can be extracted only by means of a liquid solvent. The menstruum usually employed is either water or alcohol, or a mixture of the two. Water, on account of its cheapness, is always preferred, when circumstances do not strongly call for the use of alcohol. It has the advantage, moreover, that it may be assisted in its action, if necessary, by a higher degree of heat than the latter. Pump water is often unfit for the purpose, in consequence of the quantity of its saline matter, which in some instances may exert an unfavorable influence on the active principle, and must always be left in the extract. Rain, river, or distilled water should be preferred. Alcohol is employed when the principles to be extracted are insoluble or but slightly soluble in water, as in the case of the resins; when it is desirable to avoid in the extract inert substances, such as gum and starch, which are dissolved by water and not by alcohol; when the heat required to evaporate the aqueous solution would dissipate or decompose the active ingredients of the plant, as the volatile oils or the active principle of sarsaparilla; when the reaction of the water itself upon the vegetable principles is injurious; and, finally, when the nature of the substance to be exhausted requires so long a maceration in water as to endanger spontaneous decomposition. The aqueous solution requires to be soon evaporated, as this fluid rather promotes than counteracts chemical changes; while an alcoholic tincture may be preserved unaltered for an indefinite period. An addition of alcohol to water is sufficient to answer some of the purposes for which the former

* See the process for inspissated juices under Extractum Aconiti, *Br.*, page 532.

is preferable; and the employment of both fluids is essential, when the virtues of the plant reside in two or more principles, all of which are not soluble in either of these menstrua. In this case it is usually better to submit the vegetable to the action of the two fluids successively than of both united. Extracts obtained by the agency of water are called *aqueous extracts;* those by means of alcohol, undiluted or diluted, *alcoholic* or *spirituous extracts.* Sometimes the term *hydro-alcoholic* is applied to extracts obtained by the joint agency of alcohol and water.

The method of preparing the solution is not a matter of indifference. The drug should be thoroughly bruised, or reduced to a coarse powder, so as to allow the access of the solvent to all its parts, and yet not so finely pulverized as to prevent a ready precipitation of the undissolved and inactive portion. When water is alone employed, it has been customary to boil the medicine for a considerable time, and, if the first portion of liquid does not completely exhaust it, to repeat the operation with successive portions till the whole of the active matter is extracted. This may be known by the sensible properties of the liquid, and by its influence upon reagents. But the boiling temperature produces the decomposition of many vegetable principles, or at least so modifies them as to render them inert; and the extracts prepared by decoction are usually less efficient than those made with a less degree of heat. From numerous experiments upon extracts, Orfila concluded that their virtues were less in proportion to the heat employed. It has, therefore, been recommended to substitute for decoction the process of maceration, digestion, or hot infusion; in the first of which the liquid acts without heat, in the second is assisted by a moderately increased temperature sustained for a considerable time, and in the third is poured boiling hot upon the vegetable matter and allowed to stand for a short period in a covered vessel. When the active principles are readily soluble in cold water, *maceration* is often preferable to the other modes, as starch, which is inert, is thus left behind; but in many instances the preparation would spoil before the extraction would be completed. By *digestion*, though the solvent power of water is moderately increased, the advantage is often more than counterbalanced by the increased disposition to spontaneous decomposition. *Hot infusion*, therefore, is to be preferred where the vegetable does not readily yield its virtues to cold water. It has the advantage, moreover, in the case of albuminous substances, that the albumen is coagulated, and thus prevented from increasing the bulk of the extract, without adding to its virtues. A convenient mode of performing this process is to introduce the solid material into a vessel with an opening near the bottom temporarily closed, or into a funnel with its mouth loosely stopped, then to pour on the boiling water, and, having allowed it to remain a sufficient length of time, to draw it off through the opening. This operation may be repeated till the water comes away without any obvious impregnation. It is always desirable to obtain the solution in the first place as concentrated as possible, so as to prevent the necessity of long-continued evaporation, which injures the extract. It is better, therefore, to incur the risk, both when decoction and infusion are employed, of leaving a portion of the active matter behind, than to obtain a very weak solution. When successive portions of water are employed, those which are least impregnated should be brought by evaporation to the strength of that first obtained before being mixed with it, as the latter thus escapes unnecessary exposure to heat.

Sometimes the filtering of a turbid infusion or decoction, before evaporation, causes the resulting extract to keep better, by removing substances which, besides undergoing decomposition, may act as a ferment, and occasion the decomposition of the active matter of the extract.

When alcohol is employed as a menstruum, the vegetable should be macerated in it for one or two weeks, and care should be taken that the tincture be as nearly saturated as possible. The extraction may be hastened by substituting digestion for maceration; as the moderate heat employed, while it facilitates the action of the alcohol, has in this case no effect in promoting decomposition, and the influence of the atmospheric air may be excluded by performing the process in close vessels. When alcohol and water are both used, it is best, as a rule, to exhaust the substance with each separately, as the two menstrua require different modes of treatment. In whichever of these modes the extraction is effected, it requires the assistance of occasional agitation; and when the vegetable matter is very porous, and absorbs a large quantity of the solvent, expression must be resorted to.

Acetic acid has been introduced into use as a menstruum in the preparation of extracts. It is supposed to be a better solvent of the active principles of certain substances than either water or alcohol alone. According to Girolamo Ferrari, the acrid narcotics, such as aconite, hemlock, hyoscyamus, and stramonium, yield much stronger extracts with distilled vinegar than with water, and still stronger with alcohol to which strong acetic acid has been added. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., i. 239.) This acid is used in the preparation of the extract of

colchicum. Recent experiments have shown that strong acetic acid (60 per cent.) is a powerful solvent for the active properties of many drugs, particularly those which contain volatile oils.

Ether also is now used to a considerable extent in the preparation of certain extracts. Having the property of dissolving volatile oil and resin, and of evaporating at a temperature insufficient to volatilize the oil, it is admirably adapted for the preparation of extracts from those substances the virtues of which reside in the two principles referred to. An ethereal tincture is first prepared by the process of percolation, and the ether is then either allowed to escape by spontaneous evaporation, or distilled off at a very moderate heat. The oleoresinous extracts thus obtained are usually of a thick fluid or semi-fluid consistence. Several of them are now ranked among the official preparations, in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, under the title of *Oleoresins*.

The process of *percolation* has in this country been very advantageously applied to the preparation of extracts, both with water and spirituous menstrua. It has the following great advantages: 1, that it enables the soluble principles to be sufficiently extracted by cold water, thereby avoiding the injury resulting from heat in decoction and hot infusion; 2, that it effects the extraction much more quickly than can be done by maceration, thereby not only saving time, but also obviating the risk of spontaneous decomposition; and, 3, that it affords the opportunity of obtaining highly concentrated solutions, thus diminishing the injurious effects of the subsequent evaporation. While thus advantageous, it is less liable in this particular case than in others to the objection of yielding imperfect results if not well performed; for, though an inexpert or careless operator may incur loss by an incomplete exhaustion of the substance acted on, and the extract may be deficient in quantity, it may still be of the intended strength and quality, which is not the case with infusions or tinctures unskilfully prepared upon this plan. In the U. S. Pharmacopœia, all the extracts to which the process is applicable are prepared by percolation, and with merely sufficient previous maceration or digestion to thoroughly soften the extractive. In the British Pharmacopœia, the process is applied, as it were, hesitatingly to a portion of the extracts, and withheld in others to which it seems equally appropriate. The first requisite in performing the process of percolation is to have the drug reduced to the proper degree of fineness. The U. S. Pharmacopœia gives the following directions on the subject.

Fineness of Powder. "The fineness of powder is expressed, in the Pharmacopœia, either by descriptive words (generally so in the case of brittle or easily pulverizable substances), or in terms expressing the number of meshes to a linear inch of the sieve through which the powder will pass. The corresponding values, in terms of metric measures of length, are added below in parentheses, but it has not been deemed advisable, in this revision, to substitute them in the text of the Pharmacopœia for those at present in use.

"These different forms of expression correspond to each other as follows:

A *very fine* powder	should pass through a sieve having 80 or more meshes to the linear inch (30 meshes to the centimeter)	= No. 80 powder.
A *fine* powder	should pass through a sieve having 60 meshes to the linear inch (24 meshes to the centimeter)	= No. 60 powder.
A *moderately fine* powder	should pass through a sieve having 50 meshes to the linear inch (20 meshes to the centimeter)	= No. 50 powder.
A *moderately coarse* powder	should pass through a sieve having 40 meshes to the linear inch (16 meshes to the centimeter)	= No. 40 powder.
A *coarse* powder	should pass through a sieve having 20 meshes to the linear inch (8 meshes to the centimeter)	= No. 20 powder.

"In certain cases, powders of a different degree of fineness (*e.g.*, No. 30, No. 12) are directed to be taken. When a substance is directed to be in powder of a limited degree of fineness, as specified by the number of meshes to the linear inch in the sieve, not more than one-fourth of the powder should pass through a sieve having ten meshes more to the linear inch." *U. S.*

Percolation. "The process of percolation, or displacement, directed in this Pharmacopœia, consists in subjecting a substance or a mixture of substances, in powder, contained in a vessel called a percolator, to the solvent action of successive portions of a certain menstruum in such a manner that the liquid, as it traverses the powder in its descent to the receiver, shall be charged with the soluble portion of it, and pass from the percolator free from insoluble matter.

"When the process is successfully conducted, the first portion of the liquid, or percolate, passing through the percolator, will be nearly saturated with the soluble constituents of the substance treated; and if the quantity of menstruum be sufficient for its exhaustion, the last portion of the percolate will be nearly free from color, odor, and taste, other than those of the menstruum itself.

"The percolator most suitable for the quantities contemplated by this Pharmacopœia should be nearly cylindrical, or slightly conical, with a funnel-shaped termination at the smaller end. The neck of this funnel-end should be rather short, and should gradually and regularly become narrower towards the orifice, so that a perforated cork, bearing a short glass tube, may be tightly wedged into it from within until the end of the cork is flush with the outer edge of the orifice. The glass tube, which must not project above the inner surface of the cork, should extend from 3 to 4 Cm. beyond the outer surface of the cork, and should be provided with a closely fitting rubber tube, at least one-fourth longer than the percolator itself, and ending in another short glass tube, whereby the rubber tube may be so suspended that its orifice shall be above the surface of the menstruum in the percolator, a rubber band holding it in position.

"The shape of a percolator should be adapted to the nature of the drug to be operated upon. For drugs which are apt to swell, particularly when a feebly alcoholic or an aqueous menstruum is employed, a *conical* percolator is preferable. A *cylindrical* or only slightly tapering percolator may be used for drugs which are not liable to swell, and when the menstruum is strongly alcoholic, or when ether or some other volatile liquid is used for extraction. The size of the percolator selected should be in proportion to the quantity of drug extracted. When properly packed in the percolator, the drug should not occupy more than two-thirds of its height. The percolator is best constructed of glass or stone-ware, but, unless otherwise directed, may be made of any suitable material not affected by the drug or menstruum.

"The percolator is prepared for percolation by gently pressing a small tuft of cotton into the neck above the cork, a thin layer of clean and dry sand being then poured upon the surface of the cotton to hold it in place.

"The powdered substance to be percolated (which must be uniformly of the fineness directed in the formula, and should be perfectly air-dry before it is weighed) is put into a basin, the specified quantity of menstruum is poured on, and it is thoroughly stirred with a spatula, or other suitable instrument, until it appears uniformly moistened. The moist powder is then passed through a coarse sieve—No. 40 powders, and those which are finer, requiring a No. 20 sieve, whilst No. 30 powders require a No. 15 sieve for this purpose. Powders of a less degree of fineness usually do not require this additional treatment after the moistening. The moist powder is now transferred to a sheet of thick paper and the whole quantity poured from this into the percolator. It is then shaken down lightly and allowed to remain in that condition for a period varying from fifteen minutes to several hours, unless otherwise directed; after which the powder is pressed, by the aid of a plunger of suitable dimensions, more or less firmly, in proportion to the character of the powdered substance and the alcoholic strength of the menstruum; strongly alcoholic menstrua, as a rule, permitting firmer packing of the powder than the weaker. The percolator is now placed in position for percolation, and, the rubber tube having been fastened at a suitable height, the surface of the powder is covered by an accurately fitting disk of filtering paper, or other suitable material, and a sufficient quantity of the menstruum poured on through a funnel reaching nearly to the surface of the paper. If these conditions be accurately observed, the menstruum will penetrate the powder equally until it has passed into the rubber tube and has reached, in this, a height corresponding to its level in the percolator, which is now closely covered to prevent evaporation. The apparatus is then allowed to stand at rest for the time specified in the formula.

"To begin percolation, the rubber tube is lowered and its glass end introduced into the neck of a bottle previously marked for the quantity of liquid to be percolated, if the percolate is to be measured, or of a tared bottle, if the percolate is to be weighed; and by raising or lowering this receiver the rapidity of percolation may be increased or decreased as may be desirable, care being taken, however, that the rate of percolation, unless the quantity of material be largely in excess of the pharmacopœial quantity, shall not exceed the limit of ten

to thirty drops in a minute. A layer of menstruum must constantly be maintained above the powder, so as to prevent the access of air to its interstices, until all has been added, or the requisite quantity of percolate has been obtained. This is conveniently accomplished, if the space above the powder will admit of it, by inverting a bottle containing the entire quantity of menstruum over the percolator in such a manner that its mouth may dip beneath the surface of the liquid, the bottle being of such shape that its shoulder will serve as a cover for the percolator. When the dregs of a tincture, or of a similar preparation, are to be subjected to percolation, after maceration with all or with the greater portion of the menstruum, the liquid portion should be drained off as completely as possible, the solid portion packed in a percolator, as before described, and the liquid poured on, until all has passed from the surface, when immediately a sufficient quantity of the original menstruum should be poured on to displace the absorbed liquid, until the prescribed quantity has been obtained.

"*Repercolation.* Authority is given to employ, in the case of Fluid Extracts, where it may be applicable, the process of Repercolation, without change of the initial menstruum." *U. S.*

For an account of Dr. Squibb's process of repercolation, see *Extracta Fluida.*

Some prefer the mode of expression to that of percolation. This also is applicable both to aqueous and to alcoholic menstrua. The substance to be acted upon is mixed with the menstruum, cold or hot according to circumstances; and the mixture is allowed to stand from twelve to twenty-four hours. The liquid part is then filtered off, and the remainder submitted to strong pressure, in a linen bag, by means of a common screw-press, or other convenient instrument. Another portion of the menstruum may then be added, and pressure again applied, and, if the substance is not sufficiently exhausted, the same operation may be performed a third time. Frequently only a single expression is required, and very seldom a third. The quantity of menstruum added must vary with the solubility of the principles to be extracted. According to Mohr, the method of expression has the advantages over that of percolation, that it yields solutions of more uniform concentration, that it does not require the materials to be so carefully powdered, or otherwise so skilfully managed, in order to insure favorable results, and, finally, that it occupies less time.

2. *Mode of Conducting the Evaporation.*

In evaporating the solutions obtained in the modes above described, attention should always be paid to the fact that the extractive matter is constantly becoming insoluble at high temperatures with the access of air, and that other chemical changes are going on, sometimes not less injurious than this, while the volatile principles are expelled with the vapor. The operator should, therefore, observe two rules: 1, to conduct the evaporation at as low a temperature as is consistent with other objects; 2, to exclude atmospheric air as much as possible, and, when this cannot be accomplished, to expose the liquid the shortest possible time to its action. The injurious influence of atmospheric air is much greater at the boiling point of water than at a less heat, even allowing for the longer exposure in the latter case; and therefore a slow evaporation at a moderate heat is preferable to the more rapid effects of ebullition. Bearing these principles in mind, we shall proceed to examine the different modes in practice. First, however, it is proper to observe that decoctions generally let fall, upon cooling, a portion of insoluble matter; and it is a question whether this should be rejected, or retained so as to form a part of the extract. Though it is undoubtedly in many instances inert, as in that of the insoluble substance formed during the decoction of certain vegetable substances, yet, as it frequently also contains a portion of the active principle which a boiling saturated solution necessarily deposits on cooling, and as it is difficult to decide with certainty when it is active and when otherwise, the safest plan, as a rule, is to allow it to remain.

The method of evaporation formerly resorted to in the case of aqueous solutions is rapid boiling over a fire. The more quickly the process is conducted, the better, provided the liquid is to be brought to the boiling point; for the temperature cannot exceed this, and the length of exposure is diminished. But, where this method is employed, it should never be continued till the completion of the evaporation; for when most of the water has escaped, the temperature can no longer be kept down to the boiling point, and the extract is burnt. The caution, therefore, should always be observed of removing the preparation from the fire before it has attained the consistence of thick syrup, and completing the evaporation, either by means of a water-bath, or in shallow vessels at a moderate heat. When large quantities of liquid are to be evaporated, it is best to divide them into portions and evaporate each separately, for, as each portion requires less time for evaporation than the whole, it will thus be a shorter time exposed

to heat. (*Mohr.*) But the mode of evaporation by boiling is always objectionable, and should be employed only in cases where the principles of the plant are so fixed and unchangeable as to authorize their extraction by decoction.

Evaporation by means of the water-bath, from the commencement of the process, is safer than the plan just mentioned, as it obviates all danger of burning the extract; but, as the heat is not supplied directly from the fire, the volatilization of the water cannot go on so rapidly, and, the temperature being nearly the same, when the water-bath is kept boiling, there is greater risk of injurious action from the air. The liquid should be stirred during the process. The use of the steam-bath has become very general in this country, as it requires a smaller consumption of fuel, and the heat imparted to the liquid, while sufficient to evaporate it, is less than 100° C. (212° F.). The apparatus consists of an ordinary boiler, containing water, the vapor of which is conducted through a pipe into the evaporating vessels, communicating with each other by means of iron steam pipes. These vessels have the form of an ordinary copper basin, to the inside of which is riveted a shallow tinned copper evaporating basin, intended to contain the liquid to be evaporated. The vapor from the boiler circulates between these vessels, and the water into which it condenses is allowed to escape through a steam valve attached to the bottom of each vessel. The liquid to be evaporated is first distributed in two or three basins, but when considerably concentrated is transferred to a single one, where it is stirred towards the close of the process to hasten the evaporation. The heat applied to the liquid can be easily regulated by the steam valves.

As the heat capable of being applied by boiling water to the evaporating liquid does not exceed 93·3° C. (200° F.), while that by steam can, by a moderate pressure, be increased to the boiling point or beyond it, the evaporation by the latter agency may be much more rapid than by the former, when the pressure is from ten to twenty pounds to the square inch; so that there is a temptation to raise the heat to a degree seriously injurious to the product. Evaporation, therefore, by steam heat always requires caution, while the water-bath is much less liable to be abused. In this respect the latter method has the advantage.

A good plan of evaporation, though slow, is to place the liquid in a broad, shallow vessel, exposed in a stove or drying-room to a temperature of about 100° F., or a little higher, taking care that the air have free access in order to facilitate the evaporation. This mode is particularly applicable to those cases in which maceration or infusion is preferred to decoction for extracting the active principles. Berzelius says that we may thus usually obtain the extract in the form of a yellowish transparent mass, while extracts prepared in the ordinary way are almost black, and are opaque even in very thin layers. Even when the liquid is boiled at first, the process may often be advantageously completed in this manner. It has been proposed to effect the evaporation at the common temperature, by directing a strong current of air, by means of a pair of smith's bellows, over the surface of the liquid; and in reference to substances which are injured by heat and not by atmospheric air the plan will be found useful.

Plans have been proposed and carried into execution for performing evaporation without the admission of atmospheric air. The apparatus for *evaporation in vacuo*, now largely used by manufacturing pharmacists, is well calculated to meet this object, at the same time that, by removing the atmospheric pressure, it enables the water to rise in vapor more rapidly, and at a comparatively low temperature.*

A convenient plan of excluding the air, though it does not at the same time meet the object of reducing the degree of heat, is to distil off the water in close vessels. Berzelius says that this is the best mode of concentration next to that *in vacuo*. Care, however, must be taken that the fire be not too long applied, lest the extract should be burnt. The process should, therefore, be completed by means of the water-bath.

In the concentration of alcoholic solutions, distillation should always be performed, as not only is the atmospheric air thus excluded, but the alcohol is recovered, if not absolutely pure, certainly fit for the purpose to which it was originally applied. Here also the water-bath should

* A very ingenious apparatus for evaporating *in vacuo* on a small scale has been invented by Prof. A. B. Prescott (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 349). Two vessels are required: a small one, for evaporation; a large one, which is best made of copper, and should be so arranged as to be readily heated or refrigerated at will. The two are to be connected by glass tubing, through rubber corks, and into the cork of the evaporating dish is to be set a short straight glass tube with a piece of rubber tubing fitted to it so that it can be tightly closed with a glass rod at will. An ounce or two of water having been put in the receiver, and the material in the evaporating vessel, a gentle heat is, by means of water, applied to the evaporating vessel, but a strong heat to the receiver. The water in this latter boils furiously, and the vapor escapes through the opened tube in the evaporating vessel. When the water is exhausted the tube is closed and the receiver refrigerated. Of course a vacuum results, and is maintained by the continuous condensation of vapor in the receiver.

be employed, to obviate any possible risk of injury from the fire. When the decoction or infusion and the tincture of the same vegetable have been made separately, they should be separately evaporated to the consistence of syrup, and then mixed together while they are of such a consistence as to incorporate without difficulty. The object of this separate evaporation is that the spirituous extract may not be exposed to the degree of heat, or lengthened action of the air, which is necessary in the ordinary mode of concentrating the infusion or decoction.

In every instance, care should be taken to prevent any portion of the extract from becoming dry and hard on the sides of the evaporating vessel, as in this state it will not readily incorporate with the remaining mass. The heat, therefore, should be applied to the bottom and not to the sides of the vessel.

3. *Condition and Preservation of Extracts.*

Extracts may be prepared of two different degrees of consistence: soft so that they may be readily made into pills, and hard in order that they may be pulverized. The soft extracts always contain a notable percentage of water. In astringent extracts, the evaporation should be carried to dryness. Those obtained from the expressed juices of plants are apt to attract moisture from the air, in consequence of the deliquescent nature of the salts existing in the juice. They are thus rendered softer, and more liable to become mouldy upon the surface. Others, especially such as contain much chlorophyll, harden by time, in consequence of the escape of their moisture; and it not unfrequently happens that small crystals of saline matter are formed in their substance. Most extracts, especially those containing nitrogenous principles, are capable, when left to themselves, of producing nitrates. Prof. John Attfield, of London, has made a chemical examination of the crystals found in numerous extracts, and ascertained that in a large number they consisted of potassium chloride, and in a comparatively few of potassium nitrate.* The air, moreover, exercises an unfavorable chemical influence over the softer extracts, which are enfeebled, and ultimately become nearly inert, by the same changes which they undergo more rapidly in the liquid state at an elevated temperature. If an extract be dissolved in water, and the liquid be saturated with common salt or any other very soluble salt of difficult decomposition, the greater part of it will be precipitated, in consequence of the insolubility of this class of substances in saline solutions. The precipitate may be again dissolved in pure water.

Abstracts, which were official in the U. S. P. 1880, were not re-introduced into the present revision, as they did not come into general use: this is unfortunate, as they had many advantages, and as they are used in certain sections of the country. A description and a typical formula, with comments, are appended.† Abstracts of the following eleven drugs were official

* Thus, potassium chloride was detected in the extracts of belladonna, hemlock, sarsaparilla (compound), colchicum seeds, stramonium seeds, and aconite; potassium nitrate in the extracts of belladonna, hyoscyamus, and lettuce; and sodium sulphate in extract of stramonium seeds. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1862, p. 448.)

† Abstracta. *Abstracts.* Abstracts are solid powdered preparations containing the soluble constituents of the drugs from which they are made, and to which they bear a definite and uniform relation. These preparations were first introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880, and have many advantages over ordinary extracts. They are prepared by evaporating an alcoholic tincture of a drug spontaneously and at a low temperature, mixing it with a sufficient quantity of dried sugar of milk to make the final product when dry weigh one-half the weight of the drug, and then powdering it. The following general formula exhibits the typical official process.

General Formula. Drug, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred parts* [or four ounces av.]; Sugar of Milk, recently dried and in fine powder, Alcohol, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or two ounces av.]. Moisten the drug with *eighty parts* [or one and three-quarter fluidounces] of Alcohol, and pack firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the drug is exhausted. Reserve the first *one hundred and seventy parts* [or three and one-half fluidounces] of the percolate, evaporate the remainder to *thirty parts* [or half a fluidounce] at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), and mix with the reserved portion. Place the mixture in an evaporating dish, and, having added *fifty parts* [or one ounce av.] of Sugar of Milk, cover it with a piece of thin muslin gauze, and set aside in a warm place, where the temperature will not rise above 50° C. (122° F.), until the mixture is dry. Lastly, having added enough Sugar of Milk to make the mixture weigh *one hundred parts* [or two ounces av.], reduce it to a fine, uniform powder. Preserve the powder in a well-stopped bottle.

The advantages possessed by abstracts may be briefly stated as follows:

1. Each abstract represents twice the strength of the drug or fluid extract from which it is prepared.

2. They are dry powders, if properly made, and thus are permanent and portable; not subject to precipitation as fluid extracts are; not liable to become hard, tough, and variable in strength, as is the case with extracts.

3. Injurious exposure to heat is entirely avoided, and the official process requires no apparatus but such as either is at hand in the pharmacy or can be easily obtained by a pharmacist operating upon the small scale.

4. The final thorough trituration of the dry powder reduces the soluble and active constituents of the drug to a pulverulent condition, the diluent is soluble, and the fine state of division of abstracts is the most favorable condition that a powder can possess to secure efficient medication. (*Remington's Practice of Pharmacy*, p. 427.)

in 1880: aconite, belladonna root, conium, digitalis, hyoscyamus, ignatia, jalap, nux vomica, podophyllum, senega, and valerian.

Extracts, in order that they may keep well, should be placed in glazed earthenware, glass, or porcelain jars, and completely protected from the access of the air. This may be effected by covering their surface with a layer of melted wax, or with a piece of paper moistened with strong spirit, then closing the mouth of the vessel with a cork, spreading wax or rosin over this, and covering the whole with leather or a piece of bladder. (*Duncan.*) The dry extracts, being less liable to be affected by atmospheric oxygen, do not require so much care. The application of alcohol to the surface has a tendency to prevent mouldiness. A method of protecting extracts from the action of the air, frequently resorted to, is to cover them closely with oiled bladder; but this, though better than to leave them uncovered, is not entirely effectual. Should the extract become too moist, it may be dried by means of a water-bath; should it, on the contrary, be too dry, the proper consistence may be restored by softening it in the same manner and incorporating with it a little distilled water. Martin (1880) proposes to preserve extracts in a soft condition by surrounding the vessel containing the extract by another of larger diameter, which is furnished with a tight cover, the space between the two vessels being filled with crystallized sodium sulphate, which gradually parts with its water of crystallization and prevents the extract from becoming hard and dry.

When extracts which are too soft are subjected to a moderate temperature, fermentation may set in: E. Cocardas describes the various forms of "Penicillium-ferment" which grow in such extracts, and concludes that the ferment causes them to undergo changes similar to those effected by heat,—viz., the absorption of oxygen and the disengagement of carbon dioxide. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 590.)

Some extracts when powdered have a tendency to cohere again. According to Geiseler, this may be obviated by the addition of sugar of milk or powdered liquorice-root; two or three parts of the former and one part of the latter to one of the extract being sufficient for the purpose. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1850, p. 238.) Mohr recommends the following plan of drying and preserving extracts. Take equal parts of powdered liquorice-root and of the extract, rub them well together in a mortar, put the resulting paste into an earthen vessel with a flat bottom, place this in another of iron, a little deeper, containing calcium chloride thoroughly dried by heat insufficient to melt it; then enclose the whole with a cover fitted to the iron vessel, and allow them to stand for a day or more. When the mixture is quite dry, powder it, and add so much of the powdered root as to make the weight double that of the original extract.* (*Ibid.*, p. 119.) Four parts of extract are now mixed with three parts of finely powdered liquorice-root, and dried in a porcelain capsule at 40°–50° C. (104°–122° F.) until the mixture ceases to lose weight. The mass is then rubbed to powder, and sufficient powdered liquorice-root added to make the whole weigh eight parts, or double the weight of extract used. In our opinion, this method is not so good as that formerly adopted for abstracts. The German powdered extracts are always half the strength of the extracts, no relation whatever with the drug is established, and the variations in the yield of extract from different drugs have been repeatedly shown to be great. Kirchmann proposes exsiccated sodium sulphate as a diluent instead of dextrin, liquorice-root, etc. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1881, p. 116.) W. Stromeyer has found sugar to answer very well as an addition to too moist narcotic extracts. It is necessary, however, that the extract be not exposed to a heat of over 112° F., else it remains soft. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, pp. 300, 353).

The plan of incorporating a little glycerin with extracts has been recommended for such extracts as require it, 10 per cent. of glycerin being added to the liquid extract before evaporation to a pilular consistence. By its unchangeable liquid character, glycerin keeps the extract soft, so that it can be readily made into pills, and it also exercises a favorable influence through its chemical properties. It is preferable to add a definite weight of the glycerin to the percolate. If it were added to the menstruum, owing to the variation in the yield of extracts from plants, some would be too soft, and at another time, in the case of a large yield of extract, the quantity of glycerin would be insignificant.

Extracts from recent plants should be prepared at the season when the plant is medicinally most active; and a good rule is to prepare them once a year.†

* This process was substantially adopted in the German Pharmacopœia (1882). The old process of using dextrin as a diluent was found very objectionable, principally on account of the tendency of the extracts to reabsorb moisture.

† M. Lepage, of Gisors, gives the following method of testing the quality of the narcotic extracts and determining whether they contain any of the alkaloids to which they owe their efficiency. Take a gramme (15·5 gr.) of the extract, dissolve it in twice its weight of distilled water, introduce the solution into a test-tube, and add from 25 to 30 centigrammes (4 or 5 gr.) of powdered potassium bicarbonate. When effervescence has ceased, add to the mixture 5

EXTRACTA FLUIDA. Fluid Extracts.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TĄ FLŪ'Į-DĄ.)

Extracta Liquida, *Br.;* Extraits liquides, *Fr.;* Flüssige Extrakte, *G.*

These were first introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850 as a distinct class of preparations; the fluid extract of sarsaparilla being the only one previously directed, either in our own official code or by the British Colleges. Since then they have increased so rapidly in favor that at the present time eighty-eight are official, and in addition large quantities of non-official fluid extracts are annually produced. They are now perhaps the most important class of liquid preparations in use. Their distinctive character is the concentration of the active ingredients of medicinal substances into a small bulk, in the liquid form, a cubic centimeter or fluigramme of any one of them now representing a gramme of the crude drug. Independently of the greater convenience of administration, the advantage of this class of preparations is that, the evaporation not being carried so far as in the ordinary extracts, the active principles are less liable to be injured by heat. Formerly the main difficulty in relation to them was the liability of substances in the liquid state to undergo spontaneous decomposition. In the Pharmacopœia of 1850 this was counteracted by means of sugar and of alcohol, but in 1865 (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 50) Mr. Alfred B. Taylor proposed the use of glycerin, and in the revision of the Pharmacopœia for 1870 his suggestion was adopted. Glycerin, while it exerts a powerful preservative influence, possesses the very valuable property of dissolving matters which were deposited by some of the fluid extracts when made with sugar, as in the old official recipes. Consequently these fluid extracts were much clearer and more elegant preparations than were the old ones. Subsequent experience with these fluid extracts showed that the use of glycerin should be circumscribed, and that it had been employed too freely in the formulas of the fluid extracts of the U. S. P. 1870. The solvent powers of glycerin are so great that the fluid extracts were frequently loaded with many inert principles, which it dissolved, giving them a dense, rich appearance, without increasing their activity. As the primary object of fluid extracts is concentration, suitable menstrua should in each case be selected with the single object of dissolving and retaining permanently the active constituents of the drug. In order to do this, many experiments are necessary to determine which is the most suitable menstruum, and each drug must be separately and individually studied. Whilst the formulas for the fluid extracts in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 show a great improvement in this respect over all others, ten years' experience will demonstrate the necessity of further changes.

The present fluid extracts are of the same strength as those formerly official, and the formulas are based upon the theory that from a given weight of drug an amount of fluid extract shall be made equal in measure to the bulk of the same weight of distilled water; in other words, upon the relation of gramme to cubic centimeter.* Although the metric system is admirable in practice, some may prefer to use ordinary weights and measures; in such cases, to make 20 *fluidounces* of a fluid extract 19 *troyounces* of drug will be required, whilst if avoirdupois weight is preferred, the most convenient relation to recollect will be that 50 *avoirdupois ounces* are required to make 48 *fluidounces*, or *three pints*, of a fluid extract. The general formula for the preparation of fluid extracts does not differ materially from that formerly official; the length of time required for maceration has been judiciously reduced, whilst the quantity reserved has been generally slightly increased, although the formulas are not uniform in this respect. The fact cannot escape observation that there has been a close study of the solubilities, physical properties, and individuality of each drug, whilst uniformity among the formulas has not been sought for, so much as the best method of producing the fluid extract. The general formula may be expressed as follows. 1000 Gm. of the powdered drug are moistened

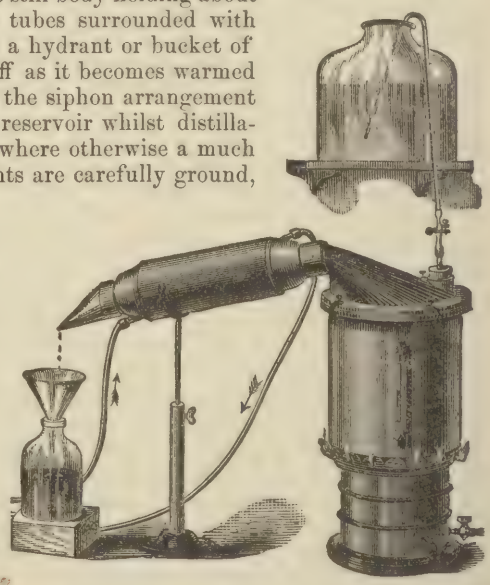
or 6 times its bulk of pure ether, cork the tube, and shake briskly three times in 2 or 3 minutes. Then let the mixture rest; and when the ether has become transparent, decant, and allow it to evaporate spontaneously. Dissolve the residue in 6 or 8 grammes (ʒiss to ʒij) of water acidulated with a drop or two of hydrochloric acid. If the extract be good, the solution will be rendered very turbid by a few drops of a solution of the double iodide of mercury and potassium, and will give a flocculent precipitate with solution of tannic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1863, p. 362.) The test is applicable to the extracts of aconite, belladonna, hyoscyamus, and conium.

* The following table shows the relation of the crude drug to the fluid extract when made by the process of the U. S. P. 1890 and when made by that of the U. S. P. 1870:

Weight of Drug.	*Measure of Fluid Extract.*	
	Pharm. 1890.	Pharm. 1870.
100 grammes of drug make	100 C.c.	94·9 C.c.
100 troyounces of drug make	105·3 fluidounces.	100 fluidounces.
100 avoirdupois ounces of drug make	96 fluidounces.	91·1 fluidounces.

with a certain quantity of menstruum, packed in a suitable percolator, and enough menstruum added to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it; the lower orifice of the percolator is closed when the liquid begins to drop, and the percolator is closely covered to prevent evaporation and permit maceration for a specified time; additional menstruum is poured on and percolation continued until the drug is exhausted. Usually from seven- to nine-tenths of the first portion of the percolate are reserved, and the remainder evaporated to a soft extract; this is to be dissolved in the reserved portion, and enough menstruum added to make the fluid extract measure 1000 C.c. The precipitation experienced heretofore when the evaporated weak percolate was added to the reserved portion is considerably diminished by causing the former to be evaporated to a soft extract. This precipitation, formerly noticed more particularly in alcoholic fluid extracts, was due to the greater volatility of the alcohol in the weak percolates, which, when evaporated, left the residue to a great extent aqueous; when this was added to the strongly alcoholic reserved portion, a precipitation of resinous and frequently active matter took place, which necessitated the storing of the fluid extract until precipitation ceased, and subsequent filtration. This is almost altogether avoided by evaporating to a soft extract, and the loss of activity through precipitation is thus greatly diminished.

A useful distillatory apparatus has been contrived by Prof. Jos. P. Remington for recovering alcohol from weak percolates, and for general pharmaceutical uses. The still shown in the cut is the new form. It is made of tinned copper, the still body holding about three gallons; the condenser has seven straight tubes surrounded with the cold water introduced by a rubber tube from a hydrant or bucket of water placed higher than the still, and carried off as it becomes warmed by another tube as indicated by the arrows. By the siphon arrangement shown in the cut, the still can be fed from a reservoir whilst distillation is in progress, thus using a three-gallon still where otherwise a much larger one would have been necessary. The joints are carefully ground, and troublesome lutes and water-joints are entirely superseded. The condenser, having straight tubes instead of a spiral one, is easily cleaned, and is powerful enough to condense a gallon of alcohol in thirty minutes. The still may be set into a kettle partly filled with water and thus used as a water-bath, or a shallow tinned-copper dish with flat rim, which accompanies the still, may be placed between the two brass ring bands and clamped securely. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1879.)



For valuable papers on percolation and fluid extracts, by Prof. Procter, Dr. Squibb, Alonzo Robbins, and others, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1859, p. 265; 1863, p. 222; *A. J. P.*, 1878, pp. 209, 329; 1873, pp. 85, 189.

Several methods have been suggested for preparing fluid extracts more economically. The most important is the plan of repercolation, as proposed by Dr. E. R. Squibb, for this class of preparations as well as the dry extracts.

Repercolation. In consequence of the existing high price of alcohol, it is important to adopt some plan by which, while the ends aimed at are attained, the consumption of the menstruum used in percolation may be diminished. This object has been accomplished, to a considerable extent, by Dr. E. R. Squibb, of Brooklyn, N.Y., by a modification of the process of percolation to which he has given the name at the head of the present paragraph. As defined by the author, repercolation consists in the successive application of the same percolating menstruum to fresh portions of the substance to be percolated. The result is that the same menstruum, acting repeatedly on unexhausted portions of the substance, becomes concentrated to the greatest possible extent, so that much of the menstruum is saved, while subsequent evaporation is avoided, which is itself an object of great importance in the preparation of extracts. It is obvious that repercolation is not applicable to the preparation of infusions, decoctions, tinctures, etc., in which the object in general is less a high degree of concentration than precision in the strength of the preparation, and consequently in the dose. It is to the extracts and fluid extracts that the process is peculiarly adapted, and there now remains no doubt whatever of the great value of the improvement. One of its disadvantages is that the

substance treated is less completely exhausted than when the proceeding is inverted, and fresh portions of menstruum are made to act on the same material until the latter is deprived of all its soluble matter. But the loss in this way is trifling, compared with the gain when a menstruum as high-priced as alcohol is at the present time is employed. Another practical disadvantage is the inconvenience of keeping the weak percolates, as these have to be labelled, numbered, and stored away for use until the same operation is repeated. In deciding when to adopt it, the operator will of course be influenced by the relative value of the drug and the menstruum. In order to secure the most favorable results in repercolation, certain methods of proceeding are advisable in various steps of the process, differing with the character of the substance to be acted on; and these can be determined only by a careful study, confirmed by repeated experiment. Dr. Squibb uses repercolation exclusively on the large scale in the manufacture of extracts and fluid extracts, and has applied it especially to the preparation of fluid extract of cinchona; and since his first paper, which was reproduced in the 14th revision of the U. S. Dispensatory, p. 1164, he has introduced several improvements, which are intended to make the process useful to the apothecary in his every-day work. By presenting in a note below an abstract of his plan of proceeding in this case, we can impress on the mind of the pharmaceutical student the lessons applicable to the case more forcibly than could be done by a general description.*

The plan of Mr. N. Spencer Thomas consists in exposing the substance to be acted on to successive expressions, by means of a press, with the menstruum divided into different portions, so that fresh portions of liquid are brought to act on the same solid body in different stages of exhaustion, and then mixing the expressed liquids. The due proportion between the weight of the medicine and the bulk of the ultimate fluid extract is secured by regulating the measure of the last-added portion of menstruum, which, in the process as described by Mr. Thomas, is the third. Whatever may be the advantages of this method,—and it is not without its recommendations,—it is liable to the objections of loss of alcohol through exposure during expression, and of being patented. (*A. J. P.*, 1866.) Another method of limiting the quantity of alcohol used has been proposed by Mr. S. P. Duffield, of Detroit. It consists in macerating, for from six to ten days, the medicine to be acted on, previously deprived, by means of a vacuum apparatus, of all the air, and of all readily volatilizable matter contained in its pores, with a certain volume of the menstruum, which is forced through a tube into the vacuum-pan by atmospheric pressure, and thus brought into the most intimate contact with all parts of the powder. The process is completed by submitting the mass thus impregnated to hydraulic pressure, and, after allowing the liquid to settle in glass carboys, drawing off the clear liquid into bottles. (See also Parke, Davis & Co.'s method, with illustrations, *Remington's Practice of Pharmacy*, pp. 364, 365.) It is obviously inapplicable to substances whose virtues depend in any considerable degree upon readily volatilizable constituents. Mr. Campbell (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 17) has proposed a method for doing away with the use of heat, which, however, although in some cases it may do well, cannot be relied upon for the complete exhaustion of all drugs. In carrying it out, mix with sixteen troyounces of the powder four to six fluidounces of the

* *Dr. Squibb's Process for Extract of Cinchona by Repercolation:* "Take of Yellow Cinchona, in powder No. 50, 32 parts; Stronger Alcohol, sp. gr. ·819, 2 parts; Glycerin, sp. gr. 1·250, 1 part; Water, 2 parts, or a sufficient quantity of menstruum. Weigh the Stronger Alcohol, Glycerin, and Water in succession, in any convenient quantity at a time, into a tared bottle, and mix them thoroughly for a menstruum.

"Moisten 8 parts of the Cinchona with eight parts of the menstruum, by thoroughly mixing them, and allow the mixture to stand 8 hours in a closely-covered vessel. Then pass the moist powder through a No. 8 sieve, and pack it firmly in a percolator. Pour menstruum on top until the mass is filled with liquid and a stratum remains on top unabsorbed; cover the percolator closely and macerate for 48 hours. Then arrange the percolator for an automatic supply of menstruum, and start the percolation at such a rate as to give 1 part of percolate in about 4 hours. Reserve the first 6 parts of percolate, and continue the percolation until the Cinchona is exhausted, separating the percolate received after the reserved portion into fractions of about 8 parts each. Moisten a second portion of 8 parts of the Cinchona with 8 parts of the weak percolate,—the first portion that was obtained next after the reserved percolate,—and allow the moist powder to stand for 8 hours in a vessel closely covered. Then pack it moderately in a percolator, and supply the percolator automatically with the remaining fractions of the weak percolate in the order in which they were received, and finally with fresh menstruum until the Cinchona is exhausted. Percolate in the same manner and at the same rate as with the first portion of Cinchona, and, reserving 8 parts of the first percolate, separate the weaker percolate into fractions of about 8 parts each. Percolate the third and fourth portions of 8 parts each of the Cinchona in the same way as the second portion. Finally mix the four reserved percolates together to make 30 parts of finished fluid extract; and having corked, labelled, and numbered the bottles containing the fractions of weak percolate, set them away until the process for Cinchona is to be resumed.

"When this fluid extract is to be again made, repeat the process as with the second portion, and reserve 8 parts of the first percolate as finished fluid extract from each 8 parts of Cinchona from that time forward so long as the fractions of weak percolate are carried forward with which to commence each operation." See also Dr. Squibb's percolator, 16th edition U. S. D., p. 600.

menstruum (usually alcohol), and pack it in a glass funnel moderately but uniformly tightly, a piece of sponge having previously been put in the beak of the funnel; then cover the surface of the powder with a disk of paper, and pour on twelve fluidounces of menstruum. When the sponge becomes saturated, cork tightly the beak of the funnel, and set the whole aside for four days, at the end of which time the percolation may be allowed to proceed. Mr. James W. Mill has called attention to the advantage of separating the powder into fine and coarse parts by means of sieves and packing the finer powder at the bottom.

H. Biroth (*Pharmacist*, April, 1877) proposes the method which he terms "*insuccation*," for making non-alcoholic fluid extracts: the advantages claimed for it are simplicity and economy. Sixteen troyounces of the drug, cut, crushed, or whole, are placed in a stone jar or tin percolator. Eight fluidounces of glycerin mixed with four pints of boiling water are poured upon the drug and allowed to "insuccate," or macerate, for twenty-four hours, the liquid poured off, and the residue treated with four pints more of boiling water as before. The decanted liquors are mixed, strained, and evaporated by means of a water-bath to one pint and filtered.

Prof. J. U. Lloyd proposes to recover the alcohol which remains absorbed by the residue after percolation by mixing the wet residues with an equal bulk or less of dry sawdust, and then percolating this with water. (*A. J. P.*, June, 1877.) Wm. M. Thomson, of Philadelphia, devised a very complete method of preparing fluid extracts on a large scale; the principles of his process are maceration and percolation *in vacuo*, and although the principles which have been applied have been long known, and similar apparatus used by Duffield and others, there are many useful practical points which merit a notice in detail. The percolators are egg-shaped, and made of tinned copper; they are capable of being tightly covered, and communicate by means of stopcocks above and below, and iron and stout rubber tubing, with a very efficient double-acting air-pump. The moistened powder is packed tightly in the percolator, and the cover securely bolted on. The stopcock in the cover is now opened, which communicates with the air-pump and a partial vacuum created in the space above the moistened drug; the stopcock is now closed and another stopcock in the cover opened, which communicates by a tube with the reservoir containing the menstruum. The menstruum, of course, quickly penetrates the powder, taking the place of the interstitial air, and when the powder is saturated it is permitted to macerate *in vacuo* a sufficient length of time. To start percolation, a receiver is connected with the beak of the percolator, and, the air being exhausted from it, the percolate at once makes its appearance. When the flow slackens, if desired, air may be forced by the pump in the space above the powder, and the receiver again exhausted below. In this way, it can be seen, entire control of these powerful physical forces may be secured. The advantages are very apparent in preventing the loss of volatile principles and alcohol, whilst protecting from chemical change caused by exposure to the air. It is quite possible to make many official fluid extracts without recourse to subsequent evaporation of weak percolate. For a cut of this apparatus, see *A. J. P.*, 1882.

EXTRACTUM ACONITI. U. S., Br. Extract of Aconite.

(EX-TRĂC'TUM ĂC-O-NĪ'TĪ.)

Extract of Aconite Root; Extrait de Racine d'Aconit, *Fr.*; Eisenhutknollen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Aconite, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 100 fluidounces] of tincture are obtained, or the Aconite is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, evaporate the remainder in a porcelain capsule, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], add the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the above-mentioned temperature, until an extract of a pilular consistence remains." *U. S.*

"Take of the fresh Leaves and Flowering Tops of Aconite *one hundred and twelve pounds* [avoirdupois]. Bruise in a stone mortar, and press out the juice; heat it gradually to 130° F. (54°·4 C.), and separate the green coloring matter by a calico filter. Heat the strained liquor to 200° F. (93°·3 C.) to coagulate the albumen, and again filter. Evaporate the filtrate by a water-bath to the consistence of a thin syrup; then add to it the green coloring-matter previously separated and passed through a hair sieve, and stirring the whole together assiduously,

continue the evaporation at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.), until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The extract from the fresh leaves of aconite was abandoned in the U. S. Pharmacopœia in 1870 in favor of one made by means of alcohol from the dried plant, probably because the plant was not generally cultivated in this country. But the *present preparation is very much stronger* than either, aconite root having been substituted for the leaves, which are no longer official, and alcohol for diluted alcohol as a menstruum. It is greatly to be regretted that the title of this Extract is not Extractum Aconiti Radicis; there will be likely to be three extracts of Aconite in use, of varying strengths,—*i.e.*, the present official alcoholic extract made from the root, the former hydro-alcoholic extract made from the leaves, and the English extract made from the fresh leaves. Great care should be taken to call as much attention to the alteration as possible. The use of tartaric acid in the menstruum for U. S. P. 1880 was in accordance with the views of Duquesnel and C. R. Alder Wright. It has been shown, however, that the acid was of no practical advantage, and it is no longer employed. The exhaustion of the aconite in the U. S. process is indicated by the absence of its peculiar taste in the liquid which passes. To save the alcohol at the low temperature at which the evaporation is directed, would require the aid of a vacuum apparatus. The attempt to save the alcohol by ordinary distillation would imply an elevation of the heat above that officially ordered, and thus endanger the decomposition of the active principle of the aconite; and views of economy should never be allowed to interfere with the efficiency of medicines. It will be perceived that in the British process not the leaves only but the flowering tops also are used, as experience has shown that these are at least equally efficient. The process consists essentially in the evaporation of the expressed juice; and the product, therefore, ranks with inspissated juices.

In relation to the preparation of this extract, as well as of all others derived from the expressed juices of narcotic plants, the following summary of the plan pursued by Mr. Battley, an experienced apothecary of London, may be of service. Having passed the expressed juice through a fine hair sieve, he places it immediately upon the fire. Before it boils, a quantity of green matter rises to the surface, which in some plants is very abundant. This is removed by a perforated tin dish, and preserved. It ceases to appear soon after the liquid begins to boil. The boiling is continued till rather more than half the fluid has been evaporated, when the decoction is poured into a conical pan and allowed to cool. An abundant dark green precipitate forms, from which the supernatant liquid is poured off; and this, having been reduced one-half by a second boiling, is again allowed to stand. The precipitate which now falls is less green than the first. The remaining fluid is once more placed over the fire, and allowed to boil till it assumes the consistence of syrup, when it is removed. The matter at first collected by skimming, together with that precipitated, is now incorporated with it, and the whole placed in a metallic pan, and by means of a water-bath evaporated to the consistence of an extract. In the latter part of the process, care is necessary to prevent the extract from hardening on the sides of the vessel, as it thus loses its fine green color and becomes proportionately feeble.

The superiority of this plan over a continuous boiling is that the portions of active matter which are deposited at different stages of the process are subjected for a shorter time to heat than if allowed to remain in the liquor, and are consequently less deteriorated. The matter which coagulates before the fluid boils is chiefly albumen, embracing portions of chlorophyll and of the undissolved vegetable fibre. It might probably be thrown away without diminishing the virtues of the extract; but as chlorophyll, though itself inactive, has often associated with it a portion of the active principle, it is the most economical plan to incorporate it with the other matters, and, besides, its presence in the mass is said to render it easier to be worked into pills. Mr. Brande states that one cwt. of fresh aconite yields about five pounds of extract. According to Geiger, one pound yields an ounce and a half. For a method of assaying Extract of Aconite by Beckurts, see *Pharm. Era*, 1887.

In the process of the British Pharmacopœia, it will be perceived that a discrimination is made between the chlorophyll and albumen; the former, which coagulates at 54·4° C. (130° F.), being at first separated in order to prevent the continuous action of heat upon it, and afterwards added to the extract; the latter, coagulating at 93·3° C. (200° F.), is separated and rejected. The rejection of the albumen is altogether advisable, as it is not only inert, but renders the extract more liable to decomposition. The chlorophyll is retained for the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph, and also to give a greenish color to the extract, which has come to be associated in general opinion with its good quality.

If made from recently dried leaves, which have not yet been impaired by time, the extract

official in 1870 was a good preparation of aconite; and it was believed to be more powerful, and to keep better, than the inspissated juice. According to Prof. Schroff, of Vienna, it had four times the strength of that preparation. The dose is half a grain or a grain (0·03 to 0·065 Gm.), to be gradually increased if necessary. The alcoholic extract of the U. S. P. 1890 is stronger, and may be given in the dose of one-sixth or one-quarter of a grain (0·01 to 0·016 Gm.), to be gradually increased until its effects are experienced; and it would be well to specify on the prescription (*U. S. P.* 1890) when that preparation is desired.

When properly prepared, the British extract has a greenish-brown color, with a disagreeable narcotic odor and the acrid taste of the plant. It may be given in the dose of one or two grains (0·065 to 0·13 Gm.), night and morning, to be gradually increased till the system is affected. Twenty grains (1·3 Gm.) or more have been given in the course of a day.

EXTRACTUM ACONITI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Aconite.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂC-Ǫ-NĪ'TĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Aconite Root; Extrait liquide de Racine d'Aconit, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Eisenhutknollen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Aconite, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Aconite is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation of aconite root will be found useful as a basis for making the other preparations of Aconite,—the plaster, extract, tincture, or liniment. The fluid extract is of a bright deep reddish-brown color; it may be given internally in doses of one-half to one minim (0·03 to 0·06 C.c.), but on account of its very powerful character should always be used with caution, beginning with the smallest dose. It will doubtless be frequently employed as an addition to liniments for obtaining the peculiar effects of aconite.

EXTRACTUM ALOES. U. S. Extract of Aloes.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂL'Ǫ-ĒŞ.)

Extrait d'Aloès, *Fr.;* Aloe-Extrakt, *G.*

"Socotrine Aloes, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Boiling Distilled Water, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Aloes with the Water in a suitable vessel, stirring constantly, until the particles of Aloes are thoroughly disintegrated, and let the mixture stand for twelve hours; then pour off the clear liquor, strain the residue, mix the liquids, and evaporate to dryness by means of a water- or steam-bath." *U. S.*

The object of this preparation is to afford an aloes purified from mechanical impurities. The process is based upon the British formulas for extract of Barbadoes aloes and Socotrine aloes, which are treated of in the two articles following this. With an official purified aloes, the necessity for this preparation is not obvious. An extract made with cold distilled water is official in the German Pharmacopœia, as is also the vitriolated extract, "*Extractum Aloes Acido Sulfurico Correctum*," made by suspending eight parts of extract of aloes in thirty-two parts of distilled water, adding drop by drop one part of pure sulphuric acid, and evaporating in a porcelain vessel to dryness: the dose is from two to ten grains (0·13–0·65 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM ALOES BARBADENSIS. Br. Extract of Barbadoes Aloes.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂL'Ǫ-ĒŞ BĂR-BĄ-DĒN'SIS.)

Extrait d'Aloès de Barbade, *Fr.;* Barbadoes Aloe-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Barbadoes Aloes, in small fragments, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure.] Add the Aloes to the Water, and stir well until they

are thoroughly mixed. Set aside for twelve hours; then pour off the clear liquid, strain the remainder, and evaporate the mixed liquors by a current of warm air to dryness." *Br.*

The revised direction, to evaporate "by a current of warm air" instead of by a water-bath, is in accordance with the views of Robert Aiken, who believes that prolonged exposure to heat converts the extractive into inert resinous matter. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 501.) The dose of this extract is two to six grains (0·13–0·4 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM ALOES SOCOTRINÆ. Br. Extract of Socotrine Aloes.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂL'Ō-ĒS SŎC-Ō-TRĪ'NÆ.)

Extrait d'Aloès sucotrin, *Fr.;* Socotora Aloe-Extrakt, *G.*

This is prepared precisely as the Extract of Barbadoes Aloes.

The object of these processes is to separate from Aloes the resinoid matter, the *apotheme* of Berzelius, which is supposed to irritate the bowels, without possessing purgative properties; but the truth appears to be that, when deprived of a small portion of adhering extractive, this matter is quite inert. It cannot, therefore, injuriously affect the virtues of the medicine; and, as it exists in comparatively small proportion, and during the process a part of the extractive becomes insoluble, the preparation may be considered as at best unnecessary. The dose of the purified aloes is from two to ten grains (0·13 to 0·65 Gm.).*

EXTRACTUM ANTHEMIDIS. Br. Extract of Chamomile.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĄN-THĔM'Ī-DĬS.)

Extrait de Camomille romaine, *Fr.;* Extractum Chamomillæ Romanæ; Römisch-Kamillen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Chamomile Flowers *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Oil of Chamomile *fifteen minims;* Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure]. Boil the Chamomile Flowers with the Water until the volume is reduced to one-half, then strain, press, and filter. Evaporate the liquor by a water-bath until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills, adding the Oil of Chamomile at the end of the process." *Br.*

According to Mr. Brande, one cwt. of dried chamomile flowers affords upon an average 48 pounds of extract.

This extract has a deep brown color, with the bitter taste and aroma of chamomile. It much better represents the chamomile than did the old Edinburgh extract, which, being obtained by decoction and inspissation, contained none of the volatile oil of the plant. In the present British process care is taken not only to avoid boiling, but also to supply any possible loss of oil during the cautious evaporation, by the addition of a small portion near the close of the process. The extract may be given for the same purpose as the flowers, but is most used as a vehicle for other tonics in the pilular form. The dose is from two to ten grains (0·13 to 0·65 Gm.). An extract may be prepared having the peculiar flavor as well as bitterness of chamomile, by macerating the flowers in water, and evaporating the infusion *in vacuo.*

EXTRACTUM APOCYNI FLUIDUM. U.S. Fluid Extract of Apocynum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ą-PŎC'Y-NĪ FLŪ'Ī-DŬM.)

"Apocynum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol and *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water,

* *Glycerate of Aloes. Glycerole of Aloes.* Under the latter name, M. Chausit brought to the notice of the profession a preparation consisting of an alcoholic extract of aloes dissolved in glycerin. Mr. Haselden prepared this by the following method. Macerating half an ounce of aloes in four fluidounces of alcohol until dissolved, he filtered the tincture through bibulous paper, evaporated it to the consistence of molasses, and, while it was still warm, added enough glycerin to make four fluidounces. Finding that the aloes was wholly dissolved, with the exception of a little impurity, he concluded that the spirit might very well be dispensed with, and the aloes used directly in the process. Accordingly he proposes to substitute the following method. Mix well in a mortar half an ounce of Socotrine aloes, in fine powder, and four fluidounces of glycerin; transfer the mixture to a bottle, and agitate occasionally for several days; if the aloes be not now dissolved, heat for fifteen minutes by a water-bath, and strain through linen to separate impurities. The resulting liquid is of a bright mahogany color, and of the consistence of glycerin. The preparation has been recommended as an external remedy in *lichen agrius* and the excoriations of *eczema,* applied by means of a camel's-hair brush. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1859, p. 322.) For the mode of preparing *a fluid extract of aloes* with the aid of glycerin, by Prof. Procter, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1863, p. 240.

and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Water, until the Apocynum is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract: it represents apocynum in a very satisfactory manner. The dose is five minims (0·3 C.c.); as an emetic, fifteen to twenty minims (0·9 to 1·25 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM ARNICÆ RADICIS. U. S. Extract of Arnica Root.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂR'NĮ-ÇÆ RĄ-DĪ'CĬS.)

Extrait de Racine d'Arnique, *Fr.;* Arnika-Extrakt, *G.*

"Arnica Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for twenty-four hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Arnica Root is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate; evaporate the remainder to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), mix the residue with the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the above-mentioned temperature, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

The extract does not differ from the extract formerly official: it very well represents the virtues of arnica, and is a convenient form for its administration. The dose is from three to five grains (0·20 to 0·33 Gm.). But the chief employment of the extract is in the preparation of the plaster. (See *Emplastrum Arnicæ.*)

EXTRACTUM ARNICÆ RADICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Arnica Root.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂR'NĮ-ÇÆ RĄ-DĪ'CĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Racine d'Arnique, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Arnicawurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Arnica Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Arnica Root is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is of a clear, reddish-brown color, possessing little odor, and having an acrid taste. It well represents the virtues of the root, and will probably be used as a basis for preparing the extract when wanted for the plaster. The dose, if desired for internal administration, would be from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM AROMATICUM FLUIDUM. U. S. Aromatic Fluid Extract.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT'Ị-CŬM FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide aromatique, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Aromatisches Extrakt, *G.*

"Aromatic Powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Aromatic Powder is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a valuable fluid extract; it is an excellent aromatic in concentrated form, and will be found very useful not only as an addition to liquids when an aromatic is desired, but its concentrated form will permit its use in small quantities with dry powders, like pepsin, bismuth subnitrate, etc., when desired for administration. It will probably be rarely used alone. Dose, ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.), diluted with water, or dropped on sugar.

EXTRACTUM ASCLEPIADIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Asclepias.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĄS-CLĒ-PĮ-Ā'DĬS FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

"Asclepias, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Asclepias is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract; it has a deep brownish-red color. The dose is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25 to 3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM ASPIDOSPERMATIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Aspidosperma.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĂS-PĮ-DǪ-SPĔR'MĄ-TĬS FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

"Aspidosperma, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol and *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for 48 hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, until the Aspidosperma is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation, which has been largely used under the name of *fluid extract of quebracho*, well represents the drug. The dose is fifteen minims to a fluidrachm (0·9 to 3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM AURANTII AMARI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Bitter Orange Peel.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī Ą-MĀ'RĪ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Écorce d'Oranges amères, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Pomeranzenschale-Extrakt, *G.*

"Bitter Orange Peel, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a conical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Orange Peel is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is another fluid extract which will be found useful as a tonic; the bitter orange peel having very little oil present in its dry condition, there is necessarily very little agreeable orange flavor to the fluid extract. Monroe Bond recommends a *Fluid Extract of Sweet Orange Peel*, made with a menstruum of seven parts of alcohol and one of glycerin. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 482.) Dose, fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM BELÆ LIQUIDUM. Br. Liquid Extract of Bael.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM BĒ'LÆ LĬQ'UI-DŬM—lĭk'wę-dŭm.)

Extrait liquide de Bael, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Bael-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Bael Fruit *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *twelve pints* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *three fluidounces*. Macerate the Bael for twelve hours in one-third of the Water; pour off the clear liquor; repeat the maceration a second and a third time for one hour in the remaining two-thirds of the Water; press the marc; and filter the mixed liquors through flannel. Evaporate to thirteen fluidounces; and, when cold, add the Rectified Spirit." *Br.*

Each fluidounce of the extract represents an avoirdupois ounce of bael, and the dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM BELLADONNÆ. Br. Extract of Belladonna.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ.)

Extrait de Belladone, *Fr.;* Tollkirschen-Extrakt, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes the "fresh leaves and young branches of Belladonna" and prepares the Extract from them in the same manner precisely as Extract of Aconite. (See *Extractum Aconiti.*)

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 directed the extract to be prepared from the leaves of the plant, the British from the leaves and young branches. The latter direction was probably based on experiments by Mr. Squire, of London, who found that an extract prepared from the soft herbaceous parts of the plant generally, including leaves, flowers, and young stalks, not only has a better consistence, and is less apt to become mouldy by keeping, than that made from the leaves exclusively, but is more effectual in the same quantity. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 300.) There is little doubt of the accuracy of these results. It is probable that these remarks are as applicable to other extracts prepared from fresh leaves as to that of belladonna, at least in relation to perennial plants.

From the experiments of MM. Solon and Soubeiran, it appears that, in relation to this extract, the insoluble matter separated from the expressed juice by filtering, and that coagulated by heat, are nearly if not quite inert; so that advantage results from clarifying the juice by these means before evaporating it. So far as the albumen is concerned, there can be no doubt of the accuracy of this statement; but it is questionable whether the same remark is

applicable to the chlorophyll which first separates, and which is reserved in the British process. (See *Extractum Aconiti.*) Mr. Brande states that one cwt. of fresh belladonna yields from 4 to 6 pounds of extract. According to M. Recluz, nearly ten parts may be obtained from one hundred. The best extract from the fresh drug is brought chiefly from England; but Mr. Alfred Jones has found that it may be prepared of equally good quality from the plant grown in the United States. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 108.) It has usually a dark-brown color, a slightly narcotic not unpleasant odor, a bitterish taste, and a soft consistence which it long retains. Asparagin has been found in this extract. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxi. 178.)

The dose of the extract is uncertain, on account of its variable strength. The best plan is to begin with one-quarter or one-half of a grain (0·016 or 0·03 Gm.), repeated two or three times a day, and gradually to increase the dose *pro re nata*. To a child three years old not more than one-twenty-fourth of a grain (0·0025 Gm.) should be administered at first.

EXTRACTUM BELLADONNÆ FOLIORUM ALCOHOLICUM. U. S. (Br.) Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna Leaves.

[Extractum Belladonnæ Alcoholicum, Pharm. 1880.]

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ FŌ-LĮ-Ō'RŬM ĂL-CǪ-HŎL'Į-CŬM.)

Extractum Belladonnæ Alcoholicum, *Br.;* Extrait de Belladone alcoolique, *Fr.;* Spirituöses Tollkirschen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Belladonna Leaves, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of Alcohol with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 fluidrachms] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 3½ fluidrachms] of tincture are obtained, or the Belladonna Leaves are exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], mix the residue with the reserved portion, and evaporate at or below the above-mentioned temperature to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Belladonna Root, in No. 20 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.* Mix the Belladonna with *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of liquid have been collected. Evaporate the percolated liquid by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence." *Br.*

The alcoholic extracts of belladonna of the U. S. P. 1880 and 1890 were made from the leaves, in deference to a prejudice which seems to have a strong following. The British Pharmacopœia introduced in the 1885 revision for the first time an alcoholic extract of belladonna, but it differs from the U. S. extract in being made from the root instead of the leaves; this would render the British extract the stronger of the two. The absence of chlorophyll in an extract made from the root would make ointments, cerates, plasters, etc., made from it deficient in the characteristic green color so much prized, and would probably lead to its rejection for a time, but there can be no question of the greater uniformity in strength of the root.* For a method of assaying Extract of Belladonna, by Beckurts, see *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 447.

* *Standard Extract of Belladonna.* This preparation has been proposed by Profs. Dunston and Ransom as a type of a class of standardized solid extracts having a definite alkaloidal strength: whilst resembling an extract, it has the advantage over it of being based upon a certain percentage of alkaloid instead of representing a given amount of a variable drug. "Take of belladonna root, in No. 20 powder, 1 pound; rectified spirit, 48 fluidounces; distilled water, 12 fluidounces. Mix the spirit with the water. Macerate the belladonna in 2 pints of this mixture for forty-eight hours, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remainder of the diluted spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and measure the exact volume of the mixture (a). Estimate the alkaloidal nature of this solution by the following method. Evaporate 50 C.c. of the liquid over a water-bath with a gentle heat until all the alcohol is dispelled. Dissolve the extract thus obtained in about 5 C.c. of warm distilled

The change in the name of this preparation seems to us to be a very unwise one. It may be considered certain that physicians in writing prescriptions will not generally use the name, on account of its length. Probably four-fifths of the prescriptions written will be for Extractum Belladonnæ. As there is no extract of belladonna recognized by the present U. S. Pharmacopœia, in our opinion when extract of belladonna is called for in an American prescription, the apothecary should put up this preparation, and not the Extractum Belladonnæ of the British Pharmacopœia.

The formula for this extract does not differ essentially from that official in the former revision: it is a good preparation, and is official in the French Codex. It is much used externally. Thus, in *rigidity* of the *os uteri*, it is applied at intervals to the neck of the uterus, mixed with simple ointment in the proportion of one drachm to an ounce; but care must be taken not to affect the system too powerfully; and the preparation, therefore, should be used in a small quantity at first. In *irritability* of the *bladder*, *chordee*, *spasm* of the *urethra* or of the *rectum*, it may either be rubbed in the form of ointment upon the perineum, or be used in the form of suppository; but care is requisite not to introduce it too freely into the bowel. It is sometimes smeared upon the bougie, mixed with oil, in the treatment of stricture of the urethra. In the form of ointment it has been beneficially employed in *phimosis* and *paraphimosis*, and in that of plaster or ointment, in local *neuralgic* or *rheumatic pains*. (See *Emplastrum Belladonnæ*.) Internal dose, one-sixth to one-third of a grain (0·010 to 0·021 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM BELLADONNÆ RADICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Belladonna Root. [Extractum Belladonnæ Fluidum, Pharm. 1880.]

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ RĄ-DĪ'CĪS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Racine de Belladone, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Tollkirschenwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Belladonna Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Belladonna Root is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation was known in the last Pharmacopœia as Extractum Belladonnæ Fluidum. The change of name is, in our opinion, unfortunate. The old name will, we think, be used by the great majority of physicians, and, as there is at present no other fluid extract of belladonna official, when the American apothecary receives a prescription for Extractum Belladonnæ Fluidum he should dispense this preparation. The fluid extract of the root is a good preparation, of reddish-brown color, very different in appearance from the deep-green fluid extract of the leaves which is often seen in the market. Internal dose, from one to two minims (0·06–0·12 C.c.).

water acidulated with a few drops of diluted hydrochloric acid; filter, if necessary, through a small fragment of cotton-wool; pour into a stoppered glass separator, and add ammonia until the solution is distinctly alkaline. Agitate for a few minutes with 5 C.c. of chloroform, separate, and again wash the aqueous liquid with 3 C.c. of chloroform. Agitate the mixed chloroformic solutions with 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, separate, again wash with 3 C.c. of the diluted acid, mix the acid solutions, render alkaline with ammonia, and agitate with 5 C.c. of chloroform. After separation, wash the alkaline solution with 3 C.c. of chloroform, mix the chloroformic solutions, evaporate in a dish of known weight, and dry the residue, which should be nearly colorless at a temperature of 200° F. (93° C.). The weight of the residue thus obtained multiplied by 2 will give the parts by weight of the alkaloids in 100 fluid parts of the liquid. The exact volume of the liquid being known, and the strength having been thus ascertained, the total amount of alkaloid present therein can be calculated. Evaporate to dryness over a water-bath, and add sufficient sugar of milk to make the mixed product exactly fifty times the weight of the total alkaloid found to have been present in the liquid (a), allowing for that quantity which was used for the estimation. Mix intimately, powder as quickly as possible in a dry atmosphere, and transfer at once to a well-stoppered bottle. This extract will contain 2 per cent. of total alkaloid." (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 844.)

EXTRACTUM BUCHU FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Buchu.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM BŪ'ȻHŪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM—bū'kū.)

Extrait liquide de Bucco, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Bucco-Extrakt, *G.*

"Buchu, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Buchu is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The old menstruum (alcohol) for this fluid extract has been restored, experience having shown that with the weaker alcohol used in the U. S. P. 1880 formula it was impossible to percolate satisfactorily some samples of buchu leaves, the quantity of water present being sufficient to cause swelling to such an extent as to clog and entirely prevent percolation; with alcohol as a menstruum this cannot occur.

In consequence of the peculiar structure of the leaves, it is somewhat difficult to powder them in a mortar, and it will be convenient to resort to a mill for the purpose. As the most active ingredient of buchu is volatile, the direction in the formula to set aside the first portion of tincture obtained, which is a highly concentrated solution, is peculiarly important; for, if it were subjected to evaporation, much of the volatile oil would necessarily escape. The tincture subsequently obtained probably contains a large proportion of the fixed ingredients of the leaves, and will, therefore, allow of concentration without material loss.

This fluid extract is clear, greenish black, and possessed in a high degree of the sensible properties of the leaves. It acquires the odor of mint when long kept, showing that some change takes place in its volatile oil. This fluid extract affords the best means at our command for the exhibition of buchu. It is often combined with Liquor Potassæ with excellent results. Dose, from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·8 C.c.), three to five times a day.

EXTRACTUM CALAMI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Calamus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂL'Ą-MĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Acore vrai, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Kalmuswurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Calamus, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Calamus is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract which has been introduced with the view of bringing into use an excellent indigenous aromatic stimulant. It will probably be most frequently used in combination with tonics in dyspepsia and gastric disorders to relieve *flatulence*, etc. Dose, from five to fifteen minims (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CALUMBÆ. Br. Extract of Calumba.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĄ-LŬM'BÆ.)

Extractum Colombo, *P. G.;* Extrait de Colombo, *Fr.;* Kolombo-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Calumba Root, cut small, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *four pints* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Calumba with *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of the Proof Spirit for twelve hours, strain and press. Macerate again with the same quantity of Proof Spirit, strain and press as before. Mix and filter the liquors, recover the spirit by distillation, and evaporate

the residue by the heat of a water-bath until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The views expressed in this commentary (15th revision, p. 595) have been adopted, and the aqueous extract of calumba of the former Br. Pharmacopœia has very properly been abandoned, the present hydro-alcoholic one taking its place. It is to be regretted, however, that percolation was not selected as the process in preference to maceration. The extract may be given in the dose of from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.) three times a day. It is an efficient preparation for tonic pills.

EXTRACTUM CALUMBÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Calumba.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CA-LŬM'BÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Colombo, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Kolombo-Extrakt, *G.*

"Calumba, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Calumba is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The formula for fluid extract of calumba of the U. S. P. 1870 was faulty, in directing the root to be in fine powder: the large quantity of mucilage present swelled under the influence of the menstruum, and frequently prevented the passage of the percolate; indeed, the powder will probably still be found to give trouble, as there will be some difficulty in thoroughly exhausting it; it should be slowly percolated. This extract is a dark-brown liquid, of an intense and purely bitter taste. The absence of tannin makes it a very desirable tonic, in combination with chalybeates. Dose, from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CANNABIS INDICÆ. U. S., Br. Extract of Indian Cannabis.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂN'NA-BĬS ĬN'DI-ÇÆ.)

Extract of Indian Hemp; Extrait de Chanvre indien, *Fr.;* Indischer Hanf-Extrakt, *G.*

"Indian Cannabis, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Cannabis is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, in a porcelain capsule, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Indian Hemp, in coarse powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *four pints* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Hemp in the Spirit for seven days, and press out the tincture. Distil off the greater part of the Spirit, and evaporate what remains by a water-bath to the consistence of a soft extract." *Br.*

It will be noticed that the English name of the drug has been changed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia to Indian Cannabis, to prevent its being mistaken for the root of *Apocynum Cannabinum*, which is also called Indian Hemp. Several mistakes have occurred through this unfortunate confusion of nomenclature.

Although there is some difference in the details of the two processes, the preparations of the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias are practically identical. Prof. Procter investigated the subject of the tests for the purified extract or resin, and came to the following conclusions. Its peculiar odor when moderately heated, its indifference to alkalies, and its solubility in alcohol, ether,

chloroform, benzol, and oil of turpentine, are characteristic though not entirely distinctive properties. The best test, he found, was nitric acid (sp. gr. 1·38), which acts slowly when cold, but with heat rapidly, evolving red fumes, and converting the resin into an orange-red resinoid substance which, when washed and dried, closely resembles gamboge in color. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1864.) The preparation varies exceedingly in strength, so that it is wisest to begin with a small dose, one-quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.), and rapidly increase the amount given until some effect is produced.

EXTRACTUM CANNABIS INDICÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Indian Cannabis.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂN'NA-BĬS ĬN'DI-ÇÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Chanvre Indien, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Indischer Hanf-Extrakt, *G.*

"Indian Cannabis, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Indian Cannabis is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, in a porcelain capsule, to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract which has come into use because of its convenience, and probably on account of the impression that heat injures the activity of the drug, and that the extract owes its inactivity sometimes to the influence of heat. The fluid extract is of a dark green color, having the characteristic odor of the drug. Dose, from one-half to one minim (0·03–0·06 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CAPSICI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Capsicum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂP'SI-CĪ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Capsique, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Spanischer Pfeffer-Extrakt, *G.*

"Capsicum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Capsicum is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The necessity for an official fluid extract of capsicum is not apparent, as the oleoresin and tincture are preparations which are well known and established. It will probably be rarely necessary to administer it internally. Dose, from one-half to one minim (0·03–0·06 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CASCARÆ SAGRADÆ. Br. Extract of Cascara Sagrada.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂS'CA-RÆ SA-GRĀ'DÆ.)

Extractum Rhamni Purshiani.

"Take of Cascara Sagrada, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Proof Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix the Cascara with *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours, then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until *three pints* [Imp. meas.] of liquid have been collected, or the Cascara is exhausted. Evaporate the percolated liquid by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence." *Br.*

The selection of the title is not above criticism: the title of the bark is "Rhamni Purshiani Cortex," and the extract should without doubt be termed "Extractum Rhamni Purshiani." If the name "Extractum Cascaræ Sagradæ" be preferred, then the title of the drug

should be made to correspond. This is a new preparation, which well represents the virtues of the bark, and furnishes a good means of administering this purgative in pilular form. Dose, from two to eight grains (0·13–0·52 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM CASCARÆ SAGRADÆ LIQUIDUM. Br. Liquid Extract of Cascara Sagrada.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂS'CA-RÆ SA-GRĀ'DÆ LĬQ'UI-DŬM—lĭk'wę-dŭm.)

Extractum Rhamni Purshiani Liquidum; Extractum Rhamni Purshianæ Fluidum, *U. S.*

"Take of Cascara Sagrada, in coarse powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Boil the bark in three or four successive quantities of the water until exhausted. Evaporate the strained liquors by a water-bath to *twelve fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; when cold add the spirit, allow the mixture to remain for some hours, then filter, and make up to the volume of *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] with distilled water." *Br.*

The remarks in the previous article on the subject of the title apply equally well to this preparation. Simple percolation could be substituted with advantage for the tedious manipulation of making four decoctions, straining them, then evaporating, adding alcohol, and filtering again. The process employed for making fluid extract of Rhamnus purshiana, page 584, could be used effectively here. Dose, from one-half to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CASTANEÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Castanea.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĂS-TĀ'NĘ-Æ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Feuilles de Châtaignier, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Kastanienblätter-Extrakt, *G.*

"Castanea, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Pour *five thousand cubic centimeters* [or 169 fluidounces, 33 minims] of boiling Water upon the powder, allow it to macerate for two hours, then express the liquid, transfer the residue to a percolator, and pour Water upon it until the powder is exhausted. Evaporate the united liquids, on a water-bath, to *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms], allow this to cool, and add *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol. When the insoluble matter has subsided, separate the clear liquid, filter the remainder, evaporate the united liquids to *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims], allow this to cool, add the Glycerin, and enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The object of the special process is to obtain and retain the mucilaginous principle, and it will be observed that the preparation is an aqueous fluid extract with only sufficient alcohol to preserve it. It is a thick reddish-brown liquid, having an astringent taste. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CHIMAPHILÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Chimaphila.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ÇHI-MĂPH'I-LÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Pyrole ombellée, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Doldenblüthiges Harnkraut-Extrakt, *G.*

"Chimaphila, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Chimaphila is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a rather thick, dark brownish green fluid extract, and may be given in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CHIRATÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Chirata.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ÇHI-RĀ'TÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Chirette, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Chiretta-Extrakt, *G.*

"Chirata, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Chirata is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a useful addition to the list of fluid extracts. The menstruum has been made more alcoholic to reduce precipitation, and the use of glycerin abandoned. This extract is a clear, reddish-brown liquid, of an intensely bitter taste. The dose is half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CIMICIFUGÆ. U. S. Extract of Cimicifuga.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĬM-I-CĬF'Ū-ÇÆ.)

"Cimicifuga, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Cimicifuga is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This is a new official extract; its introduction is due to the fact that although the fluid extract and tincture represent the virtues of cimicifuga, the alcohol present in both is therapeutically contra-indicated, and the exceedingly disagreeable taste of the drug is entirely masked if the extract be prescribed in the form of a pill, with proper additions, such as extract of liquorice, or if the pill be coated or enclosed in a capsule. The dose of the extract is from three to ten grains (0·194 Gm. to 0·648 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM CIMICIFUGÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Cimicifuga.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CĬM-I-CĬF'Ū-ÇÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extractum Cimicifugæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Cimicifuga; Extrait liquide d'Actée à Grappes, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Cimicifuga-Extrakt, *G.*

"Cimicifuga, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Cimicifuga is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms.]" *U. S.*

"Take of Cimicifuga, in No. 60 powder, *twenty ounces* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Mix the Cimicifuga with *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass continue the percolation with more spirit until the Cimicifuga is exhausted. Reserve the first *fifteen*

fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder by a water-bath to the consistence of a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and make up the volume to *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] by the addition of more spirit." *Br.*

This formula does not differ essentially from that of the U. S. Pharm. 1870. The British preparation has been modelled after that of the United States. There probably cannot be two opinions about the menstruum, although it has been asserted that a good fluid extract can be made with a menstruum of three parts alcohol and one part water. The probabilities are, however, that a portion of the resinous principle would precipitate on standing. This fluid extract is of a deep reddish-brown color, and thoroughly represents the drug. The dose is from thirty minims to one fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CINCHONÆ. U. S. Extract of Cinchona.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM CĬN-ĊHŌ'NÆ.)

Extractum Chinæ; Extrait de Quinquina jaune, *Fr.;* **China-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Cinchona, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims]; Water, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Alcohol and Water, and having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Diluted Alcohol, until *four thousand cubic centimeters* [or 135 fluidounces, 122 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Cinchona is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

Calisaya bark was formerly selected for this preparation, as it could usually be relied on as efficient. By this process all the virtues of the bark were extracted. In the official formula of 1870 the alcohol and water were used separately, the parts soluble in alcohol being first taken up, and afterwards those in water. This proceeding had the advantage that no more heat was necessary to evaporate the tincture than the alcoholic menstruum required; while if the two liquids were mixed it would be necessarily subjected to a longer continuance if not a higher degree of heat; and the advantage was the greater as most of the active matter was extracted in the first percolation with alcohol. The present official process is an excellent one, and if proper care be taken in executing the process, both in relation to the percolation and the avoidance of too high a temperature, the extract will fully represent the virtues of the bark.

The former extracts of cinchona of the British Colleges are all omitted in the new British Pharmacopœia, which directs in their place a fluid extract, under the name of *Extractum Cinchonæ Liquidum.* (See next article.)

Medical Uses. The extract of Peruvian bark is at present much less employed than before the discovery of quinine. It is still, however, occasionally prescribed as a tonic in combination with other medicines. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), equivalent to about a drachm (3·9 Gm.) of the powdered bark.

EXTRACTUM CINCHONÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Cinchona.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM CĬN-ĊHŌ'NÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Cinchonæ Liquidum, *Br.:* Liquid Extract of Cinchona: Extractum Chinæ Calisayæ Fluidum; **Extrait liquide de Quinquina jaune,** *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Kalisayarinden-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Cinchona, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, and, when the liquid in the percolator has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour on a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *eight*

hundred cubic centimeters [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and continue the percolation until the Cinchona is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, using the same proportions as before, to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Red Cinchona Bark, in No. 60 powder, *twenty ounces* [av.], Hydrochloric Acid *five fluidrachms* [Imp. meas.]; Glycerine *two and a half fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix the Bark with *five pints* [Imp. meas.] of the water to which the Acid and Glycerine have been added, and macerate in a covered vessel for forty-eight hours, stirring frequently; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, and the contents of the percolator have been properly packed, continue the percolation with water until *fifteen pints* [Imp. meas.] of liquid have passed, or that which is passing has ceased to give a precipitate on the addition to it of an excess of solution of soda. Evaporate the percolated liquid in a porcelain or enamelled iron vessel at a temperature not exceeding 180° F. (82°·2 C.) until it is reduced to *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.].

"Put *fifty fluidgrains* of this liquid (*a*) with *half an ounce* [Imp. meas.] of distilled water into a stoppered glass separator capable of holding *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; add to this *one fluidounce* [Imp. meas.] of Benzolated Amylic Alcohol,* and *half a fluidounce* [Imp. meas.] of Solution of Soda, shake them together thoroughly and repeatedly, then allow them to remain at rest until the spirituous solution of the alkaloids shall have separated and formed a distinct stratum over the dark-colored alkaline solution of the other constituents of the extract. Run off the latter by the stopcock, add a little more distilled water to wash away any still adhering alkaline solution from the separator and its contents, and having run off this as before, as completely as possible, decant the spirituous solution into a small porcelain or glass dish the weight of which is known. Evaporate by the heat of a water-bath until a perfectly dry residue is left. The weight now of the dish and its contents, after deducting the known weight of the dish, will give that of the alkaloids, and this multiplied by 2 will give the parts by weight of the alkaloids in 100 fluid parts of the liquid (*a*).

"Having thus ascertained the alkaloidal strength of the liquid (*a*), every fluid part of it containing *five grains* of total alkaloids is first to be brought to the volume of *eighty-five grains* by evaporation, or if necessary by dilution with water, then 12·5 *fluidgrains* of rectified spirit are to be added, and the final adjustment of the volume to 100 *fluidgrains* is to be effected by the addition of distilled water. The finished liquid extract will thus contain *five grains* of the alkaloids of the bark in every 100 *fluidgrains*." *Br.*

Of these two formulas, the first is decidedly preferable. It is based upon that of Mr. Alfred B. Taylor, of Philadelphia. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1865.) The British Pharmacopœia uses acidulated water with glycerin as a solvent, while it adds alcohol to the liquid to preserve it. In the U. S. process a mixture of alcohol and glycerin is used as the menstruum. Now, it is well known that cinchona bark cannot be exhausted by the British solvent; and, though by its use as a menstruum the resin and cinchonic red are mainly left behind, so also is a considerable proportion of the alkaloids. By using alcohol and glycerin, the U. S. Pharmacopœia extracts all the virtues of the bark, though it may also take up some of the resin and cinchonic red. The process of the British Pharmacopœia yields a preparation which would be more appropriately termed an "alkaloidal solution of cinchonas." The U. S. fluid extract, like others of its class, is a preparation which represents all of the soluble active constituents of cinchona; the British liquid extract, although an improvement on the former process, is simply a "preserved infusion" made by prolonged evaporation; the improvement consists in the addition of acid to the menstruum and the assaying of a portion of the evaporated percolate by a process similar to that adopted by the British Pharmacopœia for cinchona and making the finished product contain 5 per cent. of mixed alkaloids; thus any imperfections in the manipulation are overcome by the check of the assay; but it is doubtful whether a better preparation, and one involving much less complication, could not be made by dissolving definite quantities of the commercial alkaloids in a mixture of water, alcohol, acid, and glycerin. In this there would be the advantage of knowing the exact proportion of each constituent.† The U. S. fluid extract of

* Made by mixing together three measures of benzol and one measure of amylic alcohol.

† *Liquid Extract of Cinchona* (simplified). Take of Quinine 75 grains, Cinchonidine 35 grains, Cinchonine 20 grains, Hydrochloric Acid 40 minims, Glycerin 5 fluidrachms, Alcohol 1 fluidrachm. Dissolve the alkaloids in the

cinchona is a moderately thin, dark reddish brown, translucent fluid, of a bitter, astringent taste. The dose equivalent to a drachm (3·9 Gm.) of the bark is one fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.); and to produce an antiperiodic effect at least two fluidounces (60 C.c.) should be taken between the paroxysms. The dose of the British liquid extract is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM COCÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Coca.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM CŌ'ÇÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Cocæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Coca; Extrait liquide de Coca, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Cocablätter-Extrakt, *G.*

"Coca, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 103 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Coca is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* (or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims) of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Coca, in No. 40 Powder, *twenty ounces* [av.]; Proof Spirit *a sufficiency.* Mix the Coca with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with more of the spirit until the Coca is exhausted. Reserve the first fifteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder by a water-bath to the consistence of a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and make up the volume to twenty fluidounces [Imp. meas.] by the addition of more spirit." *Br.*

This fluid extract is one of the most useful of the preparations of coca. It is of a dark greenish-brown color, of an agreeable tea-like taste, but with little odor. The dose is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM COLCHICI. Br. Extract of Colchicum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM CŎL'ÇHĮ-CĪ.)

Extrait de Colchique, *Fr.;* Zeitlosen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Colchicum Corms, deprived of their coats, *seven pounds* [av.]. Crush the Corms; press out the juice; allow the feculence to subside, and heat the clear liquor to 212° F. (100° C.); then strain through flannel, and evaporate by a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 160° F. (71°·1 C.), until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

There scarcely seems to be occasion for both this and the following extract. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.).

In Great Britain a preparation called *preserved juice of colchicum* is given in the dose of five minims (0·3 C.c.) or more. It is made by expressing the fresh bulb, allowing the juice to stand for forty-eight hours that the feculent matter may subside, then adding one-quarter of its bulk of alcohol, allowing it again to stand for a short period, and ultimately filtering.

EXTRACTUM COLCHICI RADICIS. U. S. (Br.) Extract of Colchicum Root.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM CŎL'ÇHĮ-CĪ RĄ-DĪ'CĪS.)

Extractum Colchici Aceticum, *Br.;* Acetic Extract of Colchicum; Extrait de Colchique acétique, *Fr.;* Zeitlosen Essigextrakt, *G.*

"Colchicum Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Acetic Acid with *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 50 fluidounces, 346 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a cylindrical glass

alcohol and glycerin mixed with 5 fluidounces of water, add the acid, agitate until dissolved, and add sufficient water to make 6 fluidounces. If the color and flavor of the bark are desired, add 60 grains of Red Cinchona in powder to the solution, allow it to stand 24 hours, then filter.

percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Water, until the Colchicum Root is exhausted. Evaporate the percolate in a porcelain vessel, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 80° C. (176° F.), to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Fresh Colchicum Corms, deprived of their coats, *seven pounds* [av.]; Acetic Acid *six fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Crush the Corms, add the Acetic Acid, and press out the juice; allow the feculence to subside, and heat the clear liquor to 212° F. (100° C.); then strain through flannel, and evaporate by a water-bath at a temperature not exceeding 160° F. (71°·1 C.) to the consistence of a soft extract." *Br.*

As the fresh colchicum bulb is rarely to be had in this country, the U. S. Pharmacopœia employs the dried bulb; and its process, if properly conducted, will afford a very efficient extract. Some inconveniences are experienced in preparing the extract, according to the British process, from the recent bulb by expression, which would seem to render the U. S. process under all circumstances preferable. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 62.) The use of the acetic acid in this preparation is to act as an efficient solvent, and to render more soluble the alkaloid upon which the virtues of meadow-saffron are thought to depend. Dose, from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM COLCHICI RADICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Colchicum Root.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŎL'ȻHI-CĪ RĄ-DĪ'CĪS FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Bulbe de Colchique, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Zeitlosenknollen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Colchicum Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Colchicum Root is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is not essentially different from that formerly official. The present menstruum will thoroughly exhaust the root, and this fluid extract is now a good preparation. It is of a reddish-brown color and bitter taste. Dose, from two to eight minims (0·12–0·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM COLCHICI SEMINIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Colchicum Seed.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŎL'ȻHI-CĪ SĔM'I-NĪS FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Semences de Colchique, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Zeitlosensamen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Colchicum Seed, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Colchicum Seed is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The use of glycerin in this fluid extract (U. S. P. 1870) was even more objectionable than in that of the root, as the fixed oil contained in the seeds was always thrown out of solution, and was usually found floating on the fluid extract, rendering the preparation unsightly. L. I. Morris (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 7) believes that it is unnecessary to grind the colchicum seeds, and that if the whole seeds are digested with diluted alcohol at 80° C. (176° F.) the colchicine is easily extracted.

Considering that we had one tincture, two wines, and two extracts of colchicum, all efficient preparations requiring small doses, these additions to our pharmacy might have been spared, unless some peculiar advantage could have been gained from them. They are, however, efficient, concentrated preparations. Dose, from two to eight minims (0·12–0·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM COLOCYNTHIDIS. U. S. Extract of Colocynth.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŎL-Ǫ-CŸN'THI-DĪS.)

Extrait de Coloquinte, *Fr.;* **Koloquinten-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Colocynth, dried, and freed from the seeds, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Reduce the Colocynth to a coarse powder by grinding or bruising, and macerate it in *thirty five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 118 fluidounces, 167 minims] of Diluted Alcohol for four days, with occasional stirring; then express strongly, and strain through flannel. Pack the residue, previously broken up with the hands, firmly in a cylindrical percolator, cover it with the strainer, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it until the tincture and expressed liquid, mixed together, measure *five thousand cubic centimeters* [or 169 fluidounces, 33 minims]. Distil off the Alcohol from the mixture by means of a water-bath, evaporate the residue to dryness, and reduce the dry mass to powder. Extract of Colocynth should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Colocynth should be deprived of its seeds, as directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, before being submitted to the action of the menstruum. Dr. Duncan found half a pound of colocynth to contain 2770 grains of seeds, which, boiled by themselves, yielded almost nothing to water. Dr. Squibb found selected fruits to yield from 25·8 to 34 per cent. of medullary part, and this, when well exhausted by diluted alcohol, to yield 60·7 to 60·8 per cent. of dry extract; while from the whole fruit, including pulp and seeds, from 15·69 to 20·6 per cent. was obtained, according to the degree of dryness. (*A. J. P.*, 1857, p. 98.) Boiling water extracts so much pectin and mucilage from colocynth that either the decoction or hot infusion gelatinizes on cooling; and the extract made by means of it is loaded with inert matter, and, besides, is apt to become mouldy, or so tough and hard as to resist trituration and formation into pills. Hence the London College, following in this respect the French Codex, directed, in the last edition of its Pharmacopœia, maceration with cold water; but diluted alcohol has been found to be a much better menstruum, and has been adopted in the U. S. process; while in the British Pharmacopœia the simple extract has been discarded altogether. The chief, if not exclusive, use of the alcoholic extract is in the preparation of the compound extract.

This preparation should never be substituted by an extract prepared with a more aqueous menstruum, because water extracts a large quantity of mucilaginous and inert matter. Commercial extract of colocynth may be often found in the market made with an aqueous menstruum.

EXTRACTUM COLOCYNTHIDIS COMPOSITUM. U. S., Br. Compound Extract of Colocynth.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŎL-Ǫ-CŸN'THI-DĪS CǪM-PŎŞ'I-TŬM.)

Extrait de Coloquinte composé, *Fr.;* **Zusammengesetztes Koloquinten-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Extract of Colocynth, *one hundred and sixty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 282 grains]; Purified Aloes, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains]; Cardamom, in No. 60 powder, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Resin of Scammony, in fine powder, *one hundred and forty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 410 grains]; Soap, dried and in coarse powder, *one hundred and forty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 410 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Heat the Aloes, contained in a suitable vessel, on a water-bath, until it is completely melted; then add the Alcohol, Soap, Extract of Colocynth, and Resin of Scammony, and heat the mixture at a temperature not exceeding 120° C. (248° F.), until it is perfectly homogeneous, and a thread taken from the mass becomes brittle when cool. Then withdraw the heat, thoroughly incorporate the Cardamom with the mixture, and cover the vessel until the contents are cold. Finally, reduce the product to a fine powder. Compound Extract of Colocynth should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Colocynth Pulp *six ounces;* Extract of Socotrine Aloes *twelve ounces;* Resin of Scammony *four ounces;* Curd Soap, in powder, *three ounces;* Cardamom Seeds, in the finest powder, *one ounce;* Proof Spirit *one gallon* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Colocynth in the Spirit for four days; press out the tincture, and distil off the Spirit; then add the Aloes, Scammony, and Soap, and evaporate by a water-bath until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills, adding the Cardamoms towards the end of the process." *Br.* The ounce employed in this process is the avoirdupois.

The U. S. formula of 1870 differed from that of 1850, in taking the extract of colocynth already prepared, instead of directing its preparation from the colocynth, and in substituting resin of scammony for the scammony itself. This provision insures uniformity of result so far as the colocynth is concerned; whereas by the old formula this was impossible, owing to the variable quality of the colocynth employed, unless an unusual amount of care was taken in its selection. The second change contributes to the same result of uniformity; because the resin of scammony is very nearly of equable strength, while scammony is notoriously otherwise; and it has the additional advantage of yielding a stronger extract, as the resin is much more energetic in an equal dose than the crude drug as ordinarily found in the market. The object of the soap in this formula is to improve the consistence of the mass, which, when hardened by time, it renders more soluble in the liquors of the stomach. It may possibly also serve the purpose of qualifying the action of the aloes. In the U. S. process the extract is in the form of powder, which is very convenient for admixture with other substances; while if given uncombined, it may be readily made into pills by suitable additions. The alternative of using the scammony or its resin, in the first British formula, which appeared to us very objectionable, has been abandoned in the present edition, and the resin only directed. It was objected to the U. S. compound extract of 1860 that it was apt to gripe in consequence of deficiency in the proportion of the aromatic ingredient, and the addition of some aromatic oil, as oil of cloves, was recommended: this was remedied in the revision of 1870 by increasing the proportion of cardamom. The plan of having the powders simply mixed was liable to the objection that the mixture was not apt to be so thoroughly effected as to obtain a uniform result; and hence the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 adopted Dr. Squibb's suggestion, to melt together all the ingredients unpowdered, except the cardamom, add a little alcohol, and, when the mixture is thoroughly made, to stir in the powdered aromatic, and finally to reduce the whole to a fine powder. The active principle of the cardamom (the volatile oil) is thus not dissipated, but absorbed by the other ingredients, and one of the objections to the British process is avoided,—*i.e.*, the necessity for directing cardamom in "the finest" powder, the previous desiccation of the cardamom, a requisite if a fine powder is desired, being very wasteful of the volatile oil.

This extract is an energetic and safe cathartic, possessing the activity of its three purgative ingredients, with comparatively little of the drastic character of the colocynth and scammony. It may be still further and advantageously modified by combination with rhubarb, jalap, calomel, etc., with one or more of which it is often united in prescription. In the dose of from one to two grains it is a good laxative. The purgative dose is from five to thirty grains (0·33–1·95 Gm.). We are informed that much of the extract sold in this country is made with inferior scammony and aloes and an insufficient proportion of colocynth, so that it is comparatively inert. Compound extract of colocynth should be looked on with suspicion when cheap, and the pharmacist should always prepare it for himself.

EXTRACTUM CONII. U. S., Br. Extract of Conium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŬM CŌ-NĪ'Ī.)

Extract of Hemlock; Extrait de Ciguë, *Fr.;* Schierlings-Extrakt, *G.*

"Conium, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 324 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Acetic Acid with *nine hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 66 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or until the Conium is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic*

centimeters [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], mix this with the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the above-mentioned temperature, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

Under this name two extracts are now official, that of the U. S. P. 1890, being an alcoholic extract made from conium fruit, the other the British extract, made from the fresh leaves and young branches of the plant. In the U. S. extract acetic acid is used to fix the alkaloid coniine. The directions of the British Pharmacopœia for this extract are precisely the same as those for the extract of aconite.

The most important point in the preparation of this extract is to evaporate the juice without an undue degree of heat. At a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), or upwards, its active principle undergoes rapid decomposition, being converted into resinous matter and ammonia. This is detected by the operator by the ammoniacal odor mixed with that which is peculiar to the plant. The juice always to a certain extent undergoes this decomposition when evaporated over a fire, and is not exempt from it even when the heat is regulated by a water-bath. Hence the propriety of the directions in the British Pharmacopœia. An excellent plan in the evaporation is to conduct it first in a vacuum, and afterwards in shallow vessels with a current of air at common temperatures. By the direction to heat the juice to the boiling point, or 93·3° C. (200° F.) (*Br.*), and then to filter, whereby the inert albumen is coagulated, and, with the equally inert chlorophyll and vegetable fibre, is separated from the liquid before evaporation, the extract is procured in a more concentrated state, and, besides, deprived of substances which might favor its decomposition. Long-continued exposure to the air is productive of the same result as too much heat, so that old extracts are frequently destitute of activity. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxii. 416.) No one of the extracts is more variable in its qualities than this. The season at which the herb is collected, the place and circumstances of its growth, the method of preparing the extract, are all points of importance, and are all too frequently neglected. (See *Conium.*) In this country the process has often been carelessly conducted; and large quantities of an extract prepared by boiling the plant in water and evaporating the decoction have been sold as the genuine drug. The apothecary should always prepare the extract himself, or procure it from persons in whom he can have confidence. That imported from London has usually been considered the best. It is not improbable that, as suggested by Prof. Procter, the addition of a portion of acetic acid to the juice, before evaporation, might tend to fix the coniine, and enable it better to resist the influence of heat, than in its native combination. The activity of any specimen of the extract may be in some measure judged of by rubbing it with potassa, which, disengaging the coniine and rendering it volatile, gives rise to the peculiar mouse-like odor of that principle. If no odor be evolved under these circumstances, the extract may be deemed inert.

The extract of hemlock prepared without separating the chlorophyll has a fresh olive or green color. It should have a strong narcotic, somewhat fetid odor, and a bitterish saline taste. According to Brande, from three to five pounds are obtained from one cwt. of the leaves. M. Recluz got rather more than an ounce from sixteen ounces. Dose of the U. S. P. 1890 extract, from one-half to one grain (0·03–0·065 Gm.), of the British extract, two grains (0·13 Gm.), two, three, or four times a day, to be gradually increased *pro re nata;* in pill or solution.

EXTRACTUM CONII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Conium.

(ĘX-TRĂC′TŲM CŌ-NĪ′Ī FLŪ′Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Conii Fructûs Fluidum, *U. S.* 1870; Fluid Extract of Conium Seed; Extrait liquide de Fruit de Ciguë, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Schierlingsfrucht-Extrakt, *G.*

"Conium (fruit) in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Acetic Acid with *nine hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 66 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Conium is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, at a

temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The fluid extract of conium of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860 was prepared from the leaves, and was, therefore, of necessity a very uncertain, if not for the most part inert, preparation. The alkaloid coniine is contained in very unequal proportions in the fresh leaves, and is so very volatile and destructible that in the dried leaves it may be altogether wanting. Dr. Wm. Manlius Smith (*A. J. P.*, xl. 459), as the result of an elaborate investigation, found that the immature fruits of conium are not only richer in the alkaloids than are the leaves, but are less variable in the proportion they contain, and have the coniine in them in such form that drying does not dissipate it. The superiority of the fluid extract of conium seed over the same preparation of the leaves was shown by Dr. Smith, and has been since abundantly confirmed by experience. The revisers of the Pharmacopœia of 1870 acted very wisely in abandoning the old for the new preparation. The reservation of the first tincture is important, because it probably contains all or nearly all of the active principle, so that little or none of this is lost during the evaporation. The present fluid extract is a dark brownish-green liquid having the mouse-urine odor and emitting a still stronger conium smell on the addition of potassa; any sample which fails to do this should be rejected as wanting in the alkaloid. Dr. Smith found sixteen minims (1 C.c.) of a fluid extract of the seed prepared by Dr. Squibb to produce violent symptoms. Dr. L. Wheeler, however, took thirty minims (1·9 C.c.) without experiencing any result. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, June, 1870.) Dangerous results have followed from the administration of much smaller doses, and it would seem hardly safe to begin with a dose of more than five minims (0·3 C.c), to be increased *pro re nata*.

EXTRACTUM CONVALLARIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Convallaria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŌN-VAL-LĀ'RĮ-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

"Convallaria, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Convallaria is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract which well represents the activity of convallaria. The dose is from five to fifteen minims (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CUBEBÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Cubeb.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŪ-BĒ'BÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Cubèbe, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Cubeben-Extrakt, *G.*

"Cubeb, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Cubeb is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

Notwithstanding the fact that the oleoresin of cubeb thoroughly represents in a concentrated liquid form all the virtue of this drug, the alcoholic fluid extract is a useful preparation: it

permits the administration of cubeb in aqueous or hydro-alcoholic mixtures where the oleoresin would not be admissible except in emulsion. It is a dark olive, translucent fluid, with the sensible properties of the drug. Dose, from ten to forty minims (0·6–2·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM CUSSO FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Kousso.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM CŪS'SŌ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Brayeræ Fluidum, *U. S.* 1880; Fluid Extract of Brayera; Fluid Extract of Kousso; Extrait liquide de Kousso, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Kosso-Extrakt, *G.*

"Kousso, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Kousso is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract, although possessing a very disagreeable bitter taste, well represents the activity of kousso: the bitter resinous principle upon which the anthelmintic virtues are now believed to depend is readily extracted by alcohol. This preparation should be of a dark green color. The objection to it is the large dose and the considerable quantity of strong alcohol which the patient gets: as it is best to give the remedy fasting, the stimulating action of the alcohol would be apt to be apparent. The dose is from one-half to one fluidounce (15–30 C.c.). An extract made by evaporating the fluid extract spontaneously would be a good preparation, and the objection to the alcohol could be thus overcome.

EXTRACTUM CYPRIPEDII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Cypripedium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ÇŸP-RĮ-PĒ'DĮ-Ī FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Cypripède jaune, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Gelbfrauenschuh-Extrakt, *G.*

"Cypripedium, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Cypripedium is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract well represents the drug, although its use is at present very limited. It is very dark reddish brown in color, and may be given in doses of fifteen minims (0·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM DIGITALIS. U. S. Extract of Digitalis.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM DĬĢ-Į-TĀ'LĬS.)

Extrait alcoolique de Digitale, *Fr.;* Fingerhut-Extrakt, *G.*

"Digitalis, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the per-

colator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Digitalis is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This was first introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860, though less needed than many others; because the dose of digitalis itself is small, and very little can be gained on the point of strength, as the really valuable part of digitalis constitutes but a small proportion even of the extract, and might be altogether wanting without observably affecting the bulk. The same caution is used, in preparing this extract, against the injurious effects of heat as in the instance of the extract of conium. The extract now official does not differ essentially from that of U. S. P. 1870, with this exception, that, instead of percolating first with alcohol and then with diluted alcohol, a menstruum of two parts alcohol and one part water is now used, finishing with diluted alcohol. The alcoholic extract of digitalis contains all the virtues and may be used for all the purposes of the powdered leaves. According to Messrs. Vielguth and Nentwich, the amount of alcoholic extract obtained from dried digitalis by cold displacement is 27·1 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1859.) Dose, one-fourth of a grain (0·016 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM DIGITALIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Digitalis.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM DĬG-I-TĀ'LĬS FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Digitale, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Fingerhut-Extrakt, *G.*

"Digitalis, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Digitalis is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is dark greenish black in color, and represents the drug thoroughly. The dose is from one to two minims (0·06–0·12 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM DULCAMARÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Dulcamara.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM DŬL-CĄ-MĀ'RÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Douce-Amère, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Bittersüss-Extrakt, *G.*

"Dulcamara, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Dulcamara is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The present formula differs from that of U. S. P. 1870 in the absence of glycerin. This fluid extract is a rather thick, dark brown liquid. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), three or four times a day, gradually increased if necessary.

EXTRACTUM ERGOTÆ. U. S. (Br.) Extract of Ergot.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM ĔR'GO-TÆ.)

"Purified extract of Ergot, commonly called Ergotin, Ergotine, or Bonjean's Ergotine." *Br.*

Ergotinum, *Br.;* Ergotin; Extrait de Seigle ergoté, *Fr.;* Mutterkornextrakt, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Ergot, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]. Evaporate the Fluid Extract of Ergot in a porcelain capsule, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), constantly stirring until it is reduced to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Liquid Extract of Ergot, Rectified Spirit, of each, *four fluidounces.* Evaporate the Fluid Extract by a water-bath to a syrupy consistence, and when cold mix with the spirit. Let it stand for half an hour, then filter, and evaporate the filtered liquid to the consistence of a soft extract." *Br.*

This valuable extract originated with Dr. E. R. Squibb, who, becoming dissatisfied with the so-called ergotins of the market, devised this simple process. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1873, p. 644.) The present preparation leaves little to be desired. The British preparation is modelled upon the process of Bonjean for ergotine, and, being made from liquid extract of ergot, a process of purification is necessary, due to the fact that the aqueous menstruum of the liquid extract takes up albumen, gum, and inert constituents from the ergot, and these must be precipitated by alcohol. The U. S. menstruum, being almost of the strength of diluted alcohol, rejects a larger quantity of the inert substances, and hence precipitation with alcohol as directed by the British Pharmacopœia is unnecessary. This is much the best preparation of ergot, being the only one that should be used hypodermically, and much less apt to cause nausea when given by the mouth. For method of hypodermic use, see *Ergota.* It is well adapted for suppositories, and has been applied topically to the os uteri, the desired dose being put on a dossil of absorbent cotton. Internally it is best given in gelatin capsules; although it may be made into pills, they soon flatten and lose their shape, unless combined with some inert powder. Dose, one-fifth that of the fluid extract or drug—*i.e.*, from five grains to half a drachm (0·33–1·9 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM ERGOTÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Ergot.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM ĔR'GO-TÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Ergotæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Ergot; Extrait liquide de Seigle ergoté, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Mutterkornextrakt, *G.*

"Ergot, recently ground and in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Acetic Acid with *nine hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 66 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough of the mixture to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding the menstruum, until the Ergot is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Ergot, crushed, *one pound* [av.]; Distilled Water *six pints* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit *six fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Digest the Ergot in four pints of the Water for twelve hours. Draw off the infusion and repeat the digestion with the remainder of the water. Press out, strain, and evaporate the liquors by the heat of a water-bath to eleven fluidounces; when cold, add the Spirit. Allow it to stand for an hour to coagulate, then filter. The product should measure sixteen fluidounces." *Br.*

This fluid extract was first suggested by Mr. Joseph Laidley, of Richmond, Va.; but the process has since been much modified. The improvement first suggested by Prof. Procter, of adding an acid to the menstruum to fix the alkaloids, and the selection of the proper menstruum, placed this important preparation at once on a permanent footing; and his original formula, published in 1857, and made official in 1860, is now practically adopted in 1890, notwithstanding the numerous changes of views concerning the active constituents of ergot.

Practical experience has shown that it is not only a reliable preparation, but also, if carefully made, a permanent one. The use of glycerin in the menstruum is of no benefit whatever, and it would render the fluid extract unfit for use as a basis for the extract now official; as an addition, diluted hydrochloric has been replaced by acetic acid for fixing alkaloids, which makes the fluid extract of the U. S. P. 1890 identical with Prof. Procter's original formula. (See *Ergota.*) Diluted alcohol dissolves all the active matter of ergot, leaving its oil behind, and the tincture first obtained, holding most of the active principles, is reserved without concentration. In the British process the prolonged digestion and evaporation must act disadvantageously upon principles which are known to be very easily affected by heat and exposure.

The U. S. fluid extract of ergot is a clear, very dark reddish-brown liquid, having the taste of ergot, but without its fishy odor, owing to the solution of the trimethylamine, upon which that odor depends. On the addition, however, of solution of potassa, the odor is strongly developed, and the alkaloid escapes so largely that, if hydrochloric acid be held near it, a cloud of trimethylamine chloride will be perceived. This may be considered as a good test of the efficiency of the preparation; for, though the virtues of ergot do not depend on its volatile alkaloid, yet if this be retained in the fluid extract there can be little doubt that the other more fixed principles will be retained also. The preparation is an active one, but in large doses it is more apt to sicken the stomach than is the simple extract. The dose is from half a fluidrachm to half a fluidounce (1·9–15 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM ERIODICTYI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Eriodictyon.

(EX-TRĂC'TUM ĔR-I-Ō-DĬC'TY-Ī FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

"Eriodictyon, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Eriodictyon is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract: it has a dark brownish-green color, and will doubtless prove a valuable addition. The dose is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·3–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM EUCALYPTI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Eucalyptus.

(EX-TRĂC'TUM ĒŪ-CA-LĬP'TĪ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Eucalyptus, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Eucalyptus-Extrakt, *G.*

"Eucalyptus, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Eucalyptus is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract well represents the drug, and is of a dark greenish-brown color, having

the peculiar odor and taste of eucalyptus very strongly developed, but for administration it is much inferior to the volatile oil. The dose is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM EUONYMI. U. S. (Br.) Extract of Euonymus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM EŪ-ŎN'Ỵ-MĪ.)

Extractum Euonymi Siccum, *Br.;* Dry Extract of Euonymus; Extrait de Fusain, *Fr.;* Spindelbaum-Extrakt, *G.*

"Euonymus, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Euonymus is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and, having placed the residue in a porcelain capsule, evaporate it, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Euonymus Bark, in No. 20 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, Sugar of Milk, of each, *a sufficiency.* Moisten the Euonymus with eight fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of a mixture of equal parts of Rectified Spirit and Distilled Water, and pack in a percolator, then pour on gradually more of the diluted spirit until the Euonymus is exhausted. Collect the liquor and evaporate or distil off the spirit. Incorporate so much Sugar of Milk with the still fluid extract—the actual amount having been ascertained experimentally—that the final product shall contain eighty per cent. of the dry extractive. Then evaporate over a water-bath until the mixture when cold becomes brittle. The mass may be powdered and kept in a well-corked bottle." *Br.* Dry extract of euonymus is commonly known as "euonymin." An efficient preparation, in doses of from one to three grains (0·065–0·2 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM EUPATORII FLUIDUM. U.S. Fluid Extract of Eupatorium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM EŪ-PĄ-TŌ'RĮ-Ī FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Eupatoire, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Durchwachsener Wasserhanf-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Eupatorium, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Eupatorium is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract will have but a limited use, although it well represents the drug, since boneset is chiefly employed in domestic medicine. It is of a dark greenish-brown color, and the dose may be stated as from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM FILICIS LIQUIDUM. Br. Liquid Extract of Male Fern.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM FĬL'Į-CĬS LĬQ'UĮ-DŬM—ĦK'wę-dŭm.)

This, being properly an oleoresin, will be considered under the head of the *Oleoresinæ*, to which the reader is referred. See *Oleoresina Aspidii*, page 915.

EXTRACTUM FRANGULÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Frangula.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM FRĂN'GŪ-LÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Rhamni Frangulæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Rhamnus Frangula; Extrait liquide de Bourdaine, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Faulbaumrinde-Extrakt, *G.*

"Frangula, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½

fluidrachms]. Mix *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 436 minims] of Alcohol with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough of the menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Frangula is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Rhamnus Frangula Bark, in coarse powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Boil the Bark in three or four successive quantities of the water, until exhausted. Evaporate the liquors by the heat of a water-bath to *twelve fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; when cold add the spirit, allow the mixture to remain for some hours, then filter, and make up to the volume of *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] with distilled water." *Br.*

This is a fluid extract which has been quite largely used in this country. It is intended to be a laxative, but it is frequently disappointing, as the drug is rarely to be obtained of uniform good quality. The fluid extract is of a dark reddish-brown color. The dose is from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GELSEMII ALCOHOLICUM. Br. Alcoholic Extract of Gelsemium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĢĘL-SĔM'Ị-Ī ĂL-CỌ-HŎL'Ị-CŬM.)

"Take of Gelsemium, in No. 60 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix the Gelsemium with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until two pints [Imp. meas.] of liquor have been collected. Evaporate the percolated liquor by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence." *Br.*

This is an excellent preparation of gelsemium. The dose given by the British Pharmacopœia is from one-half to two grains (0·033–0·13 Gm.); the smaller quantity should be given as the commencing dose, and its effects very carefully watched. (See *Gelsemium.*)

EXTRACTUM GELSEMII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Gelsemium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĢĘL-SĔM'Ị-Ī FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Jasmin jaune, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Gelber Jasmin-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Gelsemium, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Gelsemium is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is identical with the fluid extract formerly official, which has proved very useful. It is of a dark reddish-brown color. The dose is from two to three minims (0·12–0·18 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GENTIANÆ. U. S., Br. Extract of Gentian.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĢĔN-TI-Ā'NÆ.)

Extrait de Gentiane, *Fr.;* **Enzian-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Gentian, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces,

252 minims] of Water, and let it macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it in a conical percolator, and gradually pour Water upon it until the infusion passes but slightly imbued with the properties of the Gentian. Reduce the liquid to three-fourths of its bulk by boiling, and strain; then, by means of a water-bath, evaporate to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Gentian Root, sliced, *one pound* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse the Gentian in the Water for two hours, boil for fifteen minutes; pour off, press, and strain. Then evaporate the liquor by a water-bath until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The U. S. plan of percolation with cold water is admirably adapted to the extraction of the active matter of gentian, and even the British method of maceration with hot water is much better than the old plan of decoction. By the use of cold water, starch and pectic acid are left behind, while any albumen that may be taken up is disposed of by the subsequent boiling and straining.

The extract, however, may be advantageously made by macerating the root in two parts of water for thirty-six hours, then expressing in a powerful press, again macerating with additional water, and in like manner expressing, and evaporating the united expressed liquors. MM. Guibourt and Cadet de Vaux obtained by maceration in cold water an extract not only greater in amount, but also more transparent, more bitter, and possessing more of the color and smell of the root, than that prepared by decoction. Guibourt attributes this result to the circumstance that, as gentian contains little if any starch, it yields nothing to boiling which it will not also yield to cold water; while decoction favors the combination of a portion of the coloring matter with the lignin. But this opinion requires modification, now that it is understood that gentian contains pectic acid, which water will extract when boiling hot, but not when cold. Gentian, according to Brande, yields half its weight of extract by decoction.

As ordinarily procured, the extract of gentian has an agreeable odor, is very bitter, and of a dark brown color approaching to black, shining, and tenacious. It is frequently used as a tonic, in the form of pill, either alone or in connection with metallic preparations; but the practice of some pharmacists of using it indiscriminately as a pill excipient is very wrong and deserving of severe censure. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM GENTIANÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Gentian.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĢĖN-TĮ-Ā'NÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Gentiane, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Enzian-Extrakt, *G.*

"Gentian, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Gentian is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms.]" *U. S.*

This is a translucent, reddish-brown fluid, with the smell and taste of the root. It may be questionable whether it was needed, though it has the advantage that we may obtain from it the tonic effects of the drug with less alcohol than in an equivalent quantity of the tincture; and pharmaceutically it affords a convenient method of giving to mixtures the tonic properties of gentian when required. The dose is from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GERANII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Geranium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĢĘ-RĀ'NĮ-Ī FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait de Bec de Grue tacheté, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Fleckenstorchschnabel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Geranium, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11

fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough of the menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards Diluted Alcohol, until the Geranium is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The quantity of glycerin has been greatly diminished in this fluid extract, and the process is now unobjectionable. It is a dark reddish-brown liquid, having little odor and a very astringent taste. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GLYCYRRHIZÆ. U. S. Extract of Glycyrrhiza.

[Extract of Liquorice.]

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM GLĬÇ-ĮR-RHĪ'ZÆ—glĭs-ĭr-rī'zē.)

"The commercial extract of the root of Glycyrrhiza glabra, Linné (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.*

Succus Liquiritiæ, *P. G.;* Liquorice, Licorice; Extrait de Réglisse, *Fr.;* Lakriz, Lakrizensaft, Süssholzsaft, *G.;* Sugo di Liquirizia, *It.;* Regaliza en Ballos, *Sp.*

Liquorice is an article of export from the north of Spain, particularly Catalonia, where it is obtained in the following manner. The roots of the *G. glabra*, having been dug up, thoroughly cleansed, and half dried by exposure to the air, are cut into small pieces, and boiled in water till the liquor is saturated. The decoction is then allowed to rest, and, after the dregs have subsided, is decanted, and evaporated to the proper consistence. The extract, thus prepared, is formed into rolls from five to six inches long by an inch in diameter, which are dried in the air, and wrapped in laurel leaves.

The British Pharmacopœia gives a process for making extract of liquorice. (See page 564.) The U. S. Pharmacopœia directs that not less than 60 per cent. of it should be soluble in cold water.

Much liquorice is prepared in Calabria, according to M. Fée, from the *G. echinata*, which abounds in that country. The process is essentially the same as that just described, but conducted with greater care; and the Italian liquorice is purer and more valuable than the Spanish. It is in cylinders, generally somewhat smaller than the Spanish, and usually stamped with the manufacturer's brand. Most of the extract brought to this country comes from Messina and Catania in Sicily and Naples, from Seville and Saragossa in Spain, and from Smyrna in Turkey. Perhaps in no other part of the world is more liquorice consumed than in the United States, from four to five thousand tons having been imported annually before the war; but the article is now made on an extensive scale in this country, very successfully, with the best modern appliances, and of such good quality as to have almost driven the foreign article out of the market. The principal use of Extract of Liquorice is in the manufacture of chewing tobacco; that in the form of rolls as sold by the druggists being a comparatively small portion of the whole amount consumed.

Crude Liquorice, *Liquorice Paste*, or *Liquorice Mass*, as it is variously termed, is found in the market in cases ranging from two hundred and fifty to four hundred pounds, of a hard pilular consistence and, as its name implies, in a mass, which has been run into the case while hot and then allowed to cool.

Liquorice is usually in cylindrical rolls, somewhat flattened, and often covered with bay-leaves. We have seen it in the London market in large cubical masses. When good, it is very black, dry, brittle, breaking with a shining fracture, of a very sweet, peculiar, slightly acrid or bitterish taste, and almost entirely soluble, when pure, in boiling water. Neumann obtained 460 parts of aqueous extract from 480 parts of Spanish liquorice. It is, however, considerably less soluble in cold water. It is often impure from accidental or fraudulent addition or careless preparation. Starch, sand, the juice of prunes, etc., are sometimes added; and carbonaceous matter, and even particles of copper, are found in it, the latter arising from the boilers in which the decoction is evaporated. Four pounds of the extract have yielded two drachms and a half of metallic copper. (*Fée.*) In different commercial specimens examined by Chevallier he found from 9 to 50 per cent. of insoluble matter. (*Journ. de Pharm.*,

xxx. 429.) This is by no means, however, always impurity. In the preparation of the extract by decoction, a portion of matter originally insoluble, or rendered so by decoction, is taken up, and is, in fact, necessary to the proper constitution of the liquorice. When this is prepared with cold water, or even with hot water by simple displacement, the extract attracts moisture from the air, becomes soft, and loses the characteristic brittleness of the drug. The additional substances taken up in decoction serve to protect the extract against this change. M. Delondre has obtained the same result by using steam as the solvent. He prepares from the root an excellent liquorice, having all the requisite qualities of color, taste, and permanence, by passing steam, in suitable vessels, through the coarse powder of the root. The vapor thoroughly penetrates the powder, and is drawn off as it condenses. With about 500 lbs. of the root, this treatment is continued for twelve hours, and repeated at the end of five days. The liquors are collected, decanted, clarified with about 4 lbs. of gelatin, and quickly evaporated. After being put into the form of cylinders, the extract is kept for ten days in a drying-room, at a temperature of 77°. (*Ibid.*, p. 433.) A bitter or empyreumatic taste is a sign of inferior quality in liquorice. As ordinarily found in commerce, it requires to be purified.* (See *Extractum Glycyrrhizæ Purum;* also *Liquor Extracti Glycyrrhizæ*, Part II.)

Liquorice contains glycyrrhizin, $C_{24}H_{36}O_9$, a glucoside, partly free and partly in combination with ammonia, to which combination the characteristic sweet taste of liquorice is due. The glycyrrhizin when boiled with dilute acids decomposes into *glycyrrhetin*, $C_{18}H_{26}O_4$, and a fermentable sugar.

The *refined liquorice*, found in commerce in small cylindrical pieces not thicker than a pipe-stem, is prepared by dissolving the impure extract in water without boiling, straining the solution, and evaporating. The object of this process is to separate not only the insoluble impurities, but also the acrid oleoresinous substance which is extracted by long boiling from the liquorice root and is necessarily mixed with the unrefined extract. It is customary to add, during the process, a portion of sugar, gum, flour, starch, or perhaps glue. These additions, or something equivalent, are necessary to obviate the deliquescent property of the pure liquorice. According to M. Delondre, 15 per cent. of gum is the proper proportion, when this substance is used; Dr. Geisler has found sugar of milk to lessen the disposition of the extract to absorb moisture; but he considers the best addition, on the whole, to be very finely powdered liquorice root, which should be used in the proportion of 1 part to 16 of the purified extract. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 225.) The preparation is sometimes attacked by small worms, probably in consequence of the farinaceous additions. Excellent liquorice is prepared in some parts of England, from the root cultivated in that country. The *Pontefract cakes* are small lozenges of liquorice made in the vicinity of Pontefract, England.

Medical Properties and Uses. Liquorice is a useful demulcent, much employed in cough mixtures, and frequently added to infusions or decoctions in order to cover the taste or obtund the acrimony of the principal medicine. A piece of it held in the mouth and allowed to dissolve slowly is often found to allay cough by sheathing the irritated membrane of the fauces. It is used in pharmacy to impart consistence to pills and troches, and to modify the taste of other medicines.

* The following results of an examination of different brands of liquorice in the market in relation to the proportion of matters soluble and those insoluble in cold water contained in them respectively, by Mr. L. J. Schroeder, are published in the *A. J. P.* (1884, p. 311). Five hundred grains of each commercial extract were used.

Brand.	Residue.		Glycyrrhizin.		
	Weight.	Per cent.	Soluble.	Insoluble.	Total.
	Grains.				Grains.
1. M. & R.	180	36	38	5	43
2. Y. & S.	174	34·8	30	10	40
3. Dean	239	47·8	8	5	13
4. Royal	274	54·8	6	3	9
5. Corigliano	150	30	15	15	30
6. Guzzolini	132	26·4	10	7	17
7. P. & S.	125	25	10	11	21
8. S. C.	130	26	. .	13	13

It will be seen that the American exceeds all the other brands in the amount of the sweet principle.

EXTRACTUM GLYCYRRHIZÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Glycyrrhiza.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM GLĬÇ-ŸR-RHĪ'ZÆ FLŪ'Ĭ-DŬM.)

Extractum Glycyrrhizæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Liquorice; Extrait liquide de Réglisse, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Süssholz-Extrakt, *G.*

"Glycyrrhiza, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Ammonia Water, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Ammonia Water with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol and *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then a mixture of Alcohol and Water made in the proportion of *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol and *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Water, until the Glycyrrhiza is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of the mixture of Alcohol and Water to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Liquorice Root, in No. 20 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Distilled Water, *four pints* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit, *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Liquorice Root with *two pints* [Imp. meas.] of the Water for twelve hours, strain and press; again macerate the pressed marc with the remainder of the Water for six hours, strain and press. Mix the strained liquors, heat them to 212° F. (100° C.), and strain through flannel; then evaporate by a water-bath until it has acquired, when cold, a specific gravity of 1·160; add to this one-sixth of its volume of Rectified Spirit; let the mixture stand for twelve hours, and filter." *Br.*

The fluid extract of U. S. Pharm. 1880 differed from that official in 1870 in the absence of glycerin in the menstruum, and in the presence of ammonia water. The addition of the ammonia to the menstruum was suggested by Prof J. P. Remington. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1878, p. 757.) The formula for the liquid extract of liquorice of the British Pharmacopœia has several inconvenient manipulative features, such as the repeated macerations and expressions, evaporating to a certain specific gravity, etc. This preparation is now very largely used as an adjuvant, and for disguising the bitter taste of quinine, which should be added to the preparation of liquorice just before the dose is taken. It is a very convenient form for using liquorice, the objections to the former fluid extracts of the root having been the slight acridity and the presence of too much alcohol. Not only does the ammonia render the glycyrrhizin soluble, thus materially adding to the power and sweetness of the fluid extract, but the acridity is greatly lessened also through its influence. It is a very dark reddish-brown liquid, having the well-known sweet taste of liquorice. A *syrup of liquorice* may be made by adding two parts of fluid extract to fourteen parts of simple syrup. A formula for aromatic elixir of liquorice will be found under Elixirs. (See Part II.)

EXTRACTUM GLYCYRRHIZÆ PURUM. U. S. (Br.) Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM GLĬÇ-ŸR-RHĪ'ZÆ PŪ'RŬM.)

Extractum Glycyrrhizæ, *Br.;* Extract of Liquorice; **Extractum Glycyrrhizæ Depuratum, Succus Liquiritiæ Depuratus; Extrait de Réglisse pur,** *Fr.;* **Reines Lakriz,** *G.*

"Glycyrrhiza, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Ammonia Water, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Ammonia Water with *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of Distilled Water, and, having moistened the powder with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of the menstruum, let it macerate for twenty-four hours. Then pack it moderately in a cylindrical glass percolator, and gradually pour upon it, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Distilled Water, until the

Glycyrrhiza is exhausted. Lastly, evaporate the infusion, by means of a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

The British directions are to macerate *an avoirdupois pound* of liquorice root, in coarse powder, for twelve hours, in *two pints* of distilled water, strain and press; again to macerate the pressed marc with distilled water for six hours, strain and press; then to mix the strained liquors, heat to 212° F. (100° C.), strain through flannel, and finally evaporate, by means of a water-bath, to a proper consistence for forming pills. The object in heating the infusion to 212° is to coagulate the albumen, and thus exclude it from the extract.

The necessity for a pure extract of liquorice must be apparent to every pharmacist: the very variable quality of the commercial extract has frequently led to disappointment. The official process affords a preparation which is unexceptionable, the ammonia rendering the glycyrrhizin soluble; yet care must be taken in its evaporation, as it is very easily injured by too much heat, which gives it an empyreumatic taste, destroying at once its usefulness as an agreeable adjuvant.

EXTRACTUM GOSSYPII RADICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Cotton Root Bark.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM GOS-SĬP'Ị-Ī RA-DĪ'CĬS FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Ecorce de Cotonnier, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Baumwollenwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Cotton Root Bark, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Alcohol, until the Cotton Root Bark is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is one of the fluid extracts which is improved by the use of glycerin: the menstruum selected prevents the gelatinization which was a troublesome objection to the fluid extract of the Pharmacopœia of 1870. Prof. J. U. Lloyd prefers a menstruum composed of ten fluidounces of alcohol and three fluidounces each of glycerin and water, finishing the percolation with a mixture composed of ten fluidounces of alcohol and six fluidounces of water. It is a deep-reddish liquid, and well represents the root. The dose is from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GRINDELIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Grindelia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM GRĬN-DĒ'LI-Æ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

"Grindelia, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Grindelia is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract which well represents the drug: owing to the large quantity of resinous matter present, it does not mix well with aqueous liquids. The menstruum in the present

process has been made more alcoholic than that formerly used. It is a dark-brown liquid having the peculiar odor of grindelia. Dose, from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM GUARANÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Guarana.

(ĘX-TRĂC′TUM GUĄ-RĀ′NÆ FLŪ′Į-DŬM—gwą-rā′nē.)

"Guarana, in No. 80 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Guarana is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is of doubtful utility. The powdered drug itself is portable, not unpleasant to the taste, and is efficient when given diffused in water; nothing is gained by making it into a fluid extract. The fluid extract is of a deep reddish-brown color. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM HÆMATOXYLI. U. S., Br. Extract of Hæmatoxylon.

(ĘX-TRĂC′TUM HÆ-MĄ-TŎX′Y-LĪ.)

Extract of Logwood; Extractum Ligni Campechiani, *P. G.;* Extrait de Bois de Campêche, *Fr.;* Campecheholz-Extrakt, *G.*

"Hæmatoxylon, rasped, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Water, *ten thousand cubic centimeters* [or 338 fluidounces, 66 minims]. Macerate the Hæmatoxylon with the Water for forty-eight hours. Then boil (avoiding the use of metallic vessels) until one-half of the Water has evaporated; strain the decoction, while hot, and evaporate to dryness." *U. S.*

"Take of Logwood, in fine chips, *one pound* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse the Logwood in the Water for twenty-four hours, then boil down to one-half, strain, and evaporate to dryness by a water-bath, stirring with a wooden spatula. Iron vessels should not be used." *Br.*

This is one of the few instances in which decoction in the preparation of extracts is not considered objectionable. Iron vessels should not be employed in the process, in consequence of the presence of tannic acid. The evaporation should be carried so far that the extract may be dry and brittle when cold. About 20 lbs. of it are obtained from one cwt. of logwood. (*Brande.*) It is of a deep ruby color, and an astringent, sweetish taste, and has all the medical virtues of the wood. If given in pills, these should be recently made, as when long kept they are said to become so hard as sometimes to pass unchanged through the bowels. The extract, however, is best administered in solution. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). This extract is said to be prepared largely in Yucatan and other parts of Mexico.

EXTRACTUM HAMAMELIDIS FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Hamamelis.

(ĘX-TRĂC′TUM HĂM-Ą-MĔL′Į-DĬS FLŪ′Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Hamamelidis Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Hamamelis.

"Hamamelis, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Glycerin with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol and *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a conical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually

adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol to *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Water, until the Hamamelis is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Hamamelis Leaves, in No. 40 powder, *twenty ounces* [av.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency*. Moisten the powder with about eight fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of a mixture of one volume of Rectified Spirit and two volumes of Distilled Water. Pack the damp powder in a percolator, and pour on sufficient menstruum to saturate it thoroughly. When the liquid begins to drop, close the lower orifice of the percolator, and macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum until the Hamamelis is exhausted. Reserve the first seventeen fluidounces of the percolate; evaporate or distil off the spirit from the remainder, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the liquid extract measure one pint." *Br.*

This is a fluid extract, which well represents the virtues of witch-hazel. It has a dark reddish-brown color. The dose is half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM HYDRASTIS FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Hydrastis.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM HŸ-DRĂS'TIS FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extractum Hydrastis Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Hydrastis; Extrait liquide de Hydrastis, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Hydrastis-Extrakt, *G.*

"Hydrastis, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces. 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol and *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, until the Hydrastis is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Hydrastis Rhizome, in No. 60 powder, *twenty ounces* [av.]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, equal fluid parts, *a sufficiency*. Moisten the powder with about eight fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Diluted Spirit. Pack the damp powder in a percolator, and pour on sufficient menstruum to saturate it thoroughly. When the liquid begins to drop, close the lower orifice of the percolator, and macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum until the Hydrastis is exhausted. Reserve the first seventeen fluidounces of the percolate, evaporate or distil off the spirit from the remainder, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract. Dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the liquid extract measure one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The fluid extract thoroughly represents the drug. It is of a deep brownish-yellow color, and may be given in doses of from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM HYOSCYAMI. U. S., Br. Extract of Hyoscyamus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM HŸ-ŌS-CŸ'Ą-MĪ.)

Extract of Henbane; Extrait de Jusquiame, *Fr.;* **Bilsenkraut-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Hyoscyamus, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms]; Water, *one thousand cubic*

centimeters [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Alcohol and Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Diluted Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Hyoscyamus is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; mix this with the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the before-mentioned temperature, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

In the British Pharmacopœia this extract is prepared from "the fresh Leaves, flowering Tops, and young Branches of Henbane" in the same manner precisely as Extract of Aconite. (See *Extractum Aconiti.*)

MM. Solon and Soubeiran have shown that the insoluble matter separated from the expressed juice of henbane by filtering, and that coagulated by heat, are nearly if not quite inert; so that the juice may be usefully clarified before evaporation. (*A. J. P.*, viii. 228.) The retention of the chlorophyll, however, as provided for in the British formula, is thought to be advantageous. This kind of extract of henbane is chiefly derived from England. Mr. Brande says that one cwt. of the fresh herb affords between four and five pounds. M. Recluz obtained one part from sixteen.

The extract is of a dark olive color, of a narcotic rather unpleasant odor, and a bitterish, nauseous, slightly saline taste. It retains its softness for a long time, but at the end of three or four years becomes dry, and exhibits, when broken, small crystals of potassium nitrate and sodium chloride. (*Recluz.*) Like all the inspissated juices, it is of variable strength, according to its age, the care used in its preparation, and the character of the leaves. (See *Hyoscyamus.*)

Much depends on the choice of the leaves; and too little attention is paid to this point. In reference to the biennial plant, there seems to be no doubt that the leaves of the second year are much more efficacious than those of the first, and should, therefore, always be selected. It is stated under Hyoscyamus that the leaves should be gathered soon after the plant has flowered. Mr. Charles Cracknell gives more particular directions. He thinks the plant is in a fit state for collection during only a very short period, namely, when the flowers at the top are blown, but have not yet begun to fade, and the seed-vessels and seeds which have been formed are still soft and juicy. For other observations on the preparation of this extract, see a paper by Mr. Cracknell in *A. J. P.* (xxiii. 245). Mr. T. B. Groves found that an extract obtained by inspissating the juice of the stems was altogether inferior to another obtained in like manner from the leaves, being not only less in amount, but also lower in quality. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1862.)

The U. S. P. extract is a much more reliable and active preparation than the inspissated juice, or, as it is usually termed, English extract. It is of a dark olive color, with the peculiar odor of hyoscyamus. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.). In the use of the English extract it is advisable to begin with a moderate dose, two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.), and gradually to increase the quantity till some effect is experienced, and the degree of efficiency of the particular parcel employed is ascertained. It is usually given in pill.

EXTRACTUM HYOSCYAMI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Hyoscyamus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM HŸ-ŌS-CŸ'Ą-MĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Jusquiame, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Bilsenkraut-Extrakt, *G.*

"Hyoscyamus, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of Alcohol with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using

the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Hyoscyamus is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract was improved in the 1880 revision by abandoning the glycerin directed in the former process. It is of a very dark greenish-brown color, and is given in the dose of five minims (0·3 C.c.) to begin with. For the medical properties, see *Hyoscyamus.*

EXTRACTUM IPECACUANHÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Ipecac.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM ĬP-Ę-CĂC-U̇-ĂN'HÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM—ip-ę-kăk-yu̇-ăn'ē.)

Extrait liquide d'Ipécacuanha, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Ipecacuanha-Extrakt, *G.*

"Ipecac, in No. 80 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Ipecac is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The menstruum for this fluid extract has been altered, it having been proved by J. U. Lloyd that when alcohol alone is used a portion of emetine escapes solution. On the other hand, it is known that when the menstruum is more aqueous more of the pectinous principles are taken up, and it is very desirable to separate these in order to prevent their appearance as a flocculent precipitate in syrup of ipecacuanha; but efficiency is to be sought for as the first desideratum, and hence a menstruum which will extract the activity and make a fluid extract that will not let fall a bulky precipitate of inert matter has been secured; usually this will not mix with syrup without some precipitation, but the improved official process for syrup of ipecacuanha should effectually separate any precipitate resulting from the presence of apotheme in the fluid extract.*

This fluid extract is a thin, dark reddish-brown, transparent liquid, of a bitterish slightly acrid taste, but without the nauseous flavor of the root. The emetic dose would be from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.). It is a convenient preparation for adding to expectorant and diaphoretic mixtures, and is used officially principally in preparing the syrup of ipecacuanha.†

EXTRACTUM IRIDIS. U. S. Extract of Iris.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ī'RI-DĬS.)

Extrait d'Iris varié, *Fr.;* Verschiedenfarbige Schwertlilie-Extrakt, *G.*

"Iris, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 3½ fluidrachms] of tincture are obtained, or the Iris is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This is an extract which has been introduced to afford an opportunity of using blue flag in

* R. Rother recommends alcohol for a menstruum and the use of magnesia, and the percolation of the finely-powdered ipecac upon what he calls the disc principle. (*Drug. Circ.*, 1886, p. 4.)

† For discussion of the alkaloidal strength of ipecac and its fluid extract, by H. W. Snow, see *Pharm. Era*, 1887.

the pilular form. The drug appears to us to be too seldom used to merit this distinction. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM IRIDIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Iris.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ī'RĮ-DĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Blue Flag; Extrait liquide d'Iris varié, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Verschiedenfarbige Schwertlilie-Extrakt, *G.*

"Iris, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Iris is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The menstruum used in this fluid extract is practically the same as that employed in exhausting blue flag in making the extract, and it will no doubt make a representative preparation. The dose is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM JABORANDI. Br. Extract of Jaborandi.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM JĂB-Ǫ-RĂN'DĪ.)

"Take of Jaborandi, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Proof Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix the Jaborandi with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until two pints [Imp. meas.] of liquid have been collected. Evaporate the percolated liquid until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence." *Br.*

This is a new preparation in the British Pharmacopœia, and a good one. It possesses the virtues of pilocarpus, to the article on which the reader is referred for the medical properties. The dose of the extract is given in the British Pharmacopœia as from two to ten grains (0·13–0·65 Gm.). The first quantity would be the best commencing dose.

EXTRACTUM JALAPÆ. U. S., Br. Extract of Jalap.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM JĄ-LĀ'PÆ.)

Extrait de Jalap, *Fr.;* Jalapen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Jalap, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Jalap is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, add the residue to the reserved portion, and evaporate to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Jalap, in coarse powder, *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *four pints* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate the Jalap in the Spirit for seven days; press out the tincture, then filter, and distil off the Spirit, leaving a soft extract. Again macerate the residual Jalap in the Water for four hours, express, strain through flannel, and evaporate, by a water-bath, to a soft extract. Mix the two extracts, and evaporate, at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.), until it has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

This extract has been introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890, and is intended to replace the abstract formerly official. It will be observed that the U. S. 1890 extract is simply

an alcoholic extract, differing from the extract official in 1870, and also from the present British extract, in containing *no aqueous extract* whatever.

Jalap contains a considerable quantity of starch, which is extracted by decoction, but left behind by cold water; and, as this principle serves only to impede the filtration or straining, and to augment the bulk of the extract, without adding to its virtues, cold water is very properly used in the process, if water is used at all. The use both of alcohol and of water was formerly deemed necessary, in order to extract all the medicinal qualities of the drug; and they were employed successively, under the impression that the previous removal of the resin by the former facilitates the action of the latter; but Mr. A. B. Taylor satisfactorily determined that the substance which water will extract from jalap previously exhausted by alcohol has no observable influence on the system, he having taken 240 grains of the matter thus extracted without effect. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1864, p. 215.) It was shown, moreover, that the aqueous extract of jalap is hygroscopic, and that it is the cause of the inconvenient hardening of the powdered extract. The substitution of dried sugar of milk for the inert, hygroscopic, aqueous extract was certainly an improvement (see *Abstractum Jalapæ*); but the use of alcohol alone as a menstruum in the U. S. 1890 process will make a stronger preparation, and thus a smaller pill can be made in all cases where extract of jalap is prescribed. According to Cadet de Gassicourt, water at ordinary temperatures, and in the old mode, acts so slowly that fermentation takes place before the active matter is all dissolved. Hence, if the extract be prepared without percolation, the residuum, after the tincture has been decanted, should be digested with water at a heat of about 90° or 100° F., which, while it is insufficient for the solution of the starch, enables the solvent to take up the active matter with sufficient rapidity.

One cwt. of jalap affords, according to Mr. Brande, about fifty pounds of aqueous extract and fifteen of resin. The product of the former is somewhat less by infusion than by decoction; and the extract is proportionately stronger. There is reason to believe, as we have been informed on good authority, that what is sold for extract of jalap is sometimes prepared from tubers which have been previously exhausted of their resin by alcohol; and a spurious substance has been offered in considerable quantities in our markets for extract of jalap, which Messrs. Chas. Bullock and Prof. Parrish proved to owe its purgative property to 42 per cent. of gamboge. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 113.)

Extract of jalap is of a dark-brown color, slightly translucent at the edges, and tenacious when not perfectly dry. It contains the resin and gummy extractive, and, consequently, has all the medical properties of the root; but it is not often exhibited alone, being chiefly used as an ingredient of purgative pills, for which it is adapted by its comparatively small bulk. It is most conveniently kept for use in the form of powder, which, however, is apt to attract moisture and to aggregate into a solid mass, unless carefully excluded from the air. The dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), or rather more than half that of jalap.*

EXTRACTUM JUGLANDIS. U. S. Extract of Juglans.

(EX-TRĂC'TUM JUG-LĂN'DIS.)

Extrait d'Ecorce de Noyer gris, *Fr.;* **Butternussrinden-Extrakt**, *G.;* **Extract of Butternut.**

"Juglans, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Juglans is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This extract was formerly for the most part prepared by the country-people, who are said to

* *Fluid Extract of Jalap.* The following process has been proposed by Prof. Procter. Take of jalap, in coarse powder, ℥xvi; sugar, ℥viij; potassium carbonate, ℥ss; alcohol, water, each, *q. s.* Add to the jalap one pint of a mixture consisting of two parts of alcohol and one of water, and set aside for twenty-four hours. Then put the mixture into a percolator, and pour on it diluted alcohol until half a gallon has passed. Evaporate the filtered liquid one-half, add the sugar and potassium carbonate, and evaporate to 12 fluidounces. Put the liquid, while warm, into a pint bottle, add four fluidounces of alcohol, and mix. The potassium carbonate renders the resin soluble in water, and probably favorably qualifies the irritating properties of the jalap. A fluidrachm of this extract would represent a drachm of jalap, so that the dose should be from 15 to 30 minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.). (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 108.)

have used the bark of the branches, and even the branches themselves, instead of the inner bark of the root, and to have injured the preparation by too much heat. That it should have proved uncertain in the hands of many physicians is, therefore, not a matter of surprise. It should be prepared by the apothecary, and from the inner bark of the root gathered in May or June. Experiments made by B. F. Moise (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 153) prove that alcohol and diluted alcohol are better menstrua than water for the bark. Prof. Procter found an extract of the fresh bark prepared with diluted alcohol to have much more of the pungency of the bark than the official; on account of these results, the process for the extract was changed at the 1880 revision, and diluted alcohol substituted for water as a menstruum, with marked improvement. The extract of butternut is of a black color, a sweetish odor, and a bitter astringent taste. In the dose of from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.) it acts as a mild cathartic, whilst in larger doses it is an active purge.

EXTRACTUM KRAMERIÆ. U. S., Br. Extract of Krameria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Æ.)

Extract of Rhatany; Extractum Ratanhæ, *P. G.;* Extrait de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanha-Extrakt, *G.*

"Krameria, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, pack it in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Water upon it, until the infusion passes but slightly imbued with the astringency of the Krameria. Heat the liquid to the boiling point, strain, and evaporate the strained liquid, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 70° C. (158° F.), to dryness." *U. S.*

"Take of Rhatany Root, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Rhatany in a pint and a half [Imperial measure] of the Water for twenty-four hours; then pack in a percolator, and add more Distilled Water, until twelve pints [Imp. meas.] have been collected, or the Rhatany is exhausted. Evaporate the liquor by a water-bath to dryness." *Br.*

In selecting a plan for the preparation of this extract, it was undoubtedly wise to adopt percolation, with cold water as the menstruum. It is absolutely necessary to the success of the process that the root should be well and uniformly comminuted; and the "No. 40 powder" of the U. S. Pharmacopœia is, therefore, preferable to the "coarse powder" of the British. The wood of the root yielded to Prof. Procter only 6·8 per cent. of extract, while the bark separated from the wood yielded 33 per cent. As the wood is of difficult pulverization, the inference is obvious that, in powdering the roots, the ligneous portion may be rejected with advantage. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 270.) As a prolonged exposure of the infusion to the air is attended with the absorption of oxygen and the production of insoluble apotheme, it is desirable that the evaporation should be conducted rapidly, or in a vacuum. There scarcely appears to be occasion, in the case of rhatany, for heating and filtering the infusion before evaporation, the only use of which is to get rid of albumen, which is not among the recognized ingredients of the root.

Very inferior extracts of rhatany are often sold. Such is the South American extract, which has been occasionally imported. As the product obtained by decoction is greater than that afforded by the official plan, the temptation to substitute the former is not always resisted, although it has been shown to contain nearly 50 per cent. of insoluble matter. Some druggists prepare the extract with an alcoholic menstruum, with a view to the greater product; but the extract thus prepared has from 20 to 30 per cent. less of the active principle than the official. A substance has been shown to us, said to have been imported as extract of rhatany from Europe, which was nearly tasteless, and was plausibly conjectured to be the dried coagulated matter of old tincture of kino.

Extract of rhatany should have a reddish-brown color, a smooth shining fracture, and a very astringent taste, and should be almost entirely soluble in water. Its virtues may be considered as in proportion to its solubility. It is much used for all the purposes for which the astringent extracts are employed. The dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM KRAMERIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Krameria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Ratanha-Extrakt, *G.*

"Krameria, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a suffi-*

cient quantity, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards Diluted Alcohol, until the Krameria is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This process does not differ essentially from that formerly official; the fluid extract well represents the root, and is of a deep-red color and a very astringent taste. The dose is from ten minims to a fluidrachm (0·6–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM LACTUCÆ. Br. Extract of Lettuce.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM LĂC-TŪ'ÇÆ.)

Extractum Lactucæ Virosæ, *P. G.;* Thridacium; Extrait de Tiges de Laitue, Thridace, *Fr.;* Giftlattich-Extrakt, *G.*

In the British Pharmacopœia, this extract is prepared from "the Flowering Herb of Lettuce," in the same manner precisely as Extract of Aconite. (See *Extractum Aconiti.*) For the medical properties and uses of extract of lettuce the reader is referred to the article on Lactucarium. The dose is from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM LAPPÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Lappa.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM LĂP'PÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

"Lappa, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Lappa is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract of burdock: it is of a dark brownish-red color. Dose, from thirty to sixty minims (1·37–3·75 C.c.), well diluted.

EXTRACTUM LEPTANDRÆ. U. S. Extract of Leptandra.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM LĘP-TĂN'DRÆ.)

Extract of Culver's Root; Extrait de Leptandra, *Fr.;* Leptandrawurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Leptandra, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Leptandra is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This extract will furnish practitioners who have been in the habit of prescribing the so-called *leptandrin*, with a uniform preparation. Dose, from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM LEPTANDRÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Leptandra.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM LĘP-TĂN'DRÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Culver's Root; Extrait liquide de Leptandra, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Leptandra-Extrakt, *G.*

"Leptandra, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Leptandra is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract of a reddish-brown color, and is given in the dose of from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM LOBELIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Lobelia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM LŌ-BĒ'LI-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Lobélie enflée, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Lobelienkraut-Extrakt, *G.*

"Lobelia, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Lobelia is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a valuable fluid extract. It is of a dark olive color, having the acrid taste of lobelia very marked. The dose as an expectorant is from one to five minims (0·06–0·3 C.c.); as an emetic, from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM LUPULI. Br. Extract of Hop.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM LŪ'PŬ-LĪ.)

Extractum Humuli; Extrait de Houblon, *Fr.*; Hopfenextrakt, *G.*

"Take of Hop *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *one pint and a half* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate the Hop in the Spirit for seven days; press out the tincture, filter, and distil off the Spirit, leaving a soft extract. Boil the residual Hop with the Water for one hour, press out the liquor, strain, and evaporate by a water-bath to the consistence of a soft extract. Mix the two extracts, and evaporate, at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.), until it has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

This is a great improvement on the old process by maceration with water and subsequent evaporation. Alcohol is necessary for the exhaustion of the hop, and very cautious evaporation, to preserve the aroma in the extract. But since the discovery of the fact that the active properties of hops reside chiefly in the lupulin, the extract has been to a great extent superseded by that substance in this country, and has been little used. Lupulin may be advantageously substituted for it in all cases in which it was formerly employed. Mr. Brande says that the average yield of one cwt. of hops is 40 lbs. of the extract. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·6–1·9 Gm.). Under the inappropriate name of *humuline*, an extract has been prepared by treating hops first with alcohol and afterwards with water, evaporating the tincture and infusion separately, and mixing the products. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 231.)

EXTRACTUM LUPULINI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Lupulin.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM LŪ-PŪ-LĪ'NĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Lupuline, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Lupulin-Extrakt, *G.*

"Lupulin, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the Lupulin with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the Lupulin and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Lupulin is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." U. S.

This fluid extract is of a very dark brown color, having the odor and taste of hops very distinctly. Owing to its resinous character, it is not miscible with aqueous liquids, and if desired in combination it is necessary to use gum arabic or other emulsifying agent. The dose is from ten to fifteen minims (0·6–0·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM MATICO FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Matico.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM MĂT'Į-CŌ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Matico, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Matico-Extrakt, *G.*

"Matico, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Matico is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is probably the best liquid preparation of matico: the present formula does not differ materially from that of 1870. It is a greenish-black liquid, which probably contains all of the virtues of matico, and affords an excellent form for internal administration. The dose is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM MENISPERMI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Menispermum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM MĔN-Į-SPĔR'MĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

"Menispermum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Menispermum is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract, the introduction of which is of doubtful utility: the drug is unreliable in its effects, and is rarely used. Dose, half to one fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM MEZEREI ÆTHEREUM. Br. Ethereal Extract of Mezereon.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM MĘ-ZĒ'RĘ-Ī Æ-THĒ'RĘ-ŬM.)

Extrait éthéré de Mézéréon (de Garou), *Fr.;* **Aetherisches Seidelbast-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Take of Mezereon Bark, cut small, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *eight pints* [Imperial measure]; Ether *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate the Mezereon in six pints of the Spirit for three days, with frequent agitation; strain and press. To the residue of the Mezereon add the remainder of the Spirit, and again macerate for three days, with frequent agitation; strain and press. Mix and filter the strained liquors; recover the greater part of the Spirit by distillation, evaporate what remains to the consistence of a soft extract; put this into a stoppered bottle with the Ether, and macerate for twenty-four hours, shaking them frequently. Decant the ethereal solution; recover part of the Ether by distillation, and evaporate what remains to the consistence of a soft extract." *Br.*

This is the process of the French Codex, with very slight modifications, which do not affect the result. In the Codex the mezereon is exhausted by means of percolation, instead of by a double maceration; and in this respect the process is, we think, preferable, in the hands of a skilful operator. With those not experienced in percolation, it may be better to follow the British Pharmacopœia. By the method of proceeding in the preparation of this extract the irritating properties of mezereon are concentrated in a small bulk, all the ingredients of the bark not soluble both in alcohol and in ether being excluded. For external use this is probably desirable; and the extract is therefore chiefly useful as an external irritant; for which purpose it is brought into the state of an ointment, as in the French "*pommade épispastique au garou,*" * or used in liniments, as in the British "*compound liniment of mustard.*"

The object of this preparation is to act as an irritant agent, and especially as a dressing for issues and blistered surfaces to keep them open. For this purpose it is preferable to the ointment of cantharides, in all cases in which the latter is disposed to cause strangury.

EXTRACTUM MEZEREI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Mezereum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM MĘ-ZĒ'RĘ-Ī FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Mézéréon (de Garou), *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Seidelbast-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Mezereum, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Mezereum is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is identical with that formerly official. It is too acrid for internal administration: its principal use is as the active ingredient in the stimulating ointment of mezereon.

EXTRACTUM NUCIS VOMICÆ. U. S. Extract of Nux Vomica.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM NŪ'CĬS VŎM'Į-ÇÆ.)

Extractum Strychni Spirituosum, *P. G.;* **Extractum Nucum Vomicarum Spirituosum (vel Alcoholicum); Extrait de Noix-Vomique,** *Fr.;* **Weingeistiges Krähenaugen-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Nux Vomica, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, Ether,

* "Take of Ethereal Extract of Mezereon *forty parts;* Lard *nine hundred parts;* White Wax *one hundred parts;* Alcohol *ninety parts.* Dissolve the Extract in the Alcohol, add the Lard and Wax, and heat moderately, with continual agitation, until the alcohol is evaporated. Pass through linen; pour into a pot, and shake until the ointment is partly cooled." (*Fr. Codex.*)

Sugar of Milk, recently dried and in fine powder, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Mix the powder with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of the mixture, to which the Acetic Acid had previously been added, and let it macerate, in a well-covered vessel, in a warm place, during forty-eight hours. Then pack it tightly in a cylindrical glass percolator, gradually pour menstruum upon it, and continue the percolation, until the Nux Vomica is practically exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol by means of a water-bath, transfer the remainder to a tared capsule, and evaporate it until it weighs about *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]. Transfer it to a bottle of the capacity of about *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or about 1 pint], and wash the capsule with about *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims] of warm Water, adding the washings to the bottle and mixing the contents thoroughly. When the liquid extract is cold, add to it *one-fourth* of its volume of Ether, stopper the bottle, and bring the extract and Ether into intimate contact by gently agitating and frequently inverting the bottle, avoiding violent shaking so as to prevent the formation of an emulsion. Pour off the ethereal layer as closely as possible, and repeat this treatment with Ether several times, until a few drops of the ethereal layer no longer impart a permanent, greasy stain to filtering paper. Then transfer the contents of the bottle back to the tared capsule, using a sufficient quantity of warm Water for washing. Recover the Ether from the united ethereal washings, add to the oily residue about *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or about 4 fluidrachms] of boiling Water, and then Acetic Acid, in drops, until the mixture has a permanent acid reaction. Then filter it through a moistened filter, and wash the filter with a little Water. Add the filtrate to the extract in the capsule, evaporate until the residue weighs about *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains], and allow it to become cold. Then determine its weight exactly, remove *four grammes* [or 61·728 grains] of the mass, and assay this by the process given below, using the amounts of liquids there directed for *two grammes* [or 30·864 grains] of dry extract. In another portion of *five grammes* [or 77·16 grains] determine the amount of water by drying it, in a flat-bottomed capsule, at 100° C. (212° F.), until it ceases to lose weight. From the results thus obtained ascertain, by calculation, the amount of total alkaloids and of water contained in the remainder of the mass, add to this enough well-dried Sugar of Milk to bring the quantity of alkaloids in the final dry extract to *fifteen per cent.*, then evaporate the mass to complete dryness, reduce it to powder, and transfer it to small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Extract of Nux Vomica, when assayed by the following process, should be found to contain 15 per cent. of total alkaloids.

Assay of Extract of Nux Vomica. U. S. 1890. "Extract of Nux Vomica, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), *two grammes;* Alcohol, Ammonia Water, Water, Chloroform, Sulphuric Acid decinormal volumetric solution, Potassium Hydrate centinormal volumetric solution, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Put 2 Gm. of the dried Extract of Nux Vomica into a glass separator, add to it 20 C.c. of a previously prepared mixture of 2 volumes of alcohol, 1 volume of ammonia water (specific gravity 0·960), and 1 volume of water, and shake the well-stoppered separator until the extract is dissolved. Then add 20 C.c. of chloroform and agitate during five minutes. Allow the chloroform to separate, remove it as far as possible, pour into the separator a few C.c. of chloroform, and, without shaking, draw this off through the stopcock to wash the outlet tube. Repeat the extraction with two further portions of chloroform of 15 C.c. each, and wash the outlet-tube each time as just directed. Collect all the chloroformic solutions in a wide beaker, expose the latter to a gentle heat, on a water-bath, until the chloroform and ammonia are completely dissipated, add to the residue 10 C.c. of sulphuric acid decinormal volumetric solution measured with great care from a burette, stir gently, and then add 20 C.c. of hot water. When solution has taken place, add 2 C.c. of Brazil wood test-solution, and then carefully run in potassium hydrate centinormal volumetric solution, until a permanent pinkish color is produced by the action of a slight excess of alkali upon the Brazil wood indicator. Divide the number of C.c. of potassium hydrate centinormal volumetric solution used by 10, subtract the number found from 10 (the 10 C.c. of acid decinormal volumetric solution used), multiply the remainder by 0·0364 and that product by 50 (or, multiply at once by 1·82), which will give the percentage of *total alkaloids* in the Extract of Nux Vomica, it being assumed that strychnine and brucine are present in equal proportion, and the above factor being found by taking the mean of their respective molecular weights rounded off to whole numbers $[(334 + 394) \div 2 = 364]$."

"Take of Nux Vomica *one pound* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *sixty-four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Heat the previously split seeds to a temperature of 212° F. (100° C.) for three hours, and then reduce to a fine powder. Mix the spirit with the water, and make the powdered nux vomica into a paste with one pint of the mixture. Allow this to macerate for twelve hours, then transfer to a percolator, and add another pint of the mixture. When this has percolated, pour on the remainder of the diluted spirit in successive portions; press the marc, filter the expressed liquor, and add it to the percolated liquid.

"Take of this liquid one fluidounce, and estimate the amount of total alkaloid in the following way. Evaporate almost to dryness over a water-bath, dissolve the residue in two fluidrachms of chloroform and half a fluidounce of dilute sulphuric acid with an equal bulk of water; agitate and warm gently. When the liquors have separated, draw off the chloroform, and add to the acid liquor excess of solution of ammonia and half a fluidounce of chloroform; well agitate, gently warm, and, after the liquors have completely separated, transfer the chloroform to a weighed dish, evaporate over a water-bath, and dry for one hour at 212° F. (100° C.). Allow the residue of total alkaloid to cool, and then weigh.

"Take of the percolated liquid as much as contains 131¼ grains of total alkaloid, distil off the spirit, and evaporate over a water-bath until the extract weighs two ounces. This extract will contain fifteen per cent. of total alkaloid.

"*Test.* Ten grains of the extract when treated in the following manner should yield one grain and a half of total alkaloid. Dissolve the extract in half a fluidounce of water, heating gently if necessary, and add a drachm of carbonate of sodium previously dissolved in half a fluidounce of water and half a fluidounce of chloroform; agitate, warm gently, and separate the chloroform. Add to this half a fluidounce of dilute sulphuric acid with an equal bulk of water; again agitate, warm, and separate the acid liquor from the chloroform. To this acid liquor add now an excess of ammonia, and agitate with half a fluidounce of chloroform; when the liquors have separated, transfer the chloroform to a weighed dish, and evaporate the chloroform over a water-bath. Dry the residue for one hour, and weigh." *Br.*

For the first time in its history (1893) the U. S. Pharmacopœia contains an assay process for extract of nux vomica, the demand for greater precision in pharmaceutical preparations being the motive which led the Committee of Revision to adopt this process. The fixed oil found in the drug (see *Nux Vomica*) is removed by the use of ether, and the alkaloids which are taken up by the fixed oil during the percolation of the drug are washed out with boiling water acidulated with acetic acid in excess; this solution is filtered and added to the partially evaporated extract, and the whole is then ready for the assay. The menstruum adopted for the extract is one which was found by abundant trial best fitted for exhausting the drug, and the previous digestion for forty-eight hours in contact with acetic acid materially aids in softening the very tough tissues which envelop the active principles. The process of assay was simplified to as great an extent as was possible without sacrificing accuracy, and consists in first dissolving the extract and then thoroughly extracting the alkaloids by destroying their natural combination with igasuric acid, by means of ammonia, and taking up the liberated alkaloids with chloroform; the latter is removed by evaporation, and the residue dissolved in hot water containing an accurately measured quantity of sulphuric acid. The liquid is then made slightly alkaline after the addition of Brazil-wood indicator, and the number of cubic centimeters of potassium hydrate volumetric solution required to effect this furnishes the data for the calculation which gives the percentage of total alkaloids present.

The process of the British Pharmacopœia is that recommended by Profs. Dunstan and Short (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 623). The menstruum has been carefully selected so that the alkaloids shall be extracted and as much of the oil left in the residue as possible. In order to make a dry powdered extract it would be necessary to separate the fixed oil before assaying it, and then to make up the weight, if necessary, with sugar of milk or some inert, soluble powder. An important advantage, aside from that of securing uniformity and safety, is that the operator need not carry the percolation beyond the point at which it ceases to be profitable (on account of the waste of alcohol), because the extract must be brought to a definite alkaloidal strength. Such an extract can be used with great advantage to make tincture of nux vomica of definite alkaloidal strength. For Beckurts's method of assaying nux vomica see *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 447.

In both the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias the nux vomica is directed in fine powder, but in the latter only are we told how to reduce it to that state. When the extract is kept in powder, it is apt to agglutinate into a tough mass. According to Zippel, this may be prevented by

adding a little water before the close of the evaporation, and then continuing the evaporation to dryness. M. Recluz obtained from sixteen ounces of nux vomica the average product of one ounce and a quarter. Dose, a quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.), equivalent to about $\frac{1}{27}$ of a grain of total alkaloids.

EXTRAC'TUM NUCIS VOMICÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Nux Vomica.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM NŪ'CĬS VŎM'Ị-ÇÆ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Noix-Vomique, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Krähenaugen-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Nux Vomica, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol, and *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of the mixture, to which the Acetic Acid had previously been added, and let it digest, in a well-covered vessel, in a warm place, during forty-eight hours. Then pack it in a cylindrical glass percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until the Nux Vomica is practically exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol by means of a water-bath, transfer the remainder to a tared capsule, evaporate it until it weighs about *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains], and allow it to become cold. Then determine the weight exactly, remove *four grammes* [or 61·728 grains] of the mass, and assay this by the process given under Extract of Nux Vomica (see *Extractum Nucis Vomicæ*), using the amounts of liquids there directed for *two grammes* [or 30·864 grains] of dry extract. From the results thus obtained ascertain, by calculation, the amount of total alkaloids in the remainder of the mass, and then add to the latter, first, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol, and afterwards a sufficient quantity of a mixture of *three volumes* of Alcohol and *one volume* of Water, so that each *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the finished fluid extract shall contain *one and five-tenths grammes* [or 23·148 grains] of total alkaloids." *U. S.*

This fluid extract has been retained principally with the view of giving the pharmacist an accurately adjusted liquid preparation of nux vomica which is more concentrated than the tincture. The process of assay is the same as that for the extract; and most pharmacists will prefer to keep this assayed fluid extract and dilute it to the proper degree to make the tincture: the objection to this method of making tinctures does not apply in this case, as the liquid used as the basis has been accurately adjusted to a definite strength. The dose is three minims (0·18 C.c.), equivalent to about $\frac{1}{218}$ of a grain of total alkaloids.

EXTRACTUM OPII. U. S., Br. Extract of Opium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Extrait d'Opium, Extrait thébaïque, *Fr.;* **Opiumextrakt,** *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Sugar of Milk, recently dried and in fine powder, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Triturate the Powdered Opium in a mortar thoroughly with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water, repeat the trituration occasionally, in the course of twelve hours, then filter through a rapidly-acting, double filter, and wash the filter and residue with Water, until the filtrate is nearly colorless. Concentrate the filtrate and washings in a tared capsule, on a water-bath, until the residue weighs about *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains], and allow it to become cold. Then determine the weight exactly, transfer *twelve grammes* [or 185·18 grains] of it to an Erlenmeyer flask having a capacity of about *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], and determine in this portion the amount of morphine by the process of assay given below, using the quantities of liquids there directed for *four grammes* [or 61·728 grains] of the dry extract. In another portion of *five grammes* [or 77·16 grains] determine the amount of water by drying it in a flat-bottomed capsule, at 100° C. (212° F.), until it ceases to lose weight. From the results thus obtained ascertain, by calculation, the amount of morphine and of water contained in the remainder of the extract, add to this enough well-dried Sugar of Milk to bring the quantity of morphine in the final dry extract to *eighteen per cent.*, then evaporate the whole to dryness, reduce it to powder, and transfer it to small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

"Take of Opium *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *six pints* [Imperial measure].

Macerate the Opium in two pints of the water for twenty-four hours, and express the liquor. Thoroughly mix the residue of the Opium with two pints of Water, macerate again for twenty-four hours, and express. Repeat the operation a third time. Mix the liquors, strain through flannel, and evaporate by a water-bath to about half a pound [av.]." *Br.* "*Test.* Analyzed as described under 'Opium,' this extract should yield about twenty per cent. of morphine."

Assay of Extract of Opium. U. S. "Extract of Opium, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), *four grammes;* Ammonia Water, *two and two-tenths cubic centimeters;* Alcohol, Ether, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Extract of Opium in 30 C.c. of water, filter the solution through a small filter, and wash the filter and residue with water, until all soluble matters are extracted, collecting the washings separately. Evaporate, in a tared capsule, first, the washings to a small volume, then add the first filtrate, and evaporate the whole to a weight of 10 Gm. Rotate the concentrated solution about in the capsule until the rings of extract are redissolved, pour the liquid into a tared Erlenmeyer flask having a capacity of about 100 C.c., and rinse the capsule with a few drops of water at a time, until the entire solution weighs 15 Gm. Then add 7 Gm. (or 8·5 C.c.) of alcohol, shake well, add 20 C.c. of ether, and shake again. Now add the ammonia water from a graduated pipette or burette, stopper the flask with a sound cork, shake it thoroughly during ten minutes, and then set it aside, in a moderately cool place, for at least six hours, or over night. Remove the stopper carefully, and, should any crystals adhere to it, brush them into the flask. Place in a small funnel two rapidly-acting filters, of a diameter of 7 Cm., plainly folded, one within the other (the triple fold of the inner filter being laid against the single side of the outer filter), wet them well with ether, and decant the ethereal solution as completely as possible upon the inner filter. Add 10 C.c. of ether to the contents of the flask, rotate it, and again decant the ethereal layer upon the inner filter. Repeat this operation with another portion of 10 C.c. of ether. Then pour into the filter the liquid in the flask, in portions, in such a way as to transfer the greater portion of the crystals to the filter, and, when this has passed through, transfer the remaining crystals to the filter by washing the flask with several portions of water, using not more than about 10 C.c. in all. Allow the double filter to drain, then apply water to the crystals, drop by drop, until they are practically free from mother-water, and afterwards wash them, drop by drop, from a pipette, with alcohol previously saturated with powdered morphine. When this has passed through, displace the remaining alcohol by ether, using about 10 C.c., or more if necessary. Allow the filter to dry in a moderately warm place, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), until its weight remains constant, then carefully transfer the crystals to a tared watch-glass and weigh them. The weight found, multiplied by 25, represents the amount of crystallized morphine obtained from 100 Gm. of the Extract."

The process for this extract differs from that formerly official in several particulars, powdered opium being used instead of opium, and, notwithstanding that the powdered opium is standardized, the extract is assayed, and the quantity of morphine adjusted to 18 per cent., so that the extract of opium can now be depended upon to contain twice as much morphine as opium of the minimum official strength.

The U. S. P. 1890 process is a great improvement over those formerly official: in addition to the definite strength of the extract, its reduction to a pulverulent form will enable the pharmacist to dispense it more accurately and conveniently.

As purely aqueous preparations of opium have been found to agree better with certain individuals than opium alone or its alcoholic preparations, there is reason to believe that there are in the crude drug one or more principles, capable of causing nausea, headache, nervous disturbance, etc., which are insoluble in water, though extracted by alcohol or ether. (See *Opium Deodoratum.*) M. Guibourt states that this extract, when kept, is apt to swell up, owing, as he at first supposed, to the fermentation of glucose, but he subsequently ascribed the phenomenon to the change of meconic acid into the parameconic, with the escape of carbonic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1860, p. 138.)

EXTRACTUM OPII LIQUIDUM. Br. Liquid Extract of Opium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM Ō'PĮ-Ī LĬQ'UĮ-DŬM—lĭk'wę-dŭm.)

Extrait liquide d'Opium, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Opiumextrakt,** *G.*

"Take of Extract of Opium *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *sixteen fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate the Extract of Opium in the Water for an hour, stirring frequently; then add the Spirit, and filter. The product should measure *one pint* [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

"It contains twenty-two grains of extract of opium, nearly, in one fluidounce. Sp. gr. from 0·985 to 0·995." "*Test.* Analyzed as described under 'Opium,' this liquid extract should yield about one per cent. of morphine." *Br.*

This is a good preparation, one which has long been needed, and in the absence of which from the Pharmacopœia empirical preparations have obtained a certain vogue. It is well known that in opium there are principles soluble in alcohol but not in water, which often produce various disagreeable effects not experienced from the aqueous extract. What was wanted was a liquid preparation meeting this demand. All that was required was to make an aqueous solution of this extract, and to add something to preserve it. The British Pharmacopœia uses alcohol for the purpose, and in the original formula employed it in such proportion that an Imperial pint of the liquid should contain three fluidounces of the spirit, or between one-sixth and one-seventh by measure. But this amount of alcohol, according to Mr. Squire, is insufficient for its preservation, and should be doubled. In the present Pharmacopœia the spirit has been increased to four fluidounces, and the water diminished from seventeen to sixteen fluidounces; but even with this increase the spirit constitutes only one-fifth, which is considerably short of the proportion recommended by Mr. Squire. A preparation similar to the British was made some years since by Mr. Eugene Dupuy, of New York. (See *Opium.*) In the *Deodorized Tincture of Opium* of the U. S. Pharmacopœia the advantages of the preparation have, we think, been still better secured. The dose of the liquid extract, equivalent to a grain of opium, would be about ten minims (0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM PAPAVERIS. Br. Extract of Poppies.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PA-PĀ'VĘ-RĬS.)

Extrait de Pavot, *Fr.;* Mohnextrakt, *G.*

"Take of Poppy Capsules, freed from the seeds, and in No. 20 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *two ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Poppy Capsules with two pints [Imperial measure] of the Water, and infuse for twenty-four hours, stirring frequently; then pack in a percolator, and, adding more of the Water, allow the liquor slowly to pass until about a gallon [Imp. meas.] has been collected, or until the residue is exhausted. Evaporate the liquor by a water-bath until it is reduced to a pint [Imp. meas.], and, when cold, add the Spirit. Let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours; then separate the clear liquor by filtration, and evaporate this by a water-bath, until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The Extract of Poppy Capsules possesses the virtues of opium, but is inferior, and much less uniform in strength. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM PAREIRÆ. Br. Extract of Pareira.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PA-REI'RÆ—pą-rā'rē.)

Extrait de Pareira Brava, *Fr.;* Pareira-Extrakt, *G.*

"Take of Pareira Root, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Digest the Pareira Root with a pint [Imperial measure] of the Water for twenty-four hours, then pack in a percolator, and, adding more of the Water, allow the liquor slowly to pass until about a gallon [Imp. meas.] has been collected, or the Pareira is exhausted. Evaporate the liquor by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

This was formerly directed by the London and Edinburgh Colleges, was omitted in the first British Pharmacopœia, and has been adopted again in the last edition. By the formula of the London College, it was prepared by boiling the root in water, straining while hot, and then evaporating to dryness. The British Pharmacopœia more wisely exhausts the root by percolation, and evaporates by a water-bath, thus avoiding the bad effects of long-continued heat. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM PAREIRÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Pareira.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PA-REI'RÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Pareiræ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Pareira; Extrait liquide de Pareira Brava, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Pareira-Extrakt, *G.*

"Pareira, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the

Glycerin with *seven hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 24 fluidounces, 166 minims] of Alcohol, and *one hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 41 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, until the Pareira is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. *U. S.*

"Take of Extract of Pareira, Distilled Water, Rectified Spirit, of each, *a sufficiency*. Dissolve four parts of the extract in a sufficient quantity of a mixture of one fluid part of rectified spirit and three parts of water to form sixteen fluid parts of liquid extract. Filter, if necessary." *Br.*

The British preparation is a concentrated solution of the extract, preserved by adding somewhat less than one-fourth of its measure of alcohol, and is said to have all the virtues of the root. There must be considerable loss through the action of the heat in evaporating the extract, and again through precipitation, due to attempting to dissolve an aqueous extract in a hydro-alcoholic menstruum; an examination, however, would alone determine whether the precipitate, which is directed to be filtered out, is active. The American fluid extract is made directly from the drug, with diluted alcohol and glycerin, and is undoubtedly the better preparation. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM PHYSOSTIGMATIS. U. S., Br. Extract of Physostigma.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PHŸ-SŌ-STĬG'MĄ-TĬS.)

Extract of Calabar Bean; Extractum Fabæ Calabaricæ, *P. G.;* Extrait de Fève de Calabar, *Fr.;* Kalabarbohnen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Physostigma, in No. 80 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 3½ fluidrachms] of tincture are obtained, or the Physostigma is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; mix this with the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the before-mentioned temperature, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Calabar Bean, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *four pints* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Bean for forty-eight hours with *one pint* [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally, then transfer to a percolator, and, when the fluid ceases to pass, add the remainder of the Spirit so that it may slowly percolate through the powder. Subject the residue of the Bean to pressure, adding the expressed liquor to the product of the percolation; filter, distil off most of the Spirit, and evaporate what is left in the retort by a water-bath to the consistence of a soft extract." *Br.*

As alcohol is a much better solvent than water of the active principles of the bean, it is preferred in making the extract. Dose, from one-sixteenth to one-sixth of a grain (0·004–0·01 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM PHYTOLACCÆ RADICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Phytolacca Root.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PHŸ-TŌ-LĂC'ÇÆ RĄ-DĪ'CĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

"Phytolacca Root, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluid-

ounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Phytolacca Root is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract. Dose, as an alterative, from one to five minims (0·06–0·3 C.c.); as an emetic, thirty minims (1·8 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM PILOCARPI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Pilocarpus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PĪ-LŌ-CĂR'PĪ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

" Pilocarpus, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Pilocarpus is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation represents jaborandi leaves thoroughly. Of the liquid preparations of the drug, the infusion and tincture are both open to objection, the former on account of the bulkiness of the dose, and the latter because of the amount of alcohol it contains. The dose of the fluid extract is from fifteen minims to half a fluidrachm (0·9–1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM PODOPHYLLI. U. S. Extract of Podophyllum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PŎD-Ọ-PHĬL'LĪ.)

Extrait de Podophylle, *Fr.;* Fussblattwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

" Podophyllum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Podophyllum is exhausted. Distil off the Alcohol from the tincture by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This is possessed of the purgative properties of the root, and may be given in the dose of from one to three grains (0·06–0·2 Gm.). From experiments made by Mr. John R. Lewis, it is probable that the alcoholic extract would be more powerful as a purgative than the official preparation; but it does not follow that it would be more serviceable. (See *A. J. P.*, xix.)

EXTRACTUM PODOPHYLLI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Podophyllum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM PŎD-Ọ-PHĬL'LĪ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Podophylle, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Fussblattwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

" Podophyllum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluid-

ounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Podophyllum is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract which well represents the root, but is of very little use. The dose is from five to fifteen minims (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM PRUNI VIRGINIANÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Wild Cherry.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŬM PRŪ'NĪ VĬR-ĢĬN-Ị-Ā'NÆ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Cerisier de Virginie, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Wildkirschenrinden-Extrakt, *G.*

"Wild Cherry, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours; then gradually add menstruum, made in the proportion of *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of Alcohol, to *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Water, and allow the percolation to proceed until the Wild Cherry is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract. Dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation has been practically more troublesome than any of the other fluid extracts. We had first Prof. Procter's original process, then his modified one, in which almonds were used to supply emulsin to assist in the development of hydrocyanic acid. (See U. S. D., 15th edition, p. 637.) This was abandoned as too cumbersome in 1870, and we had the glycerin experiment. The fluid extract of 1870 deposited heavily soon after being made, and was immiscible with aqueous liquids without precipitation. These were fatal objections. The present formula is the result of much careful work on the part of the Committee, and it is believed to be an improvement over all its predecessors.* It is of a very dark wine color, of a rough astringent taste, with a decided odor and taste of hydrocyanic acid. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM QUASSIÆ. U. S., Br. Extract of Quassia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŬM QUĂS'SỊ-Æ.)

Extrait de Quassie (Bois amer), *Fr.;* Quassia-Extrakt, *G.*

"Quassia, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water, pack it firmly in a conical percolator, and gradually pour Water upon

* *Fluid Extract of Wild Cherry* (Improved). This process is advocated by Mr. Cyrus M. Boger, who states that all of the hydrocyanic acid is developed, tannin is excluded as much as possible, and consequently precipitation is reduced to the lowest point. "Take of Ground Wild Cherry Bark, *ten troyounces;* Water and Alcohol, each, *ten fluidounces;* Glycerin, *four fluidrachms*. Moisten the bark with *ten fluidounces* of water and put loosely in the percolator, close tightly, and allow it to macerate sixty hours; then pack very firmly, mix the *ten fluidounces* of alcohol and *four* of glycerin and pour it upon the bark; now cork up the percolator tightly and macerate twenty-four hours longer; at the expiration of this time remove the cork, and about *twelve fluidounces* of percolate will come through; water should now be poured on to force the other four fluidounces out, when the percolation should be stopped and the product will be finished." (*A. J. P.*, 1887, pp. 231, 232.)

it until the infusion passes but slightly imbued with bitterness. Reduce the liquid to three-fourths of its bulk by boiling, and strain; then evaporate, by means of a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Quassia Wood, rasped, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water, *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Quassia with eight fluidounces of the Water for twelve hours; then pack in a percolator, and, adding more of the Water, allow the liquor slowly to pass until the Quassia is exhausted. Evaporate the liquor; filter before it becomes too thick; and again evaporate by a water-bath until the extract is of a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

According to M. Recluz, sixteen ounces of quassia yield by infusion in water seven drachms of extract; by maceration in alcohol of 19° Baumé, two ounces five drachms and a half. The difference between these quantities is so great that we suspect some mistake in the "Dictionnaire des Drogues," from which we quote, although it is known that alcohol yields a larger proportion of extractive than does water or a mixture of alcohol and water. The extract of quassia is dark brown or black, and excessively bitter. It is apt to become dry and disposed to crumble by time. It concentrates a greater amount of tonic power within a given weight than any other extract of the simple bitters, and may, therefore, be given with great advantage in cases in which it is desirable to administer this class of substances in as small a bulk as possible. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), to be given in pill. The alcoholic extract is a better preparation, and the yield is greater, although it is not so powerful; but it is probably wisest to adhere to the aqueous extract, on account of its cheapness.

EXTRACTUM QUASSIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Quassia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM QUÄS'SI-Æ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Quassie, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Quassia-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Quassia, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Quassia is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

An active preparation. Dose, from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM RHAMNI FRANGULÆ. Br. Extract of Rhamnus Frangula.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RHĂM'NĪ FRĂN'GŬ-LÆ.)

Extractum Frangulæ.

"Take of Rhamnus Frangula Bark, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [av.]; Proof Spirit, Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix the Rhamnus with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until three pints [Imp. meas.] of liquor have been collected, or the Rhamnus is exhausted. Evaporate the percolated liquor by a water-bath until the extract has acquired suitable consistence." *Br.*

The bulkiness of its dose, from fifteen to sixty grains (0·9–3·9 Gm.), militates against the use of this extract.

EXTRACTUM RHAMNI PURSHIANÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RHĂM'NĪ PŬR-SHI-Ā'NÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extractum Cascaræ Sagradæ Liquidum, *Br.:* Liquid Extract of Cascara Sagrada.

"Rhamnus Purshiana, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13

fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Rhamnus Purshiana is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract which is in great demand as a popular purgative. The dose is from fifteen to forty-five minims (0·9–2·7 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM RHEI. U. S., Br. Extract of Rhubarb.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RHĒ'Ī.)

Extractum Rhei Alcoholicum; Extrait de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* **Rhubarber-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Rhubarb, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a conical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the tincture passes nearly tasteless. Reserve the first *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of the percolate, and set it aside in a warm place, until it is reduced by spontaneous evaporation to *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims]. Evaporate the remainder of the percolate, in a porcelain vessel, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 70° C. (158° F.), to the consistence of syrup. Mix this with the reserved portion, and continue the evaporation, at or below the before-mentioned temperature, until the mixture is reduced to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.* Mix the Rhubarb with three pints [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with water until five pints [Imp. meas.] of liquor have been collected, or the Rhubarb is exhausted. Evaporate the percolated liquor by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The British extract is probably less active than the U. S. preparation, because the menstruum used to complete the former is more aqueous. Rhubarb yields all its active matter to water and alcohol; but, unless the evaporation be performed with great care and with a moderate heat, it is certain that the purgative principle is to a greater or less extent injured or dissipated in the process; and the extract may thus become even less efficient than the root. Among other consequences which result from the boiling temperature is the formation of a compound of the tannin and starch, which is insoluble in cold water, and upon its precipitation probably carries with it a portion of the purgative principle. There is, moreover, reason to believe that this principle is volatilizable by heat, and that a portion of it escapes with the vapor. When properly prepared, the extract has decidedly the peculiar odor of rhubarb. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·3–0·65 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM RHEI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Rhubarb.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RHĒ'Ī FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Rhubarber-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Rhubarb, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a conical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the

powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Rhubarb is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 70° C. (158° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

Although the process for the fluid extract of rhubarb of U. S. P. 1870 was an improvement on its predecessors, on the addition of water the fluid extract precipitated heavily, so that syrups or mixtures made with it were very unsightly. As the chief use of the fluid extract is in making such preparations, this was very unfortunate, and constituted sufficient grounds for the abandonment of an official formula in favor of one which will exhaust the root of its purgative properties and yet afford an extract that will remain clear when water is added to it. Mr. Geo. Bille claims that all that is necessary is to exhaust the sixteen troyounces of rhubarb with cold water, evaporate, by means of a water-bath, to twelve fluidounces, and add four fluidounces of glycerin. The present process affords a fluid extract which thoroughly represents the root, but it has in a degree the same objection that the former preparation had, immiscibility with syrups and water with loss of transparency. An alkali or an alkaline carbonate dissolves this precipitate, but its use must be limited. The dose for an adult may be from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·9 C.c.) as a purgative, and from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.) as a laxative.

EXTRACTUM RHOIS GLABRÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Rhus Glabra.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM RHŌ'ĬS GLĀ'BRÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Sumac, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Sumach-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Rhus Glabra, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards Diluted Alcohol, until the Rhus Glabra is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

A formula for this preparation was proposed by Prof. J. P. Remington (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 7) which differs from that at present official merely in containing a somewhat larger proportion of glycerin in the menstruum. Experience has shown that this is a valuable preparation of sumach berries, and is a useful addition to mouth and throat washes, gargles, etc.

EXTRACTUM ROSÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Rose.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM RŌ'ŞÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Rose rouge, *Fr.;* **Flüssiges Essigrosenblätter-Extrakt,** *G.*

"Red Rose, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards Diluted Alcohol, until the Red Rose is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the perco-

late, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is a useful adjuvant and an elegant astringent. It is of a deep-red color, with the agreeable flavor of rose. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM RUBI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Rubus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RŪ'BĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide d'Ecorce de Ronce, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Brombeerrinden-Extrakt, *G.*

"Rubus, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol and *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, until the Rubus is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of the percolate. Distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, using the last-named proportions, to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract does not differ essentially from that formerly official. It is a very dark reddish-brown, translucent fluid, having the properties of the root in a marked degree. The dose is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM RUMICIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Rumex.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM RŪ'MĮ-CĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Yellow Dock; Extrait liquide de Patience frisée, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Grindwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Rumex, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Rumex is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

An official fluid extract having a dark yellowish-brown color and the peculiar odor and taste of rumex. The dose is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SABINÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Savine.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĄ-BĪ'NÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Sabine, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Sadebaum-Extrakt, *G.*

"Savine, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight

hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Savine is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is identical with the fluid extract formerly official. It is a dark greenish-black fluid, not mixing well with aqueous liquids without the use of an emulsifying agent. It is rarely given internally. The dose is from three to eight minims (0·18–0·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SANGUINARIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Sanguinaria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĂN-GUI-NĀ'RI-Æ FLŪ'I-DŬM—săng-gwę-nā'rę-ē.)

Fluid Extract of Bloodroot; Extrait liquide de Sanguinarie, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Blutwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Sanguinaria, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Acetic Acid, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol and *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, to which the Acetic Acid had previously been added, and let it macerate, in a well-covered vessel, in a warm place, during forty-eight hours. Then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until the Sanguinaria is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The liquid preparations of sanguinaria all have an unfortunate tendency to precipitate, and this new fluid extract will not prove an exception. It is of a very deep red color. The dose is from three to five minims (0·18–0·3 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SARSAPARILLÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĂR-SĄ-PĄ-RĬL'LÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extractum Sarsæ Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Sarsaparilla; Liquor Sarsæ; Extrait liquide de Salsepareille, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Sarsaparilla-Extrakt, *G.*

"Sarsaparilla, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Sarsaparilla is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Jamaica Sarsaparilla, in No. 40 powder, *forty ounces* [av.]; Proof Spirit *two pints* [Imp. meas.]; Sugar *five ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *twelve pints* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Sarsaparilla with the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for ten days; then press out twenty fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of liquor, and set this aside. Mix the pressed residue with the water, and macerate at 160° F. (71°·1 C.) for sixteen hours, then strain and press out the liquid, dissolve the sugar in this, and evaporate in a water-bath to about eighteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Mix the two liquids, and make up the volume to forty fluidounces [Imp. meas.], by the addition of distilled water." *Br.*

Of these two processes, that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, except in respect to the high price of alcohol, is greatly preferable; and this objection will be in great measure obviated by re-

covering the alcohol, which can be done by using a distillatory apparatus in the evaporation. There can be no doubt that Sarsaparilla is more thoroughly exhausted when submitted, in the state of powder, to percolation with a mixture of diluted alcohol and glycerin, than it can be by maceration and subsequent digestion of the whole root in water, even though continued for twelve hours. The less use of heat in the U. S. process is also a great advantage; and the glycerin is preferable as a preservative to alcohol alone. There is some difficulty in properly mixing the powder with the menstruum, as it is apt to agglutinate in lumps; but this can be obviated by suitable manipulation, and a uniformly moistened mass obtained. The introduction of a simple fluid extract of sarsaparilla into our Pharmacopœia was judicious, as it enables the physician to associate this medicine with others at his pleasure, and in such proportions as he may deem expedient. He may rely upon the efficiency of the preparation, if made with sufficient care and skill and from good parcels of the root. The U. S. fluid extract is a somewhat thickish, scarcely translucent liquid, of a very dark reddish-brown color, and of a sweetish and a slightly, though persistently, acrid taste. The dose is from thirty to sixty minims (1·9–3·75 C.c.), equivalent to the same number of grains of sarsaparilla in substance. The official dose of the British preparation is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SARSAPARILLÆ FLUIDUM COMPOSITUM. U. S.
Compound Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM SĂR-SĄ-PĄ-RĬL'LÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM CǪM-PǑS'Į-TŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Salsepareille composé, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetztes flüssiges Sarsaparilla-Extrakt, *G.*

"Sarsaparilla, in No. 30 powder, *seven hundred and fifty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 199 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Sassafras, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Mezereum, in No. 30 powder, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol and *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the mixed powders with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol to *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Water, until the powder is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, using the last-named proportions, to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

Everything depends in the process upon having the several ingredients equably powdered, mixing them well and duly moistening them, and then packing them properly in the percolator. The moistening of the mixed powders is more easily effected, as they are less disposed to form lumps than is the sarsaparilla powder alone. The preparation is intended to represent, in a concentrated state, the compound decoction of sarsaparilla, having all its ingredients with the exception of the guaiacum wood, which probably adds little to the efficacy of the decoction. It was originally proposed by Wm. Hodgson, Jr. (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 285); and the official process differs from his mainly in the omission of the guaiacum wood, the resin of which, separating during the evaporation, somewhat embarrassed the process, without adding to the virtues of the extract. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SCILLÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Squill.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM SǪĬL'LÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Scille, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Meerzwiebel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Squill, in No. 20 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water,

and, having moistened the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the mixture, pack it in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Squill is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract differs from the one official in 1870 in containing no glycerin in the menstruum. It is a clear red liquid, which is useful for combining with stimulant expectorants, such as ammonium carbonate, which are incompatible with the official syrup of squill. Prof. J. U. Lloyd recommends diluted acetic acid for a menstruum, and that this fluid extract should be made half strength,—*i.e.*, 2 C.c. represent 1 Gm. (See *Am. Drug.*, 1886, p. 202.) The dose of the official fluid extract as an expectorant is from two to three minims (0·12–0·18 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SCOPARII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Scoparius.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SCO-PĀ'RI-Ī FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Broom.

" Scoparius, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Scoparius is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract. It is difficult to avoid precipitation in the preparation, but fortunately the precipitate is not active. Dose, from twenty to forty minims (1·3–2·6 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SCUTELLARIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Scutellaria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SCŪ-TĘL-LĀ'RI-Æ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Skullcap; Extrait liquide de Scutellaire, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Helmkraut-Extrakt, *G.*

" Scutellaria, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Scutellaria is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

A fluid extract, thoroughly representing the activity of Scutellaria. It is of a dark greenish-brown color, and is given in the dose of from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SENEGÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Senega.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĔN'Ę-GÆ FLŪ'I-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Polygale de Virginie, Extrait liquide de Sénéca, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Senega-Extrakt, *G.*

" Senega, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Ammonia Water, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient*

quantity, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Ammonia Water with *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol and *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, until the Senega is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, in a porcelain capsule, to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of the last-mentioned mixture of Alcohol and Water to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

Formerly Fluid Extract of Senega was very frequently the cause of annoyance to the pharmacist through gelatinization. This was due to the presence of pectinous bodies in the root. The addition of an alkali to the menstruum effectually prevents this, and in this respect the present preparation is a great improvement over the 1870 fluid extract. It is a blackish-brown, moderately thin liquid. Dose, from one to five minims (0·06–0·3 C.c.). For other processes, see *N. R.*, 1883, pp. 195, 196.

EXTRACTUM SENNÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Senna.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĔN'NÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Séné, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Senna-Extrakt, *G.*

"Senna, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol until the Senna is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The official fluid extract of senna of 1870 differed materially from that of the Pharmacopœias of 1850 and 1860, containing neither sugar, oil of fennel, nor Hoffmann's anodyne. It was deemed better to leave to the prescriber the choice of the volatile oil, and to depend for the preservation of the fluid extract upon the glycerin and what might remain of the alcohol after the evaporation. The present official fluid extract, which is practically identical with that of the U. S. P. 1880, is very different from that of 1870, which contained 50 per cent. of glycerin. There is no glycerin in the menstruum now, and there really seems to be no occasion for its use. The fluid extract is a dark, blackish, thick, and somewhat turbid liquid, with a strong flavor of senna. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.) for an adult. In consequence of its griping tendency, it should be mixed with one of the volatile oils, as of fennel, anise, or caraway, in the proportion of about two minims (0·12 C.c.) to the fluidounce (30 C.c.). It is well adapted for exhibition with saline cathartics, such as Epsom salt or cream of tartar, which also obviate its griping. In this case not more than one-half of the full dose of the fluid extract should be given at once.

EXTRACTUM SERPENTARIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Serpentaria.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM SĔR-PĘN-TĀ'RĮ-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Virginia Snake Root; Extrait liquide de Serpentaire, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Schlangenwurz-Extrakt, *G.*

"Serpentaria, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims]

of Alcohol with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Serpentaria is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This, though simply a concentrated tincture, is a good preparation, containing the virtues of the root within a small bulk. The fluid extract of serpentaria originated with Mr. J. C. Savery, whose formula was published in the eleventh edition of the U. S. Dispensatory (page 713). It was afterwards modified by Mr. A. B. Taylor (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 206). In the present preparation the alcoholic strength of menstruum is slightly less than that of the fluid extract of U. S. P. 1870. The fluid extract is thin, reddish brown, and transparent, having the peculiar bitterness and odor of the root in perfection. Dose, from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·9 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM SPIGELIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Spigelia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM SPĮ-ĢĒ'LĮ-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Pink Root; Extrait liquide de Spigélie, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Spigelien-Extrakt, *G.*

"Spigelia, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Spigelia is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation differs from that formerly official in having no glycerin in the menstruum; the U. S. P. 1870 fluid extract had 50 per cent.

The fluid extract of spigelia is a dark-brown, translucent liquid, with the flavor of the root. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.) for an adult, from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.) for a child two or three years old, to be repeated morning and evening for three or four days, and then followed by a brisk cathartic. It is, however, most used in connection with the fluid extract of senna; the fluid extract of spigelia and senna formerly official being an excellent combination, which should not have been dropped from the Pharmacopœia.*

EXTRACTUM STILLINGIÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Stillingia.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM STĮL-LĬN'ĢĮ-Æ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Stillingie, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Stillingia-Extrakt, *G.*

"Stillingia, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Stillingia is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centi-*

* *Extractum Spigeliæ et Sennæ Fluidum*, U. S. 1870. *Fluid Extract of Spigelia and Senna.* "Take of Fluid Extract of Spigelia *ten fluidounces*; Fluid Extract of Senna *six fluidounces*; Oil of Anise, Oil of Caraway, each, *twenty minims*. Mix the Fluid Extracts, and dissolve the Oils in the mixture." *U. S.* 1870.

It combines the cathartic property of senna with the anthelmintic virtues of pinkroot, and is a very good vermifuge, being generally acceptable to the stomach, and not offensive to the taste. The dose is from two fluidrachms to half a fluidounce (7·5–15 C.c.) for an adult, from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.) for a child two years old.

meters [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

The glycerin in the menstruum has been abandoned in this fluid extract, which is of a dark reddish-brown color; and the dose is from fifteen to forty-five minims (0·9–2·8 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM STRAMONII SEMINIS. U. S. (Br.) Extract of Stramonium Seed. [Extractum Stramonii, Pharm. 1880.]

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM STRĄ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SĒM'Į-NĪS.)

Extractum Stramonii, *Br.;* Extract of Stramonium; Extrait de Semences de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Stechapfelsamen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Stramonium Seed, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 212 minims] of tincture are obtained, or the Stramonium Seed is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; mix this with the reserved portion, and by means of a water-bath, evaporate, at or below the before-mentioned temperature, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

"Take of Stramonium Seeds, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Ether *one pint* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water, Proof Spirit, of each, *a sufficiency.* Shake the Ether in a bottle with half a pint of the Water, and after separation decant the Ether. Pack the Stramonium in a percolator, and free it from its oil by passing the washed Ether slowly through it. Having removed and rejected the ethereal solution, pour the Spirit over the residue of the Stramonium in the percolator and allow it to pass through slowly until the powder is exhausted. Distil off most of the Spirit from the tincture, and evaporate the residue by a water-bath until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

This is the same extract as that official in the U. S. P. 1880, the fact that it is prepared from the seed instead of the leaves being shown by the title, which now has "Seminis" attached. This preparation was omitted from the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860, but, in accordance with suggestions made in the U. S. Dispensatory, was reinstated at the revision of 1870. It is an excellent preparation, not only stronger, but more uniform, and therefore more to be relied on, than any other official extract of stramonium. As the seeds yield their virtues more freely to spirit than to water alone, the Pharmacopœias have very properly adopted diluted alcohol as the menstruum. The use of the ether is to separate inert fatty matter, and consequently to make the extract stronger than when prepared according to the Br. process of 1864, in which ether was not used; and the ether is washed, to separate any alcohol contained in it, which might dissolve the active matter. According to the table of Recluz, sixteen ounces of the seed afford two ounces and two drachms of extract by maceration in diluted alcohol, and one ounce and a half by decoction. Dose, from one-sixth to one-quarter of a grain (0·010–0·016 Gm.).

EXTRACTUM STRAMONII SEMINIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Stramonium Seed. [Extractum Stramonii Fluidum, Pharm. 1880.]

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM STRĄ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SĒM'Į-NĪS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Semences de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Stechapfelsamen-Extrakt, *G.*

"Stramonium Seed, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Stramonium

Seed is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract the menstruum of which is well adapted for thoroughly exhausting the seed. It is of a dark-brown color. The dose is from one to two minims (0·06–0.12 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM TARAXACI. U. S., Br. Extract of Taraxacum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM TA-RĂX'Ą-CĪ.)

Extract of Dandelion; Extrait de Dent-de-Lion, *Fr.;* Löwenzahn-Extrakt, *G.*

"Taraxacum, freshly gathered in autumn, *a convenient quantity*. Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Slice the Taraxacum, and bruise it in a stone mortar, sprinkling Water over it from time to time, until it is reduced to a pulp; then express and strain the juice, and evaporate it in a vacuum-apparatus, or in a shallow porcelain dish, by means of a water-bath, to a pilular consistence. Keep the Extract in a close vessel, and cover its surface with a cloth, which ought to be moistened occasionally with a little ether or chloroform." *U. S.*

"Take of Fresh Dandelion Root *four pounds* [avoirdupois]. Crush the root; press out the juice, and allow it to deposit; then heat the clear liquor to 212° F. (100° C.), and maintain the temperature for ten minutes; then strain, and evaporate by a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 160° F. (71°·1 C.), until the extract has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

This extract is undoubtedly stronger prepared from the root alone than from the whole plant. It is important that the root should be collected at the right season. The juice expressed from it in the spring is thin, watery, and of a feeble flavor; in the latter part of the summer, and in autumn, thick, opaque, cream-colored, very bitter, and abundant, amounting to one-third or one-half its weight. It may be collected in August, and afterwards until severe frost. According to Mr. Squire, frost has the effect of diminishing the bitterness and increasing the sweetness of the root. An extract prepared by inspissating the juice, as in the present U. S. and Br. processes, is much more efficient than that prepared in the old way by decoction. The inspissation should be effected by exposing the juice in shallow vessels to a current of warm dry air, or by evaporation in a vacuum, and should not be unnecessarily protracted. Long exposure during evaporation changes the bitterness of the juice into sweetness, which is a sign of inferiority. In the British process it is wisely directed that before the evaporation of the juice it shall be exposed for a short time to a heat sufficient to coagulate the albumen, which is then separated and rejected as useless; it is indeed injurious, by favoring decomposition. As often found in the shops, the extract is dark-colored, sweet, and in all probability nearly inert. Mr. Houlton took more than an ounce of it in a day, without any sensible effect. (*P. J. Tr.*, i. 421.) When prepared from the root and leaves together, it has a greenish color. Mr. Brande states that one cwt. of the fresh root affords from twenty to twenty-five pounds of extract by decoction in water. The expressed juice yields from 11 to 25 per cent. of extract, the greatest product being obtained from plants collected in November, and the least in April and May. This extract deteriorates by keeping, and the official direction to apply occasionally the vapor of chloroform or ether to the surface is useful in this connection. It is conveniently given in an aromatic water. The dose is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·95 Gm.) three times a day.

EXTRACTUM TARAXACI FLUIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Fluid Extract of Taraxacum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM TA-RĂX'Ą-CĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extractum Taraxaci Liquidum, *Br.;* Liquid Extract of Dandelion; Fluid Extract of Dandelion; Extrait liquide de Pissenlit, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Löwenzahn-Extrakt, *G.*

"Taraxacum, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*. To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Diluted Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Diluted Alcohol, until the Taraxacum is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty*

cubic centimeters [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate; distil off the Alcohol from the remainder by means of a water-bath, and evaporate the residue to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

"Take of Dry Dandelion Root, in No. 20 powder, *forty ounces* [av.]; Proof Spirit *four pints* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Dandelion with the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for forty-eight hours; then press out *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of liquid, and set this aside. Mix the pressed residue with *two or three pints* of the water, and again macerate for forty-eight hours; press out and strain the liquid; evaporate this by a water-bath to about *eighteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the two liquids, and make up the volume to *forty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] by the addition of Distilled Water. Finally filter." *Br.*

The activity of this preparation depends more upon the proper selection of the root than upon anything else. The process of exhausting the drug is not difficult, and one of the best tests of this fluid extract is its bitter taste. It is a blackish, moderately thick liquid, which may be given in doses of from one to three fluidrachms (3·75–11·25 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM TRITICI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Triticum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM TRĬT'Ị-CĪ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Couch-grass Root; Extrait liquide de petit Chiendent, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Queckenwurzel-Extrakt, *G.*

"Triticum, finely cut, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Pack the Triticum in a cylindrical percolator, pour Boiling Water upon it, and allow the percolation to proceed, supplying boiling water, as required, until the Triticum is exhausted. Evaporate the percolate to *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims], and, having added to it *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters*] or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Alcohol, mix well and set it aside for forty-eight hours. Then filter the liquid and add to the filtrate enough of a mixture of Alcohol and Water made in the proportion of *one volume* of Alcohol to *three volumes* of Water to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is a valuable preparation. The German Pharmacopœia directs an *Extractum Graminis*, made by digesting 1 part of Triticum with 6 parts of hot water for six hours, straining, evaporating to a syrup, mixing 1 part of this extract with 4 parts of cold distilled water, filtering, and evaporating to an extract. The fluid extract is preferable, as the excessive use of heat is avoided. The dose is from three to six fluidrachms (11·25–22·5 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM UVÆ URSI. U. S. Extract of Uva Ursi.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ū'VÆ ŪR'SĪ.)

"Uva Ursi, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Uva Ursi is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate; evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to *one hundred cubic centimetres* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Mix this with the reserved portion, and evaporate, at or below the before-mentioned temperature, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

On account of its efficiency and its capability of being given in capsule, this new preparation ought to be extremely popular. Dose, from one-half to one drachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM UVÆ URSI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Uva Ursi.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM Ū'VÆ ŪR'SĪ FLŪ-Ị-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Busserole, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Bärentraubenblätter-Extrakt, *G.*

"Uva Ursi, in No. 30 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a*

sufficient quantity, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix the Glycerin with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol and *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the proportion of *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol to *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, until the Uva Ursi is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough of the mixture of Alcohol and Water to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This preparation is a thickish, black liquid, of a sweet, bitterish, astringent, but not very disagreeable taste. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM VALERIANÆ FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Valerian.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā'NÆ FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Valériane, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Baldrian-Extrakt, *G.*

"Valerian, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Valerian is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ drachms]." *U. S.*

This is a concentrated tincture, strong both in alcohol and in the virtues of valerian. It is probable that all or nearly all the volatile ingredients of the root are extracted by the reserved portion which first passes, and which, not being exposed to evaporation, loses none of the volatile oil and acid that have been dissolved; while the soluble matter subsequently extracted, consisting chiefly of the fixed principles, will not be dissipated by the concentration ordered. The fluid extract may therefore be considered as fully representing the virtues of the root. The formula is, with some modification, that of Prof. Grahame (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 379). The preparation is a dark brownish-red liquid, transparent in thin layers, with the smell and taste of valerian. The dose is about a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM VERATRI VIRIDIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Veratrum Viride.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM VĘ-RĀ'TRĪ VĪR'Į-DĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Vératre américain, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Grüngermerwurz-Extrakt, *G.*

"Veratrum Viride, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the

Veratrum Viride is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

It may be doubted whether this fluid extract is among those demanded by the wants of the profession. We have already a tincture, which, supposing none of the virtues of the medicine to be lost in preparing the fluid extract, will be at least half as strong, and at all events is quite strong enough. It is true that the proportion of alcohol is somewhat less in the fluid extract; but in so powerful a preparation this is of little consequence. The tincture itself purports to be saturated; and, though it is probable that, by the concentration of the alcoholic solution, more of the active matter is held by it in the same measure of alcohol than by the tincture, the necessity of multiplying the number of preparations of a powerful drug where the dose is small is not apparent. It would be injudicious to prescribe more of it, as a commencing dose, than from one to two minims (0·06–0·12 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM VIBURNI OPULI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Viburnum Opulus.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM VĪ-BŪR'NĪ ŎP'Ŭ-LĪ FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

Fluid Extract of Black Haw; Extrait liquide de Viburné, *Fr.*

"Viburnum Opulus, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Viburnum Opulus is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a new official fluid extract: there seems to be little necessity for two fluid extracts of viburnum. The dose is from one half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM VIBURNI PRUNIFOLII FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Viburnum Prunifolium.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TUM VĪ-BŪR'NĪ PRŪ-NĮ-FŌ'LĮ-Ī FLŪ'Ị-DŬM.)

"Viburnum Prunifolium, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Mix *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 217 minims] of Water, and, having moistened the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters*, [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, using the same proportions of Alcohol and Water as before, until the Viburnum Prunifolium is exhausted. Reserve the first *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough menstruum to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This is a fluid extract which well represents the drug. It is of a dark reddish-brown color. The dose is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM XANTHOXYLI FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Xanthoxylum.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM XĄN-THŎX'Ų-LĪ FLŪ'Į-DŬM—ząn-thŏk'sę-lī.)

Fluid Extract of Prickly Ash; Extrait liquide de Frêne épineux, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Zahnwehholz-Extrakt, *G.*

"Xanthoxylum, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Xanthoxylum is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract thoroughly represents the virtues of the drug. The dose is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

EXTRACTUM ZINGIBERIS FLUIDUM. U. S. Fluid Extract of Ginger.

(ĘX-TRĂC'TŲM ZĮN-ĢĬB'Ę-RĬS FLŪ'Į-DŬM.)

Extrait liquide de Gingembre, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Ingwer-Extrakt, *G.*

"Ginger, in No. 40 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until the Ginger is exhausted. Reserve the first *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 207 minims] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder, at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms]." *U. S.*

This fluid extract is a highly concentrated alcoholic solution of the active principles of ginger. It is transparent, and of a reddish color. Dose, from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

FARINA TRITICI. Br. Wheaten Flour.

(FĄ-RĪ'NĄ TRĬT'Į-CĪ.)

"The grain of Triticum sativum, Lam., ground and sifted." *Br.* Nat. Ord. Graminaceæ.

Wheat Flour; Farine de Froment, *Fr.:* Weizenmehl, *G.;* Farina di Frumento, *It.;* Flor del Trigo, Acemite, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx two-valved, solitary, transverse, many-flowered, on a flexuose, toothed receptacle. *Rees's Cyclopædia.*

Triticum hybernum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 477.—*T. vulgare*, var. *β hybernum.* Kunth, *Gramin.* 438. The *common winter wheat* has a fibrous root and one or more erect, round, smooth, jointed stems, which rise from three to five feet in height, and are furnished with linear, pointed, entire, flat, many-ribbed, rough, somewhat glaucous leaves, and jagged bearded stipules. The flowers are in a solitary, terminal, dense, smooth spike, two or three inches long. The calyx is four-flowered, tumid, imbricated, abrupt, with a short compressed point. In the upper part of the spike it is more elongated; and in this situation the corolla is more or less awned. The grain is imbricated in four rows.

The native country of wheat is unknown; but its cultivation is supposed to have spread from Sicily over Europe. Numerous varieties have been produced by cultivation, some of which are usually described as distinct species. Among these may perhaps be ranked *T. æstivum*, or spring wheat, distinguished by its long beards, and *T. compositum*, or Egyptian wheat, by its compound spikes. The seeds are prepared for use by grinding and sifting, by which the interior farinaceous part is separated from the husk. The former is divided according to its fineness into different portions, but so far as regards its medical relations may be considered under one head, that of *farina* or *flour*. The latter is called *bran*, and constitutes from 25 to 33 per cent.

Flour is white, inodorous, and nearly insipid. Its chief constituents are starch, gluten, al-

bumen, saccharine matter, and gum, the proportions of which are not constant. Clifford Richardson (*Bulletin No. 9, U. S. Department of Agriculture*, 1886) gives as the average of 27 analyses of wheat the following composition: moisture, 9·25; ash, 1·84; oil, 2·30; sugar, 3·50; dextrin and soluble starch, 2·30; starch, 67.88; albuminoids soluble in 80-per-cent. alcohol, 3·58; albuminoids insoluble in 80-per-cent. alcohol, 7·45; fibre, 1·90; total, 100.* The gummy substance found in wheat flour is not precisely identical with ordinary gum, as it contains nitrogen, and does not yield mucic acid by the action of nitric acid. The starch, which is by far the most abundant ingredient, is much employed in a separate state. (See *Amylum.*) The gluten, however, is not less important, as it is to the large proportion of this principle in wheat flour that it owes its superiority over that from other grains for the preparation of bread. The gluten here referred to is the substance first noticed as a distinct principle by Beccaria. It is the soft, viscid, fibrous mass which remains when wheat flour enclosed in a linen bag is exposed to the action of a stream of water and at the same time pressed with the fingers till the liquor comes away colorless. But this has been ascertained to consist, in fact, of two different substances. When boiled in alcohol, one portion of it is dissolved, while another remains unaffected. Einhof ascertained that the part of the glutinous mass left behind by alcohol is identical with *vegetable albumen*, while the dissolved portion only is strictly entitled to the name of *gluten*, which had been previously applied to the whole mass. As these two principles are contained in numerous vegetable products, and as they are frequently referred to in this work, it is proper that they should be briefly noticed. They both contain nitrogen, and both, when left to themselves in a moist state, undergo putrefaction. From these circumstances, and from their close resemblance to certain proximate animal principles in chemical habitudes and relations, they were sometimes called, in old works on chemistry, *vegeto-animal substances.* They are separated from each other by boiling the gluten of Beccaria, above referred to, with successive portions of alcohol, till the liquid, filtered while yet hot, ceases to become turbid on cooling. The proper gluten dissolves, and may be obtained by adding water to the solution and distilling off the alcohol. Large cohering flakes float in the liquor, which, when removed, form a viscid elastic mass, consisting of the substance in question with slight impurity. The part left behind by the alcohol is coagulated albumen.

Pure *gluten*, sometimes called *vegetable fibrin*, is a pale yellow, adhesive, elastic substance, which by drying becomes more deeply yellow and translucent. It is almost insoluble in water, and quite insoluble in ether and in the oils, both fixed and volatile. Hot alcohol dissolves it much more readily than cold; and from its solution in boiling alcohol it separates unchanged when the liquor cools. It is soluble in the dilute acids, and in caustic alkaline solutions, in consequence of forming soluble compounds with the acids and alkalies. With the earths and metallic oxides it forms nearly insoluble compounds, which are precipitated when earthy or metallic salts are added to the solution of gluten in solution of potassa. Corrosive sublimate precipitates it from its acid as well as alkaline solutions, and, added in solution to moist gluten, forms a compound with it, which, when dry, is hard, opaque, and incorruptible. Gluten is precipitated by infusion of galls. Its name originated in its adhesive property. It exists in most farinaceous grains, and in the seeds of some leguminous plants.

Vegetable albumen is destitute of adhesiveness, and, when dried, is opaque and of a white, gray, or brown color. Before coagulation, it is soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol. By heat it coagulates and becomes insoluble in water. It is dissolved by solutions of the caustic alkalies. Most of the acids, if added to its solution in excess, precipitate compounds of the acids respectively with the albumen, which, though soluble in pure water, are insoluble in that liquid when acidulated. It is not, however, precipitated by an excess of phosphoric or acetic acid. Its relations to the earthy and metallic salts are similar to those of gluten. Corrosive sublimate precipitates it from its solutions, except from those in phosphoric and acetic acids, and, when added in a state of solution to moist albumen, forms with it a hard, opaque com-

* A very elaborate investigation into the phosphates in wheat grain, as to their bases, the relative proportion of the soluble and insoluble phosphates, the relative quantity in which they exist in different parts of the grains, and other interesting points, has been made by F. Crace Calvert, and published in the *Chemical News* (Sept. 10, 1869, p. 121), to which the reader is referred. We have space for a very few only of the facts developed. One of the facts, which had been previously shown by Fresenius, is that almost the whole of the ashes of wheat consists of phosphates. Of these, nearly two-thirds are soluble in water, and are mainly potassium and magnesium phosphates, the insoluble salts being calcium and iron phosphates, with a little of the insoluble magnesian phosphate $Mg_3(PO_4)_2$. Another highly important fact is that by far the larger proportion of the phosphates exists in the parts separated in the sifting of the flour; and our fine white bread is, therefore, greatly deficient in one of the most essential elements of nutrition. Further, M. Mège-Mouries discovered in the inner cortical part of the wheat a peculiar ferment, which rapidly changes starch into sugar: in the making of fine flour this is lost.

pound. It is also precipitated by infusion of galls. This principle derived its name from its very close resemblance to animal albumen. It is associated with gluten in most of the farinaceous grains, is a constituent of all the seeds which form a milky emulsion with water, and exists in all the vegetable juices which coagulate by heat.

The mixture of vegetable fibrin and albumen which constitutes the gluten of Beccaria exercises an important influence over starch, which, with the presence of water, and the aid of a moderate heat, it converts partly into gum and partly into sugar. The production of saccharine matter in the germination of seeds, and in malting, which is an example of germination, is thus explained. The gluten becomes acid in the process, and loses the property of reacting on starch.

It is thought by some chemists that *vegetable albumen* is identical in all respects with *animal albumen*, and the *gluten* of vegetables with animal *fibrin*, and that both these principles, as well as another named *casein*, found also both in the animal and in the vegetable kingdom, belong to a class of compounds termed *proteids*. *Proteids* consist of nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and sulphur, and their average composition may be expressed by the empirical formula $C_{72}H_{112}N_{18}O_{22}S$.

A poisonous alkaloid has been detected by Mr. Ballaud in flour which had been kept in sacks for twelve or eighteen months. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 368.)

It is scarcely necessary to state that bread is formed by making flour into a paste with water, with the addition of yeast, setting it aside to ferment, and then exposing it to the heat of an oven. The fermentation excited by the yeast is accompanied with the extrication of carbonic acid gas, which, being retained by the tenacity of the gluten, forms innumerable little cells throughout the mass, and thus renders the bread light.* Alcohol is also generated during the fermentation, most of which is driven off from the bread in baking; but a small portion remains, averaging, according to Mr. Thos. Polas, 0·314 per cent. (*Chem. News*, May 30, 1873.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Wheat flour in its unaltered state is seldom used in medicine. It is sometimes sprinkled on the skin in erysipelatous inflammation, and in various itching or burning eruptions, particularly the nettle-rash; though rye flour is generally preferred for this purpose.

Bread is more employed. An infusion of toasted bread in water is a nutritive drink well adapted to febrile complaints. Within our experience, no drink has been found more grateful in such cases than this infusion, sweetened with a little sugar, and flavored by lemon-juice. Boiled with milk, bread forms a good emollient poultice, which may be improved by the addition of a little perfectly fresh lard. Slices of it steeped in lead water, and the crumb mixed with the fluid and confined within gauze, afford a convenient mode of applying this preparation to local inflammations. The crumb (*mica panis*) is, moreover, frequently used to give bulk to minute doses of very active medicines administered in the form of pill. It should be recollected that it always contains common salt, which is incompatible with certain substances, as, for example, silver nitrate.

Bran is sometimes used in decoction, as a demulcent in catarrhal affections and complaints of the bowels. When taken in substance, it is laxative, and may be used with advantage to prevent costiveness. Bran bread, made from the unsifted flour, is an excellent laxative article of diet in some dyspeptic cases. The action of the bran is probably mechanical, consisting in the irritation produced upon the mucous membrane of the bowels by its coarse particles. Bran also forms an excellent demulcent bath.

* Clifford Richardson gives the following result of the analysis of ordinary family loaf bread: water, 37·30 per cent.; soluble albuminoids, 1·19; insoluble albuminoids, 6·85; fat, 0·60; sugar, 2.16; dextrin, 2·85; starch, 47·03; fibre, 0·85; ash, 1·17: total, 100.

Adulteration of bread. Among the adulterations of bread practised by the bakers, alum, employed to cause whiteness and thus cover defects in the flour, is perhaps the one which has most attracted notice, and which, being sometimes noxious, it is most important to be able to test. One of the means of detection recommended is that of incineration, by which the bread is consumed, while the alum, if there be any, is left behind. But this method is somewhat tedious; and logwood has been recommended as being at once most convenient, and, according to Mr. John Horsley, "*perfectly reliable*," if applied as he directs. The following is Mr. Horsley's method, by which in the county of Gloucester, England, alone, in the course of two surveys, he succeeded in obtaining two hundred convictions out of some thousands of cases examined by him. He first makes a tincture of logwood by digesting, for eight hours, two drachms of freshly cut chips in five ounces of methylated spirit and filtering; next makes a saturated solution of ammonium carbonate in distilled water; then mixes a teaspoonful of each solution with a wineglass of water in a white-ware dish, thus forming a pink-colored liquid; and lastly immerses a portion of the suspected bread, "for five minutes or so," in the mixed fluids. If alum be present, the bread, placed on a plate to drain, will in the course of an hour or two assume a blue color; if not present, the pink color will fade away. The appearance of a greenish color on drying will indicate the presence of copper. (*Chem. News*, May 17, 1872, p. 1872.) For some modifications of this method by Herz, see *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 676.

FEL BOVIS. U. S. Oxgall. [Fel Tauri.]

(FĔL BŌ'VĬS.)

"The fresh bile of Bos Taurus, Linné (class, Mammalia; order, Ruminantia)." *U. S.*

Chemical researches of a very thorough character have thrown much light on the subject of the constituents of gall. The most characteristic constituents of all galls, of whatever origin, are, first, the sodium or potassium salts of certain resinous acids known collectively as the "gall-acids," and, secondly, certain coloring matters known as "gall-pigments." The gall acids thus far made known are *glycocholic acid*, $C_{26}H_{43}NO_6$; *taurocholic acid*, $C_{26}H_{45}NSO_7$; *hyoglycocholic acid*, $C_{27}H_{43}NO_5$; *hyotaurocholic acid*, $C_{27}H_{45}NSO_6$; and *chenotaurocholic acid*, $C_{29}H_{49}NSO_6$. Of these, the first two occur in oxgall as sodium salts, although sometimes (in green gall) the first one is absent. The bilicholic acid and bilifellinic acid of Berzelius, as well as fellic and fellinic acids, appear to have been mixtures. The solutions of these gall-acids, as well as their alkaline salts, give on addition of sugar and a drop of sulphuric acid a clear and strong purplish-red color (Pettenkofer's gall test). Drechsel modifies Pettenkofer's test as follows. Add to the concentrated alkaline solution of the biliary salts syrupy phosphoric acid. Next add a little cane sugar, and heat the test-tube by setting it in the neck of a flask containing boiling water. After a short heating a characteristic red or reddish-violet color will make its appearance, even if only traces of biliary acids are present. (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 120.) They are also decomposed by the action of baryta water into non-nitrogenous acids and amido-compounds, as will be seen in the following reactions:

$$\underset{\text{Glycocholic acid.}}{C_{26}H_{43}NO_6} + H_2O = \underset{\text{Cholic acid.}}{C_{24}H_{40}O_5} + \underset{\text{Glycine.}}{C_2H_5NO_2}$$

$$\underset{\text{Taurocholic acid.}}{C_{26}H_{45}NO_7S} + H_2O = \underset{\text{Cholic acid.}}{C_{24}H_{40}O_5} + \underset{\text{Taurine.}}{C_2H_7NO_3S}.$$

The gall-pigments are very unstable organic coloring matters, so that their individuality cannot be said to be very thoroughly established. The recent researches of Staedeler (*Verhand. d. Naturf. Ges. in Zürich*, 8) and R. Maly (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 132, p. 129) have, however, given us a better knowledge of them. They are *bilirubin*, $C_{32}H_{36}N_4O_6$; *biliverdin*, $C_{32}H_{36}N_4O_8$; *bilifuscin*, $C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_4$ (?); and *biliprasin*, $C_{16}H_{22}N_2O_6$ (?). Of these, the first two seem to exist originally in the gall, and the others are probably derived from them. Hoppe-Seyler (*Deut. Chem. Ges. Ber.*, 7, p. 1065) has shown that the hæmoglobin and hæmatin of the blood can be changed into hydrobilirubin, a derivative of bilirubin, so that the origin of these gall-pigments seems to be clearly shown. Oxgall contains, in addition, *cholesterine*, *choline*, *urea*, fats, which are the *glycerides of acetic and propionic acids*, mucus, and some inorganic salts, such as sodium and potassium chlorides, and sodium, potassium, calcium, and magnesium phosphates. The *sodium glycocholate* and *taurocholate* may be separated in the following manner. Dry ox-bile is treated with absolute alcohol, and the tincture precipitated by ether in excess. Both salts are deposited, and the glycocholate crystallizes upon standing, the taurocholate remaining in an amorphous form, resembling oily or resinous matter. They may be separated more completely by taking advantage of their different relations to lead acetate and subacetate. Both the acids are precipitated by the subacetate, the glycocholate only by the acetate. If the deposit above referred to be dissolved in water, solution of lead acetate will throw down a lead glycocholate, while the addition of the lead subacetate to the remainder will precipitate the taurocholate. The acids may be separated from the salts of lead by sulphuric acid, and then recombined with soda.

Properties. "A brownish-green or dark-green, somewhat viscid liquid, having a peculiar, unpleasant odor, and a disagreeable, bitter taste. Specific gravity, 1·018 to 1·028 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is neutral, or has a faintly alkaline reaction on litmus paper. A mixture of 2 drops of Oxgall and 10 C.c. of water, when treated, first with a drop of a freshly-prepared solution of 1 part of sugar in 4 parts of water, and afterwards with sulphuric acid, cautiously added, until the precipitate first formed is redissolved, gradually acquires a brownish-red color, changing, successively, to carmine, purple, and violet." *U. S.*

FEL BOVIS PURIFICATUM. U. S. (Br.) Purified Oxgall.

(FĔL BŌ'VĬS PŪ-RĮ-FĮ-CĀ'TŬM.)

"The purified gall of the Ox; Bos Taurus." *Br.*

Fel Bovinum Purificatum, *Br.;* Purified Ox Bile; Fel Tauri Depuratum, *P. G.;* Extractum Fellis Bovini; Fiel de Bœuf purifiée, *Fr.;* Gereinigte Ochsengalle (Rindsgalle), *G.*

"Fresh Oxgall, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims]; Alcohol, *one*

hundred cubic centimeters [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Evaporate the Oxgall, in a tared porcelain capsule, on a water-bath, to about *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains], then add to it the Alcohol, mix the whole thoroughly, and set it aside, well covered, for three or four days. Then decant the clear solution, filter the remainder, and, having mixed the liquids and distilled off the Alcohol, evaporate the remainder to a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

" Fresh Ox Bile *one pint* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Evaporate the bile to five fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and mix it with half a pint [Imp. meas.] of the spirit by agitation in a bottle, setting the mixture aside for twelve hours or until the sediment subsides. Decant the clear solution, and filter the remainder, washing the filter and contents with a little more of the spirit. Distil off most of the spirit from the mixed liquids, and evaporate the residue in a porcelain dish by the heat of a water-bath until it acquires a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The object of this preparation is to furnish purified concentrated Oxgall in a condition fitted for internal administration. The addition of Alcohol to the concentrated liquid is for the purpose of separating mucilaginous matter.

Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes Purified Oxgall, and requires it to respond to the following tests: " A yellowish-green, soft solid, having a peculiar odor, and a partly sweet and partly bitter taste. Very soluble in water and in alcohol. A solution of 1 part of Purified Oxgall in about 100 parts of water behaves towards sugar and sulphuric acid in the same manner as the solution mentioned under Oxgall (see *Fel Bovis*). An aqueous solution of Purified Oxgall should be clear, and should remain transparent upon the addition of an equal volume of alcohol (evidence of proper purification)." *U. S.*

Refined oxgall, much used by painters, is prepared, according to Gray, in the following manner. Take of " fresh oxgall, one pint; boil, skim, add one ounce of alum, and keep it on the fire for some time; to another pint, add one ounce of common salt in the same manner; keep them bottled up for three months; then decant off the clear; mix them in an equal proportion; a thick yellow coagulum is immediately formed, leaving the refined gall clear and colorless."

Medical Properties and Uses. Bile was formerly highly valued as a remedy in numerous complaints, and was considered peculiarly applicable to cases attended with deficient biliary secretion. It is supposed to be tonic and laxative. The dose of purified Oxgall is from five to ten grains (0·33 to 0·65 Gm.).

FERRI ARSENIAS. Br. Arseniate of Iron.

(FĔR'RĪ ÄR-SĒ'NĮ-ĂS.)

" Arseniates of Iron, with some oxide." *Br.*

Ferrous Arsenate; Arséniate de Fer, *Fr.*; Arsensaures Eisen, *G.*

" Take of Sulphate of Iron *twenty and three-quarter ounces* [avoirdupois]; Arseniate of Sodium, dried at 300° F. (148°·9 C.), *fifteen and three-quarter ounces* [av.]; Bicarbonate of Sodium *four and a half ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Arseniate of Sodium in about five pints [Imp. meas.], and the Sulphate of Iron in about six pints [Imp. meas.] of the water, mix the two solutions, adding the Bicarbonate of Sodium dissolved in a little distilled water. Stir thoroughly. Collect the white precipitate which has formed on a calico filter, and wash until the washings cease to be affected by a diluted solution of chloride of barium. Squeeze the washed precipitate between folds of strong linen in a screw-press, and dry it on porous bricks in a warm-air chamber the temperature of which shall not exceed 100° F. (37°·8 C.)." *Br.*

This is an official salt of the British Pharmacopœia, which as yet is the only one that has adopted it. The washed precipitate described in the process is ferrous arsenate ($Fe_3As_2O_8$). A portion of ferrous arsenate remains dissolved in the solution. This is precipitated by the sodium bicarbonate, with the evolution of carbonic acid gas.

Ferrous arsenate is white when first formed, but quickly turns green on exposure to the air during the process of washing and drying, and finally becomes a ferroso-ferric arsenate of the probable composition $3Fe(FeO)AsO_4.16H_2O$. It is an amorphous powder, without smell or taste, insoluble in water, but readily dissolved by hydrochloric acid. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following characters of the salt. Its solution in hydrochloric acid causes a copious light-blue precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide, and a still more abundant one, of a deeper color, with potassium ferricyanide. A small quantity, boiled with an excess of caustic soda, and filtered, gives, when exactly neutralized by nitric acid, a brick-red precipitate on the addition of solution of silver nitrate. The former test proves the presence both of the ferrous

and ferric oxides, the latter, of arsenic acid. The solution in hydrochloric acid, when diluted, gives no precipitate with barium chloride, showing the absence of any sulphate. "One hundred grains dissolved in an excess of sulphuric acid diluted with water continues to give a blue precipitate with ferricyanide of potassium, until at least 225 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of bichromate of potassium have been added." *Br.* This test proves that there is a due proportion of ferrous oxide present; for the potassium bichromate oxidizes the ferrous oxide, and until this is wholly converted into ferric oxide, a blue precipitate continues to be produced, ceasing, however, when the conversion is complete.

Medical Properties. Ferrous arsenate is said to unite the virtues of the two metals which enter into its composition; but the quantity of iron in any permissible dose is so small as to be nearly or quite insignificant; and the activity of the medicine is in fact due to the arsenic alone. The complaints in which it has been found efficient are those in which arsenic in other forms has proved to be a most valuable remedy; and, judging from our own observation, there is no one of them in which the common solution of potassium arsenite will not produce all the effects that can be obtained from the arsenical preparations, with which this ought undoubtedly to be ranked rather than with the chalybeates. Should the coexistence of an anæmic state of the system with any disease requiring the use of arsenic indicate the joint use of iron, it would be unsafe to depend on ferrous arsenate alone. This remedy is peculiarly useful in chronic affections of the skin, especially those of a scaly character, as *lepra*, *psoriasis*, and the advanced stage of *eczema* and *impetigo*. It is useful also in lupus, and, mixed with twelve times its weight of simple cerate, may be employed externally in cancerous ulcers, though much caution is requisite. The dose is from the eighth to the tenth of a grain (0·008–0·006 Gm.), of which about one-half only is ferrous oxide; given in pill, three times a day. (See *Syrupus Ferri Arseniatis*, Part II., National Formulary.)

FERRI CARBONAS SACCHARATUS. U. S. (Br.) Saccharated Ferrous Carbonate.

(FĔR'RĪ CĂR'BO-NĂS SĂC-ĆHA-RĀ'TŬS.)

Ferri Carbonas Saccharata, *Br.;* Saccharated Carbonate of Iron; Ferrum Carbonicum Saccharatum, *P. G.;* Carbonas Ferrosus Saccharatus; Saccharure de Carbonate ferreux, *Fr.;* Zuckerhaltiges Kohlensaures Eisen, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sodium Bicarbonate, *thirty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 102 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Dissolve the Ferrous Sulphate in *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of hot Distilled Water, and the Sodium Bicarbonate in *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 17 fluidounces] of Distilled Water at a temperature not exceeding 50° C. (122° F.), and filter the solutions separately. To the solution of Sodium Bicarbonate contained in a flask having a capacity of about *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] add, gradually, the solution of Ferrous Sulphate, and mix thoroughly by rotating the flask. Fill up the flask with boiling Distilled Water, cork it loosely, and set the mixture aside. When the precipitate has subsided, draw off the clear, supernatant liquid by means of a siphon, and then fill the flask again with hot Distilled Water, and shake it. Again draw off the clear liquid, and repeat the washing with hot Distilled Water in the same manner until the decanted liquid gives not more than a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Finally drain the precipitate thoroughly on a muslin strainer, transfer it to a porcelain capsule containing *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 359 grains] of Sugar, and mix intimately. Evaporate the mixture to dryness, by means of a water-bath, reduce it to powder, and mix intimately with it, if necessary, enough well-dried Sugar to make the final product weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Keep the product in small, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Ammonium *one ounce and a quarter* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *two gallons* [Imperial measure]; Refined Sugar *one ounce* [av.]. Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron and the Carbonate of Ammonium each in half a gallon [Imp. meas.] of the Water, and mix the two solutions with brisk stirring in a deep cylindrical vessel, which is then to be covered as accurately as possible. Set the mixture by for twenty-four hours, and from the precipitate which has subsided separate the supernatant solution by a siphon. Pour on the remainder of the Water, stir well, and, after subsidence, again remove the clear solution. Collect the resulting carbonate on a calico filter, and, having first subjected it to expression, rub it with the Sugar in a porcelain mortar. Finally dry the mixture at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

This was a new U. S. 1880 official preparation; the process is identical with that of the former German Pharmacopœia. It is to be regretted that the author of the formula did not adopt the expedient of adding sugar or syrup to the solutions of the two salts, to protect the precipitate as soon as it was formed, as was recommended by Vallet. When solutions of ferrous sulphate and sodium carbonate are mixed together, there are formed, by double decomposition, sodium sulphate which remains in solution, and ferrous carbonate which falls as a pale-blue precipitate. This precipitate begins immediately to alter in nature by the absorption of oxygen, and, if washed and dried in the ordinary way, becomes ferric oxide, associated with a small quantity of the ferrous carbonate, which has escaped change. As the preparations of iron containing ferrous oxide are the most esteemed, the change which this precipitate undergoes has always been a matter of regret, and various attempts have been made to prevent it. Saccharine matter has been ascertained to possess the required preservative properties; and in the preparation under consideration it is used to prevent the ferrous carbonate as first precipitated from passing into the ferric hydrate.

Dr. Becker, a German physician, was the first to suggest the use of saccharine matter as a means of protection against the absorption of oxygen; and the idea was carried out by Klauer, a German chemist, who first made the saccharated ferrous carbonate. The use of boiling distilled water in the process is to avoid the action of the air contained in unboiled water. The washed precipitate is pressed so as to free it from water as far as possible, and then incorporated with the sugar in fine powder. The mode of treating the precipitate unnecessarily exposes it to the action of the air; and the late London method of incorporating it with the sugar immediately after washing was on this account preferable. The final drying heat should not exceed 54·5° C. (130° F.). (See *Archiv d. Pharm.*, Jan. 1878; *N. R.*, 1878; 1881.)

Properties. "A greenish-brown powder, gradually becoming oxidized by contact with air, without odor, and having at first a sweetish, afterwards a slightly ferruginous, taste. Only partially soluble in water, but completely soluble in hydrochloric acid, with copious evolution of carbonic acid gas, forming a clear, greenish-yellow liquid. If 1 Gm. of Saccharated Ferrous Carbonate be dissolved in 5 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and the solution diluted with water to the measure of 50 C.c., portions of this solution will afford a blue precipitate with both potassium ferrocyanide test-solution and potassium ferricyanide test-solution, but should not be affected by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If 1·16 (1·1573) Gm. of Saccharated Ferrous Carbonate be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, and the solution diluted with water to about 100 C.c., it should require about 15 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution to impart a permanent pink tint to the liquid, corresponding to about 15 per cent. of ferrous carbonate (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of pure Ferrous Carbonate)." *U. S.*

Saccharated ferrous carbonate is frequently seen in small coherent lumps, usually of a grayish-brown color, permanent in the air, having a sweet, styptic taste, and wholly and readily soluble in warm hydrochloric acid, diluted with half its volume of water, with effervescence. According to the British Pharmacopœia, it is a "carbonate of iron ($FeCO_3 + H_2O$), mixed with peroxide of iron and sugar, the carbonate (if reckoned as anhydrous) forming about one-third of the mixture." The presence of ferric oxide is a defect, which is avoided in Vallet's ferruginous mass.

Its solution in dilute hydrochloric acid is but slightly affected by potassium ferrocyanide, showing the presence of the ferric salt in only small proportion, but yields a copious blue precipitate with the ferricyanide, proving the abundance of the ferrous compound. The same solution should give but a very slight precipitate with barium chloride, evincing that very little either of ferrous or of sodium sulphate has escaped the washing process. "Thirty grains dissolved in excess of phosphoric acid, and diluted with water, continue to give a blue precipitate with ferricyanide of potassium until at least 287·5 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of bichromate of potassium have been added." *Br.* This test, like the present official one, determines the quantity of ferrous salt present, requiring the stated amount of the bichromate to convert it into the ferric chloride.

* *Saccharated Ferric Oxide. Saccharum Ferrugineum.* This is a combination of sugar and ferric oxide. It is soluble and of a pure sweet taste. According to the method of Siebert, to prepare it dissolve two parts of iron in twenty-four parts of nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·2; evaporate the filtrate to fifteen parts; when *quite cool*, dissolve twelve parts of sugar in the filtrate, and add an excess of a solution of twelve parts of sugar in twelve parts of 20-per-cent. ammonia water. After setting aside for twenty-four hours, precipitate this with four or five times its volume of strong alcohol; collect the precipitate, partially dry with bibulous paper, intimately mix the moist mass with its own weight of powdered sugar, and dry by a moderate heat. It is a good antidote for arsenic. (*A. J. P.*, xl. 324, 326. See also *Neues Repertor. für Pharm.*, xviii. 36.)

Medical Properties. This preparation is an excellent chalybeate, possessing the advantages of having nearly all the iron in it in the ferrous state, and of being readily soluble in acids. Originally introduced into the official list by the Edinburgh College, it appeared for the first time in the Dublin and London Pharmacopœias of 1850 and 1851. It is undoubtedly more active than the ferric subcarbonate, and must be used in a smaller dose. It is, however, inferior to Vallet's ferruginous mass, in the preparation of which the anti-oxidizing influence of saccharine matter is more fully applied. The dose of the saccharated ferrous carbonate is from five to thirty grains (0·33–1·95 Gm.), given in the form of pill.

FERRI CHLORIDUM. U. S. Ferric Chloride.

$Fe_2Cl_6.12H_2O$; 539·50. (FĔR'RĪ ȻHLŌ'RĮ-DŬM.) $Fe_2Cl_6.12H_2O$; 540·2.

Chloride of Iron; Ferrum Sesquichloratum, *P. G.;* Ferrum Muriaticum Oxydatum, Chloridum vel Chloruretum Ferricum, Ferri Perchloridum; Ferric Chloride; Perchlorure de Fer, Chlorure ferrique, *Fr.;* Eisenchlorid, *G.*

"Iron, in the form of fine, bright wire, and cut into small pieces, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, Nitric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Introduce the Iron wire into a flask having a capacity of about *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 grains], pour upon it *fifty-four grammes* [or 1 fluidounce, 274 minims] of Hydrochloric Acid, previously diluted with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 405 minims] of Distilled Water, and let the mixture stand in a moderately warm place until effervescence ceases; then heat it to the boiling point, filter it through paper, and, having rinsed the flask and Iron wire with a little hot Distilled Water, pass the rinsings through the filter. To the filtered liquid add *twenty-eight grammes* [or 390 minims] of Hydrochloric Acid, add the mixture, slowly and gradually, in a stream, to *eight grammes* [or 92 minims] of Nitric Acid, contained in a capacious porcelain vessel, and warm gently. After effervescence ceases, apply heat, by means of a sand-bath, until the liquid is free from nitrous odor. Then test a few drops of the liquid, diluted with water, with freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution. Should this reagent produce a blue color, add a little more Nitric Acid, drop by drop, as long as effervescence is observed, and evaporate off the excess. Then add *five grammes* [or 70 minims] of Hydrochloric Acid, and enough Distilled Water to make the whole weigh *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains], and set this aside, covered with glass, until it forms a solid crystalline mass. Lastly, break the salt into pieces, and keep it in a glass-stoppered bottle, protected from light." *U. S.*

This formula of the U. S. Pharmacopœia has been adopted with but little alteration from that of Wittstein. (*Pract. Pharm.-Chem.*, Darby's transl., p. 265.) When iron is heated with hydrochloric acid, water is decomposed, the hydrogen escapes with effervescence, and the oxygen uniting with the iron forms ferrous oxide, which reacts with the hydrochloric acid to form water and ferrous chloride.* The next step of the process is to convert the ferrous chloride into the ferric salt. This is effected by treating it with hydrochloric and nitric acids and heating till red fumes no longer escape. The following reaction explains this: $6FeCl_2 + 2HNO_3 + 6HCl = 3Fe_2Cl_6 + 2NO + 4H_2O$. The solution is then evaporated, and, on cooling, concretes into a crystalline mass. The relative proportions of iron and the two acids are adjusted very nearly to the production of these results. There are two crystallized hydrates, one, $Fe_2Cl_6 + 6H_2O$, which is very deliquescent, the other, $Fe_2Cl_6 + 12H_2O$, which is less so, but which, when stood over sulphuric acid, liquefies and slowly deposits crystals of the first hydrate, $Fe_2Cl_6 + 6H_2O$, losing half of its water of hydration.

Properties. It is in fragments of a crystalline structure, an orange-yellow color, inodorous, and of a strong chalybeate and styptic taste and an acid reaction. It is "very deliquescent in moist air. Freely and completely soluble in water and in alcohol; also in a mixture of 1 part of ether and 3 parts of alcohol. At 35·5° C. (96° F.) the salt melts, forming a reddish-brown liquid. When strongly heated, it decomposes with the loss of water and hydrochloric acid, while the anhydrous salt sublimes, leaving a residue of ferric oxide. The dilute, aqueous solution of the salt is acid to litmus paper, yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and a white one, insoluble in nitric acid, with silver nitrate test-solution. If the iron be completely precipitated from a solution of the

* The Paris Pharmaceutical Society have adopted the following preparations of ferrous chloride, made by dissolving iron in hydrochloric acid and evaporating the filtered solution rapidly to dryness.

Syrup of Ferrous Chloride. Dissolve 5 grammes of dry ferrous chloride in 20 grammes of orange-flower water, and add 800 grammes syrup of gum and 175 grammes syrup of orange-flower. (See, also, *Syrupus Ferri Protochloridi*, Part II., National Formulary.)

Pills of Ferrous Chloride. Dry ferrous chloride, powdered marshmallow-root, each 10 grammes, mucilage sufficient. Make into 100 pills, which are to be silvered.

salt by an excess of ammonia water, the filtrate should be colorless, and should not yield either a white or a dark-colored precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc* or *copper*); nor should it leave a fixed residue on evaporation and gentle ignition (absence of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). On adding a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate to a cooled mixture of equal volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid and a moderately dilute solution of the salt, the crystal should not become colored brown, nor should there be a brownish-black color developed around it (absence of *nitric acid*). If to a dilute solution of the salt a few drops of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution be added, a pure brown color should be produced, without a tinge of green or greenish-blue (absence of *ferrous salt*). A 1-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, when boiled in a test-tube, should remain clear (absence of *oxychloride*). If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), in 10 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require 20 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* It contains a variable proportion of water according to the crystalline forms it is made to assume, having about 40 per cent., or twelve mols., when in fine acicular crystals, and only 22 per cent., or five mols. when in the form of larger tables. (*Brande and Taylor.*) Its solution in water gives with ammonia a brown precipitate of ferric oxide, and does not yield a blue one with potassium ferricyanide, proving the absence of ferrous chloride.*

Ferric chloride is used almost exclusively in the form of tincture or liquor; and in reference to its effect and application we refer to *Tinctura Ferri Chloridi* and *Liquor Ferri Chloridi*. As a solid, it keeps indefinitely without change. When used, it may be dissolved in water in such proportions as may be required. Six, three, two, and one and a half drachms to a fluid-ounce of water have been recommended; the stronger solutions being used in the treatment of varices, the weaker for injection into *aneurisms*, and for application to bleeding surfaces, etc. Mr. J. Z. Lawrence, of England, has used it as a styptic in a semi-deliquesced state and found it extremely efficient. He keeps it in a bottle, in which it gradually deliquesces; and while it is in this condition he applies the thick liquid portion, by means of a brush of spun glass, to the bleeding surface.

FERRI CITRAS. U. S. Ferric Citrate.

(FĔR'RĪ CĪ'TRĂS.)

Citrate of Iron; Ferrum Citricum Oxydatum, *P. G.;* Citras Ferricus; Ferric Citrate, *E.;* Citrate de Sesquioxyde de Fer, Citrate ferrique, *Fr.;* Citronensaures Eisenoxyd, Eisencitrat, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Citrate, *a convenient quantity*. Evaporate the solution on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.* Ferric citrate as made by the official formula is not a definite chemical salt, but a compound containing ferric citrate, to which the following formula has been assigned: $Fe_2(C_6H_5O_7)_2.6H_2O$; 596·6.

Properties. Ferric citrate is in "thin, transparent, garnet-red scales, without odor, and having a slightly ferruginous taste. Slowly but completely soluble in cold water, and readily soluble in hot water, but diminishing in solubility by age. Insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide, which should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper (absence of *citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt has an acid reaction, and is not precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it produces a bluish-green color or precipitate, which is increased and rendered dark blue by the subsequent addition of hydrochloric acid (difference from *iron and ammonium citrate*). When heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it affords a brownish-red precipitate, without evolving any vapor of *ammonia*. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate be slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of the cooled liquid, mixed with a little calcium chloride test-solution, and again heated to boiling, will gradually afford a white, crystalline precipitate. Another portion of the acidulated and cooled liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should

* *Incompatibles with Ferric Chloride.* The following list is given (*L'Union Pharmaceutique*, 1872) by M. Bouilhon. Salts of silver; mercurous salts; alkalies, their carbonates and bicarbonates; the arsenites and arsenates; sodium borate; tannin and vegetable astringents; gums; vegetable extracts and vegetable infusions; albumen; casein.

not deposit a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*). If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having the capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, with the aid of a gentle heat, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 16 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Ferric citrate was introduced to the notice of the profession, in 1831, by M. Béral, of Paris. It is a pleasant chalybeate, and is best given in solution. Prof. Procter found that a solution of this salt in distilled water, containing 240 grains in a fluidounce, keeps perfectly, and is very convenient for dispensing. Dose of the salt, from three to five grains (0·2–0·33 Gm.). (See *Liquor Ferri Citratis.*)

FERRI ET AMMONII CITRAS. U. S., Br. Iron and Ammonium Citrate.

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī CĪ'TRĂS.)

Citrate of Iron and Ammonia; Ammonio-Ferric Citrate; Ferri et Ammoniæ Citras, *Br.;* Ferrum Citricum Ammoniatum, *P. G.;* Ferri Ammonio-Citras, Ferro-Ammonium Citricum; Ammonio-Citrate of Iron, Soluble Citrate of Iron, *E.;* Citrate de Fer et d'Ammoniaque (de Fer ammoniacal), Citrate ferrique ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Citronensaures Eisenoxyd-Ammonium (Ammoniak), *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Citrate, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Ammonia Water, *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims]. Mix the solution of Ferric Citrate with the Ammonia Water, evaporate the mixture, by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *ten fluidounces, or a sufficiency;* Solution of Ammonia *twenty-three fluidounces, or a sufficiency;* Citric Acid *four ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix sixteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Solution of Ammonia with two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and to this add gradually the Solution of Persulphate of Iron, previously diluted with two pints [Imp. meas.] of distilled water, stirring them constantly and briskly, and taking care that ammonia is, even finally, in slight excess as indicated by the odor. Let the mixture stand for two hours, stirring it occasionally, then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquor has drained away, wash the precipitated ferric hydrate with distilled water until that which passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Dissolve the Citric Acid in four fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and having applied the heat of a water-bath, add the ferric hydrate, previously well drained, and stir them together until nearly the whole of the hydrate has dissolved, or until the citric acid is saturated with ferric hydrate (prepared, if necessary, from more of the solution of persulphate of iron). Let the solution cool, then add five and a half fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of solution of ammonia. Filter through flannel, adding some distilled water if necessary; evaporate to the consistence of syrup, the presence of a very slight excess of ammonia being maintained, and dry in thin layers on flat porcelain or glass plates at a temperature not exceeding 100° F. (37°·8 C.). Remove the dry salt in flakes, and keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.**

In the U. S. Pharmacopœia, the process consists simply in evaporating a mixture of solution of ferric citrate and ammonia water. In the British, ferric hydrate is first precipitated from a solution of the ferric sulphate, then digested at a moderate heat with a solution of citric acid, and lastly neutralized by ammonia. It has, however, been found by Dr. Squibb that a heat above 82·1° C. (180° F.) acts injuriously in the preparation of the ferric citrate; and the boiling heat directed in the British Pharmacopœia of 1864 was, therefore, improper. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 297.) This error has been corrected in the present Br. Pharmacopœia, which directs that the salt should be dried at a heat not above 38° C. (100° F.). In the U. S. formula the ferric citrate is used already prepared, in the British it is prepared in the process. The solution should be concentrated to a syrupy consistence before being poured out on porcelain or glass to dry; and it is important that the heat employed in the concentration should not exceed that indicated.

Prof. J. U. Lloyd (*N. R.*, 1879, p. 323) states that it is usually difficult to adjust accurately

* For a formula for *iron and bismuth citrate*, see *P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., v. 832.

the quantity of the ammonia in this process, and proposes to use a definite quantity of a fixed salt, like ammonium citrate, instead. His process will be found in the foot-note.* R. Rother recommends the following method: Dissolve 272 parts of ferric citrate in three or four times its weight of water with heat, add 79 parts of ammonium carbonate, evaporate, and scale in the usual manner. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 166.)

Properties. Iron and ammonium citrate is more soluble than the citrate. It is in "thin, transparent, garnet-red scales, without odor, and having a saline, mildly ferruginous taste; deliquescent in moist air. Readily and completely soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide, which should not have an alkaline reaction towards litmus paper (absence of *citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper. The aqueous solution is not precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution the solution does not give a blue color or precipitate, unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid (difference from *ferric citrate*). When heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it affords a brownish-red precipitate, and vapor of ammonia is evolved. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of the cooled liquid, mixed with a little calcium chloride test-solution, and again heated to boiling, will gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. Another portion of the acidulated and cooled liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should not yield a white crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*). If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 16 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* It is almost insoluble in alcohol. It is neutral to test-paper ("feebly reddens litmus paper," *Br.*): an alkaline solution from which the iron has been thrown down, if acidulated with hydrochloric acid in slight excess, does not yield a crystalline deposit, showing that the acid is not the tartaric. When incinerated in the air, it leaves about thirty per cent. of iron peroxide, *Br.* Its precise chemical constitution is not determined; but Méhu (*Jahresb.*, 1873, p. 570), on evaporating a solution of ferrous citrate in ammonia to dryness, obtained a salt of the formula $Fe_2(NH_4)_2.C_6H_5O_7)_2 + 3H_2O$. This salt is a pleasant chalybeate, in doses of five grains (0·33 Gm.). According to Dr. Paris, it may be mixed with the carbonated alkalies without decomposition, and given in a state of effervescence with citric acid. It should be prescribed when ferric citrate is desired in solution, as it is not suited for administration in the form of pills, owing to the presence of ammonia, which renders it too soluble, and causes the pills to flatten after they have been made, and frequently to cohere in one solid mass. The official ferric citrate should always be used for pills, as it is more slowly dissolved.

FERRI ET AMMONII SULPHAS. U. S. Ferric Ammonium Sulphate.

[Ammonio-Ferric Sulphate. Ammonio-Ferric Alum.]

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SŬL'PHĂS.)

$Fe_2(NH_4)_2(SO_4)_4.24H_2O$; 962·1. $Fe_2(NH_4)_2(SO_4)_4.24H_2O$; 963·8.

Ferrum Sulfuricum Oxydatum Ammoniatum, *P. G.:* Ferrum Ammonio-Sulphuricum, Ferri Ammonio-Sulphas, Sulphas Ammonico-Ferricus; Sulfate de Fer et d'Ammoniaque, Sulfate de Fer (ferrique) ammoniacal, Alun de Fer ammoniacal, *Fr.:* Schwefelsaures Eisenoxyd-Ammonium, Ammoniakalischer Eisenalaun, *G.*

"Ferric Ammonium Sulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

The present Pharmacopœia does not give a process for preparing this salt; that of the U. S. P. 1870 will be found below.†

* Prepare a solution of ammonium citrate from citric acid 8 oz. av., and ammonia water q. s.

Add the ammonia water to the citric acid until in slight excess, then evaporate the solution until it measures sixteen fluidounces.

Then take of solution of iron tersulphate 16 fluidounces; citric acid 4 ounces av.; distilled water and ammonia water, each, a sufficient quantity; solution of ammonium citrate 5 fluidounces. Prepare hydrated ferric oxide from the solution of iron tersulphate. Having drained it, place in an evaporating dish and add the citric acid, warm upon a steam or water-bath, and stir until the citric acid is dissolved, then add the solution of ammonium citrate and stir until the hydrated oxide is dissolved, filter and evaporate to the consistence of thick syrup, spread upon glass with a brush, and dry. The yield will be 4234 grains.

† *Ferri et Ammonii Sulphas.* "Take of Solution of Tersulphate of Iron *two pints*; Sulphate of Ammonium *four troyounces and a half*. Heat the Solution of Tersulphate of Iron to the boiling point, add the Sulphate of

This is an ammonia iron-alum, in which the place of the aluminum oxide (alumina) is occupied by the ferric oxide. It is prepared by heating the solution of ferric tersulphate with ammonium sulphate until the latter salt is dissolved, and then allowing the solution to cool. The two salts unite to form iron and ammonium sulphate, which, being insoluble in the amount of liquid employed, crystallizes when it cools. The process is based on that of Wm. Hodgson (*A. J. P.*, 1856, p. 305).

Ammonio-ferric alum is in "pale violet, octohedral crystals, without odor, and having an acid, styptic taste; efflorescent on exposure to the air. Soluble in 3 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·8 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the crystals fuse, lose their water of crystallization, swell up, and finally leave a pale brown residue. The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction, and yields with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution a blue precipitate; and with barium chloride test-solution a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. With potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution it yields a brownish-red precipitate, and if the mixture be heated, vapor of ammonia is evolved. If all the iron be precipitated from a solution of the salt by treating it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the resulting filtrate, when neutralized with hydrochloric acid, and then mixed with ammonia water, should not yield a white, gelatinous precipitate (absence of *aluminum*). If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require not less than 11·6 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* According to H. Rose, the pure salt is white, and gives a colored solution with water, in consequence of the formation of a basic ferruginous salt. This decomposition is prevented by dissolving it in dilute sulphuric acid, when the solution is colorless. Instead of ammonium sulphate, potassium sulphate may be employed with the solution of ferric tersulphate, in which case a potassium iron-alum is produced, called *potassio-ferric alum*, which has all the properties, physical and remedial, of the ammonio-ferric salt; and the two appear to have been indiscriminately used. The iron-alums were brought to the notice of the Pharmaceutical Society of London in Dec. 1853, by Mr. Lindsley Blyth, as a new remedy, prescribed in St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Tyler Smith found them to be more astringent than common alum, and devoid of the stimulating effects of the other salts of iron. Ferric alum is certainly useful in passive *leucorrhœas*, and its saturated solution has been strongly recommended as a styptic. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.), to be repeated twice or three times a day.

FERRI ET AMMONII TARTRAS. U. S. Iron and Ammonium Tartrate.

[Ammonio-Ferric Tartrate.]

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī TĂR'TRĂS.)

Ferri Ammonio-Tartras; Ammonio-Tartrate of Iron; Tartrate de Fer et d'Ammoniaque, Tartrate ferrique ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Weinsaures Eisenoxyd-Ammonium, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Tartaric Acid, *twenty-nine grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 10 grains]; Distilled Water, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Ammonia Water, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* To *one hundred and ten cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 345 minims] of Ammonia Water, previously diluted with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of cold Water, add, with constant stirring, the Solution of Ferric Sulphate, previously diluted with *thirteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 43 fluidounces, 460 minims] of cold Water. When the precipitate has subsided, draw off the clear, supernatant liquid by means of a siphon, then mix the precipitate intimately with about *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 50 fluidounces, 346 minims] of cold Water, again draw off the clear liquid, and repeat the washing with Water in the same manner until the decanted liquid gives not more than a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Then transfer the precipitate to a wet muslin strainer, allow it to drain, and express the water as completely as possible. Dissolve one-half of the Tartaric Acid in the Distilled Water, neutralize the solution exactly with Ammonia Water, then add the other half of the Tartaric Acid, and dissolve it by the application of a gentle heat. Now

Ammonium, stirring until it is dissolved, and set the liquid aside to crystallize. Wash the crystals quickly with very cold water, wrap them in bibulous paper, and dry them in the open air." *U. S.* 1870.

add the moist ferric hydrate, in successive portions, stirring constantly, and continue the heat, which should not exceed 60° C. (140° F.), until the hydrate is dissolved. Filter the solution while hot, evaporate it in a porcelain vessel, at or below the above-mentioned temperature, to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

This process does not differ essentially from that of Prof. Procter. (*A. J. P.*, 1841, p. 276.) Ammonium tartrate is prepared, which is converted into bitartrate by the addition of tartaric acid; and the excess of acid is then combined with ferric hydrate freshly prepared from the official solution of ferric sulphate. A double salt of ammonium and iron tartrate is thus made in solution; by filtering, concentrating, and scaling, the salt is then obtained; this, theoretically, must be considered as consisting of one mol. of tartaric acid and two mols. of base, one consisting of ammonia and the other of ferric oxide, $2(FeO)NH_4,C_4H_4O_6.3H_2O$. It is hardly probable that the salt has exactly this chemical composition, as the scaled salts cannot be said to be definite compounds. The proportion of tartaric acid has been considerably reduced, as it was found to be excessive in previous formulas.

This salt is in "thin, transparent scales, varying in color from garnet-red to reddish-brown, without odor, and having a sweetish, slightly ferruginous taste; slightly deliquescent in the air. Very soluble in water; insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, emits fumes having an odor of burning sugar, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide, which should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper (absence of *citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and is not precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it does not afford a blue color or precipitate, unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid. When heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it yields a brownish-red precipitate, and vapor of ammonia is evolved. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the filtrate, when slightly acidulated with acetic acid, will gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 17 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

It is a mild chalybeate, and may be given in a dose of from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).

FERRI ET POTASSII TARTRAS. U. S. (Br.) Iron and Potassium Tartrate. [Potassio-Ferric Tartrate.]

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT PO-TĂS'SI-I TĂR'TRĂS.)

Ferrum Tartaratum, *Br.;* Tartarated Iron; Tartarus Ferratus, *P. G.;* Ferri Potassio-Tartras, Ferrum Tartarizatum, Tartras Ferrico-Potassicus, s. Potassico-Ferricus, s. Ferrico-Kalicus; Ferro-Tartrate of Potassium; Tartrate de Fer et de Potasse, Tartrate ferrico-potassique, Tartare chalybé, Tartre martial, *Fr.;* Weinsaures Eisenoxyd-Kali, Eisenweinstein, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Potassium Bitartrate, *thirty-eight grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 148 grains]; Distilled Water, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims]; Ammonia Water, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* To *one hundred and ten cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 345 minims] of Ammonia Water, previously diluted with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of cold Water, add, under constant stirring, the Solution of Ferric Sulphate, previously diluted with *thirteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 43 fluidounces, 460 minims] of cold Water. When the precipitate has subsided, draw off the clear, supernatant liquid by means of a siphon, then mix the precipitate intimately with about *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 50 fluidounces, 346 minims] of cold Water, again draw off the clear liquid, and repeat the washing with Water in the same manner until the decanted liquid gives not more than a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Then transfer the precipitate to a wet muslin strainer, allow it to drain, and express the water as completely as possible. Mix the Potassium Bitartrate with the Distilled Water in a porcelain vessel, heat the mixture, on a water-bath, to a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), and gradually add the moist ferric hydrate, stirring constantly until it is dissolved. Filter the liquid while hot, and let the filtrate stand in a cool, dark place for twenty-four hours. Then stir it well with a porcelain or glass

spatula, so that the precipitate which has formed in it may be thoroughly incorporated with the liquid. Now add, very cautiously, just enough Ammonia Water to dissolve the precipitate, evaporate the solution in a porcelain vessel, at or below the above-mentioned temperature, to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *six fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Solution of Ammonia *eleven fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Acid Tartrate of Potassium, in powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Solution of Ammonia with *three pints* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and to this add gradually the Solution of Persulphate of Iron previously diluted with two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, stirring constantly and briskly. Let the mixture stand for two hours, stirring it occasionally, then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquid has drained away, wash the precipitate with Distilled Water until that which passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Mix the washed and drained precipitate intimately with the Acid Tartrate of Potassium in a porcelain dish, and let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours; then, having applied heat, not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.), add gradually a pint [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and stir constantly until nothing more will dissolve. Filter; evaporate at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.) to the consistence of syrup, and dry it in thin layers on flat porcelain or glass plates in a drying closet at not much above 100° F. (37°·8 C.). Remove the dry salt in flakes and keep it in stoppered bottles." *Br.*

The object of these processes is to combine the excess of acid in the potassium bitartrate with ferric oxide. In both, the plan of Soubeiran in the main is adopted; namely, that of dissolving the moist ferric hydrate to saturation in a mixture of the bitartrate and water, aided by a moderate heat. The oxide is obtained from the solution of ferric sulphate, which is precipitated by ammonia. Potassa, which was used in the former British process, is not a good precipitant, because the alkali adheres obstinately to the precipitated oxide, and cannot be completely separated even by repeated washings. The oxide should be gradually added to the bitartrate and water, heated to 60° C. (140° F.), as recommended by Soubeiran, at which temperature the oxide dissolves more readily and in larger quantity than when a higher temperature is employed. Besides, in the latter case, a portion of the ferric oxide is converted into ferrous oxide. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, x. 315.) In the U. S. process the addition of ammonia water to the cooled filtrate dissolves the precipitated insoluble ferric tartrate, and is in accordance with the recommendation of Prof. J. U. Lloyd (*N. R.*, 1879, p. 324), who asserts that this modification renders the salt more soluble without interfering with its stability. G. H. Chas. Klie suggested this improvement in *A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 170. (See, also, *N. R.*, 1878, p. 21.) In both formulas the liquid is poured out on a plane surface, so as to dry in scales. When duly carried into effect, they yield a product at all times identical, and having all the required qualities of the salt.*

* *Another method of preparing this salt.* M. Roger, having found iron and potassium tartrate, as existing in the shops of Paris, a very variable salt, seldom presenting perfect identity of composition in any two specimens, and ascribing this result to the imperfection of the prevalent mode of preparing it, which requires a large amount of water, and consequently a prolonged evaporation, resulting in the reduction of the oxide, and the production of a yellowish insoluble ferrous salt, and which is attended, besides, with various other inconveniences, proposes the following method, which he conceives to be free from these objections, and to present in all instances an identical product. The proposed Roger method consists in causing, as a first step, strongly hydrated ferric oxide to be dissolved in tartaric acid to complete saturation, for which purpose the water of hydration of the oxide is sufficient at a temperature of 38° C. to 49° C. (100° to 120° F.). The solution takes place completely and quickly; and the point of saturation is known when the liquid, at first clear, becomes turbid, thickens, and at last concretes in the form of a jelly. No more of the oxide, which is in slight excess, is now to be added. Upon this jelly is to be poured, little by little, a very concentrated solution of *pure* potassium carbonate, of which the quantity to be used should be the proper molecular weight to correspond with that of the tartaric acid employed. But this precision as to the quantity of the carbonate is not absolutely necessary, as the cessation of effervescence is a sufficient criterion of saturation. Should, however, the solution, upon testing it, be found slightly acid, the solution of potassium carbonate should be cautiously added till the liquid becomes slightly alkaline. The vessel is then to be removed from the water-bath, and the whole allowed to cool. Twelve hours afterwards, the liquid is decanted, filtered, and evaporated by means of a water-bath, with constant agitation, to a syrupy consistence. It is then to be spread by means of a brush, in thin layers, on plates of glass, which are to be placed in the drying-room. The salt is thus obtained in beautiful spangles, of a deep garnet-red. Or it may be dried in moulds of tinned iron with a large surface; but in this case, instead of scales, it forms little black masses not unlike jet. These are sometimes made with a loop of string attached, so that by passing a rod through the loop and suspending the oval ball in a glass of water or wine a portion dissolves and makes a chalybeate drink. The balls of iron and potassium tartrate are termed in French pharmacy *Boules de Mars*. When prepared by the Roger process iron and potassium tartrate always presents the same composition, dissolves in water without residue, and, besides, is little disposed to deliquescence, so that it may be readily employed in pills. The solution, however, is slow in forming, as the salt at first agglomerates at the bottom of the vessel; but in half an hour it is complete, and may be kept long unchanged. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1861, p. 401.)

The late Dr. Ure proposed *ferric tartrate* for medical use. He made it by acting on clean iron filings, or bits of iron wire, with a solution of tartaric acid. It is a pulverulent salt, insoluble in water, and possessing a mild chalybeate taste.

Properties. Iron and potassium tartrate is in "thin, transparent scales, varying in color from garnet-red to reddish-brown, without odor, and having a sweetish, slightly ferruginous taste; slightly deliquescent in the air. Very soluble in water; insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, emits fumes having an odor resembling that of burning sugar, and finally leaves a dark brown residue, having a strongly alkaline reaction, and effervescing with acids (distinction from *iron and ammonium tartrate*). The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and is not precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it does not afford a blue color or precipitate unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid. When heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it yields a brownish-red precipitate, and a slight odor of ammonia is evolved. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the filtrate, when slightly acidulated with acetic acid, will gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 15 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* According to the view of its nature taken in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, it is a double salt, consisting of one mol. of ferric tartrate and one of potassium tartrate ($Fe_2(C_4H_4O_6)_3 + K_2C_4H_4O_6 + H_2O$). Flückiger (*Pharmaceutische Chemie*, 2d ed., p. 573, 1888), on the other hand, considers the salt formed to be one in which Fe_2O_2 is present as a bivalent group, and gives it the formula $C_4H_4O_6K_2 + C_4H_4O_6(Fe_2O_2) + 4H_2O$. "By incinerating 50 grains at a red heat, washing what is left with distilled water, and again incinerating, a residue of peroxide is obtained, weighing 15 grains." (*Br.*) The salt is incompatible with astringent vegetable infusions, which give rise to a dark-colored precipitate.

Medical Properties. Iron and potassium tartrate is a mild, agreeable chalybeate, with but little astringency. It is well borne by the stomach, whether taken fasting or with the food. From its slight taste and ready solubility, it is one of the best ferruginous preparations for children. Dose for an adult, five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.), given preferably in solution.

FERRI ET QUININÆ CITRAS. U. S., Br. Iron and Quinine Citrate.

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ CĪ'TRĂS.)

Ferri et Quiniæ Citras, *Br.* 1867, *U. S.* 1870; Citrate of Iron and Quinia; Citrate de Fer et de Quinine, *Fr.*; Chininum Ferro-Citricum, *P. G.*; Citronensaures Eisen-Chinin, *G.*

"Ferric Citrate, *eighty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces, 436 grains]; Quinine, dried at 100° C. (212° F.) to a constant weight, *twelve grammes* [or 186 grains]; Citric Acid, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Dissolve the Ferric Citrate in *one hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 197 minims] of Distilled Water by heating on a water-bath at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.). To this solution add the Quinine and Citric Acid, previously triturated with *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims] of Distilled Water, and stir constantly until the Quinine and Citric Acid are dissolved. Lastly, evaporate the solution, on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *four and a half fluidounces;* Sulphate of Quinine *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Diluted Sulphuric Acid *twelve fluidrachms* [Imperial measure]; Citric Acid *three ounces and thirty grains* [av.]; Solution of Ammonia, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix eight fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Solution of Ammonia with two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and to this add the solution of Persulphate of Iron previously diluted with two pints of Distilled Water, stirring them constantly and briskly. Let the mixture stand for two hours, stirring it occasionally, then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquid has drained away, wash the precipitated ferric hydrate with Distilled Water until that which passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium.

"Mix the Sulphate of Quinine with eight [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water, add the Diluted Sulphuric Acid, and when the salt is dissolved precipitate the quinine with a slight excess of Solution of Ammonia. Collect the precipitate on a filter, and wash it with a pint and a half of Distilled Water.

"Dissolve the Citric Acid in five [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water, and, having applied the heat of a water-bath, add the ferric hydrate previously well drained; stir them together, and, when the hydrate has dissolved, add the precipitated quinine, continuing the agitation until this also has dissolved. Let the solution cool, then add in small quantities at a time twelve fluidrachms of Solution of Ammonia diluted with two fluidounces of Distilled Water, stirring the solution briskly, and allowing the quinine which separates with each addition of ammonia to dissolve before the next addition is made. Filter the solution, evaporate it to the consistence of a thin syrup, then dry it in thin layers on flat porcelain or glass plates at a temperature of 100° F. (37·8° C.). Remove the dry salt in flakes, and keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The present process differs in several particulars from that formerly official;* the solution of ferric citrate has been replaced by a definite weight of ferric citrate, and, instead of using freshly precipitated quinine, the moisture is driven off entirely, and the perfectly dry alkaloid is used. There has been very little gained by the change in saving time, because of the slow solubility of both of the citrates, and this is particularly so if the temperature is strictly adhered to. The *official* iron and quinine citrate has never been very largely used, because of its slow solubility, the manufacturers supplying a salt which is readily soluble, due to the presence of ammonia. But by the introduction of a soluble iron and quinine citrate (see *Ferri et Quininæ Citras Solubilis*) the salt may be now furnished in a very convenient form for use in solutions, whilst the above comparatively insoluble salt may be retained for use in pills, for which it is much better adapted.

The use of ferrous sulphate by the former British process is abandoned, and the solution of the persulphate retained. From this the freshly precipitated ferric hydrate is obtained by precipitation with ammonia. The next step is to separate quinine from the sulphate, by simply dissolving the salt in water with the aid of sulphuric acid, and then precipitating by ammonia. Thirdly, the hydrate and quinine are dissolved successively, aided by the heat of a water-bath, in solution of citric acid, whereby an iron and quinine citrate is obtained. The ammonia is added in order to render the iron and quinine citrate more soluble by the agency of a portion of ammonium citrate. It is important that the ammonia should not be added in excess; on

* *Liquor Ferri et Quininæ Citratis*, U. S. 1880. *Solution of Citrate of Iron and Quinine.* (Citrate de Fer et de Quinine liquide, *Fr.*; Citronensaures Eisen- und Chinin-Lösung, *G.*) "Citrate of Iron and Ammonium, *sixty-five parts* [or five hundred and sixty-eight grains]; Quinine, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), until it ceases to lose weight, *twelve parts* [or one hundred and five grains]; Citric Acid, *twenty-eight parts* [or two hundred and forty-five grains]; Alcohol, *thirty parts* [or six fluidrachms]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *two hundred parts* [or four ounces av.]. Dissolve the Citrate of Iron and Ammonium in *two hundred parts* [or four fluidounces] of Distilled Water, contained in a tared porcelain capsule, heat the solution to 60° C. (140° F.), on a water-bath, add the Citric Acid, and, when it is dissolved, add the Quinine, stirring the mixture until a perfect solution has been obtained. Evaporate this to *one hundred and sixty parts* [or three ounces av.], allow it to cool, add the Alcohol, and finally enough Distilled Water to make the solution weigh *two hundred parts* [or four ounces av.]." *U. S.*

The introduction of this solution in the U. S. P. 1880 grew out of the necessity for a soluble form of iron and quinine citrate. That comparatively insoluble salt, the official iron and quinine citrate, has been but little used; whilst the readily soluble preparation of the manufacturers, which contains ammonia, is in extensive demand, and is official in the U. S. P. 1890. It is believed that the above solution will be satisfactory, as it bears a definite and easily remembered relation towards the official salt (see *Ferri et Quininæ Citras*), being *exactly half its strength*. Its principal use will undoubtedly be by the pharmacist, who will use it in manufacturing and in prescriptions, as it will save him the time and labor of dissolving the salt, whilst the process of assay, which is identical with that given under the salt, will serve as an efficient means of testing the solution should he be compelled to purchase it.

Properties. "A dark greenish-yellow to yellowish-brown liquid, transparent in thin layers, odorless, having a bitter and mildly ferruginous taste, and a slightly acid reaction. On supersaturating the diluted solution with a slight excess of ammonia, the color of the liquid is deepened and a white, curdy precipitate is thrown down, which is soluble in ether and answers to the reaction of quinine (see *Quinina*). A small portion of the filtrate, when mixed with test-solution of potassium ferrocyanide, does not produce a blue color or precipitate, unless it is acidulated with hydrochloric acid. If another portion of the filtrate be deprived of its iron, by boiling with an excess of potassa, the concentrated and cooled filtrate precipitated by test-solution of calcium chloride, and the new filtrate heated to boiling, a white granular precipitate is produced. On heating the solution with potassa, vapor of ammonia is evolved. The solution contains 6 per cent. of quinine. It may be assayed as follows: Dilute 8 Gm. of the solution with water to 30 C.c., introduce it, with any rinsings, into a glass separator, add an aqueous solution of 0·5 Gm. of tartaric acid, and then solution of soda in decided excess. Extract the alkaloid by agitating the mixture with four successive portions of chloroform, each of 15 C.c. Separate the chloroformic layers, mix them, evaporate them in a weighed capsule, on a water-bath, and dry the residue at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.). It should weigh 0·48 Gm." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The medical virtues of this solution are those of iron and quinine citrate. It may be given in the dose of from 10 to 20 minims (0·6 to 1·25 C.c.).

the contrary, the solution should retain a slight acid reaction. (*Fleurot.*) After evaporation, the salt is dried, as in the other process, on glass or porcelain, so as to be obtained in thin scales.

The U. S. and Br. preparations are essentially different; both consist of citric acid, ferric oxide, and quinine, the British, however, containing the important addition of ammonium citrate. No analysis of either salt has been made that determines precisely its chemical composition. Both are undoubtedly mere mixtures of the iron and quinine citrates, the British containing ammonium citrate.

The characters of the U. S. salt, as given in the Pharmacopœia, are the following. "Thin, transparent scales, of a reddish-brown color, without odor, and having a bitter, mildly ferruginous taste; slowly deliquescent in damp air. Slowly but completely soluble in cold water, more readily soluble in hot water, and but partially soluble in alcohol. Its solubility is diminished by age. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide, which should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper (*absence of citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt has an acid reaction. On the addition of a slight excess of ammonia water the color of the solution is deepened, and a white, curdy precipitate is produced. The filtrate from this precipitate does not afford a blue color with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid. Another portion of the filtrate, treated with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, deposits a brownish-red precipitate. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron and quinine by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of the cooled liquid, mixed with a little calcium chloride test-solution, and again heated to boiling, gradually deposits a white, crystalline precipitate. Another portion of the acidulated and cooled liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should not deposit a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*).

"*Estimation of the Quinine.* Dissolve 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of Iron and Quinine Citrate in a capsule, with the aid of a gentle heat, in 20 C.c. of water. Transfer the solution, together with the rinsings of the capsule, to a separator, allow the liquid to become cold, then add 5 C.c. of ammonia water and 10 C.c. of chloroform, and shake. Allow the liquids to separate, draw off the chloroform layer, and shake the residuary liquid a second and a third time with 10 C.c. of chloroform. Allow the combined chloroformic extracts to evaporate spontaneously in a tared capsule, and dry the residue at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.) to a constant weight. This residue should weigh not less than 0·1288 Gm. (corresponding to at least 11·5 per cent. of dried quinine), and should conform to the reactions and tests of quinine (see *Quinina*).

"*Estimation of the Iron.* Heat the aqueous liquid, from which the quinine has been removed in the manner just described, on a water-bath, until the odor of chloroform and ammonia has disappeared, allow it to cool, and dilute it with water to the volume of 50 C.c. Transfer 25 C.c. of the liquid to a glass-stoppered bottle (having the capacity of about 100 C.c.), add 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, and allow the mixture to stand for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.). After it has been allowed to cool, and been mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 14·5 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

Amorphous quinine or chinoidine is sometimes substituted for the crystallizable alkaloid. Dr. de Vrij proposes a method of detecting this fraud, which depends upon the fact that oxalic acid forms with crystallizable quinine, in a chloroformic solution, white crystals of quinine oxalate without discoloration. (See *N. R.*, 1881, p. 10.)

The British citrate is described as in thin scales of a greenish golden-yellow color, of a bitter and chalybeate taste, somewhat deliquescent (which does not seem to be the case with our official salt), and entirely soluble in cold water. "The solution is very slightly acid, and is precipitated reddish-brown by solution of soda, white by solution of ammonia, blue by ferrocyanide and ferricyanide of potassium, and grayish-black by tannic acid. When burned with exposure to air, it leaves a residue which when moistened with water is not alkaline to test-paper [oxide of iron]. Fifty grains, dissolved in a fluidounce of water, and treated with a slight excess of ammonia, give a white precipitate [quinine] which, when dissolved out by successive treatments of the fluid with ether or chloroform and the latter evaporated, and the residue dried until it ceases to lose weight, weighs seven and a half grains. The precipitate is almost entirely soluble in pure ether [showing the absence of cinchonine and quinidine], and when burned leaves but a minute residue." *Br.* Mr. Umney states (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser.,

iv.) that the salt prepared according to the British formula will not stand this test, and that fifty grains of it will not yield more than 7·1 grains of quinine. When dissolved by the aid of an acid, it forms a solution which, decolorized by a little purified animal charcoal, turns the plane of polarization strongly to the left,—a character of quinine; cinchonine turning it to the right. (*Squire.*) The salt is said to be sometimes adulterated by cinchonine, which would be at once detected by the test of solubility in ether and the effect on polarized light, above given. Oscar Zinn (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 550) examined six commercial samples, two of which contained no quinine, but cinchonine. H. G. Drueding found three out of six samples deficient in quinine. As it occurs in the British market, it is of exceedingly variable composition, containing, according to Mr. J. C. Braithwaite, who examined 35 different specimens, a proportion of quinine varying from 1·5 to 17 per cent. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1868, p. 157.) The proportion of alkaloid appears to be usually below the standard. (A. W. Gerrard, *Ibid.*, March, 1873, p. 763.) According to Mr. C. H. Wood (*Ibid.*, 2d ser., x. 644), this salt undergoes a rapid change of composition when exposed to the direct rays of the sun.

The new official process of assay will doubtless bring to light all shortcomings.* (See results of examination of commercial iron and quinine citrate by E. C. Federer, *Proc. Mich. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1887, or *Pharm Era*, 1887, p. 357.)

Iron and quinine citrate combines the virtues of its two bases, and may be given in all cases in which they are jointly indicated, preferably in pill form. The dose, as a tonic, is five or six grains (0·33–0·4 Gm.), containing about half a grain (0·033 Gm.) of dry quinine, three or four times a day. This dose may be increased, if deemed advisable.

FERRI ET QUININÆ CITRAS SOLUBILIS. U. S. Soluble Iron and Quinine Citrate.

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ CĪ'TRĂS SO-LŪ'BĬ-LĬS.)

"Ferric Citrate, *eighty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 436 grains]; Quinine, dried at 100° C. (212° F.) to a constant weight, *twelve grammes* [or 186 grains]; Citric Acid, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Ammonia Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Dissolve the Ferric Citrate in *one hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 197 minims] of Distilled Water, by heating on a water-bath at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.). To this solution add the Quinine and Citric Acid previously triturated with *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims] of Distilled Water, and stir constantly until the Quinine and Citric Acid are dissolved. Then add gradually, and with constant stirring, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims], or *a sufficient quantity*, of Ammonia Water, so that, after the addition of each portion of the latter, the precipitated Quinine will be redissolved and the liquid acquire a greenish-yellow tint. Lastly, evaporate the solution on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

This is a new official salt which has been added to the list in answer to a demand which was very persistent. The iron and quinine citrate formerly official and the one in the U. S. P. 1890 are comparatively insoluble salts, and better adapted for use in pills; but the combination of iron, quinine, and citric acid is wanted more frequently in solution, and hence a salt which will quickly dissolve will be a desirable addition: the only difference between the two salts consists in greater solubility, and this is effected by the use of ammonia water.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes it as in "thin, transparent scales, of a greenish, golden-yellow color, without odor, and having a bitter, mildly ferruginous taste; deliquescent in damp air. Rapidly and completely soluble in cold water, but only partially soluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide, which should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper (absence of *citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction. On the addition of a slight

* R. Rother, on the plea of more uniform composition, uses anhydrous quinine, and proposes the following formula for iron and quinine citrate. Ferric citrate, 8·16 grammes; citric acid, 2·10 grammes; sodium bicarbonate, 1·68 grammes; quinine trihydrite, 3·78 grammes, or quinine anhydrite, 3·24 grammes; water sufficient. Place the ferric citrate, sodium bicarbonate, and 20 C.c. of water in a porcelain capsule of convenient size, and apply heat, constantly stirring the mixture, until perfect solution has resulted. Now place the quinine, citric acid, and 20 C.c. of water in a similar capsule, and apply heat whilst stirring the mixture, until the combination is completed. Pour the solution into this magma, apply heat, and, when all has dissolved, evaporate the solution, at a moderate temperature, to a syrupy consistence, and spread it on glass plates to dry in the warm open air, so that the salt may form in scales. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, pp. 121–126.)

excess of ammonia water the color of the liquid is deepened, and a white, curdy precipitate is produced. If a portion of the filtrate from this precipitate be mixed with some potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, it does not afford a blue color or precipitate, unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid. Another portion of the filtrate, treated with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, gives a brownish-red precipitate. If a portion of the salt be heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, vapor of ammonia will be evolved. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron and quinine by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of the cooled liquid, mixed with a little calcium chloride test-solution, and again heated to boiling, will gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. Another portion of the acidulated and cooled liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should not give a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*). Soluble Iron and Quinine Citrate, when assayed for Quinine and Iron by the method described under *Ferri et Quininæ Citras*, should respond to the requirements for the latter." *U. S.*

FERRI ET STRYCHNINÆ CITRAS. U. S. Iron and Strychnine Citrate.

(FĔR'RĪ ĔT STRĬCH-NĪ'NÆ CĪ'TRĂS.)

Ferri et Strychniæ Citras, *U. S.* 1870; Citrate de Fer et de Strychnine, *Fr.*; Citronensaures Eisen-Strychnin, *G.*

"Iron and Ammonium Citrate, *ninety-eight grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 200 grains]; Strychnine, *one gramme* [or 15·4 grains]; Citric Acid, *one gramme* [or 15·4 grains]; Distilled Water, *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 27 minims]. To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Dissolve the Iron and Ammonium Citrate in *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 181 minims] of Distilled Water, and the Strychnine, together with the Citric Acid, in *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims] of Distilled Water. Mix the two solutions, evaporate the mixture by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

Iron and strychnine citrate, although long used in medicine, was first recognized in 1870. The present formula does not differ essentially from that of 1870.

This salt is well adapted for administration in pilular form, but should never be prescribed in solution. Dr. Squibb has shown that a whitish deposit will begin to settle from the solution within two or three hours after it is made, and continue to increase for several days; the deposit was found to contain fifty per cent. of strychnine. When ammonia water or ammonium citrate was added, the precipitate was redissolved, but the solution could not be made permanent by the addition, as the precipitate reappeared. There might be dangerous or alarming symptoms if this solution were dispensed without shaking. (*Ephemeris*, June, 1888, p. 1128.)

Properties. "Thin, transparent scales, varying in color from garnet-red to yellowish-brown, without odor, and having a bitter, slightly ferruginous taste; deliquescent in damp air. Readily and completely soluble in water, but only partly soluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt chars, and finally leaves a residue of ferric oxide which should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper (absence of *citrates* or *tartrates of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution of the salt is slightly acid to litmus paper, and is not immediately precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it does not yield a blue color or precipitate, unless it be acidulated with hydrochloric acid. On heating it with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a brownish-red precipitate is produced, and vapor of ammonia evolved. If a 10-per-cent. solution of the salt be deprived of its iron and strychnine by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of the cooled liquid, mixed with a little calcium chloride test-solution, and again heated to boiling, will gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. Another portion of the acidulated and cooled liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should not deposit a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*)." *U. S.*

"*Estimation of the Strychnine.* Dissolve 2·24 (2·2352) Gm. of Iron and Strychnine Citrate, in a separator, in 15 C.c. of water, add 5 C.c. of ammonia water and 10 C.c. of chloroform, and shake. Allow the liquids to separate, draw off the chloroform layer, and shake the residuary liquid a second and a third time with 10 C.c. of chloroform. Allow the combined chloroformic extracts to evaporate spontaneously in a tared capsule, and dry the residue at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.) to a constant weight. This residue should weigh not less

than 0·02 Gm. nor more than 0·0224 Gm. (corresponding to not less than 0·9 nor more than 1 per cent. of strychnine), and should respond to the reactions and tests of strychnine (see *Strychnina*).

"*Estimation of the Iron.* Heat the aqueous liquid, from which the strychnine has been removed in the manner just described, on a water-bath, until the odor of chloroform and ammonia has disappeared, allow it to cool, and dilute it with water to the volume of 100 C.c. Transfer 25 C.c. of the liquid to a glass-stoppered bottle (having the capacity of about 100 C.c.), add 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, and allow the mixture to stand for half an hour, at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.). After it has been allowed to cool, and been mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 16 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. It is an efficient tonic, but has no advantages over the two active substances it contains when given conjointly in an uncombined state, and has the great disadvantage that the dose of one principle cannot be varied independently of that of the other. It occurs in beautiful red scales, of an intensely bitter, scarcely ferruginous taste, and is very soluble in water. It contains 1 per cent. of strychnine, there being in five grains one-twentieth of a grain of the alkaloid. Dose, from three to five grains (0·20–0·33 Gm.), in pill or solution.

FERRI HYPOPHOSPHIS. U. S. Ferric Hypophosphite.

$Fe_2(PH_2O_2)_6$; **501·04.** (FĔR'RĪ HŸ-PŌ-PHŌS'PHIS.) $Fe_2(H_2PO_2)_6$; 501·8.

Hypophosphite of Iron; Ferrum Hypophosphorosum, Hypophosphis Ferricus; Hypophosphite de Fer, *Fr.;* Unterphosphorigsaures Eisenoxyd, *G.*

"Ferric Hypophosphite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This is among the hypophosphites brought into notice in consequence of their recommendation by Dr. Churchill in the treatment of phthisis, in which they were thought to be useful by the introduction of phosphorus into the system. This particular salt may be considered preferable to others when a marked condition of anæmia indicates a deficiency of iron in the tissues. It may be made by the action of hypophosphorous acid on ferrous carbonate formed by precipitation from the sulphate; but, as some difficulty has been found in obtaining this acid perfectly pure, Mr. C. H. Wood, of London, prefers the plan of double decomposition. He proposes that ferrous sulphate and calcium hypophosphite be made to react on each other in molecular proportions represented by 480 grains of crystallized ferrous sulphate and 326 grains of commercial hypophosphite; in the latter an allowance of 10 per cent. being made for impurities ordinarily found in that salt. These quantities will yield 320 grains of ferric hypophosphite, and the reaction will be represented by the following formula: $Ca(H_2PO_2)_2 + FeSO_4 = CaSO_4 + Fe(H_2PO_2)_2$. Calcium sulphate is precipitated, and ferrous hypophosphite is held in solution. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1868, p. 342.) In this condition the salt is a ferrous compound; but on evaporation the ferrous salt becomes ferric, and acquires the properties detailed in the Pharmacopœia. Of this the following description is given in the late edition of that work.

Properties. "A white or grayish-white powder, odorless and nearly tasteless; permanent in the air. Only slightly soluble in water, more readily in presence of hypophosphorous acid, or in a warm, concentrated solution of an alkali citrate, forming with the latter a green solution. When strongly heated in a dry test-tube, the salt evolves spontaneously inflammable hydrogen phosphide gas, and, on complete ignition, leaves a residue of ferric pyrophosphate. The salt is readily oxidized by nitric acid or other oxidizing agents. If to 0·5 Gm. of the salt 5 C.c. of acetic acid be added, no effervescence should occur (absence of *carbonate*), and if the mixture be subsequently heated to boiling, the filtrate, upon cooling, should afford no turbidity with ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be boiled with 10 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a reddish-brown precipitate will be produced; and if to the filtrate from the latter, slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, magnesia mixture be added, and subsequently an excess of ammonia water, no crystalline precipitate should be produced (absence of *phosphate*). If 0·1 Gm. of Ferric Hypophosphite be mixed with 10 C.c. of water, then 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid and 50 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the mixture boiled for fifteen minutes, it should require not more than 3 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the red color (corresponding to at least 98·1 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Syrup of ferric hypophosphite may be prepared by simply adding syrup to the solution of the hypophosphite remaining after the separation of the calcium sulphate in the process of

Mr. Wood above given. If two and a half ounces of water be used in the process, and the paste resulting from the precipitation of the calcium sulphate be pressed out, the remaining liquid, after filtration, will form with seven times its volume of syrup a liquid containing two grains of the hypophosphite in a fluidrachm. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1868.) But in this form, if the syrup be not thoroughly enclosed, it quickly absorbs oxygen, and in a few hours begins to exhibit the formation of a precipitate, rendering it in a short time unfit for use. A little phosphoric or citric acid added to the syrup will obviate this result; but it is better perhaps at once to form a syrup from materials which will not be liable to this objection. Mr. Wood employs the following process. "Take of granulated ferrous sulphate 480 gr., calcium hypophosphite 326 gr., diluted phosphoric acid f℥i, water f℥iss, syrup q. s. Dissolve, without heat, the ferrous sulphate in the phosphoric acid, previously mixed with the water. Rub the hypophosphite to fine powder, and pour on it the solution of the sulphate. Triturate together for two or three minutes, then pour the mixture on a piece of damp calico, and squeeze out the liquid with the hands. Filter this solution, and add to it seven times its volume of strong syrup. The resulting syrup will contain two grains of ferric hypophosphite in each fluidrachm." The dose may be from two to six fluidrachms (7·5–22·50 C.c.).

Prof. C. L. Diehl prepares the syrup from a freshly precipitated magma produced by precipitating a solution of calcium hypophosphite with solution of ferric chloride and dissolving the magma by the aid of potassium citrate. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1882, p. 71; see, also, National Formulary, Part II.) Ferric hypophosphite may be given in states of the system where deficient powers of the cerebral centres are attended with an anæmic condition of the blood. It may be administered in pill or in powder in the dose of from five to ten grains (0·324–0·648 Gm.); but a more eligible form, and one generally preferred, is that of syrup.

FERRI IODIDUM SACCHARATUM. U. S. Saccharated Ferrous Iodide.

(FĔR'RĪ Ī-ŎD'Ị-DŬM SĂC-ȼHẠ-RĀ'TŬM.)

Saccharated Iodide of Iron; Ferrum Iodatum Saccharatum, *P. G.;* Zuckerhaltiges Jodeisen, *G.*

"Iron, in the form of fine, bright wire, and cut into small pieces, *six grammes* [or 92 grains]; Reduced Iron, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Iodine, *seventeen grammes* [or 262 grains]; Distilled Water, Sugar of Milk, recently dried, each, *a sufficient quantity*. To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix the Iron Wire, Iodine, and *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims] of Distilled Water in a flask of thin glass, shake the mixture occasionally, until the reaction ceases, and the solution has acquired a green color and lost the smell of Iodine; then filter it through a small, wetted filter into a porcelain capsule containing *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains] of Sugar of Milk. Rinse the flask and Iron Wire with a little Distilled Water, pass the rinsings through the filter into the capsule, and evaporate, on a water-bath, with frequent stirring, until a dry mass remains. Transfer this quickly to a heated iron mortar, reduce it to powder, and mix it intimately, by trituration, with the Reduced Iron and enough Sugar of Milk to make the final product weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Transfer the powder at once to small and perfectly dry bottles, which should be securely stoppered, and kept in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

This official preparation is practically identical with the Saccharated Iodide of Iron of the German Pharmacopœia, and consists of ferrous iodide preserved by contact with sugar of milk. It is a more stable form of administering ferrous iodide than the salt in its pure state. (See *Ferri Iodidum.*)* The addition of reduced iron to the preparation just before the close of the process is for the purpose of protecting it from change: any iodine which may be set free through exposure will combine with the reduced iron, and thus the irritating effects of free iodine will be avoided.

* *Tasteless Salts of Iron.* A class of preparations of iron has been introduced by Mr. J. L. A. Creuse (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 214). It has long been known that ammonium citrate has the property of rendering soluble many ordinarily insoluble preparations of iron. Mr. Creuse believes that all the salts of ferric oxide form chemical combinations with all the alkaline (ammonium, sodium, potassium, lithium) citrates, which combinations are all greenish, soluble in water, nearly insoluble in alcohol, free from ferruginous taste, perfectly stable, and so resist decomposition as to form no precipitate with Peruvian bark; indeed, chemical reagents do not reveal the iron in them unless strong acids of hydrogen sulphide be used. None of these salts coagulate the blood; they cannot be used as styptics.

Tasteless Iron Iodide is prepared in the following manner: 126·3 grains of iodine are combined with iron in the usual way to obtain the solution of ferrous iodide; this is filtered and 63 grains of iodine dissolved in it; a solution of 201 grains of citric acid is exactly saturated with potassa and then added gradually to the first solution. When the apple-green color has been developed, the solution is evaporated, with gentle stirring, to dryness, when cauliflower-

Properties. The Pharmacopœia gives the following description: "A yellowish-white or grayish, very hygroscopic powder, without odor, and having a sweetish, ferruginous taste. Soluble (with exception of the added reduced iron) in 7 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), but only partially soluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the compound swells up, evolves the odor of iodine and of burning sugar, and, on complete ignition, leaves a residue which should yield nothing soluble to water (absence of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). The aqueous solution has a slightly acid reaction, and gives with potassium ferricyanide test-solution a blue precipitate. If the aqueous solution be mixed with a little starch test-solution, and afterwards with a few drops of chlorine water, it will assume a deep blue color. This color should not be developed in the aqueous solution by starch test-solution alone (absence of *free iodine*). If 1·55 (1·5447) Gm. of Saccharated Ferrous Iodide be dissolved in about 20 C.c. of water, in a small flask, and to this solution be successively added, first, 22 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, then 5 C.c. of diluted nitric acid and 5 C.c. of ferric ammonium sulphate test-solution, it should not require more than 2 C.c. of potassium sulphocyanate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a reddish-brown tint which persists after shaking (corresponding to about 20 per cent. of pure Ferrous Iodide)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties of this preparation are identical with those of ferrous iodide. The dose is from two to five grains (0·13 to 0·33 Gm.).

FERRI LACTAS. U. S. Ferrous Lactate.

$Fe(C_3H_5O_3)_2.3H_2O$; **287·34.** (FĔR'RĪ LĂC'TĂS.) $Fe(C_3H_5O_3)_2.3H_2O$; 287·9.

Lactate of Iron; Ferrum Lacticum, *P. G.;* Lactas Ferrosus; Lactate de Fer, *Fr.;* Milchsaures Eisenoxydul, Eisenlactat, *G.*

"Ferrous Lactate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

A formula for this salt was omitted in the 1880 U. S. P. revision. In the process of the U. S. P. 1870* the lactic acid unites with the iron, forming ferrous lactate, a part of which crystallizes when the solution cools, and the remainder is obtained by evaporation and crystallization. It may be more cheaply prepared, on the large scale, by digesting the impure acid first obtained in M. Louradour's process, with iron filings, or by reaction between ferrous sulphate and the calcium lactate or zinc lactate prepared as a step in obtaining lactic acid. The following is M. Gobley's process for making calcium lactate preparatory to its conversion into ferrous lactate. Add to 2 pints of skim-milk, diluted with twice its bulk of water, and contained in an earthen pan, 64 drachms of powdered lactose, and 51 drachms of powdered chalk. Allow the whole to ferment for eleven or twelve days, at a temperature of from 26·6° to 32·2° C. (80° to 90° F.), supplying water as it evaporates. Transfer the liquor to a capsule, heat it gradually to boiling, and stir it constantly. Boil for a quarter of an hour to coagulate casein, allow the insoluble matters to subside, and strain the liquid through flannel. The clear liquid is a solution of calcium lactate. In this process the casein of the milk, acting as a ferment, converts not only the lactose of the milk, but the lactose added, into lactic acid; a result which would not take place were it not for the presence of the chalk, which saturates the lactic acid as it is formed, and prevents it from uniting with the casein, whereby the power of the latter as a ferment would be destroyed. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., vi. 54.) (See, also, other methods under *Acidum Lacticum*, p. 79.) Calcium lactate may be expeditiously converted into iron lactate by the following process of M. Lepage. Dissolve 100 parts of calcium lactate, obtained by M. Gobley's process, in 500 parts of boiling water; dissolve also 68 parts of pure crystallized ferrous sulphate in 500 parts of cold distilled water. Mix the filtered solutions in a matrass, acidulate slightly with lactic acid, and heat in a water-bath, stirring frequently until the double decom-

like masses of acicular crystals will be obtained. These are stable except in direct sunlight. (See *Syrupus Ferri Citro-Iodidi*, National Formulary, Part II.)

Tasteless Iron Chloride is made by adding an alkaline citrate in solution to a solution of iron sesquichloride, in such proportion that there shall be two molecules of the former to three molecules of chlorine. Usually from 120 to 140 grains of citric acid saturated with soda, potassa, or ammonia are required for the preparation of an ounce of a tincture of corresponding strength to the official tincture. The addition should be made to the liquor, and the final solution must not contain more than 40 per cent. of alcohol. R. Rother affirms that these so-called salts are mere mixtures of iron citrate and iodide or chloride of the alkali used. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 171; see, also, *Syrupus Ferri Protochloridi*, National Formulary, Part II.)

* "Take of Lactic Acid *a fluidounce;* Iron, in the form of filings, *half a troyounce;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Acid with a pint of Distilled Water in an iron vessel, add the Iron, and digest the mixture on a water-bath, supplying Distilled Water, from time to time, to preserve the measure. When the action has ceased, filter the solution, while hot, into a porcelain capsule, and set it aside to crystallize. At the end of forty-eight hours, decant the liquid, wash the crystals with a little alcohol, and dry them on bibulous paper. By evaporating the mother-water in an iron vessel to one-half, filtering while hot, and setting the liquid aside, more crystals may be obtained." *U. S.* 1870.

position is completed. Then filter to separate the calcium sulphate, and evaporate rapidly to one-half, either in an iron vessel, or in a porcelain capsule containing a few turnings of iron. Filter again, and set aside to crystallize; and, having washed the crystals in a funnel with a little alcohol, dry them on bibulous paper. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ix. 272.) In relation to the precautions to be observed in preparing this lactate, so as to prevent the partial oxidation of the iron, see *A. J. P.*, 1853, p. 556.*

Ferrous lactate is in "pale greenish-white crusts, consisting of small, needle-shaped crystals, having a slight, peculiar odor, and a mild, sweetish, ferruginous taste. Slowly but completely soluble in 40 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 12 parts of boiling water; freely soluble in a solution of an alkali citrate, yielding a green solution; almost insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt froths up, gives out dense, white, acrid fumes, chars, and finally leaves a brownish-red residue. The aqueous solution of the salt has a greenish-yellow color, a slightly acid reaction, and gives with potassium ferricyanide test-solution a deep blue, and with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution a light blue, precipitate. A 2-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not afford with lead acetate test-solution, nor, after acidulation with hydrochloric acid, with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, more than a whitish opalescence (limit or absence of *sulphate*, *chloride*, *citrate*, *tartrate*, *malate*, etc., and of *foreign metals*). The aqueous solution, acidulated with nitric acid, should not afford more than a slight opalescence with barium chloride test-solution, or with silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *sulphate* or *chloride*). If 25 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 50), mixed with 5 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, be boiled for a few minutes, then precipitated by an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the filtrate, mixed with a few drops of alkaline cupric tartrate volumetric solution, and heated to boiling, should not afford a red precipitate (absence of *sugar*). If a portion of the salt be triturated with strong sulphuric acid, no offensive odor should be developed (absence of *butyric acid*), nor should any gas be evolved (absence of *carbonate*), and the mixture, after standing for some time, should not assume a brown color (absence of *sugar*, *gum*, or other *readily carbonizable impurities*). If 1 Gm. of the salt, contained in a porcelain crucible, be moistened with nitric acid, and carefully ignited, it should leave a residue of ferric oxide weighing not less than 0·270 nor more than 0·278 Gm. This residue should not have an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper, nor yield anything soluble to water (absence of *foreign salts*)." *U. S.* Ferrous lactate has an acid reaction. The aqueous solution quickly becomes yellow, in consequence of the iron passing to a higher state of oxidation. M. Louradour has seen several samples of this lactate variously adulterated, as with effloresced ferrous sulphate, starch, and lactin, the sophistication being concealed by the sale of the salt in powder. These impurities may be detected by appropriate reagents; but M. Louradour recommends the rejection of the salt when it is not in crystalline crusts.

Medical Properties. Ferrous lactate has the general medical properties of the ferruginous preparations, and has been especially used in chlorosis by Andral, Fouquier, Bouillaud, and other Parisian doctors. As much as twelve or even twenty grains (0·8–1·3 Gm.) may be given in the course of a day. It may be administered in lozenge, pill, or syrup. The *lozenge* may be made of one grain (0·065 Gm.) of the lactate to twelve grains (0·8 Gm.) of sugar; the *pill*, of one grain (0·065 Gm.) of the salt, with an equal weight of some inert powder free from astringent matter, and sufficient honey. The following is the formula for a *syrup* proposed by M. Cap. Take of ferrous lactate *a drachm;* white sugar *twelve ounces and a half;* boiling distilled water *six fluidounces and a half.* Rub the salt to powder with half an ounce of the sugar, and dissolve the mixture quickly in the boiling water. Pour the solution into a matrass placed on a sand-bath, and add to it the rest of the sugar in small pieces. When the sugar is dissolved, filter the syrup, and, as soon as it is cold, transfer it to bottles, which must be well stopped. This syrup has a very light amber color, and contains about four grains of the salt to the fluidounce. The dose is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.). Bread, called *chalybeate bread*, containing ferrous lactate in the proportion of about a grain (0·065 Gm.) to the ounce (31·1 Gm.), has been used with advantage by chlorotic patients in one of the hospitals of Paris. The bread is not injured in taste or quality.

* *Ferric Lactate.* Instead of the official ferrous lactate, Louis P. Carbonell recommends the ferric lactate, which he succeeded in obtaining in light-brown transparent scales by following the process for the other scale preparations of iron, taking particular care fully to saturate the acid and to avoid high temperature during the whole operation. If the first precaution be overlooked, a more or less pasty mass will be the result, and if the temperature rise too high a pulverulent salt will be obtained. The scaled salt is freely soluble in water and alcohol.

Iron and quinine lactate and *iron and strychnine lactate* may also be obtained in brown scales, have a bitter ferruginous taste, and are soluble in alcohol and water. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 489.)

FERRI OXIDUM HYDRATUM. U. S. (Br.) Ferric Hydrate.

[Ferric Hydroxide. Hydrated Oxide of Iron.]

$Fe_2(OH)_6$; 213·52. (FĒR′RĪ ŌX′Ĭ-DŬM HĪ-DRĀ′TŬM.) $Fe_2(HO)_6$; 213·8.

Ferri Peroxidum Hydratum, *Br.;* Ferri Sesquioxidum; Ferri Oxidum Rubrum; Hydrous Peroxide of Iron; Ferric Oxyhydrate; Ferrugo; Hydrated Peroxide of Iron, Hydrated Sesquioxide of Iron, Moist Peroxide of Iron; Hydras Ferricus; Sesquioxide (Péroxide) de Fer hydraté humide, Hydrate de Péroxyde de Fer gélatineux, *Fr.;* Feuchtes Eisenoxydhydrat, Gegengift der Arsenigensäure, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Ammonia Water, *one hundred and ten cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 345 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity.* To the Ammonia Water, previously diluted with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of cold Water, add, under constant stirring, the Solution of Ferric Sulphate, previously diluted with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of cold Water. As soon as the precipitate has subsided, draw off the clear liquid by means of a siphon, then mix the precipitate intimately with about *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of cold Water, again draw off the clear liquid after subsidence of the precipitate, and repeat this operation, until a portion of the decanted liquid gives not more than a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Finally transfer the precipitate to a wet muslin strainer, and, after it has drained, mix it with sufficient cold Water to make the mixture weigh *two hundred and fifty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 358 grains]. When Ferric Hydrate is to be made in haste, for use as an antidote, the washing may be performed more quickly, though less perfectly, by transferring the precipitate at once to a wet muslin strainer, pressing forcibly with the hands, until no more liquid passes, and then adding enough Water to make the whole weigh about *two hundred and fifty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 358 grains.]

"*Note.*—The ingredients for preparing Ferric Hydrate as an antidote should always be kept on hand in bottles containing, respectively, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the Solution of Ferric Sulphate, and *two hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 7 fluidounces, 210 minims] of Ammonia Water." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *four fluidounces;* Solution of Soda *thirty-three fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Solution of Persulphate of Iron with a pint [Imperial measure] of the Distilled Water, and add this gradually to the Solution of Soda, stirring them constantly and briskly. Let the mixture stand for two hours, stirring it occasionally, then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquid has drained away, wash the precipitated ferric hydrate with Distilled Water, until what passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Dry it at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.) until it ceases to lose weight, then reduce it to fine powder." *Br.*

This preparation was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia on account of its importance as an antidote to arsenous acid. It is frequently used in the official processes as the source of iron when it is desired to produce a ferric compound, but the directions for making it always accompany the preparation in which it is used, because of the difficulty of preserving the ferric hydrate. In the former processes the first step was to convert ferrous sulphate into ferric sulphate; but in the present the official solution of ferric sulphate (persulphate, *Br.*) is taken already containing the iron in the proper state of oxidation. This is simply treated with ammonia water (*U. S.*), or diluted solution of soda (*Br.*), which throws down the oxide combined with water, constituting the hydrated oxide required.

It is the duty of the apothecary to be always prepared to make this antidote, by keeping the necessary solutions for its precipitation. Magnesia is probably a better precipitant than either of those official. (See next article.) In most cases of arsenical poisoning, minutes are of immense importance, and time must be lost in washing the precipitated iron if the official process be adhered to. Magnesia is not only not irritant, but is itself antidotal to arsenic: so that the precipitated mass may be given at once to the patient. The oxide should not be kept in stock, but when ordered as an antidote should be made fresh.

The British preparation differs from the official one in the important particular that it is in fine powder and contains but 10 per cent. of moisture, the *moist ferric oxide* having been abandoned at the last revision as a separate preparation, on account of its instability, and both processes having been merged into one.

Properties. Ferric hydrate, as directed by the U. S. formula, "is a brownish-red magma, wholly soluble in hydrochloric acid without effervescence." The hydrated oxide ($Fe_2O_3,2H_2O$) loses by the British process one-half of its combined water, and is converted into the mono-

hydrated sesquioxide (Fe_2O_3,H_2O), which is the present official preparation. As prepared by the Dublin process, in which it was heated to redness, it lost the second molecule of water, and became the anhydrous sesquioxide (Fe_2O_3), identical with the *colcothar* of commerce.

The monohydrated sesquioxide is a reddish-brown, tasteless, insoluble powder, differing from colcothar in containing a molecule of water. Hence, "heated to dull redness in a test-tube it yields about 10 per cent. of moisture." *Br.* It should not be deliquescent, and should dissolve entirely in hydrochloric acid without effervescence. Its solution in diluted hydrochloric acid yields a copious blue precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide, but none with the ferricyanide, showing that it contains ferric oxide but no ferrous oxide. If it contain copper, its hydrochloric solution will deposit this metal on a bright piece of iron. M. Dawies states that if the hydrated oxide recently prepared be kept for four or five days in boiling water it loses a large proportion of its water, containing at the end of that time only 5·77 per cent.; the larger portion of the oxide has, therefore, become dehydrated; and the same thing happens at a lower temperature, 41·1° C. (106° F.), in two or three months: it becomes of a brick-red color, and is but slightly soluble in nitric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 400.) This oxide is not used as a medicine. It is employed in making iron plaster and reduced iron, for which purposes other forms of oxidized iron would answer as well. The former Dublin *rubigo ferri*, or *rust of iron*, formed by exposing moistened iron wire to the air till converted into rust, is essentially the sesquioxide, containing a little ferric carbonate, and does not differ very essentially from the iron subcarbonate formerly official.*

If exposed to a red heat it loses the combined water, and becomes the anhydrous sesquioxide, less easily soluble in acids, improper for medical use, and altogether without effect as an antidote. Kept for some time in the pulpy state, it loses half its combined water, and becomes less soluble in acids and less efficient as an antidote. Dr. Hirsch has given some useful details in making precipitated ferric oxide upon a comparatively large scale, in *Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 66.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ferric hydrate is not an eligible ferruginous preparation for medical use. Its antidotal powers in poisoning by arsenic, the manner in which it acts, the circumstances which impair its efficiency, and the mode of using it, are fully explained under *Acidum Arsenosum*. Its power of rendering arsenous acid insoluble is readily shown by agitating a solution of the acid with a considerable excess of the moist oxide, filtering, and then testing the filtered solution for the acid: not a trace of the metal can be detected, even by hydrogen sulphide. It is stated, however, to be inferior as an antidote to the saccharated oxide. Ferric hydrate as obtained by the U. S. formula contains a little ammonia, which is thought by some to assist its antidotal powers. At least it has been ascertained that the sesquioxide when precipitated by potassa, as formerly directed by the Dublin College, is less efficient than when precipitated by ammonia, and must be employed in quantities three or four times as large to produce the same effect. The dry hydrate rubbed up with water is in the same proportion weaker than the pulpy hydrate. Ferric carbonate (formerly official) possesses

* *Ferri Subcarbonas*, U.S. 1870; *Subcarbonate of Iron; Sesquioxide of Iron; Red Oxide of Iron; Precipitated Carbonate of Iron; Aperitive Saffron of Mars.* "Take of Sulphate of Iron *eight troyounces*; Carbonate of Sodium *nine troyounces*; Water *eight pints*. Dissolve the salts separately, each in four pints of the Water; then mix the solutions thoroughly, and set aside the mixture until the precipitate has subsided. Then pour off the supernatant liquid, wash the precipitate with water until the washings pass nearly tasteless, and dry it on bibulous paper without heat." *U. S.* 1870.

When the solutions of sodium carbonate and ferrous sulphate are mixed together, a hydrated ferrous carbonate, of a pale-blue color, is thrown down, and sodium sulphate remains in solution. The precipitate during the washing and drying absorbs oxygen and loses nearly all its carbonic acid, whereby it is converted almost entirely into ferric oxide. The direction to dry the precipitate without heat is important, as even a moderate elevation of temperature has been shown by the experiments of Mr. J. A. Rex to modify the resulting product unfavorably, diminishing its solubility in hydrochloric acid in proportion to the heat employed. (*A. J. P.*, May 1862, p. 193.)

Properties. Ferric carbonate is a reddish-brown powder, of a disagreeable, slightly styptic taste, insoluble in water, and not readily dissolved by any acid except hydrochloric, with which it effervesces slightly. When of a bright-red color it should be rejected, as this color shows that it has been injured by exposure to heat. After precipitation from its hydrochloric solution by ammonia or potassa, either of which throws down ferric oxide, the supernatant liquor should give no indications of containing any metal in solution by the test of hydrogen sulphide or potassium ferrocyanide. It is incompatible with acids and acidulous salts. In composition it is a hydrated ferric oxide containing a little ferrous carbonate. By exposure to a red heat, it absorbs oxygen and loses water and carbonic acid, being converted into the *astringent saffron of Mars* of the French Codex. After ignition it is no longer a subcarbonate, but is converted into the pure sesquioxide, which is less soluble in acids and less efficient as a medicine than the preparation in its original state. Hence it is wrong to expose the subcarbonate to a red heat, as some manufacturing chemists are in the habit of doing in order to give it a bright-red color.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ferric carbonate is a rather feeble ferruginous tonic, nearly free from astringency, and causing, even in the largest doses, no obvious effects save a very slight gastric disturbance. It has been especially commended in neuralgia in doses of a teaspoonful (3·75 C.c.). Dose, five grains (0·33 Gm.).

antidotal powers to arsenic, though in an inferior degree; but this statement will not apply to it after it has been exposed to a red heat, to which it is improperly subjected by some manufacturing chemists. By ignition it becomes anhydrous, and altogether inefficient as an antidote.

FERRI OXIDUM HYDRATUM CUM MAGNESIA. U. S. Ferric Hydrate with Magnesia. [Arsenic Antidote.]

(FĔR'RĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM HĪ-DRĀ'TŬM CŬM MĂG-NĒ'ŞĬ-Ą.)

Antidotum Arsenici, *P. G.;* Antidote to Arsenious Acid; Hydrated Oxide of Iron with Magnesia; Gegengift der Arsenigensäure, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Magnesia, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Solution of Ferric Sulphate with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, and keep the liquid in a large, well-stoppered bottle. Rub the Magnesia with cold Water to a smooth and thin mixture, transfer this to a bottle capable of holding about *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and fill it with Water to about three-fourths of its capacity. When the preparation is wanted for use, shake the Magnesia mixture to a homogeneous, thin magma, gradually add to it the Iron Solution, and shake them together until a uniform, smooth mixture results.

"*Note.*—The diluted Solution of Ferric Sulphate, and the mixture of Magnesia with Water, should always be kept on hand, ready for immediate use." *U. S.*

This is a preparation which has been introduced for the purpose of furnishing a ready and efficient antidote against arsenous acid. It is almost identical with the *Antidotum Arsenici* of the German Pharmacopœia, and experience has shown its effectiveness. Ferric hydrate is produced when the mixture of magnesia is added to the diluted solution of ferric sulphate, and, as the magnesia is in excess and acidity thus prevented, no harm can result from not separating the by-products of the reaction. When mixed as officially directed, and ready for use, it contains ferric hydrate with magnesium sulphate and hydrate. It has been shown that no soluble compound with arsenic is formed when it is used as an antidote, and the presence of the magnesium salts, from a therapeutical point of view, is not at all objectionable. (See *Acidum Arsenosum*, p. 27.)

FERRI PHOSPHAS. Br. Ferric Phosphate.

(FĔR'RĪ PHŎS'PHĂS.)

"Ferrous phosphate, $Fe_3(PO_4)_2 8H_2O$, at least 47 per cent.; with ferric phosphate and some oxide." *Br.*

Phosphate of Iron; Ferrum Phosphoricum, *P. G.;* Phosphas Ferroso-Ferricus; Ferroso-Ferric Phosphate; Phosphate de Fer, Phosphate ferroso-ferrique, *Fr.;* Phosphorsaures Eisenoxydul (Eisenoxydul-Oxyd), *G.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Phosphate of Sodium *two and three-quarter ounces* [av.]; Bicarbonate of Sodium *three-quarters of an ounce* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in *thirty fluidounces* [Imperial measure] of the Water, and the Phosphate of Sodium in a similar quantity of water. When each solution has cooled to between 100° and 130° F. (37°·8 and 54°·4 C.), add the latter to the former, pouring in also a solution of the Bicarbonate of Sodium in a little Distilled Water. Mix thoroughly. Transfer the precipitate to a calico filter, and wash it with hot distilled water, till the filtrate ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Finally dry the precipitate at a temperature not exceeding 120° F. (48°·9 C.)." *Br.*

The title of the U. S. salt has been changed in the U. S. P. 1890 by the addition of the word "Solubilis:" this action should have been taken in 1880, for reasons set forth in the 16th ed. U. S. D. Considerable confusion has been caused in the past through mistaking the insoluble slate-colored ferric phosphate for the beautiful official scaled salt, which is soluble. As obtained by the present process, it is, however, not a definite chemical compound, but a mixture, which should probably be called sodio-ferric citro-phosphate, and bears a resemblance to the pyrophosphate, which is now directed to be made by a similar process. (See *Ferri Pyrophosphas.*)

The British iron phosphate is a very different salt. By double decomposition ferrous phosphate and sodium sulphate are produced, the former precipitating as a white bulky powder, which soon changes on exposure to a greenish blue, and ultimately to a slate color; a portion of sulphuric acid is liberated from the ferrous sulphate during the reaction, and this, retaining in solution some of the ferrous phosphate, requires the addition of the solution of sodium bicarbonate to decompose it and set free the remainder of the ferrous phosphate. This salt, when first formed, is represented by the formula $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$; but the strong affinity of its

ferrous oxide for oxygen causes the gradual production of sesquisalt, which, therefore, to a certain extent, always exists in the preparation; hence the British authority requires it to contain at least 47 per cent. of ferrous phosphate, $Fe_3(PO_4)_2 8H_2O$.

Ferric phosphate, as made by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, is in "thin, bright green, transparent scales, without odor, and having an acidulous, slightly saline taste. The salt is permanent in dry air when excluded from light, but becomes dark and discolored on exposure to light. Freely and completely soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol. The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it gives a blue color, but does not yield a blue precipitate, unless it has been acidulated with hydrochloric acid. If 1 Gm. of the salt be boiled with 10 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a reddish-brown precipitate will be produced, and if the colorless filtrate from this precipitate be strongly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, then magnesia mixture added, and subsequently a slight excess of ammonia water, an abundant, white, crystalline precipitate will be produced. If a portion of the filtrate from this precipitate be acidulated with acetic acid, and heated to boiling, no further precipitate should be produced (absence of *pyrophosphate*). If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 12 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* When made by the British process, it is in the form of a powder of a bright slate color, insoluble in water, but soluble in acids. The solution in dilute hydrochloric acid gives a blue precipitate with both potassium ferricyanide and ferrocyanide, but much the more copiously with the former, proving the presence of both ferrous and ferric oxide, but a great preponderance of ferrous oxide. When treated with tartaric acid and an excess of ammonia, and subsequently with the *solution of ammonio-sulphate of magnesium* (see *Tests*, Part III.), it lets fall a crystalline precipitate. If the preparation contain arsenic, it will be detected by producing a dark precipitate on the surface of a slip of pure copper introduced into the solution. "Thirty grains dissolved in hydrochloric acid continue to give a blue precipitate with ferricyanide of potassium until at least two hundred and seventy-nine grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of bichromate of potassium* have been added." *Br.* This shows the presence of 47 per cent. of ferrous phosphate.

Ferric phosphate, dissolved to saturation in a boiling solution of metaphosphoric acid (HPO_3), under the name of *superphosphate of iron*, was proposed as a new remedy, in January, 1851, by Dr. Routh, of London. Mr. Thomas Greenish, of the same city, states that the solution of the salt, on cooling, hardens into a mass of pilular consistence, soluble in water in all proportions, and free from any disagreeable or inky taste.

Medical Properties. Ferric phosphate possesses the general properties of the ferruginous preparations, and has been given with advantage in amenorrhœa and dyspepsia. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).*

FERRI PHOSPHAS SOLUBILIS. U. S. Soluble Ferric Phosphate.

(FĔR'RĪ PHŌS'PHĂS SO-LŪ'BĬ-LĬS.)

Ferri Phosphas, *U. S.* 1880.

"Ferric Citrate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sodium Phosphate, uneffloresced, *fifty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 411 grains]; Distilled Water, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Dissolve the Ferric Citrate in the Distilled Water by heating on a water-bath. To this solution add the Sodium Phosphate, and stir constantly until it is dissolved. Evaporate the solution on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of thick syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* (See preceding article.)

* *Compound Syrup of Phosphate of Iron. Chemical Food.* For a formula for a compound syrup of phosphate of iron by Mr. Wiegand, made by introducing into it the phosphates of calcium, potassium, and sodium, and for remarks on the pharmacy of the phosphates by Prof. Procter, see *A. J. P.*, 1854 (pp. 111 and 112). A formula similar to Mr. Wiegand's, communicated by Mr. Edward Parrish as probably representing the process for a secret preparation considerably used in this city, may be found in *A. J. P.*, 1857 (p. 573). These formulas are too complicated to have any therapeutic value. Nevertheless, as the preparations have had much vogue, under the name of *chemical*

FERRI PYROPHOSPHAS SOLUBILIS. U. S. Soluble Ferric Pyrophosphate.

(FĔR'RĪ PĪ-RŌ-PHŎS'PHĂS SŌ-LŪ'BĪ-LĬS.)

Ferri Pyrophosphas, *U. S.* 1880; Ferric Pyrophosphate; Pyrophosphate of Iron; Ferrum Pyrophosphoricum cum Ammonio Citrico, *P. G.;* Pyrophosphas Ferricus cum Citrate Ammonico; Pyrophosphate of Iron with Ammonium Citrate; Pyrophosphate de Fer citro-ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Pyrophosphorsaures Eisenoxyd mit Citronensauren Ammonium, *G.*

"Ferric Citrate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sodium Pyrophosphate, unefflo-resced, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Distilled Water, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Dissolve the Ferric Citrate in the Distilled Water, by heating on a water-bath. To this solution add the Sodium Pyrophosphate, and stir constantly, until it is dissolved. Evaporate the solution, on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), to the consistence of thick syrup, and spread it on plates of glass, so that, when dry, the salt may be obtained in scales. Keep the product in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

There does not seem to be a good reason for appending "Solubilis" to the title of this salt: it is practically the same ferric pyrophosphate as that of the U. S. P. 1880, which had no such addition (see *Ferri Phosphas Solubilis*). The unnecessary lengthening of the official Latin names which must be used in prescription-writing is to be strongly deprecated. This formula is based upon a method proposed by M. E. Robiquet to the Academy of Medicine at Paris, in February, 1857, of preparing ferric pyrophosphate for use, by dissolving a gelatinous precipitate of the salt in a solution of ammonium citrate, and forming a syrup with the solution.*

The view which obtained when this process was first made official was that a double salt was formed, consisting of ferric pyrophosphate and ammonium citrate, which might be called ammonio-ferric citro-ortho phosphate. According to R. Rother (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 174), there was an excess of ferric citrate in the pyrophosphate of iron of the U. S. P. 1870, and it was believed to be a complex mixture of the colloid salts ammonio-ferric pyrophosphate, ammonio-ferric citrate, and free ferric citrate, as shown in the reaction $2(Fe_4 3P_2O_7) + 6(NH_4)_3C_6H_5O_7 = Fe_4 3P_2O_7.3(NH_4)_4P_2O_7 + 2(FeC_6H_5O_7.(NH_4)_3C_6H_5O_7) + 2(FeC_6H_5O_7)$. By mixing two molecules of ferric citrate and one of ammonium pyrophosphate a compound analogous to the official preparation was obtained, containing the same proportion of ammonio-ferric pyrophosphate, but mixed with twice as much ammonio-ferric citrate and free ferric citrate. Rother's views were adopted by the Committee of Revision of 1880, as well as the salt which he recommended, in which ammonia was replaced by soda, because of the greater stability of the latter. Soluble Ferric Pyrophosphate consists probably of sodio-ferric pyrophosphate, sodio-ferric citrate, and free ferric citrate.

Sodio-ferric pyrophosphate, dried at 100° C., is considered by Flückiger (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., p. 607, 1888) to have the following composition: $Fe_4(P_2O_7)_3 + 3Na_4P_2O_7 + 14H_2O$.

Properties. "Thin, apple-green, transparent scales, without odor, and having an acidulous, slightly saline taste. The salt is permanent in dry air, when excluded from light, but becomes

food, we give the formula of Mr. Parrish from the journal referred to. "Take of Sulphate of Iron ℥x; Phosphate of Soda ℥xii; Phosphate of Lime ℥xii; Glacial Phosphoric Acid ℥xx; Carbonate of Soda ℈ij; Carbonate of Potassa ℥i; Hydrochloric Acid, Water of Ammonia, each, q. s.; Powdered Cochineal ℥ij; Water q. s. to make f℥xx; Sugar ℔iij (troy); Oil of Orange ♏x. Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in f℥ij and the Phosphate of Soda in f℥iv of boiling Water. Mix the solutions, and wash the precipitated phosphate of iron till the washings are tasteless. Dissolve the Phosphate of Lime in f℥iv of boiling Water with sufficient Hydrochloric Acid to make a clear solution, precipitate it with Water of Ammonia, and wash the precipitate. To the freshly precipitated phosphates add the Phosphoric Acid previously dissolved in Water. When clear, add the Carbonates of Soda and Potassa, and afterwards sufficient Hydrochloric Acid to dissolve the precipitate. Now add Cochineal mixed with the Sugar, apply heat, and, when the syrup is formed, strain and flavor it. Each teaspoonful contains about one grain of phosphate of iron and two and a half grains of phosphate of lime, with smaller quantities of the alkaline phosphates, all in perfect solution." The objection to such preparations as this is not that each of the ingredients may not be useful, but that they are so numerous that a morbid state of system in which they can all be indicated must be extremely rare, and every medicine is more or less noxious if given when it is not needed. The probability is that the therapeutic value of the preparation depends mainly on its ferruginous ingredient, and that, as a rule, its therapeutic effects may be equally well if not better obtained from a simple syrup of ferric phosphate.

Simple Syrup of Phosphate of Iron. Subsequently Mr. Wiegand gave a formula for a simple syrup of phosphate of iron, made by dissolving the recently precipitated salt in hydrochloric acid and adding the requisite quantity of sugar. By a misprint the sodium phosphate taken is double what it should be. The same writer has proposed to make a syrup of the iron and calcium phosphates, by dissolving in the above a definite quantity of recently precipitated calcium phosphate, made by double decomposition between solutions of calcium chloride and sodium phosphate. See his formulas in *A. J. P.*, 1855 (p. 104).

* For these processes in detail, and Soubeiran's *Syrup of Pyrophosphate of Iron*, see U. S. D., 15th edition, page 682.

dark and discolored on exposure to light. Freely and completely soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol. The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it gives a blue color, but does not yield a blue precipitate, unless it has been acidulated with hydrochloric acid. If 1 Gm. of the salt be boiled with 10 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, a reddish-brown precipitate will be produced, and if the colorless filtrate from this precipitate be strongly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, then magnesia mixture added, and subsequently a slight excess of ammonia water, no precipitate should be produced (distinction from and absence of *ferric phosphate*). If a portion of the filtrate be acidulated with acetic acid, and heated to boiling, an abundant, white, flocculent precipitate (pyrophosphate) will be produced. If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 10 C.c. of water, then 10 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and subsequently 40 C.c. of water added, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 10 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron.)" *U. S.*

Medical Properties. It is a very good chalybeate, mild yet efficient in its action on the system, without disagreeable taste, and, from its solubility, readily administered in any form that may be desirable, whether that of pill, simple solution in water,* or syrup. The dose is from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.).

FERRI SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Ferrous Sulphate.

$FeSO_4.7H_2O$; 277·42. (FĔR'RĪ SŬL'PHĂS.) $FeSO_4.7H_2O$; 277·9.

Sulphate of Iron, Green Vitriol; Ferrum Sulfuricum Purum, *P. G.;* Sulfas Ferrosus, Ferrum Vitriolatum Purum, Vitriolum Martis Purum; Ferrous Sulphate; Sulfate (Protosulfate) de Fer, Sulfate ferreux, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Eisenoxydul, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Iron Wire *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imp. meas.]. Pour the Water on the Iron placed in a porcelain dish, add the Sulphuric Acid, and, when the disengagement of gas has nearly ceased, boil for ten minutes. Filter now through paper, and, after the lapse of twenty-four hours, separate the crystals which have been deposited from the solution. Let these be dried on filtering paper placed on porous bricks, and preserved in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The object of this process is to make a pure ferrous sulphate by direct combination. Sulphuric acid, in a concentrated state, acts but imperfectly on iron; but when diluted, a vigorous action takes place, the oxygen of the water converts the metal into an oxide, with which the sulphuric acid unites, and hydrogen is evolved. The theoretical quantities for mutual reaction are 56 of iron to 98 of acid. This proportion is one part of iron to one and three-quarters of acid. The British Council uses an excess of acid, the weight of acid taken being 7·38 avoirdupois ounces, instead of 7. An excess of iron, however, is desirable, as it tends to secure the production of a perfect ferrous sulphate. A process for this salt was given in the U. S. P. 1870, which was based upon the method of Bonsdorff. This chemist found that, when a perfect ferrous sulphate was formed in solution by heating dilute sulphuric acid with an excess of iron, it might be crystallized free from sesquioxide, provided a little excess of sulphuric acid were added to the liquid before filtration, in order to prevent the formation of any sesquioxide during the process; at the same time avoiding, as much as possible, the contact of the air. Hence the directions in the former U. S. formula to acidulate with sulphuric acid, to cause the funnel to touch the bottom of the receiving vessel, which avoids the dropping of the liquid through the air, and to cover the vessel containing the concentrated liquid when it is set aside to crystallize.

Properties. Ferrous sulphate is in the form of "large, pale bluish-green, monoclinic prisms, without odor, and having a saline, styptic taste." Efflorescent in dry air, and, on exposure to a moist atmosphere, rapidly absorbing oxygen, and becoming coated with brownish-yellow, basic, ferric sulphate. Soluble in 1·8 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·3 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When slowly heated to 115° C. (239° F.), the crystals fall to powder, and lose 38·84 per cent. of their weight (6 molecules of water of crys-

* *Liquor Ferri Pyrophosphatis.* A permanent solution may be made by Rother's process by dissolving 120 grains of iron pyrophosphate in five fluidrachms of water with the aid of heat, filtering whilst hot, mixing the filtrate with two fluidrachms of glycerin, and adding enough water through the filter to make one fluidounce. (*Drug. Circ.*, 1886, p. 99.)

tallization). The aqueous solution of the salt has an acid reaction, and, even when highly diluted, gives with potassium ferricyanide test-solution a blue color or precipitate, and with barium chloride test-solution a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in about 25 C.c. of water, the solution heated to boiling, oxidized with nitric acid, and then mixed with a slight excess of ammonia water, the filtrate from the reddish-brown precipitate should be colorless, and should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper*, *zinc*, etc.). If another portion of the filtrate be evaporated to dryness, and then ignited, it should not leave more than a trace of residue (limit of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). If 1·39 (1·3871) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in about 25 C.c. of water, and the solution acidulated with sulphuric acid, not less than 50 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution should be required to impart to the liquid a permanent pink color (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 2 per cent. of crystallized Ferrous Sulphate)." *U. S.* As prepared by Bonsdorff's method, ferrous sulphate is blue verging to green. When it becomes more green than blue, or entirely green, an indication is afforded that it contains some sesquioxide. By exposure to the air the crystals absorb oxygen, and become first green, and ultimately covered with a yellow efflorescence of subsulphate, insoluble in water. Sometimes the crystals are quite permanent when made by Bonsdorff's method, owing to the slight excess of acid which they contain. The aqueous solution is bluish green; but by standing it attracts oxygen, and becomes first green and then reddish, depositing, in the mean time, a portion of sesquisulphate, having the composition $Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + Fe_2O_3 + 8H_2O$. (Wittstein, *Chem. Gaz.*, May 15, 1849; from *Buchner's Repert.*) At a red heat it loses its acid, and is converted into the anhydrous ferric oxide called *colcothar*. It is incompatible with the alkalies and their carbonates, soaps, lime water, calcium and barium chlorides, sodium borate and phosphate, silver nitrate, and lead acetate and subacetate. It is decomposed also by astringent vegetable infusions, the tannic and gallic acids of which form, if any sesquioxide be present, a black compound of the nature of ink. The extent to which this change lessens the activity of the salt is not well ascertained. Ferrous sulphate, as found in commerce, is often the impure commercial sulphate, which is not fit for medicinal use.* The perfectly pure salt is precipitated white by potassium ferrocyanide; but that of ordinary purity gives a greenish precipitate, more or less deep, with this test, owing to the presence of some ferric oxide. Copper may be detected by immersing in the solution a bright piece of iron, on which a cupreous film will be deposited. Both copper and zinc may be discovered by oxidizing the iron by boiling the solution of the salt with nitric acid and then precipitating the iron by an excess of ammonia. If the filtered solution be blue, copper is present; and if it contain zinc, this will be separated in flakes of white oxide on expelling the excess of ammonia by ebullition.

It is often desirable to protect ferrous sulphate against the oxidation to which it is liable on exposure. Sugar acts as a preservative in the case of this salt, as in that of ferrous iodide. It may be added to the solution, or incorporated with the sulphate in substance. M. E. Latour has given a formula for crystallizing the salt with sugar. Mr. Geo. Welborn has found a small lump of camphor, wrapped in tissue-paper and placed in the bottle with the sulphate, to prevent its oxidation. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1868, p. 537.) M. Pavesi, of Mortara, effects the same object by incorporating it with an equal weight of gum arabic, by evaporating a joint solution of the two substances with a gentle heat. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 49.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Ferrous sulphate is a very astringent chalybeate. In overdoses it produces nausea, vomiting, griping, and purging, and other evidences of gastro-enteric irritation or inflammation. Its astringency fits it especially for use when anæmia is conjoined with marked relaxation or a tendency to immoderate discharges, such as *passive hemorrhages*, *colliquative sweats*, *leucorrhœa*, *gleet*, etc. Externally, the solution is used in chronic *ophthalmia*, *leucorrhœa*, and *gleet*, made of various strengths, from one or two to eight

* *Commercial Ferrous Sulphate. Copperas.* This was formerly official in the London Pharmacopœia, in which it was employed for preparing the pure sulphate. It is manufactured on a large scale for the purposes of the arts, from the native ferric sulphide, or iron pyrites, by roasting, oxidation by exposure to air and moisture, and lixiviation. The constituents of the mineral become sulphuric acid and ferrous and ferric oxides, which, by their union, form the salt. Ferrous sulphate is also obtained in many chemical processes as a collateral product, as in the manufacture of alum, in the precipitation of copper from solutions of copper sulphate by scraps of iron, etc.

Commercial ferrous sulphate is far from being pure. Besides containing some ferric sulphate, it is generally contaminated with metallic and earthy salts: such as those of copper, zinc, alumina, and magnesia. Two principal kinds occur in the market, one in large grass-green crystals, the surface of which is studded with ochreous spots; the other of a bluish-green color, and ordinarily mixed with the powder of the effloresced salt. The commercial sulphate should never be dispensed by the pharmacist until it has undergone purification by recrystallization from a slightly acid solution.

or ten grains of the salt to the fluidounce of water. M. Velpeau has found it an excellent remedy in *erysipelas*, applied topically in the form of solution or ointment. The solution was made of three and a half drachms of the salt to a pint of water, and applied by compresses kept constantly wet. In a few cases convenience required the application of the ointment, made of eight parts of the salt to thirty of lard. An ointment made of one or two parts of the sulphate to sixty of lard was found by M. Devergie to be particularly efficacious in certain skin diseases, especially in *eczema*. In scaly affections it had no effect. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), in the form of pill, which should be made from the dry sulphate. (See *Ferri Sulphas Exsiccatus.*)

Ferrous sulphate, usually in the form of the impure salt or commercial copperas, is a powerful disinfectant, although, according to experiments, its germicidal power is very feeble. When thrown into a mass of decomposing organic matter, a portion of it is at once precipitated as a sulphide or as an oxide by the hydrogen sulphide and ammonia present. It is asserted that ferric sulphate unites with organic substances to form definite stable compounds, and that animal substances kept in a 3-per-cent. solution of neutral ferric sulphate for a length of time and afterwards removed from it mummify without decomposition. (*New Remedies*, Dec. 1883, 685.)

FERRI SULPHAS EXSICCATUS. U. S. (Br.) Dried Ferrous Sulphate.

(FĔR'RĪ SŬL'PHĂS ĔX-SIC-CĀ'TŬS.)

Approximately $2FeSO_4.3H_2O$; 357·28. $FeSO_4.H_2O$; 169·9.

Ferri Sulphas Exsiccata, *Br.;* Dried Sulphate of Iron; Ferrum Sulfuricum Siccum, *P. G.;* Sulfate de Fer desséché, *Fr.;* Entwässertes Schwefelsaures Eisenoxydul, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in coarse powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Allow the salt to effloresce at a temperature of about 40° C. (104° F.), and then heat it in a porcelain dish, on a water-bath, constantly stirring, until the product weighs from *sixty-four to sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 113 grains, to 2 ounces av., 128 grains]. Lastly, reduce the residue to a fine powder, and transfer it at once to perfectly dry, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *four ounces*. Expose it in a porcelain or iron dish to a temperature of 212° F. (100° C.) until aqueous vapor ceases to be given off. Reduce the residue, which should weigh rather less than two and a half ounces [avoirdupois], to a fine powder, and preserve it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Properties. "A grayish-white powder, slowly but completely soluble in water, and conforming approximately to the reactions and tests given under *Ferri Sulphas.*" *U. S.* 100 parts of crystallized ferrous sulphate yield about 65 per cent. of the dried salt. "Ten grains dissolved in distilled water acidulated with sulphuric acid continue to give a blue precipitate with ferricyanide of potassium until at least 191 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of bichromate of potassium* have been added, corresponding to at least 97½ per cent. of pure dried sulphate of iron." *Br.*

In these processes six mols. out of seven of the water of crystallization of the salt are driven off. The heat should not exceed 149° C. (300° F.), otherwise the salt itself would suffer decomposition. If the heat has been excessive, the color of the salt will be brownish instead of grayish-white. Dried ferrous sulphate is used for making pills, the crystallized sulphate not being adapted to that purpose. In prescribing the dried sulphate it is necessary to recollect that about three grains of it are equivalent to five grains of the crystallized salt.

FERRI SULPHAS GRANULATUS. U. S. (Br.) Granulated Ferrous Sulphate. [Ferri Sulphas Præcipitatus, Pharm. 1880.]

$FeSO_4.7H_2O$; 277·42. (FĔR'RĪ SŬL'PHĂS GRĂN-Ů-LĀ'TŬS.) $FeSO_4.7H_2O$; 277·9.

Ferri Sulphas Granulata, *Br.;* Granulated Sulphate of Iron; Precipitated Ferrous Sulphate, Precipitated Sulphate of Iron.

"Ferrous Sulphate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Distilled Water, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Sulphuric Acid, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Alcohol, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims]. Dissolve the Ferrous Sulphate in the Distilled Water previously heated to boiling, add the Diluted Sulphuric Acid, and filter the solution while hot. Evaporate the solution immediately in a tared porcelain capsule, on a sand-bath, until it weighs *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains], and then cool it quickly, under constant stirring. Transfer the product to a glass funnel stopped with a plug of absorbent cotton, and, when it has thoroughly drained, pour upon it the Alcohol. When this also has drained, spread the crystalline powder on bibu-

lous paper, dry it quickly in the sunlight, or in a dry room, at the ordinary temperature, and transfer it at once to perfectly dry, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Iron Wire *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit *eight fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Pour the Water on the Iron placed in a porcelain capsule, add the Sulphuric Acid, and when the disengagement of gas has nearly ceased, boil for ten minutes, and then filter the solution into a jar containing the Spirit, stirring the mixture so that the salt shall separate in minute granular crystals. Let these, deprived by decantation of adhering liquid, be transferred on filtering-paper to porous tiles, and dried by exposure to the atmosphere. They should be preserved in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The process of the U. S. P. 1890 differs radically in manipulation from that of 1880; instead of pouring the filtered solution of ferrous sulphate into alcohol and collecting the precipitate which falls, the solution is granulated by heat with constant stirring (not quite to dryness), and this salt is then washed with alcohol, which displaces impurities and facilitates the rapid drying of the granular powder.

The product is practically identical with the granulated sulphate of iron of the British Pharmacopœia. The process of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 had the advantage of being more manageable and convenient, ferrous sulphate being used directly instead of being made by the action of sulphuric acid on the metal. The directions given in the first part of the British process are precisely the same as those laid down by the British Council for making ferrous sulphate; but the hot solution of the iron in the sulphuric acid, instead of being allowed to filter into an empty vessel, is made to drop into a portion of rectified spirit, the mixture being stirred while it cools. The acid directed is in excess; and the filtrate is consequently an acid solution of ferrous sulphate mixed with spirit. The stirring as the mixture cools, finely granulates the salt, which separates perfectly pure, the spirit holding in solution any ferric sulphate which may have been formed, and the excess of acid dissolving any free sesquioxide. This process, in its main features, is that of M. Berthemot. (See 8th ed. U. S. D.)

Properties. "Granulated Ferrous Sulphate is a very pale bluish-green, crystalline powder, which should conform in every respect to the reactions and tests given under *Ferri Sulphas*." *U. S.* Barckhauser, Salzer, and others have stated that ferrous sulphate precipitated by alcohol did not always contain seven molecules of water, and it could not be relied upon for making volumetric solutions because of this lack of uniformity in composition. Caro (*Annalen*, clxv. 29) and Schlickum (*Pharm. Zeitung*, No. 49), on the other hand, maintain that precipitated ferrous sulphate is constant in composition, and Schlickum proved that if the precipitation took place in the cold it always contained seven molecules of water, but *boiling* with strong alcohol diminished the proportion of water of crystallization. "41·7 grains dissolved in distilled water acidulated with sulphuric acid continue to give a blue precipitate with ferricyanide of potassium until 500 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of bichromate of potassium* have been added." *Br.* When carefully dried it undergoes no change by keeping. It appears to have been introduced into the catalogue of the Dublin Pharmacopœia of 1850 as the best form of the sulphate for conversion into the official dried salt; and its peculiar state of aggregation would seem to fit it for that purpose; yet this intention, if it existed, seems to have been overlooked in the revision of the British Pharmacopœia, in which the granulated salt is not directed in the formula for the dried sulphate. The reason for its retention was probably that it is less liable to oxidation on exposure than the sulphate in its ordinary form, and experience has shown that it is admirably adapted for dispensing.

FERRI VALERIANAS. U. S. Ferric Valerianate.

(FĔR'RĪ VA-LĒ-RI-Ā'NĂS.) $Fe_2(C_5H_9O_2)_6$; 717·8.

"Ferric Valerianate should be kept in small, well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

This preparation, which was official in the old Dublin Pharmacopœia, has been introduced into the United States Pharmacopœia. It is rarely used, because of its insolubility. It may be made by precipitating a diluted solution of ferric sulphate with a solution of sodium valerianate, and collecting and washing the precipitate.

Properties. It is officially described as "a dark brick-red, amorphous powder of somewhat varying chemical composition, having the odor of valerianic acid, and a mildly styptic taste; permanent in dry air. Insoluble in cold water, but readily soluble in alcohol. Boiling

water decomposes it, setting free the valerianic acid, and leaving ferric hydrate. When slowly heated, the salt parts with its acid, without fusing, but, when rapidly heated, it fuses and gives off inflammable vapors having the odor of butyric acid, and, on complete ignition, leaves a residue of ferric oxide. The stronger acids decompose the salt with the liberation of valerianic acid. If 0·56 (0·5588) Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.) in 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and 15 C.c. of water, and after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require not less than 15 nor more than 20 C.c. of decinormal sodium hyposulphite volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 1 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Ferric valerianate is a chalybeate tonic, which has been especially used by some practitioners in anæmia associated with nervous exhaustion and hysteroidal states. It has also been alleged to have almost specific properties in *diabetes insipidus*. Dose, from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.)

FERRUM. U. S., Br. Iron.

Fe; 55·88. (FĔR'RŬM.) Fe; 55·9.

"Metallic Iron, in the form of fine, bright, and non-elastic wire." *U. S.* "Annealed iron wire having a diameter of 0·005 of an inch, or wrought iron nails; free from oxide." *Br.*

Fer, *Fr.;* Eisen, *G.;* Ferro, *It.;* Hierro, *Sp.;* Mars, *Fr.*

In the U. S. Pharmacopœia, this metal is employed in different preparations, in the form of wire; it was official in 1850 as *Ferri Ramenta*, Iron Filings.

Iron is the most abundant and useful of the metals, and so interwoven with the wants of mankind that the extent of its consumption by a nation may be taken as an index of progress in civilization. It is universally diffused in nature, not only in the mineral but also in the vegetable and animal kingdoms. There are very few minerals in which traces of it are not to be found, and it is an essential constituent in many parts of animals, but particularly in the blood. It is one of the few metals which are not deleterious to the animal economy. Iron occurs 1—native (almost exclusively, however, of meteoric origin); 2, sulphuretted, in the minerals pyrites (simple ferric sulphide), pyrrotine or magnetic pyrites, and arsenopyrite or mispickel (a sulph-arsenide of iron); 3, oxidized, embracing the magnetic, specular, red, brown, and argillaceous iron oxides, also chromite (mixed iron, chromium, and magnesium oxides) and franklinite (mixed iron, manganese, and zinc oxides); 4, in saline combination, forming ferrous carbonate, sulphate, phosphate, and arsenate. Those minerals of iron which admit of being worked to advantage are called iron ores. These include the different native oxides, and the carbonate (spathic iron). The best iron is obtained from varieties of the native oxide, usually called magnetic iron ore and specular iron ore. These occur abundantly in Sweden, and furnish the superior iron of that country. The upper peninsula of Michigan now yields similar ores. As a rule, those ores yield the best iron which occur in primitive formations.

Extraction. The mode of extracting iron from its ores varies somewhat with the nature of the ore; but the general principles of the operation are the same for all. The ore, previously broken into small pieces and roasted, is exposed to the action of an intense heat, urged by an air-blast, in contact with carbonaceous matter, such as charcoal, coke, or anthracite, and in connection with some flux capable of fusing with the impurities of the ore. The flux varies with the nature of the ore, and is generally limestone. Fluorspar is occasionally used, but is not often found in sufficiently large deposits to be available. The flux, whatever it may be, enters into fusion with the impurities, and forms what is called the slag, which is a fusible lime silicate chiefly; while the carbonaceous matter, acting on the ferric oxide, reduces it to the metallic state. The reduced metal, from its density, occupies the lower part of the furnace, and is protected from the action of the air by the melted slag which floats on its surface. When the reduction is completed, the slag is allowed to run out by a hole in the side of the furnace, and the melted metal by an aperture at the bottom, the latter being received into long triangular moulds, where it solidifies in masses, known in commerce by the name of *pig* or *cast iron*. In this state the metal is brittle and far from being pure, as it contains from 3 to 6 per cent. of carbon, with silicon, phosphorus, sulphur, and manganese. It is purified, and brought to the state of *malleable iron*, by being fused and subjected, while stirred, to the action of a current of air on its surface. By these means the carbon is nearly burnt out, and the other impurities are oxidized and made to rise to the surface as a slag. Instead of this process, called "refining,"

usage in this country and England substitutes what is termed "pig-boiling," that is, the pig iron is at once submitted to the operation of puddling without previous refining. The "puddling" process consists in heating the charge of pig iron on the hearth of a reverberatory furnace in contact with ferric oxide and in a reducing flame. The silicon is first burnt out, and then the carbon gradually disappears; the phosphorus goes into the "tap cinder" as phosphide and phosphate; the sulphur in part disappears as sulphur dioxide and in part remains in the cinder as ferrous sulphide. As the metal approaches to purity, it becomes tough and less liquid, and its particles agglutinate so as to form semi-fused lumps, though the temperature of the furnace continues the same. These lumps are then taken out of the furnace, and their particles, by means of ponderous hammers moved by steam or water power, or by great pressure, are forced together so as to form one tenacious mass. The metal is finally rolled out into bars of a convenient size, when it constitutes the malleable iron of commerce.

The third form of commercial iron, known as "steel," is made either by the *cementation* process or by the *Bessemer* process. In the former case, wrought iron is packed with charcoal and heated until combination takes place, and the resulting steel is cast into ingots. In the latter case, cast-iron is melted in large vessels called converters, when a blast of air is blown through the mass, burning out the requisite amount of carbon, and then, after addition of a small amount of *spiegeleisen*, or of manganiferous cast-iron, the finished product is run into moulds. Steel contains from one-half to one per cent. of carbon.

Iron mines occur in most countries, but more particularly in northern ones. In Spain the principal mines furnish spathic iron and the red oxide. The chief iron ores of France are the spathic iron, and the specular, brown, and argillaceous oxides; of Germany, the spathic iron and brown oxide. The island of Elba is celebrated for its rich and abundant specular iron ore. In the United States iron is abundant. The principal ores that are worked are the magnetic, red, and brown oxides. The magnetic oxide is found in large beds in Essex Co., N.Y., on the borders of Lake Champlain, and in the Lake Superior district; the red oxide in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and especially in a very pure state in Missouri, at Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob; the brown oxide in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Properties. Iron is a hard, malleable, ductile, and tenacious metal, of a grayish-white color and fibrous texture, a slightly styptic taste, and a sensible odor when rubbed. In tenacity it yields only to nickel and cobalt. (*Deville.*) Its sp. gr. is about 7·7 (7·8, *U. S.*), and its fusing point very high. It possesses the magnetic and welding properties. It is combustible, and, when heated to whiteness, burns in atmospheric air, and with brilliant scintillations in oxygen gas. At a red heat, its surface is converted into black oxide, and at common temperatures, by the combined agency of air and moisture, it becomes covered with a yellowish-brown matter, called *rust*, which is the hydrated sesquioxide. It combines with all the non-metallic elements, except hydrogen and nitrogen, and with most of the metals. It forms three compounds with oxygen, a ferrous oxide and a ferric oxide, which by their union form the native magnetic oxide, hence often termed ferroso-ferric oxide, and a trioxide, which forms an acid called ferric acid. The *monoxide*, or ferrous oxide, is of a dark blue color, attracted by the magnet, and spontaneously combustible in the air, being converted into sesquioxide or ferric oxide. It is the base of ferrous sulphate, and of the green salts of iron generally. It is very prone to absorb oxygen; and hence the salts which contain it are soon partially converted, when in solution, into salts of the ferric oxide. Its formula is FeO, consisting of one atom of iron, Fe, and one of oxygen, O. The *sesquioxide*, or ferric oxide, is readily obtained by dissolving iron in hydrochloric acid, precipitating by ammonia, and igniting the precipitate. It is of a red color, not attracted by the magnet, and forms salts which for the most part have a reddish color. Its formula is Fe_2O_3, consisting of two atoms of iron, Fe, and three atoms of oxygen, O. An allotropic variety of the sesquioxide, soluble in water, and not responding to the ordinary tests of iron, has been discovered by M. Péan de Saint-Gilles. The *native black oxide*, the magnetic oxide of mineralogists, consists of one molecule of FeO and one molecule of Fe_2O_3. Under the name of *Ferri Oxidum Magneticum*, the British Pharmacopœia has a preparation consisting of this oxide with three mols. of water. *Ferric acid*, discovered by Frémy, may be obtained, in union with potassa, by passing chlorine through a very concentrated solution of the alkali, holding the hydrated ferric oxide in suspension, or by fusing iron filings with potassium nitrate. The acid anhydride consists of one atom of iron and three of oxygen. Iron forms a number of important salts.

Iron is readily detected, even in minute quantities, by bringing it to the state of ferric salt in solution, and adding potassium ferrocyanide or tincture of galls; the former of which will

strike a deep blue, the latter a black color. Bringing it to the state of a ferric salt is readily effected by boiling the solution containing it with a little nitric acid.

General Therapeutic Effects of Iron. The preparations of iron are pre-eminently tonic, and peculiarly well fitted to improve the quality of the blood when impoverished from any cause. Hence they are useful in diseases characterized by debility, especially when the consequence of inordinate discharges. The diseases in which they are usually employed are chronic *anæmia*, *chlorosis*, *hysteria*, *scrofula*, *rickets*, *passive hemorrhages*, and *neuralgia*. They are contra-indicated in all inflammatory diseases, producing, when injudiciously employed, heat, thirst, headache, difficulty of breathing, and other symptoms of an excited circulation. In order to understand their effect in improving the blood, it must be borne in mind that this fluid always contains iron, as an essential constituent of the red corpuscles. The amount in ten thousand parts of blood, according to different authorities, is 2·3 parts (Le Canu), 2·4 (Denis), 5·5 (Becquerel and Rodier), 8·7 (Poggiale), mean 4·7. In *anæmia* the blood is deficient in iron, not because the red corpuscles contain less of the metal, for they, individually considered, always contain the normal quantity, but because there are fewer of them. (*Becquerel and Rodier.*) The questions here arise, which are the preparations of iron best adapted to promote the formation of the red constituent of the blood, and what are the conditions of their administration most favorable to their efficient action? According to M. Bouchardat, the preparations most easily assimilated are metallic iron and the ferrous oxide; and when the latter is in saline combination, it should be united either with carbonic acid or with some organic acid. He holds that when the iron is combined with a mineral acid, such as the sulphuric or phosphoric, the preparation acts solely as an astringent. Quevenne did not go so far as this, but believed that the mineral acid salts were not well adapted for assimilation, and that they were less so in proportion to their astringent power. Quevenne laid it down as a rule, that, when the iron preparations are given with the view of improving the blood, they should be taken with the meals, and not on an empty stomach. Doses, thus given, are well borne, which often cause uneasiness and pain when taken fasting. The gastric juice of the empty stomach is usually alkaline; and Quevenne proved that reduced iron, introduced, through a fistulous opening, into the stomach of fasting dogs, was not acted on, and was without effect in exciting the secretion. The juice, during digestion, is acid, and has been shown by the experiments of Quevenne to be in a favorable state for dissolving iron. The ferruginous preparations, it is true, were found to be unequally soluble; for, while iron filings were freely soluble, ferric subcarbonate was but slightly attacked. It was observed that the acidity of the gastric juice was but little diminished by the solution of the iron; which fact can be explained only by supposing that the presence of the metal caused a nearly proportional increase of the acid secretion. Assuming these observations to be accurate, it is easy to perceive why the ferruginous preparations should be taken with the food, selecting, of course, those most soluble in the gastric juice. The digested iron, being intimately blended with the digested food, is in a favorable state for secondary assimilation. In the use of ferruginous preparations it is necessary to persevere for several months, in order to reap the fullest benefit. Even after the cure appears to be accomplished, it is safest to continue them, in diminishing doses, for a time.

IRON WIRE. *Ferri Filum.* U. S. 1850.

Fil de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisendraht, *G.;* Fil di Ferro, *It.;* Hilo de Hierro, *Sp.*

IRON FILINGS. *Ferri Ramenta.* U. S. 1850. *Limatura Ferri.*

Limailles de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisenfeilicht, *G.;* Limatura di Ferro, *It.;* Limatura de Hierro, *Sp.*

Iron, when employed in pharmaceutical operations, should be of the purest kind; and hence the Pharmacopœias generally direct it, when wanted in small masses, to be in the form of *iron wire*, which is necessarily made from the purest, because the softest and most ductile, iron, and is readily cut into pieces. The wire is very flexible and without elasticity.

Iron filings are usually obtained from the workshops of the blacksmith; but, as furnished from this source, they are generally very impure, and unfit for medicinal use. M. Gobley, upon examining thirty-six samples of iron filings, found but three exempt from copper; the rest, besides wood, sand, and ferric oxide, contained as high as 2 per cent. of this metal. Iron filings cannot be completely purified by the magnet, as they often have adhering to them bits of foreign matter which are carried up with them. The only way to obtain them pure is to file a piece of pure iron with a clean file. The French Codex directs iron in an *impalpable powder* prepared by porphyrizing bright and clean iron filings without water. A dull black powder is formed, which must be carefully preserved from moisture. An impalpable powder of the metal, *Ferrum Reductum*, is official.

FERRUM REDUCTUM. U. S. (Br.) Reduced Iron.

(FĔR'RŬM RĒ-DŬC'TŬM.)

"Metallic Iron, with a variable amount of oxide of iron." *Br.*

Ferrum Redactum, *Br., P. G., U. S.* 1870; Ferri Pulvis, *U. S.* 1850; Powder of Iron; Ferrum Hydrogenio Reductum, Ferrum Ope Hydrogenii Paratum; Iron reduced by Hydrogen, Iron by Hydrogen; Fer réduit par l'Hydrogène, *Fr.;* Reducirtes Eisen, *G.*

A process for this form of iron is no longer given in the United States Pharmacopœia.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Perchloride of Iron, Solution of Ammonia, Zinc granulated, Sulphuric Acid, Chloride of Calcium, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.* Dilute the strong solution of Perchloride of Iron with five volumes of water; pour the mixture into such a quantity of Solution of Ammonia, diluted with five volumes of water, that the whole after thorough stirring has a distinct odor of ammonia. Wash the precipitated ferric hydrate until the washings are no longer rendered cloudy by solution of nitrate of silver. Dry the precipitate.

"Introduce the resulting ferric oxyhydrate into an iron tube, confining it to the middle part of the tube by plugs of asbestos. Pass the tube through a furnace, and when it has been raised to a strong but not bright red heat, cause it to be traversed by a stream of hydrogen gas developed by the action on the zinc of some of the sulphuric acid diluted with eight times its volume of water. The gas before entering the tube must be rendered quite dry by being made to pass first through the remainder of the sulphuric acid, and then through a tube eighteen inches long packed with small fragments of the chloride of calcium. The farther end of the iron tube is to be connected by a cork with a bent tube dipping under water; and when the hydrogen is observed to pass through the water at about the rate that it bubbles through the sulphuric acid, the furnace is to be allowed to cool down to the temperature of the atmosphere, a slow current of hydrogen being still continued. The reduced iron is then to be withdrawn, and enclosed in a dry well-stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This preparation was introduced into the United States and Dublin Pharmacopœias of 1850, and is retained in the present edition of our own, although the process for it has been abandoned. It consists of metallic iron in fine powder, obtained by reducing the ferric oxide by hydrogen at a dull red heat. The subcarbonate of the U. S. Pharm. 1870, which is essentially the ferric oxide, is deprived of water by calcination, and then subjected to the reducing influence of a stream of hydrogen, purified from hydrogen sulphide and other acid by passing successively through a solution of lead subacetate and milk of lime. The hydrogen unites with the oxygen of the ferric oxide to form water, and leaves the iron in the metallic state. The subcarbonate should be perfectly free from sodium sulphate, which it is apt to contain when imperfectly washed. If this salt be present, it will be reduced by the hydrogen to the state of sodium sulphide, which will contaminate and spoil the metallic iron formed, and cause the preparation, when taken, to give rise to unpleasant eructations. The heat should be carefully regulated; for if it fall below dull redness, part of the oxide will escape reduction; and if it exceed that point considerably, the particles of reduced iron will agglutinate, and the preparation will be heavy and not readily pulverizable. The British process is not so well fitted for practical purposes as that of the U. S. Pharm. 1870. In the last revision of the British Pharmacopœia, instead of directing a certain quantity of hydrated ferric oxide, a process is given in the formula for making the ferric oxyhydrate by precipitating a solution of ferric chloride. The direction to dry the hydrogen is unnecessary. On the subject of powder of iron, manufacturing chemists will find it useful to consult the paper of MM. Soubeiran and

* *Ferrum Redactum.* "Take of Subcarbonate of Iron *thirty troyounces.* Wash the Subcarbonate thoroughly with water until no traces of sulphate of sodium are indicated by the appropriate tests, and calcine it in a shallow vessel until free from moisture. Then spread it upon a tray, made by bending an oblong piece of sheet-iron in the form of an incomplete cylinder, and introduce this into a wrought-iron reduction-tube, of about four inches in diameter. Place the reduction-tube in a charcoal furnace; and, by means of a self-regulating generator of hydrogen, pass through it a stream of that gas, previously purified by bubbling successively through solution of subacetate of lead, diluted with three times its volume of water, and through milk of lime, severally contained in four-pint bottles, about one-third filled. Connect with the further extremity of the reduction-tube a lead tube bent so as to dip into water. Make all the junctions air-tight by appropriate lutes; and, when the hydrogen has passed long enough to fill the whole of the apparatus to the exclusion of atmospheric air, light the fire, and bring that part of the reduction-tube, occupied by the Subcarbonate, to a dull-red heat, which must be kept up so long as the bubbles of hydrogen, breaking from the water covering the orifice of the lead tube, are accompanied by visible aqueous vapor. When the reduction is completed, remove the fire, and allow the whole to cool to the ordinary temperature, keeping up, during the refrigeration, a moderate current of hydrogen through the apparatus. Withdraw the product from the reduction-tube, and, should any portion of it be black instead of iron-gray, separate such portion for use in a subsequent operation. Lastly, having powdered the Reduced Iron, keep it in a well-stopped bottle. When thirty troyounces of Subcarbonate of Iron are operated on, the process occupies from five to eight hours." *U. S.* 1870.

Dublanc, in which full directions are given for purifying the hydrogen, constructing the furnace, regulating the heat, and avoiding explosions. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 303. For improvements by Prof. Procter, see *A. J. P.*, xix. 11.)

Since the tenth edition of this work was published, several processes have been proposed for obtaining powder of iron. Mr. Arthur Morgan, of Dublin, recommended the use of dried potassium ferrocyanide, thoroughly mixed with anhydrous ferric oxide, and calcined with pure potassium carbonate at a low red heat. The product contains all the iron in a reduced state, mixed with soluble matters, which are carefully washed away. (See *A. J. P.*, 1854, p. 450). A similar process to the above has been proposed by a German chemist, named Zängerle, iron oxalate being substituted for the ferric oxide. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1857, p. 565.) Prof. Wöhler recommended the use of the same oxalate, not in connection with potassium ferrocyanide, but as a suitable compound of iron for reduction by hydrogen. W. Müller found that ferric oxide obtained by heating the metal in the air is reduced when moist at 293° C. (559·4° F.); when quite dry, at 305° to 339° C. (581° to 642·2° F.); the oxalate moist, at 278° C. (532.4° F.). Another eligible compound for reduction is the crystalline powder of ferric oxide, prepared by fusing, in a clay crucible, pure dried ferrous sulphate with three times its weight of sodium chloride, and then washing the melted mass when cold, until everything soluble is removed. (*Wöhler.*) M. Crolas prepares a pure ferric oxide by adding barium chloride to the solution of ferric chloride to precipitate the contaminating sulphate, getting rid of the barium chloride by crystallization and precipitating by solution of ammonia. The ammonium chloride is driven off by heat. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 30.) The process of M. Eugène Fegueux consists in reducing the ferric oxide by carbonic oxide, formed by passing a stream of carbonic acid over red-hot charcoal in the reduction-tube, before it reaches the ferric oxide. The carbonic acid, thus reduced to carbonic oxide, is formed again by the deoxidizing of the ferruginous oxide.

Under the name of "*alcoholized iron*," a powder of iron has been introduced into this country, said to be prepared, in the eastern parts of Germany, by attrition of iron filings with honey, by some cheap method, as by attachment to a saw-mill or steam machinery. It has the appearance of powdered plumbago, but under the magnifying glass is seen to contain particles with the metallic lustre and rounded as if by friction. It is soluble in diluted sulphuric acid, with the escape of hydrogen free or nearly so from sulphur; but a small quantity of a black powder remains undissolved. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 11.) The relation of the epithet "alcoholized" to this powder is not very obvious, as this name was given originally to iron obtained by passing alcohol vapor over ferric oxide. It is not much inferior to reduced iron, and is better than some preparations sold by that name.

Properties. Powder of iron, called by the French *fer réduit*, is a light, tasteless powder, soft to the touch, of an iron-gray color, and without metallic lustre. If black, the preparation is to be rejected as not being fully deoxidized. When thrown into a dilute acid, it causes a lively effervescence of hydrogen without odor. A small portion of it, struck on an anvil with a smooth hammer, forms a scale having a brilliant metallic lustre. It takes fire upon the application of a burning body. On account of its great liability to oxidation, it should be kept in a dry bottle, well stopped. A black powder, having a composition corresponding with that of the magnetic oxide of iron, has been sold in London and Edinburgh under the name of Quevenne's iron. The spurious powder may be known by its having a black instead of an iron-gray color, and by its effervescing but slightly with acids. In the process for making reduced iron, part of the sesquioxide almost always escapes full deoxidation, and comes out of the tube a black color. This part should be rejected, instead of being sold as reduced iron, as appears to have been done by some manufacturing chemists. If the preparation has been very badly made, its solution in dilute sulphuric acid will produce an intensely red color with potassium sulphocyanide. It is officially described as "a very fine, grayish-black, lustreless powder, without odor or taste; permanent in dry air. Insoluble in water or alcohol. When treated with diluted sulphuric acid, it causes the evolution of nearly odorless hydrogen gas, which should not affect paper moistened with lead acetate test-solution (absence of *sulphide*), and, on applying a gentle heat, the Iron should dissolve in the acid without leaving more than 1 per cent. of residue. When ignited, in contact with air, it glows and is converted into black ferroso-ferric oxide. If 1 Gm. of Reduced Iron be shaken with 5 C.c. of water, the liquid should not change the color of litmus paper. If 0·5 Gm. of Reduced Iron be added to 5 C.c. of arsenic-free hydrochloric acid, and the mixture be poured upon a filter while still effervescing, 1 C.c. of the clear filtrate should, after the addition of 2 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents,

Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), together with a small piece of pure tin-foil, and gentle heating, show no brown coloration within half an hour (limit of *arsenic*).

"*Estimation of the Metallic Iron.* Introduce 0·56 (0·559) Gm. of Reduced Iron into a glass-stoppered bottle, add 50 C.c. of mercuric chloride test-solution, and heat the bottle, well stoppered, during one hour on a water-bath, frequently agitating. Then allow it to cool, dilute the contents with water to the volume of 100 C.c., and filter. To 10 C.c. of the filtrate, contained in a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), add 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid, and subsequently potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, until a permanent red color is produced. The number of C.c. of the volumetric solution required, when multiplied by *ten*, will indicate the percentage of metallic iron. To confirm the assay, decolorize the liquid by a few drops of alcohol, then add 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, and digest for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.). The cooled solution, mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, should require not less than 8 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 10 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

J. Creuse communicated a valuable paper to the Amer. Pharm. Association in 1874, in which he showed the deficiencies of many brands of commercial iron by hydrogen, and recommended a test based on an estimation of the amount of hydrogen liberated from a definite weight of the reduced iron. O. Wilner (*Farmaceutisk Tidskrift*, Aug. 1880; *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 15) states that—1. The amount of metallic iron in reduced iron can be accurately determined by treatment with mercuric chloride and titration with potassium permanganate. 2. If metallic iron is treated by the aid of a gentle heat with an excess of a concentrated solution of mercuric chloride, mercurous chloride and metallic mercury are separated, and the metallic iron passes as ferrous chloride into solution; the ferrous and ferric oxides which may be present remain undissolved, and therefore do not prevent the estimation of the amount of metallic iron in the reduced iron. 3. The amount of ferrous oxide in the preparation may be estimated by treating the same portion with hydrochloric acid, digesting the mixture in a closed vessel until the finely divided ferrous oxide becomes dissolved, and titrating with potassium permanganate. 4. The ferric chloride which is thus formed at the same time has no appreciable action upon the precipitated metallic mercury and mercurous chloride.

Medical Properties. Powder of iron, reduced from the oxide by hydrogen, was first prepared for medicinal purposes by Quevenne and Miquelard of Paris. It is one of the best of chalybeate tonics, nearly free from astringency, and, according to Quevenne and M. Costes of Bordeaux, yields the largest proportion of iron to the gastric juice. The chief objection to it is the difficulty of obtaining it well prepared. Much of the powder of iron found in commerce is not to be depended on, in consequence of imperfect reduction. Observations to determine its therapeutic value, compared with that of the other ferruginous preparations, were made by M. Costes, for nearly four years, at the Saint-André hospital of Bordeaux, with results highly favorable to it. The dose is from three to six grains (0·20–0·40 Gm.) several times a day, given in powder or in pill. It is sometimes prepared with chocolate in the form of lozenges.

FICUS. U. S., Br. Fig.

(FĪ'CŬS.)

"The fleshy receptacle of Ficus Carica, Linné (nat. ord. Urticaceæ), bearing fruit upon its inner surface." *U. S.* "The dried fruit of Ficus Carica." *Br.*

Caricæ, *P. G.;* Ficus Passa, Fici, Fructus Caricæ; Figues, *Fr.;* Feigen, *G.;* Fichi, *It.;* Higos, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Common receptacle turbinate, fleshy, converging, concealing the florets in the same or distinct individuals. MALE. *Calyx* three-parted. *Corolla* none. *Stamens* three. FEMALE. *Calyx* five-parted. *Corolla* none. *Pistil* one. *Seed* one, covered with a closed, persistent, somewhat fleshy calyx. *Willd.*

Ficus Carica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 1131; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 714, t. 244. The fig-tree, though often not more than twelve feet high, sometimes rises in warm climates twenty-five or even thirty feet. Its trunk, which seldom exceeds seven inches in diameter, is divided into numerous spreading branches, covered with a brown or ash-colored bark. Its large, palmate leaves, usually divided into five obtuse lobes, are deep green and shining above, pale green and downy beneath, and stand alternately on strong, round footstalks. The flowers are situated within a common receptacle, placed upon a short peduncle in the axils of the upper leaves. This receptacle, the walls of which become thick and fleshy, constitutes what is commonly called the fruit; though this term is, strictly speaking, applicable to the small seed-like bodies

found in great numbers on the internal surface of the receptacle, to which they are attached by fleshy pedicels. Cultivation has produced in the fig, as in the apple and peach, a great diversity in shape, size, color, and taste. It is usually, however, turbinate, or top-shaped, umbilicate at the large extremity, of the size of a small pear, of a whitish, yellowish, or reddish color, and of a mild, mucilaginous, saccharine taste. The dried figs can be partially restored to their original shape by soaking. The fig-tree is supposed to have come originally from the Levant. It was introduced at a very early period into various parts of the south of Europe, and is now very common throughout the whole basin of the Mediterranean, particularly in Italy and France. To hasten the ripening of the fruit, it is customary to puncture it with a sharp-pointed instrument covered with olive oil. The ancient process of *caprification* is still practised in the Levant. It consists in attaching branches of the wild fig-tree to the cultivated plant. The fruit of the former contains great numbers of the eggs of an insect of the genus Cynips, the larvæ of which, as soon as they are hatched, spread themselves over the cultivated fruit, and, by conveying the pollen of the male organs over which they pass to the female florets, hasten the impregnation of the latter, and cause the fig to come quickly to perfection, which might otherwise ripen very slowly, or wither and drop off before maturity. Some authors attribute the effect to the piercing of the fruit by the young insects. According to Landerer, the unripe fig contains an irritant juice, which inflames the skin, and may even disorganize it. (See *A. J. P.*, xxxiii. 215.) The figs, when perfectly ripe, are dried by the heat of the sun, or in ovens. Those imported into this country come chiefly from Smyrna, packed in drums or boxes. They are more or less compressed, and are usually covered in cold weather with a whitish saccharine efflorescence, which melts in the middle of summer and renders them moist. The best are yellowish or brownish, somewhat translucent when held to the light, and filled with a sweet viscid pulp, in which are lodged numerous small yellow seeds. They are much more saccharine than the fresh fruit. Their chief constituents are grape sugar, and gum or mucilage. An average of several analyses of dried figs as quoted by König (*Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 3te Aufl. Bd. 1, p. 781) gives—water, 31·20; nitrogenous material, 4·01; sugar, 49·79; ash, 2·86. Reckoned on the weight of absolutely dry material, the nitrogenous matter amounted to 5·75 per cent. and the sugar to 72·26 per cent.

Medical Properties and Uses. Figs are nutritious, laxative, and demulcent. In the fresh state they are considered, in the countries where they grow, a wholesome and agreeable aliment, and have been employed from time immemorial. They are apt, however, when eaten freely, to produce flatulence, pain in the bowels, and diarrhœa. Their chief medical use is as a laxative article of diet in constipation. They occasionally enter into demulcent decoctions, and, roasted or boiled, and split open, are sometimes applied as a cataplasm to inflamed gums.

FŒNICULUM. U. S. (Br.) Fennel.

(FŒ-NĬC'Ŭ-LŬM—fē-nĭk'yŭ-lŭm.)

"The fruit of Fœniculum capillaceum, Gilibert (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried fruit of cultivated plants of Fœniculum capillaceum, Gilib. (Fœniculum vulgare, Gaert.)." *Br.*

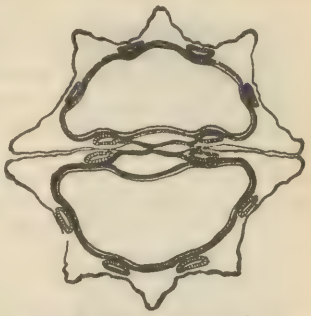
Fœniculi Fructus, *Br.;* Fructus Fœniculi, *P. G.;* Fennel Fruit (Seed), Sweet Fennel Fruit; Fenouil, Fruits (Semences) de Fenouil, *Fr.;* Fenchel, Fenchelsamen, *G.;* Finnochio, *It.;* Hinojo, *Sp.*

The plant producing fennel-seed was attached by Linnæus to the genus *Anethum*, but was separated from it by De Candolle, and placed, with three or four others, in a new genus styled *Fœniculum*, which has been generally adopted by botanists. The *Anethum Fœniculum* of Linnæus embraced two varieties, the *common* or *wild fennel*, and the *sweet fennel;* the latter being the plant usually cultivated in the gardens of Europe. These are considered by De Candolle as distinct species, and named respectively *Fœniculum vulgare* and *Fœniculum dulce*, but the correctness of the opinion of the great Swedish botanist is now generally admitted.

Gen. Ch. Calyx a tumid obsolete rim. *Petals* roundish, entire, involute, with a squarish blunt lobe. *Fruit* nearly taper. *Half-fruits* with five prominent bluntly-keeled ridges, of which the lateral are on the edge, and rather broadest. *Vittæ* single in the channels, two on the commissure. *Involucre* none. *Lindley.*

Fœniculum capillaceum. Gilib. *Fl. Lithuan.* iv. 1782.—*Fœniculum vulgare.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* iv. 142.—*Anethum Fœniculum.* Linn. *Common Fennel* has a biennial or perennial tapering root, and an annual, erect, round, striated, smooth, green, and copiously branching stem, which usually rises three or four feet in height. The leaves, which stand alternately at the joints of the stem, upon membranous striated sheaths, are many times pinnate, with long, linear, pointed, smooth, deep-green leaflets. The flowers are in large, flat, terminal umbels, with from

thirteen to twenty rays, and destitute both of general and partial involucres. The corolla consists of five petals, which, as well as the stamens, are golden-yellow. The fruit is ovate, rather less than two lines in length by about a line in breadth, and of a dark color, especially in the channels. The plant is a native of Europe, growing wild upon sandy and chalky ground throughout the continent, and is also abundant in Asia, possibly extending as far as China. The variety *F. officinale* of Mérat and De Lens is chiefly characterized by its fruit being twice as long as that of the ordinary plant, and also a little curved, of a less dark color, with prominent ridges, and a persistent peduncle. It is sweeter and more aromatic than common fennel-seed.



Transverse section of Fennel, magnified to show the oil-tubes.

F. dulce. De Cand. *Prodrom.* iv. 142. *Sweet Fennel* bears a general resemblance to *F. vulgare*, but differs in having its stem somewhat compressed at the base, its radical leaves somewhat distichous, and the number of rays in the umbel only from 6 to 8. It is also a much smaller plant, being only about a foot high; its flowers appear earlier; and its young shoots or turiones are sweeter and edible. In Italy it is cultivated as a garden vegetable, the shoots being eaten boiled or as a salad.

The roots of fennel were formerly employed in medicine, but are generally inferior in virtues to the fruit, which is now the only official portion. It is stated that manufacturers of the oil usually distil the whole plant. Commerce is partly supplied from the product of our own gardens; but much the larger portion of the medicine is imported from Europe, and chiefly, we have been informed, from Germany. During the winter of 1879 much of the seed in the German market was adulterated with fennel-seed partially deprived of its oil. The fennel-seed cultivated here is sweeter and more aromatic than that from abroad, probably in consequence of its greater freshness. Fennel-seeds (half-fruits) are oblong oval, from one to three or four lines in length, flat on one side, convex on the other, not unfrequently connected by their flat surfaces, straight or slightly curved, brownish or of a dark grayish-green color, with five prominent, obtuse, yellowish ribs or ridges on the convex surface. On section the vittæ, or oil-tubes, are seen to be very well developed and to be situated one between each pair of ridges and two upon the flat face of each mericarp.* There are two varieties of fennel-seed: one, which is probably the product of the wild fennel growing in the south of France, is from one to two lines long, dark-colored, rather flat, almost always separate, and without footstalks; the other is from three to five lines in length, lighter-colored, with much more prominent ridges, often conjoined by their flat surface, and very frequently provided with a footstalk. They do not differ essentially in aromatic properties. The odor of fennel-seed is fragrant, its taste warm, sweet, and agreeably aromatic. It yields its virtues to hot water, but more freely to alcohol. The essential oil may be separated by distillation with water. (See *Oleum Fœniculi.*) From 960 parts of the seed Neumann obtained 20 parts of volatile and 120 of fixed oil.

Medical Properties and Uses. Fennel-seed was used by the ancients. It is one of our most grateful aromatics, and in this country is much employed as a carminative, and as a corrigent of other less pleasant medicines, particularly senna and rhubarb. It is recommended for these purposes by the absence of any highly excitant property. An infusion may be prepared by introducing two or three drachms of the seeds into a pint of boiling water. The dose of the bruised or powdered seeds is from a scruple to half a drachm (1·3–1·95 Gm.). In infants the infusion is frequently employed as an enema for the expulsion of flatus.

FRANGULA. U. S. (Br.) Frangula. [Buckthorn.]

(FRĂN'GŪ-LĄ.)

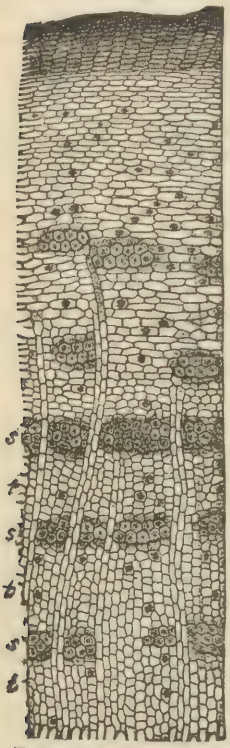
"The bark of Rhamnus Frangula, Linné (nat. ord. Rhamneæ), collected at least one year before being used." *U. S.* "The dried bark of Rhamnus Frangula, Linn. Collected from the young trunk and moderate-sized branches, and kept at least one year before being used." *Br.*

Rhamni Frangulæ Cortex, *Br.;* Frangula Bark; Alder Buckthorn; Cortex Frangulæ, *P. G.;* Bourdaine, Bourgène, *Fr.;* Faulbaumrinde, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx four- to five-cleft, the tube campanulate lined with the disk. *Petals* small,

* Mrs. L. R. Stowell states that the centres of the prominent ridges of fennel fruit are small vascular bundles, surrounded by large clear cells, of which those near the vascular bundles are elongated and narrow, whilst those more distant are irregular in shape and have large oval communicating openings.

short-clawed, notched at the end, wrapped around the short stamens, or sometimes none. *Ovary* from two- to four-celled. *Drupe* berry-like, containing two to four separated seed-like nutlets. *Gray's Manual.*



Frangula bark. *t*, bast-parenchyma; *s*, bundles of bast-cells. (After Berg.)

R. frangula. Linn. *B. & T.* 65.—*Frangula vulgaris.* Reichert. The *Alder Buckthorn* is an erect glabrous shrub ten to fifteen feet high, without thorns, with broadly ovate obtuse leaves, with the margins entire or slightly sinuate, the under side sometimes slightly downy, and the rather numerous lateral veins diverging equally almost from the whole length of the midrib. Flowers all hermaphrodite, two or three together in each axil, with the calyx, teeth, petals, and stamens in fives. Fruit dark purple, the size of a pea. This plant grows in hedges and bushy places throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except in the far north.

It is probable that most of the species of the genus Rhamnus have cathartic properties. An article upon *R. purshiana* will be found on page 1157, as it is official in both of the Pharmacopœias. The *R. catharticus*, Linn., or common buckthorn, grows in Europe along with the official species, and has become naturalized in this country. Its bark is probably often sold for the official article. It is distinguished by its more spreading, thorny habit, and its dioecious flowers, which are thickly clustered in the axils and have their parts in fours. The leaves also are more acute, have their margins finely serrate and their lateral veins mostly proceeding from the proximal half of the midrib. The fruit is black.*

Properties. This bark is officially described as "quilled, about 1 Mm. thick; outer surface grayish-brown, or blackish-brown, with numerous small, whitish, transversely-elongated lenticels; inner surface smooth, pale brownish-yellow; fracture in the outer layer short, of a purplish tint; in the inner layer fibrous and pale yellow; when masticated, coloring the saliva yellow; nearly inodorous; taste sweetish and bitter." *U. S.*

According to Prof. Schrenk (*Amer. Drug.*, April, 1887), the bark of *Rhamnus frangula* can be distinguished from that of *R. purshiana* (*Cascara Sagrada*) by the absence of the irregular angular sclerenchymatous cells, which in *R. purshiana* are wedged together in large compact groups, increasing in size and number towards the surface, and causing the short fracture of the outer bark.

* The berries, which are ripened in September, are of the size of a pea, round, somewhat flattened at top, black, smooth, shining, with four seeds in a green, juicy parenchyma. Their odor is unpleasant, their taste bitterish, acrid, and nauseous. Their blackish, expressed juice was formerly recognized in the Br. Ph. under the name of *Rhamni Succus*. It has the color, odor, and taste of the parenchyma, is reddened by the acids, and from deep green is rendered light green by the alkalies. Upon standing it soon begins to ferment, and becomes red in consequence of the formation of acetic acid. Evaporated to dryness, with the addition of lime or an alkali, it forms the color called by painters *sap-green*. The dried fruit of another species, *R. infectorius*, yields a rich yellow color, and is employed in the arts under the name of *French berries*. M. Fleury obtained a peculiar crystallizable principle, *rhamnin*; but he did not ascertain whether it possessed cathartic properties. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvii. 666.) Winckler obtained from the ripe fruit a principle which he called *cathartin*, and believes that the rhamnin of Fleury, which was obtained from the unripe berries, is converted into that principle and grape sugar as the fruit matures. (*Chem. Gaz.*, viii. 232.) Lefort (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1866, p. 420) studied Fleury's rhamnin, and describes it as forming pale yellow, translucent tables. It is scarcely soluble in cold water, soluble in hot alcohol, insoluble in ether or carbon disulphide. It is very soluble in caustic alkalies, from which it is precipitated by mineral acids. He gives it the formula $C_{12}H_{12}O_5 + 2H_2O$. Lefort also found a principle, *rhamnegin*, soluble in cold water, but otherwise agreeing in properties with rhamnin. Schützenberger (1868) decomposed rhamnegin, proving it to be a glucoside, having the formula $C_{24}H_{32}O_{14}$, and yielding *rhamnetin*, $C_{12}H_{16}O_5$, and a sugar isomeric with mannite. Schützenberger also found a body isomeric with rhamnegin, and distinguished the two as *α rhamnegin* and *β rhamnegin*, which, with Lefort's rhamnin, are present in buckthorn juice. Liebermann and Hörmann (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, xi. (1878), pp. 952, 1618) confirm Schützenberger's results, and give the name of *xanthorhamnin* to his α rhamnegin. They find his formula $C_{12}H_{10}O_5$ for rhamnetin to be correct, but get results that give for xanthorhamnin rather the formula $C_{48}H_{66}O_{29}$. Both the berries and their expressed juice are active hydragogue cathartics, apt to cause nausea and severe griping, and at one time much used in dropsy and also in rheumatism and gout. The dose of the recent berry is said to be about a scruple (1·3 Gm.), of the dried a drachm (3·9 Gm.), and of the expressed juice a fluidounce (30 C.c.).

Among other species of Rhamnus which have claimed attention are *R. wightii*, a common shrub of Madras and Bombay (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1888), and *R. humboldtiana*, of Mexico, which Dr. S. E. Sosa states sometimes produces paralysis in children (*El Estudio*, 1890).

It is not certainly known which of the several bodies isolated from frangula bark is the purgative principle. The most important body, *frangulin*, the *rhamnoxanthin* ($C_{20}H_{20}O_{10}$) of Buchner and Binswanger, may be obtained by Phipson's process by macerating the bark for three or four days in carbon disulphide, then permitting the liquid to evaporate, exhausting the residue with alcohol, which leaves the fatty matter behind, evaporating the alcoholic liquid to dryness, and recrystallizing from ether. As thus obtained it is in fine yellow crystals, melting at about 226° C. (438·8° F.), and subliming in golden-yellow needles. It is insoluble in water, soluble in 160 parts of warm 80-per-cent. alcohol, nearly insoluble in cold alcohol, soluble in hot fixed oils, benzin, and oil of turpentine. It communicates its color to cotton, silk, and wool. Faust (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 187, 8) first proved the glucosidal character of frangulin by boiling it in alcoholic solution with hydrochloric acid, obtaining glucose and *frangulinic acid*, $C_{14}H_8O_4$. This forms fine microscopic needles of reddish color, fusing at 248°–250° C. Liebermann and Waldheim (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 9, p. 1775) obtained in this decomposition instead of frangulinic acid *emodin*, $C_{15}H_{10}O_5$, which they consider to be trioxymethylanthraquinone. Frangulinic acid, on the other hand, would be a dioxyanthraquinone and an isomer of alizarine.

Medical Properties. In its fresh state this drug is very irritant to the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane, producing, when taken in sufficient quantity, violent catharsis, accompanied by vomiting and much pain. During drying it is said to lose much of its irritant powers, and the dried bark is affirmed to resemble rhubarb in its action: hence the direction of the British Pharmacopœia that the bark should be at least one year old. A *decoction* (half an ounce to the half-pint) may be used in tablespoonful doses, or a dessertspoonful of an *elixir*, four fluid-ounces of the fluid extract to twelve of elixir of orange, or the official fluid extract in doses of from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9 to 1·9 C.c.).

GALBANUM. Br. Galbanum.

(GĂL'BĄ-NŬM.)

"A gum-resin obtained from Ferula galbaniflua, Boiss. and Buhse; Ferula rubricaulis, Boiss.; and probably other species." *Br.*

Gummi-Resina Galbanum; Galban, Mutterharz, *G.*; Galbano, *It., Sp.*

It is uncertain from what plant galbanum is derived. At one time it was supposed to be the product of *Bubon galbanum*, an umbelliferous plant of the eastern coast of Africa. It has also been referred to the *Ferula ferulago* of Linnæus, the *Ferula galbanifera* of Lobel, which inhabits the coast of the Mediterranean and is found also in Transylvania and the Caucasus. But no part of either of these plants has the odor of galbanum; and it is, therefore, scarcely probable that they yield the drug. Mr. Don, having found the seeds taken from a parcel of galbanum to belong to an undescribed genus of umbelliferous plants, and concluding that they came from the same source as the gum-resin itself, gave the title of Galbanum to the new genus, and named the species *Galbanum officinale*. This was rather hastily adopted by the London College: it is by no means certain that the same plant produced the seeds and the gum-resin. Specimens of a plant were received in England from Persia having a concrete juice adhering to them, which was taken by Dr. Lindley for galbanum; and that botanist, finding that the plant belonged to an undescribed genus, named it *Opoïdia*, with the specific name *galbanifera*. Dr. Pereira, however, found the substance not to be galbanum; and this supposed origin of the drug, therefore, must be considered as extremely doubtful. A German traveller, F. A. Buhse, who has resided in Persia, states that in 1848 he met with the *galbanum* plant on the declivities of the Demavend, near the southern coast of the Caspian. He saw the gum-resin exuding spontaneously from the plant, and was informed by the natives that the drug was collected from it. The plant is a Ferula, and has received the name of *F. galbaniflua*, Boissier and Buhse. Buhse also states that the Persian galbanum is yielded by a second plant, which is doubtfully distinct from *F. galbaniflua;* this is the *F. rubricaulis*, Boissier (*F. erubescens*, Berg). Galbanum is said to be obtained by making incisions into the stem, or cutting it off a short distance above the root. A cream-colored juice exudes, which concretes upon exposure to the air. A portion of juice also exudes spontaneously from the joints, and hardens in the shape of tears. The drug is brought from India and the Levant. It was formerly official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, but was dropped in the 1890 revision.

Properties. Galbanum usually appears in the form of masses composed of whitish, reddish, or yellowish tears, from the size of a pin's head to that of a pea and larger, irregularly agglutinated by a darker-colored yellowish-brown or greenish substance, more or less translucent, and generally mixed with pieces of stalk, seeds, or other foreign matters. It is also found,

though rarely, in our markets, in the state of distinct roundish tears, about as large as a pea, of a yellowish-white or pale brownish-yellow color, shining externally as if varnished, translucent, and often adhering together. Galbanum has in cool weather the consistence of firm wax, but softens in summer, and by the heat of the hand is rendered ductile and adhesive. At 100° C. (212° F.) it is sufficiently liquid to admit of straining; and it generally requires to be strained before it can be used. A dark-brown or blackish color, a consistence always soft, the absence of whitish grains, a deficiency in the characteristic odor and taste, and the intermixture of earthy impurities, are signs of inferiority.

The odor of galbanum is peculiar and disagreeable; its taste bitterish, warm, and acrid; its sp. gr. 1·212. Triturated with water, it forms an imperfect milky solution, which on standing deposits the greater portion of what was taken up. Wine and vinegar act upon it in a similar manner. Alcohol dissolves a considerable proportion, forming a yellow tincture, which has the smell and taste of galbanum, and becomes milky with water, but affords no precipitate. In dilute alcohol it is wholly soluble, with the exception of impurities. Ether dissolves the greater portion. "When moistened with alcohol, galbanum acquires a purple color on the addition of a little hydrochloric acid." *U. S.* 1880. It contains volatile oil, resin, and mucilage. The oil, amounting to 7 per cent., is a slightly yellowish liquid, partly consisting of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at from 170° to 180° C. The greater part of oil of galbanum, however, consists of hydrocarbons of a much higher boiling point. The crude oil is dextrogyrate. The resin, constituting about 60 per cent., is very soft, and dissolves in ether or in alkaline liquids, even in milk of lime, but only partially in carbon disulphide. When heated with hydrochloric acid for some time, it yields *umbelliferone*, $C_9H_6O_3$, which may be dissolved from the acid liquid by means of ether or chloroform, and obtained on evaporation in colorless acicular crystals. The aqueous solution of umbelliferone exhibits, especially on addition of an alkali, a brilliant blue fluorescence, which is destroyed by an acid. If a small fragment of galbanum is immersed in water, a fluorescence is produced by a drop of ammonia. Asafetida shows the same, but ammoniac does not.

Galbanum submitted to dry distillation yields a thick oil of brilliant blue color. This oil on rectification yields a greenish portion, and then a superb blue oil. Kachler (*Ber. Ch. Ges.*, 1871, p. 36) found a colorless oil, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a blue oil, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, boiling at 289° C. The blue oil, according to Kachler, after purification, agrees with the blue oil of the flowers of *Matricaria chamomilla*. By fusing galbanum resin with potash, Hlasiwetz and Barth (*Ann. Ch. Pharm.*, 130, p. 354) obtained *resorcin*, together with acetic and volatile fatty acids.

According to Ludewig, a gum-resin, designated as *Persian galbanum*, is received in Russia by the way of Astrakhan or Orenburg, and is the kind used in that country. It comes enclosed in skins, and is in masses of a reddish-brown color with whitish streaks, of a disagreeable odor, somewhat like that of asafetida, and of an unpleasant, bitter, resinous taste. It is so soft as to melt with a slight elevation of temperature. It differs from common galbanum in its odor, in its color, which is never greenish, and in the absence of tears, and is probably derived from a different plant. It abounds in impurities. This variety of galbanum is probably the same as that obtained by Dr. Aitchison in Afghanistan, which on chemical examination yielded—volatile oil, 3·108 per cent.; resin (ether extractive, 61·2, alcohol extractive, 7·576), 68·776; water extractive (gum), 17·028; insoluble matter, 10·56. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 11, 1886.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Galbanum was known to the ancients. It is stimulant, expectorant, and antispasmodic, and is considered as intermediate in power between ammoniac and asafetida. It has chiefly been used in chronic affections of the bronchial mucous membrane, *amenorrhœa*, and chronic *rheumatism*. It is occasionally applied externally as a plaster to *indolent swellings*, with the view of promoting resolution or suppuration. The dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), and may be given in pill, or triturated with gum arabic, sugar, and water, so as to form an emulsion.

GALLA. U. S., Br. Nutgall. [Galls.]

(GĂL'LA.)

"An excrescence on Quercus lusitanica, Lamarck (nat. ord. Cupuliferæ), caused by the punctures and deposited ova of Cynips Gallæ tinctoriæ, Olivier (class, Insecta; order, Hymenoptera)." *U. S.* "Excrescences on Quercus lusitanica, Webb, var. infectoria (Quercus infectoria, Oliv.), caused by the puncture and deposit of an egg or eggs of Cynips Gallæ tinctoriæ." *Br.*

Gallæ, *P. G.;* Gale Halepense, vel Hercica, vel Levantica, vel Tinctoria, vel Quercina; Galle de Chêne, Noix de Galle, *Fr.;* Galläpfel, *G.;* Galla, *It.;* Agallas de Levante, *Sp.*

Many plants, when pierced by certain insects, particularly those of the genus *Cynips*, are affected at the points of puncture with a morbid action, resulting in excrescences, which, as they are derived from the juices of the plant, partake more or less of its chemical character. Most of the oaks are occasionally thus affected; and the resulting excrescences, having in a high degree the astringency of the plant, have been employed for various practical purposes. They are known by the name of *galls*, a term which, as well as their use in medicine, has been handed down from the ancients. *Quercus infectoria*, *Q. ægilops*, *Q. excelsa*, *Q. ilex*, *Q. cerris*, and *Q. robur* have been particularized as affording this product; but it is now generally admitted, on the authority of Olivier, that the official galls are derived chiefly, if not exclusively, from *Q. infectoria*.*

QUERCUS. See *Quercus Alba*.

Quercus infectoria. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 436; Olivier, *Voy. Orient.* t. 14 *et* 15; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 40, pl. 85. The *dyer's oak* is a small tree or shrub, with a crooked stem, seldom exceeding six feet in height. The leaves are obtusely toothed, smooth, of a bright-green color on both sides, and stand on short footstalks. The acorn is elongated, smooth, two or three times longer than the cup, which is sessile, somewhat downy, and scaly. This species of Quercus grows, according to Olivier, throughout Asia Minor, from the Archipelago to the confines of Persia. Captain M. Kinnier found it also in Armenia and Kurdistan; General Hardwicke observed it growing in the neighborhood of Adwanie; and it probably pervades the middle latitudes of Asia.

The gall originates from the puncture of the *Cynips quercûsfolii* of Linnæus, the *Diplolepis gallæ tinctoriæ* of Geoffroy, a hymenopterous insect or fly, with a fawn-colored body, dark antennæ, and the upper part of its abdomen shining brown. The insect pierces the shoots and young boughs, and deposits its egg in the wound. This irritates the part, and a small tumor quickly rises, which is the result of a morbid growth, exhibiting various cells under the microscope, but no proper vegetable fibre. The egg grows with the gall, and is soon converted into a larva, which feeds upon the vegetable matter around it, and thus forms a cavity in the centre of the excrescence. The insect at length becomes a fly, and escapes by eating its way out. The galls are in perfection when fully developed, before the egg has been hatched or the fly has escaped. Collected at this period, they are called, from their dark color, *blue*, *green*, or *black galls*, and are most highly esteemed. Those which are gathered later and have been injured by the insect are *white galls*. They are usually larger, less heavy and compact, and of a lighter color than the former.

The galls collected in Syria and Asia Minor are brought to this country chiefly from the ports of Smyrna and Trieste, or from London. As they are produced abundantly near Aleppo, it has been customary to designate them by the name of that town; though the designation, however correct it may formerly have been, is now wholly inapplicable, as they are obtained from many other places, and the produce of different parts of Asiatic Turkey is not capable of being discriminated, at least in our markets. Great quantities of galls, very closely resembling those from the Mediterranean, have been brought to the United States from Calcutta. Dr. Royle states that they are taken to Bombay from Bussorah through the Persian Gulf. We are, nevertheless, informed that galls are among the products of Moultan. Those of France and other southern countries of Europe have a smooth, shining reddish surface,

* Under the name of *Chinese galls*, a product has been brought from China, supposed to be caused by an insect allied to the aphis, as such an insect has been found in the interior of them. They are irregularly spindle-shaped, often more or less bent, with obtusely pointed protuberances, about two inches long by an inch in diameter at the central thickest part, of an ash color and a soft velvety feel, very light, hollow, with translucent walls about a line in thickness, of a slight odor recalling that of ipecacuanha, and a bitter astringent taste. From an examination of fragments of leaves and petioles found among these galls, Dr. Schenck concluded that the tree on which they are found is a species of Rhus; but according to M. Decaisne, professor at the Museum of Natural History in Paris, their true source is probably the *Distylium racemosum* of Zuccarini (*Flor. Japon.*, i. p. 178, t. 94), a large tree of Japan, the leaves of which produce a velvety gall, resembling the one in question. (Guibourt, *Hist. Nat. des Drogues*, 1850, iii. 703.) More recently, however, it has been asserted by Mr. Daniel Hanbury that this opinion of Decaisne is erroneous (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1862, p. 421), as in his examination of the packages imported from China and Japan he has found remains of different parts of a species of Rhus, but never any of a Distylium. Besides, the form of the galls of the Distylium, as figured by Siebold and Zuccarini, is entirely different. The species of Rhus which yields the commercial Chinese galls is the *R. semi-alata*. (Murray.) The Chinese make great use of this product both in dyeing and as a medicine. L. A. Buchner, Jr., has found it to contain 65 per cent. of tannic acid identical with that of the official galls. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, July, 1851, p. 526.) It is recommended by Stenhouse for the manufacture of gallic acid, being preferable for this purpose to the official galls, in consequence of its less amount of coloring matter. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1862.) An inferior kind of galls is produced in great quantities in England, by the attack of the *Cynips kollari* of Hartig, upon the common English oak; but they have been ascertained to contain little tannic acid, and are of little value.

are little esteemed, on account of their small yield of tannin, and are seldom brought to the United States.

Properties. Galls are nearly round, from the size of a pea to that of a very large cherry, with a surface usually studded with small tuberosities, in the intervals of which it is smooth. The best are externally of a dark bluish or lead color, sometimes with a greenish tinge, internally whitish or brownish, hard, solid, brittle, with a flinty fracture, a striated texture, and a small spot or cavity in the centre, indicating the presence of the undeveloped or decayed insect. Their powder is of a light yellowish gray. Those of inferior quality are of a lighter color, sometimes reddish or nearly white, of a loose texture, with a large cavity in the centre, communicating externally by a small hole through which the fly has escaped. The U. S. P. directs that "light, spongy, and whitish-colored Nutgalls should be rejected," but allows "in the centre a cavity containing either the partly developed insect, or pulverulent remains left by it," and therefore permits white galls of good quality. Galls have a bitter, very astringent taste, and when whole are inodorous or nearly so, but bruised or in powder they have a decided and peculiar though not very strong smell. The tannin of galls, usually known as *gallo-tannic acid*, appears to exist in the galls, in part at least, as a glucoside, but one very easily broken up by ferments like pectase into glucose and *di-gallic acid*, $C_{14}H_{10}O_9$, which is the material, therefore, extracted from the galls. This di-gallic acid may be considered as the anhydride of *gallic acid*, $C_7H_6O_5$, formed from two molecules of this latter by the elimination of one molecule of water. Commercial tannin yields from 0 to 22 per cent. of glucose, showing the presence of varying amounts of the unaltered glucoside. Galls yield, on an average, from 65 to 77 per cent. of tannin. (See *Acidum Tannicum* and *Acidum Gallicum*, pages 99 and 49; see also "The Tannins," by Henry Trimble, J. B. Lippincott Co., 1892.) All the soluble matter of galls is taken up by forty times their weight of boiling water, and the residue is tasteless. Alcohol dissolves seven parts in ten, ether five parts. (*Thomson's Dispensatory.*) A saturated decoction deposits upon cooling a copious pale-yellow precipitate. The infusion or tincture affords precipitates with sulphuric and hydrochloric acids, lime water, and ammonium and potassium carbonates, with solutions of lead acetate and subacetate, copper and iron sulphates, silver and mercury nitrates, and potassio-antimonyl tartrate; with solution of gelatin; and with the infusions of Peruvian bark, columbo, opium, and many other vegetables, especially those containing alkaloids, with most of which tannic acid forms insoluble compounds. The infusion of galls reddens litmus paper, is rendered orange by nitric acid, milky by mercuric chloride, and has its color deepened by ammonia, but yields no precipitate with either of these reagents. Zinc sulphate was said by Dr. A. T. Thomson to slowly occasion a precipitate, but this result was not obtained by Dr. Duncan. Infusion of galls is rendered more permanent by the addition of 10 per cent. of glycerin.

A variety of galls was imported into Germany, which was said to be derived from Central Asia, especially from the provinces of Khokan, Khiva, and Bokhara, where they are used in dyeing. They are of various forms, some being long, others round, cylindrical, or angular; and sometimes they are grouped upon a single stalk, and covered with little elevations. They differ from all other galls by their color, being on one side yellow, and on the other of a fine red. Most of them present a little opening; and in the interior are eggs and larvæ of a peculiar species of aphis. They have yielded, on analysis, 43·10 per cent. of tannin, 3·03 of a green wax, 16 of cellulose, and an undetermined quantity of fecula and volatile oil. (R. Palne, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1873.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Galls are powerfully astringent, but are no longer used internally.*

GELATINUM. Br. Gelatine.

(ĢĔ-LĂT'Ĭ-NŬM.)

Gelatin; Gallerte, *G.*

"The air-dried product of the action of boiling water on gelatigenous animal tissues, such as skin, tendons, ligaments, and bones." *Br.*

Gelatin is the term applied to purified forms of the substance ordinarily known as glue, and

* *Aromatic Syrup of Galls.* The following old formula based upon one of Dr. Physick's is still sometimes employed. Macerate for twenty-four hours half an ounce of powdered galls, two drachms of bruised cinnamon, and two drachms of bruised nutmeg, in half a pint of brandy; then percolate, and, when the liquor has ceased to pass, add enough diluted alcohol to yield half a pint of filtered liquor. Put this into a shallow capsule, suspend over it two ounces of sugar on a slip of wire gauze, and set the tincture on fire. The sugar melts with the flame, and falls into the liquid beneath. When the combustion ceases, agitate and filter. A highly astringent aromatic syrup is obtained, a fluidrachm of which may be given in diarrhœa. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 416.)

the bones and animal matter from which the best qualities of gelatin are prepared are carefully selected so as to be free from decomposed products and odorous substances. The hot solution of gelatin must be thoroughly clarified if the so-called sparkling gelatin is to be made. The surface of sheet gelatin is covered with lozenge-shaped marks, due to impressions left by the knotted netting upon which it is dried. Shred gelatin is made by cutting sheet gelatin into very narrow shreds by a shearing-machine.

It is officially described as "in translucent sheets or shreds. The solution in hot water is colorless and inodorous, and solidifies to a jelly on cooling. Gelatine is insoluble in alcohol and ether. It dissolves in acetic acid. Its aqueous solution is not precipitated by diluted acids, alum, acetate of lead, or perchloride of iron; it is precipitated by tannin." *Br.*

Gelatin is largely used for making *capsules*. Certain medicines are so offensive to the taste, and consequently so apt to sicken the stomach, that it is highly desirable to administer them in such a way as to prevent their contact with the tongue and palate. This object is fully accomplished, so far as regards many disagreeable liquid medicines, by the use of the capsules of gelatin. A polished bulb of iron, ivory, or bone, of the size and shape of the capsules required, and connected by a slender rod with a handle, is first greased by rubbing with an oiled cloth, and then dipped into a solution of gelatin made by heating six parts of pure gelatin with one of sweetened water. Upon being withdrawn, it is held for a short time so as to allow the excess of the solution to run off, and then fixed with the handle in a board, the coated bulb being upward, until the coating becomes cold and firm. The capsule is now removed by the fingers, and further dried by exposure on a tray. A number of capsules having been prepared, they are placed each in a small cell upon a board, with their mouths upward; and the liquid they are to contain is introduced by means of a syringe with a fine point. Their mouths are then closed with a drop of the solution of gelatin applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil, which is afterwards strengthened by an additional coating, given by dipping the mouth of the capsule into the solution diluted with a little water. (*Redwood's Supplement*, p. 664.) The capsules may be made of such a capacity as to contain from ten to fifteen grains of copaiba or other liquid. Capsules are now largely used for enclosing dry powders like quinine, etc. These are ovoid in shape, and, after being filled with the powder by the pharmacist, are closed by putting upon the open end a rounded gelatin cap and pressing it down tightly. When so-called *soft capsules* are desired, a small quantity of glycerin is introduced into the gelatin mass: this makes the film elastic by preventing its drying completely.

Medical Properties. Gelatin is devoid of medical properties. It was recognized by the British Pharmacopœia solely because of its use in making the suppositories of glycerin.

GELSEMIUM. U. S., Br. Gelsemium. [Yellow Jasmine.]

(ĢĘL-SĔM'Ị-ŬM.)

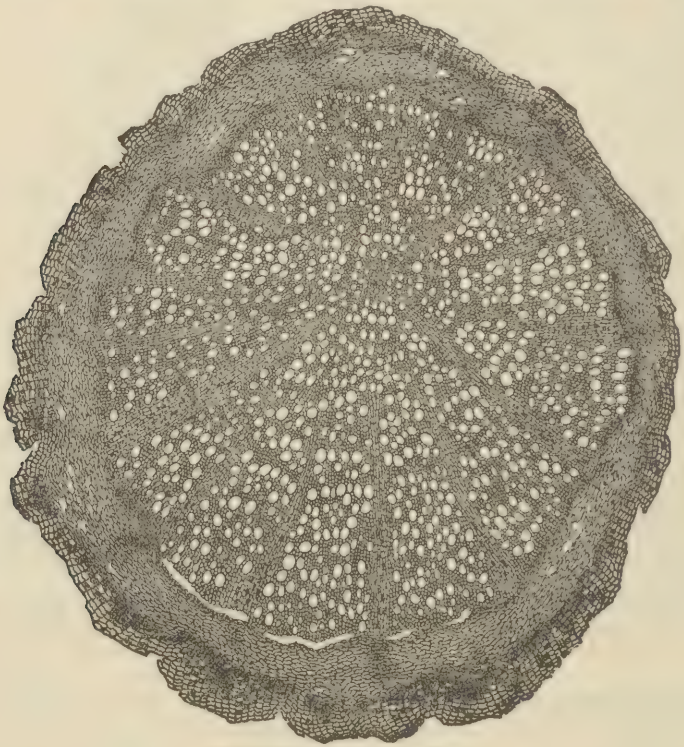
"The rhizome and roots of Gelsemium sempervirens (Linné), Persoon (nat. ord. Loganiaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried rhizome and rootlets of Gelsemium nitidum, Michaux (Gelsemium sempervirens, Aiton)." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Corolla* funnel-form, with a spreading border, five-lobed, nearly equal. *Anthers* oblong, sagittate. *Style* long and slender. *Stigmas* two, two-parted. *Capsule* elliptical, flat, two-valved, two-celled. *Seeds* flat, attached to the margins of the valves.

Gelsemium sempervirens. Gray, *Man. of Bot.*—*Gelseminum nitidum.* Michaux.—*Bignonia sempervirens.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 291. Figured in *A. J. P.*, xxvii. 197. The *yellow* or *Carolina jasmine* is one of the most beautiful climbing plants of our Southern States, ascending lofty trees, and forming festoons from one tree to another, and in its flowering season, in the early spring, scenting the atmosphere with its delicious odor. The stem is twining, smooth, and shining; the leaves perennial, opposite, shortly petiolate, lanceolate, entire, dark green above, and paler beneath; the flowers in axillary clusters, large, of a deep-yellow color, and fragrant, with a very small, five-leaved calyx, and a funnel-shaped corolla, having a spreading, five-lobed, nearly equal border. The fruit is a flat, compressed capsule, divisible into two parts, two-celled, and furnished with flat seeds, which adhere to the margins of the valves. The plant grows in rich, moist soils along the sea-coast from Virginia to the south of Florida. The flowers are said to be poisonous.

Properties. As we have seen it in commerce, the rhizome is sliced into pieces, about an inch in length, cylindrical or split, very light and fibrous, of a dirty yellowish-white color, but darker where the epidermis remains, of a slight, feebly narcotic odor, and a bitterish, not un-

pleasant taste. It is officially described as " cylindrical, long, or cut in sections, mostly from 5 to 15 Mm. and occasionally 3 Cm. thick, the roots much thinner; externally light yellowish-brown, with purplish-brown, longitudinal lines; tough; fracture splintery; bark thin, with silky bast-fibres, closely adhering to the pale yellowish, porous wood, which has fine, medullary rays, and in the rhizome a thin pith; odor aromatic, heavy; taste bitter." The accompanying figure shows in transverse section the widening of the medullary rays from within outward; another microscopic character, said by Prof. Rothrock to be diagnostic, is the more or less complete division of the pith into four parts by plates of large, thin-walled cells. (*A. J. P.*, 1884.)



Gelsemium, transverse section.

Gelsemium yields its virtues to water, and readily to diluted alcohol. Analyzed by Mr. Henry Kollock, it was found to contain gum, starch, pectic acid, albumen, gallic acid, fixed oil, a fatty resin, a dry acrid resin, yellow coloring matter, volatile oil, extractive lignin, a peculiar alkaloid called *gelsemine*, salts of potassa, lime, and magnesia, iron, and silica. The alkaloid, however, was not obtained sufficiently pure to admit of a full investigation of its properties. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii.) After Mr. Kollock's experiments, the alkaloid was obtained in a crystalline form, but still impure, by Prof. Maisch, from a tincture of the root, by a process of which a very brief abstract is given in *A. J. P.*, 1869, by Mr. C. L. Eberle, who in the same paper publishes the results of his own investigation. Mr. Eberle not only extracted gelsemine, but also satisfactorily established its alkaline properties, and proved that it was not contained in the wood of the root. Soon afterwards, the chemistry of yellow jasmine was more thoroughly investigated by Prof. Theo. G. Wormley. (*A. J. P.*, 1870.) He obtained pure gelsemine from the root, and a peculiar acid, which he called *gelseminic* (gelsemic) *acid*.

Gelsemic or *Gelseminic Acid.* Prof. Wormley obtains the acid from a fluid extract of the root, which is actually a concentrated tincture, by evaporating it on a water-bath to about one-eighth of its volume, adding to the residue several times its bulk of pure water, allowing the mixture to stand until the supernatant liquid is nearly or quite clear, then transferring to a filter, washing the solids well with water, and reducing the filtrate thus obtained, together with the washings, on a water-bath, to about the volume of the concentrated fluid extract.

To this, filtered if necessary, hydrochloric acid is added in the proportion of a drop of the pure acid to each fluidounce of the original fluid extract; the acidulated liquid is then agitated with twice its volume of ether; and, after the liquids have separated, the ethereal portion is decanted, the aqueous liquid again agitated with a similar quantity of ether, which is in its turn decanted, and the watery part finally washed with about its volume of ether. On mixing the ethereal liquids thus obtained, and allowing them to evaporate spontaneously, the gelsemic acid is left, chiefly in the form of nearly colorless groups of crystals, together with more or less yellowish or brownish resinous matter. From this the crystals are separated by washing with a little cold absolute alcohol, which dissolves the resin, with but a little of the crystals. To purify the crystals further, they are mixed with a little hot water, and extracted from the mixture when cool by chloroform, which, on spontaneous evaporation, yields them nearly if not quite colorless. The acid, when pure, is colorless, inodorous, almost tasteless, and readily crystallizable, usually in groups or tufts of fine needles. It has strong neutralizing powers; combining with bases to form completely neutral salts, of which those formed with alkalies are freely soluble, while the others are at best but sparingly soluble in water. The acid itself is freely soluble in chloroform and ether, but slightly so in cold water, which takes up only about one-thousandth of its weight of the acid. Hot water dissolves it more freely, but on cooling deposits it in long, slender needles. The action of concentrated nitric acid may be considered as a test. If a drop of this acid be added to gelsemic acid or any of its salts, it forms a yellow, reddish, or red solution, which if treated with ammonia in excess becomes of a deep blood-red color, lasting for hours. The $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain will exhibit these changes. Caustic potassa, soda, or ammonia, added to the acid, causes it to become intensely yellow, and forms with it highly fluorescent solutions. The acid is fusible, and, at a high heat, volatilizable without change. Robbins (*Deut. Chem. Ges.*, 1876, p. 1182), who has also investigated gelsemic acid, states that it is identical with *æsculin* (the glucoside of the horse-chestnut), and gives it the formula $C_{15}H_{16}O_9 + 1\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. Dragendorff (*Jahresb. für Pharmacog., Pharm. und Toxicol.*, 1878) reinvestigated the constituents of Gelsemium sempervirens, and found æsculin and gelsemine, extracting the former out of an acid solution by chloroform and the latter from an alkaline solution by benzin and chloroform. Schwartz (*Inaugural Dissertation*, Dorpat, 1882) also found æsculin, the identity of which he established by a series of reactions, and some *æsculetin*, presumably from the decomposition of portions of the æsculin. The subject has since (*A. J. P.*, July, 1882) been re-examined by Prof. Wormley, who finds that gelsemic acid differs from æsculin in the following well-marked particulars: 1, in crystallization, the gelsemic acid crystallizes much more readily; 2, in solubility, the gelsemic acid is more soluble in ether and less soluble in water than æsculin; 3, gelsemic acid is not soluble in hydrochloric acid, while æsculin is; 4, corrosive sublimate gives a copious yellow precipitate with gelsemic acid, while it gives no result with æsculin; 5, copper sulphate and lead acetate yield precipitates with gelsemic acid differing from those of the same reagents with æsculin. Wormley, therefore, concludes that they are "very different substances."

Gelsemine, Gelsemia. This may be obtained, according to Wormley, from the concentrated extract from which gelsemic acid has been separated by ether, by rendering it slightly alkaline with potassa (Schwartz (*loc. cit.*) prefers soda solution on account of the too great energy of the caustic potassa), then agitating repeatedly with chloroform, which dissolves the alkaloid with some impurities, and yields it, when evaporated at a very moderate heat, in the form of a hard, gum-like, yellowish, or brownish-yellow solid. If this be treated with a little water, and acidulated with hydrochloric acid, it yields the alkaloid with some impurities to the liquid, which, if now filtered, evaporated to about one-sixteenth by volume of the original fluid extract employed, and then treated with a slight excess of caustic potassa, will give up the alkaloid in the form of a more or less white precipitate. This, upon being separated, and allowed to dry, shrinks greatly, and becomes dark. To purify it, the dry mass is powdered, and dissolved, with the aid of a few drops of hydrochloric acid, in a little water, from which the alkaloid is precipitated by a slight excess of caustic potassa, and then taken up by ether, which leaves it, on spontaneous evaporation, in the state of a very hard, brittle, and transparent mass, strongly adhering to the surface of the vessel employed. If now detached and pulverized, it forms a powder nearly or quite colorless. If still colored, it may be again treated with ether. Gelsemine was obtained in a much purer state than had been previously made by A. W. Gerrard. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 258.) It is a brittle, transparent solid, crystallizing with difficulty from alcohol. Boiling water sparingly dissolves it. It softens at 38° C., and fuses at 45° C. The pure base gives no color reaction with strong nitric acid, and the mixture is scarcely changed

in color by heating. Strong sulphuric acid has no apparent action upon it; but if to the mixture a little manganic oxide be added and rubbed with a glass rod a deep crimson-red is obtained, passing to green. This reaction is so delicate that it can be demonstrated with a solution of 1 in 100,000. If this reaction be performed upon the pure alkaloid, the color may be sufficiently intense to cause it to be mistaken for strychnine; but if a parallel experiment be carried on with strychnine, the two alkaloids cannot be mistaken, for the strychnine gives an intense purple, passing to red. Gerrard analyzed the alkaloid with care, and gives the formula $C_{24}H_{28}N_2O_4$ as its correct composition. F. A. Thompson (*Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 3) announced the presence of a second alkaloid, which he called *gelseminine*. After obtaining a solution of the alkaloids as sulphates he agitates it with an alkali and ether; the ethereal solution is shaken with water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and the alkaloids are converted into hydrochlorates; gelseminine hydrochlorate being easily soluble, and gelsemine hydrochlorate less soluble, the latter is deposited on standing, and may be obtained pure by repeated crystallizations. He asserts that gelseminine differs greatly in physical and chemical properties from gelsemine, but, as he had not succeeded in obtaining it absolutely pure, does not give the differences.

Medical Properties.* Gelsemium produces in the healthy adult agreeable sensations of languor, with muscular relaxation, so that the subject finds some difficulty in moving the eyelids and keeping the jaws closed. More largely taken, it occasions dizziness, dimness of vision, dilated pupil, general muscular debility, and universal prostration, reducing the frequency and force of the pulse, and the frequency of respiration. After very pronounced poisonous doses the symptoms which have just been enumerated are intensified: double or impaired vision, ptosis, dilated insensible pupils, falling of the lower jaw, loss of power of enunciation, and excessive muscular relaxation are associated with slow, labored breathing, which in some cases is interrupted by violent spells of dyspnœa; consciousness is long unimpaired, but is apt to be lost before death, and in rare cases unconsciousness has been present even although recovery followed. Of the various symptoms of gelsemium poisoning the most characteristic are the dropping of the jaw and the ocular manifestations, combined with general muscular relaxation. The effects usually begin in half an hour, but sometimes almost at once. According to Prof. Wormley, death has occurred at periods which vary from one to seven and a half hours. Twelve minims of the fluid extract are said to have proved fatal to a boy three years old, and thirty-five drops of a tincture of the bark have caused death in one hour and a half. In several instances a drachm of the fluid extract has under treatment been recovered from. Dr. M. P. Hatfield has recorded a case in which fifteen grains of a resinoid extract of gelsemium caused death in a woman in one hour.

The treatment of poisoning by gelsemium should consist in evacuating the stomach, maintaining absolute rest in the horizontal position, keeping up the bodily temperature, if required, by external warmth, and administering spinal and arterial stimulants. We have very little experimental data as to the physiological antidotes to gelsemium. Our general knowledge indicates that morphine, atropine, strychnine, and digitalis given hypodermically should be of service in the treatment of the poisoning, and Dr. Courtright (quoted by Wormley) narrates a case in which the hypodermic injection of three grains of morphine, in divided doses, within a few moments was followed by marked improvement and recovery, although the patient had taken between one and two teaspoonfuls of the tincture of gelsemium. The combined injection of atropine and morphine probably affords the best available treatment.

Recent physiological studies, whilst by no means complete, have thrown much light upon the action of gelsemium. The muscular weakness which it causes is always associated with a depression of reflex activity, and is the result of a direct paralyzing influence upon the spinal cord, as probably is also the diminution of sensibility, the nerves and muscles not being sensibly affected by the poison. The action upon the circulation is less marked than upon the nervous system, the heart and arterial pressure not being much affected by therapeutic doses. After toxic amounts there is great depression of the circulation, which has been shown by Dr.

* Gelsemium is said to have been long popularly employed as a vermifuge in the Southern and Southwestern States; but its more valuable properties have been known but for a few years. Their discovery was accidental. A planter of Mississippi, laboring under an obstinate bilious fever, directed his servant to get a particular root from the garden and prepare a tea from it. The tea was prepared accordingly, and drunk by the invalid, who was soon afterwards affected with great prostration, and especially muscular debility, so that he could not raise a limb, but without stupor. These effects gradually passed off, and with them the fever. The servant had made a mistake in the root, and dug that of the gelsemium instead of the one intended. The planter, having made this discovery, employed the root afterwards with success upon his own plantation and in the neighborhood. The remedy passed into the hands of irregular practitioners, and was used by the "eclectic physicians" before its virtues came to the knowledge of the profession.

I. Ott to be at least in part due to a direct action upon the heart. The dilatation of the pupil which is present in poisoning with the drug, and which is also produced by its local application to the eye, is probably due to a paralysis of the oculo-motor nerve; to which also may be ascribed the palsy of accommodation and of the external rectus muscle. The diseases in which the medicine has been prescribed are *intermittent*, *remittent*, *typhoid*, and *yellow fevers*, *inflammation* of the *lungs* and *pleura*, *dysentery*, *rheumatism*, *neuralgia*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *delirium tremens*, *trismus nascentium*, *chorea*, *hysteria*, and *epilepsy*. The drug is, however, not applicable to the treatment of low fevers, and is not sufficiently powerful as a cardiac depressant to be relied upon in very sthenic inflammations; its use should be chiefly restricted to spasmodic and neuralgic affections. In supraorbital *neuralgia* and in *odontalgia* it has been especially commended.

There is much testimony as to its antiperiodic properties; and it may be used as an adjuvant to quinine in the treatment of remittent fever. Dr. James D. McGarghey praises it especially in cases of intermittent, when the attacks are disposed to return obstinately and irregularly. (*Phila. Med. Times*, March 7, 1874.) It has also been employed with a measure of success in controlling cardiac palpitations.

Gelsemium should be administered in the form either of the tincture or of the fluid extract; the dose of the tincture being ten minims (0·6 C.c.), that of the fluid extract two minims (0·12 C.c.); to be repeated, if necessary, every 2, 4, or 6 hours, and be gradually increased till the object is obtained, or some obvious effect is produced on the system. The alkaloid gelsemine is exceedingly powerful. Prof. Wormley injected one-eighth of a grain into a strong cat, with the result of death in one and a half hours. He also found, as the average result of several experiments, that eight fluidounces of the fluid extract yield 3·20 grains of the pure alkaloid. On the basis of this result, the dose of gelsemine may be estimated at the 200th or 300th of a grain, supposing all the virtue of the root to reside in the alkaloid. But this estimate probably exceeds its strength; and the proper dose can be determined only by a series of carefully conducted trials.

GENTIANA. U. S. (Br.) Gentian.

(ÇĔN-TI-Ā'NA.)

"The root of Gentiana lutea, Linné (nat. ord. Gentianeæ)." *U. S.* "The dried root of Gentiana lutea." *Br.*

Gentianæ Radix, *Br.;* Gentian Root; Radix Gentianæ, *P. G.;* Radix Gentianæ Rubræ (vel Luteæ vel Majoris); Racine de Gentiane (de Gentiane jaune), Gentiane jaune, *Fr.;* Enzian, Enzianwurzel, Bitterwurzel, Rother Enzian, *G.;* Genziana, *It.;* Genciana, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla one-petalled. *Capsule* two-valved, one-celled, with two longitudinal receptacles. *Willd.*

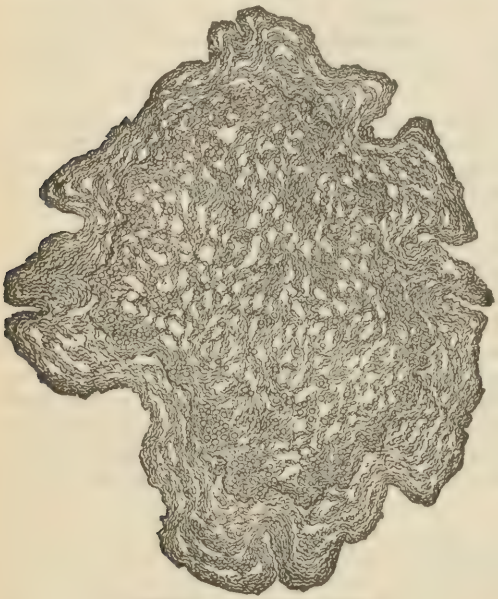
Gentiana lutea. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1331; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 273, t. 95; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 12, pl. 60. *Yellow Gentian* is among the most remarkable of the species which compose this genus, both for its beauty and great comparative size. From its thick, long, branching, perennial root, an erect, round stem rises to the height of three or four feet, bearing opposite, sessile, ovate, acute, five-nerved leaves of a bright-green color, and somewhat glaucous. The lower leaves, which spring from the root, are narrowed at their base into the form of a petiole. The flowers are large and beautiful, of a yellow color, peduncled, and placed in whorls at the axils of the upper leaves. The calyx is monophyllous, membranous, yellowish, and semi-transparent, splitting when the flower opens, and reflected when it is fully expanded; the corolla is rotate, and deeply divided into five or six lanceolate, acute segments; the stamens are five or six, and shorter than the corolla. This plant grows among the Apennines, the Alps, the Pyrenees, and in other mountainous or elevated regions of Europe. The root is the only part employed.

Several other species possess analogous virtues, and are used for similar purposes. The roots of *G. purpurea* and *G. punctata*, inhabiting the same regions as *G. lutea*, and of *G. pannonica*, growing in Austria, are said to be often mingled with the official, from which they are scarcely distinguishable. The *G. macrophylla* of Pallas is used in Siberia; one indigenous species, *G. catesbæi*,* growing in the Southern States, formerly had a place in the secondary catalogue of

* *Gentiana catesbæi.* The blue gentian has a perennial, branching, somewhat fleshy root, and a simple, erect, rough stem, rising eight or ten inches in height, and bearing opposite leaves, which are ovate-lanceolate, acute, and rough on their margin. The flowers are of a palish-blue color, crowded, nearly sessile, and axillary or terminal. The divisions of the calyx are linear-lanceolate, and longer than the tube. The corolla is large, ventricose, plaited, and divided at its border into ten segments, of which the five outer are more or less acute, the five inner bifid and fringed. The number of stamens is five, and the two stigmas are seated on the germ. The capsule is oblong, acuminate, with two valves, and a single cell. *G. catesbæi* grows in the grassy swamps of North and South Carolina,

the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and is reputed to be but little inferior to the official species. *G. quinqueflora*, growing throughout the Northern and Northwestern States, is said to be much used in domestic practice.

Properties. As found in commerce, gentian is in pieces of various dimensions and shape, usually of considerable length, consisting sometimes of longitudinal slices, sometimes of the root cut transversely, twisted, wrinkled externally, sometimes marked with close transverse rings of a grayish-brown color on the outside, yellowish or reddish within, and of a soft, spongy texture. It is officially described as occurring "in nearly cylindrical pieces or longitudinal slices, about 25 Mm. thick, the upper portion closely annulate, the lower portion longitudinally wrinkled; externally deep yellowish-brown; internally lighter; somewhat flexible and tough when damp; rather brittle when dry; fracture uneven; the bark rather thick, separated from the somewhat spongy meditullium by a black cambium line; odor peculiar, faint, more prominent when moistened; taste sweetish and persistently bitter." *U. S.* There are no distinct pith, liber-cells, starch granules, or raphides. (For further details, see *P. J. Tr.*, July, 1872, p. 42.) The odor is feeble, but decided and peculiar. The taste is slightly sweetish and intensely bitter, without being nauseous. The powder is yellowish. Water and alcohol extract the taste and virtues of the root.



Gentian, transverse section.

Kromayer, in 1862, first obtained the bitter principle of gentian in a state of purity, and gave it the name of *gentiopicrin*, and the formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_{12}$. It is a neutral body, crystallizing in colorless needles, which readily dissolve in water. It is soluble in spirit of wine, but in absolute alcohol only when aided by heat; it does not dissolve in ether. A solution of caustic soda forms with it a yellow solution. Under the influence of dilute acids, gentiopicrin is resolved into glucose and an amorphous yellowish-brown neutral substance named *gentiogenin*. Fresh gentian roots yield about $\frac{1}{10}$ per cent. of gentiopicrin. Another constituent is *gentianin* or *gentisin*, $C_{14}H_{10}O_5$. It forms tasteless, yellowish prisms, subliming with partial decomposition at a temperature over 300° C., sparingly soluble in alcohol, and with alkalies yields intensely yellow, crystallizable compounds, easily decomposed by carbonic acid. Von Kostanecki (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 192), by boiling gentisin with hydriodic acid, succeeded in demethylating it, and so obtained *gentisein*, $C_{13}H_8O_5$, which crystallizes with $2H_2O$ in fine straw-colored needles; these become anhydrous at 100° C. A triacetyl derivative was then formed from this gentisein. Gentisin is therefore the methyl ether of gentisein, and can be written $C_{13}H_5O_2\begin{cases}OCH_3\\OH\\OH\end{cases}$. Hlasiwetz and Habermann showed, in 1875, that when *gentianin* was melted with caustic potash it yielded *phloroglucin*, $C_6H_3(OH)_3$, and *oxysalicylic acid*, $C_6H_3.(OH_2)COOH$. The latter was at first called *gentianic* or *gentisinic acid*. Prof. Maisch believes that tannin is absent from gentian root, and states that the dark olive-green coloration observed when ferric chloride is added to its preparations is due to gentisic acid (*A. J. P.*, 1876). Ville (*A. J. P.*, 1877) and Davies (*P. J. Tr.*, 1879) maintain that there is a small quantity of tannin in gentian root. Prof. Patch (*A. J. P.*, 1876) found that an alcoholic solution of an ethereal extract of gentian yielded a dark-green coloration with ferric salts, but if the alcoholic solution were

where it flowers from September to December. It was named by Walter and Elliot in honor of Catesby, by whom it was delineated nearly a century ago. The dried root is said to have at first a mucilaginous and sweetish taste, which is soon succeeded by an intense bitterness, approaching nearly to that of the official gentian. Alcohol and boiling water extract the virtues, and the tincture and decoction are even more bitter than the root in substance. It may be given in powder in the dose of fifteen to thirty grains, or in the form of extract, infusion, wine, or tincture, which may be prepared in the manner directed for the similar preparations of foreign gentian.

diluted with water it yielded no precipitate with gelatin. Subsequently (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1881) he showed there was a principle associated with the resinous matter in gentian (but which was not isolated in a state of purity) that produced the reactions of a tannin, viz., a greenish-black color with ferric chloride, and precipitates with tartar emetic, cinchonidine sulphate, and gelatin. M. Louis Magnes found in the root, when perfectly dried at 100° C. (212° F.), 15 per cent. of glucose, and 12 per cent. in the root in its ordinary state. (*A. J. P.*, pp. 333–4.) When gentian is macerated in cold water, it undergoes the vinous fermentation, in consequence of the presence of this saccharine principle. From the fermented infusion a spirituous liquor is obtained by distillation, which, though bitter and unpleasant to the smell, is said to be relished by the Swiss and Tyrolese. A. Meyer (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1882, May) obtained a sweet principle, which he called *gentianose*, $C_{16}H_{66}O_{31}$, by precipitating the filtered juice with alcohol, treatment with ether, and crystallization from alcohol. It does not reduce Fehling's solution. Infusion of gentian is precipitated by tannic acid and the soluble salts of lead, but is compatible with the salts of iron.

Medical Properties and Uses. Gentian possesses in a high degree the tonic powers of the simple bitters. It excites the appetite and invigorates digestion. In very large doses, however, it is apt to oppress the stomach, to irritate the bowels, and even to occasion nausea and vomiting. It has been known from the highest antiquity, and is said to have derived its name from Gentius, a king of Illyria. Many of the complex preparations handed down from the Greeks and Arabians contain it among their ingredients; and it enters into most of the stomachic combinations employed in modern practice. It may be used in all cases of pure debility of the digestive organs, or where a general tonic impression is required. *Dyspepsia*, *atonic gout*, *amenorrhœa*, *hysteria*, *scrofula*, and *intermittent fever* are among the many affections in which it has proved useful; but it is the condition of the stomach and of the system generally, not the name of the disease, which must be taken into consideration in prescribing it; and there is scarcely a complaint in which it can be advantageously given under all circumstances. It should be administered only in the form of preparation. A syrup may be prepared by forming a saccharated infusion by means of percolation, and incorporating this at a boiling heat with simple syrup; or, perhaps more eligibly, by dissolving two drachms of the extract of gentian, and afterwards fifteen ounces of sugar, in half a pint of water. The porous property of the root causes it to expand with moisture, and it has been employed as a substitute for sponge tent in the enlargement of strictured passages.

GERANIUM. U. S. Geranium. [Cranesbill.]

(GĘ-RĀ'NĮ-ŬM.)

"The rhizome of Geranium maculatum, Linné (nat. ord. Geraniaceæ)." *U. S.*

Cranesbill Root; Racine de Bec-de-Grue tacheté, Racine de Pied-de-Corneille, *Fr.*; Fleckstorchschnabel-Wurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-leaved. *Corolla* five-petalled, regular. *Nectary* five melliferous glands, united to the base of the longer filaments. *Arilli* five, one-seeded, awned, at the base of a beaked receptacle; awns simple, naked, neither spiral nor bearded. *Willd.*

Geranium maculatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 705; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 84; Barton, *Med. Bot.* i. 149. This plant has a perennial, horizontal, fleshy root, which is furnished with short fibres, and sends up annually an herbaceous stem, with several radical leaves. The stem is erect, round, dichotomously branched, from one to two feet high, of a grayish-green color, and thickly covered, in common with the petioles and peduncles, with reflexed hairs. The leaves are deeply divided into three, five, or seven lobes, which are variously incised at their extremities, hairy, and of a pale-green color, mottled with still paler spots. Those which rise from the root are supported on footstalks eight or ten inches long; those of the stem are opposite, the lower petiolate, the upper nearly sessile, with lanceolate or linear stipules. The flowers are large, and usually of a purple color. The peduncles spring from the forks of the stem, and severally support two flowers upon short pedicels. The calyx is composed of five oblong, ribbed, cuspidate leaves; the petals are five, obovate, and entire; the stamens ten, with oblong, deciduous anthers, the five alternate filaments being longer than the others, and having glands at their base; the germ is ovate, supporting a straight style as long as the stamens, and surmounted by five stigmas. The fruit consists of five aggregate, one-seeded capsules, attached by a beak to the persistent style, curling up and scattering the seeds when ripe. The cranesbill is indigenous, growing throughout the United States, in moist woods, thickets, and hedges, and generally in low grounds. It flowers from May to July. The root should be collected in autumn.

Properties. Geranium occurs in pieces from one to three inches long, from a quarter to half an inch in thickness, somewhat flattened, contorted, wrinkled, tuberculated, and beset with slender fibres. It is externally of an umber-brown color, internally reddish gray, compact, inodorous, and of an astringent taste, without bitterness or other unpleasant flavor. "Of horizontal growth, cylindrical, 5 to 7 Cm. long; about 1 Cm. thick; rather sharply tuberculated, longitudinally wrinkled, dark brown; fracture short, pale reddish-brown; bark thin; wood-wedges yellowish, small, forming a circle near the cambium line; medullary rays broad; central pith large; roots thin, fragile; inodorous; taste strongly astringent." *U. S.* Water and alcohol extract the virtues of geranium. According to Dr. Edward Staples, it contains tannic and gallic acids, mucilage, red coloring matter, resin, and a crystallizable vegetable principle. (*A. J. P.*, 1829, p. 171.) The Messrs. Tilden found, besides tannic and gallic acids, gum, pectin, sugar, starch, albumen, resin soluble in alcohol, oleoresin soluble in ether only, coloring matter, chlorophyll, lignin, and various salts. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1863, p. 22.) Tannic and gallic acids are probably the sole active ingredients. Henry Trimble and J. C. Peacock (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 265) collected the plant at periods of the year ranging from January to October, and determined the percentage of tannin as calculated for the perfectly dry drug to vary from 9·72 to 27·85 per cent. They also determined that it belonged to the class of tannins analogous to gallo-tannic acid, yielding pyrogallol on heating. They decomposed the tannin by the action of hydrochloric acid, obtaining gallic acid, glucose, and geranium red as products.

Medical Properties and Uses. Geranium is one of our best indigenous astringents, and may be employed for all the purposes to which these medicines are applicable. The absence of unpleasant taste and of other offensive qualities renders it peculiarly serviceable in the case of infants and of persons of very delicate stomach. *Diarrhœa, chronic dysentery, cholera infantum* in the latter stages, and the various hemorrhages, are the forms of disease in which it is most commonly used and with greatest advantage; but care should be taken, before it is administered, that the condition of the system and of the part affected is such as not to contra-indicate the use of astringents. As an application to *indolent ulcers*, an injection in *gleet* and *leucorrhœa*, and a gargle in relaxation of the uvula and aphthous ulcerations of the throat, it answers the same purpose as kino, catechu, and other medicines of the same class. It is a popular domestic remedy in various parts of the United States, and is said to be employed by the Indians. It may be given in substance, decoction, tincture, or extract. The dose of the powder is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.); that of a decoction, made by boiling an ounce of the root in a pint and a half of water to a pint, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.); that of the fluid extract, from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·9 C.c.). The medicine is sometimes given to children, boiled in milk.

GLUSIDUM. Br. Gluside.

(GLŪ'SI-DŬM.)

"A sweet imide derivable from the toluene of coal tar." *Br.*

Saccharin; Glucusimide; Benzoyl-sulphonicimide, $C_6H_4COSO_2NH$; Anhydro-orthosulphaminbenzoic Acid; Glukusin; Neo-saccharin.

This substance, which is now official in the British Pharmacopœia additions, is one of the remarkable derivatives from coal tar. As saccharin is a trade product and controlled as a proprietary compound, the United States Pharmacopœia has not admitted it to its list. Its name is suggestive of its predominant characteristic, that of intense sweetness. Its composition is $C_6H_4 < \begin{matrix} CO \\ SO_2 \end{matrix} > NH$, and it is prepared from toluene by first converting this into the mixture of mono-sulphonic acids, which are changed into the corresponding toluene-sulphonic chlorides. The ortho compound is then acted upon by ammonia, converting it into the sulphamide, which by oxidation yields the imide, as above. It forms a white powder, melting at 200° C. with partial decomposition, evolving the odor of bitter almonds. It is soluble in water, from which it can be crystallized in alcohol ether, glycerin, and glucose. Its taste in diluted solutions is intensely sweet, so that 1 part of saccharin will sweeten quite strongly 10,000 parts of water. Saccharin may be detected in sugar solutions by extracting with ether, evaporating, and fusing the residue, which, if saccharin, will melt at about 200° C., and fused with nitre and sodium carbonate will show sulphuric acid. The weight of $BaSO_4$ obtained in this way from 100 Gm. of sugar multiplied by 0·785 will give the weight of saccharin extracted. Saccharin occurs as a white powder, composed of irregular crystals, very slightly soluble in water, readily soluble in glycerin, alcohol, and ether. Its aqueous solution has a distinctly

acid reaction and forms salts. Its most remarkable property is its sweet taste, which is said to be three hundred times more intense than that of sugar.

The British Pharmacopœia furnishes the following characters and tests: "A light, white, minutely crystalline powder, having an intensely sweet taste in dilute solutions. Heated it fuses and then sublimes with partial decomposition. It is but slightly soluble in cold water or chloroform, more so in boiling water, rectified spirit, or glycerine. It is very soluble in diluted solution of ammonia; also in solution of bicarbonate of sodium with evolution of carbonic acid gas. The latter solution, when warmed and made neutral and evaporated to dryness, yields 'soluble gluside' or 'soluble saccharine,' which is very soluble in water, one hundred parts of gluside yielding nearly one hundred and thirteen of neutral 'soluble gluside.' Neither gluside nor soluble gluside is blackened by strong sulphuric acid, even when the mixture is gently warmed for a short time. On evaporating either with excess of strong solution of soda, maintaining the residue in a state of semi-fusion for a few minutes, cooling, dissolving in water, faintly acidulating with hydrochloric acid, and adding a few drops of a solution of perchloride of iron, a reddish-brown or purplish color is produced." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. U. Morro and V. Aducco (*Arch. Ital. de Biolog.*, 1886, vii.) find that when a solution of saccharin is rendered neutral with soda, frogs will live in it for months; also that the injection of concentrated solutions of saccharin into the cellular tissue has no influence on the batrachian. Six hundred grains given to a dog during ten days caused no alteration in the weight or general health of the animal. A careful study failed to detect any change in the urine as to the daily excretion of water, urea, hippuric acid, or phosphoric acid. The chlorides seemed to be somewhat increased. The saccharin escaped unchanged from the kidneys, rendering the urine very sweet, and having a notable effect in delaying its putrefaction. No saccharin could be found either in the milk or in the saliva of a nursing woman to whom it was administered, and a dose of 75 grains caused no symptoms in man. These statements are confirmed by Stutzer and Salkowski (*Virchow's Archiv*, cv. p. 46), and are in accord with the general results obtained by clinicians. Saccharin is chiefly useful for the purpose of replacing sugar in *diabetes*, *obesity*, and other diseases in which sugar is contra-indicated. It is true that Plugge has found that outside of the body saccharin retards both salivary and pancreatic digestion, and Sawitzki believes that he has experimentally demonstrated that saccharin inhibits nitrogenous metamorphosis by a direct action on metabolism. Nevertheless, saccharin may be used for a great length of time without apparent effect; and it is probably often employed on a large scale to sweeten glucose in the place of cane sugar. For use as a sweetener, two parts of saccharin should be incorporated with three parts of sodium bicarbonate, which renders it soluble. It is probably safer not to allow more than from twenty to twenty-five grains (1·29–1·62 Gm.) of saccharin a day.

GLYCERINUM. U. S., Br. Glycerin.

(GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'NŬM.)

Glycerina, *U. S.* 1870; Glycerine; Glycerinum, *P. G.*; Glycérine, *Fr.*; Oelsüss, *G.*

"A liquid obtained by the decomposition of fats and fixed oils, and containing not less than 95 per cent. of absolute Glycerin [$C_3H_5(OH)_3 = 91{\cdot}79$]." *U. S.* "A sweet principle, $C_3H_5(HO)_3$, obtained by reaction of fats and fixed oils with aqueous fluids, and containing a small percentage of water." *Br.*

In the process for making lead plaster, litharge, olive oil, and water are boiled together, when the olein of the oil is decomposed by the lead oxide, according to the following reaction: $2(C_3H_5(OC_{18}H_{33}O)_3) + (PbO)_3 + (H_2O)_3 = 2(C_3H_5(OH)_3) + 3(Pb(OC_{18}H_{33}O)_2)$, when we obtain lead oleate or plaster and free glycerin. (See *Emplastrum Plumbi*.) It follows, therefore, that the plaster, while still hot and in the liquid state, contained glycerin diffused through it. It was this process that was used for preparing glycerin in the formula of U. S. P. 1850. In accordance with this, when the liquid plaster is mixed with an equal measure of boiling water, and the mixture stirred briskly, a solution of glycerin is obtained, which, after having been decanted, and evaporated to a limited extent, is freed from lead by hydrogen sulphide. The liquid is then filtered to separate lead sulphide, heated to free it from hydrogen sulphide, and finally evaporated to expel the water, which is known to be all removed when the mass ceases to lose weight.

Glycerin was discovered in 1789 by Scheele, by whom it was called the *sweet principle of oils*. It is produced not only during the saponification of the fats and oils by lead oxide in forming lead plaster, but also during the same process when effected by potassa and soda in the manufacture of soap; the alkalies uniting with the oily acids and setting the glycerin free. Soap-

makers' waste is an abundant source of glycerin; but when thus obtained it is apt to have more or less odor, which even percolation through animal charcoal does not always remove. The two methods of saponification by which glycerin has been obtained on a large scale are the process of Wilson and Payne, of decomposing the fats by superheated steam and after distillation, and the lime autoclave process of Milly. A process patented by Michaud Frères, of Paris, and operated by the Continental Glycerine Co., of New York, decomposes the fats by high-pressure steam in the presence of a small quantity of zinc oxide. The glycerin is obtained pure, and the fat acids can be saponified afterwards. The process of Mr. Richard A. Tilghman, of Philadelphia (the patent for which was obtained in 1854, and, after years of litigation, was at last sustained in 1888), consists in subjecting fatty bodies to the action of water at a high temperature under pressure, whereby the fats, which are *glycerides* or ethers of the fatty acids, are broken up into free glycerin and free fatty acids, the water supplying the elements of hydrogen and oxygen necessary for that change. The reaction is as follows for the case of a fat like stearin: $C_3H_5(OC_{18}H_{35}O)_3 + (H.OH)_3 = C_3H_5(OH)_3 + 3(C_{18}H_{35}O.OH)$. (See *A. J. P.*, March, 1855, p. 121.) Through a distillatory apparatus containing palm oil, heated steam between 550° and 600° F. is passed. The oil is decomposed into free acids and glycerin, which, together with water, distil over, and, condensing in the receiver, separate into two layers, the lower of which is glycerin. If this, as first procured, contain too much water, it must be concentrated; if discolored, it must be redistilled with vapor. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 350.) Ordinary impure glycerin may be purified by distillation with steam under pressure. Though, when distilled alone, it is partially decomposed, giving off pungent vapors of *acrolein*, yet in a current of superheated steam it passes over unchanged at temperatures between 204·4° and 260° C. (400° and 500° F.). Very pure glycerin is now produced in the United States in immense quantities. The present annual production of raw glycerin through the world amounts to 40,000 tons, of which 26,000 tons are obtained from the stearic acid manufacture and 14,000 tons from soap manufacture. France is the largest producer, with 6000 tons from the first source and 3500 tons from the second. The United States is credited with 3000 tons from each of these two sources. The United States also imports considerable quantities of glycerin, the amount for the last three years having been—for 1890, 11,147,684 lbs., valued at $928,935; for 1891, 13,975,577 lbs., valued at $996,686; for 1892, 14,197,549 lbs., valued at $831,810.

Properties. Glycerin is "a clear, colorless liquid, of a thick, syrupy consistence, oily to the touch, odorless, very sweet and slightly warm to the taste. When exposed to the air, it slowly abstracts moisture. Specific gravity, not less than 1·250 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble, in all proportions, in water or alcohol; also soluble in a mixture of 3 parts of alcohol and 1 part of ether, but insoluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzin, benzol, and fixed or volatile oils. Glycerin is slowly volatilized from an aqueous solution, at or above 100° C. (212° F.), with the vapor of water. Heated by itself to a higher temperature, it yields acrid decomposition products, boils at a temperature at or above 165° C. (329° F.), and is finally entirely decomposed and dissipated. If a fused bead of borax, on a loop of platinum wire, be moistened with Glycerin, and then held in the non-luminous flame, the latter will be transiently tinted deep green." *U. S.*

In properties, glycerin is intermediate between water and the oils. When exposed to the air it gradually absorbs moisture. As already stated, though decomposed by a high heat in its unmixed state, yet with water under pressure it is volatilizable unchanged at a temperature between 204·4° and 260° C. (400° and 500° F.). Cooled down rapidly, it only becomes more viscid, without congealing, even when a temperature of —40° C. is attained; but, if kept for some time at a temperature of about 0° C. (32° F.), it gradually forms hard but deliquescent crystals, which melt only at about 22° C. (71·6° F.).* This fact is now utilized as a means of concentrating and purifying glycerin. According to Mr. G. F. Wilson, glycerin, when of the density 1·24, contains 94 per cent. of anhydrous glycerin; when of the density 1·26, 98 per cent. A table by Dr. Wilhelm Lenz (*Zeitsch. f. Anal. Chem.*, 1880), showing the percentage of absolute glycerin in mixtures of glycerin and water, which was obtained by a quantitative determination of the carbon in the various dilutions by ultimate analysis, will be found in the

* Mr. Wm. Crookes gives an account, in the *Chem. News* of Jan. 18, 1867, of 5 tons of glycerin imported into London from Germany in casks of 8 cwt. each, which, though when it left the Continent it was in its ordinary state of a viscid liquid, was found, on reaching London, to have become solidified into a mass of very hard, brilliant crystals. The same result has been noticed in Vienna, in a mass of glycerin which had been in an iron tank more than a year. (*Chem. News*, April 5, 1867.) The crystalline mass noticed by Mr. Crookes yielded pure glycerin when melted. Frozen glycerin has been examined by Mr. Wallace Procter and Prof. Henry Trimble (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 273): the crystals had the sp. gr. 1·2618, and the portion which had not been solidified had the sp. gr. 1·235.

U. S. D., 15th ed. p. 712. The following table by Prof. W. W. J. Nicol, of England, has been constructed after careful determinations, aided by Dr. A. B. Lyons's data on expansion of glycerin solutions. (*Pharm. Era*, 1888.)

Per cent. Glycerin.	Sp. Gr. at 15° C. = 59° F.	Per cent. Glycerin.	Sp. Gr. at 15° C. = 59° F.	Per cent. Glycerin.	Sp. Gr. at 15° C. = 59° F.	Per cent. Glycerin.	Sp. Gr. at 15° C. = 59° F.
1	1·00236	26	1·06500	51	1·13265	76	1·20131
2	1·00473	27	1·06765	52	1·13539	77	1·20404
3	1·00711	28	1·07031	53	1·13814	78	1·20677
4	1·00949	29	1·07297	54	1·14088	79	1·20949
5	1·01189	30	1·07564	55	1·14362	80	1·21221
6	1·01430	31	1·07832	56	1·14637	81	1·21493
7	1·01673	32	1·08100	57	1·14912	82	1·21766
8	1·01917	33	1·08370	58	1·15187	83	1·22038
9	1·02163	34	1·08639	59	1·15462	84	1·22310
10	1·02409	35	1·08908	60	1·15737	85	1·22583
11	1·02655	36	1·09176	61	1·16011	86	1·22855
12	1·02910	37	1·09445	62	1·16286	87	1·23128
13	1·03177	38	1·09713	63	1·16561	88	1·23400
14	1·03410	39	1·09983	64	1·16837	89	1·23673
15	1·03652	40	1·10253	65	1·17113	90	1·23945
16	1·03905	41	1·10525	66	1·17387	91	1·24217
17	1·04160	42	1·10798	67	1·17662	92	1·24487
18	1·04416	43	1·11071	68	1·17937	93	1·24756
19	1·04672	44	1·11345	69	1·18212	94	1·25021
20	1·04930	45	1·11618	70	1·18487	95	1·25285
21	1·05189	46	1·11893	71	1·18761	96	1·25547
22	1·05449	47	1·12167	72	1·19035	97	1·25809
23	1·05712	48	1·12441	73	1·19309	98	1·26072
24	1·05973	49	1·12716	74	1·19583	99	1·26335
25	1·06236	50	1·12990	75	1·19857	100	1·26596

Glycerin possesses extensive powers as a solvent, and is an excellent excipient for many medicinal substances. It dissolves bromine and iodine, sulphur iodide, potassium and sodium chlorides, the fixed alkalies, some of the alkaline earths, lime, for example, for which it increases the solvent powers of water (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1874), and a large number of neutral salts. It also dissolves the vegetable acids, particularly tannic acid. It is a good solvent of pepsin, and is used for the extraction of this principle from the mucus of the stomach. Two parts and a half of glycerin dissolve one of sugar, and three and a half parts, one of gum. When starch-paste and glycerin are heated together, a turbid liquid is formed, which deposits on cooling; the supernatant liquid holding starch in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1868, pp. 361–2.) Prof. J. S. Blockley, of London, has ascertained that certain neutral vegetable substances are far more soluble in glycerin than in water. Thus, salicin dissolves in eight parts of cold glycerin, and santonin in eighteen parts when boiling. The latter solution, when of half this strength, forms on cooling an almost solid mass. It is not always a good solvent for alkaloids or their salts, and will *sometimes precipitate the latter even from their aqueous or acidulated solutions.* Glycerin, next to alcohol, is the best solvent of iodine. Iodine and potassium iodide, when dissolved in it, form *iodized glycerin*, the medical applications of which are given under iodine. (See *Iodum.*)* It combines with potassa and baryta, and also with sulphuric

* The following table, by Klever, gives a general view of the solvent powers of glycerin,—100 parts of glycerin dissolving the annexed quantities of substances:

	PARTS.		PARTS.		PARTS.		PARTS.
Acidum arsenicum	20	Brucine	2·25	Morphine	0·45	Sodii bicarbonas	8
" arsenosum	20	Calcii sulphidum	5	Morphinæ acetas	20	" boras	60
" benzoicum	10	Cinchonine	0·30	" hydrochloras	20	" carbonas	98
" boricum	10	Cinch. sulphas	6·70	Phosphorus	0·20	" chloras	20
" oxalicum	15	Cupri acetas	10	Plumbi acetas	20	Sulphur	0·10
" tannicum	50	" sulphas	30	Potassii arsenas	50	Strychnine	0·25
Alumen	40	Ferr. et potas. tart.	8	" bromidum	25	Strychninæ nitras	4
Ammonii carbonas	20	" lactas	16	" chloras	3·50	" sulphas	22·50
" chloridum	20	" sulphas	25	" cyanidum	32	Urea	50
Antimon. et pot. tart.	5·50	Hydrarg. chlorid. corrosiv.	7·50	" iodidum	40	Veratrine	1
Atropine	3	" cyanidum	27	Quinine	0·50	Zinci chloridum	50
Atropinæ sulphas	33	Iodum	1·90	Quininæ tannas	0·25	" iodidum	40
Barii chloridum	10			Sodii arsenas	50	" sulphas	35

(*Neues Jahrb. für Pharm.*, 1869, Mai u. Juni, 315.)

acid. Glycerin is not susceptible of becoming rancid, or of fermenting spontaneously, but will generate a portion of alcohol under the combined influence of chalk and of a ferment formed of cheese or animal tissue. During this change there is no intermediate formation of glucose, provided calcium carbonate be present. (*Berthelot.*) Glycerin does not evaporate when exposed to the air; nor can it be distilled without decomposition, unless in the presence of water or steam. When decomposed by heat, it emits extremely irritating vapors. At a full red heat it takes fire, and burns with a blue flame. In consequence of the high temperature required for its volatilization, it has been proposed to use it for an evaporating bath, in which a heat beyond that of boiling water is required. Glycerin is antiseptic, and has been recommended by Mr. Warington and M. Demarquay to preserve alimentary substances and objects of natural history, and to inject bodies for dissection. According to Dr. W. Frazer, it does not answer to keep pathological preparations, as they are completely softened by its action. M. Berthelot, of Paris, has succeeded in combining glycerin with a number of acids, both mineral and organic, forming three distinct series of neutral compounds. Among others, he has united it with the fatty acids, producing, by synthesis, the organic fatty substances stearin, palmitin, olein, etc. Glycerin has been formed artificially from tribromallyl, by Wurtz, and from trichlorhydrin, by Friedel and Silva. Synthesis is, however, not practicable on a large scale, no method having yet been discovered to compete successfully with its preparation from natural fats. By Pasteur it was ascertained to be one of the products of the vinous fermentation. Glycerin is a triatomic alcohol, being a compound of the triad radical (C_3H_5) with 3(OH) groups. In the natural fats, the three H atoms of these OH groups are replaced by fatty acid radicals like stearyl, $C_{18}H_{35}O$, palmityl, $C_{16}H_{33}O$, and oleyl, $C_{18}H_{33}O$. The natural fats are, therefore, compounds of an alcohol radical with an organic acid, and are true ethers, which are known as *glycerides*.

The solvent and preservative properties as well as agreeable taste and permanent consistence of glycerin render it very useful as a menstruum in pharmacy; and a class of preparations consisting of medicinal substances dissolved in it has come into extensive use. The British Pharmacopœia has adopted such a class, under the name of *Glycerina*, or *glycerines*. This title is not now available, because these terminations are reserved for alkaloids, while the term *glyceroles*, adopted from the French, is objectionable, as the termination has been used as designative of certain proximate principles. But the U. S. title, *Glycerita*, or *glycerites*, is satisfactory.

Impurities and Tests. Glycerin is occasionally deficient in density and consistency. According to M. Dalpiaz, it is sometimes perfectly colorless from being bleached by chlorine, when it is apt to contain calcium chloride, as well as free chlorine. The latter may be detected by rendering the suspected sample slightly blue by a few drops of an acid solution of indigo in sulphuric acid, when, if free chlorine be present, the blue color will disappear.

The Pharmacopœia furnishes the following tests: "An aqueous solution of Glycerin is neutral to litmus paper. When a small portion of Glycerin is heated to boiling in an open porcelain or platinum capsule, and then gently ignited, it should burn and vaporize so as to leave not more than a dark stain (absence of *dextrin* and *sugar*, which would leave a bulky, difficultly combustible, charred mass); and on full combustion no residue whatever should be left (absence of *fixed impurities*). If 5 C.c. of Glycerin be mixed with 50 C.c. of water and 10 drops of hydrochloric acid in a small flask, and heated for half an hour on a boiling-water-bath, then 10 C.c. of the hot liquid mixed with 2 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution and 1 C.c. of alkaline cupric tartrate volumetric solution, no yellowish-red cloudiness or precipitate should appear within six hours (absence of *sugars*). On gently warming a mixture of equal volumes of Glycerin and of concentrated sulphuric acid in a test-tube, the liquid should not acquire a dark color (absence of *readily carbonizable impurities*). On gradually heating 5 C.c. of Glycerin with 3 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid in a test-tube, short of boiling, no offensive or acidulous odor should be evolved (absence of *fatty acids*, etc.). No color, cloudiness, or precipitate should appear when separate portions of its aqueous solution (1 in 10) are treated with hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metals*), barium chloride test-solution (*sulphuric acid*), calcium chloride test-solution (*oxalic acid*), or ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium salts*). If a mixture of 2 C.c. of Glycerin with 10 C.c. of water, contained in a perfectly clean, glass-stoppered cylinder, be heated for five minutes in a water-bath at a temperature of 60°–65° C. (140°–149° F.), then mixed with 10 drops of silver nitrate test-solution, and the cylinder set aside, well stoppered, in diffused daylight, no change of transparency or color should occur in the mixture within five minutes (absence of *chlorides*, and

limit of *impurities having reducing properties*)." *U. S.* Lime may be detected by ammonium oxalate; lead, by ammonium sulphide; and sulphuric acid, by a soluble salt of barium. Diluted, and boiled with a solution of potassa, it is not altered in color, showing the absence of glucose. Trommer's test is probably still more effectual. Chloroform was proposed as a test of sugar, in consequence of the complete insolubility of sugar in it, while glycerin was said to be very soluble; but subsequently chloroform has been shown to be incapable of dissolving glycerin, though readily forming an even mixture, which separates into its two constituents, on standing. (*Chem. News*, Feb. 25, 1870.) The absence of sugar is shown if upon the addition of two drops of concentrated sulphuric acid, and the application of heat, no brown discoloration is observed. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1863.) The late Prof. Procter believed that the most satisfactory method of detecting cane sugar is to dilute a little glycerin with three parts of water, then add a few grains of tartaric acid, and boil for a short time. Cane sugar, if present, is thus converted into glucose, which may be detected by adding first a solution of copper sulphate, and then the solution of potassa to the heated liquid, when the formation of the reddish suboxide of copper will afford the requisite proof. (*A. J. P.*, 1867.) According to M. Hager, sugar or dextrin may be detected in the following manner. Dilute the glycerin with water, add ammonium molybdate and some drops of nitric acid, and boil. If these impurities are present, a blue color is produced; if not, it remains colorless. (*Ibid.*, May, 1869.)* Among the most injurious impurities of glycerin are thought to be oxalic and formic acids, the latter of which is especially irritating to the skin, so as to unfit glycerin for some of the purposes for which it is most employed. The oxalic acid is said to result from the action of sulphuric acid employed in purifying glycerin; the formic, from the reaction between glycerin and oxalic acid. They may be detected by the U. S. P. tests. Mr. Henry Bower, of Philadelphia, who manufactures very pure glycerin, says that silver nitrate is the most reliable test. Glycerin which shows no reaction with this salt he considers suitable for all uses. (*A. J. P.*, 1868.) See improved U. S. P. test above. For a method of extracting glycerin from mixtures containing sugar and glucose, see a paper by Prof. Prescott, *N. R.*, 1878. For methods of determining glycerin in mixtures or its detection in wines, etc., see *Chem. News*, 1882; *A. J. P.*, 1882; *Schweiz. Wochensch. f. Pharm.*, 1881; *Chem. News*, 1886; *Amer. Drug.*, 1886.

Medical Properties. The uses of glycerin as a vehicle for other medicines have been already given. When given internally, it is laxative, and it has also been suggested as a substitute for cod-liver oil in phthisis, etc. Dr. R. P. Cotton, however, has tried it in the Consumption Hospital at Brompton, and shown that it has generally but little influence, and that as a remedial agent it will bear no comparison with cod-liver oil. When injected directly into the blood, glycerin produces in the lower animals violent nervous symptoms and death, but this action is probably due to the mechanical alteration of the viscidity of the vital fluid. All our physiological evidence goes to show that glycerin has, unless in very immoderate quantities, no distinct physiological or therapeutic properties other than those of a feeble laxative. It has recently been extensively employed in habitual constipation in the form of suppositories. (See *Suppositoria Glycerini.*) Although at various times much lauded in tuberculous diseases and in diabetes, it has entirely failed to gain the confidence of the profession, and is now very rarely employed.

Glycerin has come into extensive use as an *external* remedy. Its emollient virtues and undrying property adapt it to the treatment of skin diseases in which a softening and soothing application is required. It appears to have been first employed externally in 1846, by Mr. Thomas De la Rue, of London, whose observation of its utility led Mr. Startin to try it in the Hospital for Skin Diseases, where it came into extensive use. The principal cutaneous diseases in which it has been found beneficial are *pityriasis*, *lepra*, *herpes*, *eczema*, *psoriasis*, *prurigo*, and *lichen*. It is a useful addition to lotions in the incrusted form of *lupus*, and in various syphilitic and strumous eruptions. It is also useful in *chapped skin* and excoriated surfaces. Added to poultices, in a proportion varying from one-fourth to one-sixteenth, it has the effect of keeping them soft for a long time. To collodion it gives a plasticity which renders it often

* As impure glycerin is often irritant to the skin, and thus unfitted for some of the most important uses of this principle, it is very important to have a test by which this kind of impurity may be detected. According to M. Hager, if equal volumes of the irritating glycerin and pure sulphuric acid be mixed in a glass tube, there will be an immediate disengagement of gas; and, after the escape of gas has ceased, and the mixture has been allowed to rest, a renewed agitation will cause a new development of gas; and this phenomenon may be repeated several times; whereas if the glycerin be pure and unirritant there is a rise of temperature, and there may be a slight discoloration, but no effervescence, and only the production of a few bubbles of air on agitation. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Nov. 1867, p. 360.)

better suited to skin affections. Incorporated in very small proportion with extracts and pills, it keeps them soft and free from mouldiness. In cases of deafness, from deficiency, accumulation, or hardness of the cerumen, and attended with dryness of the meatus, glycerin is an excellent remedy, introduced into the canal by means of raw cotton saturated with it. Glycerin may be used in the form of an ointment.*

GLYCERITA. Glycerites.

(GLĬC-Ē-RĪ'TĂ.)

Glycerina, *Br.;* Glycerines.

These are solutions of medicinal substances in glycerin. In the thirteenth edition of the Dispensatory various reasons were adduced for preferring the name glycerates for these preparations, but, as the revisers of the U. S. Pharmacopœia have since adopted that of glycerites, these reasons are omitted. The U. S. name is certainly much better than the British. (See p. 654.)

Glycerin has valuable properties as a solvent and vehicle of medicinal substances. Such are its not unpleasant taste and bland character; its wide range of solvent power, which adapts it sometimes as a menstruum where neither water nor alcohol could be advantageously used, and enables it to retain in solution otherwise insoluble substances so frequently found in infusions and decoctions; and its preservative influence, which often protects against oxidation, and, by a destructive agency upon all of the lowest forms of vegetable and animal life, prevents the various fermentative processes so destructive of organic bodies. Another important property, as a vehicle for external remedies, is the permanence of its liquid character, so that it does not, like water and alcohol, dry up when applied to the skin; resembling in this respect, as well as in its demulcent quality, the fixed oils, without their tendency to rancidity. Hence it has of late come into extensive use in the preparation of medicinal solutions, which under the name of *Glycérés* found admission into the French Codex of 1866, and are now recognized by both the United States and British Pharmacopœias.†

GLYCERITUM ACIDI CARBOLICI. U. S. (Br.) Glycerite of Carbolic Acid.

(GLĬC-Ē-RĪ'TŬM ĂC'Ĭ-DĪ CĂR-BŎL'Ĭ-CĪ.)

Glycerinum Acidi Carbolici, *Br.;* Glycérole d'Acide phénique, Glycérine phénique, *Fr.;* Phenol-Glycerit, *G.*

"Carbolic Acid, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Glycerin, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Weigh the Carbolic Acid and Glycerin, successively, into a tared capsule, and stir them together until the Acid is dissolved. Then transfer the solution to a bottle." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbolic Acid *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Rub them together in a mortar until the acid is dissolved; or the mixture may be warmed." *Br.*

For the uses of this preparation, see *Acidum Carbolicum* (p. 38). The U. S. 1890 glycerite is a 20-per-cent. by weight solution. The British preparation is nearly identical in strength with the *Glyceritum Acidi Carbolici* of U. S. P. 1870, which was made by mixing *one troyounce* of carbolic acid with *four fluidounces* of glycerin. It may be used internally or locally, and for both purposes should in general be diluted with water at the time of application. The dose is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.).

* Mr. Ecky's *glycerin ointment* is made as follows. Take of spermaceti *half an ounce;* white wax *a drachm;* oil of almonds *two fluidounces;* glycerin *a fluidounce.* Melt the spermaceti and wax with the oil of almonds by a moderate heat. Then, having poured the melted liquid into a Wedgwood mortar, add the glycerin, and rub until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed and cool. This ointment may be used with advantage in chaps and excoriations.

† *Glyceritum Picis Liquidæ.* U. S. 1870. *Glycerite of Tar.* "Take of Tar *a troyounce;* Carbonate of Magnesium, in powder, *two troyounces;* Glycerin *four fluidounces;* Alcohol *two fluidounces;* Water *ten fluidounces.* Having mixed the Glycerin, Alcohol, and Water, rub the Tar in a mortar, first with the Carbonate of Magnesium, and then with six fluidounces of the mixed liquids gradually added, and strain with expression. Rub the residue in like manner with half the remaining liquid, and strain as before. Repeat the process again with the remaining liquid. Put the residue into a percolator, add gradually the expressed liquids previously mixed, and afterwards a sufficient quantity of water to make the liquid which passes measure a pint." *U. S.*

This is a very excellent preparation of tar, which may be used either externally or internally. The formula is essentially the same as that proposed by Mr. J. B. Moore, although employing one-third less of the magnesium salt (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 115). As first made it is of a reddish-brown color; after a time it is apt to deposit a dark sediment, which should be separated by filtration. An ounce of it represents half a fluidrachm of tar. The dose is from a drachm to a half-ounce (3·75–15 C.c.).

GLYCERINUM ACIDI GALLICI. Br. Glycerine of Gallic Acid.

(GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'NŬM ĂÇ'Ĭ-DĪ GĂL'LĬ-CĪ.)

Glycérole d'Acide gallique, *Fr.;* **Gallussäure-Glycerit,** *G.*

"Take of Gallic Acid *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Stir them together in a porcelain dish, and apply a temperature not exceeding that of a water-bath until complete solution is effected." *Br.*

This preparation was dropped at the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The strength of the *Glyceritum Acidi Gallici* of U. S. P. 1870 was *one troyounce* of gallic acid to *four fluidounces* of glycerin, the manipulation being the same as in the British.

Prof. T. E. Thorpe cautions against the use of a temperature higher than 100° C. (212° F.), because of the conversion of the gallic acid into poisonous pyrogallic acid. (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1882, p. 469.)

Glycerin is peculiarly fitted for a vehicle of gallic acid, which it readily dissolves, while the acid is but sparingly soluble in water. For the uses of this glycerite, see *Acidum Gallicum* (p. 49). The solution contains one grain of gallic acid in about four and a half minims of glycerin, and the dose is from twenty to sixty minims (1·25–3·75 C.c.)

GLYCERITUM ACIDI TANNICI. U. S. (Br.) Glycerite of Tannic Acid.

(GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'TŬM ĂÇ'Ĭ-DĪ TĂN'NĬ-CĪ.)

Glycerinum Acidi Tannici, *Br.;* **Glycérole de Tannin, Glycérine tannique,** *Fr.;* **Tannin-Glycerol,** *G.*

"Tannic Acid, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Glycerin, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Weigh the Tannic Acid and Glycerin, successively, into a tared porcelain capsule, avoiding contact with metallic utensils, and apply the heat of a water-bath, until the Acid is completely dissolved. Then transfer the solution to a bottle." *U. S.*

"Take of Tannic Acid *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Stir them together in a porcelain dish, and apply a temperature not exceeding that of a water-bath until complete solution is effected." *Br.*

This, the most valuable of all glycerites, was unfortunately dropped at the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, but it has been restored in 1890. The U. S. 1890 preparation is a 20-per-cent. solution by weight: the strength of the British preparation very closely corresponds with that of the *Glyceritum Acidi Tannici*, U. S. P. 1870, which was *one troyounce* of tannic acid to *four fluidounces* of glycerin.

This preparation may be used, both internally and externally, for most of the purposes to which tannic acid is applied. On the whole, it is the most useful preparation of tannic acid for external use; as circumstances require it the official strength may be altered by directions of the physician; a very concentrated solution, two parts of glycerin to one of tannin, may be made by the aid of a moderate heat. This applied daily to nipples, during the later months of pregnancy, will usually prevent the occurrence of *sore nipples* during suckling. The dose is from ten to forty minims (0·6–2·5 C.c.). (See *Acidum Tannicum*, p. 79.)

GLYCERINUM ALUMINIS. Br. Glycerine of Alum.

(GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'NŬM Ă-LŪ'MĬ-NĬS.)

"Take of Alum, in powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *five fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Stir them together in a porcelain dish, gently applying heat until solution is effected. Set aside; and pour off the clear fluid from any deposited matter." *Br.*

This is a valuable addition to the British Pharmacopœia. It has the astringency of the glycerite of tannin without the tendency to soil the linen or blacken in contact with iron, but it is much more irritating. It was proposed by Dr. R. W. Parker. Its medical properties are those of alum. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 296.)

GLYCERITUM AMYLI. U. S. (Br.) Glycerite of Starch.

(GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'TŬM ĂM'Ĭ-LĪ.)

Glycerinum Amyli, *Br.;* **Glycerine of Starch; Unguentum Glycerini,** *P. G.;* **Glycamyl, Plasma glycéré d'Amidon, Glycérat simple (d'Amidon),** *Fr.;* **Stärke-Glycerit,** *G.*

"Starch, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Water, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Glycerin, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]. To the Starch, contained in a porcelain capsule, add the Water and Glycerin, and stir until a homogeneous mixture is produced. Then apply

a heat gradually raised to 140° C. (284° F.), and not exceeding 144° C. (291·2° F.), stirring constantly until a translucent jelly is formed. Transfer the product to suitable vessels, provided with well-fitting covers." *U. S.*

"Take of Starch *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *five fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *three fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Stir them together in a porcelain dish, and apply heat, stirring constantly, until the starch particles are completely broken and a translucent jelly is formed." *Br.*

Of these preparations it is only necessary to say that, with the exception of an inconsiderable difference in the proportions, they are the same as that brought into notice in 1858 by Mr. G. F. Schacht under the name of *plasma*, as a substitute for ointments, the emollient and demulcent properties of which they possess, without their inconvenience, whether used simply, or as a vehicle for other substances to be employed locally. Mr. Schacht prepares plasma by mixing 70 grains of starch in powder, and a fluidounce of glycerin, heating to 240° F. until the union is effected, and stirring constantly. The stirring should be continued moderately, during the cooling, to secure a proper consistence. As the plasma is liable to absorb moisture, it should be kept in well-closed vessels. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1866, p. 210.)

GLYCERINUM BORACIS. Br. Glycerine of Borax.

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'NŬM BŌ-RĀ'CĬS.)

Glycérole de Borax, *Fr.*; **Borax-Glycerol**, *G.*

"Take of Borax, in powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Rub them together in a mortar until the borax is dissolved; or heat gently until solution is effected." *Br.*

The *Glyceritum Sodii Boratis* of U. S. P. 1870 was of the strength of *one troyounce* to *four fluidounces*. Otherwise it did not differ from the British preparation.

The demulcent properties and sweet taste of this preparation render it a useful and convenient method of applying borax to the infantile *thrush*, and other forms of sore mouth in children. It has been highly commended in *erysipelas* by Prof. D. M. Salazar, of Madrid. The part should be freely painted with it and then covered with raw cotton. (*N. Y. Med. Record*, viii. 311.)

GLYCERITUM BOROGLYCERINI. U. S. Glycerite of Boroglycerin.

[Glycerite of Glyceryl Borate. Solution of Boroglyceride.]

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'TŬM BŌ-RŌ-GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'NĪ.)

"Boric Acid, in fine powder, *three hundred and ten grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 409 grains]; Glycerin, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Heat *four hundred and sixty grammes* [or 16 ounces av., 99 grains] of Glycerin, in a tared porcelain capsule, to a temperature not exceeding 150° C. (302° F.), and add the Boric Acid in portions, constantly stirring. When all is added and dissolved, continue the heat at the same temperature, frequently stirring, and breaking up the film which forms on the surface. When the mixture has been reduced to the weight of *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains], add to it *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains] of Glycerin, mix thoroughly, and transfer it to suitable vessels." *U. S.*

This solution has been introduced into the U. S. P. 1890 from the National Formulary. It is a thick, sweet, viscid, colorless liquid, and has the advantage of offering the antiseptic properties of boric acid in a very soluble form. It may be made more rapidly than by the above process if one ounce av. of boroglyceride be dissolved in one ounce av. of glycerin with the aid of a gentle heat. (See *Boroglyceridum*, Part II.)

GLYCERITUM HYDRASTIS. U. S. Glycerite of Hydrastis.

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'TŬM HĪ-DRĂS'TĬS.)

"Hydrastis, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glycerin, *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the Hydrastis with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol until the Hydrastis is practi-

cally exhausted. To the percolate add *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water, and then drive off the Alcohol by evaporation or distillation. After the Alcohol is driven off, add enough Water to the residue to make it measure *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims], and set it aside for twenty-four hours. Then filter, pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims], add the Glycerin, and mix thoroughly]." *U. S.*

This is a new official preparation which has been transferred to the U. S. P. 1890 from the National Formulary. It is intended to take the place of the various preparations which are in vogue and which go under the names of *Fluid Hydrastis*, *Colorless Hydrastis*, etc. Its medical properties are those of Hydrastis.

GLYCERINUM PLUMBI SUBACETATIS. Br. Glycerine of Subacetate of Lead.

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'NŬM PLŬM'BĪ SŬB-ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Acetate of Lead *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Oxide of Lead, in powder, *three and a half ounces* [av.]; Glycerine *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *twelve fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix together and boil for a quarter of an hour; then filter and evaporate until the water is dissipated." *Br.*

This glycerite originated with Dr. Balmanno Squire, of London, but the process made official is that recommended by Dr. R. W. Parker. (See *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 296.) It is a powerful sedative astringent, and may be employed as a local application in external inflammations.

GLYCERINUM TRAGACANTHÆ. Br. Glycerine of Tragacanth.

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'NŬM TRĂG-Ą-CĂN'THÆ.)

"Take of Tragacanth, in powder, *one hundred and ten grains;* Glycerine *one fluidounce* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *seventy-four fluidgrains.* Mix the tragacanth with the glycerine in a mortar, add the water, and rub until a translucent homogeneous jelly is produced." *Br.*

This new official preparation has been introduced into the British Pharmacopœia mainly to serve as an excipient for pills.

GLYCERITUM VITELLI. U. S. Glycerite of Yolk of Egg. [Glyconin.]

(GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'TŬM VĮ-TĔL'LĪ.)

"Fresh Yolk of Egg, *forty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 257 grains]; Glycerin, *fifty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 411 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Yolk of Egg, in a mortar, with the Glycerin, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed. Then transfer the mixture to a bottle." *U. S.*

Under the name of *Glyconin* there has been employed in France for many years, both for medical purposes and for those of the toilet, an emulsion made of glycerin and the yolk of egg. When these two substances are rubbed together, they unite to form a very intimate mixture, which does not separate. It has the consistence of honey, and forms an opaque emulsion with water. It may be preserved almost indefinitely. The usual proportions of the ingredients are four parts of the yolk of egg and five parts of pure glycerin. Attention was called to its usefulness as a vehicle for the administration of cod-liver oil by Mr. Geo. C. Close, of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1874,* and it has since been repeatedly recommended for this purpose, and as a basis emulsion for general purposes. See, also, papers by Mr. Close in *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884 and 1886. It is itself not medicinal, but is used as a protective local application in *burns*, *erysipelas*, *fissure of the nipples*, and various cutaneous affections.

GLYCYRRHIZA. U. S. (Br.) Glycyrrhiza. [Liquorice Root.]

(GLĬÇ-ĮR-RHĪ'ZĄ.)

Glycyrrhizæ Radix, *Br.;* Radix Liquiritiæ Glabræ, *P. G.;* Radix Glycyrrhizæ Hispanicæ; Spanish Licorice Root; Réglisse, Bois doux, Racine douce, Bois de Réglisse, *Fr.;* Spanisches Süssholz, Spanische Süssholzwurzel, Süssholzwurzel, *G.;* Liquirizia, *It.;* Regaliza, *Sp.*

"The root of Glycyrrhiza glabra, Linné, and of the variety glandulifera (Waldstein et Kit-

* *Glyconin Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil.* The formula proposed by Mr. Close, and at one time largely used by Drs. Andrews, Beard, and others, is as follows. Cod-Liver Oil 4 fluidounces, Glyconin 9 fluidrachms, Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia 1 fluidrachm, Sherry Wine 2 fluidounces, Diluted Phosphoric Acid 4 fluidrachms, Essence of Bitter Almond (made by dissolving 1 fluidrachm of the volatile oil in half a pint of alcohol) 2 fluidrachms. The cod-liver oil is to be added *very slowly* to the glyconin with brisk stirring, and the other ingredients added in the order named.

taibel), Regel et Herder (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The roots and subterranean stems or stolons, fresh and dried, of Glycyrrhiza glabra, Linn." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx bilabiate; upper lip three-cleft, lower undivided. *Legume* ovate compressed. *Willd.*

Glycyrrhiza glabra. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1144; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 420, t. 152; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 38, pl. 32. The liquorice plant has a perennial root, which is round, succulent, tough, and pliable, furnished with sparse fibres, rapid in its growth, and in a sandy soil penetrates deeply into the ground. The stems are herbaceous, erect, and usually four or five feet in height, have few branches, and are garnished with alternate, pinnate leaves, consisting of several pairs of ovate, blunt, petiolate leaflets, with a single leaflet at the end, of a pale-green color, and clammy on their under surface. The flowers are violet or purple, formed like those of the pea, and arranged in axillary spikes supported on long peduncles. The calyx is tubular and persistent. The fruit is a compressed, smooth, acute, one-celled legume, containing from one to six small kidney-shaped seeds. There are two very distinct varieties of the plant, yielding the root; the typical form, which is smooth throughout, and the variety, *G. glandulifera*, W. K., in which the stem, leaves, and pods are more or less roughly glandular or pubescent.

The plant is a native of the south of Europe, Barbary, Syria, and Persia, and is cultivated in England,* the north of France, and Germany. Much of the root imported into this country comes from Messina and Palermo in Sicily. It is also largely produced in the north of Spain, where it is an important article of commerce, and in Asia along the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates. It is probable that a portion of the root from Italy and Sicily is the product of *G. echinata*, which grows wild in Apulia. This species is also abundant in the south of Russia, where, according to Hayne, sufficient extract is prepared from it to supply the whole Russian empire. Large quantities of liquorice root are now imported for the purpose of making the extract, the imports for 1891 being 55,307,911 pounds, valued at $896,597; and for 1892, 98,659,583 pounds, valued at $1,601,028.

A species of Glycyrrhiza, *G. lepidota*, grows abundantly about St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and flourishes along the banks of the Missouri River to its source. It is probably the same as the liquorice plant mentioned by Mackenzie as growing on the northern coast of this continent. Mr. Nuttall states that its root possesses in no inconsiderable degree the taste of liquorice, and M. L. McCullough found it to contain 6·39 per cent. of crude glycyrrhizin, in contrast with 7·18 per cent. in the official species. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

Properties. The liquorice root of commerce is in long pieces, varying in thickness from a few lines to two inches, fibrous when not peeled, externally grayish brown and longitudinally wrinkled by desiccation, often warty, internally yellowish, pliable, tough, without smell, and of a sweet mucilaginous taste, mingled with a slight degree of acrimony. "Fracture coarsely fibrous; bark rather thick; wood porous, but dense, in narrow wedges; medullary rays linear; taste sweet, somewhat acrid. The underground stem, which is often present, has the same appearance, but contains a thin pith. The drug derived from the variety *glandulifera* (so-called Russian Liquorice) consists usually of roots or root-branches, 1 to 4 Cm. thick, 15 to 30 Cm. long, frequently deprived of the corky layer, the wood rather soft, and usually more or less cleft." *U. S.*† There are two chief varieties of it, the Spanish and the Russian. The roots of the latter form are much larger than the Spanish, and their taste has more or less bitterness mixed with its sweetness. Mr. Henry N. Rittenhouse informs us that commercially the roots are preferred in the following order: 1, Italian; 2, Spanish; 3, Syrian; 4, Turkish; 5, Russian,—the Italian being the sweetest and the Russian the most bitter. Liquorice root is often worm-eaten and more or less decayed. The best pieces are those which have the brightest yellow color internally, and of which the layers are distinct. The bark is chiefly liber, consisting of parenchymatous tissue with bast-cells (which are stained yellow by iodine), and arranged so as to make ordinary liber bundles, and also a sort of net-work. A character said by Prof. Rothrock (*A. J. P.*, 1884) to be diagnostic is the occurrence in the wood and parenchyma of bundles composed of numerous bast-cells, surrounded by a sheath of large cells containing crystals of calcium oxalate. In the Russian root the parenchymatous wood-cells

* Most of the liquorice root of commerce appears to be the product of wild plants, but it has been successfully cultivated in England (*A. J. P.*, 1874, 473) and in Syria (*P. J. Tr.* xvi. 647). Although the attempts to produce it in the United States have hitherto met with no great success, we can see no reason why in some of the lowlands of the Southeastern States it should not flourish. An interesting report upon the production of liquorice root in Spain was made by Mr. H. C. Marsten, United States consul, and may be found abstracted in *New Remedies*, Jan. 1882.

† For the anatomical structure of the root, see *Arch. d. Pharm.*, June, 1888.

are larger than in the Spanish. The powder is of a grayish-yellow color, when the root is pulverized without being deprived of its epidermis; of a pale sulphur-yellow, when the epidermis has been removed. Robiquet found the following ingredients in liquorice root: 1, a peculiar transparent yellow substance, called *glycyrrhizin*, of a sweet taste, scarcely soluble in cold water, very soluble in boiling water, with which it gelatinizes on cooling, thrown down from its aqueous solution by acids, readily soluble in cold alcohol, insusceptible of the vinous fermentation, yielding no oxalic acid by the action of the nitric, and therefore wholly distinct from sugar; 2, a crystallizable principle named *agedoïte* by Robiquet, but subsequently proved to be identical with *asparagin;* 3, starch; 4, albumen; 5, a brown acrid resin; 6, a brown nitrogenous extractive matter; 7, lignin; 8, salts of lime and magnesia, with phosphoric, sulphuric, and malic acids. Flückiger states that a small amount of tannin is also always contained in the root, or rather its bark. The chief constituent, *glycyrrhizin*, Gorup-Besanez (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 118) considered to be a glucoside, having the composition $C_{24}H_{36}O_9$. On boiling with dilute acids it breaks up into *glycyrrhetin* and an uncrystallizable sugar capable of fermentation. Roussin (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, July, 1875) found that the sweet taste of the root was not owing to the free glucoside, but to its compound with ammonia. Habermann (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 197) found that glycyrrhizin-ammonia was the acid ammonium salt of glycyrrhizic acid, a nitrogenous acid, and gave the formula $C_{44}H_{62}NO_{18}.NH_4$ for it. (See *Glycyrrhizinum Ammoniatum.*) He succeeded in extracting from the commercial "ammoniacal glycyrrhizin" *glycyrrhizic acid*, which may be considered to be the active constituent of liquorice. It was obtained by dissolving the crude glycyrrhizin in glacial acetic acid at a boiling temperature, rapidly filtering, again treating the crystalline parts of the filtrate in the same manner, and finally purifying by repeated crystallizations from 90-per-cent. alcohol. Its properties are peculiar, and account to a great extent for the singular behavior of liquid liquorice preparations. With water, in which the substance is but little soluble at ordinary temperature, it forms a transparent, faintly yellow jelly. On mixing 1 Gm. of the body with 100 C.c. of water, the mixture after a few hours becomes so jelly-like that the open vessel may be inverted without losing any substance. It is insoluble in ether, but slightly soluble in absolute alcohol (even boiling), more so in alcohol of 90 per cent., and especially so when hot. Its solubility increases with the decrease of the percentage of alcohol. The apparent glucosidal character of glycyrrhizic acid Habermann explains by the fact that it breaks up on boiling with dilute sulphuric acid into *glycyrrhetin* and *parasaccharic acid*, according to the reaction $C_{44}H_{63}NO_{18} + 2H_2O = C_{32}H_{47}NO_4 + 2C_6H_{10}O_8$. (*Ann. d. Chem.*, 197; *N. R.*, Sept. 1879.) By fusing glycyrrhizin with caustic potash, Weselsky and Benedikt (*Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1876) obtained *paraoxybenzoic acid.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Liquorice root is an excellent demulcent, well adapted to catarrhal affections, and to irritations of the mucous membrane of the bowels and urinary passages. It is best given in the form of decoction, either alone, or combined with other demulcents. It is frequently employed as an addition to the decoctions of acrid or irritating vegetable substances, such, for example, as senega and mezereon, the acrimony of which it covers, while it renders them more acceptable to the stomach. Before being used, it should be deprived of its cortical part, which is somewhat acrid, without possessing the peculiar virtues of the root. The decoction may be prepared by boiling an ounce of the bruised root, for a few minutes, in a pint of water. By long boiling, the acrid resinous principle is extracted. Perhaps, however, to this principle may in part be ascribed the therapeutical virtues of liquorice root in chronic bronchial diseases. The powder is used in the preparation of pills, either to give due consistence, or to cover their surface and prevent them from cohering.

For formulas of Aromatic Elixir and Syrup of Liquorice, see Part II., *National Formulary.*

GLYCYRRHIZINUM AMMONIATUM. U. S. Ammoniated Glycyrrhizin.

(GLĬÇ-ŸR-RHĮ-ZĪ'NŬM ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'TŬM.)

"Glycyrrhiza, in No. 20 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains]; Water, Ammonia Water, Sulphuric Acid, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix *four hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 30 minims] of Water with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 405 minims] of Ammonia Water, and, having moistened the powder with the mixture, macerate for twenty-four hours. Then pack it moderately in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Water upon it until *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of percolate are obtained. Add Sulphuric Acid slowly to the percolate, with constant stirring, so

long as a precipitate is produced. Collect this on a strainer, wash it with cold Water until the washings no longer have an acid reaction, redissolve it in Water with the aid of Ammonia Water, filter, if necessary, and again add Sulphuric Acid so long as a precipitate is produced. Collect this, wash it, dissolve it in a sufficient quantity of Ammonia Water previously diluted with an equal volume of Water, and spread the clear solution upon plates of glass, so that, when dry, the product may be obtained in scales." *U. S.*

This is a preparation whose introduction is a result of the very important researches of Z. Roussin, communicated to the Société de Pharmacie of Paris, June 2, 1875. This investigator noticed that *glycyrrhizin*, the sweet principle of liquorice root, was insipid when compared with the root itself, and suspected that it existed in a modified form in the root. Experiment showed that alkalies developed the sweet taste, and he ultimately proved that the alkali with which it was combined in the root was ammonia, and that glycyrrhizin played the part of an acid. He named the compound *ammonium glycyrrhizate*, and called attention to the fact that liquorice root which had lost a portion of its sweetness through fermentation and the development of acetic acid and precipitation of insoluble glycyrrhizin could be restored to its former sweetness if allowed to remain a sufficient length of time in an ammoniacal atmosphere. The official process for ammoniated glycyrrhizin is closely modelled after Roussin's, with the exception of the substitution of percolation by a slightly ammoniated menstruum for maceration and expression with cold water. Roussin purified his product by redissolving it in alcohol and precipitating with ether; this is deemed unnecessary for a preparation which is intended to be useful without being expensive. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1876, p. 544.) Connerade has proposed some modification of Roussin's method; his process is as follows. "Macerate ground liquorice root with one and a half parts by weight of water, strain, wash the residue with a very small quantity of water, heat the mixed liquids to boiling to coagulate albumen, strain again, and then add diluted sulphuric acid (1 in 10), as long as a precipitate is produced. Let this settle, decant the liquid, and dissolve the precipitate in solution of ammonia, diluted with nine parts of water. Filter the latter and evaporate it to dryness. The compound then remains as a brown, friable varnish, unaltered by air, of a pure, sweet taste, easily soluble in cold water, and imparting to the latter, even when diluted to 1 in 1000 parts, an amber color. The yield is about 10 per cent. of the weight of the root." (*N. R.*, March, 1881.)

Properties. The following is the description given in the U. S. Pharmacopœia: "Dark brown or brownish-red scales, without odor, and having a very sweet taste. Readily soluble in water and in alcohol. The aqueous solution, when heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, evolves ammoniacal vapors. If the aqueous solution be supersaturated with an acid, there will be produced a precipitate (glycyrrhizin) which, when dissolved in hot water, forms a jelly on cooling. This substance, after being washed with diluted alcohol, and dried, appears as an amorphous, yellow powder, having a strong, bitter-sweet taste, and an acid reaction. Upon incineration, Ammoniated Glycyrrhizin should not leave more than a trace of ash."

Medical Properties and Uses. This substance appears to possess the medical properties of liquorice, and may be used as an elegant substitute for it in mixtures which are neither acid nor alkaline. The dose of it is from five to fifteen grains (0·32–0·97 Gm.).

GOSSYPII RADICIS CORTEX. U. S. Cotton Root Bark.

(GŌS-SĬP'Ī-Ī RĀ-DĪ'CĪS CŌR'TĔX.)

"The bark of the root of Gossypium herbaceum, Linné, and of other species of Gossypium (nat. ord. Malvaceæ)." *U. S.*

Cottonroot Bark; Ecorce de la Racine de Cotonnier, *Fr.*; Baumwollen-Wurzelrinde, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx cup-shaped, obtusely five-toothed, surrounded by a three-parted involucel, with dentate-incised, cordate leaflets, cohering at the base. *Stigmas* three to five. *Capsule* three- to five-celled, many-seeded. *Seeds* surrounded by a tomentose wool. *De Cand.*

In consequence of changes produced in the plants of this genus by cultivation, botanists have found great difficulty in determining which are distinct species, and which are merely varieties. De Candolle describes thirteen species in his Prodromus, and mentions six others, but considers them all uncertain. Royle describes eight and admits others. Schwartz thinks they may all be referred to one original species. The plants inhabit different parts of tropical Asia and Africa, and many of them are cultivated for their cotton in climates adapted to their growth. The species from which most of the cotton of commerce has been thought to be obtained is the one specially indicated by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. According to Dr. Royle, it is the India cotton which is produced by *G. herbaceum*, while *G. barbadense* furnishes all

the cotton of North America, and *G. peruvianum* that produced in Brazil, Peru, and other parts of South America. (See *A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 339.) Dr. A. W. Chapman, however, in his *Flora of the Southern United States* (New York, 1860, p. 58), states that the numerous varieties of the cotton-plant are now referred to two species, the *long-staple*, or *sea-island*, to *G. album* (Haw.), and the *short-staple*, or *upland*, to *G. nigrum* (Haw.).

Gossypium herbaceum. Linn. *Sp. Plant.* 975; De Cand. *Prodrom.* i. 456. This is a biennial or triennial plant, with a branching stem from two to six feet high, and palmate hoary leaves, the lobes of which are somewhat lanceolate and acute. The flowers are pretty, with yellow petals, having a purple spot near the claw. The leaves of the involucel or outer calyx are serrate. The capsule opens when ripe, and displays a loose white tuft of long slender filaments, which surround the seeds and adhere firmly to the outer coating. The plant is a native of Asia, but is cultivated in most tropical countries. It requires a certain duration of warm weather to perfect its seeds, and, in the United States, does not mature north of Virginia.

The herbaceous part of the plant contains much mucilage, and has been used as a demulcent. The seeds yield by expression a fixed oil of the drying kind, which is employed for making soap and other purposes. (See *Oleum Gossypii.*) The bark of the root has been supposed to possess medical virtues, and is now recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. Another official portion, and that for which the plant is cultivated, is the filamentous substance surrounding the seeds. This when separated constitutes the cotton of commerce. Cotton seeds have been employed in our Southern States with great asserted success in the treatment of intermittents, but are at present seldom, if ever, used. (For details, see U. S. D., 16th ed.)

Properties. Cotton Root Bark is officially described as "in thin, flexible bands or quilled pieces; outer surface brownish-yellow, with slight, longitudinal ridges or meshes, small, black, circular dots, or short, transverse lines, and dull, brownish-orange patches, from the abrasion of the thin cork; inner surface whitish, of a silky lustre, finely striate; bast-fibres long, tough, and separable into papery layers; inodorous; taste very slightly acrid and faintly astringent." *U. S.* Prof. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, found in it a peculiar acid resin, colorless and soluble in water, when pure, but absorbing oxygen on exposure, and then becoming red and insoluble in water. It is deposited by the fluid extract on standing. He suggests that this may be the active principle of the root; but the fact has not been determined. (*A. J. P.*, 1872.) William C. Staehle (*A. J. P.*, 1875) made an examination of this resin, and obtained results somewhat different from those of Prof. Wayne. Staehle's percolate was of a dark reddish-brown color, whilst Wayne's was pale amber. This is accounted for, however, by the presence of a principle which is colorless in the fresh bark, but of a dark red in bark which has been exposed to air and light. W. A. Taylor noticed that the change in color from pale amber to dark red took place in an alcoholic tincture. (*A. J. P.*, 1876.) Staehle found the resin soluble in 14 parts of alcohol, 15 parts of chloroform, 23 parts of ether, and 122 parts of benzene.

Medical Properties. It has been employed by Dr. Bouchelle, of Mississippi, who believes it to be an excellent emmenagogue, and not inferior to ergot in promoting uterine contraction. He states that it was habitually resorted to by the slaves of the South for producing abortion. To assist labor, he employs a decoction made by boiling four ounces of the inner bark of the root in a quart of water to a pint, and gives a wineglassful (60 C.c.) every twenty or thirty minutes. (*West. Journ. of Med. and Surg.*, Aug. 1840.) These opinions of Dr. Bouchelle have been confirmed by various Southern medical practitioners, and Dr. H. I. Garrigues asserts that the cotton root has great powers in arresting hemorrhage and ameliorating the other symptoms of *uterine fibroids;* but, for some reason, the drug failed to come into general use. Dr. Bellany, of Columbus, Georgia, says that the root should be gathered as late as possible in the fall before frost. The official fluid extract may be used in doses of half a fluidrachm to one fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·75 C.c.), repeated at short intervals if necessary.

GOSSYPIUM PURIFICATUM. U. S. (Br.) Purified Cotton.

[Absorbent Cotton.]

(GŌS-SĬP'Ī-ŬM PŪ-RĪ-FĪ-CĀ'TŬM.)

"The hairs of the seed of Gossypium herbaceum, Linné, and of other species of Gossypium (nat. ord. Malvaceæ), freed from adhering impurities and deprived of fatty matter." *U. S.*
"The hairs of the seed of Gossypium barbadense, Linn.; and of other species of Gossypium, from which fatty matter and all foreign impurities have been removed." *Br.*

Gossypium, *Br.;* Cotton Wool; Bonelyax, Lana (Lanugo, s. Pili) Gossypii; Coton, *Fr.;* Baumwolle, *G.;* Cotone, *It.;* Algodon, *Sp.*

Cotton consists of "white, soft, fine filaments, under the microscope appearing as flattened, hollow and twisted bands, spirally striate and slightly thickened at the edges; inodorous, tasteless, insoluble in ordinary solvents; but soluble in copper ammonium sulphate solution." It is without smell or taste, soluble in strong alkaline solutions, and decomposed by the concentrated mineral acids. In chemical character it is identical with lignin. By nitric acid it is converted into that remarkable explosive substance denominated gun cotton, for an account of which see *Pyroxylinum* and *Collodium*. Official cotton is made by boiling the raw cotton in a diluted alkaline solution, a process sometimes known as "mercerizing," as practised on a large scale in the technical preparation of cotton fibre. A soap is formed through the union of the fatty matter with the alkali, and this is subsequently dissolved out by repeated washings. Mr. F. L. Slocum published in 1881 a process for preparing it. For details see the foot-note.* The U. S. P. tests are as follows: "Purified Cotton should be perfectly free from all visible impurities, and, on combustion, should not leave more than 0·8 per cent. of ash. When Purified Cotton, previously compressed in the hand, is thrown on the surface of cold water, it should readily absorb the latter and sink, and the water should not acquire either an acid or an alkaline reaction (evidence of proper purification)." The latter test proves the absence of fatty matter, for if even a small quantity be present the cotton will float in water. Repeated experiments have proved that cotton will take fire and burn spontaneously if impregnated with olive oil, linseed oil, or almost any other fixed oil, and allowed to stand. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 225.) Cotton, analyzed by M. Schunck, was found, independently of cellulose ($C_6H_{10}O_5$), of which it chiefly consists, to contain vegetable wax, a fatty acid, coloring matter, pectic acid, and a little of an albuminoid substance. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1868, p. 233.) For medical use it should be carded into thin sheets.† It is said that air passed through cotton loses the property of inducing fermentation, on account of the microscopic organisms being strained out of it; and this fact has been utilized in preserving infusions by placing them in bottles, containing corks armed with tubes, loosely filled with cotton, and drawing the infusion from a stopcock near the bottom.

Medical Properties. The use of cotton as a filtering medium and in the preparation of medicated waters has already been alluded to. In medicine it is chiefly used as a dressing for burns, scalds, blisters, and wounds, including amputation and other operations by surgeons; being largely applied to injured surfaces, and confined in its place by bandages, which are allowed to remain undisturbed, in order to prevent the injurious influence of the impure hospital air, and the access to the wounds of organic germs, which dispose to suppuration and septic disease. (See *Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, May, 1872, p. 325; Aug. 1874, p. 197; *Arch. Gén.*, Dec. 1871; *Journ. de Pharm.*, Jan. 1872.) We have seen cotton do much harm in burns, by becoming consolidated over a vesicated surface and acting as a mechanical irritant. Such a result may be prevented by first dressing the burn with a piece of fine linen spread with simple ointment.‡ Cotton batting is often used to maintain a uniform temperature in parts affected with acute rheumatic inflammation.

* Take of the best quality of carded cotton batting any desired quantity, and boil it with a 5-per-cent. solution of caustic potassa or soda for one-half hour, or until the cotton is entirely saturated with the solution, and the alkali has saponified all oily matter. Then wash thoroughly, to remove all soap, and nearly all alkali; press out the excess of water, and immerse in a 5-per-cent. solution of chlorinated lime for 15 or 20 minutes; again wash, first with a little water, then dip in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and thoroughly wash with water; press out the excess of water, and again boil for 15 or 20 minutes in a 5-per-cent. solution of caustic potassa or soda; now wash well, dipping in the acidulated water and washing thoroughly with pure water. Afterwards press out and dry quickly.

The amount of loss by this process is practically 10 per cent. A sample of 360 grs. lost, on boiling with alkali and bleaching, 15 grs., or 4·17 per cent., and 270 grs. of this bleached sample lost, on again boiling with an alkali, 14 grs., or 5·18 per cent., a total loss of 9·35 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 53.)

† *Wood Wool.* Under this name Prof. Bruns has introduced finely grained, purified wood-fibre, such as is used in making paper. It may be medicated like cotton. (*N. R.*, 1883, p. 361.)

‡ Absorbent cotton has been medicated in various ways and come largely into use. (See *Iodized Cotton*, under *Iodum*.) *Picric Cotton* is prepared by dissolving 0·25 Gm. of picric acid in 25 Gm. of ether, or of 94-per-cent. alcohol, and immersing in the solution 10 Gm. of clean cotton, and drying. *Salicylic Cotton* (5-per-cent.) may be prepared by Prof. Bruns's process, by saturating 1 kilogramme of cotton with 4 liters of a solution of 50 Gm. of salicylic acid, and 20 Gm. of castor oil in 3·930 liters of alcohol. *Benzoic Cotton* is made in the same way, substituting benzoic for salicylic acid. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1878.) *Chlorinated Cotton.* Prof. Pavesi subjects cotton moistened with glycerin, and suspended at the top of a large wide-mouthed bottle, to the action of chlorine vapor, generated by adding sulphuric acid to chlorinated lime. (*N. R.*, July, 1880.) Mr. Joseph W. England communicates in *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 173, practical formulas for preparing the following medicated cottons and gauzes: *Borated Cotton, Benzoated Cotton, Salicylated Cotton, Naphthalinated Cotton, Iodoformized Cotton, Carbolized Cotton, Sublimated Cotton, Carbolized Gauze, Sublimated Gauze, Absorbent Canton Flannel.*

GRANATUM. U. S. (Br.) Pomegranate.

(GRĂ-NĀ'TŬM.)

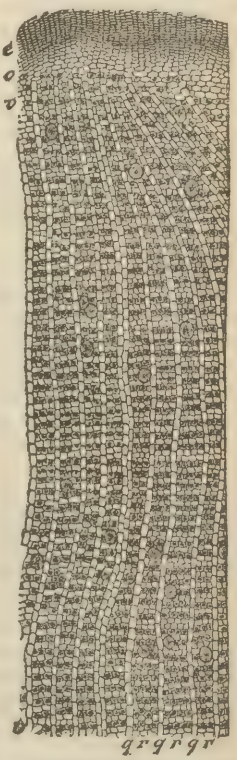
"The bark of the stem and root of Punica Granatum, Linné (nat. ord. Lythrarieæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried bark of the root of Punica Granatum, Linn." *Br.*

Granati Radicis Cortex, *Br.;* Pomegranate Root-Bark; Cortex Radicis Granati, *P. G.;* Ecorce de la Racine de Grenadier (de Balaustier), Ecorce de Granade, *Fr.;* Granatwurzelrinde, Granatäpfelschale, *G.;* Malicorio, Scorza del Melograna ti, *It.;* Corteza de Granada, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. *Calyx* five-cleft, superior. *Petals* five. *Pome* many-celled, many-seeded. *Willd.*

Punica granatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 981; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 531, t. 190; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 45, pl. 38. The pomegranate is a small shrubby tree, attaining in favorable situations the height of twenty feet, with a very unequal trunk, and numerous branches which sometimes bear thorns. The leaves are opposite, entire, oblong or lance-shaped, pointed at each end, smooth, shining, of a bright-green color, and placed on short footstalks. The flowers are large, of a rich scarlet color, and stand at the end of the young branches. The petals are roundish and wrinkled, and are inserted into the upper part of the tube of the calyx, which is red, thick, and fleshy. The fruit is a globular berry, about the size of an orange, crowned with the calyx, covered with a reddish-yellow, thick, coriaceous rind, and divided internally into many cells, which contain an acidulous pulp, and numerous oblong, angular seeds.

This tree grows wild upon both shores of the Mediterranean, in Arabia, Persia, Bengal, China, and Japan, has been introduced into the East and West Indies, and is cultivated in all civilized countries where the climate is sufficiently warm to allow the fruit to ripen. In higher latitudes, where it does not bear fruit, it is raised in gardens and hot-houses for the beauty of its flowers, which become double and acquire increased splendor of coloring by cultivation. Doubts have been entertained as to its original country. The name of *Punicum malum*, applied by the ancients to its fruit, implies that it was abundant at an early age in the vicinity of Carthage. The fruit, for which the plant is cultivated, varies much in size and flavor. It is said to attain greater perfection in the West Indies than in its native country. The edible pulp is red, succulent, pleasantly acid, and sweetish. The flowers were recognized by the Dublin College, and the seeds are official in France.



Pomegranate bark. *e*, cork layer; *o*, middle bark; *v*, inner bark; *r*, medullary rays; *q*, bast-tissue. (After Berg.)

Rind of the Fruit. This is presented in commerce under the form of irregular fragments, hard, dry, brittle, of a yellowish or reddish-brown color externally, paler within, without smell, and of an astringent, slightly bitter taste. It contains a large proportion of tannin, and, in countries where the tree abounds, has been employed for tanning leather.

Flowers. The flowers, sometimes called *balaustines*, are inodorous, have a bitterish, astringent taste, and impart a violet-red color to the saliva. They contain tannic and gallic acids, and were used by the ancients in dyeing.

Bark of the Root. The roots of the pomegranate are hard, heavy, knotty, ligneous, and covered with a bark which is yellowish-gray or ash-gray on the outer surface, and yellow on the inner. As officially described, the bark is "in thin quills or fragments, from 5 to 10 Cm. long, and from 1 to 3 Mm. thick; outer surface yellowish-gray, somewhat warty, or longitudinally and reticulately ridged; the stem-bark often partly covered with blackish lichens; the thicker pieces of the root-bark more or less scaly externally; inner surface smooth, finely striate, grayish-yellow; fracture short, granular, greenish-yellow, indistinctly radiate; inodorous; taste astringent, very slightly bitter." *U. S.* It has little or no smell, colors the saliva yellow when chewed, and leaves in the mouth an astringent taste without disagreeable bitterness. The infusion of the bark yields a deep-blue precipitate with salts of iron, and a yellowish-white precipitate with solution of gelatin. The inner surface of the bark, steeped in water and then rubbed on paper, produces a yellow stain, which by the contact of ferrous sulphate is rendered blue, and by that of nitric acid acquires a slight rose tint, which soon vanishes. These properties serve to distinguish this bark from those of the box root and

barberry, with which it is said to be sometimes adulterated. When used, it should be separated from the ligneous portion of the root, as the latter is inert. The bark contains more than 22 per cent. of tannic acid, which Rembold (*Ann. der Ch. und Pharm.*, 143, p. 285) found to consist for the most part of a peculiar variety called *punico-tannic acid*, $C_{20}H_{16}O_{13}$; when boiled with dilute sulphuric acid it is resolved into *ellagic acid*, $C_{14}H_8O_9$, and sugar. Punico-tannic acid is accompanied by common tannic acid, yielding by means of sulphuric acid gallic acid, which appears sometimes to pre-exist in the bark. Pomegranate bark also yields a considerable quantity of *mannite*, which was formerly described under the names of *punicin* or *granatin*. The active power of the root, however, is due, according to Tanret (*Compt.-Rend.*, 86, p. 1270, and 87, p. 358), to an alkaloid *pelletierine*, $C_8H_{13}NO$, a dextrogyrate liquid boiling at 195° C. The alkaloid is easily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, and specially so in chloroform. It has strong basic properties, and precipitates many metallic salts. 1000 parts of dry bark yielded 4 parts of the alkaloid.*

In a later communication (*Compt.-Rend.*, 88, p. 716), Tanret announced that he had found three additional volatile bases in the bark, a liquid left-rotating one, a liquid optically inactive one, and a crystallizable inactive one, which latter has the formula $C_9H_{15}NO + 2H_2O$, fuses at 46° C., and boils at 246° C. His process for obtaining these alkaloids is as follows. A mixture of the salts of the alkaloids is prepared by mixing the powdered bark with a milk of lime, exhausting with water, shaking the resulting liquor with chloroform, and neutralizing the latter with dilute acid. A solution of the mixed alkaloids is thus obtained in which one or other of them predominates, according to the source of the bark. Two of the four alkaloids are displaced from their salts by sodium bicarbonate, and two are not. This solution is therefore treated with an excess of sodium bicarbonate and shaken with chloroform, and this in its turn is agitated with dilute sulphuric acid. The resulting solution contains the sulphates of two alkaloids, to which the names of "*methylpelletierine*," $C_9H_{17}NO$, and "*pseudopelletierine*," $C_9H_{15}NO$, have been given. Caustic potash is then added to the first liquor, and upon repeating the treatment with chloroform and acid there is obtained a solution of "pelletierine" and "*isopelletierine*" sulphates. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1880.) Carl J. Bender (*Pharm. Centralh.*, 1885, p. 6) found three bases in pomegranate bark, one crystallizable and two amorphous. He objects to the name pelletierine, and substitutes "*punicine*." Wm. F. Junkunz analyzed pomegranate bark, and believes that the alkaloid exists in the bark as a tannate. (*A. J. P.*, 1884.) The old idea that the bark loses activity when kept seems to be negatived by the analysis of De Vrij. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The rind of the pomegranate fruit was formerly recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. It is astringent, and in the form of decoction is sometimes employed in *diarrhœa* and *colliquative sweats*, and, more frequently, as an injection in *leucorrhœa*, and as a gargle in *sore throat* in the earlier stages, or after the inflammatory action has in some measure subsided. The powdered rind has also been recommended in *intermittent fever*. The flowers have the same medical properties and are used for the same purposes. The bark of the root was used by the ancients as a vermifuge, and is recommended in the writings of Avicenna, but was unknown in modern practice till brought into notice by Dr. F. Buchanan, who learned its powers in India. The Mahometan physicians of Hindostan consider it a specific against *tænia*. One of these practitioners, having relieved an English gentleman in 1804, was induced to disclose his secret, which was then made public. The French writers prefer the product of the wild pomegranate, growing on the borders of the Mediterranean, to that of the plant cultivated in gardens for ornamental purposes. The bark may be administered in powder or decoction; but the latter form is usually preferred. The decoction is prepared by macerating two ounces of the bruised bark in two pints of water for twenty-four hours, and then boiling to a pint. Of this a wineglassful may be given every half-hour, hour, or two hours, until the whole is taken. It often nauseates and vomits, and usually purges. Portions of the worm often come away soon after the last dose. It is recommended to give a dose of castor oil and to diet the patient strictly on the day preceding the administration of the remedy, and, if it

* The bark of the stem of the pomegranate is sold as root-bark: for microscopic diagnosis, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1873. As the anthelmintic activity of the barks of different portions of the plant is important, the analyses of Mr. Stoeder are of interest. His results are: stem and branch bark, in thin quills, 0·612 per cent.; average quills, 0·350 per cent.; thick quills, 0·498 per cent.; root-bark from south of Europe, in thick quills, 1·010 per cent.; shaved root-bark from Java, 1·326 per cent.; exfoliated bark from dry thick roots of unknown age, 1·240 per cent.; finely rasped wood from these roots, 0·218 per cent. According to the same authority (*Nederl. Tijd. Pharm.*, 1890), of the bark of three varieties of the wild pomegranate recognized and used by the natives of Java, the red-flowered, "merah," yielded 2·43 per cent.; the white-flowered, "poetih," yielded 3·75 per cent.; the black-flowered, "hitam," yielded 1·71 per cent.

should not operate on the bowels, to follow it by castor oil, or an enema. If not successful on the first trial, it should be repeated daily for three or four days, until the worm is discharged. It appears to have been used by the negroes of San Domingo before its introduction into Europe.

The efficacy of pelletierine as a tænicide has been abundantly confirmed, and it appears to be established that the tannate is the most effective and the least dangerous form of the remedy, —probably because its insolubility prevents its rapid absorption and enables it to come in prolonged contact with the worm. The experiments of Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz have shown that the pelletierine alkaloids act upon the higher animals like curare, causing paralysis of the motor nerves without affecting sensation or muscular contractility. The same authority asserts that hypodermic injections of six grains produce in man severe vertigo, muscular weakness, and great retinal congestion. Double vision has also been noted, and Galezowski has been led by it to prescribe pelletierine in paralysis of the third and sixth pairs of nerves: he affirms that he has succeeded in affording relief after the failure of potassium iodide and blisters. The proper dose of pelletierine tannate is variously given by authorities. It has been stated to be from one-half to three-quarters of a grain (0·03–0·05 Gm.) (*Bull. Thérap.*, xcvi., xcvii.), but others place it as high as eight grains (0·52 Gm.). Commercially, it occurs almost exclusively as a syrupy solution, put up, we believe, under the supervision of its discoverer, each bottle containing a single dose, it is stated, of about five grains. We have seen pronounced temporary general palsy produced in a female adult by this dose. The dose of pomegranate rind and flowers in powder is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.). A decoction may be prepared in the proportion of an ounce of the medicine to a pint of water, and given in the dose of a fluidounce (30 C.c.). The remedy should always be given after a twelve hours' fast, and be followed in two hours by a brisk cathartic. The seeds are demulcent.

GRINDELIA. U. S. Grindelia.

(GRĬN-DĒ'LI-Ą.)

"The leaves and flowering tops of Grindelia robusta, Nuttall, and of Grindelia squarrosa, Dunal (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Gen. Ch. Heads solitary, terminating leafy branches, or occasionally more or less corymbose, heterogamous with the rays fertile, or in one species homogamous (rayless), many-flowered. *Involucre* hemispherical or globular, commonly coated with resin or balsam; its scales very numerous, imbricated, narrow, with coriaceous, appressed, bare, and slender, more or less spreading or squarrose, green tips. *Receptacle* flat or convex, foveolate. *Rays* numerous, narrow. *Branches* of the style tipped with a lanceolate or linear appendage. *Akenes* compressed or turgid, or the outermost somewhat triangular, glabrous, truncate. *Pappus* of two to eight caducous awns or stout corneous bristles. Biennial or perennial, and mostly coarse herbs, with sessile or partly clasping leaves, often viscid or resinous, and middle-sized or rather large heads of yellow flowers. *Torrey & Gray.*

This genus inhabits the western side of both North and South America. Most if not all of the species produce a resinous exudation, especially from the flower-heads, and it is probable that medical properties are common to the genus.

G. robusta, Nuttall, is an herbaceous plant, from one to three feet high, very glabrous, with leaves varying from broadly spatulate or oblong to lanceolate, or the upper cordate and clasping, commonly obtuse, sharply more or less serrate; the scales of the involucre are produced into long circinate, squarrose, awn-like tips; the pappus of two to three, rarely five, nearly smooth, flattish awns; akenes mostly one- to three-toothed at the apex.

Grindelia squarrosa, Dunal, is in general a less leafy and bushy plant than *G. robusta*, but so closely resembles some varieties of the latter that, after a careful study of various published descriptions and of the specimens in the herbarium of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, we are not satisfied of this specific distinctness. The character pointed out by Torrey and Gray, that in *robusta* the leaves are broader at the base than above, does not hold; for in a specimen in the herbarium of the Academy of Natural Sciences labelled in Nuttall's handwriting, and, therefore, probably the type of *G. robusta*, the leaves are not broader at the base; whilst in various specimens of *G. squarrosa* they are not narrowed at the base. The most constant distinctive characters in the specimens at hand are that *G. robusta* has a more leafy involucre and its leaves usually are more coarsely serrate; but Watson describes a variety of *G. robusta* in which the upper leaves are entire. There is no constant difference in the scales of the involucre. According to Joseph Beauvais (*A. J. P.*, Feb. 1889), the resin of the leaf

of *G. robusta* is contained in epidermal glands, and also in rather large resin-ducts situated in an interior collenchymatous layer.

Properties. The official description of grindelia is as follows: "Leaves about 5 Cm. or less long, varying from broadly spatulate or oblong to lanceolate, sessile or clasping, obtuse, more or less sharply serrate, often spinosely toothed, or even laciniate-pinnatifid, pale green, smooth, finely dotted, thickish, brittle; heads many-flowered, subglobular or somewhat conical; the involucre hemispherical, about 10 Mm. broad, composed of numerous imbricated, squarrosely-tipped or spreading scales; ray-florets yellow, ligulate, pistillate; disk-florets yellow, tubular, perfect; pappus consisting of two or three awns of the length of the disk-florets; odor balsamic; taste pungently aromatic and bitter." *U. S.*

As it occurs in commerce, grindelia is in the form of the whole dried herb; the stems are about eighteen inches in length, light brownish, very frequently stripped of their leaves, but with some of the floral heads adherent. The brittle leaves are much broken, and with separated floral heads are mixed with the stem. The taste is warmish, peculiar, and very persistent. The specimens we have examined seemed to contain numerous floral heads, some according with those of the typical *G. robusta*, others without trace of involucral leaves. Some of the latter may have been removed, it is true, by accidents of carriage; but if *G. squarrosa* and *G. robusta* be distinct species, it would appear that they are indiscriminately collected. The activity of the drug probably resides in the resinous exudation. Dr. C. J. Rademaker obtained from it an oil, the odor of which closely resembled that of oil of turpentine, resin, and a crystalline body having an alkaline reaction. (*N. R.*, 1876, p. 205.) W. H. Clark and John L. Fischer (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 433) failed to verify all of Dr. Rademaker's results, but obtained an alkaline principle to which the name of *grindeline* was given.

Medical Properties and Uses. According to Dr. Buffington, when given to the lower animals in very large doses grindelia produces narcosis, with dilated pupils, slowing of the action of the heart from stimulation of the inhibitory nerves, and elevation of the blood-pressure from stimulation of the vaso-motor centre. Dobroklowsky has found that on the isolated frog's heart it acts in small doses as a stimulant and in large doses as a paralyzant; he further states that it acts chiefly upon the motor nerves and muscles; but Buffington asserts that it paralyzes first the sensory nerve-trunks, then the sensory side of the spinal cord, and afterwards involves the motor nerve-trunks and cord. Grindelia is not used in practical medicine for its influence upon the circulation, but as an antispasmodic, especially in *asthma*, and in *bronchitis* when there is a distinct tendency to dyspnœa and bronchial spasm. It seems probable that it not only exerts an antispasmodic influence, but also stimulates the bronchial mucous membrane, and it may be confidently exhibited in chronic bronchitis, especially of the aged. It has been employed with asserted success in *whooping-cough*. Its active principles appear to be excreted from the kidneys: hence after large doses there are sometimes evidences of renal irritation, and in chronic *catarrh* of the *bladder* good has been effected by its stimulant influence upon the mucous membrane of the viscus. As a local application, grindelia has been employed with asserted advantage in *burns*, *vaginitis*, *genito-urinary catarrh*, etc., applied either in the form of a poultice or in solution.

GUAIACI LIGNUM. U. S., Br. Guaiacum Wood.

(GUĀ′IĄ-CĪ LĬG′NŬM—gwā′yą-sī.)

"The heart-wood of Guaiacum officinale, Linné, and of Guaiacum sanctum, Linné (nat. ord. Zygophylleæ)." *U. S.* "The heart-wood of Guaiacum officinale, Linn., or of Guaiacum sanctum, Linn. For use in pharmacy the wood, as usually imported, should be deprived of its sap-wood, and the heart-wood reduced to the form of chips, raspings, or shavings." *Br.*

Lignum Guajaci, *P. G.;* Lignum Sanctum (vel Benedictum, vel Vitæ); Lignum Vitæ, Bois de Gayac, *Fr.;* Guajakholz, Franzosenholz, Pockenholz, *G.;* Legno Guaiaco, *It.;* Guayaco, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft, unequal. *Petals* five, inserted into the calyx. *Capsule* angular, three- or five-celled. *Willd.*

Guaiacum officinale. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 538; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 557, t. 200; Carson. *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 25, pl. 17. This is a large tree, of very slow growth. When of full size it is from forty to sixty feet high, with a trunk four or five feet in circumference. The branches are knotted, and covered with an ash-colored striated bark. That of the stem is of a dark-gray color, variegated with greenish or purplish spots. The leaves are opposite, and abruptly pinnate, consisting of two, three, and sometimes four pairs of leaflets, which are obovate,

veined, smooth, shining, dark green, from an inch to an inch and a half long, and almost sessile. The flowers are of a rich blue color, stand on long peduncles, and grow to the number of eight or ten at the axils of the upper leaves. The seeds are solitary, hard, and of an oblong shape.

G. sanctum, L., is distinguished from *G. officinale* by its five-celled fruit and its oblong or obliquely obovate or sometimes rhomboid-ovate leaflets, six to eight to each leaf. It grows in Cuba and some other of the West India Islands, and in the Bahama Islands. Its wood is smaller than that of *G. officinale*, and is said by Fée to be paler and less dense.

G. officinale grows in the West Indies, particularly in Hayti and Jamaica, and is found also in the warmer parts of the neighboring continent. All parts of the tree are possessed of medicinal properties; but the wood and the concrete juice only are official. The bark, though much more efficacious than the wood, does not enter commerce. *G. arboreum* of De Candolle has been said to furnish some of the guaiacum wood of commerce.

Guaiacum wood is imported from Hayti and other West India islands, in the shape of logs or billets, covered with thick gray bark, which presents on its inner surface, and upon its edges when broken, numerous shining crystalline points. These were supposed by Guibourt to be benzoic acid, by others a resinous exudation from the vessels of the plant; but Dr. Otto Berg has determined that they are crystals of calcium sulphate. The billets are used by turners for the fabrication of various instruments and utensils, for which the wood is well adapted by its extreme hardness and density. It is kept by the druggists and apothecaries in the state of shavings or raspings, which they obtain from the turners. It is commonly called *lignum vitæ*, a name which obviously originated from the supposition that the wood was possessed of extraordinary remedial powers.

Properties. Guaiacum wood is hard and heavy. The color of the sap-wood is yellow, that of the older and central layers greenish brown, that of the shavings a mixture of the two. It is said that when the wood is brought into a state of minute division its color is rendered green by exposure to the air, and bluish green by the action of nitric acid fumes; and the latter change may be considered as a test of its genuineness. (*Duncan.*) An easier test is a solution of corrosive sublimate, which, added to the shavings and slightly heated, causes a bluish-green color in the genuine wood. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 80, Feb. 1846.) Guaiacum wood is almost without smell unless rubbed or heated, when it becomes odorous. When burnt, it emits an agreeable odor. It is bitterish and slightly pungent, but requires to be chewed for some time before the taste is developed. It contains, according to Trommsdorf, 26 per cent. of resin, and 0·8 of a bitter pungent extractive, upon both of which, probably, though chiefly on the former, its medicinal virtues depend. (See *Guaiaci Resina.*) It yields its virtues but partially to water. One pound of the wood afforded to Geiger two ounces of extract. "Guaiacum Wood is generally used in the form of raspings or turnings, which should be greenish-brown, containing few particles of a whitish color, and should acquire a dark bluish-green color on the addition of nitric acid." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Guaiacum wood ranks among the stimulant diaphoretics. It is said to have been introduced to the notice of European practitioners by the natives of Hispaniola soon after the discovery of America. It was used in Europe so early as 1508, and attained great celebrity as a remedy for *lues venerea;* but the general professional verdict is that it has no distinct influence in *syphilis*, nor yet in *chronic rheumatism* and *gout*, *scrofula*, or *cutaneous eruptions*, against which it was formerly much used. It is usually exhibited in decoction, and in combination with other medicines, as in the compound decoction of sarsaparilla. An aqueous extract is directed by the French Codex.

GUAIACI RESINA. U. S., Br. Guaiac.

(GUĀ'IA-CĪ RĒ-ZĪ'NA.)

"The resin of the wood of Guaiacum officinale, Linné (nat. ord. Zygophylleæ)." *U. S.* "The resin obtained from the stem of Guaiacum officinale, Linn., or of Guaiacum sanctum, Linn., by natural exudation, by incision, or by heat." *Br.*

Resina Guajaci, *P. G.;* Guaiacum; Guaiacum Resin; Résine de Gayac, *Fr.;* Guajak, Guajakharz, *G.;* Resina de Guajaco, *It.;* Resina de Guayaco, *Sp.*

For a description of *Guaiacum officinale*, see *Guaiaci Lignum*, p. 668.

Guaiac is the concrete juice of this tree. It is obtained in several different modes. The most simple is by spontaneous exudation, or by incisions made into the trunk. Another

method is by sawing the wood into billets about three feet long, boring them longitudinally with an auger, then placing one end of the billet on the fire, and receiving in a calabash the melted guaiac, which flows out through the hole at the opposite extremity. But the plan most frequently pursued is probably to boil the wood, in the state of chips or sawdust, in a solution of common salt, and skim off the matter which rises to the surface. Guaiac is brought to this market from the West Indies. It is usually in large irregular pieces of various sizes, in which small fragments of bark, sand, and other impurities are mixed with the genuine guaiac, so as to give to the mass a diversified appearance. Sometimes we find it in small roundish homogeneous portions, separate or agglutinated; sometimes in homogeneous masses, prepared by melting and straining the drug in its impure state. It is probable that the guaiac obtained from the billets in the manner above described is of uniform consistence.*

Properties. The masses are irregular or somewhat globular, of a glassy lustre and resinous fracture. They are of a deep greenish-brown or dark-olive color on their external surface, and internally wherever the air can penetrate. The predominant hue of those parts not exposed to the air is reddish brown or hyacinthine, diversified, however, with shades of various colors. The odor is feeble but fragrant, and is rendered stronger by heat. The taste, which is at first scarcely perceptible, becomes acrid after a short period; and a permanent sense of heat and pungency is left in the mouth and fauces. Guaiac is brittle, and when broken presents a shining glass-like surface, conchoidal or splintery, with the smaller fragments more or less translucent. It is readily pulverized; and the powder, at first of a light-gray color, becomes green on exposure to the light. Its sp. gr. varies from 1·2 to 1·23. It softens in the mouth, and melts with a moderate heat. Water dissolves a small proportion of guaiac, not exceeding nine parts in 100, forming an infusion of a greenish-brown color and sweetish taste, which upon evaporation yields a brown substance soluble in hot water and alcohol, but scarcely so in ether. Alcohol takes up the whole, with the exception of impurities. "Soluble in potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution and in alcohol; the alcoholic solution is colored blue on the addition of tincture of ferric chloride." *U. S.* The tincture is of a deep-brown color, is decomposed by water, and affords blue, green, and brown precipitates with the mineral acids. It is colored blue by nitric acid, by chlorine, and by tincture of ferric chloride, and usually by spirit of nitrous ether, and is similarly changed when treated successively by dilute hydrocyanic acid and solution of copper sulphate. Either in substance or tincture, guaiac gives a blue color to gluten and substances containing it, to mucilage of gum arabic, to milk, and to various freshly-cut roots, as the potato, carrot, and horseradish. It is soluble also in ether, alkaline solutions, and sulphuric acid. The solution in sulphuric acid is of a rich claret color, deposits, when diluted with water, a lilac precipitate, and, when heated, evolves charcoal. Exposed to air and light, guaiac absorbs oxygen and becomes green, and the change takes place rapidly in the sunshine. Tincture of guaiac has been used for the detection of blood-stains, which it does by the blue color produced by it, when in contact with the red coloring matter of blood, in connection with some ozonized substance, especially hydrogen peroxide. (*Guy's Hospital Reports*, 3d ser., xiii. 432.) It may be used also to distinguish the blood of man and other mammals, in which the corpuscles are non-nucleated, from that of other classes, as birds, fishes, and reptiles, which have nucleated corpuscles. The method of Dr. R. M. Bertolet may sometimes be advantageously used in jury trials. A microscopic preparation, duly mounted, is carefully irrigated with a simple tincture of guaiac resin, and then, under glass, exposed to the action of a very small quantity of an ethereal solution of hydrogen peroxide. The mammalian corpuscles will exhibit a uniform blue coloration throughout, of different shades in the different corpuscles, while, if the blood-corpuscle is nucleated, the nucleus is seen as a well-defined and deep-blue body, with a delicate violet-colored medium around it. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, Jan. 1874.)

The composition of guaiac resin was ascertained by Hadelich (*Journ. f. pr. Chem.*, 87, p. 335) to be as follows: guaiaconic acid 70·3 per cent., guaiaretic acid 10·5 per cent., guaiac beta-resin 9·8 per cent., gum 3·7 per cent., ash constituents 0·8 per cent., guaiacic acid, coloring matter (guaiac yellow), and impurities 4·9 per cent. Of these constituents, *guaiaretic acid*, $C_{20}H_{26}O_4$, was discovered by Hlasiwetz in 1859. It may be extracted from the crude resin by alcoholic potash or by quicklime, forming a crystalline salt with the former and an amorphous compound with the latter. The free acid is obtained by decomposing one of these salts with hydro-

* Under the name of *Resina Guaiaci Peruviana Aromatica* there is a substance circulating in European commerce which probably has no relation to guaiac. For a summary of our knowledge concerning it, see *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 18.

chloric acid and crystallizing from alcohol. The crystals, which are soluble in ether, alcohol, benzol, chloroform, carbon disulphide, or acetic acid, but not in ammonia or in water, melt below 80° C., and may be volatilized without decomposition. They are not colored blue by oxidizing agents. If the mother-liquor from the potassium salt of the guaiaretic acid be decomposed with hydrochloric acid and the precipitate washed with water, ether will extract *guaiaconic acid*, $C_{19}H_{20}O_5$. This compound, discovered by Hadelich in 1862, is a light-brown amorphous substance, fusing at 100° C. It is without acid reaction, but decomposes alkaline carbonates, forming salts easily soluble in water and alcohol. It is insoluble in water, benzol, or carbon disulphide, but dissolves in ether, chloroform, acetic acid, or alcohol. With oxidizing agents it assumes a transient blue tint. After the extraction of the guaiaconic acid there remains a substance insoluble in ether, to which the name of *guaiac beta-resin* has been applied. Its composition does not appear to differ greatly from that of guaiaconic acid.

Guaiacic acid, $C_{12}H_{16}O_6$, obtained in 1841 by Thierry, from guaiacum wood, or from the resin, crystallizes in colorless needles. Hadelich states that not more than one part in 20,000 can be obtained from the resin. *Guaiac yellow*, the coloring matter of guaiac resin, was first observed by Pelletier. It crystallizes in pale-yellow quadratic octohedra having a bitter taste, but is not a glucoside. Guaiac resin also yields interesting products on dry distillation. First, according to Hlasiwetz, is obtained *guaiacene*, C_5H_8O, at 118° C., next *guaiacol*, $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OCH_3\\OH\end{cases}$, being the methyl ether of pyrocatechin, at 205°–210° C., and with it *kreosol*, $C_6H_3(CH_3)_2OH$, and finally *pyroguaiacin*, $C_{38}H_{44}O_6$ (according to Wiesner, $C_{18}H_{18}O_3$), in pearly scales, melting at 180° C. According to Lieben and Zeisel (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, xiv. p. 932), guaiacene is the aldehyde of tiglic acid, $C_5H_8O_2$, and can be made synthetically from a mixture of acetaldehyde and propionaldehyde. When distilled with zinc dust there is obtained *creosol* (50 per cent. in the case of resin purified by alcohol) and 30 per cent. of a mixture of *toluene*, *meta-* and *paraxylene*, with a little *pseudocumene* and *guaion*, $C_{12}H_{12}$. (Bötsch, *Monatshefte*, 1880, p. 615.)

It will be inferred, from what has been said, that the mineral acids are incompatible with the solutions of guaiac.

Adulterations. This drug is sometimes adulterated with the resin of the pine. The fraud may be detected by the terebinthinate odor exhaled when the sophisticated guaiac is thrown upon burning coals, as well as by its partial solubility in hot oil of turpentine. This liquid dissolves resin, but leaves pure guaiac untouched. Amber is said to be another adulteration. Nitric acid affords an excellent test of guaiac. If paper moistened with the tincture be exposed to the fumes of this acid, it speedily becomes blue. Purgotti proposed guaiac resin as a test for copper. (See *A. J. P.*, June, 1880.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Guaiac is stimulant and alterative, producing, when swallowed, a sense of warmth in the stomach, with dryness of the mouth and thirst, and promoting various secretions. If given to a patient when covered warm in bed, especially if accompanied with opium and ipecacuanha or the antimonials, and assisted by warm drinks, it often excites profuse perspiration; and hence it has been usually ranked among the diaphoretics. If the patient be kept cool during its administration, it is sometimes directed to the kidneys, the action of which it promotes. In large doses it purges, and it has been especially commended as a laxative in chronic rheumatism; and it is thought by some practitioners to be possessed of emmenagogue powers. It has been given with asserted advantage in *chronic rheumatism*, *gouty affections*, secondary *syphilis*, *scrofulous diseases*, and *cutaneous eruptions*. The medicine is given in substance or tincture. The dose of the powder is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), which may be exhibited in pill or bolus, in the shape of an emulsion formed with gum arabic, sugar, and water, or as a syrup.* An objection to the form of powder is that it quickly aggregates. Guaiac is sometimes administered in combination with alkalies, with which it readily unites. Several European Pharmacopœias direct a *soap of guaiac*, under the name of *sapo guaiacinus*, to be prepared by diluting liquor potassæ with twice its weight of water, boiling lightly, then adding guaiac gradually, with continued agitation, so long as it continues to be dissolved, and finally filtering, and evaporating to the pilular consistence. One scruple (1·3 Gm.) may be taken daily, in divided doses.

* *Syrup of Guaiac.* Dr. T. C. Craig. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1880.) Powd. Guaiac Resin, 640 grains; Caustic Potassa, 58 grains; White Sugar, ℔j (av.); Water, q. s. Dissolve the Potassa in 8 fluidounces of water; moisten the Guaiac with this solution; pack it in a percolator, and gradually pour on the remainder of the solution; when this ceases dropping, add sufficient water to make the percolate measure 8 fluidounces; add the sugar, and dissolve.

GUARANA. U. S. Guarana.

(GUA-RĀ'NA.)

"A dried paste chiefly consisting of the crushed or pounded seeds of Paullinia cupana, Kunth (Paullinia sorbilis, Martius) (nat. ord. Sapindaceæ)." *U. S.*

Paullinia, Brazilian Cocoa, Guarana Bread; Pao de Guarana, *Port.;* Pasta Guarana, *P. G.;* Guarana, *Fr., G.*

Gen. Ch. Capsule pyriform, septicidal. *Stem* climbing. *Leaves* compound. *Bentham and Hooker.*

There are described of the genus Paullinia 80 species, all of them confined in their geographical range to Eastern South America, except one, which has strayed to Western Africa. The name of the genus was given in honor of Christ. Fred. Paullini, a German medico-botanical writer, who died in 1712. *P. sorbilis.* Martius, *Reise in Brasil*, vol. iii. p. 1098; *B. & T.* 67.—*Guarana ürva.* This woody climber grows in the northern and western provinces of Brazil, ripening its seeds in October and November. The leaves are alternate, on long stalks, impari-pinnate, with five oblong oval, coarsely irregularly sinuate-dentate leaflets, five to six inches long by two to three broad, contracted into a shortly attenuated blunt point. The flowers are arranged in axillary, spicate panicles, four inches or more in length. The fruit is about the size of a grape, ovoid or pyriform, on a short peduncle, with a short strong beak, glabrous, with six longitudinal ribs. The three-valved pericarp is thin, tough, and strongly hairy within.

Preparation and Properties. The seeds, which look like small horse-chestnuts, are contained in a three-celled, three-valved, coriaceous capsule, are lenticular and almost thorny, and invested with a flesh-colored arillus, which is easily separable when dry. Guarana is made exclusively by the Guaranis, a tribe of South American Indians, and probably varies in the details of its preparation, as it certainly does in appearance and quality. The drug appears to be produced almost exclusively from plants cultivated in the region of the lower Madeira and southward. After the seeds are shelled and thoroughly washed they are roasted for about six hours, and their external papery shells are then removed by placing them in sacks and beating them with clubs; or, after the seeds have been broken in a mortar, the coarse powder is mixed with a little water, and then kneaded into a paste, which is shaped into cylindrical or globular masses. According to Rusby, the common belief that at this stage various foreign bodies are added to the paste is incorrect. The masses are dried, sometimes in the sun, or more usually by the heat of a slow fire so arranged as to avoid smoke. When finished, the masses are of a reddish-brown color, rugose on the surface, very hard, with an irregular fracture, and of a marbled appearance when broken, due to the fragments of the seeds and their black testa embedded in the mass. Paullinia is of a somewhat astringent and bitterish taste, and in this, as well as in its odor, bears some resemblance to chocolate, though not oleaginous. It swells up and softens in water, which partially dissolves it. It is also partly soluble in alcohol. Martius found in it a crystallizable principle, which he named *guaranine*, but which has been proved by MM. Berthemot and Dechastelus to be identical with *caffeine*. Alexander Bennett, in an elaborate series of physiological experiments, has confirmed this identity.* The discovery of caffeine in plants belonging to distinct natural families, namely, the coffee and tea plants, the Paraguay tea, and the Paullinia, is a highly interesting result of recent chemical investigations. It is said to be more abundant in the Paullinia than in either of the other vegetables; 5·07 per cent. having been found by Dr. Stenhouse in Paullinia, while he got only 2·13 per cent. from good black tea, 1·00 from coffee, and 1·2 from Paraguay tea. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 213.) According to Berthemot and Dechastelus, it exists in the seeds united with tannic acid, with which it appears to form two compounds, one crystallizable and soluble in water, the other of a resinoid appearance and insoluble. Besides these ingredients, the seeds contain free tannic acid, gum, albumen, starch, and a greenish fixed oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 514.) For a method of preparing guaranine, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 224. Rochefontaine and Gusset prepare guaranine by mixing one part of calcined magnesia with five parts of powdered guarana, moistening with water, and, after standing 24 hours, exhausting the mass with boiling chloroform, evaporating the chloroform, treating the residue with boiling water, filtering, and evaporating over sulphuric acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 248.) Dr. F. V. Greene, U.S.N., prefers a process for obtaining caffeine from guarana similar to one proposed by Prof. Wayne for its extraction from tea and coffee. The details of the method are as follows. The powdered guarana is intimately mixed with three times its weight of finely divided litharge, and the mixture boiled in distilled water, until, on allowing the temperature to fall below the boiling

* This identity has been denied by Dr. T. J. Mays. (See H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics.*)

point, the insoluble portion is found to subside rapidly, leaving the supernatant liquid clear and without color. When cool, the clear liquid is filtered, and the precipitate is transferred to the filter and washed with boiling water, the washing to be continued as long as yellowish precipitates are produced with either phosphomolybdic acid solution, auric or platinic chloride. A stream of hydrogen sulphide gas is now passed through the filtrate, and the lead sulphide thus formed separated by filtration. The solution is evaporated on a water-bath to expel the excess of hydrogen sulphide, filtered to remove a trace of sulphur, finally evaporated to the crystallizing point, and the caffeine, which crystallizes out on cooling, removed from the mother-liquor and pressed between folds of bibulous paper. After being thus treated, the crystals will be found to be perfectly white. Dr. F. V. Greene has shown that the tannic acid from guarana has different properties from that found in other plants, and proposes to call it *paullinitannic acid.* (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 390.) M. Fournier has found in paullinia, besides tannate of caffeine, the following principles: gum, starch, an acrid green fixed oil, a concrete volatile oil, an aromatic liquid volatile oil soluble in water with a little alcohol, another liquid volatile oil scarcely soluble in water, a peculiar principle not precisely determined, and tannic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1861, p. 291.) Dr. E. R. Squibb examined commercial guarana, and obtained 4·38 per cent. of alkaloid in good specimens. On account of the uncertainty of the composition of guarana, he recommends fluid extract of green coffee as a substitute. (See Part II., *National Formulary;* also *Ephemeris*, 1884, p. 612.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The effects of guarana upon the system are chiefly those of its alkaloid, although it contains enough tannin to have an appreciable influence. It is habitually employed by the Indians, either mixed with articles of diet, as with cassava or chocolate, or in the form of drink, prepared by scraping it, and suspending the powder in sweetened water, precisely as other nations use teas, coffees, etc. It is also considered by the Indians useful in the prevention and cure of bowel complaints. Dr. Gavrelle, who was at one time physician to Dom Pedro, in Brazil, and there became acquainted with the virtues of this medicine, called the attention of the profession to it some years since in France. He had found it advantageous in the *diarrhœa* of phthisis, *sick headache*, and as a tonic. It has since been employed in various affections, but is now chiefly used in *migraine*, administered when the attack is developing. It may be given in powder, in the quantity of one or two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.), or the fluid extract may be substituted.

GUTTA-PERCHA. Br. Gutta-Percha.

(GŬT'TĄ PËR'CHĄ.)

"The concrete juice of Dichopsis Gutta (Isonandra Gutta, Hook.), and of several other trees of the natural order Sapotaceæ." *Br.*

Gutta-Percha Depurata, *P. G.;* Gutta-Taban; Gutta-Percha, *Fr., G.*

This valuable product of the East Indies was first brought into notice by Dr. Wm. Montgomerie, a British army surgeon, who became acquainted with its singular properties in the year 1842, at Singapore, and in the following year sent specimens of it to Europe. It is the product of a large tree growing in the southern extremity of the Malayan Peninsula, the islands of Singapore and Borneo, and probably many other islands in the neighborhood. *Isonandra gutta* is of considerable magnitude, with a trunk commonly three feet and sometimes as much as six feet in diameter, having numerous ascending branches, which are crowded with leaves at their extremities. The flowers are small and white; the leaves petiolate, oblong, four or five inches long by two in breadth, bright green above and brownish beneath.*

Dr. Montgomerie states that the natives procure the gutta-percha by the very wasteful mode of cutting down the tree, stripping off the bark, and then collecting the milky juice, which is put into convenient recipients, and coagulates on exposure to the air. Twenty or thirty pounds are thus collected from each tree; but the probability is that the product would be much greater if obtained by tapping the tree, and thus preserving it for future use. In consequence of the abundance in which it is collected, and the wasteful methods pursued, fears are entertained that the tree will before long be extirpated. The exportations from Singapore (which port furnishes

* The concrete juices of various plants have been offered as substitutes for true gutta-percha. Many of these are described in the article Caoutchouc, Part II. The products of the Abyssinian trees *Mimusops schimperi* and *M. kummel* have been found by Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen to contain 48·20 per cent. of gutta, 42·80 per cent. of an amorphous resin, and 9·80 per cent. of inorganic salts. They seem, however, to serve the purposes of the arts only when mixed with true gutta-percha. Under the name of *balata*, the concrete juice of *Sapota mulleri*, or *Bully tree*, which is abundant in Dutch Guiana, has been imported into England. It is said to be more durable than and equally elastic with gutta-percha, while requiring much greater heat to soften.

the bulk of all the gutta-percha of commerce) now amount to four and a half million kilogrammes annually, valued at three and a quarter million dollars. As found in commerce, gutta-percha is generally impure, containing fragments of vegetable matter and earth. From these it may be freed by kneading it in hot water, or by melting it with oil of turpentine, straining, and evaporating. It may also be purified by means of chloroform. One part of gutta-percha cut into small pieces, put into a flask with 20 parts of chloroform, and frequently shaken, will be fully dissolved in two or three days. To this solution, which cannot be readily filtered, add one-fourth of a part of water, shaking the mixture, and then allowing it to rest for two weeks. The impurities rise or sink, and the clear intervening liquid yields pure gutta-percha by the distillation of the chloroform. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, Feb. 1857, p. 108.) A more satisfactory method is probably by dissolving one part of gutta-percha in twenty of boiling benzene, shaking the solution frequently with calcium sulphate, which upon standing two or three days carries down with it the coloring matter, then decanting the clear liquid, and adding it, in small portions at a time, to alcohol, agitating continually. During this process the gutta-percha is deposited perfectly white. Thorough desiccation requires an exposure of several weeks, but it may be hastened by rubbing in a mortar. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1863, p. 138.)

Properties. Gutta-percha is of a dull white or whitish color, often with reddish-brown streaks, of a feeble odor, tasteless, at ordinary temperatures hard and almost horny, somewhat flexible in thin pieces, having an unctuous feel under the fingers, and very tenacious. Its sp. gr. is 0·9791. (*Soubeiran.*) At about 49° C. (120° F.) it becomes softer and more flexible, but is still elastic, resisting, and tenacious. At 66° C. to 71° C. (150° F. to 160° F.) it is soft, very plastic, and capable of being welded and moulded into any form ; "plastic above 120° F. (48°·8 C.)." *Br.* It can be softened either by means of hot water or by dry heat. On cooling, it reassumes its former state, and retains any form which may have been given to it. In the softened state it is readily cut with a knife, though with some difficulty when cold. Exposed to a heat of 166° C. (330° F.), it loses a portion of water, and on hardening becomes translucent and gray ; but it recovers its original characters if immersed in water. Subjected to igneous distillation, it yields volatile products resembling closely the volatile oil obtained from caoutchouc by the same process. Heated in an open vessel, it melts, foams up, and takes fire, burning with a brilliant flame and much smoke. A portion thus melted retains the state of a viscid fluid on cooling. Gutta-percha is a non-conductor of electricity. It is insoluble in water, alcohol, alkaline solutions, and the weak acids. Ether and the volatile oils soften it in the cold, and imperfectly dissolve it with the aid of heat. Oil of turpentine dissolves it perfectly, forming a clear, colorless solution, which yields it unchanged by evaporation. It is also dissolved by carbon disulphide, chloroform, and benzene and benzin. According to Soubeiran, it contains, besides pure gutta-percha, small portions of a vegetable acid, casein, and two resins, one soluble in ether and oil of turpentine, the other in alcohol. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xi.) Freed from these impurities, it has an ultimate composition closely analogous to if not identical with that of caoutchouc. For a particular account of the distinctive properties of pure gutta-percha, and the two resins mixed with it, the reader is referred to an article by M. Payen, in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (3e sér., xxii.), also in the *Chem. Gaz.* (x.). According to Baumhauer, pure gutta-percha, as it issues from the tree, is a hydrocarbon, with the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, which he calls *gutta*, and by the oxidation of which, in various degrees, the different bodies constituting gutta-percha are produced. This hydrocarbon can be separated by treating gutta-percha with dilute hydrochloric acid, and boiling the residue with ether, which deposits the gutta on cooling ; but the ethereal treatment must be frequently repeated to obtain it quite pure. (*Journ. für prakt. Chem.*, lxxviii. 279.) M. Arppe considers gutta-percha as a mixture of six different resins, which may have been formed from a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, ix. 471.) Oudemans (*Jahresber.*, 1859, p. 517) finds two resinous products in gutta-percha : *fluavil*, fusing at 42° C., with the formula $C_{20}H_{32}O$, and soluble in cold alcohol, and *albane*, fusing at 140° C., with the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O$, and soluble in chloroform, carbon disulphide, and ether, from which last it crystallizes out on cooling. Gutta-percha resists putrefaction strongly ; but in certain situations, as when employed to protect underground telegraph wires passing near the roots of the oak, it has been observed to undergo speedy decomposition, in consequence, it is supposed, of the action of fungi. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 193.)

Gutta-percha has been applied to many useful and ornamental purposes. Its plasticity when moderately heated, great firmness and tenacity at ordinary temperatures, and insolubility in water and alcohol are the properties to which it chiefly owes its value. By immersing it in hot water it is made susceptible of being formed into any desirable shape, so that utensils of

various kinds, ornamental impressions, casts, sheets, bands, cords, sticks, tubes, etc., applicable to numerous purposes in the arts, may be made from it with great facility. To give it greater pliability, it is sometimes mixed with the tar resulting from the igneous decomposition of caoutchouc, or with its own tar and lampblack. It may be vulcanized in the same manner as india-rubber, and undergoes a similar change of properties. (See *Elastica.*) In the dissolved state it may be employed as a varnish, impervious to moisture.

Medical Uses. Gutta-percha has no medicinal properties, but is used in surgery for the formation of splints or other external artificial supports, as well as in the manufacture of various surgical instruments. The pure gutta-percha, when softened by immersion in warm water, may be moulded without difficulty into any form. For the method of application, the reader is referred to works upon surgery. Gutta-percha is also largely used by dentists for filling carious cavities in teeth. For this purpose it is mixed with oxide of zinc, silica, finely powdered glass, or other mineral substance, to give it density and firmness. The Liquor Gutta-Perchæ, official in U. S. P. 1880, when applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil, forms, on the evaporation of the solvent, a thin, elastic covering, which completely excludes the air and acts like an artificial cuticle to the part. Another application of gutta-percha is to serve as a vehicle of certain caustic substances, particularly zinc chloride and caustic potassa. The preparation is made by reducing the caustic substance to fine powder, and then thoroughly mixing it with its weight of gutta-percha, melted at the lowest possible temperature. (See *Potassa* and *Zinci Chloridum.*) A great advantage of the preparation is that it may be made into any desirable form, and will retain that form when applied for a considerable length of time.

HÆMATOXYLON. U. S. (Br.) Hæmatoxylon. [Logwood.]

(HÆ-MA-TŎX'Y-LŎN.)

"The heart-wood of Hæmatoxylon Campechianum, Linné (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.*
"The sliced heart-wood of Hæmatoxylum Campechianum." *Br.*

Hæmatoxyli Lignum, *Br.;* Lignum Campechianum, *P. G.;* Lignum Cœruleum; Bois d'Inde, Bois de Sang, Bois de Campêche, *Fr.;* Blauholz, Campecheholz, Blutholz, Kampeschenholz, *G.;* Legno di Campeggio, *It.;* Palo de Campeche, *Sp.*

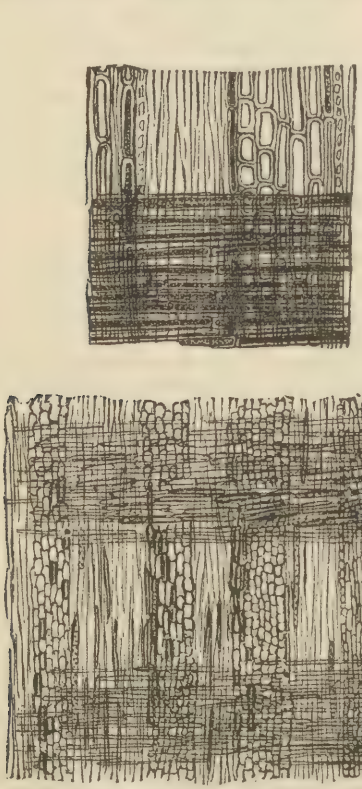
Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Petals* five. *Capsule* lanceolate, one-celled, two-valved, with the valves boat-form. *Willd.*

Hæmatoxylon campechianum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 547; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 455, t. 163; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 33, pl. 25. This is a tree of middle size, usually not more than twenty-four feet high, though, under favorable circumstances, it sometimes rises forty or fifty feet. The trunk, seldom exceeding twenty inches in diameter, is often very crooked, and is covered with a dark rough bark. The branches are also crooked, with numerous smaller ramifications, which are beset with sharp spines. The sap-wood is yellowish, but the interior layers are of a deep-red color. The leaves are alternate, abruptly pinnate, and composed of three or four pairs of sessile, nearly obcordate, obliquely nerved leaflets. The flowers, which are in axillary spikes or racemes near the ends of the branches, have a brownish-purple calyx and lemon-yellow petals. They exhale an agreeable odor, said to resemble that of the jonquil.

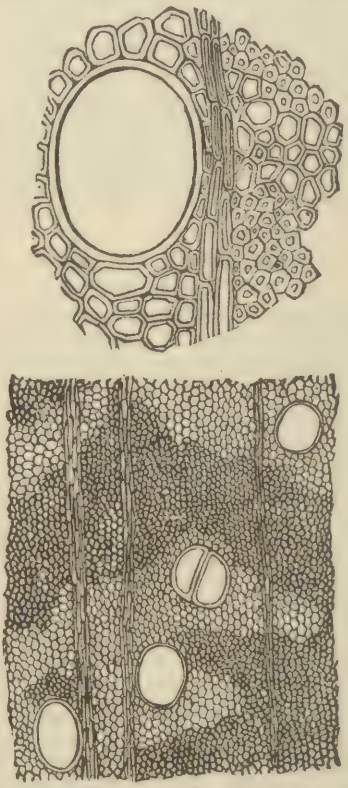
The tree is a native of Campeachy, the shores of Honduras Bay, and other parts of tropical America, and has become naturalized in Jamaica. The wood, which is the part used in medicine, is a valuable article of commerce, and largely employed in dyeing. It comes to us in logs deprived of the sap-wood and having a blackish-brown color externally. According to Mr. Louis Siebold, the ground or chipped logwood of commerce is unfit for use as a medicinal agent, because it has been prepared as a dyestuff by being exposed in large moist heaps until its hæmatoxylin has been converted by oxidation into hæmatein. As a coloring agent, for analytical purposes, this fermented logwood, according to Mr. Siebold, is much superior to the natural wood.

Properties. Logwood is hard, compact, heavy, of a deep-red color, becoming purplish black by exposure, internally brown-red, and marked with irregular, concentric circles, splitting irregularly, of a slight peculiar odor, and a sweet, somewhat astringent taste. Logwood is generally found in commerce in small chips or coarse powder of a dark brown-red color, often with a greenish lustre. When chewed it colors the saliva dark pink. It imparts its color to water and to alcohol. The infusion made with cold water, though red, is less so than that with boiling water. It affords precipitates with sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, and acetic acids, alum, copper sulphate, lead acetate, and ferrous sulphate, striking a bluish-black color with the last-mentioned salt. Precipitates are also produced with it by lime water and gelatin. Chevreul

found in logwood a volatile oil, an oleaginous or resinous matter, a brown substance the solution of which is precipitated by gelatin (*tannin*), another brown substance soluble in alcohol but insoluble in water or ether, a nitrogenous substance resembling gluten, free acetic acid, various salts, and a peculiar principle called *hæmatoxylin* or *hématin*, on which the coloring properties of the wood depend. This is obtained by digesting the aqueous extract in alcohol, evaporating the tincture till it thickens, then adding a little water, and submitting the liquid to a new but gentle evaporation. Upon allowing it to rest, hæmatoxylin is deposited in crystals, which may be purified by washing with alcohol and drying. Thus procured, the crystals are shining, of a yellowish-rose color, bitterish, acrid, and slightly astringent to the taste, readily soluble in boiling water, forming an orange-red solution which becomes yellow on cooling, and soluble also in alcohol and ether. According to Erdmann, who obtained hæmatoxylin by the process of Chevreul, substituting ether for alcohol, its crystals, when quite pure, are colorless,



Hæmatoxylon, longitudinal section, as seen under high and low powers.



Hæmatoxylon, transverse section, as seen under high and low powers.

without a tinge of redness; its taste is sweet, like that of liquorice, without bitterness or astringency; and it is not of itself a coloring substance, but affords beautiful red, blue, and purple colors, by the joint action of an alkaline base and the oxygen of the air. He obtained from logwood 9 to 12 per cent. of crystallized hæmatoxylin, to which he gave the formula $C_{16}H_{14}O_6$. It crystallizes with 1 or with 3 molecules of water, and is readily soluble in hot water or alcohol, but sparingly in cold water or in ether. (*Journ. für pr. Chem.*, 36, p. 205.) By the combined action of ammonia and oxygen dark violet crystalline scales of *hæmatein*, $C_{16}H_{12}O_6 + 3H_2O$, are produced. They show a fine green hue, which is also very commonly observable on the surface of the logwood chips of commerce. Hæmatein may again be transformed into hæmatoxylin by means of hydrogen or of sulphurous acid. Commercial extract of logwood extracted from the wood by boiling water contains both hæmatoxylin and hæmatein.

Medical Properties and Uses. Logwood is a mild astringent, devoid of irritating properties, and well adapted to the treatment of that relaxed condition of bowels which is apt

to succeed *cholera infantum*. It is also occasionally used with advantage in ordinary *chronic diarrhœa* and *chronic dysentery*. The only official preparation is the extract. Dose, from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.).

HAMAMELIS. U. S. (Br.) Hamamelis. [Witchhazel.]

(HĂM-Ą-MĒ'LĬS.)

"The leaves of Hamamelis Virginiana, Linné (nat. ord. Hamamelaceæ), collected in autumn." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Hamamelis virginica, Linn." *Br.*

Hamamelidis Folia, *Br.;* Hamamelis Leaves, Witchhazel Leaves.

HAMAMELIDIS CORTEX. Br. Hamamelis Bark.

(HĂM-Ą-MĔL'Ị-DĬS CÔR'TĔX.)

"The dried bark of Hamamelis virginica, Linn." *Br.*

Witchhazel Bark.

Gen. Ch. Flowers in little axillary clusters or heads, usually surrounded by a scale-like three-leaved involucre. *Calyx* four-parted, and with two or three bractlets at its base. *Petals* four, strap-shaped, long and narrow, spirally involute in the bud. *Stamens* eight, very short; the four alternate with the petals anther-bearing, the others imperfect and scale-like. *Styles* two, short. *Pod* opening loculicidally from the top. *Gray's Manual.*

H. virginica. L. *Witchhazel* is an indigenous shrub, from five to fifteen feet high, growing in almost all sections of the United States, usually on hills or in stony places, and often on the banks of streams. It is the only species of the genus found in Eastern North America, and is specifically characterized by its leaves being obovate or oval, wavy-toothed, and somewhat downy when young. The seeds are black and shining externally, white, oily, and farinaceous within, and edible like the hazelnut. It is remarkable for the late appearance of its yellow flowers, which expand in September or October, and continue till the weather becomes very cold in winter. The fruit, which is a nut-like capsule not unlike the hazelnut, ripens in the following autumn, and is often mingled on the same plant with the new blossoms.

Properties. The leaves of the witchhazel are officially described as "short-petiolate, about 10 Cm. long, obovate or oval, slightly heart-shaped and oblique at the base, sinuate-toothed, thickish, nearly smooth; inodorous; taste astringent and bitter." *U. S.* The bark has a bitter, astringent, somewhat sweetish, and pungent taste. In the Br. Pharm. it is characterized as "in quills or slightly curved pieces, from two to six or eight inches long and about one-tenth of an inch in thickness, covered with a silvery gray or whitish easily detached scaly outer bark, marked with lenticels. Internally, cinnamon-brown or brownish red, and finely striated longitudinally; transverse fracture coarsely fibrous, tough; taste slightly astringent; no strongly marked odor." *Br.*

Walter B. Chency examined witchhazel bark, and found tannin, resin, extractive, but no indication of an alkaloid or other crystalline principle. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 418.) It contains a trace of volatile oil, however. Dr. John Marshall, of the University of Pennsylvania, also found that hamamelis root contains tannic acid and a trace of volatile oil, but no other active substance. (*Therap. Gaz.*, ii. 295.)

Medical Properties. The bark of the witchhazel is said to have first attracted attention on account of its use by the North American Indians as a sedative application to external inflammations. It was many years ago strongly recommended by Dr. James Fountain and Dr. N. S. Davis (*N. Y. Journ. Med.*, x. 208; *Trans. Amer. Med. Assoc.*, i. 350) in *hemorrhage* of the *lungs* and *stomach*. Dr. Fountain also used with alleged great advantage an ointment prepared from lard and the decoction of equal parts of hamamelis, white-oak bark, and apple-tree bark. Of late years professional attention has been very strongly directed to the remedy on account of the enormous sale of a much vaunted proprietary remedy said to be made by distilling the bark with very dilute alcohol (six per cent.), and used externally for *sprains* and *bruises*, and internally for most of the diseases to which flesh is heir. The pecuniary success of this remedy probably has depended in very small part upon the virtues of the witchhazel, which seems to possess no active physiological properties. At least we have injected a very concentrated distillate in large quantities into frogs and into mammals without perceiving any more effects than would be produced by the injection of similar quantities of distilled water, and Dr. Guy, in Paris, has reached similar conclusions. The fluid extract of the drug has been used as a remedy in various forms of venous dilatation and engorgement. It was very strongly commended by Dr. John H. Musser in varicose veins (*Phila. Med. Times*, vol. xiii.),

and has been used by some practitioners with good results in cases of hemorrhoids, but has failed to yield in other hands corresponding advantage. (See *Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, April 16, May, 1885; also *Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, vol. cvi.) The dose of the fluid extract given by Dr. Musser was a teaspoonful four times a day. It may, however, be given in double the quantity with impunity, and probably in such doses is an advantageous astringent.

HEDEOMA. U. S. Hedeoma. [Pennyroyal.]

(HĔD-Ē-Ō′MĄ.)

"The leaves and tops of Hedeoma pulegioides (Linné), Persoon (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Herbe de Pouliot américaine, *Fr.;* Amerikanischer Poley, *G.*

This plant is entirely distinct from *Mentha pulegium*, or European pennyroyal. It is probable that various other species of the genus are used in the localities in which they grow. Thus, *H. piperita*, Bentham, is said to be used in Mexico as a substitute for peppermint, and *H. thymoides*, Gray, in Texas as an aromatic diaphoretic.

Gen. Ch. Calyx bilabiate, gibbous at the base, upper lip three-toothed, lower two; dentures all subulate. *Corolla* ringent. *Stamens;* two sterile; the two fertile stamens about the length of the corolla. *Nuttall.*

Hedeoma pulegioides. Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 165.—*Cunila pulegioides.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 122. This is an indigenous annual plant, from nine to fifteen inches high, with a small, branching, fibrous, yellowish root, and a pubescent, quadrangular stem, which sends off numerous slender erect branches. The leaves are opposite, having short petioles, about half an inch long, oblong-lanceolate or oval, nearly acute, attenuated at the base, remotely serrate, rough or pubescent, and prominently veined and glandular on the under surface. The flowers are very small, pale blue, supported on short peduncles, and arranged in axillary whorls along the whole length of the branches. They have a tubular-ovoid, two-lipped and five-toothed calyx, and a pale blue, spotted, two-lipped corolla, containing two sterile and two fertile exserted stamens. The plant is common in all parts of the United States, preferring dry grounds, and, where abundant, scenting the air for a considerable distance with its grateful odor. Both in the recent and in the dried state it has a pleasant aromatic smell, and a warm, pungent, mint-like taste. It readily imparts its virtues to boiling water. The volatile oil upon which they depend may be separated by distillation, and employed instead of the herb itself. For the chemical nature of the oil, see *Oleum Hedeomæ.*

Medical Properties and Uses. American pennyroyal is a gently stimulant aromatic, and may be given in flatulent colic and sick stomach, or to qualify the action of other medicines. Like most of the aromatic herbs, it possesses the property, when administered in warm infusion, of promoting perspiration, and of exciting the menstrual flux when the system is predisposed to the effort. A large draught of the warm tea is in popular practice often given at bedtime, in recent cases of *suppression* of the *menses*, the feet having been previously bathed in warm water.

HEMIDESMI RADIX. Br. Hemidesmus Root.

(HĔM-Ĭ-DĔS′MĪ RĀ′DĬX.)

"The dried root of Hemidesmus Indicus, R." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Asclepiadaceæ.)

Nunnari, *E.;* Racine de Hemidesmus, *Fr.;* Hemidesmus-Wurzel, *G.;* Indian Sarsaparilla.

Gen. Ch. Corolla rotate. *Filaments* connate at the base, not united above, inserted into the tube of the corolla. *Anthers* cohering separate from the stigma, with twenty pollen-masses. *Stigma* flattish, pointless.

Hemidesmus indicus. R. Brown, *Hort. Kew.* ii. 75; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 543.—*Periploca indica.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1251. This is a climbing plant, with twining, woody, slender stems, and opposite petiolate leaves, which are entire, smooth, shining, and of a firm consistence. The leaves vary much in size and shape, some being linear and acute, others broad-lanceolate, and others again oval or ovate. The flowers are small, green on the outside, purple within, and disposed in axillary racemes. The calyx is five-parted, with acute divisions; the corolla flat, with oblong, pointed divisions. The fruit consists of two long, slender, spreading follicles.

This plant is common over the whole peninsula of Hindostan. The official portion is the root, which has long been used in India as a substitute for sarsaparilla. It is long, slender, tortuous, cylindrical, and little branched, consisting of a ligneous centre, and a brownish, corky bark, marked with longitudinal furrows and transverse fissures. The microscopic characters

of this root are curious and of much interest to the structural botanist. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 62.) It has an aromatic odor and a bitter taste. Mr. Garden obtained from it a peculiar, volatilizable acid principle, which he named *smilasperic acid*, under the erroneous impression that the root was derived from *Smilax aspera*. Pereira proposed to call it *hemidesmic acid*. Scott (*Chem. Gazette*, 1843, p. 378) also obtained a stearopten by distillation with water, presumably the same material. It has not been further investigated.

Medical Properties and Uses. Indian sarsaparilla is said to be tonic, diuretic, and alterative. It was introduced into Great Britain from India, and was employed for some time under the name of *smilax aspera*. It is used for the same purposes as sarsaparilla. In some instances it is said to have proved successful in syphilis when that medicine had failed; but it cannot be relied on. The native practitioners in India are said to employ it in nephritic complaints, and in the sore mouth of children. It is used in the form of infusion or decoction, made in the proportion of two ounces of the root to a pint of water. A pint may be given in wineglassful doses in the course of the day. A syrup is directed in the British Pharmacopœia.

HIRUDO. Br. The Leech.

(HI-RŪ'DŌ.)

"Sanguisuga medicinalis (Savigny), the Speckled Leech; and S. officinalis (Sav.), the Green Leech." *Br.*

Hirudines, *P. G.;* Sangsue, *Fr.;* Blutegel, *G.;* Mignatta, *It.;* Sanguijuela, *Sp.*

HIRUDO. *Class* 1, Annelides. *Order* 3, Abranchiatæ. *Family* 2, Asetigeræ. *Cuvier.*

The leech belongs to that class of invertebrated articulated animals called *Annelides*. This class contains the worms with red blood, having soft retractile bodies composed of numerous segments or rings, breathing generally by means of branchiæ, with a nervous system consisting in a double knotted cord, destitute of feet, and supplying their place by the contractile power of their segments or rings. The third order of this class—*Abranchiatæ*—comprehends those worms which have no apparent external organ of respiration. This order is again divided into two families, to the second of which—the *Asetigeræ*, or those not having setæ to enable them to crawl—the leech belongs.

It is an aquatic worm with a flattened body, tapering towards each end, and terminating in circular flattened disks, the hinder one being the larger of the two. It swims with a vertical undulating motion, and moves when out of the water by means of these disks or suckers, fastening itself first by one and then by the other, and alternately stretching out and contracting its body. The mouth is placed in the centre of the anterior disk, and is furnished with three cartilaginous lens-shaped jaws at the entrance of the alimentary canal. These jaws are lined at their edges with fine sharp teeth, and meet so as to make a triangular incision in the flesh. The head is furnished with small raised points, supposed by some to be eyes. Respiration is carried on through small apertures ranged along the inferior surface. The nervous system consists of a cord extending the whole length, furnished with numerous ganglions. The intestinal canal is straight, and terminates in the anus, near the posterior disk. Although hermaphrodite, leeches mutually impregnate each other. They are oviparous; and the eggs, varying from six to fifteen, are contained in a sort of spongy, slimy cocoon, from half an inch to an inch in diameter. These are deposited near the edge of the water, and hatched by the heat of the sun. The leech is torpid during the winter, and casts off from time to time a thick slimy coating from its skin. It can live a considerable time in sphagnous moss or in moistened earth, and is frequently transported in this manner to great distances.

Savigny has divided the genus Hirudo of Linnæus into several genera. The true leech is the Sanguisuga of this author, and is characterized by its three lenticular jaws, each armed with two rows of teeth, and by having ten ocular points. Several species are used for medical purposes, of which the most common are the gray and the green leech of Europe, both of which are varieties of the *Hirudo medicinalis* of Linnæus; and the *Hirudo decora* of this country.

1. *Hirudo medicinalis.* Linn. *Ed. Gmel.* i. 3095.—*Sanguisuga officinalis.* Savigny, *Mon. Hir.* p. 112, t. 5, f. 1. *The green leech.—Sanguisuga medicinalis.* Savigny, *Mon. Hir.* p. 114, t. 5, f. 2. *The gray leech.* Many of the best zoologists regard the *Sanguisuga officinalis* and *S. medicinalis* of Savigny as mere varieties. They are both marked with six longitudinal dorsal ferruginous stripes, the four lateral ones being interrupted or tessellated with black spots. The color of the black varies from a blackish to a grayish green. The belly in the first variety is

of a yellowish-green color, free from spots, and bordered with longitudinal black stripes. In the second it is of a green color, bordered and maculated with black. This leech varies from two to four inches in length. It inhabits marshes and running streams, and is abundant throughout Europe.*

The great use made of leeches in the modern practice of medicine has occasioned them to become a considerable article of commerce. They are collected in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, and Sweden, and carried in large numbers to London and Paris. They are also frequently brought to this country, as the practitioners in some of our large cities use only the foreign leech, although our own waters furnish an inexhaustible supply of this useful worm.† The indigenous leech was formerly much used in the city of Philadelphia.

2. *Hirudo decora.* Say, *Colonel Long's Second Expedition*, ii. 268. The medicinal leech of America has been described by Say under the name of *Hirudo decora*, in the Appendix to the Second Expedition of Colonel Long. Its back is of a deep pistachio-green color, with three longitudinal rows of square spots. These spots are placed on every fifth ring, and are twenty-two in number. The lateral rows of spots are black, and the middle range of a light brownish-orange color. The belly is of the latter color, variously and irregularly spotted with black. The American leech sometimes attains the length of four or five inches, although its usual length is from two to three. It does not make so large and deep an incision as the European leech, and draws less blood.

The proper preservation of leeches is an object of importance to the practitioner, as they are liable to a great and sudden mortality. They are usually kept in jars, in clear, soft water, which should be changed twice a week in winter and every other day in summer. The jar must be covered with a linen cloth, and placed in a situation not liable to sudden changes of temperature. They will live a long time and continue active and healthy without any other attention than that of frequently changing the water in which they are kept. M. Derheims has proposed the following excellent method of preserving them. In the bottom of a large basin or trough of marble he places a bed, six or seven inches deep, of a mixture of moss, turf, and fragments of wood. He strews pebbles above, so as to retain them in their place without compressing them too much or preventing the water from freely penetrating them. At one end of the trough, and about midway of its height, is placed a thin slab of marble or earthenware, pierced with numerous holes, and covered with a bed of moss, which is compressed by a thick layer of pebbles. The reservoir being thus disposed is half filled with water, so that the moss and pebbles on the shelf shall be kept constantly moist. The basin is protected from the light by a linen cover stretched over it. By this arrangement the natural habits of the leech are not counteracted. One of these habits, essential to its health, is that of drawing itself through the moss and roots to clear its body from the slimy coat which forms on its skin and is a principal cause of its disease and death. Mr. James Banes recommends that when kept in jars they should be cleansed by means of a whisk of very fine broom or willow, when the water is changed. M. Lahache, an apothecary at Bruyères, strongly recommends carrageen, or Irish moss (*Chondrus crispus*), as admirably adapted to the habits and wants of the leech, furnishing the animal, he supposes, with nutriment, as it does not die of inani-

* A variety of the leech has come into use in Europe, called in commerce *African leeches.* They are of a beautiful light-green color, varying to a deep green, and often inclining to red, with black points on the back, and broad streaks of a bright orange-yellow, which are black towards the abdomen. They correspond perfectly with the *Sanguisuga interrupta* of Moquin-Tandon. These leeches draw very well. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 38.) The leeches from Algiers, called in French commerce *dragons* (*Sanguisuga troctena* of Moquin-Tandon), of which considerable numbers have been taken to France, are said by M. A. de Quatrefages, contrary to former opinion, to be quite equal to the European. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxiii.) It is stated (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1867) that great numbers of leeches are collected in Australia and sent to Melbourne, whence a large proportion are exported to Europe and America, chiefly to London and Paris in the former continent, and San Francisco, Panama, and New York in the latter. It is estimated that two or three millions annually pass through the hands of the Murray River Fishing Company. The leech is said (*Ibid.*, March, 1865) to abound in almost every river and lagoon in Australia, and to differ from the ordinary English leech only in that the olive streaks are much lighter in the former. They are collected by throwing into the water a fresh sheepskin, to which they attach themselves. They bear transportation wonderfully well. In Hindostan and the island of Ceylon, where the varieties of leeches are said to be more numerous than in any other part of the world, it is stated by Mr. P. L. Simmonds that the propagation of the kind used in medicine is carefully kept secret. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1870.)

† Attempts have been made, in France, on a large scale, to propagate leeches for sale. This is done by means of natural meadows, in which numerous small ponds are made, where the leeches, with certain cautions as to nourishment and preservation, multiply and grow so rapidly as to become a source of profit. In order that they may propagate, it is necessary that they should be fed on blood, which is given them either by causing animals, as horses, cows, etc., to be driven into the meadows, or by obtaining blood from slaughter-houses, and, after depriving it of fibrin by agitation, immersing the animals for a time in it while yet warm. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Jan. and Mai, 1854).

tion when thus kept. The water should be renewed in the jars daily. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 128.) Mr. Alfred Allchin keeps them in aquaria with growing water-plants and snails, which keep the water pure.* (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 222.)

Medical Uses. Leeches afford the least painful and in many instances the most effectual means for the local abstraction of blood. They are often applicable to parts which, either from their situation or from their great tenderness when inflamed, do not admit of the use of cups, and in the case of infants are under all circumstances preferable to that instrument. They are indeed a powerful therapeutic agent, and give to the physician, in many instances, a control over disease which he could obtain in no other way.

In applying leeches to the skin, care should be taken to shave off the hair, if there be any, and to have the part well cleansed with soap and water, and afterwards with pure water. If the leech does not bite readily, the skin should be moistened with a little blood, or milk and water. It is said to bite more freely if the skin have been previously reddened by a sinapism and then washed perfectly clean. Sometimes the leech is put into a large quill open at both ends, and applied with the head to the skin until it fastens itself, when the quill is withdrawn. If it be desirable that the leech shall bite in a particular spot, this end may be attained by cutting a small hole in a piece of blotting-paper, and then applying this moistened to the skin, so that the hole shall be immediately over the spot from which the blood is to be taken. Leeches continue to draw blood until they are gorged, when they drop off.† The quantity of blood which they draw varies with the part to which they are applied, and the degree of inflammation existing in it. From the loose and vascular textures they will abstract more than from those which are firm and compact, and more from an inflamed than from a healthy part. As a rule, our leechers apply six for every fluidounce of blood. A single European leech will draw from half an ounce to an ounce. The quantity may often be much increased by bathing the wound with warm water. Leeches will continue to suck after their tails are cut off, which is sometimes done, although it is a barbarous practice.‡ It is said that they will draw better if put into cold beer, or diluted wine, and allowed to remain until they become very lively. They may be separated from the skin at any time by sprinkling a little salt upon them. After they drop off, the same application will make them disgorge the blood they have swallowed. Some leechers draw the leeches from the tail to the head through their fingers, and thus squeeze out the blood, after which all that is necessary is to put them in clean water, and change it frequently.§ Leeches which are gorged with blood should be kept in a vessel by themselves, as they are

* For other methods of keeping leeches, also for raising them, see *U. S. D.*, 14th ed., p. 472.

† As a very efficient mode of applying leeches, it is recommended, after having moistened the skin with pure warm water, to put the leeches into a tumbler half full of cold water, and by an adroit movement invert it upon the part. The leeches are said to attach themselves so rapidly that it seems to the patient as though they made but a single bite. When they are all attached, the glass is to be carefully removed, the water being absorbed, as it runs off on one side, by a sponge or linen cloths.

‡ Under the name of *bdellatomy*, a practice has been introduced into Germany, of making a small incision in the side of the leech while drawing. The blood escapes through the wound, and the animal will continue to suck for a long time, so that one will perform the office of many in the quantity of blood taken.

§ MM. Soubeiran and Bouchardat, after numerous experiments upon the different modes of fitting the gorged leeches for use again, came to the conclusion that a carefully managed pressure is the best. Two conditions, however, are necessary to success; one that they should be disposed to disgorge the blood, and the other that they should be immersed in warm water previously to the stripping. The first object is effected by common salt. The following plan is recommended. The leeches are to be thrown into a solution of 16 parts of common salt in 100 of water, from which they are to be taken out one by one, and, being held by the tail, are to be dipped into water which feels hot to the hand, but yet can be borne by it, and then passed lightly between the fingers. Thus treated, they easily give up the blood. After being stripped, they should be placed in vessels containing fresh water, which should be renewed once a day. At the end of eight or ten days they are fit for reapplication. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xi. 343 and 350.) It is said that in the French military hospitals a mixture of one part of vinegar with eight parts of water is preferred to salt water for promoting disgorgement. (*Lond. Med. Times and Gaz.*, Oct. 1856, p. 375.) It has been stated that if the leeches, after being stripped, be put into water sweetened with a little white sugar, and the solution be renewed several times, at intervals of six or twelve hours, they will speedily recover their activity, and may be reapplied two or three times in the course of a few days. Immersion in camphor water for a few moments is said by Mr. Boyce to cause them to vomit the blood. They should afterwards be put into clean water, to be changed in half an hour. Dr. Frodsham, of England, has found camphor water preferable to either salt water or diluted vinegar, for disposing the gorged leech to part with blood. M. Grannat, a French military pharmaceutist, has found the natural process of disgorging preferable to all others. He placed some gorged leeches in wooden tubs containing at the bottoms a little clay and water, and renewed the water every forty-eight hours. After eight days, the leeches, now in good health, were transferred to a pond prepared for the purpose, where they propagated. He put 1000 leeches in the pond, and at the end of a year had taken out 850 fit for service, without interfering with the reproduction. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xx. 186.) M. Vayson's plan of preserving leeches has been highly recommended. It consists simply in putting them, after stripping, if they have been used, in an earthenware vessel of the shape of an inverted truncated cone, with holes in the bottom so small as to prevent the escape of the leech, and filled with turfy earth. After the introduction of the leech, the opening is to be closed with a coarse cloth. The vessel is then placed in a tub containing water four inches deep. If to be sent to a distance, the earth in the vessel should be moistened throughout.

more subject to disease, and often occasion a great mortality among the others. They should not be again used until they have recovered their activity. In cases where the bleeding from leech-bites continues longer than is desirable, it may be stopped by continued pressure, with the application of lint, by the use of collodium, or by touching the wounds with lunar caustic. A little cotton, impregnated with a saturated solution of alum in boiling-hot water, and, after it has become sufficiently cool, but before the alum has begun to crystallize, pressed upon the wound, will often prove effectual. Another mode of repressing the hemorrhage is to press upon the bite a piece of thin caoutchouc, previously softened upon one side by heat, so as to become adhesive. If lunar caustic be applied, the stick must first be brought to a fine point, which is to be inserted in the wound. Some have even recommended the use of a fine wire made red hot. When the part wounded is without a bony basis, pressure may be made by pinching the wound between the fingers. It may sometimes be necessary, in the case of a deep bite, to sew the wound, which is readily done with a single stitch of the needle, that need not penetrate deeper than the cutis.*

HOMATROPINÆ HYDROBROMAS. Br. Hydrobromate of Homatropine.

$C_{16}H_{21}NO_3HBr$. (HŌ-MĂT-RŌ-PĪ′NÆ HŸ-DRŌ-BRŌ′MĂS.)

"The hydrobromate of an alkaloid, prepared from tropine." *Br.*

This alkaloidal salt was first admitted to the British Pharmacopœia in the additions of 1890. Homatropine, $C_{16}H_{21}NO_3$, is prepared by evaporating a mixture of tropine, $C_8H_{15}NO$ (obtained through the saponification of hyoscyamine), and *mandelic acid*, $C_6H_5.CH(OH)COOH$, with diluted hydrochloric acid; mandelic acid may be produced by acting on amygdalin with hydrochloric acid, or synthetically from benzaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide.

The most useful salt is the hydrobromate, which is officially described as follows: "A white crystalline powder or aggregation of minute prismatic crystals, soluble in six parts of cold water, and in one hundred and thirty-three of ethylic alcohol. The dilute aqueous solution powerfully dilates the pupil of the eye. Heated on platinum foil it fuses and burns without leaving an appreciable residue. If two minims of chloroform be shaken with ten minims of a 10 per cent. aqueous solution, and chlorine water be cautiously added, the chloroform will assume a brownish color. A 2 per cent. aqueous solution is not precipitated by the cautious addition of solution of ammonia previously diluted with twice its volume of water. About a tenth of a grain moistened with two minims of nitric acid and evaporated to dryness on the water-bath yields a residue which is colored yellow by an alcoholic solution of potash. If about a tenth of a grain be dissolved in a little water, and the solution be made alkaline with ammonia and shaken with chloroform, the separated chloroform will leave on evaporation a residue which will turn yellow, and finally brick-red when warmed with about fifteen minims of a solution of two grains of perchloride of mercury in a hundred minims of proof spirit." *Br.*

Medical Properties. Homatropine is stated to produce, when taken internally, symptoms somewhat similar to those caused by atropine, except that the pulse-rate is rendered more slow instead of more rapid. Experiments made upon the reptilian heart indicate that the slowness of the pulse and the fall of the arterial pressure which has been found to accompany it are due in large part or altogether to direct action upon the heart itself. No cases of fatal poisoning are, so far as we know, on record; but in experiments made upon the lower animals death has been found to be due to a centric respiratory paralysis.

Homatropine hydrobromate has not been used internally to any extent, but is largely employed as a local mydriatic, having the advantage over atropine of being much less irritating to the conjunctiva and much less prone to produce serious systemic disturbance. The pupil begins to dilate in from seven to twenty minutes after the instillation; accommodation fails in from forty to ninety minutes; whilst usually the recovery is complete in from one to three days. For simple dilatation of the pupil, a solution of the strength of four grains to the ounce is sufficient. When it is desired to paralyze accommodation completely, the 2-per-cent. solution may be employed. The internal dose directed by the Br. Pharm. is from one-eightieth to one-twentieth of a grain (0·0008–0·0032 Gm.).

* An instrument has been invented called the *mechanical leech*, by which the attempt has been made to imitate the action of the leech in drawing blood. It consists essentially of two parts, one for making the puncture, and the other for abstracting blood through the agency of atmospheric pressure. In other words, it is a minute cupping instrument. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, xvi. 207.)

HORDEUM DECORTICATUM. Br. Pearl Barley.

(HÖR'DĘ-ŬM DĘ-CÖR-TĮ-CĀ'TŬM.)

"The dried seed of Hordeum distichon, Linn., divested of its integuments. From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Graminaceæ.)

Hordeum, *U. S.* 1870; Hordeum Perlatum; Orge perlé, Orge, *Fr.;* Perlgerste, Perlgraupen, Gerstengraupen, *G.;* Orzo, *It.;* Cebada, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx lateral, two-valved, one-flowered, three-fold. *Willd.*

Several species of Hordeum are cultivated in different parts of the world. The most common are *H. vulgare* and *H. distichon*, both of which have been introduced into the United States.

1. *Hordeum vulgare.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 472. The culm or stalk of common barley is from two to four feet in height, fistular, and furnished with alternate, sheathing, lanceolate, roughish, and pointed leaves. The flowers are all perfect, and arranged in a close terminal spike, the axis of which is dentate, and on each tooth supports three sessile flowers. The calyx or outer chaff has two valves. The corolla or inner chaff is also composed of two valves, of which the interior is larger than the other, and terminates in a long, rough, serrated awn or beard. The seeds are arranged in four rows.

2. *H. distichon.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 473. This species is distinguished by its flat spike or ear, which on each flat side has a double row of imperfect or male florets without beards, and on each edge a single row of bearded perfect or hermaphrodite florets. The seeds, therefore, are in two rows, as indicated by the specific name of the plant.

The original country of the cultivated barley is unknown. The plant has been found growing wild in Sicily and in various parts of the interior of Asia. *H. vulgare* is said by Pursh to grow in some parts of the United States, apparently in a wild state. The seeds are used in various forms.

1. In their natural state they are oval, oblong, pointed at one end, obtuse at the other, marked with a longitudinal furrow, of a yellowish color externally, white within, having a faint odor when in mass, and a mild sweetish taste. Careful analyses of barley have been made, which agree in the main, though differing in some details, especially as to whether any sugar exists in the barley before malting.

Pillitz found (*Zeit. für Anal. Chem.*, 1872) in the dry barley 14·3 per cent. of insoluble albuminates, 2·1 per cent. of soluble albuminates, 62·6 per cent. of starch, 1·9 per cent. of dextrin, 2·7 per cent. of sugar, 1·7 per cent. of extractive material, 3·1 per cent. of fat, 1·4 per cent. of soluble ash, 1·2 per cent. of insoluble ash, and 8·9 per cent. of lignin. The presence of sugar seems to have been shown by Kühnemann (*Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1875 and 1876), who found a crystallized dextrogyrate sugar which did not reduce alkaline copper solution, and an amorphous lævogyrate mucilaginous substance called *sinistrin.* According to Kühnemann, barley does not contain dextrin.

Clifford Richardson (*Bulletin No. 9, Department of Agriculture*, 1886) gives the following as the average composition of American barley: water, 6·47 per cent.; ash, 2·87; oil, 2·67; sugar, etc., 7·02; dextrin and soluble starch, 3·55; starch, 62·09; albuminoids soluble in 80-per-cent. alcohol, 3·66; albuminoids insoluble in 80-per-cent. alcohol, 7·86; fibre, 3·81: total, 100·00. He finds, moreover, that on an average the grain makes up 84·78 per cent. and the hull 15·22 per cent. of the barley.

2. *Malt* consists of the seeds made to germinate by warmth and moisture, and then baked so as to deprive them of vitality. It is in the form of malt that barley is so largely consumed in the manufacture of malt liquors. (See *Maltum*, Part II.) An interesting substance, called *diastase*, was discovered by MM. Payen and Persoz in the seeds of barley, oats, and wheat, and in the potato. It is found, however, only after germination, in which process the production of it appears to be the first step. Germinated barley seldom contains it in larger proportion than two parts in a thousand. It is obtained by bruising freshly germinated barley, adding about half its weight of water, expressing strongly, treating the viscid liquid thus obtained with sufficient alcohol to destroy its viscidity, then separating the coagulated albumen, and adding a fresh portion of alcohol, which precipitates the diastase in an impure state. To render it pure, it must be redissolved as often as three times in water, and precipitated by alcohol. For an account of the mode of preparing diastase from malt, recommended by M. Perrot, see the *Journal de Pharmacie*, Juillet, 1874, p. 43. It is solid, white, tasteless, soluble in water and weak alcohol, but insoluble in the latter fluid when concentrated. Though without action

upon gum and sugar, it has the extraordinary property, when mixed, in the proportion of only one part to 2000, with starch suspended in water, and maintained at a temperature of about 71·1° C. (160° F.), of converting that principle into dextrin and *maltose*. This latter is a variety of sugar produced only by this action of malt. It was first recognized by Dubrunfaut, but has been more thoroughly studied by O'Sullivan and by Schulze. Its formula is $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O$; the molecule of water of crystallization it loses at 100°–110° C. (or, as Richter proposes, it may have the formula $C_{18}H_{34}O_{17}$). O'Sullivan explains the action of diastase upon starch by the following reactions:

At 63° C.—$C_{18}H_{30}O_{15} + H_2O = C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + C_6H_{10}O_5$.

" 64°–70° C.—$2(C_{18}H_{30}O_{15}) + H_2O = C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + 4(C_6H_{10}O_5)$.

" 70° C.—$4(C_{18}H_{30}O_{15}) + H_2O = C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + 10(C_6H_{10}O_5)$. (*Chem. Soc. Journ.*, 10, p. 597.)

The crystals of maltose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O$, are soluble in water and alcohol, they reduce Fehling's solution, and, according to O'Sullivan, are equal to 63·9–65·5 per cent. of dextrose, but, according to Schulze, they are equal to 66–67 per cent. of dextrose, and show a specific rotatory power of $[a] = 150°$ to the right. The whole of the starch undergoes this change, except the teguments of the granules, amounting to about 4 parts in 1000. The change which barley undergoes during germination, and in malting, is of a similar character. The purity of diastase may be tested by mixing 0·05 part of it with 200 parts of paste containing 10 parts of starch; after standing, the resulting liquid should filter rapidly, and decolorize five times its volume of Fehling's solution. The name of *maltine* has been given to the diastase of malt; and this principle has been found identical with the salivary ferment in its action on alimentary substances. Indeed, according to M. Contara, the two ferments, vegetable and animal, appear to be identical, not only in the action referred to, but in their chemical and physical properties; and consequently there is but one diastase, whether vegetable or animal. (*Arch. Gén.*, Avril, 1870, p. 501.)

Besides the diastase a second soluble ferment is formed during the malting process, the so-called *peptase*, which in the mashing process changes the proteids of the malt into peptones and parapeptones, which give nutritive value to the beer obtained from malt. (For a fuller account of the composition and functions of malt, see Sadtler's *Industrial Organic Chemistry*, p. 179 *et seq.*)

3. *Hulled barley* is merely the grain deprived of its husk, which, according to Einhoff, amounts to 18·75 parts in the hundred.*

4. *Barley meal* is formed by grinding the seeds, previously deprived of their husk. It has a grayish-white color, and contains, according to Fourcroy and Vauquelin, an oleaginous substance, sugar, starch, nitrogenous matter, acetic acid, calcium and magnesium phosphates, silica, and iron. It may be made into a coarse, heavy, hard bread, which in some countries is much used for food.

5. *Pearl barley* (*hordeum perlatum*) is the seed deprived of all its investments and afterwards rounded and polished in a mill. It is in small round or oval grains, having the remains of the longitudinal furrow of the seeds, and of a pearly whiteness. It is wholly destitute of hordein, and abounds in starch, with some gluten, sugar, and gum. This is the proper form of barley for medicinal use.

Medical Properties. Barley is one of the mildest and least irritating of farinaceous substances, and, though not medically used in its solid state, forms, by decoction with water, a drink admirably adapted to febrile and inflammatory complaints, and much employed from the time of Hippocrates to the present. Pearl barley is the form usually preferred for the preparation of the decoction, made by pouring four pints of boiling water on two troyounces of pearl barley and boiling away to two pints, and straining. Malt affords a liquor more demulcent and nutritious, and the decoction of malt may be prepared by boiling from two to four ounces in a quart of water and straining. When hops are added, the decoction takes the name of wort, and acquires tonic properties, which render it useful in debility.

* M. Lemoine, a French pharmaceutist, proposes a chemical method of decorticating barley and other seeds. Putting 100 parts of the seeds into a wooden vessel, he pours upon them 15 parts of sulphuric acid, stirs the mixture for 15 or 20 minutes, applying in the case of barley a gentle heat, then adds 50 parts of water, which he decants after a very few moments of constant agitation. After sufficient washing, and the neutralization of the last remains of acid by solution of sodium or potassium carbonate, he puts the grain upon a piece of cloth with large meshes stretched upon a frame, where he allows it to drain for about an hour, then transfers it to a similar cloth, and exposes it to a current of air for several days to dry. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1863, p. 223.)

HUMULUS. U. S. (Br.) Hops.

(HŪ'MŬ-LŬS.)

"The strobiles of Humulus Lupulus, Linné (nat. ord. Urticaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried strobiles of Humulus Lupulus, Linn., from plants cultivated in England." *Br.*

Lupulus, *Br.;* Hop; Strobili Humuli, s. Lupuli; Hop; Houblon, *Fr.;* Hopfen, *G.;* Luppolo, *It.;* Lupulo, Hombrecillo, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-leaved. *Corolla* none. FEMALE. *Calyx* one-leafed, obliquely spreading, entire. *Corolla* none. *Styles* two. *Seed* one, within a leafy calyx. *Willd.*

Humulus lupulus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 769; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* iii. 163. The root of the hop is perennial, and sends up numerous annual, angular, rough, flexible stems, which twine around neighboring objects in a spiral direction from left to right, and climb to a great height. The leaves are opposite, and stand upon long footstalks. The smaller are sometimes cordate; the larger have three or five lobes; all are serrate, of a deep green color on the upper surface, and, together with the petioles, extremely rough, with minute prickles. At the base of the footstalks are two or four smooth, ovate, reflexed stipules. The flowers are numerous, axillary, and furnished with bracts. The male flowers are a yellowish white, and arranged in panicles; the female, which grow on a separate plant, are pale green, and disposed in solitary, peduncled aments, composed of membranous scales, ovate, acute, and tubular at the base. Each scale bears near its base, on its inner surface, two flowers, consisting of a roundish compressed germ, and two styles, with long filiform stigmas. The aments are converted into ovate membranous cones or strobiles, the scales of which contain, each, at its base, two small seeds, surrounded by a yellow, granular powder.

The hop is a native of North America and Europe. It is occasionally found growing wild in the Eastern States, and, according to Mr. Nuttall, is abundant on the banks of the Mississippi and the Missouri. In parts of New England, New York, and Michigan, it is extensively cultivated, and most of the hops consumed in the United States are supplied by those districts. The part of the plant used is the fruit or strobiles. These when fully ripe are picked, dried by artificial heat, packed in bales, and sent into the market under the name of hops.

Hops consist of numerous thin, translucent, veined, leaf-like scales, which are of a pale greenish-yellow color, and contain near the base two small, round, black seeds. They are officially described as "ovate, about 3 Cm. long, consisting of a thin, hairy, undulated axis, and many obliquely ovate, membranous scales, in the upper part reticulately veined, and towards the base parallel-veined, glandular, and surrounding a subglobular achene; color of the scales greenish, free from reddish or brownish spots; odor aromatic; taste bitter, aromatic, and slightly astringent." *U. S.* Though brittle when quite dry, they are pulverized with great difficulty. Their odor is strong, peculiar, somewhat narcotic, and fragrant; their taste very bitter, aromatic, and slightly astringent. Their aroma, bitterness, and astringency are imparted to water by decoction; but the first-mentioned property is dissipated by long boiling. The most active part of hops is a substance formed on the surface of the scales, and, in the dried fruit, existing in the state of very small granules. This substance was called *lupulin* by the late Dr. A. W. Ives, of New York, by whom its properties were first investigated and made generally known; though it was previously noticed by Sir J. E. Smith, of England, and M. Planche, of France. The scales themselves, however, are not destitute of virtues, and contain, as shown by MM. Payen and Chevallier, the same active principles as does lupulin, though in less proportion.*

* Hops are often subjected in Germany to the fumes of burning sulphur, from the supposition that they keep better when thus treated. Besides, by being partially bleached by the process, old hops, which have suffered from time, having become darker, generally spotted, and weaker, assume a brighter appearance, as if fresher, and generally command a better price in the market. To detect the consequent presence of sulphurous acid, the brewers put a silver spoon in a mixture of hops and water, under the impression that it will produce a black stain upon the silver. But this test will answer only when applied within a fortnight after the use of the sulphur. A more delicate method is that of Dr. Heidenreich, who puts 20 or 30 cones of the hops in a flask with zinc and hydrochloric acid, and passes the hydrogen evolved through solution of lead acetate. If sulphurous acid be present, hydrogen sulphide will be produced, which will occasion a dark precipitate with the solution. But even this plan often fails when the hops have been kept more than three or four weeks. A modification of this test has been proposed by Dr. R. Wagner. For the solution of lead acetate used in Heidenreich's method there is to be substituted a solution of sodium nitroprusside, so weak as to have a very light brown color, to which have been added a few drops of solution of potassa. If the gas evolved contain the minutest proportion of sulphur, a violet color will be produced when the first bubble passes into the solution; and this will by a continuance of the process become a magnificent purple. The least trace of sulphurous acid may thus be found; but a few months after the sulphuring of hops none at all can be detected.

Hops are said to be sometimes threshed in order to separate the lupulin, which is sold separately. Their efficiency is thus, no doubt, greatly impaired. Hops thus treated have the scales more or less broken; and any parcel present-

LUPULINUM. *U. S. Lupulin.* Although lupulin is official (see *Lupulinum*), its characteristics are described here in order that the constituents of hops may be all considered together. Lupulin is obtained by rubbing or threshing and sifting the strobiles, of which it constitutes from one-sixth to one-tenth by weight. It is in the state of a yellowish powder, mixed with minute particles of the scales, from which it cannot be entirely freed when procured by a mechanical process. It has the peculiar flavor of hops, and appeared to MM. Lebaillif and Raspail, when examined by the microscope, to consist of globules filled with a yellow matter, resembling in this respect the pollen of vegetables; but from the investigations of M. Personne it would seem to be of the nature of a gland, commencing in a cell formed among those of the epidermis, and, when fully developed, secreting a resinous matter. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxvi.) It is inflammable, and when moderately heated becomes somewhat adhesive. The odor of lupulinic grains resides in the essential oil. This is obtained to the extent of 0·9 per cent. by distilling hops with water. Personne stated that it contained *valerol*, $C_6H_{10}O$, which passes into valerianic acid; the latter in fact occurs in the glands, yet, according to Mehn, only to the extent of 0·1 to 0·17 per cent. When distilled from the fresh strobiles the oil has a greenish color, but a reddish brown when old hops have been employed. It is devoid of rotatory power, neutral to litmus paper, and gives no remarkable coloration with concentrated sulphuric acid. The oil consists of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 175° C., and an oil, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, boiling at 210° C. The bitter principle formerly called *lupulin* or *lupulite* was first isolated by Lermer (*Journ. für pr. Chem.*, 101), who called it the *bitter acid of hops* (*Hopfenbittersäure*). It crystallizes in large brittle rhombic prisms, and possesses the peculiar bitter taste of beer. Its composition is $C_{32}H_{50}O_7$. The main contents of the hop gland consist of wax (*myricyl palmitate* according to Lermer) and resins, one of which is crystalline and unites with bases. Besides the constituents of the glands, hops contain, according to Etti, *lupulo-tannic acid* and *phlobaphene*. The former is a whitish, amorphous mass, soluble in alcohol, hot water, or acetic ether, not in ether. By heating the humulo-tannic acid to 130° C., or by boiling its aqueous or alcoholic solution, it gives off water and is transformed into phlobaphene, a dark-red amorphous substance, $(C_{25}H_{24}O_{13})_2 - H_2O = C_{50}H_{46}O_{25}$. The latter substance, on boiling it with dilute mineral acids, again loses water, and furnishes glucose and *hop-red*, according to the reaction $C_{50}H_{46}O_{25} + 2H_2O = C_{38}H_{26}O_{15} + 2C_6H_{12}O_6$. From raw phlobaphene, ether removes the bitter principles of hops, a colorless crystallizable and a brown amorphous resin, besides chlorophyll and essential oil. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed.) The existence of a peculiar alkaloid in hops, suggested by Lermer in 1863, has been determined by Griessmayer. A concentrated decoction of hops was distilled with potassa or magnesia, the distillate neutralized with hydrochloric acid, evaporated to dryness, and treated with cold absolute alcohol to remove ammonium chloride; the alcoholic liquid was heated to boiling and cooled, when much trimethylamine chloride crystallized. The residuary liquid was filtered, the filtrate evaporated, first by a water-bath and then spontaneously, the residue was redissolved in water in a narrow cylinder, agitated with potassa and ether, and the ethereal liquid allowed to evaporate spontaneously. The remaining alkaline liquid had a peculiar odor recalling that of coniine, and a cooling but not bitter taste. It soon exhibited small crystals, and finally solidified completely. The author supposed that these crystals were impurities, and that the pure alkaloid is liquid or gaseous. He proposes for it the name of *lupuline*. (*A. J. P.*, 1874.) Lastly, Etti found arabic (pectic) acid, phosphates, nitrates, malates, citrates, and also sulphates, chiefly of potassium, to occur in hops. The amount of ash afforded by hops dried at 100° C. would appear to be on an average about 6–7 per cent. Dr. H. Bungener has isolated from hops a bitter crystalline substance, $C_{25}H_{35}O_4$, which is insoluble in water, but soluble in alcohol and alkaline solutions. He believes it to be identical with Lermer's hop bitter acid, to be feebly acid, and to possess the character of an aldehyde. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Hops are tonic and slightly narcotic, and have been highly recommended in diseases of general or local debility, associated with morbid vigilance or other nervous derangement. Diuretic properties have also been ascribed to them. The complaints in which they have been used are dyspepsia, and the nervous tremors, wakefulness, and delirium of drunkards.

An *infusion* prepared with half an ounce of hops and a pint of boiling water may be given

ing this appearance is to be suspected. Hops often contain a variable quantity of lupulin, in consequence of the granules of this substance separating, especially on agitation, and seeking the lower portion of the mass, which thus becomes richer, while the upper is poorer. They should always be examined in reference to the lupulin they contain, and, if nearly or quite destitute of it, should be deemed of inferior value and not be used medicinally.

in the dose of two fluidounces (60 C.c.) three or four times a day. The tincture is now the only official preparation of hops, but the alcohol probably acts more decidedly upon the system than the hops. (See *Tinctura Humuli.*) A pillow of hops has proved useful in allaying restlessness and producing sleep in nervous disorders. They should be moistened with water containing a trace of glycerin previously to being placed under the head of the patient, in order to prevent rustling. Fomentations with hops, and cataplasms made by mixing them with some emollient substance, are often beneficial in local pains and tumefactions.

The effects of hops may be obtained most conveniently by the use of *lupulin*, though Dr. Fronmüller, having after two trials with it obtained no soporific effect, denies it a place among the narcotics with hypnotic properties. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, April, 1867, pp. 526–7.) Lupulin is a very feeble antaphrodisiac, and was formerly used as such in irritated conditions of the genito-urinary apparatus, also in irritable bladder. The dose of lupulin is from six to twelve grains (0·4–0·8 Gm.), given in capsules or in pills, which may be made by simply rubbing the powder in a warm mortar till it acquires the consistence of a ductile mass, and then moulding it into the proper shape.* Lupulin may be incorporated with poultices, or formed into an ointment with lard, and used externally for the same purposes as hops.

HYDRARGYRI CHLORIDUM CORROSIVUM. U. S. (Br.) Corrosive Mercuric Chloride. [Corrosive Chloride of Mercury. Corrosive Sublimate.]

$HgCl_2$; 270·54. (HĬ-DRĂR′ĢĮ-RĪ ĊHLŌ′RĮ-DŬM CŎR-RŌ-SĪ′VŬM.) $HgCl_2$; 270·5.

Hydrargyri Perchloridum, *Br.;* Hydrargyrum Bichloratum Corrosivum, *P. G.;* Sublimatus Corrosivus, Chloruretum (Chloretum) Hydrargyricum, Hydrargyrum Corrosivum Sublimatum, Hydrargyri Bichloridum; Corrosive Chloride of Mercury, Perchloride of Mercury, Bichloride of Mercury; Deuto-chlorure de Mercure, Sublimé corrosif, Chlorure mercurique, *Fr.;* Aetzendes Quecksilberchlorid, Aetzender Quecksilbersublimat, *G.*

A formula for this salt has been very properly omitted from the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The process of 1870 will be found in the foot-note.†

"Take of Persulphate of Mercury *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Chloride of Sodium, dried, *sixteen ounces* [av.]; Black Oxide of Manganese, in fine powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Reduce the Persulphate of Mercury and the Chloride of Sodium each to fine powder, and, having mixed them and the Oxide of Manganese thoroughly by trituration in a mortar, put the mixture into an apparatus adapted for sublimation, and apply sufficient heat to cause vapors of perchloride of mercury to rise into the less heated part of the apparatus which has been arranged for their condensation." *Br.*

In order to understand the above process and that of the U. S. P. 1870, which is the same in principle, it is necessary to premise that corrosive sublimate is mercuric chloride, consisting of two atoms of chlorine and one atom of mercury. By boiling sulphuric acid in excess with mercury to dryness, a white salt (mercuric sulphate) is formed, according to the reaction $2H_2SO_4 + Hg = HgSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$. (See *Hydrargyri Persulphas.*) When this is mixed with sodium chloride (common salt), and the mixture exposed to a subliming heat, a mutual decomposition takes place, according to the reaction $HgSO_4 + (NaCl)_2 = Na_2SO_4 + HgCl_2$. The mercuric chloride thus formed sublimes, and the sodium sulphate remains behind. The quantities for mutual decomposition are two mols. of sodium chloride and one mol. of mercuric sulphate. The British formula differs from that of the U. S. P. 1870 in ordering mercuric sulphate ready formed, instead of preparing it as the first step of the process, and in the use of a small proportion of manganese dioxide, intended to convert into mercuric any mercurous salt that may be in the sulphate, and thus prevent the formation of mercurous chloride. (See *Hydrargyri Persulphas.*)

The names given in the two Pharmacopœias to this important chloride do not exactly correspond. It is called corrosive mercuric chloride in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and perchloride of mercury in the British. We prefer the former, as indicating, beyond any possibility of mistake, the article intended, as well as its corrosive property. Perchloride and subchloride are hardly sufficiently distinctive, when a mistake may be so serious as that of confounding cor-

* Dr. Dyce Duckworth, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, recommends, as the result of his own observation, the aromatic spirit of ammonia as a better solvent of lupulin than any other yet proposed. He offers the following formula: "Lupulin ℥ij, Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia Oj. Macerate for seven days, with occasional agitation, then filter, and add sufficient of the menstruum to make up a pint. The dose of this *Tinctura Lupulinæ Ammoniata* is from ♏xx to f℥j." (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1868.)

† "Take of Mercury *twenty-four troyounces;* Sulphuric Acid *thirty-six troyounces;* Chloride of Sodium *eighteen troyounces.* Boil the Mercury with the Sulphuric Acid, by means of a sand-bath, until a dry white mass is left. Rub this, when cold, with the Chloride of Sodium in an earthenware mortar; then sublime with a gradually increasing heat." *U. S.*

rosive sublimate and calomel. In the first British Pharmacopœia corrosive sublimate was recognized as the official title, which was a sufficient guarantee of security; but, unfortunately, it was deemed proper, immediately after the official title, and in close connection with it, to define the salt as chloride of mercury, in conformity with the view, adopted in that work, of the atomic weight of mercury. With many persons calomel is still the chloride of mercury, so that there is some chance that, should calomel be prescribed by this title, corrosive sublimate may be dispensed for it, with dangerous if not fatal effects to the patient. Indeed, death has at least in one recorded instance occurred in consequence of this confusion of nomenclature; and our official guides should take especial care to guard against such mistakes, instead of contributing to them.

Preparation and Properties. The first step in making corrosive sublimate is to form mercuric sulphate, by heating sulphuric acid and the metal together in an iron pot so arranged as to carry off the unwholesome fumes of sulphurous oxide, which are copiously generated. The dry salt obtained is then mixed with common salt, and the mixture sublimed in an iron pot lined with clay and covered by an inverted earthen pan. The late Dr. A. T. Thomson, of London, took out a patent for forming corrosive sublimate on the large scale, by the direct combination, by combustion, of gaseous chlorine with heated mercury. The product is stated to be perfectly pure, and to be afforded at a lower price than the sublimate made in the usual way. In order that the combination may take place, the mercury need not be heated to its boiling point, but only to a temperature between 149° C. and 204° C. (300° and 400° F.). According to Dr. Maclagan, corrosive sublimate made by this process is liable to the objection that a proportion of calomel is always formed, occasionally amounting to 10 per cent. It may sometimes be useful to know how to make a small quantity of corrosive sublimate on an emergency. This may be done by dissolving mercuric oxide (red precipitate) in hydrochloric acid, evaporating the solution to dryness, dissolving the dry mass in water, and crystallizing. Here a double decomposition takes place, resulting in the formation of water and the chloride.

Corrosive mercuric chloride is officially described as in "heavy, colorless, rhombic crystals, or crystalline masses, odorless, and having an acrid and persistent, metallic taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.) in 16 parts of water, and in 3 parts of alcohol; in 2 parts of boiling water, 1·2 parts of boiling alcohol, 4 parts of ether, and about 14 parts of glycerin. It fuses at 265° C. (509° F.) to a colorless liquid, and at about 300° C. (572° F.) it volatilizes in dense, white vapors, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution reddens blue litmus paper, but becomes neutral to litmus on the addition of sodium chloride. With ammonia water it yields a white precipitate; with an excess of hydrogen sulphide a black one; with potassium iodide test-solution a red one, soluble in an excess of the reagent; and with silver nitrate test-solution a white precipitate, insoluble in nitric acid. If a saturated, aqueous solution of the salt be heated nearly to boiling, then completely saturated with hydrogen sulphide, and allowed to stand for several hours in a well-corked flask, it should yield a colorless filtrate which, on evaporation, should leave no residue (absence of many *foreign salts*). If the precipitated mercuric sulphide obtained in the last test be washed with water, then shaken for a few minutes with ammonia water, and filtered, the filtrate should be colorless, and, on the addition of a slight excess of hydrochloric acid, should afford neither a yellow color, nor a yellow precipitate (absence of *arsenic*)." *U. S.*

Ether is capable of removing corrosive sublimate, to a considerable extent, from its aqueous solution when agitated with it. According to M. Mialhe, ether will not dissolve it when accompanied by a considerable quantity of mercuric oxide and a chloride of an alkalifiable metal. Sulphuric, nitric, and hydrochloric acids dissolve it without alteration. When heated it melts, and readily sublimes in dense, white, acrid vapors, which condense, on cool surfaces, in white, shining needles. Its aqueous solution renders green the syrup of violets, and is precipitated brick-red, becoming yellow, by the fixed alkalies and alkaline earths, and white by ammonia. (See *Hydrargyrum Ammoniatum*.) The former precipitate is mercuric oxide, which has the property of evolving oxygen and of being reduced to metallic globules when exposed to heat. This oxide is formed in the process for preparing *aqua phagedænica*, called also *lotio flava*, or *yellow wash*, which is obtained by mixing half a drachm of corrosive sublimate with a pint of lime water. (See *Lotio Flava*, *N. F.*) Corrosive sublimate forms, with ammonium chloride and sodium chloride, compounds which are more soluble than the uncombined mercurial salt. It is on this account that aqueous solutions of sal ammoniac or of common salt dissolve much more corrosive sublimate than simple water. The combination of corrosive sublimate with ammonium chloride was formerly called *sal alembroth*, or *salt of wisdom*. According to F.

Hinterberger, corrosive sublimate is capable of combining with quinine and cinchonine. (*Chem. Gaz.*, ix. 211.) By dissolving one part of corrosive sublimate and a hundred parts of common salt in distilled water and evaporating to dryness, a soluble preparation is obtained which does not coagulate albumen. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 11.)

Test of Purity and Incompatibles. Pure corrosive chloride of mercury sublimes, when heated, without residue, and its powder is entirely and readily soluble in ether. Consequently, if a portion of any sample should not wholly dissolve in ether, or if it should not evaporate entirely, the presence of some impurity is proved. If calomel be present, and it frequently is, it will not be wholly soluble in water.* Arsenic is reported to be a frequent impurity in corrosive sublimate. (See paper by J. Granville Smith, *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 397.) It can be readily detected by the test of U. S. P. 1880. (See p. 688.) Corrosive sublimate is incompatible with many of the metals, the alkalies and their carbonates, soap, lime water, tartar emetic, silver nitrate, the lead acetates, the potassium and sodium sulphides, the soluble iodides, and all the sulphydrates. It is decomposed by many vegetable and some animal substances. According to Dr. A. T. Thomson, it produces precipitates in infusions or decoctions of chamomile, horseradish, columbo, catechu, cinchona, rhubarb, senna, simaruba, and oak bark. MM. Mialhe and Lepage have shown that corrosive sublimate is slowly converted into calomel by syrup of sarsaparilla and syrup of honey, but is not changed by contact with pure syrup. Dr. Samuel Kennedy (*Pharm. Record*, 1888, p. 201) proved conclusively that when corrosive sublimate was dissolved in compound syrup of sarsaparilla, as frequently prescribed, precipitation invariably occurred. He found that if sodium chloride in quantity equalling that of the mercurial used were added, precipitation was greatly retarded.

Medical Properties and Uses. Corrosive sublimate is a very powerful preparation, operating quickly, and, if not properly regulated, producing violent effects. It is less apt to salivate than most other mercurials. In doses of $\frac{1}{100}$ to $\frac{1}{60}$ of a grain (0·0006 to 0·0011 Gm.) it often seems to act as a tonic to the general nutrition, and even in somewhat larger dose it may exert its peculiar influence without any obvious alteration of the vital functions, except, perhaps, a slight increase in the frequency of the pulse, and in the secretions from the skin and kidneys. Sometimes, however, it purges; but this effect may be obviated by combining it with a little opium. In larger doses it occasions nausea, vomiting, griping pain in the bowels, diarrhœa, and other symptoms of gastric and intestinal irritation, and in still larger quantities produces all the effects of a violent corrosive poison. It has long been used as a remedy in *syphilis*, in all stages of which it has been highly recommended. It is especially useful in the advanced stages of the disorder, when there is no cachexia. When a very rapid impression is desired it is not as useful as calomel. It is also used advantageously in some chronic cutaneous affections, and in obstinate *chronic rheumatism*. It is usually associated with alterative or diaphoretic medicines, such as the antimonials, and the compound decoction or syrup of sarsaparilla; and, in order to obviate the irritation it is apt to produce, it may often be advantageously united with opium. There is no doubt that many of the substances in connection with which it is employed alter its chemical condition; but it does not follow that even in its altered state it may not be very useful as a remedy.

Externally employed, corrosive sublimate is stimulant, escharotic, and germicidal. A solution in water, containing from one-eighth to one-half grain in the fluidounce, is employed as an injection in *gleet*, and as a collyrium in chronic *venereal ophthalmia*. A stronger solution, containing one or two grains in the fluidounce, is an efficacious wash in *lepra* and other scaly eruptions. Dissolved in water, in the proportion of five to ten grains to the fluidounce, it may be used with much benefit in *venereal ulcers* of the throat, to which it should be applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil. With lime water it forms the *aqua phagedænica* of the older writers, employed as a wash for ill-conditioned ulcers. The powdered chloride has been used as an escharotic, but is, in general, inferior to silver nitrate or caustic potassa. In *onychia maligna*, however, it is employed with great advantage, mixed with an equal weight of zinc sulphate, and sprinkled thickly upon the surface of the ulcer, which is then to be covered with a pledget of lint saturated with tincture of myrrh. The whole diseased surface is thus removed, and the ulcer heals.† This practice originated, we believe, with the late Dr. Perkins, of Phila-

* M. Bullot, having noticed in some corrosive sublimate an insoluble portion consisting of minute yellowish granules, found on examination that it was an aniline product. He surmised that the drug had been thrown into commerce after having been used in the preparation of aniline dyes. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 414.)

† *Antiseptic Dressings.* The following directions are given in *Pharm. Rundschau*, Prague, for antiseptic dressings to be used in the German army:

Corrosive Sublimate Gauze. Dissolve 50 Gm. mercuric chloride in 5000 Gm. alcohol, and add 7500 Gm. distilled

delphia, and was highly recommended by Dr. Physick. Dr. Geo. B. Wood often employed it with success. A solution of corrosive sublimate in collodion (four parts to thirty) has been used as a caustic, for the destruction of *nævi materni*, and for other purposes. It can be very accurately applied, but its use requires care, as fatal poisoning has followed a single application of the alcoholic solution of corrosive sublimate to a moderate surface of *ringworm*. (*London Lancet*, 1871, ii. 413.) It is applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil.

The dose of corrosive sublimate is from the one-hundredth to the eighth of a grain (0·0006 to 0·007 Gm.), preferably given after meals, in pill or solution. The pill is usually prepared with crumb of bread; care should be taken that the medicine be equally diffused through the pilular mass before it is divided.

Corrosive sublimate is one of the most powerful of known germicides, a solution of one part of it in twenty thousand in water being sufficient to kill micrococci and bacilli in active growth; whilst a solution of one in one thousand will rapidly destroy bacterial spores. According to Koch, as little as one part of corrosive sublimate in three hundred thousand of a proteid solution will prevent the generation of the spores of the bacillus of anthrax. As, however, ammonia and several other chemical substances habitually found in masses of filth rapidly decompose mercuric chloride, the latter is scarcely available for most disinfectant purposes on a large scale. For the purposes of antisepsis in surgery, however, corrosive sublimate is probably the most generally useful and effective of the known germicides. The solution of one in one thousand may be used for washing the hands, disinfecting furniture, etc., and is even employed in the disinfecting of wounds; usually, however, a much weaker solution than that just mentioned is employed by the surgeon. It is very rarely if ever justifiable to use upon a mucous surface or a wound a solution stronger than one in two thousand, and if the solution is to be used freely and continuously, as in washing out the vagina, etc., one in ten thousand is as strong as should be employed; indeed, the employment of a vaginal wash of this strength has been followed by violent poisoning. In a number of cases a solution of one part in fifteen hundred used locally by the surgeon has produced death, preceded by constitutional symptoms.

For the purpose of convenience to surgeons, *corrosive sublimate tablets* are now largely prepared and used. The amount of corrosive sublimate in these tablets should be so calculated as to yield, with the measures of water ordinarily used, solutions of convenient strength. Thus, if each tablet contains 7·3 grains of corrosive sublimate, one tablet dissolved in a pint of water will yield a solution of one in one thousand. Tablets are found in the market one-half this strength, one tablet making only half a pint of 1–1000 solution. In order to make the tablets readily soluble, the corrosive sublimate is usually compressed with some powdered ammonium chloride or tartaric acid: it is asserted of the latter addition, upon the authority of Prof. Laplace, that tartaric acid prevents the precipitation of the mercury as an insoluble albuminate. The proportions used by the manufacturers are as follows: 7·7 grains of corrosive sublimate and 7·3 grains of ammonium chloride in each tablet, one tablet making one pint of 1–1000 solution. The tablets containing tartaric acid are usually made one-half this strength, as follows: 3·85 grains of corrosive sublimate and 19·25 grains of tartaric acid in each tablet. It is essential that the tablets be colored or in some way marked so that the attention may be drawn to their nature, and accidental poisoning prevented.

Toxicological Properties. Swallowed in poisonous doses, it produces burning heat in the throat, excruciating pain in the stomach and bowels, excessive thirst, anxiety, nausea and frequent retching with vomiting of bloody mucus, diarrhœa and sometimes bloody stools, small and frequent pulse, cold sweats, general debility, difficult respiration, cramps in the extremities, faintings, insensibility, convulsions, and death. The mucous membrane of the stomach exhibits, on dissection, signs of the operation of a violent corrosive poison. These symptoms are

water, 2500 Gm. glycerin, and 0·5 Gm. fuchsin, the latter being added for the purpose of readily distinguishing the corrosive sublimate gauze from others. Four hundred meters of gauze are well kneaded in this solution and allowed to soak for fifteen minutes; the gauze is then strongly pressed and well dried on wash-lines, being protected from light and dust.

Corrosive Sublimate Cotton. Absorbent cotton is soaked in the above solution and dried in loose layers.

Corrosive Sublimate Catgut. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of corrosive sublimate is prepared, in which thin catgut is soaked for about eight hours, and the thicker kinds for ten or twelve hours. The catgut is subsequently kept in vials with alcohol.

Corrosive Sublimate Silk is prepared by soaking well-washed ligature silk in a solution of 5 parts of corrosive sublimate in 100 parts of water and 20 parts of glycerin. After drying it is wrapped in oiled silk or other waterproof material; and, before using, it is dipped into a 3-per-cent. phenol solution, or a 1-per-cent. solution of corrosive sublimate.

sometimes followed or conjoined with others indicating an excessive mercurial action upon the system, such as inflammation of the mouth and salivary glands, profuse salivation, fetid breath, etc. The chief symptom of corrosive sublimate poisoning which distinguishes it from poisoning by antimony, arsenic, or other corrosive metallic irritant is the fact that the stools are very frequent, smallish, and composed chiefly of mucus and blood. A case is on record of death, in an infant, from the constitutional effects of corrosive sublimate sprinkled upon an excoriated surface; and in two instances of children, the one seven and the other nine years old, death, with all the symptoms of internal poisoning, followed the application to the scalp of an ointment said to consist of one part of the corrosive chloride to four parts of tallow. (*Dub. Quarterly*, Aug. 1854.) In the inferior animals, in whatever mode introduced into the system, it produces symptoms and lesions similar to those which it causes in man. In the treatment of poisoning by corrosive sublimate, Orfila recommends the free use of the white of eggs beaten up with water. The albumen forms an insoluble and comparatively innocent compound with the corrosive sublimate; and the liquid by its bulk dilutes the poison, and distends the stomach so as to produce vomiting. It is, however, asserted by M. Lassaigne that this compound of albumen and corrosive sublimate, when recently precipitated, is soluble in acid and alkaline liquids, and in solutions of potassium, sodium, and calcium chlorides. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiii.) It is also soluble in an excess of albumen, whether introduced into the stomach or previously existing there. It is, therefore, important, at the same time that the antidote is used, to evacuate the stomach before the newly formed compound can be dissolved. If eggs cannot be procured, wheat flour may be substituted, gluten having, according to M. Taddei, the same effect as albumen. Milk also has been recommended, in consequence of the insoluble compound which casein forms with the poison. Besides the antidotes mentioned, Peruvian bark, meconic acid, ferrous sulphide, and iron filings have been proposed, all of which have the property of decomposing corrosive sublimate. The ferrous sulphide was found quite successful by M. Mialhe in experiments upon dogs, if given immediately after the poison was swallowed, but failed when delayed for ten minutes. Dr. T. H. Buckler, of Baltimore, made some successful experiments on lower animals upon the antidotal properties of a mixture of gold dust and iron filings (*Med. and Surg. Journ.*, 1843); and a case of poisoning by corrosive sublimate has been recorded by Dr. C. Johnston, of the same city, in which this antidote was employed with the apparent result of saving life, after albumen had been used without effect. Dr. Johnston, however, employed the reduced iron of the Pharmacopœia, and gold leaf, arranging them in alternate layers, so as to make boluses of convenient size. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, April, 1863.) The method of operation of this antidote will be understood when the action of gold and iron as a test for corrosive sublimate is explained in the succeeding paragraph. It is of the utmost importance that whatever antidote is used should be given without delay, and in this respect the one nearest at hand may be considered the best. Under all circumstances the stomach should be rapidly and thoroughly washed out by abundance of mucilaginous fluids, the stomach-pump being used if necessary. The after-effects should be treated like other forms of toxic gastro-enteritis, *i.e.*, by local bloodletting or counter-irritation, demulcent drinks, opiates, etc.

Tests for Corrosive Sublimate. On account of the extreme virulence of this chloride as a poison, the reagents by which it may be detected form a subject of study of the utmost importance, as connected with medico-legal investigations. The best tests for determining its mercurial nature, mentioned in the order of their delicacy, are potassium ferrocyanide, lime water, potassium carbonate, potassium iodide, ammonia, hydrogen sulphide, and stannous chloride. *Potassium ferrocyanide* gives rise to a white precipitate (mercuric ferrocyanide), becoming slowly yellowish, and at length pale blue. *Lime water* throws down a yellow precipitate of hydrated mercuric oxide. *Potassium carbonate* causes a brick-red precipitate of mercuric carbonate. *Potassium iodide* produces a very characteristic pale-scarlet precipitate of mercuric iodide. This precipitate frequently appears at first yellow, especially if the corrosive sublimate be present in minute proportion. *Ammonia* gives rise to a white, flocculent precipitate, the official ammoniated mercury, or white precipitate. *Hydrogen sulphide* occasions a black precipitate of mercuric sulphide; and the same precipitate is thrown down by ammonium sulphydrate. Finally, *tin protochloride* (stannous chloride) causes a grayish-black precipitate (mercury in a finely divided state). Taking the results of Devergie, the relative delicacy of these tests may be expressed numerically as follows: potassium ferrocyanide 1½; lime water 4; potassium carbonate 7; potassium iodide 8; ammonia 36; hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphydrate 60; and stannous chloride 80. Wormley (*Micro-Chemistry of Poisons*, 2d ed., p. 348)

states that the reaction of stannous chloride is interfered with or entirely prevented by the presence of alkaline chlorates, and also of free nitric acid. He especially commends, however, the copper test, which is as follows: *a bright plate of copper*, immersed in a solution containing corrosive sublimate, is instantly tarnished, and, after the lapse of half an hour, becomes covered with a grayish-white powder. *A polished piece of gold*, moistened with the *clear* mercurial solution, and touched through the liquid with a piece of iron, contracts a white stain. This test, which was proposed by Mr. Sylvester and simplified by Dr. Paris, is conveniently applied by moistening with the suspected solution a gold coin or ring, and touching it through the moistened spot with the point of a penknife. The object of the iron is to form with the gold a simple galvanic circle, which enables the latter metal to precipitate the mercury on its surface. Nearly all the above tests merely prove the presence of mercury. To determine whether the metal is united with chlorine, the mercurial liquid may be precipitated by lime water, and the filtered solution, acidulated with nitric acid, then tested with silver nitrate. If the mercury is in the state of chloride, the filtered solution will be one of calcium chloride, which with silver nitrate will yield a heavy, white precipitate (silver chloride), insoluble in nitric acid, but soluble in ammonia. The silver nitrate may be added directly to the mercurial liquid; and, if it contain corrosive sublimate, silver chloride will fall, but probably mixed with calomel.

By the combined indications of the foregoing tests, corrosive sublimate may be infallibly detected, unless it exists in very minute quantity, associated with organic substances, by which its presence is often greatly obscured. When it exists in organic mixtures, made by boiling the contents or substance of the stomach in distilled water, Dr. Christison recommends that a preliminary trial be made with stannous chloride on a small portion filtered for the purpose. If this causes a grayish-black color, he shakes the mixture, as recommended by Orfila, with a fourth of its bulk of cold ether, which dissolves the corrosive sublimate and rises to the surface. The ethereal solution is then evaporated to dryness, and the dry salt obtained is dissolved in hot water, whereby a pure solution is procured, in which the poison may be readily detected by the ordinary tests. In using ether, however, it must be borne in mind that, as ascertained by M. Mialhe, the presence of a considerable quantity of mercuric oxide, and of a chloride of an alkalifiable metal, prevents the solvent power of ether. If the trial test should produce a light-gray color, the corrosive sublimate is indicated in still less quantity, and Dr. Christison recommends to proceed in the following manner. Treat the unfiltered mixture with stannous chloride, as long as any precipitate is formed, which will have a slate-gray color. Collect, wash, and drain it on a filter, and, having removed it without being dried, boil it, in a glass flask, with a moderately strong solution of caustic potassa, until all the lumps disappear. The alkali will dissolve all animal and vegetable matter; and, on allowing the solution to remain at rest, a heavy grayish-black powder will subside, which consists chiefly of metallic mercury, and in which small globules of the metal may sometimes be seen with the naked eye, or by the aid of a magnifier. Wormley (*loc. cit.*) suggests boiling the organic mixture with water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and testing the filtered solution with a strip of copper foil. Probably advantage might be derived from the process of dialysis, in separating corrosive sublimate, among other crystallizable substances, from the colloidal matters contained in organic mixtures. (See *Dialysis.*)

HYDRARGYRI CHLORIDUM MITE. U. S. (Br.) Mild Mercurous Chloride. [Calomel. Mild Chloride of Mercury.]

(HĪ-DRĂR′ĢY-RĪ ĊHLŌ′RĮ-DŬM MĪ′TĒ.)

Hg_2Cl_2; 470·34.* Hg_2Cl_2; 470·2.

Hydrargyri Subchloridum, *Br.:* Calomelas, Hydrargyrum Chloratum Mite, *P.G.;* Hydrargyri Chloridum, Hydrargyrum Chloratum (Muriaticum), Mercurius Dulcis, Chloruretum Hydrargyrosum; Submuriate of Mercury, Protochloride of Mercury; Calomelas; Subchloride of Mercury; Protochlorure ou Sous-muriate de Mercure, Calomèle, *Fr.;* Quecksilberchlorür, *G.*

"Obtained in the form of powder by the rapid condensation of the vapor of Mercurous Chloride. Mild Mercurous Chloride should be kept in dark amber-colored bottles." *U. S.*

Very properly, a process for this compound has been omitted from the present Pharmacopœia, as it cannot be made by the pharmacist conveniently. For process of U. S. P. 1870, see footnote.†

* The molecular formula and weight are sometimes stated as HgCl; 235·17.

† "Take of Mercury *forty-eight troyounces;* Sulphuric Acid *thirty-six troyounces;* Chloride of Sodium *eighteen troyounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Boil, by means of a sand-bath, twenty-four troyounces of the

"Take of Persulphate of Mercury *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Mercury *seven ounces* [av.]; Chloride of Sodium, dried, *five ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Moisten the Persulphate of Mercury with some of the Water, and rub it and the Mercury together until globules are no longer visible; add the Chloride of Sodium, and thoroughly mix the whole by continued trituration. Sublime by a suitable apparatus into a chamber of such size that the Calomel, instead of adhering to its sides as a crystalline crust, shall fall as a fine powder on its floor. Wash this powder with boiling Distilled Water, until the washings cease to be darkened by a drop of sulphydrate of ammonium. Finally, dry at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

The object of the above process is to obtain the mercurous chloride. This chloride, according to the view generally received by chemists, consists of two atoms of mercury combined with two of chlorine (some chemists consider it to contain only one atom of each), so that it has relatively only half as much chlorine as corrosive sublimate. In the U. S. process, as in the case of corrosive sublimate, mercuric sulphate is first formed; but, instead of being immediately sublimed with the sodium chloride, it undergoes a preparatory trituration with a quantity of mercury equal to that employed in forming it. This trituration may be conceived to take place between one mol. of mercuric sulphate and one atom of metallic mercury, which are thus converted into one mol. of mercurous sulphate, according to the reaction $HgSO_4 + Hg = Hg_2SO_4$. The one mol. of mercurous sulphate thus formed being heated with two of common salt, the two atoms of chlorine in the latter sublime in union with the two of mercury in the former, and generate one mol. of mercurous chloride, Hg_2Cl_2, while one molecule of sodium sulphate, Na_2SO_4, remains as a residue. It is hence apparent that the residue of this process and of that for corrosive sublimate are the same. The calomel, as sublimed, is liable to contain a little corrosive sublimate; and hence the direction of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 to wash it with boiling distilled water until ammonia produces no precipitate with the washings. Ammonia occasions a white precipitate (ammoniated mercury) so long as the washings contain corrosive sublimate; and when it ceases to produce this effect the operator may rest satisfied that the whole of the poisonous salt has been removed. According to M. Berthé, calomel in contact with hot water is converted, to a small extent, into corrosive sublimate; and hence he recommends that the portion of water to be tested should be cold when passed through the calomel. The British process is a modification of that of the old Dublin Pharmacopœia, including, like that, no directions for making the mercuric sulphate, because this salt is made by a separate formula, being designated as *persulphate of mercury*. It omits, however, as unnecessary, a partial preliminary sublimation, to test the production of corrosive sublimate, and, immediately after a thorough mixture of the materials, proceeds to the final sublimation. An improvement was to cause the vapors to enter for condensation a chamber of considerable size, so that they might fall in powder, instead of condensing on the sides of the receiver in a crystalline mass. The necessity of pulverizing the calomel is thus avoided. The Br. Pharmacopœia directs the powder to be washed, but, instead of using ammonia as a test of the absence of corrosive sublimate in the washings, directs for the purpose ammonium sulphide, which throws down a black precipitate if corrosive sublimate be present.

Preparation on the Large Scale. The process for making calomel by means of mercuric sulphate was originally practised at Apothecaries' Hall, London. The proportions taken and the mode of proceeding in that establishment were, according to Mr. Brande, as follows: 50 lbs. of mercury are boiled to dryness with 70 lbs. of sulphuric acid, in a cast-iron vessel; and 62 lbs. of the dry salt formed are triturated with 40½ lbs. of mercury till the globules disappear, and the whole is mixed with 34 lbs. of common salt. The mixture is sublimed from an earthenware retort into an earthenware receiver, and the product is from 95 to 100 lbs. of calomel in mass. This is then ground to an impalpable powder, and washed with a large quantity of distilled water. The object of bringing calomel into a state of minute division is more perfectly accomplished by the method of Mr. Joseph Jewell, of London, improved by M. Ossian Henry. It consists in causing the calomel in vapor to come in contact with steam in a large receiver, whereby it is condensed into an impalpable powder, and perfectly washed from corrosive sublimate in the same operation. Calomel made by this

Mercury with the Sulphuric Acid, until a dry white mass is left. Rub this, when cold, with the remainder of the Mercury, in an earthenware mortar, until they are thoroughly mixed. Then add the Chloride of Sodium, and, having rubbed it with the other ingredients until globules of Mercury cease to be visible, sublime the mixture into a large chamber so that the sublimate may fall in powder. Wash the sublimed matter with boiling Distilled Water, until the washings afford no precipitate with water of ammonia, and dry it." *U. S.*

process, sometimes called Jewell's or Howard's *hydrosublimate of mercury*, is free from all suspicion of containing corrosive sublimate, is much finer than when obtained by levigation and elutriation, and possesses more activity as a medicine. This kind of calomel is included in the French Codex under a distinct name (*mercure doux à la vapeur*). M. Soubeiran, of Paris, has perfected a process for obtaining calomel as an impalpable powder, by substituting the agency of cold air for that of steam for the purpose of condensing it; a process which he believes to be precisely the same as that pursued by the English manufacturers, and which produces a calomel equal to the best English. A description of his apparatus may be found in the *Journal de Pharmacie* (3e sér., ii.), and of the English apparatus, as described by F. C. Calvert, in the same journal (3e sér., iii.). Both these papers are copied into the *A. J. P.* (xv.). Calomel may also be prepared in the dry way by taking four parts of corrosive sublimate and rubbing it up in a mortar with three parts of mercury, after moistening the mass with alcohol. The powder is then dried and sublimed in glass flasks. The powder should be dried quickly before sublimation, so as to drive off any trace of uncombined mercury. A comparative examination of English and American calomel was undertaken separately in 1885 by Profs. Bedford and Patch. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1885.) Whilst there was no reason for preferring English calomel, none of the samples exhibited more than traces of mercuric chloride. Prof. Wöhler has proposed to obtain calomel, in the humid way, by precipitating a solution of corrosive sublimate by a stream of sulphurous acid, taking advantage of a reaction first observed by Vogel. Calomel obtained in the humid way, called *precipitated calomel*, was formerly official with the Dublin College, and was adopted in the French Codex. This form of calomel is of doubtful utility; and when obtained by Prof. Wöhler's process it is a crystalline powder, which is unfit for use unless after elaborate levigation and elutriation.

Properties. When in mass, its form and appearance depend on the shape and temperature of the subliming vessel. In this state it is generally in the form of a white, fibrous, crystalline cake, the interior surface of which is often studded with shining transparent crystals, having the shape of quadrangular prisms, and a texture somewhat horny and elastic. When the mass is scratched it yields a yellow streak, which is very characteristic. Its sp. gr. is 7·2. Prof. Patch found in his examination (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1885, p. 477) the specific gravity of calomel to vary from 6·94 to 7·93, the standard being water at 39° F. The official form of this chloride is that of powder, in which state it is always kept in the shops. The powder has a light buff or ivory color, if obtained by the levigation of sublimed masses; but if condensed at once in the form of an impalpable powder, as is the case with Jewell's calomel and in the official processes, it is perfectly white. To protect it from the action of the light, it should be kept in a dark place, or in bottles painted black or covered with black paper. By the action of the fixed alkalies or alkaline earths it immediately becomes black, in consequence of the formation of mercurous oxide, reducible by heat to the metallic state. The preparation employed under the name of *lotio nigra*, or *black wash*, as a local application to syphilitic ulcers, etc., is made by adding *a drachm* of calomel to *a pint* of lime water. (See *Lotio Nigra*, *N. F.*) By double decomposition between the calomel and lime, the black suboxide precipitates, and calcium chloride remains in solution, indicated by yielding a copious white precipitate with silver nitrate. The oxide, however, is not pure, but associated with undecomposed calomel. Before being applied, the wash should be well shaken.

"A white, impalpable powder, becoming yellowish-white on being triturated with strong pressure, and showing only small, isolated crystals under a magnifying power of one hundred diameters. It is odorless and tasteless, and permanent in the air. Insoluble in water, alcohol, or ether, and also in cold, dilute acids. When strongly heated, it is wholly volatilized, without melting. In contact with calcium hydrate test-solution, or with solutions of alkali hydrates, or with ammonia water, the salt is blackened. When heated with dried sodium carbonate in a dry glass tube, it yields metallic mercury. If 1 Gm. of the salt be shaken with 10 C.c. of water or alcohol, the respective filtrates should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution or silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *mercuric chloride*), nor should they leave any residue on evaporation (absence of *other soluble impurities*). On heating a portion of the salt, in a test-tube, with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it should not evolve the odor of ammonia; and if another portion be shaken with acetic acid, the filtrate should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor by silver nitrate test-solution (distinction from and absence of *ammoniated mercury*)." *U. S.*

Tests of Purity and Incompatibles. Calomel, when pure, completely sublimes on the application of heat, a property which detects all fixed impurities, such as calcium carbonate,

sulphate, and phosphate, barium sulphate, and lead carbonate. Under the influence of an elevated temperature, especially in the presence of alcohol or water, it gives rise to a small quantity of corrosive sublimate. (*M. Berthé.*) Calomel strikes a black color, free from reddish tinge, by the action of the fixed alkalies; and the black oxide thus produced is brought by heat to the metallic state. The buff color indicates the absence of corrosive sublimate; but whiteness by no means shows the presence of this impurity. Its freedom from the corrosive chloride may be determined by washing a portion of it in warm distilled water, and then testing the water with ammonia, which will cause a white precipitate (ammoniated mercury) should the water have taken up any of the poisonous chloride. (See also the *U. S. P.* 1890 *Tests*, Part III.) An easy method of detecting corrosive sublimate, proposed by M. Bonnewyn, is to put some of the suspected powder upon a well-polished surface of iron, and then moisten it with a drop of alcohol or ether. If the calomel be pure the surface will remain quite unaffected, while it will be blackened by corrosive sublimate if present in the proportion of only one to 50,000. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 79.) The presence of any soluble chloride whatever in the calomel would be detected by the production of a precipitate with the washing by silver nitrate. Soluble salts of mercury may be detected by rubbing the suspected calomel with ether on a bright surface of copper, when the metal will become amalgamated and exhibit a white stain. When this test shows impurity, the soluble salt present is probably corrosive sublimate. Calomel containing corrosive sublimate acts violently on the bowels, and, when the impurity has been present in considerable amount, has been known to cause death. Besides being incompatible with the alkalies and alkaline earths, calomel is also decomposed by the alkaline carbonates, soaps, sulphydrates, and, according to some authorities, by iron, lead, and copper. By boiling with the alkaline formiates it is decomposed, and metallic mercury liberated. (H. Rose, *Annal. der Physik und Chem.*, cvi. 500.) According to M. Lebeaux, calomel should not be prescribed with iodine, unless the prescriber intends to give mercuric iodide (red iodide), when the dose must be reduced accordingly. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1857, p. 180.) It should not be given at the same time with nitrohydrochloric acid, for fear of generating corrosive sublimate. One of the authors has been informed of a case in which death, with symptoms of violent gastro-intestinal irritation, followed their joint use. Agreeably to the experiments of M. Deschamps, calomel is decomposed by bitter almonds and by hydrocyanic acid. In the former case corrosive sublimate, mercuric cyanide, and ammonium chloride are formed; in the latter, corrosive sublimate and mercuric cyanide only. Hence this writer considers it very dangerous to associate calomel with bitter almonds or hydrocyanic acid in prescription. This conclusion has been confirmed by M. Mialhe and M. Prenleloup; and more recently it has been shown by Dr. E. Riegel that cherry-laurel water has the power of converting calomel into corrosive sublimate. According to M. Mialhe, calomel is in part converted into corrosive sublimate and metallic mercury by ammonium chloride and by sodium and potassium chlorides, even at the temperature of the body; and hence he believes that the conversion may take place in the primæ viæ. Popular belief coincides with M. Mialhe's views in regard to the power of common salt to increase the activity of calomel.

Medical Properties and Uses. Calomel unites to the general properties of the mercurials those of a purgative and anthelmintic. It is the most valuable of the mercurial preparations. Whether the object is to bring the system under the general influence of mercury, or to produce its alterative action upon the hepatic or other secretory function, calomel, on account both of its certainty and of its mildness, is preferred to all other preparations, with the single exception of the blue pill, which, though less certain, is still milder, and is sometimes preferably employed. When used with the above objects, the tendency to purge which it sometimes evinces, even in very small doses, must be restrained by combining it with opium. As a purgative, calomel owes its chief value to its tendency to act on the liver, the secretory function of which it stimulates. It is usually slow and somewhat uncertain in its cathartic effect, and, though itself but slightly irritating, sometimes occasions severe griping pain with bilious vomiting, attributable to the acrid character of the bile which it causes the liver to secrete. It is peculiarly useful in the commencement of bilious fevers, in hepatitis, jaundice, bilious and painter's colic, dysentery, especially that of tropical climates, and all other affections attended with congestion of the portal system or torpidity of the hepatic function. The difficulty with which it is thrown from the stomach renders it highly useful in some cases of obstinate vomiting, when other remedies are rejected. In the case of children it is peculiarly valuable from the facility of its administration. In the treatment of worms it is often useful as an aid to other remedies, acting probably not only as a purgative, but also as an irritant to

the worms, either by its immediate influence or that of the acrid bile which it causes to flow. The slowness and uncertainty of its action, and its liability to salivate if too long retained in the bowels, render it proper either to follow or combine it with other cathartics, in order to insure its purgative effect. When given alone, it should be followed, if it does not operate in six or seven hours, by a dose of castor oil or magnesium citrate. The cathartics with which it is most frequently combined are jalap, rhubarb, aloes, scammony, colocynth, and gamboge. It is often added in small quantities to purgative combinations, with a view to its influence on the liver.

In very large doses, calomel is supposed by some to act directly as a sedative, and with this view has been given in yellow and malignant bilious fevers, violent dysentery, malignant cholera, etc. The quantities which have been administered in such affections, with asserted impunity and even advantage, are almost incredible. A common dose is one or two scruples, repeated every half-hour, or hour, or less frequently, according to the circumstances of the case. It is unquestionable that the effects obtained from calomel are not at all proportionate to the size of the dose. This is evidently due to the peculiarities of its absorption. It seems to be established that it is not, as was at one time supposed, converted in the stomach into corrosive sublimate, but is precipitated by the alkaline juices of the intestine in the form of black oxide, which black oxide is itself soluble in alkaline liquors and also in fatty matters. A small quantity of calomel coming into the intestines is, therefore, at once converted into black oxide and fully exhausts all the solvent power of the alkaline juices, which may therefore be unable to take up any more rapidly a large than a small amount of the drug. It is possible that in some cases in which minute doses of calomel are given in powdered form, the excessive action of the drug is due to the conversion of part of the calomel into corrosive sublimate.*

Externally applied, calomel is often used as an efficient alterative and desiccant in venereal and other ulcers, herpetic eruptions, etc.

In *syphilis*, calomel vapor-baths once or twice a week are often of service. They may be extemporized by pouring an ounce and a half of water into a dish, putting twenty grains of calomel in it, and heating by means of a spirit-lamp, the patient being seated on a chair over the dish, and surrounded by blankets closely wrapped around the neck, spread out below.

The dose as an alterative, in functional derangement of the liver, is from half a grain to a grain (0·03 to 0·065 Gm.) every night, or every other night, followed in the morning, if the bowels are not opened, by a gentle saline laxative. When the stomach or bowels are very irritable, as in cholera and diarrhœa, from an eighth to a quarter of a grain (0·008 to 0·016 Gm.) may be given every hour or two, so as to amount to one or two grains (0·065 to 0·13 Gm.) in the course of the day. With a view to salivation, the dose is from half a grain to a grain (0·03 to 0·065 Gm.) three or four times a day, to be increased considerably in urgent cases. Sometimes very minute doses, as the twelfth of a grain (0·005 Gm.) or less, given very frequently, so as to amount to the ordinary quantity in twenty-four hours, will operate more effectually as a sialagogue than larger doses. When large doses are given with this view, it is often necessary to combine them with opium. As a purgative, from five to fifteen grains (0·33 to 1 Gm.) or more may be exhibited. The cathartic action is not increased in proportion to the dose, and enormous quantities have been given with impunity. On the other hand, the most effective method of influencing the liver and other intestinal glands is the exhibition of one-quarter to one-half grain doses every hour until the effect is produced or five or six grains have been taken. Even in very small single doses of not more than one, two, or three grains (0·065, 0·13, or 0·20 Gm.), calomel purges some individuals briskly. In these persons, large doses, though they do not proportionally increase the evacuation, often occasion spas-

* G. Vulpius has investigated the conditions which favor the formation of corrosive sublimate in calomel mixtures, and reaches the following conclusions:

1. No sublimate forms in the course of twenty-four hours in mixtures of calomel with white sugar, milk sugar, magnesia, magnesium carbonate, and sodium bicarbonate.
2. No such formation takes place in three months in mixtures of calomel with magnesia, magnesium carbonate, and sugar.
3. Minute traces of corrosive sublimate are found at the expiration of the same time in a mixture of calomel, sodium bicarbonate, and sugar of milk.
4. A large quantity of corrosive sublimate forms in the same time in a mixture of calomel, sodium bicarbonate, and cane sugar.
5. Calomel powders containing magnesia or sodium bicarbonate alone will contain corrosive sublimate if digested with water.
6. The formation of corrosive sublimate in mixtures of calomel and alkalies digested in water for a short time is not favored, but, on the contrary, prevented, by the presence of hydrochloric acid in the water, the acid neutralizing, to a certain extent, the alkalies which cause the formation. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1879.)

modic pain in the stomach and bowels. For children larger doses are generally required in proportion than for adults. Not less than from two to three grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.) should be given as a purge to a child two or three years old; and this quantity often fails to act, unless assisted by castor oil or some other cathartic. Calomel may be given in pill made with gum arabic and syrup, or in powder mixed with syrup or molasses.

HYDRARGYRI CYANIDUM. U. S. Mercuric Cyanide.

$Hg(CN)_2$; 251·76. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ CĬ-ĂN'Ĭ-DŬM.) $Hg(CN)_2$; 251·7.

Hydrargyri Cyanuretum, *U. S.* 1850; Cyanide of Mercury; Hydrargyrum Cyanatum (Borussicum), Cyanuretum Hydrargyricum, Mercurius Cyanatus vel Borussicus; Cyanuret of Mercury, Bicyanide of Mercury, Prussiate of Mercury; Prussiate ou Cyanure ou Bicyanure de Mercure, *Fr.*; Cyanquecksilber, Quecksilber-Cyanid, *G.*

A process for this preparation is no longer official; that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.*

The formula of the U. S. P. 1870 is based upon that of Winckler. Hydrocyanic acid is generated by the action of sulphuric acid on potassium ferrocyanide, and, being received in a vessel containing water and a portion of mercuric oxide, reacts with the oxide, according to the reaction $(HCN)_2 + HgO = Hg(CN)_2 + H_2O$, generating, by double decomposition, water, and mercuric cyanide which is held in solution. Sufficient mercuric oxide is not used at first to saturate the whole of the hydrocyanic acid generated, because should there happen to be any excess of the oxide there would be produced on evaporation, instead of the substance wanted, a peculiar salt composed of cyanide and mercuric oxide, which would crystallize in small acicular crystals. Hence a portion of the water still containing uncombined hydrocyanic acid is set aside, to be added to the liquid in which the acid had been completely saturated by the addition of mercuric oxide, and thus at least neutralize any mercuric oxide that might be present in it in excess. A surplus of hydrocyanic acid would be of no disservice, except for the loss of material incurred, as it is evaporated in the subsequent concentration. "Mercuric Cyanide should be kept in well-stoppered, dark amber-colored bottles." *U. S.*

Properties, etc. "Colorless or white, prismatic crystals, odorless, and having a bitter, metallic taste (the salt is exceedingly poisonous). Becoming dark-colored on exposure to light. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 12·8 parts of water, and in 15 parts of alcohol; in 3 parts of boiling water, and in 6 parts of boiling alcohol; very sparingly soluble in ether. When slowly heated in a glass tube, the salt decrepitates, and decomposes into metallic mercury and inflammable cyanogen gas, which burns with a purple flame. On further heating, the blackish residue, consisting of paracyanogen with globules of metallic mercury, is wholly dissipated. If 1 part of the salt be gently heated with 1 part of iodine in a dry test-tube, it will afford at first a yellow sublimate which afterwards becomes red, and above this a sublimate of colorless, needle-shaped crystals will be formed. On adding hydrochloric acid to the aqueous solution of the salt, the odor of hydrocyanic acid is evolved. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should be neutral to litmus paper, and should not yield, on the gradual addition of a few drops of potassium iodide test-solution, either a red or a reddish precipitate, soluble in an excess of the precipitant, nor should it yield a white precipitate with silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *mercuric chloride*)." *U. S.* In composition, it is a normal mercuric cyanide, consisting of one atom of the metal and two atoms of cyanogen, its formula being $HgCy_2$, or $Hg(CN)_2$.

Mercuric cyanide is a potent mercurial, which may be substituted for corrosive sublimate, than which it is less irritating, in the treatment of disease. Chibret affirms that as an antiseptic it is even more powerful than the bichloride, and that, unlike the latter substance, it does not attack instruments. Stellden claims extraordinary results in *diphtheria* from its conjoint use as a gargle (1 to 10,000 used every fifteen minutes) and as an internal medicine. Prochorow gives from twenty-five to thirty drops of a one-per-cent. solution hypodermically without causing local irritation, and with great asserted benefit, in chronic syphilis. Dose, internally, from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of a grain (0·004–0·008 Gm.).

* *Hydrargyri Cyanidum*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Ferrocyanide of Potassium *five troyounces*; Sulphuric Acid *four troyounces and one hundred and twenty grains*; Red Oxide of Mercury, in fine powder, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Ferrocyanide of Potassium in twenty fluidounces of Water, and add the solution to the Sulphuric Acid, previously diluted with ten fluidounces of Water, and contained in a glass retort. Distil the mixture nearly to dryness into a receiver, containing ten fluidounces of Water and three troyounces of Red Oxide of Mercury. Set aside two fluidounces of the distilled liquid, and to the remainder add, with agitation, sufficient Red Oxide to destroy the odor of hydrocyanic acid. Then filter the solution, and, having added the reserved liquid, evaporate the whole in a dark place, in order that crystals may form. Lastly, dry the crystals, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle, protected from the light."

HYDRARGYRI IODIDUM FLAVUM. U. S. Yellow Mercurous Iodide.

(HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ Ī-ŏD'Ị-DŬM FLĀ'VŬM.)

Hg_2I_2; 652·66. Hg I; 652·6.

Hydrargyri Iodidum Viride, *Pharm.* 1880; Hydrargyri Iodidum, *U. S.* 1850; Protiodide of Mercury; Yellow (or Green) Iodide of Mercury; Iodide of Mercury; Hydrargyrum Iodatum Flavum, *P. G.;* Hydrargyrum Iodatum, Hydrargyri Iodidum, Ioduretum Hydrargyrosum; Green Iodide of Mercury; Protiodure de Mercure, Iodure mercureux, *Fr.;* Quecksilberjodür, Gelbes Jodquecksilber, *G.*

"Mercury, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Nitric Acid, Potassium Iodide, Distilled Water, Alcohol, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 324 minims], each, of Nitric Acid and Distilled Water, and, when the liquid is cold, pour it upon the mercury contained in a small glass flask. Set the mixture aside in a cool and dark place, and agitate it occasionally, until the reaction ceases, and a little mercury still remains undissolved. Separate the crystals of mercurous nitrate, which will have formed, from the mother-liquid, allow them to drain in a glass funnel, and dry them on bibulous paper, in a dark place. When the salt is dry, weigh off *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains] of it, and dissolve it in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Distilled Water to which *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims] of Nitric Acid had previously been added. Having prepared a solution of *twenty-four grammes* [or 370 grains] of Potassium Iodide in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Distilled Water, slowly pour the solution of Potassium Iodide into that of the Mercurous Nitrate, with constant stirring, allow the precipitate to subside, decant the supernatant liquid, and transfer the precipitate, together with the remainder of the liquid, to a filter. When the precipitate has drained, wash it with Distilled Water until the washings no longer have an acid reaction upon litmus paper, and afterwards wash it with Alcohol, as long as the clear, colorless washings give any color with hydrogen sulphide test-solution. Lastly, dry the product in a dark place, between sheets of bibulous paper, at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.). Keep it in dark amber-colored vials, with the least possible exposure to light. Instead of weighing off *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains] of the Mercurous Nitrate as above directed, the whole of the crystallized salt may be taken and the amount of Potassium Iodide, etc., adjusted on the proportions given above." *U. S.*

The Br. Pharmacopœia dropped this salt at its last revision, and the omission has been rather severely criticised.

The process of the U. S. P. 1890 for this salt differs from that formerly official* for green iodide of mercury; it is essentially the process recommended by Edward Soetje (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1888, p. 167), and is the product of double decomposition between mercurous nitrate and potassium iodide, in solution, *yellow* mercurous iodide and potassium nitrate being formed. This method of making mercurous iodide has long been known, but the disadvantage heretofore has been that some mercuric iodide was formed, which contaminated the product; in the present official product, alcohol is used to wash out all traces of the red mercuric iodide, hydrogen sulphide being used to test the washings. Several other methods of making mercurous iodide have been proposed. M. Roland Seeger suggests double decomposition between mercurous acetate and potassium iodide. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 204.) M. Boutigny proposes to decompose calomel by potassium iodide, and gives the following formula. Twenty-nine drachms of calomel are mixed with twenty drachms of pulverized potassium iodide in a glass mortar, and twelve ounces of boiling distilled water poured upon the mixture. After cooling the liquid is decanted, and the precipitate washed on a filter with distilled water, and dried in the shade. (See *A. J. P.*, viii. 326.) This process was not successful with Mr. Charles Bullock, when he used the reacting ingredients in quantities six times those recommended by M. Boutigny. Mr. John Canavan, of New York, ascribes the failure to insufficient trituration, which, to insure complete

* *Hydrargyri Iodidum Viride*, U. S. 1880. "Mercury, *eight parts* [or one ounce av.]; Iodine, *five parts* [or two hundred and seventy-four grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Pour about *three parts* [or half a fluidounce] of Alcohol into a mortar containing the Mercury, add the Iodine in several, successive portions, and triturate the mixture, adding sufficient Alcohol from time to time to keep the mass constantly moist, and taking care that it shall neither become too hot, nor be exposed to light during the various steps of the process. Continue the trituration until all globules of Mercury have disappeared and the mixture has become nearly dry and has acquired a greenish-yellow color. Then add sufficient Alcohol to reduce the whole to a thin paste, pour this into a bottle, let it stand for several days, and then wash the Iodide twice with about *fifty parts* [or half a pint] of Alcohol each time, and decant the washings. Transfer the Iodide to a filter and continue washing with Alcohol until the washings are no longer affected by hydrosulphuric acid. Lastly, dry the product in a dark place, between sheets of bibulous paper, at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.). Keep the product in well-stopped bottles, protected from light." *U. S.* This process for forming the mercurous iodide is a case of simple combination, the alcohol facilitating the union by dissolving the iodine.

reaction, must be long continued. If the reaction be imperfect, the water washes away not only potassium chloride, but also potassium iodide, holding in solution a part of the mercurous iodide formed, which is ultimately decomposed into mercuric iodide and metallic mercury. The experiments of Prof. Maisch tend to confirm this view. He further found that a boiling temperature enables potassium chloride to decompose the mercurous iodide perceptibly, and infers that the use of cold water would give a purer product. He therefore concludes that the process of Boutigny cannot be depended upon for giving a pure mercurous iodide. As prepared by the U. S. formula of 1880, it was liable to contain a little mercuric iodide; but this is obviated in the present edition by the direction to wash it, near the close of the operation, with alcohol. It is known to be free from mercuric iodide when the alcoholic washings produce no cloudiness with water, and no color with hydrogen sulphide solution. According to Mr. F. R. Williams, a boiling solution of common salt is much more efficacious as well as much more economical than alcohol as a solvent for washing out the mercuric from the mercurous iodide. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1873, p. 1016; *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1857.) M. P. Yvon has prepared mercurous iodide by subliming iodine with an excess of mercury, and subsequently washing it with dilute nitric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. p. 167.) Mr. George A. Haffa precipitates a solution of mercurous nitrate with potassium iodide, and obtains mercurous iodide of a yellow or green color according to the density of the solution. The solution of mercurous nitrate is prepared by acting upon 15,000 grs. of mercury with a cold mixture of nitric acid (6000 grs.) and water (4000 grs.), placing the vessel in cold water, and stirring the contents constantly until the reaction has entirely ceased; the white crystalline mass, without being separated from the excess of metallic mercury, is then dissolved in water acidulated with nitric acid (1 oz. to the gallon) until the solution measures four pints. For preparing *green mercurous iodide*, six ounces of a solution of mercurous nitrate are mixed with six pints of water, and there is added in a continuous stream, and with constant stirring, a solution of potassium iodide (3 oz. in 54 oz. of water); the precipitate is washed with water, and dried without the aid of heat. *Yellow mercurous iodide* is prepared in the same manner, except that two ounces of solution of mercurous nitrate diluted with water (8 pints) are used with a solution of potassium iodide (1 oz. in 4 pints of water). This salt darkens much more quickly when exposed to the light than that made by the pharmacopœial process. (*A. J. P.*, 1886.) Stoman practically confirms these results. (*Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1887; see, also, *Pharm. Era*, 1888.) From experiments by Mr. C. H. Wood, it appears that the green iodide is a mixture of red iodide and metallic mercury. By continuing the trituration, the powders become more and more yellow, and at length have only a tinge of green. He infers that pure mercurous iodide is yellow, and that the green color is owing to an admixture of the blue of the mercury with the yellow of the mercurous iodide.* (*P. J. Tr.*, 1868.) Flückiger (*Pharmaceutische Chemie*, 2d ed., 1888) agrees with this view, and says that by slow sublimation, at a very gentle heat, the true mercurous iodide can be obtained in small transparent yellow crystals of the quadratic system which are related to the forms of calomel.

Properties. "A bright yellow, amorphous powder, odorless and tasteless. By exposure to light it becomes darker, in proportion as it undergoes decomposition into metallic mercury and mercuric iodide. Almost insoluble in water, and wholly insoluble in alcohol or ether. When slowly and moderately heated, it assumes at first an orange and then a red color, becoming yellow again on cooling. When quickly and strongly heated, it is at first partially decomposed into mercury and mercuric iodide, and finally is completely volatilized. When it is heated with sulphuric acid and a little manganese dioxide, vapor of iodine is evolved. In contact with a solution of potassium iodide, the salt is decomposed into mercuric iodide, which dissolves, leaving a residue of metallic mercury. If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be shaken with 10 C.c. of alcohol, a portion of the filtrate should be scarcely affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor should it produce more than a very faint, transient opalescence when dropped into water; and if 5 C.c. of the filtrate be evaporated from a white porcelain surface, not more than a very faint, red stain should remain (absence of more than traces of *mercuric iodide*)." *U. S.* Its sp. gr. is 7·75. If quickly and cautiously heated, it

* Patrouillard recommends Dublanc's process, which consists in triturating together a mixture of mercuric (red) iodide and of metallic mercury, in the following proportions: mercuric iodide 227 parts; mercury 100 parts. The mercuric iodide may easily be obtained of absolute purity and in a state of perfect dryness; besides, during the trituration there is no risk of loss by volatilization. The mixture should merely be moistened with alcohol of eighty per cent., so as to form a thin paste, and well triturated; the reaction takes place in a very short time, and the product is of a dark greenish-yellow color. By way of precaution, it should be washed with boiling alcohol. (*Rép. de Pharm.*, 1877, 549; *N. R.*, Nov. 1877.)

sublimes in red crystals, which afterwards become yellow. "Gradually heated in a test-tube, it yields a yellow sublimate, which, upon friction, or after cooling, becomes red, while globules of metallic mercury are left in the bottom of the tube." *Br.* 1867. It is generally considered to be composed of two atoms of mercury united with two atoms of iodine, Hg_2I_2, 399·6 + 253·06 = 652·66, although some chemists make its formula HgI, consisting of one atom of mercury 199·8, and one of iodine 126·53 = 326·33.

Medical Properties and Uses. Mercurous iodide is used in advanced *syphilis*. The dose is half a grain (0·033 Gm.) daily, gradually increased to two grains (0·13 Gm.). It should never be given at the same time with potassium iodide, which converts it immediately into mercuric iodide and metallic mercury. (Mialhe, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ix. 36.)

HYDRARGYRI IODIDUM RUBRUM. U. S., Br. Red Mercuric Iodide.

[Biniodide of Mercury. Red Iodide of Mercury.]

HgI_2; 452·86. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ Ī-ŎD'Ĭ-DŬM RŬ'BRŬM.) HgI_2; 452·9.

Hydrargyrum Biiodatum Rubrum, *P. G.;* Mercurius Iodatus Ruber, Deutoioduretum Hydrargyri, Ioduretum Hydrargyricum; Deuto-iodure (Bi-iodure) de Mercure, Iodure mercurique, *Fr.;* Quecksilberjodid, Rothes Jodqueck-silber, *G.*

"Corrosive Mercuric Chloride, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Potassium Iodide, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Corrosive Mercuric Chloride and the Potassium Iodide, each, in *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Distilled Water, and filter the solutions separately. Pour both solutions, simultaneously and in a thin stream, under constant and very active stirring, into *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of Distilled Water. When the precipitate has subsided, decant the supernatant liquid, collect the precipitate on a filter, and wash it with cold Distilled Water, until the washings give not more than a slight opalescence with silver nitrate test-solution. Finally, dry it in a dark place, between sheets of bibulous paper, at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.). Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Perchloride of Mercury *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Iodide of Potassium *five ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *four pints* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Perchloride of Mercury in three pints [Imp. meas.], and the Iodide of Potassium in the remainder of the Water, and mix the solutions. When the temperature of the mixture has fallen to that of the atmosphere, decant the supernatant liquor from the precipitate, and, having collected the latter on a filter, wash it twice with cold distilled water, and dry it at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

In the above processes for forming mercuric iodide, which may be considered as identical, a double decomposition takes place between corrosive sublimate and potassium iodide, resulting in the formation of potassium chloride which remains in solution, and mercuric iodide which precipitates. The precipitate is soluble in the reacting salts, and hence a loss of part of it is incurred by an excess of either. It is best, however, to have a slight excess of the potassium iodide, which is furnished by the proportion taken in the formulas, as then the decomposition of the whole of the corrosive sublimate is insured, and any contamination of the mercuric iodide by it prevented; loss by solution in the supernatant liquid is largely prevented by the improvement introduced in the U. S. 1890 process, whereby separate solutions are poured simultaneously into a large volume of water. The late process of the Edinburgh College consisted in a combination of the ingredients by trituration in due proportion with the aid of alcohol; but after the red powder was obtained it was treated with a boiling solution of common salt, which dissolved the mercuric iodide to the exclusion of any contaminating mercurous iodide; and the solution thus obtained, on cooling, deposited the pure mercuric salt in crystals. Mr. F. R. Williams states that in the manufacture of the red iodide on a large scale the amount of water required by the official processes is very troublesome. He remedies it by using ammonium chloride, so as to get a very concentrated solution of corrosive sublimate, which he adds to a concentrated solution of the iodide. The addition of the ammonium chloride does not interfere with the reaction, but is of material service in assisting in the solution of the corrosive sublimate. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1873.)

Dr. Chas. L. Mitchell has improved upon the process of Williams, and we give his process in the foot-note.*

* *Hydrargyri Iodidum Rubrum, Mitchell's Process.* Mercury, 1000 grs.; Nitric Acid, 1700 grs.; Potassium Iodide, 1662 grs. or q. s.; Distilled Water, q. s. (Instead of the mercury and nitric acid, ℥v ℥i ℈ii of Liq. Hydrarg. Nit.

Properties. As obtained by the late Edinburgh process, it is in splendid crimson acicular crystals. Köhler has found, however, that it crystallizes better from boiling hydrochloric acid. (*Ber. der Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1879, p. 608.) It also crystallizes well from hot saturated solutions in acetone, glacial acetic acid, absolute alcohol, amyl alcohol, and nitric acid of 1·2 sp. gr. When heated the mass becomes yellow at about 150° C. (302° F.), melting at 254° C. (489·2° F.) to a blood-red liquid, and sublimes at 349° C. in yellow rhombic scales, which become red on cooling. "It is entirely volatilized by a heat under redness." *Br.* Mercuric iodide is a dimorphous substance, having a different crystalline form in its red and yellow states. According to Schiff, it is only in its yellow form that it is soluble in alcohol; and hence it is that, when separated by water from its alcoholic solution, it falls in this condition. (*Ann. der Chem. und Pharm.*, cix. 371.) It forms definite compounds with the iodides of the alkali metals. The compound formed with potassium iodide has been used as a medicine. (See *Potassium Iodohydrargyrate*, in Part II.) "When digested with solution of soda it assumes a reddish-brown color, and the fluid, cleared by filtration and mixed with solution of starch, gives a blue precipitate on being acidulated with nitric acid," showing that it is an iodide. Mercuric iodide consists of one atom of mercury 199·8, and two atoms of iodine 253·06 = 452·86, and its formula is HgI_2. It combines with mercurous iodide, so as to form a yellow *sesqui-iodide*, represented by the formula $HgI + HgI_2$, or Hg_2I_3.

"A scarlet-red, amorphous powder, odorless and tasteless; permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water, but soluble in 130 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 15 parts of boiling alcohol;* also soluble in a solution of potassium iodide, or of mercuric chloride, and in a solution of sodium hyposulphite. When heated to about 150° C. (302° F.), the salt becomes yellow, but again assumes a red color on cooling; at 238° C. (400·4° F.) it fuses to a dark yellow liquid, which, on cooling, forms a yellow, crystalline mass, and, at higher temperatures, volatilizes without decomposition, leaving no residue. On heating the salt with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and adding a little sugar of milk, metallic mercury is precipitated. When it is heated with sulphuric acid and a little manganese dioxide, vapor of iodine is evolved. If the salt be dissolved in hot alcohol, the solution, after cooling, should be colorless; and when this solution is diluted with an equal volume of water, it should not redden blue litmus paper (absence of *mercuric chloride*). If about 0·5 Gm. of the salt be shaken with 10 C.c. of water, the filtered liquid should not become more than very slightly colored by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor give more than a slight opalescence with silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *soluble chlorides* or *iodides*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Mercuric iodide is a powerful irritant poison. It has been used in similar diseases with the mercurous iodide, namely, in *scrofula* and *syphilis*, but is much more active. It is especially valuable in old, obstinate cases of syphilis, as in syphilitic rheumatic pains and diseases of the bones, thickening of the dura mater, etc. There seems to be in these cases no practical difference between its action and that of corrosive sublimate, although sometimes it is better borne by the stomach than is the latter preparation. The dose is one-sixteenth of a grain (0·004 Gm.), gradually increased to one-fourth of a grain (0·016 Gm.), given in pill. It is sometimes administered in water with potassium iodide so as to make a solution of potassio-mercuric iodide.† M. Cazenave considers mercuric iodide to be the best topical application in *lupus*. He applies it in thin layers, every six or eight days, to small portions of the ulcerated surface at a time, in the form of a caustic ointment, made of equal parts of the iodide, oil, and lard. The application produces severe pain, and gives rise to a sharp inflammation, which soon terminates, leaving the ulcer in an improved condition, with a tendency to cicatrize smoothly and on a level with the surrounding skin. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1852, p. 175.)

can be used.) Dissolve the mercury in the nitric acid by the aid of a little heat (in large quantities this is not necessary, as the reaction between the acid and the mercury generates sufficient heat), and dilute with an equal bulk of water. Then add the potassium iodide, dissolved in 8 fluidounces of water, until no farther precipitation ensues, being careful towards the last to add the solution very gradually, so as to avoid dissolving the mercuric iodide in an excess of the liquid. Collect the precipitate on a filter, wash well with distilled water, drain and dry. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 116.)

* Bourgoin has given solubilities different from these. (See *Amer. Drug.*, 1885, p. 97.) For paper on solubility in fatty bodies, by C. Méhu, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 327.)

† A syrup has been largely used in the French hospitals and in this country which has received the name of *Sirop Gibert*. It is made by dissolving *three grains* of *mercuric iodide* and *one hundred and two grains* of *potassium iodide* in *three fluidrachms* of water, filtering, and adding sufficient simple syrup to make *ten fluidounces*. Each tablespoonful contains about one-seventh of a grain of mercuric iodide and five grains of potassium iodide.

HYDRARGYRI OXIDUM FLAVUM. U. S., Br. Yellow Mercuric Oxide.

Hg O; 215·76. (HĪ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM FLĀ'VŬM.) Hg O; 215·7.

Yellow Oxide of Mercury; Hydrargyrum Oxydatum Via Humida Paratum, *P. G.;* Hydrargyrum Oxidatum Flavum vel Præcipitatum; Precipitated Oxide of Mercury; Oxide de Mercure jaune ou précipité, *Fr.;* Praecipitirtes (Gelbes) Quecksilberoxyd, *G.*

"Corrosive Mercuric Chloride, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Soda, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Corrosive Mercuric Chloride in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of warm Distilled Water, and filter the solution. Dissolve the Soda (which should contain 90 per cent. of sodium hydrate) in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of cold Distilled Water, and into this solution pour gradually, and with constant stirring, the solution of Corrosive Mercuric Chloride. Allow the mixture to stand for an hour at a temperature of about 30° C. (86° F.), stirring frequently. Then decant the supernatant, clear liquid from the precipitate, and wash the latter repeatedly by the affusion and decantation of Distilled Water, using *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water each time. Collect the precipitate on a strainer, and continue the washing with warm Distilled Water, until a small portion of the washings, when poured on a little mercuric chloride test-solution, no longer produces a yellowish turbidity at the line of contact of the two liquids. Then allow the precipitate to drain, and dry it between sheets of bibulous paper, in a dark place, at a temperature not exceeding 30° C. (86° F.). Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Perchloride of Mercury *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Soda *two pints* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Perchloride of Mercury in four pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, aiding the solution by the application of heat, and add this to the Solution of Soda. Stir them together; allow the yellow precipitate to subside; remove the supernatant liquor by decantation; thoroughly wash the precipitated oxide on a calico filter with Distilled Water, and finally dry it by the heat of a water-bath." *Br.*

The process adopted for this preparation is that of Dr. Hoffmann. Both the Pharmacopœias direct the alkaline solution in excess, and the addition of the corrosive sublimate to the alkali. Both these points are important, for if the corrosive sublimate be in excess, brown oxychloride will be formed towards the last of the decomposition; and when the alkali is added to the solution of corrosive sublimate, the same compound will be formed from the first, and is with difficulty decomposed by an excess of alkali. The solution of potassa should be as free as possible from carbonate, to prevent the formation of brown mercuric carbonate. The mercuric chloride is precipitated by the alkalies, potassium or sodium chloride being left in solution. The object of the subsequent washing is to remove the potassium chloride and the excess of the alkali.* The process has been improved through the use of a freshly-made solution of soda: the official solution of potassa used in the U. S. P. 1880 process almost invariably contained potassium carbonate, except when it was freshly made, and the presence of carbonate gives the mercuric oxide a reddish-brown tint which is very objectionable.

Properties. The official mercuric oxide is of a yellow color similar to that of the yolk of egg, and is a completely amorphous powder, exhibiting no evidence of crystalline particles even under the microscope. Yellow mercuric oxide differs only from the red by being amorphous and in a much more minute state of division; the red oxide by trituration acquiring an orange and finally a yellow color. In consequence of its different state of aggregation, it presents some peculiarities in its chemical relations, and is much more quickly acted on by reagents than is the red oxide. Thus, oxalic acid, which acts on the red oxide only with the aid of heat, immediately combines with the yellow oxide at ordinary temperatures, producing the white oxalate; and while the latter oxide, in contact with chlorine, gives up oxygen to that element, forming hypochlorous acid and corrosive sublimate, the former exercises scarcely any influence on the gas at common temperatures. It is described in the U. S. Pharmacopœia as "a light orange-yellow, amorphous, heavy, impalpable powder, odorless, and having a somewhat metallic taste; permanent in the air, but turning darker on exposure to light. Almost insoluble in water, insoluble in alcohol, but readily and completely soluble in diluted hydrochloric or nitric acid, forming colorless solutions. When moderately heated, the Oxide assumes

* Dr. Charles L. Mitchell proposes an improvement on the official process, which avoids the use of large vessels when it is made on a large scale. He takes of solution of mercuric nitrate (prepared by dissolving mercury in an excess of nitric acid), any convenient quantity; solution of soda, U. S. P., a sufficient quantity. The solution of mercuric nitrate is diluted with an equal bulk of water, and solution of soda added until in slight excess. The yellow precipitate is collected, washed well, and dried.

a red color. At a red heat it is completely decomposed into oxygen and metallic mercury, and is finally volatilized, leaving no residue. If 0·5 Gm. of the Oxide be digested on a water-bath, for fifteen minutes, with a solution of 1 Gm. of oxalic acid in 10 C.c. of water, it will be converted into white mercuric oxalate (distinction from *red mercuric oxide*). On dissolving 1 Gm. of the Oxide in 100 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, the resulting solution should be clear, and should not afford more than a slight opalescence with silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.* I. Comere explains in a paper in *Rép. de Pharm.*, 1881, p. 199, the various conditions and modifications in the process necessary to make the oxide vary in color. (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 149.)

Medical Properties. The attention which has been recently paid to the yellow oxide is owing to its peculiar applicability to the local treatment of diseases of the eye, in consequence of its amorphous character. Mr. B. Squire, of England, was the first to notice publicly this use of the oxide (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vi. 512). At present the yellow oxide is very largely used by oculists throughout the world. The red oxide, however carefully it may be triturated, even though in a perfectly impalpable state, still shows under the microscope crystalline particles, which in contact with the conjunctiva cause more or less irritation; and it can, therefore, be readily understood that, in the ordinary mode of preparing it for use as an ointment, it may sometimes be productive of serious annoyance. From this objection the yellow oxide is exempt.

HYDRARGYRI OXIDUM RUBRUM. U. S., Br. Red Mercuric Oxide.

[Red Precipitate.]

Hg O; 215·76. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM RŪ'BRŬM.) Hg O; 215·7.

Red Oxide of Mercury; Hydrargyri Nitrico-oxidum; Hydrargyrum Oxydatum Rubrum, *P. G.;* Hydrargyri Nitrico-oxydum, Mercurius Corrosivus Ruber vel Præcipitatus, Oxydum Hydrargyricum; Deut-oxide ou Péroxide de Mercure, Oxide mercurique, Précipité rouge, Poudre de Jean de Vigo, *Fr.;* Rother Praecipitat, Quecksilber Praecipitat, Rothes Quecksilberoxyd, *G.*

"Red Mercuric Oxide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

A process for this oxide has been omitted from the present Pharmacopœia; that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.*

"Take of Mercury, by weight, *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *four fluidounces and a half* [Imperial measure]; Water *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve half the Mercury in the Nitric Acid diluted with the Water, evaporate the solution to dryness, and with the dry salt thus obtained, triturate the remainder of the Mercury until the two are uniformly blended together. Heat the mixture in a porcelain dish, with repeated stirring, until acid vapors cease to be evolved." *Br.*

In this process the mercury is dissolved by the nitric acid, forming either mercuric nitrate, or a mixture of this with mercurous nitrate. The resulting mass when exposed to a strong heat is decomposed, giving out red nitrous fumes, and assuming successively a yellow, an orange, and a brilliant purple-red color, which becomes orange-red on cooling. These changes are owing to the gradual separation and decomposition of the nitric acid, by the oxygen of which the mercurous oxide, if any be present, is converted into mercuric oxide, while nitrogen dioxide gas escapes, and becomes nitrogen tetroxide on contact with the air. The mercuric oxide is left behind, but in general not quite free from the nitrate, which cannot be wholly decomposed by heat without endangering the decomposition of the oxide itself, and the volatilization of the metal. The preparation is commonly called *red precipitate.* The name of *red mercuric oxide*, by which it is now designated, is appropriate, as mercuric nitrate exists in it merely as an accidental impurity; and there is no occasion to distinguish the preparation from the oxide obtained by calcining mercury, the latter not being official, and perhaps never employed.

In the preparation of this mercurial, various circumstances influence the nature of the product, and must be attended to, if we desire to procure the oxide with that fine bright orange-red color, and shining scaly appearance, usually considered desirable. Among these circumstances is the condition of the mercuric nitrate submitted to calcination. According to Gay-Lussac, it should be employed in the form of small crystalline grains. If previously pulverized, as directed in the official processes, it will yield an orange-yellow powder; if it be in the state of large and dense crystals, the oxide will have a deep orange color. Care must also be taken that the mercury and acid be free from impurities. It is highly important that sufficient nitric acid be employed fully to saturate the mercury. M. Payssé, who paid great attention to the

* "Take of Mercury *thirty-six troyounces;* Nitric Acid *twenty-four troyounces;* Water *two pints.* Dissolve the Mercury, with the aid of a gentle heat, in the Acid and Water previously mixed, and evaporate to dryness. Rub the dry mass into powder, and heat it in a very shallow vessel until red vapors cease to rise." *U. S.* 1870.

manufacture of red precipitate, recommended 70 parts of nitric acid from 34° to 38° Baumé, to 50 parts of mercury. This, however, is an excess of acid. We have been told by a skilful practical chemist of Philadelphia that he has found, by repeated experiment, 7 parts of nitric acid of 35° Baumé to be sufficient fully to saturate 6 parts of mercury. Less will not answer, and more will be useless. It is not necessary that the salt should be removed from the vessel in which it is formed; and it is even asserted that the product is always more beautiful when the calcination is performed in the same vessel. A matrass may be used with a large flat bottom, so that an extended surface may be exposed and all parts heated equally. The metal and acid having been introduced, the matrass should be placed in a sand-bath, and covered with sand up to the neck. The solution of the mercury should be favored by a gentle heat, which should afterwards be gradually increased till red vapors appear, then maintained as equably as possible till these vapors cease, and at last slightly elevated till oxygen gas begins to escape. This may be known by the increased brilliancy with which a taper will burn if placed in the mouth of the matrass, or by its rekindling if partially extinguished. Too high a temperature must be carefully avoided, as it decomposes the oxide and volatilizes the mercury. At the close of the operation, the mouth of the vessel should be stopped, and the heat gradually diminished, the matrass being still allowed to remain in the sand-bath. These last precautions are said to be essential to the fine red color of the preparation. It is best to operate upon a large quantity of materials, as the heat may be thus more uniformly maintained. The direction in the Br. Ph., to rub a portion of mercury with the nitrate before decomposing it, renders the process more economical; as the nitric acid, which would otherwise be dissipated, is thus employed in oxidizing an additional quantity of the metal. As the process is ordinarily conducted in laboratories, the mercuric nitrate is decomposed in shallow earthen vessels, several of which are placed upon a bed of sand, in the chamber of an oven or furnace, provided with a flue for the escape of the vapors. Each vessel may conveniently contain ten pounds of the nitrate. There is always loss in the operation thus conducted.*

Properties, etc. Red precipitate, well prepared, has a brilliant red color, with a shade of orange, a shining scaly appearance, and an acrid taste. It is very slightly soluble in water, of which Dr. Barker found 1000 parts to take up 0·62 of the oxide. Dr. Christison found 1 part of the oxide to be dissolved by about 7000 parts of boiling water, and the solution to give a black precipitate with hydrogen sulphide. Tannic acid precipitates metallic mercury from an aqueous solution of the oxide, especially when heated. (Bullock, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 306.) It is insoluble in cold alcohol and ether. (*Ibid.*) Nitric and hydrochloric acids dissolve it without effervescence. "Heavy, orange-red, crystalline scales, or a crystalline powder, becoming more yellow the finer it is divided, odorless, and having a somewhat metallic taste; permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water, insoluble in alcohol, but readily and completely soluble in diluted hydrochloric or nitric acid, forming colorless solutions. When heated to about 400° C. (752° F.), it becomes dark violet or almost black, but assumes its original color on cooling. At a red heat it is completely decomposed into oxygen and metallic mercury, and is finally volatilized, leaving no residue. If 0·5 Gm. of the Oxide be digested, on a water-bath, with a solution of 1 Gm. of oxalic acid in 10 C.c. of water, it will not change color within two hours (distinction from *yellow mercuric oxide*). If a little of the Oxide be strongly heated in a test-tube, the vapors should not redden moistened blue litmus paper (absence of *nitrate*). On dissolving 1 Gm. of the Oxide in 100 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, the resulting solution should be clear, and should not afford more than a slight opalescence with silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.* It is essentially mercuric oxide, consisting of one atom of the metal 199·8, and one of oxygen 15·96 = 215·76; but in its ordinary state it always contains a minute proportion of nitric acid, probably in the state of subnitrate. According to Brande, when rubbed and washed with a solution of potassa, edulcorated with distilled water, and carefully dried, it may be regarded as nearly pure mercuric oxide. It is said to be sometimes adulterated with brickdust, red lead, etc.; but these may be readily detected, as

* Under the name of *Hydrargyri Oxidum Rubrum*, the Dublin College formerly directed a preparation, called by the elder chemists *hydrargyrum præcipitatum per se*, or *precipitate per se*, and sometimes *calcined mercury*, made by exposing the metal to a heat near its boiling point, or about 315·5° C. (600° F.), in a matrass with a broad bottom and a narrow mouth. The vapors rising were condensed in the upper part of the vessel; and a circulation was thus kept up within it, during which the mercury slowly combined with oxygen, being converted first into a black and then into a red powder. But the process was very slow, requiring several weeks for the complete oxidation of the metal; and, as the product, which was pure mercuric oxide, had no peculiar virtues to recommend it over the oxide procured in the ordinary mode, it was promptly discarded by the College. The oxide made in this way is in minute, sparkling, crystalline scales, of a deep red color, becoming still deeper by heat.

mercuric oxide is wholly dissipated if thrown upon red-hot iron. The disengagement of red vapors when it is heated indicates the presence of mercuric nitrate. The same or some other saline impurity would be indicated should water, in which the oxide has been boiled, afford a precipitate with lime water.

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation is too harsh and irregular in its operation for internal use, but is still employed externally as a stimulant and escharotic in the state either of powder or of ointment, although to a great extent supplanted by the yellow oxide. In the former state it is sprinkled on the surface of *chancres*, and *indolent*, *flabby*, or *fungous ulcers*. The powder should be finely levigated.*

HYDRARGYRI PERSULPHAS. Br. Persulphate of Mercury.

Hg_2SO_4; 295·4. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ PĔR-SŬL'PHĂS.) Hg_2SO_4; 295·7.

Hydrargyri Sulphas, *Br.* 1867; Sulphate of Mercury; Mercurius Vitriolatus, Hydrargyrum Sulphuricum, Sulphas Mercurius; Mercuric Sulphate; Persulfate ou Deuto-sulfate de Mercure, Sulfate mercurique, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Quecksilberoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Mercury, by weight, *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *twelve fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Heat the Mercury with the Sulphuric Acid in a porcelain vessel, stirring constantly, until the metal disappears, then continue the heat until a dry white salt remains." *Br.*

Mercury is not acted on by cold sulphuric acid; but when boiled with an excess of this acid to dryness it is changed to mercuric sulphate at the expense of part of the acid, sulphurous acid being copiously evolved. Mercuric sulphate as obtained by a separate formula is peculiar to the British Pharmacopœia; it was formed as the first step of the processes of the U. S. P. 1870 for corrosive sublimate, calomel, and turpeth mineral. The adoption of a separate formula and distinct official name for this salt is certainly a convenience, as it obviates the necessity of repeating the directions for obtaining the same substance in several formulas. On account of its various uses, it requires to be made on a large scale by the manufacturing chemist; and the process is generally performed in a cast-iron vessel, which should be conveniently arranged for the escape and decomposition of the sulphurous acid fumes, which otherwise become a serious nuisance to the neighborhood. The best way to effect this purpose is to allow them to pass off through a very lofty chimney filled with coke, over which a stream of water is made to trickle.

Properties, etc. Mercuric sulphate is in the form of a white crystalline powder, becoming yellow by the affusion of water, and entirely volatilized by heat. It consists of one atom of mercury, and one group, SO_4, characteristic of sulphates, or $HgSO_4$. It has no medical uses.

HYDRARGYRI SUBSULPHAS FLAVUS. U. S. Yellow Mercuric Subsulphate. [Basic Mercuric Sulphate. Turpeth Mineral.]

$Hg(HgO)_2SO_4$; 727·14. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ SŬB-SŬL'PHĂS FLĀ'VŬS.) $Hg(HgO)_2SO_4$; 727·1.

Hydrargyri Sulphas Flava, *U. S.* 1870; Hydrargyri Subsulphas, Mercurius Emeticus Flavus, Sulphas Hydrargyricus Flavus, Hydrargyrum Sulphuricum Flavum, Turpethum Minerale; Sulfate jaune de Mercure, Turbith minéral, Sulfate trimercurique, *Fr.;* Basischwefelsaures Quecksilberoxyd, Mineralischer Turpeth, *G.*

"Mercury, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Nitric Acid, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 405 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Upon the Mercury, contained in a capacious flask, pour the Sulphuric Acid, previously mixed with *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims] of Distilled Water, then add, very gradually, the Nitric Acid, previously mixed with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 405 minims] of Distilled Water, and digest at a gentle heat until reddish fumes are no longer given off. Transfer the mixture to a porcelain capsule, and heat it on a sand-bath, under a hood or in the open air, with frequent stirring, until a dry, white mass remains. Reduce this to a fine powder, and add it in small portions at a time, with constant stirring, to *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of boiling Distilled Water. When all has been added, continue the boiling for ten minutes; then allow the mixture to settle, decant the supernatant liquid, transfer the precipitate to a strainer, wash it with warm Distilled Water, until the washings no longer have an acid reaction, and dry it in a moderately warm place. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

By referring to the articles on corrosive sublimate and calomel, it will be found that the peculiar salt which is generated by boiling sulphuric acid with mercury to dryness is directed to

* *Hydrargyri Oxidum Nigrum.* U. S. 1850. *Black Mercurous Oxide.* This preparation has been dropped from both Pharmacopœias, and is now very rarely used. For a full account of its preparation, uses, and properties, see U. S. Dispensatory, 14th edition, p. 1256.

be made as the first step for obtaining these chlorides; and here the same salt is again directed to be formed in preparing turpeth mineral. The nitric acid assists in the process by hastening the formation of the sulphate. We have already stated that this salt is normal mercuric sulphate. When thrown into boiling or even warm water it is instantly decomposed, and an insoluble salt is precipitated, which is the turpeth mineral. Its composition is Hg_3SO_6, or, more clearly expressed, $HgSO_4 + 2HgO$; that is, a compound of one mol. of mercuric sulphate and two mols. of mercuric oxide.

Properties, etc. Yellow mercuric subsulphate is "a heavy, lemon-yellow powder, odorless and almost tasteless; permanent in the air. Soluble in about 2000 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 600 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol; readily soluble in nitric or hydrochloric acid. When heated, the salt turns red, becoming yellow again on cooling. At a red heat it is volatilized, evolving vapors of mercury and of sulphur dioxide, and leaving no residue. A solution of the salt in nitric or hydrochloric acid, diluted with water, gives with potassium iodide test-solution a red precipitate, and with barium chloride test-solution a white one. The salt should be completely soluble in 10 parts of hydrochloric acid (absence of *mercurous salt* or of *lead*)." *U. S.* It was originally called *turpeth* mineral, from its resemblance in color to the root of *Ipomœa turpethum*.

Medical Properties and Uses. Turpeth mineral is alterative, and powerfully emetic and errhine. It operates with great promptness, and sometimes excites ptyalism. Dr. Hubbard, of Maine, recommends it highly as an emetic in *croup*, on the ground of its promptness and certainty, and of its not producing catharsis, or the prostration caused by antimony. This practice has been followed with alleged extraordinarily good results by Dr. Fordyce Barker, of New York, and other practitioners, but is not without danger, since Dr. A. McPhedran reports (*Med. News*, vol. xliii., 1883) a case in which a child five months old was killed by two powders given as emetics at intervals of fifteen minutes. No vomiting ensued, but violent purging came on in the course of a short time, with intense abdominal pain and other symptoms of poisoning resembling those caused by corrosive sublimate. A second similar case occurred in the practice of Dr. Cameron, of Toronto, Canada. The dose for a child two years old is two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.), repeated in fifteen minutes if it should not operate. The dose as an alterative is from a quarter to half a grain (0·016 to 0·03 Gm.); as an emetic, from two to five grains (0·13 to 0·33 Gm.). When employed as an errhine, one grain (0·065 Gm.) may be mixed with five grains (0·33 Gm.) of starch or powdered liquorice root. One drachm taken internally has caused death in a boy sixteen years old. (*Lon. Med. Gaz.*, 1847.)

HYDRARGYRUM. U. S., Br. Mercury. [Quicksilver.]

Hg; 199·8. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RŬM.) Hg; 199·7.

Quicksilver; Mercurius Vivus; Argentum Vivum; Mercure, Vif Argent, *Fr.*; Quecksilber, *G.*; Mercurio, *It.*; Azógue, *Sp.* and *Port.*

Mercury is found pure, forming an amalgam with silver, in the form of chloride (native calomel), but most abundantly as the sulphide or native cinnabar. Mines of this metal are found at Almaden in Spain, at Idria in Carniola, in the former duchy of Deux-Ponts, in Belluno, a province of Venetia, in Corsica, in the Philippine Islands and China, near Huancavelica in Peru, near Azogue in Colombia, at Durango in Mexico, and at New Almaden, New Idria, and other localities in Santa Clara County, California, about sixty-six miles from San Francisco. The most ancient mine is that of Almaden in Spain, which was worked before the Christian era. This mine, and the mines of California, are the most productive at the present day; the Spanish mine yielding about three and a quarter millions of pounds, and the California mines about two-thirds of this amount, annually. The ore in all the mines mentioned is cinnabar. The cinnabar from old Almaden is of a dull-red color in mass, of a dull brick-red color when in fine powder, and of the sp. gr. 3·6. That from New Almaden is of a bright-red color, slightly inclining to purple, not so hard as the Spanish ore, of a brilliant vermilion color in powder, and of the sp. gr. 4·4. The California cinnabar is richer in mercury, because purer, than the Spanish; the former yielding about 70 and the latter about 38 per cent. of mercury, according to the analysis of Mr. Adam Bealey. The California mine had been long known to the Indians, but its commercial value was first made known about 1843, by a Mexican, named Castillero, who became its first owner. At present it is in the hands of Americans. (See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1855; also a paper by Dr. Ruschenberger, U.S.N., in *A. J. P.*, March, 1856.) Dr. Ruschenberger has detected selenium in California cinnabar. A quicksilver ore has been found in Macon County, Tennessee, where it is said to exist in vast quantities. According to Mr. E. S.

Wayne, it is a talcose rock, and contains mercury in the metallic state, yielding 7·5 per cent. of the metal. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 76.) Mercury has also been found in the island of Borneo, district of Sarawak. (*Chem. News*, Nov. 5, 1869, p. 224.)

Extraction, etc. Mercury is obtained almost exclusively from the sulphide or native cinnabar. It is extracted by two principal processes. According to one process, the mineral is picked, pounded, and mixed with lime. The mixture is then introduced into cast-iron retorts, which are placed in rows, one above the other, in an oblong furnace, and connected with earthenware receivers one-third full of water. Heat being applied, the lime combines with the sulphur, so as to form calcium sulphide and sulphate; while the mercury distils over, and is condensed in the receivers. The other process is practised at Almaden in Spain. Here a square furnace is employed, the floor of which is pierced with many holes, for the passage of the flame from the fireplace beneath. In the upper and lateral part of the furnace, holes are made, communicating with several rows of *aludels*, formed of adapters passing into one another, which terminate in a small chamber that serves both as condenser and receiver. The mineral, having been picked by hand and pulverized, is kneaded with clay, and formed into small masses, which are placed on the floor of the furnace. Heat being applied, the sulphur burns, and the volatilized mercury passes through the aludels to be condensed in the chamber. The process pursued at New Almaden is described by Dr. Ruschenberger. (*A. J. P.*, 1856.)

Mercury, as found in commerce, is contained in cylindrical wrought-iron bottles, called flasks, each containing 76½ pounds. Since the regular working of the California mine of New Almaden, the importation of the metal from Spain and Austria has gradually diminished, and at present the domestic production is sufficient not only to supply the home consumption, but to give an excess for exportation. In the year 1862, the different mines of California were said to be yielding mercury at the rate of four millions of pounds per annum (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1862, p. 410), and in 1877 the yield had increased to over six million pounds, but in 1881 it had decreased to four and a half million pounds, and in 1892 it was 2,132,815 pounds, the world's production for the year 1891 being 7,386,993 pounds. The exports are made principally to China, Mexico, Chili, and Peru. The chief uses of the metal are in mining silver and gold, in preparing vermilion, in making thermometers and barometers, in silvering looking-glasses, and in forming various pharmaceutical compounds.

Properties. Mercury is "a shining, silver-white metal, without odor or taste. It is liquid at the ordinary temperature, and easily divisible into spherical globules; but, when cooled to —39·38° C. (—38·88° F.), it forms a ductile, malleable mass. Specific gravity: 13·5584 at 15° C. (59° F.). Insoluble in the ordinary solvents, also in concentrated hydrochloric acid, and, at common temperatures, in sulphuric acid; but it dissolves in the latter, when boiled with it, and is readily and completely soluble in nitric acid. At ordinary temperatures it volatilizes very slowly, more rapidly as the temperature increases, and at 357·25° C. (675·05° F.) it boils, and is completely volatilized, yielding a colorless and very poisonous vapor. When globules of Mercury are dropped upon white paper, they should roll about freely, retaining their globular form, and leaving no streaks or traces. It should be perfectly dry and present a bright surface. On boiling 5 Gm. of Mercury with 5 C.c. of Water and 4·5 Gm. of sodium hyposulphite, in a test-tube, for about one minute, the Mercury should not lose its lustre, and should not acquire more than a slightly yellowish shade (absence of more than *slight traces of foreign metals*)." *U. S.* When perfectly pure it undergoes no alteration by the action of air or water, but in its ordinary state suffers a slight tarnish. When heated to near the boiling point, it gradually combines with oxygen, and is converted into mercuric oxide; but at the temperature of ebullition it parts with the oxygen with which it had combined, and is reduced again to the metallic state. Its sp. gr. is 13·5, and its atomic weight 199·8. It boils at 357·25° C. (669° F.), yielding a colorless vapor, and congeals at —39·4° C. (—39° F.), forming a malleable solid of tin-white color. It is a good conductor of heat, and its specific heat is small. It is not attacked by hydrochloric acid, nor by cold sulphuric acid; but boiling sulphuric acid or cold nitric acid dissolves it, producing mercurous sulphate and mercurous nitrate, respectively, with the extrication, in the former case, of sulphurous acid, in the latter, of nitrogen dioxide becoming hyponitric acid fumes. Its combinations are numerous, and several of them constitute important medicines. It forms two series of compounds, the *mercurous* compounds containing the group $(Hg_2)^{II}$, and the *mercuric* compounds containing the single atom Hg^{II}.

Mercury, as it occurs in commerce, is in general sufficiently pure for pharmaceutical purposes. Occasionally it contains foreign metals, as lead, tin, zinc, and bismuth. Mr. Brande informs us that in examining large quantities of this metal in the London market he found

it in only one instance intentionally adulterated. When impure, the metal has a dull appearance, leaves a trace on white paper, is deficient in due fluidity and mobility, as shown by its not forming perfect globules, is not totally dissipated by heat, and when shaken in a glass bottle coats its sides with a pellicle, or, if very impure, deposits a black powder. If agitated with strong sulphuric acid, the adulterating metals become oxidized and dissolved, and thus the mercury may to a limited extent be purified. Lead is detected by shaking the suspected metal with equal parts of acetic acid and water, and then testing the acid by sodium sulphate or potassium iodide. The former will produce a white, the latter a yellow, precipitate, if lead be present. Bismuth is discovered by dropping a nitric solution of the mercury, prepared without heat, into distilled water, when bismuth subnitrate will be precipitated. The complete solubility of the metal in nitric acid shows that tin is not present; and, if hydrogen sulphide does not act upon hydrochloric acid previously boiled upon the metal, the absence of contaminating metals is shown. Mercury may be purified by digesting it with a small portion of weak nitric acid, or with a solution of mercuric chloride, whereby all the ordinary contaminating metals will be removed. The purification by nitric acid is, according to L. Meyer (*Zeit. Anal. Chem.*, ii. 241), best effected as follows. The metal is allowed to flow in a very thin stream from a small opening in a glass funnel into a wide glass tube 1·25 m. high and 5 cm. in diameter, which contains a dilute mixture of water and nitric acid. A narrow tube is fastened to the bottom of this, from which the pure metal flows; it has then only to be washed with water and dried. The above operation may have to be repeated several times, and the metal if pure must leave no residue when dissolved in pure nitric acid, evaporated to dryness, and ignited. To separate mechanical impurities, moisture, or small quantities of oxide, mercury may be filtered by collecting it in a sound piece of chamois leather and gathering the corners together, forcibly squeezing the particles through the pores of the leather. Mercury, however, is usually purified by distillation.* Being much more volatile than the contaminating metals, it rises first in distillation, while they are left behind. But it is necessary to avoid pushing the distillation too far; for in that event some of the foreign metals are apt to be carried over. The British Council, on account of this danger, directed only five-sixths of the mercury to be distilled. The distilled product is boiled for a few minutes with diluted hydrochloric acid, which, while it does not attack the mercury, dissolves any contaminating metals which may have passed over. The distillation is directed to be performed from a glass retort or iron bottle; but it is more conveniently conducted from the latter, over a common fire, into water contained in a receiver. In small operations a wash-hand basin will answer for a receiver. Millon has ascertained the curious fact that the presence of so small a quantity as one ten-thousandth of lead or zinc in mercury raises its boiling point. M. Violette has made known a method of distilling mercury, or amalgamated silver, which presents many advantages. It consists in subjecting the metal, in iron vessels, to a current of high-pressure steam, which serves the double purpose of imparting the necessary heat, and carrying over the mercurial vapor by a mechanical agency. (*Philos. Mag.*, Dec. 1850.) As it is difficult and troublesome to purify mercury by distillation, it is better to purchase pure samples of the metal, which may always be found in the market.

Mercury is detected with great delicacy by Smithson's process, which consists in the use of a plate of tin, lined with one of gold, in the form of a spiral. When immersed in a mercurial solution, this galvanic combination causes the precipitation of the mercury on the gold, which consequently contracts a white stain. In order to be sure that the stain is caused by mercury, the metal must be volatilized in a small tube, so as to obtain a characteristic globule. MM. Danger and Flandin have improved on Smithson's process. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, No. 61, p. 191.) A minute portion of any of the preparations of mercury, either in the solid state or in concentrated solution, being placed on a bright plate of copper, and a drop of a strong solution of potassium iodide added, a silvery characteristic stain will immediately appear on the copper.

Medical Properties. Mercury in its uncombined state is inert, but in combination acts as a peculiar and universal stimulant. When exhibited in minute division, as it exists in several

* The British Pharmacopœia of 1864 gave the following process for the purification of mercury, using for this purpose an impure form of the metal, under the name of *Commercial Mercury* or *Quicksilver*:

"Take of Mercury of Commerce *three pounds* [avoirdupois]: Hydrochloric Acid *three fluidrachms*: Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Place the Commercial Mercury in a glass retort or iron bottle, and applying heat cause two pounds and a half of the metal to distil over into a flask employed as a receiver. Boil on this for five minutes the Hydrochloric Acid diluted with nine fluidrachms of Distilled Water, and having, by repeated affusions of Distilled Water and decantations, removed every trace of acid, let the mercury be transferred to a porcelain capsule, and dried first by filtering paper, and finally on a water-bath." *Br.*

preparations, it produces its peculiar effects; but this does not prove that the uncombined metal is active, but only that the condition of minute division is favorable to chemical combination, and consequently to its solution in the stomach. Its compounds exhibit certain general medical properties and effects which belong to the whole as a class; while each individual preparation is characterized by some peculiarity in its operation. In this place we shall consider the physiological action of mercury, and the principles by which its administration should be regulated; while its effects as modified in its different combinations will be noticed under the head of the several preparations. Of the modus operandi of mercury we know nothing, except that it possesses a peculiar alterative power over the vital functions. This alterative power is sometimes exerted without being attended with any other vital phenomenon than the removal of disease; while at other times it is accompanied with certain obvious effects, such as a quickened circulation, a frequent jerking pulse, and increased activity of all the secretory functions, particularly those of the salivary glands and the liver. When mercury acts slowly as an alterative, there is not the least apparent disturbance of the circulation. When it operates decidedly and obviously, it is very prone to cause an immoderate flow of saliva and produce the condition denominated ptyalism or salivation. Mercury has been detected in most of the solids and fluids of the body, including the blood. When in the blood it cannot be detected by the ordinary tests, on account of its intimate union with the organic matter of that liquid. To discover it, the blood must be subjected to destructive distillation. The liver is the organ which retains mercury the longest. It has been detected in that viscus though absent in the lungs, heart, bile, and spinal marrow.* Mercury has been used in almost every disease, but too often with evil results. In functional derangement of the digestive organs, mercurials in minute doses often exert a salutary operation, subverting the morbid action, and that, too, by their slow, alterative effect, without affecting the mouth. In these cases no decided disturbance of the vital functions takes place; but the alvine discharges, if clay-colored, are generally restored to their natural hue: whether the liver be torpid and obstructed as in jaundice, or pouring out a redundancy of morbid bile as in melæna, the judicious use of mercury seems equally efficacious in unloading the viscus, or restoring its secretion to a healthy state. In chronic inflammation of the mucous and serous membranes, the alterative effects of mercury are sometimes attended with much benefit. In many of these cases effusion has taken place; and under these circumstances the mercury often proves useful as well by promoting absorption as by removing the chronic inflammation on which the effusion depends. Hence it is often given with advantage in chronic forms of *meningitis*, *bronchitis*, *pleuritis*, *pneumonitis*, *dysentery*, *rheumatism*, etc., and in *hydrocephalus*, *hydrothorax*, *ascites*, and *general dropsy*. Mercury may also be advantageously resorted to in certain states of febrile disease. In some forms of *remittent* and *typhoid fever*, a particular stage is marked by a parched tongue, torpor of the bowels, scanty urine, and dryness of the surface. Here the very cautious employment of mercury is sometimes serviceable. It acts in such cases by increasing the secretions.

In syphilitic affections, mercury, until of late years, was held to be indispensable. Of its mode of action in these affections we know nothing. Without entering into the question of the necessity of mercury in venereal complaints, we are free to admit that the discussion which has grown out of it has shown that this remedy has frequently been unnecessarily resorted to in syphilis. For inducing the specific effects of mercury on the constitution, blue pill or calomel is generally resorted to. In order to procure what we have called the slow alterative effects of the metal, from half a grain to a grain (0·03 to 0·067 Gm.) of blue pill may be given in the twenty-four hours, or from a sixth to a fourth of a grain (0·01 to 0·016 Gm.) of calomel; or, if a gentle ptyalism be our object, two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.) of the former, or a grain of the latter (0·067 Gm.) two or three times a day. Where the bowels are peculiarly irritable, it is often necessary to introduce the metal by means of friction with mercurial ointment; and where a speedy effect is desired, the internal and external use of the remedy may be simultaneously resorted to.

The first observable effects of mercury in inducing ptyalism are a coppery taste in the mouth, a slight soreness of the gums, and an unpleasant sensation in the sockets of the teeth when the jaws are firmly closed. Shortly afterwards the gums begin to swell, a line of whitish matter is seen along their edges, and the breath is infected with a peculiar and very disagreeable smell, called the mercurial fetor. The saliva at the same time begins to flow; and, if the affection proceed, the gums, tongue, throat, and face become much swollen; ulcerations attack the lining membrane of the mouth and fauces; the jaws become excessively painful; the

* For a method of detecting mercury in the urine, see *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1873, p. 145.

tongue is coated with a thick whitish fur; and the saliva flows in streams from the mouth. It occasionally happens that the affection of the mouth proceeds to a dangerous extent, inducing extensive ulceration, gangrene, and even hemorrhage. The best remedies are astringent and detergent gargles, used weak at first, as the parts are extremely tender. In cases attended with swelling and protrusion of the tongue, the wash is best applied by injection by means of a large syringe. We have found lead water among the best applications in these cases; and dilute solutions of chlorinated soda or of chlorinated lime, while they correct the fetor, will be found to exert a curative influence on the ulcerated surfaces. A wash of silver nitrate, made by dissolving eight grains (0·52 Gm.) in a fluidounce (30 C.c.) of water, has also been used with benefit. While the system is under the action of mercury the blood is more watery than in health, less charged with albumen, fibrin, and red globules.

In the foregoing observations we have described the ordinary effects of mercury; but occasionally, in peculiar constitutions, its operation is quite different, being productive of a dangerous disturbance of the vital functions. The late Mr. Pearson gave a detailed account of this occasional peculiarity in the operation of mercury, in his work on the venereal disease. The symptoms which characterize it are a small and frequent pulse, anxiety about the præcordia, pale and contracted countenance, great nervous agitation, and alarming debility. Their appearance is the signal for discontinuing the mercury, as a further perseverance with it might be attended with fatal consequences. Mercury also produces a peculiar eruption of the skin, which is described by writers under the various names of *hydrargyria*, *eczema mercuriale*, and *lepra mercurialis*. Those who work in mercury, and are, therefore, exposed to its vapor, such as water-gilders, looking-glass silverers, and quicksilver miners, are injured seriously in their health, and not unfrequently affected with shaking palsy, attended with vertigo and other cerebral disorders. The miners are often salivated.

Many plants, exposed to the influence of the vapor spontaneously rising from mercury in confined air, perish in a few days; while if sulphur be placed by the side of the metal no effect of the kind is experienced. (Boussingault, *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Sept. 1867, p. 176.) A probable inference from this fact is that workmen necessarily exposed to the vapor of mercury might be protected by the presence of sulphur in sufficient quantity.

Mercury is sometimes given in the metallic state, in the quantity of a pound or two, in obstruction of the bowels, to act by its weight; but the practice is of doubtful advantage.

HYDRARGYRUM AMMONIATUM. U. S., Br. Ammoniated Mercury.

[White Precipitate. Mercuric Ammonium Chloride.]

$NH_2Hg Cl$; 251·18. (HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RŬM ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'TŬM.) $NH_2Hg Cl$; 251·1.

Hydrargyri Precipitatum Album; Hydrargyri Ammonio-Chloridum.

"Corrosive Mercuric Chloride, in powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Ammonia Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Corrosive Mercuric Chloride in *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of warm Distilled Water, filter the solution, and allow it to cool. Pour the filtered liquid gradually, and with constant stirring, into *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 34 minims] of Ammonia Water, taking care that the latter shall remain in slight excess. Collect the precipitate on a filter, and, when the liquid has drained from it as much as possible, wash it with a mixture of *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Distilled Water and *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 324 minims] of Ammonia Water. Finally, dry the precipitate between sheets of bibulous paper, in a dark place, at a temperature not exceeding 30° C. (86° F.). Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Perchloride of Mercury *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia *four fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Perchloride of Mercury in three pints of the Distilled Water with the aid of heat; pour the Solution into the Ammonia, diluted with one pint of water, constantly stirring; collect the precipitate on a filter, and wash it well with cold Distilled Water until the liquid which passes through ceases to give a precipitate when dropped into a solution of nitrate of silver acidulated with nitric acid. Lastly, dry the product at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

The Pharmacopœias now agree in obtaining white precipitate by precipitating a solution of mercuric chloride by ammonia. When ammonia, in slight excess, is added to a cold solution of mercuric chloride, ammonium chloride is formed in solution, and the white precipitate of the Pharmacopœias is thrown down. The precipitate is washed twice, according to the U. S. formula, according to the British, with greater precision, until the washings cease to give evidence of

the presence of a chloride by producing a precipitate with silver nitrate acidulated with nitric acid. The substance washed away is ammonium chloride with the excess of ammonia employed; and hence the washings, agreeably to the directions of the British formula, are tested with an acid solution of silver nitrate. The white precipitate forms according to the following reaction: $HgCl_2 + 2NH_3 = NH_4Cl + NH_2HgCl$. In other words, one molecule of mercuric chloride reacts with two of ammonia, and yields one molecule of ammonium chloride and one of *mercur-ammonium chloride*, or white precipitate. A method of making white precipitate, said to be employed by large manufacturers, substitutes ammonium chloride and sodium carbonate for ammonia. As the product contains less mercury than the official preparation, and is in commerce, it is important to be able to distinguish the two. According to Prof. Redwood, this can be done by heating, the official preparation volatilizing without fusing, the unauthorized fusing before volatilizing: Prof. Attfield has, however, shown that fusibility does not necessarily indicate that the specimen contains only 65 per cent. of mercury, nor infusibility demonstrate that it contains the official proportion of 79½ per cent. The commercial variety differs somewhat from the present official preparation in composition, its formula being $N_2H_6HgCl_2$ (or *mercur-diammonium chloride*). See paper by F. X. Moerk, *A. J. P.*, 1888.

Properties. "White, pulverulent pieces, or a white, amorphous powder, without odor, and having an earthy, afterwards styptic and metallic taste. Permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water or in alcohol. By prolonged washing with water it is gradually decomposed, assuming a yellow color, and becoming converted into a basic salt. Readily soluble in warm hydrochloric, nitric, or acetic acid, and in a cold solution of ammonium carbonate. Also completely soluble in a cold solution of sodium hyposulphite, with the evolution of ammonia. When this solution is heated for a short time, red mercuric sulphide is separated, which, on protracted boiling, turns black. At a temperature below a red heat the salt is decomposed without fusion, and at a red heat it is wholly volatilized. When heated with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the salt turns yellow, and evolves vapor of ammonia. The solution of the salt in diluted nitric acid gives with potassium iodide test-solution a red precipitate, and with silver nitrate test-solution a white one. The salt should be soluble in hydrochloric acid without effervescence (absence of *carbonate*), and without leaving a residue (absence of *mercurous salt*). Its solution in acetic acid should not be rendered turbid by diluted sulphuric acid (absence of *lead*)." *U. S.*

Adulteration with white lead, chalk, or calcium sulphate may be detected by exposing a sample to a strong red heat, when these impurities will remain. Should starch be mixed with it, a charred residue will be obtained on the application of heat. Lead or starch may be found by digesting it with acetic acid, and testing the acetic solution with the compound solution of iodine, which will give a yellow precipitate if lead and a blue one if starch be present. The absence of mercurous oxide is shown by its not being blackened when rubbed with lime water. Ammoniated mercury is used only as an external application. Mercur-diammonium chloride is said to produce an ointment more translucent and less beautifully white than the genuine, and more apt to become yellow on being kept. (J. Borland, *P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1867, p. 262.)

Ammoniated mercury has been swallowed by mistake. It is highly poisonous, producing gastric pain, nausea, and purging. For recovery after taking half a drachm, see *London Lancet*, July 4, 1857. The remedies employed were an emetic of zinc sulphate and milk.

HYDRARGYRUM CUM CRETA. U. S., Br. Mercury with Chalk.

(HĪ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RŬM CŬM CRĒ'TĄ.)

Mercure avec la Craie, Poudre de Mercure crayeux, *Fr.;* Quecksilber mit Kreide, *G.*

"Mercury, *thirty-eight grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 149 grains]; Clarified Honey, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Prepared Chalk, *fifty-seven grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 442 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Weigh the Mercury and Clarified Honey successively into a strong bottle of the capacity of *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], and add *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims] of Water. Cork the bottle, and shake it for about half an hour at a time, until the aggregate time of shaking reaches ten hours, or until the globules of Mercury are no longer visible under a lens magnifying *four diameters*. (The shaking may be more conveniently performed by mechanical means.) Rub the Prepared Chalk with Water, in a mortar, to a thick, creamy paste, and, having added the contents of the bottle, washing the last portions in with a little Water, triturate the whole to a uniform mixture. Finally dry the mixture, first between ample layers of bibulous paper, and afterwards in a capsule, at the ordinary temperature, until it

weighs *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Then reduce it to a uniform powder, without trituration, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury, by weight, 1 ounce [avoirdupois]; Prepared Chalk 2 ounces [av.]. Rub the mercury and chalk in a porcelain mortar until metallic globules cease to be visible to the naked eye, and the mixture acquires a uniform gray color." *Br.*

The method of making this mercurial directed by the U. S. P. 1880 was so faulty as to be inoperative, and it has been abandoned; the U. S. P. 1890 process for making mercury with chalk is based upon Dr. Squibb's method of succussion, which is described at length farther on. When mercury is triturated with certain dry and pulverulent substances, such as chalk or magnesia, it gradually loses its fluidity and metallic lustre and becomes a blackish or dark-gray powder. A similar change takes place when it is rubbed with viscid or greasy substances, such as honey or lard. The globules disappear, so as in some instances not to be visible even through a good lens; and the mercury is said to be extinguished. It was formerly thought that the metal was oxidized in the process. At present the change is generally ascribed to the mechanical division of the metal, which in this state is supposed to be capable of acting on the system. There is good reason, however, to believe that in this, as in all the analogous preparations of mercury in which the metal is extinguished by trituration, a very small portion is converted into mercurous oxide, while by far the greater part remains in the metallic state. Mercury with chalk is officially described as a "a light gray, rather damp powder, free from grittiness, without odor, and having a slightly sweetish taste. If a portion of the powder be digested with warm acetic acid, the chalk is dissolved with effervescence, leaving a residue of finely divided mercury. The filtrate should not become more than slightly opalescent on the addition of a few drops of hydrochloric acid (limit of *mercurous oxide*). If another portion of the powder be digested with warm, diluted hydrochloric acid, the filtrate should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, or by stannous chloride test-solution (absence of *mercuric oxide*)." *U. S.* Robert B. Matter suggests an improved process for its preparation whereby labor and time are saved; it is as follows: Mix twelve parts of finely powdered gum arabic with twelve parts of prepared chalk, triturate it with sufficient water to form a rather thin paste, add thirty-eight parts of mercury, and continue the trituration until the globules of mercury have disappeared. Now add thirty-eight parts of finely powdered prepared chalk and sufficient water to form a thin paste, triturate, and when all the globules of mercury have disappeared, place the mortar in a hot water-bath. The mixture distributed around the sides of the mortar will dry rapidly, when it can be easily scraped out, powdered in a clean mortar, passed through bolting-cloth, or a fine sieve, and finally rubbed lightly in a clean dry mortar: 8 ounces may be made by this process in an hour. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 119.)

Mercury with chalk is a smooth, grayish powder, insoluble in water. Globules of mercury can generally be seen in it by the aid of a microscope, as the metal can scarcely be completely extinguished with chalk alone by any length of trituration. Mr. Jacob Bell found that by powerfully pressing it a considerable quantity of metal was separated in the form of globules. Mr. Phillips states that the extinguishment of the mercury is greatly accelerated by the addition of a little water. Dr. Stewart, of Baltimore, proposed the following process, by which he stated that the preparation might be completed in a short time, so that no globules should be visible with a powerful lens. Three ounces of mercury and six ounces of resin are to be rubbed together for three hours; five ounces of chalk are to be added, and the trituration continued for an hour; the mixture is then to be heated with alcohol so as to dissolve the resin; and the remaining powder is to be dried on bibulous paper and well rubbed in a mortar. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 162.) But Professor Procter showed that the preparation thus made contains mercuric oxide, and is, therefore, injuriously harsh in its operation. (*Ibid.*, xxii. 113.) It is said that the precipitated black oxide is sometimes added with a view to save time in the trituration; but this must be considered as an adulteration, until it can be shown that the same oxide exists in the same proportion in the preparation made according to the official directions. Dr. Ed. Jenner Coxe, of New Orleans, found that the extinguishment of the mercury may be effected much more speedily than in the ordinary manner, by putting the ingredients into a quart bottle, to be well corked, and kept in constant agitation till the object is attained. A portion of chalk may be thus shaken with the metal until no globules can be seen, and the process completed by trituration with the remainder of the chalk in a mortar. This mode of proceeding was suggested to Dr. Coxe by Mr. W. Hewson, of Augusta, Ga. (*Ibid.*, xxii. 317.) Dr. Squibb, having ascertained that the preparation cannot be satisfactorily made in this way on a large scale (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 424), has invented a machine for accomplishing the

same object, by which the requisite motion is imparted to the materials contained in two large bottles, and which is said to answer the purpose well. By means of this apparatus, Dr. Squibb prepares mercury with chalk on a large scale, mixing the materials in the official proportions, but aiding the extinguishment of the metal by adding about one-seventh of its weight of honey, and adding this to the chalk made into a paste with water, and afterwards drying. (*Ibid.*, 1859, p. 359.) It has been shown that the preparation thus made resists oxidation most effectually, owing probably to the presence of saccharine matter. (J. P. Remington, *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1869.) W. E. Bibby (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 269) recommends the rubbing of 3 troyounces of mercury, 4 troyounces of prepared chalk, and 1 troyounce of sugar of milk together in a mortar into an impalpable powder and passing the powder through a fine sieve. As found in commerce, mercury with chalk, instead of being the mild preparation intended, sometimes acts very harshly, causing vomiting, gastric pains, etc. This has been ascribed to the presence of antimony or arsenic, which, however, must be rare: the ordinary cause of the harshness is no doubt mercuric oxide, produced in minute proportion either during the trituration, or by the spontaneous change which occurs with time, mercurous oxide becoming mercuric oxide by the influence of light. The only sure method to guard against such results is to test the preparation carefully before dispensing it. (See *A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 325.) If the mercury contained in it be volatilized by heat, and the remaining chalk be dissolved by dilute acetic acid, the solution should not be colored by hydrogen sulphide. The presence of any probable metallic impurity may be detected in this way. To detect mercuric oxide, a portion of the powder may be treated with diluted hydrochloric acid with a moderate heat, and the solution tested by stannous chloride, which, if there be any mercuric oxide present, will cause a precipitation of metallic mercury as a black powder.

Medical Properties and Uses. Mercury with chalk is a very mild mercurial, similar in its properties to the blue mass, but much weaker. It is sometimes used as an alterative, particularly in the complaints of children attended with deficient biliary secretion, indicated by white or clay-colored stools. The chalk is antacid, and, though in small quantity, may sometimes be a useful accompaniment of the mercury in *diarrhœa*. Eight grains of the U. S. preparation contain about three grains of mercury. The dose is from five grains to half a drachm (0·33–1·95 Gm.) twice a day. From two to three grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.) is the dose for a child. It should not be given in pill with substances which become hard on keeping, as the contraction of the mass presses together the particles of mercury, which in time appear in globules in the interior of the pill.

HYDRASTININÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S. Hydrastinine Hydrochlorate.

$C_{11}H_{11}NO_2HCl$; 224·97. (HĬ-DRĂS-TĮ-NĪ'NÆ HĬ-DRŌ-ȻHLŌ'RĂS.)

"The hydrochlorate of an artificial alkaloid derived from hydrastine, the latter being a colorless alkaloid obtained from Hydrastis. Hydrastinine Hydrochlorate should be kept in well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This is a new official salt, being introduced for the first time in the U. S. P. 1890. *Hydrastinine* is an artificial alkaloid, produced by acting on hydrastine, the alkaloid from hydrastis, with oxidizing agents. When manganese dioxide and sulphuric acid are used together, or when platinic chloride is employed, hydrastinine and *opianic acid* are the products.* (See *Hydrastis.*) Hydrastinine hydrochlorate is officially described as in "light yellow, amorphous granules, or a pale yellow, crystalline powder, odorless, and having a bitter, saline taste; deliquescent on exposure to damp air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·3 part of water, and in 3 parts of alcohol; difficultly soluble in ether or chloroform. When heated to 173° C. (343·4° F.), the salt undergoes partial fusion, but does not liquefy. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. A dilute aqueous solution of the salt (up to about 1 in 100,000) has a decided blue fluorescence. The salt dissolves in sulphuric acid with effervescence, coloring the acid yellowish-red. An aqueous solution of the salt is

* E. Schmidt, in studying this production of hydrastinine by oxidation from hydrastine, was led to make some interesting comparisons between hydrastine and narcotine. The latter of these he considers to contain three methyl groups, thus, $C_{19}H_{14}(OMe)_3NO_4$, while the former contains only two, thus, $C_{19}H_{15}(OMe)_2NO_4$. Since the oxidation of narcotine with manganese dioxide and sulphuric acid yields opianic acid and cotamine, and under the same conditions hydrastine gives opianic acid and hydrastinine, and, further, as opianic acid contains two methyl groups and cotamine one of these groups, as shown by Wright, it follows that hydrastinine contains no methyl group, and cotamine may prove to be a methylated hydrastinine. The author hopes later to succeed in converting hydrastine into narcotine. (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 635.)

not precipitated by ammonia water. An aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. On adding to 2 C.c. of an aqueous solution of the salt (1 in 100) an excess of bromine water, a yellow precipitate is produced, which is dissolved by ammonia water to a nearly colorless liquid (difference from *hydrastine*, with which the ammonia produces a brick-red precipitate)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. According to Falck, hydrastinine is a paralyzant of the motor side of the spinal cord, paralyzes without producing tetanus, has no effect on the voluntary muscles, increases the blood-pressure partly by increasing the contractile power of the heart muscle, but chiefly by acting on the vessels themselves, at the same time slowing the pulse by central irritation of the vagus. These results are, on the whole, confirmed by Archangelski (*Schmidt's Jahrbücher*, Aug. 1891), who further found that the drug has a powerful influence in producing uterine contractions. Falck highly commends hydrastinine in uterine hemorrhages, especially in *menorrhagia*, *metrorrhagia*, *congestive dysmenorrhœa*, and milder forms of *endometritis*. Its value has been confirmed by Strassmann and by Emanuel: the latter believes that it acts upon the small vessels of the mucous membranes,—a statement interesting in its relation to the contention of Schatz, that hydrastinine controls uterine hemorrhage by acting on the vessels and not by any oxytocic influence. On the other hand, Faber states (*Therap. Monatsch.*, July, 1892) that he produced abortion in twelve out of thirteen cases by the use of hydrastinine, and that it is an active oxytocic, producing violent uterine tetanus. It may be used hypodermically. The earlier investigators gave it in doses of a quarter of a grain, in capsules, by the mouth. Strassmann asserts that the salt may be given hypodermically in doses of from three-quarters of a grain to a grain and a half (0·05–0·1 Gm.).

[HYDRASTIS. U. S. (Br.) Hydrastis. [Golden Seal.]

(HĬ-DRĂS'TĮS.)

"The rhizome and roots of Hydrastis Canadensis, Linné (nat. ord. Ranunculaceæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried rhizome and rootlets of Hydrastis canadensis, Linn." *Br.*

Hydrastis Rhizoma, *Br.;* Hydrastis Rhizome; Rhizoma Hydrastis; Golden Seal, Yellow Root, Yellow Puccoon, Orange Root, Indian Dye, Indian Turmeric; Racine d'Hydrastis de Canada, *Fr.;* Canadische Gelbwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx of three petaloid sepals, falling when the flower opens. *Ovaries* in a roundish ovoid head. *Stigmas* subsessile, dilated, flat, rounded at the apex. *Carpels* fleshy, one- or two-seeded, cohering in a compound berry.

Hydrastis canadensis. Gray, *Manual of Bot.* p. 14; figured in Griffith's *Med. Bot.* p. 82. This is a small, herbaceous, perennial plant, with a thick, fleshy, yellow rhizome, from which numerous long radical fibres proceed, and an erect, simple, pubescent stem, from six inches to a foot in height. There are usually but two leaves, which are unequal, one sessile at the top of the stem, the other attached to it a short distance below by a thick roundish footstalk, causing the stem to appear as if bifurcate near the summit. The leaves are pubescent, roundish-cordate, with from three to seven, but generally five, lobes, which are pointed and unequally serrate. A solitary flower stands upon a peduncle rising from the basis of the upper leaf. It is whitish, rose-colored, or purplish, without corolla, but with a colored calyx, the sepals of which closely resemble petals, and are very caducous, falling very soon after the flower has expanded. The fruit is a globose, compound, red or purple berry, half an inch or more in diameter, composed of many minute granules, each containing one or more rarely two seeds. The plant grows in moist, rich woodlands in most parts of the United States, but abundantly in the North and West. The fruit bears a close resemblance to the raspberry, but is not edible. The root is the part used. The Indians employed it for staining and dyeing yellow, and it is said to impart a rich and permanent yellow, and with indigo a fine green, to wool, silk, and cotton.

Properties. The fresh root is juicy, and loses much of its weight in drying. The dried caudex is officially described as "about 4 Cm. long and 6 Mm. thick; oblique, with short branches, somewhat annulate and longitudinally wrinkled; externally brownish-gray; fracture short, waxy, bright reddish-yellow, with a thickish bark, about ten narrow wood-wedges, broad medullary rays, and large pith. Roots thin, brittle, with a thick, yellow bark and subquadrangular, woody centre. Odor slight; taste bitter." *U. S.* Many of the detached rootlets are mixed with the rhizomes in mass. The color of the rhizome, though yellow in the recent root, becomes of a dark yellowish brown by age; that of the rootlets and the interior of the root is yellow, and that of the powder still more so. The odor is sweetish, and somewhat narcotic, the taste bitter and peculiar. The medicine imparts its virtues and coloring matters to water and alcohol. Examined by Mr. Alfred A. B. Durand, of Philadelphia,

it was found to contain albumen, starch, fatty matter, resin, yellow coloring matter, sugar, lignin, and various salts. He also discovered a peculiar nitrogenous, crystallizable substance, for which he proposed the name of *hydrastine.* (*A. J. P.*, 1851, p. 112.) It has also been determined that the root contains another alkaloid, to which it owes its yellow color, and which is probably identical with the yellow coloring matter of Mr. Durand. Mr. F. Mahla first ascertained that this new alkaloid of hydrastis is *berberine.** (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, Jan. 1862, p. 43.) It exists in large proportion in hydrastis, constituting, according to Perrins, nearly 4 per cent. There can be no doubt that this medicine owes much of its virtue to berberine. For a valuable paper by Prof. J. U. Lloyd on the preparation of salts of berberine, see *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 11. A substance obtained by the precipitation of an infusion of the root by hydrochloric acid has been for some time known and used by the "Eclectics," under the name of *hydrastin;* it consists of variable proportions of hydrastine, berberine, and resin (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 386), and the reader must be cautious not to confound this substance with the alkaloid to which the name properly belongs.

Hydrastine, which is the characteristic alkaloid, may be obtained by exhausting the powdered root as far as possible with water by percolation, adding hydrochloric acid to the infusion so as to precipitate the berberine in the form of hydrochlorate, and treating the mother-liquor with solution of ammonia in slight excess. The hydrastine is precipitated, in an impure state, and may be purified by repeated solution in boiling alcohol, which deposits it in crystals on cooling. A little animal charcoal may be used towards the close of the process, in order to deprive the crystals completely of color. To Mr. Mahla, of Chicago, and Mr. Perrins, of London, is due the credit of having fully investigated the properties of this alkaloid.† Hydras-

* *Berberine.* This alkaloid appears to have been first discovered, in 1826, in a species of Xanthoxylum, by Chevallier and Pelletan, who, from its color and taste, named it *xanthopicrite;* Buchner and Herberger, in 1835, found it in *Berberis vulgaris*, and named it berberine; but none of these chemists were aware of its alkaline properties. Indeed, the substance obtained by them, at least the berberine of Buchner, must have been a native salt of the proper alkaloid, which was not, therefore, procured in a pure state. Subsequently Fleitmann demonstrated its basic character, and published an account of several of its salts. It is not confined to the barberry, but has been found, by various chemists, in several other plants, particularly those combining bitterness and a yellow color, as in various products of *Cocculus palmatus*, *Hydrastis canadensis*, *Xanthorrhiza apiifolia*, *Coptis teeta*, *Xanthoxylum clava herculis*, *Coscinium fenestratum*, and others belonging to the natural families of Berberaceæ, Menispermaceæ, and Ranunculaceæ. Indeed, few if any of the known alkaloids are so widely diffused as this appears to be in the vegetable kingdom. A list of the plants from which it has been obtained is contained in *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1863, p. 456.

Berberine may be obtained most readily from its sulphate. Prof. Procter has given the following process for preparing it, based upon a suggestion of Mr. Merrill, of Cincinnati. The coarsely-powdered root is to be exhausted by repeated decoction with boiling water, and the mixed liquids, after filtration, are to be evaporated to a soft extract. This is to be digested several times with stronger alcohol, in the proportion of a pint to half a pound of the root, until exhausted, one-fourth of its bulk of water is to be added to the tincture, and five-sixths of the alcohol to be distilled off. To the residue, while still hot, sulphuric acid is to be added in excess, and the liquid allowed to cool. The sulphate of berberine is deposited in crystals, and, having been purified by recrystallization, is to be decomposed by the addition, in excess, to its solution in boiling water, of freshly precipitated lead protoxide, the solution being kept hot until the decomposition is completed. This may be known by the absence of a precipitate when lead acetate is added to a drop of the clear liquid. The liquid is then to be filtered, and set aside to crystallize. Thus obtained, berberine is in the form of a yellow powder, which, under the microscope, appears to consist of groups of minute, acicular crystals. It has a bitter taste, is soluble in about 100 parts of cold water, still less soluble in cold alcohol, freely soluble in both these liquids when hot, and insoluble in ether. It forms salts of difficult solubility with hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, and is distinguished by being copiously precipitated by the former acid from its cold watery solution in the form of crystals of the hydrochlorate. It is freely dissolved by acetic acid, which forms with it a readily soluble salt. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1864, p. 10.) Its formula is, according to Fleitmann, $C_{42}H_{40}N_2O_{11}$, but, on the more recent authority of Perrins, $C_{20}H_{17}NO_4$. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1863, p. 464.) Illasiwetz (*Ann. Ch. Pharm.*, 115, p. 45) also confirms this formula, which may therefore be assumed as correct. *Berberine hydrochlorate*, which is the salt that has attracted most notice, may be readily obtained by using hydrochloric instead of sulphuric acid in the above process, and purifying the precipitate by solution in hot alcohol, and subsequent refrigeration. It is in fine acicular crystals of a bright yellow color and intensely bitter taste, very slightly soluble in cold water, to which, however, it imparts a deep yellow color, slightly soluble also in cold alcohol, but dissolved in large proportion by both liquids when hot. By concentrated nitric acid both this salt and its base are decomposed, with the production of a dark-red color and the escape of nitrous fumes. A process for *berberine hypophosphite*, by Prof. J. U. Lloyd, may be found in *A. J. P.*, July, 1877. Parsons (*N. R.*, 1879, p. 109) analyzed *berberine phosphate*, and believes the formula to be $C_{20}H_{17}NO_4,2H_3PO_4$.

According to the studies of Falck and Guenste, berberine causes in dogs and rabbits restlessness, convulsive tremblings, hurried respiration, and diarrhœa, followed, if the dose have been large enough, by decrease of the breathing-rate, wide-spread paralysis, dyspnœa, convulsions, and death. In man as yet no serious symptoms have been recorded as produced by it. Buchner is stated to have taken nearly twenty grains without causing anything more serious than a loose stool. It has been employed in internal medicine as a simple bitter, in doses of from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.).

† Wilhelm (*P. J. Tr.*, 1888, p. 325) furnishes a process for obtaining the alkaloids from hydrastis as follows. The extract obtained by treating the coarsely powdered root with water acidified with acetic acid at 100° is evaporated to a syrup and excess of dilute sulphuric acid added, when berberine sulphate separates. The filtrate neutralized with ammonia gives a precipitate containing much hydrastine; this is separated, and on adding ammonia in excess to the filtrate a further precipitate is produced, which contains *canadine*. Both precipitates, boiled with ethyl ace-

tine crystallizes in brilliant, four-sided prisms, which are white or colorless when pure, inodorous, and almost tasteless in consequence of their insolubility in the saliva, but become bitter and somewhat acrid in saline combination. It melts at 132° C. (269·6° F.), is decomposed at a higher temperature, and is inflammable. It is nearly insoluble in water, but is readily dissolved by alcohol, ether, chloroform, and benzol. It has an alkaline reaction, and with the acids forms salts, most of which are readily soluble in water, and, according to Mr. Merrill, of Cincinnati, either uncrystallizable, or crystallizable with difficulty. The alkalies and tannic acid precipitate it from its saline solutions. With sulphuric acid and potassium bichromate or red lead oxide, it assumes a red color; but it differs from strychnine in exhibiting no tint of blue or violet. Its composition is $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$. Mr. Perrins obtained 1·5 per cent. of it from the root, and, having given five grains of it to a rabbit without any other effect than a slight uneasiness which soon ceased, concluded justly that it was not poisonous.

Canadine ($C_{21}H_{21}NO_4$) was extracted by E. Schmidt; it occurs in the form of brilliant, small, white nodules, melting at 134° C. (273·2° F.). When canadine is dissolved in alcohol and treated with iodine, berberine iodohydrate (which is yellow in color) is formed. Canadine is believed to be identical with dihydromethylberberine. (*Pharm. Post*, 1892, p. 230.)

It is highly probable, from the odor of hydrastis, that besides the two alkaloids here mentioned it contains also an active volatile principle; but this has not yet been isolated. Mr. A. K. Hale, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has ascertained that there is another alkaloid in hydrastis, somewhat resembling berberine, but quite distinct. To the neutral mother-liquor of hydrastine he added water of ammonia in great excess, say 10 per cent., which caused a yellow precipitate, darker than berberine, and more soluble in water than this latter. Its alcoholic solution shows a neutral reaction; it dissolves in cold nitric acid less readily than berberine; the solution becomes red on heating. It dissolves in hot sulphuric acid with reddish-brown color, is more easily soluble in cold potash solution than berberine, and gives with double potassium quicksilver iodide a slighter yellow precipitate. Mr. Hale did not name it, or determine its ultimate composition. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 248.) Mr. Hale's results have since been confirmed by J. C. Burt (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 481), who states that the yield of the third alkaloid is less than that of hydrastine or berberine, and by H. Lerchen (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 470), who proposes the name of *xanthopuccine* for it.

Medical Properties and Uses. Very diversified powers have been claimed for hydrastis. Thus, while all admit its tonic properties, it is considered by different practitioners as aperient, alterative in its influence on the mucous membranes, cholagogue, deobstruent in reference to the glands generally, diuretic, antiseptic, etc. It has been employed in *dyspepsia* and other affections requiring tonic treatment, in *jaundice* and other functional disorders of the liver, as a laxative in *constipation* and in *piles*, and as an alterative in various diseases of the mucous membranes, as *gastric catarrh*, *chronic enteritis*, *cystirrhœa*, *leucorrhœa*, *gonorrhœa*, etc., being used in the latter complaints both internally and locally. By some it is thought to be one of the best substitutes for quinine in intermittents.

In toxic dose hydrastine, the dominant alkaloid of hydrastis, produces in both cold- and warm-blooded animals increase of the respiratory movements, muscular tremblings, and convulsive movements, increased reflex activity, clonic and tetanic convulsions, followed by loss of voluntary movements, decreased reflex activity, failure of respiration, and at last death from respiratory arrest, the convulsion continuing almost to death. It is stated, also, that in some cases the death may occur in the convulsion from cramp asphyxia. The first action of the alkaloid upon the spinal cord is that of a stimulant, Falck and Cerna being in accord that the convulsions are not prevented by section of the spinal cord, nor yet by shutting off the drug from the peripheral apparatus by the tying of an artery before administration. Late in the poisoning the cord is directly depressed. The late paralysis is, however, in part due to loss of functional power of the motor nerves, by a direct action of the poison, as is shown by the facts that the excitability of the motor nerves is, after death, always below the norm, and that the local application of the alkaloid paralyzes an exposed nerve. (Cerna.) The sensory nervous system seems to be acted upon like the motor, though less powerfully, sensibility first

tate, give solutions which on cooling deposit hydrastine in large crystals, somewhat colored, but rendered pure by recrystallization. The crystals from the second ammonia precipitate are much purer than those from the first; by slow evaporation of the ethyl acetate solution they can be obtained as large as walnuts.

Hydroberberine, whose molecule contains four atoms of hydrogen more than the molecule of berberine, is said by Dr. Marfori to differ from berberine physiologically; it produces in moderate dose an increase in the blood-pressure by stimulating the vaso-motor centre in the medulla. *Opianic, hydrastinic, and berberinic acids* are said by the same authority to be almost inert physiologically, except that they are feebly antiseptic. (*Therap. Gaz.*, 1890.)

being heightened and then depressed by an influence both upon the sensory cord and upon the sensory nerve-trunks.

Hydrastine also affects the muscles themselves, muscular paralysis being produced by the direct contact of the alkaloid. (Falck, Cerna.) According to Cerna, when very small quantities of the poison are applied to the muscles the paralysis is preceded by a period of functional excitement. Our knowledge of the action of hydrastine upon the circulation is somewhat uncertain. Fellner, Falck, Marfori, and K. Serdzew agree that small doses produce a fairly permanent rise of the arterial pressure; but Cerna states that in any dose the alkaloid lowers blood-pressure. Falck found that small doses of the alkaloid increased the energy of the isolated frog's heart, which is in accord with Cerna's experiments upon the voluntary muscle. The weight of evidence is in favor of a primary rise of pressure, and it seems probable that this is due in part to an action upon the blood-vessels, but further experimentation is necessary before any conclusion can be established. Experimenters are in accord in stating that large doses cause a fall of the arterial pressure, and there seems to be very little doubt that the heart and the vaso-motor system are both depressed in hydrastine poisoning.

Both Fellner and Slavatinski affirm that hydrastine has a distinct ecbolic action, causing uterine contractions in the non-pregnant uterus, and abortion in pregnant rabbits. Dr. Slavatinski reports a case of premature labor produced by hypodermic injections of two to three grammes repeated daily. These assertions are confirmed by the experiments of Tarachanow, who found that when hydrastine was given to the narcotized, recently pregnant animal, energetic contractions of the exposed uterus were produced. Total section of the uterine nerves prevented these contractions, which would seem, therefore, to be of centric origin.

Hydrastis is used for its local action in various subacute inflammations of mucous membranes, for its effect upon the liver and intestinal glands, especially in those forms of chronic inflammation dependent upon excessive drinking, and as an oxytocic. It is essential to recognize the non-identity, medically, of the preparations. The so-called *hydrastin of commerce* is really an impure body, containing berberine, hydrastine, and probably some resin. Prof. Rutherford found that this resinous mixture had a pronounced influence upon the biliary secretion in the lower animals. Whether this action be or be not dependent upon the presence of berberine or other impurities is as yet uncertain. The practical deduction is, however, that when hydrastis is to be used in chronic gastro-intestinal catarrh, or as a local application to mucous membranes, it is better to use hydrastin than the pure alkaloid. The fluid extract of hydrastis is equivalent to hydrastin. The dose of hydrastin is five to ten grains. In the second stage of *gonorrhœa*, five to ten grains of hydrastin, or twenty to sixty minims of the fluid extract, may be used to the ounce. There is some reason for believing that *berberine* has a special action upon the gastro-intestinal tract. Marfori has, however, found that even in large therapeutic dose it is without perceptible influence upon the circulation or the nervous system. When, therefore, a preparation of hydrastis is to be used for effects other than a local action on the gastro-intestinal or other mucous membranes, the pure alkaloid should be used. There is abundant clinical testimony to the great value of hydrastis in the treatment of *uterine hemorrhages*, whether occurring in the non-parturient or in the parturient woman. The dose of hydrastine, or of its salts, is from the eighth to the third of a grain (0·008–0·022 Gm.).*

HYOSCINÆ HYDROBROMAS. U. S. Hyoscine Hydrobromate.

(HĪ-ȮS-CĪ′NÆ HĪ-DRȮ-BRŌ′MĂS.)

$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4HBr.3H_2O$; 436·98.

"The hydrobromate of an alkaloid obtained from Hyoscyamus. It should be kept in small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This salt has been introduced for the first time in the U. S. P. 1890. *Hyoscine*, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$, is found in the leaves and seeds of Hyoscyamus, and the amorphous hyoscyamine of commerce appears in most cases to be hyoscine, and to be more powerful than the crystallized hyoscyamine itself. Pure hyoscine forms a syrupy liquid. The best salt for practical use is the hydrobromate, which is in "colorless, transparent, rhombic crystals, odorless, and having an acrid,

* *Liquor Hydrastinæ.* Under the names of *Liquid Hydrastis, Fluid Hydrastis, Colorless Hydrastis*, etc., preparations of the alkaloids of hydrastis have been largely used. In some cases these solutions have been made directly from the drug by depriving a fluid extract of coloring matter, in others the alkaloid has been dissolved in a suitable liquid. Gust. Steinmann (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 296) examined several samples and found hydrastine in each, combined with either sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, besides aluminum, potassium, boric acid, etc., in small proportion; by dissolving 20 grains of hydrastine sulphate or chloride in a pint of a solution of glycerin and water (sp. gr. 1·15), a liquid is produced from which the asserted good results can be obtained.

slightly bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·9 parts of water, and in 13 parts of alcohol; very slightly soluble in ether or chloroform. When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization, and fuses to a thick, syrupy mass, which becomes quite fluid at 160° C. (320° F.). When ignited, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. Addition of ammonia water to the aqueous solution of the salt (1 in 60) produces no change, but sodium or potassium hydrate test-solution causes a white turbidity. Addition of silver nitrate test-solution to the aqueous solution produces a yellowish-white precipitate, which is insoluble in nitric acid; but, when filtered off and washed, is soluble in ammonia water diluted with its own volume of water. If 5 drops of fuming nitric acid be added to 0·01 Gm. of the salt, in a small porcelain capsule, and the mixture be evaporated to dryness on a water-bath, a scarcely tinted residue will be left, which, when treated, after cooling, with a few drops of an alcoholic solution of potassium hydrate, will assume a violet color." *U. S.*

Prof. E. Schmidt (*Apoth. Zeit.*, 1891, p. 522) believes that the hyoscine hydrobromate now found in commerce consists essentially of the hydrobromate of the alkaloid which he has found in scopolia, and which he has named *scopolamine*, $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4$. *Scopolamine hydrochloride* occurs in beautiful glassy crystals, 3 Cm. long and 2 Cm. broad.

Medical Properties and Uses. Various observers have noted that the impure amorphous hyoscyamine is more powerful than the crystallized alkaloid. These observations, with the chemical fact that amorphous hyoscyamine is chiefly hyoscine, in 1884 led Dr. H. C. Wood to make a careful physiological study of that alkaloid upon the lower animals and to apply it to clinical medicine. It was found that the pure hyoscine produced in the frog motor reflex paralysis, due to a depression of the spinal cord, and that in mammals it caused disturbance of respiration, loss of muscular power, pronounced tendency to stupor, and, finally, death by asphyxia. It exerted very little influence upon the circulation even when in toxic doses. It became evident that the drug was a depressant of the principal cerebral centres, of the respiratory centres, and also of the lower motor centres of the spinal cord. In man, the ingestion of hyoscine in decided doses is followed in a very short time by dryness of the mouth, flushings of the face, great sleepiness, associated in some cases with delirious mutterings, and giddiness akin to that of alcoholic intoxication. The respirations are usually lessened in frequency, and the pulse-rate is also somewhat diminished. Dilatation of the pupils is usually, but not invariably, produced. After toxic doses these symptoms are intensified; whilst the frequent loss or impairment of the power of swallowing, and a peculiar hoarseness of the voice, with, in some cases, laryngeal dyspnœa, indicate that the muscles of the larynx, as well as those of the pharynx, have a special tendency to be paralyzed by the alkaloid; the respiration not only becomes slow and full, but sometimes takes on a distinctly Cheyne-Stokes character; the skin is not dry, as in atropine-poisoning, but is frequently covered with sweat. No cases of fatal poisoning are on record. One-fourth of a grain of very impure hyoscine produced in the case of Dr. Hutchinson profound muscular relaxation, with quiet coma lasting for eleven hours. In applying hyoscine to the treatment of disease, Dr. H. C. Wood found that it is a valuable soporific, especially useful in those cases in which the wakefulness is complicated with or due to cerebral excitement. In *insomnia* produced by overwork, when the brain seems to lose the capability of ceasing its action, hyoscine is of service; but it is especially valuable in active delirious conditions, such as occur in *acute mania* or in exacerbations in the course of *chronic mania*. In those cases in which morphine increases the cerebral excitement hyoscine usually acts most happily. According to the statements of Drs. Bruce and Tirard, it is an entirely safe remedy in cases of severe kidney disease when morphine is contra-indicated. Dr. H. C. Wood has found that it is an efficient remedy in the treatment of sexual excitement, such as *nymphomania*, *spermatorrhœa*, and allied affections, and that it will almost invariably control *excessive seminal emissions*. Hyoscine rarely, if ever, produces much more serious after-effects than a little dryness of the throat and headache, and does not disturb the alimentary canal. The reports of later clinicians indicate that excessive susceptibility to its influence is a not infrequent idiosyncrasy, and it is even affirmed that $\frac{1}{200}$ of a grain has caused alarming symptoms. It is probable, however, that much larger doses were taken in these cases than is alleged. On account of its tendency to produce pharyngeal and laryngeal paralysis, it should not be employed in such diseases as scarlet fever or diphtheria when there is a tendency to throat difficulties. Being practically tasteless, hyoscine is readily given in food or drink without the knowledge of the patient. It acts well when taken by the mouth, but is especially efficient and prompt when administered hypodermically, and never produces local irritation. The effects of a hypodermic dose are usually manifested inside of ten minutes, and persist for six or eight hours. The dose

by the mouth is from $\frac{1}{120}$ to $\frac{1}{60}$ of a grain; for hypodermic injections $\frac{1}{150}$ to $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain. On account of the susceptibility of some persons to it, the commencing dose by the mouth should not be over $\frac{1}{120}$ of a grain, by injection $\frac{1}{150}$ of a grain: after cautious trial, doses larger than the maximum just given may be employed.

HYOSCYAMINÆ HYDROBROMAS. U. S. Hyoscyamine Hydrobromate.

$C_{17}H_{23}NO_3HBr$; 369·14. (HŸ-ŌS-CŸ-Ą-MĪ'NÆ HŸ-DRŌ-BRŌ'MĂS.)

"The hydrobromate of an alkaloid obtained from Hyoscyamus. It should be kept in small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

There seems to have been little necessity for the introduction of this salt into the U. S. P. 1890, particularly since hyoscyamine sulphate has been retained. It is officially described as "a yellowish-white, amorphous, resin-like mass, or prismatic crystals, having, particularly when damp, a tobacco-like odor, and an acrid, nauseous, and bitter taste; deliquescent on exposure to air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 0·3 part of water, 2 parts of alcohol, 3000 parts of ether, or 250 parts of chloroform. At 78° C. (172·4° F.) the salt melts, forming a nearly colorless liquid. When ignited, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. An aqueous solution of the salt is not precipitated by platinic chloride test-solution (difference from *most other alkaloids*). With gold chloride test-solution it yields a precipitate which, when recrystallized from a small quantity of boiling water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, is deposited, on cooling, in minute, lustrous, golden-yellow scales (difference from *atropine*). The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a yellowish-white precipitate, which is insoluble in nitric acid; but, when filtered off and washed, is soluble in ammonia water diluted with its own volume of water." *U. S.*

The medical properties and the dose of this salt of hyoscyamine are precisely those of the sulphate, to which it is preferred by some.

HYOSCYAMINÆ SULPHAS. U. S. Hyoscyamine Sulphate.

$(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2H_2SO_4$; 674·58. (HŸ-ŌS-CŸ-Ą-MĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.) $(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2.H_2SO_4$; 676.

"The neutral sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from Hyoscyamus. It should be kept in small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Sulfate d'Hyoscyamine, *Fr.;* Hyoscyaminum Sulfuricum, Schwefelsaures Hyoscyamin, *G.*

Although Brandes announced the existence of an alkaloid in the seeds of *Hyoscyamus niger*, the process which he used to obtain it was not successful in other hands. The credit of first isolating the alkaloid *hyoscyamine* or *hyoscyamia* from the plant must be given to Geiger and Hesse, who obtained it as long ago as 1833. Höhn and Reichardt's process, in which the seed is used as the source, is as follows. They treat hyoscyamus seed first with ether to separate fatty matter, then with alcohol acidulated with a few drops of sulphuric acid, and afterwards distil the alcoholic solution. The aqueous residue is to be neutralized by soda, and the liquid precipitated by a solution of tannin. The precipitate, having been placed on a porcelain plate to dry, is mixed while yet moist with an excess of lime, and then exhausted by strong alcohol. The alcoholic solution is treated with sulphuric acid, then with soda, and finally with ether, which dissolves the liberated hyoscyamine. By distilling off the ether a colorless oleaginous liquid is left, which at length concretes. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1872, p. 385.)

These investigators gave to hyoscyamine the formula $C_{15}H_{23}NO_3$, but Ladenburg has shown by a study of its decomposition products that it is isomeric with atropine, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$. Ladenburg made the most complete study of atropine and hyoscyamine that we have, and has established their relations to each other in a clearer light. According to him (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xiii., pp. 251, 909, and 1549), hyoscyamus contains two alkaloids, a crystalline one, to which the name of *hyoscyamine* is given, and which is the one hitherto studied under that name, and an amorphous one, which remains in the mother-liquor after the removal of the crystallizable alkaloid, and comes into commerce as a brown thickish syrup. It can be extracted by the formation of the gold salt, which is less soluble than hyoscyamine gold chloride. This alkaloid, for which he proposes the name *hyoscine*, and which has the same formula ($C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$) as hyoscyamine, yields different decomposition products upon decomposition by baryta water. Hyoscyamine treated with boiling baryta water assimilates a molecule of water and splits up into what were called *hyoscinic acid*, $C_9H_{10}O_3$, and *hyoscine*, $C_8H_{15}NO$, but which Ladenburg shows to be simply identical with the decomposition products of atropine, *tropic acid* and *tropine*. Hyoscine, on the other hand, yields *tropic acid*, $C_9H_{10}O_3$, and *pseudotropine*, $C_8H_{15}NO$.

Inasmuch as Ladenburg (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xii. p. 941) has succeeded in effecting the synthesis of *atropine* by the combination of tropic acid and tropine (the two decomposition products which are common to the two alkaloids *atropine* and *hyoscyamine*), we must look for the differences between these two to physical and molecular sources rather than chemical.

Hyoscyamine crystallizes in colorless, transparent, silky needles, fusing at 108·5° C., is inodorous, of an acrid, disagreeable taste, slightly soluble in water, very soluble in alcohol and ether, and volatilizable with little change if carefully distilled. It is quickly altered by contact with water and an alkali, and when heated with potassa or soda is completely decomposed, with the disengagement of ammonia. It neutralizes the acids, forming crystallizable salts,* and is precipitated by infusion of galls. The alkaloid and its salts are very poisonous; and the smallest quantity, introduced into the eye, produces dilatation of the pupil, which continues long.

Hyoscine has been known in commerce as *amorphous hyoscyamine*. The best salts, according to Prof. Edlefsen, to prepare and dispense are the *hydrobromate* and *hydriodate*. Hyoscine hydriodate crystallizes from water, in which it is only moderately soluble, in small, hemihedral prisms, which mostly have a slight yellowish color. Dried at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt has the composition: $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3.HI.\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. (See *Hyoscinæ Hydrobromas*, page 717.)

The double gold chloride, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3HCl + AuCl_3$, is less soluble than the corresponding gold salt of hyoscyamine, and so serves to separate them when together.

Properties. The Pharmacopœia describes the sulphate of hyoscyamine as "white, indistinct crystals, or a white powder, without odor, and having a bitter, acrid taste; deliquescent in damp air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·5 part of water, and in 2·5 parts of alcohol; very slightly soluble in ether or chloroform. At 140° to 160° C. (284° to 320° F.) the salt melts, and, upon ignition, is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. An aqueous solution of the salt is not precipitated by platinic chloride test-solution (difference from *most other alkaloids*). With gold chloride test-solution it yields a precipitate which, when recrystallized from a small quantity of boiling water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, is deposited, on cooling, in minute, lustrous, golden-yellow scales (difference from *atropine*). The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Owing to the facts that until very recently commercial hyoscyamine has usually been contaminated with hyoscine, and that few careful studies of a chemically pure hyoscyamine have been made, its exact influence upon the human system is not positively determined. The studies of Dr. J. C. Shaw appear, however, to prove that hyoscyamine acts upon the nervous system and the circulation, including the heart and the vaso-motor system, precisely as does atropine, except as regards respiration, which appears in most cases to have been slowed rather than increased in rapidity, an indication that hyoscyamine, unlike atropine, is not a respiratory stimulant. Dr. Shaw also found that hyoscyamine is less powerful as a mydriatic and more powerful as a soporific than is atropine. On the other hand, in studies upon normal men, Dr. Richter could not perceive that hyoscyamine had a tendency to produce sleep. Prof. Sydney Ringer, in a careful comparative study of hyoscyamine and atropine in acute mania, was unable to detect any important differences in the action of the two substances. The dose of commercial hyoscyamine varies greatly according to its purity, but one-fortieth of a grain of the pure alkaloid has produced violent poisoning, with symptoms similar to those caused by atropine: not more than one-eightieth of a grain (0·0008 Gm.) should be given as a commencing dose.

HYOSCYAMUS. U. S. (Br.) Hyoscyamus. [Henbane.]

(HĪ-ŌS-CĪ'Ą-MŬS.)

"The leaves and flowering tops of Hyoscyamus niger, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ), collected from plants of the second year's growth." *U. S.* "The fresh leaves and flowers, with the branches to which they are attached, of Hyoscyamus niger, Linn.; also the leaves separated from the branches and flowering tops, carefully dried; collected from biennial plants, growing wild or cultivated in Britain, when about two-thirds of the flowers are expanded." *Br.*

Hyoscyami Folia, *Br., U. S.* 1870; Herba Hyoscyami; Feuilles de Jusquiame noire, *Fr.*; Bilsenkraut, *G.*

* According to the latest chemical researches (see *Belladonnæ Radix*, page 258), duboisine is the same as hyoscyamine: the symptoms which have been reported in cases of poisoning by duboisine are very similar to those which occur in atropine-poisoning, save only in the apparent presence of excessive muscular weakness and in the slowness of the pulse which has been noted by a number of observers. For abstracts of reported cases of poisoning by duboisine, see 16th ed. U. S. D., p. 288.

Gen. Ch. *Corolla* funnel-form, obtuse. *Stamens* inclined. *Capsules* covered with a lid, two-celled. *Willd.*

Hyoscyamus niger. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1010; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 204, t. 76; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 19, pl. 66. Henbane is usually a biennial plant, with a long, tapering, whitish, fleshy, somewhat branching root, not unlike that of parsley, for which it has been eaten by mistake, with poisonous effects. The stem, which rises in the second year, is erect, round, branching, from one to four feet high, and thickly furnished with leaves. These are large, oblong-ovate, deeply sinuated with pointed segments, undulated, soft to the touch, and at their base embrace the stem. The upper leaves are generally entire. Both the stem and leaves are hairy, viscid, and of a sea-green color. The flowers form long, one-sided, leafy spikes, which terminate the branches, and hang downwards. They are composed of a calyx with five pointed divisions, a funnel-shaped corolla, with five unequal, obtuse segments at the border, five stamens inserted into the tube of the corolla, and a pistil with a blunt, round stigma. Their color is an obscure yellow, beautifully variegated with purple veins. The fruit is a globular two-celled capsule, covered with a lid, invested with the persistent calyx, and containing numerous small seeds, which are discharged by the horizontal separation of the lid. The whole plant has a rank, offensive smell.



Epithelium of Hyoscyamus leaf, showing stoma and hair.

H. niger is susceptible of considerable diversity of character, causing varieties which have by some been considered as distinct species. Thus, the plant is sometimes annual, the stem simple, smaller, and less downy than in the biennial plant, the leaves shorter and less hairy and viscid, and the flowers often yellow without the purple streaks. It has been ascertained that much difference of medical properties is connected with these diversities of character; and the British Pharmacopœia directs the biennial variety as the most efficient.

The plant is found in the northern and eastern sections of the United States, occupying waste grounds in the older settlements, particularly graveyards, old gardens, and the foundations of ruined houses. It grows in great abundance about Detroit, in Michigan. It is not, however, a native of this country, having been introduced from Europe. In Great Britain, and on the continent of Europe, it grows abundantly along the roads, around villages, amidst rubbish, and in uncultivated places. Both varieties were formerly cultivated in England, but at present the biennial is chiefly or solely grown. The annual plant flowers in July or August, the biennial in May or June. For an account of the cultivation of the biennial variety at Hitchin, England, see *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1860.

H. albus, so named from the whiteness of its flowers, is used in France indiscriminately with the former species, with which it appears to be identical in medicinal properties.

All parts of *Hyoscyamus niger* are active. The official description of the plant is as follows: "Leaves ovate, or ovate-oblong, up to 25 Cm. long and 10 Cm. broad; sinuate-toothed, the teeth large, oblong or triangular; grayish-green, and, particularly on the lower surface, glandular-hairy; midrib prominent; flowers nearly sessile, with an urn-shaped, five-toothed calyx, and a light-yellow, purple-veined corolla; odor heavy, narcotic; taste bitter and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* Much of the efficacy of henbane depends upon the time at which it is gathered. The leaves should be collected soon after the plant has flowered. In the biennial plant, those of the second year are preferred to those of the first. The latter, according to Dr. Houlton, are less clammy and fetid, yield less extractive, and are medicinally much less efficient. It is said that the plant is sometimes destroyed by severe winters in England, and that no leaves of the second year's growth are then obtainable. This is, perhaps, one of the causes of the great uncertainty of the medicine as found in commerce. The root also is said to be much more poisonous in the second year than in the first.*

* The several products of the henbane plants are placed by Mr. R. Usher (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1867) in the following order, as to efficiency: 1, the leaves of the biennial plant of the second year's growth; 2, the biennial plant of the first year; 3, the British annual henbane; 4, the German annual henbane. The last two, though most extensively used, are really nearly valueless, and should always be rejected. The British annual so nearly resembles the biennial of the second year, having flowers, that the two may be easily mistaken for each other; but a sufficient distinction is that the annual plant "possesses no flavor or aroma." Besides, the leaves are much shorter; and occasionally there is a pure primrose blossom, which never happens with the biennial, which is beautifully streaked. The biennial

Properties. The recent leaves have, when bruised, a strong, disagreeable, narcotic odor, somewhat like that of tobacco. Their taste is mucilaginous and very slightly acrid. When dried, they have little smell or taste. Thrown upon the fire, they burn with a crackling noise, as if they contained a nitrate, and at the same time emit a strong odor. Their virtues are completely extracted by diluted alcohol. The aqueous infusion is of a pale-yellow color, insipid, with the narcotic odor of the plant. The leaves were analyzed by Lindbergsen, who obtained from them a narcotic principle. They contain a large proportion of potassium nitrate, Mr. F. Mahla having obtained, as nearly as he could estimate from his experiments, 2 per cent. of that salt. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 402.) The seeds are very small, roundish, compressed, somewhat kidney-shaped, a little wrinkled, of a gray or yellowish-gray color, of the odor of the plant, and of an oleaginous, bitterish taste. Geiger and Hesse (1833) were the first to demonstrate the existence of an alkaloid in hyoscyamus. Ladenburg has shown (1880) that there are two alkaloids in the plant,—one crystallizable, *hyoscyamine*, and the other amorphous, *hyoscine*. (See *Hyoscyaminæ Sulphas*, p. 719, and *Hyoscinæ Hydrobromas*, p. 718.) Höhn (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, 157, 98) obtained from the seeds a bitter principle which proved to be a glucoside. He calls it *hyoscypicrin*, and gives it the formula $C_{27}H_{52}O_{14}$.

From experiments made by Mr. Hirtz upon the relative medicinal power of extracts from the seeds and from the leaves, he inferred that the former had ten times the strength of the latter. Henbane leaves yield, by destructive distillation, a very poisonous empyreumatic oil.

Medical Properties and Uses. Hyoscyamus was known to the ancients, and was employed by some of the earlier modern practitioners, but had fallen into disuse, and was almost forgotten, when Baron Störck again introduced it into notice. By this physician and some of his successors it was prescribed in numerous diseases, and, if we may credit their testimony, with the happiest effects; but subsequent experience of its operation has greatly narrowed the extent of its application. It is at present used almost exclusively to relieve pain, procure sleep, or quiet irregular nervous action, and is not supposed to exercise any specific curative influence over particular diseases. It is similar in its physiological action to belladonna, and in poisonous doses produces similar symptoms, but it is more of a hypnotic and much feebler. It is chiefly employed to allay nervous irritation, in *hysteria*, and in various pectoral diseases with *cough*, also to prevent griping by the vegetable cathartics. In Europe, where the fresh leaves are readily obtained, it is often applied externally in the shape of lotion, cataplasm, or fomentation, to allay pain and irritation, in *scrofulous* or *cancerous ulcers*, *scirrhous*, *hemorrhoidal*, or other painful *tumors*, *gouty* and *rheumatic swellings*, and *nervous headaches*. The treatment of hyoscyamus-poisoning is identical with that of belladonna-poisoning. (See *Belladonna*.)

Henbane may be given in fluid or solid extract or in tincture. The dose of the leaves is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.), that of the seeds somewhat smaller. The common extract, or inspissated juice of the fresh leaves (*Extractum Hyoscyami*, *Br.*), is exceedingly variable in its operation, being sometimes active, sometimes almost inert. The usual dose is from two to three grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.), repeated and gradually increased till its effects are obtained. The alcoholic extract (*Extractum Hyoscyami*, *U. S.*) is more certain. Dose, from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), increased *pro re nata*. An extract from the seeds would be more efficacious. Dose of the tincture, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

ICHTHYOCOLLA. U. S. Isinglass.

(ĬĶH-THY-Ọ-CŎL'LĄ.)

"The swimming-bladder of Acipenser Huso, Linné, and of other species of Acipenser (class, Pisces; order, Sturiones)." *U. S.*

Colla Piscium, *P. G.;* Fish-Glue; Ichthyocolle, Colle de Poisson, *Fr.;* Hausenblase, Fischleim, *G.;* Colla di Pesce, *It.;* Cola de Pescado, *Sp.*

Isinglass is a gelatinous substance, prepared chiefly from the sounds or swimming-bladders of fishes, especially those of different species of sturgeon. In most fishes there is a membranous bag, placed in the anterior part of the abdomen, communicating frequently, though not always, by means of a duct, with the œsophagus or stomach, and containing usually a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen gases in various proportions. From the supposition that it was intended by its expansion or contraction to enable the fish to rise or sink in the water, it has been termed the *swimming-bladder*. It is of different shape in different fishes, and consists of three coats, of which the two interior are thin and delicate, the outer tough and of a silvery whiteness.

plant is so liable to the attacks of worms that at one time little of the second year's growth was collected, and the market was consequently supplied with a very inferior article.

The *Acipenser huso*, or *beluga* of the Russians, is particularly designated by the Pharmacopœia as the species of sturgeon from which isinglass is procured; but three others, *A. ruthenus*, or sterlet, *A. sturio*, or common sturgeon, and *A. stellatus*, or starred sturgeon, also furnish large quantities to commerce. All these fish inhabit the interior waters of Russia, especially the Volga and other streams which empty into the Caspian Sea. Immense numbers are annually taken, and consumed as food by the Russians. The air-bags are removed from the fish, and, having been split open and washed in water in order to separate the blood, fat, and adhering extraneous membranes, are spread out, and when sufficiently stiffened are formed into cylindrical rolls, the ends of which are brought together and secured by pegs. The shape given to the roll is that of a staple, or more accurately that of a lyre, which it firmly retains when dried. Thus prepared it is known in commerce by the name of *staple isinglass*, and is distinguished into the *long* and the *short staple*. Sometimes the membranes are dried in a flat state, or simply folded, and then receive the name of *leaf* or *book isinglass*. The scraps or fragments of these varieties, with various other parts of the fish, are boiled in water, which dissolves the gelatin, and upon evaporation leaves it in a solid state. This is called *cake isinglass*, from the shape which it is made to assume. It is sometimes, however, in globular masses. Of these varieties, the *long staple* is said to be the best; but the finest *book isinglass* is not surpassed by any brought to this country. It is remarkable for its beautiful iridescence by transmitted light. One hundred grains of this isinglass dissolve in ten ounces of water, forming a tremulous jelly when cold, and yield but two grains of insoluble residuum. That in *cakes* is brownish, of an unpleasant odor, and employed only in the arts. Inferior kinds, with the same commercial titles, are said to be prepared from the peritoneum and intestines of the fish. An inferior Russian product, known in English commerce by the name of *Samovey isinglass*, is procured, according to Pereira, from the *Silurus glanis*. It comes, like the better kind, in the shape of *leaf*, *book*, and the *short staple*. Isinglass, little inferior to the Russian, is made in Iceland from the sounds of the cod and ling. It is said also to be prepared by the fishermen of Newfoundland. We receive from Brazil the air-bladders of a large fish, prepared by drying them in their distended state. They are oblong, tapering, and pointed at one end, bifid with the remains of their pneumatic duct at the other, and of a firm consistence. The Brazilian isinglass is inferior to the Russian. Considerable quantities are manufactured in New England. This sort (*American isinglass*) is in thin ribbons several feet in length, and from an inch and a half to two inches in width. One hundred grains dissolve almost entirely in water, leaving but two grains of insoluble membrane, and form a jelly when cold with eight ounces of water. It is, therefore, as pure and nearly as strong a gelatin as the Russian isinglass; but it retains a fishy taste and odor, which render it unfit for culinary or medicinal purposes. Isinglass of good quality has also been made in New York from the sounds of the weak-fish—*Otolithus regalis* of Cuvier (Storer, *Rep. on Fishes of Mass.*, p. 33)—and perhaps of other fishes caught in the neighborhood. The sounds are dried whole, or merely split open, and vary much in size and texture, weighing from a drachm to an ounce. An article called *refined* or *transparent isinglass* is made by dissolving the New England isinglass in hot water, and spreading the solution to dry on oiled muslin. It is in very thin, transparent plates, and is an excellent glue, but retains a strong fishy odor. A variety of Ichthyocolla, called *India* or *China isinglass*, has been consumed largely in China from time immemorial, and became known to the Europeans of India about 1839. It is now found in the markets of London, where it is chiefly employed in clarifying beer. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Fév. 1870, p. 153.) It is the swimming-bladder derived from two species of *Polynemus*, and from several other species of fish in the Indian waters. (*Ibid.*, Janv. 1873, p. 77.) Preparations such as *Nelson's* and *Coxe's gelatin* are largely used now as substitutes for isinglass in making jellies. They are made from selected bones, and the gelatin is concentrated in vacuo and filtered clear, and often bleached with sulphurous acid. (See *Gelatinum*, p. 642.)

Mr. C. T. Carney states that the New England isinglass is prepared from the sounds of the hake (*Gadus merluccius*), by the following process. Having been taken from the fish, split open, cleansed, and dried, they are soaked in water till sufficiently soft, then passed through rollers so as to form a large, homogeneous, dough-like sheet, which is cut into strips, and then again passed through rollers till reduced to a ribbon-like form. The pieces thus prepared are thoroughly dried, and folded into bundles. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1857.)

According to Dr. V. Griessmayer, the skin of the ray (*Raja*, a tribe of deep-sea fishes, with flat body and naked and often leather-like skin) has been much used, particularly in France, in place of isinglass, as a clarifying agent in brewing. The skin of the thornback or rough ray

(*Raja clavata*) is, according to Jericka, the best for this purpose. The clarifying mixture prepared from this is without color, odor, or taste, and clears any turbid liquid in a short time, or at least within three days, if the liquid is kept in a very cold place. This clarifier is said to be superior to either Russian or American isinglass. (*N. R.*, Feb. 1879.) Isinglass is sometimes kept in the shops cut into fine shreds, and is thus more easily acted on by boiling water.

Properties. In its purest form it is "in separate sheets, sometimes rolled, of a horny or pearly appearance; whitish or yellowish, semi-transparent, iridescent, inodorous, insipid; almost entirely soluble in boiling water and in boiling diluted alcohol. A solution of isinglass in 24 parts of boiling water forms, on cooling, a transparent jelly." *U. S.* The inferior kinds are yellowish and more opaque. In cold water it softens, swells up, and becomes opalescent. Boiling water entirely dissolves it, with the exception of a minute proportion of impurities, amounting, according to Mr. Hatchet, to less than 2 per cent. The solution on cooling assumes the form of a jelly, which consists of pure gelatin and water. Isinglass is in fact the purest form of *gelatin* with which we are acquainted, and may be used whenever this principle is required as a test. It is insoluble in alcohol, but is dissolved readily by most of the diluted acids, and by alkaline solutions. It has a strong affinity for tannin, with which it forms an insoluble compound. Boiled with sulphuric acid, it is converted into a peculiar substance, called *glycocoll* or *sugar of gelatin*, which is in reality *amido-acetic acid*, $C_2H_3(NH_2)O_2$. Its aqueous solution speedily putrefies. (See *Gelatinum*, p. 642.) An ingenious adulteration has been practised by rolling a layer of gelatin between two layers of genuine isinglass. This may be detected by the disagreeable odor and taste of the adulterated drug, and the effects of water upon it. Genuine isinglass, cut into shreds and treated with water, becomes opalescent and more opaque than before; while the shreds, though they soften and swell, remain unbroken, and when examined by the microscope are seen to be decidedly fibrous. Gelatin, on the contrary, when similarly treated, becomes more transparent than before; the shreds are disintegrated, and the structure appears amorphous under the microscope. In the adulterated article both these characters are presented in layers more or less distinct. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 505.) Moreover, Redwood and Letheby observed that the ash of true isinglass does not exceed 0·9 per cent., while glue contains from 2 to 4 per cent. of ash. An adulterated isinglass would therefore yield more ash than the normal. A *false isinglass* has been imported into England from Para, in Brazil, consisting of the dried ovary of a large fish. It has somewhat the form of a bunch of grapes, consisting of ovoid or roundish masses attached by a footstalk to a central axis. It is not gelatinous, and is unfit for the purposes to which isinglass is applied. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 144.)*
For table showing value of different kinds of European isinglass, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 900.

Medical Properties and Uses. Isinglass has no peculiar medical properties. It may be given internally, in the form of jelly, as a slightly nutritious article of diet; but it has no advantage over the jelly made from calves' feet. Three drachms impart sufficient consistency to a pint of water. It is employed for clarifying liquors, and imparting lustre to various woven fabrics. Added in small quantities to vegetable jellies, it gives them a tremulous appearance, which they lack when unmixed. As a test of tannin it is used in solution, in the proportion of a drachm to ten fluidounces of distilled water. It forms the coating of *court-plaster*.

ILLICIUM. U. S. (Br.) Illicium. [Star-Anise.]

(ĮL-LĬ'CĮ-ŬM.)

"The fruit of Illicium verum, Hooker filius (nat. ord. Magnoliaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried fruit of Illicium anisatum, Linn. From plants cultivated in China." *Br.*

Anisi Stellati Fructus, *Br.;* Star-Anise Fruit.

Gen. Ch. Flowers hermaphrodite or polygamously dicœcious. *Sepals* two to three imbricate. *Carpels* in a verticillate simple series or single, compressed, dehiscent by their superior margin.

* *Japanese Isinglass.* Two forms of this substance are described by Mr. Hanbury, one in irregularly four-sided sticks, about eleven inches long, very light and porous, the other in long shrivelled strips about one-eighth of an inch thick. It is translucent, yellowish white, without smell or taste, insoluble in cold water, but swelling up and softening under its influence, and dissolved in great measure by boiling water, with which it gelatinizes on cooling. The peculiarities of this substance are owing to a principle denominated *gelose* by Payen, which resembles gelatin in its gelatinizing property, but differs in its chemical relations, and is probably peculiar. It resembles the carrageenin of Irish moss, but has a greater gelatinizing power. The jelly formed by dissolving it in boiling water and allowing the solution to cool requires a higher temperature to liquefy it than gelatin jelly, and does not melt in the mouth. Gelose differs from gelatin in not being precipitated by tannic acid, and from rice jelly in not being rendered blue by iodine. Japan isinglass is used for the same purposes as that of animal origin. It is derived, according to Mr. Hanbury, from different species of various genera of sea-weed, and especially *Gelidium corneum*. (See *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 354.) The term *Agar Agar*, in the East Indies, is applied to several sea-weeds prepared for food. (See Part II.; also *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 173; *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 137.)

This genus inhabits Asia and America. Many of its species are possessed of aromatic properties. *I. floridanum*, a small evergreen tree or shrub with oblong-lanceolate, acuminate leaves, which grows westward from Florida along the coast bounding the Gulf of Mexico, has its bark, leaves, and probably also seed-vessels, endowed with a spicy odor and taste, analogous to those of anise. Another species, *I. parviflorum*, a shrub found by Michaux in the hilly regions of Georgia and Carolina, has a flavor closely resembling that of sassafras root. A decoction of the seeds is said to produce violent gastro-intestinal irritation, followed by motor and sensory paralysis, with convulsions and death if the dose have been sufficient. E. Barral (*Revue Gén. de Clin.*, Oct. 1889) states that he has obtained a poisonous glucoside from the kernel. The *Illicium anisatum* is a small tree, twenty-five or thirty feet high, bearing small yellow and white flowers. As was pointed out by Mr. Piry in 1878, and confirmed by Dr. Bretschneider, star-anise is chiefly produced in the extreme southeast portion of China, in the provinces of Kwang-si and Kwang-tung, especially in the mountainous region between the Tso-kiang and the Yu-kiang, and also in Annam, and finds exit principally through the port of Pakhoi. Although Bentley and Trimen give *I. anisatum* as the botanical source of star-anise, yet the assertion of Bretschneider that the botanical source of the plant is unknown, led to seeds being sent from the Hong-Kong Botanical Gardens to Kew, and a successful cultivation resulted in the description by Sir Joseph Hooker of a new species of *Illicium*, under the name of *I. verum*. (*Bot. Mag.*, t. 7005, July, 1888.) The leading features in the plant appear to be the solitary axillary globular flowers, which do not expand fully, the segments remaining convex, the inner segments being red, and the ten stamens, in which the filament forms with the connective an ovoid body. The peduncles are curved and barely half an inch in length.

Illicium anisatum was examined by C. E. Schlegel (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 426), who found *saponin* in the aqueous extract; in the alcoholic extract a crystalline principle of a strong musk-like odor, which did not show alkaloidal or glucosidal reactions; and oil of star-anise. *I. floridanum* was examined by Henry C. C. Maisch (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 278), who obtained from the leaves, besides essential oil, crystals of a glucoside to which probably the bitter taste of the leaves is due. The root-bark and the capsules both yielded a neutral crystalline principle insoluble in alcohol and ether, but soluble in chloroform, melting at 110° C. (230° F.).

The *I. religiosum*, or *shikimi*, of India, is very poisonous, causing vomiting and epileptiform convulsions, with dilated pupil and exceedingly cyanosed countenance :* in it has been found by

* The following table gives the distinctive characters which, according to Mr. J. F. Eykman, distinguish the oil of *Illicium religiosum* from allied oils (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 1048):

	Ol. Anisi Vulgaris.	Oleum Fœniculi.	Ol. Illicii Anisati.	Ol. Illicii Religiosi.
Constituents . . .	Chiefly solid and liquid anethol.	Small quantity of terpene boiling at 190° C., and liquid and solid anethol.	Chiefly solid and liquid anethol.	Rather much of a terpene boiling at 173° to 176° C.; liquid anethol boiling at 232° to 233° C.
Melting Point . .	+6° to +18° C.	—2° to +18° C.	About 0° C.	Not solid when cooled to 20° C.
Specific Gravity .	About 0·903.	0·94 to 0·998.	0·978.	1·006.
Molecular Rotation.	0° to +0·5°.	+13° to +19·6°.	0° to —0·4.°	—8·6°.
Alcoholic Hydrochloric Acid.	Colorless, afterwards reddish, then pale red.	Colorless.	Colorless.	Colorless, afterwards blue.
Chloral Reagent .	Colorless, afterwards yellow and brownish.	Colorless, then beautiful red.	Colorless, then beautiful red.	Colorless, afterwards dirty brown-yellow.
Ammoniacal Silver Solution.	In 24 hours no reduction.	Like ol. anisi vulgaris.	Like ol. anisi vulgaris.	Reduction in a few hours.
Hager's Reaction	In alcohol, a portion of the sulphuric acid and oil mixture remains undissolved as a thick mass adhering to the sides of the tube.	Mixture of oil, sulphuric acid, and alcohol is perfectly clear.	Like ol. anisi vulgaris.	Mixture is nearly clear; separation of a little reddish-white deposit.
10 drops of oil, with 60 drops of ether and about 0·15 gramme of sodium.	Colorless; after 4 hours the mixture nearly colorless; deposit yellowish white.	. . . . .	Colorless: after 4 hours liquid and deposit yellow.	Colorless; quickly bluish; after 4 hours liquid pale yellow, deposit yellow.

Mr. J. F. Eykman (*P. J. Tr.* xi. 1046) a crystalline, excessively poisonous principle, for which the name of *shikimin* has been proposed. The accompanying cuts portray the differences in the capsules of several species.



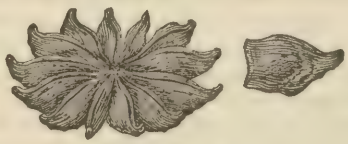
Illicium anisatum.



Illicium religiosum.



Illicium griffithii.



Illicium magus.

Properties. "The fruit is pedunculate and consists of eight stellately arranged carpels, which are boat-shaped, about 10 Mm. long, rather woody, wrinkled, straight-beaked, brown, dehiscent on the upper suture, internally reddish-brown, glossy, and containing a single, flattish, oval, glossy, brownish-yellow seed; odor anise-like; taste of the carpels sweet and aromatic, and of the seeds oily. Star-anise should not be confounded with the very similar but poisonous fruit of *Illicium anisatum* Linné (*Illicium religiosum* Siebold), the carpels of which are more woody, shrivelled, and have a thin, mostly curved beak, a faint, clove-like odor, and an unpleasant taste." *U. S.* Star-anise is used principally as a source of oil of anise, which is prepared by distillation not only in Southwestern China, but also in enormous quantities in Annam, where it is enclosed in tinned vessels and sent into commerce through China.

Eykman (*Pharm. Journ.*, 1885, p. 985) has shown that in the essential oil of the fruit of *Illicium religiosum safrol*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_2$, is found, accompanied by *eugenol*, $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$. On the other hand, the chief constituent of the oil of *Illicium anisatum* is anethol, $C_{10}H_{12}O$. The constituents of low boiling point in star-anise oil, consisting of terpenes essentially, have been reported upon by the chemists of Schimmel & Co. (semi-annual report, April, 1893). They find *dextro-pinene*, boiling at 157° to 163° C. (314·6° to 325·4° F.), and *lævo-phellandrene*, boiling at 170° to 175° C. (338° to 347° F.).

INFUSA. U. S. Infusions.

(ĮN-FU'ŞĄ.)

Tisanes, Infusions, *Fr.;* Infusionen, Aufgüsse, *G.*

These are aqueous solutions obtained by treating with water, without the aid of ebullition, vegetable products only partially soluble in that liquid. The water employed may be hot or cold, according to the objects to be accomplished. Infusions are generally prepared by pouring boiling water upon the vegetable substance and macerating in a tightly closed vessel till the liquid cools. The soluble principles are thus extracted more rapidly, and, as a rule, in a larger proportion, than at a lower temperature. Some substances, moreover, are dissolved in this manner which are nearly or quite insoluble in cold water. A prolonged application of heat is in some instances desirable; and this may be effected by placing the vessel near the fire. Cold water is preferred when the active principle is highly volatile, when it is injured by heat, or when any substance of difficult solubility at a low temperature exists in the vegetable, which it is desirable to avoid in the infusion. A longer continuance of the maceration is necessary in this case; and in warm weather there is sometimes danger that spontaneous decomposition may commence before the process is completed. When a strong infusion is required, the *process of percolation* may be advantageously resorted to. The water employed should be free from saline impurities, which frequently produce precipitates and render the infusion turbid. Fresh river, rain, or distilled water is usually preferable to that of pumps or springs, except when the latter are known to produce water which will not react with any of the constituents of the infusion.

The substance to be acted on should be sliced or bruised, or in the state of powder; but, unless when percolation is employed, this last condition is seldom requisite, and is always in-

convenient, as it requires that the infusion should be filtered through paper in order completely to separate the undissolved portion. In other cases it is sufficient to strain it through fine linen or muslin. When percolation is resorted to, the substance should be more or less finely powdered. The United States Pharmacopœia furnishes a general formula for infusions, which is to be used when the proportions are not specified. In the U. S. P. 1880 the strength of such infusions was fixed at 10 per cent. Experience has shown, however, that this was too strong for general purposes, and in the U. S. P. 1890, 5 per cent. has been chosen as the limit.

General Formula for Infusions, U. S. P.

"An ordinary Infusion, the strength of which is not directed by the physician, nor specified by the Pharmacopœia, shall be prepared by the following formula:

"Take of

The Substance, coarsely comminuted, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains];
Boiling Water, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms];
Water, *a sufficient quantity*,

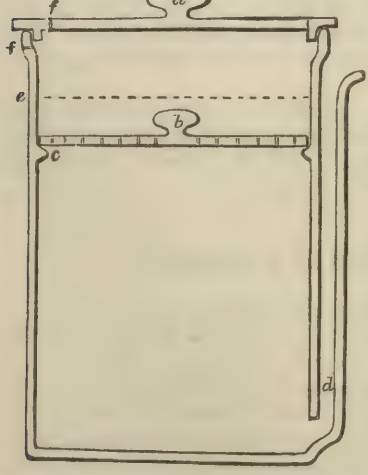
To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms].

"Put the substance into a suitable vessel provided with a cover, pour upon it the Boiling Water, cover the vessel tightly, and let it stand for half an hour. Then strain, and pass enough Water through the strainer to make the Infusion measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms].

"*Caution.*—The strength of Infusions of energetic or powerful substances should be specially prescribed by the physician." *U. S.*

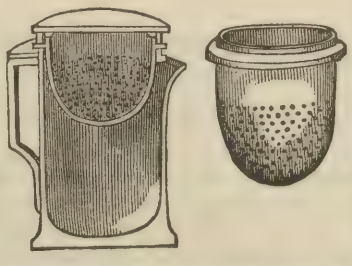
Infusions are usually prepared in glazed earthenware or porcelain vessels fitted with covers. Mr. Brande suggests the use of clean metallic vessels, which, when finely polished, retain the heat for a longer time; but they are also more liable to chemical alteration, and may sometimes injuriously affect the preparation. Vessels of block-tin are generally well adapted for the purpose.*

* *Alsop's Infusion Jar.* This presents a very neat and effectual method of making the hot infusions. It consists of an earthenware mug, represented in the marginal figure, with a spout (*d*) proceeding from the bottom, and placed closely to the side of the vessel to prevent fracture; a perforated plate or diaphragm (*b*), supported on a ledge (*c*), at about one-quarter or one-third of the height of the vessel from the top; and a lid (*a*), which may be fastened on by a string through holes (*ff*). The material to be submitted to infusion is placed on the perforated plate, and the hot water poured in so as to cover it, the vessel having been previously warmed so as not to chill the liquid. As the water becomes impregnated, it acquires an increased specific gravity, and sinks to the bottom, its place being supplied by the unsaturated portion; and this circulation goes on until the whole of the soluble matter is extracted. In order to maintain a due warmth, the vessel may be placed upon a stove or an iron plate near the fire.



The advantage of the process is that the material is subjected to the solvent power of the least impregnated portion of the menstruum. Such jars may now be had in Philadelphia. In order that the vessel may be adapted for the preparation of different quantities of infusions, it would be an advantage to have ledges arranged within, at different heights, so that the diaphragm may be supported at any desirable point. The surface of the liquid (*e*) should of course always be above the medicinal substance placed upon the diaphragm. (See *A. J. P.*, viii. 89.)

Squire's Infusion Mug. Mr. Squire, of London, has modified this jar by adding a colander of queensware, which is closely covered with a lid, and descends into the jar so as to form a diaphragm for the support of the substance to be infused. It has the advantage that the material, after having been exhausted, may be lifted out without disturbing the infusion. In the margin is a figure of the mug. It is made of queensware, of the capacity of two pints, into which a thimble-shaped colander descends to somewhat less than half its depth, supported on the rim of the mug by a projecting ledge, with a carefully fitted cover, which closes the whole. The substance to be submitted to infusion is introduced into the colander either before or after it has been fitted to the mug; the water, hot or cold, as the case may be, is then poured in so as to fill the lower vessel, and cover the materials in the upper; and, the cover having been applied, the vessel is set aside for the length of time required. The colander is then to be lifted out, and the infusion is ready for use.



As infusions do not keep well, especially in warm weather, they should be made extemporaneously and in small quantities. In this country they are usually prepared in families, and the propriety of their introduction into the Pharmacopœia has been doubted; but it is desirable to have certain fixed standards for the regulation of the medical practitioner, and it is sometimes convenient to direct infusions from the apothecary, for whose guidance official formulas are necessary. Physicians would, indeed, find an advantage in more frequently directing them to be prepared by the pharmacist, instead of leaving their preparation to the carelessness or want of skill of attendants upon the sick. Infusions may be kept during hot weather, and for many months, by straining them *while hot*, and pouring them at once into bottles provided with accurately ground stoppers. The bottle must be full, the stopper being made to displace its bulk of the fluid. A common bottle with a cork stopper may be used, if the softened cork be forced into the full bottle, tied down, and at once dipped into hot sealing-wax. The hotter the liquid and the freer from air, the better will the infusion keep. Prof. Almén (Upsala, Sweden) has proposed a very efficient method of preserving infusions. (*A. J. P.*, April, 1875.) It is as follows. The infusion or decoction is heated for some time in a water-bath at 100° C. (212° F.), and the bottle is then fitted with a tight cork, through which a glass tube passes, lightly filled with cotton wool. The cork has a second opening, through which a glass tube passes nearly to the bottom of the bottle; this tube is bent at a sharp angle and has fitted to it a piece of india-rubber tubing, to which a pinch-cock is attached, by means of which the contents may be drawn as wanted. By making very concentrated infusions, as suggested by Mr. Donovan, with a mixture of three parts of water and one part of alcohol, they may be long kept, and when used can be diluted with water to the proper strength. Thus, if made four times as strong as the official infusion, they may be diluted with three measures of water. The proportion of alcohol would thus be very small; but it might still be medically injurious; and infusions should not be prepared in this way unless with the cognizance of the prescriber.

Mr. Battley, of London, has introduced a set of preparations, which he calls *inspissated infusions*, the advantages of which are that the virtues are extracted by cold water, are not injured by heat used in the evaporation, are in a concentrated state, and are not impaired by time. To prepare them he macerates the material, coarsely powdered, bruised, or finely sliced, in twice its weight of cold distilled water, pressing the solid matter into the liquid repeatedly by a rammer or the hand; then allows the liquid to drain out, or expresses it in the case of highly absorbent substances; and repeats the process, with an amount of water equal to that which has been separated, until the strength is exhausted. Four or six hours of maceration are usually sufficient. The infusion is then to be concentrated by evaporation, at a temperature not exceeding 71·1° C. (160° F.) to the sp. gr. 1·200, and as much alcohol is to be added as will make its sp. gr. 1·100. These preparations are very analogous to the *fluid extracts* already treated of. As a rule, it would probably be preferable to prepare the infusion by the process of percolation. The inspissated infusions must be diluted when administered. The presence of alcohol, though in small quantity, would sometimes be a serious objection. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 129.)

As we have already treated of the chemical relations and medical properties of the substances used in infusion, it would be useless repetition to enlarge upon these points in the following details. We shall touch upon them only in cases of peculiar interest, or where changes requiring particular notice may grow out of the nature of the process.

INFUSUM ANTHEMIDIS. Br. Infusion of Chamomile.

(ĮN-FŪ'ṢŬM ĄN-THĔM'Į-DĪS.)

Infusum Chamomillæ Romanæ; Tisane de Chamomille romaine, *Fr.*; Römisch-Kamillenthee, *G.*

"Take of Chamomile Flowers *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for fifteen minutes, and strain." *Br.*

The infusion of chamomile has the odor and taste of the flowers. It affords precipitates with gelatin, yellow cinchona bark, ferrous sulphate, tincture of ferric chloride, silver nitrate, mercuric chloride, and lead acetates. As a tonic it is given cold, in the dose of from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) several times a day. To assist the operation of emetic medicines it should be administered in the tepid state and in large draughts. The infusion prepared by maceration in cold water is more grateful to the palate and stomach than that made with boiling water, but is less efficient as an emetic.

INFUSUM AURANTII. Br. Infusion of Orange Peel.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM ÂU-RĂN'TĮ-Ī—âw-răn'shę-ī.)

Tisane d'Ecorce d'Orange, *Fr.;* Pomeranzenschalen-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Bitter Orange Peel, cut small, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for fifteen minutes, and strain." *Br.*

A grateful stomachic. Dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

INFUSUM AURANTII COMPOSITUM. Br. Compound Infusion of Orange Peel.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM ÂU-RĂN'TĮ-Ī CǪM-PǪZ'Į-TŬM.)

Tisane d'Ecorce d'Orange composée, *Fr.;* Pomeranzen- und Citronenschalen-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Bitter Orange Peel, cut small, *one quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Fresh Lemon Peel, cut small, *fifty-six grains;* Cloves, bruised, *twenty-eight grains;* Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for a quarter of an hour, and strain." *Br.*

A grateful stomachic in the dose of from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

INFUSUM BUCHU. Br. Infusion of Buchu.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM BŪ'ÇHŪ—bū'kū.)

Infusum Diosmæ, s. Barosmæ; Tisane de Bucco, *Fr.;* Buchuaufguss, *G.*

"Take of Buchu leaves, bruised, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

It has the odor, taste, and medical virtues of the leaves, and affords a convenient method of administering the medicine. Dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

INFUSUM CALUMBÆ. Br. Infusion of Calumba.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM CĄ-LŬM'BÆ.)

Tisane de Colombo, *Fr.;* Kolombo-Infusion, *G.*

"Take of Calumba Root, cut small, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Cold Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The infusion of columbo is apt to spoil very quickly, especially in warm weather. It has been generally supposed that the cold infusion would keep better than the hot, because it contains no starch. Mr. Thomas Greenish, however, upon comparing specimens of the two infusions, found that the spontaneous change began sooner in the cold than in the hot, though the former was clearer. Columbo contains starch and albumen. Cold water extracts the latter without the former; hot water the former with comparatively little of the latter, which is partially coagulated by the heat. Both starch and albumen are liable to spontaneous change; but the former is much the more permanent of the two. Hence it is, according to Mr. Greenish, that the hot infusion keeps best. Indeed, he ascribes the change which takes place in the starch of the hot infusion chiefly to the agency of a little albumen which has escaped coagulation. According to these views, the best plan of preparing infusion of columbo is to exhaust the root with cold water, by which the starch is left behind, and then to heat the infusion to the boiling point in order to coagulate the albumen. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 141; from *P. J. Tr.*) Upon comparing specimens of the cold and the hot infusion, we have not found the results of Mr. Greenish fully confirmed. The cold infusion appeared to keep better than the hot. Nevertheless the plan of preparing the infusion above proposed is probably the best. The infusion of columbo is not disturbed by salts of iron, and may be conveniently administered in connection with them. The dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.) three or four times a day.

INFUSUM CARYOPHYLLI. Br. Infusion of Cloves.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM CĂR-Ỵ-Ǫ-PHỴL'LĪ.)

Tisane de Girofle, *Fr.;* Gewürznelken-Infusion, *G.*

"Take of Cloves, bruised, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The infusion of cloves affords precipitates with lime water, and with the soluble salts of iron, zinc, lead, silver, and antimony. (*Phillips.*) Dose, two fluidounces (60 C.c.).

INFUSUM CASCARILLÆ. Br. Infusion of Cascarilla.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM CĂS-CĄ-RĬL'LÆ.)

Tisane de Cascarille, *Fr.;* Kaskarilla-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Cascarilla Bark, in No. 20 powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

This infusion affords precipitates with lime water, infusion of galls, silver nitrate, lead acetate and subacetate, zinc sulphate, and ferrous sulphate. Dose, two fluidounces (60 C.c.).

INFUSUM CATECHU. Br. Infusion of Catechu.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM CĂT'Ę-ȻHŪ—kăt'ę-kū.)

Infusum Catechu Compositum, *U. S.* 1870; Infusion of Catechu, *E.;* Tisane de Cachou composée, *Fr.;* Catechu-aufguss mit Zimmt, *G.*

"Take of Catechu, in coarse powder, *one hundred and sixty grains;* Cinnamon Bark, bruised, *thirty grains;* Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

An agreeable mode of administering catechu. Dose, one to three fluidounces (30–90 C.c.).

INFUSUM CHIRATÆ. Br. Infusion of Chiretta.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM ȻHĮ-RĀ'TÆ—kį-rā'tē.)

Tisane de Chirette, *Fr.;* Chiretta-Thee, *G.*

"Take of Chiretta, cut small, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water, at 120° F. (48°·9 C.), ten *fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of this simple bitter infusion is from one to three fluidounces (30–90 C.c.).

INFUSUM CINCHONÆ. U. S. (Br.) Infusion of Cinchona.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM CĬN-ȻHŌ'NÆ—sĭn-kō'nē.)

Infusum Cinchonæ Acidum, *Br.;* Infusion of Yellow Bark; Infusion of Calisaya Bark; Tisane de Quinquina jaune, *Fr.;* Kalisaya-Rindenaufguss, *G.*

"Cinchona, in No. 40 powder, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Aromatic Sulphuric Acid, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]. Mix the Acid with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, and moisten the powder with *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims] of the mixture; pack it firmly in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour upon it, first, the remainder of the mixture, and afterwards Water, until the Infusion measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Red Cinchona Bark, in No. 40 powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Aromatic Sulphuric Acid *one fluidrachm* [Imp. meas.]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel for one hour, and strain." *Br.*

Though the infusion with boiling water is more quickly prepared than the cold infusion, and therefore better adapted to cases of emergency, yet the former is a more elegant preparation, not turbid like the latter, and at least equally efficient. We therefore prefer the process of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, provided it be skilfully conducted.

The U. S. infusion is an efficient preparation. Water extracts from bark quinine and cinchonine kinates, but leaves behind the compounds which these principles form with the cinchotannic acid. The simple infusion, therefore, is rather feeble. But the addition of the acid insures the solution of all or nearly all the active matter. Dr. Geo. B. Wood placed much reliance on this infusion. It would be best to macerate the bark with the acidulated water some time before it is introduced into the percolator. The infusion of cinchona, made without acid, affords precipitates with the alkalies, alkaline carbonates, and alkaline earths; the soluble salts of iron, zinc, and silver; corrosive mercuric chloride, arsenous acid, and tartar emetic; gelatinous solutions; and various vegetable infusions and decoctions, as those of galls, chamomile, columbo, cascarilla, horseradish, cloves, catechu, orange-peel, foxglove, senna, rhubarb, valerian, and simaruba. In some instances the precipitate occurs immediately, in others not for several hours. Few, however, of these substances diminish the efficacy of the infusion, as they do not affect the active principles. The alkalies, alkaline earths, and vegetable astringents are really incompatible. As gallic, tartaric, and oxalic acids form salts with quinine of some-

what difficult solubility, the neutral and soluble gallates, tartrates, and oxalates produce in the infusion slight precipitates of corresponding salts of the alkaloids; but these are redissolved by an excess of the acid. Antimony and potassium tartrate does not precipitate the alkaloids. Solutions of iodine are incompatible, forming with the alkaloids insoluble compounds. For an account of the chemical reactions of the infusions of different varieties of cinchona bark, see *A. J. P.* ix. 128. The simple infusion of cinchona may be advantageously administered in cases which require tonic treatment but do not call for the full powers of the bark. The acid infusion has all the powers of cinchona itself. The medium dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.), equivalent to a drachm of the bark.

INFUSUM CUSPARIÆ. Br. Infusion of Cusparia.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM CŪS-PĀ'RĮ-Æ.)

Tisane d'Angusture, *Fr.;* Angustura-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Cusparia Bark, in No. 40 powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water, at 120° F. (48°·9 C.), *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for one hour, and strain." *Br.*

Under the name of *Infusum Angusturæ* this preparation was official in the U. S. Pharm. 1870, made in the proportion of half a troyounce of Angustura bark in a pint of water. The dose of the infusion is two fluidounces (60 C.c.), repeated every two, three, or four hours.

INFUSUM CUSSO. Br. Infusion of Kousso.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM CŪS'SŌ.)

Infusum Brayeræ, *U. S.* 1880; Infusion of Brayera; Tisane de Cousso, *Fr.;* Kossotrank, *G.*

"Take of Kousso, in coarse powder, *one half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *eight fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for fifteen minutes. Not to be strained." *Br.* The whole may be taken for a dose.

The infusion of kousso was very properly dropped at the 1890 revision of the U. S. P. We give the old formula in a foot-note.*

INFUSUM DIGITALIS. U. S., Br. Infusion of Digitalis.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM DĬĢ-Į-TĀ'LĬS.)

Tisane de Digitale, *Fr.;* Fingerhutaufguss, *G.;* Infusion of Foxglove.

"Digitalis, bruised, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Cinnamon Water, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Boiling Water, *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims]; Cold Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]. Upon the Digitalis, contained in a suitable vessel, pour the Boiling Water, and allow it to macerate until the mixture is cold. Then strain, add the Alcohol and Cinnamon Water to the strained liquid, and pass enough Cold Water through the residue on the strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Foxglove leaves, dried, *twenty-eight grains;* Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for fifteen minutes, and strain." *Br.*

The U. S. P. infusion has, in our opinion, been improved. Cinnamon is used solely as a flavoring ingredient, as it has never been present in sufficient quantity to serve any other purpose. When either the tincture or the aromatic itself is used, precipitation is sure to take place. Cinnamon water is unobjectionable. The present process, which is modelled after the formula of L. G. Blakeslee (*Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 288), yields a preparation which, while not differing essentially in strength from the former official infusion, keeps better and does not deposit to any extent. The addition of 10 per cent. of glycerin would be a still greater improvement. Mr. D. E. Prall (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 423) proved that the abundant precipitate in the old infusion was caused by the tincture of cinnamon, and recommended a simple infusion without any aromatic.

The U. S. infusion is essentially the same as that employed by Withering. It affords precipitates with ferrous sulphate, lead acetate, tannic acid, and infusion of cinchona. The dose has usually been stated at half a fluidounce (15 C.c.), repeated twice a day under ordinary

* "Brayera, in No. 20 powder, *six parts* [or one ounce av.]; Boiling Water, *one hundred parts* [or one pint]. Pour the Boiling Water upon the Brayera, and let it macerate in a covered vessel until cool. This Infusion should be dispensed without straining it." *U. S.* 1880.

circumstances, every eight hours in urgent cases, until the system is affected. The proportion of digitalis is scarcely half as great in the British preparation, and the dose is proportionally larger. It will not escape the close observer that the stated dose of digitalis in infusion is much larger than in substance, for which there does not appear to be a good reason, but which accounts for the fact that many physicians assert that they get better results from the infusion than from the digitalis itself. The British Pharmacopœia, though its infusion has only about half the strength of ours, gives its dose as from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.).

INFUSUM ERGOTÆ. Br. Infusion of Ergot.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM ĔR'GO-TÆ.)

Tisane de Seigle ergoté, *Fr.;* Mutterkornaufguss, *G.*

"Take of Ergot, crushed, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of this infusion is two fluidounces (60 C.c.).*

INFUSUM GENTIANÆ COMPOSITUM. Br. Compound Infusion of Gentian.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM ÇĔN-TĮ-Ā'NÆ CO̤M-PŎŞ'Į-TŬM.)

Tisane de Gentiane composée, *Fr.;* Enzianaufguss, *G.*

"Take of Gentian Root, sliced, Bitter-Orange Peel, cut small, of each, *fifty-five grains;* Fresh Lemon Peel, cut small, *one quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

"Take of Gentian, in moderately coarse powder, *half a troyounce;* Bitter Orange Peel, in moderately coarse powder, Coriander, in moderately coarse powder, each, *sixty grains;* Alcohol *two fluidounces;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Alcohol with fourteen fluidounces of Water, and, having moistened the mixed powders with three fluidrachms of the menstruum, pack them firmly in a conical percolator, and gradually pour upon them first the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards Water, until the filtered liquid measures a pint." *U. S.* 1870.

It is, in our opinion, unfortunate that this, the most esteemed of all infusions, should not have been reinstated in the U. S. P. 1890 revision. We have inserted the formula of U. S. P. 1870, as it will doubtless continue to be largely prescribed. It should be designated, however, as U. S. P. 1870. It has been the custom with some physicians to prescribe a concentrated infusion made with one-fourth the quantity of menstruum directed by the formula of U. S. P. 1870. This permits the use of a valuable tonic with the presence of but a trifling amount of alcohol. This concentrated preparation keeps well, and it may be diluted with the right quantity of the proper menstruum by the pharmacist to make the infusion of U. S. P. 1870. The use of the alcohol is to assist in dissolving the bitter principle, and at the same time to contribute towards the preservation of the infusion, which, without this addition, is very apt to spoil. It has, however, been abandoned by the British Pharmacopœia, and lemon peel substituted: this is a very doubtful improvement. The dose is a fluidounce (30 C.c.), repeated three or four times a day.

INFUSUM JABORANDI. Br. Infusion of Jaborandi.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM JĂB-O̤-RĂN'DĪ.)

"Take of Jaborandi, cut small, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

This preparation is efficient, but from its nauseousness and tendency to sicken the stomach is inferior to the alkaloid or even the fluid extract. Dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

INFUSUM KRAMERIÆ. Br. Infusion of Rhatany.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Æ.)

Tisane de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanha-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Rhatany Root, in No. 40 powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The infusion of rhatany is undoubtedly most efficient when prepared by the mode of perco-

* *Infusum Eupatorii.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Thoroughwort.* "Take of Thoroughwort or Boneset [the dried herb] *a troyounce;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. As a tonic, this infusion should be taken cold in the dose of one or two fluidounces (30 or 60 C.c.) three or four times a day, or more frequently; as an emetic and a diaphoretic, in large tepid draughts. It is popularly called *boneset tea.*

lation, with cold water, from the root in a state of moderately coarse powder, as directed in the U. S. process of 1870. Dose of the infusion, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

INFUSUM LINI. Br. Infusion of Linseed.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM LĪ'NĪ.)

Tisane de Lin, *Fr.;* Leinsamen-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Linseed *one hundred and fifty grains;* Dried Liquorice Root, in No. 20 powder, *fifty grains;* Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces.* Infuse in a covered vessel, for two hours, and strain." *Br.*

This is nearly identical with the *Compound Infusion of Flaxseed* of the U. S. P. 1870.* It is a useful demulcent drink in inflammatory affections of the mucous membrane of the lungs and urinary passages. It may be taken *ad libitum.*

INFUSUM LUPULI. Br. Infusion of Hop.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM LŪ'PŬ-LĪ.)

Infusum Humuli, *U. S.* 1870; Tisane de Houblon, *Fr.;* Hopfenaufguss, *G.*

"Take of Hop *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for one hour, and strain." *Br.*

The infusion of hops of the U. S. P. 1870 was made exactly like the above, except that the strength was half a troyounce to a pint. The dose of the British infusion is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).†

INFUSUM MATICÆ. Br. Infusion of Matico.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM MĂT'Į-ÇÆ.)

Tisane de Matico, *Fr.;* Matico-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Matico Leaves, cut small, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of this infusion is two fluidounces (60 C.c.).‡

INFUSUM PRUNI VIRGINIANÆ. U. S. Infusion of Wild Cherry.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM PRŪ'NĪ VĬR-ĢĬN-Į-Ā'NÆ.)

Tisane d'Ecorce de Cerisier sauvage, *Fr.;* Wildkirschen-Thee, *G.*

"Wild Cherry, in No. 20 powder, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]. Moisten the powder with *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims] of Water, and macerate for one hour; then pack it firmly in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Water upon it until the Infusion measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims]." *U. S.*

This is a peculiarly suitable object for official direction, as, in consequence of the volatile nature of one of its active ingredients, and for another reason (see *Prunus Virginiana*), it is better prepared with cold water than in the ordinary mode. The infusion of wild cherry bark is one of the preparations to which the process of percolation or displacement is well adapted. In this way the virtues of the bark can be more rapidly and thoroughly exhausted than by maceration alone. In order to allow time for the reaction necessary to the production of the hydrocyanic acid, an hour's preliminary maceration is directed, which might perhaps be advantageously somewhat lengthened. If kept in a warm place this preparation undergoes a rapid

* "Take of Flaxseed *half a troyounce;* Liquorice Root, bruised, *one hundred and twenty grains;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870.

† *Infusum Juniperi.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Juniper.* "Take of Juniper, bruised, *a troyounce;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for an hour in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. The whole quantity may be taken in twenty-four hours, in doses from two to three fluidounces (60–90 C.c.).

‡ *Infusum Pareiræ.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Pareira Brava.* "Take of Pareira Brava, bruised, *a troyounce;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. The infusion of pareira brava is highly esteemed by some English practitioners as a remedy in irritation and chronic inflammation of the urinary passages, and has been found useful in catarrh of the bladder. The dose is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.). Brodie employed a *decoction* of the root, which he prepared by boiling half an ounce in three pints of water down to a pint, and gave in the quantity of from eight to twelve fluidounces daily. The British Pharmacopœia has substituted the decoction for the infusion.

Infusum Picis Liquidæ. U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Tar. Tar Water.* "Take of Tar *a pint;* Water *four pints.* Mix them, and shake the mixture frequently during twenty-four hours. Then pour off the infusion, and filter through paper." *U. S.* 1870. Water takes from tar a small portion of acetic acid, empyreumatic oil including creosote, and resinous matter, acquiring a sharp empyreumatic taste, the odor of tar, and the color of Madeira wine. Thus impregnated, it is stimulant and diuretic, and may be taken in the quantity of from one to two pints daily. It is also used as a wash in chronic cutaneous affections, and is said to have proved beneficial, by injection into the bladder, in some cases of chronic cystitis.

alteration, and even under the best of circumstances it is unstable. According to the experiments of Mr. J. B. Moore (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 242), confirmed by our own experience, the addition of two fluidounces of glycerin to the pint of menstruum is of great advantage in delaying the change. When properly made, infusion of wild cherry bark is beautifully transparent, has the color of Madeira wine, and the agreeable bitterness and peculiar flavor of the bark. The dose is from two to three fluidounces (60–90 C.c.) from three to six times a day.

INFUSUM QUASSIÆ. Br. Infusion of Quassia.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM QUÄS'SĮ-Æ.)

Tisane de Quassie, *Fr.;* Quassia-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Quassia Wood, in chips, *fifty-five grains;* Cold Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

Boiling water may be employed when it is desirable to obtain the preparation quickly; but cold water affords a clearer infusion. The half-hour maceration directed in the British Pharmacopœia, considering that cold water is used, appears to us to be too short for the exhaustion of the wood. The dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.) three or four times a day.

INFUSUM RHEI. Br. Infusion of Rhubarb.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM RHĒ'Ī.)

Tisane de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* Rhabarber-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in thin slices, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

In order that the rhubarb may be exhausted, it should be digested with the water near the fire, at a temperature somewhat less than that of boiling water. It is customary to add some aromatic, such as cardamom, fennel-seed, or nutmeg, which improves the taste of the infusion and renders it more acceptable to the stomach. One drachm of either of these spices may be digested in connection with the rhubarb.

This infusion may be given as a gentle laxative, in the dose of from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) every three or four hours till it operates. It is occasionally used as a vehicle for tonic, antacid, or more active cathartic medicines. The stronger acids and most metallic solutions are incompatible with it.

INFUSUM ROSÆ ACIDUM. Br. Acid Infusion of Roses.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM RŌ'ŞÆ AÇ'Į-DŬM.)

Infusum Rosæ Compositum, *U. S.* 1870; Compound Infusion of Rose; Acid Infusion of Rose; Tisane de Rose composée, *Fr.;* Saurer Rosenaufguss, *G.*

"Take of Dried Red-rose Petals, broken up, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Diluted Sulphuric Acid *one fluidrachm;* Boiled Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Add the Acid to the Water, infuse the Petals in the mixture in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The formula of the U. S. P. 1870 is preferable to that of the Br. Pharm. on account of the presence of sugar. It is unfortunate, in our opinion, that this elegant infusion was not reintroduced at the last revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. We append the formula of the U. S. P. 1870: "Take of Red Rose [dried petals] *half a troyounce;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid *three fluidrachms;* Sugar [refined], in coarse powder, *a troyounce and a half;* Boiling Water *two pints and a half.* Pour the Water upon the Rose in a covered glass or porcelain vessel; add the Acid, and macerate for half an hour. Lastly, dissolve the Sugar in the liquid, and strain." *U. S.*

The red rose serves little other purpose than to impart a fine red color and a slight astringent flavor to the preparation, which owes its medicinal virtues almost exclusively to the sulphuric acid. According to Mr. J. B. Barnes, one part of glycerin added to eight or nine parts of infusion of rose increases greatly its brightness and transparency. It is refrigerant and astringent, and affords a useful and not unpleasant drink in hemorrhages and colliquative sweats. It is much used by British practitioners as a vehicle for saline medicines, particularly magnesium sulphate, the taste of which it serves to cover. It is also employed as a gargle, usually in connection with acids, nitre, alum, or tincture of Cayenne pepper. The dose is from two to four fluidounces (60–118 C.c.).*

* *Infusum Salviæ.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Sage.* "Take of Sage *half a troyounce;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for half an hour in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. This preparation is less used internally than as a gargle, or as a vehicle for other substances, such as alum, employed in this way.

INFUSUM SENEGÆ. Br. Infusion of Senega.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM SĔN'Ę-GÆ.)

Tisane de Polygale de Virginie, *Fr.;* Senega-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Senega Root, in No. 20 powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of the preparation is from one to three fluidounces (30–90 C.c.).

INFUSUM SENNÆ. Br. Infusion of Senna.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM SĔN'NÆ.)

Senna Tea; Tisane de Séné, *Fr.;* Senna-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Senna *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Ginger, sliced, *twenty-eight grains;* Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

"Take of Senna *a troyounce;* Coriander, bruised, *sixty grains;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for an hour in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870.

We prefer the coriander of the U. S. P. 1870, to the ginger of the British. The strength of the British preparation has been doubled in the present edition of the Pharmacopœia, and is now nearly twice as great as that of the U. S. infusion of 1870. The infusion deposits, on exposure to the air, a yellowish precipitate, which is said to aggravate its griping tendency: it should, therefore, not be made in large quantities. It is customary to prescribe with it manna and some one of the saline cathartics, which increase its efficacy and render it less painful in its operation. (See *Infusum Sennæ Compositum.*) The dose of the infusion is about four fluidounces (118 C.c.). The cold infusion, especially if made by percolation from the coarsely powdered leaves, while probably not inferior in strength to that prepared with boiling water, is said to be less unpleasant to the taste.

INFUSUM SENNÆ COMPOSITUM. U. S. Compound Infusion of Senna. [Black Draught.]

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM SĔN'NÆ CǪM-PŎS'Į-TŬM.)

Tisane de Séné composée, *Fr.;* Senna-Aufguss, *G.*

"Senna, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Manna, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Magnesium Sulphate, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Fennel, bruised, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Boiling Water, *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims]; Cold Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Upon the Senna and Fennel, contained in a suitable vessel, pour the Boiling Water, and macerate until the mixture is cold. Then strain with expression, dissolve in the infusion the Magnesium Sulphate and Manna, and again strain. Lastly, add enough Cold Water through the strainer containing the Senna and Fennel to make the Infusion measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This preparation is the Black Draught of European pharmacy, and it is an excellent form of administering these cathartics in a liquid condition. The dose is about four fluidounces (118 C.c.).

INFUSUM SERPENTARIÆ. Br. Infusion of Serpentary.

(ĮN-FŪ'ZŬM SĔR-PĘN-TĀ'RĮ-Æ.)

Tisane de Serpentaire, *Fr.;* Schlangenwurzel-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Serpentary Rhizome, in No. 20 powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of this preparation is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.), every two hours in low forms of fever, but less frequently in chronic affections.*

* *Infusum Spigeliæ.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Spigelia.* "Take of Spigelia *half a troyounce:* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. The dose of this infusion, for a child two or three years old, is from four fluidrachms to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.); for an adult, from four to eight fluidounces (118–236 C.c.), repeated morning and evening. A quantity of senna equal to that of the spigelia is usually added, to insure a cathartic effect.

Infusum Taraxaci. U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Dandelion.* "Take of Dandelion, bruised, *two troyounces;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. The dose is a wineglassful two or three times a day, or oftener.

INFUSUM UVÆ URSI. Br. Infusion of Bearberry.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM Ū'VÆ ŬR'SĪ.)

Tisane d'Uva Ursi, *Fr.;* Bärentraubenblätter-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Bearberry Leaves, bruised, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for one hour, and strain." *Br.* The dose is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) three or four times a day.

INFUSUM VALERIANÆ. Br. Infusion of Valerian.

(ĮN-FŪ'ŞŬM VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā'NÆ.)

Tisane de Valériane, *Fr.;* Baldrian-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Valerian Rhizome, bruised, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Infuse in a covered vessel, for one hour, and strain." *Br.*

The dose of the infusion is two fluidounces (60 C.c.), repeated three or four times a day, or more frequently.*

INJECTIONES HYPODERMICÆ. Hypodermic Injections.

Under this head are classed preparations which are recognized in the British Pharmacopœia for hypodermic application. Camphor water is selected as the vehicle for two of them on account of its antiseptic properties, but it is very doubtful if their introduction will prove of practical value, on account of the great likelihood of their being dispensed in a partially decomposed condition. They should never be prepared in advance of actual requirements. At present the employment by physicians of the convenient hypodermic tablets has destroyed the usefulness of the official hypodermic injections. Hypodermic tablets of many active remedies are now supplied by manufacturing pharmacists, and various strengths may be had,—the size of the tablets not varying with the strength, however, for it is necessary to use a diluent in order to make the tablet of sufficient size to handle conveniently; this is particularly the case with the very powerful alkaloids, where the dose is a small fraction of a grain. The tablets most used are morphine, morphine and atropine, atropine, strychnine, pilocarpine, cocaine, hyoscyamine, eserine, hyoscine, and caffeine. The tablets should be readily soluble in the quantity of water required for injection. Their convenience, permanence, and usual accuracy in weight have caused them to come into almost universal use. The selection of the diluent is an important question for the maker: very finely powdered cane-sugar has been employed, but in some cases, where such have been used, small abscesses have been produced at the point of puncture of the needle, and some irritation accompanies the injection of their solution. Sodium chloride has also been recommended as a diluent; but the best diluent seems to be exsiccated neutral sodium sulphate.

INJECTIO APOMORPHINÆ HYPODERMICA. Br. Hypodermic Injection of Apomorphine.

(ĮN-JĔC'TĮ-Ō ĂP-Ǫ-MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ HĬ-PǪ-DĔR'MĮ-CĄ—ĵn-jĕk'shę-ō.)

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Apomorphine *two grains;* Camphor Water *one hundred minims.* Dissolve and filter. The solution should be made as required for use." *Br.* The dose, by subcutaneous injection, is from two to eight minims (0·123–0·49 C.c.).

INJECTIO ERGOTINI HYPODERMICA. Br. Hypodermic Injection of Ergotin.

(ĮN-JĔC'TĮ-Ō ĔR-GǪ-TĪ'NĪ HĬ-PǪ-DĔR'MĮ-CĄ.)

"Take of Ergotin *one hundred grains;* Camphor Water, *two hundred fluidgrains* (or 3 fluiddrachms). Dissolve by stirring them together. The solution should be made as required for use." *Br.* The dose, by subcutaneous injection, is from three to ten minims (0·18–0·61 C.c.).

INJECTIO MORPHINÆ HYPODERMICA. Br. Hypodermic Injection of Morphine.

(ĮN-JĔC'TĮ-Ō MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ HĬ-PǪ-DĔR'MĮ-CĄ.)

"A solution of acetate of morphine containing one grain of the acetate in ten minims of the injection." *Br.*

* *Infusum Zingiberis.* U. S. 1870. *Infusion of Ginger.* "Take of Ginger, bruised, *half a troyounce;* Boiling Water *a pint.* Macerate for two hours in a covered vessel, and strain." *U. S.* 1870. The dose of this infusion is two fluidounces (60 C.c.).

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *ninety-two grains;* Solution of Ammonia, Acetic Acid, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.*

"Dissolve the hydrochlorate of morphine in two ounces of distilled water, aiding the solution by gently heating; then add solution of ammonia so as to precipitate the morphine, and render the liquid slightly alkaline; allow it to cool; collect the precipitate on a filter, wash it with distilled water, and allow it to drain; then transfer the morphine to a small porcelain dish with about an ounce of distilled water, apply heat gently, and carefully add acetic acid until the morphine is dissolved, and a very slightly acid solution is formed. Add now sufficient distilled water to make the solution measure exactly two fluidounces. Filter, and preserve the product in a stoppered bottle excluded from the light." *Br.*

Properties. "A clear solution free from any solid particles. Very slightly acid to test-paper. A fluidrachm of it rendered slightly alkaline by the addition of solution of ammonia yields a precipitate of morphine which, after being washed and dried, should weigh 4·25 grains, corresponding to six grains of acetate of morphine." *Br.* The dose, by subcutaneous injection, is from one to five minims (0·06–0·30 C.c.).

INULA. U. S. Inula. [Elecampane.]

(ĬN'Ū-LĄ.)

"The root of Inula Helenium, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Aunée, *Fr.;* Alantwurzel, *G.;* Enula Campana, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Receptacle naked. *Seed-down* simple. *Anthers* ending in two bristles at the base. *Willd.*

Inula helenium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 2089; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 64, t. 26. Elecampane has a perennial root, and an annual stem, which is round, furrowed, villous, leafy, from three to six feet high, and branched near the top. The leaves are large, ovate, serrate, crowded with reticular veins, smooth and deep green upon the upper surface, downy on the under, and furnished with a fleshy midrib. Those which spring directly from the root are petiolate, those from the stem sessile and embracing. The flowers are large, of a golden-yellow color, and stand singly at the ends of the stem and branches. The calyx exhibits several rows of imbricated ovate scales. The florets of the ray are numerous, spreading, linear, and tridentate at the apex. The seeds are striated, quadrangular, and furnished with a simple somewhat chaffy pappus. This large and handsome plant is a native of Europe, where it is also cultivated for medical use. It has been introduced into our gardens, and has become naturalized in some parts of the country, growing in low meadows, and on the roadsides, from New England to Pennsylvania. It flowers in July and August. The roots, which are the official part, should be dug up in autumn, and in their second year. When older they are often stringy and woody.

The fresh root of elecampane is very thick and branched, having whitish cylindrical ramifications, furnished with thread-like fibres. It is externally brown, internally whitish and fleshy; and the transverse sections present radiating lines. The dried root is "in transverse, concave slices or longitudinal sections, with overlapping bark, externally wrinkled and brown; flexible in damp weather; when dry, breaking with a short fracture; internally grayish, fleshy, slightly radiate, and dotted with numerous shining, yellowish-brown resin-cells; free from starch; odor peculiar, aromatic; taste bitter and pungent." *U. S.* Its medical virtues are extracted by alcohol and water, the former becoming most strongly impregnated with its bitterness and pungency. A peculiar principle, resembling starch, was discovered in elecampane by Valentine Rose, of Berlin, in 1804, who named it *alantin;* but the title *inulin*, proposed by Dr. Thomson, has been generally adopted. It differs from starch in being deposited unchanged from its solution in boiling water when the liquor cools, and in giving a yellowish instead of a blue color with iodine. It has been found in the roots of several other plants. It may be obtained white and pure by precipitating a concentrated decoction with twice its volume of alcohol, dissolving the precipitate in a little distilled water, treating the solution with purified animal charcoal, and again precipitating with alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, xxxi. 69.) It readily dissolves in about three parts of boiling water; the lævogyre solution is perfectly clear and fluid, not paste-like, but on cooling deposits nearly all the inulin. Its formula, according to Kiliani (Tollens, *Handbuch der Kohlenhydrate*, 1888, p. 202), is $3C_{12}H_{20}O_{10} + H_2O$. On prolonged heating with water, more rapidly under the influence of dilute acids, it is changed into *levulose* and reduces Fehling's solution. As in the case of starch, intermediate products can be obtained before it is completely changed into reducing sugar. Dragendorff obtained by heating with water for ten hours *metinulin*, and by heating for forty to fifty hours *levulin*, an optically inactive amorphous

substance easily changing into *levulose*. The amount of inulin varies according to the season, but is most abundant in autumn. Dragendorff obtained from the root in October not less than 44 per cent., but in spring only 19 per cent. A crystallizable substance was long since noticed to collect in the head of the receiver when the elecampane root is submitted to distillation with water. Similar crystals may also be observed after carefully heating a thin slice of the root, and are even found as a natural efflorescence on the surface of a root that has been long kept. They can be extracted from the root by means of alcohol, and precipitated with water. Kallen (*Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1873, 1876) has found that these crystals consist chiefly of the anhydride, $C_{15}H_{20}O_2$, of *alantic acid*, melting at 66° C., and that what was formerly known as *helenin* was a mixture of these with a liquid, *alantol*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, boiling at 200° C., the true *helenin** and *alant camphor*. The crystals of *helenin*, C_6H_8O, have a bitterish taste, but no odor, and melt at 110° C. The camphor melts at 64° C., and in taste and smell is suggestive of peppermint.

Medical Properties and Uses. Elecampane is tonic and gently stimulant, and has been supposed to possess diaphoretic, diuretic, expectorant, and emmenagogue properties. By the ancients it was much employed, especially in the complaints peculiar to females; and it is still occasionally resorted to in *amenorrhœa*. In this country it is chiefly used in chronic diseases of the lungs, and is sometimes beneficial when the affection of the chest is attended with weakness of the digestive organs or with general debility. From a belief in its deobstruent and diuretic virtues, it was formerly prescribed in chronic engorgements of the abdominal viscera, and the *dropsy* to which they so often give rise. It has also been highly recommended both as an internal and an external remedy in *tetter*, *psora*, and other diseases of the skin. The usual modes of administration are in powder and in decoction. The dose of the powder is from twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). The decoction may be prepared by boiling half an ounce of the root in a pint of water: dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

IODOFORMUM. U. S., Br. Iodoform.

CHI_3; 392·56. (Ī-Ō-DŌ-FÔR'MŬM.) CHI_3; 392·8.

"Iodoform should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.* "A product of the action of iodine on a mixture of alcohol and solution of carbonate of potassium." *Br.*

Iodoformum, *P. G.;* Iodoforme, *Fr.;* Iodoform, *G.*

This compound, discovered by Sérullas in 1822, was introduced as a remedy, about the year 1837, by Dr. R. M. Glover, of London, and M. Bouchardat, of Paris, and was first adopted as official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.

Preparation. Cornélis and Gille published a process in *Journ. de Pharm.*, 1852, p. 196. (See U. S. D., 14th ed., p. 511.) Wittstein's process is an improvement on this. Take two parts of potassium carbonate, two of iodine, one of 95-per-cent. alcohol, and five of water. mix them in a retort, and heat the mixture, by means of a water-bath, until perfectly colorless; then, after the cooling of the liquid, pour it into a suitable vessel, and allow it to settle. The yellow scaly mass deposited is collected on a filter, washed thoroughly with water, and dried between folds of bibulous paper. As iodoform is very volatile, it must be prepared in closed vessels. The liquid remaining after the deposition of iodoform contains potassium iodate and iodide, which may be decomposed with renewed formation of iodoform by adding potassium dichromate 2 to 3 parts, and hydrochloric acid 16 to 24 parts; this liberates iodine. 32 parts of sodium carbonate, 6 parts of iodine, and 16 parts of alcohol are now added, the liquid is again poured off from the iodoform produced, and the operation again repeated if necessary. The formation of the iodoform is represented by the following equation: $C_2H_5.OH + 4I_2 + 3K_2CO_3 = CHI_3 + CHKO_2 + 5KI + 2H_2O + 3CO_2$. Other products, such as potassium iodate, are, however, formed. Mr. G. R. Bell (*N. R.*, March, 1882) has practically tried nearly all the processes for the preparation of iodoform, and recommends Filhol's, which is as follows. Put into a long-necked matrass or flask which is supplied with a perforated cork and long

* Dr. Korab (*London Lancet*, vol. i., 1885, p. 672) states that helenin is a powerful antiseptic and bactericide, one part in ten thousand of urine being sufficient to arrest putrefaction, and a few drops of a solution of this strength immediately killing the ordinary bacterial organisms, including the tubercle-bacillus. He lauds it as antiseptic in surgery, and has given it with alleged success internally in doses of one-third to one grain in tubercular, infantile, and catarrhal diarrhœas. It is also stated by Dr. J. B. Obiol (*Lancet*, April, 1886) to be an efficient local remedy in the treatment of diphtheria. Every four hours the false membrane is to be dusted over with powdered camphor, and then painted with a two-per-cent. solution of helenin in oil of sweet almond. It is affirmed that when the treatment was commenced on the first day of the patches the cure followed in twenty-four hours. The helenin was also given internally. Dose, one and a half grains to children six years of age.

supply-tube a solution of 200 parts of crystallized sodium carbonate and 1000 parts of distilled water, and add 100 parts of alcohol, heat in a water-bath from 60° to 71·1° C. (140° to 160° F.), then gradually add 100 parts of iodine, about ten parts at a time. When the liquid has become colorless, remove the flask from the water-bath, and allow it to cool three or four hours, then pour out on a filter; return the filtrate to the flask, add 200 parts of sodium carbonate, 100 parts of alcohol, heat to 71·1° C. (160° F.), and pass a slow current of chlorine gas through the mixture as long as iodine is separated, continuing until the brown liquid is again decolorized. A small excess of chlorine is of no consequence (Hager states that for every 100 parts of iodine it requires the chlorine which can be evolved from about 200 parts of hydrochloric acid by means of manganese dioxide). Let the flask stand twenty-four hours, then throw the contents on a filter and examine the filtrate with chlorine water to see whether it still contains an appreciable amount of iodine compounds, then if necessary subject the filtrate to a second treatment of chlorine gas, adding previously only 20 parts of sodium carbonate and 10 parts of alcohol. Collect the iodoform after twenty-four hours. The filtrate may be concentrated and decomposed by excess of nitric acid, according to the method recommended in Bouchardat's process. The collected crystals of iodoform are now well washed with the smallest quantity of cold distilled water, spread out on bibulous paper, and dried in the open air.

Sulliot and Raynaud have devised a process for making iodoform from kelp ash. (*Bull. Soc. Chim.*, 1889, 3.) S. R. Boyce (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1890, p. 220) details a process which is essentially that of Sulliot and Raynaud. The advantages claimed for this method are that 98 per cent. of the iodine used is converted into iodoform, and the use of the nitric acid in Filhol's process is obviated. Solution of chlorinated soda is added by drops to a solution of fifty grammes of potassium iodide, five grammes of caustic soda, and forty grammes of acetone in one liter of water. The iodoform, which crystallizes out, should be protected from the light.

The fact, noticed by Lieben in 1870, that many other compounds besides ethyl alcohol yield iodoform when treated with iodine and alkali, led Krämer (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1880, p. 1000) to propose the iodoform formation as an exact quantitative test for the presence of acetone in methyl alcohol. This "iodoform test" is now used in testing the purity of methyl alcohol for use in the manufacture of aniline dye colors, as well as the purity of acetone itself. (See article *Acetone*, Part II.) Heinrich Spindler proposes to make iodoform from the chlorides, bromides, or chloro-bromides of the paraffin series by reaction with an inorganic iodide: thus, if chloroform and *anhydrous* calcium iodide are heated to 120° C. iodoform is produced. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1886, p. 67.) F. Günther recommends mixing alcohol containing 25 per cent. of aldehyde with ten times its weight of solution of soda, adding the iodine, and passing a current of carbonic acid gas through the mixture. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 373.)

Properties. It is in the form of "small, lemon-yellow, lustrous crystals of the hexagonal system, having a peculiar, very penetrating and persistent odor somewhat resembling that of saffron and iodine, and an unpleasant slightly sweetish and iodine-like taste. Specific gravity, 2·000 at 15° C. (59° F.) Very slightly soluble in water, to which it, however, imparts its odor and taste. Soluble in about 52 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 12 parts of boiling alcohol, and in 5·2 parts of ether. Very soluble in chloroform, benzin, and fixed and volatile oils. Iodoform is slightly volatile even at ordinary temperatures, and in boiling water distils slowly over with its vapor. At about 115° C. (239° F.) it melts to a brown liquid, and at a higher temperature emits vapors of iodine, leaving behind a carbonaceous mass which, upon full combustion, should be completely dissipated (absence of *fixed impurities*). On digesting about 0·1 Gm. of Iodoform with 5 C.c. of a 5-per-cent. solution of potassium hydrate in alcohol, and then slightly supersaturating with diluted nitric acid, the liquid will be rendered blue by starch test-solution. The solutions in neutral solvents are neutral to litmus paper. If 2 Gm. of Iodoform be thoroughly shaken with 10 C.c. of water, the filtrate should be colorless and free from bitter taste (absence of *soluble yellow coloring matter*, *picric acid*, etc.), should not affect the color of litmus paper (absence of *free acids*), and should remain unaffected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *soluble iodides*)." *U. S.* It is a volatile substance, soft to the touch, and totally devoid of corrosive properties. With potassa in solution, it is decomposed, yielding potassium formate and iodide. Hence these two principles are incompatible in prescriptions.

Medical Properties and Uses. M. Maitre, who has studied the physiological effects of iodoform on men, states that from a dose of 30 or 40 centigrammes (about 5 or 6 grains) no effects are observed except a slight increase of appetite. Two hours after it has been taken, the presence of iodine can be detected in the urine and the saliva, and nearly three days elapse

before the whole is eliminated. (See also Höyges, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1867.) It passes off also with the lacteal secretion. Given to dogs in much larger doses, several grammes for example, it produces narcotic effects; and two stages in its operation have been noticed: the first is marked with more or less prostration, with symptoms of intoxication, the animal tottering, inclining to one side with the head falling, with loss of appetite, but without vomiting. The next day, unless a very large dose has been given, complete recovery takes place. A still larger dose induces the second stage, characterized by a remarkably intense excitation, with anxious breathing, strong and short pulse, a true opisthotonos, sometimes very striking, and convulsive movements of the paws, especially the hinder. After death fatty degeneration of the heart, liver, and kidneys may be found. (*A. Höyges.*) The very free use of iodoform in Germany as an antiseptic dressing to wounds, ulcers, etc., has led to many cases of poisoning. In the most characteristic and severe cases the phenomena of iodoform-poisoning resemble somewhat those of meningitis: they are headache, somnolence deepening into stupor, contracted, motionless pupils, abnormal quiet or restlessness ending in active delirium, with, however, a normal temperature and an exceedingly rapid pulse.* In cases of this character death almost always follows, although the symptoms may have developed abruptly and the dressing have been removed at once. In other cases the principal symptoms are general malaise and depression, faintness, headache, loss of appetite, and a persistent iodoform taste in the mouth. In some cases there is a slight temporary increase of temperature. Mental depression or excitement is especially noticed. Finally the pulse becomes accelerated, soft, and feeble; in some cases the pulse is very rapid,—from 150 to 180,—while the temperature remains normal, or only slightly elevated. It is asserted by Samter and Retzlaff (*T. G.*, 1889) that potassium bromide is an antidote in poisoning with iodoform, its antidotal powers being due to the fact that it exceeds all other salts in its power of dissolving iodine compounds.

Iodoform, though containing 29 parts in 30 of its weight of iodine, is not locally irritant, but anæsthetic and antiseptic. It is said, when employed as a suppository, to produce unconsciousness of the act of defecation. In the form of vapor, it possesses anæsthetic properties, but inferior to those of chloroform. On account of its large proportion of iodine, it was supposed to be capable of replacing that element and the iodides as a remedy, with the advantages of being non-irritant, and of having an organic nature, qualities which favor its absorption and assimilation. The principal diseases in which it has been tried are *goitre*, *rickets*, *scrofula*, *phthisis*, *syphilis*, and *glandular tumors*. It may be given in doses of from one to three grains, three or four times a day, in pill form; but it has not met the expectation of its early advocates, and is not much used internally. The chief value of iodoform in practical medicine is as an external application. It has long been used in cases of painful *ulcers*, especially when of syphilitic origin, but has been found to act almost equally well in indolent leg ulcers and other non-specific abrasions, and will even produce marked relief in open cancers.† Within the last few years it has been freely employed as an antiseptic dressing to wounds, and the testimony from surgeons is so strong that it is difficult to avoid believing that it is one of the most certain remedies of the class. The good results which have been achieved have led to a series of studies of its action upon septic organisms, with results which are apparently at variance with practical surgical teachings,‡ and which seem to prove that iodoform itself has little power as a bactericide. When, however, it is brought in contact with the living surface of a wound it undergoes a slow chemical change, resulting in the liberation of iodine, which element has a distinct influence upon the development of septic organisms. Moreover, iodoform appears to have a specific influence upon human tissue, by which it prevents the formation of purulent or serous exudations, and greatly diminishes the soil in which the bacteria develop. The local application of iodoform in surgical tuberculosis has received the highest commendation from numerous surgeons. In the treatment of tubercular *abscesses*, in tubercular *empyema*, in tubercular joints, in non-suppurating tuberculous glands, and even in tuberculous *peritonitis*,

* *Diagnostic Sign of Iodic Poisoning.* M. Burlureaux affirms that if a piece of silver be placed in the mouth of a person suffering from iodoform poisoning, immediately the taste of garlic will be perceived: and if some of the saliva be mixed with calomel, a canary-yellow precipitate of mercurial iodide will be obtained. The most that such a test can accomplish is to show that the patient is under the influence of some compound of iodine.

† *Iodoform in Burns.* At a discussion of the International Congress of Dermatology, in 1889, the conclusion was reached that the best treatment of *burns* in the beginning is to cut the bullæ, wash the part with a very weak solution of salt, and then dress with iodoform gauze or a pomade of iodoform, and cover with oil-silk. In the later stages, after the separation of the eschars, according to Hebra, iodoform retards cicatrization, whilst a one- or two-per-cent. solution of resorcin hastens epithelium formation.

‡ For a more elaborate discussion of these investigations, the reader is referred to Dr. H. C. Wood's *Treatise on Therapeutics*, 7th edition.

numerous cures have been claimed. That the iodoform has a specific influence upon the tubercular organism would seem to follow from the experiments of Gosselin, of Caen, who found that guinea-pigs saturated with iodoform are incapable of contracting tuberculosis.

The manner of application varies with different surgeons. Verneuil, who has had an enormous experience, prefers in the treatment of abscesses and of tuberculous glands, and in most other cases, the injection of a 5-per-cent. ether solution. Others prefer glycerin as a solvent, especially in empyema cases; whilst others, especially in peritonitis, dust the dry powder over the surface which has been laid open. In uterine affections, vaginal suppositories made by incorporating 5·5 grains of iodoform with 2·5 drachms of cacao butter have been largely used, and similar rectal suppositories have been employed with asserted advantage in enlargements of the prostate gland and in fissures of the anus. In surgical dressings with iodoform the powder is usually sprinkled freely upon the wounds and secured in place by a dry dressing. *Iodoform gauze*, or *iodoform cotton wool*, may be made by saturating suitable material with a concentrated ethereal solution and afterwards drying.

The maximum amount of iodoform which may be used with safety as an external application is uncertain. Dr. Langenstein attributes a fatal result to one drachm, whilst one hundred and twenty grains have certainly caused death. Not more than half a drachm of iodoform should be ordinarily applied to a wound, although in cases of tuberculosis the surgeon is warranted in taking the risk of larger amounts. Verneuil sometimes injects at one sitting 75 grains of the iodoform.

One of the principal obstacles to its employment is the odor, which, to some patients, is unbearable. Many methods of disguising the odor have been recommended, but in our experience the large quantity required of each deodorizing agent would preclude its employment. Tannin has been recommended, but, as this operates by decomposing the iodoform, it is not to be thought of in this connection. Probably the best class of substances to use are the volatile oils, such as anise, peppermint, fennel, bergamot, almond, etc., tonka, coffee, and balsam of Peru, although the latter acts by forming a compound, and the aim should be not to destroy the odor,* but so to modify it as to remove its objectionable features. Olive oil saturated with camphor is said to dissolve 6 per cent. of iodoform, and is preferred by some surgeons.

IODUM. U. S., Br. Iodine.

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"A non-metallic element, obtained from the ashes of sea-weeds and from mineral iodides and iodates." *Br.*

Iodinium, *U. S.* 1870; Iode, *Fr.;* Jod, *G.;* Iodina, *It., Sp.*

The Iodine of the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias is considered as pure; and in both, the tests are given by which its purity may be determined. "Iodine should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Iodine is a non-metallic element, discovered in 1812 by Courtois, a soda-manufacturer of Paris. It exists in certain marine vegetables, particularly the fuci or common sea-weeds, which have long been its most abundant natural source. It has been detected in some fresh-water plants, among which are the water-cress, brooklime, and fine-leaved water-hemlock; also in the ashes of tobacco, and of Honduras sarsaparilla. (*Chatin.*) It has been found in the beet-root of the grand-duchy of Baden. (*Lamy.*) Dr. Macadam detected a trace of iodine in 100 gallons of water used for domestic purposes in Edinburgh, in several of the domestic animals, and in man. He detected it also in potatoes, beans, peas, wheat, barley, and oats. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1854, p. 235.) Iodine is, moreover, found in the animal kingdom, as in the sponge, the oyster, various polypi, cod-liver oil, and eggs; and, in the mineral kingdom, in sea-water in minute quantity, in certain salt springs, as silver iodide in a rare Mexican mineral, in a zinc ore of Silesia, in native sodium nitrate, and in some kinds of rock salt. It is now obtained commercially from one of these sources,—viz., from the native sodium nitrate, or Chili saltpetre, with which it occurs as sodium iodate. The production of the province of Tarapaca (Chili) has assumed large dimensions within recent years, as a result of higher prices established by a combination of Scotch, French, and South American producers. The exportations of iodine from Chili amounted in 1890 to 419,740 kilos, valued at $4,197,420, and in 1891 to 424,020 kilos, valued at $4,240,190. M. Bussy has obtained iodine, in the proportion of one part in five thousand, from the coal-gas liquor of the gas-works of Paris. It was first dis-

* The pale yellow essential oil of *Erodia fraxinifolia* is asserted by Mr. H. Helbing (*P. J., Tr.* vol. xviii. 249) to have the power of covering the odor of iodoform.

covered in the United States in the water of the Congress Spring, at Saratoga, by Dr. William Usher. It was detected in the Kanawha saline waters by the late Professor Emmet; and it exists in the bittern of the salt-works of Western Pennsylvania, in the amount of about eight grains to the gallon. In sea-weeds the iodine exists in the state probably of sodium iodide. In different countries, sea-weeds are burned for the sake of their ashes, the product being a dark-colored fused mass called *kelp*. This substance, besides sodium carbonate and iodide, contains more or less common salt, potassium chloride, sodium sulphate, etc. The deep-sea fuci contain the most iodine; and when these are burned at a low temperature for fuel, as is the case in the island of Guernsey, their ashes furnish more iodine than ordinary kelp. (*Graham.*) According to Dr. Geo. Kemp, the laminarian species, especially *Laminaria digitata*, *L. saccharina*, and *L. bulbosa*, which are deep-water sea-weeds, and contain more potassium than sodium, are particularly rich in iodine.

Preparation. Although most largely produced in South America, iodine is still obtained from kelp, and in Great Britain is manufactured chiefly at Glasgow. The kelp, which on an average contains $\frac{1}{224}$ part of iodine, is lixiviated with water, in which about half dissolves. The solution is concentrated to a pellicle and allowed to cool, whereby nearly all the salts, except sodium iodide, are separated, they being less soluble than the iodide. The remaining liquor, which is dense and dark-colored, is made very sour by sulphuric acid, which causes the evolution of carbonic acid, hydrogen sulphide, and sulphurous acid, and the deposition of sulphur. The liquor is then introduced into a leaden still, and distilled with manganese dioxide into a series of glass receivers, inserted into one another, in which the iodine is condensed. In this process the sodium iodide is decomposed, and the iodine evolved according to the reaction $2NaI + 2H_2SO_4 + MnO_2 = MnSO_4 + Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O + I_2$ which leaves as residue manganous sulphate and sodium sulphate.*

The methods for the separation of the iodine from its combinations in the mother-liquors as practised in South America may be divided essentially into three classes. (1.) The mother-liquors after the crystallization of the saltpetre without further concentration are treated with a solution of sodium sulphite of strength corresponding to the amount of iodine present; the iodine is liberated according to the reaction $2NaIO_3 + 4HNaSO_3 + SO_2 = Na_2SO_4 + 4HNaSO_4 + I_2$; the iodine thus separated from the sodium iodate is filtered through linen cloth, washed, pressed, and sublimed. (2.) The mother-liquors are treated with sodium sulphite or bisulphite until the precipitated iodine is converted into HI, and this is precipitated as cuprous iodide by a solution of copper sulphate and sodium sulphite. (3.) The percentage of iodine is increased by fractional evaporation and crystallization of the mother-liquors, and then, after adding the calculated amount of sodium bisulphite, the iodine is distilled off from the acidified liquor. (*Dingler's Polytech. Journ.*, 231, p. 375.)

The British Pharmacopœia of 1864 purified iodine as follows: "Take of Iodine of Commerce *one ounce*. Introduce the Commercial Iodine into a porcelain capsule of a circular shape, cover this as accurately as possible with a glass flask filled with cold water, and apply to the capsule the heat of boiling water for twenty minutes. Let the flask be now removed, and should colorless acicular prisms of a pungent odor be found attached to its bottom, let them be separated from it. This being done, the flask is to be restored to its previous position, and a gentle and steady heat (that of a gas-lamp answers well) applied, so as to sublime the whole of the iodine. Upon now allowing the capsule to cool, and lifting off the flask, the purified product will be found attached to the bottom of the latter. When separated it should be immediately enclosed in a bottle furnished with an accurately ground stopper. In this process a short preliminary sublimation by the heat of a water-bath is ordered, in which the bottom of a glass flask filled with cold water is the refrigerator. The object of this is to separate any cyanogen iodide that may happen to be present. This impurity is sometimes present in considerable amount. Klobach obtained from eighty avoirdupois pounds of commercial iodine twelve ounces of this iodide, which is in the proportion of nearly one per cent. (*Chem. Gaz.*, April 15, 1850.) Should the flask, upon its removal, have attached to its bottom white acicular crystals, these will be the iodide in question, and must be rejected. The flask having

*The methods formerly practised for obtaining iodine from sea-weeds were accompanied with great loss. A notable improvement over the old kelp processes are the "char" and "wet" processes of Mr. E. C. C. Stanford (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Ind.*, 1885, p. 518), which show the following results when compared with the old processes. *Kelp process*: per cent. utilized, 18; kelp, 18 tons, yield salts 9 tons and iodine 270 lbs.; residuals, kelp waste 18 tons, valueless. *Char process*: per cent. utilized, 36; char, 36 tons, yield salts 15 tons and iodine 600 lbs.; residuals, charcoal 36 tons, tar, and ammonia. *Wet process*: per cent. utilized, 70; water extract, 33 tons, yield salts 20 tons and iodine 600 lbs.; residuals, algin 20 tons, cellulose 15 tons, dextrin, etc.

been replaced, heat is again applied until the whole of the iodine has sublimed and attaches itself to the cool bottom of the flask.

Water has sometimes been found in iodine to the extent of 15 or 20 per cent. If considerable, it is easily discovered by the iodine adhering to the inside of the bottle. M. Bolley estimates its amount by rubbing together, until the smell of iodine disappears, 30 grains of iodine with about 240 of mercury, in a small weighed porcelain dish, using a small weighed agate pestle. When complete combination has been effected, the whole is placed in a water-bath to dissipate the water. The loss of weight gives the amount of water in the iodine. (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 15, 1853, p. 118.) The presence of water is injurious only as it renders all the preparations of iodine weaker than they should be. In the former Ed. Pharmacopœia, directions were given to dry it, by placing it "in a shallow basin of earthenware, in a small confined space of air, with ten or twelve times its weight of fresh-burnt lime, till it scarcely adheres to the inside of a dry bottle."

Properties. Iodine is described by the U. S. Pharmacopœia as "heavy, bluish-black, dry and friable, rhombic plates, having a metallic lustre, a distinctive odor, and a sharp and acrid taste. Specific gravity, 4·948 at 17° C. (62·6° F.). Iodine imparts a deep brown, slowly evanescing stain to the skin, and slowly destroys vegetable colors. Soluble in about 5000 parts of water, and in 10 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.) with a brown color; also freely soluble in ether, and in a solution of potassium iodide with a brown color; and in chloroform or carbon disulphide with a violet color. It volatilizes slowly at ordinary temperatures. When heated to 114° C. (237·2° F.), it melts, and is gradually dissipated in form of a purple vapor, leaving no residue. With starch test-solution it produces a dark blue color." *U. S.* It is a volatile substance, and evaporates even at common temperatures. Its vapor has the sp. gr. 8·7, being the heaviest aëriform substance known. If inhaled mixed with air, it excites cough and irritates the nostrils. When it comes in contact with cool surfaces, it condenses in brilliant steel-gray crystals. Iodine is freely soluble in alcohol and ether, but requires 5000 times its weight of water to dissolve it. If water stands on iodine for some time, especially in a strong light, it apparently dissolves more iodine; but the result depends upon the formation of hydriodic acid, in a solution of which iodine is more soluble than in water. The solution of iodine in water has no taste, a feeble odor, and a light-brown color; its solution in alcohol or ether is nearly black. Its solubility in water is very much increased by the addition of certain salts, as sodium chloride, ammonium nitrate, or potassium iodide; and the same effect is produced, to some extent, by tannic acid. Its solution in tannic acid is called *iodo-tannin*, of which MM. Socquet and Guillermond make a syrup for internal and an aqueous solution for external use. For the formulas, see *B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1854, p. 181. It is also soluble in glycerin, as ascertained by M. Cap in 1854. According to Dr. I. Walz, glacial acetic acid is an excellent solvent of iodine, at least equal to alcohol. When the acid is heated by boiling with excess of iodine, and then allowed to cool slowly, it deposits iodine in beautiful large slender crystals, sometimes half an inch long, much larger and more abundant than those formed from the alkaline solution. (*Chem. News*, May 9, 1873, p. 233; from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute.*) In chemical characters iodine resembles chlorine, but its affinities are weaker. It combines with most of the non-metallic and nearly all the metallic elements, forming a class of compounds called *iodides*. Some of these are official, as the iron, mercury, lead, potassium, and sulphur iodides. It forms with oxygen one oxide, *iodic oxide*, I_2O_5, and two acids, *iodic** and *periodic*, and with hydrogen a gaseous acid, called *hydriodic acid*.

Tests, etc. Iodine, in most cases, may be recognized by its characteristic purple vapor; but, where this cannot be made evident, it is detected unerringly by starch, which produces with it a deep-blue color. The test was discovered by Colin and Gaultier de Claubry, and is so delicate that it will indicate the presence of iodine in 450,000 times its weight of water. In order that the test may succeed, the iodine must be free, and the solutions cold. To render it free when in combination, as it always is in the animal fluids, a little nitric acid, free from iodine, must be added to the solution suspected to contain it. Thus, in testing urine for iodine, the secretion is mixed with starch, and acidulated with a drop or two of nitric acid; when, if iodine be present, the color produced will vary from a light purple to a deep indigo-blue, according to the amount of the element present. Sometimes in mineral waters the pro-

* Dr. R. H. Brett, of Liverpool, has found that when a small portion of the alkaloids, or their salts, is mixed with about an equal portion of iodic acid and a few drops of water, and the mixture gently heated, a succession of distinct explosions, attended by the evolution of gas, takes place. Dr. Brett finds that this phenomenon does not occur with other organic substances, and suggests it as a general test for alkaloids. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1854.)

portion of iodine is so minute that the starch test, in connection with nitric acid, gives a doubtful coloration. In such cases, Liebig recommends the addition to the water of a very small quantity of potassium iodate, followed by a little starch and hydrochloric acid. Assuming the iodine to be present as hydriodic acid, the liberated iodic acid sets free the iodine of the mineral water, and becomes itself deoxidized, thus increasing the amount of the free iodine ($HIO_3 + 5HI = 3I_2 + 3H_2O$). This test would be fallacious if iodic acid, mixed with hydrochloric acid, colored starch; but this is not the case. Still, Liebig's test is inapplicable in the presence of reducing agents, such as sulphurous acid, which would give rise to free iodine from the test itself, independently of the presence of the element in the water tested. (*Dr. W. Knop.*) The U. S. Pharmacopœia furnishes the following tests: "A solution of Iodine in chloroform should be perfectly clear and limpid (absence of *moisture*). To determine the presence of *cyanogen*, *chlorine*, or *bromine*, proceed as follows: Triturate 0·5 Gm. of finely-powdered Iodine with 20 C.c. of water, and filter off the solution. To one-half of this solution, in a test-tube, carefully add sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution, until the solution is just decolorized. Then add a few drops of ferrous sulphate test-solution, and subsequently a little sodium hydrate test-solution, and heat the mixture gently. On now adding a slight excess of hydrochloric acid, the liquid should not assume a blue color (absence of *iodine cyanide*). To the other half of the aqueous filtrate, in a test-tube, add a slight excess of silver nitrate test-solution, shake actively, allow the precipitate to subside, and, having poured off the clear, supernatant liquid completely, shake the precipitate with a mixture of 1 C.c. of ammonia water and 9 C.c. of water, and filter. Upon the addition of a slight excess of nitric acid to the filtrate, not more than a slight opalescence should make its appearance (limit of *chlorine* or *bromine*). If 0·32 Gm. of Iodine, together with 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, be dissolved in 20 C.c. of water, and the solution mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require not less than 25 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (corresponding to at least 98·85 per cent. of pure Iodine)." *U. S.* The British Pharmacopœia states that "12·7 grains, dissolved in an ounce [fluidounce] of water containing 15 grains of iodide of potassium, require for complete decoloration 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of hyposulphite of sodium*." M. Carey Lea proposes chromic acid as a substitute for the nitric, for the liberation of iodine, as a more delicate test. It may be most conveniently applied by first adding starch to the liquid to be tested, and then a little dilute solution of potassium bichromate, enough to cause a pale yellow color, followed by a few drops of hydrochloric acid. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, xlii. 109.) Another test for iodine, proposed by M. Rabourdin, is chloroform, by the use of which he supposes that the element may be not only detected in organic substances, but approximately estimated. Thus, if 150 grains of a solution, containing one part in one hundred thousand of potassium iodide, be treated with 2 drops of nitric and 15 or 20 of sulphuric acid, and afterwards shaken with 15 grains of chloroform, the latter acquires a distinct violet tint. M. Rabourdin applies his test to the detection of iodine in the several varieties of cod-liver oil. For this purpose he incinerates, in an iron spoon, 50 parts of the specimen of oil with 5 of *pure* caustic potassa, dissolved in 15 of water, and exhausts the cinder with the smallest possible quantity of water. The solution is filtered, acidulated with nitric and sulphuric acids, and agitated with 4 parts of chloroform. After a time the chloroform subsides, of a violet color more or less deep according to the proportion of iodine present. M. Lassaigne considers the starch test more delicate than that of chloroform. For detecting iodine in the iodides of the metals of the alkalies, he considers palladium bichloride as extremely delicate, producing brownish flocks of palladium biniodide. According to M. Moride, benzin is a good test for free iodine, which it readily dissolves, forming a solution of a bright-red color, deeper in proportion to the amount of iodine taken up. As benzin does not dissolve chlorine or bromine, it furnishes the means of separating iodine from these elements. Mr. D. S. Price has pointed out the nitrites as exceedingly sensitive tests of iodine combined as an iodide. The suspected liquid is mixed with starch paste, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and treated with solution of potassium nitrite. The iodine is set free, and a blue color appears, more or less deep, according to the proportion of iodine present. By this test, iodine may be detected in an aqueous solution containing only one in 400,000 parts. A similar test had been previously proposed by M. Grange.

It has been long known that when a mixture of iodine and starch in water is subjected to heat the blue color disappears, and that, if the heat be not too long continued, so as to volatilize the iodine or convert it into hydriodic acid, the color will return on the cooling of the liquid. Various explanations have been given of this curious fact by Personne and others,

but the only one that is quite satisfactory is that by M. Magnes-Lahens, which he supports by experiment, that during the continuance of the heat the particles of starch and iodine separate, to unite again on refrigeration. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 405.)*

Adulterations. Iodine is said to be occasionally adulterated with mineral coal, charcoal, plumbago, and black manganese oxide. These are easily detected by their fixed nature, while pure iodine is wholly volatilized by heat. Herberger found native antimony sulphide in one sample, and plumbago in another; and Righini has detected as much as 25 per cent. of calcium chloride. The presence of cyanogen iodide and of water has already been referred to, and the modes of detecting and separating them pointed out. (See page 742.) Besides the test given at page 742, the British Pharmacopœia directs that the official iodine should be soluble in alcohol, ether, and a solution of potassium iodide, and should sublime without residue, and that the part which first comes over should contain no colorless prisms of a pungent odor.

Medical Properties. Iodine was first employed as a medicine in 1819, by Dr. Coindet,

* *Amylum Iodatum.* U. S. 1880. *Iodized Starch.* (*Amyli Iodidum, Iodide of Starch; Iodure d'Amidon*, Fr.; *Jodstärke*, G.) "Starch, *ninety-five parts* [or four hundred and eighteen grains]; Iodine, *five parts* [or twenty-two grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or one ounce av.]. Triturate the Iodine with a little Distilled Water; add the Starch gradually, and continue triturating until the compound assumes a uniform blue color, approaching black. Dry it at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.), and rub it to a fine powder. Iodide of Starch should be preserved in glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

The view taken by the Pharmacopœia of 1880 was that of Liebig and Duclaux, that iodized starch is not a definite chemical compound: hence the name *iodized*. Bondonneau, on the other hand, assigns to it the formula $(C_6H_{10}O_5)_5I$, and Seyfert, the latest writer, makes it $(C_{24}H_{40}O_{20})_6I_7$. If it is a definite compound, it is one of the most feeble known,—sunlight, boiling water, alcohol, potash, and hydrogen sulphide decomposing it easily. The formula is substantially that of Dr. Andrew Buchanan, of Glasgow, who proposed iodized starch as a means of administering iodine in large doses without causing irritation of the stomach. He prepares it by triturating twenty-four grains of iodine with a little water, adding gradually an ounce of very finely powdered starch, and continuing the trituration until the compound assumes a uniform blue color. The iodide is then dried by a gentle heat, and kept in a well-stopped bottle.

M. Magnes-Lahens, of Toulouse, first employed torrefied starch, but subsequently abandoned its use, and now contents himself with making an intimate mixture of iodine and starch, slightly moistened, which he subjects to the heat of a water-bath until it is converted into starch iodide, forming a solution with water of a magnificent blue color. The heat, thus regulated, disaggregates the starch, without completely transforming it into dextrin, and gives a preparation in the form of a black powder. M. Seput, of Constantinople, has also given a formula for this soluble iodide, and for a *syrup* to be made from it. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1852, p. 202.) M. Soubeiran reported upon these preparations to the Paris Society of Pharmacy, and deemed them ineligible on account of their variable strength in iodine, arising from the greater or less loss of this element during the necessary exposure to heat. Nevertheless, as the syrup is called for, he recommended the following process for making it, availing himself of the observations of his predecessors, which he had occasion to cite in his report. Triturate thoroughly, in a porcelain mortar, 36 grammes of nitric starch with 4½ grammes of iodine, dissolved in three times its weight of ether, and added in successive portions, until, after the evaporation of the greater part of the ether, a blue powder remains. Introduce this into a weighed, stoppered flask, and, having added 520 grammes of water, expose the whole to the heat of a water-bath, with the stopper at first removed, in order to complete the dissipation of the ether. Afterwards the stopper is replaced, being loosely tied with a packthread, so as to permit of its being raised without being driven out; and the heat is continued for about an hour and a half, when starch iodide will be completely formed. The flask is then weighed, and a quantity of water added to it, equal to that lost by evaporation. Lastly, 1040 grammes of sugar are added to the liquid, and dissolved by a gentle heat. By this formula a syrup is prepared containing a quarter of one per cent. of iodine, a small part of which is in the state of hydriodic acid. *Nitric starch* is used by M. Soubeiran because it unites with the iodine in much less time than ordinary starch. It is made by mixing ordinary starch, in the cold, with 150 parts of water to which 1 part of nitric acid has been added, and allowing the whole to dry in the open air. Three grains of this syrup, diluted with a pint of water, communicate to the liquid a sensible blue tint. This test may serve to determine whether the preparation is of full strength. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1852, p. 329.) The dose of the syrup is from one to four tablespoonfuls a day.

M. Quesneville, for whom it is claimed that he first introduced starch iodide into therapeutics, recommends the following method of preparing it. Take of the finest starch, unmixed with that from the potato, 1050 grammes; iodine, in very fine powder passed twice through a sieve of silk, 100 grammes. Carefully mix the powders, and, when the mixture is complete, sprinkle into it gradually, agitating constantly, a mixture of 400 grammes of water and 100 of alcohol. The powder becomes gradually more and more deeply colored, and soon of a beautiful black. It is to be allowed to stand 15 or 20 days, and is then dried, first by a current of air and then in a stove. When well dried, the powder has no smell of iodine, of which it contains exactly one-tenth of its weight. It is quite insoluble in cold water; but to render it soluble it is sufficient to heat it in an enamelled pan over a very gentle fire with constant agitation; the heat must be removed when a pungent odor is emitted. The powder thus procured is sufficient for pharmaceutical use. If it be desired to obtain it purer and extremely soluble in cold water, and always of a fine violet-blue, it will be necessary to make with heat a concentrated solution, so as to mark 7 or 8 degrees on the areometer for saline solutions, allow it to stand and settle for several days, then decant the liquor, add a quantity of alcohol just sufficient to precipitate the starch iodide, put the magma which forms upon a linen cloth, press it as strongly as possible, and dry it by a stove-heat upon shallow dishes. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1868, p. 30.)

Medical Properties. This preparation has been highly recommended as free from local irritant properties. Prof. Dalton, of New York, found that nearly all the animal fluids decompose starch iodide and destroy its blue color. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, April, 1856, p. 327.) This result is owing, no doubt, to the alkaline nature of most of the animal fluids, especially those of the duodenum, alkaline iodides being formed at the expense of the starch. The dose is a heaped teaspoonful, given in water-gruel, three times a day, and afterwards increased to a tablespoonful. No nicety is necessary in apportioning the dose. In some cases Dr. Buchanan has given half-ounce (15·6 Gm.) doses, increased to an ounce (31·1 Gm.).

Sr., of Geneva. It operates as a general excitant of the vital actions, especially of the absorbent and glandular systems. Its effects are varied by its degree of concentration, state of combination, dose, etc.; and hence under different circumstances it may prove corrosive, irritant, or simply alterative. It is absorbed into the circulation, and may be found in all the secretions, but is chiefly eliminated by the kidneys, not, however, uncombined, but in the state of hydriodic acid or an iodide. Cantu detected it not only in the urine and saliva, but also in the sweat, milk, and blood. According to Dr. John C. Dalton, Jr., of New York, iodine, taken in a single moderate dose, appears in the urine in thirty minutes, and may be detected for nearly twenty-four hours. In two cases in which large doses of potassium iodide had been taken for six or eight weeks, and the medicine intermitted, all trace of iodine disappeared from the urine in eighty-four hours.

In an overdose iodine acts as an irritant poison. From four to six grains (0·26 to 0·4 Gm.), in man, cause a sense of constriction in the throat, sickness and pain at the stomach, and at length vomiting and colic. Even in medicinal doses it sometimes causes alarming symptoms, such as fever, restlessness, disturbed sleep, palpitations, excessive thirst, acute pain in the stomach, vomiting and purging, violent cramps, frequent pulse, and, finally, progressive emaciation if the medicine be not laid aside. Such violent symptoms are, however, very rare, but where iodine or potassium iodide is given freely a mild *iodism* is not unfrequent. It is usually characterized by pain or heaviness in the region of the frontal sinuses, with or without coryza; in some instances soreness of the mucous membrane of the mouth and throat, or a mild ptyalism, is the prominent symptom; or a papular eruption may be the first manifestation of the constitutional action of the remedy.

Testimony is not wanting to the effect that a long course of the remedy has in some instances occasioned absorption of the mammæ and wasting of the testicles, but such result is extremely rare. Dr. Lebert, who has practised both in Switzerland and in France, states that, under his observation, the accidents produced by iodine, with scarcely an exception, were in those cases of goitre in which the remedy acted rapidly in removing the tumor; while in scrofulous, tuberculous, and syphilitic patients free from goitre, though the medicine was given in considerable doses, no injury to the system ensued. He supposes that the bad effects in the goitre cases arose from the too prompt absorption of the abnormal material of the tumor, which, entering the circulation in the course of its elimination, produced the poisonous effect, and not from the iodine itself. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1855, p. 228.)

Iodine has been principally employed in diseases of the absorbent and glandular systems. It has been used with success in *ascites*, especially when connected with diseased liver. It acts most efficiently immediately after tapping. In glandular enlargements and morbid growths it has proved more efficacious than in any other class of diseases. Dr. Coindet discovered its extraordinary power in curing *goitre*;* and it has been used with more or less advantage in enlargements and indurations of the liver, spleen, mammæ, testes, and uterus. In hepatic affections of this kind, where mercury has failed or is inadmissible, iodine is our best resource. Dr. Morell Mackenzie reports very favorably of the effects of iodine injected hypodermically into the thyroid. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1873, p. 553.) In chronic diseases of the uterus, with induration and enlargement, and in hard tumors of the cervix and indurated puckerings of the edges of the os tincæ, iodine has occasionally effected cures, administered internally, and rubbed into the cervix, in the form of ointment, for ten or twelve minutes every night. In the form of potassium iodide in *tertiary syphilis*, *mercurial cachexy*, and *lead-poisoning*, it is one of our best remedies. It is habitually employed in *scaly skin affections*, and in *chronic rheumatism*.

But it is in scrofulous diseases that the most striking results have been obtained by the use of iodine. Dr. Coindet first directed attention to its effects in *scrofula*, and Dr. Manson reported a number of cases of this affection, in a large proportion of which the disease was either cured or ameliorated. We are indebted, however, to Dr. Lugol for the most extended early researches in relation to the use of iodine in scrofula. This physician began his trials in the Hôpital Saint-Louis in 1827, and published his results in 1829, 1830, and 1831. The scrofulous

* M. Chatin, finding, according to his observations, a great variation in the amount of iodine in the air, water, and soil of different localities, has founded on this supposed fact an explanation of the prevalence of goitre and cretinism in some places and their absence in others. Thus, in certain parts of France, near Paris, which he calls the Paris zone, the amount of iodine thus distributed is comparatively large, and goitre and cretinism are unknown; while in the Alpine valleys, where only one-tenth the amount of iodine is found, these affections are endemic. These conclusions are controverted by M. Lohmeyer, of Göttingen, and M. Kletzinsky, of Vienna, who failed to detect iodine in the air of those cities the inhabitants of which are free from goitre.

affections cured by Dr. Lugol by the iodide treatment were *glandular tubercles*, *ophthalmia*, *ozæna*, *lupus*, and *fistulous* and *carious ulcers*. Since the publication of the three memoirs of Lugol, the use of iodine in scrofulous affections has become universal.

The most eligible form of iodine for internal administration is its solution in water, aided by potassium iodide. (See *Liquor Iodi Compositus*.) The solutions employed by Dr. Lugol contained one part of iodine and two parts of potassium iodide; and the doses given by him were equivalent to half a grain (0·03 Gm.) of iodine daily for the first fortnight, three-quarters of a grain (0·05 Gm.) daily for the second and third fortnights, one grain (0·065 Gm.) daily during the fourth and fifth fortnights, and, in some cases, a grain and a quarter (0·081 Gm.) daily for the remainder of the treatment; always largely diluted. The tincture of iodine is not eligible for internal use; for, when freshly prepared, the iodine is precipitated from it by dilution with water, and, as a consequence, the irritating solid iodine will come in contact with the stomach when the dose is swallowed. The same objection is not applicable to the compound tincture, or to the simple tincture after having been long kept.

A mode of safely bringing and maintaining the system under the influence of iodine, proposed by M. Boinet and called by him *iodic alimentation*, is to mix the medicine with the food, as with bread and other farinaceous substances, so that the patient may take daily a due quantity, which, with this mode of administration, may be large, if desirable, without inconvenience. (See *Amylum Iodatum*.)*

According to M. Hutet, one grain of iodine is deprived entirely of taste and smell by one teaspoonful of a strong infusion of coffee. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1870.)

The external treatment of iodine may be divided into general and topical. By its use in this way it does not create a mere local effect, but, by its absorption, produces its peculiar constitutional impression. The external treatment, when general, consists in the use of the *iodine bath*. This for adults should contain from two to four drachms of iodine, with double that quantity of potassium iodide, dissolved in water, in a *wooden* bath-tub; the proportion of the water being about a gallon for every three grains of iodine employed. The quantity of ingredients for the baths of children is one-third as much as for adults, but dissolved in about the same quantity of water. The quantity of iodine and iodide for a bath having been determined upon, it is best to dissolve them in a small quantity of water (half a pint, for example) before they are added to the water of the bath; as this mode of proceeding facilitates their thorough diffusion. The iodine baths, which may be directed three or four times a week, usually produce a slight rubefacient effect, but occasionally a stronger impression, causing the epidermis to peel off, particularly of the arms and legs. The skin at the same time acquires a deep yellow tinge, which usually disappears in the interval between the baths.

The topical application of iodine is made by means of several official preparations. (See *Unguentum Iodi* and *Tinctura Iodi*.) Besides these, several others have been employed topically.

* *Iodized Oil.* The following is the original process of M. Personne. Five parts of iodine are mixed with a thousand parts of almond oil, and the mixture is subjected to a jet of steam, until decolorized. The same operation is repeated with five additional parts of iodine. The oil is then washed with a weak alkaline solution, to remove the hydriodic acid developed in the process. By this mode of proceeding it may be presumed that the iodine is intimately united with the oil, along with which it would find an easy entrance into the system, and that, while about half of the iodine is lost as hydriodic acid, the remainder takes the place of the hydrogen eliminated from the oil. In 1851 the French Academy appointed MM. Guibourt, Soubeiran, Gibert, and Ricord to report upon the therapeutic value of a definite combination of iodine and oil. The reporter (Guibourt) approved of M. Personne's process; and MM. Gibert and Ricord reported favorably of the therapeutic effects of the preparation. M. Personne's iodized oil differs little in appearance and taste from almond oil, and is easily taken alone or in emulsion. The dose is two fluidounces (60 C.c.) daily, which may be increased to three fluidounces (90 C.c.) or more. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xxiii. 502.)

M. Berthé and M. Lepage have objected to M. Personne's iodized oil, that it is of variable iodine strength, and that it is liable to become rancid, in consequence of the use of steam in its preparation. M. Berthé makes an iodized oil which he alleges to be free from these objections, by heating to about 176° five parts of iodine with a thousand parts of almond oil, in a water-bath, until decoloration has taken place. The resulting oil is colorless, perfectly transparent, without odor or rancidity, not acted on by starch, and of a constant composition. To shorten the time in preparing the oil, M. Lepage dissolves the iodine in three times its weight of ether, before adding it to the oil, and briskly shakes the mixture for eight or ten minutes. The preparation is then heated in a water-bath, to decolorize it and drive off the ether. M. Hugounenq objects to this process that, if the oil be completely deprived of the odor of ether, the heating must be continued for several hours. He also objects to any process which requires the continued application of heat, as rendering the oil liable to become quickly rancid. His plan is to rub up the iodine, for five or six minutes, in a porcelain mortar, with a small portion of the oil, and then gradually to add the remainder. A red limpid liquor is obtained, which may be completely decolorized by exposure for fifteen minutes to the sun's rays. Iodized oil, thus prepared, has the odor and taste of almond oil, is not more liable to become rancid than the pure oil, and is free from hydriodic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1856.) From the above statements it is not easy to determine which is the best method of preparing iodized oil; but the preparation may be made with good olive oil instead of the more expensive almond oil.

Lugol's *iodine lotion* consists of from two to four grains of iodine, and double that quantity of potassium iodide, dissolved in a pint of water. It is used as a wash or an injection in scrofulous *ophthalmia*, *ozæna*, and *fistulous ulcers*. His *rubefacient iodine solution* is formed by dissolving half an ounce of iodine and an ounce of potassium iodide in six fluidounces of water. This is useful for exciting scrofulous ulcers, for touching the eyelids, and as an application to recent scrofulous cicatrices, to render them smooth. The rubefacient solution, added to warm water in the proportion of about a fluidrachm to the gallon, makes a convenient local bath for the arms, legs, feet, or hands; and, mixed with linseed meal or some similar substance, it forms a cataplasm useful in certain eruptions, especially where the object is to promote the falling off of scabs. External applications of iodine have been recommended for the removal even of internal plastic exudations, as to the side, for example, in protracted pleurisy. The rubefacient preparation of iodine at present most commonly employed is the tincture. (See *Tinctura Iodi.*) The preparation called *iodine paint* is a tincture twice as strong as the official tincture, and is made by dissolving a drachm of iodine in a fluidounce of alcohol, and allowing the solution to stand in a glass-stoppered bottle for several months before it is used, when it will become thick and syrupy. It is applied with a glass or a camel's-hair brush, in one or more coatings, according to the degree of effect desired. Iodine paint is used as a counter-irritant, with advantage, in almost all forms of deep-seated chronic inflammation. When thus used, it must be borne in mind that the iodine acts also by being absorbed. Another valuable application of it is for the removal of *nævi*. Lugol's *caustic iodine solution* is made of iodine and potassium iodide, each, an ounce, dissolved in two fluidounces of water. This is used to destroy soft and fungous granulations, and has been employed with decided benefit in *lupus*. The *Liniment of Iodine* of the British Pharmacopœia is intermediate in strength between the two solutions last mentioned. (See *Linimentum Iodi.*) Another caustic solution of iodine, under the name of *iodized glycerin*, is made by dissolving one part of potassium iodide in two parts of glycerin, and adding the solution to one part of iodine, which it completely dissolves. Dr. Max Richter, of Vienna, to whom belongs the credit of having introduced into practice the solution of iodine in glycerin, found this caustic particularly useful in lupus, non-vascular goitre, and scrofulous and constitutional syphilitic ulcers. The solution is applied by means of a hair-pencil to the diseased surface, which must then be covered with gutta-percha paper, fixed at the edges by strips of adhesive plaster, in order to prevent the evaporation of the iodine. The application produces burning pain, which rarely lasts for more than two hours. The dressing is removed in twenty-four hours, and pledgets dipped in cold water applied. This iodine caustic is too strong for ordinary local use. A weaker solution is recommended by Dr. Szukits, formed of one part of iodine to five parts of glycerin, for application to the neck, female breast, abdomen, etc. After four or five paintings it causes excoriation, which requires its discontinuance and the use of cold applications. A mode of applying iodine locally has been suggested by Dr. R. Greenhalgh, of London, which consists in thoroughly impregnating raw cotton with a solution in glycerin of potassium iodide and of iodine, in the proportion of two ounces of the former and one ounce of the latter to eight ounces of the menstruum, and then drying the "*iodized cotton.*" It is intended for application to the cervix or os uteri, which is effected through a speculum. (*Lancet*, May 26, 1866, p. 582.) Méhu's method of making iodized cotton is as follows. Finely divided iodine (5 to 10 parts) is sprinkled between layers of loose cotton (100 parts) introduced into a tall glass vessel, and the latter placed horizontally on a water- or sand-bath. As soon as vapors of iodine are seen to rise, and the air has been expelled from the vessel, the latter is tightly stoppered. On continuing to apply a moderate and uniform heat, the iodine vapors penetrate the cotton, and color it yellow. After about two hours, the cotton will have assumed the color of burnt coffee, and the operation is finished. Cotton iodized in other ways, as by immersion in concentrated solutions of iodine in ether or carbon disulphide, retains merely traces of iodine. (*N. R.*, April, 1867.)

Iodine is used by injection into various cavities. It has been employed in this way for the cure or relief of *hydrocephalus*, *pleuritic effusion*, *hydropericardium*, *ascites*, *ovarian dropsy*, *hernia*, *hydrocele*, *spina bifida*, *dropsy of the joints*, *large cystic bronchocele*, and *chronic abscesses*. The discussion of the indications for the use of the injections in these cases, and of the precautions and the methods to be adopted, belongs rather to treatises upon the practice of medicine and surgery than to a work like the present. To such treatises, therefore, the reader is referred.

Enemata containing iodine have been used, by several practitioners, in the *chronic dysentery* and *diarrhœa* of both adults and children, with decided benefit, a prominent effect being the relief of tenesmus. They are supposed to act locally on ulcers in the colon and rectum, and

generally by absorption. The injection should be made of Lugol's solution, one to ten fluidrachms in one or two quarts of water. It should be preceded by an emollient enema to empty the intestine, and should be repeated once or twice daily, gradually increasing its strength. If the pain be severe, a laudanum injection will bring immediate relief.

Iodine, in the state of vapor, has been employed by inhalation; and the experiments as yet tried have been in the treatment chiefly of *phthisis* and *chronic bronchitis*. Although very extraordinary results were claimed for the method, yet it has entirely failed to fulfil expectations, and is at present very rarely practised. For details as to methods, the reader is referred to the 14th edition of the U. S. D.*

Iodine or an iodide should not be given in solution with an alkaloid, as it forms insoluble compounds, and in Philadelphia death has been produced by the strychnine iodide which had crystallized out of a mixture. It has even been suggested by Mr. R. F. Fairthorne (*A. J. P.*, 1856) and Dr. H. W. Fuller (*Lancet*, March 21, 1868, p. 373) as an antidote to alkaloids; but the insoluble compounds of these substances would by no means be inert in the stomach.

In cases of poisoning by iodine, the stomach must first be evacuated, and afterwards drinks administered containing an amylaceous substance, such as flour, starch, or arrow-root.

IPECACUANHA. U. S., Br. Ipecac.

(ĬP-Ē-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HĄ.)

"The root of Cephaëlis Ipecacuanha (Brotero), A. Richard (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried root of Cephaëlis Ipecacuanha." *Br.*

Radix Ipecacuanhæ, *P. G.;* Ipecac; Racine brésilienne, Ipecacuanha, *Fr.;* Ruhrwurzel, Brechwurzel, Ipecacuanha, *G.;* Ipecacuana, *It., Sp.*

The term *ipecacuanha*, derived from the language of the aborigines of Brazil, has been applied to various emetic roots of South American origin.† The U. S. and British Pharmacopœias recognize only that of *Cephaëlis ipecacuanha;* and no other is known by the name in general commerce. Our chief attention will, therefore, be confined to this root and the plant which yields it; but, as others are employed in South America, are occasionally exported, and may possibly reach our markets mingled with the genuine drug, we shall, in a note, give a succinct account of those which have attracted most attention.



Ipecacuanha, transverse section.

The botanical character of the ipecacuanha plant was long unknown. Pison and Marcgrav, who were the first to treat of this medicine, in their work on the Natural History of Brazil, published at Amsterdam in 1648, described in general terms two plants,—one producing a whitish root, distinguished by the name of white ipecacuanha, the other a brown root, which answers in their description precisely to the official drug. But their account was not sufficiently definite to enable botanists to decide upon the character of the plants. The medicine was generally thought to be derived from a species of *Viola*, which Linnæus designated as *V. ipecacuanha*. Opinion afterwards turned in favor of a plant sent to Linnæus by Mutis from Colombia, as affording the ipecacuanha of that country and of Peru. This was described in the *Supplementum* of the younger Linnæus, 1781, under the name of *Psychotria*

* M. Barrère has proposed the use, for inhalations, of *iodized camphor*, which is to be taken like snuff. This is prepared by putting powdered camphor in a snuff-box, with a hundredth part in bulk of iodine, contained in a muslin bag. In the course of a few hours the substances, by occasional shaking, unite, forming a powder resembling iodine in color. The difficulty in practising ordinary iodine inhalation depends chiefly on the irritation caused by the vapor, which excites cough and fatigues the patient. According to M. Barrère, this inconvenience is avoided by the use of the iodized camphor. A pinch of it produces sneezing and some smarting in the nostrils, but when the vapor reaches the lungs it causes a refreshing sensation, which induces the patient to draw a long and deep breath. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1855, p. 232.) M. Hutet recommends the inhalation of hydriodic ether in affections of the lungs.

Dr. Brainard employs the vapor of iodine, with great advantage, in the treatment of *indolent ulcers*, first dressing the ulcer with simple cerate spread on lint, then applying over this several layers of lint in which from one to four grains of iodine have been folded, and covering the whole with oiled silk and tin foil, secured by a bandage, so as to prevent the escape of the iodine, which is vaporized by the heat of the body. (*Chicago Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1860.)

† M. Weddell states that the word ipecacuanha is nowhere in Brazil used to designate the Cephaëlis, which is generally called *poaya*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xvi. 34.)

emetica, and was long erroneously considered as the source of the true ipecacuanha. Dr. Gomez, of Lisbon, was the first who accurately described and figured the genuine plant, which he had seen in Brazil, and specimens of which he took with him to Portugal; but Brotero, professor of botany at Coimbra, with whom he had left specimens, having drawn up a description and inserted it with a figure in the Linnæan Transactions without acknowledgment, enjoyed for a time the credit due to his countryman. In the paper of Brotero the plant is named *Callicocca ipecacuanha;* but the term *Callicocca*, having been applied by Schreber, without sufficient reason, to the genus already established and named, has been universally abandoned for the *Cephaëlis* of Swartz, though this also, it appears, is a usurpation upon the previous rights of Aublet.

Gen. Ch. Flowers in an involucred head. *Corolla* tubular. *Stigma* two-parted. *Berry* two-seeded. *Receptacle* chaffy. *Willd.*

Cephaëlis ipecacuanha. Richard, *Hist. Ipecac.* p. 21, t. i.; Martius, *Spec. Mat. Med. Brazil.* t. i. p. 4; *Curtis's Bot. Mag.*, N. S., vol. xvii. pl. 4083, 1844.—*Callicocca ipecacuanha.* Brotero, *Linn. Trans.* vi. 137. This is a small shrubby plant, with a root from four to six inches long, about as thick as a goose-quill, marked with annular rugæ, simple or somewhat branched, descending obliquely into the ground, and here and there sending forth slender fibrils. The stem is two or three feet long, but, being partly under ground, and often procumbent at the base, usually rises less than a foot in height. It is slender; in the lower portion leafless, smooth, brown or ash-colored, and knotted, with radicles frequently proceeding from the knots; near the summit, pubescent, green, and furnished with leaves seldom exceeding six in number. These are opposite, petiolate, oblong-obovate, acute, entire, from three to four inches long, from one to two broad, obscurely green and somewhat rough on their upper surface, pale, downy, and veined on the under. At the insertion of each pair of leaves are deciduous stipules, embracing the stem, membranous at the base, and separated above into numerous bristle-like divisions. The flowers are very small, white, and collected to the number of eight, twelve, or more, each accompanied with a green bract, into a semi-globular head, supported upon a round, solitary, axillary footstalk, and embraced by a monophyllous involucre, deeply divided into four, sometimes five or six, obovate, pointed segments. The fruit is an ovate, obtuse berry, which is at first purple, but becomes almost black when ripe, and contains two small plano-convex seeds.*

The plant is a native of Brazil, flourishing over a very wide extent of territory in moist, thick, and shady woods, and abounding most within the limits of the eighth and twentieth degrees of south latitude. According to Humboldt, it grows also in Colombia. It flowers in January and February, and ripens its fruit in May. The root is active in all seasons, but, as it has to be dried rapidly, collection during the rainy season is relaxed. The native collector, or *poayero*, seizes all the stems of a clump, loosens them by a zigzag motion, and then, thrusting a pointed stick under the roots, tears up the whole mass. The roots, freed from dirt by shaking, are then dried. The amount gathered daily varies from 8 to 30 pounds, according to skill and locality. Extirpation does not take place, because, as shown by the Edinburgh gardeners McNab and Lindsay, a very small fragment of the root, or even a petiole of a leaf, will rapidly produce a new plant. Weddell, indeed, many years since, stated that the remains of the root, often purposely left in the ground, serve the purpose of propagation, each fragment giving rise to a new plant. Ipecacuanha of commerce comes chiefly from the interior province of Matto-Grosso, upon the upper waters of the Paraguay, although some is said to be gathered near Philadelphia, north of Rio Janeiro. The chief places of export are Rio Janeiro, Bahia, and Pernambuco. It is brought to the United States in large bags or bales.

The cultivation of ipecacuanha, which commenced in India as long ago as 1866, met with no success until within a very few years, and even yet the culture has not become commercially important. Ransom has shown that the India roots are equal in alkaloidal contents to the wild ipecacuanha of America.

Properties. Genuine ipecacuanha is in pieces two or three lines thick, variously bent and contorted, simple or branched, consisting of an interior slender, light straw-colored, ligneous cord, with a thick, brittle, brownish, finely wrinkled, cortical covering, which presents on its surface a succession of circular, unequal, prominent rings or rugæ, separated by very narrow fissures, frequently extending nearly down to the central fibre. This appearance of the surface has given rise to the term *annelé*, or *annulated*, by which the true ipecacuanha is designated by French pharmaceutists. The cortex is hard, horny, and semi-transparent, breaks with a resinous

* *Cephaëlis tomentosa*, of Trinidad, has been studied by Mr. Francis Ransom, who finds that it contains emetine, but in too small quantity for commercial purposes. For description of the root, etc., see *P. J. Tr.*, xix. p. 258.

fracture, and easily separates from the tougher ligneous fibre, which possesses the medicinal virtues of the root in a much inferior degree. On microscopic examination the very thick bark is seen to be formed of uniform parenchymatous cells, without traces of the medullary rays, which are very distinct in the woody central cylinder. Attached to the root is frequently a smoother and more slender portion, which is the base of the stem, and should be separated before pulverization. Pereira has met, in the English market, with distinct bales composed of these fragments of stems, with occasionally portions of the root attached. Much stress has been laid upon the color of the external surface of the ipecacuanha root; and diversity in this respect has even led to the formation of distinct varieties. Thus, the epidermis is sometimes deep brown or even blackish, sometimes reddish brown or reddish gray, and sometimes light gray or ash-colored. Hence the distinction into *brown*, *red*, and *gray ipecacuanha*. But these are all derived from the same plant, are essentially the same in properties and composition, and probably differ only in consequence of difference in age, place of growth, or mode of desiccation. The colors are often so intermingled that it would be impossible to decide in which variety a particular specimen should be placed. The *brown* is the most abundant in the packages brought to our market. The *red*, besides the color of its epidermis, presents a rosy tint when broken, and is said to be somewhat more bitter than the preceding variety. The *gray* is much lighter-colored externally, usually rather larger, with less prominent rings and wider furrows, and is still more decidedly bitter. Many years ago there was imported from Caraccas into the United States a large gray ipecacuanha with badly-marked rings. This variety disappeared for a time, but is probably the *Colombian* or *Carthagena Ipecacuanha* of modern commerce, which is distinguished from the Brazilian drug by being a little larger, with less conspicuous annuli and more marked medullary rays. According to Lefort, it contains rather less emetine than does the Brazilian ipecacuanha; but this is not at all certain. When the bark in either variety is opaque, with a dull amylaceous aspect, the root is less active. As the woody part is nearly inert, and much more difficult of pulverization than the cortical, it often happens that, when the root is powdered, the portion last remaining in the mortar possesses scarcely any emetic power; and care should be taken to provide against any defect from this cause. The color of the powder is a light grayish fawn.* "When Ipecac is sound and free from mouldiness, its quality is proportionate to the thickness of the bark, and the thinness of the ligneous portion."† *U. S.* Microscopically, ipecacuanha root is composed on the outside of a suberous layer of thick-walled cells; next, of parenchymatous tissue, five or six strata of irregular four-sided cells, which from without inward at first increase and then diminish in size. All these cells are gorged with starch. Raphides are found in small numbers. The liber is composed of much smaller cells, is irregular in thickness, and is rather full of starch. The cambium layer is formed of three or four series of colorless cells. The wood has its medullary rays very slightly marked, and contains only a few vessels, which are situated near the centre of the root.

Ipecacuanha has little smell in the aggregate state, but when powdered has a peculiar nauseous odor, which in some persons excites violent sneezing, in others dyspnœa resembling an attack of asthma. The taste is bitter, acrid, and very nauseous. Water and alcohol extract its virtues, which are injured by decoction. Its emetic property is supposed to reside in an alkaloid called *emetine*, discovered by Pelletier in the year 1817. The cortical portion of ipecacuanha, analyzed by this chemist under the erroneous name of *Psychotria emetica*, yielded, in 100 parts, 16 of an impure salt of emetine, which was at first considered the pure emetic principle, 2 of an odorous fatty matter, 6 of wax, 10 of gum, 42 of starch, and 20 of lignin, with 4 parts loss. The root yields of the alkaloid less than 1 per cent. The formula, according to Lefort and F. Würtz (*Ann. Ch. Phys.*, [5] 12, p. 227), is $C_{28}H_{40}N_2O_5$, while according to Glenard (*Ann. Ch. Phys.*, [5] 8, p. 233) it is $C_{30}H_{44}N_2O_4$. In addition to these principles, Bucholz found extractive, sugar, and resin; and Erwin Willigk, afterwards, traces of a disagreeable-smelling volatile oil, phosphatic salts, and a peculiar acid, *ipecacuanhic acid*, which resembles caffeo-tannic and quinic acids, and has been shown by Reich (*Arch. der Pharm.*, [2] 113, p. 208) to be a glucoside, of the formula $C_{14}H_{18}O_7$. (See *A. J. P.*, xxiii. 352.) Good ipecacuanha contains about 80 per cent. of cortical and 20 of ligneous matter.

Emetine, when perfectly pure, is whitish, inodorous, slightly bitter, pulverulent, unalterable

* Attempts have been made to adulterate powdered ipecacuanha with the powder of almonds; but the fraud is readily detected by forming a paste with a little water and putting it into a hot place for half an hour, when, if the ipecacuanha be pure, only its own odor will be perceived, but, if adulterated, a decided odor of almonds will be noticed. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1874, p. 479.)

† See paper by Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893, p. 172.

in the air, very fusible, sparingly soluble in cold water, more soluble in hot water, and very soluble in alcohol and chloroform, and in solution of potassa and soda, though less so in ammonia water. It is readily soluble in ether, acetic ether, amylic alcohol, carbon disulphide, and oil of turpentine. With sulphuric, phosphoric, and acetic acids it forms very soluble and uncrystallizable salts; but Flückiger prepared a crystallized hydrochlorate; and nitric acid has the remarkable property of forming with it a nitrate, at first bulky, and very slightly soluble in water, but soon agglutinating into a brown, pitch-like matter, very soluble in water, and uncrystallizable. (*Lefort.*) According to Lefort, this insoluble nitrate, which equally forms by double decomposition between emetine acetate or sulphate and potassium nitrate, forms the most distinctive character of emetine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1869, p. 244.) It is precipitated by gallic and tannic acids from its solutions, and contains nitrogen. It is, however, very difficult to procure it in this state of purity, and the proportion afforded by the root is exceedingly small. Dr. F. B. Power has shown that an intense yellow color is produced when emetine is brought in contact with chlorinated lime and acetic acid. *Impure emetine* is in transparent scales of a brownish-red color, almost inodorous, of a bitterish acrid taste, deliquescent, very soluble in water and alcohol, insoluble in ether, precipitated from its solutions by gallic acid and the lead acetates, but not by tartar emetic or the salts of iron. The taste of its compounds is very bitter. When exposed to light and air, emetine soon turns yellow, but it remains white when protected from the light. On very slowly evaporating its solutions in ether or alcohol, emetine is deposited in thin agglutinating scales, but if the solutions are rapidly evaporated it is separated in fine uniform granules. It melts at 62° to 65° C. (143·6° to 149° F.), has a strong alkaline reaction, and is neutralized by acids forming salts, which on evaporation *in vacuo* form brilliant, colorless, irregular crystals. Various methods of preparing emetine will be found in the U. S. D., 14th edition, but Podwyssotzki's process is probably the best for obtaining it. He recommends to treat the powdered ipecacuanha first with ether and then with petroleum benzin, in order to remove the liquid oil, the white fatty or waxy matter, and those coloring matters which are soluble in the solvents named, then extract the powdered root two or three times successively, at a moderate heat, with 85-per-cent. alcohol, without adding any acid; evaporate the mixed tinctures to a syrupy consistence, add after cooling a very concentrated solution of as much ferric chloride as corresponds to from 10 to 13 per cent. of the weight of the powdered ipecac used, mix the mass well, add sodium carbonate in excess, boil the mass in a flask, on a water-bath, with successive small portions of petroleum benzin (in which the emetine dissolves), shaking frequently, and continue to use fresh portions of the solvent until no more emetine goes into solution; the filtered benzin solutions are mixed, and, if concentrated, the mixture is allowed to stand for twelve hours in a very cool place, when almost all of the emetine will separate pure as a white precipitate. If, however, the mixture is not very concentrated, atmospheric air is blown through it for some time, when pure emetine will separate in white flakes. By concentrating or evaporating the benzin solution, however slowly, pure white emetine is *never* obtained. The emetine should be collected quickly on a filter and dried over sulphuric acid. (*A. J. P.*, April, 1880.)*

* Unofficial Ipecacuanhas. From time to time there have been imported into Europe various drugs stated to be ipecacuanha, but differing from the official drug. Of these the most important are White Ipecacuanha; the Larger Striated Ipecacuanha of M. Planchon (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Déc. 1872); and the Lesser Striated Ipecacuanha of Planchon.

White Ipecacuanha. Amylaceous Ipecacuanha. Undulated Ipecacuanha. Larger Undulated Ipecacuanha. Ipecacuanha of Carthagena. The origin of this variety of ipecacuanha was attributed by Martius to species of *Richardsonia* (*Richardia* of Linnæus), especially *R. scabra*, *R. braziliensis* of Gomez, and *R. emetica*: but an authentic specimen of the plant, received from Colombia, was found by Hanbury to resemble very closely the official ipecacuanha plant; and H. Baillon has described the source of white ipecacuanha as a new species of *Psychotria* or *Uragoga*, under the specific name of *granatensis*: the plant is probably merely a variety of the official species. White ipecacuanha occurs in fragments 5 to 8 millimeters in diameter, cylindrical, marked with rings which are but little pronounced and often wanting. Its color is whitish gray, sometimes verging towards reddish or yellowish. When broken it shows a very thick, hard, horny bark, with a dry, whitish or grayish brown or black, farinaceous surface, offering in the full sunlight little shining points. It is chiefly distinguished from the official drug by its greater size, its gray external color, the feebleness of its undulation, and the comparative smallness of its woody centre. It is inodorous and insipid, and contains, according to Pelletier, a very large proportion of starch, with only six per cent. of impure emetine and two per cent. of fatty matter. Richard found only three and one-half parts of emetine in the hundred; M. Palangié found three per cent.; but in 1860 Lefort obtained from a specimen nearly as much emetine as in the official roots. White ipecacuanha evidently varies in its strength, and, as it sometimes gets mixed with genuine roots, it would seem probable that it is the root of the official plant modified by climatic influence, or is composed of inferior roots obtained from very old specimens of the official plants. This probability is confirmed by the microscopic characters, the structure of the root being very closely similar to that of the official drug.

Larger Striated Ipecacuanha (Planchon). *Violet Striated Ipecacuanha. Ipecacuanha of St. Martha. Ipe-*

Professor Flückiger (*Pharm. Zeitung*, 1886, p. 30) gives a process for assaying ipecacuanha, which consists in exhausting 10 to 15 grammes of the drug in very fine powder with boiling chloroform to which a drop of solution of ammonia has been added; the extraction is continued until the chloroform passing through shows no sign of alkaloid when treated with acidulated water. Upon distilling off the chloroform, the emetine is left in a very pure condition, and may be dried at 100° C. and weighed, or perhaps more conveniently titrated with Mayer's reagent. He found the average quantity of emetine in ipecacuanha root not to exceed 1 per cent. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, 643.) H. W. Jones approves of this method, and modifies it by treating the residue from the chloroformic solution with water and dilute sulphuric acid, filtering, and recovering the alkaloid by means of chloroform and ammonia. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 277.) For other methods see a paper by Dr. A. B. Lyons, *A. J. P.*, 1885, pp. 531, 542.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ipecacuanha is in large doses emetic, in smaller doses diaphoretic and expectorant, and in still smaller, stimulant to the stomach, exciting appetite and facilitating digestion. In quantities not quite sufficient to vomit, it produces nausea, and frequently acts on the bowels. As an emetic, it is mild but tolerably certain, and, being free from corrosive or narcotic properties and usually thrown from the stomach by one or two efforts, never produces dangerous effects. It was employed as an emetic by the natives of Brazil when that country was first settled by the Portuguese; but, though described in the work of Pison, it was not known in Europe till 1672, and did not come into use till some years afterwards. John Helvetius, grandfather of the famous author of that name, having been associated with a merchant who had imported a large quantity of ipecacuanha into Paris, employed it as a secret remedy, and with so much success in dysentery and other bowel affections that general attention was drawn to it, and the fortunate physician received from Louis XIV. a large sum of money and public honors on the condition that he should make it public. As an emetic, ipecacuanha is peculiarly adapted, by its mildness and efficiency, to cases in which the object is merely

cacuanha of Carthagena. *Striated Elastic Ipecacuanha* (Attfield). This variety of ipecacuanha is generally acknowledged to be the product of *Psychotria* (or *Uragoga*) *emetica*, growing in the deep forests of Colombia. This is a small shrub, with a stem twelve or eighteen inches high, simple, erect, round, slightly pubescent, and furnished with opposite, oblong-lanceolate, pointed leaves, narrowed at their base into a short petiole, and accompanied with pointed stipules. The flowers are small, white, and supported in small clusters towards the end of an axillary peduncle. The drug occurs in rather long fragments, sometimes 9 or 10 centimeters (3 or 4 inches), with a thickness of from 5 to 9 millimeters ($\frac{1}{5}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch). The pieces are for the most part almost straight, sometimes sinuous, more rarely tortuous. At distant intervals they are marked by contractions, or circular furrows. Their whole surface is largely striated longitudinally. To their upper part are often attached one or more remaining portions of the stem, distinguished from the root by their much smoother surface. Their color is a grayish brown, tending sometimes to reddish brown. Like other ipecacuanhas, they have an outer cortical and a central ligneous portion. The former is soft, so that it may even be penetrated by the nail. It has a horny aspect, and a variable color, passing from whitish, by shades of rose, violaceous, and blackish violet. Its thickness is at least two-thirds of the root, and becomes still greater when this is immersed in water. The central part is yellowish white. The root has little odor, and a taste scarcely nauseous, sometimes flat, and often sweetish. As to the microscopic characters, the most striking are probably the total absence of the starch granules, and the relatively very small diameter of the vessels in the central part. Chemically this variety is characterized by the presence of a principle capable of reducing the cupro-potassic reagent. It is so abundant in the cortical part that a simple digestion in water gives a liquid with strong reducing powers, but without deviating action on polarized light. The larger striated ipecacuanha comes from Colombia.

Lesser Striated Ipecacuanha (Planchon). *Ipecacuanha des Côtes d'Or* (Pelletier). *Black Ipecacuanha.* *Black Striated Ipecacuanha.* *Striated Brittle Ipecacuanha* (Attfield). *False Ipecacuanha* (Holmes.) It is not known from what plant this is obtained. It occurs in very short fragments, 2 or 3 centimeters at most long, and 2 or 3 millimeters in thickness; some nearly cylindrical, others narrowly fusiform; others again formed of roundish or pyriform segments, somewhat thicker than the preceding, placed end to end. The color is generally of a gray brown, darker than that of the other kind. The longitudinal striæ are fine, and regular on the transverse section. The cortical portion is as it were horny, and its consistence firmer than in the larger kind; the central part is yellowish, and under the microscope exhibits numerous pores. The ligneous centre is at once distinguished by the size of its vessels, which give it a porous appearance. The presence of the starch granules is another of the distinguishing characters of this variety. It contains a larger proportion of emetine than the preceding, yielding, according to the analysis of Pelletier, 9 per cent.

According to Martius, different species of *Ionidium* (*Viola*, Linn.) also produce what is called *white ipecacuanha.* The roots of all the species of Ionidium possess emetic or purgative properties. The root of *I. ipecacuanha* is described by Guibourt as being six or seven inches long, as thick as a quill, somewhat tortuous, and exhibiting at the point of flexion semicircular fissures, which give it some resemblance to the root of the Cephaëlis. It is often bifurcated at both extremities, and terminates at the top in a great number of small ligneous stalks. It is wrinkled longitudinally, and of a light yellowish-gray color. The bark is thin, and the interior ligneous portion very thick. The root has little taste or smell. According to Pelletier, 100 parts contain 5 of an emetic substance, 35 of gum, 1 of nitrogenous matter, and 37 of lignin. (*Histoire abrégée des Drogues simples*, i. 514.)

The root of a species of Ionidium growing in Quito has attracted some attention as a remedy in *elephantiasis*, under the South American name of *cuichunchulli.* The plant received from Dr. Bancroft the name of *I. marcucci*; but Sir W. Hooker found the specimen received from Dr. Bancroft to be the *I. parviflorum* of Ventenat. Lindley thinks a specimen he received under the same name from Quito to be the *I. microphyllum* of Humboldt. If useful in elephantiasis, it is so probably by its emeto-purgative action. (See *A. J. P.*, vii. 186.)

to evacuate the stomach, or where a gentle impression only is desired; and in most other cases in which emetics are indicated it may be advantageously combined with the more energetic medicines, which it renders safer by insuring their discharge. It is especially useful where narcotic poisons have been swallowed, as, under these circumstances, it may be given in almost indefinite doses, with little comparative risk of injury. In tropical or typhoid *dysentery* it is of very great value. As a nauseating remedy it is used in *croup*, and as a diaphoretic combined with opium, in numerous diseases. (See *Pulvis Ipecacuanhæ et Opii.*) Its expectorant properties render it useful in *acute bronchitis*. It has been given, also, with supposed advantage, in very minute doses, in *dyspepsia*, and in chronic disease of the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane, and as an anti-emetic. It has been found especially useful in *winter coughs* and *asthmatic catarrh*, inhaled in the form of spray; the wine of ipecacuanha being the preparation used.* Ipecacuanha is most conveniently administered, as an emetic, in the form of powder suspended in water. The dose is about twenty grains (1·3 Gm.), repeated, if necessary, at intervals of twenty minutes till it operates. In some persons much smaller quantities prove emetic, and we have known an individual who was generally vomited by the fraction of a grain. The operation may be facilitated, and rendered milder, by draughts of warm water or warm chamomile tea. For the production of nausea, the dose in substance may be two grains (0·13 Gm.), repeated more or less frequently according to circumstances. As a diaphoretic it may be given in the quantity of a grain (0·065 Gm.); as an alterative, in diseases of the stomach and bowels, in that of one-quarter or one-half grain (0·016–0·03 Gm.) two or three times a day.

Emetine has been used, but its operation on the stomach is more violent and continued than that of ipecacuanha; and if given in overdoses it may produce dangerous and even fatal consequences. The dose of impure emetine is about a grain (0·065 Gm.), of the pure not more than an eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.), repeated at proper intervals till it vomits. In proportional doses, it may be applied to the other purposes for which ipecacuanha is used. It will excite vomiting when applied to a blistered surface after the removal of the cuticle.

An ointment made with one part of powdered ipecacuanha, one of olive oil, and two of lard, rubbed once or twice a day for a few minutes upon the skin, produces a copious and very permanent eruption, but is at present only very rarely employed as a counter-irritant.

IRIS. U. S. Iris. [Blue Flag.]

(Ī'RĬS.)

"The rhizome and rootlets of Iris versicolor, Linné (nat. ord. Irideæ)." *U. S.*

Rhizome d'Iris varié, Glaïeul bleu, *Fr.;* Verschiedenfarbige Schwertlilie, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla six-parted; the alternate segments reflected. *Stigmas* petal-shaped. *Willd.*

In all the species belonging to this genus, so far as examined, the roots are more or less acrid, and possessed of cathartic and emetic properties. In Europe, *Iris fœtidissima*, *I. florentina*,† *I.*

* Sydney Ringer, M.D., and Wm. Murrell, *Lancet*, Sept. 5, 1874, p. 328.

† *Iris Florentina.* U. S. Secondary List, 1870. (*Rhizoma Iridis*, P. G.; *Radix Iridis Florentinæ*, *Radix Ireos; Orris Root; Iris de Florence*, Fr.; *Florentinische Violenwurzel*, *Veilchenwurzel*, G.; *Ireos*, It.; *Liro Florentina*, Sp.) The root (rhizome) of the Florentine Iris is perennial, horizontal, fleshy, fibrous, and covered with a brown epidermis. The leaves, which spring directly from the root, are sword-shaped, pointed, nerved, and shorter than the stem, which rises from the midst of them more than a foot in height, round, smooth, jointed, and bearing commonly two large white or bluish-white terminal flowers. The calyx is a spathe with two valves. The corolla divides into six segments or petals, of which three stand erect, and the remaining three are bent backward, and bearded within at their base with yellow-tipped white hairs. The fruit is a three-celled capsule, containing many seeds. This plant is a native of Italy and other parts of the south of Europe, where it is also cultivated. The root is dug up in spring, and prepared for the market by the removal of its cuticle and fibres. It is cultivated for commerce chiefly in the neighborhood of Florence, and is exported from Leghorn in large casks.

Florentine orris is in pieces of various form and size, often branched, usually about as thick as the thumb, knotty, flattened, white, heavy, of a rough though not fibrous fracture, an agreeable odor resembling that of the violet, and a bitterish, acrid taste. The acrimony is greater in the recent than in the dried root; but the peculiar smell is more decidedly developed in the latter. The pieces are brittle and easily powdered, and the powder is of a dirty white color. Vogel obtained from Florentine orris, gum, a brown extractive, fecula, a bitter and acrid fixed oil or soft resin, a volatile crystallizable oil, and vegetable fibre. According to Landerer, the acrid principle is volatile, separating in the form of a stearopten from water distilled from the root. (*Arch. der Pharm.*, lxv. 302.) The solid oil which is prepared in Europe from orris-root by distillation has been examined by Prof. Flückiger. By repeated crystallization from alcohol and treatment with animal charcoal, inodorous crystals were obtained, having the composition $C_{14}H_{28}O_2$ and the properties of myristic acid, whilst the odorous principle remained in the mother-liquor, so that oil of orris must be regarded as myristic acid impregnated with some volatile oil. The acid does not pre-exist in orris root, and is probably liberated from a fat by the influence of steam. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 411, also 1885, p. 133.) According to Hager, the commercial oil has the following properties. At the ordinary temperature it is a pea-yellow acid, resembling basilicon ointment (*Pharm. Germ.*) in color and consistence. It is lighter than water, fuses at 38° to 40° C. (100·4° to 104° F.) to a transparent liquid, and commences to congeal at about 28° C. (82·4° F.). Two drops of the fused oil dissolve in 10 or 12 drops of warm stronger alcohol, and the solution does not separate at a medium tem-

germanica, *I. pseudo-acorus*, and *I. tuberosa* have at various times been admitted into use, and the unpeeled roots of *I. germanica* are still sold in the Indian bazaars under the name of *Irisia*.

Iris versicolor. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 233; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 155. This indigenous species of Iris has a perennial, fleshy, horizontal, fibrous root or rhizome, and a stem two or three feet high, round on one side, acute on the other, and frequently branching. The leaves are sheathed at the base, sword-shaped, and striated. The flowers are from two to six in number, and are usually blue or purple, though varying much in color. The capsule has three valves, is divided into three cells, and when mature is oblong, three-sided, with obtuse angles, and contains numerous flat seeds. The blue flag is found in all parts of the United States, flourishing in low wet places, in meadows, and on the borders of swamps, which it serves to adorn with its large and beautiful flowers. These make their appearance in June. The root is the medicinal portion. The flowers afford a fine blue infusion, which serves as a test for acids and alkalies.

Properties. The recent root is without odor, and has a nauseous, acrid taste, which is imparted to water by decoction, and still more perfectly to alcohol. The acrimony as well as medicinal activity is impaired by age. If cut when fresh into slices, dried at the temperature of about 100° F., then powdered and kept in bottles excluded from the air, the root retains its virtues unimpaired for a considerable time. (*Andrews.*) It is officially described as follows: "Rhizome of horizontal growth, consisting of joints, 5 to 10 Cm. long, cylindrical in the lower half, flattish near the upper extremity, and terminated by a circular scar, annulated from the leaf-sheaths, grayish-brown; roots long, simple, crowded near the broad end; odor slight; taste acrid and nauseous." *U. S.* D. W. Cressler found in this plant starch, gum, tannin, sugar, an acid resin, fixed oil, and indications of an alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 602.)

Blue flag possesses the cathartic, emetic, and diuretic properties common to most of its congeners. It was said by Mr. Bartram to be much esteemed by the southern Indians; and Dr. Bigelow states that he has found it efficacious as a purgative, though inconvenient from the distressing nausea and prostration which it is apt to occasion; but other practitioners have employed it with less unpleasant effects. It may be given in substance, decoction, or tincture. The dose of the dried root is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.). Under the unscientific name of *iridin* or *irisin*, which should be reserved for the pure active principle when discovered, the "Eclectics" have for some time used an oleoresin, obtained by precipitating a tincture of the root with water, and mixing the precipitate with an equal weight of some absorbent powder, for which purpose powdered liquorice root would probably answer well. Wm. E. Jenks (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 601) prepares the *oleoresin of iris* by exhausting the root with alcohol sp. gr. ·835, and distilling off the alcohol. See also paper on the constituents of the *oleoresin* by W. L. Cliffe, *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 616. The so-called irisin is undoubtedly purgative, and is believed by some practitioners to have a very decided action upon the liver,—a belief which is confirmed by the researches of Prof. Rutherford, who proved that in dogs it is a powerful stimulant to the liver and has also a decided influence upon the intestinal glands; he ranks it as less irritant to the intestines than podophyllin, and more purgative than euonymin. It may be given in pill in the dose of from three to four grains (0·20–0·26 Gm.).

JALAPA. U. S., Br. Jalap.

(JĄ-LĀ'PĄ.)

"The tuberous root of Ipomœa Jalapa, Nuttall (nat. ord. Convolvulaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried tubercles of Ipomœa Purga, Hayne (Exogonium Purga, Bentham)." *Br.*

Tuber Jalapæ, *P. G.;* Radix Jalapæ; Jalap, *Fr.;* Jalape, Jalapenknollen, Jalapenwurzel, *G.;* Sciarappa, *It.;* Jalapa, *Sp.*

perature. Three drops of the oil and 20 to 25 drops of concentrated sulphuric acid carefully heated to 30° C. (86° F.) yield a clear red-brown liquid, which, after ten minutes, dissolves in 7 C.c. of 90-per-cent. alcohol, with a light violet color, gradually becoming darker. Two drops of a solution of the oil in petroleum benzin evaporated spontaneously leave a residue which, with a magnifying power of 50 to 100 diameters, has a radiating appearance after a few hours, and shows distinct crystals after a day. One part of orris oil yields with 3000 to 4000 parts of weaker alcohol a solution of which a few drops put upon a handkerchief develop a persistent odor of violets. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 302.) In order to preserve the root from the attacks of insects, it is recommended to put a little chloroform in the bottle in which it may be kept. (*A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 310.)

Orris root is cathartic, and in large doses emetic, and was formerly employed to a considerable extent on the continent of Europe. It is said also to be diuretic, and to have proved useful in *dropsies*. At present it is valued chiefly for its agreeable odor. It is occasionally chewed to conceal an offensive breath, and enters into the composition of tooth-powders. In the form of small round balls, about the size of a pea, it is used by the French for maintaining the discharge from issues, a purpose to which it is adapted by its odor, by the slight acrimony which it retains in its dried state, and by the property of swelling very much by the absorption of moisture.

The precise botanical origin of jalap remained long unknown. It was at first ascribed by Linnæus to a Mirabilis, and afterwards to a new species of Convolvulus, to which he gave the name of *C. jalapa*. The correctness of the latter reference was generally admitted; and, as the *Ipomœa macrorrhiza* of Michaux, growing in Florida and Georgia, was believed to be identical with the *C. jalapa* of Linnæus, it was thought that this valuable drug, which had been obtained exclusively from Mexico, might be collected within the limits of the United States. But the error of this opinion was soon demonstrated. Dr. John R. Coxe, of Philadelphia, received living roots of jalap from Mexico in 1827, and succeeded in producing a perfect flowering plant, of which a description, by Mr. Nuttall, was published in the *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.* for January, 1830. The same plant has since been cultivated in various parts of Europe,* and has been introduced into the Neilgherry Hills of India, where it grows vigorously. J. H. Balfour (*Curtis's Bot. Mag.*, Feb. 1847) maintains that the plant belongs to the genus Exogonium of Choisy, as defined in De Candolle's *Prodromus*, being distinguished from Ipomœa by its exserted stamens. Bentham and Hooker, however, do not acknowledge the validity of the various genera into which Ipomœa has been broken up by Choisy (*Genera Plantarum*, ii.).

Gen. Ch. *Sepals* five. *Corolla* campanulate. *Stamens* included. *Style* one. *Stigma* two-lobed; the lobes capitate. *Ovary* two-celled; cells two-seeded. *Capsule* two-celled. Lindley.



Section of a fragment of jalap tuber, showing raphides and starch in cells.

Exogonium purga. Balfour, *Curtis's Bot. Mag.*, 3d ser., vol. iii. tab. 4280; *B. & T.* 186.—*Ipomœa jalapa.* Nuttall. Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 13, pl. 61.—*Ipomœa purga.* Hayne, *Darstell. und Beschreib.*, etc., xii. 33 and 34; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 396. The root of this plant is a roundish somewhat pear-shaped tuber, externally blackish, internally white, with long fibres proceeding from its lower part, as well as from the upper rootstalks. A tuber produced by Dr. Coxe was, in its third year, between two and three inches in diameter. The stem is round, smooth, much disposed to twist, and rises to a considerable height upon neighboring objects, about which it twines. The leaves are heart-shaped, entire, smooth, pointed, deeply sinuated at the base, prominently veined on their under surface, and supported upon long footstalks. The lower leaves are nearly hastate, or with diverging angular points. The flowers, which are large and of a lilac-purple color, stand upon peduncles about as long as the petioles. Each peduncle supports two or, more rarely, three flowers. The calyx is without bracts, five-leaved, obtuse, with two of the divisions external. The corolla is funnel-form. The stamens are five in number, with oblong, white, somewhat exserted anthers. The stigma is simple and capitate.

The jalap-plant is a native of Mexico, where it is dug during the whole year, and mostly dried over the hearths of the Indian huts. It derives its name from the city of Jalapa, in the state of Vera Cruz, in the neighborhood of which it grows, at the height of about 6000 feet above the ocean. The drug is brought from the port of Vera Cruz in bags containing usually between 100 and 200 pounds.†

Properties. The tuber comes either whole, or divided longitudinally into two parts, or in transverse circular slices. The entire tubers are irregularly roundish, or ovate and pointed, or pear-shaped, usually much smaller than the fist, and the larger ones marked with circular or vertical incisions, made to facilitate their drying. The root is preferred in this state, as it is less apt to be defective and is more easily distinguished from the adulterations than when sliced. A much larger proportion comes entire than formerly, indicating a greater scarcity of the older roots, which it is necessary to slice in order to dry them properly. The tuber is heavy, compact, hard, brittle, with a shining undulated fracture, not fibrous, but exhibiting numerous resinous points, distinctly visible with the microscope. It is externally brown and wrinkled, internally of a grayish color, diversified by concentric darker circles, in which the matter is denser and harder than in the intervening spaces. Jalap is always kept by pharmacists in the state of powder, which is of a yellowish-gray color, and when inhaled irritates the

* The jalap grows freely in the south of England, but the season is too short for the production of seed by it, although the root has yielded 11·97 per cent. of resin. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1869.)

† The root of *I. pandurata*, *Man Root*, *Man of the Earth*, of this country, is sometimes met with in American commerce. Mr. C. Manz found a resin in it. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 384.)

nostrils and throat, and provokes sneezing and coughing. The odor of the root, when cut or broken, is heavy, sweetish, and rather nauseous; the taste is sweetish, somewhat acrid, and disagreeable. It yields its active properties partly to water, partly to alcohol, and completely to diluted alcohol, and the U. S. P. gives the following test of its efficiency: "On exhausting 100 parts of Jalap with alcohol, concentrating the tincture to 40 parts, and pouring it into water, a precipitate of resin should be obtained, which, when washed with water, and dried, should weigh not less than 12 parts, and of which not over 10 per cent. should be soluble in ether."

There can be no doubt that much of the commercial jalap is far below the official standard. In June, 1888, a series of analyses yielded to Dr. Squibb, in New York, only about 8 per cent., and the same chemist in 1889, as the result of applications made in Hamburg, London, and New York, for the finest jalap, obtained only one consignment yielding more than 7·5 per cent. Dr. Squibb has indeed found jalap tubers yielding only 1·8 per cent. of resin. (*A. J. P.*, 1868.) These analyses, it is true, are contrary to the results of R. A. Cripps (*P. J. Tr.*, xix., 1888), who found numerous specimens of jalap in the London market ranging 10 per cent. and over; but they are in accord with those of T. P. Suess (*A. J. P.*, 1890), and there seems to be little doubt that jalap has greatly decreased in quality of late years. Further, as 20 per cent. of resin does not seem to be an extraordinary yield of properly grown roots, the belief of Prof. Flückiger, that jalap resin is extracted from the roots in Mexico before the latter are thrown into commerce, seems probable.*

M. Cadet de Gassicourt obtained from 500 parts of jalap, 24 of water, 50 of resin, 220 of gummy extract, 12·5 of fecula, 12·5 of albumen, 145 of lignin, 16·3 of saline matters, and 2·7 of silica, with a loss of 17 parts. Buchner and Herberger supposed that they had discovered a basic substance, which they called *jalapin*. G. A. Kayser found that the resin of jalap consists of two portions, one of which, amounting to seven parts out of ten, is hard and insoluble in ether, the other is soft and soluble in that menstruum. The hard resin he named *rhodeoretin*, and found to be identical with the jalapin of Buchner and Herberger. By reaction with the alkalies it is converted into an acid, called *rhodeoretinic acid*. Rhodeoretin is slightly soluble in water, freely so in alcohol, and insoluble in ether, chloroform, or benzene; and the alcoholic solution is precipitated both by ether and water. It is dissolved by solutions of the alkalies, more quickly if heated, and is not precipitated by acids, having become soluble by conversion into the acid above referred to. It purges violently in the dose of three or four grains, and is supposed to be the active principle of jalap. Mayer confirmed and extended the observations of Kayser. He gave the name of *convolvulin* to Kayser's rhodeoretin, and announced its formula as $C_{31}H_{50}O_{16}$. This substance is colorless when pure, dissolving easily in ammonia, and is not reprecipitated by acids, because of its conversion into *convolvulic acid*, which is a hydrate of the glucoside convolvulin. This, on being treated with nitric acid, yields *sebacic acid*. Convolvulin possesses in a high degree the purgative properties of jalap. Mayer obtained from *Ipomœa orizabensis* a resin which he called *jalapin*, which was afterwards shown by Mr. Keller to be identical with the resin of scammony. Mayer's jalapin differs from convolvulin in being soluble in ether. The formula of jalapin, according to Dr. Samuelson, is $C_{34}H_{56}O_{16}$, which would show it to be a homologue of convolvulin, $C_{31}H_{50}O_{16}$. Poleck (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 465) has continued the investigation of the jalapin from *I. orizabensis*, and confirms the identity of it with scammonin, giving it the formula $C_{34}H_{56}O_{6}$. He suggests that the name of jalapin, which is misleading, should be replaced by *orizabin*. To *jalapic acid* he gives the formula $H_2C_{17}H_{28}O_9$, and to *jalapinolic acid* $HC_{16}H_{29}O_3$. A. F. Stevenson (*N. R.*, 1879, p. 359) has studied the two resins found in jalap, and furnishes a tabular statement of the differences be-

* The poor quality of Mexican jalap makes the question of the possibility of the cultivation of the plant important. In 1834, Widnmann, an apothecary of Munich, showed that in the gardens of Munich the jalap plant would grow and produce tubers yielding as high as 22 per cent. of resin. His results have been confirmed, especially by Clamor Marquart, at Bonn. In England, jalap yielding nearly 12 per cent. of resin has been successfully grown. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1869.) There seems to be no doubt that the jalap plant will flourish in a temperate climate. It is a question whether the medicinal results are not better in temperate than in hot climates. Thus, M. Warden (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1887) found tubers produced in Northwestern India to be somewhat below the standard.

The question as to possible substitutes for the official species is also growing in importance. Prof. Flückiger has pointed out that the seeds of the *Ipomœa hederacea* (*Kaladana seeds*) yield very readily 8 per cent. of resin identical with that obtained from *Ipomœa purga*. As this plant is very abundant in India, it would appear to be a possible commercial source for jalap resin. Prof. Shimoyama, of Tokio, has shown that jalap resin can also be obtained from the *Ipomœa triloba* (*Pharbitis triloba*) of Japan. M. K. Hyrano confirms this, and states that the seeds of the plant have long been used in Japan, under the name of "*kengaeki*." (For details, and method of extracting the resin, see *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1888.)

tween the soft resin jalapin and the hard resin convolvulin, which we give in a foot-note.* The proportion of resin to the other ingredients of the root varies considerably in different specimens. According to Gerber, the root contains 7·8 per cent. of hard resin, 3·2 of soft resin, 17·9 of extractive, 14·5 of gummy extract, 8·2 of a coloring substance which becomes red under the influence of the alkaline carbonates, 1·9 of uncrystallizable sugar, 15·6 of gum mixed with some saline matters, 3·2 of bassorin, 3·9 of albumen, 6·0 of starch, and 8·2 of lignin, with some water, and various salts. For the method of obtaining the resin of jalap pure, see *Resina Jalapæ.*

Jalap is apt to be attacked by worms, which, however, are said to devour the amylaceous or softer parts, and to leave the resin, so that the worm-eaten drug is more powerfully purgative than that which is sound. Thus, out of 397 parts of the former, M. Henry obtained 72 parts of resin, while from an equal quantity of the latter he procured only 48 parts. Hence worm-eaten jalap should be employed for obtaining the resin, but should not be pulverized, as it would afford a powder of more than the proper strength. The drug is also liable to various adulterations, or fraudulent substitutions, which, however, can usually be detected without difficulty. Those which have attracted particular attention are mentioned in the note below.†

*1. *Solvents.*

Solvent.	Jalapin.	Convolvulin.
Chloroform.	Readily soluble.	Slightly soluble.
Ether.	Very soluble.	Insoluble.
Petrol. naphtha.	Slightly soluble.	Insoluble.
Oil of turpentine.	Slightly soluble.	Insoluble.
Benzene.	Slightly soluble.	Insoluble.
Carbon disulph.	Easily soluble.	Insoluble.
Water.	Slightly soluble.	Slightly soluble.
Hydrochloric acid.	Slightly soluble.	Readily soluble.
Sulphuric acid.	Very soluble, with production of maroon color, changing to black.	Readily soluble, with production of bright red coloration.
Caustic potassa.	Easily soluble.	Easily soluble, with production of odor of whiskey when heated.
Ammonia.	Readily soluble, more so than convolvulin.	Slightly soluble.

2. *Reactions with Oxidizing Agents on convolvulin and jalapin dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid.*

Agent.	Jalapin.	Convolvulin.
Potassium bichromate.	Produces odor of rancid butter and reddish brown color.	Produces odor of rancid butter and olive-green color.
Potassium permanganate.	Same reactions.	Same reactions.
Potassium nitrate.	Same reactions, but not so strong.	Same reactions.
Potassium chlorate.	Same reactions, but not so strong.	Same reactions.
Manganese dioxide.	Same odor, and color dark green.	Same odor, and color rose-pink.

† *Tampico Jalap.* (*Purga de Sierra Gorda*, Mexican.) This drug closely resembles in appearance, odor, and taste the true jalap, but the tubers are somewhat smaller, more elongated and shrivelled. According to Mr. Ambrose Andouard, it is the *jalap digité majeur* of M. Guibourt. Through the efforts of Mr. Daniel Hanbury, of London, aided by two Prussian officials in Mexico, Mr. Hugo Finck, vice-consul at Cordova, and Mr. E. Bonecke, consul-general at Mexico, the origin of the drug was traced to the state of Guanajuato, where it grows along the Sierra Gorda, near San Luis de la Paz. In this place it is purchased from the Indians, and conveyed by mules to Tampico, where it enters into commerce. Through the agency of the same gentlemen, Mr. Hanbury, after some failures, succeeded in obtaining a living tuber, from which he raised a flourishing plant that proved to be an undescribed species of the genus *Ipomœa*, differing from *I. purga* by its bell-shaped corolla and pendulous flower-buds. To it Mr. Hanbury gave the name *I. simulans*. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1870.) Prof. H. Spirgatis, of Königsberg, obtained a resin by preparing a tincture of the Tampico jalap, evaporating, washing, boiling the residue in water, redissolving in alcohol, and decolorizing by charcoal. He gave it the name of *tampicin*. Its physical properties are similar to those of the jalap resin. It is brittle, tasteless, inodorous, insoluble in water, soluble in ether and alcohol, and in solution has a feeble acid reaction. By strong alkalies it is changed into a soluble acid which Prof. Spirgatis calls *tampicic acid*. By the action of dilute sulphuric, nitric, or hydrochloric acid, it is converted, slowly if cold, but rapidly with heat, into a peculiar acid called *tampicolic*, with sugar. For the mode of preparing these acids, and their properties, the reader is referred to an article in *N. R.*, July, 1871, p. 50. The melting point of tampicin is 130° C.: its formula is $C_{34}H_{54}O_{14}$. The percentage of it yielded by the drug varies from a minimum of 10 per cent. (Hanbury) to a maximum of 15 per cent. (Umney). Andouard states that it is purgative.

According to Prof. Herlant, even in powder it is easy to detect the presence of the root of *Mirabilis jalapi*, which is sometimes used as an adulterant to jalap, by the presence of acicular raphides (calcium oxalate). Tampico jalap can also be distinguished from the Vera Cruz variety by the microscope. In Tampico jalap the starch is arranged in little compact masses in the cell, whilst in Vera Cruz jalap the starch occurs in grains irregularly united, or isolated and much larger than those of the Tampico variety. The agglomerated masses of resin in the Tampico jalap are smaller than in the Vera Cruz jalap.

Mechoacan. Jalap is said to be sometimes adulterated with *bryonia root*; but no instance of the kind has come

Jalap should be rejected when it is light, of a whitish color internally, of a dull fracture, spongy, or friable. Powders of calomel and jalap, taken on long voyages to southern climates, are said, when brought back, to have become consolidated, and so far chemically altered as plainly to exhibit globules of mercury. This change is ascribed by Schacht and Wackenroder

under our notice; and the two drugs are so widely different that the fraud should be instantly detected. (See *Bryonia.*) It is probable, however, that the adulteration which has been considered as bryonia root is the *mechoacan,* which in Europe is sometimes called American bryony and was formerly erroneously supposed to be derived from a species of Bryonia. Mechoacan is a product of Mexico, which was taken to Europe even before the introduction of jalap. The plant producing it has been conjectured to be *Ipomœa macrorrhiza* of Michaux, which is believed to grow in Mexico near Vera Cruz, as well as in our Southern States, and the root of which is said to weigh, when of full size, from fifty to sixty pounds, and, according to Dr. Baldwin, has little or no purgative power. But this origin is quite uncertain: Guibourt states that the mechoacan of Europe is the product of *Asclepias contrayerva.* (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.,* iv. 1866.) Mechoacan is in circular slices, or fragments of various shapes, white and farinaceous within, and, as found in the European markets, generally destitute of bark, of which, however, portions of a yellowish color sometimes continue to adhere. The larger slices are sometimes marked with faint concentric striæ; and upon the exterior surface are brown spots and ligneous points, left by the radicles after removal. (*Guibourt.*) Though tasteless when first taken into the mouth, it becomes after a time slightly acrid. It is very feebly purgative. We have seen flat circular pieces of root, mixed with jalap, altogether answering this description, except that the cortical portion still remained, between which and the starchy parenchyma there was an evident line of division.

Orizaba Root. Male Jalap. Light, Woody, or *Fusiform Jalap. Jalap Stalks. Purgo Macho* (Mexican). This is the product of a plant named by M. Ledanois *Convolvulus orizabensis,* from the city of Orizaba, in the neighborhood of which it grows abundantly. A description of it was first published in this country by Mr. D. B. Smith, in a paper in *A. J. P.* (ii. 22). For an account of the plant the reader is referred to the same journal (x. 224). The recent root is large, spindle-shaped, sometimes twenty inches in length, branched at its lower extremity, yellow on its outer surface, and white and milky within. The drug, as described by Guibourt, is in circular pieces, two or three inches in diameter, or in longer and more slender sections. As we have seen it, the shape of the pieces is often such as to indicate that the root has been sliced transversely and each circular slice divided vertically into quarters. The horizontal cut surface is dark from exposure, unequal from the greater shrinking in desiccation of some parts than others, and presents the extremities of numerous fibres, which are often concentrically arranged, and run in the longitudinal direction of the root. Internally the color is grayish, and the texture, though much less compact than that of jalap, is sometimes almost ligneous. The taste is at first slight, but after a time becomes somewhat acrid and nauseous. It has cathartic properties similar to those of the true jalap, but feebler, requiring to be given in a dose of from thirty to sixty grains in order to operate effectively. (*Journ. de Pharm.,* xxiv. 166.) The resin of *C. orizabensis,* which has been unfortunately named *jalapin* by Meyer, is, according to that chemist, changed by boiling with baryta water into an acid called *jalapic acid;* and both jalapin and jalapic acid are glucosides, being resolved by boiling dilute acid into glucose, and a peculiar substance which he designates as *jalapinol.* (See *Journ. de Pharm.,* 3e sér., xxix. 123.) It differs from jalap resin in consisting of only one principle, which is entirely soluble in ether. But both resins are distinguished from all others by being gradually dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid, and deposited again after some hours in a soft state. (*Chem. Gaz.,* No. 53; from Liebig's *Annalen.*) Its formula is $C_{34}H_{56}O_{16}$, and it is homologous with convolvulin, or true jalap resin. Samuelson (*Inaug. Diss.,* Breslau, 1883), who has made a study of it, considers it to be the anhydride of the dibasic jalapic acid, $2C_{17}H_{30}O_9 - 2H_2O = C_{34}H_{56}O_{16}$. He gives to jalapic acid the formula $C_{17}H_{30}O_9$, and states that it is formed from the jalapin by the action of alkalies. Jalapinol, $C_{16}H_{30}O_3 + 1\frac{1}{2}H_2O$, he says is an aldehyde, as it reduces ammoniacal silver solution, and yields a crystalline compound with acid potassium sulphite. Potassium permanganate oxidizes jalapinol to jalapinolic acid, $C_{16}H_{30}O_4$. Hanbury and Flückiger obtained 11·8 per cent. of it from the root, and state that it is probably the jalapin of English pharmacy. It is considered by chemists identical with the resin of scammony, and is affirmed to have similar drastic properties. These results were confirmed by Poleck (*loc. cit.*), except that jalapinol could not be obtained.

Rose-scented Jalap. Overgrown Jalap. A false jalap was some years since brought into market, imported from Mexico into New York in considerable quantities, and was offered for sale under the name of *overgrown jalap.* A specimen brought to Philadelphia and examined by a committee of the College of Pharmacy presented the following characters. It was in light, entire or vertically sliced tubers, of different forms and magnitudes, spindle-shaped, ovate and kidney-form, some as much as six inches long and three thick, others much smaller, externally somewhat wrinkled, with broad, flattish, light-brown ridges, and shallow darker furrows, internally grayish white, with distant darker concentric circles, sometimes uniformly amylaceous, of a dull rough fracture, a loose texture, a slight, peculiar, and sweetish odor, and a feeble jalap-like taste. The powder was of a light-gray color, and did not irritate the nostrils or throat during pulverization. The root differed from mechoacan by the absence of the marks of rootlets, and from male jalap by the want of a fibrous structure. It yielded by analysis, in 100 parts, 3 of a soft and 4 of a hard and brittle resin, 17 of gummy extractive, 28 of starch and inulin, 10 of gum and albumen, 23·2 of lignin, and 14·8 of saccharine matter and salts of lime, including loss. In doses of from fifteen to twenty grains it produced no effect on the system. A similar root was described by Guibourt by the name of *rose-scented jalap.* It was taken to France from Mexico, mixed with genuine jalap. It proved equally inefficacious as a purgative, and probably had the same origin. This spurious drug is probably the product of a Convolvulus or Ipomœa. (See *A. J. P.,* xiv. 289.)

Two varieties of false jalap, imported into New York, are described by Mr. John H. Currie in the *N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.* for Jan. 1852. The first corresponds with the root above described as that of *Convolvulus orizabensis,* or *male jalap,* both in appearance and in the character of its resinous ingredient. The second is a tuberous root, resembling, in shape, color, and size, the butternut, or fruit of *Juglans cinerea,* being black or nearly so externally, dull over most of the surface but glossy in spots, with deep longitudinal incisions, internally yellow or yellowish white, with a horny fracture, and upon the transversely cut surface marked with sparse dots, as if from delicate fibres. It contains no resin, and appears to be inert.

In the *Journal de Pharmacie* (Dec. 1863, p. 477, and March, 1864, p. 212) three other tubers are described by M. Guibourt which have been offered in the market for jalap,—one named *false jalap of New Orleans,* because imported into France from that city, the second *digitate jalap* (*jalap digité*), from the arrangement of its component tubers, and the third *radiated false jalap* (*faux-jalap rayonné*), from the stellate appearance of the cut surface. These jalaps do not closely resemble in physical properties the true root.

Another false jalap, some tubers of which were exhibited to Prof. Procter by Mexicans, who stated that they were

to a fungous growth. (*Arch. der Pharm.*, xxxix. 239.) The best criterion of good quality in jalap is the proportion of its resinous constituent; and all specimens intended for use in the powdered form, or in any liquid preparation, should be rejected if they contain less than 12 per cent. of resin.

Medical Properties and Uses. Jalap is an active cathartic, operating briskly and sometimes painfully upon the bowels, and producing copious watery stools. The aqueous extract purges moderately, without much griping, and is said to increase the flow of urine. The portion not taken up by water gripes severely. The watery extract obtained from jalap, previously exhausted by rectified spirit, is said to have no cathartic effect, but to operate powerfully by urine. (*Duncan.*) The alcoholic extract, usually called resin of jalap, purges actively, and often produces severe griping. From these facts it would appear that the virtues of this cathartic do not depend exclusively upon any one principle. Experiments, however, by Mr. John C. Long, of Philadelphia, seem to show that the gummy extract, which he took in the quantity of a drachm without any effect, is inert; while the soft resin, or that soluble in ether, which was thought to have but feeble power, if any, acted powerfully as a hydragogue cathartic in the dose of three grains. (*A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 489.) Jalap was introduced into Europe in the latter part of the sixteenth or the beginning of the seventeenth century, and now ranks among the purgative medicines most extensively employed. It is applicable to most cases in which an active cathartic is required, and from its hydragogue powers is especially adapted to the treatment of dropsy. It is generally given in connection with other medicines, which assist or qualify its operation. In dropsical complaints it is usually combined with potassium bitartrate. With calomel it forms a cathartic compound which has long been highly popular, in the United States, in bilious fever and other complaints attended with congestion of the liver or portal circle. In overdoses it may produce dangerous hypercatharsis. It is said to purge when applied to a wound. Jalapin when taken internally is probably absorbed, but as yet its presence has never been detected in the urine, and it remains uncertain whether it is eliminated or destroyed. Müller (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1885) found traces of it in the blood, and even in the heart, lungs, and spleen, of cats poisoned with it.

The dose of jalap in powder is from fifteen to thirty grains (0·97–1·95 Gm.); of the resin, or alcoholic extract, from four to eight grains (0·26–0·52 Gm.); of the extract of the Br. Pharmacopœia, from five to fifteen grains (0·33–0·97 Gm.). The dose of calomel and jalap is five grains (0·33 Gm.) of each; of potassium bitartrate and jalap, two drachms (7·8 Gm.) of the former and from ten to fifteen grains (0·65–0·97 Gm.) of the latter.

JUGLANS. U. S. Juglans. [Butternut.]

(JŬG'LĂNȘ.)

"The bark of the root of Juglans cinerea, Linné (nat. ord. Juglandaceæ), collected in autumn." *U. S.*

Ecorce de Noyer gris, *Fr.*; Graue Wallnussrinde, *G.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Amentum* imbricated. *Calyx* a scale. *Corolla* six-parted. *Filaments* four to eighteen. FEMALE. *Calyx* four-cleft, superior. *Corolla* four-cleft. *Styles* two. *Drupe* coriaceous, with a furrowed nut. *Willd.*

Several products of *Juglans regia*, or common *European walnut*, are used medicinally in Europe. The hull of the fruit has been employed as a vermifuge from the times of Hippocrates, and has been recommended in syphilis and for old ulcers. The expressed oil of the fruit has been deemed efficacious against the tape-worm, and is also used as a laxative injection. The *leaves*, long occasionally employed for various purposes in both regular and domestic practice, have been found by Professor Négrier, of Angers, in the highest degree efficacious in scrofula. He gave to children a teacupful of a pretty strong infusion, or six grains of the aqueous extract, or an equivalent dose of a syrup prepared from the extract, two, three, or four times a day, and at the same time applied a strong decoction to the ulcers, and as a collyrium when the eyes were diseased. No injury ever resulted from a long-continued use of the remedy. It appears to act as a moderately aromatic bitter and astringent. (*Arch. Gen.*, 3e sér., x. 399 and xi. 41.) They are said also to have proved useful as a topical application in malignant pustule. (*Ibid.*, 5e sér.,

produced on grounds in Mexico belonging to them, is described by him in *A. J. P.* (Sept. 1868, p. 389), to which the reader is referred for a particular account of it. Though differing in shape and interior structure from genuine jalap, they had precisely the odor of that product, and a similar wrinkled appearance and mottled brown color externaly, and were probably derived from a plant either of the same genus as jalap or of one closely related to it.

x. 609.)* The leaves of our *J. nigra*, or common *black walnut*,† and those of *J. cinerea*, probably possess the same properties.

Juglans cinerea. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 456; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* ii. 115; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 42, pl. 86; *B. & T.* 247.—*J. cathartica.* Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva*, i. 160. This is an indigenous forest tree, known in different sections of the country by the names of *butternut*, *oilnut*, and *white walnut*. In favorable situations it attains a great size, rising sometimes fifty feet, with a trunk three or four feet in diameter at the distance of five feet from the root. The stem divides, at a short distance from the ground, into numerous nearly horizontal branches, which spread widely and form a large tufted head. The young branches are smooth and of a grayish color, which has given origin to the specific name of the plant. The leaves are very long, and consist of seven or eight pairs of sessile leaflets, and a single petiolate leaflet at the end. These are two or three inches in length, oblong-lanceolate, rounded at the base, acuminate, finely serrate, and somewhat downy. The male and female flowers are distinct upon the same tree. The former are in large aments, four or five inches long, hanging down from the sides of the shoots of the preceding year's growth, near their extremity. The fertile flowers are at the end of the shoots of the same spring. The germ is surmounted by two large, feathery, rose-colored stigmas. Sometimes a single fruit is suspended by a thin pliable peduncle; sometimes several fruits are attached to the sides and extremity of the same peduncle. The drupe is oblong-oval, with a terminal projection, hairy, viscid, green in the immature state, but brown when ripe. It contains a hard, dark, oblong, pointed nut, with a rough, deeply and irregularly furrowed surface. The kernel is thick, oily, and pleasant to the taste.

The butternut grows in Canada, and throughout the whole northern, eastern, and western sections of the old United States. In the Middle States, the flowers appear in May and the fruit ripens in September. The tree, if pierced immediately before the leaves unfold, yields a richly saccharine juice, from which sugar may be obtained, nearly if not quite equal to that from the sugar-maple. The wood, though neither strong nor compact, is useful for some purposes on account of its durability and its exemption from the attacks of worms. The fruit, when half grown, is sometimes made into pickles, and, when ripe, affords in its kernel a grateful article of food. The bark is used for dyeing wool a dark-brown color, though inferior for this purpose to that of the black walnut. It is said to be rubefacient when applied to the skin. The inner bark is the medicinal portion: that of the root, being considered most efficient, is directed by the Pharmacopœia. It should be collected in May or June.

On the living tree, the inner bark, when first uncovered, is of a pure white, which becomes immediately on exposure a fine lemon color, and ultimately changes to deep brown. It has a fibrous texture, and is officially described as follows: "In flat or curved pieces, about 5 Mm. thick; the outer surface dark gray and nearly smooth, or deprived of the soft cork and deep brown; the inner surface smooth and striate; transverse fracture short, delicately checkered, whitish and brown; odor feeble; taste bitter and somewhat acrid." *U. S.* Its medical virtues are extracted by boiling water. Dr. Bigelow could detect no resin in the bark; and the presence of tannin was not evinced by the test of gelatin, though a brownish-black color was produced by ferrous sulphate. Mr. Charles O. Thiebaud found the bark to be destitute of tannic acid and of any vegetable alkaloid, but to contain bitter extractive oily matter in large proportion, a volatilizable acid crystallizing in bright, orange-yellow crystals, and appearing to bear some analogy with chrysophanic acid, named *juglandic acid*, another acid crystallizing in tabular colorless crystals, and a volatile acid, with ashes, potassium largely, with traces of sodium, calcium, and aluminum. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 253.) In a subsequent analysis, Mr. E. S. Dawson found resin in very small proportion, a volatile acid, and, in addition to the bases discovered by Mr. Thiebaud, magnesium, combined, as were the other bases, with carbonic, hydrochloric, phosphoric, and silicic acids. Prof. Maisch has no doubt that the juglandic acid of Mr. Thiebaud is the *nucin* of A. Vogel, Jr., found in green walnut peel. (*Ibid.*, April, 1874, p. 167.) Tanret and Villiers isolated from the leaves a carbohydrate, *nucite*, $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 2H_2O$, which

* *Nucitannic Acid.* In the walnut, between the kernel and the shell, is a thin membrane, which closely embraces the cotyledon, called the *episperm*, which consists of two layers, the inner very thin, colorless, translucent, and perfectly tasteless, the outer coarser, somewhat colored, and of a bitter, disagreeable taste. The latter, examined chemically by Dr. T. L. Phipson, was found to contain, among other principles, as gallic and ellagic acid, etc., a new variety of tannic acid, which he proposes to name *nucitannic acid* or *nucitannin*, to which the outer membrane chiefly owes its unpleasant taste. It is a glucoside; as when boiled for some hours with dilute hydrochloric acid it splits into glucose and a peculiar red acid substance, which he calls *rothic acid*, $C_{14}H_{12}O_7$, and the properties of which he has pretty thoroughly investigated. (*Chem. News*, Sept. 3, 1869, p. 116.)

† For an exhaustive chemical examination of black walnut leaves by Miss L. J. Martin, see *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 468.

fuses at 218° C., is not fermentable, and does not reduce Fehling's solution. It has since been shown to be identical with *inosite*. Tanret also (*Jahresb. f. Pharm.*, 1876, p. 198) thinks that he has obtained an alkaloid from walnut leaves, which he proposes to call *juglandine*. The European walnut bark yielded *glycyrrhizin* abundantly to Sestini. *Juglon*, $C_{10}H_6O_3$, the characteristic constituent of *Juglans regia*, has been prepared synthetically by Bernthsen and Semper, and is now recognized as *α-oxynaphthoquinone*, $C_{10}H_5(OH)O_2$, as it can be made from dioxynaphthalene by the action of chromic acid mixture. It is in brownish-red crystalline needles having a faint odor of walnut hulls, and is sternutatory. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1887, p. 934.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Butternut is a mild cathartic, operating without pain or irritation, and resembling rhubarb in the property of evacuating without debilitating the alimentary canal. It was much employed during our Revolutionary war by Dr. Rush and other physicians attached to the army. It is especially applicable to cases of habitual *costiveness* and other bowel affections, particularly *dysentery*, in which it has acquired considerable reputation. In connection with calomel it has sometimes been used in our *intermittent* and *remittent fevers*, and other complaints attended with congestion of the abdominal viscera. The official extract should always be preferred. The dose of it is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.) as a purge, from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.) as a laxative. Mr. E. S. Dawson states that a tincture, two troyounces of the bark in a pint of diluted alcohol, will act decidedly as a cathartic in the dose of from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.). (*A. J. P.*, 1874.)

KAMALA. U. S., Br. Kamala.

(KĂ-MĀ'LĂ.)

"The glands and hairs from the capsules of Mallotus Philippinensis (Lamarck), Mueller Arg. (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ)." *U. S.* "A powder which consists of the minute glands and hairs obtained from the surface of the fruits of Mallotus Philippinensis, Müll. Arg. (Rottlera tinctoria, Roxb.)." *Br.*

Rottlera, *U. S.* 1870; Kameela, Spoonwood; Kalmie, *Fr.*, *G.*

The genus Rottlera was named in honor of the Rev. Dr. Rottler, a Danish missionary, and as now recognized was established by Roxburgh. It belongs to the natural order of Euphorbiaceæ, and, besides the British official *R. tinctoria*, includes another species having medical virtues, the *Rottlera schimperi*, a large tree of Abyssinia, the bark of which, under the name of *cortex musenæ*, or *musena bark*, has attracted some attention from its presumed anthelmintic virtues.*

Rottlera tinctoria (*Mallotus philippinensis*, De Cand. *Prodrom.* xv. 980), which is described and figured by Roxburgh in his treatise on *The Plants of the Coast of Coromandel* (ii. 36), is a small tree from 15 to 20 feet in height, growing in Abyssinia and Southern Arabia, throughout Hindostan, in several of the East India islands, in China, and in Australia. The fruit is a roundish, three-valved, three-celled capsule, of about the size of a small cherry, marked externally with three furrows, and thickly covered with a red powder. This is the official part of the plant. Very large quantities of it are collected in Hindostan. The berries, placed in large baskets, are rolled about and rubbed with the hands, and the powder thus freed sifts through the open wicker-work.†

Properties. Kamala, as brought to our market, is a light, finely granular, very mobile powder, of a brownish-red or madder color, with little smell or taste, but producing a slight sense of acrimony in the mouth, and feeling gritty under the teeth. (When the grittiness is excessive, the drug has probably been adulterated with earthy matters.) It is inflammable, and flashes almost like gunpowder when dropped into the flame of a candle. It is insoluble in cold and but very slightly soluble in boiling water; but alkaline solutions, alcohol, and ether dissolve a large proportion of it, forming a deep red solution, from which water precipitates resinous

* *Cortex Musenæ*. This bark is in quills several inches long, an inch or more in diameter, rough and fissured externally, with a brown epidermis, and beneath this successively a thin greenish cellular coat, a thicker pale yellow periderm, and a tough, very fibrous liber. It is inodorous, but has a sweetish nauseous taste, followed by an enduring sense of acrimony in the fauces. It was found by Mr. C. Thiel to contain an acrid substance analogous to saponin, a bitter principle, a fatty wax-like substance, yellow coloring matter, extractive, and various salts. It is said to be used in Abyssinia, with kousso, in the treatment of tape-worm. (*Neues Jahrb. für Pharm.*, Jan. 1863.)

† A peculiar kind of kamala, evidently not the product of *Rottlera tinctoria*, has been imported from Aden. Under the microscope the grains are cylindrical or subconical, 170 to 200 mm. long by 70 to 100 broad, with oblong resin-cells arranged perpendicularly in three or four tiers. When heated to 212° F. the powder turns black. Under the name of *Vars*, *Wars*, or *Wurrus*, this drug is said to be used in Southern Arabia for the same purposes that kamala is employed for elsewhere. It is believed to be obtained from *Hemingia grahamiana*. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1887.)

matter, "imparting a deep red color to alkaline liquids, alcohol, ether, or chloroform, and a pale yellow tinge to boiling water." *U. S.* Under the microscope, it consists of garnet-red, semi-transparent, roundish, glandular granules, from $\frac{1}{300}$ to $\frac{1}{250}$ of an inch in diameter, and containing numerous red, club-shaped vesicles, more or less mixed with minute stellate hairs, and the remains of stalks and leaves, the latter of which are easily removed by careful sifting. It has been examined chemically by Dr. Thos. Anderson, of Glasgow, and by G. Leube, in Germany. As given by the former, the constituents are, in 100 parts, 78·19 of resinous coloring matter, 7·34 of albumen, 7·14 of cellulose, etc., a trace of volatile oil and volatile coloring matters, 3·84 of ashes, and 3·49 of water. The amount of earthy impurities, chiefly sand, in commercial kamala, varies greatly, sometimes amounting to fifty or even sixty per cent. It can readily be estimated by heating the drug to redness and weighing the residue. The U. S. Pharmacopœia allows of the presence of "not more than eight per cent. of ash," and the British of "at most ten per cent." Any specimen of kamala containing more than the official percentage of impurity should be rejected. Of the resinous coloring substances, Dr. Anderson obtained one in a pure state by allowing a concentrated ethereal solution to stand for two days, draining and pressing in bibulous paper the resulting mass of granular crystals, and purifying them from adhering resin by repeated solution in ether and crystallization. To this substance he gave the name of *rottlerin*. It is in the form of minute crystalline plates, of a yellow color and a satin-like lustre, insoluble in water, sparingly soluble in cold but more so in boiling alcohol, and readily dissolved by ether, and by alkaline solutions, which assume a dark-red color. Rottlerin melts when heated moderately, and at a higher heat is decomposed, giving off pungent vapors. Its formula, according to Dr. Anderson, is $C_{11}H_{10}O_3$. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1855, p. 372.) A. and W. Perkin (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 19, p. 3109) and Jawein (*ibid.*, 20, p. 182) both state that rottlerin can be extracted from kamala by the action of carbon disulphide. Jawein gives its fusing point at 200° C., and says it is easily soluble in hot alcohol and acetic acid. Leube found a resin soluble in ether and cold alcohol, another resin soluble in ether and boiling alcohol, starch, gum extractive, tannin, albumen, and citric acid. He failed in obtaining the rottlerin of Dr. Anderson. The ashes were in the extraordinary proportion of 25·85 per cent., and of the ashes 83·8 per cent. consisted of insoluble silica. Silica probably enters essentially into the constitution of the minute granules, and its presence accounts for their grittiness under the teeth. Leube failed to find rottlerin, but its existence has been abundantly confirmed by Mr. Thos. B. Groves, who states that it is changed by exposure, and may, therefore, not be detected in old specimens. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 228.) The active constituent is supposed to be the resin extracted by ether.

Medical Properties and Uses. Kamala is actively or even violently purgative in full doses, occasionally causing nausea, but seldom vomiting. It has been long used in India in the treatment of *tape-worm*, but its properties were first brought to general notice by Dr. C. Mackinnon, a British army surgeon in India. (*Indian Annals Med. Sci.*, 1854.) He found it extraordinarily efficient in the treatment of tænia, having used it in fifty cases and failed in bringing away the worm in two only. The testimony of other practitioners in India and Great Britain goes to confirm the statements of Dr. Mackinnon, and there can be little doubt of the vermifuge powers of the medicine. It is given, without previous preparation of the patient, in the dose of from one to three drachms (3·9–11·65 Gm.), suspended in water, mucilage, or syrup. In the latter dose it sometimes acts violently. The worm is usually expelled dead at the third or fourth stool. If the first dose fails to operate on the bowels, it may be repeated in four hours, or followed by a dose of castor oil. Dr. Anderson, a British army surgeon in India, has employed the medicine successfully in the form of tincture, made in the proportion of six ounces to sixteen fluidounces of rectified spirit, of which the dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.). As an external remedy, kamala is used by the people of India in various affections of the skin, particularly *scabies*. Dr. Wm. Moore, of Dublin, has employed it usefully in *herpetic ringworm*. (*Dub. Hosp. Gaz.*, Nov. 15, 1857.)

KINO. U. S., Br. Kino.

(KĪ'NŌ.)

"The inspissated juice of Pterocarpus Marsupium, Roxburgh (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The juice obtained from incisions made in the trunk of Pterocarpus Marsupium (Roxb.) inspissated without artificial heat." *Br.*

Gummi (s. Resina) Kino; Kino, *Fr., G., It.;* Quino, *Sp.*

The term kino was originally applied to a vegetable extract or inspissated juice taken to London from the western coast of Africa, and introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Fothergill. Vegetable products obtained from various other parts of the world, resembling kino in appearance and properties, afterwards received the same name; and much confusion and uncertainty existed, and in some degree still exist, in relation to the botanical and commercial history of the drug. We shall first give an account of the general properties of the medicines denominated kino, and then treat of the several varieties.

General Properties. Kino, as found in commerce, is usually in small, irregular, angular, shining fragments, seldom as large as a pea, of a dark reddish-brown or blackish color, very brittle, easily pulverizable, and affording a reddish powder, much lighter colored than the drug in its aggregate state. If in large masses, it may be reduced without difficulty into these minute fragments. It is without odor, and has a bitter, highly astringent taste, with a somewhat sweetish after-taste. It burns with little flame, and does not soften with heat. It imparts its virtues and a deep red color to water and alcohol, but is nearly insoluble in ether. Cold water forms with it a clear infusion. Boiling water dissolves it more largely; and the saturated decoction becomes turbid on cooling, and deposits a reddish sediment. The tincture is not disturbed by water. When long kept, it often gelatinizes, and loses its astringency. (See *Tinctura Kino.*) Kino undoubtedly consists chiefly of a modification of tannic acid or tannin, which has received the name of *kino-tannic acid*, with extractive, gum, and sometimes probably a little resin; but we need a careful analysis of the different well-ascertained varieties. The aqueous solution is precipitated by gelatin, the soluble salts of iron, silver, lead, and antimony, mercuric chloride, and sulphuric, nitric, and hydrochloric acids. The precipitate with iron is of an olive or greenish-black color. The alkalies favor the solubility of kino in water, but essentially change its nature, and destroy its astringency.

1. East India Kino. Malabar Kino. This is the variety at present probably most used and most highly esteemed, and the only one recognized by the British and United States Pharmacopœias. Its origin was long unknown. It is now ascertained, through the researches of Drs. Pereira, Royle, Wight, and others, to be the product of *Pterocarpus marsupium*, a lofty tree growing upon the mountains of the Malabar coast of Hindostan. Kino is the juice of the tree extracted through longitudinal incisions in the bark and afterwards dried in the sun. Upon drying it breaks into small fragments, and is put into wooden boxes for exportation. It is collected near Tellicherry, and exported from Bombay. It is sometimes imported into this country directly from the East Indies, but more commonly from London. From a communication in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, by the Rev. F. Mason, it appears that kino is also collected in the Tenasserim provinces, in Farther India, and has been exported from Maulmain to Europe. It is produced by a tree called *Pa-douck*, which was supposed to be a species of Pterocarpus, although its precise characters were not certainly known. (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 134.) Dr. Christison subsequently recognized, in a description of this tree furnished to him by Mr. Begbie, of Maulmain, the precise characters of *Pterocarpus marsupium;* so that this kino has the same origin as that from Malabar. *Pterocarpus indicus*, of the Mauritius Islands, where it is known as *sang dragon*, also yields a red kino to commerce.

East India kino is in small, angular, glistening fragments, of a uniform consistence, appearing as if formed by the breaking down of larger masses. The larger fragments are opaque and nearly black; but minute splinters are sometimes translucent, and of a deep garnet redness when viewed by transmitted light. This variety of kino is very brittle, readily breaking between the fingers, and easily pulverized, affording a dark reddish powder, a portion of which, resulting from the mutual attrition of the fragments, is often found interspersed among them. When chewed, it softens in the mouth, adheres somewhat to the teeth, and tinges the saliva of a blood-red color. In odor, taste, and chemical relations it corresponds with the account already given of kino in general. When kino is boiled in water, the decoction deposits, on cooling, a bright red substance; and a similar deposition takes place when a cold filtered aqueous solution is long exposed with a broad surface to the air. According to Hennig, kino consists of tannic acid with a trace of gallic acid, kinoic acid, pectin, ulmic acid, and inorganic salts, with excess of earthy bases. (See *A. J. P.*, xv. 544.) C. Etti obtained a new constituent, *kinoin*, by extracting kino with ether. He finally adopted the following method as more practicable. One part of gum kino is added to 2 parts of boiling diluted (1–5) hydrochloric acid. Kino-red immediately separates as a soft mass, becoming gradually solid on cooling, while the *kinoin*, mixed with a small quantity of kino-red, remains in solution. The solid residue is once more boiled with water, the liquids are united and shaken with ether. The ethereal solution, on evapora-

tion, leaves a crystalline reddish residue, which is dissolved in hot water, on the cooling of which tolerably pure crystals of *kinoin* are obtained. By continued recrystallization they are obtained colorless. Their formula is $C_{14}H_{12}O_6$, and *kino-red* is the anhydride of this: $2C_{14}H_{12}O_6 - H_2O = C_{28}H_{22}O_{11}$. This kino-red, heated to 160°–170° C., parts with a molecule of water and yields a lower anhydride, $C_{28}H_{20}O_{10}$. Both anhydrides are precipitated by gelatin, but kinoin itself is not. When heated with hydrochloric acid to 120°–130° C., kinoin yields methyl chloride, gallic acid, and catechol, and hence probably has the constitution of a *guaiacol* or *methyl-catechol gallate*. Kino contains about 1·5 per cent. of kinoin. (*Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.; N. R.*, Feb, 1879.) Kremel found Malabar kino, Butea gum, eucalyptus kino, and the kino from *Coccoloba uvifera* to be free from Etti's kinoin, but to contain a body acquiring, like kinoin, a red color with ferric chloride, which proved to be *pyrocatechuic acid;* this was present either alone or mixed with gallic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 267.)

2. West India, or Jamaica Kino. This is believed to be the product of the *Coccoloba uvifera*, or *sea-side grape*, a tree twenty feet or more in height, bearing beautiful broad shining leaves, and large bunches of purple berries, to which it owes its vernacular name. It grows in the West Indies and neighboring parts of the continent. The kino is said to be obtained by evaporating a decoction of the wood and bark, which are very astringent. Many years since, a thick reddish-brown liquid was imported into Philadelphia from the West Indies, which, when dried by exposure to the air in shallow vessels or by heat, afforded an extract having all the properties of kino, for which it was sold by the druggists. This has long been exhausted; but some years since, a considerable quantity of West India kino was brought into this market, which may still enter into the consumption of the country. It was contained in large gourds, into which it was evidently poured while in a liquid or semi-liquid state, and then allowed to harden. When taken from the gourd it breaks into fragments of various sizes, upon an average about as large as a hazelnut, and having some tendency to the rectangular form. The consistence of these fragments is uniform, their surface smooth and shining, and their color a dark reddish brown approaching to black. They are, however, neither so glistening nor so black as the East India kino. In mass they are quite opaque, but in thin splinters are translucent and of a ruby redness. They are readily broken by the fingers into smaller fragments, are easily pulverized, and yield a dull-reddish powder, considerably lighter colored than that of the former variety. The West India kino is without color, and has a very astringent, bitterish taste, with a scarcely observable sweetish after-taste. It adheres to the teeth when chewed, though rather less than the East India variety, and colors the saliva red. The solubility of Jamaica kino was very carefully examined by Prof. Robert Bridges, who found that cold water dissolved 89 per cent., and ordinary official alcohol 94 per cent. The portion dissolved by alcohol and not by water was probably of a resinous nature, as it appeared to be viscid, and very much impeded the filtration of the watery solution. Considering the nature of this substance, the form of kino in which it was found is probably, like that from the East Indies, an inspissated juice. Guibourt, who states that Jamaica kino is but slightly dissolved by cold water, must have operated on a different product.

3. South American Kino. Caraccas Kino. In 1839, when the 4th edition of this Dispensatory was published, an astringent extract was described which had recently been introduced into our market, derived from Caraccas, and known by that name to the druggists. Since that period it has come much more extensively into use. It is probably the same as that described by Guibourt, in the last edition of his *History of Drugs*, as the kino of *Colombia*. As imported, this variety of kino is in large masses, some weighing several pounds, covered with thin leaves, or exhibiting marks of leaves upon their unbroken surface, externally very dark, and internally of a deep reddish-brown or dark port-wine color. It is opaque in the mass, but translucent in thin splinters, very brittle, and of a fracture always shining, but in some masses wholly rough and irregular, in others rough only in the interior, while the outer portion, for an inch or two in depth, breaks with a rather smooth and uniform surface, like that of the West India kino. This outer portion is easily broken into fine angular fragments, while the interior crumbles quite irregularly. Some of the masses are very impure, containing pieces of bark, wood, leaves, etc.; others are more homogeneous, and almost free from impurities. The masses are broken up by means of a mill so as to resemble East India kino, from which, however, this variety differs in being more irregular, less sharply angular, more powdery, and less black. On comparing the finer and more angular portions of the masses with the West India kino, the late Dr. Geo. B. Wood could discover no difference between the two varieties either in color, lustre, taste, or other sensible property. The colors of the pow-

ders were also identical. South American kino was found by Dr. Bridges to yield 93·5 per cent. to cold water, and 93 per cent. to alcohol; so that, while it has almost the same solubility as Jamaica kino in alcohol, it is somewhat more soluble in cold water. The aqueous solution in this case was not embarrassed by the adhesive matter which impeded the filtration in the former variety; and the want of a minute proportion of resinous matter in the South American kino is the only apparent difference between the two drugs. It is not improbable that they are derived from the same plant; and there is no difficulty in supposing that this may be the *Coccoloba uvifera*, as that tree grows as well upon the continent as in the islands.

4. African Kino. The original kino employed by Dr. Fothergill was known to be the product of a tree growing in Senegal, and upon the banks of the Gambia, on the western coast of Africa; but the precise character of the tree was not ascertained until a specimen, sent home by Mungo Park during his last journey, enabled the English botanists to decide that it was the *Pterocarpus erinaceus* of Lamarck and Poiret.* The Edinburgh and Dublin Colleges accordingly referred kino in chief to this plant, but, in so doing, overlooked the fact that not one of the varieties now used is brought from Africa. The importation of African kino has long ceased.† It is said to be still used by the Portuguese of Angola, under the name of *Sangue de Drago*. As described by Fothergill, the African kino, for which he proposed the name of *gummi rubrum astringens Gambinense*, was in lumps of about the size of those of gum Senegal or dragon's blood, and so similar in appearance to the latter that a good judge might easily be deceived. These lumps were hard, brittle, opaque, and almost black; but minute fragments were reddish and transparent like garnet. The drug was inodorous, of a strongly astringent and sweetish taste, and soluble in water to the extent of about five or six parts out of seven, forming a deep-red astringent infusion. There can be little doubt that this variety of kino is a concrete juice, which exudes either spontaneously or from wounds in the bark, and hardens in the air. (*Med. Obs. and Inq.*, i. 358.)

5. Australian Kino. Botany Bay Kino. This kino was formerly supposed to be yielded by *Eucalyptus resinifera*, but is now known to be produced by a very large number of species. It is occasionally obtained in dried masses in the crevices in trees, sometimes by incisions into the bark, but more usually is simply scraped off the outside of the tree. It has been stated that five hundred pounds of the kino are sometimes yielded in a single year by one tree; but this seems to be a great exaggeration. Occasionally the juice reaches England unevaporated.‡ Australian kino usually occurs in dark, reddish-brown masses or grains, which when sufficiently thin may be translucent and garnet-like. It is very apt to contain much foreign matter, especially the scrapings from the bark. Coming from so many sources, it varies considerably in its physical characteristics and its relations to solvents. Although the Australian kino is produced by so many trees and is much used in Australia, it does not seem to be an important article of commerce. For further information concerning it the reader is referred to an elaborate paper on it by J. H. Maiden, in *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1889.§ Eucalyptus kino contains catechin, pyrocatechin,

* A particular account of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and its concrete juice, with a figure, by Dr. W. F. Daniell, is contained in the *P. J. Tr.* for August, 1854 (vol. xiv. p. 55).

† *Butea gum*, which has sometimes been mistaken for African kino, is the concrete juice of the *Butea frondosa*, or *Dhak-tree* of Hindostan, and also to some extent of *B. superba*. The juice flows from natural fissures, and from wounds made in the bark of the tree, and quickly hardens. It is in small elongated tears, or irregular angular masses, less in size than a grain of barley, apparently black and opaque, but translucent and of a ruby-red color when examined in small fragments by transmitted light; in some specimens the tears are much paler than described, and of a very beautiful ruby tint. Many of the tears have small portions of bark adhering to them. They are very brittle, and readily pulverizable, yielding a reddish powder. They are very astringent to the taste, do not adhere to the teeth when chewed, and tinge the saliva red. The relations of this product to water, alcohol, and other chemical reagents are nearly the same as those of ordinary kino. When freed from impurities, consisting of from 15 to 25 per cent. of wood, bark, sand, etc., it contains, according to Mr. E. Solly, 73·26 per cent. of tannin, 5·05 of soluble extractive, and 21·67 of gum and other soluble substances. It is used in the arts in India, and might undoubtedly be employed as kino in medicine. It is, however, very seldom imported into England, and never, at present, into this country. Dr. Pereira found a quantity in an old drug-store in London, and sent a portion to Guibourt, from which that writer drew up his description of African kino. It is possible that the kino which formerly reached us, full of small pieces of wood, bark, etc., may have been the *Butea gum*.

‡ *Kino juice* has a fine deep red color, a slightly aromatic odor, and a decidedly astringent taste, and on evaporation yields a genuine kino in varying amount. It must not be confounded with the so-called *Liquid Kino*, or *apple-tree juice*, which is obtained from incisions in the *Angophora intermedia* or *narrow-leaved apple-tree* of Australia. This varies from the consistency and colorlessness of water to an orange-brown or reddish-brown liquid as thick as molasses. It contains catechin and tannic acid, and is said to be especially employed for the purposes of tanning nets.

§ The descriptions given by authors of this kino vary, because the Australian kinos themselves vary so much. Gathered with different degrees of care, and from probably fifty species of trees, they, of course, must be of varying character.

and kinoin, and in some specimens a volatile oil, giving a slightly aromatic odor to the drug which is especially developed by hydrochloric acid. (See, also, *Eucalypti Gummi.*)

It is said that catechu, broken into small fragments, has sometimes been sold as kino. Fortunately, little injury can result from the substitution, as the medical virtues of the two substances are very nearly the same.

Medical Properties and Uses. Kino is powerfully astringent, and in this country is much used for the suppression of morbid discharges. In *diarrhœa*, not attended with febrile excitement or inflammation, it is often an excellent adjunct to opium and the absorbent medicines, and is a favorite addition to the chalk mixture. It is also used in *chronic dysentery* when astringents are admissible; in *leucorrhœa* and *diabetes;* and in *passive hemorrhages*, particularly those from the uterus and the intestines. The dose of the powder is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). The infusion may be made by pouring eight fluidounces of boiling water on two drachms of the extract, and straining when cool. Aromatics may be added, if deemed advisable. The dose is a fluidounce (30 C.c.). The proportion of alcohol in the tincture renders it frequently an unsuitable preparation. Locally applied, kino is often productive of benefit. Its infusion is useful as an injection in *leucorrhœa* and *obstinate gonorrhœa*, and thrown up the nostrils we have found it very efficacious in suppressing *epistaxis*. The powder is also a very useful application to indolent and flabby ulcers.

KRAMERIA. U. S. (Br.) Krameria. [Rhatany.]

(KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Ą.)

"The root of Krameria triandra, Ruiz et Pavon, and of Krameria Ixina, Linné (nat. ord. Polygaleæ)." *U. S.* "The dried root of Peruvian rhatany, Krameria triandra, Ruiz and Pavon, or of Savanilla rhatany, Krameria Ixina, Linn., var. Granatensis; Triana (Krameria tomentosa)." *Br.*

Krameriæ Radix, *Br.;* Rhatany Root; Radix Ratanhæ, *P. G.;* Radix Ratanhiæ; Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanhia-wurzel, *G.;* Ratania, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Corolla* four-petalled; the superior nectary three-parted, and inferior two-leaved. *Berry* dry, echinated, one-seeded. *Willd.*

Krameria triandra. Ruiz and Pavon, *Flor. Peruv.* i. 61. The rhatany plant is a shrub, having a long, much branched, spreading root, of a blackish-red color; with a round, procumbent, very dark colored stem, divided into numerous branches, of which the younger are leafy and thickly covered with soft hairs, giving them a white, silky appearance. The leaves are few, sessile, oblong-ovate, pointed, entire, presenting on both surfaces the same silky whiteness with the young branches. The flowers are lake-colored, and stand singly on short peduncles at the axils of the upper leaves. There are only three stamens. The nectary consists of four leaflets, of which the two upper are spatulate, the lower roundish and much shorter; it does not correspond with the generic character of Willdenow, which was drawn from the *Krameria Ixina.* The fruit is globular, of the size of a pea, surrounded by stiff reddish-brown prickles, and furnished with one or two seeds. The name *rhatany* is said to express, in the language of the Peruvian Indians, the creeping character of the plant. This species of Krameria is a native of Peru, growing in dry argillaceous and sandy places, and abundant about the city of Huanuco. It flowers at all seasons, but is in the height of its bloom in October and November. The root is dug up after the rains. Tschudi states that most of the rhatany now exported is obtained in the southern provinces of Peru, particularly in Arica and Islay. (*Travels in Peru*, Am. ed., p. 214.)*

* There are various rhatanies in European commerce. *Savanilla*, or *New Granada Rhatany*, is yielded by the *K. tomentosa*, St. Hil. (*K. ixina*, var. β), growing in Colombia, British Guiana, and Northern Brazil. According to Flückiger and Hanbury, it is never so knotty and irregular as the true rhatany, and is well distinguished by its dull purplish-brown color, its thick, smooth bark (¼ to ½ the diameter of the wood), marked with longitudinal furrows and here and there deep transverse cracks, and by the bark not easily splitting off. Its tannic acid is different from that of the Peruvian drug. If the powdered root be shaken with water and reduced iron, filtered, and the liquid diluted with distilled water, an intense violaceous color will be produced. *Peruvian Rhatany*, similarly treated, gives a dingy brown. Thin sections of true rhatany, moistened with a ferrous salt, become grayish; Savanilla rhatany, violet. *Para Rhatany* was described by Berg in 1865, and is believed to be the root of *K. argentea.* It is in long pieces (some 16 to 20 inches), from an eighth to three-quarters of an inch in thickness, of a dark-gray or brownish color, and, like the Savanilla, becoming bluish black when immersed in a solution of ferrous sulphate, owing to the presence of tannic acid in the bark. In this variety the root has a peculiar elasticity distinguishing it from the Peruvian and Savanilla varieties. Some of the pieces exhibit numerous corky warts. There are also microscopical characters which distinguish it. Two forms of rhatany which M. Cotton has described as *Black and Brown Antilles Rhatany*, because produced in these islands, though admitted also to be derived from different places on the

We receive rhatany in pieces of various shapes and dimensions, some being simple, some more or less branched, the largest as much as an inch in thickness, derived from the main body of the root, the smallest not thicker than a small quill, consisting of the minute ramifications. The pieces are often nearly cylindrical, and as much as two or three feet in length. Sometimes many of the radicles are united in a common head, which is short, and from half an inch to two inches or more in diameter. The roots are composed of a dark, reddish-brown, slightly fibrous, easily separable bark, and a central woody portion, less colored, but still reddish or reddish yellow: "From 1 to 3 Cm. thick, knotty and several-headed above, branched below, the branches long; bark smooth or, in the thinner pieces, scaly, deep rust-brown, 1 to 2 Mm. thick, very astringent, inodorous; wood pale brownish-red, tough, with fine medullary rays, nearly tasteless. The root of *Krameria Ixina* (Savanilla Rhatany) is less knotty and more slender, and has a dark purplish-brown bark, about 3 Mm. thick." *U. S.* Rhatany is without smell, but has a bitter, very astringent, slightly sweetish taste, which is connected with its medical virtues, and is much stronger in the cortical than in the ligneous part. The smallest pieces are therefore preferable, as they contain the largest proportion of the bark. The powder is of a reddish color. The virtues of the root are extracted by water and alcohol, to which it imparts a deep reddish-brown color. From the researches of Vogel, Gmelin, Peschier, and Trommsdorff, it appears to contain tannic acid, lignin, and minute quantities of gum, starch, saccharine matter, and an acid which Peschier considered as peculiar and named *krameric acid.* The tannic acid is in three states: 1st, that of purity, in which it is without color; 2d, that of phlobaphene or anhydride, in which it has lost its astringency and been rendered insoluble by the action of the air; and, 3d, that of extractive, which is a soluble combination of tannin and its anhydride, and is the substance which imparts to the infusion and tincture their characteristic reddish-brown color. (Soubeiran, *Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 596.) The tannic acid of rhatany (*krameria-tannic* or *rhatania-tannic acid*) is separated by treating the ethereal extract of the bark with alcohol, and evaporating the alcoholic solution. It gives a dark-green precipitate with ferric chloride, a flesh-colored one with gelatin, and none with tartar emetic. (*Gmelin.*) The tannin of rhatany, in the presence of melted potassa, is transformed into *protocatechuic acid* and *phloroglucin*, and with dilute acids gives glucose and a peculiar red coloring principle, called *ratanhia red*, $C_{26}H_{22}O_{11}$. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Janv. 1868, p. 73.) The proportion of red astringent matter obtained by Vogel was 40 per cent. The mineral acids and most of the metallic salts throw down precipitates with the infusion, decoction, and tincture of rhatany, and are incompatible in prescription.

In examining a specimen of extract of rhatany from America, Wittstein discovered an alkaloid, which he thought to be identical with tyrosine. A somewhat different result was obtained by M. Ruge, who, after an examination, showed that the new alkaloid is not identical with tyrosine, for it has the formula $C_{10}H_{13}NO_3$, whilst that of tyrosine is $C_9H_{11}NO_3$, but is rather homologous with it. Like tyrosine, it is an amido-acid, and forms salts equally with mineral acids and with strong bases. It was called *ratanhine* by Ruge. Gintl (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p 300) obtained ratanhine from *resina d'angelim pedra*, a resin from Brazil. Dr. Kreitmair has also obtained this principle from a sample of extract of rhatany. (See *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 266.)

Cold water, by means of displacement or percolation, extracts all the astringency of rhatany, forming a clear deep-red infusion, which upon careful evaporation yields an almost perfectly soluble extract. The root yields its virtues also to boiling water by maceration; but the resulting infusion becomes turbid upon cooling, in consequence of the deposition of apotheme taken up by the water when heated. By boiling with water a still larger proportion of the apotheme is dissolved, and a considerable quantity of the pure tannin becomes insoluble in cold water, and medicinally inert, either by combining with the starch which is also dissolved,

neighboring continent, have been pronounced by Dr. Flückiger, after a careful examination, to be identical with the Para rhatany. (*Pharm. Journ.*, July, 1870, p. 84.) According to the studies of R. G. Dunwoody, this rhatany contains the same active principles as the root of *K. triandra*, but in slightly less quantity. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

A rhatany appeared not long since in the London market from Guayaquil. It is described as a large woody root from one-half inch to two inches in diameter. The bark is of a reddish-brown color with blackish streaks, is thin in comparison to the meditullium, is of a fibrous texture, and is somewhat striated on the surface and dotted over with small warts. It has a very astringent taste, but no marked odor. Mr. E. M. Holmes thinks that it is not the product of the genus Krameria. According to the analysis of Mr. Passmore, *Guayaquil rhatany* contains a larger quantity of tannin than the Peruvian drug, but less than the Para or the Savanilla rhatany. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 878.)

According to an analysis made in the University of Wisconsin, the *Krameria lanceolata*, Torrey, of North America yields 34·5 per cent. of extract and 17 per cent. of tannin, and is therefore richer than the official drug. When treated with iron it strikes a deep-purple color, and is thus easily distinguished from Para rhatany, which gives a dirty brown, and from Savanilla rhatany, which gives a violet color.

or by conversion into apotheme through the agency of the atmosphere. The decoction is, therefore, an ineligible preparation, and the extract resulting from its evaporation, though greater in weight than that from the cold infusion, contains much less soluble and active matter. Alcohol dissolves a larger proportion of the root than water; but this success is owing to the solution of apotheme, and the alcoholic extract contains little if any more of the astringent principle than that prepared by cold water, while it is encumbered with much inert matter. (See *Extractum Krameriæ*.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Rhatany is generally tonic and powerfully astringent, and may be advantageously given in *chronic diarrhœa*, *passive hemorrhages*, especially *menorrhagia*, some forms of *leucorrhœa*, and in all those cases in which kino and catechu are beneficial. It has long been used in Peru as a remedy in bowel complaints, as a corroborant in cases of enfeebled stomach, and as a local application to spongy gums. Ruiz, one of the authors of the Peruvian Flora, first made it known in Europe. It was not till after the year 1816 that it began to come into general use. It has the advantage over the astringent extracts imported, that, being brought in the state of the root, it is free from adulteration, and may be prescribed with confidence. The dose of the powder is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.); but the decoction (an ounce to the pint) is preferable; the dose being from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.). The extract, tincture, and syrup are official, and may be given in the dose, the first of from fifteen to twenty grains (0·97–1·3 Gm.), the second of from two to three fluidrachms (7·4–11·09 C.c.), and the third of half a fluidounce (14·8 C.c.). In the form of infusion, tincture, and extract, rhatany has been used locally in fissure of the anus, prolapsus ani, and leucorrhœa.

LAC. Br. Milk.

(LĂC.)

"The fresh milk of the Cow, Bos Taurus, Linn." *Br.*

Lac Vaccinum; Lait, *Fr.*; Milch, *G.*

As it is the cow's milk which the British Pharmacopœia exclusively designates by the name of milk, we shall, in the observations that follow, exclude all other varieties of this product from consideration. The natural history, mode of obtaining, and ordinary sensible properties of milk are so well known that the insertion of them here would be quite superfluous; and we pass on directly to a description of the chemical and physical characters of milk; more especially as a knowledge of these is necessary to a proper understanding of several of the more important properties of milk, as its coagulability, the formation of cream, and the production of butter.

Properties. When examined with the aid of the microscope, milk is seen to contain a vast number of extremely small opaque corpuscles floating in a transparent liquid. These corpuscles have been found to consist of fatty matter surrounded by a very delicate coating of an albuminoid substance. To them the milk owes its opacity and whiteness; and, as they are slightly lighter than the liquid portion, they rise when the milk is allowed to stand, and form a layer on the surface, which is cream. The interior fatty matter, when caused to separate from its envelopes, aggregates in small masses, and forms butter. Thus it is that, in preparing butter, the milk is agitated, by churning or otherwise, so as to break the corpuscular coating. But in the formation of both cream and butter the residuary liquid still contains a number of unbroken corpuscles, which give it more or less whiteness; and in skimmed milk, notwithstanding the quantity of corpuscles lost, enough remain to give it almost the whiteness and opacity of the milk just from the cow. It has been denied that the corpuscles are really enveloped by a distinct membrane; but the effect of mechanical agency in the preparation of butter seems to afford indisputable proof of the existence of a coating which is broken in the process; and there is chemical proof which would appear to be not less decisive. Ether dissolves the fatty matter constituting butter; and if a liquid, having oil globules floating in it free, be agitated with ether, the oily matter is dissolved, and the liquid quite deprived of it. Now, if milk be agitated with ether, and the mixure be allowed to stand, the two liquids separate, and the ether rises in consequence of its levity, and floats unaltered on the surface. But if, before the addition of ether, acetic acid, which dissolves the envelopes of the fatty matter, be made to act on the milk, the interior fatty matter of the corpuscles is set free; and then ether added to it takes up the butter thus liberated.

The composition of a normal cow's milk and, for comparison, the milk of other mammalia is thus given by Blyth (*Foods, Compos. and Analysis*, 1882, p. 214):

	Cow's.	Human.	Ass's.	Goat's.	Mare's.	Sheep's.	Sow's.	Bitch's.
Milk fat	3·50	2·90	1·02	4·20	2·50	5·30	4·55	9·57
Casein	3·98	2·40	1·09	3·00	2·19	6·10	} 7·23	5·53
Albumen	0·77	0·57	0·70	0·62	0·42	1·00		4·38
Galactine	0·17	0·10	0·10	0·08	0·09	0·13		
Sugar of milk	4·00	5·87	5·50	4·00	5·50	4·20	3·13	3·19
Ash	0·70	0·16	0·42	0·56	0·50	1·00	1·05	0·73
Water	86·87	88·00	91·17	87·54	88·80	82·27	84·04	76·60
Total solids	13·13	12·00	8·83	12·46	11·20	17·73	15·96	23·46

The following method of estimating the quantity of the different ingredients in milk is given by Dr. C. F. Chandler, of New York. 1. The water may be determined by evaporating a weighed quantity of milk, drying the residue carefully at 100° C. (212° F.), and weighing what remains. The loss represents the water. 2. The salts are estimated by burning all that is combustible in the solid residue, and weighing the ash. 3. To ascertain the proportion of butter and casein, a portion of milk, having been coagulated by a few drops of acetic acid, is boiled; the precipitate is washed with water, and finally the butter is separated by ether, leaving the casein behind. The ethereal solution yields the butter on evaporation. 4. The sugar is generally estimated by deducting the weight of the other ingredients from 100. The fatty matter of milk, or butter, consists of stearin, palmitin, and olein, with small proportions of butyrin, caproin, and caprin, to which it owes its smell. Butyrin is a compound ether of butyric acid and glyceryl, and is inodorous. On exposure of butter for some time to air, the butyrate of glyceryl is decomposed, and the butyric acid, being set free, causes the disagreeable odor characteristic of rancid butter. The proportion of fatty matter in milk is estimated by Mr. John Horsley by means of the joint solvent powers of alcohol and ether, the mixed menstrua being allowed to stand, and the oil as it rises to the surface removed. For minute particulars, see the *Chemical News*, May 2, 1874.* The casein of milk is a peculiar and most important ingredient, bearing a close resemblance to animal albumen, but differing from it slightly in composition, and also in some of its chemical relations with other substances. A little phosphorus is contained in albumen, which has not been found in casein. (*Chem. News*, Jan. 7, 1870, p. 6.) Nevertheless, there is reason for believing that casein is the source of all the albuminoid substances in the body when supported by milk alone. The sugar of milk is peculiar. (See *Saccharum Lactis.*)

Preservation of Milk. Milk is so important as an article of diet both in health and disease, that ships bound on long voyages have often been supplied with cows in order that this essential article might be obtained. But a much more convenient method is to treat fresh milk in such a manner that it will keep unaltered at least during the time of the voyage. The readiest mode, probably, of effecting this, is to introduce milk into a bottle so that it shall be quite filled, then place the bottle thus filled in a vessel of boiling water for some time, so as to destroy any organic germs, which might cause fermentation, and to expel atmospheric air; next to close the bottle tightly, and make it quite secure against the access of air. To obviate any danger of rupture of the vessel, in consequence of the shrinking of the milk on cooling, it might be well to adopt the plan of the fruit-canners, of using a tin vessel for the purpose of holding the milk, having a closed cover, with an opening capable of being closed by soldering, filling it, exposing it as before to heat; then, when the vapor or gas ceases to escape, soldering, and allowing it to cool, and finally unsealing the aperture, filling the vacant space with fresh milk, again heating, and soldering while hot. Milk which had been preserved by Appert's method, and kept thirteen years, was examined by Prof. Bouchardat, and found in three layers, the lowest consisting of a thin white deposit (probably the pellicles of the corpuscles); the middle, which was largest, an aqueous liquid, not perfectly transparent, and of a yellowish color; the third and uppermost a fatty matter, partly liquid at 15° C., which was the butter.

* The following method of estimating the quantity of fatty matter in milk, by Mr. F. N. Macnamara (*Chem. News*, May 16, 1873), may be found useful. Take a glass tube of 50 C.c., and, drawing out one end, introduce 10 C.c. of milk, and as much of alcohol and ether. Seal the tube, and keep it for two hours in a water-bath at 180° F. Allow it to cool, break off one end, and permit the fluid portion of its contents to drain into a small flask. Exhaust the residue in the tube by boiling ether, and add the washings to the liquid in the flask. Evaporate the contents of the flask to about 10 C.c.; then, when the flask is cool, add ether, and by means of a separating tube draw off the ethereal solution of fat from the watery fluid. Let the ethereal solution evaporate to dryness, in a very small weighed beaker; heat to 100° C. (212° F.) in a water oven for two hours, and when cool weigh. Finally test the residue as to its solubility before calculating the result.

When the flask was opened there was a faint odor of boiled milk; and, though the taste of the butter was not agreeable, there was no evidence of putrefaction. (*A. J. P.*, 1871.) Another method of preservation recommended is to add to every liter (2 pints 4 oz.) of unskimmed milk, in a well-annealed glass bottle, 40 centigrammes (about 6 grains) of sodium bicarbonate. The bottle containing the milk, being well corked, is placed for about four hours in a water-bath heated to 194° F., then taken out, and the cork and top varnished; and in that state, it is said, the milk it contains will keep sound and sweet for several weeks. (*Chem. News*, 1870.)

Condensed Milk. Various processes have been employed for preparing condensed milk, in a form capable of being preserved for an indefinite time, and of being diluted, at any time when wanted, so as to have the ordinary condition of fresh milk. The following process of M. Martin de Lignac is among the most satisfactory yet made public. Milk immediately from the cow is put in shallow boilers with a flat bottom, to the depth of about two inches, and heated by a water-bath. For every pint of milk an ounce of white sugar is added; and, so long as the heat is continued, the contents of the boilers are constantly stirred, so as to favor evaporation. When the volume is reduced four-fifths, the concentrated liquid is poured into cylindrical cans, the opening of which is hermetically closed by tin solder. The cans are arranged in a boiler constructed like a steam-boiler, so as to support a pressure within, and vapor is introduced at the temperature of 103·5° to 104° C. (218° to 219° F.). As soon as the boxes have thus been exposed to heat, the preparation is completed. When the can is opened, it will be found to be filled with a pasty substance, somewhat translucent, and yellowish white. Diluted with five times its weight of water, this substance has all the exterior and nutritive characters of ordinary milk. When thus exposed, the milk will keep readily ten days or more, especially if a little be taken every day from the can, so as to change the surface in contact with the air. The sugar used contributes to the preservation of the milk. The high temperature employed for a short time contributes greatly to the same end, by destroying the ferments which may be in the milk. M. Payen recommends, when the taste of boiled milk is objectionable, that the evaporation be carried on in vacuo by means of vapor, aided by agitation with mechanical stirrers. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1868, p. 195.) Condensed milk is now consumed in our country on an enormous scale. Unfortunately, a great deal of it is adulterated with white cane-sugar, which, from being first used moderately as a preservative, is now largely employed as a make-weight. The composition of this condensed milk may be seen from the following analyses of well-known brands:

Brand.	Water.	Fat.	Cane- and Milk-sugar.	Casein.	Salts.
Alderney	30·05	10·08	46·01	12·04	1·82
Anglo-Swiss (American)	29·46	8·11	50·41	10·22	1·80
Anglo-Swiss (English)	27·80	8·24	51·07	10·80	2·09
Anglo-Swiss (Swiss)	25·51	8·51	53·27	10·71	2·00
Eagle	27·30	6·60	44·47	10·77	1·86
Crown	29·44	9·27	49·26	10·11	1·92

(Sadtler's *Industrial Org. Chem.*, p. 250.)

Injury from Exposure. Milk is liable to various changes which more or less diminish its value as food or medicine, and therefore require to be guarded against. One of these is spontaneous, occurring on the exposure of milk to the air, and at an earlier or later period after being drawn from the cow, according to the weather: the greater the heat, the surer and greater will be the amount of change. The milk becomes sour to the taste and smell, imperfect coagulation takes place, the envelope opens, and the oil escapes; and altogether the milk becomes unfit for any delicate use. Against such alterations the milk may be protected if kept in closed glass jars, so as to exclude the air; and it is desirable to keep the jars, to some extent, in as cold a place as convenient.

Microscopic Alteration. There is another injurious change to which milk is often exposed, sooner or later after being taken from the cow; that is, the presence in it of various organic germs or growths, derived generally from the atmosphere. In a paper by M. V. Essling giving the result of his microscopic observations on milk, it is stated that in less than a day in summer, and in two or three days in winter, after milking, milk, if examined, will be found to contain, among its proper corpuscles, a number of minute spherical or oblong bodies,

that rapidly increase, and ultimately become developed into a kind of mushroom growth, which no doubt proves very deleterious to children who live on the milk as food, and may cause some of their infantile diseases. Mr. J. B. Dancer, however, examined milk microscopically with somewhat different results. Of several portions which had been exposed to the air, some time after they had become sour, only one out of three was affected by these organic bodies from the air, and that not till after the third day, when a cup of milk placed in a closet which was known to be favorable to the growth of fungi was seen to have become affected, patches of mould being visible on its surface, which the microscope proved to be *Mucor mucedo*. The inference from this latter observation is that little apprehension need be entertained of fresh milk, if not exposed to a bad atmosphere, and even then not till after some days. (*Chem. News*, Jan. 7, 1870, p. 6.)

There can be no doubt that, by being exposed to putrescent effluvia and otherwise bad air, or derived from a diseased cow, milk may become infected with noxious matter, whether chemical or organic, and may thus, when used as food, be the cause of serious disease. In a prevalence of enteric fever in London, the disease was traced to the use of infected milk.

Adulteration. Milk is liable to adulteration. The most common, and perhaps the most important, is dilution with water. This, within certain limits, is very easily effected, is very difficult to discover, and, moreover, is very profitable in a pecuniary point of view. The temptations to its practice are so great and universal that constant watchfulness is necessary to one who would guard himself against it. Very copious addition of water is recognized at once by the thinness, blueness, and in some degree the translucency of the milk. But much adulteration may take place short of this; and to detect the fraud it is necessary to prove a decided excess of water; for even in perfectly normal milk there is often some disproportion of this ingredient above or below the mean, owing to the mode of living and health of the cow. This deviation, however, is small. Observations made in Sweden by Alexander Muller and Eisenstuck, on a herd of fifteen cows, with daily analysis in every case throughout the year, resulted in the statement that the solids of the milk in no instance fell short of 11·5 per cent., and in only four instances below 12; while the highest was 14·05; the average being 12·8 per cent. In England, of ten cows, from different parts of the country, the milk of which was examined by Mr. J. Alfred Wanklyn, that of only one contained so little as 11·8 per cent., while the highest was 14·34, and the mean was 12·7. With the aid of these figures it will be easy to detect any considerable amount of adulteration by water; for all besides the amount of solids may be considered as consisting of this fluid. All that is necessary, therefore, is to weigh very carefully a given quantity of milk, say 1000 grains, in thin platinum or silver dishes, and maintain it by means of a water-bath at the temperature of 212° F. for three hours, or until evaporated to dryness. The residue when weighed will give the amount of the solids; and the difference between it and the 1000 grains will be the weight of the water. If the solids fall short of 11·8, the proportion of the deficiency to the whole weight of the milk may be considered as representing the quantity of water added. Other methods of estimating the proportion of water in excess have been based on the specific gravity of the milk, which it was supposed would be lighter than the normal. Upon this principle it was that lactometers were formed. But it has been found that this method is not entirely reliable, as the specific gravity of the milk varies with other causes besides an excess of water; for the removal of the cream increases the density of the milk, the former being the lighter of the two. We are informed that annatto dissolved in a strong potash lye, termed *butter color*, is extensively used to impart a yellow color and apparent richness to milk. Starch or farinaceous substances have been employed apparently for giving substance to milk rendered too fluid by dilution. This may be detected by the usual reagent for starch; but it must be recollected that when iodine is added to milk containing starch it acts on the latter only after the milk has been completely saturated with the iodine, after which the blue color is produced by a further addition of the reagent. Chalk has, we believe, been used in the adulteration of milk, in like manner with the starch, for giving it whiteness and increasing its opacity; but this and all similar mineral bodies may be detected by their subsidence, if insoluble, and by their remaining behind when the milk is incinerated, if more or less soluble. Many methods have been proposed for testing milk. On account of want of space, the reader is referred for further information to the following accessible sources: *A. J. P.*, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1878, 1879; and *N. R.*, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1880, 1881.

Medical Properties and Uses. Few remedies are more important than milk for the sick, considered in its relations either as an article of food or as a medicine. In the former capacity, its easy digestibility, nutritious character, and entire want of stimulant or irritant

properties render it peculiarly useful, as an exclusive article of diet, in many cases of chronic irritation or inflammation of the alimentary mucous membrane. In obstinate *chronic diarrhœa*, *chronic dysentery*, and *chronic gastritis*, it will sometimes effect cures, as an exclusive diet, with but little aid from medicine. As a remedy in *nausea* and *vomiting*, either alone or attendant on other diseases, milk associated with lime water in the dose of a tablespoonful of each every half-hour, one, or two hours, according to the severity of the case, has long been esteemed one of our most efficient remedies. In the form of wine-whey it has from time immemorial been used as a gentle stimulant, applicable to febrile diseases beginning to assume a low form; and still later, in conditions of great debility, it is, with brandy, the remedy upon which reliance is placed beyond all others. For the mode of preparing and using wine-whey, see the article on *Vinum*.

Externally milk is much used in making one of the most convenient and effectual emollient applications, that of the bread-and-milk poultice, prepared by mixing bread thoroughly with boiling hot milk over the fire; a little perfectly fresh lard may often be advantageously applied upon the surface of the poultice when spread, in order to prevent it from becoming dry and sticking to the skin at the edges.

LACTUCA. Br. Lettuce.

(LĂC-TŪ'CĄ.)

"The flowering herb of Lactuca virosa, Linn." *Br.*

Herba Lactucæ, *P. G.;* Herba Lactucæ Virosæ; Laitue vireuse, *Fr.;* Giftlattich, *G.*

LACTUCARIUM. U. S. Lactucarium.

(LĂC-TŪ-CĀ'RĮ-ŬM.)

"The concrete milk-juice of Lactuca virosa, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Lactucarium, *Fr.;* Giftlattichsaft, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Receptacle naked. *Calyx* imbricated, cylindrical, with a membranous margin. *Pappus* simple, stipitate. *Seed* smooth. *Willd.*

The plants of this genus yield when wounded a milky juice, to which, indeed, they owe their generic name. In some of them this juice possesses valuable narcotic properties. This is the case, among others, with *L. sativa*, *L. virosa*, and *L. altissima*. It was supposed that our native *L. elongata*, or *wild lettuce*, might have similar virtues; and Dr. Bigelow was informed by physicians who had employed it that it acts as an anodyne, and promotes the secretion from the skin and kidneys. But, according to M. Aubergier, the milky juice of this plant is of a flat and sweetish taste without bitterness, contains much mannite, but no bitter principle, and is destitute of narcotic properties. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1843, p. 18.) The probability is that it is nearly or quite inert.* Therefore, though formerly holding a place in our national Pharmacopœia, it has been discarded. In Europe *Lactuca scariola* is said to be substituted for the official plant.

Lactuca sativa. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1523; *B. & T.* 161. The garden lettuce is an annual plant. The stem, which rises above two feet, is erect, round, simple below, and branching in its upper part. The lower leaves are obovate, rounded at the end, and undulating; the upper are smaller, sessile, cordate, and toothed; both are shining, and of a yellowish-green color. The flowers are pale yellow, small, and disposed in an irregular terminal corymb. Before the flower-stem begins to shoot, the plant contains a bland pellucid juice, has little taste or smell, and is much used as a salad for the table; but during the period of inflorescence it abounds in a milky juice, which readily escapes from incisions in the stem, and has been found to possess decided medicinal as well as sensible properties. The juice is more abundant in the wild than in the cultivated plants. The original native country of the garden lettuce is unknown. The plant has been cultivated from time immemorial, and flourishes equally in hot and temperate latitudes. Some botanists suppose that *L. virosa* of the old continent is the parent of all the varieties of the cultivated plant.

Lactuca virosa. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1526; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 75, t. 31; *B. & T.* 160. The *acrid* or *strong-scented lettuce* is biennial, with a stem from two to four feet high, erect,

* An investigation of our native *Lactuca elongata* by Prof. Maisch has led to conclusions differing essentially from those of M. Aubergier. The milky juice collected by Prof. Maisch himself from plants in his neighborhood was converted quickly into a gelatinous mass, that shrunk much in drying, and, so far from a flat taste, had a persistent bitterness, and a heavy, nauseous, narcotic odor. Having prepared a syrup from this concrete juice, he gave it for trial to Drs. Da Costa and August Müller, who found it decidedly useful, and by the latter physician it was pronounced quite equal to the imported German lactucarium. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 145.)

prickly near the base, above smooth and divided into branches. The lower leaves are large, oblong-ovate, undivided, toothed, commonly prickly on the under side of the midrib, sessile, and horizontal; the upper are smaller, clasping, and often lobed; the bracts are cordate and pointed. The flowers are numerous, of a sulphur-yellow color, and disposed in a panicle. The plant is a native of Europe.

L. virosa is lactescent, and has a strong disagreeable smell like that of opium, and a bitterish, acrid taste. It was admitted by the late Edinburgh and Dublin Pharmacopœias as one of the sources of lactucarium, which it is said to yield in greater quantity and of better quality than the garden lettuce. Mr. Schutz, of Germany, obtained only 17 grains, on the average, from a single plant of the garden lettuce, while a plant of *L. virosa* yielded 56 grains.

Lactucarium is chiefly produced in Scotland, in Rhenish Prussia, and in France. According to Mr. Fairgrieve, in Scotland* the plant cultivated is *L. virosa*, var. *montana*. Late in July or early in August the collectors proceed over the field, cutting the head of each stalk and scraping the flow into their vessels. This is repeated several times daily until the plants are exhausted. (*P. J. Tr.*, iii. 972.) M. Aubergier is said to have been the only French producer. He cultivated the *L. altissima*, a gigantic Caucasian plant, which reaches the height of 9 feet. In collecting, transverse incisions were made daily, beginning at the top. In Germany the plan is the same as that practised in Scotland.†

Lactucarium,‡ as brought from England, is in small, irregular lumps, about the size of a pea or larger, of a reddish-brown color externally, and of a narcotic odor and bitter taste. As prepared near Edinburgh, it is commonly in roundish, compact, and rather hard masses, weighing several ounces. (*Christison.*) A variety known in our market as *German lactucarium* is in pieces about an inch and a half long by an inch in thickness, four-sided, with one side convex and the three others flat, or slightly concave from shrinking, as if quarter sections of a saucer-shaped cake which had been divided before it was quite dry. The color on the outer or convex surface is darkish brown, that of the cut surfaces light yellowish brown. From experiments by Messrs. Parrish and Bakes, the German appears to be inferior to the English, as 44 per cent. of spirituous extract was obtained from the latter, and only 36 per cent. from the former, while the two extracts were about equal in their sensible properties. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 226.) French lactucarium resembles the German, except in being in circular cakes about an inch and a half in diameter. The official description is as follows: "In sections of plano-convex, circular cakes, or in irregular, angular pieces, externally grayish-brown or dull reddish-brown, internally whitish or yellowish, of a waxy lustre; odor heavy, somewhat narcotic; taste bitter. It is partly soluble in alcohol and in ether. When triturated with water, it yields a turbid mixture, and, when boiled with water, it softens and yields a brownish-colored liquid which, after cooling, is not colored blue by iodine test-solution." *U. S.* In color, taste, and smell lactucarium bears considerable resemblance to opium, and has sometimes been called *lettuce opium*. It does not attract moisture from the air. It yields nearly half its weight to water, with which it forms a deep-brown infusion. It is partly soluble in ether and alcohol. From its resemblance in sensible properties and therapeutical effects to opium, it was conjectured to contain morphine, or some analogous principle; but this conjecture has not yet been verified. Buchner, Aubergier, and Walz claim severally to have discovered the active principle, which has been named *lactucin;* but the substances obtained by these different chemists are not exactly identical in properties; and the lactucin of Walz and Aubergier is considered by M. Lenoir as owing its bitterness to impurities, separated from which it is without taste and inert. For a full account of the earlier analyses of lactucarium, see 16th edition U. S. D. The later results are given below.§

* For the mode of cultivating and preparing lactucarium in England, see a communication by Mr. Thos. Fairgrieve to *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1873, p. 972.

† For various plans which have been suggested of collecting the drug, see 14th ed. U. S. D.

‡ The *thridace* of Dr. François, at one time supposed to be identical with lactucarium, is in all probability nothing more than the inspissated expressed juice of lettuce, and, indeed, was directed as such in the French Codex of 1837; the leaves being rejected, and the stalks alone, near the flowering period, being subjected to pressure.

§ Ludwig found, in 100 parts, 48·63 of substances insoluble in water, and 51·37 of substances soluble in water. Of the insoluble matter 42·64 parts were of *lactucerin* or *lactucone*, which he obtained by first exhausting lactucarium with water, then treating the insoluble residue several times with hot alcohol of 0·833, allowing the alcoholic solution to evaporate slowly, washing the yellowish substance thus procured with water, and purifying it by re-solution in alcohol, and crystallization. Thus obtained, it is in snow-white aggregated granules, dissolves in strong hot alcohol which deposits it on cooling, is readily soluble in ether but insoluble in water, becomes transparent and tenacious when moderately heated in a platinum dish, melts completely at a higher heat, with the escape of white odorous vapors, is incapable of saponification by caustic potassa, and is therefore not properly a fat, and in alcoholic solution faintly reddens litmus-paper. Besides this principle there were 3·99 parts of wax, and 2·00 of lignin and of a

The ancients believed lettuce to be possessed of soporific properties, and many years ago Dr. J. R. Coxe, of Philadelphia, first proposed the employment of the inspissated milky juice as a medicine. It was chiefly, however, through the recommendation by Dr. Duncan, Sr., of Edinburgh, that the medicine came into use and was adopted as official in various pharmacopœias. It is claimed for it that it has, although in a very much inferior degree, the anodyne and calming properties of opium, without its disposition to derange the digestive organs. It has been employed in this country to some extent to allay *cough* and quiet *nervous irritation*, but we believe that the general experience is in accord with our own in finding it to be almost devoid of narcotic properties. We have never been able to obtain any good from its use. The dose is usually set down as from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), but much larger quantities may be given without obvious effects. Water distilled from lettuce (*eau de laitue*) is used in France as a mild sedative, in the quantity of from two to four ounces. The fresh leaves boiled in water are sometimes employed in the shape of cataplasm. It is said that in Egypt a mild oil is derived from the seeds, fit for culinary use.

LAMELLÆ. Discs.

Under this head are included in the British Pharmacopœia minute *gelatin discs* which contain traces of alkaloids, and which are designed to be inserted by oculists under the eyelid, in order to produce, through solution in the tears, such effects as they desire. A hot solution of gelatin containing the alkaloid in proper proportion is poured on a slightly greased glass or porcelain plate, cooled and dried, and then cut into discs, which, by previous calculation, will be found to contain the requisite quantity of medicament. A little glycerin is added to keep them from getting too hard and dry.

LAMELLÆ ATROPINÆ. Br. Discs of Atropine.

(LĄ-MĔL'LÆ ĂT-RŌ-PĪ'NÆ.)

"Discs of gelatine, with some glycerine, each weighing about $\frac{1}{50}$ grain, and containing $\frac{1}{5000}$ grain of sulphate of atropine." *Br.*

LAMELLÆ COCAINÆ. Br. Discs of Cocaine.

(LĄ-MĔL'LÆ CŌ-CĄ-Ī'NÆ.)

"Discs of gelatine, with some glycerine, each weighing about $\frac{1}{50}$ grain, and containing $\frac{1}{200}$ grain of hydrochlorate of cocaine." *Br.*

LAMELLÆ PHYSOSTIGMINÆ. Br. Discs of Physostigmine.

(LĄ-MĔL'LÆ PHĪ-SŌ-STĬG-MĪ'NÆ.)

"Discs of gelatine, with some glycerine, each weighing about $\frac{1}{50}$ grain, and containing $\frac{1}{1000}$ grain of physostigmine." *Br.*

substance which swelled in ammonia, and was insoluble in water, alcohol, and ether. Of the 51·37 parts soluble in water, 6·98 were albumen, 1·75 lactucerin, held in solution by other substances, 27·68 bitter extract soluble in water and in alcohol, and 14·96 aqueous extract insoluble in alcohol of 0·830. The former of these extracts was found to contain a peculiar acid substance called *lactucic acid*, and the lactucin of Aubergier. *Lactucic acid* is of difficult crystallization, light yellow, strongly bitter, without sour taste, of an acid reaction, and readily soluble in alcohol and water. It has as much claim as any other discovered substance to be considered the active principle of lactucarium. *Lactucin*, purified by animal charcoal, is in white pearly scales, the solution of which exhibits no reaction with lead subacetate or solution of iodine. It is dissolved without change of color by concentrated sulphuric acid. Besides the above ingredients, Ludwig found in lactucarium a substance resembling mannite, oxalic acid, another organic acid not well determined, a soft resin, potassa, magnesia, and ferric oxide. Distilled with diluted sulphuric acid, it gave an acid product smelling like lactucarium, which, saturated with calcium carbonate, and again distilled with potassium bisulphate, yielded an acid fluid having the odor of valerian. (*A. J. P.*, xx. 57.)

Kromayer (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, 105, p. 3) found also *lactucopikrin*, $C_{44}H_{32}O_{21}$, a brown, amorphous, and very bitter substance of weak acid reaction. It is easily soluble in water and alcohol. Ludwig's lactucic acid Kromayer considers to be an oxidation product of lactucopikrin.

Hesse (*Handwörterbuch*, iv. p. 8) prepared *lactucerin*, and finds it to crystallize in white needles, fusing point 210° C., soluble in hot ligroin, in chloroform, and in benzol. On fusion with potash it yields acetic acid and *lactuceryl alcohol*, $C_{18}H_{30}O$, which forms white needles, fusing at 162° C., and is easily soluble in ether, chloroform, and hot alcohol. Hesse has since (*Ann. der Ch. und Phar.*, 234, p. 243) determined that lactucarium contains the acetates of α- and β-*lactucerol*, $C_{18}H_{30}O$. These compound ethers are saponified with alcoholic potash and water added, which precipitates α- and β-lactucerol. These are washed, dried in the air, and taken up with boiling alcohol. On cooling, α-lactucerol separates out first and can be purified by recrystallization, while the β-lactucerol is obtained from the mother-liquor. The acetate of α-lactucerol fuses at 210° C., while that of β-lactucerol fuses at 230° C. For an examination of *Russian lactucarium*, by L. Schiperovitch, see *Pharm. Zeitschr. f. Russl.*, or *Drug. Circ.*, 1886.

LAPPA. U. S. Lappa. [Burdock.]

(LĂP'PA.)

"The root of Arctium Lappa, Linné, and of some other species of Arctium (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Radix Bardanæ, *P. G.;* Bardane, *Fr.;* Klettenwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Coarse and rank biennials, of the Old World, unarmed, except the hooked tips of the involucral bracts forming the bur; with large and roundish, mostly cordate leaves, the lower on stout petioles, and middle-sized heads of pink or purplish flowers, in summer. (*Asa Gray.*)

The stem of the burdock is succulent, pubescent, branching, and three or four feet in height, bearing very large, cordate, denticulate leaves, which are green on their upper surface, whitish and downy on the under, and stand on long footstalks. The flowers are purple, globose, and in terminal panicles. The calyx consists of imbricated scales, with hooked extremities, by which they adhere to cloth and the coats of animals. The seed-down is rough and prickly, and the seeds quadrangular. Although a native of Europe, burdock is abundant in the United States, where it grows on the roadsides, among rubbish, and in cultivated grounds. The proper name of the genus is *Arctium*, and the three forms, which have been known as *Lappa major*, *Lappa tomentosa*, and *Lappa minor*, are simply varieties of the species, which should be known as *Arctium lappa*.

The burdock has a simple, spindle-shaped root a foot or more in length, brown externally and white and spongy within, furnished with thread-like fibres, and having withered scales near the top. It is officially described as "about 30 Cm. or more long, and, in its thickest portion, from 1 to 2 Cm. thick; nearly simple, fusiform, fleshy, longitudinally wrinkled, crowned with a tuft of whitish, soft, hairy leaf-stalks; grayish-brown, internally paler; fracture somewhat horny; bark rather thick, the inner part and the wood radially striate, the parenchyma free from starch,—often with cavities lined with white remains of tissue; odor feeble and unpleasant; taste mucilaginous, sweetish, and somewhat bitter." *U. S.* For medicinal purposes the root should be gathered when about a year old.

Inulin has been found in it by Guibourt, and sugar by Fée, while F. E. Hendershott believes that it contains a glucoside, besides arabin and pectin and extractives. (*Proceedings of Mich. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1887.) Professor Trimble also obtained from the root a bitter, crystalline glucoside. (*Pharm. Era*, 1888, p. 133.) Thos. Donaldson (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 123) found 8·6 per cent. of yellow fixed oil and about 1 per cent. of white waxy matter. The inulin usually exists in parenchymatous cells in a different state, but if sections of the green root be dehydrated by soaking in 95-per-cent. alcohol, the inulin will be found in spheroidal form.

Medical Properties. Burdock root is considered to be a diuretic and diaphoretic alterative, especially useful in the *gouty*, *scorbutic*, and *syphilitic* and *scrofulous diatheses;* also in various chronic skin diseases, especially in *psoriasis*, *prurigo*, and *acne*. (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*, 1868.) To prove effectual, its administration must be long continued. A pint may be given daily of the decoction, made by boiling two ounces of the root in three pints of water to two pints. The fluid extract and syrup have also been prepared. The fresh leaves have been employed both externally and internally in cutaneous eruptions and ulcerations. The fruit has been largely substituted for the root, especially in the form of the tincture of burdock fruit.

LARICIS CORTEX. Br. Larch Bark.

(LĄ-RĪ'CĬS CÖR'TĔX.)

"The bark of Pinus Larix, Linn. (Abies Larix, Lamb.). Collected in spring, deprived of its outer rough portion, and dried." *Br.*

Ecorce de Mélèze, *Fr.;* Lärchenrinde, *G.*

For the botanical history of the *Larix Europæa*, see *Terebinthina*.

Examined by Prof. Aldridge, larch bark was found to contain gum, starch, resin, and tannic acid of the kind which precipitates the salts of iron olive-green. Dr. John Stenhouse has obtained from it a peculiar volatile principle, which he has not found in other trees of the Pine family, and which, as it has acid properties, though extremely feeble, he proposes to name *larixinic acid* (*larixine*). It is obtained by evaporating an infusion of the bark to the consistence of syrup, and submitting the residue to distillation in a glass retort or silver alembic by means of a sand-bath cautiously heated. A portion of the larixinic acid comes over and condenses in crystals, but the greater part is dissolved in the liquid distillate. This on careful

distillation deposits the impure acid, which may be purified by pressing it in bibulous paper, again crystallizing from a strong aqueous solution, and lastly subliming once or twice. Larixinic acid is most abundant in the young bark. It is in beautiful white, lustrous crystals, often more than an inch long, of a peculiar somewhat empyreumatic smell, and a slightly bitter and astringent taste, inflammable, volatilizing at 93° C. (199·4° F.) and melting at 153° C. (307·4° F.), soluble in 87·88 parts of water at 56° F., very soluble in boiling water, soluble in cold but much more so in hot alcohol, and sparingly soluble in ether. It readily crystallizes from its solutions. A very singular and characteristic property is that of forming, when added, in strong solution, in excess, to baryta water, a bulky, transparent, gelatinous precipitate, occupying the whole measure of the liquids if concentrated. The probable formula of the acid is $C_{10}H_{10}O_5$.

Medical Properties and Uses. The inner larch bark possesses astringent and gently stimulant properties, and is supposed to have a special tendency to the mucous membranes. It has been found particularly efficacious in *purpura* and other *hemorrhagic affections*, especially *hæmoptysis*, and has been given in *bronchitis* with copious expectoration, and in diseases of the urinary passages. It has been used also, mixed with soap and glycerin, as a local remedy in *psoriasis*, *chronic eczema*, and other cutaneous affections. The usual forms of exhibition are those of extract* and tincture, the former in the dose of from three to five grains (0·20 to 0·33 Gm.), the latter from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·7 C.c.) or more, every three or four hours.†

LAURO-CERASI FOLIA. Br. Cherry-Laurel Leaves.

(LÂU'RŌ-CĔR'Ą-SĪ FŌ'LĮ-Ą.)

"The fresh leaves of Prunus Lauro-cerasus, Linn." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Amygdalaceæ.)

Laurier-cerise, *Fr.*; Kirschlorbeer, *G.*; Lauro-ceraso, *It.*

Gen. Ch. Differing from Prunus only in its fruit being destitute of bloom, with the stone round instead of acute, and the leaves when in bud folded flat, not rolled up. (Lindley, *Flor. Med.*, 232.)

Cerasus lauro-cerasus. De Cand. *Prodrom.* ii. 540.—*Prunus lauro-cerasus.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 988; *B. & T.* 98. This is a small evergreen tree, rising 15 or 20 feet, with long spreading branches, which, as well as the trunk, are covered with a smooth, blackish bark. The leaves, standing alternately on short strong footstalks, are oval-oblong, from five to seven inches in length, acute, finely toothed, firm, coriaceous, smooth, beautifully green and shining, with oblique nerves, and yellowish glands at the base. The flowers are small, white, strongly odorous, and disposed in simple axillary racemes. The fruit is an oval drupe, very similar in shape and structure to a small black cherry. The cherry-laurel is a native of Asia Minor, but is cultivated in Europe, both for medical use and for the beauty of its shining evergreen foliage. Almost all parts of it have more or less of the odor of hydrocyanic acid.

In their recent and entire state cherry-laurel leaves have scarcely any smell; but, when bruised, they emit the characteristic odor of the plant in a high degree. Their taste is somewhat astringent and strongly bitter, with the flavor of the peach kernel. By drying they lose their odor, but retain their bitterness. They yield a peculiar oil and hydrocyanic acid by distillation with water, which they strongly impregnate with their flavor. One pound, avoirdupois, of the fresh leaves yields 40·5 grains of the oil. (*Centralbl.*, 1855, p. 205.) The oil resembles that of bitter almonds, for which it is said to be sometimes sold in Europe, where it is employed to flavor liquors and various culinary preparations, but, as the glucoside of cherry-laurel leaves is decomposed more slowly than ordinary crystallized amygdalin, it is liable to hold hydrocyanic acid, and hence to be poisonous. The glucoside referred to has been termed *laurocerasin*, or "amorphous amygdalin." It is decomposed by emulsion into hydrogen cyanide, benzaldehyde, and sugar, but more slowly than ordinary amygdalin. Its optical activity also differs from that of ordinary amygdalin. (Jacobsen, *Die Glycoside*, p. 25.) That the oil exists already formed, to a certain extent, in the fresh leaves, is rendered probable by the fact, stated by Winckler, that they yield it in considerable quantity when distilled without water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 195.) The fresh leaves are used to flavor milk, cream, etc., and more safely than the oil; though they also are poisonous, when too largely employed.

Medical Properties and Uses. The leaves of the cherry-laurel possess properties similar to those of hydrocyanic acid; and the water distilled from them is much employed in

* The extract may be made according to the U. S. formula for extract of rhubarb.

† From *Dublin Hosp. Gaz.*, April 15, 1858, and Jan. 15, 1859; *Med. Times and Gaz.*, Nov. 1859, p. 476; and *A. J. P.*, Nov. 1862, p. 556, etc.

various parts of Europe for the same purposes as that active medicine. But it is deteriorated by age, and therefore, as kept by pharmacists, must be of variable strength. Mr. J. Bröker, a Dutch pharmacologist, has satisfied himself, by numerous experiments, that the proportion of hydrocyanic acid in the leaves varies with the season, the age of the plant, the character of the soil and of the weather, and thinks that, in consequence of this variability, they are inferior for medical use to bitter almonds, which in this respect have a more uniform composition. He found the proportion of the acid in the leaves greatest in July, and least in February. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Oct. 1868, p. 517.) It is not, therefore, to be regretted that the want of the plant in this country has prevented the general introduction of so variable a remedy as the distilled water. (See *Aqua Lauro-Cerasi.*)

LEPTANDRA. U. S. Leptandra. [Culver's Root.]

(LĔP-TĂN'DRĄ.)

The rhizome and roots of Veronica Virginica, Linné (nat. ord. Scrophularineæ)." *U. S.*

Culver's Physic, Black Root; Racine de Leptandra, ou de Véronique de Virginie, *Fr.*; Leptandra-Wurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted, segments acuminate. *Corolla* tubular-campanulate, border four-lobed, a little ringent, unequal, the lower lamina narrower. *Stamens* and at length the *pistils* much exserted; filaments below, and tube of the corolla pubescent. *Capsule* ovate, acuminate, two-celled, many-seeded, opening at the summit. *Nuttall.*

Veronica virginica, Linn.; Gray, *Man. of Bot., etc.* p. 290.—*Leptandra virginica.* Nuttall, *Genera of N. Am. Plants*, i. 7; Rafinesque, *Med. Flora*, vol. ii. This plant, commonly called *Culver's root*, or *Culver's physic*, is an herbaceous perennial, with a simple, erect stem, three or four feet high, smooth or downy, furnished with leaves in whorls, and terminating in a long spike of white flowers. The leaves, of which there are from four to seven in each whorl, are lanceolate, pointed, and minutely serrate, and stand on short footstalks. A variety was seen by Pursh with purple flowers, which was described and figured as a distinct species by Rafinesque, under the name of *L. purpurea.* The plant flowers in July and August. It grows throughout the United States east of the Mississippi, affecting mountain meadows in the South and rich woods in the North, and is not unfrequently cultivated.

Properties. The root consists of a rhizome or root-stalk several inches in length, sometimes branched, with numerous long slender radicles. As found in commerce, the rhizome is usually broken into pieces an inch or more long, from two to four lines in thickness, either beset with the rootlets or very rough from their remains when broken, very hard and firm, and of difficult fracture, dark brown externally, light-colored and ligneous within. The rootlets are round, smooth, slender, generally broken, but, when not so, six inches or more in length, and almost black, being much darker colored than the caudex. The official description is as follows: "Of horizontal growth, from 10 to 15 Cm. long, and about 5 Mm. thick, somewhat flattened, bent and branched, deep blackish-brown, with cup-shaped scars on the upper side, hard, of a woody fracture, with a thin, blackish bark, a hard, yellowish wood, and a large, purplish-brown, about six-rayed pith; roots thin, wrinkled, very fragile; inodorous; taste bitter and feebly acrid." *U. S.* The odor is feeble and not disagreeable, the taste bitterish, somewhat nauseous, and feebly acrid. Water and alcohol extract the virtues of the root. According to Prof. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, it contains volatile oil, extractive, tannin, gum, resin, and a peculiar crystalline principle, to which the virtues of the medicine may be ascribed. To this principle the name of *leptandrin* properly belongs. Prof. F. F. Mayer confirmed the presence of the crystalline principle, and proved it to be a glucoside. Prof. Wayne obtained it by treating an infusion of the root with lead subacetate, filtering, precipitating the excess of lead by sodium carbonate, filtering to separate the lead carbonate, passing the filtered liquid through animal charcoal which absorbed all the active matter, washing the charcoal with water till the washings began to be bitter, then treating it with boiling alcohol, and allowing the alcoholic solution to evaporate spontaneously. By dissolving the powder thus obtained in water, treating this with ether, and allowing the ether to evaporate, needle-shaped crystals were obtained, which had the bitter taste of the root. The resinous matter obtained by making a tincture of the root and precipitating this with water has been improperly called leptandrin, and considered the active principle. The pure resin is probably inert; and the preparation referred to owes what activity it may possess to some of the true leptandrin associated with it. Leptandrin is soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. It has not been isolated for use. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1856, p. 34.) Subsequently Mr. Wayne obtained from the root a saccharine principle having the properties of *mannite.* (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 557.) G. Steinmann (*A. J. P.*, 1887,

p. 229) obtained pale lemon-yellow crystals of a peculiar agreeable odor and a very bitter taste. They were not precipitated from solution by Mayer's reagent or by tannin, and did not yield glucose on being boiled with dilute sulphuric acid.

Medical Properties. The recent root is said to act violently as a cathartic, and sometimes as an emetic. In the dried state it is much milder, but less certain. The practitioners calling themselves Eclectics consider it an excellent cholagogue, and use both the impure resin, which they call leptandrin, and the root itself as a substitute for mercurials.* Dr. A. P. Dutcher, of Cleveland, Ohio, has not found it to act decidedly on the liver, but believes that it has a special influence on the muciparous follicles of the intestines, and acts very advantageously in cases of *duodenal indigestion* and *chronic constipation*. (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*, March 28, 1868.) Prof. Rutherford, in his experiments upon dogs, found leptandrin to act rather feebly upon the liver. The full cathartic dose of the powder is from twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.); that of the impure resin referred to, from two to four grains (0·13–0·26 Gm.). Dr. J. Adolphus says that in the dose of from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.) the powder acts like rhubarb. On the same authority, from five to ten drops (0·3–0·6 C.c.) of a strong tincture, given every two hours, produce a mild aperient effect. (*Ibid.*, Jan. 11, 1868, p. 23.)

LIMONES. Lemons.

(LĮ-MŌ'NĒṢ.)

The fruit of Citrus Limonum.

Limons, Citrons, *Fr.;* Limonen, Citronen, *G.;* Limoni, *It.;* Limones, *Sp.*

LIMONIS CORTEX. U. S., Br. Lemon Peel.

(LĮ-MŌ'NĬS CÖR'TĔX.)

"The rind of the recent fruit of Citrus Limonum, Risso (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.* "The outer part of the rind or pericarp of the fresh fruit of Citrus Limonum, Risso." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Aurantiaceæ.)

Limonis Pericarpium; Cortex Fructus Citri, *P. G.;* Ecorce (Zeste) de Citron, de Limon, *Fr.;* Citronenschale, Limonenschale, *G.*

LIMONIS SUCCUS. U. S., Br. Lemon Juice.

(LĮ-MŌ'NĬS SŬC'CŲS.)

"The freshly expressed juice of the ripe fruit of Citrus Limonum, Risso (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.* "The freshly expressed juice of the ripe fruit of Citrus Limonum, D. C." *Br.*

Succus Citri; Lime Juice; Suc de Citron (de Limon), *Fr.;* Citronensaft, Limonensaft, *G.*

For some general remarks on the genus CITRUS, see *Aurantii Cortex.*

Citrus medica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1426; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 582, t. 189. This tree closely resembles *Citrus aurantium*, before described. The leaves, however, are larger, slightly indented at the edges, and stand upon footstalks which are destitute of the winged appendages that characterize the other species. The flowers, moreover, have a purplish tinge on their outer surface, and the fruit is entirely different in appearance from the orange. There are several varieties of *Citrus medica*, which some botanists consider as distinct species, but which scarcely differ except in the character of their fruit. Those particularly deserving of notice are the citron, lemon, and lime. 1. In the *citron*, *C. medica* of Risso (*Bentley & Trimen*, p. 53), the fruit is very large, sometimes six inches in length, ovoidal, with a double rind, of which the outer layer is yellowish, thin, unequal, rugged, with innumerable vesicles filled with essential oil; the inner is white, very thick and spongy. It is divided in the interior into nine or ten cells, filled with oblong vesicles, which contain an acid juice precisely like that of the lemon, and used for the same purposes. The rind is applied to the preparation of conserves, to which it is adapted by its thickness. The fruit is called *cédrat* by the French. 2. The *lemon* (*C. medica*, var. *limon* of Linnæus, *Citrus limonum* of Risso) (*Bentley & Trimen*, p. 54) is smaller than the preceding, with a smoother and thinner rind, a pointed nipple-shaped summit, and a very juicy, acid pulp. In other respects it closely resembles the citron, to which, however, it is usually preferred in consequence of the greater abundance of its juice. 3. The *lime* is still smaller than the lemon, with a smoother and thinner rind, oval, rounded at the extremities, of a pale-yellow or greenish-yellow color, and abounding in a very acid juice, which renders it highly useful for the purposes to which the lemon is applied. It is the product of the variety *C. acris* of Miller.

* Prof. J. U. Lloyd communicated a process for resin of leptandra (or leptandrin) to the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1880. (See *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 491.)

The *Citrus medica*, like the orange-tree, is a native of Asia. It is now known to grow wild in Northern India, and was introduced into Europe from Persia or Media. It was first cultivated in Greece, afterwards in Italy, as early as the second century, and has now spread over the whole civilized world, being raised by artificial heat where the climate is too cold to admit of its exposure during winter to the open air.

We are supplied with lemons and limes chiefly from the West Indies and the Mediterranean. Though the former of these fruits only is directed by the United States Pharmacopœia, both kinds are employed indiscriminately for most medicinal purposes; and the lime affords a juice at least equal, in proportional quantity and acidity, to that obtained from the lemon.

As lemons rapidly deteriorate on keeping, if exposed to the air, the suggestions of protecting them by dipping them in melted paraffin, or by using a varnish of shellac dissolved in alcohol, made by Mr. George Mee, of London, are not without value. Mr. Mee found that lemons thus covered with varnish continued sound for many months. (See *A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 474.)

Properties. The exterior rind of the lemon has a fragrant odor, and a warm, aromatic, bitter taste, somewhat similar to that of the orange, though less agreeable. It is usually found in narrow, thin bands, with very little of the spongy, white, inner layer adhering to it. "The spongy, inner layer usually present in the segments should be removed before the Lemon Peel is used." *U. S.* It contains a bitter principle, and yields, by expression or distillation, an essential oil, which is much used for its flavor. Both this and the rind itself are recognized in the Pharmacopœias. (See *Oleum Limonis.*) When the white, spongy portion of the rind is boiled in water, and the decoction evaporated, crystals are deposited of a substance called *hesperidin*. This is a glucoside, and has the formula $C_{22}H_{28}O_{12}$, and is decomposed by dilute acids into hesperetin, $C_{16}H_{14}O_6$, and glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$. It turns dingy black when gently warmed with alcoholic solution of ferric chloride. It is bitter, but, as it is found most largely in the spongy and comparatively tasteless part of the rind, it may be doubted whether it is entitled to be considered as the active bitter principle. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 553.) Lemon peel yields its virtues to water, wine, and alcohol. The juice is the part for which the fruit is most esteemed. It is sharply acid, with a peculiar grateful flavor, and consists chiefly of citric acid (some 10 per cent.), gum and sugar (3 to 4 per cent.), and inorganic salts (2·28 per cent.). It sometimes has in it a little volatile oil, derived by pressure from the rind. The U. S. P. gives the following standard tests: "Specific gravity: not less than 1·030 at 15° C. (59° F.). It has an acid reaction upon litmus paper, due to the presence of about 7 per cent. of citric acid. On evaporating 100 Gm. of the juice to dryness, and igniting the residue, not more than 0·5 Gm. of ash should remain." *U. S.* As lemons cannot always be obtained, the juice is often kept in a separate state; but, from its liability to spontaneous decomposition, it speedily becomes unfit for medical use, and, though various means have been resorted to for its preservation, it can never be made to retain for any length of time its original flavor unaltered. The best substitute for lemon juice is a solution of crystallized citric acid in water, in the proportion of about an ounce to the pint, with the addition of a little oil of lemon; but even this solution is nearly useless as an antiscorbutic. One of the most effectual methods of preserving the juice is to allow it to stand for a short time after expression, till a coagulable matter separates, then to filter, and introduce it into glass bottles, with a stratum of almond oil or other sweet oil upon its surface. It will keep still better if the bottles containing the filtered juice be suffered, before being closed, to stand for fifteen minutes in a vessel of boiling water. Another mode is to add one-tenth of alcohol and to filter. The juice may also be preserved by concentrating it either by evaporation with a gentle heat, or by exposure to a freezing temperature, which congeals the watery portion and leaves the juice much stronger than before. When used, it may be diluted to the former strength; but, though the acid properties are retained, the flavor of the juice is found to have been deteriorated. Lemon syrup is another form in which the juice is preserved.

The British Pharmacopœia gives the sp. gr. of lemon juice at 1·035 to 1·045, and the quantity of citric acid in a fluidounce of it, 36 to 46 grains. Mr. W. W. Stoddart found, in lemons from six different sources, an average of 42·53 grains in an ounce of the juice, and a mean sp. gr. of 1·044. By other authorities the proportions are given very differently. Thus, Mr. Watts gives 20·5 grains to the ounce, or 4·7 per cent. of the juice. But the fact is that the quantity of acid varies very greatly. Mr. Stoddart found it to diminish rapidly with the advance of summer, with little change in the sp. gr. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1868.) A solution of tartaric acid in water, with the addition of a little sulphuric acid, and flavored with the oil of lemon, has been fraudulently substituted for lemon juice, particularly as an antiscorbutic on

long voyages, for which purpose it is quite useless. An application of the test for tartaric and sulphuric acids will at once detect the fraud.

Medical Properties and Uses. The rind of the lemon is sometimes used to qualify the taste and increase the power of stomachic infusions and tinctures. The juice is refrigerant, and, properly diluted, forms a refreshing and agreeable beverage in *febrile* and *inflammatory affections*. It may be given with sweetened water in the shape of lemonade, or may be added to the mildly nutritive drinks, such as gum-water, barley-water, etc., usually administered in *fevers*. It is also much employed in the formation of those diaphoretic preparations known by the names of *neutral mixture* and *effervescing draught*. (See *Mistura Potassii Citratis*, 1880.) One of the most beneficial applications of lemon juice is to the prevention and cure of *scurvy*, for which it may be considered almost a specific. For this purpose, ships destined for long voyages should always be provided with a supply of the concentrated juice. In England every foreign-going ship is required by law to take such a supply of lemon juice that every seaman shall have a daily allowance of an ounce after having been ten days at sea. It has been employed with advantage in *acute rheumatism* in doses of from one to four fluidounces (30–120 C.c.) from four to six times a day. It has been used with benefit as a local application in *pruritus of the scrotum*, in *uterine hemorrhage* after delivery, in *sunburn*,* and as a gargle in *diphtheritic sore throat*.

LINIMENTA. Liniments.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TĂ.)

Embrocations, *E., Fr.;* Linimente, Einreibungen, *G.*

These are preparations intended for external use, of such a consistence as to render them conveniently applicable to the skin by gentle friction with the hand. The former official preparations belonging to this class which have been omitted in the present editions of the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias are the *Liniments of Cantharides* and *Subacetate of Lead*, U. S., *Verdigris*, Lond., and *Sesquicarbonate of Ammonium*, Lond.; the *Compound Liniment of Ammonia*, Ed.; and the *Simple Liniment*, Ed.

LINIMENTUM ACONITI. Br. Liniment of Aconite.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TŬM ĂC-Ō-NĪ'TĪ.)

Liniment d'Aconit, *Fr.;* Akonitliniment, *G.*

"Take of Aconite Root, in No. 40 powder, *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Camphor *one ounce* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency* to make thirty fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Aconite with twenty fluidounces of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for three days, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the liquor ceases to pass, continue the percolation with more of the Spirit, allowing the liquor to drop into a receiver containing the Camphor, until the product measures the quantity above stated." *Br.*

The British preparation is simply a very strong tincture of aconite root and camphor; that of the U. S. P. 1870† is almost equivalent to a fluid extract of aconite. Either may be applied alone by means of a camel's-hair pencil, or in connection with two parts or more of soap liniment or chloroform liniment, by rubbing it on the part affected. Experiments made by Mr. W. Donovan with a tincture prepared by macerating the fresh root, sliced, in rectified spirit for only twenty-four hours, proved that the preparation thus made, though acting in the same way, was much more powerful than the official (*Br.*). (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vi. 57.) The inference is that the fresh root should be used in preparing this liniment, and that a simple maceration is all that is required. There is a great waste both of aconite and of spirit in the process, as no provision is made, either by displacement with water or by expression, to separate from the mass in the percolator the strongly impregnated spirit retained in it. According to Mr. J. T. Porter, it requires twenty-eight parts, by measure, for every sixteen parts, by weight, of the dry root. On expressing the marc the loss of spirit was reduced to from six to twelve per cent. (*Ibid.*, xi. 66.) The present official liniment differs from that of the former Pharmacopœia in having thirty fluidounces for the end product instead of twenty: a note in the Pharmacopœia, stating that improved exhaustion of the roots requires the increased pro-

* An excellent formula for this purpose is: glycerin and lemon juice, each, a fluidounce, bismuth subnitrate one drachm; to be applied freely to the affected parts.

† *Linimentum Aconiti*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Aconite Root, in fine powder, *eight troyounces;* Glycerin *a fluidounce;* Alcohol *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with four fluidounces of Alcohol, and let it macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it in a conical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it until two pints of tincture have been obtained. Distil off a pint and a half of alcohol, and evaporate the remainder until it measures seven fluidounces; to this add the Glycerin, and mix them thoroughly."

portion of product as compared with that of B. P. 1867, does not satisfactorily account for weakening this liniment; it is to be regretted that percolation to exhaustion and partial evaporation were not directed, as in the U. S. process for fluid extracts.

LINIMENTUM AMMONIÆ. U. S., Br. Ammonia Liniment.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM ĄM-MŌ'NĪ-Æ.)

Volatile Liniment; Linimentum Ammoniatum, *P. G.;* Linimentum volatile, Linimentum ammoniacale; Liniment ammoniacal (volatil), Savon ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Flüchtiges Liniment, Flüchtige Salbe, *G.*

"Ammonia Water, *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims]; Alcohol, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Cotton Seed Oil, *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them by agitation in a bottle, which should be well stoppered. This Liniment should be freshly prepared, when wanted." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Ammonia *one fluidounce;* Olive Oil *three fluidounces.* Mix with agitation until the thick emulsion at first produced becomes of such consistence that it can be poured from a bottle." *Br.*

The process of the U. S. Pharmacopœia differs from that of the U. S. P. 1870 not only in the proportion of ammonia water, which has been slightly reduced, but in the substitution of cotton seed oil for olive oil. The addition of five per cent. of alcohol prevents immediate separation, renders the mixture more uniform, and aids materially in binding together the oily and aqueous constituents. A liniment is now furnished which is liquid at ordinary temperatures. The ammonia liniment of the U. S. P. 1870 was usually solid and unmanageable. Whilst complete saponification is not a desideratum in this liniment, a better oil than cotton seed oil is lard oil, which will form a white, smooth mixture.

The U. S. and British Pharmacopœias agree at present very nearly in the strength of this liniment; the U. S. preparation being somewhat the stronger. In the process, the ammonia reacts with the oil to form a soap, which is partly dissolved, partly suspended in the water, producing a white, opaque emulsion. The liniment is an excellent rubefacient, frequently employed in *inflammatory affections of the throat*, in *catarrhal and other pectoral complaints of children*, and in *rheumatic pains.* It is applied by rubbing it, or placing a piece of flannel saturated with it, over the affected part. Should it occasion too much inflammation, it must be diluted with oil.

LINIMENTUM BELLADONNÆ. U. S., Br. Belladonna Liniment.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ.)

Liniment de Belladone, *Fr.;* Belladonna-Liniment, *G.*

"Camphor, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Fluid Extract of Belladonna Root, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Camphor in about *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the Fluid Extract, and then add enough of the latter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Belladonna Root, in No. 40 powder, *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Camphor *one ounce* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency* to make thirty fluidounces. Mix the Belladonna with twenty fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit, and macerate in a closed vessel for three days, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the liquor ceases to pass, continue the percolation with more of the Spirit, allowing the liquor to drop into a receiver containing the Camphor, until the product measures the quantity above stated." *Br.*

This liniment is identical with the Liniment of Belladonna of the British Pharmacopœia, which is prepared from belladonna root precisely as the Liniment of Aconite is prepared from aconite root; and the same remarks are applicable as to its strength and use,—especially in relation to the waste incurred in the process. According to Mr. C. Umney, not more than 40 per cent. of the active matter of the belladonna root is extracted. (*P. J. Tr.*, v. 281.)

LINIMENTUM CALCIS. U. S., Br. Lime Liniment. [Carron Oil.]

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM CĂL'CIS.)

Liniment of Lime; Liniment calcaire, Savon calcaire, *Fr.;* Kalkliniment, *G.*

"Solution of Lime, Linseed Oil, of each, *one volume.* Mix them by agitation." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Lime, Olive Oil, of each, *two fluidounces.* Mix together with agitation." *Br.*

The lime forms a soap with the oil, of which there is a great excess, that separates upon

standing. Olive oil, as directed by the British Pharmacopœia, is often substituted for that of flaxseed, which was originally used, but it possesses no other advantage than that of having a less unpleasant odor. The use of cotton seed oil in the U. S. P. 1880 did not meet the expectations of those who proposed it, and the U. S. P. 1890 has reinstated linseed oil. This is a very useful application in recent *burns* and *scalds*, when smeared thickly upon lint or cotton batting. It is sometimes called *Carron oil*, from having been much employed at the Carron iron-works in Scotland.

LINIMENTUM CAMPHORÆ. U. S., Br. Camphor Liniment.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TŬM CĂM'PHŌ-RÆ.)

Linimentum Camphoratum, Oleum Camphoratum; Camphorated Oil; Liniment camphré, Huile camphrée, *Fr.;* Kampferliniment, *G.*

"Camphor, in coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Cotton Seed Oil, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or about two pints]. Introduce the Camphor and the Cotton Seed Oil into a suitable flask, and apply a gentle heat, by means of a water-bath, loosely stoppering the flask during the operation. Agitate from time to time, until the Camphor is dissolved." *U. S.*

"Take of Camphor *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Olive Oil *four fluidounces.* Dissolve the Camphor in the Oil." *Br.*

This is employed as an anodyne embrocation in *sprains*, *bruises*, *rheumatic or gouty affections of the joints*, and other local pains. It is also supposed to have a discutient effect when rubbed upon glandular swellings. J. Weichselbaum has found camphor liniment to be a specific for the itching produced by cowhage. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 519.)

LINIMENTUM CAMPHORÆ COMPOSITUM. Br. Compound Liniment of Camphor.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TŬM CĂM'PHŌ-RÆ CŌM-PŎS'Ĭ-TŬM.)

Liniment camphré ammoniacal, *Fr.;* Ammoniak- und Kampfer-Liniment, *G.*

"Take of Camphor *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Oil of Lavender *one fluidrachm;* Strong Solution of Ammonia *five fluidounces;* Rectified Spirit *fifteen fluidounces.* Dissolve the Camphor and Oil of Lavender in the Spirit; then add the Solution of Ammonia gradually, shaking them together until a clear solution is formed." *Br.*

This is used as a rubefacient and at the same time anodyne embrocation in local pains, particularly of a rheumatic character.

LINIMENTUM CHLOROFORMI. U. S., Br. Chloroform Liniment.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TŬM ȻHLŌ-RŌ-FÖR'MĪ.)

Liniment au Chloroforme, *Fr.;* Chloroform-Liniment, *G.*

"Chloroform, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims]; Soap Liniment, *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them by agitation." *U. S.*

"Take of Chloroform, Liniment of Camphor, of each, *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix." *Br.*

A very great improvement was made in this preparation by the Committee of Revision of 1880, in the substitution of soap liniment for the olive oil. This change had been proposed in a previous edition of this Dispensatory, and it was desirable on account of the greasy residue which was left on the skin by the old preparation. The British Pharmacopœia has retained the oily vehicle. This is an excellent local application in painful affections. As the chloroform rapidly evaporates, it is desirable, in order to obtain its full anodyne effect, to guard against this by using waxed paper, or some other impermeable covering.

LINIMENTUM CROTONIS. Br. Liniment of Croton Oil.

(LĬN-Ĭ-MĔN'TŬM CRŌ-TŌ'NĬS.)

Liniment crotonné, *Fr.;* Krotonöl-Liniment, *G.*

"Take of Croton Oil *one fluidounce;* Oil of Cajuput, Rectified Spirit, of each, *three fluidounces and a half.* Mix." *Br.*

This is a pustulating preparation, the irritant influence of which has been increased by the substitution of the oil of cajuput and the spirit, for the olive oil of the original formula. From ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.) or more may be rubbed upon a limited surface, and repeated twice a day or oftener till an eruption is produced.

LINIMENTUM HYDRARGYRI. Br. Liniment of Mercury.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM HĬ-DRÄR'ĢĬ-RĪ.)

Linimentum Mercuriale; Liniment mercuriel, *Fr.;* Quecksilber-Liniment, *G.*

"Take of Ointment of Mercury *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia, Liniment of Camphor, of each, *one fluidounce.* Mix the Solution of Ammonia with one-half of the Liniment of Camphor; rub the Mercurial Ointment with the other half; then mix them together." *Br.*

This is a stimulating liniment, employed for the discussion of chronic glandular enlargements, swellings of the joints, and venereal tumors, and to promote the absorption of fluid. It is said to be more apt to salivate than mercurial ointment. One drachm (3·7 C.c.) may be rubbed upon the affected part night and morning. It should be thoroughly agitated before being applied.

LINIMENTUM IODI. Br. Liniment of Iodine.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM Ī-Ō'DĪ.)

Liniment iodure, *Fr.;* Jodliniment, *G.*

"Take of Iodine *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Iodide of Potassium *half an ounce* [av.]; Glycerine *one-fourth of an ounce* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve the Iodine, Iodide of Potassium, and Glycerine in the Spirit." *Br.*

This is an alcoholic solution of iodine, in which the potassium iodide acts by increasing the solubility of the active ingredient. The camphor of the Pharmacopœia has been replaced with advantage by an equal amount of glycerin. (See *Iodum.*)

LINIMENTUM OPII. Br. Liniment of Opium.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM Ō'PĪ-Ī.)

Anodyne Liniment; Liniment opiacé, *Fr.;* Opiumliniment, *G.*

"Take of Tincture of Opium, Liniment of Soap, of each, *two fluidounces.* Mix and filter." *Br.*

This is commonly called *anodyne liniment*, and is employed as an anodyne and gently rubefacient embrocation in *sprains*, *bruises*, and *rheumatic* or *gouty pains.* We are informed that the preparation which has been commonly used under the name of *anodyne liniment* is that of the late London Pharmacopœia, as given in former editions of the U. S. Dispensatory, consisting of one part by measure of tincture of opium and three parts of soap liniment, and consequently having only half the opiate strength of the present British liniment.

LINIMENTUM POTASSII IODIDI CUM SAPONE. Br. Liniment of Iodide of Potassium and Soap.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM PŌ-TĂS'SĪ-Ī Ī-ŌD'Ī-DĪ CŬM SĀ-PŌ'NĒ.)

Liniment savonneux iodure, *Fr.;* Jodkalium-Seifenliniment, *G.*

"Take of Curd Soap, cut small, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Iodide of Potassium *one ounce and a half* [av.]; Glycerine *one fluidounce* [Imp. meas.]; Oil of Lemon *one fluidrachm;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Reduce the Soap to fine shreds, and mix this with the Water and Glycerine, in a porcelain dish, over a water-bath. When the Soap is dissolved, pour the liquid into a mortar in which the Iodide of Potassium has previously been powdered. Mix briskly, and continue the trituration until the mixture is cold. Set aside for an hour; then rub well the Oil of Lemon into the cream-like product." *Br.*

This preparation is apparently intended, by application to the surface, which may be attended with a gentle friction, to produce the absorption of the iodide, and thus to obtain its alterative and deobstruent effects through the circulation. The soap and glycerin act as demulcents, and thus obviate in some measure the local irritation of the salt.*

* It seems to have been clearly established by the discussion carried on in *P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi., that Castile soap, and even individual brands of soap, vary so much that it is impossible to get uniform results from the former official process, the preparation sometimes being beautifully transparent and jelly-like, at other times opaque and ointment-like. Various remedies were proposed, but finally Mr. N. Smith called attention to the fact that the formula adopted by the reviewers of the Pharmacopœia differs from the original one of Dr. Rumsey. This Mr. Smith states to be as follows: "Take of White Curd Soap (made from Russian tallow) two ounces; Potassium Iodide one ounce and a half; Glycerin one ounce; Distilled Water ten ounces; Essential Oil of Lemon one drachm. Reduce the Soap into fine shreds, and melt in a water-bath, with the whole of the Water and the Glycerin; when the Soap is perfectly dissolved, pour it into a No. 9 Wedgwood mortar in which the potassium iodide has been previously reduced to fine powder; mix briskly, and continue the trituration until the mortar has become cool and the liniment assumes the character of ice-cream. Set aside for an hour, after which gently rub in the Oil of Lemon." It will be noticed that Dr. Rumsey's process has been practically adopted by the present British Pharmacopœia.

LINIMENTUM SAPONIS. U. S., Br. Soap Liniment.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM SĀ-PŌ'NĬS.)

Tinctura Saponis Camphorata, *U. S.* 1850; Camphorated Tincture of Soap; Linimentum Saponato-Camphoratum Liquidum, *P. G.;* Liquid Opodeldoc; Liniment savonneux camphré, *Fr.;* Flüssiger Opodeldok, *G.*

"Soap, in fine powder, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Camphor, in small pieces, *forty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 257 grains]; Oil of Rosemary, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Alcohol, *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Introduce the Camphor and the Alcohol into a suitable bottle, and shake until the Camphor is dissolved. Then add the Soap and Oil of Rosemary, and shake the bottle well for a few minutes. Lastly, add enough Water to make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and again shake until the liquid becomes clear. Set it aside, in a cool place, for twenty-four hours, then filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Hard Soap, in fine shavings, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Camphor *one ounce* [av.]; Oil of Rosemary *three fluidrachms* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Water with the Spirit, and add the Oil of Rosemary, the Soap, and the Camphor. Macerate for seven days at a temperature not exceeding 70° F. (21°·1 C.), with occasional agitation, and filter." *Br.*

This process is intended to furnish a saturated solution of Castile soap. The recommendation in the 16th edition of this Dispensatory, that powdered soap be used in preference to soap in shavings in this liniment, has been adopted by the U. S. P. 1890, for powdered soap does not vary greatly in the proportion of water left in it; the process is one recommended by Prof. Geo. W. Sloan, of Indianapolis, and if all the details of the process are carefully followed it is a great improvement over that of the U. S. P. 1880. The British preparation is not so alcoholic as the one formerly official, the quantity of spirit being reduced ten per cent.; the proportion of soap and camphor has also been diminished: these changes make a liniment less liable to precipitation. In 1859, Mr. Dean showed that sodium oleate is freely soluble in alcohol, while the palmitate is nearly insoluble, consequently the latter salt is left behind in the British process. Although olive oil contains a large percentage of olein, yet it has been proposed to substitute almond oil,* for it is still richer. The economy of this is, however, very doubtful. Castor oil has also been suggested. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 529.) G. H. Barckhausen states that the potassa soaps are perfectly soluble in alcohol, and suggests rape-seed oil as a good base. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 17.)

In former editions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, this preparation, though commonly called *Soap Liniment*, received the name of *Tinctura Saponis Camphorata*, to distinguish it from a similar preparation called *Opodeldoc*, which, having a soft semi-solid consistence, held the title *Linimentum Saponis Camphoratum.*†

Soap Liniment is much used, as an anodyne and gently rubefacient embrocation, in *sprains*, *bruises*, and *rheumatic* or *gouty pains.*

LINIMENTUM SAPONIS MOLLIS. U. S. Liniment of Soft Soap.

[Tinctura Saponis Viridis, Pharm. 1880.]

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TŬM SĀ-PŌ'NĬS MŎL'LĬS.)

"Soft Soap, *six hundred and fifty grammes* [or 22 ounces av., 406 grains]; Oil of Lavender Flowers, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Alcohol, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Oil of Lavender Flowers with the Alcohol, dissolve in this the Soft Soap by stirring or agitation, and set the solution aside for twenty-four hours. Then filter it through paper, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

* A formula for making almond oil soap on the small scale may be found in *P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi. 417.

† *Opodeldoc.* "Take of Common Soap, sliced, *three ounces;* Camphor *an ounce;* Oil of Rosemary, Oil of Origanum, each, *a fluidrachm;* Alcohol *a pint.* Digest the Soap with the Alcohol, by means of a sand-bath, till dissolved; then add the Camphor and Oils, and, when they are dissolved, pour the liquid into broad-mouthed bottles. This liniment has, when cold, the consistence of a soft ointment." *U. S. P.* 1850.

This preparation differs from the official Linimentum Saponis chiefly in being prepared with common white soap, made with animal fat, instead of Castile soap, which is made of olive oil. The former is peculiarly adapted to the purposes of this formula, in consequence of assuming, when its alcoholic solution cools, the consistence characteristic of the liniment. It is customary after the solution of the soap has been effected to pour the liquid into small wide-mouthed glass bottles, containing about four fluidounces, in which it concretes into a soft, translucent, uniform, yellowish-white mass. This liniment melts with the heat of the body.

This is the *tincture of green soap* of Prof. Hebra under a new name: it should never have been called Tinctura Saponis Viridis, as it belongs clearly in the class of liniments and is always used externally.

LINIMENTUM SINAPIS COMPOSITUM. U. S., Br. Compound Liniment of Mustard.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM SĪ-NĀ'PĬS CŌM-PŌS'Ī-TŬM.)

Liniment sinapisé composé, *Fr.;* **Zusammengesetztes Senfliniment,** *G.*

"Volatile Oil of Mustard, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Fluid Extract of Mezereum, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Camphor, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Castor Oil, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Camphor in *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol, and add the Fluid Extract of Mezereum; then add the Oil of Mustard and the Castor Oil and, finally, enough Alcohol to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Mustard *one fluidrachm;* Ethereal Extract of Mezereon *forty grains;* Camphor *one hundred and twenty grains;* Castor Oil *five fluidrachms;* Rectified Spirit *four fluidounces.* Dissolve the Extract of Mezereon and Camphor in the Spirit, and add the Oil of Mustard and Castor Oil." *Br.*

This preparation is slightly weaker than the British. It affords a convenient method of applying the volatile oil of mustard, and may often be appropriately used as a substitute for sinapisms. The extract of mezereon is also a very energetic irritant. The castor oil seems to be added in order to increase somewhat the consistence of the liniment, and was probably chosen from among oleaginous substances in consequence of its solubility in alcohol. The effect is increased if the liniment be applied on flannel, and volatilization guarded against by covering it with oiled silk. For the circumstances calling for the use of this liniment, see *Sinapis.*

LINIMENTUM TEREBINTHINÆ. U. S., Br. Turpentine Liniment.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĪ-NÆ.)

Liniment térébenthiné, *Fr.;* **Terpentinliniment,** *G.*

"Resin Cerate, *six hundred and fifty grammes* [or 22 ounces av., 406 grains]; Oil of Turpentine, *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the Resin Cerate in a capsule, on a water-bath, then add the Oil of Turpentine, and mix them thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Soft Soap *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Camphor *one ounce* [av.]; Oil of Turpentine *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Soap with the Water, dissolve the Camphor in the Oil of Turpentine, then rub these together until they are thoroughly mixed." *Br.*

The U. S. preparation is the liniment originally proposed by Dr. Kentish, and subsequently so highly lauded as a remedy in *burns* and *scalds.* It should be applied as soon after the occurrence of the accident as possible, and should be discontinued when the peculiar inflammation excited by the fire is removed. The best mode of application is to cover the burnt or scalded surface with pledgets of patent lint saturated with the liniment. It should not be allowed to come in contact with the sound parts. This liniment may also be successfully applied in other cases of cutaneous inflammation requiring stimulation, as in certain conditions of *erysipelas.* The present British preparation, so far as regards its rubefacient operation, may be looked upon as almost undiluted oil of turpentine; the soft soap having little other effect than to give consistence to the liniment, and the camphor acting as an anodyne, and both being too small in bulk to dilute the oil materially. It is a very ineligible and variable preparation.

LINIMENTUM TEREBINTHINÆ ACETICUM. Br. Liniment of Turpentine and Acetic Acid.

(LĬN-Ī-MĔN'TUM TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĪ-NÆ Ā-CĔT'Ī-CŬM.)

Liniment térébenthiné acétique, *Fr.;* **Terpentin- und Essig-Liniment,** *G.*

"Take of Oil of Turpentine *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Glacial Acetic Acid *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Liniment of Camphor *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix." *Br.*

This is a powerful rubefacient liniment, combining the irritant properties of the oil of tur-

pentine and acetic acid, though somewhat diluted by the camphor liniment.* Glacial acetic acid has been substituted for acetic acid in the last revision in equivalent proportion: the change is an improvement pharmaceutically, as it now affords a clear solution.

LINUM. U. S. (Br.) Linseed. [Flaxseed.]

(LĪ'NŬM.)

"The seed of Linum usitatissimum, Linné (nat. ord. Lineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of Linum usitatissimum, Linn." *Br.*

Lini Semina, *Br.;* Linseed; Semen Lini, *P. G.;* Grains de Lin, Semence de Lin, *Fr.;* Leinsame, Flachssamen, *G.;* Semi di Lino, *It.;* Linaza, *Sp.*

LINI FARINA. Br. Linseed Meal. [Flaxseed Meal.]

(LĪ'NĪ FA-RĪ'NA.)

"Linseed reduced to powder." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-leaved. *Petals* five. *Capsule* five-valved, ten-celled. *Seeds* solitary. *Willd.*

Linum usitatissimum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1533; *B. & T.* 39. Common flax is an annual plant, with an erect, slender, round stem, about two feet in height, branching at top, and, like all other parts of the plant, entirely smooth. The leaves are small, lanceolate, acute, entire, of a pale-green color, sessile, and scattered alternately over the stem and branches. The flowers are terminal, and of a delicate-blue color. The calyx is persistent, and composed of five ovate, sharp-pointed, three-nerved leaflets, which are membranous on their border. The petals are five, obovate, striated, minutely scalloped at their extremities, and spread into funnel-shaped blossoms. The filaments are also five, united at the base; and the germ, which is ovate, supports five slender styles, terminating in obtuse stigmas. The fruit is a globular capsule, about the size of a small pea, having the persistent calyx at the base, crowned with a sharp spine, and containing ten seeds in distinct cells. This highly valuable plant, now almost everywhere cultivated, is said by some to have been originally derived from Egypt, by others from the great elevated plain of Central Asia. It flowers in June and July, and ripens its seeds in August.†

The seeds are oval, oblong, flattened on both sides, with acute edges, somewhat pointed at one end, one to two lines in length, smooth, glossy, brown externally, and yellowish white within, "covered with a transparent, mucilaginous epithelium, which swells considerably in water; the embryo whitish or pale greenish, with two large, oily, plano-convex cotyledons, and a thin perisperm." *U. S.* They are inodorous, and have an oily mucilaginous taste. Meyer found in them fixed oil, wax, resin, extractive, tannin, gum, nitrogenous mucilage, starch, albumen, gluten, and various salts. M. Meurein could find no starch, but detected phosphates, which had escaped the notice of Meyer. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xx. 97.) Their investing coat abounds in a peculiar gummy matter or mucilage, which is readily imparted to hot water, forming a thick viscid fluid, that lets fall white flakes upon the addition of alcohol, and affords a copious dense precipitate with lead subacetate. The viscid mucilage of linseed cannot be filtered until it has been boiled. It contains in the dry state more than 10 per cent. of mineral substances; when freed from these and dried at 110° C., it corresponds, like althæa-mucilage, to the formula $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$. The seeds by exhaustion with cold or warm water afford of it about 15 per cent. By boiling with nitric acid, it yields crystals of mucic acid; by dilute mineral acids, it is broken up into dextrogyre gum, sugar, and cellulose. (Kirchner and Tollens, *Ann. der Chem.*, 175, p. 215.) Linseed contains about 4 per cent. of nitrogen, corresponding to about 25 per cent. of protein substances. After expression of the oil these substances remain in the cake, so that the latter contains 5 per cent. of nitrogen and constitutes a very important article for feeding cattle. In the ripe state linseed is altogether destitute of starch,

* *St. John Long's Liniment.* Under this name a liniment is often used which is made as follows: "Take the yolk of one egg, 5 fluidrachms of Acetic Acid, 3 fluidounces of Oil of Turpentine, 2½ fluidounces of Rose Water, and ½ fluidrachm of Oil of Lemon. Make an emulsion."

† The linseeds in commerce have been divided by Mr. E. M. Holmes into two groups. The first group, characterized by the seeds being of sufficient size for six or seven to weigh a grain, contains Bombay, Bold Calcutta, Sicilian, and Ionian seed; in the group of small seeds (10 to 12 to the grain) are English, Dutch, Russian, and ordinary Calcutta varieties. An important practical point noticed by Mr. Holmes is that many of these seeds are apparently purposely adulterated with weed seeds, which are nearly always smaller than the linseeds, and can therefore be separated by the sieve. When linseed meal is to be made for medical use, this separation should always be insisted upon, as many of the weed seeds are from Cruciferæ, and are irritating. For detailed information as to varieties of linseed, weed seeds, etc., the reader is referred to Mr. Holmes's paper. (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1881; also *N. R.*, 1881.)

though this substance is found in the immature seed in the very cells which subsequently yield the mucilage. The mucilage may be considered, as in analogous cases, to be a product of the transformation of starch. (Flückiger, *Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 99.) The interior of the seed, or nucleus, is rich in a peculiar oil, which is separated by expression, and extensively employed in the arts. (See *Oleum Lini*.)

The ground seeds are found in commerce under the name of *flaxseed meal*. This is of a dark-gray color, highly oleaginous, and when mixed with hot water forms a soft adhesive mass, much employed for luting by practical chemists. "*Ground Linseed* (Linseed Meal, or Flaxseed Meal), for medicinal purposes, should be recently prepared, free from unpleasant or rancid odor. When extracted with carbon disulphide, it should yield not less than 25 per cent. of fixed oil.* The filtered infusion of Ground Linseed, prepared with boiling water and allowed to cool, has an insipid, mucilaginous taste, and should not be colored blue by iodine test-solution (absence of *starch*)." *U. S.* The cake remaining after the expression of the oil, usually called *oil-cake*, or, when ground, *cake-meal*, retains the mucilaginous matter of the envelope, and affords a nutritious food for cattle. The average composition of linseed oil-cake is thus given by Schaedler (*Technologie der Fette und Oele*, 1883): moisture, 10·56 per cent.; oil, 9·83 per cent.; non-nitrogenous fibre, 44·61 per cent.; ash, 6·5 per cent.; proteid matter, 28·5 per cent. Much of the linseed meal of commerce is simply cake-meal, which was, indeed, official in the former Br. Ph.; but such meal is unfit for medicinal use, not only because it contains very little oil, but also because the oil which is in it has, through rupture of the cells and partial expression, been so exposed to the air as to produce rancidity. Linseed meal is sometimes adulterated with corn meal, or other meals containing starch, whose presence is at once revealed by the iodine test.

Medical Properties and Uses. Flaxseed is demulcent and emollient. The mucilage obtained by infusing the entire seeds in boiling water, in the proportion of half an ounce to the pint, is much and very advantageously employed in *catarrh*, *dysentery*, *nephritic* and *calculous complaints*, *strangury*, and other inflammatory affections of the mucous membranes of the lungs, intestines, and urinary passages. By decoction water extracts a portion of the oleaginous matter, which renders the mucilage less fit for administration by the mouth, but superior as a laxative enema. The meal mixed with hot water forms an excellent emollient poultice.

LIQUORES. Solutions.

(LI-QUŌ'RĒS—lę-kwō'rēz.)

Solutés, *Fr.*; Lösungen, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia includes in this class of preparations all *aqueous* solutions without sugar in which the substance acted on is wholly soluble in water, excluding those in which the dissolved matter is gaseous or very volatile, as in the Aquæ, or Waters.

Although several changes were made in the strength of preparations of this class in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 for the sake of round numbers and to adjust the relative quantity of solid to the solvent, so as to avoid fractions in the percentages, yet it was a question whether these were advantages sufficient to overbalance the *disadvantage* of changing the doses of important preparations. Since the important change was made then, which makes the powerful solution to contain one per cent. of active ingredient, it would certainly be a serious mistake to alter this proportion to any extent in the future.

In the British Pharmacopœia it has been deemed expedient, in almost all instances in which the substance to be dissolved is an isolated solid body, to make the solutions of uniform strength, without regard to the physiological powers of the medicine, or its ordinary dose. There is a convenience in this plan to the prescriber, in relation to all medicines which habitually present themselves to his mind in the solid state; but to alter the strength of a solution which has been long known, and the dose of which is familiar, in order to make it conform with others, is to run the risk of frequent serious errors for the sake of an idea. In such medicines the dose is fixed in the mind of the practitioner in reference to the solution, and not to the solid medicinal substance it may contain.

* The value of a sample of crushed linseed can be absolutely determined only by analysis. It should contain from 25 to 35 per cent. of oil, not more than 8 or 8·5 per cent. of husk, and less than 8 per cent. of ash. The following *test* is said to be sufficient for practical purposes: "Put half an ounce of the meal into a glass vessel, pour six ounces of boiling water over it, stir well, and allow it to stand for twelve hours. If first-class, it should absorb all the water, and show a thin scum of white glutinous liquid on the top, which will adhere closely to a glass rod or a wooden pencil dipped into it. If the meal does not absorb nearly all the water, it is of inferior quality. The amount of inferiority must be judged by the amount of water not absorbed, and by the character of the fluid on the top of the solution. If it is thin and non-glutinous, the meal is of inferior quality."

LIQUOR ACIDI ARSENOSI. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Arsenous Acid.

(LĪ'QUOR ĂÇ'Ị-DĪ ÄR-SĒ-NŌ'SĪ.)

Liquor Arsenici Hydrochloricus, *Br.;* Liquor Arsenici Chloridi, *U. S. P.* 1870; Hydrochloric Solution of Arsenic, *E.;* Liqueur arsénicale hydrochlorique, *Fr.;* Chlorarsenik-Lösung, *G.*

"Arsenous Acid, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Diluted Hydrochloric Acid with *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Distilled Water, add the Arsenous Acid, and boil the mixture until all the Arsenous Acid is dissolved. Filter the solution, and pass enough Distilled Water through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Arsenious Acid, in powder, *eighty-seven grains;* Hydrochloric Acid, *two fluidrachms;* Distilled Water, *a sufficiency.* Boil the Arsenious Acid with the Hydrochloric Acid and four [fluid]ounces of the Water until it is dissolved, then add Distilled Water to make the bulk up to one pint [Imperial measure]." *Br.*

This solution is stronger than the Liquor Arsenici Chloridi of the U. S. P. 1870. It contains 4·5 grains of arsenous acid in a fluidounce; the U. S. P. 1870 preparation corresponded in strength with the old British solution (4 grains in a fluidounce). The increase in strength was made in order to make the relation one that would be easy to recollect, namely, 1 per cent. by weight, and the British Pharmacopœia has wisely followed the example, so that both preparations are practically identical. The name has also been changed, as the former title was a misnomer. The hydrochloric acid does not enter into combination with the arsenous acid; it merely aids in its solution. The British title is, in our opinion, to be preferred, because the U. S. name does not indicate the presence of the hydrochloric acid.

Properties. The hydrochloric solution of arsenous acid was first recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1870. According to the British Pharmacopœia, it is a colorless liquid, of the sp. gr. 1·010 (*Br.*), and an acid reaction. With hydrogen sulphide it gives a bright yellow precipitate of arsenous sulphide. "One fluidounce of it (442 grains), boiled for five minutes with twenty grains of bicarbonate of sodium, and then diluted with six fluidounces of distilled water to which a little mucilage of starch has been added, does not give with the *volumetric solution of iodine* a permanent blue color until 875 grain-measures have been added, corresponding to about 1 per cent. of arsenious acid, or rather more than four grains (4⅓) of arsenious acid in one fluidounce." The following test is given in the U. S. P. 1890: "If 24·7 C.c. of Solution of Arsenous Acid be boiled for a few minutes with 2 Gm. of sodium bicarbonate, the liquid cooled, diluted with water to 100 C.c., and mixed with a little starch test-solution, it should require from 49·4 to 50 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution to produce the blue tint of starch iodide (corresponding to 1 Gm. of arsenous acid in 100 C.c. of the Solution)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties of this solution are the same as those of Fowler's solution, with which it corresponds in strength, being nearly three times as strong as the former London solution of arsenic chloride. Dose, from two to eight minims (0·12–0·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR ACIDI CHROMICI. Br. Solution of Chromic Acid.

(LĪ'QUOR ĂÇ'Ị-DĪ ÇHRŌ'MĮ-CĪ.)

"A solution containing the equivalent of 25 per cent. of anhydrous chromic acid, or chromic anhydride, CrO_3; or 29·5 per cent. of real chromic acid, H_2CrO_4." *Br.* "Take of Chromic Acid *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *three fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve." *Br.*

This is officially described as "an orange-red, inodorous, caustic, strongly acid liquid. Specific gravity, 1·185. One fluidrachm contains chromic acid equivalent to nearly eighteen grains of chromic anhydride, CrO_3." It is simply a definite solution of chromic acid, and will probably be found convenient as a caustic application. (See page 45.)

LIQUOR AMMONII ACETATIS. U. S., Br. Solution of Ammonium Acetate. [Spirit of Mindererus.]

(LĪ'QUOR ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous solution of Ammonium Acetate [$NH_4C_2H_3O_2 = 76·87$], containing about 7 per cent. of the salt, together with small amounts of acetic and carbonic acids." *U. S.*

Liquor Ammoniæ Acetatis; Liquor Ammonii Acetici, *P. G.;* Acétate d'Ammoniaque liquide, *Fr.;* Essigsaure Ammonium-Lösung, *G.*

"Ammonium Carbonate, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *one hundred*

cubic centimeters [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Add the Ammonium Carbonate (which should be in translucent pieces, free from white, pulverulent bicarbonate) gradually to the cold Diluted Acetic Acid, and stir until it is dissolved. This preparation should be freshly made when wanted." *U. S.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Acetate of Ammonium *four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water sufficient to produce *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix." The solution should be stored in bottles free from lead.

This preparation is an aqueous solution of ammonium acetate.* The U. S. process by which it is formed involves the decomposition of ammonium carbonate by dilute acetic acid. The formula of commercial ammonium carbonate is complex, but if we consider the salt as neutral carbonate, the reaction is expressed by the following equation: $(NH_4)_2CO_3 + (C_2H_3O_2.H)_2 = (C_2H_3O_2.NH_4)_2 + H_2O + CO_2$. Distilled vinegar was formerly used, but it has been abandoned for diluted acetic acid, which is much to be preferred, because, besides furnishing a solution of the acetate of uniform strength, a result which cannot be attained by the employment of distilled vinegar, it avoids the production of a brownish solution, which uniformly follows the use of the latter, especially when it has been condensed in a metallic worm. The quantity of ammonium carbonate necessary to saturate a given weight of the acid of average strength cannot be laid down with precision, on account of the variable quality of the salt. The preparation, when made with the diluted acetic acid of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, contains about 7 per cent. of ammonium acetate. It is more convenient to add the salt to the acid than to add the acid to the salt, as the point of saturation is thus more easily attained. In ascertaining this point by test-paper, the alkaline reaction will begin, though a portion of free acetic acid may still remain; a little of it being insufficient to overcome the natural alkaline reaction of the salt. A complication is caused by the presence of free carbonic acid, which may be expelled from the liquid towards the end of the saturation by warming it. Supposing it to be free from carbonic acid, the best rule is to cease adding the ammonium carbonate upon the occurrence of the least sign of alkalinity.

The formula of the U. S. P. 1890 differs from that formerly official in dropping what has been called the "mixed solution process." It is to be regretted that the old process of saturating the diluted acetic acid with the ammonium carbonate was not entirely abandoned in the last revision and the process of mixing the solutions alone directed. The separate solutions keep well, and the rapidity and ease with which this preparation can be made by the pharmacist, by simply mixing equal measures of the solutions, are advantages which at once recommend its exclusive use, whilst the physician is more apt to secure a fresh preparation, and one which usually retains a quantity of carbonic acid gas to render the preparation grateful to the patient.

As some pharmacists will prefer to make solution of ammonium acetate in this way, the following process, based on that of the U. S. P. 1880, is offered. Ammonium Carbonate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Acetic Acid, *two hundred and seventy cubic centimeters* [or 9 fluidounces, 62 minims]; Distilled Water, *one thousand seven hundred and thirty cubic centimeters* [or 58 fluidounces, 240 minims]. Dissolve the Ammonium Carbonate in *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 60 minims] of Distilled Water, and filter the solution. To the Acetic Acid add *seven hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 26 fluidounces, 180 minims] of Distilled Water. Keep the solutions in separate, well-stopped bottles, and when solution of ammonium acetate is to be dispensed measure equal quantities of each solution and mix them.

The present British process differs essentially from ours: in the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1864 the strong solution of ammonia was used instead of the carbonate, and the ammonia combined directly with the acetic acid, without other reaction. There was an advantage in this process in the use of ammonia instead of its carbonate, as the difficulty of ascertaining the precise point of saturation arising from carbonic acid was avoided; but in this solution, as in the neutral mixture, a great benefit remedially is gained by the presence of that acid, which reconciles the stomach to the medicine, and sometimes even allays vomiting in febrile diseases. With this view of the subject it is better to use ammonium carbonate; the change has been made in the present Br. Pharmacopœia, but the advantages are practically lost because the solution is made from the strong solution by dilution, and, as the latter is nearly always made in advance of actual use, it follows that the British solution of ammonium acetate is never sparkling, but as generally dispensed it has a flat, mawkish taste quite in contrast with that made by the "mixed solution process."

* For method of making dry ammonium acetate, see *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 25.

Properties. Solution of ammonium acetate, when made of pure materials, is "a clear, colorless liquid, free from empyreuma, of a mildly saline, acidulous taste, and an acid reaction. It is wholly volatilized by heat. When Solution of Acetate of Ammonium is heated with potassium or sodium hydrate, vapor of ammonia is evolved. When heated with sulphuric acid, the Solution gives off vapor of acetic acid." *U. S.* When it contains an excess of alkali, its taste is bitterish. It should be freshly prepared at short intervals, as its acid becomes decomposed and a portion of ammonium carbonate is generated. When pure it is not precipitated by barium chloride. Silver nitrate precipitates crystals of silver acetate, soluble in water, and especially in nitric acid. An insoluble precipitate with this test is silver chloride, and shows the presence of hydrochloric acid. Potassa disengages ammonia; sulphuric acid, acetous vapors. When evaporated to dryness, the residue is wholly dissipated by heat, with the smell of ammonia. It is incompatible with acids, the fixed alkalies and their carbonates, lime water, magnesia, magnesium sulphate, corrosive sublimate, the iron, copper, and zinc sulphates, and silver nitrate. When it contains free carbonic acid, it produces with lead acetate or subacetate a precipitate of lead carbonate, which, being mistaken for the sulphate, has sometimes led to the erroneous conclusion that sulphuric acid was present in the distilled vinegar, when this has been employed. *Ammonium acetate* is a salt of difficult crystallization, and very deliquescent. When perfect it probably has an alkaline reaction, like potassium and sodium acetates. It may be obtained by sublimation from a mixture of equal parts of dry potassium or calcium acetate and ammonium chloride, or, according to Berthelot, by dissolving glacial acetic acid in ammonia, keeping the retort cool, and adding enough water to prevent the crystallization of the salt during the neutralization; the solution is then evaporated in a current of dry, gaseous ammonia until the liquid solidifies on cooling. It is then introduced into a large capsule, and this placed upon caustic lime, under a large bell-glass, in which a considerable quantity of ammonia gas is injected. After a few days the crystalline mass is broken, and the capsule replaced as before upon lime in an ammoniacal atmosphere, under the bell-glass. When this operation has been repeated several times, a perfectly pure ammonium acetate is obtained, which crystallizes in large needles, like potassium nitrate, and resembling ammonium formate; it is extremely soluble in water, and does not possess an acid reaction. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 25.) It is formed by the union of one molecule of acetic acid, $H.C_2H_3O_2$, with one group, NH_4, from $NH_4.OH$, the hydrate, or $(NH_4)_2CO_3$, the carbonate. When evaporated to dryness, however, it readily yields an acid salt, $C_2H_3O_2.NH_4 + C_2H_4O_2$. The molecular weight of the normal salt is 77.

Medical Properties and Uses. Solution of ammonium acetate is a valuable diaphoretic, much employed in febrile diseases. If, instead of promoting its determination to the skin by external warmth, the patient walk about in a cool air, its action will be directed to the kidneys. In large doses, it is said to relieve *painful menstruation.* It is sometimes used externally as a discutient. Mixed in the quantity of a fluidounce with seven fluidounces of rose-water and two fluidrachms of laudanum, it forms a useful collyrium in *chronic ophthalmia.* The late Dr. A. T. Thomson used it as a lotion with good effect in *porrigo* affecting the scalp. The dose of the U. S. preparation is from half a fluidounce to a fluidounce and a half (15–45 C.c.) every three or four hours, mixed with water and sweetened with sugar. It proves sometimes very grateful to febrile patients when prescribed with an equal measure of carbonic acid water. Dose of the Br. preparation, from two to six fluidrachms (7·5–22·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR AMMONII ACETATIS FORTIOR. Br. Strong Solution of Acetate of Ammonium.

(LĪ'QUOR ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī ĂC-Ē-TĀ'TĬS FÖR'TI-ÖR.)

"Take of Carbonate of Ammonium *fifteen and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *fifty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Crush the Carbonate of Ammonium; add it gradually to about forty-five ounces of Acetic Acid [Imp. meas.]; then add more of the acid until a neutral liquid results; lastly, add sufficient Distilled Water to yield three pints of product. The solution should be stored in bottles free from lead." *Br.*

As at first published, the formula for this solution was impracticable, the neutralized solution without any water measuring over three pints [Imp. meas.]. It is used almost solely for making the solution of ammonium acetate. Its specific gravity is 1·073, and it may be given in doses of from twenty-five to seventy-five minims.

LIQUOR AMMONII CITRATIS. Br. Solution of Citrate of Ammonium.

(LĪ'QUOR ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī CĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

Citrate d'Ammoniaque liquide, *Fr.;* Citronensaure Ammoniak-Flüssigkeit, *G.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Citrate of Ammonium *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water sufficient to produce *twenty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix. The solution should be stored in bottles free from lead." *Br.*

The specific gravity of this solution is 1·062. It may be used for the same purposes as Solution of Ammonium Acetate, in the dose of from two to six fluidrachms (7·5–22·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR AMMONII CITRATIS FORTIOR. Br. Strong Solution of Citrate of Ammonium.

(LĪ'QUOR ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī CĪ-TRĀ'TĬS FÖR'TI-ÖR.)

"Take of Citric Acid *twelve ounces* [avoirdupois]; Strong Solution of Ammonia *eleven fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Neutralize the acid with the ammonia, adding sufficient distilled water to yield twenty-four fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of product. The solution should be stored in bottles free from lead." *Br.*

The specific gravity of this solution is 1·209. It is used solely for making the solution of ammonium citrate by dilution.

LIQUOR ANTIMONII CHLORIDI. Br. Solution of Chloride of Antimony.

(LĪ'QUOR ĂN-TI-MŌ'NI-Ī ØHLŌ'RI-DĪ.)

Liquor Antimonii Terchloridi, *Br.* 1864; Solution of Terchloride of Antimony; Liquor Stibii Chlorati, *P. G.;* Liquid Butter of Antimony; Chlorure (Beurre) d'Antimoine liquide, Huile d'Antimoine, *Fr.;* Spiessglanzbutter, *G.*

"Take of Purified Black Antimony *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *four pints* [Imp. meas.]. Place the Purified Black Antimony in a porcelain vessel; pour upon it the Hydrochloric Acid, and, constantly stirring, apply to the mixture, beneath a flue with a good draught, a little heat, which must be gradually augmented as the evolution of gas begins to slacken, until the liquid boils. Maintain it at this temperature for fifteen minutes; then remove the vessel from the fire, and filter the liquid through calico into another vessel, returning what passes through first, that a perfectly clear solution may be obtained. Boil this down to the bulk of two pints [Imp. meas.], and preserve it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

When antimony tersulphide is dissolved with the aid of heat in hydrochloric acid, a double decomposition takes place, resulting in the formation of antimony terchloride and hydrosulphuric acid (hydrogen sulphide), which gives rise to effervescence. As this gas is exceedingly offensive and deleterious, the materials, during the reaction, are directed to be placed under a flue with a good draught. When the reaction is over, the resulting aqueous solution of terchloride, after having been strained, is boiled down to a determinate volume.

Properties. Solution of antimony chloride is a transparent, pale yellow, dense liquid, possessing caustic properties. When of a deep red color, it is impure from the presence of iron. Its sp. gr. concentrated to the extent directed in the Br. Pharmacopœia is 1·470. "A little of it dropped into water gives a white precipitate, and the filtered solution lets fall a copious deposit on the addition of nitrate of silver. If the white precipitate formed by water be treated with sulphuretted hydrogen it becomes orange-colored." (*Br.*) These reactions show that it contains antimony and chlorine. A fluidrachm of it, mixed with four fluidounces of water in which is dissolved a quarter of an ounce (avoirdupois) of tartaric acid, forms a clear solution, from which sulphuretted hydrogen throws down an orange precipitate (tersulphide of antimony), weighing, when washed and dried at 212° F. (100° C.), about 22 grains. (*Br.*) When it is distilled, water, the excess of hydrochloric acid, and any arsenic tersulphide that may happen to be present, are first expelled, and afterwards the terchloride volatilizes. The pure terchloride may be obtained by changing the receiver, as soon as the distilled product concretes on cooling. Pure antimony terchloride, called by the earlier chemists *butter of antimony*, is a white, readily fusible solid, of the consistence of butter, deliquescent and powerfully caustic, and volatilizable under an obscure red heat. It was formerly used in medicine as a caustic. It usually acts without causing much pain or inflammation; and after the separation of the eschar a clean, healthy ulcer is left. Solution of antimony terchloride was a new official of the Dublin Pharmacopœia of 1850, and is probably retained in the British not as a therapeutic agent, but simply as a source of the official antimony oxide.

LIQUOR ARSENI ET HYDRARGYRI IODIDI. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Arsenic and Mercuric Iodide. [Donovan's Solution.]

(LĪ'QUOR ĂR'SĒ-NĪ ĔT HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĬ-RĪ Ī-ŌD'Ĭ-DĪ.)

Liquor Arsenii et Hydrargyri Iodidi, *Br.;* Liquor Arsenici et Hydrargyri Iodidi, *Br.* 1867, *U. S.* 1870; Solution of Hydriodate of Arsenic and Mercury; Solutio Donovani; Soluté d'Iodo-arsénite de Mercure, Liqueur de Donovan, *Fr.;* Jodquecksilber Arsenik-Lösung, Donovan'sche Tropfen, *G.**

"Arsenic Iodide, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Red Mercuric Iodide, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Powder the Arsenic Iodide, and mix it with the Red Mercuric Iodide by trituration. Add *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Distilled Water, and continue the trituration until solution is effected. Filter the solution, and pass enough Distilled Water through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodide of Arsenium, Red Iodide of Mercury, of each, *forty-five grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Triturate the Iodides with *an ounce and a half* of Distilled Water until nearly all is dissolved. Pass through a filter, and wash the latter with sufficient water to produce *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of solution." *Br.*

This solution was introduced to the notice of the medical profession in 1839, by Mr. Donovan, of Dublin, as a therapeutic agent combining the medical virtues of its three ingredients, and was adopted as an official preparation in the U. S. and Dublin Pharmacopœias of 1850. It was dropped from the British Pharmacopœia of 1867, but reintroduced in the last revision, and fortunately made to correspond in strength with the U. S. preparation, namely, 1 per cent. of each of the active ingredients. The formula of the U. S. Pharmacopœia is the simplified one of Prof. Procter, which consists essentially in dissolving equal weights of arsenic teriodide and mercuric iodide (red iodide) in a measured quantity of distilled water. The change in the quantities of the two salts from the process of the U. S. P. 1870 is very trifling. The proportion of equal weights corresponds nearly to single molecules of the component iodides. The Dublin formula was more complicated. In it the proper quantities of arsenic, mercury, and iodine were caused to unite by first rubbing them together with alcohol, and then boiling the product with distilled water, which was afterwards added, so as to give the whole a determinate bulk. The arsenic and mercury iodides, formed by the trituration, were assumed by Mr. Donovan to become, by solution, hydriodates severally of arsenous acid (white arsenic oxide) and of mercuric oxide.

Properties. This solution has a pale-yellow color and a slightly styptic taste. Sometimes, however, the color is orange-yellow, owing to the presence of free iodine. This may be recombined by rubbing the solution with a little metallic mercury or arsenic, in fine powder, and the proper hue be thus restored. The solution is incompatible with laudanum and the soluble salts of morphine. On the supposition that it is an aqueous solution of iodides, it will contain them in the proportion of one mol. of arsenic teriodide 456, to one of mercuric iodide 454, which are nearly equal weights. The British solution has the sp. gr. 1·016.

Medical Properties. This preparation has been found decidedly useful as an alterative in various diseases of the skin, such as the different forms of *psoriasis*, *impetigo*, *porrigo*, *lepra*, *pityriasis*, *lupus*, and *venereal eruptions*, both papular and scaly. In *chronic rheumatism* and in advanced specific diseases, especially "*night pains*," it is often useful. The dose is from five to ten drops (0·3–0·6 C.c.) three times a day, given preferably in distilled water.

LIQUOR ATROPINÆ SULPHATIS. Br. Solution of Sulphate of Atropine.

(LĪ'QUOR ĂT-RŌ-PĪ'NÆ SŬL-PHĀ'TĪS.)

"Take of Sulphate of Atropine 9 grains; Camphor Water 16½ fluidrachms. Dissolve," *Br.*

The strength of this preparation was slightly increased at the last revision in order to make

* *Clemens's Solution.* *Arsenic bromide* was introduced as a remedy in diabetes by Clemens. It is best administered in the form of a solution, which has been prepared by Mr. R. F. Fairthorne according to the following formula: "77 grains of metallic arsenic in powder are added in small portions to 240 grains of bromine, the latter being placed in a long test-tube immersed in ice-water to control the otherwise violent reaction. One hundred grains of the tribromide obtained are dissolved in sufficient distilled water to make ten fluidounces. One minim will then contain one-forty-eighth of a grain." According to Clemens, the commencing dose of such a solution is one minim three times a day, increased gradually until the equivalent of one-fifth of a grain of the salt is daily exhibited. The clinical reports in regard to this remedy in *diabetes* seem to indicate that along with a restricted diet it is occasionally of distinct service, but in the majority of instances fails to accomplish good. (See, also, *Liquor Potassii Arseniatis et Bromidi*, National Formulary, Part II.)

it contain 1 per cent. of atropine sulphate. Camphor water was substituted for distilled water on account of its antiseptic properties. The dose is from one to four minims.

LIQUOR BISMUTHI ET AMMONII CITRATIS. Br. Solution of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.

(LĪ'QUOR BĬS-MŪ'THĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī CĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

Liquor Bismuthi; Soluté de Citrate de Bismuth ammoniacal, *Fr.*; Citronensaure Wismuth-Ammoniak-Lösung, *G.*

"Take of Citrate of Bismuth *eight hundred grains;* Solution of Ammonia, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.* Rub the Citrate of Bismuth to a paste with a little of the Water; add the Solution of Ammonia, gradually and with stirring, until the salt is just dissolved. Dilute with Distilled Water to form one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The process now official in the British Pharmacopœia is not a great improvement over the one which preceded it: the defects of the latter were clearly pointed out in the 15th edition U. S. D., p. 864; the present process consists in simply dissolving bismuth citrate in solution of ammonia. Its sp. gr. is 1·070. The following tests are given:

"Two fluidrachms of the solution mixed with an ounce of distilled water, and treated with sulphuretted hydrogen in excess, yields a black precipitate, which, when washed and dried, weighs about 7 grains. One fluidrachm contains an amount of bismuth equivalent to about 3 grains of oxide of bismuth." *Br.* (See *Bismuthi et Ammonii Citras*, page 263.)

Some years since, a secret preparation was made and sold by Mr. Schacht, of Clifton, England, under the name of *Liquor Bismuthi.* Mr. Ch. R. C. Tichborne, having analyzed the liquid and found it to contain bismuth oxide, ammonia, and citric acid, announced the discovery at a meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society, when Mr. Schacht, being present, acknowledged the correctness of the analysis, stating, at the same time, that he had never made a secret of the composition of his solution to medical practitioners, and that a fluidrachm of his liquid contained one grain of the teroxide. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 301.) A formula for the preparation was given by Mr. Tichborne, which, however, on repeated trial by Mr. N. Gray Bartlett, of Chicago, proved to be impracticable. After numerous experiments, Mr. Bartlett succeeded in making a solution which had all the desired qualities. (See *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1865.) He first prepares a *bismuth citrate* by dissolving a *troyounce* of bismuth subcarbonate in 720 *grains* of nitric acid, diluting the solution after effervescence has ceased with *a fluidounce and a half* of distilled water gradually introduced, and then adding this solution, slowly and with constant stirring, to another solution made by dissolving 600 *grains* of potassium citrate in *two pints* of distilled water. By an interchange, potassium nitrate and bismuth citrate are formed, the latter of which, being insoluble, is precipitated, and is obtained by throwing the whole upon a filter, thoroughly washing the salt with distilled water, and then drying it on bibulous paper with a gentle heat. The next step is to prepare the *bismuth and ammonium citrate.* This is done by rubbing the bismuth citrate with sufficient distilled water to make a paste, and adding to this gradually, and with constant trituration, stronger ammonia water until the citrate is dissolved, care being taken to avoid an excess of ammonia. The solution is now filtered, and spread on glass to dry.

Various modifications of Mr. Bartlett's process have been suggested, though it may be doubted whether any one, on the whole, is preferable to the original. Besides the processes offered by Mr. T. P. Blunt and Mr. Tichborne, in England, Mr. A. E. Ebert and Prof. Markoe have each proposed a modification of Mr. Bartlett's process. (See *A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 1, and 1869, p. 151.) In Ebert's formula the solution of bismuth nitrate is decomposed by caustic potassa in the presence of citric acid, instead of the potassium citrate already formed; in Markoe's, crystallized sodium carbonate is substituted for the caustic alkali, to which various objections exist. After precipitating the solution of bismuth nitrate to which citric acid has been added, with sodium carbonate, washing the precipitate to get rid of the sodium nitrate, and dissolving the residue of the precipitate in ammonia water, Markoe completes the process by determining the proportion of bismuth teroxide contained in the solution, and then diluting the liquid so that each fluidrachm shall contain one grain of teroxide.*

* Mr. C. H. Wood proposes the following formula as exceedingly simple and satisfactory. Its result has the same strength as the official liquor. Take of Bismuth Oxide nine ounces; Citric Acid sixteen ounces; Strong Solution of Ammonia twelve fluidounces or q. s. Dissolve eight ounces of citric acid in four ounces of hot water; and carefully neutralize it with some of the solution of ammonia (about seven fluidounces), mixed with half its volume of water. Then add the other eight ounces of citric acid, and when it has dissolved introduce the bismuth oxide. Heat the mixture to near its boiling point for fifteen minutes with frequent stirring, then add about a pint of water, and introduce sufficient ammonia to dissolve the insoluble portion and render the liquid slightly alkaline. Augment

Bismuth and ammonium citrate, obtained by Mr. Bartlett's process, is in fine, glossy, translucent, colorless scales, of a slightly acidulous, somewhat metallic, not disagreeable taste, very soluble in water, but not deliquescent, and of an acid reaction. (See page 264.) From an analysis by Mr. Bartlett, it appears to possess the formula $Bi,C_6H_5O_7,NH_3 + 3H_2O$. Rother, however (1876), considers that the formula should be written $C_6H_5O_7(NH_4)_3Bi(OH)_3$.

There is no occasion for a permanent solution of this salt, as it may at any time be dissolved when wanted for use. But, as it is in the liquid form that it has obtained its present reputation, we give a formula for a permanent solution prepared by Mr. Bartlett. Dissolve 260 *grains* of bismuth and ammonium citrate in *fourteen fluidounces* of distilled water, neutralize the solution with ammonia water, and add *two fluidounces* of alcohol. The solution of the salt without addition is liable to spontaneous decomposition; but, in the opinion of Mr. Bartlett, it is completely protected by the ammonia and alcohol, so that in this state it will keep indefinitely.

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation is much more astringent than are the insoluble salts of bismuth, and is at the same time irritant, and not possessed of the peculiar medical properties which grow out of the insolubility of the subnitrate or subcarbonate. It is, therefore, not a substitute for these, and is adapted to the treatment of *diarrhœas* of relaxation rather than of irritation. Dose of the solution, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

LIQUOR CALCII CHLORIDI. Br. Solution of Chloride of Calcium.

(LĪ'QUOR CĂL'CĮ-Ī ȻHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

"Take of Chloride of Calcium *eighty-eight grains;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve, and filter if necessary." *Br.*

The specific gravity of this solution is 1·145, and the dose from fifteen to fifty minims. (See *Calcii Chloridum*, page 284.)

LIQUOR CALCIS. U. S., Br. Solution of Lime. [Solution of Calcium Hydrate. Lime Water.]

(LĪ'QUOR CĂL'CĬS.)

"A saturated, aqueous solution of Calcium Hydrate [$Ca(OH)_2 = 73·83$]. The percentage of Calcium Hydrate varies with the temperature, being somewhat over 0·17 per cent. at 15° C. (59° F.), and diminishing as the temperature rises." *U. S.*

Aqua Calcis; Aqua Calcariæ, *P. G.;* Eau Liqueur de Chaux, *Fr.;* Kalkwasser, *G.*

"Lime, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Slake the Lime by the gradual addition of *seventy cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 176 minims] of Distilled Water, then add *three hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 12 fluidounces, 83 minims] more of Distilled Water, and agitate occasionally during half an hour. Allow the mixture to settle, decant the liquid and throw it away. Then add to the residue *thirty-six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 121 fluidounces, 350 minims] of Distilled Water, agitate thoroughly, wait a short time for the coarser particles to subside, and pour the liquid, holding the undissolved Lime in suspension, into a glass-stoppered bottle. From time to time shake the bottle, so as to keep the solution saturated. Pour off the clear liquid when it is wanted for use." *U. S.*

"Take of Slaked Lime *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Wash the Slaked Lime with some of the Water until a little of the filtered liquid, after being acidified with nitric acid, yields no turbidity with solution of nitrate of silver. Put the washed Lime into a stoppered bottle containing one gallon of the Water, and shake well for two or three minutes. After twelve hours the excess of lime will have subsided, and the clear solution may be drawn off with a siphon as it is required for use, or transferred to a green-glass bottle furnished with a well-ground stopper." *Br.*

A solution of calcium hydrate, $Ca(OH)_2$, in water is the result of these processes. By the slaking of the lime it is reduced to powder, and rendered more easily diffusible through the water. According to both Pharmacopœias, the solution is to be kept in bottles with a portion of undissolved hydrate, which causes it always to be saturated whatever may be the tempera-

the solution to the volume of one gallon, and filter through paper. Mr. C. Meher (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 541) states that in this process an excess of citric acid is employed, and offers the following substitute. Dissolve pure bismuth in three times its weight of nitric acid; set aside to crystallize; evaporate the mother-liquid until all acid is driven off; unite the crystals and pour upon them a hot concentrated solution of citric acid, in such amount that there shall be one equivalent of citric acid for each of bismuth (about equal weights); to half of this solution add ammonia in sufficient quantity to redissolve the precipitate first formed, and then add the other half; wash the white precipitate of bismuth citrate until the water no longer becomes acid. This citrate dissolves readily in ammonia.

ture and to whatever extent it may be exposed to the air. If care be taken to have a considerable quantity of the solution in the bottle, and to avoid unnecessary agitation, the upper portion will always remain sufficiently clear for use. The employment of distilled water as the solvent may seem a useless refinement; but in many places the common water is very impure. Water dissolves but a minute proportion of lime, and, contrary to the general law, less when hot than when cold. Hence the propriety of employing cold water in the process. According to Mr. Phillips, a pint of water (the wine pint of the U. S. P. 1870) at 212° F. dissolves 5·6 grains of lime, at 60° F. 9·7 grains, and at 32° F. 11·0 grains.

Properties. Lime water is "a clear, colorless liquid, without odor, and having a saline and feebly caustic taste. It absorbs carbon dioxide from the air, so that a pellicle of calcium carbonate forms on the surface of the liquid. On being heated, it becomes turbid from separation of calcium hydrate, which redissolves again when the liquid is cooled. It gives a strongly alkaline reaction with litmus paper. The alkaline reaction of the Solution should entirely disappear, after it has been saturated with carbon dioxide, and subsequently boiled (absence of *alkalies* and *their carbonates*). In other respects it should conform to the reactions and tests given under Lime (see *Calx*). 50 C.c. of Solution of Lime should require, for complete neutralization, about 20 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to about 0·14 (0·148) per cent. of Calcium Hydrate), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* Exposed to the air it attracts carbonic acid, and becomes covered with a pellicle of insoluble calcium carbonate, which, subsiding after a time, is replaced by another, and so on successively till the whole of the lime is exhausted. Hence the necessity of keeping lime water either in closely-corked bottles which should be full, or, what is more convenient, in bottles with an excess of lime. "Ten fluidounces of it require for neutralization at least 180 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*, which corresponds to about 5 grains of lime, CaO." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Lime water is antacid, tonic, and astringent, and is very usefully employed in *dyspepsia* with acidity of stomach, *diarrhœa*, *diabetes*, and *gravel* attended with superabundant secretion of uric acid. Mixed with an equal measure of milk, which completely covers its offensive taste, it is one of the best remedies in our possession for nausea and vomiting dependent on irritability of stomach. We have found a diet exclusively of lime water and milk to be more effectual than almost any other plan of treatment in *dyspepsia* accompanied with vomiting of food. In this case one part of the solution to two or three parts of milk is usually sufficient. Externally it is employed as a wash in *tinea capitis* and *scabies*, as an application to foul and gangrenous *ulcers*, as an injection in *leucorrhœa* and *ulceration of the bladder* or *urethra*, and, mixed with linseed or olive oil, as a liniment in *burns* and *scalds*. Having been found to possess the property of dissolving false membrane, it has naturally been employed as a local remedy in *pseudo-membranous croup*. There are two methods of applying the remedy: one by directing lime water spray, produced by the atomizer, so that it shall be inhaled by the patient; the other by causing the patient to inhale freely the vapors arising from lime undergoing the process of slaking with water. The dose of lime water is from two to four fluidounces (60–118 C.c.) several times a day. When employed to allay *nausea*, it is usually given in the dose of a tablespoonful mixed with the same quantity of milk, and repeated at intervals of half an hour, an hour, or two hours. If too long continued it debilitates the stomach.

LIQUOR CALCIS CHLORINATÆ. Br. Solution of Chlorinated Lime.

(LĪ'QUOR CĂL'CĬS ĊHLŌ-RĮ-NĀ'TÆ.)

Chlorure de Chaux liquide, *Fr.*; Chlorkalk-Flüssigkeit, *G.*

"Take of Chlorinated Lime *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Mix well the Water and the Chlorinated Lime by trituration in a mortar, and, having poured the mixture into a stoppered bottle, let it be well shaken several times for the space of three hours. Pour out now the contents of the bottle on a calico filter, and let the solution which passes through be preserved in a stoppered bottle. The sp. gr. of this liquid is 1·055." *Br.*

For the properties and uses of this preparation, see *Calx Chlorinata*. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following test of its strength: "Eighty grains mixed with twenty grains of iodide of potassium dissolved in four fluidounces of water, when acidulated with two fluidrachms of hydrochloric acid, gives a red solution, which requires for the discharge of its color not less than 450 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of hyposulphite of sodium*, corresponding to about 2 per cent. of available chlorine. When the solution of chlorinated lime is made with

the best chlorinated lime, and is quite fresh, it may yield about 3 per cent. of available chlorine." This determines its strength in chlorine, by determining the quantity of iodine which the chlorine contained in it is capable of separating from potassium iodide. Notwithstanding, however, that a test of its character is thus given by the Pharmacopœia, its strength must vary according to the quality of the chlorinated lime employed. It is one of the best antidotes for hydrogen sulphide, ammonium sulphydrate, potassium sulphide, and hydrocyanic acid. The dose for internal use is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·23–3·69 C.c.). For external application the solution may be diluted with twice its bulk of water, or may be used of the full strength in some cutaneous affections.

LIQUOR COCAINÆ HYDROCHLORATIS. Br. Solution of Hydrochlorate of Cocaine.

(LĪ'QUOR CŌ-CA-Ī'NÆ HĪ-DRO-ȻHLO-RĀ'TĪS.)

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Cocaine *thirty-three grains;* Salicylic acid *half a grain;* Distilled Water sufficient to produce *six fluidrachms.* Boil the water, add the salicylic acid, and then the hydrochlorate of cocaine; cool, and add water, if necessary, to produce the required volume." *Br.*

This solution has been introduced into the additions to the British Pharmacopœia: it is intended to be a convenient solution for the use of practitioners. Salicylic acid is added as a preservative. The dose is stated by the British Pharmacopœia to be from two to ten minims (0·12–0·65 C.c.).

LIQUOR EPISPASTICUS. Br. Blistering Liquid.

(LĪ'QUOR ĔP-I-SPĂS'TI-CŬS.)

Linimentum Cantharidis; Huile de Cantharides térébenthinée, *Fr.;* Spanischfliegen-Liniment, *G.*

"Take of Cantharides, in powder, *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Ether *a sufficiency.* Mix the Cantharides with three fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of Acetic Ether; pack in a percolator, and at the expiration of twenty-four hours pour Acetic Ether over the contents of the percolator, and allow the solution to pass slowly through until twenty fluidounces [Imp. meas.] are obtained. Keep the liquid in a stoppered bottle." *Br.**

LIQUOR FERRI ACETATIS. U. S., Br. Solution of Ferric Acetate.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ ĂC-E-TĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous solution of Ferric Acetate [$Fe_2(C_2H_3O_2)_6 = 464·92$], containing about 31 per cent. of the anhydrous salt, and corresponding to about 7·5 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Solution of Acetate of Iron; Solution of Peracetate of Iron; Liquor Ferri Acetici, *P. G.;* Liqueur d'Acétate de Fer, *Fr.;* Essigsaure Eisen-Flüssigkeit, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Glacial Acetic Acid, *two hundred and sixty grammes* [or 9 ounces av., 75 grains]; Ammonia Water, *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims]; Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Mix the Ammonia Water with *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 213 minims] of cold Water, and the solution of Ferric Sulphate with *ten thousand cubic centimeters* [or 338 fluidounces, 70 minims] of cold Water. Add the latter solution slowly to the diluted Ammonia Water, stirring constantly. Let the mixture stand until the precipitate has subsided as far as practicable, and then decant the supernatant liquid. Add to the precipitate *six thousand cubic centimeters* [or 202 fluidounces, 426 minims] of boiling Water, mix well, and again set the mixture aside, as before. Repeat the washing with successive portions of boiling Water, in the same manner, until the washings are no longer affected by sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (showing the removal of ammonia and its salts). Transfer the mixture to a wet muslin strainer, allow the precipitate to drain completely, and press it, folded in the strainer, until its weight is reduced to *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains] or less. Now add the precipitate gradually to the Glacial Acetic Acid contained in a tared jar provided with a

* Very nearly corresponding to this preparation is the *Linimentum Cantharidis,* or *Cantharides Liniment,* of the U. S. P. 1880. Made according to the formula, it is a very active counter-irritant, when too freely applied producing deep vesication. "Cantharides, in No. 60 powder, *fifteen parts* [or one ounce av.]: Oil of Turpentine, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred parts* [or half a pint]. Digest the Cantharides with *one hundred parts* [or half a pint] of Oil of Turpentine, in a closed vessel, by means of a water-bath, for three hours; then strain and add enough Oil of Turpentine through the strainer to make the Liniment weigh *one hundred parts* [or measure half a pint.]" *U. S.* 1880.

glass stopper, stirring the mixture after each addition until each portion added is nearly dissolved before adding another portion. Finally, add enough Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], mix thoroughly, allow it to become clear by subsidence, and decant the clear solution. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Acetate of Iron *five fluidounces;* Distilled Water sufficient to produce after admixture *twenty fluidounces.*" *Br.*

The formula of this preparation is practically identical with that of the solution of acetate of iron of the German Pharmacopœia. The U. S. process consists in first forming ferric hydrate, by precipitating a solution of ferric sulphate with ammonia water, washing and draining the precipitate, and finally dissolving it in glacial acetic acid. The solution is readily effected in the cold, and no heat whatever should be used, to avoid decomposition. It is impossible to prevent this change, however, in time, an insoluble precipitate invariably making its appearance. The German Pharmacopœia directs diluted acetic acid; and its Liquor Ferri Acetici is not so strong as our official solution, having only the sp. gr. 1·134 to 1·138, corresponding to 8 per cent. of iron. The British preparation (sp. gr. 1·031) is a dilution of the stronger solution.

Properties. The official solution is described as "a dark reddish-brown, clear liquid, of an acetous odor, a sweetish, acidulous, somewhat styptic taste, and a slightly acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·160 at 15° C. (59° F.). The diluted Solution yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, and a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution. When heated to boiling, the Solution yields a brownish-red precipitate, and when heated with sulphuric acid, it emits acetous vapors. If the iron be completely precipitated from a portion of the Solution by an excess of ammonia water, the filtrate should be colorless, and should not yield a white or dark-colored precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc* or *copper*), nor should it leave a residue on evaporation and gentle ignition (absence of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). If to a small portion of the Solution, diluted with about 10 volumes of water, a few drops of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution be added, a pure brown color should be produced, without a tinge of green or greenish-blue (absence of *ferrous salt*). If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 15 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Ferric Acetate is an excellent chalybeate: this strong solution is not, however, quite so well adapted for internal administration as is the Tincture of Ferric Acetate, or the Solution of Iron and Ammonium Acetate. Although it was introduced for the purpose of making the former preparation, it may be serviceable when mixed with water, with the addition of an aromatic syrup. The dose is from two to ten minims (0·12–0·6 C.c.).

LIQUOR FERRI ACETATIS FORTIOR. Br. Strong Solution of Acetate of Iron.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ ĂC-Ē-TĀ'TĬS FÖR'TĬ-ÖR.)

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Solution of Ammonia *a sufficiency;* Glacial Acetic Acid, liquefied, *three fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix eight fluidounces of Solution of Ammonia with one pint of Distilled Water; to this gradually add the Solution of Persulphate of Iron previously diluted with about a pint of Distilled Water; stir the whole thoroughly, taking care that ammonia is, even finally, in slight excess, as indicated by the odor of the mixture. Let the whole stand for two hours, stirring occasionally; then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquid has drained away, wash the precipitated Ferric Hydrate with distilled water until the liquid which passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with solution of Chloride of Barium. Let the Ferric Hydrate drain; squeeze it to remove superfluous moisture; dissolve it in the Glacial Acetic Acid; and make the volume up to ten fluidounces with distilled water. Allow any insoluble matter to subside, and pour off the clear solution." *Br.*

This solution is almost identical with that of the U. S. and German Pharmacopœias, although weaker than either (see preceding article). It has been introduced to make the solution of

ferric acetate, and is described officially as "a deep-red fluid with a sour styptic taste and acetous odor, miscible with water or rectified spirit in all proportions. Diluted with water it yields a blue precipitate with ferrocyanide, but not with ferricyanide of potassium. Specific gravity 1·127. A fluidrachm, diluted with two fluidounces of water, gives with excess of ammonia a reddish-brown precipitate which when washed and ignited weighs 5·7 grains." *Br.*

The dose is given as from one to eight minims (0·06–0·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR FERRI CHLORIDI. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Ferric Chloride.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ ȻHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

"An aqueous solution of Ferric Chloride [$Fe_2Cl_6 = 323·98$], containing about 37·8 per cent. of the anhydrous salt, corresponding to 62·9 per cent. of the crystallized salt [$Fe_2Cl_6 + 12H_2O = 539·5$], or to about 13 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Liquor Ferri Perchloridi Fortior, *Br.;* Solution of Chloride of Iron; Liquor Ferri Sesquichlorati, *P. G.;* Strong Solution of Perchloride of Iron; Soluté de Perchlorure de Fer, Chlorure ferrique liquide, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Eisenchlorid, *G.*

"Iron, in the form of fine, bright wire, and cut into small pieces, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *eight hundred and seventy grammes* [or 30 ounces av., 301 grains]; Nitric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Introduce the Iron Wire into a flask having a capacity of about *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims], pour upon it a mixture of *five hundred and forty grammes* [or 19 ounces av., 21 grains] of Hydrochloric Acid and *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Distilled Water, and let the mixture stand in a moderately warm place until effervescence ceases; then heat it to the boiling point, filter it through paper, and, having rinsed the flask and Iron Wire with a little hot Distilled Water, pass the rinsings through the filter. To the filtered liquid add *two hundred and eighty grammes* [or 9 ounces av., 384 grains] of Hydrochloric Acid, add the mixture slowly and gradually, in a stream, to *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains] of Nitric Acid contained in a capacious porcelain vessel, and warm gently. After effervescence ceases, apply heat, by means of a sand-bath, until the liquid is free from nitrous odor. Then test a few drops of the liquid, diluted with water, with freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution. Should this reagent produce a blue color, add a little more Nitric Acid, drop by drop, as long as effervescence is observed, and evaporate off the excess. Finally, add the remaining *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains] of Hydrochloric Acid and enough Distilled Water to make the solution weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]." *U. S.*

"Take of Iron Wire *four ounces* [av.]; Hydrochloric Acid *twenty and a half fluidounces;* Nitric Acid *one and a half fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Place the iron wire in a flask; add a mixture of twelve and a half fluidounces of Hydrochloric Acid and seven of Water; expose the whole to a moderate temperature until effervescence ceases; heat to boiling; filter from undissolved iron, rinsing the flask and contents with a little water and pouring this over the filter; add to the filtrate seven fluidounces of Hydrochloric Acid; mix, and pour the solution in a slow, continuous stream into a fluidounce and a half of Nitric Acid, evolution of red fumes being promoted if necessary by a slight application of heat. Evaporate the product until no more nitrous fumes escape and a precipitate begins to form; then add one fluidounce of Hydrochloric Acid and sufficient Water to produce seventeen and a half fluidounces of the solution." *Br.* (See *Liquor Ferri Perchloridi*, p. 805.)

By the reaction between the hydrochloric acid and the iron, ferrous chloride is produced, which by the subsequent agency of the hydrochloric and nitric acids is converted into ferric chloride, or, as it is denominated in the British Pharmacopœia, perchloride of iron, this being retained in solution by the water with the excess of acid. This preparation was included in the original British Pharmacopœia, but was not official with us until 1870. The original British formula (1864) was defective in several respects. For an account of these see the 13th edition of this book. The formula for the present British solution has been modelled after that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia.

When iron is treated with hydrochloric acid there is a copious evolution of hydrogen, and an emerald-green solution of ferrous chloride ($FeCl_2$) results. Green crystals having the composition $FeCl_2,4H_2O$ separate if the solution is permitted to rest. In the official process, water is added to the hydrochloric acid in order to retain the crystals in solution, and the mixture is heated whilst still in contact with the excess of iron, in order to hasten the complete conver-

sion of all the hydrochloric acid into ferrous chloride. The action slackens very materially as the quantity of hydrochloric acid is gradually lessened in the mixture, but when it is brought, as officially directed, to the boiling point, a saturated solution is produced. After filtering from the excess of iron, half the original quantity of hydrochloric acid is added,—this for the purpose of supplying the amount which is requisite to form the solution of ferric chloride,—and the mixture is then gradually poured into nitric acid, which at once converts the solution of green ferrous chloride into the solution of red ferric chloride. Formerly the nitric acid was added to the solution; now the order is reversed, in accordance with the recommendation of Prof. C. L. Diehl, to prevent frothing. (See *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 140.) The reaction may be thus expressed:

$$\underset{\text{Ferrous chloride.}}{6FeCl_2} + \underset{\text{Nitric acid.}}{2HNO_3} + \underset{\text{Hydrochloric acid.}}{6HCl} = \underset{\text{Ferric chloride.}}{3Fe_2Cl_6} + \underset{\text{Nitrogen dioxide.}}{N_2O_2} + \underset{\text{Water.}}{4H_2O}.$$

If the solution should have a blackish color, and not a clear ruby-red, it is due to the presence of a nitro-compound composed of a portion of ferrous chloride and nitrogen dioxide, $FeCl_2 + N_2O_2$. As this compound is easily decomposed, all that is necessary is to heat the liquid and add a few drops of nitric acid, when the blackish color soon disappears, nitrogen dioxide is liberated, and a ruby-red solution remains. Any excess of nitric acid is to be evaporated away.* The final addition of hydrochloric acid is to compensate for any loss which may have been suffered by heating the solution, and to secure an excess of the acid in the finished preparation; otherwise a reddish-brown deposit of oxychloride would gradually form, and precipitation would result upon dilution with alcohol in making the official tincture.

The solution of ferric chloride, properly made, is "a reddish-brown liquid, having a faint odor of hydrochloric acid, an acid, strongly styptic taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·387 at 15° C. (59° F.). The diluted Solution yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and a white one, insoluble in nitric acid, with silver nitrate test-solution. If the iron be completely precipitated from a portion of the Solution by an excess of ammonia water, the filtrate should be colorless, and should not yield a white or a dark-colored precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc* or *copper*); nor should it leave a fixed residue on evaporation and gentle ignition (absence of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). On adding a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate to a cooled mixture of equal volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid and a moderately dilute portion of the Solution, the crystal should not become colored brown, nor should there be a brownish-black color developed around it (absence of *nitric acid*). If to a diluted portion of the Solution a few drops of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution be added, a pure brown color should be produced, without a tinge of green or greenish-blue (absence of *ferrous salt*). On diluting 1 C.c. of the Solution, with water, to 40 C.c., and boiling, the liquid should remain clear (absence of *oxychloride*). If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 26 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* Water and alcohol unite with it in all proportions. The British preparation is stronger than the U. S. official, the sp. gr. of the former being 1·420, of the latter, 1·387. A fluidrachm of

* The use of chlorine instead of nitric acid for converting the ferrous chloride to the ferric condition is advocated by C. W. Weisse (*Pharm. Zeitung; N. R.*, 1883, p. 247), and Mr. J. W. England has devised the following process, based upon such substitution, which is alleged to furnish a purer product:

"Take of Iron, in the form of fine wire, and cut in small pieces, 15 parts (3¾ oz. av.); Hydrochloric Acid, 59 parts (14¾ oz. av.); Chlorine Gas, Distilled Water, each, a sufficient quantity to make 100 parts (25 oz. av.). Place the Iron Wire in a capacious flask, and pour upon it 54 parts (13½ oz. av.) of Hydrochloric Acid, previously diluted with 25 parts (6¼ oz. av., or 6 fluidounces) of Distilled Water. Heat the liquid slowly, until the reaction is ended, and effervescence ceases; then rapidly heat to the boiling point, filter through paper, and, having rinsed the flask and residue with a little boiling distilled water, pass the washings through the filter. To the filtrate add immediately 5 parts (1¼ oz. av.) of Hydrochloric Acid, followed by the addition of 20 parts (5 oz. av.) of boiling Distilled Water. Keep the liquid nearly boiling, and pass through it a stream of gaseous chlorine (generated in the usual way), agitating occasionally, until a small portion, tested with freshly-prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution, gives no indication of the existence of a ferrous compound by producing a blue precipitate. Lastly, add, after any free chlorine present has been removed by heat, sufficient distilled water to make the whole product weigh 100 parts (25 oz. av.)." (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 113.) Mr. August Drescher (*Drug. Circ.*, 1887, p. 4) proposes the use of hydrogen dioxide (H_2O_2), now an article of commerce, as a substitute for either nitric acid or chlorine.

the British liquor diluted with two fluidounces of water gives, upon the addition of an excess of solution of ammonia, a reddish-brown precipitate, which, when well washed and incinerated, weighs between fifteen and sixteen grains. When this test is answered, the solution is about four times as strong in iron as the U. S. Tincture of the Chloride.*

From the experiments of M. Adrian it appears that sugar has the property when mixed in certain proportions with solution of ferric chloride of converting it partly into ferrous chloride. The alteration commences immediately on the addition of sugar, as shown by the deeper color of the liquid; after some hours potassium ferricyanide will indicate the presence of a ferrous salt; and after twenty-four hours the greater proportion of the ferric salt has undergone the change. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, March, 1868.) (See *Liquor Ferri Protochloridi*, Part II., National Formulary.)

Medical Uses. This preparation was brought prominently into notice by M. Pravaz, a surgeon of Lyons, who found that a few drops of a strong solution, injected into a blood-vessel, produced coagulation of all the blood in the vessel for the extent of an inch or more. Its use as a styptic was the natural result of this observation. In this capacity it has been used in the cure of *varices*, and has even been recommended as an injection in ordinary *aneurisms*. In arresting hemorrhages from cut surfaces or wounded vessels it has proved remarkably successful. It has also been found advantageous as an application to *nasal polypi*, *erectile tumors*, or *nævi materni* in infants, in *ulcers* about the nails, and in various cutaneous affections. (See *Ferric Chloride*.) Attempts have been made to cure *nævi materni* by the injection of the solution into the erectile tumor; but this proceeding is hazardous: a fatal result is recorded as having occurred in an infant a month old. Five drops of the solution, introduced into the centre of the tumor, were followed instantly by a sharp cry, a brief convulsion, and death. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1867, p. 117.) Several other similar cases have occurred. Injection of it in *cystic goitre* has been strongly recommended by Dr. Morell Mackenzie (*London Lancet*, May 11, 1872), and has also been practised with advantage by some other surgeons. It has been used externally with asserted success in *varicose veins*. It may be used internally, properly diluted, for the general purposes of chalybeates, and especially as a substitute for the tincture of ferric chloride, when the alcohol of that preparation is objectionable. For ordinary purposes the dose is from two to ten minims (0·12–0·6 C.c.). In *post-partum hemorrhage* it has been largely employed, a solution of it, varying in strength from a drachm to a half-ounce to the pint, being thrown directly into the relaxed uterus. It is used in the preparation of the tincture of ferric chloride.

LIQUOR FERRI CITRATIS. U. S. Solution of Ferric Citrate.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ CĪ-TRĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous solution of Ferric Citrate, corresponding to about 7·5 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Solution of Citrate of Iron; Liquor Ferri Citrici; Citrate de Fer liquide, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Eisencitrat, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one thousand and fifty grammes* [or 37 ounces av., 16 grains]; Citric Acid, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 255 grains]; Ammonia Water, *eight hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 29 fluidounces, 363 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Mix the Ammonia Water with *three thousand cubic centimeters* [or 101 fluidounces, 213 minims] of cold Water, and the Solution of Ferric Sulphate with *ten thousand cubic centimeters* [or 338 fluidounces, 70 minims] of cold Water. Add the latter solution slowly to the diluted Ammonia Water, with constant stirring. Pour the mixture on a wet muslin strainer, and allow the liquid to

* The solution of ferric chloride, when kept, has a disposition to deposit the insoluble oxychloride of iron, and the resulting excess of hydrochloric acid is injuriously irritating. To obviate this disadvantage, M. Burin du Buisson recommends the following mode of preparation. "Saturate as quickly as possible pure and colorless hydrochloric acid with [gelatinous] hydrated ferric oxide; evaporate the solution to somewhat less than one-half over a gentle fire; and then continue the evaporation by means of the salt-bath, taking care to remove the aqueous vapors, which would cause the formation of hydrochloric acid, and a deposition of insoluble oxychloride. When the solution has attained the consistence of thick syrup (in which state it curdles on cooling, without, however, becoming a solid mass), cease evaporating, add an excess of the gelatinous hydrate diluted with a little water, agitate for a quarter of an hour, and afterwards allow the liquor to rest for several hours. Next add distilled water sufficient to bring the solution to the density of 30° Baumé, and allow it to stand for eight days in contact with an excess of the hydrate; after which filter, and again allow it to stand for two weeks." This strength of the solution is required for the cure of *varices*. For injection into *aneurismal tumors* it is sufficient to employ a solution of 20° or even 15°. These degrees of Baumé are equivalent—30° to 29·70 per cent. of the dry salt. 20° to 17·05 per cent., and 15° to 12·10 per cent. (See *Ferri Chloridum*, U. S., page 605.)

run off and the precipitate to drain. Then remove the moist mass from the strainer, mix it well with *six thousand cubic centimeters* [or 202 fluidounces, 426 minims] of cold Water, again pour it on the strainer, and let it drain. Repeat this washing with several successive portions of cold Water in the same manner, until the washings cease to produce more than a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Then allow the precipitate to drain completely, transfer it to a porcelain capsule, add the Citric Acid, and heat the mixture, on a water-bath, to 60° C. (140° F.), stirring constantly, until the precipitate is dissolved. Lastly, filter the liquid, and evaporate it, at the above-mentioned temperature, until it weighs *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]." *U. S.*

In this process, the ferric hydrate is first obtained by treating solution of ferric sulphate with ammonia, and is then combined, by the aid of heat, with the citric acid, thus forming a solution of ferric citrate. It might appear, from the phraseology of the process, that in the direction to add the citric acid to the precipitated hydrate, the addition of water to hold the resulting citrate in solution had been omitted; but the precipitate, even after draining, retains mechanically quite sufficient water for the purpose, so much, indeed, that evaporation is necessary at the end of the process to reduce the bulk to the required standard. The temperature is limited to 60° C. (140° F.), because, though a moderate heat promotes the solution, a high degree of it diminishes the solubility of the oxide, and thus interferes with the process.

The solution is "a dark brown liquid, odorless, and possessing a slightly ferruginous taste. Specific gravity, about 1·250 at 15° C. (59° F.). Upon evaporating 100 Gm. of the Solution, in a thin layer, on plates of glass, about 42·5 to 43 Gm. of garnet-red scales will be obtained. The Solution has an acid reaction upon litmus paper, and is not precipitated, but rendered darker in color, by ammonia water. With potassium ferrocyanide test-solution it affords a bluish-green color or precipitate, which is increased and rendered dark blue by the subsequent addition of hydrochloric acid. On heating the Solution with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, it will yield a brown precipitate, without evolving vapor of *ammonia*. If a portion of the Solution, diluted with 4 volumes of water, be deprived of its iron by boiling it with an excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, and the filtrate slightly acidulated with acetic acid, a portion of this liquid, when allowed to stand for some time, should not give a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*). If to another portion of the acidulated and cooled filtrate a little calcium chloride test-solution be added, and the liquid heated to boiling, it should gradually deposit a white, crystalline precipitate. If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 15 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* It keeps for a long time without change, and answers admirably well for preparing solid ferric citrate and the chalybeate salts containing it, and for introducing it into extemporaneous mixtures. Each fluidounce of it contains about half a troyounce of ferric citrate. It may be given as a ferruginous tonic, in the dose of ten minims (0·6 C.c.), equivalent to five grains (0·33 Gm.) of the salt, several times a day.

LIQUOR FERRI DIALYSATUS. Br. Solution of Dialysed Iron.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ DĪ-Ą-LY-SĀ'TŬS.)

"This solution of dialysed iron, so called, is a solution of highly basic ferric oxychloride, or chloroxide of iron, from which most of the acidulous matter has been removed by dialysis." *Br.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Perchloride of Iron *seven fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Solution of Ammonia, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Mix six [fluid]ounces of the Solution of Perchloride of Iron with two pints [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and stir into the mixture sufficient diluted Solution of Ammonia to impart, after thorough agitation, a distinct ammoniacal odor. Filter through calico, wash the precipitated Ferric Hydrate with distilled water, and then squeeze it to remove superfluous moisture. Add the precipitate to the remainder of the Solution of Perchloride of Iron, stir thoroughly, warm gently, and when complete or nearly complete solution is obtained filter if necessary and place the liquid in a covered dialyser; then subject it to a stream of water in the usual manner until the solution on the dialyser is almost tasteless. The resulting solution should measure twenty-eight fluidounces." *Br.*

This is a new official of the British Pharmacopœia, which has been extensively used both abroad and in this country, under the belief that it would prove serviceable in anæmia, but has already sunk into merited disuse. It is made by treating a solution of ferric chloride with ammonia, whereby ferric hydrate is precipitated, which by agitation is dissolved, placing the thick liquid in a dialyser, and suspending this in water, which is to be constantly renewed so long as any traces of hydrochloric acid are found in it. (See *Dialysis*, Part II.) The following process has been used in the United States. To 100 parts of solution of ferric chloride, sp. gr. 1·26, 35 parts of ammonia water, sp. gr. 0·923, may be gradually added. The precipitate which almost immediately forms is redissolved, and the solution introduced in the dialyser, which is then suspended upon the water, contained in a suitable vessel. When this ceases to produce a precipitate with silver nitrate, or to show an acid reaction, it is assayed by evaporating 10 C.c. to dryness on a water-bath, to ascertain the amount of ferric oxychloride in solution; then the final solution is diluted so that it shall contain 10 per cent. of dry oxychloride.

Dialysed iron is a solution of ferric oxychloride in water. Although the amount of chlorine present is very small, it is not correct to speak of it as a solution of ferric oxide. Its composition may vary from Fe_2Cl_6,$12Fe_2O_3$ to Fe_2Cl_6,$95Fe_2O_3$ (*Graham*), and solutions which contain a large quantity of oxide in proportion to chloride are less stable, and more prone to gelatinize. Solutions containing a large proportion of chloride may be evaporated to dryness, if care be used, without the residue becoming insoluble. The solution is of a transparent reddish-brown color, free from the usual astringent, styptic taste of iron preparations. It mixes in all proportions with distilled water, alcohol, syrup, and glycerin, but water containing any saline impurity is apt to cause precipitation. When gelatinization occurs, agitation with a small quantity of solution of ferric chloride will usually restore it to fluidity, care being observed not to add an excess. Contact with the alkalies should be avoided, even in minute quantity; indeed, it is best administered without addition of any kind, or simply diluted with distilled water.

According to the British Pharmacopœia, its specific gravity is 1·047, and "100 grains afford a precipitate with a solution of ammonia which, washed, dried, and ignited, weighs five grains." E. B. Shuttleworth (*Can. Pharm. Journ.*, Dec. 1877) recommends a solution which has the sp. gr. 1·040 and yielding 5 per cent. of residue, when well dried on a water-bath, as the best for medicinal use. The specific gravity test can be relied upon, if the solution does not give a precipitate with silver nitrate or become of a blackish-blue color upon treatment with tannin, showing the absence of ferric chloride. (See, also, *N. R.*, 1879, p. 46, for a new process by F. Schneider, from *Schweiz. Wochenschr.*, 1878, p. 409.)

There is good reason for believing that much of the so-called dialysed iron found in commerce is made by adding freshly-precipitated ferric hydrate to solution of ferric chloride until it ceases to be dissolved, and then filtering the solution. (Prof. Scheffer, *A. J. P.*, March, 1878.) *Ferrum catalyticum*, or *catalytic iron*, used on the Continent, is probably made in this way.

Medical Properties. Solution of dialysed iron has been very highly praised as a ferruginous tonic free from astringency, which can be given in enormous doses without producing headache or gastro-intestinal irritation. It is evident, however, that a preparation which will not pass through animal membrane cannot be absorbed: in fact, dialysed iron is precipitated in the stomach and intestines as a ferric oxide, which is very slowly absorbed. Dialysed iron is, therefore, not an eligible preparation. It is capable of acting as an antidote to arsenic by virtue of the readiness with which it yields hydrated ferric oxide. Dose, from twenty minims to a teaspoonful (1·3–3·7 C.c.).

LIQUOR FERRI ET AMMONII ACETATIS. U. S. Solution of Iron and Ammonium Acetate.

[Mistura Ferri et Ammonii Acetatis, Pharm. 1880. Basham's Mixture.]

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ ĔT ĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĪS.)

"Tincture of Ferric Chloride, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Solution of Ammonium Acetate, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Aromatic Elixir, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Glycerin, *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 28 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. To the Solution of Ammonium Acetate (which should not be alkaline) add, successively, the Diluted Acetic Acid, the Tincture of Ferric Chloride, the Aromatic Elixir, and the Glycerin, and, lastly, enough Water to make the product

measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted." *U. S.*

The first name of this preparation has been changed to "Liquor" in accordance with the views expressed in the 16th edition of this work, as it belongs to the class of solutions, and is not a mixture in the modern acceptation of the term. The formula has been improved by the addition of glycerin, which enables the solution to remain undecomposed somewhat longer: it should be borne in mind, however, that this was never intended to be a permanent solution, and in time precipitation and decomposition surely set in. Some pharmacists adopt the plan of keeping all the ingredients, except the tincture of ferric chloride and water, mixed together in advance, and when called upon to dispense the solution, to add the proper quantity of tincture and water; this saves time and enables them to dispense a clear solution. When freshly made, it is a transparent, bright-red liquid. The iron is in the form of an acetate, whilst there is formed, as one of the products of decomposition, a small quantity of ammonium chloride, the larger proportion of ammonium acetate, however, remaining undecomposed. Basham's mixture is actively chalybeate, and also astringent, and is very largely used in *chronic Bright's disease*. The dose is from one-half to one fluidounce (15–30 C.c.).

LIQUOR FERRI NITRATIS. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Ferric Nitrate.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ NĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

"An aqueous solution of Ferric Nitrate [$Fe_2(NO_3)_6 = 483{\cdot}1$], containing about 6·2 per cent. of the anhydrous salt, and corresponding to about 1·4 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Liquor Ferri Pernitratis, *Br.;* Solution of Pernitrate of Iron; Solution of Nitrate of Iron; Azotate (Pernitrate) de Fer liquide, *Fr.;* Salpetersaure Eisenoxyd-Lösung, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Sulphate, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 153 grains]; Ammonia Water, *one hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 197 minims]; Nitric Acid, *seventy-one grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 220 grains]; Distilled Water, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Mix the Ammonia Water with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of cold Water, and the Solution of Ferric Sulphate with *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 50 fluidounces, 345 minims] of cold Water. Add the latter solution slowly to the diluted Ammonia Water, with constant stirring. Let the mixture stand until the precipitate has subsided as far as practicable, and then decant the supernatant liquid. Add to the precipitate *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of cold Water, mix well, and again set the mixture aside, as before. Repeat the washing with successive portions of cold Water, in the same manner, until the washings produce but a slight cloudiness with barium chloride test-solution. Pour the washed ferric hydrate on a wet muslin strainer, and let it drain thoroughly. Then transfer it to a porcelain capsule, add the Nitric Acid, and stir with a glass rod, until a clear solution is obtained. Finally, add enough Distilled Water to make the finished product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Filter, if necessary." *U. S.*

"Take of fine Iron Wire, free from rust, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *four and a half fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dilute the Nitric Acid with sixteen [fluid]ounces of the Water, introduce the Iron Wire into the mixture, and leave them in contact until the metal is dissolved, taking care to moderate the action, should it become too violent, by the addition of a little more Distilled Water. Filter the solution, and add to it as much Distilled Water as will make its bulk one pint and a half [Imp. meas.]. The specific gravity is 1·107." *Br.*

Solution of ferric nitrate was made in the U. S. P. 1870 by first forming ferrous nitrate by dissolving iron wire in diluted nitric acid, and then converting this into ferric nitrate by heating with an additional quantity of nitric acid; there was a slight excess of nitric acid left in the solution (about 1·4 per cent.). It was believed by the Committee of Revision that a solution of more definite composition would be made by adopting Mr. Louis Dohme's process. In this, ferric hydrate is dissolved in nitric acid in such proportion that the solution of ferric nitrate shall contain 6·2 per cent. of the anhydrous salt when assayed by the official process, and about 1 per cent. of free nitric acid.*

The U. S. solution is "a clear amber-colored or reddish liquid, odorless, having an acid, styptic taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·050 at 15° C. (59° F.). The Solution gives a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, and a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution. If a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate be added to a cooled mixture

* *Syrup of Ferrous Nitrate* may be prepared by Prof. Procter's formula. (See U. S. D., 16th ed., p. 903.)

of equal parts of the Solution and of concentrated sulphuric acid, the crystal will become brown and be surrounded by a brownish-black zone. If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 2·8 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* It contains no ferrous nitrate, and does not give a blue precipitate with potassium ferricyanide. The British preparation is of a reddish-brown color, of the sp. gr. 1·107, and gives a blue precipitate with yellow prussiate of potash (potassium ferrocyanide). The precipitate obtained from a fluidrachm of it by the addition of an excess of ammonia, when washed, dried, and incinerated, weighs 2·6 grains. (*Br.*) It is, therefore, about twice as strong as the U. S. solution.

Ferric nitrate is somewhat deliquescent, very soluble in water, and sparingly soluble in nitric acid. It consists of the double atom of iron, Fe_2, which is hexatomic, combined with 6 groups, NO_3, and crystallizes either with 12 molecules of water in colorless cubes, or with 18 molecules of water in colorless monoclinic crystals, yielding, therefore, either $Fe_2(NO_3)_6 + 12H_2O$ or $Fe_2(NO_3)_6 + 18H_2O$.

Medical Properties. This solution was introduced to the notice of the profession by Mr. William Kerr, in 1832. Its virtues are those of a tonic and astringent. Dr. R. J. Graves, of Dublin, praises it as a remedy in *chronic diarrhœa*, especially when occurring in delicate and nervous women, in which there is no thirst, redness of tongue, tenderness of the abdomen on pressure, or other indication of inflammation. Mr. Kerr attributed to it the property of diminishing the irritability of the intestinal mucous membrane. It is considered particularly applicable to the treatment of *mucous diarrhœa* attended with pain, but not to cases in which ulcerations of the intestines exist; but in our experience it has seemed to be irritating, and has generally failed to accomplish good. Dr. T. C. Adams, of Michigan, also reports favorably of this remedy in *chronic diarrhœa*, considering it, like Mr. Kerr, to act as a sedative as well as an astringent. He employed it also with good effect in *menorrhagia*, and both internally and by injection in *leucorrhœa*, when occurring in pale, exsanguine, and feeble subjects. The dose, according to Dr. Graves, is seven or eight drops (0·36 or 0·42 C.c.), gradually increased to fifteen (0·85 C.c.), sufficiently diluted, given in the course of the day. Dr. Adams gave it in doses of ten drops (0·6 C.c.) two, three, or four times a day, and sometimes increased it to twenty-five drops (1·5 C.c.). Dr. Garrod and Mr. Squire state the dose of the British preparation, though twice as strong in iron as our own, at from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.). Considering that a fluidrachm of the British solution contains 7·865 grains of the salt, this appears to us a very large dose; and the doses recommended by Drs. Graves and Adams would probably be safer. As an injection, Dr. Adams employed it sufficiently diluted to cause only a slight heat and smarting in the vagina.

LIQUOR FERRI PERCHLORIDI. Br. Solution of Perchloride of Iron.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ PĔR-ØHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

Solution of Ferric Chloride.

"Take of Strong Solution of Perchloride of Iron *five fluidounces;* Distilled Water sufficient to produce after admixture *twenty fluidounces.* Mix." *Br.* (See page 799.)

This is of one-fourth the strength of the *Liquor Ferri Perchloridi* of the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1864, which is the *Liquor Ferri Perchloridi Fortior* of the present edition. It is of the same ferruginous strength as the British tincture of Perchloride of Iron. The specific gravity of this solution is 1·110, and it may be used in place of the tincture of ferric chloride when the alcohol present in the latter is objectionable; it is very astringent, and is perhaps less active as a diuretic than the tincture. Dose, from ten to thirty minims (0·65–1·9 C.c.) well diluted.

LIQUOR FERRI SUBSULPHATIS. U. S. Solution of Ferric Subsulphate.

[Solution of Basic Ferric Sulphate. Monsel's Solution.]

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ SŬB-SŬL-PHĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous solution of Basic Ferric Sulphate (of variable chemical composition), corresponding to about 13·6 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Solution of Subsulphate of Iron; Solution of Persulphate of Iron; Liqueur hémostatique de Monsel, *Fr.;* Basisch-schwefelsaure Eisenoxydlösung, Monsel's Eisenlösung, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in clear crystals, *six hundred and seventy-five grammes* [or 23 ounces av., 354 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Nitric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Add the Sulphuric Acid to *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Distilled Water in a capacious porcelain capsule, heat the mixture to nearly 100° C. (212° F.), then add *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains] of Nitric Acid, and mix well. Divide the Ferrous Sulphate, coarsely powdered, into four equal portions, and add these portions, one at a time, to the hot liquid, stirring after each addition until effervescence ceases. When all of the Ferrous Sulphate is dissolved, add a few drops of Nitric Acid, and, if this causes a further evolution of red fumes, continue to add Nitric Acid, a few drops at a time, until it no longer causes red fumes to be evolved; then boil the Solution until it assumes a ruby-red color and is free from nitrous odor. Lastly, add enough Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, in a moderately warm place (not under 22° C. or 71·6° F.), protected from light. This solution will sometimes crystallize, forming a semi-solid, whitish mass. When this occurs, the application of a gentle heat to the bottle will restore the liquid condition. Solution of Ferric Subsulphate is to be dispensed when Solution of Persulphate of Iron has been prescribed by the physician." *U. S.*

This process is essentially that of Dr. Squibb. The object is to obtain in solution *Monsel's Persulphate of Iron*, improperly so called, as it differs both in composition and in properties from the salt of iron properly named persulphate. The composition of the true persulphate is $Fe_2(SO_4)_3$, and it is a neutral salt, while Monsel's persulphate has the composition $Fe_4O(SO_4)_5$,* and is properly a subsalt, as it is very appropriately designated in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. With this preliminary explanation, the process will be easily understood.

In its preparation the ferrous sulphate is converted into ferric sulphate at the expense of the nitric acid; but the sulphuric acid, mixed with the nitric, is in quantity insufficient to form the normal salt. The sesquioxide is therefore but partially saturated, and a subsalt results, having the constitution above mentioned.†

The solution of ferric subsulphate is "a dark reddish-brown liquid, odorless or nearly so, of an acid, strongly styptic taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·550 at 15° C. (59° F.). Miscible with water and alcohol, in all proportions, without decomposition. The diluted Solution yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and a white one, insoluble in hydrochloric acid, with barium chloride test-solution. On slowly mixing 2 volumes of the Solution with 1 volume of concentrated sulphuric acid, in a beaker, a semi-solid, white mass will separate on standing (difference from *tersulphate*). On adding a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate to a cooled mixture of equal volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid and a diluted portion of the Solution, the crystal should not become brown, nor should there be a brownish-black color developed around it (absence of *nitric acid*). If to a small portion of the Solution, diluted with about 10 volumes of water, a few drops of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution be added, a pure brown color should be produced, without a tinge of green or greenish-blue (absence of *ferrous salt*). If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 27·2 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution

* Mr. Spencer U. Pickering believes that the true composition of basic ferric sulphate is represented by the formula $Fe_2(SO_4)_3,5Fe_2O_3.H_2O$. (See *Journ. Chem. Soc.*, xliii. p. 182.)

† Mr. J. Creuse offers the following formulæ for the preparation of the solutions of *ferric sulphate* and *ferric subsulphate*, holding them to be superior to the official because they require no especial apparatus and generate no noxious vapors:

For the ferric sulphate, Take of Ferrous Sulphate, in coarse powder, twelve troyounces; Sulphuric Acid two troyounces and sixty grains; Potassium Chlorate three hundred and forty-eight grains; Boiling Water twelve fluidounces. Dissolve the ferrous sulphate in the boiling water in a glass matrass, or in any convenient bottle; add the sulphuric acid gradually, and, while the liquid is hot, add the potassium chlorate by small portions. When all is dissolved, filter, and complete twenty-four fluidounces. The following formula explains the reaction: $6(FeSO_4) + 3H_2SO_4 + KClO_3 = 3(Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 3H_2O + KCl$.

For the subsulphate, Take of the ingredients above enumerated, respectively, twelve troyounces, one troyounce and thirty grains, three hundred and forty grains, ten fluidounces; proceed as before; evaporate to twelve fluidounces, and filter. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 169.) The solutions thus obtained are contaminated with potassium chloride.

indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* A little sulphuric acid decolorizes the liquid in a considerable degree, and an excess of the same acid converts it into a white, soft, pasty solid, resembling plaster of Paris which has begun to solidify after mixture with water. This test, according to Dr. Squibb, is quite characteristic. (*N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, 1860, p. 173.)

By evaporation, upon a glass surface, with a moderate heat, the solution yields ferric subsulphate, or *Monsel's salt*, in the form of thin transparent scales, of a light reddish-brown color, deliquescent, and readily soluble in water. Attention was first called to the special styptic virtues of ferric sulphate by M. Monsel in 1852; but it was not until 1857 that he published the formula for the peculiar salt which now goes by his name, and the solution of which is the subject of the present article. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1857, and Juillet, 1859.)

In consequence of its deficiency of sulphuric acid, this salt is less irritant than the ferric sulphate, while it has at least equal, if not greater, astringency. It is therefore very efficacious as a styptic, and peculiarly adapted, through its power of coagulating the blood, to cases of *hemorrhage* from incised wounds, or from surfaces in which it is specially desirable to avoid irritation. It is said also to have been found peculiarly efficacious in *chancre*. The solution may be applied by means of a small sponge or pencil of spun glass to the bleeding surface or vessel. In cases of *hæmoptysis*, a dilution of it (from five to ten minims to the fluidounce) has been used with advantage, by means of the atomizer. It is an excellent styptic in *hemorrhage* from the stomach and bowels, in doses of from three to six minims (0·18–0·36 C.c.), properly diluted, and repeated as often as necessary.

LIQUOR FERRI TERSULPHATIS. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Ferric Sulphate.

(LĪ'QUOR FĔR'RĪ TĔR-SŬL-PHĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous solution of normal Ferric Sulphate [$Fe_2(SO_4)_3 = 399{\cdot}22$], containing about 28·7 per cent. of the salt, and corresponding to about 8 per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Liquor Ferri Persulphatis, *Br.;* Liquor Ferri Sulfurici Oxydati, *P. G.;* Solution of Tersulphate of Iron; Solution of Persulphate of Iron; Persulfate de Fer liquide, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Schwefelsaures Eisenoxyd, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in clear crystals, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *seventy-eight grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 328 grains]; Nitric Acid, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Add the Sulphuric Acid to *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Distilled Water in a capacious porcelain capsule, heat the mixture to nearly 100° C. (212° F.), then add *fifty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 411 grains] of Nitric Acid, and mix well. Divide the Ferrous Sulphate, coarsely powdered, into four equal portions, and add these portions, one at a time, to the hot liquid, stirring after each addition until the effervescence ceases. When all of the Ferrous Sulphate is dissolved, add a few drops of Nitric Acid, and, if this causes a further evolution of red fumes, continue to add Nitric Acid, a few drops at a time, until it no longer causes red fumes to be evolved; then boil the Solution until it assumes a reddish-brown color and is free from nitrous odor. Lastly, add enough Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Filter, if necessary." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid, of each, *six fluidrachms;* Distilled Water *twelve fluidounces* or *a sufficiency*. Add the Sulphuric Acid to ten [fluid]ounces of the Water, and dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in the mixture, with the aid of heat. Mix the Nitric Acid with the remaining two [fluid]ounces of Water, and add to this diluted acid, warmed, the Solution of Sulphate of Iron. Concentrate by boiling, until, by the sudden disengagement of ruddy vapors, the liquid ceases to be black and acquires a red color. A drop of the solution is now to be tested with ferricyanide of potassium, and if a blue precipitate forms, a few additional drops of Nitric Acid should be added, and the boiling renewed in order that the whole of the sulphate may be converted into persulphate of iron. When the solution is cold, make the quantity eleven fluidounces by the addition, if necessary, of Distilled Water." *Br.*

The ferrous sulphate is directed to be in clear crystals, meaning by this "not effloresced," because when the crystals are coated with a whitish powder they have lost water of crystallization, and the proportion of iron present is variable. The nitric acid in the process gives up enough of its oxygen to convert it entirely into ferric sulphate, and the effervescence is owing to the escape of nitrogen dioxide; this becomes red nitrogen tetroxide by contact with the air. The conversion of the ferrous salt into ferric salt is incomplete until the effervescence ceases,

and the color, from black, as it was at first, has become reddish brown. Indeed, in order to convert the whole into ferric sulphate it is necessary to continue the heat until nitrous odor ceases to be evolved, and thus the entire absence of nitric or nitrous acid from the solution is insured. But in consequence of the higher oxidation of the iron the sulphuric acid of the sulphate is insufficient to saturate it. Enough sulphuric acid, therefore, is added to meet this demand. The process is completed by adding enough water to make a definite weight. The U. S. and British formulas are the same in principle; but in the latter the additional precaution is taken, in order to insure the complete change of ferrous into ferric salt, of testing the liquid with potassium ferricyanide, which will produce a blue precipitate so long as any of the ferrous sulphate remains. The solution, prepared according to the U. S. formula, is "a dark reddish-brown liquid, almost odorless, having an acid, strongly styptic taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·320 at 15° C. (59° F.). Miscible with water and alcohol, in all proportions, without decomposition. The diluted Solution yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and a white one, insoluble in hydrochloric acid, with barium chloride test-solution. On slowly mixing 2 volumes of the Solution with 1 volume of concentrated sulphuric acid, in a beaker, no solid, white mass will separate on standing (difference from *subsulphate*). On adding a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate to a cooled mixture of equal volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid and a moderately diluted portion of the Solution, the crystal should not become brown, nor should there be a brownish-black color developed around it (absence of *nitric acid*). If to a small portion of the Solution, diluted with about 10 volumes of water, a few drops of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution be added, a pure brown color should be produced, without a tinge of green or greenish-blue (absence of *ferrous salt*). If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Solution be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 16 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.* The solution, diluted with water, gives a white precipitate with barium chloride, showing that it contains a sulphate. It keeps well; and we have seen a specimen made by the U. S. 1870 process, ten years old, which retained all its properties unchanged and had deposited nothing. The British solution is considerably stronger than ours, having the sp. gr. 1·441, and yielding from a *fluidrachm*, on precipitation by ammonia, a precipitate, which, when washed and incinerated, weighs 11·44 grains. It is described in the Br. Pharmacopœia as a dense solution of a dark red color. Prof. Procter found that a preparation containing 120 grains of sesquioxide to the fluidounce is apt to deposit the anhydrous sulphate on standing. This solution, though powerfully astringent, is too irritant for general use. The chief employment of it is in making other ferruginous preparations in which the ferric hydrate is wanted; and it should always be kept on hand for the quick preparation of the antidote to arsenic.

LIQUOR GUTTA PERCHA. Br. Solution of Gutta Percha.

(LĪ'QUOR GŬT'TĄ PĔR'CHĄ.)

Liquor Gutta-Perchæ, *U. S.* 1880; Liqueur de Gutta-Percha, *Fr.*; Guttapercha-Lösung, *G.*

"Take of Gutta Percha, in thin slices, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Chloroform *eight fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Carbonate of Lead, in fine powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Add the Gutta Percha to six fluidounces of the Chloroform in a stoppered bottle, and shake them together frequently until solution has been effected. Then add the Carbonate of Lead previously mixed with the remainder of the Chloroform, and having several times shaken the whole together, set the mixture aside, and let it remain at rest until the insoluble matter has subsided. Lastly, decant the clear liquid and keep it in a well-stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This preparation was dropped at the 1890 revision of the U. S. P.: see below.*

Difficulty is often experienced in obtaining a clear solution of gutta-percha in chloroform

* "Gutta-Percha, in thin slices, *nine parts* [or one ounce av.]; Commercial Chloroform, *ninety-one parts* [or six and a half fluidounces]; Carbonate of Lead, in fine powder, *ten parts* [or one ounce av.], To make *one hundred parts* [or about seven fluidounces]. Add the Gutta-Percha to *seventy parts* [or five fluidounces] of the Chloroform, contained in a bottle, cork the latter, and shake it occasionally until the Gutta-Percha is dissolved. Then add the Carbonate of Lead previously mixed with the remainder of the Chloroform, and, having several times shaken the whole together, at intervals of half an hour, set the mixture aside until the insoluble matters have subsided and the solution has become perfectly clear. Lastly, decant the liquid and preserve it in small, cork-stoppered vials." *U. S.* 1880.

of the proper consistence for use, in consequence of its viscidity, and the strong affinity with which it holds on to the coloring matter. It cannot be clarified by filtration; and lead carbonate is therefore resorted to, which unites with the coloring matter, and, in consequence of its weight, gradually subsides, carrying undissolved substances along with it, and leaving a clear and colorless or nearly colorless solution behind. The use of lead carbonate for this purpose was first suggested by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Jr., of Philadelphia. Everything in the success of the process depends on the quality of the gutta-percha used. Should the operator be unable to procure a clear solution by acting in precise accordance with the formula, he would be justifiable in adding more chloroform, filtering if necessary, and evaporating by a very moderate heat to the due consistence. It is better, however, to employ purified gutta-percha, which can now be had in commerce. When the preparation becomes too viscid in consequence of the spontaneous evaporation of the menstruum on exposure, we have always found that the addition of a little chloroform, with agitation, restores it without difficulty to the due condition. The ordinary commercial chloroform may be used in the process, as the preparation is exclusively for external use. It should be kept in small glass vials with accurately fitting glass stoppers and not containing more than may be wanted at once, as much evaporation will render it too dense. Prof. J. M. Good (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887) criticises the official process of 1880, and states that the lead carbonate may be dispensed with if the solution be made less dense, so that the solution will readily pass through a filter. The proportions that he recommends are four parts of gutta-percha to ninety-six parts of chloroform. He uses Stewart's textile filtering paper and some special device for filtering volatile liquids (see Fig. 250, *Remington's Practice of Pharmacy*), and believes that there are other advantages in having the solution less dense, as when more dilute it is much more manageable.*

This is a convenient and effective preparation as a protective to the surface in slight cases of superficial inflammation and abrasion. By the rapidity with which the chloroform evaporates, a thin, elastic, nearly colorless film is left after its application, sufficient to prevent injurious influence from the air, wholly without irritating properties, not shrinking inconveniently, and, in consequence of its softness, not mechanically disturbing the part, as sometimes happens with collodion. A little of it applied by the end of the finger, or by means of a small brush, or a glass rod, over eruptive affections, abrasions or slight excoriations, inflammation from friction, chaps on the lips or hand, and slight superficial wounds that have ceased bleeding, will often enable the parts beneath to heal almost immediately, while if unprotected they might go on for an indefinite period, giving annoyance, and often increasing. Surfaces yet sound, that are liable to irritation and abrasion from contact, pressure, friction, and the application of acrid substances, may often be protected by a coating of this material. The agreeable odor of chloroform is another recommendation over other preparations, of a similar character, made with ether or benzol.

LIQUOR HYDRARGYRI NITRATIS. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Mercuric Nitrate.

(LI'QUOR HŸ-DRÄR'GĮ-RĪ NĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

"A liquid containing about 60 per cent. of Mercuric Nitrate [$Hg(NO_3)_2 = 323{\cdot}58$], together with about 11 per cent. of free Nitric Acid." *U. S.*

Liquor Hydrargyri Nitratis Acidus, *Br.;* Acid Solution of Nitrate of Mercury; Solution of Nitrate of Mercury; Liquor Hydrargyri Nitrici Oxydati; Deutazotate (Pernitrate) de Mercure liquide, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Salpetersaures Quecksilberoxyd, *G.*

"Red Mercuric Oxide, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Nitric Acid, *forty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 257 grains]; Distilled Water, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix the Nitric Acid with the Distilled Water, and dissolve the Red Mercuric Oxide in the mixture. Keep the product in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *five fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *one fluidounce and a half.* Mix the Nitric Acid with the Water in a flask; and dissolve the Mercury in the mixture without the application of heat. Boil gently for fifteen minutes, cool, and preserve the solution, which should weigh about twelve ounces [av.], in a stoppered bottle away from the light." *Br.*

* *Traumaticine.* Under this name Prof. Auspitz, of Vienna, has introduced a preparation which is simply a solution of one part of gutta-percha in ten parts of chloroform. He sometimes medicates it by dissolving substances like chrysarobin in the chloroform before adding the gutta-percha. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 341.)

In the British process, mercury is dissolved, with the assistance of heat, in an excess of nitric acid, and there is formed an acid mercuric nitrate, which is brought to a determinate bulk by evaporation. The proportion of nitric acid is sufficient not only to form mercuric nitrate, but also to furnish a large excess of acid.

Properties. Solution of mercuric nitrate is "a clear, nearly colorless, heavy liquid, having a faint odor of nitric acid, and a strongly acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 2·100 at 15° C. (59° F.). On evaporating a few drops of the Solution in a porcelain capsule, a white residue is left, which, on being heated, becomes successively yellow, red, and brown, and is finally completely volatilized. On a bright surface of copper, the Solution deposits a coating of metallic mercury. The Solution, diluted with water, yields with potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution a yellow precipitate; and with potassium iodide test-solution a bright red one, soluble in an excess of the reagent. A clear crystal of ferrous sulphate dropped into the solution rapidly acquires a brown color, and becomes surrounded by a brownish-black zone. No precipitation or cloudiness should occur in the Solution on the addition of water, or of diluted hydrochloric acid (absence of *mercurous salt*)." *U. S.*

In the U. S. P. 1880 the definition stated that this solution contained about 50 per cent. of mercuric nitrate; in the *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 577, F. X. Moerk affirms that it does not afford a 50-per-cent. solution, but a stronger one,—*i.e.*, a 60-per-cent. To make a 50-per-cent. solution the following quantities should be used: Red Mercuric Oxide 33·32 parts; Nitric Acid 37·38 parts; Distilled Water sufficient to make 100 parts.

Mercuric nitrate, the salt present in this preparation, can be obtained in large crystals of the composition $2(Hg(NO_3)_2) + H_2O$, when its solution is allowed to evaporate slowly over sulphuric acid. The same salt, which is very deliquescent, is obtained as a crystalline magma by adding strong nitric acid to the concentrated solution.

Medical Properties. This preparation is much used as a caustic application to *cancers*, *lupus*, *ulcerations* of the *cervix*, *chancres*, etc. When a very free use is desired, it may be applied to the diseased surface by a camel's-hair brush, or preferably by a brush made of spun glass; usually, however, the application is made with a glass rod, or a match or similar fragment of wood. In *acne* and *boils*, a drop proportioned in size to the pustule applied to the apex is sometimes of service. The parts touched immediately become white, the surrounding parts inflame, and in a few days a yellow scab is formed, which gradually falls off. Sometimes the application produces salivation. When it is desirable to avoid this result, the cauterized part should be washed with water immediately after the application of the caustic.

LIQUOR HYDRARGYRI PERCHLORIDI. Br. Solution of Perchloride of Mercury.

(LĪ'QUOR HĬ-DRÄR'ĢĬ-RĪ PĔR-ĊHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

Liquor Hydrargyri Bichloridi, *London;* Solution of Bichloride of Mercury.

"Take of Perchloride of Mercury, Chloride of Ammonium, of each, *ten grains;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve." *Br.*

This solution may be used as affording a convenient method of exhibiting corrosive sublimate. The dose is from half a fluidrachm to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR IODI COMPOSITUS. U. S. (Br.) Compound Solution of Iodine. [Lugol's Solution.]

(LĪ'QUOR Ī-Ō'DĪ CỌM-PŎŞ'Ị-TŬS.)

Liquor Iodi, *Br.;* Liquor Iodinii Compositus, *U. S.* 1870; Solution of Iodine; Soluté ioduré de Lugol, *Fr.;* Lugol'sche Jodlösung, *G.*

"Iodine, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Potassium Iodide, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Dissolve the Iodine and Potassium Iodide in a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Keep the Solution in glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodine *twenty-two grains;* Iodide of Potassium *thirty-three grains;* Distilled Water sufficient to produce *one fluidounce* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve." *Br.*

In this solution iodine is dissolved in water with the assistance of potassium iodide. Iodine dissolves sparingly in water, but freely in a solution of this salt. In using potassium iodide to render iodine more soluble in water, the iodide is generally taken in a quantity twice the weight of the iodine; and this is the proportion adopted in the U. S. formula. The prepara-

tion is a *concentrated* solution of iodine with potassium iodide, and is intended to facilitate the administration of the combination in drops. The present formula does not differ in strength from that of 1880. The specific gravity of the U. S. compound solution of iodine is 1·124. In the Br. Pharmacopœia a solution is directed having less iodine than the U. S. solution, and very much weaker in potassium iodide; the former having only twenty-two grains of iodine and thirty-three grains of potassium iodide in the fluidounce, whilst the latter has nearly twenty-six grains of iodine and fifty-two grains of potassium iodide in the fluidounce; the difference in the fluidounce of the two Pharmacopœias being too small to enter into the calculation. "If 12·66 Gm. of the Solution be mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require, for complete decoloration, from 49·3 to 50 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution (each C.c. of the volumetric solution corresponding to 0·1 per cent. of iodine)." *U. S.* The medicinal properties of the solution depend mainly on the free iodine contained in it, by which the dose must be regulated, and not by the potassium iodide. According to Mr. Lloyd, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, it acts differently from potassium iodide, which when given alone does not produce the same effects. In a case of constitutional syphilis under his care, the compound solution of iodine effected a rapid cure, after the potassium iodide had been taken in large doses for several months without benefit. The dose is five minims (0·3 C.c.), containing about a quarter of a grain of iodine, three times a day, given in four tablespoonfuls of sweetened water, and gradually increased. The dilution should always be large, in order to favor the absorption, and to avoid irritation of the stomach. For children the dose to begin with is two minims (0·12 C.c.).

LIQUOR LITHIÆ EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescing Solution of Lithia. [Lithia Water.]

(LĪ'QUOR LĬTH'Ī-Æ ĔF-FĔR-VĔS'CĔNȘ.)

Eau de Lithine, *Fr.;* Lithiumwasser, *G.;* Aqua Lithiæ Effervescens.

"Take of Carbonate of Lithium *ten grains;* Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Mix in a suitable apparatus, and force into it as much pure washed carbonic acid gas, obtained by the action of sulphuric acid on chalk, as can be introduced with a pressure of about four atmospheres. Keep the solution in bottles securely closed, to prevent the escape of the compressed gas." *Br.*

This solution is clear and sparkling, has an agreeable acidulous taste, and, when evaporated, leaves a white solid residue of lithium carbonate, in the proportion of five grains to half a pint (Imp. meas.), or about ten fluidounces. It is an appropriate method of administering lithium carbonate; as this salt, compared with other alkaline carbonates, is sparingly soluble in pure water, and is readily dissolved by carbonic acid water. For the properties and uses of lithium carbonate, see *Lithii Carbonas.* Dose, from five to ten fluidounces (148–296 C.c.).

LIQUOR MAGNESII CARBONATIS. Br. Solution of Carbonate of Magnesium. [Fluid Magnesia.]

(LĪ'QUOR MĂG-NĒ'ȘĮ-Ī CĂR-BŌ-NĀ'TĬS.)

Eau magnésienne, Magnésie liquide, *Fr.;* Kohlensaure Magnesialösung, *G.*

"Take of Sulphate of Magnesium *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Sodium *two ounces and a half* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the two salts separately, each, in half a pint [Imperial measure] of Water. Heat the Solution of Sulphate of Magnesium to the boiling point, then add to it the Solution of Carbonate of Sodium, and boil them together until carbonic acid ceases to be evolved. Collect the precipitated carbonate of magnesium on a calico filter, and wash it with Distilled Water until what passes ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Mix the washed precipitate with a pint [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and, putting them into a suitable apparatus, force into it pure washed carbonic acid gas obtained by the action of sulphuric acid on chalk. Let the mixture remain in contact with excess of carbonic acid, retained there under pressure of about three atmospheres, for 24 hours or longer, then filter the liquid to remove any undissolved carbonate of magnesium, and again pass carbonic acid gas into the filtered solution. Finally, keep the solution in a bottle securely closed, to prevent the escape of carbonic acid." *Br.*

The object of this process is to obtain a solution of magnesium carbonate, by means of carbonic acid; the carbonate being insoluble in pure water. The first step is to prepare a freshly precipitated hydrated magnesium carbonate, which is more readily dissolved than the carbonate which has been kept for some time. As the magnesium carbonate of the Br. Pharmacopœia consists of three mols. of the neutral carbonate and one of hydrate of magnesia with four

mols. of water, it follows that, in its preparation from the two salts used in the process, a portion of carbonic acid escapes; and the boiling is directed to be continued until the escape of the gas ceases, so that the normal composition may be insured, and a longer heat, which might affect the constitution of the carbonate so as to diminish its solubility, avoided. The precipitate is thoroughly washed, so as to remove every trace of sodium sulphate, which is indicated by the non-action of the test of barium chloride. The next step is to dissolve the precipitated carbonate in water impregnated with carbonic acid gas; and, as the solution even thus favored is slowly effected, the carbonate is directed to remain exposed to the action of carbonic acid gas, under pressure, for 24 hours; and still the whole of the carbonate is not dissolved, and filtration is necessary. According to the Pharmacopœia, the "solution contains nearly ten grains of magnesium carbonate in a fluidounce, or about 2 per cent." Were the results exactly in accordance with the proportion of magnesium sulphate used, the quantity of carbonate dissolved would be 40 grains to the fluidounce. On exposure to the air, some of the carbonic acid escapes, and a portion of the salt is deposited. Prof. Redwood proposes to remedy this by reducing the strength of the solution. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi. 397.) Indeed, it has been shown by Mr. C. Muncy that the preparation as it occurs in commerce is usually much below the standard strength.

This solution is but slightly effervescent, is clear, and is stated in the Br. Pharmacopœia to be free from bitterness. Nevertheless its taste is disagreeable, much more so than that of the undissolved carbonate. "A fluidounce of it, evaporated to dryness, yields a white solid residue, which, after being calcined, weighs about four grains. This residue is insoluble in water, and answers to the tests for magnesia." The dose as an antacid laxative is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

LIQUOR MAGNESII CITRATIS. U. S., Br. Solution of Magnesium Citrate.

(LĪ'QUOR MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ī CĪ-TRĀ'TĪS.)

Solution of Citrate of Magnesium; Limonade au Citrate de Magnésie, *Fr.*; Flüssige Citronensaure Magnesia, *G.*

"Magnesium Carbonate, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Citric Acid, *thirty grammes* [or 462 grains]; Syrup of Citric Acid, *sixty cubic centimeters** [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Potassium Bicarbonate, *two and one-half grammes* [or 39 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Citric Acid in *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 28 minims] of Water, and, having added the Magnesium Carbonate, stir, until it is dissolved. Filter the solution into a strong bottle of the capacity of about *three hundred and sixty cubic centimeters* [or 12 fluidounces, 84 minims], containing the Syrup of Citric Acid. Then add enough Water to nearly fill the bottle, drop in the Potassium Bicarbonate, immediately close the bottle with a cork, and secure it with twine. Lastly, shake the mixture occasionally, until the Potassium Bicarbonate is dissolved." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Magnesium *one hundred grains;* Citric Acid, *two hundred grains;* Syrup of Lemon *one-half fluidounce* [Imperial measure]; Bicarbonate of Potassium, in crystals, *forty grains;* Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Citric Acid in two ounces of the Water, and, having added the Carbonate of Magnesium, stir until it is dissolved. Filter the solution into a strong half-pint bottle, add the syrup and sufficient water to nearly fill the bottle, then introduce the Bicarbonate of Potassium, and immediately close the bottle with a cork which should be secured with a string or wire. Afterwards shake the bottle until the Bicarbonate of Potassium has dissolved." *Br.*

This formula first appeared in the second edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850. The original formula was soon found to have defects. Four-fifths of the carbonate were dissolved in the citric acid, and the solution filtered into a bottle containing the syrup of citric acid; and then the reserved fifth, mixed with water, was added to the acid citrate, and the bottle tightly corked. The addition of the reserved carbonate was intended to impregnate the preparation with carbonic acid by its solution in the excess of citric acid. To effect the solution of this reserved carbonate required at least half an hour. But the chief objection to the formula as originally framed was that the magnesium citrate, when the solution was kept for some days, crystallized out in the form of a white granular precipitate, which rendered the solution unfit for medical use. This precipitate was found by Prof. Procter to be $Mg_3(C_6H_5O_7)_2 + 14H_2O$. This still occurs to some extent, although more slowly, and probably cannot be avoided except

* In the earlier issues of the U. S. P. 1890 this quantity is given as 120 C.c. This is an error, 60 C.c. being intended, which makes the solution sweet enough.

by a very great reduction in the amount of magnesia.* The use of potassium bicarbonate introduces potassium citrate, but in too small a proportion to be of any consequence. It is somewhat more convenient to use calcined magnesia in place of the carbonate, and in one of the best processes that we have seen the fifteen grammes of carbonate in the official formula are replaced by five grammes of Jennings's light calcined magnesia. We prefer a modification in the manipulation of the official process: if instead of the solution being filtered into the bottles containing the syrup it is filtered into a separate vessel, and then the proper quantity poured very carefully down the inside of the bottle, so as not to disturb the heavy layer of syrup, and then the crystals of bicarbonate dropped in, very little loss of carbonic acid will ensue if the bottle is at once securely corked. When the bottle is dispensed, a vigorous shake at once liberates the carbonic acid, and the patient is sure to have a highly effervescent liquid.

Properties. This official solution is founded on a preparation proposed by M. Roge Delabarre, and improved by M. Rabourdin, of Paris. It is an aqueous solution of magnesium citrate, containing an excess of citric acid, impregnated with carbonic acid and sweetened with syrup. When properly prepared, it is a clear liquid, having an agreeable taste like that of lemonade. Overlooking the excess of acid which it contains, the salt present is the tribasic citrate, in which the six atoms of hydrogen of two mols. of citric acid are replaced by three atoms of magnesium. Accordingly, it consists of two mols. of citric acid and three atoms of magnesium. It is advisable in preparing the solution to introduce the magnesia by small portions, as if too hastily added it is liable to the formation of the neutral citrate, which cannot afterwards be readily dissolved. (*A. J. P.*, 1867.) Dorvault makes a solid magnesium citrate which is perfectly and readily soluble, by melting on a sand-bath 100 parts of crystallized citric acid in its water of crystallization, and thoroughly incorporating with it 29 parts of calcined magnesia. A pasty mixture is formed, which soon hardens, and may be pulverized for use. Magnesium citrate, thus prepared, is soluble in twice its weight of water. When in saturated solution it soon precipitates as a nearly insoluble hydrate; but with eight or ten times its weight of water it forms a permanent solution. See the report on the solid citrate, made by E. Parrish and A. Smith, to the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. (*A. J. P.*, 1852.) See, also, M. E. Robiquet's paper on lemonades of magnesium citrate (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1852), and his formula for preparing a soluble magnesium citrate. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1855.) M. Simonin finds that an insoluble magnesium citrate may be restored to solubility in boiling water by being thoroughly rubbed up with water so as to form a paste. The necessary trituration will be abridged if a little citric acid be added. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1857.)† For other modifications, suggestions, etc., see Kondratowisch, *N. R.*, 1883, p. 246; Neynaber, *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 472 (the proposed substitution of acetic acid by the latter is not desirable, because of

* *Extemporaneous Liquor Magnesii Citratis.* The following formula has been proposed by Mr. J. C. Wharton as a means of always giving a customer a fresh solution of the citrate, which is substantially the same as that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. "Syrup No. 1. Take of simple Syrup two pints; Spirit of Lemon sixty-four minims; Potassium Bicarbonate six hundred and forty grains. Mix, and make solution, and keep ready for use. Syrup No. 2. Take of Calcined Magnesia eighty-eight grains; Citric Acid four hundred and eight grains: Distilled Water a sufficient quantity. Mix the Magnesia and Citric Acid in a mortar and add one and a half fluidounces of Water. Stir with a pestle, and break up the lumps of acid if there be any. After solution is effected, add sufficient Water to make up the amount of one bottle nearly full, when mixed with two fluidounces of Syrup No. 1. These two solutions are to be kept separately. When Solution of Magnesium Citrate is called for, pour into the bottle Syrup No. 1 first, without touching the mouth or sides of the bottle; then pour in along the sides of the bottle Syrup No. 2, so as to avoid as far as possible mixing them, cork and agitate."

† *Solid Magnesium Citrate.* This salt as heretofore prepared, though soluble at first, is apt to become more or less insoluble when kept, in consequence of molecular change. The following process, by M. de Letter, of Brussels, yields a salt which is said to retain its solubility indefinitely. "Take of Citric Acid 20 parts, and of Magnesium Carbonate 12 parts. Powder the acid finely, and mix it intimately with the carbonate, also in fine powder. Allow the mixture to stand, at the ordinary temperature, for four or five days, or until it ceases to manifest reaction, when a little is thrown into water. During this time the powder slowly swells up, and gradually assumes the appearance of a spongy mass. Dry this at 30° C. (86° F.), pulverize it, and keep the powder in closely-stopped vials." According to M. de Letter, water, in a certain quantity, favors the formation of an insoluble hydrate; and hence the success of his process, in which no other water is present than that which is solidified in the dry materials. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 312.) M. Hager has been unable to prepare a soluble salt by the process of M. de Letter. He considers magnesium citrate as presenting itself in three forms: 1, *crystallizable*, soluble in from 80 to 90 parts of water, with the formula $Mg_3(C_6H_5O_7)_2 + 7H_2O$; 2, *amorphous*, soluble in 2 parts of water; and, 3, *metamorphous*, soluble in 8 or 10 parts of water, with a strong tendency to crystallize. It is the crystalline variety, presenting the form of microscopic needles, that occasions the difficulty; and its production should be avoided. M. Hager proceeds in the following manner. Rub 40 parts of citric acid and 25 of magnesium carbonate, both in powder, with sufficient alcohol of ·833 to make a thick mixture; and, having allowed this to stand for several days, at a medium temperature, dry it at a heat of 45° C. (113° F.). The product is the amorphous salt, soluble in 2·5 parts of water, in half an hour at 155° C. (60° F.), immediately at 30° C. (86° F.). Its solution, whether made with hot or with cold water, retains its clearness after long standing. The salt is neutral, and contains about 13 mols. of water. To succeed certainly it is necessary that the magnesium carbonate be free from dust and impurities. (*Ibid.*, 1864, p. 19.)

the impossibility of avoiding an empyreumatic taste); also C. B. Stevens, *Proc. Mich. State Pharm. Assoc.*, 1885, and F. W. Sennewald, *Nat. Drug.*, 1887.*

Magnesium metatartrate has been proposed, in the place of the citrate, by M. Léger, who, however, states that as a purgative it is more powerful than the citrate, resembling the sulphate. On account of its pleasant taste it might, perhaps, be substituted for Epsom salt. M. Léger prepares *metatartaric acid* in the following manner. Into a porcelain capsule put a small amount of tartaric acid, and heat it, with occasional agitation, on a slow fire until it fuses; then add successively small portions of the acid, so as not to cool the mass, lest it solidify and burn. When the capsule is two-thirds full, cease putting more in, but continue the heat until the mass, at first puffed up and doughy, is completely melted into an amber-colored liquid. Withdraw from the fire, and when sufficiently cooled form into pebbles, which must be kept in closely-stopped bottles on account of their being hygroscopic. This acid is very soluble in water, and in this state greedily attacks the magnesium carbonate, forming with it a salt which is permanent even when in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 226.)

Medical Properties. This solution is a cooling cathartic, and operates mildly. It has come into extensive use in the United States, on account of the facility with which it may be taken, and its acceptability to the stomach. The dose as a full purge is the whole quantity directed in the formula, or twelve fluidounces (360 C.c.); as a laxative, half that quantity.

LIQUOR MORPHINÆ ACETATIS. Br. Solution of Acetate of Morphine.

(LĪ'QUOR MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĬS.)

Soluté d'Acétate de Morphine, *Fr.*; Essigsaure Morphinlösung, *G.*

"Take of Acetate of Morphine *nine grains*; Diluted Acetic Acid *eighteen minims*; Rectified Spirit *one-half fluidounce* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *one and a half fluidounces*. Mix the Acid, the Spirit, and the Water, and dissolve the Acetate of Morphine in the mixture." *Br.*

Morphine Acetate often contains a little uncombined morphine, in consequence of the escape of a portion of the acid during its evaporation, and especially when this is pushed to dryness. It is on this account apt to be unreliable. Hence the addition of the diluted acetic acid, which at the same time neutralizes the alkaloid in excess and enables the solution to be completely effected. The spirit is added as a preservative. The present solution is one-eleventh stronger than that formerly official; it contains now 1 per cent. of morphine acetate. The dose is from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.), equivalent to from one-eighth to one-quarter of a grain of the acetate, and to about as many drops of laudanum as minims of the solution.

LIQUOR MORPHINÆ BIMECONATIS. Br. Solution of Bimeconate of Morphine.

(LĪ'QUOR MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ BĪ-MĔC-Ǫ-NĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *nine grains*; Solution of Ammonia *a sufficiency*; Meconic Acid *six grains*; Rectified Spirit *half a fluidounce*; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in two or three drachms of Distilled Water, aiding solution by warmth; then add Solution of Ammonia until morphine ceases to be precipitated; cool; filter; wash the precipitate with distilled water until the washings cease to give a precipitate with nitrate of silver; drain; mix the precipitate with sufficient water to produce an ounce and a half; add the Rectified Spirit and the Meconic Acid; dissolve." *Br.*†

This solution has long had considerable use in Great Britain, and it is supposed to have substantial advantages over more simple solutions of morphine. It should be filtered through paper free from all traces of iron, in order to insure a nearly colorless solution. It is officially described as "a colorless or nearly colorless liquid. Solution of potash produces a white precipitate soluble in excess. Nitric acid gives an orange-red coloration, and neutral solution of perchloride of iron a blood-red coloration, which is not changed by the addition of diluted hydrochloric acid, but is discharged by the strong acid. One fluidounce of this solution con-

* *Liquor Magnesii Bromidi.* Mr. Joseph W. England communicates the following formula for a *solution of magnesium bromide*, which has been successfully employed in the Philadelphia Hospital: "Acid. hydrobromic. dilut. (U. S. P. 1880) 1 pint; magnes. carb. sufficient to neutralize (or about one troyounce). Filter. Each teaspoonful contains 7 grains of anhydrous magnesium bromide. Dose, one to two fluidrachms. It is a clear, transparent, light yellowish liquid, odorless, bitter, and brackish in taste. Specific gravity 1·122, miscible with alcohol in equal volumes without precipitation, and remaining unaltered upon exposure to air." (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 531.)

† *Solution of Morphine Bimeconate (simplified formula).* Morphine (pure alkaloid) 13½ grains; meconic acid 12 grains; alcohol 1 fluidounce. Mix, and add distilled water to 4 fluidounces. (*Extra Pharmacopœia*, p. 240.)

tains about 5½ grains, equal to about 1¼ per cent., of bimeconate of morphine ($C_{17}H_{19}NO_3 . C_7H_4O_7$). The solution, as regards meconate of morphine, is about the same strength as tincture of opium." *Br.* The dose is from five to forty minims (0·3–2·5 C.c.).

LIQUOR MORPHINÆ HYDROCHLORATIS. Br. Solution of Hydrochlorate of Morphine.

(LĪ'QUOR MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ HĪ-DRO-ØHLO-RĀ'TĪS.)

Liquor Morphiæ Muriatis, *Dub.;* Solution of Muriate of Morphia; Soluté de Hydrochlorate de Morphine, *Fr.;* Salzsaure Morphinlösung, *G.*

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *nine grains;* Diluted Hydrochloric Acid *eighteen minims;* Rectified Spirit *half a fluidounce;* Distilled Water *one and a half fluidounce.* Mix the Hydrochloric Acid, the Spirit, and the Water, and dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in the Mixture." *Br.*

The use of the alcohol is to prevent spontaneous decomposition, that of the acid probably to assist in the solution of the salt. The full dose of the British solution for an adult is from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.) or drops, containing from an eighth to a quarter of a grain of the hydrochlorate, and about equivalent to as many drops of laudanum. The solution contains now 1 per cent. of morphine hydrochlorate, and is one-eleventh stronger than the solution formerly official.

LIQUOR MORPHINÆ SULPHATIS. Br. Solution of Sulphate of Morphine.

(LĪ'QUOR MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ SŬL-PHĀ'TĪS.)

"Take of Sulphate of Morphine *thirty-five grains;* Rectified Spirit *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water sufficient to produce *eight fluidounces.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Morphine in part of the Water, add the Rectified Spirit, and finally the remainder of the Water." *Br.*

The strength of this solution is more than four times that of the *solution of sulphate of morphia*, U. S. 1870, one fluidounce of the British solution of morphine sulphate containing 4·375 *grains*, whilst one fluidounce of the former official solution of morphine sulphate contained but *one grain*, of their respective salts. Besides these solutions, *Magendie's solution*, containing 16 *grains* of morphine sulphate in a fluidounce, is still used. Great care must be observed by the pharmacist in compounding prescriptions to know just which solution of morphine sulphate the physician intends to be dispensed when it is ordered. The dose of the British solution of sulphate of morphine is from ten to sixty minims (0·616–3·69 C.c.). It has been shown that the solutions gradually lose strength on keeping, owing to the growth of a confervoid plant which lives at the expense of the morphine in the solution. It was for these reasons that the Committee of Revision dropped the solution of morphine sulphate from the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880, preferring to have the physician order the quantity of salt that he desires for his patient, as a solution may be quickly made extemporaneously.

LIQUOR PLUMBI SUBACETATIS. U. S., Br. Solution of Lead Subacetate.

(LĪ'QUOR PLŬM'BĪ SŬB-ĂÇ-Ē-TĀ'TĪS.)

"An aqueous liquid, containing in solution about 25 per cent. of Lead Subacetate [approximately $Pb_2O(C_2H_3O_2)_2 = 546{\cdot}48$]." *U. S.*

Liquor Plumbi Subacetici, *P. G.;* Acetum Plumbicum, Acetum Saturni, Plumbum Hydrico-Aceticum Solutum; Goulard's Extract; Sous-acétate de Plomb liquide, Extrait de Goulard, Vinaigre de Plomb (de Saturne), *Fr.;* Bleiessig, *G.*

"Lead Acetate, *one hundred and seventy grammes* [or 6 ounces av.]; Lead Oxide, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Dissolve the Lead Acetate in *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains] of boiling Distilled Water, in a glass or porcelain vessel. Then add the Lead Oxide, previously passed through a fine sieve, and boil for half an hour, occasionally adding hot Distilled Water to make up the loss by evaporation. Remove the heat, allow the liquid to cool, and add enough Distilled Water, previously boiled and cooled, to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Finally, filter the liquid in a closely-covered funnel. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Acetate of Lead *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Oxide of Lead, in powder, *three ounces*

and a half [av.]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency*. Boil the Acetate of Lead and the Oxide of Lead in the Water for half an hour, constantly stirring; then filter, and, when the liquid is cold, add to it more Distilled Water, until the product measures twenty fluidounces. Keep the clear solution in stoppered bottles." *Br.* The sp. gr. of the solution is 1·275.

The U. S. 1890 process does not differ essentially from that formerly official. Crystallized lead acetate consists of one atom of lead 206·5, two acetic acid groups 118, and three molecules of water 54 = 378·5. The formula is $Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 3H_2O$. Litharge, as usually found in commerce, is an impure lead oxide. When the solution of the former is boiled with the latter, a large quantity of the oxide is dissolved, and a lead subacetate is formed which remains in solution. The precise composition of the subacetate varies with the proportion of lead acetate and of litharge employed. Thus, starting with three molecules of normal acetate, $Pb_3(C_2H_3O_2)_6$, we may have $Pb_3O(C_2H_3O_2)_4$ and $Pb_3O_2(C_2H_3O_2)_2$ formed successively. The latter of these oxyacetates is known as Goulard's, and a mixture of the two constitutes the basis of the official solution. In executing the process, the litharge should be employed in very fine powder, and, according to Thénard, should be previously calcined in order to decompose the lead carbonate which it always contains in greater or less proportion, and which is not dissolved by the solution of the acetate. M. Nevning states that a solution of lead subacetate more permanent than the official one may be prepared by simply allowing litharge to remain for twenty-four hours in a solution of lead acetate, with occasional agitation. This preparation probably contains much less of the lead oxide than does the official solution.

Properties. The solution of lead subacetate of the Pharmacopœias is "a clear, colorless liquid, odorless, having a sweetish, astringent taste, and an alkaline reaction. On exposure to the air it absorbs carbon dioxide, which causes the formation of a white precipitate. Specific gravity, about 1·195 at 15° C. (59° F.). When Solution of Lead Subacetate is added to a solution of acacia, it produces a dense, white precipitate (distinction from an aqueous solution of *normal lead acetate*). In other respects the Solution conforms to the reactions and tests given under Lead Acetate (see *Plumbi Acetas*). If 13·67 Gm. of the Solution be diluted with 50 C.c. of water, there will be required, for complete precipitation of the lead, about 25 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 1 per cent. of Lead Subacetate), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* When concentrated by evaporation, it deposits on cooling crystalline plates, which, according to Dr. Barker, are flat, rhomboidal prisms, with dihedral summits.* It has an alkaline reaction, tingeing the syrup of violets green, and reddening turmeric paper. One of its most striking properties is the extreme facility with which it is decomposed. Carbonic acid throws down a white precipitate of lead carbonate; and this happens by mere exposure to the air, or by mixture even with distilled water, if this has had an opportunity of absorbing carbonic acid from the atmosphere. It affords precipitates also with the alkalies, alkaline earths, and their carbonates, with sulphuric and hydrochloric acids free or combined, with hydrogen sulphide and the sulphydrates, with the soluble iodides and chlorides, and, according to Thénard, with solutions of all the neutral salts. Solutions of gum, tannin, most vegetable coloring principles, and many animal substances, particularly albumen, produce with it precipitates consisting of the substance added and lead oxide. It should be kept in well-stopped bottles. It is known to contain a salt of acetic acid by emitting an acetous smell when treated with sulphuric acid; and a salt of lead, by yielding a white precipitate with an alkaline carbonate, a yellow one with potassium iodide, and a black one with hydrogen sulphide. It is distinguished from the solution of lead acetate by being precipitated by gum arabic. 284·5 grains by weight of the Br. solution "require for perfect precipitation 500 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*, corresponding to 24 per cent. of the subacetate of lead, $Pb_2O(C_2H_3O_2)_2$." *Br.* (For a method of assaying this solution volumetrically, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 656.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This solution is astringent and sedative, but is employed only as an external application. It is highly useful in inflammation arising from *sprains*, *bruises*, *burns*, *blisters*, etc., to which it is applied by means of linen cloths, which should be removed as fast as they become dry. It always, however, requires to be diluted. From four fluidrachms

* *Crystallized Lead Subacetate.* M. Jeannel prepares crystallized lead subacetate in accordance with the following formula. Triturate six parts of neutral lead acetate with two parts of pure litharge, and add one part of water. Heat in a porcelain capsule, stirring with a glass rod, until fusion and finally ebullition occur. After two or three minutes of boiling, filter through paper in a funnel heated by a sand-bath. Allow to cool and crystallize. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xi. 54.)

to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.), added to a pint (473 C.c.) of distilled water, forms a solution sufficiently strong in ordinary cases of external inflammation. When applied to the skin denuded of the cuticle, the solution should be still weaker, as constitutional effects might result from the absorption of the lead. Paralysis is said to have been produced by its local action; and poisoning by its injection for gonorrhœa has been reported (*Dublin Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1874). The solution has the common name of *Goulard's extract*, derived from a surgeon of Montpellier by whom it was introduced into general notice, though previously employed.*

LIQUOR PLUMBI SUBACETATIS DILUTUS. U. S., Br. Diluted Solution of Lead Subacetate. [Lead Water.]

(LĪ'QUOR PLŬM'BĪ SŬB-ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĪS DĮ-LŪ'TŬS.)

Diluted Solution of Subacetate of Lead; Aqua Plumbi, *P. G.;* Eau de Saturne, Eau blanche, *Fr.;* Bleiwasser, Kühlwasser, *G.*

"Solution of Lead Subacetate, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Solution of Lead Subacetate with enough Distilled Water, previously boiled and cooled, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Keep the Solution in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Solution of Subacetate of Lead, Rectified Spirit, of each, *two fluidrachms;* Distilled Water *nineteen fluidounces and a half.* Mix, and filter through paper. Keep the clear solution in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

In our comments on the U. S. process of 1850 it was stated that the strength of our official preparation, though double what it formerly was, might be still further increased with propriety. In the edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 the proportion was increased from two to three fluidrachms to the pint; and this proportion has been practically retained in the preparation now official. The direction to dilute the strong solution with distilled water *previously boiled and cooled* is an improvement, as even the small amount of carbonic acid dissolved in distilled water usually made the lead water cloudy. Owing to the liability to serious results due to the frequent confounding of the names lime water and lead water, it is safer to dispense lead water in a slightly opalescent condition, whilst lime water should be perfectly transparent. The Br. preparation, though stronger than the old one of the London College, is still feeble. The old French Codex directed two drachms of the strong solution to a pound of distilled water and an ounce of alcohol of 22° Baumé, and thus formed the *vegeto-mineral water* of Goulard. The minute proportion of proof spirit in the British solution can have little effect. The preparation should be as much as possible excluded from the air.

LIQUOR POTASSÆ. U. S., Br. Solution of Potassa. [Solution of Potassium Hydrate.]

(LĪ'QUOR PO-TĂS'SÆ.)

"An aqueous solution of Potassium Hydrate [KOH = 55·99], containing about 5 per cent. of the hydrate." *U. S.*

Liquor Kali Causticí, *P. G.;* Kali Hydricum Solutum, Lixivium Causticum; Solution of Potash; Potasse caustique liquide, Lessive caustique, *Fr.;* Aetzkalilauge, Kalilauge, *G.*

"Potassium Bicarbonate, *eighty-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av.]; Lime, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Potassium Bicarbonate in *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Distilled Water, heat the solution until effervescence ceases, and then increase the heat to the boiling point of the liquid. Slake the Lime with about *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims] of Distilled Water, then mix it well with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Distilled Water, pour the mixture into a tared flask, and, having heated it to boiling, gradually add to it the solution of Potassium Bicarbonate, and boil during ten minutes. Then add enough Distilled Water to the flask to make the contents weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], and set the flask aside, well stoppered, until the contents are cold. Lastly, strain the liquid through linen, set it aside in a well-stoppered bottle until it has

* *Linimentum Plumbi Subacetatis*, U. S. 1880. *Liniment of Subacetate of Lead.* (*Liniment saturné, Beurre de Saturne, Baume universelle*, Fr.; *Bleiliniment*, G.) "Solution of Subacetate of Lead, *forty parts* [or two ounces av.]; Cotton Seed Oil, *sixty parts* [or three ounces av.], To make *one hundred parts* [or five ounces av.]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This preparation, which was introduced in the U. S. P. 1870, was retained in the revision of 1880, with the substitution of cotton seed oil for the olive oil, but was dropped from the revision of 1890. This liniment may be used as a sedative application in superficial inflammations.

become clear by subsidence, and separate the clear solution by decantation, or by means of a siphon.

"*Solution of Potassa* may also be prepared in the following manner. Potassa, *fifty-six grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 427 grains]; Distilled Water, *nine hundred and forty-four grammes* [or 33 ounces av., 130 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Dissolve the Potassa in the Distilled Water. The Potassa used in this process should be of the full strength directed by the Pharmacopœia (90 per cent.). Potassa of any other strength, however, may be used, if a proportionately larger or smaller quantity be taken; the proper amount for the above formula being ascertained by dividing 5000 by the percentage of absolute Potassa (potassium hydrate) contained therein. Solution of Potassa should be kept in bottles made of green glass, and provided with glass stoppers coated with paraffin or petrolatum." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Potassium *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime, washed, *twelve ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in the Water; and, having heated the solution to the boiling point, in a clean iron vessel, gradually mix with it the Washed Slaked Lime (obtained from about thirteen ounces of slaked lime washed with distilled water until a little of the washings acidified with nitric acid gives no cloudiness with nitrate of silver), and continue the ebullition for ten minutes with constant stirring. Then remove the vessel from the fire; and, when by the subsidence of the insoluble matter the supernatant liquor has become perfectly clear, transfer it by means of a siphon to a green glass bottle furnished with an air-tight stopper, and add distilled water, if necessary, to make it correspond with the tests of sp. gr. and neutralizing power. The sp. gr. is 1·058." *Br.*

The object of the first U. S. and of the British process is to separate carbonic acid from the potassium carbonate or bicarbonate, so as to obtain the alkali in a caustic state. This separation of the carbonic acid is effected by calcium hydrate; and the chemical changes which take place are most intelligibly explained by supposing the occurrence of a double decomposition. The lime of the calcium hydrate, by its superior affinity, combines with the carbonic acid and precipitates as calcium carbonate, while the water of the calcium hydrate unites with the potassa and remains in solution as potassium hydrate: $K_2CO_3 + Ca(HO)_2 = 2KHO + CaCO_3$. The proportion indicated by theory for this decomposition would be 69·2 of the dry carbonate to 28 of lime, or one molecule of each; but in practice it is found necessary to use an excess of lime. The bicarbonate is preferred in the U. S. process, as affording a purer product, being itself free from the contaminations usually found in the carbonate; and the application of heat to the solution of the bicarbonate is to drive off a portion of the carbonic acid and thus bring the salt to the state of a carbonate. The proportion of water employed has a decided influence on the result. If the water be deficient in quantity, the decomposing power of the lime, on account of its sparing solubility, will be lessened, and more of it will be required to complete the decomposition of the carbonate than if the solutions were more dilute. Straining should not be used, as it causes a prolonged contact with the air, and risk of the absorption of carbonic acid, and is apt, moreover, to introduce organic matter from the strainer into the solution; it is best to allow the precipitate to subside in a closed vessel and then siphon off the clear solution. The direction to keep the solution in green glass bottles is judicious, as white flint glass is slightly acted on, and sometimes contaminates the solution with lead.*

As the solution of potassa is made by the manufacturing chemist in considerable quantities, the following details of the best mode of conducting the process may not be without their use. Dissolve one part of potassium carbonate in from seven to twelve parts of water in a bright iron vessel, and decant the solution after it has become clear by standing. Boil the solution in an iron vessel, and, while it is boiling, add at intervals small quantities of slaked lime reduced to a thin paste with water, allowing the solution to boil a few minutes after each addition. One and a half parts of pure lime will be more than sufficient to decompose one part of the carbonate. When about half the calcium hydrate has been added, take out about a teaspoonful of the boiling solution, and, after dilution and filtration through paper, test it by

* For remarks by Prof. Redwood, of London, in relation to the preparation of this Solution, and for a process for which various advantages are claimed, the reader is referred to *P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 450. The following are the outlines of the process. Into a stoppered bottle of green glass is introduced a mixture of ℥viiss of slaked lime and three Imperial pints of distilled water; and to this mixture is added, in small quantities at a time, a solution of ℥viiss of potassium carbonate in one Imperial pint of distilled water, the bottle being shaken for some minutes after each addition. After the last addition, continue the shaking until a portion of the liquid filtered through calico no longer gives out carbonic acid upon adding an excess of hydrochloric acid.

adding it to some nitric acid, or by mixing it with an equal bulk of lime water. If the solution have not been completely freed from carbonic acid, the first reagent will cause an effervescence, and the second a milky appearance; in either of which events the addition of the lime must be continued as before, until the above-mentioned tests give negative indications. In conducting the process, several advantages are gained by keeping the solution constantly boiling. One is that the calcium carbonate formed is in this way rendered granular and heavy, and more disposed to subside; another, that it prevents the precipitated carbonate from coalescing into a mass at the bottom of the vessel, an occurrence which causes spurting in the ebullition when subsequently renewed; and a third, that any silica present is precipitated in combination with lime and potassa.

According to Prof. Wöhler, solution of pure potassium hydrate for analytical purposes may be conveniently obtained by exposing for half an hour to a moderate red heat, in a copper crucible, one part of pure nitre, and two or three parts of copper cut into small pieces. The resulting mass, consisting of potassium hydrate and black oxide of copper, is treated with water, and the solution poured into a narrow cylindrical vessel, where it is left until it gets perfectly clear by the deposition of the oxide of copper. It is then drawn off, and kept in well-stopped bottles. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Nov. 15, 1853, p. 429.) Graf and Riegel assert that potassium hydrate, thus obtained, contains potassium nitrate and nitrite, but Dr. A. Geuther found it perfectly pure, when the process was properly conducted. (*Chem. Gaz.*, June 1, 1856.) A pure hydrate may also be obtained by the process of Dr. Mohr, which consists in precipitating solution of potassium sulphate with caustic baryta, obtained from the nitrate. Thus procured, the alkali is entirely free from chlorine, silica, and sulphuric acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 310.)

Properties. Solution of potassa is "a clear, colorless liquid, odorless, having a very acrid and caustic taste, and a strongly alkaline reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·036 at 15° C. (59° F.). It should conform to the same reactions and tests as an aqueous solution of Potassa (see *Potassa*). To neutralize 28 Gm. of Solution of Potassa should require about 25 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·2 per cent. of absolute potassium hydrate), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* It acts rapidly on animal and vegetable substances, and when rubbed between the fingers produces a soapy feeling, in consequence of a partial solution of the cuticle. It dissolves gum, resins, and extractive matter, and forms soap with oily and fatty bodies. The Br. solution is never pure, but contains either undecomposed carbonate, or free lime, in addition to minute portions of potassium sulphate, potassium chloride, silica, and alumina,—impurities usually present in the potassium carbonate used in their preparation. The U. S. solution, being obtained from potassium bicarbonate, is purer. Lead is detected by a black precipitate produced by ammonium sulphydrate. When solution of potassa is used as a test for diabetic urine, it should be free from lead, the presence of which renders the test ambiguous. With platinic chloride it produces a yellow precipitate, showing that the alkali present is potassa. It is incompatible with acids, acidulous salts, and all metallic and earthy preparations held in solution by an acid; also with all ammoniacal salts, and with calomel, and corrosive sublimate. The two official solutions of potassa vary in strength, the U. S. solution having the sp. gr. 1·036 and the Br. 1·058. These solutions are very dilute, that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, which is the weakest, containing only 5 per cent. of potassium hydrate: the percentage of potassium hydrate as stated in the Br. Pharmacopœia is 5·84, or somewhat greater than the American. One fluidounce of the British solution (462·9 grains) requires for neutralization 482 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid. Br.* On account of its strong attraction for carbonic acid, solution of potassa should be carefully preserved from contact with the air. In consideration of the change to which it is liable by keeping, it may usually be advantageously prepared extemporaneously, according to the second U. S. process, by dissolving the hydrate in water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Solution of potassa is antacid, diuretic, and antilithic. It has been much employed in calculous complaints, under the impression that it has the property of dissolving urinary concretions in the kidneys and bladder; but experience has proved that the stone once formed cannot be removed by remedies internally administered; and the most that the alkaline medicines can effect is to correct that disposition to the superabundant secretion of uric acid, or the insoluble urates, upon which gravel and stone often depend. For this purpose, however, the carbonated alkalies are preferable to caustic potassa, as they are less apt to irritate the stomach and to produce injurious effects when long continued. It has been proposed to dissolve calculi by injecting immediately into the bladder the solution of potassa in a tepid state and so much diluted that it can be held in the mouth; but this mode of em-

ploying it has not been found to answer in practice. This solution has also been highly recommended in *lepra*, *psoriasis*, and other cutaneous affections, and is said to have proved peculiarly useful in *scrofula;* but in all these cases it probably acts simply by its antacid property, and is not superior to the potassium or sodium carbonate. Externally it has been used, in a diluted state, as a stimulant lotion in rachitis and arthritic swellings, and, concentrated, as an escharotic in the bite of rabid or venomous animals. The dose is from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.), repeated two or three times a day, and gradually increased in cutaneous affections to from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.); but the remedy should not be too long continued, as it is apt to debilitate the stomach. It may be given in sweetened water or some mucilaginous fluid. In dyspeptic cases it may be associated with the simple bitters. In excessive doses it irritates, inflames, or corrodes the stomach. The antidotes are oils and milder acids, such as vinegar and lemon juice, which operate by neutralizing the alkali.

LIQUOR POTASSÆ EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescing Solution of Potash.

(LĪ'QUOR PO-TĂS'SÆ ĔF-FĔR-VĔS'CĔNS.)

Aqua Potassæ Effervescens; Potash Water; Eau alcaline gazeuse, *Fr.;* Alkalisches Mineralwasser, *G.*

"Take of Bicarbonate of Potassium *thirty grains;* Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Bicarbonate of Potassium in the Water and filter the solution; then force into it as much pure washed carbonic acid gas, obtained by the action of sulphuric acid on chalk, as can be introduced with a pressure of about four atmospheres. Keep the solution in bottles securely closed, to prevent the escape of the compressed gas." *Br.*

This is nothing more than a solution of potassium bicarbonate in carbonic acid water, and, in the pharmacy of this country, is more conveniently prepared for extemporaneous use by introducing a solution of the bicarbonate, of a given strength, or even the salt itself, into a strong bottle, and filling the bottle with carbonic acid water at the fountain. The proportion of the salt to the water is far too small for medical use. Little effect can be expected from potassium bicarbonate as an antacid or an antilithic, or even with a view to the alkalizing of the blood, in a dose less than thirty grains (1·95 Gm.) twice or thrice daily; and twenty fluidounces of liquid is much too large to be taken at once, or even in two doses. We have frequently prescribed a solution containing a drachm (3·90 Gm.) of the bicarbonate in eight or ten fluidounces of carbonic acid water, to be given in two doses, with generally a little ginger syrup to improve the flavor. The advantages of carbonic acid water as a vehicle are that it renders the medicine less disagreeable to the taste and more acceptable to the stomach, while by its stimulant impression it obviates the debility of the digestive organs often consequent on the use of alkaline medicines.

LIQUOR POTASSII ARSENITIS. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Potassium Arsenite. [Fowler's Solution.]

(LĪ'QUOR PO-TĂS'SĮ-Ī ĂR-SĔ-NĪ'TĪS.)

Liquor Arsenicalis, *Br.;* Arsenical Solution; Liquor Kali Arsenicosi, *P. G.;* Solutio Arsenicalis Fowleri, Kali Arsenicosum Solutum; Liqueur arsénicale de Fowler, *Fr.;* Fowler'sche Tropfen, *G.*

"Arsenous Acid, in fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Potassium Bicarbonate, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Compound Tincture of Lavender, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Boil the Arsenous Acid and Potassium Bicarbonate with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Distilled Water, until solution has been effected. Then add enough Distilled Water to make the solution, when cold, measure *nine hundred and seventy cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 384 minims], and, lastly, add the Compound Tincture of Lavender. Filter through paper." *U. S.*

"Take of Arsenious Acid in powder, Carbonate of Potassium, of each, *eighty-seven grains;* Compound Tincture of Lavender *five fluidrachms;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Place the Arsenious Acid and the Carbonate of Potassium in a flask with ten [fluid]ounces of the water, and apply heat until a clear solution is obtained. Allow this to cool. Then add the Compound Tincture of Lavender, and as much distilled water as will make the bulk one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.* The sp. gr. of this solution is 1·010.

This preparation originated with the late Dr. Fowler, of Stafford, England, and was intended

as a substitute for the celebrated remedy known under the name of "the *tasteless ague drop*." The strength of the present official solution is somewhat greater than that of the Fowler's solution of U. S. P. 1870; it now contains 1 per cent. of arsenous acid, and the British solution has been made to correspond with this. It is a potassium arsenite dissolved in water, and is formed by the combination of the arsenous acid with the potassium of the bicarbonate or carbonate, the carbonic acid being evolved. In the present U. S. process the bicarbonate has been substituted for the carbonate, because more readily obtained pure. Its molecular weight corresponds so nearly with that of arsenous acid that, practically, the equal quantities directed will serve the purposes of the formula. According to M. H. Buignet, ebullition disengages the carbonic acid slowly, so that after four hours' boiling the solution still retains about one-sixth of this acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1856, p. 440.) The name by which the preparation is designated in the U. S. Pharmacopœia is the more correct. The contact of arsenous acid with potassium bicarbonate in the presence of a small quantity of boiling water gives rise to effervescence with decomposition of bicarbonate. It has, however, been denied that potassium carbonate is decomposed by arsenous acid, which is supposed to be merely held by it in solution; and, in this view of the nature of the preparation, the British name of Arsenical Solution would be appropriate. The compound spirit of lavender is added to give it taste and prevent its being mistaken for water. The U. S. preparation is somewhat stronger than the British, the former requiring 4·63 grains of arsenous acid in a fluidounce, whilst the British has 4 grains in the Imperial fluidounce.

In making this preparation care should be taken that the arsenous acid is pure. This object is best secured by selecting the acid in small pieces instead of the commercial powder, and powdering the lumps in a mortar. Calcium sulphate is a common impurity in the powdered acid, and if present will remain undissolved, and cause the solution to be weaker than it should be. Another insoluble impurity in the powdered acid is calcium arsenite, which is sometimes present to the amount of 25 per cent. (*Buignet.*) Hence, if the arsenous acid does not entirely dissolve, the solution must be rejected.

Properties. Solution of potassium arsenite is a transparent liquid, having slightly the color, taste, and smell of the compound spirit of lavender. It has an alkaline reaction. It is decomposed by the usual reagents for arsenic, by silver nitrate, the salts of copper, lime water, and hydrogen sulphide, and is incompatible with the infusions and decoctions of cinchona. Before hydrogen sulphide will act, the solution must be acidulated with some acid, as hydrochloric or acetic. "If 24·7 C.c. of the Solution be boiled for a few minutes with 2 Gm. of sodium bicarbonate, and the liquor, when cold, diluted with water to 100 C.c., and mixed with a little starch test-solution, it should require from 49·4 to 50 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution to produce the blue tint of starch iodide (corresponding to 1 Gm. of arsenous acid in 100 C.c. of the Solution)." *U. S.* According to Dr. R. Fresenius, solutions of alkaline arsenites, by keeping, absorb oxygen from the air, and are in part converted into arsenates. Hence the propriety of keeping this solution in small bottles well filled. Mohr states that the alkaline reaction of the official solution delays the change, and experience has confirmed this statement.

Medical Properties and Uses. This solution has the general action of the arsenical preparations on the animal economy, already described under the head of *Arsenous Acid.* Its liquid form makes it convenient for exhibition and gradual increase; and it is the preparation generally resorted to when arsenic is given internally. It has been much employed in *intermittent fever.* In *chorea* it is almost a specific, and in *nervous diseases* of debility it is often very useful. In *malarial affections* and *chorea* it should be administered in ascending doses until the puffiness about the eyes or disturbance of the bowels betrays the arsenical impression. Fowler's solution is a very valuable remedy in various *skin diseases*, and has the great advantage over the solid preparations that the dose may be readily increased from day to day. One hundred minims of the solution contain very nearly one grain of arsenous acid. The average dose for an adult is five drops (0·3 C.c.) two or three times a day. For the peculiar effects upon the human organism, see *Acidum Arsenosum.*

Duflos's antidote to the poisonous effects of Fowler's solution, and of the salts of the acids of arsenic generally, is ferric acetate with excess of base, made by dissolving freshly precipitated ferric hydrate in acetic acid to saturation, adding an equal quantity of the hydrate to the solution, and diluting the whole with water to the consistence of cream. If the official solution of ferric acetate be used in an emergency, the free acid should first be neutralized with a little ammonia.

LIQUOR POTASSII CITRATIS. U.S. Solution of Potassium Citrate.

[Mistura Potassii Citratis.]

(LĪ'QUOR PO-TĂS'SI-Ī CĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

"An aqueous liquid, containing in solution about 9 per cent. of anhydrous Potassium Citrate [$K_3C_6H_5O_7 = 305{\cdot}63$], together with small amounts of citric and carbonic acids." *U. S.*

Liquor Kali Citrici; Citrate de Potasse liquide, *Fr.*; Flüssiges Citronensaures Kali, *G.*

"Potassium Bicarbonate, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Citric Acid *six grammes* [or 92 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the Potassium Bicarbonate and the Citric Acid, each, in *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims] of Water. Filter the solutions separately, and wash the filters with enough Water to obtain, in each case, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]. Finally, mix the two solutions, and, when effervescence has nearly ceased, transfer the liquid to a bottle. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted." *U. S.*

Solution of Potassium Citrate has been made identical with the mixture formerly official as *Mistura Potassii Citratis;* nevertheless, the mixture made with lemon juice will continue to be preferred by some practitioners: its formula is therefore retained here as a foot-note.* The *official solution* is stronger than the mixture, and is more definite in composition; lemon juice varies in strength, and consequently the amount of potassium citrate in the resulting mixture cannot be uniform. On the other hand, the mixture is much to be preferred on account of its more agreeable taste. An improvement has been made in the present official solution in directing the acid and the alkaline salt to be dissolved separately, and the direction to dispense the preparation in a fresh condition will undoubtedly lead to the keeping of the filtered solutions, by the pharmacist, in separate bottles, and mixing in equal measures or weights when prescribed. The solutions keep well for a considerable length of time, and the greater convenience and saving of time and labor, besides the satisfaction of dispensing an effervescing solution, will be strong inducements to adopt this course.

Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes the solution as "a clear, colorless liquid, odorless, having a mildly saline taste, and a slightly acid reaction. It should conform to the reactions and tests of Potassium Citrate. (See *Potassii Citras.*)" *U. S.* The solution is officially described as containing an indefinite amount of carbonic acid gas: hence the specific gravity cannot be regarded as an accurate test of strength, and is not given in the U. S. P. 1890.

* *Mistura Potassii Citratis.* U.S. 1880. *Mixture of Citrate of Potassium.* [*Neutral Mixture.*] (*Mistura Neutralis; Potion gazeuse* (*effervescente*), Fr.) "Fresh Lemon Juice, strained, *one hundred parts* [or four fluidounces]; Bicarbonate of Potassium, about *ten parts*, or, *a sufficient quantity*. Add the Bicarbonate of Potassium gradually to the Lemon Juice until it is neutralized. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted for use." *U. S.*

In this preparation the potassium of the bicarbonate unites with the citric acid of the lemon juice, and carbonic acid is liberated. The result, therefore, is a solution of potassium citrate in water impregnated with carbonic acid, with the flavor from the lemon juice. The solution has a greenish-yellow color, and it is not usually dispensed in a perfectly transparent condition, owing to the difficulty of filtering out the very fine albuminous precipitate found in lemon juice. About 48 grains of the crystals of the bicarbonate, 33 grains of the pure and perfectly dry carbonate, or 45 grains of the hydrated carbonate found in commerce, are sufficient to saturate a fluidounce of good lemon juice; but the strength of the juice is variable, and the carbonate is apt to absorb moisture from the air, so that precision as to quantities cannot be readily attained. Hence the propriety of the direction, in the process for the neutral mixture, to add the alkaline carbonate to saturation. The point of saturation may be determined by the cessation of effervescence, by the absence of either an acid or an alkaline taste, and still more accurately by litmus paper, which should not be rendered bright red by the solution, or blue if previously reddened by an acid. The inequality of strength in the lemon juice renders the neutral mixture prepared with it more or less uncertain; though, if the apothecary select ripe and sound fruit, and express the juice himself, the preparation will be found to approach sufficiently near a uniform standard for all practical purposes. Nevertheless, if the physician wish absolute precision, he may order the neutral mixture to be made with crystallized citric acid, as directed in Liquor Potassii Citratis; or he may pursue the following plan, suggested in former editions of this work. Dissolve two drachms of potassium bicarbonate in two fluidounces of water; saturate the solution with good fresh lemon juice, and strain; and, lastly, add enough water to make the mixture measure six fluidounces. A fluidounce is the dose of this solution.

Effervescing Draught. Under this name, potassium citrate is often prepared extemporaneously, and given in the state of effervescence. The most convenient mode of exhibition is to add to a fluidounce of a mixture consisting of equal parts of lemon juice and water, half a fluidounce of a solution containing fifteen grains of potassium carbonate, or twenty grains of the bicarbonate. Should effervescence not occur, as sometimes happens, when the carbonate is used, in consequence of the weakness of the lemon juice, more of the juice should be added; as, unless sufficient acid be present to neutralize the potassa, part of the carbonate will pass into the state of bicarbonate, and the gas be prevented from escaping. The fifteen grains of potassium carbonate above mentioned are scarcely sufficient to saturate the lemon juice, if of ordinary strength: but a little excess of the acid renders the preparation more agreeable to the taste. Some prefer the bicarbonate in the preparation of the effervescing draught, because it will always effervesce with lemon juice, no matter what may be the strength of the latter. But this is an objection. The carbonate serves, by the absence of effervescence, to indicate when the lemon juice is very weak in acid; and the defect may then be easily remedied by the addition of more juice. When the bicarbonate is used, if there should be a deficiency of acid, it is not discovered; and the patient takes a considerable portion of undecomposed bicarbonate, instead of the full quantity of citrate intended.

Medical Properties and Uses. The solution of potassium citrate has long been used under the name of *neutral mixture, saline mixture,* or *effervescing draught.* It is an excellent refrigerant diaphoretic, adapted to almost all cases of *fever* with a hot dry skin, and especially to the paroxysms of our *remittent* and *intermittent fevers.* The *effervescing draught* (see footnote, p. 822) is peculiarly useful. The carbonic acid serves to cover the taste of the potassium citrate. It is very useful and grateful in allaying irritability of stomach and producing diaphoresis in our *remittent fevers.* In order to increase the sedative and diaphoretic properties of the neutral mixture, one-twenty-fourth to one-sixteenth of a grain of tartar emetic, or one-fourth to one drop of tincture of aconite, may be added to each dose in sthenic cases; and a little sweet spirit of nitre will be found an excellent adjuvant in fevers with nervous disturbance. Should the solution irritate the bowels, it may be combined with an opium preparation. Sugar may be added if desired. The dose of the official solution is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.), which should be somewhat diluted when taken. The whole of each effervescing draught, prepared as above stated, is to be taken at once. Each dose should be repeated every one, two, or three hours, according to the urgency of the symptoms.

LIQUOR POTASSII PERMANGANATIS. Br. Solution of Permanganate of Potassium.

(LĪ′QUOR PO-TĂS′SI-Ī PĔR-MĂN-GA-NĀ′TĬS.)

"Take of Permanganate of Potassium *eighty-eight grains;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve." *Br.*

This is simply a one-per-cent. solution of potassium permanganate, which will be found useful in obtaining the oxidizing effects of the salt. (See *Potassii Permanganas.*) It is not a stable solution, however, decomposing upon exposure and depositing manganese oxides. The Br. Ph. dose is from two to four fluidrachms (3·9–7·8 C.c.), equivalent to from 1·2 to 2·4 grains of the salt. Very few stomachs will bear more than one grain of the permanganate: the compressed pill is a much more eligible form for internal administration.

LIQUOR SODÆ. U. S., Br. Solution of Soda. [Solution of Sodium Hydrate.]

(LĪ′QUOR SŌ′DÆ.)

"An aqueous solution of Sodium Hydrate [NaOH = 39·96], containing about 5 per cent. of the hydrate." *U. S.*

Liquor Natri Caustici, *P. G.;* Natrum Hydricum Solutum; Soude caustique liquide, *Fr.;* Aetznatronlauge, *G.*

"Sodium Carbonate, *one hundred and seventy grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 153 grains]; Lime, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Sodium Carbonate in *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of boiling Distilled Water. Slake the Lime with about *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims] of Distilled Water, then mix it well with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Distilled Water, pour the mixture into a tared flask, and, having heated it to boiling, gradually add to it the solution of Sodium Carbonate, and boil during ten minutes. Then add enough Distilled Water to the flask to make the contents weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], and set the flask aside, well stoppered, until the contents are cold. Lastly, strain the liquid through linen, set it aside in a well-stoppered bottle until it has become clear by subsidence, and separate the clear solution by decantation, or by means of a siphon. *Solution of Soda* may also be prepared in the following manner: Soda *fifty-six grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 427 grains]; Distilled Water, *nine hundred and forty-four grammes* [or 33 ounces av., 130 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Dissolve the Soda in the Distilled Water. The Soda used in this process should be of the full strength directed by the Pharmacopœia (90 per cent.). Soda of any other strength, however, may be used, if a proportionately larger or smaller quantity be taken; the proper amount for the above formula being ascertained by dividing 5000 by the percentage of absolute Soda (sodium hydrate) contained therein. Solution of Soda should be kept in bottles made of green glass, and provided with glass stoppers coated with paraffin or petrolatum." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes of Carbonate of Sodium *twenty-eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime, washed, *twelve ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure], and prepares the solution in the manner directed for Liquor Potassæ. The sp. gr. of the British solution is 1·047; and the proportion of sodium hydrate contained in it is 4·1 per cent.

Solution of soda is prepared in the same way as solution of potassa. By a double decomposition between sodium carbonate and calcium hydrate, there are formed sodium hydrate in solution, and calcium carbonate which precipitates: $Na_2CO_3 + Ca2(HO) = 2NaHO + CaCO_3$. In both the processes an excess of lime is used, which is necessary to insure a full decomposition of the carbonate. One fluidounce of the British solution (458 grains) requires for neutralization 470 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*, and contains 18·8 grains of the hydrated alkali. *Br.*

Properties. Solution of soda, sometimes called solution of *caustic* soda, is "a clear, colorless liquid, odorless, having a very acrid and caustic taste, and a strongly alkaline reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·059 at 15° C. (59° F.). It should conform to the same reactions and tests as an aqueous solution of Soda (see *Soda*). To neutralize 20 Gm. of Solution of Soda should require about 25 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·2 per cent. of absolute sodium hydrate), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* Its properties and tests are the same as those of solution of potassa, with the exception that no precipitate is produced by platinic chloride or tartaric acid. The alkali dissolved must be viewed as sodium hydrate (Na.OH), of which two molecules are formed by the union of the oxide with water, according to the reaction $Na_2O + H_2O = (Na.OH)_2$.

LIQUOR SODÆ CHLORATÆ. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Chlorinated Soda.

[Labarraque's Solution.]

(LĪ'QUOR SŌ'DÆ ȻHLŌ-RĀ'TÆ.)

"An aqueous solution of several chlorine-compounds of sodium, containing at least 2·6 per cent., by weight, of available chlorine." *U. S.*

Liquor Sodæ Chlorinatæ, *Br., U. S.* 1870; Liquor Natri Chlorati, *P. G.;* Liquor Natri Hypochlorosi; Chlorure de Soude liquide, Liqueur de Labarraque, *Fr.;* Bleichflüssigkeit, *G.*

"Sodium Carbonate, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Chlorinated Lime, *seventy-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 282 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Triturate the Chlorinated Lime with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, gradually added, until a uniform mixture results. Allow the heavier particles to subside, and transfer the thinner, supernatant portion to a filter. Then triturate the residue again with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, transfer the whole to the filter, and when the liquid has drained off, wash the filter and contents with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water. Dissolve the Sodium Carbonate in *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of hot Water, and add this solution to the previously obtained filtrate contained in a suitable vessel. Stir or shake the mixture thoroughly, and, if it should become gelatinous, warm the vessel until the contents liquefy. Then transfer the mixture to a new filter, and, when no more liquid drains from it, wash the filter and contents with enough Water to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Keep the solution in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

"Take of Chlorinated Lime *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Sodium *twenty-four ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *one gallon* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in two pints [Imp. meas.] of the distilled water; thoroughly triturate the Chlorinated Lime with six pints [Imp. meas.] of the water, and filter; well mix the solutions; again filter. Keep the solution in a stoppered bottle in a cool and dark place." *Br.* The sp. gr. of this solution is 1·054.

This solution was first brought into notice as a disinfecting agent by Labarraque, an apothecary of Paris. It was afterwards found to possess valuable therapeutic properties. The U. S. process is that of Payen, adopted in the French Codex of 1837. It consists in decomposing a solution of sodium carbonate by one of chlorinated lime. Calcium carbonate is precipitated and the chlorinated soda remains in solution. The proportion employed gives an excess of sodium carbonate, the presence of which renders the solution more permanent. The British process is that of Labarraque. All the chlorine generated from the prescribed quantity of materials for forming that gas is passed into the solution of sodium carbonate; and when the chlorine is limited to this quantity, no carbonic acid is disengaged. The chlorine is first passed through water, to free it from hydrochloric acid, which, if suffered to come over, would convert the alkali into common salt. Sodium bicarbonate has been recommended instead of sodium carbonate, on account of the state of crystalline powder in which the calcium carbonate is precipitated, rendering its separation from the supernatant solution very easy, while the precipi-

tate produced by sodium carbonate is a kind of magma from which the liquor is not readily decanted. It is stated also that a little excess of the bicarbonate is useful in various ways. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 107.)

Properties. The U. S. solution is "a clear, pale greenish liquid, having a faint odor of chlorine, and a disagreeable, alkaline taste. Specific gravity, about 1·052 at 15° C. (59° F.). The Solution at first colors red litmus paper blue, and then bleaches it. The addition of hydrochloric acid to the Solution causes an effervescence of chlorine and carbonic acid gas. If 6·7 (6·74) Gm. of the Solution be mixed with 50 C.c. of water, then 2 Gm. of potassium iodide and 10 C.c. of hydrochloric acid added, together with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require not less than 50 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish tint of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution corresponding to 0·052 per cent. of available chlorine)." *U. S.* The British solution is a colorless alkaline liquid, of an astringent taste, and a feeble smell of chlorine. With hydrochloric acid it effervesces, evolves chlorine and carbonic acid, and forms a solution which is not precipitated by platinic chloride, thus showing the absence of potassa. It is not precipitated by ammonium oxalate, showing that it contains no lime. "Seventy grains added to a solution of 20 grains of iodide of potassium in four fluidounces of water, and acidulated with two fluidrachms of hydrochloric acid, require for the discharge of the brown color which the mixture assumes, 500 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of hyposulphite of sodium*, corresponding to about 2½ per cent. of available chlorine." (*Br.*) It is somewhat stronger than the U. S. solution. This test, like that of our own Pharmacopœia, is intended to determine the chlorine strength of the solution. The hydrochloric acid liberates the chlorine, which then separates from the potassium iodide an equivalent quantity of iodine, by which the solution is rendered brown; and, the iodine being converted into hydriodic acid by the sodium hyposulphite, the solution again becomes colorless. The quantity of the solution of the latter salt required to bleach the liquid measures the proportion of iodine, and this that of the chlorine which separates it. The color of turmeric is first rendered brown, and afterwards destroyed. When it is boiled, chlorine is not given off, nor is its bleaching property sensibly impaired; and when carefully evaporated, a mass of damp crystals is obtained, which, when redissolved in water, possesses the properties of the original liquid. Both solutions, when exposed to the air, absorb carbonic acid and slowly evolve chlorine. It is on this property of gradually evolving chlorine that their disinfecting power depends.

Nature and Composition. In their chemical nature these solutions are identical. Assuming the chlorinated lime to be essentially calcium hypochlorite with calcium chloride (see page 294), the solutions, after decantation from the precipitated calcium carbonate, will contain *sodium hypochlorite* with *sodium chloride:* $Ca(OCl)_2 + CaCl_2 + (Na_2CO_3)_2 = (CaCO_3)_2 + 2NaOCl + 2NaCl$. Besides these there will be present more or less *sodium carbonate*, according as there happens to be in the chlorinated lime less or more chlorine to decompose it. In all cases, however, there will be an excess of sodium carbonate; as the best chlorinated lime does not contain sufficient chlorine to effect its entire decomposition, in the proportion in which it is taken in the formula. As it is a peculiarity in its formation that no carbonic acid is evolved, it is necessary to assume the presence of all the carbonic acid of the sodium carbonate; and hence it is considered to be a combination of *sodium hypochlorite*, *sodium chloride*, and *sodium bicarbonate*.

Medical Properties and Uses. Solution of chlorinated soda is stimulant, antiseptic, and resolvent. Internally it has been employed in diseases termed putrid or malignant, as *typhus fever*, *scarlatina maligna*, etc. The conditions which have been considered to indicate the propriety of its use are great prostration of strength, fetid evacuations, and dry and furred tongue. It has also been given in *dysentery* accompanied with peculiarly fetid stools, in *dyspepsia* attended with putrid eructations, and in *glandular enlargements* and chronic mucous discharges. Other complaints in which it has been recommended are secondary *syphilis*, *scrofula*, bilious disorders, and chronic diseases of the skin. In hydrogen sulphide poisoning it is, like chlorinated lime, an efficacious antidote. The dose is from thirty drops to a teaspoonful, given in a cupful of water or mild aqueous liquid.

As a local remedy it is found useful in all affections attended with fetor, such as gangrenous, cancerous, scrofulous, and syphilitic *ulcers*, ulceration of the gums, *carbuncle*, *ozæna*, mortification, *putrid sore throat*, *ptyalism*, etc. In these cases it is applied as a gargle, wash, ingredient of poultices, or imbibed by lint. In fetid discharges from the vagina, uterus, and bladder, it has been employed with advantage as an injection, diluted with from fifteen to thirty parts of

water for the vagina and uterus, and with sixty parts when the object is to wash out the bladder by means of a double canula. The solution of chlorinated soda has also been applied successfully to burns, and to cutaneous eruptions, particularly *psoriasis*, *tinea capitis*, *scabies*, and obstinate *herpetic affections*, and to allay itching and fetor in *small-pox*. In these cases it is diluted with from ten to thirty parts of water, the strength varying according to circumstances. For the cure of *sore nipples*, Dr. Chopin found nothing so successful as frequently repeated lotions with this solution. Glycerin is in many instances preferable as a diluent to water, as it tends to prevent irritation of the sound skin, and does not evaporate like water. Solution of chlorinated soda is a powerful disinfectant. In the chambers of the sick it is highly useful, if put in the vessels intended to receive the excretions.

LIQUOR SODÆ EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescing Solution of Soda.

[Soda Water.]

(LĪ'QUOR SŌ'DÆ ĔF-FĘR-VĔS'CĘNS.)

Aqua Sodæ Effervescens, Aqua Alkalina Effervescens; Eau alcaline gazeuse, *Fr.;* Sodawasser, *G.*

This is prepared by the British Pharmacopœia from Bicarbonate of Sodium and Water, in the same manner precisely and with the same quantities as the "*Effervescing Solution of Potash;*" and the remarks made upon that preparation are equally applicable to this. "Ten fluidounces, after being boiled for five minutes, require for neutralization 178 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid.*" *Br.*

LIQUOR SODII ARSENATIS. U. S. (Br.) Solution of Sodium Arsenate.

(LĪ'QUOR SŌ'DĮ-Ī ĂR-SĒ-NĀ'TĬS.)

Liquor Sodii Arseniatis, *Br.;* Solution of Arseniate of Sodium; Liqueur (Soluté) d'Arséniate de Soude, *Fr.;* Arsensaure Natronlösung, *G.*

"Sodium Arsenate, deprived of its water of crystallization by a heat not exceeding 149° C. (300·2° F.), *one gramme* [or 15·4 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Dissolve the Sodium Arsenate in a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water to make *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Arseniate of Sodium (rendered anhydrous by a temperature not exceeding 300° F.; 148°·9 C.) *nine grains;* Distilled Water *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve." *Br.*

This is simply an official form for the administration of sodium arsenate. (See *Sodii Arsenas.*) The present official solution is somewhat stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1870. It now contains 1 per cent. of sodium arsenate, where formerly there was present but 0·87 per cent., and the British solution has been made to correspond in strength. The salt is directed to be dried, in order that the solution may be of a uniform strength; as, from the mode in which the sodium arsenate is ordered to be prepared, it is scarcely possible that it should always contain precisely the same quantity of water of crystallization. It is important in drying it to limit the heat to 300° F., lest a portion of the arsenic should be volatilized. Dose, from three to five minims (0·18–0·3 C.c.), to be cautiously increased, if necessary.

LIQUOR SODII ETHYLATIS. Br. Solution of Ethylate of Sodium.

(LĪ'QUOR SŌ'DĮ-Ī ĔTH-Ę-LĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Metallic Sodium, free from oxide, *twenty-two grains;* Ethylic Alcohol *one fluidounce.* Dissolve the Sodium in the Ethylic Alcohol contained in a flask, the latter being kept cool in a stream of cold water. The solution should be recently prepared." *Br.*

This solution is a new official of the last British Pharmacopœia: it is described as "a colorless liquid of syrupy consistence, becoming brown by keeping. Specific gravity 0·867. When heated it boils and gives off alcoholic vapors, leaving a white salt which, on being strongly heated, chars. If the white salt be mixed with water and heated, it yields alcohol, and the solution, on evaporation, leaves a white residue consisting almost wholly of caustic soda. Solution of ethylate of sodium contains 19 per cent. of the solid salt, NaC_2H_5O." *Br.* It may be made more conveniently by dissolving twenty grains of sodium ethylate in eighty grains of absolute alcohol. It is used solely as a caustic, and is said to produce very little pain. No water should be allowed to come in contact with it.

LIQUOR SODII SILICATIS. U. S. Solution of Sodium Silicate.

(LĪ'QUOR SŌ'DI-Ī SĬL-I-CĀ'TĬS.)

Solution of Silicate of Sodium; Silicate de Soude liquide, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Wasserglas, *G.*

This solution is not a preparation which can be conveniently made by the pharmacist, therefore no process is given. Under the head of *Sodium Silicate* (Part II.) will be found the method of preparing and purifying it.

Properties. The Pharmacopœia describes the solution as "a semi-transparent, almost colorless, or yellowish, or pale greenish-yellow, viscid liquid, odorless, having a sharp, saline, and alkaline taste, and an alkaline reaction. Specific gravity, 1·300 to 1·400 at 15° C. (59° F.). A drop of the Solution, when held in a non-luminous flame, imparts to it an intensely yellow color. If a portion of the Solution, largely diluted with water, be supersaturated with nitric acid, a gelatinous or pulverulent, white precipitate of silicic hydrate will be produced." *U. S.*

This solution is used solely in the preparation of mechanical dressings by the surgeon.

LIQUOR STRYCHNINÆ HYDROCHLORATIS. Br. Solution of Hydrochlorate of Strychnine.

(LĪ'QUOR STRĬ₵H-NĪ'NÆ HĬ-DRO-₵HLO-RĀ'TĬS.)

Liquor Strychniæ.

"Take of Strychnine, in crystals, *nine grains;* Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, *fourteen minims;* Rectified Spirit *half a fluidounce;* Distilled Water *one and a half fluidounces.* Mix the Hydrochloric Acid with four drachms of the Water, and dissolve the Strychnine in the mixture by the aid of heat. Then add the Spirit and the remainder of the Water." *Br.*

This is the solution of hydrochlorate of strychnine of the British Pharmacopœia which was formerly official as Liquor Strychniæ: the name has been made definite, and the strength slightly increased, so as to make it conform with the other active solutions: it contains 1 per cent. of strychnine. The spirit is added for its preservation. The commencing dose is from five to ten minims (0·3–0·6 C.c.), equal respectively to the twenty-fourth and the twelfth of a grain (0·0025–0·005 Gm.) of the alkaloid.

LIQUOR ZINCI CHLORIDI. U. S., Br. Solution of Zinc Chloride.

(LĪ'QUOR ZĬN'₵Ī ₵HLŌ'RI-DĪ.)

"An aqueous solution of Zinc Chloride [$ZnCl_2 = 135{\cdot}84$], containing about 50 per cent., by weight, of the salt." *U. S.*

Chlorure de Zinc liquide, Soluté de Burnett, *Fr.;* Flüssiges Chlorzink, *G.*

"Zinc, granulated, *two hundred and forty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 204 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *eight hundred and forty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 275 grains]; Nitric Acid, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Precipitated Zinc Carbonate, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity.* To the Zinc, contained in a glass or porcelain vessel, add *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Distilled Water; then gradually add the Hydrochloric Acid, and digest, until the Acid is saturated; pour off the solution, add the Nitric Acid, evaporate the solution to dryness, and heat the dry mass to fusion at a temperature not exceeding 115° C. (239° F.). Let it cool, and dissolve it in a sufficient amount of Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Then add the Precipitated Zinc Carbonate, agitate the mixture occasionally during twenty-four hours, and then set it aside until it has become clear by subsidence. Finally, separate the clear solution by decantation, or by means of a siphon." *U. S.*

"Take of Granulated Zinc *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *forty-four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Solution of Chlorine *a sufficiency;* Carbonate of Zinc *half an ounce* [av.], or *a sufficiency*; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Hydrochloric Acid and Water in a porcelain dish, add the Zinc, and apply heat gently to promote the action until gas is no longer evolved. Boil for half an hour, supplying the water lost by evaporation, and allow the product to cool. Test a few drops of the resultant liquid for iron or lead by adding excess of ammonia and then sulphydrate of ammonium, when a black precipitate is produced if either is present. In the latter case filter the remainder of the product into a bottle and add Solution of Chlorine by degrees, with frequent agitation, until the fluid acquires a permanent odor of chlorine. Add the Carbonate of Zinc in small quantities at a time, and with renewed agitation, until a brown sediment appears, and the whole of the iron or lead

is thus precipitated. Filter the liquid into a porcelain basin, and evaporate until it is reduced to the bulk of two pints [Imp. meas.]. If no iron or lead be present, filter and evaporate to two pints at once." *Br.*

The zinc chloride is made in the usual way, by dissolving zinc in hydrochloric acid. The solution of chlorine in the British process and the nitric acid in the U. S. process are added in order that any iron present shall be converted into ferric chloride, from which it is afterwards precipitated by the zinc carbonate. In the Dublin process the former object was accomplished by the use of solution of chlorinated lime, the latter by chalk. This is a decided improvement, as the use of the chalk as a precipitant introduced into the preparation some calcium chloride, while the zinc carbonate adds only a little zinc chloride in solution. The preparation is completed by bringing it to a certain bulk by the addition of distilled water, and by filtration to separate the precipitated iron and any excess of the carbonate. As procured by the U. S. P. process, solution of zinc chloride is "a clear, colorless liquid, odorless, having a very astringent, sweetish taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·535 at 15° C. (59° F.). It conforms to the reactions and tests of an aqueous solution of Zinc Chloride (see *Zinci Chloridum*)." *U. S.* The British solution contains about 175 grains of zinc in the Imperial fluidounce, and has the sp. gr. 1·460. The American solution does not differ much, containing about 170 grains to the fluidounce [wine measure]. This solution is equivalent to Burnett's disinfecting fluid noticed below. It is a powerful disinfectant, and, when applied, duly diluted with water, to cancerous and other offensive *ulcers*, destroys their fetor so long as the dressings are kept moist with it. The solution is recommended by M. Gaudriot in *gonorrhœa* in both sexes, as having remarkable remedial powers. For men he uses an injection, composed of from twenty-four to thirty-six drops in four fluidounces of water. A small quantity only is injected about an inch up the urethra, two or three times a day. For women he employs a vaginal suppository, formed of five drops of the solution, half a grain of morphine sulphate, and three drachms of a paste consisting of a drachm and a half of starch, a drachm of mucilage of tragacanth, and half a drachm of sugar. The suppository is introduced every day, or every second day.

Burnett's disinfecting fluid, like the official solution, is an aqueous solution of zinc chloride. It contains 200 grains of zinc in each Imperial fluidounce, and has the sp. gr. 2. It is, therefore, considerably stronger than the Dublin solution. It is so called after Sir William Burnett, who introduced it into use, in 1840, as a powerful deodorizing and disinfecting agent in neutralizing noxious effluvia and in arresting animal and vegetable decomposition. Diluted with water it forms Sir William's patent preservative against the dry-rot. The concurrent testimony of a number of observers shows that it acts as an excellent disinfectant for ships, hospitals, dissecting-rooms, water-closets, privies, etc. Injected into the blood-vessels, it preserves bodies for dissection, without impairing their texture, and is said not to injure the knives employed; but the accuracy of the latter statement is doubtful. The advantage is claimed for it that, while it destroys putrid odors, it has no smell of its own. For preserving anatomical subjects, one part of the disinfecting fluid to eighteen of water will form a solution of the proper strength. For disinfecting operations on a large scale, a pint may be mixed with four gallons of water.

LITHII BENZOAS. U. S. Lithium Benzoate.

$LiC_7H_5O_2$; 127·72. (LĬTH'Ī-Ī BĔN'ZŌ-ĂS.) $LiC_7H_5O_2$; 128.

Benzoate de Lithium, *Fr.*; Benzoësaures Lithon, *G.*

This salt of lithium is made by decomposing lithium carbonate with benzoic acid. E. B. Shuttleworth (*A. J. P.*, 1875) deviates from the usual method of first making a hot solution of benzoic acid and then adding carbonate until effervescence ceases, by reversing the order. One ounce (av.) of lithium carbonate is put into a capsule with nine fluidounces of water, the mixture is heated, and three and a quarter ounces (av.) of benzoic acid in small portions added, until the carbonate is all decomposed and effervescence ceases: the solution is filtered and evaporated to dryness, or crystallized if desired. The yield is three and a half ounces. The advantage of this process is a saving in time and labor in evaporating: $Li_2CO_3 + 2HC_7H_5O_2 = 2LiC_7H_5O_2 + H_2O + CO_2$. No process is given in the Pharmacopœia. The official description is as follows.

Properties. "A light, white powder, or small, shining, crystalline scales; odorless, or of faint benzoin-like odor, and of a cooling, sweetish taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 4 parts of water, and in 12 parts of alcohol; in 2·5 parts of boiling water, and in 10 parts of boiling alcohol. The presence of sodium benzoate increases the solubility

in water and lessens that in alcohol. When heated, the salt fuses; at a higher temperature it chars, emits inflammable vapors having a benzoin-like odor, and finally leaves a residue of lithium carbonate mixed with carbon. This residue imparts a crimson color to a non-luminous flame, and its aqueous solution has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of Lithium Benzoate has a faintly acid reaction upon litmus. If 2 C.c. of ferric chloride test-solution be mixed with a small drop of ammonia water, and added to 2 C.c. of an aqueous solution of the salt, a voluminous brownish-pink precipitate of basic ferric benzoate will result. If 1 C.c. of diluted nitric acid be added to 0·2 Gm. of Lithium Benzoate dissolved in 2 C.c. of water, and the precipitated benzoic acid be removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should not be rendered turbid on the addition of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), or of barium nitrate test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If a concentrated solution of the salt be mixed with hydrochloric acid, a white precipitate of benzoic acid will be formed, which, after being separated from the liquid, and thoroughly washed and dried, should respond to the tests of purity given under *Acidum Benzoicum*. If the filtrate from this precipitate be evaporated to dryness and ignited, 1 part of the residue should be soluble in 5 parts of absolute alcohol. If to this alcoholic solution an equal volume of ether be added, no precipitate or turbidity should appear (limit of *other alkalies*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt should remain unaffected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic, lead, iron, aluminum*, etc.), or by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*), or by sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*); nor should silver nitrate test-solution, or barium nitrate test-solution, produce in it more than a very slight turbidity (limit of *chloride* and *sulphate*). If 1 Gm. of dry Lithium Benzoate be thoroughly ignited in a porcelain crucible, so as to burn off most of the carbonaceous matter, and the residue be mixed with 20 C.c. of water, it should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 7·8 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to not less than 99·6 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Lithium benzoate has been highly commended as a remedy against *gout* (*Edin. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1875), and has been used to some extent: there is, however, no sufficient reason for supposing that it is superior to the citrate or carbonate of the base. Dose, from fifteen to thirty grains (1–1·95 Gm.).

LITHII BROMIDUM. U. S. Lithium Bromide.

Li Br; 86·77. (LĬTH′Ĭ-Ī BRŌ′MĬ-DŬM.) Li Br; 86·8.

Bromure de Lithium, *Fr.*; Bromlithium, *G.*

This salt was made official in the U. S. P. 1880. Yvon prepares lithium bromide by mixing 37 parts of lithium carbonate, 200 parts of distilled water, and 80 parts of bromine, and passing a current of hydrogen sulphide through the mixture until the color of bromine has disappeared. A slight heat is then applied, to drive off excess of hydrogen sulphide and to agglutinate the sulphur. After filtration the liquor is concentrated and finally crystallized by desiccating it under a bell-glass, over sulphuric acid. It may also be obtained by double decomposition. Lithium sulphate is first formed by treating 37 parts of lithium carbonate with 49 parts of monohydrated sulphuric acid diluted with its own volume of water. Then 119 parts of potassium bromide are dissolved in the smallest possible quantity of water. When the two solutions are mixed, an abundant precipitate of potassium sulphate is produced on the addition of a little alcohol. The whole is evaporated to dryness, the operation finished on a water-bath, and the residue is treated with alcohol, which removes only lithium bromide and deposits it again on evaporation. The bromide may then be crystallized from water or kept in solution of known strength.* (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept 18, 1876.) No process is given in the Pharmacopœia. "Lithium Bromide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. "A white, granular salt, odorless, and having a sharp, slightly bitter taste; very deliquescent. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·6 part of water, and in 0·3 part of boiling water; very soluble in alcohol; also soluble in ether. At a low red heat the salt fuses, and at a higher heat it is slowly volatilized. It imparts a crimson color to a non-luminous flame.

* *Lithium Iodide* (LiI: 133·6) may be prepared by taking of iodine 127 parts, iron, in filings, 35 parts, lithium carbonate 38 parts, distilled water 300 parts. Prepare a solution of ferrous iodide, using the whole of the distilled water, filter, add the lithium carbonate to the still warm liquid, and heat gently to promote complete decomposition. The liquid must be slightly alkaline. Filter, wash the precipitated ferrous carbonate, add the washings to the filtrate, evaporate the latter, pour it out to cool and harden, and immediately transfer it into well-dried, glass-stoppered vials. It forms a white salt very soluble in water and alcohol. One gramme of it is entirely precipitated by 1·27 Gm. of silver nitrate. (*N. R.*, July, 1877.)

The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. If a few drops of chloroform be added to 5 C.c. of the solution (1 in 20), then 1 C.c. of chlorine water, and the mixture shaken, the liberated bromine will dissolve in the chloroform, communicating to it a yellow or yellowish-brown color. If 0·5 C.c. of sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, no precipitate or turbidity should occur within 10 minutes (limit of *potassium*). One part of the salt should dissolve, without residue, in 5 parts of absolute alcohol, and the addition of an equal volume of ether should produce no precipitate in this solution (limit of *other alkalies*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution either before or after acidulation with a drop of hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.), nor by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). In the aqueous solution no turbidity should be produced by the addition of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If a few drops of starch test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, and then a drop or two of chlorine water, no blue color should appear (absence of *iodide*). If 0·3 Gm. of dry Lithium Bromide be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should require 35·3 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color of silver chromate (corresponding to at least 98 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Lithium bromide was first brought into notice as a remedy by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, who asserts that its action differs from that of the other bromides only in being more hypnotic. Although careful physiological studies of it are wanting, there is little reason for believing that it differs essentially from other bromides in its influence upon the human organism. It should be administered in dilute aqueous solution, in doses of from fifteen to thirty grains (1–1·95 Gm.). Each drachm of it contains fifty-five grains of bromine, and it therefore exceeds potassium bromide in bromine strength.

LITHII CARBONAS. U. S., Br. Lithium Carbonate.

Li_2CO_3; 73·87.* (LĬTH'Ĭ-Ī CĂR'BŌ-NĂS.) Li_2CO_3; 74.

Lithium Carbonicum, *P. G.;* Carbonas Lithicus; Carbonate of Lithia, *E.;* Carbonate de Lithine, Carbonate lithique, *Fr.;* Kohlensaures Lithon, *G.*

The alkali *lithia*, so far as has yet been ascertained, is rare in nature; for, though extensively diffused, it exists in very small proportion, except in a few scarce minerals. It was discovered by Arfvedson in 1817, in certain minerals from the iron-mines of Utö, as *petalite*, *triphane*, and a variety of *tourmaline*. (*Berzelius.*) It has since been found in other minerals, as *lepidolite*, *spodumene*, *amblygonite*, etc., and in numerous mineral waters, as those of Carlsbad, Pyrmont, Kissingen, Kreuznach, Aix-la-Chapelle, Vichy, etc., in Europe, and the Gettysburg spring in the United States, in which it exists generally as a carbonate or a bicarbonate. By spectrum analysis it has been detected in the waters of the Atlantic and of the Thames, in the ashes of plants grown on a granite soil, and even in milk and human blood. In the mother-waters of tartaric acid, in the factories, it has been found in a proportion to justify extraction. It was at one time largely obtained from a *phosphatic triphyline* found in Bavaria, in which it existed as a phosphate; but this source is said to have been exhausted. There are several methods of extracting lithia from the minerals containing it, an account of which may be seen in *Roscoe and Schorlemmer*, vol. ii., Part I., p. 158. They contain the alkali in various proportions, from 3·6 per cent. in lepidolite to 11 per cent. in amblygonite. Lithium carbonate is prepared from lepidolite in the following manner. 10 parts of finely powdered lepidolite, 10 parts of barium carbonate, 5 parts of barium sulphate, and 3 parts of potassium sulphate are fused at a very high temperature in a wind furnace. The heavy barium silicate and sulphate sink to the bottom, and a layer of potassium and lithium sulphates is found at the top of the fused mass. These can be extracted by simple lixiviation, and then the carbonate prepared by double decomposition with ammonium carbonate.

Lithia, Li_2O, is the oxide of the metal lithium, and ranks in chemical properties with the fixed alkalies. In the form of hydrate, LiOH, it is white and translucent; does not deliquesce in the air, but absorbs carbonic acid, and becomes opaque; is fusible below ignition, but not volatilizable at a white heat; is soluble in water, but less so than potassa or soda; is sparingly soluble in alcohol; and in solution has an acrid alkaline taste, caustic properties, and a strong alkaline reaction. The salts of lithium are generally freely soluble, with the exception of the neutral carbonate and phosphate, the latter of which is nearly insoluble. *Lithium*, which was

* The British Pharmacopœia gives the molecular formula of this salt as Li_2CO_3.

first obtained by Bunsen and Matthiessen, in 1855, is silver-white, brilliant, softer than lead, ductile, capable of welding, and the lightest known solid. Its sp. gr. is 0·594, melting point 180° C. (356° F.), atomic weight 7·01, and symbol Li.

Lithium carbonate may be prepared directly from one of the lithia minerals, in the manner already described, or from lithium sulphate or chloride in concentrated solution by adding ammonium carbonate. The precipitated salt should be washed with alcohol and dried.

Properties. It is "a light, white powder, odorless, and having an alkaline taste; permanent in the air. Soluble in 80 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 140 parts of boiling water;* much more soluble in water saturated with carbon dioxide; insoluble in alcohol; soluble in diluted acids with active effervescence. At a low red heat the salt fuses; at a higher temperature it loses some of its carbon dioxide, and is partially converted into lithium oxide. It imparts a crimson color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. If 1 Gm. of Lithium Carbonate be dissolved in 40 C.c. of diluted acetic acid, no insoluble residue should remain. Separate portions of this solution should not be affected by the following reagents: hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.); ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.); ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); silver nitrate test-solution (*chloride*); barium chloride test-solution (*sulphate*); or sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*). If 0·5 Gm. of Lithium Carbonate be dissolved in 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and the clear solution be evaporated to dryness, the dry residue should completely dissolve in 3 C.c. of absolute alcohol, and an addition of 3 C.c. of ether should not render the solution turbid (limit of *other alkalies*). If 0·5 Gm. of the dry salt be mixed with 20 C.c. of water, it should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 13·4 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 98·98 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* Its aqueous solution has an alkaline reaction. In the British Pharmacopœia the following test is given: "Ten grains, neutralized with sulphuric acid, and heated to redness, leave 14·86 grains of dry sulphate, which, when dissolved in distilled water, yields no precipitate with oxalate of ammonium or lime water."†

Medical Properties and Uses. Lithium carbonate has the ordinary remedial properties of the alkaline carbonates, over which, however, it possesses advantages, under certain circumstances, which render it a valuable addition to the materia medica. In the year 1843, Mr. Alexander Ure, of London, called attention to the extraordinary solvent power of a solution of lithia over uric acid, with which, unlike the other alkalies, it forms a very soluble salt, and suggested its injection into the bladder, for the solution or disintegration of *uric acid calculi*. In 1857, Dr. Garrod, of London, gave it internally in cases of *gout* and *gouty diathesis* in reference to the same property, as well as in consideration of its low combining number and consequent extraordinary neutralizing power. From these properties, it is admirably adapted to cases in which it is desirable to eliminate uric acid from the system, and especially to cases of gout, in which there is a strong indication to prevent the formation of insoluble salts of uric acid, and their deposition in the bladder, kidneys, or joints, and to favor the solution of such salts when already formed, as in the chalky deposits in the joints and ligamentous tissues of gouty patients, consisting chiefly of sodium urate. Dr. Garrod has, moreover, found lithium carbonate, in dilute solution, not only to exceed the other alkalies in rendering the urine neutral or alkaline, but also to act powerfully as a diuretic, probably more so than the corresponding salts of potassium and sodium. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, March, 1864, p. 303.) The dose of lithium carbonate is from five to fifteen grains (0·32 to 1 Gm.), and is most advantageously given in carbonic acid water.

LITHII CITRAS. U. S., Br. Lithium Citrate.

$Li_3C_6H_5O_7$; **209·57.** (LĬTH′Ĭ-Ī CĬ′TRĂS.) $Li_3C_6.H_5O_7$; 210.

Citrate of Lithium; Lithium Citricum; Citrate of Lithia, *E.;* Citrate de Lithine, *Fr.;* Citronensaures Lithium, *G.*

"Lithium Citrate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

* Prof. F. A. Flückiger states that lithium carbonate is less soluble in warm water than in cold water. He recommends as a test of purity that it should require for solution 70 parts or a little more of water at 15° C., and states further that its solution saturated at 90° C. has the sp. gr. 1·009 at 15° C.: this latter solution contains 1 part of the salt in 111·3 parts of water. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 509.)

† *Effervescing Lithium Carbonate.* Take of Citric Acid 40 parts, Sodium Bicarbonate 50 parts, and Lithium Carbonate 10 parts. Powder and mix well, then introduce into a wide flat-bottomed dish, and heat to about 100° C. (212° F.), stirring constantly until the powder becomes granular. Separate the granules of uniform size by means of appropriate sieves, and preserve them in well-stopped bottles.

"Take of Carbonate of Lithium *fifty grains;* Citric Acid, in crystals, *ninety grains;* Warm Distilled Water *one fluidounce.* Dissolve the Citric Acid in the Water, and add the Carbonate of Lithium, in successive portions, applying heat until effervescence ceases, and a perfect solution is obtained. Evaporate by steam or sand-bath until the product has a specific gravity of 1·230, and set aside for crystals to form. Dry the crystals and preserve them in a stoppered bottle." *Br.* No process is given in the U. S. P. 1890 for this salt.

To saturate the 50 grains of lithium carbonate directed by the British Pharmacopœia, 90·54 grains of the crystallized acid will be required: so that there is a slight deficiency on the part of the acid, whereas it should be in slight excess, and, according to Mr. Squire, 100 grains of the acid should be used instead of 90 grains. (See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 11, 1875.) This proportion was employed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia process of 1870. See foot-note.*

Mr. C. Umney (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 11, 1875) advocates the use of the crystallized salt in place of that made by either of the official processes. He obtained it by setting aside a solution of the sp. gr. 1·230, when a salt crystallized out having the formula $Li_3C_6H_5O_7.4H_2O$: it is described as definite and reliable as found in commerce, and "not deliquescent." (See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 783.)

Properties. Lithium citrate is in the form of a white powder, "odorless, and having a cooling, faintly alkaline taste; deliquescent on exposure to air. Soluble in 2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·5 part of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol or ether. At a red heat the salt chars, emits inflammable vapors of a pungent odor, and finally leaves a black residue of lithium carbonate mixed with carbon. It imparts a crimson color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. If the aqueous solution (1 in 20) of Lithium Citrate be boiled with an equal volume of calcium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate will be deposited. Separate portions of the solution, slightly acidulated with acetic acid, should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.); ammonium sulphide test-solution (*iron*, *aluminum*, etc.); ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); or sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*). With barium nitrate test-solution, or with silver nitrate test-solution, not more than a slight turbidity should appear (limit of *sulphate* and of *chloride*). If the residue obtained by calcining the salt at a red heat be dissolved in a slight excess of diluted hydrochloric acid, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness, a portion of the residue, treated with 5 parts of absolute alcohol, should completely dissolve, and the addition of an equal volume of ether should not render the solution turbid (limit of *other alkalies*). If 1 Gm. of dry Lithium Citrate be thoroughly ignited in a porcelain crucible, so as to burn off most of the carbonaceous matter, and the residue be mixed with 20 C.c. of water, it should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 14·2 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 99·2 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* That the salt is a citrate will be shown by its solution becoming turbid when boiled with lime water, but clear again on cooling. (*Brande and Taylor.*) "Twenty grains of it, burned at a low red heat, with free access of air, leave 7·8 grains of white residue." *Br.* In other words, 20 grains of the salt yield 7·8 grains of lithium carbonate; for all the acid with its carbon must be consumed in the process.

Medical Properties and Uses. These are essentially the same as those of the carbonate, as the citric acid is burnt up in the system and a lithium carbonate formed, which is finally eliminated by the kidneys. While thus acting like the carbonate, it has the advantages over that salt of having a less disagreeable taste and of being less disposed to irritate the stomach,—the same advantages that, in many instances, potassium citrate has over the carbonate of that alkali. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).

LITHII CITRAS EFFERVESCENS. U. S. Effervescent Lithium Citrate.

(LĬTH'Ĭ-Ī CĪ'TRĂS ĔF-FĔR-VĔS'CĔNS.)

"Lithium Carbonate, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Sodium Bicarbonate, *two hundred and eighty grammes* [or 9 ounces av., 384 grains]; Citric Acid, *three hundred and seventy grammes* [or 13 ounces av., 22 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Triturate the Citric Acid with

* "Take of Carbonate of Lithium *one hundred grains;* Citric Acid, in crystals, *two hundred grains;* Distilled Water *two fluidounces.* Dissolve the Citric Acid in the water gently heated, and to the solution gradually add the Carbonate of Lithium until perfectly dissolved, heating the solution so long as effervescence is produced. Evaporate, by means of a steam- or sand-bath, to a viscid consistence, dry the residue in an oven, at a temperature of about 240°, then rapidly pulverize it, and preserve the powder in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

about *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains] of Sugar, and dry the mixture thoroughly. Then incorporate with it, by trituration, the Lithium Carbonate and Sodium Bicarbonate, and enough Sugar to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This is a new official effervescent salt. It forms an agreeable method of administering the lithia salts; its medical properties are those of lithium citrate, and the dose is a teaspoonful in water.

LITHII SALICYLAS. U. S. Lithium Salicylate.

$LiC_7H_5O_3$; 143·68. (LĬTH′Ī-Ī SĂL-Ī-CŸ′LĂS.) $2LiC_7H_5O_3.H_2O$; 306.

No process is given in the Pharmacopœia for this official salt. It may be prepared by adding to a mixture of eleven parts of salicylic acid and three parts of lithium carbonate twenty-five parts of water, and heating until effervescence ceases, filtering and evaporating. It may be obtained in crystals, and "should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. "A white or grayish-white powder, odorless, and having a sweetish taste; deliquescent on exposure to air. Very soluble in water and in alcohol. When heated, the salt is decomposed, emitting the odor of phenol, and finally leaving a residue of lithium carbonate and carbon. It imparts a crimson color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution slightly reddens blue litmus paper. If copper sulphate test-solution be added to an aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt, the mixture should have a bright-green color. If a small quantity of ferric chloride test-solution be added to an excess of a concentrated, aqueous solution (1 in 4) of Lithium Salicylate, a deep red color will be produced, which, after the liquid is largely diluted and mixed with more ferric chloride test-solution, will change to a deep bluish-violet tint. Upon adding to 1 Gm. of the salt, in a test-tube, about 1 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid, then, cautiously, in drops, about 1 C.c. of methylic alcohol, and heating the mixture to boiling, the odor of oil of gaultheria will be evolved. Hydrochloric or sulphuric acid produces in the aqueous solution a voluminous precipitate of salicylic acid, which, when separated and washed, should conform to the reactions and tests given under *Acidum Salicylicum*. The aqueous solution should be colorless (absence of *iron* and *organic coloring matters*), and should not effervesce on the addition of diluted acids (absence of *carbonate*). If 1 part of the salt be agitated with 15 parts of sulphuric acid, no color should be imparted to the acid within 15 minutes (absence of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*). If a portion of the residue, left after ignition, be dissolved in diluted acetic acid, separate portions of the filtrate should not be rendered turbid on the addition of a few drops of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), nor be rendered more than very slightly turbid by silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*). Other portions of the same filtrate should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic, lead*, etc.); nor by ammonium sulphide test-solution (*aluminum*, etc.); nor by ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); nor by sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*). If another portion of the residue, left after ignition, be dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness, a portion of the residue, when treated with 5 parts of absolute alcohol, should completely dissolve, and the addition of an equal volume of ether should not render the solution turbid (limit of *other alkalies*). If 2 Gm. of dry Lithium Salicylate be thoroughly ignited in a porcelain crucible, so as to burn off most of the carbonaceous matter, and the residue be mixed with 20 C.c. of water, it should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 13·8 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 99·13 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt has probably been introduced into the Pharmacopœia as a remedy in *gout* and *rheumatism*, uniting the virtues of salicylic acid and of lithium. It will probably be found efficient, and has the great advantage over salicylic acid of being freely soluble in water and much less irritant to the stomach. Every drachm of it contains about 57·25 grains of salicylic acid and 2·75 grains of lithium. The dose is from twenty to forty grains (1·3–2·6 Gm.), to be given in an aromatized syrup.

LOBELIA. U. S., Br. Lobelia.

(LŌ-BĒ′LĬ-Ą.)

"The leaves and tops of Lobelia inflata, Linné (nat. ord. Lobeliaceæ), collected after a portion of the capsules have become inflated." *U. S.* "The dried flowering herb of Lobelia inflata, Linn." *Br.*

Herba Lobeliæ, *P. G.;* Indian Tobacco; Herbe de Lobélie enflée, *Fr.;* Lobelienkraut, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft. *Corolla* irregular, five-parted, cleft on the upper side nearly to

the base. *Anthers* united into a tube. *Stigma* two-lobed. *Capsule* inferior or semi-superior, two- or three-celled, two-valved at the apex. *Torrey.*

Lobelia inflata. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 946; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 177; Barton, *Med. Bot.* i. 181; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 60, pl. 51; *B. & T.* 162. This species of Lobelia, often called *Indian tobacco*, is an annual or biennial indigenous plant, usually a foot or more in height, with a fibrous root, and a solitary, erect, angular, very hairy stem, much branched about midway, but rising considerably above the summits of the highest branches. The leaves are scattered, or alternate, petiolate, the upper sessile, ovate, or oblong, about two inches (5 Cm.) long, irregularly toothed, pubescent, pale green. The flowers are numerous, small, disposed in leafy terminal racemes, and upon short axillary footstalks. The calyx is five-toothed and much inflated in fruit. The corolla, which is of a delicate blue, has a labiate border, with the upper lip divided into two, the lower into three segments. The united anthers are curved, and enclose the stigma. The fruit is an oval, striated, inflated capsule, crowned with the persistent calyx, and containing, in two cells, numerous very small, brown seeds.*

Lobelia inflata† is a very common weed, growing on the roadsides, and in neglected fields, throughout the United States. Its flowers begin to appear towards the end of July, and continue to expand in succession till the occurrence of frost. All parts of it are medicinal; but, according to Dr. Eberle, the root and inflated capsules are most powerful. The plant should be collected in August or September, when the capsules are numerous, and should be carefully dried. It may be kept whole, or in powder. As found in commerce, it is often in oblong compressed cakes, prepared by the Shakers or the herb-dealers.

Dried lobelia has a slightly irritating odor, and when chewed, though at first without much taste, soon produces a burning acrid impression upon the posterior parts of the tongue and palate, very closely resembling that occasioned by tobacco, and attended in like manner with a flow of saliva and a nauseating effect. "Leaves alternate, petiolate, the upper ones sessile, ovate or oblong, about 5 Cm. long, irregularly toothed, pubescent, pale green; branches hairy, terminating in long racemes of small, pale blue flowers, having an adherent five-toothed calyx, which is inflated in fruit, a bilabiate corolla, and five united stamens; odor slight, irritating; taste mild, afterwards burning and acrid." *U. S.* The powder is greenish. The plant yields its virtues readily to water and alcohol. Water distilled from it has its odor without its acrimony. Prof. Procter found the plant to contain an odorous volatile principle, probably volatile oil; a peculiar alkaline principle, named lobeline; a peculiar acid, first noticed as distinct by Pereira, called *lobelic acid;* besides gum, resin, chlorophyll, fixed oil, lignin, salts of lime and potassa, and oxide of iron. The seeds contain at least twice as much of lobeline, in proportion, as the whole plant, which yielded only one part in five hundred. They contain also 30 per cent. of a nearly colorless fixed oil having the drying property in an extraordinary degree. *Lobeline* was obtained by Prof. Procter by the following process. The seeds were treated with alcohol acidulated with acetic acid, until deprived of acrimony, and the tincture was evaporated; the resulting extract was triturated with magnesia and water, and, after repeated agitation for several hours, the liquor, holding lobeline in solution, was filtered; this was then shaken repeatedly with ether until no longer acrid; and the ethereal solution, having been decanted, was allowed to evaporate spontaneously. The residue, which was reddish brown and of the consistence of honey, was deprived of coloring matter by dissolving it in water, adding a slight excess of sulphuric acid, boiling with animal charcoal, saturating with magnesia, filtering, agitating with ether until this fluid had deprived the water of acrimony, and finally decanting, and allowing the ether to evaporate. Thus obtained, *lobeline* is a yellowish liquid, lighter than water, of a somewhat aromatic odor, and a very acrid durable taste. It is soluble in water, but much more copiously in alcohol and ether; and the latter fluid readily removes it from its aqueous solution. It has an alkaline reaction, and forms soluble and crystallizable salts with sulphuric,

* In case of poisoning by lobelia, the seeds may be recognized by the following microscopic characters. (Fred. Curtis, *Lond. Med. Gaz.*, July, 1851.) They are almond-shaped, about 1-30th of an inch long by 1-75th broad, puce-colored, regularly marked with longitudinal ridges and furrows, and cross ridges generally at right angles with the former, so that the surface presents the appearance of basket-work. No other seeds could be mistaken for them, except those of *Lobelia cardinalis*, which, however, are larger, coarser, of a lighter color, and with the superficial rectangular checkering less distinct.

† Two other North American species of lobelia have been used in medicine, but appear to be of very little value, —*L. cardinalis*, or cardinal flower, as an anthelmintic; *L. syphilitica*, as an antisyphilitic. (See Dr. W. P. C. Barton's *Medical Botany.*) Mr. V. Rosen has found in the *L. nicotianæfolia*, which grows in the mountain ranges of Ceylon and the Madras peninsula, two alkaloids,—one liquid and identical with lobeline, the other a crystalline solid. He believes, as the result of some physiological experiments, that the plant has the same properties as those of *L. inflata.* (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 838.)

nitric, and hydrochloric acids, and a very soluble but not crystallizable salt with acetic acid. It forms an insoluble compound with tannic acid, which instantly precipitates it from its solution. By a boiling heat it is entirely decomposed, losing all its acrimony; but when combined with acids it may be subjected to ebullition with water without change. (*A. J. P.*, ix. 105, xiii. 1; see, also, a paper by W. D. Richardson, Jr., *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 293.).* Paschkis and Smita (*Monatshefte*, xi. p. 131) obtained the alkaloid as a viscous oil with an odor resembling at once that of honey and that of tobacco. Siebert has also obtained both from the herb and seeds of lobelia a pale-yellow alkaline syrup, the crystallized hydrochloride and chloroplatinate of which indicated the formula $C_{18}H_{23}NO_2$ for the free alkaloid. Enders has also isolated the acrid substance of the drug, and gives to it the name *lobelacrin*. It is obtained in warty tufts of a brown color, soluble in ether and chloroform, but only slightly in water. It is decomposed by boiling with dilute acids or alkalies into sugar and lobelic acid. Lewis (*P. J. Tr.* [3], 10, p. 56) considers lobelacrin as only a mixture of lobeline lobeliate with free lobelic acid. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 400.) The late Dr. S. Colhoun, of Philadelphia, was the first to announce the existence of a peculiar principle in lobelia, capable of forming salts with the acids; but he did not obtain it in an isolated state. An important inference from the effects of heat upon lobeline is that, in preparing lobelia for use, the plant should never be heated in connection with a salifiable base. Prof. J. U. Lloyd isolated from lobelia a crystalline substance, melting at 225° C., which had been observed previously by Prof. Procter. Prof. Lloyd named it *inflatin;* it is colorless, tasteless, and odorless, insoluble in water or glycerin, soluble in carbon disulphide, benzene, chloroform, ether, and least soluble in alcohol. It is a neutral principle, and appears to have no therapeutic value. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1887, p. 32.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Lobelia is said to have been used as a medicine by the aborigines of America, but was first brought into general professional notice by the Rev. Dr. Cutler, of Massachusetts. The leaves or capsules, chewed for a short time, occasion giddiness, headache, general tremors, and ultimately nausea and vomiting. When swallowed in the full dose, the medicine produces speedy and severe vomiting, attended with continued and distressing nausea, copious sweating, and great general relaxation. When toxic doses are taken, these symptoms are very severe, and have added to them burning pain in the fauces or œsophagus, progressive failure of voluntary motion, rapid, feeble pulse, fall of temperature, and finally collapse with stupor or coma; in some cases convulsions precede death. Death has often resulted from its empirical use. Its poisonous effects are most apt to occur when, as sometimes happens, it is not rejected by vomiting. The experiments of Dr. I. Ott upon the lower animals show that the poison causes paralysis of the motor nerve-trunks, of the peripheral vagi, and probably also of the vaso-motor centres. Death seems to occur from failure of respiration, due, in part at least, to the condition of the motor nerves.

As an emetic, lobelia should never be used; at present it is rarely employed at all except in *spasmodic asthma*, the paroxysms of which it often greatly mitigates, and sometimes wholly relieves, even when not given in doses sufficiently large to vomit. It has been used also in *catarrh*, *croup*, *pertussis*, and other *laryngeal* and *pectoral affections*, but is chiefly valuable where there is *bronchial spasm:* it must always be employed with caution. The tincture affords the most eligible mode of administration; in asthmatic cases it may be given in doses of fifteen minims (0·9 C.c.) every hour until an effect is produced. The fluid extract and the tincture are official. The process for the vinegar, which was dropped by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890, will be found in the foot-note.† Dr. Nunes (*T. G.*, 1889) asserts that he has used lobeline in a number of cases of *asthma* with most excellent results in doses of from three-fourths of a grain to six grains a day; but it can scarcely be doubted that he had a very impure alkaloid, and that such doses of a pure sample would be highly dangerous.

* Mr. William Bastick, of London, published (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1850) an article on lobeline, apparently in entire ignorance of the previous work of Prof. Procter. His process does not differ essentially from that above given. In one magnesia is used to decompose the native salt of lobeline, in the other lime, the caustic alkalies not being applicable to the purpose, as they decompose this alkaloid with great facility.

† *Acetum Lobeliæ*, U. S. 1880. *Vinegar of Lobelia.* (*Vinaigre de Lobélie enflée*, Fr.; *Lobelien-Essig*, G.) "Lobelia, in No. 30 powder, *ten parts* [or one and three-fourths ounces av.]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or one pint]. Moisten the powder with *five parts* [or one fluidounce] of Diluted Acetic Acid, pack it firmly in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Acetic Acid upon it until *one hundred parts* [or one pint] of filtered liquid are obtained." *U. S.* Vinegar of Lobelia may also be prepared by macerating the powder in one pint of Diluted Acetic Acid for seven days, expressing the liquid, and filtering through paper. This is an active preparation of lobelia. Dose, as an expectorant for an adult, from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (2–3·75 C.c.). In the paroxysm of spasmodic *asthma* from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·50 C.c.) may be given every two or three hours till relief is obtained.

LOTIONES. Lotions.

(LŌ-TI-Ō'NĒZ—lō-shę-ō'nēz.)

Washes; Lotions, *Fr.;* Waschungen, *G.*

This class has been introduced into the British Pharmacopœia in order to give official recognition to two preparations, the *black wash*, or *lotio nigra*, and the *yellow wash*, or *lotio flava*, which have been long in use, and which will be found treated of under Calomel and Corrosive Sublimate at pages 687 and 692 of this work. Nothing more is necessary here than to give the British formulas.

LOTIO HYDRARGYRI FLAVA. Br. Yellow Mercurial Lotion.

(LŌ'TI-Ō HŸ-DRÄR'ĢY-RĪ FLĀ'VA—lō'shę-ō.)

Aqua Phagedænica, *P. G.;* Yellow Wash; Eau phagédénique, Eau divine de Fernel, *Fr.;* Phagedänisches Wasser, Altschadenwasser, *G.*

"Take of Perchloride of Mercury [Corrosive Sublimate] *eighteen grains;* Solution of Lime *ten fluidounces.* Mix." (See *Lotio Flava*, National Formulary.)

LOTIO HYDRARGYRI NIGRA. Br. Black Mercurial Lotion.

(LŌ'TI-Ō HŸ-DRÄR'ĢY-RĪ NĪ'GRA.)

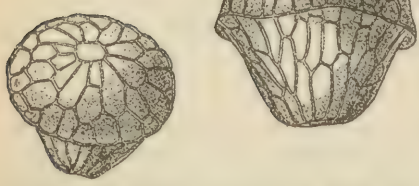
Aqua Phagedænica Nigra, *P. G.;* Aqua Nigra, Aqua Mercurialis Nigra; Black Wash; Eau phagédénique noire, *Fr.;* Schwarzes Wasser, *G.*

"Take of Subchloride of Mercury [Calomel] *thirty grains;* Solution of Lime *ten fluidounces.* Mix." (See *Lotio Nigra*, National Formulary.)

LUPULINUM. U.S. Lupulin.

(LŪ-PŪ-LĪ'NŬM.)

"The glandular powder separated from the strobiles of Humulus Lupulus, Linné (nat. ord. Urticaceæ)." *U. S.* "A glandular powder obtained from the dried strobiles of Humulus Lupulus, Linn." *Br.*



Lupulin. Magnified, to show the shape and markings of the granules.

Lupulina, *Pharm.* 1870; Lupulinic Glands; Glandulæ Lupuli, *P. G.;* Lupuline, Lupulite, *Fr.;* Hopfenmehl, Lupulin, *G.*

Lupulin is officially described as "bright brownish-yellow, becoming yellowish-brown, resinous, consisting of minute granules, which, as seen under the microscope, are subglobular, or rather hood-shaped, and reticulate; aromatic and bitter. When Lupulin is agitated with water and the mixture allowed to stand, no considerable sediment (sand, etc.) should be deposited. When ignited, Lupulin should not leave more than 10 per cent. of ash." *U. S.* See *Humulus* (page 685).*

LYCOPODIUM. U.S. Lycopodium.

(LĪ-CǪ-PŌ'DI-ŬM.)

"The spores of Lycopodium clavatum, Linné, and of other species of Lycopodium (nat. ord. Lycopodiaceæ)." *U. S.*

Vegetable Sulphur; Semen Lycopodii, Pulvis Lycopodii, Sulphur Vegetabile; Lycopode, Soufre végétal, Pied de Loup, *Fr.;* Gemeiner Bärlapp, Kolbenmoos, Bärlappsamen, Streupulver, Hexenmehl, *G.;* Licopodio, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Thecæ unilocular, of one or two forms; that containing powder somewhat reniform and two-valved, the other roundish, three- or four-valved. *Lindley.*

Lycopodium clavatum. Linn. *Sp. Plant.* 1564; *B. & T.* 299. This plant, commonly called *club-moss*, has a trailing, branching stem, several feet long, and thickly beset with linear-lanceolate, flat, ribless, smooth, partly serrate leaves, with a capillary point, curved upward, and of a deep-green color. The flowers are in terminal spikes, single or in pairs, with crowded ovate, entire, pointed scales, and yellow thecæ or capsules. The plant is a native of Europe and this country.

* Mr. J. S. Ward found, as the results of an examination, four samples of lupulin, which fairly represent the commercial article, to yield 54·24, 41·49, 40·04, and 39·41 per cent. of extractive, soluble in ether, and to yield 27·01, 29·10, 30·86, and 31·42 per cent. of ash. The samples were all gritty. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 656.)

The capsules of this lycopod, and of others belonging to the same genus, contain the spores, which are collected in Switzerland and Germany. Lycopodium is "a fine powder, pale yellowish, very mobile, inodorous, tasteless, floating upon water and not wetted by it, but sinking on being boiled with it, and burning quickly when thrown into a flame. Under the microscope the spores are seen to be sphærotetrahedral, the surfaces marked with reticulated ridges, and the edges beset with short projections. Lycopodium should be free from pollen, starch, sand, and other impurities, any of which are easily detected by means of the microscope. When ignited with free access of air, Lycopodium should not leave more than 5 per cent. of ash." *U. S.* Bucholz in 1807 pointed out the existence of a fixed oil. Flückiger, however, by thoroughly comminuting the spores of lycopodium with sand, obtained 47 per cent. of a bland oil of bright-yellow color and sp. gr. 0·925, which does not congeal even at —15° C. (5° F.). Stenhouse found volatile bases to be present in very small amount. The ash amounts to 4 per cent. It contains alumina, and 1 per cent. of phosphoric acid, and is not alkaline. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 732.) Lycopodium is often adulterated with the pollen of the pines and firs, and sometimes with talc and starch. In Nashville, Tenn., a specimen came into the possession of Mr. Benj. Lillard which was found to contain one-half of its bulk of dextrin. (*Chicago Pharmacist*, Sept. 1873.) In medicine it is used as an absorbent application to *excoriated surfaces*, especially those which occur in the folds of the skin in infants. In pharmacy it answers the purpose of facilitating the rolling of the pilular mass, and of preventing the adhesion of the pills when formed. The moss itself has been esteemed diuretic, antispasmodic, etc., and has been employed, in the form of decoction, in *rheumatism*, *epilepsy*, and *complaints of the lungs and kidneys*, and has been supposed to be of great service in the removal of *plica Polonica*. It has, however, fallen into discredit.



A, Pollen-cell of *Picea excelsa;* B, Lycopodium.

MACIS. U. S. Mace.

(MĀ'CĬS.)

"The arillode of the fruit of Myristica fragrans, Houttuyn (nat. ord. Myristicaceæ)." *U. S.*

Arillus Myristicæ; Macis, Fleur de Muscade, *Fr.;* Muskatblüthe (Macis), *G.;* Macis, *It.;* Macias, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* none. *Corolla* bell-shaped, trifid. *Filament* columnar. *Anthers* six or ten united. FEMALE. *Calyx* none. *Corolla* bell-shaped, trifid, deciduous. *Style* none. *Stigmas* two. *Drupe* with a nut involved in an arillus with one seed. *Willd.*

Mace occurs "in narrow bands, 25 Mm. or more long, somewhat branched and lobed above, united into broader bands below; brownish-orange; fatty when scratched or pressed; odor fragrant, taste warm and aromatic." *U. S.* Examined with the microscope, mace will be found to be largely made up of uniform, small, angular, parenchymatous cells, interspersed with numerous brown oil-cells of larger size. The inner part of the tissue contains also thin brown vascular bundles. The cells of the epidermis on either side are colorless, thick-walled, longitudinally extended, and covered with a peculiar cuticle of broad, flat, ribbon-like cells, which cannot, however, be removed as a continuous film. The parenchymatous cells are loaded with small albuminous granules, but do not contain starch. In examining ground mace these elements of structure come out plainly, and the presence of starch granules or other microscopic particles different from those spoken of is proof that the powdered mace has been adulterated.* Mace contains from 7 to 9 per cent. of a volatile oil, the greater portion of which, according to Schacht, consists of *macene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 160° C. (considered by Koller as identical with myristicene, the terpene in nutmegs, though this is considered doubtful by Flückiger); and, according to Wallack, also *pinene*, a fixed oil, odorous, yellow, soluble in ether, insoluble in boiling alcohol; another fixed oil, odorous, red, soluble in alcohol and ether in every proportion; a peculiar gummy matter, analogous to amidin and gum; and a small proportion of ligneous fibre. Flückiger finds that, instead of the fats just described, there is about 25 per

* Occasionally mace is adulterated with powdered Bombay or wild mace, or with vegetable matters stained with turmeric. According to Hefelmann, the presence of Bombay mace, or of turmeric, may be infallibly detected by the following test: a strip of filtering paper is saturated with the alcoholic solution, the excess of liquid removed by pressing between filtering paper, and the strip drawn through a cold saturated solution of boric acid; if the adulterant be Bombay mace the paper remains unchanged, while turmeric changes the color to orange or even brown. The addition now of a drop of potassium hydrate solution to the strip causes a colored ring—with turmeric, blue; with Bombay mace, red. (*Pharm. Zeit.*, 1891.)

cent. of resin. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 509.) Mace yields a volatile oil by distillation, and a fixed oil by pressure. Neumann found the former heavier than water. The latter is less consistent than the fixed oil of nutmeg. Mace is inferior when it is brittle, less than usually divided, whitish or pale yellow, or with little taste and smell. (See *Myristica*.)

MAGNESIA. U. S. (Br.) Magnesia. [Light Magnesia. Calcined Magnesia.]

MgO; 40·26. (MĂG-NĒ'ŞĮ-Ą.) MgO; 40.

"Magnesia should be kept in well-closed vessels." *U. S.*

Magnesia Levis, *Br.;* Magnesia Usta, *P. G.;* Magnesia Calcinata; Magnésie, Magnésie calcinée, *Fr.;* Gebrannte Magnesia, *G.*

"Take of Light Carbonate of Magnesium *four ounces.* Put it into a Cornish or Hessian crucible closed loosely by a lid, and expose it to a low red heat until a small quantity, taken from the centre of the crucible, cooled, moistened with water, and dropped into warm diluted sulphuric acid, causes no effervescence." *Br.*

In the British Pharmacopœia directions are given for preparing two forms of magnesia, one called *Magnesia Levis*, or *Light Magnesia*, from the *Light Carbonate*, and the other *Magnesia Ponderosa*, from the heavy carbonate, which it designates as *Carbonate of Magnesium.* It is the former which corresponds with our ordinary magnesia.

By exposure to a red heat, the water and carbonic acid of the magnesium carbonate are expelled, and the earth is obtained pure. According to Dr. Black, the carbonate loses seven-twelfths of its weight by calcination. Brande says that the loss varies from 50 to 60 per cent., of which from 15 to 20 per cent. is water: $(MgCO_3)_4 + Mg(OH)_2 + 5H_2O = 5MgO + 6H_2O + 4CO_2$. About the close of the process the earth exhibits a luminous or phosphorescent appearance, which is said to be a good criterion of its freedom from carbonic acid. (*Duncan.*) A more certain indication, however, is the absence of effervescence when hydrochloric acid is added to a little of the magnesia, previously mixed with water. It is an error to suppose that a very intense heat is requisite in the calcination. The temperature of ignition is sufficient for the expulsion of the water and carbonic acid, and any increase serves only to render the magnesia harder, denser, less readily soluble in acids, and consequently less useful as a medicine. In order to insure a pure product, care should be taken that the carbonate employed be free from lime. It should be rubbed to powder before being introduced into the pot or crucible; and, as in consequence of its levity it occupies a very large space, the plan has been proposed of moistening and compressing it in order to reduce its bulk; but the French pharmaceutical writers direct that the vessels employed should be sufficiently large to contain a considerable quantity of the carbonate, without the necessity of resorting to compression.* The official direction, to keep the magnesia, after it has been prepared, in well-closed vessels, is founded on the fact that it absorbs carbonic acid and water from the air; but, as the absorption of the acid goes on very slowly, and that of water does not injure the preparation, the caution is often neglected. The great bulk of the earth renders its introduction into small bottles inconvenient. A four-ounce bottle holds only about an ounce of the purest and finest magnesia. But its specific gravity is greatly increased by trituration; and four times the quantity may be thus got into the same space. The density of *Henry's Magnesia*, which is at least four times that of the earth prepared in the ordinary way, has been ascribed to this cause. It has also been attributed to the influence of intense heat employed in the calcination. The conjecture has even been advanced, that this magnesia, which has enjoyed so great a popularity in England and this country, is prepared by precipitating a solution of magnesium sulphate by caustic potassa, as the earth afforded by this plan is comparatively dense. It is asserted that the magnesia prepared from the carbonate procured by precipitating magnesium sulphate with potassium carbonate is softer to the touch and bears a closer resemblance to Henry's than that prepared from the ordinary carbonate. The fact is explained by the presence in such

* In a paper by M. A. Vée (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1860, p. 84) it is stated that the magnesia of commerce, in consequence of imperfect preparation, is often found dense, granular, harsh, and of difficult solubility in the acids. To remedy this inconvenience the only method heretofore known was to prepare it in small quantities, and to stir the magnesia during calcination with an iron spoon. The difficulty in preparing it properly on the large scale depends upon the unequal action of the heat on large masses, so that the outer part becomes heated in excess before the inner is sufficiently so. To remedy this inconvenience, M. Vée uses a furnace and crucible of a peculiar shape, so arranged that the magnesia may not be in layers thicker than seven centimeters (2·7 inches), may be exposed equably to heat, and not longer exposed than may be necessary for its decomposition. For an account of the apparatus, and of the proper method of management, see *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 522.

magnesia of a little potassium sulphate, from which it is difficult entirely to free it in consequence of the sparing solubility of this salt, and of a portion of silica, which originally existed in the potassium carbonate employed to decompose the magnesium sulphate, and of which sodium carbonate is destitute. According to Mr. Richard Phillips, Jr., if equivalent quantities of crystallized magnesium sulphate and crystallized sodium carbonate be boiled together in water, the mixture evaporated to dryness, the residual salts calcined, and the sodium sulphate dissolved out by water, the magnesia obtained will be dense. (See *A. J. P.*, xvi. 118.) By packing the carbonate closely in the crucible, or by moistening and then compressing it strongly in a cloth, before calcination, a heavy magnesia is obtained. The advantages of Henry's magnesia, independently of the convenience of its less bulk, are its greater softness and more ready miscibility with water. A preparation similar to Henry's is made by T. J. Husband, of Philadelphia. In reference to the preparation of heavy magnesia, Mr. T. H. Barr, after trying various methods, obtained the best results either by precipitating a hot concentrated solution of magnesium sulphate with a like solution of sodium carbonate, or by decomposing magnesium chloride by heat. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 193.) Dr. P. E. Alessandri proposes the following method, which is both simple and rapid, for preparing "heavy" calcined magnesia. Take ordinary calcined magnesia, free from carbonate, moisten it, in a mortar, with pure, absolute alcohol, and triturate it, at first gently, afterwards with some force, but not rapidly. During the agitation, the magnesia is to be moistened three or four times with fresh portions of the alcohol, and the operation is suspended when the bulk of the magnesia appears to remain stationary. Then remove the mass, dry it, rub it to powder, and pass it through a sieve. The product occupies only about one-fifteenth of the original bulk. (*N. R.*, March, 1882.)

Magnesia is now manufactured extensively in the United States, the domestic product having almost entirely supplanted that which was formerly imported from Great Britain. The Keasbey & Mattison Company have erected extensive works at Ambler, Pa.: although the greater part of their output is magnesium carbonate, which is used in the arts mainly as a non-conductor of heat, they also make light and heavy magnesia for medicinal purposes. Dolomite and kieserite are both used as the source of the magnesium compounds by this firm. (See *Magnesii Carbonas*, page 842, for further information.)

Dr. Pereira found *light magnesia*, under the microscope, to exhibit the same forms observed in the light carbonate: namely, one portion was amorphous and of a flocculent or granular consistence, and another was composed of fragments of prismatic crystals; while the *heavy magnesia* was homogeneous, exhibiting no traces of crystals, and consisting of minute granules more or less cohering into small soft balls or masses. (*P. J. Tr.*, viii. 235.)

Properties. Magnesia is a very light, white, inodorous powder, of a feeble alkaline taste. Its sp. gr. is commonly stated at 2·3. It was deemed infusible till melted by means of the compound blowpipe of Dr. Hare. Water sprinkled upon it is absorbed to the extent of about 18 per cent., but with scarcely any increase of temperature. It is almost insoluble, requiring, according to Dr. Fyfe, 5142 parts of water at 60° F., and 36,000 parts of boiling water, for solution. Water thus impregnated has no effect on vegetable colors; but magnesia itself produces a brown stain by contact with moistened turmeric paper. Magnesia is a metallic oxide, consisting of one atom of magnesium and one of oxygen. It is officially described as "almost insoluble in water, and insoluble in alcohol, but soluble in dilute acids. It is not altered by heat, but when very strongly heated its density is increased. When moistened with water, it has a faintly alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. On stirring 1 part of Magnesia with 15 parts of water, in a beaker, and allowing the mixture to stand for about half an hour, it will form a gelatinous mass of sufficient consistence to prevent it from dropping out when the glass is inverted. A filtered solution of Magnesia in diluted sulphuric acid, mixed with ammonium chloride test-solution and an excess of ammonia water, yields, with sodium phosphate test-solution, a white, crystalline precipitate. If a mixture of 0·2 Gm. of Magnesia with 10 C.c. of water be heated to boiling, and, after cooling, 5 C.c. of the supernatant liquid be filtered off, this filtrate should not give more than a faintly alkaline reaction with litmus paper, and, when evaporated to dryness, should not leave more than a very slight residue (limit of *foreign soluble salts*). The Magnesia mixed with water remaining from the preceding test, when poured into 5 C.c. of acetic acid, should dissolve without the evolution of more than a few isolated gas bubbles (limit of *carbonate*). This latter solution, when filtered, should not be rendered more than slightly opalescent by ammonium oxalate test-solution (limit of *calcium*), or by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*), or, after the addition of a few drops of nitric acid, by silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*). If 0·4 Gm. of Magnesia be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted

hydrochloric acid, the solution should be colorless, and should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor, after the addition of a slight excess of ammonia water, should it be immediately affected by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). If Magnesia be exposed to a low red heat in a porcelain crucible, it should not lose more than 5 per cent. of its weight (limit of *water of hydration*)." *U. S.* "Its solution in hydrochloric acid, when neutralised by a mixed solution of ammonia and chloride of ammonium, gives a copious crystalline precipitate when phosphate of sodium is added." *Br.*

Magnesium is a white, very brilliant metal, of sp. gr. 1·75, resembling silver, malleable, fusible at a low temperature, and convertible into magnesia by the combined action of air and moisture. It burns with great facility, and yields by its combustion a light which is intensely white and very rich in actinic or chemically active rays, so that it finds wide application in signal lights and for photography, although the cheaper alloy of magnesium and zinc is often used instead. There is a magnesium hydrate, possessing the formula $Mg(OH)_2$. With nitric and hydrochloric acids magnesia forms salts which are soluble in alcohol and very deliquescent. It is precipitated from its saline solutions by the pure alkalies in the state of a hydrate, and by potassium and sodium carbonates as a carbonate; but it is not precipitated by the alkaline bicarbonates, nor by common ammonium carbonate.

Magnesia is liable to contain, as impurities, magnesium carbonate, lime, alumina, silica, and small quantities of the soluble salts employed or produced in the preparation of the carbonate from which it is procured. Lime, which is a very frequent impurity, and imparts to the magnesia a more strongly alkaline and more disagreeable taste, is detected by ammonium oxalate or potassium bicarbonate. Neither of these salts disturbs a neutral solution of pure magnesia in a dilute acid; but if lime is present, both produce a precipitate, the former of oxalate, the latter of calcium carbonate. But, according to Wittstein, calcium oxalate is soluble in the neutral salts of magnesia, requiring 50 parts of magnesium chloride, and 90 of magnesium sulphate; and consequently there might be no precipitate, or one redissolved by the liquid, should the proportion of lime be very small. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 216.) As magnesia is completely dissolved by hydrochloric acid, silica and other impurities insoluble in that acid would be left behind. Alumina is indicated by the production of a precipitate when ammonia is added in excess to a solution of fifty grains of magnesia in a fluidounce of hydrochloric acid. If the magnesia contain a soluble sulphate or carbonate, barium chloride will reveal it by producing a precipitate with water digested on the magnesia. Rochelle salt has been found as an impurity in magnesia, probably as the result of accident. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1873.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Magnesia is antacid and laxative, and is much used, under the name of *calcined magnesia*, in *dyspepsia*, *sick headache*, *gout*, and other complaints attended with sour stomach and constipation. It is also a favorite remedy in the complaints of children, in which acidity of the primæ viæ is often a prominent symptom. Its antacid properties render it useful in *gravel* attended with an excessive secretion of uric acid. Its advantages over magnesium carbonate are that it may be given in a smaller dose and does not occasion flatulence.* The dose as a laxative is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.); as an antacid merely, or an antilithic, from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.) twice a day. When it meets with no acid, it is apt to linger in the stomach or bowels, and may in that case be followed by lemonade. It should be administered in water or milk, and thoroughly triturated so as to render the mixture uniform. If mixed with less than 14 or 15 times its weight of water, and allowed to stand for a day or two, magnesia is apt to form a more or less concrete mass, owing to the production of a hydrate. This change does not take place, or at least takes place much less readily, when magnesia already saturated with moisture is employed instead of that freshly calcined. It has been conjectured that anhydrous magnesia might prove injurious in the stomach by solidifying its liquid contents; and the earth which has become saturated with moisture by exposure to a damp air is preferably recommended. Freshly precipitated magnesium hydrate will serve as an antidote to arsenous acid, though less efficient than ferric hydrate. The experiments of M. Carles have shown that the soluble *magnesium saccharate* is not superior as an antidote for arsenic to simple magnesia. Dr. Ohleyer (*London Lancet*, July, 1873) employs magnesia as a dressing in *ulcers* and *abrasions*.

* *Trochisci Magnesiæ.* U. S. 1880. *Troches of Magnesia.* "Magnesia, *three hundred grains* (19·50 Gm.); Nutmeg, in fine powder, *fifteen grains* (1·00 Gm.); Sugar, in fine powder, *nine hundred grains* (58·50 Gm.); Mucilage of Tragacanth, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches*. Rub the Magnesia and powder together until they are thoroughly mixed: then, with Mucilage of Tragacanth, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches*." *U. S.* These each contain three grains (0·20 Gm.) of magnesia, and are useful in *acidity of the stomach*, especially when attended with constipation.

MAGNESIA PONDEROSA. U. S., Br. Heavy Magnesia.

MgO; 40·26. (MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ą PŎN-DĘ-RŌ'SĄ.) MgO; 40.

Heavy Calcined Magnesia; Oxide of Magnesium.

"A white, dense, and very fine powder, which should conform to the reactions and tests given under *Magnesia*. It differs, however, from the latter in not readily uniting with water to form a gelatinous hydrate." *U. S.*

"Take of Heavy Carbonate of Magnesium, *four ounces*. Put it into a Cornish or Hessian crucible closed loosely by a lid, and expose it to a low red heat until a small quantity, taken from the centre of the crucible, cooled, moistened with water, and dropped into warm diluted sulphuric acid, causes no effervescence." *Br.*

This is directed, in the British Pharmacopœia, to be prepared precisely in the same manner as light magnesia, using, however, the heavy carbonate, named by it Heavy Magnesium Carbonate. The two varieties differ, according to the British Pharmacopœia, only in their weight in the same bulk; the volumes corresponding to the same weight being to each other in the ratio of three and one-half to one. (See *Magnesia*, above.)

MAGNESII CARBONAS. U. S. (Br.) Magnesium Carbonate.

(MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ī CĂR'BŌ-NĂS.)

Approximately $(MgCO_3)_4.Mg(OH)_2+5H_2O$; 484·62. $(MgCO_3)_4.Mg(HO)_2.5H_2O$; 484.

Carbonate of Magnesia: Magnesia Carbonica, *P. G.;* Magnesia Hydrico-carbonica, Carbonas Magnesicus, Magnesia Alba, *Lat.;* Carbonate de Magnésie, Magnésie blanche, *Fr.;* Kohlensaure Magnesia, Weisse Magnesia, *G.;* Carbonato di Magnesia, *It.;* Carbonato de Magnesia, *Sp.*

Magnesium Carbonate sometimes occurs as a native mineral known as *magnesite*, the best deposits of which are those of the Grecian Archipelago, though a common variety is found in Chester Co., Pa. That which is sold in commerce is prepared on a large scale by the manufacturer. In the British Pharmacopœia directions are given for preparing it in two forms: that of Magnesii Carbonas Ponderosa, or *Heavy Magnesium Carbonate;* and that of Magnesii Carbonas Levis, or *Light Magnesium Carbonate*. The following are the directions.

1. Magnesii Carbonas Ponderosa. *Heavy Carbonate of Magnesium. Br.* "Take of Sulphate of Magnesium *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Sodium *twelve ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Sulphate of Magnesium and Carbonate of Sodium, each, in a pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water, mix the two solutions, and evaporate the whole to perfect dryness, by means of a sand-bath. Digest the residue for half an hour with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water, and, having collected the insoluble matter on a calico filter, wash it repeatedly with Distilled Water, until the washings cease to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Finally, dry the product at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.)." *Br.*

This is essentially the old process of the Dublin College for Magnesiæ Carbonas Ponderosum, or *Heavy Carbonate of Magnesia*, and yields a product which is characterized in the British Pharmacopœia as "a white, granular powder, that dissolves readily with effervescence in the dilute mineral acids, yielding solutions which, when first treated with chloride of ammonium, are not disturbed by the addition of an excess of solution of ammonia, but yield a copious crystalline precipitate upon the addition of phosphate of sodium. With excess of hydrochloric acid it forms a clear solution, in which chloride of barium causes no precipitate. Another portion of the solution, supersaturated with ammonia, gives no immediate precipitate with oxalic acid or sulphuretted hydrogen. Fifty grains, calcined at a red heat, are reduced to twenty-two."

2. Magnesii Carbonas Levis. *Light Carbonate of Magnesium. Br.* The same quantities of materials are taken as in the preceding formula, the Distilled Water being now cold instead of boiling. The two salts are dissolved separately, each in half a gallon [Imp. meas.] of the Water, the solutions are mixed, and the mixture is boiled in a porcelain dish for fifteen minutes. The precipitate is then washed and dried as in the former process. The resulting carbonate is characterized in the British Pharmacopœia as "a very light powder, which, when examined under the microscope, is found to be partly amorphous, with numerous slender prisms intermixed. The other characters and tests are the same as those of heavy magnesium carbonate."

Potassium carbonate is less eligible than sodium carbonate for the preparation of magnesium carbonate. It is difficult to separate the last portions of potassium sulphate from the precipitate, and potassium carbonate usually contains silica, which is thrown down with the magnesia.

The consequence is that, when prepared with that salt, magnesium carbonate is liable to be gritty to the touch and to have a saline taste. The following method is said to be pursued by some of the best manufacturers. To a saturated solution of 100 parts of magnesium sulphate, a solution of 125 parts of crystallized sodium carbonate is gradually added, the solutions being constantly stirred. The mixture is heated to ebullition, to complete the precipitation of the magnesia, which is then washed with tepid and finally with cold water, until the washings no longer give a precipitate with barium salts. When sufficiently washed, the carbonate is allowed to drain for one or two days on large linen filters, and is then placed in wooden moulds with a porous bottom of brick or gypsum, and subjected to pressure in order to give it a square and compact form. According to Otto and Gabler, very pure magnesium carbonate is made at Nauheim, Germany. Pattinson's process is used. It depends upon the fact that, on treating calcined dolomite, in the presence of water, with carbonic acid under pressure, the magnesia dissolves as bicarbonate before any of the accompanying lime enters in solution. The calcined and finely powdered mineral is introduced, together with water, into a cylinder with a horizontal axis, and, while it is being kept in constant motion by a stirring apparatus, carbonic acid gas, under a pressure of five to six atmospheres, is forced into it. The resulting solution of magnesium bicarbonate, which is perfectly free from lime, if the process have been properly managed, is then transferred to a vertical cylinder, where it is heated with steam, whereby magnesium carbonate is separated, which is collected, formed into prismatic pieces, and dried. The carbonic acid gas required issues from the earth immediately outside of the factory; and the dolomite is furnished by the quarries of May and Urban, near Dietz and Steelen on the Lahn. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, Aug. 1880; *N. R.*, Sept. 1881.)

The density of magnesium carbonate is said to depend upon the strength of the solutions from which it is first precipitated, and its fineness and softness to the touch, upon the use of sodium carbonate in its preparation. Much of the magnesium carbonate formerly used in this country was imported from England and Ireland, but that now consumed in the United States is chiefly a home product. The Keasbey & Mattison Company are the largest manufacturers of carbonate at the present time (1894). They use the process of decomposing dolomite by forcing carbonic acid into its aqueous mixture, and heating this to precipitate the carbonate. They also make magnesium carbonate from kieserite, using sodium carbonate for its decomposition, and sometimes they obtain their carbonate from magnesite and from magnesium chloride. When made from bittern, magnesium carbonate is contaminated with calcium carbonate, salts of lime being contained in sea-water; and when it is prepared from magnesite, or from magnesian schist, iron is almost always present. The only way in which these impurities can be avoided is to prepare pure magnesium sulphate by repeated crystallization, and to use a pure sodium carbonate. It is also necessary that the water with which the precipitate is washed should be free from earthy salts, which would be decomposed and contaminate the magnesia.

Properties. Magnesium carbonate is inodorous, nearly insipid, perfectly white, smooth to the touch, and nearly insoluble in water, requiring 2493 parts of cold and 9000 parts of hot water for solution. It is decomposed by strong heat, by all the acids, by potassa, soda, lime, barium and strontium oxides, and by acidulous and metallic salts. "Light, white, friable masses, or a light, white powder, without odor, and having a slightly earthy taste; permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water, to which, however, it imparts a slightly alkaline reaction; insoluble in alcohol, but soluble in dilute acids with active effervescence. When strongly heated, the salt loses water and carbon dioxide, and is converted into magnesia. A filtered solution of the salt in diluted sulphuric acid, when mixed with ammonium chloride test-solution and an excess of ammonia water, yields, with sodium phosphate test-solution, a white, crystalline precipitate. If the salt be boiled with water, the filtered liquid, when evaporated to dryness, should not leave more than a very slight residue. A 2-per-cent. solution of the salt, prepared by the addition of acetic acid, should not be rendered more than slightly opalescent by ammonium oxalate test-solution (limit of *calcium*); nor by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*); nor, after the addition of a few drops of nitric acid, by silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*). If 0·4 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, the solution should be colorless, and should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, nor, after the addition of an excess of ammonia water, should it be immediately affected by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). If 1·0 Gm. of the salt be ignited in a porcelain crucible, the residue should weigh not less than 0·4 Gm." *U. S.* Dr. Pereira states that the *light carbonate*, when examined with the microscope, is seen to consist of an amorphous powder, more or less intermingled with slender prismatic crystals, which

appear as if they were eroded or efflorescent; the *heavy carbonate* consists of granules of various sizes, without any traces of the prismatic crystals observed in the former variety.

A solution in carbonic acid water, prepared by passing carbonic acid gas into a reservoir containing magnesium carbonate suspended in water, has been introduced into use as a cathartic and antacid. *Dinneford's Magnesia* is a solution of this nature. According to Dr. Christison, it contains only nine grains of carbonate in the fluidounce, though alleged to contain twice that quantity. Its taste is more disagreeable than that of the undissolved carbonate. A formula for this preparation has been introduced into the British Pharmacopœia, with the name of Liquor Magnesiæ Carbonatis.

Adulterations and Tests. Magnesium carbonate may contain an alkaline carbonate or sulphate, or both, from insufficient washing; also sodium chloride, alumina, and calcium carbonate. If water boiled on it changes turmeric, an alkaline carbonate is indicated. If barium chloride produces a precipitate in the water, the presence of a sulphate or carbonate is shown; and if silver nitrate produces precipitation, a chloride is indicated. When dissolved in an excess of hydrochloric acid, an excess of ammonia will throw down alumina, which is almost always present in minute quantity; and ammonium oxalate, afterwards added to the filtered chloride solution, will throw down calcium oxalate if lime be present. When the same solution, nearly neutralized, is rendered blue by potassium ferrocyanide, iron is indicated.

Composition. According to Berzelius, magnesium carbonate of commerce (*magnesia alba*) is a combination of three mols. of magnesium carbonate with one of magnesium hydrate. According to Phillips, whose analysis agrees with a subsequent one by Fownes, four mols. of the carbonate are combined with one of the hydrate and four of water. (*P. J. Tr.*, iii. 480.) The formula given by the British Pharmacopœia is $3MgCO_3 + Mg(OH)_2 + 4H_2O$; in other words, a combination of three mols. of magnesium carbonate, two of magnesium hydrate, and four of water; while the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 makes it $4MgCo_3 + Mg(OH)_2 + 5H_2O$. The composition of this salt varies with the mode of preparation.

Medical Properties and Uses. Magnesium carbonate is antacid, and, by combining with acid in the stomach, becomes generally cathartic. When it undergoes no change in the alimentary canal it produces no purgative effect. Under these circumstances it may usually be made to operate by following it with draughts of lemonade. It is useful in all cases which require a laxative antacid; and, though apt to produce flatulence in consequence of the extrication of its carbonic acid in the stomach and bowels, and therefore in ordinary cases inferior to calcined magnesia, it sometimes operates favorably, in consequence of this very property, in *sick stomach* attended with acidity. Magnesium carbonate is also an excellent antilithic when uric acid is secreted in excess. The dose is from half a drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.), which may be given in water or milk. In order that it may be accurately diffused through water, it should be previously rubbed down with syrup or ginger syrup. Magnesium carbonate is a useful agent for diffusing camphor and the volatile oils through water, in preparing several of the medicated waters, and is also used with a similar purpose as a diffusing agent in preparing syrups or elixirs.

MAGNESII CITRAS EFFERVESCENS. U. S. Effervescent Magnesium Citrate.

(MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ī CĪ'TRĂS ĔF-FĘR-VĔS'CĘNŞ.)

Magnesii Citras Granulatus, *U. S.* 1880; Granulated Citrate of Magnesium.

"Magnesium Carbonate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Citric Acid, *forty-six grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 272 grains]; Sodium Bicarbonate, *thirty-four grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 87 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Alcohol, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Magnesium Carbonate intimately with *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains] of Citric Acid and *four cubic centimeters* [or 65 minims] of Distilled Water, so as to form a thick paste. Dry this at a temperature not exceeding 30° C. (86° F.), and reduce it to a fine powder. Then mix it intimately with the Sugar, the Sodium Bicarbonate, and the remainder of the Citric Acid previously reduced to a very fine powder. Dampen the powder with a sufficient quantity of Alcohol, so as to form a mass, and rub it through a No. 6 tinned-iron sieve. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder. Keep the product in well-closed vessels." *U. S.*

This is an official salt, intended to furnish an agreeable, effervescent drink. It is very important to obey the direction to keep it in well-closed bottles, for if permitted access of air the moisture would soon cause the acid to act upon the carbonates and liberate the carbonic acid

gas gradually, and thus destroy the effervescent character of the preparation, its principal recommendation. Large quantities of so-called effervescent magnesium citrate are sold in this country and in England which contain no magnesium citrate at all, being effervescent salts of sodium tartrate.*

Properties. "A white, coarsely granular salt, without odor, and having a mildly acidulous, refreshing taste. Deliquescent on exposure to the air. Soluble, with copious effervescence, in 2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) has an acid reaction, and, after the addition of ammonium chloride test-solution and a slight excess of ammonia water, it yields, with sodium phosphate test-solution, a white, crystalline precipitate. If to another portion of the aqueous solution a little calcium chloride test-solution be added, and then a slight excess of ammonia water, the filtered liquid will deposit a white precipitate on boiling. A saturated aqueous solution of the salt, when mixed with potassium acetate test-solution and a small quantity of acetic acid, should not yield a white, crystalline precipitate (absence of *tartrate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties are those of its solution, except that, as it does not contain a large excess of acid, it is less pleasant to the palate, but may in some cases suit the stomach better. (See *Liquor Magnesii Citratis.*) It has also the advantage of portability. The dose is from one to three teaspoonfuls.

MAGNESII SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Magnesium Sulphate. [Epsom Salt.]

$MgSO_4 + 7H_2O$; 245·84. (MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ī SŬL'PHĂS.) $MgSO_4.7H_2O$; 246.

Sulphate of Magnesia; Magnesia Sulfurica, *P. G.;* Sal Amarum, Sal Epsomense, Sal Anglicum, Sal Sedlicense, Sulfas Magnesicus; Sulfate de Magnésie, Sel d'Epsom, Sel de Sedlitz, Sel amer, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaure Magnesia, Bittersalz, *G.;* Solfato di Magnesia, *It.;* Sulfato de Magnesia, *Sp.*

Magnesium Sulphate is a constituent of sea-water, and of some saline springs. It also occurs native, either crystallized in slender, prismatic, adhering crystals, or as an efflorescence on certain rocks and soils which contain magnesia and a sulphate or sulphide. In the United States it is found in the great caves so numerous to the west of the Alleghany Mountains. In one of these caves, near Corydon in Indiana, it formed a stratum on the bottom several inches deep, or appeared in masses sometimes weighing ten pounds, or disseminated in the earth of the cavern, one bushel of which yielded from four to twenty-five pounds of the sulphate. It also appeared on the walls of the cavern, and, if it was removed, acicular crystals again appeared in a few weeks. (*Cleveland*).

Under the name of *kieserite*, a mineral is obtained from the saline deposits at Stassfurt, in Germany, which consists chiefly of impure magnesium sulphate. The present annual production of kieserite is estimated at 18,000 tons. It is used as a source for preparing magnesium sulphate, and is exported from Germany.

Magnesium sulphate was originally procured by evaporating the waters of saline springs at Epsom, in England. Dr. Grew prepared it in this manner in 1675. It was afterwards discovered that the brine remaining after the crystallization of common salt from sea-water furnished by careful evaporation precisely the same salt; and, as this was a much cheaper product, it superseded the former. The residual brine, or bittern, consists of magnesium sulphate and magnesium and calcium chlorides. As the magnesium sulphate crystallizes first, it may with proper care be obtained nearly pure, although most frequently the salt prepared in this way is deliquescent from the presence of magnesium chloride. It may be freed from this impurity by washing the crystals with their own saturated solution. It was from this source that the greater part of the Epsom salt of commerce was long obtained in Europe. The salt-works of New England supplied our own markets with an impure and deliquescent sulphate. With the improvements of chemistry, other and better processes have been adopted. In the neighborhood of Genoa and Nice, magnesium sulphate is prepared in large quantities from a schistose rock containing magnesia and iron sulphide. The mineral is roasted, and exposed in heaps for some months to the action of air and water. It is then lixiviated, the ferrous sulphate decomposed by lime water, and the salt obtained pure by repeated solution and crystallization.

William Henry, of Manchester, whose calcined magnesia has become famous throughout the world, took out a patent for a mode of preparing magnesia and its salts from the double magnesium and calcium carbonate,—the *dolomite* of mineralogists. His process was to drive off

* *Magnesium acetate* has been proposed as a substitute for magnesium citrate. It is very soluble in alcohol and also in water, and is said to act well as a saline purgative, but it is open to the objection of having an empyreumatic taste. (See *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1884.)

the carbonic acid by heat, and to convert the remaining earth into hydrates. He treated these with a sufficient quantity of hydrochloric acid to dissolve out the lime, and then converted the magnesia into a sulphate either by sulphuric acid or by ferrous sulphate.

The salt is extensively manufactured in Baltimore and Philadelphia from a silicious magnesium hydrate. This mineral occurs in veins in the serpentine and other magnesian rocks which abound in the neighborhood of Baltimore and in the southern counties of Pennsylvania. The advantage which it possesses over the dolomite, in the preparation of this salt, is the almost entire absence of lime, owing to which there is little or no waste of acid, and the operation is much simplified. The mineral is reduced to a fine powder and saturated with sulphuric acid. The mass is then dried and calcined at a red heat, in order to convert any ferrous sulphate which may be present into ferric oxide. It is then dissolved in water, and calcium sulphide added to separate any remaining portion of iron. The salt is crystallized and dissolved a third time, in order to purify it. The sulphate prepared by this process is generally very pure and clean, although it sometimes contains a trace of ferrous sulphate.

Properties. Magnesium sulphate is in "small, colorless, rhombic prisms, or acicular crystals, without odor, and having a cooling, saline, and bitter taste; slowly efflorescent in dry air. Soluble in 1·5 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·7 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 52° C. (125·6° F.), the salt loses 1 molecule of water, and is converted into a white powder. At about 132° C. (269·6° F.) it still retains 1 molecule of water, and at a temperature of 200° to 238° C. (392° to 460·4° F.) it is rendered anhydrous. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. When mixed with ammonium chloride test-solution and ammonia water, it yields, with sodium phosphate test-solution, a white, crystalline precipitate. With barium chloride test-solution it yields a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. When a small portion of the salt is introduced, on a clean platinum wire, into a non-luminous flame, it should not impart to the latter a persistent yellow color (limit of *sodium*). A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*), nor produce more than a slight opalescence with silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*); nor should 20 C.c. of the same solution give any coloration or precipitate on the addition of 0·5 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *zinc*, or *copper*). If 1 Gm. of the powdered salt be shaken with 3 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), a small piece of pure tin-foil added, and the test-tube then set aside, no coloration should appear within one hour (limit of *arsenic*)." *U. S.* It usually occurs in small acicular crystals, which are produced by agitating the solution while crystallizing. It slowly effloresces in the air. At 32° F. 100 parts of water dissolve 25·76 parts of the anhydrous salt, and for every increased degree 0·8597 part additional is taken up. The crystals contain 54·22 per cent. of water of crystallization, and dissolve in their own weight of water at 60° F., and in three-fourths of their weight at 212° F. They melt in their water of crystallization, and at a high temperature fuse into an enamel. (*Berzelius.*)

Magnesium sulphate is completely decomposed by potassa, soda, and their carbonates; by lime, barium and strontium oxides, and their soluble salts. Ammonia partially decomposes it, and forms with the remainder a double sulphate. Potassium and sodium bicarbonates do not decompose it, except by the aid of heat. An aqueous solution of 100 grains of the salt should yield, when completely decomposed by a boiling solution of sodium carbonate, 34 grains of dry magnesium carbonate, and, according to the British Pharmacopœia, 16·26 grains of the carbonate after having been well washed, dried, and heated to redness. If the dry precipitate be less, the specimen tested is not all magnesium sulphate, and probably contains sodium sulphate. An economical use which has been recommended of magnesium sulphate is the addition of a strong solution to ordinary whitewash, whereby a beautiful whiteness may be given to walls and ceilings. A little of it, moreover, added to starch considerably increases its stiffening properties, and at the same time in some degree resists the action of fire. (*Chem. News*, April, 1867.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Magnesium sulphate is an active but safe cathartic, operating with little pain or nausea, and producing watery stools. It is more acceptable to the stomach than most medicines of its class, and will often be retained when others are rejected. Like many of the other neutral salts, it is refrigerant, and may be made to act as a diuretic by keeping the skin cool and walking about after it has been taken. It is well adapted to the treatment of *fevers* and *inflammatory affections*. It is also useful in *colic* and *obstinate constipation*, and may be employed in most cases which require the use of a cathartic without being

attended with debility or relaxation of the stomach and bowels. The medium dose is an ounce (31·1 Gm.); but advantage often results from its administration in divided doses frequently repeated. It is often given in combination with other medicines, especially with senna, the griping effect of which it tends to obviate. The most agreeable form for administering the salt, and that in which it usually agrees best with the stomach, is a solution in carbonic acid water with lemon syrup. By Dr. Henry, of Dublin, it is highly recommended in connection with diluted sulphuric acid. To seven ounces of a saturated aqueous solution of the salt he adds an ounce of the diluted sulphuric acid of the Pharmacopœias, and gives a tablespoonful of the mixture for a dose, in a wineglassful of water.*

The experiments of Recke, Hay, and Henry Curci show that when injected into the veins magnesium sulphate acts as a violent poison, producing at first increase of the blood-pressure with slowing of the pulse, and finally lowering of the blood-pressure, quickening of the pulse, and death sometimes by failure of respiration, at other times by cardiac arrest. As Christison reported the case of a boy ten years old who was said to have been killed by two ounces of the salt without the induction of purgation, it is possible that under some circumstances very large amounts of magnesium sulphate given by the mouth may be sufficiently absorbed to produce poisonous effects. Magnesium sulphite was official in the U. S. P. 1880.†

MAGNESII SULPHAS EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescent Sulphate of Magnesium.

(MĂG-NĒ'ŞI-Ī SŬL'PHĂS ĔF-FĘR-VĔS'CĘNŞ.)

Magnesiæ Sulphas Effervescens; Effervescent Sulphate of Magnesia; Effervescent Epsom Salt.

"Take of Sulphate of Magnesium, in crystals, *twenty-five ounces;* Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *eighteen ounces;* Tartaric Acid, in powder, *nine and a half ounces;* Citric Acid, in powder, *six and one-quarter ounces;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *five and one-quarter ounces.* The final product should weigh about *fifty ounces.* Dry the sulphate of magnesium at about 130° F. (54°·4 C.) until it has lost nearly one-fourth (twenty-three per cent.) of its weight; powder the product, mix it with the sugar and then with the other ingredients. Place the mixture in a dish or pan of suitable form heated to between 200° and 220° F. (93°·3 and 104°·4 C.), and when the particles of the powder begin to aggregate, stir them assiduously until they assume a granular form; then, by means of suitable sieves, separate the granules of uniform and most convenient size, and preserve the preparation in well-closed bottles." *Br.*

This is a new British official effervescent salt, intended to furnish a less disagreeable form of administering Epsom salt. The dose is from one-quarter to one ounce (7·77–31·1 Gm.).

MANGANI DIOXIDUM. U. S. (Br.) Manganese Dioxide. [Mangani Oxidum Nigrum, Pharm. 1880. Black Oxide of Manganese.]

(MĂN'GĄ-NĪ DĪ-ŎX'Ī-DŬM.)

"Native crude Manganese Dioxide, containing at least 66 per cent. of the pure Dioxide [$MnO_2 = 86·72$]." *U. S.*

Manganesii Oxidum Nigrum, *Br.;* Manganum Hyperoxydatum, *P. G.;* Oxydum Manganicum; Manganese, Peroxide of Manganese, Deutoxide of Manganese, Black Oxide of Manganese, Pyrolusite; Oxide noir de Manganèse, *Fr.;* Braunstein, *G.;* Manganese, *It., Sp.*

* It is said that a solution of an ounce of the salt in about a pint of water, boiled for three minutes with a grain and a half of tannic acid, or with two or three drachms of roasted coffee, is entirely deprived of bitterness. The liquid prepared with coffee should be strained, and may be sweetened with sugar. (Combes, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xii. 110.)

† *Magnesii Sulphis.* U. S. 1880. *Sulphite of Magnesium.* ($MgSO_3.6H_2O$: 212.) This salt may be prepared by double decomposition between magnesium sulphate and neutral sodium sulphite. Owing to the almost universal presence of sulphate in the sodium sulphite, Prof. Jos. P. Remington proposes to prepare it by suspending eight parts of pure magnesia in sixteen parts of water, and then adding gradually, with stirring, official aqueous sulphurous acid in excess. The crystals which form are washed with very cold water, drained, and dried. (*A. J. P.*, xl. 97.) "A white, crystalline powder, gradually becoming oxidized on exposure to air, odorless, having a slightly bitter, somewhat sulphurous taste, and a neutral or slightly alkaline reaction. Soluble in 20 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 19 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 200° C. (392° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (50·9 per cent.), and is converted into magnesia and anhydrous sulphate of magnesium. The aqueous solution of the salt, mixed with chloride of ammonium, yields, with excess of test-solution of phosphate of sodium and water of ammonia, a white, crystalline precipitate soluble in acids. When treated with 4 times its weight of diluted hydrochloric acid, the salt dissolves completely and emits the odor of burning sulphur, without becoming cloudy (difference from hyposulphite). A one-per-cent. aqueous solution, strongly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not afford more than a slight cloudiness with test-solution of chloride of barium (limit of sulphate)." Magnesium sulphite shares the general medical properties of the sulphites, but is better fitted for internal administration on account of its less solubility and less disagreeable taste, etc. See *Sodii Sulphis.* The dose is from fifteen grains to half a drachm (1–2 Gm.).

The official oxide of manganese is the dioxide of the metal manganese. *Metallic manganese* was discovered by Scheele and Gahn in 1774, and is obtained from the native black oxide by intense ignition with charcoal. As obtained by C. Brunner, by decomposing sodium fluoride, manganese is brittle, grayish white, and very hard, being capable of cutting glass and scratching the best tempered steel. It is susceptible of the most perfect polish, and decomposes water at a boiling temperature. Its sp. gr. is about 8·0, or, according to more recent determinations, 7·2. Deville suspected that Brunner's manganese contains a little carbon. This chemist obtained the metal by heating the black oxide in excess with charcoal, in a lime crucible. The metal thus obtained is more refractory than iron; while that procured by Brunner fused at the same heat as white cast iron. (*Chem. Gaz.*, June 1, 1857.) The atomic weight of manganese is 54·8. With oxygen it forms five and possibly seven compounds: MnO, Mn_2O_3, Mn_3O_4, MnO_2, and Mn_2O_7. The *monoxide* is of a light-green color, and is the oxide present in or corresponding to manganous salts. The *sesquioxide* is black or dark brown, when in the hydrated state; the magnetic oxide, Mn_3O_4, is red; the dioxide is black; and the permanganic oxide, Mn_2O_7, is, when in the free state, a very unstable dark reddish-brown liquid. The monoxide is a stable base, the sesquioxide is feebly basic, and the dioxide when acted upon by acids yields manganous salts, while oxygen is evolved. The highest oxide is acid-forming, yielding permanganic acid, $HMnO_4$, the salts of which are known as permanganates. (See *Potassii Permanganas.*) There exists also an acid, H_2MnO_4 (manganic), of which the salts formed are called manganates. The oxide corresponding is not known, however. Metallic manganese is an occasional constituent of organic matter. It has been detected in minute quantity in bone, hair, brain, epidermis, gastric juice, bile, urine, and pus, and has been found by Millon and others in the blood. M. Glénard, of Lyons, denies that it is a normal constituent of the blood, although sometimes present; but the evidence of numerous experimenters shows that it generally exists in that fluid; and when not detected it may be because the quantity present is too minute to be easily discovered.* According to Mr. E. Davy, caustic potassa, dissolved in an equal weight of water, forms a delicate test for manganese, not obscured by the presence of other metals. The smallest portion of matter suspected to contain the metal, being finely pulverized or in solution, is placed upon a slip of silver foil, and a drop of the test added. Upon evaporating to dryness with a spirit-lamp, and raising the heat, the characteristic green potassium manganate will appear on the foil. (*Chem. Gaz.*, March 15, 1854.) Manganese is a constituent of all arable land, and is found in the ashes of most of the vegetables which form the food of man and the inferior animals. In the mineral kingdom it occurs sometimes as silicate (rhodonite) or carbonate (diallogite), and very abundantly as the black oxide, or dioxide, called *pyrolusite*. It is the latter mineral which constitutes the official oxide.

Properties. Manganese dioxide, as it occurs in nature, is very diversified in its appearance. Its sp. gr. varies from 4·7 to 4·9. It is found sometimes in brilliant needle-shaped crystals, often in compact masses having the metallic lustre, but far more frequently in the form of a dull earthy-looking substance of a black or brown color. It is purest when crystallized. As it occurs in commerce, it is usually in the form of a black powder, insoluble in water, and containing more or less oxidized iron, calcium carbonate, barium sulphate, and earthy matter. Iron, which is rarely absent, is detected by the production of a greenish or blue tint on the addition of potassium ferrocyanide to its chloride solution. When exposed to a red heat it yields a portion of its oxygen, and is reduced to the state of sesquioxide. Hence its use in obtaining that gas. Good samples, after being dried, lose, when heated to whiteness, 12 per cent. of oxygen. It is distinguished from antimony sulphide by its infusibility, and by causing the evolution of chlorine on being heated with hydrochloric acid. When of a brown color, it is not of good quality.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes it as "a heavy, grayish-black, more or less gritty powder, without odor or taste; permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol. It is not affected by cold, concentrated sulphuric acid, but when heated with the latter it is converted into manganous sulphate, with the evolution of oxygen. When heated with hydrochloric acid, it is converted into manganous chloride, with the development of chlorine. At a red heat the Dioxide gives off oxygen gas, and is converted into reddish-brown manganoso-manganic oxide [Mn_3O_4]. On intimately mixing 1 part of the Dioxide with 1 part of potassium hydrate and 1 part of potassium chlorate, introducing the mass into a crucible, moistening with water, drying, and igniting, a dark fused mass is obtained, which yields, with water, a green solution, changing to purplish-red on being boiled, or on the addition of diluted sulphuric acid. If a

* For an elaborate article on the absorption of manganese, see *Arch f. Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, xviii. p. 129.

portion of the Dioxide be strongly heated in a dry test-tube, no combustion should ensue, nor should any carbon dioxide be evolved (absence of *organic impurities*). If to another portion of the Dioxide, contained in a test-tube, a small quantity of diluted hydrochloric acid be added, no odor of hydrogen sulphide should be developed, nor should a strip of paper moistened with lead acetate test-solution, and suspended over the mixture, become blackened (absence of *metallic sulphides*). After the mixture of the Dioxide with hydrochloric acid has been raised to boiling and filtered, the filtered liquid should not give, with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, an orange-colored precipitate (absence of *antimony sulphide*). If 1 Gm. of the finely-powdered Dioxide, contained in a small, long-necked flask, be mixed with 5 C.c. of water, then 4·22 Gm. of ferrous sulphate, in clear crystals, added, and subsequently 5 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, the mixture digested for about fifteen minutes at a gentle heat, and finally heated to boiling, the cooled filtrate, when immediately tested with freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide test-solution, should not acquire a blue color (presence of at least 66 per cent. of pure *Manganese Dioxide*)." *U. S.*

But few mines of manganese dioxide exist; though the metal itself is very generally diffused throughout the mineral kingdom. It occurs most abundantly in the Russian Caucasus, which furnishes nearly half of the annual production of the world, in Chili, Cuba, Great Britain, Turkey, and Australia. In the United States it occurs in largest amount at Crimora, Va., Cartersville, Ga., and Batesville, Ark.; other isolated localities exist in California, Alabama, and Tennessee. The amount of manganese ore mined in the United States in 1891 was 23,416 tons, of which two-thirds were from Virginia; in 1892 the production amounted to only 17,000 tons, however. (*Mineral Industry* for 1892, p. 330.) Besides these sources, the mineral is received from Nova Scotia, France, Germany, England, and occasionally Scotland. It comes packed in casks or barrels, generally in lumps and coarse powder, just as it is dug out of the mines; though occasionally it is received from England ready pulverized. It is a good rule to buy it unpowdered, as its quality can be better judged of in that state. A dark shining crystalline appearance is an indication of good quality, although an assay will alone determine its quality with certainty.

Medical Properties and Uses. Manganese dioxide is deemed tonic and alterative. When slowly introduced into the system, as happens to those engaged in grinding the mineral, it acts, according to Dr. Coupar, of Glasgow, as a cumulative poison, inducing a disease which begins with a staggering gait and ends in paraplegia. It has been used in *syphilis*, *chlorosis*, *scurvy*, and various *skin diseases*, especially *itch* and *porrigo*. It has been employed, in a purified state, with alleged great advantage by Dr. Arthur Leared, in *stomachic pains* of a purely nervous character, such as are apt to come on after eating. He has also found it useful in *pyrosis*, and in other irritable states of the stomach which are purely functional. It has the advantage over the preparations of bismuth, in these cases, that it does not constipate. (*Glasgow Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1865, p. 79.) The dose is from three to twenty grains (0·20–1·3 Gm.) three times a day, given in the form of pill. Dr. Leared gave ten grains (0·65 Gm.) of the powder three times a day. For external use, an ointment may be made of one or two drachms of the oxide to an ounce of lard. The sulphate is official. For other compounds of manganese, see Part II.; also *Syrupus Ferri et Mangani Iodidi*, National Formulary.

This oxide is used in the arts for obtaining chlorine in the manufacture of bleaching powder, for giving a black glazing to pottery, and for freeing glass from the color which it derives from iron. In the laboratory it is employed to obtain oxygen and chlorine, and to form the salts of manganese. In pharmacy it is used for liberating chlorine from hydrochloric acid and from common salt, and iodine from sodium iodide contained in kelp.

MANGANI SULPHAS. U. S. Manganese Sulphate. [Manganous Sulphate.]

$MnSO_4 + 4H_2O$; 222·46. (MĂN'GA-NĪ SŬL'PHĂS.) $MnSO_4.4H_2O$; 222.

"Manganese Sulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Manganesii Sulphas, *U. S.* 1870; Manganum Sulphuricum, Sulfas Manganosus; Manganous Sulphate; Sulfate de Manganèse, Sulfate manganeux, *Fr.*; Schwefelsaures Manganoxydul, *G.*

This salt may be prepared by heating the native black oxide with concentrated sulphuric acid. Oxygen is thereby evolved, and the sulphate is formed. The product, when exhausted by water, furnishes a solution of the salt which must be heated nearly to the boiling point, and treated with manganese carbonate, added by small portions at a time, which will precipitate any iron present, and change the color of the liquid from a dark red to a pale rose tint. The liquid is then filtered, evaporated to the consistence of a thin syrup, and set aside to crystallize.

Prof. C. Lewis Diehl has obtained by means of the following process an abundant product of the pure salt. A mixture of 5 parts of black manganese oxide and 0·75 part of coarsely powdered charcoal is exposed to a red heat, in a covered crucible, until all the charcoal is consumed. The contents of the crucible, after cooling, are put into a porcelain dish, and treated with 6·5 parts of sulphuric acid. The whole is then evaporated to dryness, and the residue, being returned to the crucible, is again heated to redness. When cool, the mass is rubbed to powder if necessary, and treated twice with eight parts of boiling water; and the liquors, having been mixed, are filtered, evaporated till a pellicle appears, and set aside to crystallize. It is important that the liquid should be removed from the sand-bath as soon as the pellicle begins to form; as, if the heat be continued longer, an insoluble sulphate will be deposited. If the black manganese oxide employed be of good quality, a pure sulphate will be obtained, any salt of iron or copper present being rendered insoluble by the heat. (*A. J. P.*, 1867.) Laster's process is as follows. "Take of Black Oxide of Manganese 40 parts, Commercial Hydrochloric Acid 200 parts. Dissolve the black oxide in the acid beneath a chimney-flue, and, when solution is complete, and chlorine no longer evolved, mix very gradually 53 parts of sulphuric acid with the reddish liquid; continue the evaporation beneath the flue until acid vapor is no longer driven off, and the mass becomes dry. Dissolve this mass in 350 parts of water heated to the boiling point. Treat the solution with manganese carbonate until it becomes rose-red, filter or decant, evaporate and crystallize." (*A. J. P.*, 1868.) Mr. F. Mahla, of Chicago, proposes to utilize chlorine residues. He takes the liquid remaining in the retort after the preparation of chlorine, adds to it sodium carbonate sufficient to precipitate all the metallic oxides, or at least to cause a slight alkalinity, collects the precipitate thus produced on a muslin filter, and washes it with pure water, until the filtrate no longer produces an obvious reaction with silver nitrate. Three-fourths of the moist mass are removed from the filter to an evaporating dish, and sufficient dilute sulphuric acid is added to dissolve it completely. The solution is heated nearly to the boiling point, and the remaining fourth of the mass from the filter is gradually added to it, until the liquid, after being filtered, is no longer blackened by tannic acid. The whole solution is then filtered, and the filtrate, with the waters, after washing, is evaporated to crystallization. The first crop of crystals is sometimes contaminated with calcium sulphate, from the calcium carbonate in the commercial black oxide employed in the process. To separate this impurity, evaporate to dryness, redissolve the residue in a little water, which leaves the calcium sulphate undissolved; and the pure solution of manganese sulphate is obtained by filtration. (*A. J. P.*, 1869.) Mr. Edo Claassen adds alcohol to the concentrated solution to promote crystallization. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1887.)

Properties. Manganese sulphate has the formula $MnSO_4$, in which the dyad metal manganese replaces the H_2 of H_2SO_4. From its aqueous solution it crystallizes in rhombic prisms, which contain variable proportions of water of crystallization according to the temperature of the solution and other circumstances. Obtained by evaporation at a gentle heat, they contain four mols. of water; between 45° and 68°, five mols.; under 42°, seven mols.; and a concentrated solution, mixed with sulphuric acid, and evaporated, yields granular crystals with one mol. Heated to 240°, these crystals lose three mols. of water, and at a red heat become anhydrous. (*Brande and Taylor.*) The crystals usually have a pale-rose or pink color. The salt has an astringent and bitterish taste. It is very soluble in water; but its solubility varies with its water of crystallization. When anhydrous, it is dissolved by two parts of water at 15·5° C. (60° F.), and in its own weight at 100° C. (212° F.). If carelessly prepared, it is apt to contain copper and arsenic, as well as iron. As it is the source of nearly all the preparations of manganese, it is of importance that it should be pure. Hence the sulphate, as first obtained, should be calcined at a low red heat at least twice, to render the contaminating metals insoluble, and then tested in solution, to be sure of its purity. According to M. A. Görgeu, copper and iron, as well as nickel and cobalt, are completely precipitated by manganese sulphide. In applying this reagent, the impure solution is shaken for about a quarter of an hour with the sulphide, and then boiled for a few minutes. (*Chem. Gaz.*, July 1, 1853, p. 249.) The description of it in the U. S. Pharmacopœia is as follows. "Colorless, or pale rose-colored, transparent, tetragonal prisms (crystallized at a temperature between 20° and 30° C. (68°–86° F.), and containing 4 molecules, or 32·29 per cent., of water of crystallization), odorless, and having a slightly bitter and astringent taste. Slightly efflorescent in dry air. Soluble in 0·8 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. The aqueous solution is neutral or very slightly acid to litmus paper, and yields with ammonium sulphide test-solution a flesh-colored precipitate soluble in dilute acids; with potassium ferro-

cyanide test-solution, a reddish-white precipitate; and with potassium ferricyanide test-solution, a brown precipitate. With barium chloride test-solution it yields a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. If a fragment of the salt be mixed with a little sodium hydrate test-solution, and the mixture then dried and fused, it will yield a dark-green mass, dissolving in water with a green color. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt, after being heated with a few drops of hydrochloric acid and a little chlorine water, should not be colored red by potassium sulphocyanate test-solution (absence of *iron*), and should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper* or *arsenic*). If the manganese be completely precipitated from an aqueous solution of the salt by ammonium carbonate test-solution, the filtrate, on evaporation and gentle ignition, should leave no residue (absence of *salts of the alkalies*, or of *magnesium*). A solution of 1 Gm., each, of the salt, and of sodium acetate, in 10 C.c. of water, to which a few drops of acetic acid are added, should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be gently ignited, in a porcelain crucible, it should lose not more than 0·323 Gm. in weight (distinction from *Manganese Sulphate containing a larger amount of water of crystallization*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. C. G. Gmelin found manganese sulphate to produce an extraordinary secretion of bile when given to the inferior animals, and its effects as a cholagogue have been observed in man. According to the late Thomas Thomson, of Glasgow, it resembles sodium sulphate both in taste and in effect, operating as a purgative in the dose of from one to two drachms (3·9–7·5 Gm.). From the circumstance that manganese had been found in small proportion in the blood, it was conjectured that this metal, like iron, might play an important part in the human economy, and trial was made of it in *anæmia*, with the hope that it might prove a useful adjuvant of the chalybeates as a reconstructive agent. When given with iron, its use was certainly in many instances followed by the most satisfactory results; but it may be questioned whether the beneficial effects were in any respect greater than those which the iron would have produced without such an auxiliary; and where manganese has been used alone in anæmic cases it has generally failed. Dr. Garrod, of London, after a fair trial of it, pronounced against it. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Feb. 1863.) The dose of manganese sulphate as a tonic is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.). It may be given dissolved in a flavored syrup.

MANNA. U. S., Br. Manna.

(MĂN'NĄ.)

"The concrete, saccharine exudation of Fraxinus Ornus, Linné (nat. ord. Oleaceæ)." *U. S.*
"A concrete saccharine exudation obtained by making transverse incisions in the stems of cultivated trees of Fraxinus Ornus, Linn." *Br.*

Manne, *Fr.;* Manna, *G., It.;* Mana, *Sp.*

Manna is said to be obtained from several other trees besides *Fraxinus ornus*, among which *F. rotundifolia*, *F. excelsior*, and *F. parviflora* have been particularly designated. Many saccharine substances, generally exudations from plants, have, from their resemblance to this substance, obtained the name of manna, and attracted more or less attention from writers. They are described in a note.*

* *False Mannas.* An efflorescence of mannite is said to occur upon certain sea-weeds upon exposure to the air. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1859.) The term "manna" has been applied to certain substances which have no relation with true manna, notably to the lichen *Lecanora esculenta*, which at times has suddenly fallen like rain over immense tracts of country, from Persia to the African Sahara. It occurs in the form of small roundish lumps, from the size of a pin's head to that of a pea, yellowish or grayish externally and whitish within, hard, inodorous, and insipid. It has been affirmed that this lichen does not contain starch, but it is really used as an article of food, and good bread is said to have been made out of it. (*Nature*, Jan. 1891.) It is probable that it is the manna of Scripture.

The proper false mannas, exudations from various trees, are best considered under the headings of the countries which yield them:

European False Manna, or *Briançon manna*, an exudation from the common European larch (*Larix europæa*, or *Pinus larix*), differs chemically from ordinary manna in containing no mannite. Berthelot found in it a peculiar sugar, analogous to that of the cane, which he named *melezitose*. (See *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 61.) To this the formula $C_{18}H_{32}O_{16} + 2H_2O$ is given.

American False Manna. A substance resembling manna, of a sweet, slightly bitter and terebinthinate taste, and actively purgative, exudes from incisions in *Pinus lambertiana*, of Oregon, and is used by the natives. (*Nav. of U. S. Expl. Exped.*, v. 232.) M. Berthelot has extracted from this product a peculiar saccharine principle, which he calls *pinite*. It is very sweet, but does not undergo the vinous fermentation. (See *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 157.) Pinite was for a long time classed among the sugars, but the latest researches seem to show that it is a pentahydric phenol derived from hexahydrobenzene. The formula is $C_6H_{12}O_5$.

African False Mannas. Turkish Manna is a product from a species of larch (*Echinops persica*), and is obtained

Gen. Ch. Flowers polygamous or diœcious. *Calyx* small and four-cleft, toothed or entire, or obsolete. *Petals* four, slightly cohering in pairs at the base, or only two, oblong or linear, or altogether wanting. *Stamens* two, three, or four. *Anthers* linear and oblong, large. *Style* single. *Stigma* two-cleft. *Fruit* a one- to two-celled samara. *Gray.*

This genus was separated by Persoon from the Fraxinus of Linnæus.

Fraxinus ornus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 1104; *B. & T.* 170.—*Ornus europæa.* Persoon, *Synops.* i. 9; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 547; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 8, pl. 61. The *flowering ash** is a tree of moderate height, usually from twenty to twenty-five feet, very branching, with opposite, petiolate, pinnate leaves, composed of three or four pairs of leaflets, and an odd one at the end. The leaflets are oval, acuminate, obtusely serrate, about an inch and a half in length, smooth, of a bright green color, and supported on short footstalks. The flowers are white, and usually expand with the leaves. They grow in close panicles at the extremities of the young branches, and have a very short calyx with four teeth, and four linear lanceolate petals.

Both *Fraxinus ornus* and *Fraxinus rotundifolia* are natives of Sicily, Calabria, and Apulia; and both contribute to supply the manna of commerce. The former is cultivated in Sicily, yields manna after the eighth year, and continues to yield it for ten or twelve years, when it is usually cut down and young sprouts are allowed to grow up from the root. (Stettner, *Archiv d. Pharm.*, liii. 194.) During the hot months the juice exudes spontaneously from the bark, and concretes upon its surface; but, as the exudation is slow, it is customary to facilitate the process by making deep longitudinal incisions on one side of the trunk. In the following season these are repeated on the other side, and thus alternately for the whole period during which the tree yields manna, extending sometimes, it is said, to thirty or even forty years. Straw or chips are frequently placed so as to receive the juice, which concretes upon them. The manna varies in its character according to the mode of collection, the nature of the season, and the

by treating the cocoons of a coleopterous insect (*Larinus maculatus*) with hot water, filtering, and crystallizing the sugar. From it M. Berthelot obtained a new variety of sugar, *trehalose*, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + 2H_2O$. (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, 1857.) *Larix cedrus*, of Mount Lebanon, yields a similar product, which has some repute in Syria as a remedy in phthisis. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 411.) In the neighborhood of Diarbekir, in Asiatic Turkey, a saccharine substance, known as *Diarbekir manna*, is found on the leaves of dwarf oaks, from which it appears to be exuded. (*Ibid.*, Nov. 1862, p. 546.) The manna of the oak of Kurdistan, spoken of by Flückiger, is probably the same as that of Diarbekir, which may be its entrepôt. According to Flückiger, this consists chiefly (90 per cent.) of a crystallizable sugar. It deviates to the right the plane of polarized light, and reduces in the cold the solution of copper oxide in soda and glycerin. This manna contains a mucilage, but no cane sugar or dextrin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1873, p. 335.) *Quercus vallonea*, Kotschy, and *Q. persica*, Jaub. et Spach, yield "oak manna," through insect agency, while certain species of *Echinops* (probably *E. persica*, Fisch.) yield the singular manna-like substance that is known as *Trehala* in Syria and as *Shukkar Tigal* in India. *Pyrus glabra* yields a manna which is collected by the people of Luristan, in Persia. It has long been known that *Salix fragilis* and probably other species of willow yield to the Persians a manna-like exudation. According to M. Raby (*L'Union Pharm.*, Mai, 1889), there are two varieties, *chirkhest* and *bidenguébin*, which contain respectively, according to the analysis of Ludwig, *chirkhestite* ($C_6H_{14}O_6$), allied to sorbite, and *bidenguebinose* ($C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$), allied to melezitose. Whether these mannas are really distinct from those sold in the Indian bazaars as coming from Afghanistan and Persia seems uncertain. Of these bazaar mannas the most important is the *Shir-kait* or *Oriental* manna. By Haussknecht it is referred to *Atraphaxis spinosa*; but Mr. J. E. T. Aitchison states that it is yielded by the *Cotoneaster nummularia*, Fisch. et Mey., a tall, stout shrub, whose smaller branches in July become covered with an exudation, which is eaten as a sweetmeat, and exported in quantity to Russia and India. The second variety, *Taranjabin*, is yielded by the camel-thorn, *Alhagi camelorum*, Fisch., in Persia and Afghanistan, and probably by *Alhagi maurorum* of De Candolle, a leguminous thorny shrub abundant in India,—if indeed the two species be distinct. According to A. Villiers, it is nearly pure melezitose. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., vii. 917.) A third kind of manna is *Gazangabin*, or *Gazanjabin*, yielded by *Tamarix gallica*, Linn., var. *mannifera*; a fourth kind is obtained from the *Salsola fœtida*, Dec. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 11, 1886, 467.) The *tamarisk* of Northern Africa (*Tamarix gallica*, Ehr.), which produces the small *tamarisk galls* of Mogador, containing 40 per cent. of tannic acid (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 27; also *N. R.*, 1877, p. 41), according to Burckhardt also gives origin to a species of manna that is used by the Bedouin Arabs near Mount Sinai with their food. This substance, however, according to Mitscherlich, contains no mannite, but consists wholly of mucilaginous sugar. M. Berthelot found a manna from Sinai to consist of 55 per cent. of cane sugar, 25 of levulose and glucose, and 20 of dextrin and analogous substances. (*Annales de Chim. et Phys.*, lxvii.)

Australian Mannas. A manna-like exudation on the *Eucalyptus mannifera*, growing in New South Wales, contains a saccharine matter called *melitose*, different in properties from mannite and from all the varieties of sugar, though isomeric with glucose. It is susceptible of the vinous fermentation. (See *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 157.) *Lerp* is produced upon the leaves of *Eucalyptus dumosa*, when very small, and sometimes appears spread over large extents of country like a kind of snow. The natives use it for food. It is a complex body, containing an unfermentable sugar, *eucalin*, gum, starch, inulin, and lignin. (*Journ. de Chim. et de Pharm.*, xvi. 240.) It is said to be a secretion from an insect, formed into minute cells, each of which is the abode of one of the insects. (See *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 547.) *Myoporum platycarpum*, R. Br., the *sandalwood-* or *dogwood-tree* of Australia, exudes an exceedingly sweet and pleasant manna, which is much used as an article of food. Mr. F. W. Passmore obtained from *Eucalyptus gumii* a sugar termed *melitriose*. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1891, p. 718.)

* A syrup prepared from the inner bark of this tree has been employed in Europe by Dr. Devergie, with supposed advantage, in chronic *eczema* and *impetigo*. The bark contains much tannin, and a mucilaginous principle which renders diluted alcohol a better menstruum than boiling water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ix. 347.)

period of the year at which the exudation takes place. That procured in Sicily is said to be the best. Mr. Daniel Hanbury travelled through the old manna region, and satisfied himself that the collection of manna for commercial purposes is confined almost exclusively to Sicily. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1872, p. 421.) But a more recent writer (*Ibid.*, Nov. 1879) asserts that the manna-trees are still cultivated in Calabria.

In commerce three varieties are distinguishable:

1. Flake Manna, or *manna canulata*, is the purest variety. It exudes spontaneously, or from incisions, during the hottest and dryest weather in July and August. According to Stettner, it is furnished by the upper incisions upon the trunk, while the lower incisions yield the inferior varieties. It is in irregular, unequal pieces, often several inches long, resembling stalactites, rough, light, porous, brittle, whitish or yellowish-white, and frequently concave on the surface by which they were attached to the trunk, and which is often soiled by impurities, sometimes by adherent fragments of the bark. When broken, these pieces exhibit a crystalline or granular structure. This variety is sometimes in small fragments, generally less than an inch in length.

2. Common Manna—the *manne en sorte* of French pharmacy—is next in quality, and is collected in September and the beginning of October, when the heat of the weather has begun to moderate. The juice does not now concrete so readily, and a portion, falling on the ground at the root of the tree, becomes more or less mixed with impurities, and forms imperfectly solid masses, which require to be further dried in the sun. Common manna consists of whitish or yellowish fragments, similar to the pieces of flake manna, but much smaller, mixed with a soft, viscid, uncrystallized brownish matter, identical with fat manna.

3. Fat Manna is collected in the latter part of October and November, when the weather is cooler and rains are more common. The juice is now still less disposed to concrete, and flowing down the trunk is received in a small excavation at its base. As found in commerce, it is in the form of a soft, viscous mass, containing few crystalline fragments, of a brown or yellowish-brown color, and full of impurities. The U. S. Pharmacopœia directs that such manna should be rejected.*

Properties. Manna is officially described as "in flattish, somewhat three-edged pieces, occasionally 20 Cm. long, and 5 Cm. broad, usually smaller; friable; externally yellowish-white, internally white, porous, and crystalline; or in fragments of different sizes, brownish-white and somewhat glutinous on the surface, internally white and crystalline; odor honey-like; taste sweet, slightly bitter and faintly acrid. On heating 5 parts of Manna with 100 parts of alcohol to boiling, and filtering, the filtrate should rapidly deposit separate crystals of mannite. Manna consisting of brownish, viscid masses containing few or no fragments of a crystalline structure should be rejected." *U. S.* Manna has a slight, peculiar odor, and a sweet taste, which in the impure kinds is also very nauseous, but in the finest flake manna scarcely so much so as to be disagreeable. Its sp. gr. is 0·834. It melts with heat, and takes fire, burning with a blue flame. When pure it is soluble in three parts of cold and in its own weight of boiling water. From a boiling saturated aqueous solution it separates in partially crystalline masses on cooling. Alcohol also dissolves it. Boiling alcohol will dissolve 15 parts of it, and upon cooling deposit beautiful crystals of mannite. Fourcroy and Vauquelin found manna to consist of—1, a peculiar sweet principle, *mannite*, which constitutes 75 per cent.; 2, a variety of sugar; 3, a yellow nauseous matter, upon which the purgative property is thought chiefly to depend; and, 4, a little mucilage. Leuchtweiss obtained from 105 parts of manna 11·6 of water, 0·4 of insoluble matter, 9·1 of sugar, 42·6 of mannite, 40·0 of a mixture of mucilaginous matter containing

* *Fictitious Manna.* Attempts have been made to counterfeit manna; but the facility of detection renders such frauds unprofitable, and they are not often practised. Dr. R. P. Thomas described (*A. J. P.*, xxiv.) a sophisticated manna which differed from the genuine drug both in sensible and in chemical properties, not even containing mannite. Baumé describes a method in which common manna is purified so as to resemble flake manna. It consists in dissolving common manna in a little water, allowing the liquid to settle, decanting it in order to separate the impurities, then inspissating it so that it will congeal on cooling, and immersing threads in the inspissated liquid, several times successively, in the manner practised by candle-makers. It may be still further purified by the use of animal charcoal. Thus prepared, it contains less mannite than flake manna, and less of the nauseous principle, but is said not to operate less effectively as a laxative. A fictitious manna is described by Mr. Edmond Histed (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1870) as having been taken from Paris to London, which bears a close resemblance to flake manna, for which it might be mistaken upon a hasty notice. The resemblance is, moreover, increased by the fact that it contains mannite, of which Mr. Histed obtained 40 per cent., while fine natural flake manna yielded him 70 per cent. Closely examined, it is found to differ essentially from genuine flake manna, showing no crystals of mannite when broken, not having the taste and smell characteristic of good manna, and, besides, being cleaner, lighter-colored, more solid, and making a clearer solution in water. (See *A. J. P.*, 1870.) May not this have been a specimen of artificial flake manna, prepared from the inferior or common manna?

mannite, resin, organic acid, and a nitrogenous substance, and 1·3 of ashes. In *manna canellata in fragmentis* he found 37·6 per cent. of mannite, and in *manna Calabrina* 32 per cent. (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., p. 180.) M. Buignet discovered in manna a considerable proportion of dextrin. He appears to have been led to this discovery by observing a very energetic dextrogyrate power in flake manna, which could not be owing to the saccharine matter it contained, because the same power continued after all the sugar had been destroyed by fermentation. Dextrin forms about one-fifth part of flake manna, and a much larger part of the inferior kinds. It may be readily obtained separate by triturating 200 parts of flake manna with 400 of alcohol of 70° F. in successive portions, filtering the resulting mixture, by which the mannite is left behind, and then separating the sugar and dextrin contained in the clear liquor. This is done by concentrating the liquor to a syrupy consistence, and adding about 10 parts of alcohol at 90° F. The mixture separates into two layers, the upper consisting of a strong alcoholic solution of sugar, the lower of a saturated solution of dextrin in weak alcohol. The latter is separated, washed repeatedly with alcohol at 90° F., and then, after dilution with water, decolorization, and filtration, is evaporated gently by a water-bath till it ceases to lose weight. The substance remaining is dextrin. The saccharine matter of manna is a mixture of cane sugar and levulose, which are in such proportion as almost to neutralize their reciprocal optic properties. All the forms of commercial manna contain both sugar and dextrin, and, though the quantity of the two jointly varies considerably, yet their relative proportion is invariable, being 2 mols. of dextrin and 1 mol. of sugar. This is the same result that is reached in the saccharification of starch; and the inference is fair that the dextrin and sugar in manna are the result of a transformation of starch in the plant. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Juillet, 1868.) It is owing to the presence of glucose and dextrin that manna is capable of fermenting. Flückiger found in all samples of mannite examined a small amount of a dextrogyrate mucilage, which is precipitated by neutral lead acetate, and yields mucic acid when boiled with strong nitric acid. The greenish color of certain pieces of manna is produced by *fraxin*, $C_{16}H_{18}O_{10}$, a glucoside closely resembling *æsculin*. Fraxin crystallizes in colorless prisms, easily soluble in hot water and in alcohol, and has a faintly astringent and bitter taste. By dilute acids it is resolved into *fraxetin*, $C_{10}H_8O_5$, and *glucose*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$. Even its dilute solutions are fluorescent. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed.)

Mannite (*mannitol*) is white, inodorous, crystallizable in semi-transparent needles, of a sweetish taste, soluble in five parts of cold water, scarcely soluble in cold alcohol, but readily dissolved by that liquid when hot, and deposited when it cools. Its composition is $C_6H_{14}O_6$, and it is considered as belonging to the class of *hexatomic alcohols*. If mixed with chalk and cream-cheese and kept for some weeks at the temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), it yields alcohol largely, with the disengagement of carbonic acid and hydrogen and the production of lactic acid. No fungus is produced, as in the ordinary fermentation of sugar. (Berthelot, *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx.) With lime, barium and strontium oxides, it forms definite compounds, soluble in water, and precipitable from their aqueous solutions by alcohol. (*Ibid.*, Jan. 1860.) It does not reduce an alkaline solution of copper oxide; and a test of its purity is thus presented. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1861, p. 26.) Its optical activity can be observed only after the addition of borax. It is then found to be dextro-rotatory. In fact, the native mannite is the dextro-rotatory variety of mannitol, while the lævo-rotatory and inactive mannitol have as yet been made only synthetically. It may be obtained by boiling manna in alcohol, allowing the solution to cool, and redissolving the crystalline precipitate: pure mannite is now deposited. Another method is to dissolve flake manna in water, precipitate by solution of lead subacetate, filter, throw down the excess of lead by sulphuric acid, evaporate the solution, and mix with alcohol. On cooling, the mannite is deposited. (Bonsall, *Arch. der Pharm.*, cxxxiv. 70.) This principle has been found in numerous vegetables. It is said to be gently laxative in the dose of from one to two ounces (31·1–62·2 Gm.).

Manna, when long kept, acquires a deeper color, softens, and ultimately deliquesces into a liquid, which, on the addition of yeast, undergoes the vinous fermentation. This is probably owing to its conversion into sugar by the absorption of enough oxygen to cause it to pass over into some variety of glucose or fermentable sugar. That which is dryest resists this change the longest. It is said that manna recently gathered is less purgative than it afterwards becomes.

Medical Properties and Uses. Manna is a gentle laxative, usually operating mildly, but in some cases producing flatulence and pain. It is usually prescribed with other purgatives, particularly senna, rhubarb, magnesia, and the neutral salts, the taste of which it conceals,

while it adds to the purgative effect. The dose for an adult is from one to two ounces (31·1–62·2 Gm.); for children, from one to four drachms (3·9–15·5 Gm.). It is usually given dissolved in water or some aromatic infusion; but the best flake manna may be administered in substance. Manna forms a combination with iron, which it preserves against change. (See *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1873.)

MARMOR ALBUM. Br. White Marble.

$CaCO_3$. (MÄR'MOR ĂL'BŬM.)

"Hard white crystalline native carbonate of calcium, in masses." *Br.*

Marmor, *U. S.* 1870; Marbre, *Fr.;* Marmor, *G.;* Marmo, *It.;* Marmol, *Sp.*

Marble is used for obtaining carbonic acid, and for making several official preparations. For the former purpose common marble is sufficiently pure; for the latter, purer varieties must be selected. Official marble has a sp. gr. of from 2·7 to 2·8. It is brittle, pulverizable, and insoluble in water. It is wholly dissolved by dilute hydrochloric acid, with effervescence. If magnesia be present, the neutral hydrochloric solution will be precipitated by ammonia; and if barium oxide or strontium oxide be an impurity, a similar effect will be produced by a solution of calcium sulphate. When marble is exposed to a full red heat, it loses about 44 per cent. of carbonic acid, and is converted into lime. (See *Calx.*) In composition it agrees with chalk. The purest kind of marble is that of *Carrara*, sometimes called *statuary marble;* but it is not necessary that this kind should be obtained for pharmaceutical operations. Marble sufficiently pure for these purposes is abundant in the United States. It is necessary, however, to reject the *dolomitic* marbles, which contain magnesia.

MARRUBIUM. U. S. Marrubium. [Horehound.]

(MAR-RŪ'BI-ŬM.)

"The leaves and tops of Marrubium vulgare, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Herba Marrubii; Herbe de Marrube blanc, Marrube blanc, *Fr.;* Andornkraut, Weisser Andorn, *G.;* Marrubio, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. *Calyx* salver-shaped, rigid, ten-streaked. *Corolla* with the upper lip bifid, linear, and straight.

Marrubium vulgare. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 111; *B. & T.* 210. *White Horehound* has a perennial fibrous root, and numerous annual stems, which are quadrangular, erect, very downy, and from twelve to eighteen inches high. The leaves are about an inch long, roundish-ovate, dentate or deeply serrate, obtuse, wrinkled, veined, downy above, hoary on the under surface, and supported in pairs on strong footstalks. The flowers are white, and in crowded axillary woolly whorls. The calyx is tubular, and divided at the margin into ten narrow segments, which are hooked at the end. The corolla is also tubular, whitish, with a labiate margin, of which the upper lip is bifid, the under reflected and three-cleft, with the middle segment broad and slightly scalloped: stamens four, included. The seeds are four, in the bottom of the calyx. The plant is a native of Europe, but has been naturalized in this country, where it grows on the roadsides, and flowers in July and August. The herb has a strong, rather agreeable odor, which is diminished by drying and lost by keeping. Its taste is bitter and durable. The bitterness is extracted by water and alcohol. It contains a volatile oil, resin, tannin, lignin, and a bitter principle called *marrubiin* by Mein. This marrubiin is slightly soluble in cold water, crystallizes from alcohol in prismatic and from ether in tabular crystals, is not precipitated by tannin, and has a very bitter and somewhat acrid taste. The fusing point of the crystals is 160° C., according to Kromayer.

Medical Properties and Uses. Horehound is tonic, in large doses laxative, and may be so given as to increase the secretion from the skin, and occasionally from the kidneys. It was formerly considered a valuable deobstruent, and was recommended in *chronic hepatitis*, *jaundice*, *amenorrhœa*, *phthisis*, and various *cachectic affections*. By its gently tonic powers it may have proved advantageous in some of these complaints; but it exerts no specific influence over any of them, and has passed mainly from the hands of physicians into domestic use. It is employed chiefly in *catarrh*, and in other *chronic affections of the lungs*, attended with cough and copious expectoration. The infusion, made in the proportion of an ounce of the herb to a pint of boiling water, may be given in wineglassful doses. The dose of the powder is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). The medicine is also much used in syrup and candy.

MASSA COPAIBÆ. U. S. Mass of Copaiba. [Solidified Copaiba.]

(MĂS'SĄ CŌ-PĀ'Į-BÆ.)

Pilulæ Copaibæ, *U. S.* 1870; Pilules de Copahu, *Fr.*; Copaiva-Pillen, *G.*

"Copaiba, *ninety-four grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 138 grains]; Magnesia, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Triturate the Magnesia with a little Water, in a capsule, until the powder is uniformly dampened throughout. Then gradually incorporate with it the Copaiba, so that a uniform mixture may result, place the capsule on a water-bath, and heat during half an hour, frequently stirring. Lastly, transfer the mixture to a suitable vessel, and set this aside until the mass has acquired a pilular consistence." *U. S.*

This preparation is identical with that formerly official. When copaiba is mixed with pure magnesia, it gradually loses its fluidity, forming at first a soft tenacious mass, and ultimately becoming dry, hard, and brittle. The quantity of magnesia, and the length of time requisite for this change, vary with the condition of the copaiba; being greater in proportion to the fluidity of this substance, or, in other words, to its amount of volatile oil. The quantity of magnesia directed by the Pharmacopœia, one-sixteenth of the weight of the copaiba, is sufficient to solidify the latter, as it is often found in commerce, in the course of six or eight hours; but when the copaiba is fresh, or has been kept in closely-stopped bottles, and retains, therefore, nearly the whole of its oil, it is often necessary either to augment the proportion of magnesia, or to expose the mixture for a much longer time, or to diminish the volatile oil of the copaiba by evaporation. The magnesia combines chemically with the *copaivic acid* or hard resin, but in relation to the volatile oil acts merely as an absorbent; for, when the solidified mass is submitted to the action of boiling alcohol, a part is dissolved, abandoning the magnesia with which it was mixed, while the resin, combined with another portion of magnesia, remains undissolved. Varieties of copaiba, therefore, are solidifiable by magnesia directly in proportion to the hard resin they contain, and inversely in proportion to the volatile oil; the soft resin being indifferent. According to Guibourt, copaiba not solidifiable by magnesia may be made so by adding one-sixth of Bordeaux or common European turpentine.

Calcium hydrate produces the same effect as magnesia, and, as stated by M. Thierry, in a shorter time, if employed according to his formula. He takes 15 parts of copaiba and 1 part of slaked lime, mixes them in a marble mortar, transfers the mixture to an open vessel, places this upon a sand-bath, and sustains the heat for four hours, occasionally stirring. The calcium hydrate must have been freshly prepared from recently-burnt lime. The mixture loses only a twenty-fourth of its weight, chiefly the water of the hydrate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., i.)

Notwithstanding the accuracy of the above statements, it sometimes happens that copaiba of undoubted genuineness, and with a due proportion of volatile oil, will not solidify with magnesia or with lime; and the cause of this uncertainty of action remained long undetermined. At length it was ascertained by M. Roussin, through a series of well-devised experiments, that the occasional want of solidifying power is owing to the absence of water, the presence of a certain quantity of which, whether in the copaiba or in the earth employed, is essential to the combination of the magnesia or lime with the copaivic acid. In instances of deficiency in the solidifying property, M. Roussin recommends that the copaiba be shaken for some time with about one-twentieth of its weight of water, and then allowed to stand for some days in a warm place so as to allow all the water in excess to subside. The copaiba may now be decanted and preserved. Thus prepared, it will solidify with one-sixteenth of calcined anhydrous magnesia in the course of a few days, and often in twenty-four hours. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i.) M. Rabot proposes a process by which the copaiba can in a few minutes be solidified to a consistence fit for preparing pills. He mixes pure copaiba with one-sixteenth of its weight of magnesia, previously slightly hydrated by sprinkling on it some drops of water, equal to about one-tenth of its weight, then introduces the capsule containing the mixture into boiling water, and keeps it thus by means of a water-bath for several minutes. The immediate consolidation is explained by the fact that the magnesia combines most readily with the resin of copaiba at a temperature of about 50° C. (122° F.), a heat which in no degree impairs the virtue of the medicine. (*Ibid.*, ii.) For Kirchmann's method of making the mass from an emulsion with the aid of borax, see *Amer. Drug.*, 1884.

Pills may also be made by incorporating vegetable powders with copaiba so as to bring it to the proper consistence; but this method has the inconvenience of greatly increasing the bulk. Spermaceti and wax have been proposed as excipients; and the latter, which was originally suggested by J. F. Simon, is recommended on account of its retaining all the volatile oil, and, with some vegetable powder, forming a mass that will retain its plasticity for years. One part,

each, of wax, copaiba, and vegetable powder will answer the purpose, when the copaiba does not contain more than 50 per cent. of volatile oil; but if richer than this it will require more of the excipient. To prepare the pills, melt the wax at the lowest possible heat, then gradually add the copaiba, and lastly incorporate some vegetable powder, as pulverized liquorice root, for example, with the other ingredients. (See *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1863.) In the preparation of the pills of copaiba, care should be taken to divide the mass before it has become too hard. The advantage of this preparation is that the copaiba is brought to the state of pill with little increase of bulk. Five grains (0·33 Gm.) of the mass make a pill of convenient size; of these from two to six may be taken for a dose twice or three times a day.

MASSA FERRI CARBONATIS. U. S. (Br.) Mass of Ferrous Carbonate.

[Vallet's Mass.]

(MĂS'SĄ FĔR'RĪ CĂR-BŌ-NĀ'TĬS.)

Pilula Ferri Carbonatis, *Br*, also *U. S.* 1870; Pill of Carbonate of Iron, Vallet's Ferruginous Pills; Pilulæ Ferri Carbonici, *P. G.;* Pilulæ Ferratæ Valleti; Vallet's Mass; Pilules de Carbonate ferreux, Pilules ferrugineuses, *Fr.;* Vallet'sche Pillen, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in clear crystals, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Sodium Carbonate, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]; Clarified Honey, *thirty-eight grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 149 grains]; Sugar, in coarse powder, *twenty-five grammes* [or 385 grains]; Syrup, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Dissolve the Ferrous Sulphate and the Sodium Carbonate, each separately, in *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of boiling Distilled Water, and, having added *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 324 minims] of Syrup to the solution of the Iron salt, filter both solutions, and allow them to become cold. Introduce the solution of Sodium Carbonate into a bottle having a capacity of about *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims], and gradually add the solution of the Iron salt, rotating the flask constantly or frequently, until carbonic acid gas no longer escapes. Add a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water to fill the bottle; then cork the bottle and set it aside, so that the ferrous carbonate may subside. Pour off the supernatant liquid, and, having mixed Syrup and Distilled Water in the proportion of *one volume* of Syrup to *nineteen volumes* of Distilled Water, wash the precipitate with the mixture by decantation until the washings no longer have a saline taste. Drain the precipitate on a muslin strainer, and express as much of the Water as possible. Lastly, mix the precipitate at once with the Honey and Sugar, and, by means of a water-bath, evaporate the mixture in a tared capsule, with constant stirring, until it is reduced to *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]." *U. S.**

"Take of the Saccharated Carbonate of Iron *one ounce;* Confection of Roses *a quarter of an ounce.* Beat them into a uniform mass." *Br.*

The effect of saccharine matter in protecting iron from oxidation has been explained under the heads of *Ferri Carbonas Saccharatus* and *Syrupus Ferri Iodidi.* The U. S. mass of ferrous carbonate is another example of a ferruginous preparation in which the iron is protected from further oxidation by the same means. The salts employed are the same as those used for obtaining the formerly official ferric subcarbonate; but in forming that preparation the carbonate which is at first precipitated absorbs oxygen, and loses nearly all its carbonic acid in the processes of washing and drying. When, however, as in the U. S. formula above given, the reacting salts are dissolved in weak syrup instead of water, and the washing is performed with weak syrup also, the absorption of oxygen and loss of carbonic acid during the separation of the precipitate are almost completely prevented. It only remains, therefore, to preserve it unaltered, and to bring it to the pilular consistence, and this is effected by admixture with honey and sugar, and evaporation by means of a water-bath. It is essential to the success of this process that the ferrous sulphate should be pure; otherwise some ferric oxide will be present in the product. The process is that of M. Vallet, of Paris, after whom the preparation is

* Wm. Silver Thompson states that the mass is more stable when made by the following formula than when prepared in the official manner. Take of Ferrous Sulphate eight ounces; Sodium Bicarbonate six ounces; Sugar, in fine powder, four and a half ounces; Clarified Honey half an ounce; Syrup, Water, each, a sufficient quantity. Dissolve each salt separately in water, add the sodium solution to the iron solution gradually, constantly stirring until the effervescence ceases, then add about a fluidounce of syrup, and again stir. After the carbonate has subsided, draw off the supernatant liquid, and repeat the washing with cold water slightly sweetened with syrup, until the washings are free from a saline taste; when, having again drawn off the supernatant liquid, transfer the precipitate to a muslin cloth, and express as much of the water as possible. To the precipitate, in a porcelain dish placed over a water-bath, add the honey and sugar, and with frequent stirring evaporate to the pilular consistence. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 30.)

popularly called. The present U. S. process differs from that of 1870 in omitting to direct boiled water for washing the precipitated ferrous carbonate. This is an important omission, because there is apt to be some oxidation of the salt, due to the air in the water. The British pill of ferrous carbonate is made from the saccharine carbonate, which is brought to the pilular consistence by being mixed with confection of roses. This mode of making it is inferior to that of Vallet; for, in the first place, the saccharine carbonate is admitted to contain ferric oxide, and, secondly, confection of roses, while it is a less efficient preservative of the pilular mass than honey and sugar, will through its tannic acid form an inky compound with the ferruginous oxide. (See *Ferri Carbonas Saccharatus.*)

Properties. The U. S. preparation is in the form of a soft pilular mass, of a dark greenish-gray color, becoming black on exposure, and with a strong ferruginous taste. When carefully prepared, it is wholly and readily soluble in acids. It contains nearly half its weight of ferrous carbonate. The corresponding pill, obtained from the saccharine carbonate, may be supposed to contain one-third of ferruginous matter.

Medical Properties. The U. S. mass of ferrous carbonate, or Vallet's ferruginous mass, is admirably adapted to cases in which pure chalybeate preparations are indicated. It is, therefore, extremely valuable in simple *anæmia* and *chlorosis*. Its chief merits are its unchangeableness, its freedom from astringency, and its ready solubility in acids. Dose, from three to five grains (0·20–0·33 Gm.), in pill-form, after meals.

MASSA HYDRARGYRI. U. S. (Br.) Mass of Mercury. [Pilula Hydrargyri. Blue Mass. Blue Pill.]

(MĂS'SĄ HĪ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ.)

Pilula Hydrargyri, *Br.;* Pilulæ Hydrargyri, *U. S.* 1870; Pills of Mercury, Mercurial Pill; Pilulæ Cœruleæ, Massa Cœrulea; Blue Pills; Pilule de Mercure, Pilules bleues, *Fr.;* Mercurial Pillen, *G.*

"Mercury, *thirty-three grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 72 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, in No. 60 powder, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Althæa, in No. 60 powder, *twenty-five grammes* [or 385 grains]; Glycerin, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Honey of Rose, *thirty-four grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 88 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Triturate the Mercury with the Honey of Rose and Glycerin until it is extinguished. Then gradually add the Glycyrrhiza and Althæa, and continue the trituration until globules of mercury are no longer visible under a lens magnifying at least ten diameters." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury two ounces [av.]; Confection of Roses three ounces [av.]; Liquorice Root, in fine powder, one ounce [av.]. Rub the Mercury with the Confection of Roses, until metallic globules are no longer visible, then add the liquorice, and mix the whole well together." *Br.*

The mercury constitutes one-third of the mass. The ingredients for this mass do not differ essentially from those of the U. S. 1880 formula. The U. S. 1890 process is well suited for the needs of the pharmacist, as the mass can be made with ordinary apparatus extemporaneously.

The precise condition of the mercury in this preparation is somewhat uncertain. By far the greater proportion is in a state of minute mechanical division, and not chemically altered. Some maintain that the whole of the metal is in this state, others, that a small portion is converted during the trituration into mercurous oxide, and that this is the ingredient upon which the activity of the pill depends. The supposed oxidation is attributed partly to the influence of the air upon the surface of the metal, greatly extended by the separation of its particles, partly to the action of the substance used in the trituration. If the mercury is not oxidized during the trituration, there can be little doubt that it becomes so, to a slight extent, by subsequent exposure. The obvious changes which the mass undergoes by time can be explained in no other way; and mercurous oxide is asserted to have been actually extracted from old mercurial pill. Mr. Harold Senier analyzed a number of samples of blue mass, with the view of determining the amount of metallic mercury and of mercurous and mercuric oxides. The results showed that the latter gradually increased in quantity with the age of the blue mass, which, 18 hours after preparation, contained but a trace of mercurous oxide; after three months, 0·24 per cent. of mercuric and 0·62 per cent. of mercurous oxides were obtained, and in another sample, 0·44 and 1·60 per cent. respectively. After two years, 1·80 per cent. of mercuric and 4·22 per cent. of mercurous oxides were present. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1876.) Nevertheless, it scarcely admits of dispute that the metal, independently of oxidation out of the body, is capable of producing the peculiar mercurial effects when introduced into the stomach, probably undergoing chemical changes there. The U. S. P. 1890 provides a test which limits the quantity of

mercurous oxide and proves the absence of mercuric oxide; it will be difficult for the ordinary "blue mass" of commerce to withstand these requirements: "If a portion of the Mass be triturated, in a mortar, with warm acetic acid, the filtrate should not become more than slightly opalescent on the addition of a few drops of hydrochloric acid (limit of *mercurous oxide*). If another portion of the Mass be digested with warm diluted hydrochloric acid and a little purified animal charcoal, the filtrate should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, or by stannous chloride test-solution (absence of *mercuric oxide*)." *U. S.* According to M. Mialhe, mercury is slowly converted into corrosive sublimate in the stomach, under the combined agency of air and sodium chloride. All agree that the efficacy of the preparation is proportionate to the extinction of the mercury; in other words, to the degree in which the metallic globules disappear. This extinction may be effected by trituration with various substances; and manna, syrup, honey, liquorice, mucilage, soap, guaiac, and extract of dandelion have been recommended, among others, for this purpose; but the confection of roses has been adopted in all the Pharmacopœias, as less liable to objection than any other. The mercury is known to be completely extinguished when, upon rubbing a small portion of the mass with the end of the finger upon a piece of paper or glass, no globules appear; or more accurately by the microscopic test of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. Powdered liquorice root and powdered marshmallow root are added in order to give due consistence to the mass. The process now official was proposed by Prof. C. Lewis Diehl, and is very satisfactory. It is possible for the apothecary to make moderate quantities extemporaneously with no other appliances than the mortar and pestle. As the trituration requires to be long continued, which renders the process very laborious when conducted on the large scale, it is customary to prepare the mass by machinery. At Apothecaries' Hall, in London, the trituration is effected by the agency of steam. The machine there employed consists of "a circular iron trough for the reception of the materials, in which revolve four wooden cylinders, having also a motion on their axes." A machine for preparing blue mass, capable of being worked by hand or steam-power, was invented by Mr. J. W. W. Gordon, of Baltimore, and, having been found to answer well, was at one time in extensive use. (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 6.) We have already referred, under *Hydrargyrum cum Cretâ*, to another ingenious apparatus, invented by Dr. Squibb, by which the extinguishment of mercury is very satisfactorily effected. Formerly much of the blue mass used in this country was imported; but at present the market is chiefly supplied by our own manufacturers. The preparation slowly changes color upon being kept, assuming an olive and sometimes even a reddish tint, in consequence, probably, of the further oxidation of the mercury.*

In consideration of the incomplete extinguishment of the mercury in many specimens of the blue pill, arising from the tedious process employed, Mr. F. B. Benger proposes to obtain the metal in a state of minute division. For this purpose he adds to a solution of an ounce of stannous chloride, in a mixture of two drachms of hydrochloric acid and two ounces of cold water, a boiling hot solution of 136 grains of corrosive sublimate in four ounces of distilled water, and stirs the mixture for a few seconds. The mercury of the corrosive chloride is thrown down in the form of a black powder, to which, after the liquid has been drawn off by means of a pipette, 30 grains of sugar, 100 grains of powdered liquorice, and about a drachm of glycerin are added. The mass, being transferred to a porcelain slab, is allowed to become sufficiently dry, and then mixed with enough glycerin and liquorice to make it weigh 300 grains. (*P. J. Tr.*, ii. 165.) Theoretically, this appears to be a good process; but only a long experience of its practical advantages would justify its substitution for a plan which has been followed for so many years with results, upon the whole, so satisfactory. An obvious objection to the process is the possibility, with carelessness of manipulation, of having in the preparation a minute proportion of corrosive sublimate or stannous chloride.

The blue pill is sometimes wanted in the state of powder; but, from its peculiar constitution, it is not eligible for reduction to this form, as the mercury is disposed to aggregate during pul-

* The mercurial mass is very apt to contain less than the due proportion of the metal. This was frequently the case with the mass as formerly imported. The fraud may be detected by the following plan of estimating the proportion of mercury, suggested by Prof. Reid, of New York, and modified by a committee of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. A certain weight of the mercurial mass, say fifty grains, is mixed with about one-fourth of its weight of iron filings, and introduced into a small green glass bulb, at the end of a somewhat curved tube, the open extremity of which is inserted, through a cork, into alcohol, contained in a broad-mouthed glass vial; another tube, open at both ends, passing through the cork, in order to permit the escape of uncondensed gases. Heat is then applied to the bulb by means of a spirit-lamp, is gradually increased until the glass becomes red hot, and continued for an hour. The alcohol in the vial dissolves the empyreumatic products, and, by being allowed to rise in the tube, and then expelled, serves to wash out any mercury that may be condensed upon its sides. The alcohol is poured off from the condensed mercury, which is then washed with fresh alcohol, dried, and weighed. (See *A. J. P.*, xvii.)

verization, and, from the honey it contains, it is apt, when pulverized, to attract moisture from the air. Mr. Chas. Bullock recommends the following method of preparing a powder which, as nearly as possible, represents the blue pill, in reference to its therapeutic effects:

Powdered Blue Mass. Take of finely powdered Elm-bark, finely powdered Sugar, and Mercury, equal parts, and of Alcohol a sufficiency. Rub the mercury with the powdered bark, adding from time to time enough alcohol to maintain a pasty consistence, till the mercury is completely extinguished; then spread the mass on paper to dry. When dry, powder it, add the sugar, and rub the mixture thoroughly until the powder will pass through a sieve of fine bolting-cloth. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 271.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This mass is among the mildest of the mercurials, being less liable than most others to act upon the bowels, and exercising the peculiar influence of the remedy upon the system with less irritation. It is much employed for producing the sialagogue and alterative action of mercury. For the former purpose, three grains (0·20 Gm.) may be given two or three times a day; and in urgent cases the dose may be increased. Even this preparation sometimes disturbs the bowels. It should then be given combined with a little opium, or in very minute doses, as half a grain or a grain (0·03–0·065 Gm.) of the mass, repeated every hour or two through the day, so as to allow of its absorption before a sufficient quantity has been administered to act as an irritant. With a view to the alterative effect upon the digestive organs, three grains (0·20 Gm.) may be given every night, or every other night, at bedtime, and followed in the morning, if the bowels should not be opened, by a small dose of laxative medicine. From five to fifteen grains (0·33–0·97 Gm.) of the mass are occasionally given as a cathartic, in cases requiring a peculiar impression upon the liver; but when used for this purpose it should always either be combined with or speedily followed by a more certain purgative. The *blue mass* may often be administered with advantage suspended in water by the intervention of thick mucilage; and it forms an excellent addition to the chalk mixture in *diarrhœa*, particularly that of children, when the biliary secretion is deficient or otherwise deranged.

MASTICHE. U. S., Br. Mastic.

(MĂS'TĮ-ĢHĒ—mȧs'tį-kē.)

"A concrete resinous exudation from Pistacia Lentiscus, Linné (nat. ord. Anacardieæ)." *U. S.* "A concrete resinous exudation obtained by making incisions in the bark of the stem and large branches of Pistacia Lentiscus, Linn." *Br.*

Mastich; Mastix, *P. G.;* Resina Mastiche; Mastic, *Fr.;* Mastice, *It.;* Almastiga, *Sp.;* Sakes, *Turk.;* Arah, *Arab.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-cleft. *Corolla* none. FEMALE. *Calyx* three-cleft. *Corolla* none. *Styles* three. *Drupe* one-seeded. *Willd.*

Pistacia lentiscus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 753; *B. & T.* 68. The *lentisk* is a shrub or small tree, seldom more than twelve feet in height, much branched towards the top, and furnished with petiolate, abruptly pinnate leaves. The leaflets are from eight to twelve, and usually alternate, with the exception of the two upper, which are opposite. They are ovate-lanceolate, entire, obtuse, often mucronate, and sessile upon the common footstalk, which has a narrow foliaceous expansion on each side. The flowers are diœcious, and very small. The male are in an axillary ament; the female are arranged alternately upon a common peduncle, which is also axillary. The tree is a native of the countries bordering upon the Mediterranean. The fruit yields by expression a fixed oil, of a deep-green color, and liquid at about 90° F., which the Arabs of North Africa use both as an article of diet and for light. A resinous exudation from the stem and branches is the official part, but it does not appear to be collected in all places where the tree flourishes.

Mastic is obtained chiefly from the island of Scio, or Chios, in the Grecian Archipelago, where the tree is cultivated for this product. Incisions are made in the trunk and principal branches, from which the juice slowly exudes, and either hardens in tears upon the bark, or drops on the ground, where it is received upon cloths or the bare earth, and concretes in irregular masses. The tears are most esteemed, and are the only form recognized by the U. S. P. They are of various sizes, oval or roundish, often compressed, smooth, semi-transparent, of a pale-yellow color, of a shining fracture, friable, and usually covered with a whitish powder, occasioned by their friction against each other. They are brittle, but become plastic when chewed. The masses consist of yellowish agglutinated tears, with others of a darker color and less translucent, and often fragments of wood, bark, or earthy matter intermingled.*

* In a more recent account by M. J. Léon Soubeiran, it is stated that the juice is obtained not only by incision, but by spontaneous exudation from the branches, where it concretes in drops, which, after hardening, are gathered

Mastic is nearly inodorous, unless rubbed or heated, when it becomes fragrant. Its taste is weak, but agreeably terebinthinate, and, after long chewing, very slightly acrid. It is at first friable under the teeth, but soon becomes soft and ductile, and acquires a white opaque appearance. Its sp. gr. is 1·074. It is fusible and inflammable by heat. Alcohol dissolves about 90 per cent. of it, leaving a viscid substance which becomes brittle when dried, and for which the name of *masticin* or *beta-resin of mastiche* has been proposed. This substance, though not dissolved by alcohol, softens and swells up in it, as gluten does in water. According to Berzelius, it possesses the same general properties as copal, and should be considered as a variety of resin. Hlasiwetz gives $C_{20}H_{31}O$ as the formula of the resin. The portion dissolved by the alcohol is called by Johnston *alpha resin of mastiche* or *mastichic acid* because of its acid properties, and has the formula $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$. (*Handwörterbuch der Chemie*, iv. p. 280.) Mastic is wholly soluble in ether, chloroform, and oil of turpentine, scarcely soluble in the fixed oils, and insoluble in water. It consists chiefly of resin, with *masticin*, and a volatile oil, which can scarcely be said to have been obtained in a separate state, though it imparts flavor to alcohol and water distilled from the mastic, especially when this has been previously triturated with an equal weight of potassium carbonate. Prof. Flückiger, through Schimmel & Co., of Leipsic, ascertained that this volatile oil is present in mastic to the extent of 2 per cent. He found it to be a terpene of the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$. Schimmel & Co. (*Semi-annual Report*, April, 1893) state that fresh mastic resin of the 1892 crop yielded about 1 per cent. of a powerful balsamic essential oil of the same odor as the raw material, a sp. gr. of 0·858 at 15° C., and an optical rotation (100-Mm. tube) of +25°. Mastic is occasionally adulterated with olibanum, sandarach, and other resinous bodies, and, in seasons of scarcity, with sea-salt.

The present shipments from Chios are estimated at 30,000 kilos annually.

Medical Properties and Uses. Mastic was formerly thought to possess properties analogous to those of the turpentines, and was used in *debility of the stomach*, *hæmoptysis* from ulceration, *leucorrhœa*, *chronic diarrhœa*, etc.; but its virtues were overrated, and it is at present scarcely ever given internally. In the East, however, an aqueous infusion is said to be still used in infantile *cholera;* and the Greeks employ cataplasms made by mixing it with bread and red wine, which they apply to the lower abdomen. (*Landerer.*) It is sometimes employed to fill the cavities of carious teeth, for which purpose it is well fitted by its softness. Great quantities of it are consumed in Turkey, where it is habitually chewed by the women, under the impression that it sweetens the breath and preserves the gums and teeth. The alcoholic solution has been employed as a styptic in *bleeding from the nose*, *leech-bites*, etc., being applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil directly to the bleeding vessel. Dissolved in alcohol or oil of turpentine, it forms a brilliant varnish. A solution made by macerating half an ounce of mastic and fifteen grains of caoutchouc in two fluidounces of chloroform, and filtering in close vessels, forms a valuable *microscopic varnish*. The following mode of applying it to carious teeth has been recommended. Dissolve four parts of mastic in one of ether, in a bottle well stopped. With the solution thus formed, which is yellow and of an oily consistence, saturate a small piece of cotton of the size of the carious cavity, and, having well cleansed and dried the cavity, introduce the cotton, without painful pressure, so as to fill it exactly. The resin attaches itself to the diseased surface of the tooth, which it protects from the air, and from the food taken into the mouth.

MATICO. U. S. (Br.) Matico.

(MĂT'Ị-CŌ.)

"The leaves of Piper angustifolium, Ruiz et Pavon (nat. ord. Piperaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Piper angustifolium, Ruiz and Pavon (Artanthe elongata, Miq.)." *Br.*

Maticæ Folia, *Br.;* Matico Leaves; Feuilles de Matico, *Fr.;* Maticoblätter, *G.*

The genus Artanthe, separated by Miquel from Piper, embraces nearly a hundred species diffused through South and Central America, but it is hardly entitled to rank higher than a sub-genus. The generic characters assigned to it by Miquel are as follows:

Spikes solitary, opposite the leaves. *Flowers* hermaphrodite. *Style* none. *Bracts* peltate or cucullate.

under the name of tears, which constitute the most valued part of the drug. But the greater part of the resin comes from longitudinal incisions in the stem, made with a knife, close together, and extending from the root to the branches. In fifteen or twenty days the resin has become concrete, and is collected in little panniers of white paper or cotton cloth. Great care is taken to prevent it from falling on the ground and becoming soiled by the earth, and if any is thus soiled it is immediately cleansed at the time of collection. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov.–Déc. 1870, p. 359.)

Artanthe elongata. Miquel; Lindley, *Med. and Œconom. Bot.* p. 133, fig. 195.—*Piper angustifolium.* Ruiz and Pavon, *Flor. Peruv.*—*Piper elongatum.* Vahl. This is a shrub with a jointed stem about twelve feet in height. In a dried specimen received from Dr. Ruschenberger, of the U. S. Navy, the leaves are sessile or very shortly petiolate, oval-lanceolate, acuminate, from 2 to 6 inches long by about an inch in breadth, bright green on the upper surface, paler and downy beneath, finely crenate, tessellated above, reticulate beneath, the meshes small, and the veins densely brownish-hairy; of an agreeable aromatic odor, and a strong spicy taste. The spikes are solitary, opposite the leaves, and cylindrical. The bracts are peltate or cucullate; the flowers hermaphrodite. The plant is a native of Peru, although found in other parts of South America.

The leaves, spikes, and stalks are mixed together, and more or less compressed, in the packages of the imported drug, and are all possessed of activity, though the leaves only are recognized by the Pharmacopœias. They are officially described as "from 10 to 15 Cm. long, short-petiolate, oblong-lanceolate, apex pointed, base unequally heart-shaped, margin very finely crenulate, tessellated above, reticulate beneath, the meshes small, and the veins densely brownish-hairy; aromatic, spicy, and bitterish." *U. S.* They are readily pulverized, forming a light, greenish, absorbent powder. According to Dr. Hodges, they contain chlorophyll, a soft dark-green resin, brown and yellow coloring matters, gum, salts, lignin, a light-green, thickish volatile oil, and a peculiar bitter principle, which he calls *maticin*, soluble in water and in alcohol, but not in ether. (*Philos. Mag.*, Sept. 1844, p. 206.) According to Mr. Wiegand, the maticin of Dr. Hodges is a salt of potassa. Mr. John J. Stell, who examined the drug in the expectation of discovering a principle analogous to cubebin or piperin, failed in the attempt. Flückiger found it to contain 2·7 per cent. of the volatile oil, which was slightly dextrogyre and boiling in large part at 180° C.–200° C. In winter-time it deposited large crystals of a camphor fusing at 103° C. and having the odor and taste of the oil. The crystals have the formula $C_{12}H_{20}O$ according to Kügler, and are perhaps the ethyl-derivative of ordinary camphor. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.* [16], p. 2841; also *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 477.) Matico also affords, according to Marcotte, a crystallizable acid named *artanthic acid*, with some tannin. (*Pharmacographia*, Flückiger and Hanbury, 2d ed., p. 590.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Matico is an agreeable aromatic tonic and stimulant, having a tendency, like cubeb, to act on the urinary passages. It has long been known as a medicine in Peru. Dr. Martius speaks of its use by the natives externally as a vulnerary, and internally as an aphrodisiac (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1843); and, according to Dr. Scrivener, who practised medicine at Lima, it is much employed in Peru locally for arresting *hemorrhage*, and in the treatment of *ulcers*. (*A. J. P.*, xviii.) In 1839 it was taken to England, and was prescribed by Dr. Jeffreys, of Liverpool, with advantage, in diseases of the mucous membranes, as *gonorrhœa*, *leucorrhœa*, *menorrhagia*, *catarrh of the bladder*, *hemorrhoids*, and *epistaxis*. Others have employed it with benefit in similar cases and in *diarrhœa;* and it is said to have proved useful in *hæmoptysis*, *hæmatemesis*, *dysentery*, and *hæmaturia*. Dr. Ruschenberger gives strong testimony in its favor in several of the diseases mentioned. Its most useful internal application is probably as an alterative stimulant to the diseased mucous membranes. If efficient as a hæmostatic, it must be on principles similar to those upon which oil of turpentine acts; for it is not astringent. As a local styptic it probably acts mechanically in the same manner as does agaric. The dose of the powder is from half a drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.) three times a day. The tincture and the fluid extract are official.

Prof. Bentley, of London, describes a new variety of matico, brought from a port of Central America, consisting of broken leaves, spikes, and branches, which he referred to another species of the same sub-genus, *Artanthe adunca*, growing in the West Indies and various parts of South America. The medicine is distinguishable from the genuine by the want of the reticulated upper surface and downy under surface which characterize the latter. Prof. Bentley found the sensible properties of the new variety identical with those of the old, and it is probably not inferior in medicinal action. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1864.)

MATRICARIA. U. S. Matricaria. [German Chamomile.]

(MĂT-RĪ-CĀ'RĪ-Ą.)

"The flower-heads of Matricaria Chamomilla, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Flores Chamomillæ Vulgaris, *P. G.;* Fleurs de Chamomille commune (d'Allemagne), *Fr.;* Kamille, Kamillenblumen, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx flat, imbricate, with scales having scarious margins. *Receptacle* naked, terete. *Pappus* none.

Matricaria chamomilla. Linn. *Sp. Plant.* 1256. This is an annual plant, with a branching stem a foot or two in height, bearing alternate leaves about two inches long, the lower ones tripinnate, the upper bipinnate or simply pinnate, and all of them very green, and nearly or quite smooth. The leaflets are linear and very small. The flowers appear singly at the ends of the stem and branches. They are about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, with the ray spreading. The scales of the calyx are obtuse, green in the middle, and whitish, membranous, and translucent at the margin. The ray-florets are white, at first spreading, and ultimately reflected. The disk is of a deep-yellow color, at first flat, but in the end convex, and even somewhat conical.

The plant is a native of Europe, and is occasionally cultivated in our gardens. All parts of it are active; but the flowers only are official. These shrink in drying, so that they are scarcely half as large as in their recent state. Those found in commerce are imported from Germany. They are officially described as "about 15 to 20 Mm. broad, composed of a flattish, imbricate involucre, a conical, hollow, naked receptacle, which is about 5 Mm. high, about fifteen white, ligulate, reflexed ray-florets, and numerous yellow, tubular, perfect disk-florets without pappus; strongly aromatic and bitter. The similar flower-heads of *Anthemis arvensis* Linné, and *Maruta cotula* De Candolle (nat. ord. *Compositæ*), have conical, solid, and chaffy receptacles." *U. S.*

The dried flowers of the Matricaria are considerably smaller than those of common chamomile, and exhibit a larger proportion of the disk-florets compared with those of the ray. They have a strong, peculiar, rather unpleasant odor, and a disagreeable bitter taste. Their active constituents are volatile oil and bitter extractive, which are readily taken up by water and alcohol. The oil, which is obtained by distillation with water, is thick, somewhat tenacious, of a fine deep blue color becoming green and brown by age, and almost opaque in mass. Though supposed by Gerhardt to be identical with the oil of chamomile (*Anthemis nobilis*), it has been shown to be distinct. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1862, p. 429.) It congeals at —4° F., has the sp. gr. 0·93, and contains a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a colorless oil, $C_{10}H_{16}O$. The blue color is due to a volatile principle called *azulene* by Piesse, and *cærulein* by Gladstone and others. This, when distilled with potassium, yields a terpene $(C_{10}H_{16})_3$, and with phosphoric oxide a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{14}$. (Kachler, *Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, iv. p. 36.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Matricaria is a mild tonic, very similar to chamomile in medical properties, and, like it, in very large doses an emetic. It is considered also in Europe to be antispasmodic and anthelmintic. It is much employed in Germany, but in this country scarcely at all, unless by German practitioners. It may be given for the same purposes and in the same manner as chamomile.

MEL. U. S., Br. Honey.

(MĔL.)

"A saccharine secretion deposited in the honey-comb by Apis mellifica, Linné (class, Insecta; order, Hymenoptera)." *U. S.* "A saccharine secretion deposited in the honey-comb by Apis mellifica." *Br.*

Miel, *Fr.;* Honig, *G.;* Miele, *It.;* Miel, *Sp.*

Naturalists have not yet determined whether honey is a secretion of the bee, *Apis mellifica*, or exists already formed in plants. It is certain that the nectaries of flowers contain a saccharine matter, which is extracted by the insect; and the fact is well known that the flavor and character of honey are very much affected by the nature of the plants which predominate in the vicinity of the hive,—so much so that when these plants are poisonous the fluid sometimes partakes of their noxious qualities. Several cases of poisoning from eating honey from a particular source are recorded in the *New Jersey Medical Reporter* for November, 1852, p. 46.* Still, it probably undergoes change in the organs of the bee, as the saccharine matter of the nectaries, so far as it has been possible to examine it, lacks some of the characteristic properties of honey.† The finest honey is that which is allowed to drain from the

* According to H. Bley, poisonous honey is sometimes imported into Europe from Trebizond, and also from America, and he attributes the toxic properties to the bees feeding upon *Datura stramonium* and *Gelsemium*. (*Pharm. Zeit.*, Nov. 1885.)

† *Propolis.* This is a resinous substance, deposited by bees at the base of the hive, and in other parts which require protection from the outer air, of a nature entirely different from that of wax or honey, and supposed to be intended for the protection of the comb from injurious external agencies. Dr. H. O. Hitchcock (*Chicago Med. Journ.*, 1867) considers it one of the best remedies in simple mucous *diarrhœa*, even when severe and attended with pain and vomiting. In many cases only a single dose is required. It appears to possess anodyne and soporific properties. He has found it also efficacious in *dysentery* in the early stage; but it has proved useless in the disease when fully established. In *chronic diarrhœa*, even of the kind contracted in camp and remarkable for its obstinacy, it has

comb. If obtained from hives that have never swarmed, it is called *virgin honey*. An inferior kind is procured by submitting the comb to pressure; and if heat be employed previous to expression, the product is still more impure.

In the recent state honey is fluid; but on being kept it is apt to form a crystalline deposit, and to be ultimately converted into a soft granular mass. In commerce it is found of every consistence, from that of a viscid liquid like thin syrup or oil, to that of lard or soft suet. Its color is sometimes white, but usually yellowish, and occasionally of a brownish or reddish tinge. It has a peculiar agreeable odor, varying somewhat with the flowers from which it was collected, and a very sweet, feebly aromatic taste, which is followed by a slight prickling or sense of acrimony in the fauces. Its sp. gr. is about 1·333. (*Duncan.*) Cold water dissolves it readily, alcohol with less facility. "A syrupy liquid of a light yellowish to pale yellowish-brown color, translucent when fresh, but gradually becoming opaque and crystalline, having a characteristic, aromatic odor, and a sweet, faintly acrid taste. When recent Honey is diluted with 2 parts of water, the resulting liquid should be almost clear, not stringy, and should have a specific gravity not lower than 1·100 (corresponding to a specific gravity of 1·375 for the original Honey). Honey has a faintly acid reaction towards litmus paper. If 1 part of Honey be dissolved in 4 parts of water, a clear or nearly clear solution will result, which should not be rendered more than faintly opalescent by a few drops of silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chlorides*), or of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphates*). If 1 volume of Honey be diluted with 1 volume of water, and a portion of this liquid gradually mixed with 5 volumes of absolute alcohol, it should not become more than faintly opalescent (as compared with the reserved portion of the solution), and should neither become opaque, nor deposit a slimy substance on the inner walls and bottom of the test-tube. And when Honey is incinerated, in small portions at a time, in a platinum crucible, it should not leave more than 0·2 per cent. of ash (absence of *glucose* and *foreign inorganic substances*). On boiling 1 part of Honey with 5 parts of water, the resulting solution, when cold, should not be rendered blue or green on the addition of iodine test-solution (absence of *starch*)." *U. S.* It is essentially a strong aqueous solution of mixed dextrose and levulose, the mixture being known as "glucose," and amounting generally to from 70 to 80 per cent.

The following analyses of pure, unadulterated honey show the variations in its composition. They were made by Dr. J. Campbell Brown (*Analyst*, iii. 269).

Locality.	Levulose.	Dextrose.	Sucrose.	Wax, Pollen, and Insoluble Matter.	Ash.	Water expelled at 100° C.	Water expelled above 100° C. and Loss.
English	37·04	36·11	None.	Good trace.	·15	19·10	7·60
Welsh	37·66	39·24	None.	Trace.	·14	16·40	6·56
Normandy	37·36	42·02	None.	Slight trace.	·17	15·50	4·95
German	33·56	36·16	None.	Trace.	·17	19·11	11·00
Greek	40·43	31·77	None.	·05	·15	19·80	7·80
Lisbon	37·69	34·51	None.	Nearly 1·0	·14	18·80	6·86
Jamaica	33·60	34·80	2·2 (?)	2·1	·25	19 46	7·58
California	38·29	35·57	None.	Good trace.	·11	17·90	8·13
Mexican	36·39	35·04	None.	Trace.	·97	18·47	10·03

The glucose may be obtained by treating granular honey with a small quantity of alcohol, which, when expressed, takes along with it the other ingredients, leaving the crystals nearly untouched. The same end may be obtained by melting the honey, saturating its acid with

seemed to act like a charm. It is of a dark reddish or yellowish-brown color, of a shining fracture, an aromatic taste and smell, quite insoluble in water, nearly so in ether, but readily dissolved by alcohol and solution of potassa. Dr. Hitchcock has used both a tincture and an alkaline solution; the former (two drachms of propolis and four fluid-ounces of alcohol) in doses of from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.); the latter (two drachms of the resin to a fluidrachm of liquor potassæ and four fluidounces of a menstruum consisting of equal parts of water and simple syrup) in the dose of half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.) after each stool.

Bee-bread is the name given to a material found in some of the cells of the comb, consisting mainly of the pollen of plants. (*Chicago Med. Examiner*, Sept. 1865.) Dr. Jas. S. Whitmire found that in the dose of a drachm (3·9 Gm.) three times a day it caused great increase of the urinary secretion. No disagreeable effects followed its use, except a slight flatulency and looseness of the bowels. It is entirely palatable and inoffensive to the stomach. (*A. J. P.*, 1866.)

Eucalyptus Honey, or Black Honey. This honey, a detailed description of which may be found in U. S. D., 16th ed., appears to have been not a natural but a sophisticated article.

calcium carbonate, filtering the liquid, then setting it aside to crystallize, and washing the crystals with alcohol. Inferior honey usually contains a large proportion of uncrystallizable sugar and vegetable acid. Diluted with water, honey undergoes the vinous fermentation. In warm weather, honey itself, if not very pure, sometimes ferments, acquiring a pungent taste and deeper color.* Starch is said to be occasionally added to the inferior kinds to give them a white appearance. The adulteration may be detected by dilution with water, which dissolves the honey and leaves the starch at the bottom of the vessel. The nature of the deposit may be tested by the tincture of iodine. The presence of added water may be suspected from the greater thinness of the liquid, and its want of disposition to crystallize.

Honey is largely adulterated with artificial glucose. This may be detected by the official tests, but the safest method is to determine the sugar by the use of Fehling's solution. The grape sugar may be determined directly in a weighed quantity of honey. An equal weight of the same honey is boiled with 2-per-cent. sulphuric acid, and the sugar may be determined after inversion; finally the dextrin may be determined in a third portion by precipitation with alcohol. The difference in the quantity of sugar found before and after inversion is so great as to furnish a certain method for distinguishing natural and artificial honey. According to Oscar Haenle, glucose can also be detected by first dialysing thoroughly and then polarizing, under which circumstance, if glucose be present, rotation to the right occurs; if the honey be pure the light is not affected. Undialysed honey ordinarily polarizes to the left, but unadulterated conifer-honeys are dextrogyre. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Honey possesses the same medical properties as sugar, but is more disposed to affect the bowels. Though largely consumed as an article of food, it is seldom employed medicinally, except as a vehicle. Its taste and demulcent qualities render it a useful addition to gargles; and it is sometimes employed as an application to *foul ulcers*.

MEL BORACIS. Br. Borax Honey.

(MĔL BO-RĀ'CĬS.)

Mel Sodii Boratis, *U. S.* 1870; Honey of Borax, Honey of Borate of Sodium; Miel boraté, Mellite de Borax, *Fr.;* Boraxhonig, *G.*

"Take of Borax, in fine powder, *sixty grains;* Glycerine *thirty grains;* Clarified Honey *four hundred and eighty grains.* Mix." *Br.*

This preparation was very properly dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the 1880 revision, as it may well be left to extemporaneous prescription. The U. S. formula of 1870 was practically identical with the British process given above. It is used in the thrush of infants, and in aphthous ulcerations of the mouth.

MEL DESPUMATUM. U. S. (Br.) Clarified Honey.

(MĔL DĔS-PŪ-MĀ'TŬM.)

Mel Depuratum, *Br.;* Miel déspumé, Mellite simple, *Fr.:* Gereinigter Honig, *G.*

"Honey, *a convenient quantity.* Glycerin, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Honey intimately with *two per cent.* of its weight of paper-pulp, which has been previously reduced to shreds, thoroughly washed and soaked in water, and then strongly expressed and again shredded. Then apply the heat of a water-bath, and, as long as any scum rises to the surface, carefully remove this. Finally, add enough Distilled Water to make up the loss incurred by evaporation, strain, and mix the strained liquid with *five per cent.* of its weight of glycerin." *U. S.*

"Take of Honey *five pounds.* Melt the honey in a water-bath, and strain, while hot, through flannel, previously moistened with warm water." *Br.*

The U. S. 1890 method of clarifying honey is new as far as the Pharmacopœia is concerned: paper-pulp is very effective as a clarifying agent, and the glycerin offers some protection to the honey against change. Honey may be made brilliant by hot filtration through paper. (See Remington's *Practice of Pharmacy,* "Hot Filtration," p. 217.)

Honey, by the heat of the water-bath, becomes so fluid that the wax and other lighter impurities which it contains rise to the surface and may be skimmed off; while the heavier substances which may have been accidentally or fraudulently added, such as sand or other earth, sink to the bottom. A neat method of separating is described in *N. R.*, Feb. 1880. It is as follows. "Pour the honey into a perfectly clean cylindrical vessel, with straight sides,

* Dr. Müllenhoff believes that the honey is preserved in the sealed cells of the comb by the secretion with it of a minute quantity of formic acid, and has found by experiment that the addition of one part of 25-per-cent. formic acid is sufficient to keep permanently 250 parts of honey; but in this connection it should be remembered that the absence of contact with the air would account for the preservation of honey in the comb.

rather narrow, and having a small lip at the open margin, and heat the vessel on a water-bath. When the water is hot, pour enough honey into the vessel to fill it to within about 1 inch of the edge, and allow it to remain at rest in the water-bath, at a moderate heat, for about one hour. During this time, most of the impurities will rise to the top, while some others may sink to the bottom. Now remove the vessel very carefully from the water-bath, and pour on top of the hot honey, very gently, a sufficient amount of cold water to fill the vessel completely. This will cause all the impurities floating on the honey at once to rise to the top of the cold water, where they will often solidify to a tough skin or cake, which may be taken off without difficulty. Then pour off the water through the lip, remove the last remnants, if necessary, by means of blotting-paper, and filter the honey through a piece of well-washed, wetted, and dense white flannel. The resulting product—if the honey be pure—will be very brilliant." The French Codex simply directs six pounds of white honey to be heated with two pounds of water, skimmed, concentrated to 30° B. while boiling hot, and then strained through flannel.

The following method of clarifying honey is recommended by André von Hirschberg. Boil 25 pounds of honey, to which half the quantity of water has been added, with a pulp obtained by stirring three sheets of white blotting-paper with water, over a slow fire, till the paper is reduced to minute fibres. When the mixture cools, put it into a woollen filtering bag, previously moistened, and allow the honey to pass. It comes away quite clear. The pulp may then be washed, and the dark liquid evaporated by a water-bath to the proper consistence. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix.) Another process, recommended by A. Hofmann, is to dissolve 28 pounds of honey in twice its weight of water, heat the solution to the boiling point, and then add a solution of three drachms of gelatin in three times its weight of water, and afterwards an aqueous solution of one drachm of tannin, or an infusion of two drachms of galls. The mixture is to be well stirred, and kept hot for an hour. Lastly, seven-eighths of the honey may be drawn off clear, the remainder filtered through flannel, and the whole evaporated. (*Ibid.*, xv. 121.) The use of tannin is objectionable, however, on account of its solubility in honey, and the danger of honey so purified reacting when brought in contact with ferric salts. For other processes of purifying honey, see 14th edition of this work, p. 1321, and *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 19; also 1879, pp. 193, 598, and 1880, p. 132. Heugel's method is to mix two pounds each of honey and water with a half-ounce of magnesium carbonate, frequently agitate for two or three hours, filter through doubled white filtering-paper, boil slowly, remove the scum carefully, and evaporate upon a steam-bath to a syrupy consistence.

Honey clarified with calcium carbonate and animal charcoal, or as in the first process described, is as clear and colorless as syrup made with sugar, but still retains a peculiar flavor. It is less disposed to ferment than crude honey, and is said not to be so liable to produce griping pain when swallowed.

MEL ROSÆ. U. S. Honey of Rose.

(MĔL RŌ'ṢÆ.)

Mel Rosatum, *P. G.;* Mellitum Rosatum; Mellite de Roses rouges, Miel Rosat, *Fr.;* Rosenhonig, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Rose, *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 27 minims]; Clarified Honey, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains. Into a tared vessel introduce the Fluid Extract of Rose, then add enough Clarified Honey to make the contents weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], and mix them thoroughly." *U. S.*

Though one of the officials in the late London and Edinburgh Pharmacopœias, the Honey of Rose has been dropped in the British. The U. S. formula is based on that of Prof. Grahame. (See *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 443.) Honey of rose forms a pleasant addition to the gargles employed in *inflammation* and *ulceration* of the *mouth and throat.*

MELISSA. U. S. Melissa. [Balm.]

(MĘ-LĬS'SĄ.)

"The leaves and tops of Melissa officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Folia Melissæ, *P. G.:* Herba Melissæ; Lemon Balm; Herbe au Citron, Mélisse, *Fr.;* Melissenblätter, Citronenkraut, Garten-Melisse, *G.;* Melissa, *It.;* Torongil, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx dry, nearly flat above; with the upper lip sub-fastigiate. *Corolla*, upper lip somewhat arched, bifid; lower lip with the middle lobe cordate. *Willd.*

Melissa officinalis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 146; Woodv. *Med. Bot.*, p. 334, t. 119. Balm has a perennial root, which sends up annually several erect quadrangular stems, usually branched towards the base, and a foot or two in height. The leaves are about two inches long, are opposite,

ovate or cordate, obtuse, deeply serrate, glandular or pubescent; the lower on long footstalks, the uppermost nearly sessile. The flowers are white or yellowish, upon short peduncles, and in axillary whorls of four or five, surrounding only half the stem. The calyx is tubular, pentangular, and bilabiate, with the upper lip tridentate and flattened, the lower cut into two pointed teeth. The corolla is whitish or purplish, tubular and bilabiate, the upper lip less convex and notched, the lower three-cleft. The plant is a native of the south of Europe. It has been introduced into this country, where it is cultivated in gardens and grows wild along the fences of our roads and lanes. For use the herb should be cut before the appearance of the flowers, which begin to expand in July. In the fresh state it has a fragrant, lemon-like odor, but is nearly inodorous when dried. The taste is somewhat austere, and slightly aromatic. The herb contains a minute proportion of a yellowish essential oil, which has its peculiar flavor in a very high degree. It contains also tannin, bitter extractive, and gum.

Medical Properties and Uses. Balm produces scarcely any remedial effects upon the system. The quantity of oil which it contains is not more than sufficient to communicate an agreable flavor to the infusion, which forms an excellent drink in febrile complaints, and when taken warm tends to promote the operation of diaphoretic medicines.

MENISPERMUM. U. S. Menispermum. [Yellow Parilla. Canadian Moonseed.]

(MĔN-Ĭ-SPĔR'MŬM.)

"The rhizome and roots of Menispermum Canadense, Linné (nat. ord. Menispermaceæ)." *U. S.*

Gen. Ch. Sepals four to eight. *Petals* six to eight, short. *Stamens* twelve to twenty in the sterile flowers, as long as the sepals. *Anthers* four-celled. *Pistils* two to four in the fertile flowers, raised on a short, common receptacle. *Stigma* broad and flat. *Drupe* globular. *Gray's Manual.*

M. canadense. L. This is a woody, climbing plant, which grows throughout the eastern United States, as the only species of its genus there native. It is specifically characterized by its peltate three- to seven-lobed leaves, its small clusters of greenish-yellow flowers, and its somewhat kidney-shaped glaucous fruit, which is ripened in the month of September. Its root was first brought into market as *Texas Sarsaparilla*, and identified by Prof. Robt. P. Thomas. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 7.)

Properties. Menispermum is officially described as follows: "Rhizome several feet long, 5 Mm. thick, brown or yellowish-brown, somewhat knotty, finely wrinkled longitudinally and beset with numerous thin, rather brittle roots; fracture tough, woody; internally yellowish, the bark rather thick, the wood-rays broad, porous, and longest on the lower side; pith distinct. Nearly inodorous; taste bitter." *U. S.* Prof. J. M. Maisch proved the presence of a white alkaloid, and of a small quantity of berberine. The former reacts with the usual alkaloidal precipitants, is not very soluble in water, but soluble in alcohol and ether. H. L. Barber (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 401) obtained the white amorphous alkaloid above referred to, for which Prof. Maisch proposed the name *menispine*. He gives, moreover, a comparison of the properties of this alkaloid with those of menispermine and oxyacanthine. Starch was also found in the root. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 301.)

Medical Properties. In an unpublished inaugural dissertation by Dr. George F. Terrell (Feb. 1844), it is stated that the root of this plant is considerably employed in Virginia, both in domestic practice and by physicians, as a substitute for sarsaparilla in *scrofulous affections.* It is also reputed to be tonic, but is very rarely used in regular practice, and is probably inert.

MENTHA PIPERITA. U. S. Peppermint.

(MĔN'THĄ PĪ-PĘ-RĪ'TĄ.)

"The leaves and tops of Mentha piperita, Smith (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Folia (Herba) Menthæ Piperitæ, *P. G.;* Menthe poivrée, *Fr.;* Pfefferminze, Pfeffermünze, *G.;* Menta piperita, *It.;* Pimenta piperita, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla nearly equal, four-cleft; the broader segment emarginate. *Stamens* upright, distant. *Willd.*

Several species of Mentha possess medicinal properties. Besides the two here described, namely, *M. piperita* and *M. viridis*, the *Mentha pulegium*, under the name of *pulegium* or *pennyroyal*, long held a place in the British Pharmacopœias, but is no longer recognized. The portions of this plant used, and their application to the treatment of disease, were similar to those of other mints. The plant is specifically characterized by its roundish prostrate stems, its

ovate, obtuse, somewhat crenate leaves, and its verticillate flowers. It is a native of Europe, and neither cultivated nor employed in this country; our native pennyroyal belonging to a different genus. (See *Hedeoma.*)

Mentha piperita. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 79; *B. & T.* 203; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.*, ii. 16, pl. 63. Peppermint is a perennial herbaceous plant, with a creeping root, and quadrangular, channelled, purplish, somewhat hairy stems, branched towards the top, and about two feet in height. The leaves are about two inches long, opposite, petiolate, ovate, serrate, pointed, smoother on the upper than on the under surface, and of a dark-green color, which is paler beneath. The flowers are small, purple, and in terminal obtuse spikes, interrupted below, and cymosely arranged. Late in the season, the growth of the lateral lower branches often gives to the inflorescence the appearance of a corymb. The calyx is tubular, furrowed, and five-toothed, often purplish; the corolla is purplish, tubular, with its border divided into four segments, of which the uppermost is broadest, and notched at its apex. The four short stamens are concealed within the tube of the corolla; the style projects beyond it, and terminates in a bifid stigma.



Peppermint leaf. 1, epidermis of the upper side, showing gland and hair; 2, epidermis of the under side, showing stomata, gland, and hair.

This species of mint is a native of Great Britain, whence it has been conveyed to the continent of Europe and to this country. In some parts of the United States, especially in New England and Michigan, the western part of New York, Ohio, and New Jersey, it is largely cultivated* for the sake of its volatile oil, and is often found growing wild. It should be cut for medical use in dry weather, about the period of the expansion of the flowers. These appear in August.

The herb, both in the recent and in the dried state, has a peculiar, penetrating grateful odor. There is sometimes difficulty in distinguishing between the leaves of *M. piperita* and those of *M. viridis.* According to Joseph Schrenk, crystals can always be detected in the glandular hairs of the peppermint, but are absent in those of the spearmint. The crystals are doubly refractive, and so transparent that sometimes a polariscope is necessary for their easy detection. These crystals have been thought to be menthol, but they seem not to dissolve in alcohol, and their nature remains doubtful. The taste is aromatic, warm, pungent, glowing, camphorous, bitterish, and attended with a sensation of coolness when air is admitted into the mouth. These properties depend on a volatile oil, of which from 1 to 1·25 per cent. can be obtained from the herb. The leaves are said to contain a little tannic acid. The virtues of the herb are imparted to water, and more readily to alcohol.

Medical Properties and Uses. Peppermint is a grateful aromatic stimulant, much used for all the purposes to which medicines of this class are applied. To allay *nausea*, relieve *spasmodic pains of the stomach and bowels*, expel *flatus*, and cover the taste or qualify the nauseating or griping effects of other medicines, are among the most common of these purposes. The fresh herb, bruised and applied to the epigastrium, often allays *sick stomach*, and is useful in the *cholera of children.* The medicine may be given in infusion; but the volatile oil, either alone or in some state of preparation, is generally preferred. (See *Oleum Menthæ Piperitæ.*)

MENTHA VIRIDIS. U. S. Spearmint.

(MĔN'THA VĬR'Ĭ-DĬS.)

"The leaves and tops of Mentha viridis, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Herba Menthæ Acutæ (vel Romanæ); Menthe verte, Menthe romaine, Baume vert, Menthe à épi, *Fr.;* Grüne Münze, Römische Minze, *G.;* Menta Romana, *It.;* Yerba buena puntiaguda, *Sp.*

Mentha viridis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 76; *B. & T.* 302. Spearmint, sometimes called simply *mint*, differs from *M. piperita* chiefly in having sessile or nearly sessile, lanceolate, naked leaves; elongated, interrupted, panicled spikes; setaceous bracts; and stamens longer than the tube of the corolla. Like the preceding species, it is a native of Europe. In this country it is cultivated for domestic use and for the sake of its oil. It also grows wild in low grounds in long-settled parts of the country. Its flowering season is August. According to Thomson, it should be cut in very dry weather, and, if intended for medical use, just as the flowers appear; if for obtaining the oil, after they have expanded.

The odor of spearmint is strong and aromatic, the taste warm and slightly bitter, less pun-

* Twenty thousand tons of the peppermint plant are said to be produced annually in the United States. For interesting details, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1881, vol. xix.; *N. R.*, 1881, 1883; *A. J. P.*, 1883, 1885.

gent than that of peppermint, but considered by some to be more agreeable. These properties are retained for some time by the dried plant. They depend on a volatile oil, which is obtained by distillation, and is imparted to alcohol and water by maceration. (See *Oleum Menthæ Viridis.*) The virtues and applications of this plant are the same as those of peppermint.

MENTHOL. U. S., Br.

$C_{10}H_{19}OH$; 155·66. (MĔN'THŎL.) $C_{10}H_{20}O$.

"A stearopten (having the character of a secondary alcohol), obtained from the official oil of peppermint (from Mentha piperita, Smith), or from Japanese or Chinese oil of peppermint (from Mentha arvensis, Linné, var. piperascens, Holmes, and Mentha canadensis, Linné, var. glabrata, Holmes; nat. ord. Labiatæ.) Menthol should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.* "A stearoptene obtained by cooling the oil distilled from the fresh herb of Mentha arvensis, D. C., vars. piperascens et glabrata; and of Mentha piperita, Sm." *Br.*

This substance was admitted to the British Pharmacopœia of 1885, and is one of the new officials of the U. S. P. 1890. It has had a very extended use as an external remedy in neuralgia, but its popularity is now greatly on the wane. It is officially described as "in colorless acicular crystals, usually more or less moist from adhering oil; or in fused crystalline masses. Its melting point should not exceed 110° F. (43°·3 C.). The hardest masses do not melt below 108° F. (42°·2 C.). It has the odor and flavor of peppermint, producing warmth on the tongue, or, if air is inhaled, a sensation of coolness. It is sparingly soluble in water, and readily soluble in rectified spirit, the solutions having a neutral reaction. Boiled with sulphuric acid diluted with half its volume of water, menthol acquires an indigo-blue or ultramarine color, the acid becoming brown. It should be entirely dissipated by the heat of a water-bath." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1890 describes it as follows: "Colorless, acicular or prismatic crystals, having a strong and pure odor of peppermint, and a warm, aromatic taste, followed by a sensation of cold, when air is drawn into the mouth. Menthol is only slightly soluble in water, but imparts to the latter its odor and taste. It is freely soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, or glacial acetic acid. It melts at 43° C. (109·4° F.) to a colorless liquid, boils at 212° C. (413·6° F.), and volatilizes slowly at the ordinary temperature. When it is triturated with about an equal weight of camphor, thymol, or chloral hydrate, the mixture becomes liquid. Its alcoholic solution is neutral to litmus paper, and deviates polarized light to the left. If a little Menthol be heated in an open capsule, on a water-bath, it should gradually volatilize without leaving any residue (absence of *wax*, *paraffin*, or *inorganic substances*). If a few crystals of Menthol be dissolved in 1 C.c. of glacial acetic acid, and then 3 drops of sulphuric acid and 1 drop of nitric acid added, no green color should be produced (absence of *thymol*)."

Menthol belongs to the class of camphors. Its formula may be written $C_{10}H_{19}OH$, as it forms compound ethers with acids. It is considered to be a hydroxyl derivative of hexahydrocymene, $C_{10}H_{20}$. Chromic acid oxidizes menthol to *dextro-* and *lævo-menthol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, which sustain the same relation to menthol that ordinary camphor bears to borneol. The *menthones* are liquids, with an odor resembling that of peppermint. They boil at 206° C. Distillation with zinc chloride or phosphoric anhydride changes it into liquid *menthene*, $C_{10}H_{18}$, boiling at 163° C. Menthol from peppermint and menthol from Japanese oil of peppermint were shown by Henry Trimble to be practically identical. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, 1885, and *Amer. Drug.*, 1885.) Menthol has been grossly adulterated with various substances, spermaceti, paraffin, etc., and sold, after being compressed into pencils or cones, as a panacea for headache and neuralgia.

Medical Properties and Uses. According to the experiments of Pellacani, menthol in sufficient dose, taken internally, is capable of paralyzing the spinal nerve-centres, and also the nerve-trunks, destroying both motility and sensibility. It has not been used in internal medicine, although the British Pharmacopœia gives the dose of it as from one and one-half to two grains, but it is very largely employed as a local anæsthetic application for the relief of *neuralgic pains*, *toothache*, *sciatica*, etc. When it is applied in solid form to the skin it produces a burning pain, associated with a sensation of cold and some benumbing of the skin, and it is chiefly used in the shape of cones without dilution. According to Dr. S. A. Russel, an ethereal solution of the strength of from ten to fifty per cent. applied two or three times a day has a remarkable power of controlling superficial inflammations, such as *boils*, *carbuncles*, etc. Its solution (from two to ten grains in a fluidounce of water) is said to be effective in *pruritus ani*, *chronic painful eczemas*, *urticaria*, etc.

METHYL SALICYLAS. U. S. Methyl Salicylate. [Artificial (or Synthetic) Oil of Wintergreen.]

$CH_3C_7H_5O_3$; 151·64. (MĒ′THĬL SĂL-Ĭ-CĪ′LĂS.)

"Methyl Salicylate, produced synthetically. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

Methyl salicylate, or artificial oil of wintergreen, has been introduced into the U. S. P. 1890 largely because of its extensive use and on account of its being a manufactured product: it is asserted that it can be produced of more uniform quality and is more definite and certain in its action than either the oil from gaultheria or the oil from birch, which are natural oils. (See *A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 398; *Pharm. Rundschau*, 1889, 283; see, also, 1892, 7–9.) Methyl salicylate may be made by distilling salicylic acid, or a salicylate, with methyl alcohol and strong sulphuric acid. The following process was devised by G. M. Beringer, *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 8. Dissolve half an ounce of salicylic acid in two fluidounces of absolute methylic alcohol, then gradually add one fluidounce of sulphuric acid; warm gently for twenty-four hours, then distil from a retort into which a current of steam is introduced. The distillate is to be well washed, and separated by decantation. The odor improves with age.

Properties. Methyl salicylate is officially described as "a colorless or slightly yellowish liquid, having the characteristic, strongly aromatic odor and the sweetish, warm, and aromatic taste of Oil of Gaultheria, with the essential constituent of which it is identical. It is wholly identical with Volatile Oil of Betula (see *Oleum Betulæ Volatile*). Specific gravity, 1·183–1·185 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point: 219°–221° C. (426·2°–429·8° F.). It is optically inactive. Soluble, in all proportions, in alcohol, glacial acetic acid, or carbon disulphide. The alcoholic solution is neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper. If a drop of Methyl Salicylate be shaken with a little water, and a drop of ferric chloride test-solution subsequently added, a deep violet color will be produced. When heated on a water-bath, in a flask provided with a suitable condenser, it should yield no distillate having the characteristics of *alcohol* or *chloroform*. If to 1 C.c. of Methyl Salicylate, contained in a capacious test-tube, 10 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution be added, and the mixture agitated, a bulky, white, crystalline precipitate will be produced; then, if the test-tube, loosely corked, be allowed to stand in boiling water for about five minutes, with occasional agitation, the precipitate should dissolve, and form a clear, colorless or faintly yellowish solution, without the separation of any oily drops, either on the surface or at the bottom of the liquid (absence of *other volatile oils*, or of *petroleum*). If the alkaline liquid thus obtained be subsequently diluted with about three times its volume of water, and a slight excess of hydrochloric acid added, a white crystalline precipitate will be produced which, when collected on a filter, washed with a little water, and recrystallized from hot water, should respond to the tests of identity and purity described under *Acidum Salicylicum* (absence of *methyl benzoate*, etc.)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. So far as is known, the physiological and remedial properties of the artificial oil of gaultheria do not differ from those of the natural product. (See *Oleum Gaultheriæ*.)

MEZEREUM. U. S. (Br.) Mezereum.

(MĒ-ZĒ′RĒ-ŬM.)

"The bark of Daphne Mezereum, Linné, and of other species of Daphne (nat. ord. Thymelaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried bark of Daphne Mezereum (Linn.), or of Daphne Laureola (Linn.)." *Br.*

Mezerei Cortex, *Br.;* Mezereon Bark; Cortex Mezerei, *P. G.;* Cortex Thymeleæ (vel Coccognidii); Ecorce de Mézéréon, de Garou, de Lauréole, de Thymélée, Bois gentil, *Fr.;* Kellerhals, Seidelbastrinde, Kellerhalsrinde, *G.;* Mezereo, *It.;* Mecereon, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Corolla* four-cleft, withering, enclosing the stamens. *Drupe* one-seeded. *Willd.*

All the species of Daphne are possessed of active properties; but three only are official,—*D. mezereum*, *D. laureola*, and *D. gnidium*, the first two of which are recognized in the British Pharmacopœia, the last in the French Codex.

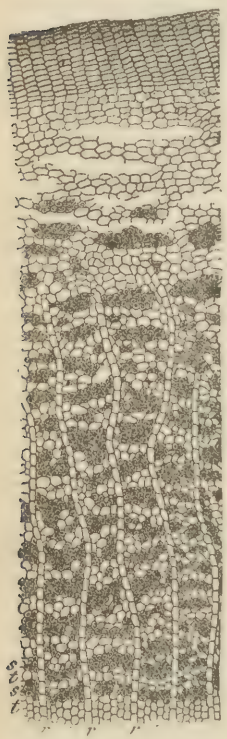
1. *Daphne mezereum.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 415; *B. & T.* 225; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 26, pl. 72. This is a very hardy shrub, three or four feet high, with a branching stem, and a smooth, dark-gray bark, very easily separable from the wood. The leaves spring from the ends of the branches, are deciduous, sessile, obovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth, of a pale-green color, somewhat glaucous beneath, and about two inches long. They are preceded by the

flowers, which appear very early in spring, and sometimes bloom even amidst the snow. These are of a pale rose color, highly fragrant, and disposed in clusters, each consisting of two or three flowers, forming together a kind of spike at the upper part of the stem and branches. At the base of each cluster are deciduous floral leaves. The fruit is oval, shining, fleshy, of a bright red color, and contains a single round seed. Another variety produces white flowers and yellow fruit.

This species of Daphne is a native of Great Britain and the neighboring continent, in the northern parts of which it is particularly abundant. It is cultivated in Europe both for medicinal purposes and as an ornamental plant, and is occasionally found in our own gardens. It flowers in February, March, or April, according to the mildness of the climate.

2. *Daphne gnidium.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 420; *B. & T.* 227. In this species, called *garou* or *sain-bois* by the French, the leaves are linear-lanceolate, acute, entire, smooth, and irregularly but closely set upon the branches. The flowers are white, downy, odoriferous, and disposed in terminal panicled racemes. The fruit is globular, dry, at first green, but ultimately black. *D. gnidium* grows in dry uncultivated places in the south of Europe, and flowers in June. In France its bark is used indiscriminately with that of the former species.

Besides the species above described, *Daphne laureola*, or *spurge laurel*, is said to furnish a portion of the mezereum of commerce, and is recognized by the Br. Pharmacopœia; but its product is inferior in acrimony, and consequently in medicinal activity.



Mezereum bark. *r*, medullary rays; *s*, bast-bundles; *t*, parenchymatous tissue. (After Berg.)

The bark of the root was formerly directed; but the mezereum with which our markets are supplied is evidently the bark of the stem; and the Pharmacopœias at present very properly direct the bark, without designating the part from which it must be taken. British writers state that the bark of the root is the most active. The berries and leaves of the plant are also active; and the former have sometimes proved fatal to children who have eaten them. Pallas states that they are used as a purgative by the Russian peasants, and that thirty berries are required to act. French authors observe that fifteen are sufficient to kill a Frenchman. A tincture of them is used in Germany as a local application in *neuralgia*. Mezereum is brought to us chiefly from Germany.

Properties. Mezereum, as it comes to us, is usually in strips, from two to four feet long, and an inch or less in breadth, sometimes flat, sometimes partially rolled, and always folded in bundles or wrapped in the shape of balls. It is covered externally with a grayish or reddish brown wrinkled epidermis, with transverse scars and minute black dots, very thin, and easily separable from the bark. Beneath the epidermis is a soft, greenish tissue. The inner bark is tough, pliable, fibrous, striated, and of a whitish color, with a silky surface. When fresh it has a nauseous smell, but in the dry state is nearly inodorous. Its taste is at first sweetish, but afterwards highly acrid and even corrosive. It yields its virtues to water by decoction.

Vauquelin discovered a peculiar principle in the bark of *Daphne alpina*. This has subsequently been found in other species, and has received the name of *daphnin*. Gmelin and Bär found it in the bark of *D. mezereum*, associated with wax, an acrid resin, a yellow coloring matter, reddish-brown extractive, an uncrystallizable and fermentable sugar, a gummy matter containing nitrogen, ligneous fibre, malic acid, and several malates. By J. B. Eng it has been discovered, together with a volatile oil, in the flowers of *D. mezereum*. (*Wittstein's Viertelj.*, viii. 23.) *Daphnin* is in prismatic crystals grouped together, colorless, transparent, brilliant, slightly soluble in cold water, very soluble in boiling water and alcohol, without odor, and of a bitter, somewhat austere taste. By Zwenger it is said to be insoluble in ether. The same chemist states that it has an acid reaction, and acts like the glucosides, being resolvable by sulphuric or hydrochloric acid into sugar, and a peculiar crystallizable principle called *daphnetin*, $C_9H_6O_4 + H_2O$. He gives for daphnin the formula $C_{15}H_{16}O_9 + 2H_2O$, the same as that of *æsculin*, of which it is, therefore, an isomer. (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, cxv. 1.) It is obtained by treating the alcoholic extract of the bark

with water, decanting the solution, precipitating with lead subacetate, filtering, decomposing the excess of the subacetate by hydrogen sulphide, again filtering, evaporating to dryness, submitting the residue to the action of anhydrous alcohol, and evaporating the alcoholic solution to the point of crystallization. Though daphnin is probably not inert, it is not the principle upon which the virtues of mezereum chiefly depend. Vauquelin thinks that in the recent plant they reside in an essential oil, which by time and exposure is changed into a resin, without losing its activity. The acrid resin observed by Gmelin and Bär is probably the characteristic principle to which the bark owes its vesicating properties. It is obtained separate by boiling mezereum in alcohol, allowing the liquor to cool in order that it may deposit some wax which it has taken up, then distilling off the alcohol, and treating the residue with water, which leaves the resin. This is of a dark green, almost black color, hard and brittle, and of an exceedingly acrid and permanent taste. In the isolated state it is slightly soluble in water; and it is much more so when combined with the other principles of the bark. It appears, however, not to be a pure proximate principle, but rather a resinoid combination of an acrid fixed oil with another substance. The acrid principle of mezereum is partially given off by decoction with water, as proved by the irritating character of the vapor; but none of it appears to escape when the bark is boiled with alcohol. (Squire, *P. J. Tr.*, i.) Messrs. W. Will and O. Jung have investigated daphnetin, which was shown in 1879 by Stünkel to be *dioxycoumarin;* they obtained but about one ounce of daphnetin from fifty pounds of extract of mezereon, and they proved that it has the same relation to pyrogallic acid that coumarin has to phenol, or umbelliferone to resorcin. (*A. J. P.*, 1885.) *Coccognin*, isolated in 1870 by Casselmann from the fruits of *D. mezereum*, appears to be closely allied to, if not identical with, daphnin. By the dry distillation of an alcoholic extract of mezereum bark, Zwenger obtained *umbelliferone*, $C_9H_6O_3$.

Medical Properties and Uses. The recent bark applied to the skin produces inflammation followed by vesication, and has been popularly used as an epispastic, from time immemorial, in some of the southern countries of Europe. The dried bark, though less active, is possessed of a similar property, and is occasionally employed in France by regular practitioners for the purpose of forming issues. A small square piece, moistened with vinegar, is applied to the skin, and renewed twice a day till a blister is formed, and occasionally afterwards to keep up the discharge. It is slow in its operation, generally requiring from twenty-four to forty-eight hours to vesicate. An irritant ointment* is prepared from mezereum, which is used for maintaining the discharge from blistered surfaces, and may be applied advantageously to obstinate, ill-conditioned, indolent *ulcers*. An alcoholic extract has also been employed to communicate irritant properties to issue-peas. Internally administered, mezereum is a stimulant capable of being directed to the skin or kidneys, and in large doses apt to excite purging, nausea, and vomiting. In overdoses it produces the fatal effects of the acrid poisons; and a case of apparently severe narcotic effects has been recorded. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xxi.) It had at one time much reputation as a remedy in the *secondary stages of syphilis*, and still enters as an ingredient into the official compound decoction of sarsaparilla. It has also been thought to act favorably as an alterative in *scrofulous affections*, *chronic rheumatism*, and *obstinate diseases of the skin*. For this purpose it is usually administered in decoction. The dose of the bark in substance is ten grains (0·60 Gm.); but it is seldom used.

MICA PANIS. Br. Crumb of Bread.

(MĪ'CĄ PĀ'NĬS.)

"The soft part of bread made with wheaten flour." *Br.*

Mie du Pain, *Fr.;* Brodkrumen, *G.*

See *Farina Tritici*, page 598.

* *Unguentum Mezerei.* U. S. 1880. *Mezereum Ointment.* (*Pommade épispastique au Garou, Pommade de Mézéréon*, Fr.; *Seidelbastsalbe*, G.) "Fluid Extract of Mezereum, *twenty-five parts* [or two fluidrachms]; Lard, *eighty parts* [or three hundred and sixty grains]; Yellow Wax, *twelve parts* [or fifty-four grains] [To make about one ounce av.]. Melt together the Lard and Wax with a moderate heat, add the Fluid Extract, and stir the mixture constantly until the alcohol has evaporated; then continue to stir until cool." *U. S.*

This ointment is equivalent to the *Pommade épispastique au Garou* of the French Codex, which is prepared from the bark of *Daphne gnidium*. It may also be made, as proposed by Guibourt, by mixing two drachms of the alcoholic extract of mezereum with nine ounces of lard and one ounce of wax. It is used as a stimulating application to *blistered surfaces* and to obstinate, ill-conditioned, and indolent *ulcers*.

MISTURÆ. Mixtures.

(MIS-TŪ'RÆ.)

Mixtures, *Fr.;* Mixturen, *G.*

This term should be restricted, in the language of pharmacy, to those preparations in which insoluble substances, whether solid or liquid, are suspended in watery fluids, by the intervention of gum arabic, sugar, yolk of egg, or other viscid matter. When the suspended substance is of an oleaginous nature, the mixture is properly called an *emulsion*, and the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 has recognized them by creating a special class for these. (See *Emulsa*, page 502.) The object of these preparations is usually to facilitate the administration, to conceal the taste, or to obviate the nauseating effects of unpleasant medicines; and their perfection depends upon the intimacy with which the ingredients are blended. Some skill and care are requisite for the production of uniform and perfect mixtures. As a rule, the body to be suspended should be thoroughly mixed by trituration with the substance intended to act as the inter-medium, before the aqueous vehicle is added. In Great Britain, and to some extent in this country, the term mixture is used indiscriminately for aqueous medicinal liquids having more than one ingredient, and for aqueous liquids which cannot be easily classified. Many of such liquids are perfectly transparent and should be in the class of Solutions.

MISTURA CREASOTI. Br. Creasote Mixture.

(MIS-TŪ'RA CRĒ-A-SŌ'TĪ.)

Mixture de Créosote, *Fr.;* Kreosot-Mixtur, *G.*

"Take of Creasote, Glacial Acetic Acid, of each, *fifteen minims;* Spirit of Juniper *half a fluidrachm;* Syrup *one fluidounce;* Distilled Water *fifteen fluidounces.* Mix the Creasote with the Acetic Acid, gradually add the Water, and lastly the Syrup and Spirit of Juniper." *Br.*

The dose of this mixture is a fluidounce (30 C.c.), containing a minim of creosote.

MISTURA CRETÆ. U. S., Br. Chalk Mixture.

(MIS-TŪ'RA CRĒ'TÆ.)

Mixture avec la Craie, *Fr.;* Kreidemixtur, *G.*

"Compound Chalk Powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Cinnamon Water, *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Compound Chalk Powder, in a mortar, with the Cinnamon Water and about *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water gradually added, to a uniform mixture; transfer this to a graduated vessel, and rinse the mortar with enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the whole thoroughly. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted." *U. S.*

"Take of Prepared Chalk *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Syrup *half a fluidounce;* Cinnamon Water *seven fluidounces and a half.* Triturate the Chalk and Gum Acacia with the Cinnamon Water, then add the Syrup and mix." *Br.*

The direction that this mixture be prepared extemporaneously is a decided improvement. Unsuccessful attempts have been repeatedly made to devise a formula which would yield a permanent product, and much injury has been done through the dispensing of chalk mixture in an incipient fermentative condition. The trifling amount of glycerin present in the chalk mixture official in 1870 was totally inadequate to preserve it during the warm summer months, when it is in greatest vogue. Compound Chalk Powder is now official (see *Pulvis Cretæ Compositus*); it will keep indefinitely, and, besides being itself a valuable addition to the materia medica, is quickly made into chalk mixture by rubbing it with the water and cinnamon water, so that there can be no excuse for not dispensing a fresh mixture. This mixture is a convenient form for administering chalk, and is much employed in *looseness of the bowels* accompanied with acidity. Laudanum and kino or catechu are very often added to increase its astringency. The dose is a tablespoonful (15 C.c.) frequently repeated.

MISTURA FERRI AROMATICA. Br. Aromatic Mixture of Iron.

(MIS-TŪ'RA FĔR'RĪ ĂR-O-MĂT'I-CA.)

Mixture de Fer aromatique, *Fr.;* Aromatische Eisenmixtur, *G.*

"Take of Red Cinchona Bark, in powder, *one ounce;* Calumba Root, in coarse powder, *half an ounce;* Cloves, bruised, *a quarter of an ounce;* Fine Iron Wire *half an ounce;* Compound

Tincture of Cardamoms *three fluidounces;* Tincture of Orange Peel *half a fluidounce;* Peppermint Water *a sufficiency.* Macerate the Cinchona Bark, Calumba Root, Cloves, and Iron with twelve fluidounces of the Peppermint Water, in a closed vessel, for three days, agitating occasionally; then filter the liquid, adding as much Peppermint Water to the filter as will make the product measure twelve and a half fluidounces; to this add the tinctures, and preserve the mixture in a well-stopped bottle." *Br.* The weights used in this process are the avoirdupois, and the measures the Imperial.

This is an aromatic infusion of Peruvian bark and calumba, and has no claim to the title given it in the British Pharmacopœia, as it contains but a minute proportion of iron, insufficient for remedial effect. In consequence of the action of the vegetable principles on the wire, enough of the metal is taken up to impart a greenish-black color to the liquor; but the quantity is scarcely appreciable, as the iron appears to be hardly diminished by the process. The mixture may be given as a tonic in the dose of from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

MISTURA FERRI COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Iron Mixture.

[Griffith's Mixture.]

(MIS-TŪ'RA FĔR'RĪ CŌM-PŎS'I-TA.)

Mixture de Griffith, *Fr.;* Griffith's Eisenmixtur, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in clear crystals, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Myrrh, in small pieces, *eighteen grammes* [or 278 grains]; Sugar, *eighteen grammes* [or 278 grains]; Potassium Carbonate, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Spirit of Lavender, *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Rose Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Myrrh, Sugar, and Potassium Carbonate, in a mortar, with *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of Rose Water, at first very gradually added, so that a uniform mixture may result. Transfer this to a graduated vessel, add the Spirit of Lavender, then the Ferrous Sulphate, previously dissolved in about *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims] of Rose Water, and, lastly, enough Rose Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the whole thoroughly. This preparation should be freshly made when wanted." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *twenty-five grains;* Carbonate of Potassium *thirty grains;* Myrrh, Refined Sugar, of each, *sixty grains;* Spirit of Nutmeg *four fluidrachms;* Rose Water *nine and a half fluidounces.* Reduce the Myrrh to powder, add the Carbonate of Potassium and Sugar, and triturate them with a small quantity of the Rose Water, so as to form a thin paste; then gradually add more Rose Water and the Spirit of Nutmeg, continuing the trituration and further addition of Rose Water until about eight fluidounces of a milky liquid is formed; then add the Sulphate of Iron dissolved in the remainder of the Rose Water, mix thoroughly, and preserve the mixture as much as possible from contact with the air." *Br.*

This is very nearly the same with the celebrated tonic or anti-hectic myrrh mixture of Dr. Griffith. The ferrous sulphate is decomposed by the potassium carbonate, with the production of potassium sulphate and ferrous carbonate; while the excess of the alkaline carbonate forms a saponaceous compound with the myrrh. The mixture is at first of a greenish color, which it loses upon exposure to the air, in consequence of the conversion of the ferrous carbonate into the ferric compound. Mr. C. A. Staples remedies this tendency by making a concentrated myrrh emulsion of such strength that one fluidrachm of it contains the amount of myrrh and potassium carbonate found in a fluidounce of the official mixture, and also a concentrated syrup of ferrous sulphate, fifteen minims of which equal one fluidounce of Mistura Ferri Composita. When the latter is called for, the emulsion, properly diluted, is put in a bottle and the requisite quantity of the iron syrup added. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1871.) The official solution may, however, be kept for some time without change, if the vessel in which it is contained be well closed; but the best plan is to prepare it extemporaneously. The sugar contained in it contributes somewhat to retard the further oxidation of the ferrous salt, and if considerably increased in amount would act still more efficiently. The finest pieces of myrrh in lump should be selected, and rubbed down for the occasion with a little of the rose water, as the powdered myrrh of commerce is often impure, and otherwise does not make a good mixture, owing mainly to its loss of volatile oil.

This mixture is a good tonic in *debility of the digestive organs*, especially when attended with derangement of the menstrual function. Hence it is used with advantage in *chlorosis* and

hysterical affections. It has been also much employed in the hectic fever of *phthisis* and *chronic catarrh.* It is contra-indicated by the existence of inflammation of the gastric mucous membrane. The dose is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) two or three times a day.

MISTURA GLYCYRRHIZÆ COMPOSITA. U. S. Compound Mixture of Glycyrrhiza. [Brown Mixture.]

(MĬS-TŪ'RĄ GLĬÇ-ĮR-RHĪ'ZÆ CǪM-PǪ̆'Į-TĄ.)

Mixture de Réglisse, *Fr.;* Lakritzen-Mixtur, *G.*

"Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Syrup, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Mucilage of Acacia, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Camphorated Tincture of Opium, *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 28 minims]; Wine of Antimony, *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Spirit of Nitrous Ether, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in a mortar, with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, until it is dissolved. Transfer the solution to a graduated vessel containing the other ingredients, and rinse the mortar with enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the whole thoroughly." *U. S.*

This is an exceedingly popular cough mixture, which was made official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850. The Sugar in the U. S. 1880 formula has been replaced by Syrup, and the mixture made sweeter, and the Acacia has been replaced by Mucilage of Acacia. The latter change is of doubtful utility; indeed, the stability of the mixture would be improved if acacia were left out entirely: the "body" which seems to be needed could be much better supplied by the use of glycerin. The substitution in the official process of 1880 of pure Extract of Liquorice for the former impure powdered extract was undoubtedly an improvement; although by the change the mixture has lost somewhat its original appearance, and a large proportion of the precipitate which gave it a distinctive character. The spirit of nitrous ether is probably useful by somewhat retarding decomposition. The dose is from one to two tablespoonfuls (15–30 C.c.) for an adult; a teaspoonful (3·75 C.c.) for a child two years old. It should be well shaken when administered.

MISTURA GUAIACI. Br. Guaiacum Mixture.

(MĬS-TŪ'RĄ GUĀ'IĄ-CĪ—gwā'yą-sī.)

Emulsio Resinæ Guaiaci; Emulsion de Résine de Gaïac, Lait de Gaïac, *Fr.;* Guajak-Emulsion, *G.*

"Take of Guaiacum Resin, Refined Sugar, of each, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, powdered, *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Cinnamon Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Triturate the Guaiacum with the Sugar and the Gum, adding gradually the Cinnamon Water." *Br.*

For the changes of color which the Guaiac in this mixture undergoes, and which it produces in other substances, see *Guaiaci Resina*, page 669. From one to four tablespoonfuls (15–60 C.c.) may be given for a dose, repeated two or three times a day, or more frequently.

MISTURA OLEI RICINI. Br. Castor Oil Mixture.

(MĬS-TŪ'RĄ Ō'LĘ-Ī RIÇ'Į-NĪ.)

"Take of Castor Oil *six fluidrachms;* Oil of Lemon *ten minims;* Oil of Cloves *two minims;* Syrup *one and a half fluidrachms;* Solution of Potash *one fluidrachm;* Orange Flower Water sufficient to produce *two fluidounces.* Mix the oils in a mortar, then incorporate one-third of the solution of potash, and afterwards the syrup, then an additional third of the solution of potash, then, gradually, half of the orange flower water, the remainder of the solution of potash, and, lastly, sufficient orange flower water to produce the required volume." *Br.*

This is a new saponaceous mixture of the British Pharmacopœia, which might be termed a "perfumed dose of castor oil." The dose is from one-half to two fluidounces (15–60 Cc.).

MISTURA RHEI ET SODÆ. U. S. Mixture of Rhubarb and Soda.

(MĬS-TŪ'RĄ RHĒ'Ī ĔT SŌ'DÆ.)

"Sodium Bicarbonate, *thirty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 103 grains]; Fluid Extract of Rhubarb, *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims]; Fluid Extract of Ipecac, *three cubic centimeters* [or 49 minims]; Glycerin, *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces,

400 minims]; Spirit of Peppermint, *thirty-five cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 88 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Sodium Bicarbonate in about *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Then add the Fluid Extracts, the Glycerin, and the Spirit of Peppermint, and, lastly, enough Water to make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This is a preparation which closely resembles one which has been used in Brooklyn, N.Y., the formula of which was published by Dr. E. R. Squibb. The ingredients in the original preparation were fluid extract of ipecac 51 minims, fluid extract of rhubarb 256 minims, sodium bicarbonate 512 grains, glycerin 12 fluidounces, peppermint water 2 pints. The formula in the U. S. P. 1880 did not contain fluid extract of ipecac. The official mixture may be given to children as a stomachic and carminative in the dose of from one-half to one teaspoonful (1·9–3·75 C.c.) two or three times a day.

MISTURA SCAMMONII. Br. Scammony Mixture.

(MĬS-TŪ′RĄ SCĄM-MŌ′NĮ-Ī.)

Emulsio Purgans cum Scammonia, Lac Scammonii; Emulsion purgative avec la Scammonée, Mixture de Scammonée, *Fr.;* Scammonium-Emulsion, *G.*

"Take of Scammony, in powder, *six grains;* Milk *two fluidounces.* Triturate the Scammony with the Milk, until a uniform emulsion is obtained. The mixture should be made as required for use." *Br.*

This official is an imitation of a mixture recommended by Planche. The resin of scammony mixes admirably with the vehicle, and forms an emulsion scarcely distinguishable in appearance or taste from rich milk. Of course it should be prepared only when wanted for immediate use. The whole is to be taken for a dose.

MISTURA SENNÆ COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Mixture of Senna.

(MĮS-TŪ′RĄ SĔN′NÆ CǪM-PǬŞ′Į-TĄ.)

Black Draught; Tisane de Séné composée, *Fr.;* Senna-Aufguss, *G.*

"Take of Sulphate of Magnesium *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Liquid Extract of Liquorice *one fluidounce* [av.]; Tincture of Senna *two and a half fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Compound Tincture of Cardamoms *one and a half fluidounces;* Infusion of Senna *fifteen fluidounces.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Magnesium in the Infusion of Senna with the aid of a little heat, then add the liquid extract and the tinctures." *Br.*

This is a new form of Compound Infusion of Senna, called commonly *black draught.* We prefer the form given under *Infusum Sennæ*, as being more easily prepared and quite as efficient. The dose of this mixture as given in the Br. Pharmacopœia is from one to one and a half fluidounces (30–45 C.c.).

MISTURA SPIRITUS VINI GALLICI. Br. Mixture of French Brandy.

(MĮS-TŪ′RĄ SPĬR′Į-TŬS VĪ′NĪ GĂL′LĮ-CĪ.)

Mixture de Cognac, *Fr.;* Branntwein-Mixtur, *G.*

"Take of French Brandy, Cinnamon Water, of each, *four fluidounces;* the Yolks of two eggs; Refined Sugar *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]. Rub the Yolks and Sugar together, then add the Cinnamon Water and Spirit." *Br.*

This is a nutritious and stimulant draught, applicable to the sinking stage of *low forms of fever*, but is scarcely entitled to a place in the Pharmacopœia. It serves the purpose, however, of enabling the practitioner to prescribe the stimulant under an official designation. Dose, from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

MORI SUCCUS. Br. Mulberry Juice.

(MŌ′RĪ SŬC′CŬS.)

"The juice of the ripe fruit of Morus nigra (Linn.)." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Urticaceæ.)

Succus Mororum; Suc de Mûres, Mûres, *Fr.;* Schwarze Maulbeeren, Maulbeersaft, *G.;* Morone, *It.;* Moras, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* four-parted. *Corolla* none. FEMALE. *Calyx* four-leaved. *Corolla* none. *Styles* two. *Calyx* berried. *Seed* one. *Willd.*

Morus nigra. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 36; *B. & T.* 229. This species of mulberry is distinguished by its cordate-ovate or lobed, unequally toothed, and scabrous leaves. It is a tree of middle size, supposed to have been brought originally from Persia into Italy and thence

spread over Europe and America. Its leaves afford food for the silk-worm; and the bark of the root, which is bitter and slightly acrid, has been employed as a vermifuge, especially in cases of tape-worm, in the dose of two drachms infused in eight ounces of boiling water The juice of the fruit is the official portion.

The fruit is oblong-oval, of a dark reddish-purple almost black color, and consists of numerous minute berries, united together and attached to a common receptacle, each containing a single seed, the succulent envelope of which is formed by the calyx. It is inodorous, has a sweet, mucilaginous, acidulous taste, and abounds in a deep-red juice having the sp. gr. 1·060. In an analysis made by H. Van Hees, 100 parts of mulberries yielded the following percentage results: glucose and uncrystallizable sugar, 9·19; free acid (supposed to be *malic* with admixture of *tartaric*), 1·86; albuminous matter, 0·39; pectic matter, fats, salts, and gum, 2·03; ash, 0·57; insoluble matters (the seeds, pectose, cellulose, etc.), 1·25; water, 84·71. In amount of grape sugar the mulberry is surpassed only by the cherry, 10·79, and the grape, 10·6 to 19·0. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Mulberries are refreshing and laxative, and serve to prepare a grateful drink well adapted to febrile cases. A syrup is made from their juice and used as an agreeable addition to gargles in *inflammation of the throat*. They are, however, more used as food than as medicine. The fruit of *Morus rubra*, our native mulberry, is quite equal to that of the imported species. *Morus alba*, originally from China, and now extensively cultivated as a source of food for the silk-worm, bears a white fruit, which is sweeter and less grateful than the others.

MORPHINA. U. S. Morphine.

$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3 + H_2O$; **302·34.** (MÖR-PHĪ'NA.) $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.H_2O$; 303.

"An alkaloid obtained from Opium." *U. S.*

Morphia, *U. S.* 1870; Morphinum, *P. G.*; Morphium, Morphina; Morphine, *Fr.*; Morphin, *G.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia no longer contains a process for the extraction of morphine: that of 1870, which has been known as Staples's process, is given in the foot-note.*

Various processes for preparing morphine have been employed. In most of them the morphine is extracted from opium by maceration with water, either pure or acidulated, is then precipitated by ammonia, and is afterwards purified by the agency of alcohol, or by repeated solution in a dilute acid and precipitation. Sertürner, the discoverer of morphine, made an infusion of opium in distilled water, precipitated the morphine by ammonia in excess, dissolved the precipitate in dilute sulphuric acid, precipitated anew by ammonia, and purified by solution in boiling alcohol, and crystallization.†

* "Take of Opium, sliced, *twelve troyounces;* Water of Ammonia *six fluidounces;* Animal Charcoal, in fine powder, Alcohol, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Macerate the Opium with four pints of Distilled Water for twenty-four hours, and, having worked it with the hand, again macerate for twenty-four hours, and strain. In like manner, macerate the residue twice successively with the same quantity of Distilled Water, and strain. Mix the infusions, evaporate to six pints, and filter; then add five pints of Alcohol, and afterwards three fluidounces of the Water of Ammonia, previously mixed with half a pint of Alcohol. After twenty-four hours, pour in the remainder of the Water of Ammonia, mixed, as before, with half a pint of Alcohol; and set the liquid aside for twenty-four hours that crystals may form. To purify these, boil them with two pints of Alcohol until they are dissolved, filter the solution, while hot, through Animal Charcoal, and set it aside to crystallize." *U. S.*

† The process of the French Codex is a modification of that of Sertürner. It is as follows. Take of opium 1000 parts, solution of ammonia a sufficient quantity. Exhaust the opium, by means of cold water, of all its parts soluble in that menstruum. For that purpose, it is sufficient to treat the opium, four times consecutively, with ten parts of water to one of the drug, provided care be taken to macerate the opium for some hours, and to work it with the hands. Filter the liquors, and evaporate them to a quarter of their volume. Then add sufficient ammonia to render the liquor very sensibly alkaline. Boil for some minutes, always maintaining a slight excess of ammonia. Upon cooling, the morphine, impure and much colored, will be precipitated in granular crystals, which are to be washed with cold water. Reduce this colored morphine to powder, macerate it for twelve hours in alcohol of 24° Cartier [sp. gr. about 0·900]; then decant the alcoholic liquid; dissolve the residuary morphine, already in great measure deprived of color by the cold alcohol, in boiling alcohol of 33° Cartier [sp. gr. about 0·850]; add to the solution a little animal charcoal, and filter. Upon cooling, the morphine crystallizes in colorless needles. In this state the morphine always retains some narcotine, to free it from which, boil it with ether in a flask with a long neck surmounted by a refrigeratory. Magnesia was employed by Robiquet instead of ammonia. But his process was soon abandoned, as it was found to occupy more time, to require a greater consumption of alcohol, and to be attended with a greater loss of morphine in consequence of the previous washing, than the processes in which ammonia was employed as the precipitant. For an account of it the reader is referred to former editions of this work.

A process for extracting morphine without the employment of alcohol was devised by MM. Henry, Jr., and Plisson. The opium was exhausted by water acidulated with hydrochloric acid; the resulting solution was sufficiently concentrated, then filtered, and decomposed by ammonia; the precipitate was washed and treated with hydrochloric acid to saturation; and the hydrochloric solution was boiled with animal charcoal, filtered, and evaporated to the point of crystallization. The crystals of morphine hydrochlorate thus obtained were pressed, purified by repeated solution and crystallization, and finally decomposed by ammonia. (*Journ. de Chim. Méd.*, Mars, 1828.) Somewhat similar to this is the process of Gregory, of Edinburgh, by which morphine hydrochlorate is obtained by double de-

Properties. Morphine crystallizes from alcohol in the form of small, colorless, shining crystals. It is officially described as follows: "Colorless or white, shining, prismatic crystals, or fine needles, or a crystalline powder, odorless, and having a bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 4350 parts of water, and in 300 parts of alcohol; in 455 parts of boiling water, and in 36 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 4000 parts of ether. When heated to about 75° C. (167° F.), Morphine begins to lose its water of crystallization. Heated for some time at 100° C. (212° F.), it becomes anhydrous. At 254° C. (489·2° F.) it melts, forming a black liquid. Upon ignition, it is consumed without leaving a residue. Morphine has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. When crystals of Morphine are sprinkled upon nitric acid (specific gravity 1·250 to 1·300), they will assume an orange-red color, and then produce a reddish solution gradually changing to yellow. On shaking a small portion of Morphine, in a test-tube, with 10 C.c. of chlorine water, the latter will acquire a yellowish color. On now carefully pouring a small amount of ammonia water on the surface of the liquid, a brown or reddish-brown zone will form at the line of contact of the two liquids. If to a neutral 1-per-cent. solution of Morphine, made by the careful addition of dilute sulphuric acid, a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution be added, a blue color will be produced which is destroyed by acids, alcohol, or heating. On treating Morphine with cold, concentrated sulphuric acid free from nitric acid, the liquid should not at once acquire more than a faintly yellowish tinge (absence of more than traces of *narcotine*, *papaverine*, etc.); and the subsequent addition of a small crystal of potassium permanganate should produce only a greenish, but no violet or purple, color (difference from *strychnine*). On precipitating a solution of any of the salts of Morphine by ammonia water, dissolving the washed precipitate in sodium hydrate test-solution, shaking the solution with an equal volume of ether, and evaporating the ethereal solution, no appreciable residue should remain (absence of *narcotine*, *codeine*, etc.). On adding 4 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution to 0·2 Gm. of Morphine, a clear, colorless solution, free from any undissolved residue, should result (absence of, and difference from, *various other alkaloids*)." *U. S.*

Von Gerichten and Schrötter (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1882, pp. 1484 and 2179) showed that morphine and codeine were derivatives of phenanthrene, as when distilled with zinc dust they yielded phenanthrene, pyridine, and quinoline. Knorr (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 22, p. 2081) has made it very probable that morphine contains, combined with the phenanthrene nucleus, the *morpholine* group. Morpholine, $NH<\begin{matrix}CH_2.CH_2\\CH_2.CH_2\end{matrix}>O$, is formed when dioxyethylamine is heated to 160° C. with hydrochloric acid, or is boiled with alkali. As seen from the formula, it bears a structural relation to both pyrrol and pyridine.

Heated in the open air, morphine burns with a bright flame, and at a red heat is wholly dissipated. In the products resulting from the combustion of opium or morphine this alkaloid may be detected, proving that it is partly volatilized when burned. (Descharmes, *Arch. Gén.*, Fév. 1855, p. 240.) According to Mr. Guy, morphine melts at 165·5° C. (330° F.), and sublimes at 171° C. (340° F.), leaving a carbonaceous residue. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1868, p. 375.) Morphine in solution is to a considerable extent absorbed by animal charcoal, which, though it will part with most of the alkaloid to alcohol, cannot be wholly deprived of it by repeated washings with that liquid, whether cold or hot. (Lefort, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1861, p. 98.) Its solution restores the blue color of litmus paper reddened by acids, and turns the yellow of turmeric to brown. With the acids it forms salts, which are generally soluble, and are decomposed

composition between calcium chloride and the morphine meconate of the opium, and the hydrochlorate thus obtained is decomposed by ammonia. This process was adopted by the Edinburgh College for the preparation of morphine hydrochlorate, and was retained in the Br. Pharmacopœia. (See *Morphinæ Hydrochloras.*)

Mohr has proposed a process founded on the solubility of morphine in water mixed with lime, which he recommends as the shortest and easiest method of procuring the alkaloid, without the use of alcohol, and without the possibility of contamination from narcotine. Opium is three or four times successively macerated with three parts of water, and each time strongly expressed. The liquors are then added to a boiling-hot milk of lime, containing a quantity of lime equal to about a sixth or a quarter of the opium used, and the mixture is boiled for a few minutes. It is then strained through linen, and the residue washed with boiling water and expressed. The whole of the narcotine is left behind, as not a trace of it can be discovered in the filtered liquor. The liquor thus obtained is evaporated till reduced to double the weight of the opium, then quickly filtered through paper, and heated to ebullition. Ammonium chloride is now added to it in the proportion of 1 part to 16 parts of the opium used; and the morphine is abundantly precipitated. The use of animal charcoal is unnecessary in the process, as the lime acts even more powerfully as a decolorizing agent. The crystallized morphine obtained is somewhat colored, but may be rendered pure by solution in dilute hydrochloric acid, boiling with milk of lime, filtration, and precipitation by ammonium chloride. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxxv. 119.) Various other processes, or modifications of those above described, have been proposed; but, for the preparation of small quantities of morphine by the apothecary, probably none is better than that of the U. S. P. 1870.

by the alkalies. It is dissolved also by the fixed and volatile oils. The solutions of potassa and soda also dissolve morphine, which is precipitated slowly from them on exposure to the air, in consequence of the absorption of carbonic acid. Solution of ammonia has to a certain extent the same solvent power; and hence the necessity, in precipitating morphine by this alkali, not to employ it in great excess. Solution of iodine with potassium iodide precipitates the salts of morphine in aqueous solution. With chlorine water morphine and its salts assume an orange color, and the same effect is produced on them by solution of chlorinated soda. (Fairthorne, *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 9.) By the contact of nitric acid they assume a blood-red color, which ultimately changes to yellow; and this is one of the tests of morphine; but, as the same change of color is produced with brucine and impure strychnine, it cannot be relied on in the absence of other evidence. Nitric acid also produces a red color with oil of cloves, but in this case the red does not change to yellow. When added to a solution of iodic acid, or an acidulous iodate, morphine and its salts redden the liquid and set iodine free. (*Sérullas.*) This is a very delicate test, but is not conclusive, as various other organic substances act in a similar manner. M. J. Lefort, however, has found that the color produced by these substances is removed by ammonia, while the redness produced with morphine is greatly intensified by addition of that alkali. This test, thus modified by the addition of ammonia, is so delicate that, according to M. Lefort, it will detect one part of morphine in 10,000 parts of a liquid holding it in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1861, p. 113.)* Husemann's test consists in leaving morphine or its salt in contact with concentrated sulphuric acid for 12 or 15 hours, or in heating for half an hour with the acid to 100° C. (212° F.), and then adding either a little nitric acid, a nitrate or chlorate or chlorine water, or chlorinated soda, when a beautiful bluish or reddish-violet color, passing into deep blood-red and gradually paling, is developed. The presence of small quantities of coloring matter does not prevent this reaction, if chlorinated reagents are selected. A. Husemann asserts that this test will recognize the hundredth part of a milligramme of the alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, xlvii. 210.) According to R. Schneider, a very delicate test is afforded by putting a drop of the suspected liquid on a plate, saturating with sugar, and putting alongside of it a drop of sulphuric acid; if morphine be present, a very intense purple will be developed at the point of contact, passing after half an hour into violet, then bluish green, and finally dirty yellow. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 221.) According to H. Weppen, the delicacy of this test is much increased by the addition of a minute quantity of bromine water to the solution. Codeine and aconitine are stated, however, to give the same reaction. (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., xix. 246.)

Fröhde's reagent (a fresh solution of ·005 Gm. sodium molybdate in 1 C.c. of pure concentrated sulphuric acid) strikes with morphine and its salts a beautiful blue-violet color, passing into blue, then green, finally back to bluish violet. This reaction is stated to be delicate but not characteristic. Prof. A. B. Prescott gives a thorough résumé of the views of investigators on this test in *A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 59. In the presence of sulphuric acid morphine exhibits surprising powers as a reducing agent. Among the most notable instances of deoxidation may be mentioned those of silver oxide, hydrated bismuth oxide, the acids of tin, tungsten, vanadium, titanium, and molybdenum. A solution of titanic acid in concentrated sulphuric acid is one of the most delicate reagents for morphine. An intense brown-red to violet color is produced if titanic acid is added to concentrated sulphuric acid containing a trace of morphine in solution. (Flückiger, *N. R.*, Feb. 1880. See, also, *N. R.*, 1881, p. 237.) M. H. Kalbrunner states that the most sensitive test is made with a solution (No. 1) of crystallized ferric chloride (thirty grains to four fluidrachms of distilled water) and a fresh solution (No. 2) of potassium ferricyanide (two grains in four drachms). To the suspected liquor five or six drops of No. 1 are added, and afterwards three or four drops of No. 2. If morphine be present, a color varying from deep blue to pale blue and bluish green, according to the proportion of the alkaloid, is developed. Neither gum, sugar, alcohol, glycerin, atropine, quinine, nor strychnine

* *Stas's method of extracting the Alkaloids from Mixtures.* To separate the alkaloid from foreign matters, the mixture is treated alternately with water and alcohol in different degrees of concentration: the liquors thus obtained are filtered; tartaric or oxalic acid, but preferably the former, is added in excess; the mixture is heated to 71·1° or 76·6° C. (160° or 170° F.); the whole is placed upon a filter; the deposited matter is washed with concentrated alcohol; the alcoholic solution is evaporated at a temperature not exceeding 35° C. (95° F.); the residue is introduced into a small bottle; a solution of caustic potassa or soda is added, little by little, and afterwards four or five times the measure of ether; the mixture is shaken and then allowed to stand; and, finally, the ether is decanted, and yields the alkaloid by spontaneous evaporation. Stas included morphine among the alkaloids thus separable, though known to be nearly insoluble in ether; but Lefort has shown that the process is not applicable to that alkaloid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1861, p. 99.) M. Alfred Valser, however, has ascertained that, if acetic ether be substituted for ether, the process is equally applicable to morphine. (See *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1864, p. 439.)

interferes with this test. An excess of alkali does so by decomposing the ferric chloride. This test depends upon the fact that the potassium ferricyanide solution is reduced by morphine to the ferrocyanide. It is stated that even $\frac{1}{60000}$ of one per cent. of morphine can be detected. (*Ibid.*) G. Vulpius (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, 25) states that if about 0·00025 Gm. of a morphine salt be dissolved in a porcelain dish in about six drops of concentrated sulphuric acid, a few centigrammes of sodium phosphate added, and the mixture carefully heated, white fumes will be evolved and a violet color appear. On adding water drop by drop, a brilliant red appears, which, on further addition, changes to a dirty green. If the solution be then shaken with the same volume of chloroform, the latter will be colored blue.

M. Siebold heats gently the suspected substance with some drops of concentrated sulphuric acid and a small quantity of chemically pure potassium perchlorate: a deep-brown color will be produced if morphine be present. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1873.) According to H. S. Wellcome, one part of morphine in ten thousand parts of water can be recognized by chlorine water, if care be exercised not to decolorize by an excess of the reagent; the color varies from light orange-red to deep red according to the proportion of morphine present. Brucine is the only other alkaloid giving the same reaction; but, while the color produced by morphine is discharged by excess of chlorine, that caused by brucine is not affected. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 305.) To discover morphine in the presence of quinine, see *ibid.*, p. 361. Morphine and its salts assume a fine blue color with ferric chloride; at least this is true of the alkaloid, its sulphate, acetate, and oxalate; and the same effect will be produced by the other salts, if previously decomposed by an alkali; but that this test should be satisfactory it is necessary to operate on morphine either in powder or in concentrated solution. (*Lefort.*) Water, acids, and alkalies, added in large quantity to the blue compound formed, destroy its color. According to Pelletier, moreover, there occasionally exists in opium a principle, called by him *pseudomorphine*, which becomes red under the action of nitric acid and changes ferric salts blue, and yet is destitute of poisonous properties: so that the occurrence of these phenomena in any medico-legal case cannot be considered certain evidence of the presence of morphine. (See *A. J. P.*, viii. 77.) Auric chloride precipitates morphine first yellow, then bluish, and lastly violet. (*Larocque and Thibierge.*) Copper peroxide and silver oxide are precipitated by morphine from their ammoniacal solutions. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 367, p. 54.) A solution of morphine acetate or sulphate containing only one part of the salt in 100 precipitates silver from a solution of the nitrate of that metal. (*Horsley.*) Morphine is precipitated from its solutions by potassa or soda, and redissolved by an excess of the alkali. Infusion of galls and other vegetable substances containing tannic acid precipitate morphine in the state of a tannate, which is soluble in acetic acid; but, according to Dublanc, the alkaloid is not precipitated by pure gallic acid. If ammonia be added to a mixture of the solutions of chlorine and morphine, there will be produced a dark-brown color, which will be destroyed by a further addition of chlorine.

It has been already stated that morphine, obtained in the ordinary manner, contains a considerable portion of narcotine. It is highly probable that this ingredient exercises no influence, either beneficial or injurious, upon the operation of the morphine; but, as the contrary has been supposed, various methods have been employed for separating it. The simplest and easiest is to submit the mixture to the action of ether, which dissolves the narcotine and leaves the morphine. The agency of acetic acid may also be resorted to. Distilled vinegar, or diluted acetic acid of the same strength, will dissolve the morphine and leave the narcotine, and the former may be recovered from the acetic solution by saturating the acid with ammonia. Another mode is to dissolve the mixed bases in strong acetic acid (of 7° Baumé, or sp. gr. 1·0511, for example) and expose the solution to heat. The narcotine is deposited, and the morphine, remaining in solution, may be precipitated by diluting the liquid and adding ammonia. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xvii. 640.) Wittstock advises one of the following modes. Dissolve the impure morphine in dilute hydrochloric acid, evaporate to the point of crystallization, and strongly express the crystals, which consist solely of morphine hydrochlorate, the narcotine being retained in the mother-waters:—or saturate the hydrochloric solution with common salt, which will render the liquor milky, and cause the narcotine to separate after some days; then precipitate the morphine by ammonia:—or pour into the diluted hydrochloric solution a weak lye of caustic potassa, which, if in slight excess, will dissolve the morphine at the moment of its separation, while the narcotine is precipitated; then immediately filter the liquor, and separate the morphine by neutralizing the alkali. If the potassa be in great excess, a little of the narcotine will be redissolved. (Berzelius, *Traité de Chim.*) Mohr recommends to dissolve the morphine in dilute hydrochloric acid, and to boil the solution with lime, which throws down the

narcotine and holds the morphine dissolved. The liquid when filtered yields the morphine upon the addition of ammonium chloride. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxv. 123.)

The proportion of pure morphine which Turkey opium is capable of affording varies from 9 per cent., or less, to 20 per cent., according to the quality of the drug; but much less than the least quantity mentioned is often obtained, in consequence of the incomplete exhaustion of the opium, the loss in the process for preparing it, the destructive action of heat, or inferiority in the quality of the drug. (See *Opium.*)

Medical Properties. There can be no doubt that morphine is the chief narcotic principle of opium, from which, however, it differs somewhat in its mode of action. The difference probably arises in part from the peculiar state of combination in which morphine exists in opium, but chiefly from other narcotic principles being associated with it. In consequence of its insolubility in water, morphine in its pure state is less convenient than its salts, which are therefore always preferred. The acetate, sulphate, and hydrochlorate have been employed. Between these there is a great similarity of action, and what may be said of one, in regard to its therapeutic effects, will equally apply to the others. They have the anodyne, soporific, and diaphoretic properties of opium, but are less stimulant, and less disposed to constipate the bowels. The morphine salts are perhaps less apt to cause disagreeable after-effects than is opium, but the deodorized tincture is certainly preferable to them for many purposes. A great advantage which they possess is the convenience of their external application to blistered surfaces, and the certainty of their effects when thus applied. In cases which do not admit of the internal use of opium or its preparations, morphine acetate or sulphate, sprinkled, in triple the ordinary dose, upon a blistered surface denuded of the cuticle, will be found to exercise upon the system all the influence it is capable of exerting when taken into the stomach. Applied in this manner, these salts are peculiarly useful in relieving violent neuralgic pains, and in controlling obstinate sickness of the stomach. When intended to act on the system through the medium of the skin, they should be applied preferably to the epigastrium; when to act locally, as near the affected part as possible. Solutions of the salts of morphine also sometimes operate very favorably, both generally and locally, when injected, by means of a hypodermic syringe, into the areolar tissue beneath the skin.* Oleic acid has also been proposed as a vehicle for morphine externally used, as it dissolves both the alkaloid and its salts perfectly in considerable proportion. A liniment has been proposed, consisting of 300 parts of oleic acid and 1 part of morphine, scented with a little oil of bergamot. (*Ibid.*, xxvi. 302.)

The toxicology of morphine is identical with that of opium.

As the proportion of acid necessary to neutralize morphine is very small, the dose of the alkaloid is the same as that of its salts. One-fourth of a grain (0·016 Gm.) may be considered about equivalent to a grain of opium of the medium strength.

MORPHINÆ ACETAS. U. S., Br. Morphine Acetate.

(MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ Ą-CĒ'TĂS.)

$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.C_2H_4O_2 + 3H_2O$; 398·12. $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.HC_2H_3O_2.3H_2O$; 399.

"Morphine Acetate should be kept in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Morphiæ Acetas, *Br.* 1867, *U. S.* 1870; Acetate of Morphia; Morphinum Aceticum, *P. G.*; Acetas Morphicus; Acétate de Morphine, *Fr.*; Essigsaures Morphin, *G.*

A process for this salt is no longer official: that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.†

* *Morphine Tartrate.* This has been recommended by Erskine Stuart (1880) as the salt particularly suitable for hypodermic injections, because more concentrated solutions can be obtained of it than of the hydrochlorate, sulphate, or acetate. It is very soluble in water and alcohol, forms neutral, wart-like crystals consisting of needles, and is made by dissolving 10 parts of crystallized morphine and 2·5 parts (or sufficient) of tartaric acid in 40 parts of hot distilled water, and evaporating in a moderately warm place. It must be superior to the sulphate for hypodermic purposes, because of its greater solubility.

Morphine Lactate ($C_{17}H_{19}NO_3,C_3H_6O_3$). This salt crystallizes in four-sided prisms, one part being soluble in 8 parts of water and 93 parts of alcohol. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 958.)

Morphine Hydrocyanate. Prof. J. M. Maisch has noticed that when a soluble salt of morphine is added to a solution of soluble cyanide, crystals of morphine hydrocyanate form. This salt, although sparingly soluble in water, is freely dissolved by that liquid when acidulated. It is evident that potassium cyanide and morphine should not be prescribed together in solution, except in connection with free acid.

Morphine Hydrobromate, or *Morphine Bromide* ($C_{17}H_{19}NO_3HBr + 2H_2O$), is made by double decomposition between morphine sulphate and barium bromide. (See *A. J. P.*, xliv. 447.)

Morphine Phthalate is made by adding pure morphine to a hot solution of *absolutely pure* phthalic acid as long as it is dissolved, filtering, and evaporating. One part of the salt is soluble in five parts of water. The solutions are perfectly neutral, and have been especially recommended by E. Bombelon for hypodermic use. (*Pharm. Ztg.*, 1887, 488.)

† *Morphiæ Acetas*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Morphia, in fine powder, *a troyounce*; Distilled Water *half a pint*;

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia, Acetic Acid, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in *one pint* [Imperial measure] of Distilled Water, and add Solution of Ammonia until the Morphine is precipitated and the liquid rendered slightly alkaline. Collect the precipitate on a filter, wash it with Distilled Water; then, having transferred it to a porcelain dish, add four [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water and a sufficient quantity of Acetic Acid to neutralize and dissolve it. Evaporate the solution by the heat of a water-bath, maintaining acetic acid in slight excess, until it concretes on cooling. Lastly, dry the salt with slight heat, so as to avoid much loss of acetic acid, and reduce it to powder. Keep the product in a well-stoppered bottle. Acetate of Morphine may also be prepared from acetic acid, and the pure morphine obtained direct from opium, as described in connection with Morphinæ Hydrochloras." *Br.*

In the U. S. process of 1870, morphine is saturated with acetic acid, which is employed in preference to vinegar for saturating the alkaloid, because it can leave no impurity in the resulting salt. The solution of the morphine in the water is an indication that it is saturated. A small excess of acid is attended with no inconvenience, as it is subsequently driven off by the heat. Care is required not to employ too much heat in the evaporation, as the acetate is easily decomposed, a portion of the acetic acid escaping, and leaving an equivalent portion of uncombined morphine. With attention to arrest the evaporation at a certain point, the acetate may be obtained in the state of crystals; but the crystallization is attended with some difficulty, and evaporation to dryness is almost universally preferred. Some recommend to dissolve the morphine in boiling alcohol, instead of suspending it in water, previously to the addition of the acetic acid. Less heat is thus required in the evaporation, and impurities in the morphine may often be detected, as they are apt to be insoluble in alcohol. To ascertain, in this case, whether the morphine is saturated, it is necessary to employ litmus paper, the blue color of which should not be restored if previously reddened by an acid. If the morphine used in preparing the acetate contain narcotine, it will be best to employ as the solvent distilled vinegar, or diluted acetic acid of the same strength, and to favor its solvent power by heat. Under these circumstances it dissolves only the morphine, leaving the narcotine nearly or quite untouched. (Hodgson, *Journ. Phila. Coll. Pharm.*, v.) The British process differs from that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 only in obtaining uncombined morphine, as the first step, by precipitating it from a solution of the hydrochlorate; morphine itself not being among its official preparations.

It is officially described as "a white or faintly yellowish-white, crystalline or amorphous powder, having a faint, acetous odor, and a bitter taste. It slowly loses acetic acid when exposed to the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), when freshly prepared, in 2·5 parts of water, and in 47·6 parts of alcohol; in 1·5 parts of boiling water, and in 14 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in about 1700 parts of ether, 2100 parts of cold chloroform, and 60 parts of boiling chloroform. On protracted exposure to the air the salt gradually loses some acetic acid, and becomes less soluble. When heated, the salt loses water as well as acetic acid. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral or faintly alkaline to litmus paper. The addition of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt causes a white precipitate, which is soluble in an excess of the alkali, and which conforms to the reactions and tests of Morphine (see *Morphina*). On adding sulphuric acid to the salt, vapors of acetic acid are evolved." *U. S.* Morphine acetate crystallizes in slender needles united in fasciculi. As ordinarily obtained by evaporation to dryness, it is not entirely soluble in water, a portion of it being uncombined morphine. To render it soluble, all that is necessary is to add a little acetic acid.

This and the other official salts of morphine are of identical medical value. They are almost invariably preferred to the alkaloid itself, and are given by the mouth, in pill or solution, in doses of one-eighth to one-half grain (0·008–0·03 Gm.). They are employed externally, sprinkled on blistered surfaces, and are very frequently exhibited by subcutaneous injection; but great caution must be observed that they be not thrown into a vein. We have seen one-sixth of a grain thus given produce almost instantaneous insensibility, with dropping of jaw, and other evidence of immediate death, from which the patient was saved with difficulty. When given hypodermically fifteen minutes before the anæsthetic, the morphine salt was found

Acetic Acid *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Morphia with the Distilled Water; then carefully drop Acetic Acid into the mixture, stirring it constantly until the Morphia is neutralized and dissolved. Evaporate the solution, by means of a water-bath, to the consistence of syrup, and set aside until it concretes. Lastly, dry the salt with a gentle heat, and rub it into powder."

by Claude Bernard to prolong and intensify the anæsthesia in animals, and many surgeons have employed it in man in this way, with satisfactory results. The solutions for hypodermic use should be freshly prepared, as the morphine salt is very prone to undergo decomposition, with the growth of a fungus. The solution of the acetate is especially liable to decomposition of its acid and precipitation of the morphine.

MORPHINÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S., Br. Morphine Hydrochlorate.

(MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ HŸ-DRO-ȻHLŌ'RĂS.)

$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.HCl + 3H_2O$; 374·63. $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.HCl.3H_2O$; 375.

Morphiæ Murias, *Br.* 1867, *U. S.* 1870; Morphinum Hydrochloricum, *P. G.;* Murias (Hydrochloras) Morphicus; Muriate of Morphia; Chlorhydrate de Morphine, *Fr.;* Salzsaures Morphin, *G.*

A process for this salt is no longer official: that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.*

"Take of Opium, sliced, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Chloride of Calcium *three-quarters of an ounce* [av.]; Purified Animal Charcoal *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Diluted Hydrochloric Acid *two fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency;* Solution of Ammonia, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency* Macerate the Opium for twenty-four hours with two pints [Imperial measure] of the Water, and decant. Macerate the residue for twelve hours with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water, decant, and repeat the process with the same quantity of the Water, subjecting the insoluble residue to strong pressure. Unite the liquors, evaporate in a water-bath to the bulk of one pint [Imp. meas.], and strain through calico. Pour in now the Chloride of Calcium previously dissolved in four fluidounces of Distilled Water, and evaporate until the solution is so far concentrated that, upon cooling, it becomes solid. Envelop the mass in a double fold of strong calico, and subject it to powerful pressure, preserving the dark fluid which exudes. Triturate the squeezed cake with about half a pint [Imp. meas.] of boiling Distilled Water, and, the whole being thrown upon a paper filter, wash the residue well with boiling Distilled Water. The filtered fluids having been evaporated as before, cooled, and solidified, again subject the mass to pressure; and, if it be still much colored, repeat this process a third time, the expressed liquids being always preserved. Dissolve the pressed cake in six fluidounces of boiling Distilled Water; add the Animal Charcoal, and digest for twenty minutes; filter, wash the filter and charcoal with boiling Distilled Water, and to the solution thus obtained add the Solution of Ammonia in slight excess. Let the pure crystalline Morphine which separates as the liquid cools, be collected on a paper filter, and washed with cold Distilled Water until the washings cease to give a precipitate with a solution of nitrate of silver acidulated by nitric acid. From the dark liquids expressed in the above process an additional product may be obtained by diluting them with distilled water, precipitating with solution of potash added in considerable excess, filtering, and supersaturating the filtrate with hydrochloric acid. This acid liquid digested with a little animal charcoal, and again filtered, gives upon the addition of ammonia a small quantity of pure morphine. Diffuse the pure morphine, obtained as above, through two fluidounces of boiling Distilled Water placed in a porcelain capsule kept hot, and add, constantly stirring, the Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, proceeding with caution, so that the morphine may be entirely dissolved, and a neutral solution be obtained. Set aside to cool and crystallize. Drain the crystals, and dry them on filtering paper. By further evaporating the mother-liquor, and again cooling, additional crystals are obtained." *Br.*

The British process is based upon the plan, originally suggested by Wittstock, improved by Dr. Wm. Gregory, and adopted in the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, of obtaining morphine hydrochlorate immediately from opium without the use of alcohol. The meconate and a little morphine sulphate extracted by water from opium are decomposed by calcium chloride, yielding morphine hydrochlorate in solution, and calcium meconate and sulphate as precipitates. The next step consists in purifying the solution of the hydrochlorate by repeated evaporation, crystallization, expression, and re-solution, and finally the action of animal charcoal,—the dark expressed liquors being set aside for future operation. The third step in the process is to obtain the morphine separate by precipitation by means of ammonia from the solution of the hydrochlorate. Lastly, the crystallized morphine is reconverted, by treatment with hydrochloric acid and hot water, into morphine hydrochlorate, which crystallizes from the solution as it cools. The reserved expressed liquors are united, and made to give up their morphine by the

* "Take of Morphia, in fine powder, *a troyounce;* Distilled Water *four fluidounces;* Muriatic Acid *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the Morphia with the Distilled Water; then carefully drop in Muriatic Acid, constantly stirring, until the Morphia is neutralized and dissolved. Evaporate the solution, by means of a water-bath, so that on cooling it may crystallize. Lastly, drain the crystals, and dry them on bibulous paper." *U. S.* 1870.

action of potassa in excess, which at once separates and dissolves the alkaloid. The solution yields it in a crystalline state on the addition of hydrochloric acid in excess, and afterwards of ammonia. The morphine thus obtained is added to that first procured, and with it again converted into the hydrochlorate. Dr. Christison said, in favor of Dr. Gregory's process, that the Edinburgh manufacturers, who follow it, produce a salt of unrivalled purity and cheapness. But it is much better calculated for the large laboratory of the manufacturing chemist than for the smaller operations of the apothecary, who will probably find the U. S. process of 1870 more convenient.

Morphine hydrochlorate procured by the old Edinburgh process is free from narcotine, but always contains a portion of codeine hydrochlorate, which, however, is scarcely sufficient to affect its operation upon the system. Dr. Christison found the proportion to vary between one-sixtieth in the hydrochlorate prepared from good Turkey opium, one-thirtieth in that from inferior samples of the same variety, and one-twelfth in that from the East Indian. This impurity may be separated by precipitating the morphine by means of ammonia, the codeine being left in solution; and this, no doubt, is the object of the last step of the present British process, previously to the final conversion of the morphine into the hydrochlorate.

The late Dr. A. T. Thomson published a process for procuring morphine hydrochlorate, which he found considerably more productive than the method usually adopted. After macerating the opium in water, as directed by the College, for thirty hours, and expressing, he rubbed it in a mortar with an equal weight of pure white sand, and enough water to form the mixture into a paste, which he placed in a percolator, and subjected to the action of distilled water till the fluid passed without color and taste. He then concentrated the liquor to the consistence of a thin syrup, added lead acetate, diluted the solution with twice its bulk of distilled water, allowed it to stand for twenty-four hours, decanted the supernatant liquid, washed the precipitate with warm water, added the washings to the decanted solution, and concentrated to one-half. To free the liquid from any remaining lead acetate, he added diluted sulphuric acid in slight excess, decanted the liquid from the precipitate, washed the latter, added the washings to the solution, and boiled for some minutes to drive off acetic acid. To convert the morphine sulphate now contained in the solution into hydrochlorate, he added a saturated solution of barium chloride, washed the precipitate, evaporated the conjoined washings and solution to the point of crystallization, pressed the crystals, diluted and again evaporated the mother-liquor so long as it afforded crystals, which were purified by means of animal charcoal, and by repeated solution, evaporation, and crystallization. (*P. J. Tr.*, i. 459.)

Morphine hydrochlorate crystallizes in "white, feathery needles of a silky lustre, or minute, colorless, needle-shaped crystals, odorless, and having a bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 24 parts of water, and in 62 parts of alcohol;* in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 31 parts of boiling alcohol. Very slightly soluble in ether or chloroform. When heated at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (14·38 per cent.); at 300° C. (572° F.) it coheres slightly, but does not completely melt; and upon ignition it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. The addition of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt causes a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of the alkali, and conforming to the reactions and tests of Morphine (see *Morphina*). The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid." *U. S.* A saturated solution in boiling water forms a solid crystalline mass on cooling. The solution of morphine hydrochlorate, when kept several months, has been known to produce vomiting, through the formation of traces of apomorphine. (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 1885, p. 93.) The salt may be known to be a hydrochlorate by responding to the official test with silver nitrate. Potassa throws down from its solution a precipitate which is redissolved by an excess of the alkali. The salt is affected by heat, nitric acid, iodic acid, ferric chloride, and chlorine followed by ammonia, in the same manner as morphine. Sugar is said to have been used largely in the adulteration of this salt. It may be detected by Trommer's test. (See *Saccharum*.) "Twenty grains of the salt dissolved in half a [fluid] ounce of warm water, with ammonia added in the slightest possible excess, give, on cooling, a crystalline precipitate, which, when washed with a little cold water, and dried in a water-bath, weighs 16 grains." *Br.*

This preparation of morphine is much used in Great Britain, but in this country less than either the sulphate or the acetate. (For medical properties, see *Morphina*.)

* According to Mr. D. B. Dott, the solubility of morphine hydrochlorate in rectified spirit at 60° F. is one in forty. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 941.)

MORPHINÆ SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Morphine Sulphate.

(MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3)_2.H_2SO_4 + 5H_2O$; 756·38. $(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3)_2.H_2SO_4.5H_2O$; 758.

Morphiæ Sulphas, *Br.* 1867, *U. S.* 1870; Morphinum Sulphuricum, *P. G.;* Sulphas Morphicus; Sulphate of Morphia; Sulfate de Morphine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Morphin, *G.*

No process is given in the U. S. P. 1880: that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.*

In the process of 1870 the morphine is known to be saturated when it is wholly dissolved by the water. To ascertain whether the acid is added in excess, litmus paper may be resorted to. If the morphine employed contain narcotine, this will remain in the mother-liquor, and will not contaminate the product. The mother-liquor remaining after the first crystallization may be evaporated so as to afford a fresh supply of the sulphate; but, if the morphine was not originally quite pure, the second product will contain the impurities, and should not be used till it has undergone further preparation. When impure morphine is employed, the mother-liquor should be mixed with alcohol, or boiled with purified animal charcoal and filtered, and then decomposed by ammonia, which will precipitate the morphine. This may be converted into the sulphate in the manner directed by the Pharmacopœia.

"This salt is prepared by diffusing the morphine of the previous process (see page 882) in about twice its weight of boiling distilled water, and adding to the fluid, kept hot, diluted sulphuric acid, gradually and with constant stirring, so that the morphine may be entirely dissolved, and a neutral solution be obtained. Set aside to cool and crystallize. Drain the crystals, and dry them on filtering paper. By further evaporating the mother-liquor, and again cooling, additional crystals are obtained." *Br.*

Another mode of obtaining morphine sulphate is to dissolve the alkaloid in boiling alcohol of 36° Baumé (sp. gr. 0·8428), saturate it while hot with sulphuric acid, add purified animal charcoal, boil for a few minutes, and filter the solution at the boiling temperature. Upon cooling, it deposits most of the sulphate; and the remainder may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquor.

In the evaporation of the solution of this salt, care should be taken not to carry the heat too far; for, when pushed to incipient decomposition with an excess of acid, a new substance is formed containing no morphine. This salt is sometimes adulterated. Mr. D. B. Dott met with a sample in the English market which contained 34·63 per cent. of anhydrous sodium sulphate. (*P. J. Tr.*, August 4, 1877.)

Morphine sulphate crystallizes in beautifully "white, feathery, acicular crystals, of a silky lustre, odorless, and having a bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 21 parts of water, and in 702 parts of alcohol; in 0·75 part of boiling water, and in 144 parts of boiling alcohol; almost insoluble in ether. When heated for some time at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses 3 molecules (7·12 per cent.) of water of crystallization; the remaining 2 molecules (4·75 per cent.) are gradually expelled by raising the temperature to 130° C. (266° F.). At 255° C. (491° F.) the salt melts, and, upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. The addition of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt causes a white precipitate, which is soluble in an excess of the alkali, and which conforms to the reactions and tests of Morphine (see *Morphina*). The aqueous solution yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.* By exposure to a heat of 120° C. (248° F.) it loses 9·66 parts of the water, but cannot be deprived of the remainder without decomposition. (*Liebig.*) The official tests for it are those for sulphuric acid and for morphine. Considerable discussion has taken place in the pharmaceutical journals about the solubility in water of morphine sulphate. Owing to the ease with which the salt parts with its water of crystallization, even at ordinary temperatures, it is not difficult to account for some of the discrepancies that exist in the text-books on this subject. Yet there can be no doubt that the heretofore commonly quoted solubility, "twice its weight of cold water," is an oft-repeated error. Prof. J. U. Lloyd (*N. R.*, May, 1882) found it soluble in 21·60 parts of cold water. Prof. F. B. Power, after a determination by precipitation with barium chloride, found a commercial specimen of undoubted purity to require very nearly 24 parts of cold water, and the U. S. P. 1880 has adopted his results. (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 97.) Virgil Coblentz subsequently examined five

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commercial samples, and practically confirmed Prof. Power's results, finding the specimens soluble respectively in 21·38, 23·90, 23·18, 17·69, and 18·97 parts of water. Mr. D. B. Dott criticises the methods employed by Prof. J. U. Lloyd, and to some extent those of Prof. Power, but fails to establish a very different result. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 252.) The dose is from an eighth to a quarter of a grain (0·008–0·016 Gm.), which may be given in pill or in solution. The *solution of morphine sulphate* formerly official was made by dissolving 1 grain of morphine sulphate in 1 fluidounce of distilled water, and, although the solution is more stable than that of any other of the morphine salts in common use, it will in time become weakened through the presence of microscopic plants belonging to the Confervoideæ, and hence it is not desirable to keep it on hand. According to Prof. Hamberg, of Stockholm, the sulphate should be dissolved in boiling distilled water which is free from ammonia, phosphoric, nitric, and nitrous acids; the solution should be filtered through paper not previously moistened, and is best preserved in small well-filled vials closed with a glass stopper. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, No. 49; *A. J. P.*, 1881.) It is asserted by M. Vidal that the addition of chloral to a solution of morphine renders it much less liable to spontaneous change. This statement, if it be true, is important. He adds to the solution a quantity of chloral equivalent to twice the weight of the morphine it contains, and affirms that the injection of this mixture is not painful. According to a writer in the *Druggist's Circular*, when ether is added to a strong alcoholic solution of morphine sulphate the salt crystallizes in the course of a few hours. (*Phila. Med. Times*, iv. 352.) The same effect apparently is produced to some extent with the aqueous solution. (For medical properties, see *Morphina* and *Morphinæ Acetas*, pages 880, 881.)

MOSCHUS. U. S., Br. Musk.

(MŎS'ĶHŬS.)

"The dried secretion from the preputial follicles of Moschus moschiferus, Linné (class, Mammalia; order, Ruminantia)." *U. S.* "The dried secretion from the preputial follicles of Moschus moschiferus, Linn." *Br.*

Musc, *Fr.*; Bisam, Moschus, *G.*; Muschio, *It.*; Almizcle, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Horns none. *Fore teeth* eight in the lower jaw. *Tusks* one on each side, in the upper jaw, projecting out of the mouth.

Moschus moschiferus. Gmelin, *Syst. Nat.* i. 172; *Rees's Cyclopædia.* This animal bears a close resemblance to the deer in shape and size. It is usually about three feet in length and two feet high, with haunches considerably more elevated than the shoulders. From its upper jaw two tusks project downward out of the mouth, each about two inches long, curved backward, and serving to extract the roots which are used as food by the animal. The ears are long and narrow, and the tail very short. The fleece, consisting of strong, elastic, undulated hairs, varies in color with the season, the age of the animal, and perhaps the place which it inhabits. The general color is a deep iron-gray. The individual hairs are whitish near the root, and fawn-colored or blackish towards the tip. The musk is contained in an oval, hairy, projecting sac, found only in the male, situated between the umbilicus and the prepuce, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad, opening by a small hairy orifice at its anterior part, and marked posteriorly by a groove or furrow which corresponds with the opening of the prepuce. It is lined internally by a smooth membrane, thrown into a number of irregular folds, forming incomplete partitions. In the vigorous adult animal, the sac sometimes contains six drachms of musk; but in the old, seldom more than two drachms, and none in the young.* The musk is secreted by the lining membrane, and in the living animal forms a consistent mass, which on the outside is compact, and marked with the folds of the membrane, but is less firm towards the centre, where there is sometimes a vacant space. As first secreted it is probably liquid, and a portion is occasionally forced out by the animal, to which it communicates its odor. The musk-deer inhabits the vast mountainous regions of Central Asia, extending from India to Siberia, and from the country of the Turcomans to China. It is an active and timid animal, springing from rock to rock with surprising agility, and frequenting the snowy recesses and most inaccessible crags of the mountains. Concealing itself during the day, it chooses the night for roaming in search of food, and, though said to be abundant in its native regions, is taken with difficulty. It is hunted for its hide, as well as for

* According to Col. Frederick Markham, as much as two ounces are sometimes found, and the average for a full-grown animal is an ounce; but, as many of the deer are killed young, the pods in the market do not contain more than half an ounce upon an average. He states that the musk of the younger animals is not so strong as that of the old, but is much pleasanter. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 472.)

the musk. The natives often take it by snaring. As soon as the animal is killed, the sac is cut off, dried, and sent into the market.*

Musk varies in quality with the country inhabited by the animal. That procured from the mountains on the southern borders of Siberia, and brought into the market through Russia, is comparatively feeble. Chinese musk has been said to come from Tonquin, but appears really to be chiefly obtained in Yun-Nan, a province in the extreme south of China, whence it is sent 1400 miles to Shanghai, the export centre. A variety intermediate between these is procured in the Himalaya Mountains and Thibet and sent to Calcutta. This is sometimes enclosed in the membranous lining of the sac, without the hairy envelope, and in this condition is said to be quite equal if not superior to that surrounded by the skin, as in the former condition it dries readily in the sun, while in the latter the aid of artificial heat is deemed necessary, by which the musk may sometimes be injured. (F. Peake, *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1861.) A musk which is also said to pass from Thibet into China is *Cabardine* musk. (See *Chemist and Druggist*, 1890.)

Two varieties are known in commerce, the *Chinese*, *Thibet* or *Tonquin* musk, and *Russian* or *Siberian* musk.† Both come in sacs, convex and hairy on one side, flat and destitute of hair on the other. The hairs are brownish-yellow, grayish, or whitish, stiff and short, and arranged concentrically around the orifice of the sac. The Chinese, which is the most highly valued, is in bags of a rounder shape, covered with brownish-yellow or reddish-brown hairs, and containing at most a drachm and a half of large-grained, dark, strong-scented musk, of an ammoniacal odor. The Russian is in longer and larger bags, small-grained, of a light yellowish-brown color, and of a weaker and more fetid odor, with less smell of ammonia.

Properties. Musk is in grains or lumps concreted together, soft and unctuous to the touch, and of a reddish-brown or ferruginous color resembling that of dried blood. Some hairs of the pod are generally mixed with it. It is officially described as "in irregular, crumbly, somewhat unctuous grains, dark reddish-brown, having a peculiar, penetrating and persistent odor, and a bitterish taste. It is contained in oval or roundish sacs about 4 to 5 Cm. in diameter, on one side invested with a smoothish membrane, on the other side covered with stiff, appressed, grayish hairs, concentrically arranged around two orifices near the centre. About 10 per cent. of Musk is soluble in alcohol, the tincture being light brownish-yellow, and on the addition of water becoming slightly turbid. About 50 per cent. of Musk is soluble in water, the solution being deep brown, faintly acid, and strongly odorous. When ignited with free access of air, Musk gives off a peculiar, somewhat urinous odor, and leaves behind not more than 8 per cent. of a grayish ash." *U. S.* The odor is strong, penetrating, and so diffusive that one part of musk communicates its smell to more than 3000 parts of inodorous powder. (*Fée.*) In some delicate individuals it produces headache and other disagreeable symptoms, and it has even caused convulsions. The taste is bitter, disagreeable, and somewhat acrid. The color of the powder is reddish-brown. Musk is inflammable, burning with a white flame, and leaving a light spongy charcoal. Reduced to ashes, it leaves about 5 per cent. of residue, containing potassa, lime, magnesia, iron, carbonic, phosphoric, and sulphuric acids, chlorine, and traces of potassium ferrocyanide and ammonium sulphide. (*W. Bernatzik.*) It yields, upon analysis, a great number of proximate principles. Guibourt and Blondeau obtained water, ammonia, stearin, olein, cholesterin, an oily acid combined with ammonia, volatile oil, ammonium chloride, potassium and calcium chlorides, an uncertain acid combined with ammonia, potassa, and lime, gelatin, albumen, fibrin, a highly carbonaceous matter soluble in water, a soluble calcareous salt with a combustible acid, calcium carbonate and phosphate, hair, and sand. (*Ann. de Chim. et de Phys.*, ix. 327.) Besides these constituents, Geiger and Reinman found a peculiar bitter resin, a peculiar substance in part combined with ammonia, and lactic acid both free and in combination. According to Guibourt and Blondeau, it contains 47 per cent. of volatile matter, thought by some to be chiefly ammonia, by others to be a compound of ammonia and volatile oil. Theimann obtained only from 10 to 15 per cent. But the quantity of volatile as well as of soluble matter varies exceedingly in different specimens. Thus, Theimann found from 80 to 90 per cent. of matter soluble in water, Buchner only 54·5 per cent., and other

* Attention has been drawn by Dr. E. Bertherand to the excrement of the *Algerian gazelle, Antilope dorcas*, L., which possesses a powerful musk-like odor. It is said to contain about 7 per cent. of an acid resin (?) of a musky odor. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 332.)

† *American Musk.* Owing to the costliness of true musk, the sacs derived from *Fiber zibethicus*, the common musk-rat, have been used as a substitute. This product possesses many of the properties of musk, and, although the odor is not identical, it can often replace it in perfumery if used judiciously. If the fatty matter present has become rancid, it should be washed out by agitating the bruised sacs with a little ether and pouring it off, and allowing the musk to become dry by exposure to the air.

chemists intermediate proportions. The proportion soluble in alcohol, as ascertained by different experimenters, varies from 25 to 62 per cent. Ether is a good solvent. The aqueous infusion has a yellowish-brown color, a bitterish taste, a strong smell, and an acid reaction. The alcoholic tincture is transparent, and of a reddish-brown color, with the peculiar odor of musk. The action of potassa upon musk is accompanied with the extrication of ammonia and an increase of its peculiar odor. By the influence of heat and moisture long continued, ammonia is developed, which acts upon the fatty matter, producing a substance resembling adipocere, but, according to Guibourt, without diminishing the medicinal activity. The correctness of this opinion, however, is perhaps questionable; and it is advisable to preserve the musk as much as possible unaltered. When kept in glass bottles, in a situation neither moist nor very dry, it remains for a great length of time without material change. The odor of musk is very much diminished by mixing it with emulsion or syrup of bitter almond, or with cherry-laurel water. From the experiments of Wimmer, it appears that musk loses its odor when rubbed with kermes mineral, or golden sulphide of antimony, and reacquires it on the addition of a little solution of ammonia. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1843, p. 406.) Camphor rubbed up with musk is also said to destroy its odor.

Adulterations. The price of this medicine is so high, and its sources are so limited, as to offer strong temptations to adulteration; and little genuine unmixed musk is to be found in the market. The sophistication commences in China, and is completed in Europe and this country. A common practice in the East is to open the sac and to supply the place of the musk with an adulterated mixture. Sometimes the scrotum of the animal is filled with this mixture, and not unfrequently the sacs are made out of the skin. Dried blood, from its resemblance to musk, is one of the most common adulterations; but, besides this, sand, lead, iron filings, hair, animal membrane, tobacco, the dung of birds, wax, benzoin, storax, asphaltum, artificial musk, and other substances are introduced. These are mixed with a portion of musk, the powerful odor of which is diffused through the mass and renders the discovery of the fraud sometimes difficult. It is said that the Chinese sometimes mix the musk of Tonquin with that of Siberia. The bags containing the drug should have the characters before described as belonging to the natural sac, and should present no evidence of having been opened. The slit is sometimes carefully sewed up, sometimes glued together. The former condition may be discovered by close inspection, the latter by immersion in hot water. When the bag is made from any other portion of the skin, the difference may be detected, according to Mr. Neligan, by a microscope which magnifies 300 diameters. The genuine hairs exhibit innumerable cells, which are wanting in the spurious. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Feb. 1846, p. 79.) Musk which burns with difficulty, has a feeble odor and a color either pale or entirely black, feels gritty to the finger, is very moist so as to lose much weight in drying, or contains obvious impurities, should be rejected. Russian musk is said never to be adulterated before leaving Russia.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Musk is stimulant and antispasmodic, in some way stimulating very decidedly the nervous centres when exhausted, without producing either in health or in disease any very pronounced symptoms. It is a very valuable remedy in the treatment of nervous exhaustion coming on at or about the crisis of acute disease. When, in low cases of *typhus affections*, subsultus tendinum, tremors, singultus, and similar symptoms indicate the failure of nerve-power, its exhibition is often of great advantage. We have seen it apparently save life in the acme of *typhoid fever*, when the vital powers seemed to have almost succumbed, and when violent alterations of temperature or symptoms resembling those of coma vigil had manifested themselves. It was many years ago especially commended by Prof. Trousseau in the treatment of *adynamic pneumonia* of drunkards with severe cerebral symptoms. Under these circumstances it certainly appears to do great good. In very obstinate *hiccough* it is one of the most efficient of our remedies; and, according to the late Dr. G. B. Wood, it is very effective in those alarming *convulsions of infants* originating in spasm of the intestines. In the *laryngismus stridulus* or crowing disease of infants, M. Bouchut relied mainly on musk, having found it more efficacious than any of the narcotics. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, Sept. 1868, p. 545.) According to our experience, musk rapidly loses its power of influencing the nerve-centres, and for this reason, and on account of its costliness, its employment should always be delayed until severe nervous exhaustion becomes alarming. Musk was unknown to the

* For an account of the effects of numerous reagents on musk, and other modes of identification, as well as of detecting adulterations, see a paper by Prof. W. Bernatzik, in *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 427. There is a discrepancy between Prof. Bernatzik's statement of the solubilities of musk and that of the text. According to the latter, ether is a good solvent; according to the former, ether and chloroform possess scarcely any solvent power.

ancients. Aëtius was the first writer who noticed it as a medicine. It was introduced into Europe through the Arabians, from whose language its name is derived. It may be given in the form of pill or emulsion. In preparing mixtures of musk, it is recommended to rub the musk up first with a very little boiling water containing a trace of solution of potassa, afterwards with a larger quantity, and to add the liquid thus prepared to whatever mixture may be prescribed. The insolubility of musk in cold water, and its much greater solubility in that liquid when boiling hot, render this mode of preparation much preferable to rubbing up with cold water. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 291.) The medium dose is ten grains (0·65 Gm.), to be repeated every two or three hours. It may often be administered with great advantage in the form of enema.

MUCILAGINES. Mucilages.

(MŪ-CĮ-LĂG'Į-NĒS.)

Mucilages, *Fr.;* Schleime, *G.*

Mucilage, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, and in the sense in which it is employed in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, is an aqueous solution of gum, or of substances closely allied to it. In the British Pharmacopœia the term is applied also to the semi-liquid, jelly-like substance resulting from the cooling of a hot solution of starch.

MUCILAGO ACACIÆ. U. S., Br. Mucilage of Acacia.

(MŪ-CĮ-LĀ'GŌ Ą-CĀ'CĮ-Æ.)

Mucilago Gummi Arabici, *P. G.;* Mucilage of Gum Arabic; Mucilage de Gomme arabique, Mucilage arabique, *Fr.;* Gummischleim, *G.*

"Acacia, in small fragments, *three hundred and forty grammes* [or 11 ounces av., 435 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Wash the Acacia with cold Water, and let it drain. Then add to it enough Water to make the mixture weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], agitate or stir occasionally until the Acacia is dissolved, and strain. Keep the product in well-stoppered, completely filled bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

"Take of Gum Acacia, in small pieces, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *six fluidounces*. Put the Gum and Water into a covered earthen jar, and stir them frequently until the Gum is dissolved. If necessary, strain the solution through muslin." *Br.*

The gum used for this purpose should be in small fragments or coarse powder, as it is more readily dissolved in this state than when finely pulverized. Straining is necessary to separate the foreign substances which are often mixed with gum arabic. This mucilage is semi-transparent, almost colorless if prepared from good gum, viscid, tenacious, of a feeble peculiar odor, and nearly tasteless. If the solution of gum should be colored, it may be rendered colorless by the addition of a concentrated solution of chlorine; and by boiling for about half an hour, so as to drive off the chlorine and hydrochloric acid, it may be rendered fit for use. (*Guérin.*) By straining a solution of gum through a layer of freshly precipitated alumina it can be almost entirely decolorized, particularly if the operation be repeated several times. By keeping, mucilage becomes sour, in consequence of the spontaneous generation of acetic acid; and this happens even though it be enclosed in well-stopped bottles; but, according to Guérin, the solution of pure gum undergoes no change in vacuo. Heat in its preparation is said to favor the production of acid; and hence cold has been substituted for boiling water in the present formulas. According to R. Rother (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 113), if glycerin be employed in the proportion of one to eight of the mass, and the mixture of water and it be added to the gum in a bottle and solution secured by agitation at intervals over several hours, the resulting mucilage does not spoil: the presence of glycerin is objectionable, however, for many of the uses of mucilage of acacia. Archer & Co. have found (*Ibid.*, xlvi. 469) that if "Tolu water" be substituted for water the mucilage will keep for months. The Tolu water is made by rubbing two drachms of the tincture with magnesium carbonate and two pints of water, and filtering. Mucilage is employed chiefly in the formation of pills, and suspending insoluble substances in water. In prescribing it for mixtures, it should be recollected that it is a solution of definite strength, containing, according to the U. S. formula, half an ounce of the gum to each fluidounce of mucilage. The British mucilage is a little stronger. Half a fluidounce is usually sufficient for a six- or eight-ounce mixture. The adhesiveness of the mucilage is stated to be very much increased by the addition of one part of aluminum sulphate to one hundred and twenty-five parts of the mucilage.

MUCILAGO AMYLI. Br. Mucilage of Starch.

(MŪ-CI-LĀ'GŌ ĂM'Y-LĪ.)

Mucilage d'Amidon, *Fr.;* Stärkeschleim, *G.*

"Take of Starch *one hundred and twenty grains;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces.* Triturate the Starch with the Water gradually added; then boil for a few minutes, constantly stirring." *Br.*

This mucilage has an opaline appearance and a gelatinous consistence, and is much used as a vehicle for laudanum and other active medicines given in the form of enema. In consequence of its demulcent properties, it may be usefully employed as an enema in irritation and inflammation of the mucous coat of the rectum and large intestines. Its unpleasant flavor, when it is prepared from ordinary starch, precludes its employment by the mouth.

MUCILAGO SASSAFRAS MEDULLÆ. U. S. Mucilage of Sassafras Pith.

(MŪ-CI-LĀ'GŌ SĂS'SA-FRĂS MĒ-DŬL'LÆ.)

Mucilage de Moëlle de Sassafras, *Fr.;* Sassafrasmark-Schleim, *G.*

"Sassafras Pith, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Water, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Macerate the Sassafras Pith in the Water during three hours, and strain. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted." *U. S.*

This mucilage may be prepared in a much shorter time, if the pith be broken into small fragments and the mixture often agitated. It is much used as an application to the eye in conjunctivitis. It may be taken as a drink *ad libitum* in inflammatory and febrile diseases, particularly in *inflammations of the mucous passages.*

MUCILAGO TRAGACANTHÆ. U. S., Br. Mucilage of Tragacanth.

(MŪ-CI-LĀ'GŌ TRĂG-A-CĂN'THÆ.)

Mucilage de Gomme adragante, Mucilage adragant, *Fr.;* Traganthschleim, *G.*

"Tragacanth, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Glycerin, *eighteen grammes* [or 278 grains]; Water *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix the Glycerin with *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims] of Water in a tared vessel, heat the mixture to boiling, add the Tragacanth, and let it macerate during twenty-four hours, stirring occasionally. Then add enough Water to make the mixture weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains], beat it so as to make it of uniform consistence, and strain it forcibly through muslin." *U. S.*

"Take of Tragacanth, in powder, *sixty grains;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces;* Rectified Spirit *two fluidrachms.* Mix the Tragacanth with the Spirit; then pour in the Water, with constant agitation." *Br.*

A part only of tragacanth is soluble in water. The remainder swells up and forms a soft tenacious mass, which may be mechanically mixed with water, but does not form a proper solution. Hence trituration is necessary to complete the incorporation of the ingredients. This mucilage is thick and very viscid, but not permanent, as the water separates from the insoluble portion of the tragacanth on standing. It is chiefly used in making pills and troches. The addition of glycerin renders it more serviceable as an excipient. From its great tenacity, it may be advantageously employed for the suspension of heavy insoluble substances, such as the metallic oxides, in water. When kept long, it is apt to undergo decomposition, and to become offensive, but it will keep well if enough carbolic acid be added to impart its characteristic odor faintly. (*A. J. P.*, 1864.)

MUCILAGO ULMI. U. S. Mucilage of Elm.

(MŪ-CI-LĀ'GŌ ŬL'MĪ.)

Mucilage of Slippery Elm Bark; Mucilage d'Ecorce d'Orme fauve, *Fr.;* Ulmenrinden-Schleim, *G.*

"Elm, bruised, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Water, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Digest the Elm with the Water, on a water-bath, in a covered vessel, during one hour, then strain. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted." *U. S.*

This may be used *ad libitum* as a demulcent and nutritious drink in *catarrhal and nephritic diseases*, and in *inflammatory intestinal affections.* It is much employed locally as a soothing application to *boils* and *carbuncles*, and as a demulcent in *dermatitis, erysipelas*, etc.

MYRISTICA. U. S., Br. Nutmeg.

(MĬ-RĬS'TĮ-CĄ.)

"The seed of Myristica fragrans, Houttuyn (nat. ord. Myristicaceæ), deprived of its testa." *U. S.* "The dried seed of Myristica fragrans, Houtt. (Myristica officinalis, Linn.), divested of its hard coat or shell." *Br.*

Semen Myristicæ, *P. G.;* Nux Moschata, Muscade, Noix muscade, *Fr.;* Muskatnuss, *G.;* Noce moschata, *It.;* Nuez moscada, *Sp.*

Myristica moschata. Thunberg; Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 869.—*M. officinalis.* Linn. *Suppl.* 265; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 21.—*M. fragrans.* Houttuyn, *Nat. Hist.* vol. ii., part iii., p. 333; *B. & T.* 218.* The nutmeg-tree is about thirty feet high, with numerous branches, and an aspect somewhat resembling that of the orange-tree. The leaves stand alternately on short footstalks, are oblong-oval, pointed, entire, undulated, obliquely nerved, bright green and somewhat glossy on their upper surface, whitish beneath, and of an aromatic taste. The flowers are male and female upon different trees. The former are disposed in axillary, peduncled, solitary clusters; the latter are single, solitary, and axillary; both are minute and of a pale yellowish color. The fruit, which appears on the tree mingled with the flowers, is round or oval, of the size of a small peach, smooth, at first pale green, but yellow when ripe, and marked with a longitudinal furrow. The external covering, which is at first thick and fleshy and abounds in an austere, astringent juice, afterwards becomes dry and coriaceous, and, separating into two valves from the apex, discloses a scarlet reticulated membrane or arillus, commonly called *mace*, closely investing a thin, brown, shining shell, which contains the kernel or *nutmeg*. *Myristica moschata* is a native of the Moluccas and other neighboring islands, and abounds especially in that small cluster distinguished by the name of Banda, whence the chief supplies of nutmegs were long derived. But numerous varieties of the plant are now cultivated in Sumatra, Java, Singapore, Penang, Ceylon, and other parts of the East Indies, and have been introduced into the Isles of France and Bourbon, Cayenne, and several of the West India islands. The larger part of the nutmegs of commerce is, however, said still to come from the Dutch Banda Islands. The Penang nutmegs are distinguished by not being limed. The tree is produced from the seed. It does not flower until the eighth or ninth year; after which it bears flowers and fruit together, without intermission, and is said to continue bearing for seventy or eighty years. Little trouble is requisite in its cultivation. A branch of the female tree is grafted into all the young plants when about two years old, so as to insure their early fruitfulness. In the Moluccas the tree yields three crops annually. The fruit is gathered by hand, and the outside covering rejected. The mace is then carefully separated, so as to break it as little as possible, is flattened, dried in the sun, and afterwards sprinkled with salt water, with the view of contributing to its preservation. Its fine red color is much impaired by drying. The nuts are dried in the sun or by ovens, and exposed to smoke till the kernel rattles in the shell. They are then broken open; and the kernels, having been removed and steeped for a short time in a mixture of lime and water, probably in order to preserve them from the attacks of worms, are next cleaned, and packed in casks or chests for exportation. Dr. Lumsdaine has found them to keep better if rubbed over with dry lime than when prepared in the moist way. (See *Am. Journ. of Science and Arts*, Nov. 1851.) Nutmegs are brought to this country either directly from the East Indies or indirectly through England and Holland. They are also occasionally imported in small quantities from the West Indies.

* Various species of the genus Myristica, other than those spoken of in the text, yield commercial seeds or products:

Ucuhula nut is a round or oval seed of *Myristica surinamensis*. It is one-half to two-thirds of an inch in diameter, light brown, but usually covered by a blackish, thin, friable testa. Internally it resembles the nutmeg, but is distinguished by the presence of extraordinarily large and handsome albuminous crystalloids. These seeds are said to contain over 70 per cent. of a solid yellow fat, melting at 36° C. (See *A. J. P.*, 1886; also *Arch. de Pharm.*, July, 1888.) The kernel of the fruit of the Brazilian *Myristica officinalis, Mart.* (*M. bicuhiba, Schott*), resembles the nutmeg in form and structure, but is covered with a black shell marked with broad furrows. It contains crystals like those above spoken of, but less splendid and regular, and apt to be in three forms. It yields a fat (*bicuhiba fat*, or *bicuhiba balsam*) very much like that of the ordinary nutmeg, but having a rather sour, sharp taste, melting at 47° F. It contains a peculiar fatty acid, *bicuhibastearic* acid. The *otoba fat* is the product of the fruit of *Myristica otoba*. It is almost colorless, when fresh has a nutmeg-like odor, melts at 38° C., and contains *myristin*, *olein*, and *otobite*. The latter principle crystallizes in shiny, colorless crystals, melting at 133° C. The fruit of *Virola sebifera, Aubl.* (*s. Myristica sebifera, Lam.*), also yields a fatty substance which is known as *ocuba wax*. The so-called *California nutmeg* is not a nutmeg at all, but the seed of a coniferous tree, *Torreya californica*. It is oblong, with a smooth, brownish, thin testa, and affords a marbled cross-section. Its odor and taste are terebinthinate. Neither are the *Jamaica* or *calabash nutmeg*, from *Monodora myristica*, the *New Holland* or *plume nutmeg*, from *Atherosperma moschata*, and the *clove nutmeg*, from *Agathophyllum aromaticum*, true nutmegs.

The amount of unground nutmegs imported into the United States for the year ending June 30, 1892, was 1,780,605 pounds, valued at $750,813. (*U. S. Bureau of Statistics*, 1893.)

Properties. The nutmeg (*nux moschata*) is of a roundish or oval shape, obtuse at the extremities, marked with vermicular furrows, of a grayish color, hard, smooth to the touch, yielding readily to the knife or the grater, but not very pulverulent. When cut or broken it presents a yellowish surface, varied with reddish-brown, branching, irregular veins, which give to it a marbled appearance. These dark veins abound in oily matter, upon which the medicinal properties depend. The odor of nutmeg is delightfully fragrant, the taste warm, aromatic, and grateful. Its virtues are extracted by alcohol and ether. Clifford Richardson (*Bulletin U. S. Department of Agriculture*, No. 13, 1887) gives as the average of three analyses of imported nutmegs: water, 5·56 per cent.; ash, 2·88; volatile oil, 3·23; fixed oil or fat, 34·22; starch, etc., 39·62; crude fibre, 9·21; albuminoids, 5·28: total, 100·00. The *volatile oil* is obtained by distillation with water. (See *Oleum Myristicæ*.)

A kind of nutmeg occasionally met with, ascribed by some to a variety of *M. moschata*, by others to a different species (*Myristica fatua*), is distinguished from the ordinary nutmeg by its much greater length, its elliptical shape, the absence of the dark-brown veins, its comparatively feeble odor, and its disagreeable taste. It has been called *male*, *wild*, or *long nutmeg*, the other being designated as the *female* or *cultivated nutmeg*. A similar long nutmeg is said also to be produced by *M. tomentosa*.

Nutmegs have been punctured and boiled in order to extract their essential oil, and the orifice afterwards closed so carefully as not to be discoverable unless by breaking the kernel. The fraud may be detected by their levity. They are also apt to be injured by worms, which, however, attack preferably the parts least impregnated with the volatile oil. The Dutch were formerly said to heat them in a stove in order to deprive them of the power of germinating and thus prevent the propagation of the tree. The largest nutmegs now command the highest prices. They should be rejected when very light in weight, with a feeble taste and smell, worm-eaten, musty, or marked with black veins.

The *concrete* or *expressed oil of nutmeg* (*Oleum Myristicæ Expressum*, Br.), commonly called *oil of mace*, or *nutmeg butter*, is obtained by bruising nutmegs, exposing them in a bag to steam, and then compressing them strongly between heated plates. A liquid oil flows out, which becomes solid when it cools. Nutmegs are said to yield from 10 to 12 per cent. of this oil, but Flückiger and Hanbury obtained as much as 28 per cent.* (See analyses of Richardson, quoted previously.) The best is imported from the East Indies in stone jars, or in rectangular blocks 10 inches long by 2½ inches wide, wrapped in palm leaves. It is solid, soft, unctuous to the touch, of a yellowish or orange-yellow color more or less mottled, with the odor and taste of nutmeg. It is composed, according to Schrader, of 52·09 per cent. of a soft oily substance, yellowish or brownish, soluble in cold alcohol and ether; 43·75 of a white, pulverulent, inodorous substance, insoluble in these liquids; and 4·16 of volatile oil. The pulverulent constituent, which received from Playfair the name of *myristin*, has a silky lustre, melts at 31° C. (88° F.), and yields on saponification glycerin and *myristic acid*, $C_{14}H_{28}O_2$. Myristin, $C_3H_5(OC_{14}H_{27}O)_3$, is a true fat, or *glyceryl myristate*. It is also found in spermaceti, in cocoanuts, and in the fixed oil of linseed and poppy oil. It may be obtained directly from nutmeg by exhausting it by means of benzol, filtering the liquid, and allowing it to crystallize by spontaneous evaporation. To purify the product, it may be dissolved in a mixture of two parts of absolute alcohol and three of benzol with the aid of heat, then filtering the liquid while hot, and setting it aside. On cooling, it deposits the pure myristin in crystals. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1859, p. 471.) Analyzed by Koller, the expressed oil was found to contain, in 100 parts, 6 of a volatile oil ($C_{10}H_{16}$) analogous to the oil of mace, 70 of myristin, 20 of olein, 3 of resin, and 1 of salts, etc. (*Arch. der Pharm.*, clxxiii. 280.) An inferior kind of the oil is prepared in Holland, and sometimes found in commerce. It is in hard, shining, square cakes, lighter-colored than that from the East Indies, and with less smell and taste. It is supposed to be derived from nutmegs previously deprived of most of their volatile oil by distillation. An artificial preparation is sometimes sold for the genuine oil. It is made by mixing various fatty

* A process for obtaining it by means of carbon disulphide has been proposed by M. Lepage, of Gisors, in France, and has received the sanction of the Society of Pharmacy of Paris. It consists in treating the nutmeg, thoroughly comminuted, with three times its weight of the well-rectified liquid referred to, agitating the mixture frequently for 24 hours, expressing, repeating the process with two parts only of the menstruum, mixing the products of the two macerations, filtering in a covered vessel, and then distilling off the disulphide until the residue is entirely deprived of the menstruum. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxi. 28.)

matters, such as suet, palm oil, spermaceti, wax, etc., adding some coloring substance, and giving flavor to the mixture by the volatile oil.

Medical Properties and Uses. Nutmeg unites to the medicinal properties of the ordinary aromatics considerable narcotic power. In the quantity of two or three drachms (7·8 or 11·65 Gm.), it has been known to produce stupor and delirium; and dangerous if not fatal consequences are said to have followed its free use in India. For cases, see *A. J. P.*, 1855; also *Brit. Med. Journ.*, Dec. 1889. Dr. H. C. Wood found in experiments upon the lower animals that the oil of nutmeg is a powerful narcotic, with very much less sedative influence upon the heart than is possessed by most volatile oils. Injected into the circulation of the dog, it caused profound sleep, with slowing of the respiration, and, if the dose had been large enough, loss of reflex activity. Nutmeg is usually employed to cover the taste or correct the operation of other medicines, but more frequently as an agreeable addition to farinaceous articles of diet, and to various kinds of drink in cases of languid appetite and delicate stomach. It is usually given in substance, and is brought by grating to the state of a powder. *Mace* possesses properties essentially the same as those of nutmeg, and has caused alarming sensorial disturbance. (G. C. Watson, *Prov. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Jan. 26, 1848.) It is, however, less used as a medicine. The dose of either is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.). The volatile oil may be substituted, in the dose of from two to five drops (0·10–0·25 C.c.). The expressed oil is occasionally used as a gentle external stimulant, and is an ingredient in the *Emplastrum Picis* of the British Pharmacopœia. The ancients were wholly unacquainted with the nutmeg; and Avicenna is said to be the first author by whom it was noticed.

MYRRHA. U. S., Br. Myrrh.

(MŸR'RHA.)

"A gum-resin obtained from Commiphora Myrrha (Nees), Engler (nat. ord. Burseraceæ)." *U. S.* "A gum-resinous exudation obtained from the stem of Balsamodendron Myrrha." *Br.*

Gummi-Resina Myrrha; Myrrhe, *Fr., G.;* Mirra, *It., Sp.;* Murr, *Ar.;* Bowl, *Hindost.*

Though myrrh has been employed from the earliest times, the plant which yields it was not determined till quite recently. The *Amyris kataf* of Forskhal, seen by that traveller in Arabia, was supposed by him to be the myrrh-tree, but without sufficient proof. Afterwards Ehrenberg met on the frontiers of Arabia Felix with a plant from the bark of which he collected a gum-resin precisely similar to the myrrh of commerce. From specimens of the plant taken by Ehrenberg to Germany, Nees von Esenbeck referred it to the genus Balsamodendron of Kunth, and named it *Balsamodendron myrrha*. This genus was formed by Kunth from *Amyris*, and includes the *Amyris kataf* of Forskhal, which may possibly also produce a variety of myrrh.* The new genus differs from *Amyris* chiefly in having the stamens beneath instead of upon the germ. It was not thought by De Candolle sufficiently distinct. Berg is said to have found another species in Ehrenberg's collection, to which was attached a label by the discoverer, stating that he had collected myrrh from it, and proposes to call it *Balsamodendron ehrenbergianum*. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 314.) Both Oliver and Trimen agree that this plant is not specifically distinct from *B. opobalsamum*. The belief that myrrh is the product of *B. myrrha* has been confirmed by the German traveller Hildebrant, who collected the plant in 1873, in the Adel Mountains, on the north Somali coast (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., ix. 893); but it is most probable that some of the myrrh of commerce is the product of *B. ehrenbergianum*, or of other non-official species.

Balsamodendron myrrha. Fée. *Cours d'Hist. Nat. Pharm.* i. 641; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 28, pl. 20; *B. & T.* 60. This is a small tree, with a stunted trunk, covered with a whitish-gray bark, and furnished with rough abortive branches terminating in spines. The leaves are ternate, consisting of obovate, blunt, smooth, obtusely denticulate leaflets, of which the two latter are much smaller than the one at the end. The fruit is oval-lanceolate, pointed, longitudinally furrowed, of a brown color, and surrounded at its base by the persistent calyx. The tree grows in Arabia Felix, in the neighborhood of Gison, in dwarfish thickets, interspersed among the Acaciæ and Euphorbiæ. The juice concretes spontaneously upon the bark.

Formerly the best myrrh was brought from the shores of the Red Sea by way of Egypt and the Levant, and hence received the name of *Turkey myrrh;* while the inferior qualities were imported from the East Indies, and commonly called *India myrrh*. These titles have ceased to be applicable, as myrrh of all qualities is now brought from the East Indies, whither it is

* According to Prof. Rusby (*Bulletin of Pharmacy*, July, 1892), who has been followed by the revisers of the U. S. P., the name Commiphora antedates the name Balsamodendron some twenty-seven years, having been given by Jacques in 1797.

carried from Arabia and the northeastern coast of Africa. Aden in the former region, and Berbera in the latter, would appear, from the statements of Mr. James Vaughan, to be the chief entrepôts of the trade. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 226.) Great quantities are collected on the African coast, near the mouth of the Red Sea, whence it is taken to Aden. (*Ibid.*, Oct. 1859, p. 217.) It is usually imported in chests containing between one and two hundred-weight. Sometimes the different qualities are brought separate, sometimes more or less mingled. Only the best kind should be selected for medical use.

Properties. Myrrh is in small irregular fragments or tears, or in larger masses, composed apparently of agglutinated portions differing somewhat in their shade of color. The pieces are exceedingly irregular in shape and size, being sometimes not larger than a pea, and sometimes, though rarely, almost as large as the fist. They are often powdery upon the surface. When of good quality, myrrh is reddish yellow or reddish brown and translucent, of a strong, peculiar, somewhat fragrant odor, and a bitter, aromatic taste. It is brittle and pulverizable, presenting when broken a shining surface, which in the larger masses is very irregular, and sometimes exhibits opaque whitish or yellowish veins. In powder it is of a light-yellowish color. Under the teeth it is at first friable, but soon softens and becomes adhesive. It is inflammable, but does not burn vigorously, and is not fusible by heat. Its sp. gr. is stated at 1·36. The inferior kind, commonly called *India myrrh*, is in pieces much darker than those described, more opaque, less odorous, and often abounding with impurities. We have seen pieces of India myrrh enclosing large crystals of common salt, as if the juice had fallen from the tree and concreted upon the ground where this mineral abounds. Pieces of *bdellium*, and other gummy or resinous substances of unknown origin, are often mixed with it. Among these is a product which may be called *false myrrh*. It is in irregular pieces, of a dirty reddish-brown color, a vitreous brownish-yellow fracture, semi-transparent, of a faint odor of myrrh, and a bitter balsamic taste. Myrrh is best purchased in mass, as in powder it is liable to adulterations not easily detected. "When triturated with water, Myrrh yields a brownish-yellow emulsion; with alcohol it yields a brownish-yellow tincture which acquires a purple tint on the addition of nitric acid. Dark-colored pieces, the alcoholic solution of which is not rendered purple by nitric acid, and pieces of gum which dissolve completely, as well as those which merely swell in water, should be rejected." *U. S.*

Myrrh is partially soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. Triturated with water it forms an opaque yellowish or whitish emulsion, which deposits the larger portion upon standing. Its alcoholic tincture is rendered opaque by the addition of water, but throws down no precipitate. According to Neumann, alcohol and water severally extract the whole of its odor and taste. By distillation a volatile oil rises, having the peculiar flavor of myrrh, and leaving the residue in the retort simply bitter. The gum-resin is soluble in solutions of the alkalies, and, when triturated with them in a crystalline state, forms a tenacious liquid. Hence potassium carbonate may be used to facilitate its suspension in water. Braconnot found 2·5 per cent. of volatile oil, 23 of a bitter resin, 46 of soluble and 12 of insoluble gum. (*Ann. de Chim.*, lxvii. 52.) Pelletier obtained 34 per cent. of resin, with a small proportion of volatile oil, and 66 of gum. A more recent analysis by Ruickoldt gave 2·183 per cent. of volatile oil, 44·760 of resin, 40·818 of gum or arabin, 1·475 of water, and 3·650 of calcium and magnesium carbonate, with some gypsum and ferric oxide. The volatile oil has been called *myrrhol* or *myrrhenol*, and, according to Ruickoldt, has the formula $C_{10}H_{14}O$. Koehler (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 346) confirms this formula, and states that this body, while isomeric with thymol and carvol, is distinct from them. He found from 7 to 8 per cent. of essential oil, instead of 2·18 as previously given. Gladstone (*Chem. Soc. Jour.* [2], 2, 1) found that the oil had a sp. gr. of 1·0189 at 7·5° C., a boiling point of 266° C., and was lævorotatory. The resin, which he calls *myrrhin*, $C_{48}H_{32}O_{10}$, is neutral, but becomes acid when kept for a short time in fusion. In the latter state, M. Ruickoldt proposes to call it *myrrhic acid*. (*Archiv der Pharm.*, lxi. 1.) Koehler (*loc. cit.*) finds in the portion soluble in alcohol an indifferent soft resin, to which he gave the formula $C_{26}H_{34}O_5$, containing three replaceable OH groups, and two dibasic resin acids, of the formulas $C_{13}H_{16}O_3$ and $C_{26}H_{32}O_9$. According to MM. Bley and Diesel, myrrh containing little volatile oil always has an acid reaction, which they ascribe to the oxidation of the oil. They found *formic acid* in the specimen examined by them. (*Ibid.*, xliii. 304.) The same writers give as a test of myrrh the production of a transparent dirty-yellow liquid with nitric acid; while false myrrh affords a bright-yellow solution in the same fluid, and bdellium is not dissolved, but becomes whitish and opaque. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 228.) According to M. Righini, if powdered myrrh, rubbed for 15 minutes with an equal weight of ammonium chloride, and fifteen

times its weight of water gradually added, dissolve quickly and entirely, it may be considered pure. (*Journ. de Chim. Méd.*, 1844.) Chas. E. Escott (*A. J. P.*, 1887) extracted a sample of myrrh with petroleum benzin, and on spontaneous evaporation of the solvent obtained 18·75 per cent of oily residue. The gum left after treatment with alcohol had a barely perceptible odor of myrrh and a slightly mucilaginous taste, was neutral to test-paper, and, though of a pale color, gave with water a dark-brown solution. The insoluble portion amounted to 15 per cent., or 8·4 per cent. of the weight of the myrrh. The dilute solution acquired a purple color by ferric chloride, changed to reddish yellow by ammonia. Stronger solutions were precipitated by alcohol, not gelatinized by borax, and the precipitate with lead subacetate was not redissolved. The gum makes a good mucilage, and, when making tincture of myrrh, the residue insoluble in the alcoholic menstruum should be saved for that purpose.

Medical Properties and Uses. Myrrh is a stimulant tonic, with some tendency to the lungs, and perhaps to the uterus. Hence it is employed as a tonic in *dyspepsia*, and as an expectorant and emmenagogue in *debilitated states* of the system, in the absence of febrile excitement or acute inflammation. The complaints in which it is usually administered are *chronic catarrh*, *phthisis pulmonalis*, other *pectoral affections* in which the secretion of mucus is abundant but not easily expectorated, *chlorosis*, *amenorrhœa*, and the various affections connected with this state of the uterine function. It is generally given combined with chalybeates or other tonics, and in *amenorrhœa* very frequently with aloes. It is used also as an application to *spongy gums*, the *aphthous sore mouth* of children, and various kinds of *unhealthy ulcers*. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), and may be given in the form of powder or pill, or suspended in water, as in the famous antihectic mixture of Dr. Griffith, which has become official under the name of *Mistura Ferri Composita*. The infusion is also sometimes given, and an aqueous extract has been recommended as milder than myrrh in substance. The tincture is used chiefly as a local application.

A *plaster of myrrh* is made by rubbing together powdered myrrh, camphor, and balsam of Peru, of each an ounce and a half, then adding the mixture to 32 ounces of lead plaster previously melted, and stirring well until the plaster thickens on cooling. It is then to be formed into rolls. This plaster may be employed in all cases where a gentle and long-continued rubefacient effect is desired.

NAPHTALINUM. U. S. Naphtalin. [Naphtalene.]

$C_{10}H_8$; 127·7. (NĂPH-TĄ-LĪ'NŬM.)

"A hydrocarbon obtained from coal-tar. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* Naphthaline.

This may be obtained by subjecting coal-tar to distillation, when it passes over after the coal naphtha. It is frequently produced during the dry distillation of organic bodies. For a method of preparing it on a large scale for commercial purposes, see a paper by Vohl, in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (1868, p. 399; from *Polytech. Journ.* See, also, Lunge's "Coal-Tar and Ammonia," 2d ed., London, 1887.) It is made very extensively and cheaply at present (1893), the sublimed commercial product being nearly pure. It is a white, shining, crystalline substance, fusible at 80° C. (176° F.), and boiling at 217·2° C. (423° F.), but volatilizing with vapor of water. According to Kopp, its sp. gr. in the liquid state is 0·9774; according to Alluard, at 98·8° C. (210° F.), 0·9628. It is soluble in alcohol, chloroform, carbon disulphide, ether, naphtha, and the oils, but insoluble in water. A good test for the purity of naphtalin is to warm a little of it in a test-tube with pure sulphuric acid. As little as one per cent. of impurity will be indicated by its imparting a pinkish tint to the sulphuric acid: the depth of the color indicates the degree of impurity. It is officially described as in "colorless, shining, transparent laminæ, having a strong, characteristic odor resembling that of coal-tar, and a burning, aromatic taste; slowly volatilized on exposure to air. Insoluble in water, but when boiled with the latter imparting to it a faint odor and taste. Soluble in 15 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in boiling alcohol; also very soluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and fixed or volatile oils. Naphtalin volatilizes slowly at ordinary temperatures; rapidly when heated. It also volatilizes with the vapors of water or alcohol. At 80° C. (176° F.) it melts, and at 218° C. (424·4° F.) it boils. Its vapor is inflammable, burning with a luminous and smoky flame. When ignited, it is consumed, leaving no residue. Naphtalin is neutral to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. On shaking a small portion of Naphtalin with concentrated sulphuric acid, the acid should remain colorless; nor should it acquire

more than a pale reddish tint if the mixture be heated for five minutes on a water-bath (absence of *contaminations derived from coal-tar*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Naphtalin is possessed of antiseptic properties, and is poisonous to most fungi and probably to most insects. Under the name of "*tar camphor*," it has largely supplanted true camphor as a means of preventing the deposition by moths of eggs in woollen clothing, and of preventing the destruction by insects in natural history museums. In internal medicine it was some years ago brought forward by Dupasquier as an expectorant especially valuable in *chronic bronchitis* accompanied with a large amount of secretion. It has also been used with asserted excellent results as a tænicide, and as a vermifuge in cases of seat-worms, when it should be given by injection, from fifteen grains to half a drachm in two to three ounces of olive oil. First employed by Prof. Rossbach, of Jena, in *intestinal catarrh*, it has been largely used in all forms of *intestinal inflammation* and in *typhoid fever*. There seems to be no doubt that in some cases it acts very happily, but the reports concerning it vary, and the remedy is probably inferior to naphtalol. The dose of it is from two to eight grains (0·13–0·52 Gm.), as much as eighty grains being said to have been given in a day without deleterious effects. It would appear, however, to possess some toxic properties, as the employees in gutta-percha works, where it is largely used, are said to be occasionally thrown into a peculiar condition of delirious intoxication. (*Archiv. de Neurol.*, March, No. 56.) Naphtalin has been used externally as an antiseptic dressing, and also in the treatment of various skin diseases. When given internally, it should always be in the form of powder, and is best administered in capsules.

NAPHTOL. U. S. Naphtol. [Beta-Naphtol.]

$C_{10}H_7OH$; 143·66. (NĂPH'TŌL.)

"A phenol occurring in coal-tar, but usually prepared artificially from naphtalin. Naphtol should be kept in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

On digesting four parts of naphtalin with three parts of sulphuric acid at 80° C. we have formed *α-* and *β-naphtalin-sulphonic acids*, $C_{10}H_7SO_3H$, which may be separated by means of the barium or lead salts. When heated with sulphuric acid, the *α* acid passes into the *β* variety; therefore the latter acid is exclusively produced at higher temperatures (160° C.). Both of the naphtalin sulphonic acids, when fused with alkaline hydrates, yield the corresponding naphtols, which are designated as *α-* and *β-naphtol*, respectively. The second of these, beta-naphtol, is the official naphtol, $C_{10}H_7OH$. It bears to naphtalin the same relation that phenol (carbolic acid) does to benzene.* It is officially described as "colorless, or pale buff-colored, shining, crystalline laminæ, or a white, or yellowish-white, crystalline powder, having a faint, phenol-like odor, and a sharp and pungent but not persistent taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 1000 parts of water, and in 0·75 part of alcohol; in about 75 parts of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol. Also very soluble in ether, chloroform, or solutions of caustic alkalies. When heated, Naphtol sublimes easily. It is also volatilized with the vapors of alcohol or water. It melts at 122° C. (251·6° F.), and boils at 286° C. (546·8° F.). On ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. It is neutral to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. A cold, saturated, aqueous solution of Naphtol, when mixed with ammonia water, exhibits a faint bluish fluorescence. Chlorine or bromine water, added to the aqueous solution, produces a white turbidity, which disappears on adding ammonia water in excess. On adding about 0·1 Gm. of Naphtol to about 5 C.c. of an aqueous solution (1 in 4) of potassium hydrate, then about 1 C.c. of chloroform, and gently warming, the aqueous layer will acquire a blue tint, changing after a while to green and brown. Ferric chloride test-solution colors the aqueous solution of Naphtol greenish, and, after some time, causes the separation of white flakes, which turn brown upon the application of heat. A piece of pine wood dipped into an aqueous solution of Naphtol, and afterwards moistened with diluted hydrochloric acid, becomes green on exposure to daylight. Naphtol should dissolve in 50 parts of ammonia water without leaving a residue (absence of *naphtalin*), and the solution should not have a deeper tint than pale yellow (absence of *various other organic impurities*). If 0·1 Gm. of Naphtol be mixed, in a test-tube, with 1 drop of syrup and 5 C.c. of water, and about 3 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid be then poured into the tube held in a slanting position, so that the liquids may form separate layers, a yellowish-brown color will appear at the zone of contact, which becomes darker on standing (absence of, and distinction

* E. Merck states that the substance known in commerce as *hydronaphtol* is identical with beta-naphtol.

from, *alpha-naphtol*, which produces at once a crimson color, turning deep blue in the upper part of the zone on standing)." *U. S.*

The antiseptic and physiological properties of beta-naphtol were first studied by Bouchard and Maximovitch,* who found that the strength of one to three thousand was sufficient to arrest completely the development of some pathogenetic germs in the agar tube, and greatly to retard the development of the bacillus of typhoid fever and of tuberculosis; that the dose of about three grains per quart (0·20 Gm. per liter) was enough to arrest completely the process of putrefaction when in full development. In a careful series of experiments it was found that mercuric iodide is six times more antiseptic than beta-naphtol, but that carbolic acid is five times less antiseptic, and creosote four times less antiseptic. The toxic dose of beta-naphtol was found to be 3·8 Gm. per kilo of the animal, making it two hundred and fifty-three times less poisonous than mercuric iodide. At this rate the poisonous dose for an ordinary man would be between three and four thousand grains. In the animals killed by it, death took place through an arrest of respiration, the heart retaining its activity. As a practical remedy, beta-naphtol was first used in 1881 by Prof. Kaposi, of Vienna, who found that in the dose of one gramme per liter it disinfects and deodorizes urine and fecal discharges, and that applied to the mucous membranes it causes at first a burning sensation and a local irritation, which disappears very rapidly. In solution either in oil or in alcohol it was much more irritating to the skin, one part to one hundred distinctly affecting *eczematous eruptions*, and one to one and a half parts per hundred being sufficient to provoke urticaria on a healthy skin. In the form of soap, containing two parts per hundred, Kaposi found it useful in *prurigo*, *ichthyosis*, *herpes*, and *favus*, obtaining in many cases the best results by alternating this soap with a sulphur soap, and avoiding in this way a cumulation in the system which he believed was possible by the absorption of the drug. The practice of Kaposi was followed by numerous dermatologists with success, and led to the use of the remedy locally in inflammation of the mucous membranes, such as *conjunctivitis*, *chronic laryngitis*, *otitis*, etc.

Prof. Bouchard appears to have been the first to use the drug internally, first, to disinfect pathological cavities; secondly, for intestinal antisepsis, especially in *typhoid fever*. In order to determine whether digestion would not be seriously interfered with by this agent, Mr. Clarke made a series of experiments of its effect upon artificial digestion. He found that hydronaphtol has a very distinct retarding influence on the digestion of egg albumen by peptic fluids, a very slight effect on the digestion of milk by the same, and no effect at all on pancreatic digestion of milk or albumen, nor on the conversion of starch into sugar. The paper of Prof. Bouchard led to the use of beta-naphtol in typhoid fever by a large number of clinicians, and the reports are very strongly in its favor. It is borne well both by adults and by children, rapidly lessening the diarrhœa and other local abdominal symptoms, an amelioration which is said almost invariably to be followed by marked subsidence of the constitutional disturbances. Naphtol has also been used with asserted good results in almost all forms of *diarrhœa* and of *dysentery*. It has also been employed in *dilatation of the stomach*, and in *dyspepsias* of various character, in which, however, the reports of its action are distinctly less favorable. It

* *Alpha-Naphtol.* M. Maximovitch has studied alpha-naphtol in the same manner as beta-naphtol. He finds that one part in four thousand is enough to arrest completely the germination of the tubercle-bacillus, that in order to cause death in the rabbit it is necessary to give nine grammes per kilogramme, and that, calculating the toxic dose for man as it was taken for beta-naphtol, it is three times less poisonous than beta-naphtol, and seven hundred times less toxic than mercuric iodide. According to these experiments, alpha-naphtol ought to be superior to beta-naphtol, as being antiseptically much more active, whilst toxically much less active. The dose appears to be the same as that of beta-naphtol. Alpha-naphtol has been proposed as a test for sugar in urine. Posner and Epenstein have studied the action of the test, and consider it to be free from many of the objections raised against other tests for sugar. The test depends upon the fact that a solution of sugar, in the presence of pure concentrated sulphuric acid and a solution of alpha-naphtol, gives a violet-colored reaction, due, according to Udransky, to the separation of furfurol. This reaction occurs not only with sugars, but with all carbohydrates and with certain albuminoids; hence *the urine must be free from albumin*. The test is said to be extremely sensitive, showing *one-hundredth of one per cent.* of sugar. The urine *must always be previously diluted.*

Various compounds of naphtol have been proposed in medicine. The substance recommended by Polaillon, under the name of *microcidin*, as being ten times more powerful than carbolic acid and less toxic than naphtol, is said to be *sodium naphtol.* (Helbing's *Mod. Mat. Med.*, p. 79.)

Betol (or *β-naphtyl-salicylate*) is specially treated under Part II.

Benzonaphtol, or *β-naphtyl benzoate*, is a compound of benzoyl and β-naphtol, which in the intestinal tract, theoretically at least, is split up into these constituents. It has been given in doses of from ten to fifteen grains up to ninety grains a day.

Naphtol-aristol, an odorless, tasteless, greenish-yellow substance, has been used as a local anæsthetic, like iodoform.

Alpha-oxynaphtoic acid is made by the action of carbonic acid gas upon sodium α-naphtol. It has been used as an antiseptic and disinfectant stimulant in skin diseases; also applied as an ointment of ten per cent.

has even been injected into the trachea by M. Pignol, in *pneumonia*, with asserted good results, two to three hundred cubic centimeters of a solution of one part per thousand being thrown, drop by drop, during a half-hour, into the trachea by a syringe. Teissier is said to have given it intravenously. It has also been employed, with asserted excellent results, in epidemic *influenza*, and in low fevers with albuminous urine, causing the albumin to disappear. As an intestinal disinfectant it appears to be one of the best, if not the best, of known drugs. The dose of naphtol is usually set down at from three to four grains (0·20–0·25 Gm.), given in capsules every two hours, but it is probable that much larger doses may be used with safety. The following formula may be used in the making of the solution: 1. *Weak solution*, for parts in which mucous membranes are exposed: β-naphtol, 5 grammes; alcohol at 60° F., 1 liter. 2. *Ordinary solution:* β-naphtol, 15 grammes; alcohol at 60° F., 1 liter. 3. *Strong solution*, for touching diseased portions of the skin, or septic excoriations: β-naphtol, 15 to 500 grammes per liter. 4. *Solution for interstitial injections, or closed septic cavities:* β-naphtol, 5 grammes; alcohol at 90° F., 33 grammes; hot distilled water, to make 100 cubic centimeters; filter, and use warm. A few drops may be injected into indurated glands or abscesses.

NECTANDRÆ CORTEX. Br. Bebeeru Bark.

(NĘC-TĂN'DRÆ CÖR'TĔX.)

"The dried bark of Nectandra Rodiæi, Schomb." *Br.* (Nat. ord. Lauraceæ.)

Cortex Beberu, s. Bibiru; Greenheart Bark; Ecorce de Bébéeru, *Fr.;* Bibirurinde, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Flowers hermaphrodite. *Calyx* six-parted, rotate, the three outer segments somewhat broader. *Stamens* twelve, in four series, the nine outer fertile; the anthers of the first and second series turned inwards, of the third outwards, all ovate, sub-sessile, four-celled. *Ovary* one-celled, with one ovule. *Style* short. *Stigma* short, truncated. *Berry* one-seeded; partly immersed in the tube of the calyx. *Endlicher.*

Nectandra rodiæi. Schomburgk; *Hooker's Lond. Journ. of Bot.*, Dec. 1844, p. 624; *B. & T.* 219. The *bebeeru*, *bibiru*, or *sipiri*, as it has been indifferently named, is a tree sixty feet or more in height, branching near the top, with a smooth, ash-gray bark. The leaves, which are five or six inches long by two or three in breadth, are nearly opposite, coriaceous, oblong-elliptical, shortly acuminate, smooth, shining, and obscurely reticulate on the upper surface. The flowers are yellowish white, in axillary panicles, much shorter than the leaves, and few-flowered. The fruit is a large, obovate or obcordate, somewhat compressed berry, of the size of a small apple, with a single seed about as large as a walnut. The tree inhabits Guiana and the neighboring regions of South America, where the wood is used in ship-building, under the name of *greenheart*. It received its specific name of *rodiæi* from Sir Robert Schomburgk, in honor of Dr. Rodie, by whom it was first described. Though the fruit is very bitter, its seeds yield a starch which is said to be used as food by the Indians.

Properties. This is in large, flat, heavy pieces, from one to two feet long, from two to six inches broad, and three or four lines thick, with a rough and somewhat fibrous fracture, of a grayish-brown color on its outer surface, and a dark cinnamon color on the inner. It has an intensely bitter, somewhat astringent taste. On microscopical examination it is seen to be composed chiefly of very thick-walled parenchymatous cells. The inner liber contains peculiar short, sharp-pointed, saw-shaped liber cells. Within the cells dark-brown masses (colored greenish-black by ferrous sulphate) may be seen. Analyzed by Dr. Maclagan, of Edinburgh, it was found to contain tannic acid of the kind that precipitates the salts of iron green, resin, gum, sugar, albumen, fibrin, various salts, and two peculiar alkaloids, named respectively *beberine*, $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$, and *sipirine*, the former soluble and the latter insoluble in ether. In the seeds, besides the foregoing principles, Dr. Maclagan found 53 per cent. of starch, and a peculiar white, crystalline, volatile acid, which he named *beberic acid*. The alkaloids are extracted together from the bark, in the form of impure sulphates, by a process similar to that for preparing quinine sulphate. This preparation is known as the *commercial beberine sulphate*. The sipirine, which Dr. Maclagan believed to be a distinct alkaloid in the bark, he was afterwards induced to consider as the result of oxidation of the beberine. (Pereira, *Mat. Med.*)* Beberine

* Drs. Douglas Maclagan and Arthur Gamgee have since examined the *wood*, and, besides beberine, have detected two other alkaloids, one of which they seem to have pretty thoroughly investigated and propose to name *nectandrine*. It was obtained by treating repeatedly with chloroform the mixed alkaloids resulting from the same process, applied to the wood, by which the British Pharmacopœia obtains beberine sulphate from the bark. The alkaloid, being very soluble in chloroform, is thus extracted. It is a white powder, amorphous, and intensely bitter. It differs from beberine in being much less soluble in ether, and, when treated with strong sulphuric acid and manga-

was obtained pure by Messrs. Maclagan and Tilley by the following process. The impure sulphate is dissolved in water, and precipitated by ammonia. The precipitate, mixed with an equal weight of recently precipitated lead oxide, and dried, is treated with absolute alcohol, which, being evaporated, leaves the two alkaloids in the form of a translucent resinoid mass. The beberine is separated by means of ether, which yields it by evaporation. Another process is to dissolve the precipitate obtained by ammonia, previously washed, in diluted acetic acid, add lead acetate, precipitate by potassa, exhaust the precipitate by strong ether, evaporate the ether to the consistence of a syrup, dissolve the residue in absolute alcohol, and pour the solution gradually into water. A flocculent deposit is formed, which, when washed and dried, is the alkaloid in question. Beberine is pale yellow, amorphous, of a resinous aspect, inodorous, very bitter, very slightly soluble in water, freely soluble in alcohol and ether, fusible at 180° C. (356° F.), inflammable, and of an alkaline reaction. It forms uncrystallizable salts with the acids. Its formula is $C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$, and it is believed by Walz to be identical with *buxine*, and by Flückiger with *pelosine*. For a further account of its chemistry, see *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1869, p. 102. (See also *Beberinæ Sulphas.*)

Sipirine is left after the separation of the beberine by ether in the foregoing processes. It also is amorphous, very sparingly soluble in water and freely soluble in alcohol, but differs from beberine in being insoluble in ether.

Medical Properties and Uses. Nectandra is tonic, somewhat astringent, and febrifuge, resembling cinchona in its virtues, though much inferior, at least in antiperiodic power. It has generally been employed in the form of the impure beberine sulphate, and sometimes with great asserted success, in the treatment of *intermittent* and *remittent fevers*. Dr. Rodie recommended it so early as 1834; but later experience shows that, though frequently successful, it often fails, and cannot be relied on as a substitute for quinine. From twenty grains to a drachm (1·3 to 3·9 Gm.) may be given between the paroxysms, in doses of two grains (0·13 Gm.). Prof. A. P. Merrill has employed the sulphate with advantage in *menorrhagia*, in the dose of five grains (0·33 Gm.). (*N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, N. S., xv. 433.)

The *impure beberine sulphate* (*commercial sulphate*) may be prepared by first boiling the powdered bark with a solution of sodium carbonate, to remove the tannic acid and coloring matter, and afterwards with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, which extracts the alkaloids in the form of sulphates. The solution is then filtered, the alkaloid precipitated by sodium carbonate, the precipitate dissolved and neutralized with dilute sulphuric acid, the solution, decolorized with animal charcoal, then concentrated, filtered, and finally evaporated in open vessels, with a gentle heat. Thus obtained, the sulphate is fit for medical use, though it is not pure, containing sipirine, a little calcium sulphate, and coloring matter. It is in brownish, thin, shining scales, which become yellow in powder. It is freely soluble in alcohol, and sparingly so in water, but is readily dissolved in the latter if acidulated. It may be given in the form of pill, or of solution in water acidulated with sulphuric acid, one minim of the official diluted or aromatic sulphuric acid being added for each grain of the sulphate. The dose is from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.).

NUX VOMICA. U. S., Br. Nux Vomica.

(NŬX VŎM′I-CA.)

"The seed of Strychnos Nux vomica, Linné (nat. ord. Loganiaceæ)." *U. S.* "The seeds of Strychnos Nux vomica, Linn." *Br.*

Semen Strychni, *P. G.*; Semen Nucis Vomicæ; Poison Nut, Quaker Buttons; Noix vomique, *Fr.*; Krähenaugen, Brechnüsse, *G.*; Noce vomica, *It.*; Nuez vomica, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla five-cleft. *Berry* one-celled, with a ligneous rind. *Willd.*

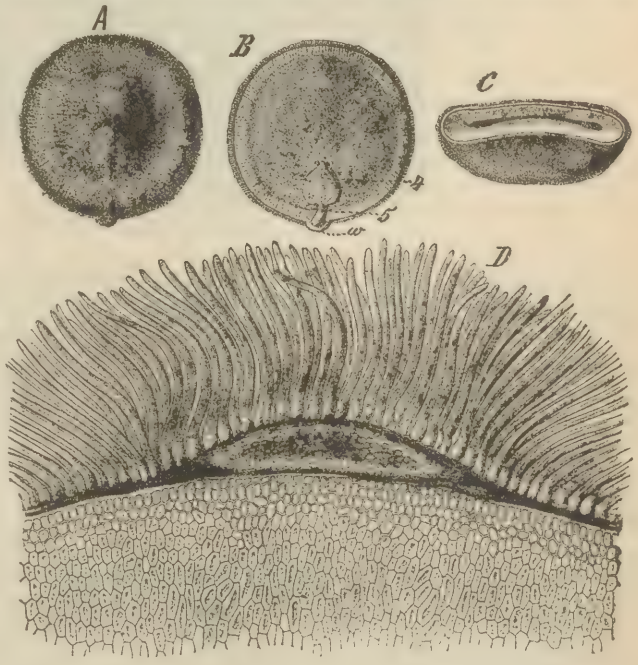
Strychnos nux vomica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1052; *B. & T.* 178. This tree is of a moderate size, with numerous strong branches, covered with a smooth, dark-gray bark. The young branches are long, flexuous, smooth, and dark green, with opposite, roundish-oval, entire, smooth, and shining leaves, having three or five ribs, and short footstalks. The flowers are small, white, funnel-shaped, and in terminal corymbs. The fruit is a round berry, about as large as an orange, with a smooth, yellow or orange-colored, hard, fragile rind, and many seeds

nese dioxide, in giving rise to a magnificent green, slowly passing into a beautiful violet, and, lastly, in having a higher molecular weight, its formula being $C_{20}H_{23}NO_4$. After separating nectandrine from the mixed bases, the authors succeeded in extracting another alkaloid, different from beberine, much more soluble in water than nectandrine, but insoluble in chloroform. This they did not name. They ascertained the existence of a third alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 453.)

in a juicy pulp. It has frequently been asserted that the pulp is innocuous; but the experiments and analyses of Flückiger and Hanbury, and of Dunstan and Short (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 1), prove that it contains strychnine. The latter have also proved by chemical examination that of the commercial varieties of nux vomica Bombay seed stands first, then Cochin, and lastly Madras. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 1053.)

The tree is a native of the East Indies, growing in Bengal, Malabar, on the Coromandel Coast, in Ceylon, in many islands of the Indian Archipelago, in Cochin-China, and in other neighboring countries. The wood and root are very bitter, and are employed in the East Indies for the cure of intermittents. The *radices colubrinæ* and *lignum colubrinum* of the older writers, long known in Europe as narcotic poisons, have been ascribed to this species of Strychnos, under the impression that it is identical with *Strychnos colubrina*, to which Linnæus refers them. They have been ascertained by Pelletier and Caventou to contain a large quantity of strychnine. The bark is said by Dr. O'Shaughnessy to answer exactly to the description given by authors of the *false Angustura*, and, like that, to contain a large quantity of brucine. The identity of the two barks has been confirmed by Dr. Pereira, from a comparison of specimens. (See *Cusparix Cortex.*)

The seeds are circular, about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and two lines in thickness, flat or slightly convex on one side, and concave on the other, with a slight ridge extending from the centre of one side to the edge. They are thickly covered with fine, silky, shining, ash-colored or yellowish-gray hairs, springing from, and indeed composed of elongated cells of, a thin fragile coating or testa, which closely invests the interior nucleus or kernel. This is very hard, horny, usually whitish and semi-transparent, sometimes dark-colored and opaque, and very difficult of pulverization. It is composed chiefly of a hard, horny albumen, which on section is seen to be formed of numerous small parenchymatous cells. In a fissure in the centre lies the embryo. It is about a third of an inch long, with a club-shaped radicle and two cordate, five- to seven-nerved cotyledons. The powder is yellowish gray, and has a faint sweetish odor. The seeds are destitute of odor, but have an acrid, very bitter taste, which is much stronger in the kernel than in the investing membrane. They impart their virtues to water, but more readily to diluted alcohol.



Nux Vomica. *A*, seed, natural size; *B*, same, divided, so as to show the embryo; 5, embryo leaves; 4, plumule; *w*, radicle; *C*, cross-section; *D*, section through albumen and hilum. (After Berg.)

Nux vomica has been analyzed by several chemists, among the earliest by Pelletier and Caventou, who discovered in it two alkaline principles, *strychnine* and *brucine*, united with a peculiar acid which they named *igasuric*. Its other constituents are a yellow coloring matter, a concrete oil, gum, starch, a small quantity of wax, and several earthy phosphates. Mr. Charles Bullock, in preparing the alcoholic extract of nux vomica with a moderate continuous heat, so as to dry it sufficiently to be pulverized, separated from 150 pounds of the seeds 5 pints of a liquid oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 405.)* M. Desnoix announced the discovery of another alkaloid, which he denominated *igasurine;* but Shenstone (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, xxxix. 453) has shown that this substance was merely a mixture of strychnine and brucine. A glucoside, *loganin*, has also been found in the nux vomica seeds, but it exists more

* F. Meyer (*Dissertation*, St. Petersburg, 1875) investigated the fatty oil from nux vomica, and found it to consist of the glycerides of capric, caprylic, caproic, butyric, and palmitic acids.

largely in the surrounding pulp. Dunstan and Short, its discoverers (*Pharm. Journ.* [3], xiv. p. 1025), give to it the formula $C_{25}H_{34}O_{14}$.*

Strychnine ($C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$) was discovered by Pelletier and Caventou in 1818, in both the nux vomica and the bean of St. Ignatius, and received its name from the generic title of the plants (*Strychnos*) to which these two products belong. According to these chemists, it exists much more abundantly in the bean of St. Ignatius than in the nux vomica, the former yielding 1·2 per cent., the latter only 0·4 per cent., of the alkaloid; but Dragendorff obtained from the nux vomica 1·9 to 2·1 per cent. of mixed alkaloids, about half of which was strychnine. (*Jahresbericht*, 1874, p. 103.)† For valuable practical information about the yield of the alkaloids, extracts, etc., by Prof. E. L. Patch, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1891, p. 91; also *P. J. Tr.*, 1889, p. 341; *Proc. Michigan Pharm. Assoc.*, 1889; *Proc. Ohio Pharm. Assoc.*, 1889; *P. J. Tr.*, 1890, p. 493.



Transverse section of Nux Vomica.

Brucine ($C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$) was discovered by Pelletier and Caventou, first in the bark called *false Angustura*, in combination with gallic acid, and subsequently, associated with strychnine in the form of igasurates, in the nux vomica and the bean of St. Ignatius. It is crystallizable from alcohol, the crystals then containing $4H_2O$. It is without smell, but of a permanent, harsh, very bitter taste; is soluble in 850 parts of cold and in 500 of boiling water; very soluble in alcohol, whether hot or cold; it dissolves in 4 parts of chloroform, 440 parts of ether, 60 parts of benzene, and 120 parts of benzin. It is permanent in the air, but melts at a temperature a little above that of boiling water, and on cooling congeals into a mass resembling wax. According to Mr. Wm. A. Guy, it melts at 115° C. (239° F.), and sublimes at 204° C. (399·2° F.),

* *Loganin* is present in the pulp to the amount of 4 or 5 per cent., and is contained in small quantity also in the seeds. It was obtained by exhausting the pulp with a mixture of chloroform and alcohol (100 : 25). The exhaustion was effected in an apparatus for hot repercolation. The percolate, on cooling, deposited crystals, which when recrystallized a number of times from alcohol, and finally from absolute alcohol, were obtained pure. Loganin is easily soluble in water and alcohol, less soluble in ether, chloroform, and benzene. Its aqueous solution is not precipitated by any of the alkaloidal reagents. Its most characteristic reaction is found in its behavior with concentrated sulphuric acid. A very small quantity of loganin, when gently warmed with a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid, yields a fine red color, which, on standing, develops into a deep purple. By boiling with dilute sulphuric acid, loganin is resolved into glucose (reducing Fehling's solution), and a body for which the name *loganetin* is proposed. This substance, like loganin, gives the characteristic reaction with sulphuric acid, but the purple color does not develop so rapidly. Loganetin is soluble in water and alcohol, less soluble in ether and chloroform. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 1025.)

† Other species of Strychnos contain the poisonous alkaloids, and may some time become a commercial source of them. *Bidara laut* of the Indian bazaars, believed to be obtained from *S. ligustrina*, has been analyzed by Prof. Russow, who found the wood to contain 2·26 per cent. and the bark 7·38 per cent. of brucine without strychnine. Mr. Henry G. Greenish found in the wood and bark respectively of *S. colubrinum* 0·96 per cent. and 5·54 per cent. of mixed alkaloids; the same analyst obtained from false Angustura bark (*S. nux vomica*), young bark 3·10 per cent., old bark 1·68. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., ix. 1014.) According to M. Bernelot-Moens, the dry seeds of the *S. tieute* contain 1·469 per cent. of strychnine, with a trace of brucine. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 506.)

changing color, and depositing carbon. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1868, p. 375.) It forms crystallizable salts with the acids. Concentrated nitric acid produces with brucine or its salts an intense crimson color, which changes to yellow by heat, and upon the addition of stannous chloride becomes violet. A test for brucine, given by M. Stanislas Cotton, consists in adding to a warm solution of brucine (40° to 50° C.) in nitric acid, a concentrated solution of sodium hyposulphite (thiosulphate). The mixture first becomes violet, and then passes to green when the alkaline salt is in excess. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1869, p. 18.) These effects serve to distinguish brucine from strychnine, and, if produced with the latter alkaloid, evince the presence of the former. According to MM. Larocque and Thibierge, auric chloride produces, with solutions of the salts of brucine, precipitates at first milky, then coffee-colored, and finally chocolate-brown. (*Journ. de Chim. Méd.*, Oct. 1842.) Chlorine water produces with solution of brucine a rose color, due to the formation of *dichlor-brucine*. This is a reddish-brown, hygroscopic powder. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 934.) A *dinitro-brucine*, $C_{23}H_{24}(NO_2)_2N_2O_4$, has also been obtained by the action of nitrogen trioxide upon the brucine in alcoholic solution. Brucine appears to bear a definite relation to strychnine in chemical constitution, being a *dimethoxy-strychnine*. According to the analyses of Shenstone and Dragendorff, the bark of the nux vomica contains brucine, with a trace of strychnine, whilst in the leaves Hooper found only brucine. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.)

This alkaloid has been detected in the body three months after death, being present in all the solids and fluids, but especially in the liver and kidneys. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, July 10, 1873, p. 36.) Brucine may be procured from false Angustura bark, in a manner essentially the same as that in which strychnine is procured from nux vomica; with this difference, that the alcoholic extract obtained from the precipitate produced by lime or magnesia should be treated with oxalic acid, and subsequently with a mixture of rectified alcohol and ether, which takes up the coloring matter, leaving brucine oxalate. This is decomposed by magnesia, and the brucine is separated by alcohol, which by spontaneous evaporation yields it in the state of crystals. Prescott (*Organic Analysis*, 1887, p. 458) gives two methods for the separation of strychnine from brucine: first, by the use of alcohol of 0·97 sp. gr., which easily dissolves brucine, but has very slight solvent power upon strychnine; second, by Dunstan and Short's method with potassium ferrocyanide. This has recently been reported upon by Holst and Beckurts (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, N. F., 1887, p. 119), who find that if the mixed alkaloids be in not too dilute hydrochloric acid solution, on the addition of potassium ferrocyanide the whole of the strychnine will be precipitated as ferrocyanide, while the brucine salt will remain in solution.

Igasurine was said to be found in the mother-waters from which strychnine and brucine have been precipitated by lime. Jörgensen believed that it was identical with brucine (see *A. J. P.*, June, 1872, p. 257), and W. A. Shenstone confirmed this view. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1881.) Recent investigations show, however, that its existence is very doubtful.

As a test for nux vomica, Vielgruth proposes to treat a few grains of the suspected powder with proof spirit, evaporate the tincture to dryness at a heat not exceeding 96° F., then add a drop or two of dilute sulphuric acid, and again raise to the heat mentioned. If nux vomica be present, a beautiful carmine-red color will be produced, which will disappear in ten or fifteen minutes after cooling, and reappear, but less brightly, on the reapplication of the heat. Schweissinger advocates the direct determination of the alkaloids in nux vomica by titration with hydrochloric acid as the best way of ascertaining the strength of pharmaceutical preparations. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1885, p. 579.)

Brucine. On account of the difficulty of separating strychnine from brucine, it has been found by physiologists difficult to determine the exact action upon the human organism of the pure alkaloid. It would seem, however, from the studies of Professor Reichert, made upon carefully tested brucine, that its physiological actions are similar to those of strychnine, except that it is much less rapidly absorbed than is strychnine, is from forty to fifty times less powerful as a convulsant, is more poisonous to the sensory nerves, and is more uncertain in its effects upon bodily temperature. When brucine is brought in contact with the nerves of the frog it produces a rapid paralysis of the sensory fibres. Dr. Mays found that a five- or ten-per-cent. solution of chemically pure brucine applied to the mouth of man causes rapid loss of sensibility, and asserts that a twenty-per-cent. solution is capable of exerting a decided local anæsthetic influence when placed upon the skin. He has found it very advantageous for the relief of the itching of *chronic pruritus*. Drs. Zeiss and Burnett find that a five-per-cent. solution gives great relief as a local application in inflammations about the external ear,

Dr. Burnett affirming that his results have been far more satisfactory than those which he has obtained with cocaine.

Medical Properties and Uses. The medical and toxic properties of nux vomica are those of its alkaloid. (See *Strychnina.*)

OLEA. Oils.

(Ō'LĘ-Ą.)

These are liquid or solid substances, unctuous to the touch and characterized by inflammability and the property of making a greasy stain upon paper. They are divided into two classes, the *fixed* and the *volatile*, because distinguished, as their names imply, most readily by their different behavior on the application of heat.

1. OLEA FIXA. *Fixed Oils.*

These are sometimes termed *fatty oils*, because they constitute in part the vegetable and animal fats. The distinction between liquid and solid fats is for the most part a physical one only, as they contain the same chemical compounds, although in relatively different proportions. The fatty oils, though existing in greater or less proportion in various parts of plants, are furnished for use exclusively by the fruit, and, as a rule, are most abundant in the dicotyledonous seeds. They are obtained either by submitting the bruised seeds to pressure in hempen bags, or by boiling them in water, and skimming off the oil as it rises to the surface. When pressure is employed, it is customary to prepare the seeds for the press by exposing them to a moderate heat, so as to render the oil more liquid and thus enable it to flow out more readily. Another mode of extracting certain oils is by means of liquids having the power of dissolving them, and this method is now largely used in practice, carbon disulphide being the solvent availed of. Near Berlin, in Germany, is an establishment where the oil existing in various grains, as the colza, flaxseed, and mustard, is extracted by means of carbon disulphide, on a large scale. For the details of the process, see *A. J. P.*, Nov. 1868, p. 549.

The following scheme of classification of the fixed oils, both liquid and solid (Allen, *Commercial Organic Analysis*, 2d ed., vol. ii. pp. 62–73), gives a general view of their most essential characters, points of difference, etc.

I. Olive Oil Group. *Vegetable Non-drying Oils.* The oils of this group solidify on treatment with nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate, but do not lose their power of producing a greasy stain on paper, however long they may be exposed to the air. Their density varies from 0·912 to about 0·920, and hence is less than that of Groups II., III., and IV. Their fluidity is notably less than that of the drying oils.

This group includes almond oil (from *Amygdalus communis*), oil of ben (from *Moringa oleifera*), colza oil (from *Brassica campestris oleifera*), ground-nut oil (from *Arachis hypogæa*), oil of black mustard (from *Sinapis nigra*), oil of white mustard (from *Sinapis alba*), olive oil (from *Olea europæa*), winter rape-seed oil (from *Brassica campestris; B. napus*), and summer rape-seed oil (from *Brassica præcox*).

II. Cotton-seed Oil Group. The oils of this group occupy a position intermediate between the vegetable non-drying and the true drying oils (Groups I. and III.). In density they somewhat exceed the oils of Group I., but are lighter than those of Groups III. and IV. They form more or less elaidin on treatment with nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate, but do not become wholly solidified. On the other hand, they undergo more or less drying on exposure to the air, but not so markedly as the oils of Group III.

This group includes beech-nut oil (from *Fagus sylvatica*), cotton-seed oil (from *Gossypium barbadense* and other species), hazel-nut oil (from *Coryllus avellana*), sesame or teel oil (from *Sesamum orientale*), sunflower oil (from *Helianthus annuus; H. perennis*), and niger-seed oil (from *Guizotia oleifera*).

III. Linseed Oil Group. *Vegetable Drying Oils.* These oils are not solidified by treatment with nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate, but become gradually converted into solid masses or varnishes, by exposure to the air. In density the oils of this group vary from about 0·923 to 0·937, and hence are distinctly heavier than the non-drying oils and than most of the oils of Group II. On the other hand, they are lighter than the oils of Group IV. The fluidity of the drying oils is also much higher than that of the non-drying oils.

This group includes camelina oil (from *Myagrum sativum*), cress-seed oil (from *Lepidium sativum*), hemp-seed oil (from *Cannabis sativa*), linseed oil (from *Linum usitatissimum; L. perenne*), poppy-seed oil (from *Papaver somniferum*), Scotch fir-seed oil (from *Pinus sylvestris*),

tobacco-seed oil (from *Nicotiana tabacum*), walnut oil (from *Juglans regia*), and weld-seed oil (from *Reseda luteola*).

IV. Castor Oil Group. The oils of this group are distinguished from those of Groups I., II., and III. by their very high density and viscosity (*i.e.*, deficient fluidity). They are also remarkable for their ready solubility in alcohol, and their marked purgative properties. In their drying characters and behavior with the elaidin test they resemble the oils of the cotton-seed oil group. Both castor and croton oil are miscible in all proportions with glacial acetic acid.

This group includes castor oil (from *Ricinus communis*) and croton oil (from *Croton tiglium*).

V. Palm Oil Group. *Solid Vegetable Fats.* This group includes solid fats not containing notable quantities of glycerides of lower fatty acids. The densities for the melted fats at 98° and 99° C. are compared with the density of water at 15·5° C., taken as 1·000, and vary from 0·920 to 0·995, calculated at 15·5° C. This group includes palm oil (from fruit of *Elais guineensis*), cacao butter (from nuts of *Theobroma cacao*), nutmeg butter (from nuts of *Myristica fragrans*), and shea butter (from seeds of *Bassia parkii*).

VI. Cocoanut Oil Group. *Solid Vegetable Fats.* This group includes solid fats containing notable quantities of glycerides of lower fatty acids,—that is, of acids distilling with more or less facility in a current of steam at 100° C. The group includes cocoanut oil (from nuts of *Cocos nucifera*), palm-nut oil (from kernels of nut of *Avoira elais* or *Elais guineensis*), and laurel oil (from fruit of *Laurus nobilis*).

VII. Lard Oil Group. *Animal Oleins.* This group includes those oils fluid at ordinary temperatures which are obtained from terrestrial animals. They resemble the fish oils in their reaction with chlorine, but are not turned red or brown by boiling with caustic soda. On exposure to air and on treatment with nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate, they behave like the non-drying vegetable oils (Group I.).

This group includes bone oil, lard oil, tallow oil, and neat's-foot oil.

VIII. Tallow Group. *Solid Animal Fats.* This group comprises such oils as are solid at the ordinary temperature. Their melting points vary somewhat, and are capable of permanent alteration. The group includes bone fat, butter fat, butterine and oleomargarine, hog's lard, horse fat, beef tallow and mutton tallow, and wool-fat (suint).

IX. Whale Oil Group. *Marine Animal Oils.* This group comprises the various fluid oils obtained from fish and cetaceous mammals. They are distinguished as a class by their offensive fishy odor, by the brown color they assume when subjected to the action of chlorine, and by the reddish color which is produced on boiling them with a solution of caustic alkali. With sulphuric acid they give colorations varying from light red to purple or brown. Sperm oil is distinguished from the others by its peculiar chemical constitution and low specific gravity. The fish oils do not dry up on exposure to air, and mostly yield but little elaidin on treatment with nitrous acid. The term "*train oil*" includes whale, seal, shark, cod, and all similar oils. Cod oil (from *Gadus morrhua* and allied species), cod-liver oil (from the same), tanner's cod oil (from various fish), menhaden oil (from *Alosa menhaden*), porpoise oil (from *Delphinus phocæna* and allied species), seal oil (from *Phoca* of various species), shark oil (from *Squalus maximus* and allied species), sperm oil (from the cranial cavities of *Physeter macrocephalus*), and whale oil (from *Balæna mistecetus* and allied species), are all members of this group.

X. Sperm Oil Group. *Liquid Waxes.* The members of this group differ from all the fatty oils of previous classes in not being glycerides, consisting essentially of ethers of monatomic alcohols of the ethylic series, in which respect they resemble the true waxes, but are fluid at ordinary temperatures. They are less dense than the glycerides, they do not dry or thicken notably on exposure to air, but they yield solid elaidins on treatment with nitrous acid. The group includes sperm oil, doegling oil or bottle-nose oil, and dolphin oil.

XI. Spermaceti Group. *Waxes Proper.* Spermaceti and the various waxes differ from the true fixed oils and fats in not forming glycerin when saponified, yielding instead certain of the higher monatomic alcohols, the identity of which varies with the nature of the wax. These alcohols are insoluble in water, and dissolve to but a limited extent in alcohol, but they are soluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzene, and petroleum spirit, and are apt to be mistaken for added paraffin wax when the substance is saponified and the soap extracted with a solvent.

This group includes beeswax (from honey-comb of various species of bees), Carnauba or Brazil wax (from the leaf-coverings of *Copernicus cerifera*), Chinese wax or Pela wax (produced by a species of *Coccus* which punctures the branches of certain trees), myrtle wax (from

berries of *Myrica cerifera*), Ocuba wax (from *Myrica ocuba*), palm wax (from bark of *Ceroxylon andicola* of the Cordilleras), and spermaceti (deposit from the oil found in the cranial cavities of the sperm whale, *Physeter macrocephalus*).

When oils are decomposed by heat they yield vapors of *acrolein*, a highly volatile liquid resulting from the decomposition of glycerin, upon which the fumes of oils depend mainly for their irritating effects on the eyes and nostrils. Exposed to a red heat, in closed vessels, they yield, among other products of the destructive distillation, a large quantity of combustible compounds of carbon and hydrogen. Heated in the open air, they take fire, burning with a bright flame, and producing water and carbonic acid. When kept in air-tight vessels, they remain unchanged for a great length of time; but exposed to the atmosphere they attract oxygen, and ultimately become concrete. Some, in drying, lose their unctuous character, and are converted into a transparent, yellowish, flexible solid. These are called *drying oils*. Others, especially such as contain mucilaginous impurities, become rancid, acquiring a sharp taste and an unpleasant smell. This change is owing to the formation of an acid, from which the oil may be freed by boiling it for a short time with magnesium hydrate and water.* The fixed oils are insoluble in water, but are miscible with that fluid by means of mucilage, forming mixtures which are called emulsions. They are in general very sparingly soluble in alcohol, but readily dissolved by ether, which serves to separate them from other vegetable proximate principles. By the aid of heat they dissolve sulphur and phosphorus. The stronger acids decompose them, giving rise, among other products, to oleic, palmitic, and stearic acids. Boiled with diluted nitric acid, some of them give rise to malic and oxalic acids, besides other substances usually resulting from the action of this acid upon vegetable matter. Several acids are dissolved by them without producing any sensible change. They are decomposed by salifiable bases, being resolved into a peculiar substance called glycerin, and into oleic and stearic or other fatty acids, which unite with the base employed. The compounds of these acids with potassa and soda are called soaps. (See *Sapo* and *Emplastrum Plumbi*.) By the addition of one part of potassium or sodium carbonate, 160 parts of oil may be brought with distilled water into the form of an emulsion. The potassa and soda soaps and the alkaline sulphides have a similar effect, but not the bicarbonates. The fixed oils also serve as good vehicles for various metallic bases and subsalts, which form soaps to a certain extent soluble in the oil, and thus become less irritant to the tissues. Oils thus impregnated may, like the pure oils, be brought to the state of emulsion with water, for convenient administration, by the addition of a small proportion of potassium carbonate. (Jeannel and Monsel, *Revue Pharm.*, 1857, p. 48.) The fixed oils dissolve many of the alkaloids, the volatile oils, resin, and other proximate principles of plants. The alkaloids are more readily dissolved in them by being first combined with oleic acid, the oleates being more soluble than the alkaloids themselves. (Attfield, *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1863, p. 308.) According to Buignet, they are, with very few exceptions, indifferent to polarized light; of all those used in medicine, the only exceptions being the liver-oils of the ray and dog-fish, which have a very feeble left-rotatory power, and castor oil, which is decidedly dextrogyrate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1861, p. 264.)

The fixed oils, whether animal or vegetable, in their natural state consist in most cases of at least two or three distinct oleaginous ingredients, one liquid at ordinary temperatures, and the other two concrete. The liquid is a distinct proximate principle, called *olein*; the concrete principles consist of *stearin* and *palmitin*, the former being found most largely in animal and the latter in vegetable oils or fats, and the two not unfrequently existing together in the same oil. As the most frequent of these proximate constituents of the fixed oils, and existing in many different oleaginous substances, olein, palmitin, and stearin merit a special notice. Preliminarily, however, to their individual consideration, it will be proper to refer to the existing views in relation to their nature and composition generally.

* M. Cloes has made investigations in relation to the influence of light in promoting oxidation, and obtained some curious results. The general influence of light is very great, as oils undergo comparatively little change in the dark for a long time; though in relation to some of them the change is at length as great as under the light. Thus, while the oil of poppies has in 30 days increased about 5 per cent. in weight under colorless light, and has gained only a 5000th in the dark, yet at the end of 150 days the weight in the former condition was rather lessened than augmented, and in the latter, or in the dark, had increased 6·4 per cent. The effect of the different colored rays is also very different. The change is at first most rapid under the white light, less so under the blue, and much less under the red, yellow, and green, being least of all with the green; but with the advance of time the blue overtakes and even passes the white, and at the end of three or four months all are about equal in effect. Heat also accelerates the concretion of the oils, by favoring their oxidation; and the same effect is produced by introducing into the unchanged oil a little which has already been altered by exposure to the air. The oxidation of an oil may be very greatly hastened in this way without the aid of heat. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 345, 1865.)

These three substances, *olein*, *palmitin*, and *stearin*, together with *butyrin*, *caprin*, and other minor fat principles, are *glycerides;* that is, compound ethers or salts of the triatomic alcohol glycerin, $C_3H_5(OH)_3$, and of the several fatty acids, oleic, palmitic, stearic, etc., all of which are monobasic acids. Thus, olein has the composition

$$C_3H_5\begin{cases}OC_{18}H_{33}O\\OC_{18}H_{33}O\\OC_{18}H_{33}O\end{cases}, \text{ palmitin, } C_3H_5\begin{cases}OC_{16}H_{31}O\\OC_{16}H_{31}O\\OC_{16}H_{31}O\end{cases}, \text{ and stearin, } C_3H_5\begin{cases}OC_{18}H_{35}O\\OC_{18}H_{35}O\\OC_{18}H_{35}O\end{cases}.$$

When these substances, or oils composed principally of them, are treated with alkali with the aid of heat, the following decomposition takes place:

$$C_3H_5\begin{cases}OC_{18}H_{33}O\\OC_{18}H_{33}O\\OC_{18}H_{33}O\end{cases} + 3(NaOH) = C_3H_5\begin{cases}OH\\OH\\OH\end{cases} + 3(Na.OC_{18}H_{33}O);$$

that is, olein is decomposed by sodium hydrate into *glyceryl hydrate*, or *glycerin* and *sodium oleate*, or a sodium soap.

The waxes differ from the fats proper in being compound ethers of the higher monatomic alcohols, like *cetyl alcohol*, $C_{16}H_{33}.OH$, and *myricyl alcohol*, $C_{30}H_{61}.OH$, instead of being glycerides. The fatty acids present are partly palmitic and stearic, but more largely still higher ones, like *cerotic acid*, $C_{27}H_{54}O_2$.

Olein. Elain. Liquid Principle of Oils. It is extremely difficult to obtain olein pure. Being in most oils associated with the solids stearin and palmitin, it has to be separated by pressure and other mechanical means, which separation is not always perfectly effected. As ordinarily procured, therefore, olein contains more or less of palmitin or stearin, or both. In this somewhat impure state it is obtained either by the agency of alcohol or by expression. When one of the oils, olive oil, for example, is dissolved in boiling alcohol, the solution, on cooling, deposits the concrete principles, still retaining the olein, which it yields upon evaporation. The other method consists in compressing one of the solid fats, or one of the liquid oils rendered concrete by cold, between folds of bibulous paper, which absorb the olein, and give it up afterwards by compression under water. Olein is a liquid of oily consistence, congealing at —6° C. (21·2° F.), colorless when pure, with little odor and a sweetish taste, insoluble in water, soluble in boiling alcohol and ether. Its formula, as already stated, is $C_3H_5(OC_{18}H_{33}O)_3$, being an oleate of the triad radical *glyceryl*, C_3H_5. By reaction with nitric acid, or, more exactly stated, under the influence of nitrous acid fumes, olein is converted into a deep yellow, butyraceous mass. If this be treated with hot alcohol, a deep orange-red oil is dissolved, and a peculiar fatty matter remains, called *elaidin*. This is white, crystalline, fusible at 34° C. (93·2° F.), insoluble in water, readily soluble in ether, and appears to be isomeric with olein. It is resolved by saponification with the alkalies into *elaidic acid* and glycerin.

Palmitin. Palmitic acid occurs in the more liquid fats, such as palm oil and cocoa-nut oil, as well as in butter and human fat, as glyceride; while in spermaceti and some forms of wax it is combined with monatomic alcohol radicals. Palmitin is the *palmitic acid glyceride*, or *glyceryl tripalmitate.* It is best obtained from palm oil.

Stearin. This exists abundantly in tallow and other animal fats. It may be obtained by treating the concrete matter of lard, free from olein, by cold ether so long as anything is dissolved. The palmitin is thus taken up, and stearin remains. A better method is to dissolve suet in heated oil of turpentine, allow the solution to cool, submit the solid matter to expression in unsized paper, repeat the treatment several times, and finally dissolve in hot ether, which deposits the stearin on cooling. This is concrete, white, opaque in mass, but of a pearly appearance as crystallized from ether, pulverizable, fusible at 66·5° C. (152° F.), soluble in boiling alcohol and ether, but nearly insoluble in those liquids cold, and quite insoluble in water. It consists of glyceryl and stearic acid in combination as a glyceride, $C_3H_5(OC_{18}H_{35}O)_3$, and has been formed synthetically by heating a mixture of these two materials to 280°–300° C.

Margarin. What was long known under this name was stated by Heintz in 1852 (*Journ. für Prakt. Chem.*, 56, p. 1) to be a mixture of stearin and palmitin: this view has been contradicted recently, however, and some chemists recognize the identity of margarin as one of the simple constituents of fats. The true *margaric acid* was believed to have been obtained only by synthesis, not occurring in nature.

The fixed oils are liable to certain spontaneous changes, which have been investigated by MM. Pelouze and Boudet. It appears from their researches that the oils are accompanied, in the seeds which contain them, with principles which act as a ferment and cause the oils to resolve themselves spontaneously into the several fatty acids which they afford on saponification,

and into glycerin. This change takes place in the seeds as soon as the cells containing the oil are broken, so as to permit the contact of the fermenting principle existing in the grain. Sometimes the fermenting principle is to a certain extent separated from the seeds along with the oil. In such a case the oil undergoes this resolution into the fatty acids and glycerin after expression. Such was ascertained to be the case with palm oil, in which, after long keeping, MM. Pelouze and Boudet detected the presence of glycerin and of palmitic and oleic acids. They moreover proved that, under the continued influence of the ferment, the fatty acids themselves undergo changes, among which is the conversion of the oleic into sebacic acid; and it is probable that with a still longer continuance of the same influence the oil would be completely destroyed. As this rancidity in fats renders them altogether useless in pharmacy, and as it is not always readily discoverable by the senses in its earlier stages, it becomes desirable to possess a test by which it may be readily detected. Such a test is to be found, according to Mr. Thos. B. Groves, in potassium iodide, which is rapidly decomposed by the new principles developed, and, by the orange-brown discoloration produced by the liberation of the iodine, indicates the existence of rancidity, and by the rapidity and degree of that discoloration, approximatively, the extent of the change. The alteration of color is said by Mr. Groves to be plainly perceptible when only one-twentieth of rancid fat is present.

It is also extremely important to be able to protect fats against this change. The complete exclusion of air, light, and moisture—and, when in relation to air this may not be entirely practicable, the destruction by heat of the ferment-germs contained in the air, by which the decomposition is often originated—will go far to effect this object; but it would often be very inconvenient, if not impossible, to carry these measures into complete effect; and hence the discovery of substances which may have the effect of retarding, if not wholly preventing, these fermenting processes, whether by the destruction of the ferment-germs or otherwise, is extremely desirable. It is now long since one or more substances having this preservative effect have been made known and practically used; and since the principle upon which they are supposed to act has been discovered the number has been much extended. Thus, benzoin rubbed up with fats is well known to preserve them long against rancidity, and *benzoinated lard*, made by mixing ten per cent. of benzoin with melted lard, is one of the official preparations; and the buds of the poplar (*Populus nigra*) are perhaps still more effectual, as, according to M. Deschamps, lard impregnated with their virtues will keep good indefinitely. In the French Codex the poplar buds are employed for this purpose in the *Pommade Populeum*, in which eight parts of the dried buds are used to 60 parts of the ointment, consisting of lard impregnated with the virtues of several narcotic substances, the fresh narcotic plants being boiled with lard until all their water is evaporated, and the buds afterwards digested in the strained liquid for 24 hours. Mr. Groves made experiments with many volatile oils and other analogous substances to test their preservative power; and, while many of them were found to have considerable effect, as cloves, Peruvian balsam, sassafras, guaiacum, and creosote, yet the one which appeared to act most efficiently was the *oil of pimenta;* and he proposes to add to the official *prepared lard* of the British Pharmacopœia either oil of pimenta or balsam of Peru, in the proportion of two drops to the ounce, in order to contribute to its preservation. (See *A. J. P.*, 1865, pp. 54, 61.)

Animal fats are especially liable to become rancid when kept; and it is very desirable to obviate this effect; for, instead of having the mild demulcent properties which constitute their chief value, they become irritant, and unfit as vehicles for other substances to be applied to the skin. Prof. Hirzel says that animal fats may be kept in a good condition for a year by the following plan. Mix 14 pounds of the recently melted fat with 5 drachms of common salt and 15 grains of alum, in fine powder, heat till a scum is formed on the surface, separate the scum, and, when the clear liquid has cooled, wash it many times with water with malaxation, so as to remove all the salt, then evaporate the water at a heat insufficient to injure the fat. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 334.)

It is sometimes desirable to deprive the fixed oils of color. The following process for this purpose is recommended by M. Brunner. The oil is first brought to the state of emulsion by strongly agitating it with water rendered mucilaginous by gum or starch; the emulsion is treated for each part of oil with two parts of wood charcoal, previously well heated and coarsely powdered, the finer particles being sifted out; the pasty mass is then completely dried at a heat not exceeding 212° F., and exhausted by cold ether in a percolator; finally, the ethereal solution, having been allowed to stand, in order that any charcoal present in it may subside, is submitted to distillation, so as to separate the ether, and the oil remains colorless in the retort.

(*Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1858.) M. Berlandt recommends the following method. Shake strongly for some minutes 900 parts of the fixed oil with 120 parts of water holding in solution 3 parts of potassium permanganate, allow the mixture to stand for some hours in a warm place, and then filter. The oil becomes colorless. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Oct. 1867.)

2. OLEA VOLATILIA. [*Olea Destillata.*] *Volatile Oils.*

These are sometimes called *distilled oils*, from the mode in which they are usually procured; sometimes *essential oils*, from the circumstance that they possess, in a concentrated state, the properties of the plants from which they are derived. They exist in all odoriferous vegetables, sometimes pervading the plant, sometimes confined to a single part; in some instances contained in distinct cellules, and preserved after desiccation, in others formed upon the surface, as in many flowers, and exhaled as soon as formed. Occasionally two or more are found in different parts of the same plant. Thus, the orange-tree produces one oil in its leaves, another in its flowers, and a third in the rind of its fruit. In a few instances, when existing in distinct cellules, they may be obtained by pressure, as from the rind of the lemon and orange; but they are generally procured by distillation with water. (See page 910.) Some volatile oils, as those of bitter almond and mustard, are formed, during the process of distillation, out of substances of a different nature pre-existing in the plant.

The volatile oils are usually yellowish, but often brown, red, green, or blue, and occasionally colorless. There is reason, however, to believe that in all instances the color depends on foreign matter dissolved in the oils. Septimus Piesse has succeeded, by the fractional distillation of certain volatile oils, in separating a blue liquid, which, by repeated rectification, he has obtained quite pure. In this state it has the sp. gr. 0·910, and a fixed boiling point of 302·3° C. (576° F.), and yields a dense blue vapor having peculiar optical properties. He has named this principle *azulene*, and believes that upon it depends the blueness of volatile oils wherever existing. The yellowness of the oils he ascribes to the resin resulting from their oxidation, the green and brown colors to a mixture of azulene and resin in various proportions. The formula of azulene he gives as $C_{16}H_{26}O$. (*Chem. News*, Nov. 21, 1863, p. 245.) Gladstone names this blue coloring constituent *cærulein*, and says that it contains nitrogen and is colored green by acids and alkalies. The volatile oils differ from the fixed oils in not forming glycerides when treated with alkalies.

The volatile oils have a strong odor, resembling that of the plants from which they were procured, though generally less agreeable. Their taste is hot and pungent, and, when they are diluted, is often gratefully aromatic. The greater number are lighter than water; some are heavier; and their sp. gr. varies from 0·847 to 1·17. They partially rise in vapor at ordinary temperatures, diffusing their peculiar odor, and are completely volatilized by heat. When distilled alone, they almost always undergo partial decomposition. Heated in the open air, they take fire and burn with a bright flame attended with much smoke. Almost all those hitherto examined have the property of very decidedly deviating the plane of polarization of light, some in one direction, and some in the other; and advantage may sometimes be taken of this property to detect adulterations of one of these oils with another. Exposed at ordinary temperatures, they absorb oxygen, assume a deeper color, become thicker and less odorous, and are ultimately converted into resin.* This change takes place most rapidly under the influence of light. Before the alteration is complete, the remaining portion of oil may be recovered by distillation. Some of them form well-characterized acids by combination with oxygen.†

The volatile oils are largely hydrocarbons, although mixed with these are alcohol-like bodies called *camphors*, and other products of oxidation known under the general name of resins, and undoubtedly formed from the hydrocarbons. These hydrocarbons are generally known as

* Some interesting observations have been made by M. Auguste Houzeau regarding the chemical influence of the atmosphere, which go to prove that, in reference at least to the air at Rouen, in France, which was the site of these observations, this influence varies in degree with the season, being greatest in the advanced spring or early summer (May and June), diminishing sensibly in summer and greatly in autumn, and increasing at the close of winter and the beginning of spring. If this be generally true, the change in oils, as well as in all other bodies oxidizable in the air, should be greatest at that period of the year when the atmospheric influence is greatest, namely, in May and June, and least when this is least, in the winter months. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 212–218.)

† *Recovery of volatile oils from their resinified condition.* A process for this purpose, employed by M. Curieux, is to treat the old resinified oil with a solution of borax and animal charcoal, these being first mixed to form a magma, the oil then added, and the mixture shaken for fifteen minutes. The borax unites with the resinous matter, and the magma, adhering to the sides of the vessel, leaves the oil clear and possessed of its original properties. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1858, p. 398.)

terpenes, from oil of turpentine, which is taken as a type.* Wallach, to whom much of our recent knowledge on this subject is due, divides them into classes, as follows:

1. *True terpenes*, of the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, of which we have three groups: *a*, such as unite with but one molecule of halogen hydride, as pinene and camphene,—boiling between 159° C. and 161° C.; *b*, such as unite with two molecules of halogen hydride, as limonene, dipentene, sylvestrene, and terpinolene,—boiling between 175° C. and 190° C.; *c*, such as unite with nitrous acid to form "nitrosites," as terpinene and phellandrene.

2. *Hemiterpenes*, of the formula C_5H_8, such as isoprene.

3. *Polyterpenes*, such as cedrene, cubebene, etc., of the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$; colophene, of the formula $C_{20}H_{32}$; and caoutchouc, of the formula $(C_{10}H_{16})_x$.

The terpenes in general are practically insoluble in water, but soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzol, petroleum spirit, and the fixed and volatile oils. (Allen, *Commercial Organic Analysis*, 2d ed., vol. ii. p. 418.)

The volatile oils are very slightly soluble in water. Agitated with this fluid they render it milky, but separate upon standing, leaving the water impregnated with their odor and taste. This impregnation is more complete when water is distilled with the oils, or from the plants containing them. Trituration with magnesia or its carbonate renders them much more soluble, probably in consequence of their minute division. The intervention of sugar also greatly increases their solubility, and affords a convenient method of preparing them for internal use. The oils which contain no oxygen are scarcely soluble in diluted alcohol; and, according to De Saussure, their solubility generally in this liquid is proportionate to the oxygen which they contain. The volatile oils dissolve sulphur and phosphorus with the aid of heat, and deposit them on cooling. By long boiling with sulphur they form brown, unctuous, fetid substances, formerly called *balsams of sulphur*. They absorb chlorine, which converts them into resin and then combines with the resin. Iodine produces a similar effect. They are decomposed by the strong mineral acids, and unite with several of the acids from the vegetable kingdom. When treated with a caustic alkali, some of them are converted into resin, which unites with the alkali to form a kind of soap. Several of the metallic oxides, and various salts which easily part with oxygen, convert them into resin. The volatile oils dissolve many of the proximate principles of plants and animals, such as the fixed oils and fats, resins, camphor, and several of the alkaloids. Exposed to air and light, they acquire a decolorizing property, analogous to that of chlorine, which is ascribed by Faraday to their combination with the ozonized oxygen of the atmosphere. For some interesting observations on this property of the volatile oils, the reader is referred to papers by Dr. J. L. Plummer, of Richmond, Indiana, in *A. J. P.* (xxv.).†

The volatile oils, like the fixed oils, are mixtures of two or more principles, which differ in their point of volatilization or congelation, or in their composition. It is, however, impossible to separate them by distillation alone so as to obtain the several principles entirely pure. When, as often happens, the constituents congeal at different temperatures, they may be separated by compressing the frozen oil between folds of bibulous paper. The solid matter remains within the folds, and the fluid is absorbed by the paper, from which it may be separated by distillation with water. The name of *stearopten* has been proposed for the former, that of *eleopten* for the latter. The solid crystalline substances deposited by volatile oils upon standing are also called stearoptens. Some of them are denominated *camphors*, from their resemblance to true camphor. Some are isomeric with the oils in which they are formed, others are oxides or hydrates, alcohol-like in character. Certain oils, under the influence of water, deposit crystalline hydrates of the respective oils.

The volatile oils may be conveniently divided into three classes: 1, the *non-oxygenated oils*, consisting exclusively of carbon and hydrogen, as the oils of turpentine and copaiba; 2, the *oxygenated oils*, containing carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, as oil of cinnamon and most of the

* *Olea ætherea sine terpeno* is the name proposed by Dr. Schweissinger for concentrated volatile oils made so by the removal of the non-fragrant hydrocarbon, and representing from two to thirty volumes of the ordinary essential oils. Thus, one volume of the concentrated oil represents two volumes of the oils of anise, cassia, fennel, gingergrass, mentha crispa, mentha piperita, cloves, sassafras, and star anise; two and one-half volumes of the oils of bergamot, caraway, and lavender; four volumes of cumin and rosemary; five volumes of thyme; six volumes of coriander; eight volumes of calamus; ten volumes of absinthe; twenty volumes of juniper; thirty volumes of angelica, lemon, and orange. It is asserted that these concentrated oils are more permanent, more soluble in alcohol and in water, have a finer odor, and are of constant composition, thus enabling the specific gravity and boiling point to be used as tests of purity. They should be kept in the dark. (*Pharm. Centralh.*, 1888, No. 25.)

† See also the same journal (xxviii. 197) for some curious facts in relation to a repulsive influence exerted upon, and changes of color produced in, a mixture of potassium chromate and sulphuric acid, by different volatile oils, at sensible and sometimes considerable distances from the mixture, effected probably through the vapor of the oils.

aromatic oils; and, 3, the *sulphuretted oils*, containing sulphur, as the oils of horse-radish and mustard. The composition of those which are hydrocarbons simply has already been given.

The volatile oils are often sophisticated. Among the most common adulterations are fixed oils, resinous substances, and alcohol. The presence of the fixed oils may be known by the permanent greasy stain which they leave on paper, while that occasioned by a pure volatile oil disappears entirely when exposed to heat. They may also in general be detected by their comparative insolubility in alcohol. Both the fixed oils and resins are left behind when the adulterated oil is distilled with water. If alcohol be present, the oil will become milky when agitated with water in a graduated tube, and after the separation of the liquids the water will occupy more space and the oil less than before. The following method of detecting alcohol was proposed by M. Beral. Put twelve drops of the suspected oil in a perfectly dry watch-glass, and add a piece of potassium about as large as the head of a pin. If the potassium remains for twelve or fifteen minutes in the midst of the liquid, there is either no alcohol present, or less than 4 per cent. If it disappears in five minutes, the oil contains more than 4 per cent. of alcohol; if in less than a minute, 25 per cent. or more. M. Borsarelli employs calcium chloride for the same purpose. This he introduces in small pieces, well dried and perfectly free from powder, into a small cylindrical tube, closed at one end, and about two-thirds filled with the oil to be examined, and heats the tube to 212° F., occasionally shaking it. If there be considerable proportion of alcohol, the chloride will be entirely dissolved, forming a solution which sinks to the bottom of the tube; if only a very small quantity, the pieces will lose their form, and collect at the bottom in a white adhering mass; if none at all, they will remain unchanged. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 429.) J. J. Bernoulli proposes as a test dry potassium acetate, which remains unaffected in a pure oil, but will be dissolved if alcohol be present, and form a distinct liquid. (See *A. J. P.*, xxv. 82.) Mr. George A. Kelly suggests a simple test to detect alcohol: a quantity of the oil is placed in a capsule, which is put in a dark room, and a lighted match applied to it. The alcohol in the oil will burn with its characteristic lambent flame, whilst if no alcohol be present the flame will be yellow and smoky.

Sometimes volatile oils of little value are mixed with the more costly. The taste and smell afford in this case the best means of detecting the fraud. The specific gravity of the oils may also serve as a test of purity. When two oils, of which one is lighter and the other heavier than water, are mixed, they may be separated by long agitation with this fluid, and will take a place corresponding to their respective specific gravities; but it sometimes happens that an unadulterated oil may thus be separated into two portions. The difference of apparent effect produced by iodine with the several oils has been proposed as a test; and bromine was employed for the same purpose by Prof. John M. Maisch, who used both these tests preferably in the state of ethereal solution; which, as it is liable to spontaneous change by keeping, should be prepared when wanted for use. According to Liebig, when iodine is made to act on a volatile oil, a portion of it combines with the hydrogen of the oil, forming hydriodic acid, while another portion takes the place of the lost hydrogen. Oil of turpentine may be detected by remaining in part undissolved when the suspected oil is treated with three or four times its volume of alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·84; or, according to M. Mero, by causing the suspected oil, when agitated with an equal measure of poppy oil, to remain transparent, instead of becoming milky, as it would do if pure. The latter test will not apply to the oil of rosemary. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., vii. 303.) G. S. Heppe suggests a very delicate test of oil of turpentine and most other non-oxygenated oils, when used to adulterate one of the oils containing oxygen. A piece of copper nitroprusside, of the size of a pin's head, is put into a little of the suspected oil in a test-tube, and heated until the liquid begins to boil. The boiling must be continued only a few seconds. If the oil be pure and oxygenated, the copper nitroprusside will become black, brown, or gray; if oil of turpentine or other non-oxygenated oil be present, the deposit will be green or bluish green, and the supernatant liquid colorless or yellowish. (*Chem. Gaz.*, April 15, 1857, p. 155; *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 344.)

The different relations of the volatile oils to polarized light may, to a certain extent, be made available for the detection of adulterations, especially where the action of the adulterating oil is in an opposite direction to that of the oil adulterated. Thus, the oils of juniper, lavender, rosemary, rotate the plane of polarization to the left, while American oil of turpentine rotates it to the right; and if this should be added to one of the other oils it might in some degree neutralize their action, and thus offer one means for its detection. Unfortunately, the French oil of turpentine, from the juice of the *Pinus maritima*, acts strongly in the opposite direction. But the very strength of its left-rotatory power might lead to its detection by the abnormal

increase of this power which it would impart to the oils in question. For a table of the direction and degree of the rotating power in several of the oils most employed, see *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1865.

Volatile oils may be preserved without change in small, well-stoppered amber-colored bottles, entirely filled with the oil, and secluded from the light.

Manufacture. Most of the volatile oils may be prepared by the general formula of the U. S. P. 1870: "Put the substance from which the Oil is to be extracted into a retort or other vessel suited for distillation, and add enough water to cover it; then distil by a regulated heat into a large refrigeratory. Separate the Distilled Oil from the water which comes over with it."*

Under the general observations on the *Aquæ*, or *Waters*, will be found remarks upon the use of steam in preparing the Distilled Waters, which are to a considerable extent applicable also to the volatile oils.

The substances from which the volatile oils are extracted may be employed in either the recent or the dried state. Certain flowers, however, such as orange flowers and roses, must be used fresh, or preserved with salt or by means of glycerin, as they afford little or no oil after desiccation. Most of the aromatic herbs, also, as peppermint, spearmint, pennyroyal, and marjoram, are usually distilled while fresh; although it is thought by some that when moderately dried they yield a larger and more grateful product. Dried substances, before being submitted to distillation, require to be macerated in water till they are thoroughly penetrated by this fluid; and to facilitate the action of the water it is necessary that, when of a hard or tough consistence, they should be properly comminuted by slicing, shaving, rasping, bruising, or other similar mechanical operation.

The water which is put with the subject of distillation into the still answers the double purpose of preventing the decomposition of the vegetable matter by regulating the temperature, and of facilitating the volatilization of the oil, which, though in most instances it readily rises with the vapor of boiling water, requires, when distilled alone, a considerably higher temperature, and is at the same time liable to be partially decomposed. Some oils, however, will not ascend readily with steam at 100° C. (212° F.), and in the distillation of these it is customary to use water saturated with common salt, which does not boil under 110° C. (230° F.). Recourse may also be had to a bath of strong solution of calcium chloride, or to an oil-bath, the temperature of which is regulated by a thermometer, as suggested by the Edinburgh College in their general directions, given above. Other oils, again, may be volatilized with water at a temperature below the boiling point; and, as heat exercises an injurious influence over the oils, it is desirable that the distillation should be effected at as low a temperature as possible. To prevent injury from heat, it has been recommended to suspend the substance containing the oil in a basket, or to place it upon a perforated shelf, in the upper part of the still, so that it may be penetrated by the steam, without being in direct contact with the water. Another mode of effecting the same object is to distil it *in vacuo*. Dr. Duncan stated that the most elegant volatile oils he had ever seen were prepared in this manner by Mr. Barry, the inventor of the process. The employment of steam heat also prevents injury; and the best volatile oils are now prepared in Philadelphia in this way. Steam can be very conveniently applied to this purpose by causing it to pass through a coil of tube, of an inch or three-quarters of an inch bore, placed in the bottom of a common still. The end at which the steam is admitted enters the still at the upper part, and the other end, at which the steam and condensed water escape, passes out laterally below, being furnished with a stopcock, by which the pressure of the steam may be regulated, and the water drawn off when necessary. In some instances it is desirable to conduct the steam immediately into the still near the bottom, by which the contents are kept in a state of brisk ebullition. This method is used in the preparation of the oil of bitter almond and the oil of mustard. The same method is applicable to the preparation of the distilled water.

The quantity of water added is not a matter of indifference. An excess above what is necessary acts injuriously by holding the oil in solution when the mixed vapors are condensed; and if the proportion be very large, it is possible that no oil whatever may be obtained separate. On the contrary, if the quantity be too small, the whole of the oil will not be distilled, and there will be danger of the substance in the still adhering to the sides of the vessel and thus be-

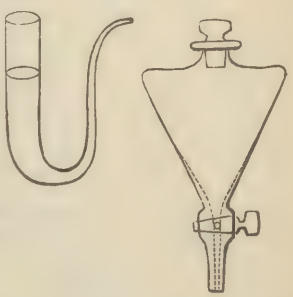
* A large proportion of the volatile oils of European commerce is produced in Grasse, a town of France, twenty-five miles west of Nice. For an elaborate article on this industry and methods of preparation, see *Arch. d. Pharm.*, xxii. 473, abstracted in the *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv. 468.

coming burnt. (See page 188.) Enough water should always be added to cover the solid material and prevent the latter accident. Dried plants require more water than the fresh and succulent. The whole amount of material in the still should not exceed three-fourths of its capacity, as otherwise there would be danger of the liquid boiling over. The form of the still has an influence over the quantity of water distilled, which depends more upon the extent of surface than upon the amount of liquid submitted to evaporation. By employing a high and rather narrow vessel we may obviate the disadvantage of an excess of water. (See p. 530.) Sometimes the proportion of oil in the substance employed is so small that it is wholly dissolved in the water distilled, even though the proportion of the liquid in the still is not greater than is absolutely essential. In this case it is necessary to redistil the same water several times from fresh portions of the plant, till the quantity of oil exceeds the solvent power of the water. This process is called *cohobation.*

The more volatile of the oils pass with facility along with the steam into the neck of the common still; but some which are less volatile are apt to condense in the head and thus return into the still. For the distillation of the latter, a still should be employed with a very low head. (See cut on page 530.) As, after the distillation of any one oil, it is necessary that the apparatus should be thoroughly cleansed before being used for the preparation of another, it is better that the condensing tubes should be straight, rather than spiral as in the ordinary still. It should be recollected, moreover, that certain oils, such as those of anise and fennel, are rendered solid by a comparatively slight reduction of temperature, and that in the distillation of these the water employed for refrigeration should not be below 5·5° C. (42° F.).

The mixed vapors are condensed into a milky liquid, which is collected in a receiver, and, after standing for some time, separates into the oil and a clear solution of it, the former floating on the surface, or sinking to the bottom, according as it is lighter or heavier than water. The distillation should be continued so long as the fluid coming over has a milky appearance.

The last step in the process is to separate the oil from the water. For this purpose the *Florence receiver* may be used. This is a conical glass vessel, broad at the bottom and narrow towards the top, and very near its base furnished with a tubulure or opening, to which is adapted, by means of a pierced cork, a bent tube so shaped as to rise perpendicularly to seven-eighths of the height of the receiver, then to pass off from it at right angles, and near the end to bend downward. The condensed liquid being admitted through the opening at the top of the receiver, the oil separates, and, rising to the top, occupies the upper narrow part of the vessel, while the water remains at the bottom, and enters the tube affixed to the receiver. When the surface of the liquid attains in the receiver a higher level than the top of the tube, the water will necessarily begin to flow out through the latter, and may be received in bottles. The oil thus accumulates as long as the process continues; but it is evident that the plan is applicable only to the oils lighter than water. For the heavier oils, cylindrical vessels may be employed, to be renewed as fast as they are filled. But, as all the water cannot be removed by these plans, it is necessary to resort to some other method of effecting a complete separation. An instrument called a *separatory* is usually employed for this purpose. It consists of a glass funnel, or globular vessel, furnished with a stopper, and prolonged at the bottom into a very narrow tube. The lower opening being closed, the mixed liquids are introduced and allowed to stand till they separate. The orifice at the bottom is then opened, and, the stopper at the top being a little loosened, so as to admit the air, the heavier liquid slowly flows out, and may be separated to the last drop from the lighter, which floats above it. If the oil is heavier than the water, it passes out of the separatory; if lighter, it remains within. According to George Leuchs, all oils obtained by distillation with water, even when perfectly clear, contain some water. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 110.)



The water saturated with oil should be preserved for use in future distillations, as it can dissolve no more of the oil. One or more volatile acids are frequently found in the distilled water, as acetic, butyric, or valerianic; and Wunder has detected all three of these acids in the water distilled from chamomile flowers. (*Journ. für Prakt. Chem.*, lxiv. 499.)

According to Overbeck, all the volatile oils may be freed from coloring matter by distilling them from an equal weight of poppy-seed oil and a saturated solution of common salt. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, lxxxiv. 149.)

When first procured, the oils have a disagreeable empyreumatic odor, from which they may be freed by allowing them to stand for some days in vessels loosely covered with paper. They should then be filtered and introduced into small opaque bottles, which should be well stoppered so as to exclude the air. When altered by exposure to air, they may sometimes be restored to their original appearance and quality by agitation with a little recently heated animal charcoal; and the same method may be employed for freeing them from adhering water.

The volatile oils have the medical properties of the plants from which they are derived; and, as their remedial application has been mentioned under the heads of these plants respectively, it is unnecessary to treat of it in this place. They may be administered upon a lump of sugar; or triturated with at least ten times their weight of sugar, forming *oleo-saccharates*, which are then dissolved in water; or made into emulsions with water, sugar, and gum arabic. In making emulsions with volatile oils, it has been recommended first to dissolve them in one of the fixed oils, the oil of almond for example, and then to emulsionize the oleaginous solution with syrup and gum arabic. For 100 parts of water, 15 of the almond oil in which the volatile oil is to be dissolved, 10 of powdered gum arabic, and 25 of syrup may be taken. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1864, p. 461.) The volatile oils are often kept dissolved in alcohol under the name of *essences*.* The following suggestions on preparing emulsions of the volatile oils may be useful. Oil of turpentine and other volatile oils, to be emulsionized in quantity, are most successfully treated by rubbing them with the powdered gum, and, when intimately mixed, adding at once, with rapid trituration, one and a half times the weight of the gum used, of water. By this treatment the volatile oil gets thoroughly divided before contact with water, and, if the quantity of water indicated be added at once, the emulsion will have the right preliminary consistence, and unite with and emulsionize the volatile oil. If, however, but a little water be added, this will seize on the gum, forming a pilular mass, and throwing the volatile oil out of union. Such an emulsion is more permanent when a little fixed oil is used.

OLEATA. Oleates.

(Ō-LĒ-Ā'TA.)

Oléates, *Fr.*; Oleate, *G.*

The oleates are a class of preparations which were introduced to the medical profession by Prof. John Marshall, F.R.S., in 1872. They are usually solutions of certain bases in oleic acid, and are made by triturating the solid substance with the oleic acid until it is dissolved. Whenever it is possible, the application of heat should be avoided; and it has been observed that the freshly precipitated oxides of the metals dissolve more readily than those which are old. The title *oleate* is probably the best that could be devised, although it must be understood that, as found in the Pharmacopœias, they are not pure chemical compounds, but merely compounds of the oxides or the alkaloids, as the case may be, with oleic acid dissolved in a great excess of the latter.†

Oleates may be made either by direct combination of the ingredients or by double decomposition. When made by the latter method, a good quality of oleic acid should be treated with the proper quantity of solution of sodium hydrate, to saponify it, any excess of the alkali being neutralized with a little tartaric acid. This soap solution is preferably used diluted.‡

* *Enfleurage.* This term is applied by the French to the impregnation of fixed oils and fatty matters with the odors of certain sweet-scented plants, such as jasmine, tuberose, and mignonette, the oils of which are so delicate and fugitive that they cannot well be separated by distillation. The process consists in exposing the fatty matter, placed in layers, in suitable frames, to the exhalations from the flowers, which are absorbed, and give their characteristic odor to the fat. Another plan is to expose alternate layers of the flowers, and of cotton impregnated with bland fixed oil, to the sun, and afterwards to express the oil from the cotton. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 551.) The French sometimes give to the spirituous solutions made by extracting the odors from fats and oils with alcohol the name of *Essences*.

† Dr. L. Wolff has published a process for obtaining oleates, as follows. One part of Castile soap (sodium oleo-palmitate) is dissolved in eight parts of water, the solution so obtained is allowed to cool and stand for 24 hours, when there will be a considerable deposit of sodium palmitate, while the supernatant liquor, containing mostly sodium oleate, is drawn off and then decomposed with a concentrated solution of a metallic salt which, if obtainable, should contain no free acid to prevent the formation of free oleo-palmitic acid. The heavy deposit of oleo-palmitate so derived is drained off, pressed out in the strainer, and the adherent water evaporated in a water-bath; after this it is dissolved in about six to eight times its quantity of petroleum benzin, and the insoluble palmitate is left to subside, while the solution of oleate decanted therefrom is filtered off. The benzin evaporated will yield an oleate that is entitled to that name, as it is a chemical combination and will remain stable and efficacious. The oleates, so prepared, present an amorphous appearance, while the palmitates are of a crystalline character. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 545.)

‡ *Sulpholeic Acid and Sulpholeates.* Sulpholeates, or salts produced by the combination of alkalies with sulpholeic acid, have come into use on account of their ability to dissolve many substances or hold them in suspension as emulsifying agents. Sulpholeic acid is prepared as follows. Castor, almond, or other fixed oil is gradually mixed with 30 or 40 parts of concentrated sulphuric acid, the mixture being cooled, if necessary, with ice, to prevent a rise of temperature above 50° C. (122° F.). The reaction, which at first is quite violent, is allowed to go on for from six to

Prof. J. M. Good, in making the oleates of the alkaloids, proposes the use of sufficient oleic acid to dissolve the alkaloid and then diluting the solution with a bland fixed oil, such as almond oil. (*Proc. Missouri Pharm. Association*, 1891, p. 65.)

The *medical properties* of the oleates are, of course, dependent upon the base, so that these preparations may be considered the equivalents of the corresponding ointments, over which, however, they have certain advantages. They are much cleaner and more elegant in appearance. They seem to be more irritating than the ointments, and, unless diluted with an equal bulk of cotton-seed, olive, or other bland oil, are, when applied with friction, apt to provoke a cutaneous eruption or even pustulation. Dr. Marshall recommends that they be applied with a brush, or gently spread over the part with one finger.

OLEATUM HYDRARGYRI. U. S., Br. Oleate of Mercury.

(Ō-LĒ-Ā'TŬM HŸ-DRÄR'ĢŸ-RĪ.)

Oléate de Mercure, *Fr.;* Oelsaures Quecksilber, *G.*

"Yellow Mercuric Oxide, thoroughly dried, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Oleic Acid, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Introduce the Oleic Acid into a capacious mortar, and gradually add to it the Yellow Mercuric Oxide by sifting it upon the surface of the Acid, and incorporate it by continuous stirring. Then set the mixture aside in a warm place, at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.), and stir frequently, until the Oxide is dissolved." *U. S.*

"Take of Yellow Oxide of Mercury *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Oleic Acid *nine ounces* [av.]. To the Oleic Acid kept stirred in a mortar add gradually the Oxide of Mercury, and triturate occasionally until it is all dissolved." *Br.*

This preparation was introduced by Prof. John Marshall in 1872. If made from oleic acid which has been purified from the usual contaminations (palmitic and stearic acids), it is a clear yellowish liquid of a thick consistence and having the peculiar odor of oleic acid. As usually seen, however, it is of the consistence and appearance of petrolatum, due to the presence of small quantities of mercuric palmitate and stearate. (See *Acidum Oleicum*, p. 76.) The U. S. 1890 preparation is double the strength of that official in 1880. In making this preparation, care must be exercised in the selection of the oleic acid, and to avoid exceeding the degree of heat directed in the official process; indeed, our experience has been that it keeps better if made by the cold process,—*i.e.*, by simply mixing the freshly precipitated yellow oxide with the oleic acid, and allowing them to stand at ordinary temperatures until the precipitate has dissolved. The British preparation is made without heat. In time, even with the best oleic acid that can be procured, some decomposition will take place, and metallic mercury will be found at the bottom of the containing bottle. The rapidity of the change will be in proportion to the impurities in the oleic acid and the degree of heat employed.

Medical Properties. This preparation may often be substituted with advantage for mercurial ointment, which it closely resembles in its medical properties, except that it is more

twelve hours, after which the mixture of acid and glycerin is decanted, the residue mixed with 100 parts of water, and this, after stirring, is also decanted. The resulting sulpholeic acid is converted into *alkaline sulpholeate* by the addition of caustic or carbonate of the required alkali. From this combination pure sulpholeic acid is obtained by careful decomposition with sulphuric acid, and agitation with benzin or ether, which leaves the acid on evaporation pure and anhydrous. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1885, p. 154.) According to Dr. A. Mueller Jacobs, when concentrated and in as pure a state as possible, the sulpholeates, as well as the free sulpho-acids themselves, mix readily and completely with a great variety of organic compounds, for instance with liquid hydrocarbons, particularly those of low boiling point, with chlorine, iodine, and bromine derivatives of the same, with ethers and alcohols, with organic sulphur compounds, such as carbon disulphide, oil of mustard, mercaptane, etc., and with all essential oils. They also dissolve varying quantities of sulphur, iodoform, solid hydrocarbons, such as naphtalin, naphtol, anthracine, and paraffin, the terpenes and camphenes. These liquid mixtures of sulpholeates and other bodies have the property of forming emulsions or even clear solutions with water. The limit of miscibility (in form of emulsion) or solubility varies considerably, and depends both on the degree of concentration of the sulpholeate serving as a menstruum, and on certain little understood properties of the substances mixed with it. For instance, 100 parts of pure neutral sodium sulpho-ricinoleate yield with 50 parts of ether an almost clear solution; so also with 30 parts of volatile oil of mustard, 30 parts of petroleum benzin, 100 parts of coal-tar benzol, 40 parts of carbon disulphide, etc. Larger quantities of these substances yield permanent milky emulsions, foaming when diluted and shaken with water.

This peculiar behavior of the sulpholeates, and particularly of the sulpho-ricinoleate of alkalies, towards many otherwise insoluble or difficultly soluble substances, as well as their pronounced saponaceous character and the great readiness with which they take up and combine with liquids, is said to render them eminently suitable for various technical and medical uses.

The liquid alkaline salt which forms the solvent is termed *polysolve* by Dr. A. Mueller Jacobs, who believes that the sulpholeate mixtures will be found excellent solvents for substances the employment of which in a concentrated condition is accompanied by certain untoward effects, or may serve as vehicles in place of vaseline, oils, glycerin, etc., in perfumery, soap-making, or pharmacy. (*Amer. Druggist*, 1884, p. 22.)

readily absorbed, and therefore more effective. It has been especially commended by Dr. Marshall in cases of *chronically inflamed joints*, and in *hordeolum, indurations after abscesses*, and various other forms of superficial local inflammations of a slow type; also in *sycosis, tinea, psoriasis, eczema*, and as a constitutional alterative in *hereditary syphilis*. For many purposes it is much improved by dissolving in every drachm of it one grain of morphine. The alkaloid itself must be used in such cases, as its salts are not soluble in oleic acid.

OLEATUM VERATRINÆ. U. S. Oleate of Veratrine.

(Ō-LĒ-Ā'TŬM VĔR-Ą-TRĪ'NÆ.)

Oléate de Vératrine, *Fr.;* Oelsaures Veratrin, *G.*

"Veratrine, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Oleic Acid, *ninety-eight grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 200 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Veratrine with a small quantity of Oleic Acid, in a warm mortar, to a smooth paste. Then add the remainder of the Oleic Acid, previously warmed, and stir frequently, until the Veratrine is dissolved." *U. S.*

This preparation is simply a solution of the alkaloid in oleic acid. It may be substituted for Unguentum Veratrinæ, but is exactly half the strength. It is well adapted for obtaining all the advantage that can be derived from an application of veratrine by inunction. (See *Veratrinæ.*) When the veratrine is to be used as a counter-irritant, the ointment is preferable, because less favorable to the absorption of the alkaloid. The *Oleate of Morphine* is made in the same way.

OLEATUM ZINCI. U. S., Br. Oleate of Zinc.

(Ō-LĒ-Ā'TŬM ZĬN'CĪ.)

"Zinc Oxide, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Oleic Acid, *nine hundred and fifty grammes* [or 33 ounces av., 223 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Introduce the Oleic Acid into a capacious capsule, and gradually add to it the Zinc Oxide by sifting it upon the surface of the Acid, and incorporate it by continuous stirring. Set the mixture aside for a few hours, and then heat it on a water-bath, frequently stirring, until the Oxide is dissolved." *U. S.*

"Take of Oxide of Zinc *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Oleic Acid *nine ounces* [av.]. Stir the Oxide with the Oleic Acid, and allow the mixture to stand for two hours; then heat on a water-bath until the Oxide is dissolved." *Br.*

This oleate will be found for the first time in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890. It was official in the British Pharmacopœia of 1885. It is intended to be mixed with petrolatum or soft paraffin and applied externally.

OLEORESINÆ. Oleoresins.

(Ō-LĒ-Ō-RĔS'Ī-NÆ.)

Oléo-résines, Extraits éthérés, *Fr.;* Oelharze, Aetherische Extrakte, *G.*

The oleoresins, as a class of Preparations, were introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1860, having been previously classed with the Fluid Extracts. Their peculiarity is that they consist of principles which, when extracted by means of ether, retain a liquid or semi-liquid state upon the evaporation of the menstruum, and at the same time have the property of self-preservation, differing in this respect from the fluid extracts, which require the presence of alcohol in order to prevent decomposition. They consist chiefly, as their name implies, of oil, either fixed or volatile, holding resin and sometimes other active matter in solution. Their preparation is very simple, consisting in the exhaustion of the medicine employed with ether, by means of percolation, and the subsequent evaporation of the menstruum. In consequence of the great volatility of ether, it may in great measure be recovered by distillation, thus very materially diminishing the costliness of the process. It is proper not to continue the heat necessary for the distillation till the whole of the ether is driven over, lest, towards the close, a portion of the volatile matters also should pass, and the strength of the oleoresin be impaired. Hence in every instance the last portions of the menstruum are allowed to separate by spontaneous evaporation. Benzin has been proposed as a substitute for ether in these preparations, but should not be permitted to supersede it until officially sanctioned.

OLEORESINA ASPIDII. U. S. (Br.) Oleoresin of Aspidium.

(Ō-LĒ-Ō-RĔS'Ī-NĄ ĄS-PĬD'Ī-Ī.)

Extractum Filicis Liquidum, *Br.;* Oleoresina Filicis, *Pharm.* 1870; Liquid Extract of Male Fern, Oil of Fern; Extractum Filicis, *P. G.;* Oleum Filicis Maris; Huile (Extrait éthéré) de Fougère mâle, *Fr.;* Wurmfarnextrakt, Wurmfarnöl, *G.*

"Aspidium, recently reduced to No. 60 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Ether, *a sufficient quantity.* Put the Aspidium into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with cover and receptacle suitable for volatile liquids. Press the drug firmly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, allow the remaining Ether to evaporate spontaneously. Keep the Oleoresin in a well-stoppered bottle. NOTE.—Oleoresin of Aspidium usually deposits, on standing, a granular-crystalline substance. This should be thoroughly mixed with the liquid portion before use." *U. S.*

"Take of Male Fern, in coarse powder, *two pounds* [avoirdupois]; Ether *four pints* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency.* Pack the Male Fern closely in a percolator, and pass the Ether slowly through it, until it passes colorless. Let the Ether evaporate on a water-bath, or recover it by distillation, and preserve the oily extract." *Br.*

This is the only preparation of male fern which should be used. It is a thick, dark-green liquid, usually containing a granular deposit of *filicic acid*, which is regarded as the active ingredient and should not be separated. Wm. G. Greenewalt found both the liquid and the sediment effective tænicides, the sediment being somewhat the more active. It has the odor of fern, and a nauseous, bitterish, somewhat acrid taste. According to Hayes, when an absolutely dry root and an anhydrous ether (containing but little alcohol) of a specific gravity below 0·728 are used, the oleoresin remains clear. Kramer states that a very active extract of male fern may be prepared by exhausting with ether the fresh juicy rhizomes collected in May or October freed from scales and cut into small pieces. The ethereal tincture should be kept in a cool place until wanted, when the necessary quantity should be converted into extract. One dose, two to four drachms, of such an extract is said to have always produced satisfactory results. (*Pharm. Cent.*, xxv. 578.) Dose, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), administered in gelatin capsules.

OLEORESINA CAPSICI. U. S. Oleoresin of Capsicum.

(Ō-LĒ-Ō-RĔS'Ī-NĄ CĂP'SĮ-CĪ.)

Oléorésine (Extrait éthéré) de Capsique, *Fr.;* Spanischpfeffer-Oelharz, *G.*

"Capsicum, in No. 60 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Ether, *a sufficient quantity.* Put the Capsicum into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with cover and receptacle suitable for volatile liquids. Press the drug firmly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, allow the remaining Ether to evaporate spontaneously. Then pour off the liquid portion, transfer the remainder to a strainer, and when the separated fatty matter (which is to be rejected) has been completely drained, mix the liquid portions together. Keep the Oleoresin in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

The active principle of capsicum, called *capsicin*, is very soluble in ether, and is wholly extracted in the process. Its precise nature has not been determined. (See *Capsicum.*) After the concentration of the ethereal solution, a solid fatty matter separates on standing, but a portion of fixed oil probably still remains. The preparation is a very thick liquid, capable, however, of being dropped, of a dark reddish-brown color, and, though opaque in mass, yet transparent in thin layers. It has not very decidedly the odor of capsicum, but to the taste is intensely pungent. It may be usefully employed to give locally stimulant properties to substances administered internally in a pilular form, in cases of *gastric insensibility* and excessive *flatulence.* Dr. H. C. Wood has seen one drop given three times a day produce cystic irritation and strangury. The dose is from one-fourth to one minim (0·015–0·06 C.c.). It may be used also as a powerful rubefacient, diluted with olive oil or soap liniment.

OLEORESINA CUBEBÆ. U. S., Br. Oleoresin of Cubeb.

(Ō-LĒ-Ō-RĔS'Ī-NĄ CŪ-BĒ'BÆ.)

Extractum Cubebarum, *P. G.;* Extractum Cubebæ Æthereum; Oléorésine de Cubèbe, *Fr.;* Aetherisches Kubebenextrakt, *G.*

"Cubeb, in No. 30 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Ether, *a*

sufficient quantity. Put the Cubeb into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with cover and receptacle suitable for volatile liquids. Press the drug firmly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, allow the remaining Ether to evaporate spontaneously. Keep the product in a well-stoppered bottle. NOTE.—Oleoresin of Cubeb deposits, after standing for some time, a waxy and crystalline matter, which should be rejected, only the liquid portion being used." *U. S.*

"Take of Cubebs, in coarse powder, *two pounds* [avoirdupois]; Ether *four pints* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency*. Pack the Cubebs closely in a percolator, and pass the Ether slowly through the mass, until the liquor passes colorless. Let the Ether evaporate from the liquor at first spontaneously, and then over a water-bath, or recover it by distillation; and transfer the residue to a closed vessel, letting it stand until waxy or crystalline matter ceases to be deposited. Decant the Oleoresin, and preserve it in a well-stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This oleoresin consists mainly of the volatile oil and resin, with a portion of the cubebin and waxy matter of the cubeb. The consistence differs according to the character of the cubeb employed, its degree of fluidity being proportionate to the amount of volatile oil contained in the medicine. The color is usually blackish brown, with more or less of a greenish hue, according to the quantity of chlorophyll present, which varies with the character of the cubeb, and with that of the menstruum, pure ether extracting the green coloring matter preferably, while ordinary alcoholic ether extracts also the brown. Cubeb yields from one-eighth to one-fifth of its weight of the oleoresin. The preparation deposits waxy matter and crystals of cubebin on standing, which should be separated; its efficacy is not impaired on this account. It was first introduced into use by Prof. Procter. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 168.)

From carefully conducted experiments by Mr. F. V. Heydenreich, it would appear that, of the various constituents of cubeb contained in the official oleoresin, the cubebin has no perceptible effect in the dose of the medicine ordinarily given, that the volatile oil is simply stimulant and carminative, and, finally, that the soft resin has all the diuretic properties of the cubeb. Of the last-mentioned ingredient, twenty grains (1·3 Gm.) given every two hours till five doses were taken considerably increased the secretion of urine, producing at the same time a slight burning sensation in the passage, which ceased with the diuretic action. Pushed beyond this amount, it occasioned severe irritation of the urinary passages, with some fever. (*Ibid.*, Jan. 1868, p. 42.)

This oleoresin, as it occurs in the market, often has a decided ethereal odor, and is of a thin consistence. In one specimen three-eighths of its weight of ether were lost in a short time by spontaneous evaporation. As the cubeb is very nearly exhausted by the ether before the whole of the latter has passed, there is a considerable expenditure of that liquid for the sake of a scarcely appreciable portion of the active matter. In case of excess of ether in the oleoresin, it should be allowed to escape by spontaneous evaporation in a capsule. (*Ibid.*, May, 1860.)

The dose of this oleoresin is from five to thirty minims (0·3–1·9 C.c.), which may be given suspended in water, or mixed with powdered sugar.

OLEORESINA LUPULINI. U. S. Oleoresin of Lupulin.

(Ō-LĔ-Ō-RĔS'Ī-NĂ LŪ-PŪ-LĪ'NĪ.)

Oleoresina Lupulinæ, *Pharm.* 1870; Extractum Lupulini Ætherеum; Oléorésine de Lupuline, *Fr.*; Aetherisches Lupulinextrakt, *G.*

"Lupulin, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 331 grains]; Ether, *a sufficient quantity*. Put the Lupulin into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with cover and receptacle suitable for volatile liquids. Press the drug very lightly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, allow the remaining Ether to evaporate spontaneously. Keep the Oleoresin in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

Lupulin yields its volatile oil and resin, as well as any other active principle it may contain, to ether, and the resulting oleoresin constitutes about three-eighths, or somewhat less than one-half, of the original drug. It is of a very thick, semi-fluid consistence, so thick, indeed, that it cannot be conveniently administered by drops. Its color is almost black in mass, but a rich reddish brown in thin layers. It has the odor and taste of lupulin, and possesses all its medi-

cal properties. The dose is from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.), and may be most conveniently administered in the form of pill, made with powdered liquorice root, or other proper excipient.

OLEORESINA PIPERIS. U. S. Oleoresin of Pepper.

(Ō-LĘ-Ō-RĔS'Ị-NĄ PĪ'PĘ-RĬS.)

Extractum Piperis Fluidum, *U. S.* 1850; Fluid Extract of Black Pepper; Oléorésine de Poivre noir, *Fr.;* Aetherisches Pfefferextrakt, *G.*

"Pepper, in No. 60 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Ether *a sufficient quantity*. Put the Pepper into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with a cover and receptacle for volatile liquids. Press the drug firmly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, set this aside until the remaining Ether has evaporated, and the deposition of crystals of piperin has ceased. Lastly, separate the Oleoresin from the piperin by expression through a muslin strainer. Keep the Oleoresin in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

A substance has long been in use under the name of *oil of black pepper*, consisting mainly of the volatile oil, fixed oil, and resin of the pepper, and belonging, therefore, to the oleoresins. As usually found, it is almost black, and of a thickish consistence, and is a residue of the process for preparing piperin. The official oleoresin has the same general character, but is more fluid and of more uniform strength, and should, therefore, be preferred. It contains almost all the volatile oil and acrid resin of black pepper, with little of the piperin; and, as the last-mentioned principle, when quite pure, is of doubtful efficacy, the extract may be considered as representing the virtues of the fruit. The color is greener than that of the common oil of black pepper, and not so dark, owing to the fact that ether dissolves the green more readily than the brown coloring matter. A pound of black pepper yields about six drachms of the oleoresin. Dose, from one-fourth to one minim (0·015–0·06 C.c.), in emulsion or pill.

OLEORESINA ZINGIBERIS. U. S. Oleoresin of Ginger.

(Ō-LĘ-Ō-RĔS'Ị-NĄ ZĮN-ĢĬB'Ę-RĬS.)

Extractum Zingiberis Æthereum; Oléorésine (Piperoide) de Gingembre, *Fr.;* Aetherisches Ingwerextrakt, *G.*

"Ginger, in No. 60 powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Ether, *a sufficient quantity*. Put the Ginger into a cylindrical glass percolator, provided with a stopcock, and arranged with cover and receptacle suitable for volatile liquids. Press the drug firmly, and percolate slowly with Ether, added in successive portions, until the drug is exhausted. Recover the greater part of the Ether from the percolate by distillation on a water-bath, and, having transferred the residue to a capsule, allow the remaining Ether to evaporate spontaneously. Keep the Oleoresin in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

In the U. S. formula of 1870, for this preparation alcohol was used in connection with ether, on the score of economy; it was added in order to displace the ether and thus save an unnecessary expenditure of the more costly fluid. A little of the alcohol mixed with the ether at their surface of contact. In the present process alcohol is not used, and there is no good reason for making an exception to the general formula in this case. The whole of the virtues of the root are extracted in this preparation, as the residuary ginger is nearly or quite tasteless, The oleoresin constitutes about 5 per cent. of the dried root. It is the *piperoid of ginger* of M. Beral. (*Soubeiran's Traité de Pharm.*, i. 371.) It is a clear, dark-brown liquid, of a thick consistence (though capable of being dropped), with the flavor of ginger, and intensely pungent. Its dose should not exceed a minim (0·06 C.c.), and should be much diluted.

OLEUM ADIPIS. U. S. Lard Oil.

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM ĂD'Ị-PĬS.)

"A fixed oil expressed from Lard at a low temperature." *U. S.*

This oil is made in large quantities in this country by exposing lard to low temperatures and then subjecting it to very powerful pressure. In this way the stearin of the lard is separated from the olein, the latter oozing out from the presses in the form of a yellowish-white oil, whilst the stearin is thrown into the market in hard cakes, and is largely used in making soap. (See *Adeps.*) The exportation of lard from the United States for the year ending June 30, 1892, amounted to 460,045,776 pounds, valued at $33,201,621, and that of lard oil to 901,575 gallons, valued at $496,601. (*U. S. Treasury Statistical Reports.*)

Properties. Lard oil is "a colorless or pale yellow, oily liquid, having a peculiar odor, and a bland taste. Specific gravity, 0·910 to 0·920 at 15° C. (59° F.). At a temperature a little below 10° C. (50° F.) it usually commences to deposit a white, granular fat, and at or near 0° C. (32° F.) it forms a semi-solid, white mass. When it is brought in contact with concentrated sulphuric acid, a dark reddish-brown color is instantly produced. If 5 C.c. of the oil be thoroughly shaken, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of an alcoholic solution of silver nitrate (made by dissolving 0·1 Gm. of silver nitrate in 10 C.c. of deodorized alcohol, and adding 2 drops of nitric acid), and the mixture heated for about five minutes in a water-bath, the Oil should remain nearly or quite colorless, not acquiring a reddish or brown color, nor should any dark color be produced at the line of contact of the two liquids (absence of more than about 5 per cent. of *cotton seed oil*). If 5 C.c. of the Oil, contained in a small flask, be mixed with a solution of 2 Gm. of potassium hydrate in 2 C.c. of water, then 5 C.c. of alcohol added, and the mixture heated for about five minutes on a water-bath, with occasional agitation, a perfectly clear and complete solution should be formed, which, on dilution with water to the volume of 50 C.c., should form a transparent, light yellow liquid, without the separation of an oily layer (absence of appreciable quantities of *paraffin oils*)." *U. S.* It is not pure olein, but contains varying proportions of stearin, and is sometimes adulterated with paraffin oil. It has been introduced into the Pharmacopœia for the purpose of using in ointment of mercuric nitrate.

Medical Properties. Lard Oil is a bland, fatty liquid, destitute of active medical properties, and is official solely for pharmaceutical purposes.

OLEUM ÆTHEREUM. U. S. Ethereal Oil.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM Æ-THĒ'RĒ-ŬM.)

"A volatile liquid, consisting of equal volumes of Heavy Oil of Wine and Ether." *U. S.*

Oleum Vini; Heavy Oil of Wine; Huile d'Éther, Huile de Vin pésante, Huile volatile éthérée, *Fr.*; Schweres Weinöl, *G.*

"Alcohol, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]; Sulphuric Acid, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]; Distilled Water, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims]; Ether, *a sufficient quantity*. Add the Acid slowly to the Alcohol, mix them thoroughly, and allow the mixture to stand, in a closed flask, for twenty-four hours, or until the liquid is clear; then pour the clear liquid into a tubulated retort of such capacity that the mixture shall nearly fill it. Insert a thermometer through the tubulure, so that the bulb shall be deeply immersed in the liquid, and, having connected the retort with a well-cooled condenser, and also having connected with the receiver a bent glass tube for conducting the uncondensed gases into water, distil, by means of a sand-bath, at a temperature between 150° and 160° C. (302°–320° F.), until oily drops cease to come over, or until a black froth, which forms on the surface, begins to rise in the retort. Separate the yellow, ethereal liquid from the distillate, and expose it to the air for twenty-four hours, in a shallow capsule. Then transfer it to a wet filter, and, when the watery portion has drained off, wash the oil which is left on the filter with the Distilled Water, which should be as cold as possible. When this also has drained off, transfer the oil to a graduated measure, and add to it an equal volume of Ether. Keep the product in small, glass-stoppered vials, in a cool place." *U. S.*

In the consolidation of the British Pharmacopœias this valuable remedy was omitted, partly on account of the uncertainty as to its special antispasmodic virtues, partly from its expensiveness when properly made and its liability to spontaneous change, and partly, moreover, because not only is it often adulterated, but other compounds are substituted for it.

The object of allowing the mixture of acid and alcohol to stand is to allow the lead sulphate which is usually present in commercial sulphuric acid to deposit, for, according to Dr. Squibb, its presence in the retort causes the mixture to froth over, and this necessitates a suspension of the process so much sooner as greatly to lessen the amount of product the materials are capable of affording. The increase of oil resulting from this simple modification of the process is said to be one-third. The temperature has been slightly decreased. By wetting the filter, the oil is prevented from passing along with the water. Finally, the oil is now ordered to be diluted with an equal measure of stronger ether, as this has been found to contribute greatly to its preservation.

When alcohol is distilled with a large excess of sulphuric acid, there are formed towards the close of the distillation sulphurous acid, heavy oil of wine, olefiant gas, and resino-carbonaceous matter. The product of the distillation is generally in two layers, one consisting of

water holding sulphurous acid in solution, and the other, of ether containing the heavy oil of wine. According to the experience of Dr. Squibb, the sp. gr. of these two layers is so nearly equal that sometimes one and sometimes the other is uppermost: so that the direction in the old formula to separate the supernatant liquor is incorrect, and has been superseded by the present, to separate the yellow ethereal liquid,—the color and other sensible properties being considered sufficiently distinctive. After separation, the liquid is exposed for twenty-four hours to the air, in order to dissipate the ether by evaporation; and the oil which is left is washed with water, to deprive it of all traces of sulphurous acid.

The nature and mode of formation of heavy oil of wine are generally believed to be the following. It has been explained in a preceding article that, in the early stage of the distillation of a mixture of sulphuric acid and alcohol, sulphovinic acid, $C_2H_5HSO_4$, is formed. During its progress this is decomposed so as to yield ether. When, however, the alcohol is distilled with a large excess of sulphuric acid, the sulphovinic acid is decomposed so as to form a small quantity of the *heavy oil of wine*. This is a mixture of ethyl sulphate, $(C_2H_5)_2SO_4$, ethyl sulphite, $(C_2H_5)_2SO_3$ (the sulphurous acid having been formed by reduction of sulphuric acid, as it always is when ethylene is formed from alcohol), with polymeric forms of ethylene, C_2H_4. Two of these forms are known: *etherin*, a solid fusing at 110° C. and boiling at 260° C., and *etherol*, a liquid. The latter is by some considered to have the formula $C_{16}H_{32}$ or $(C_2H_4)_8$, and mixed with the former constitutes the *light oil of wine*, which is produced when the heavy oil is heated with water and alkaline solutions. In this case sulphovinic acid is reproduced, and the separated *etherol* floats on the surface as an oily substance. *Light oil of wine*, as thus obtained, is a pale-yellow oil. As ordinarily procured in the process for preparing ether, it contains a portion of that substance, admixed, according to Hartwig (*J. Pr. Chem.* [2], 23, 449), with ketones like ethyl-amyl ketone and methyl-hexyl ketone and mixed ethers like ethyl-amyl ether. When the pure light oil of wine is kept, it deposits a stearopten (the *etherin* mentioned above) called concrete oil of wine, or oil of wine camphor; after which the oil is changed, and takes the name of etherol. *Etherol* is a pale-yellow oily liquid, having an aromatic odor. Its sp. gr. is 0·921, boiling point 280° C. (536° F.), and freezing point —35° C. (—31° F.). It communicates a greasy stain to paper. *Concrete oil of wine*, or *etherin*, crystallizes in long, transparent, brilliant, tasteless prisms, soluble in alcohol and ether, insoluble in water, and having the sp. gr. 0·980. Dr. Squibb takes a different view of the composition of ethereal oil, and believes it, instead of a sulphate or a mixture of sulphate and sulphite, to be a sulphovinate of a hydrocarbon radical; and for this reason, that it fails, especially when pure and recent, to give any of the characteristic reactions of sulphuric acid or the sulphates. (*A. J. P.*, 1861.)*

Properties. The undiluted *ethereal oil* (*heavy oil of wine*) is a yellowish neutral liquid, possessing an oleaginous consistence, a penetrating aromatic odor, and a rather sharp and bitter taste. It boils at 280° C. (536° F.). Its sp. gr. is, according to the U. S. P. 1850, 1·096; according to the London College, after Mr. Hennell's results, 1·05. The density obtained by Dr. Squibb, by following the old formula of the U. S. Pharmacopœia exactly, was 1·129. By Dumas and Sérullas its density is stated to be as high as 1·133, which is probably the more correct number for the *pure* oil. When dropped into water it sinks, assuming the form of a globule. It dissolves sparingly in cold water, moderately in hot water, and readily in alcohol and ether. It is devoid of acid reaction, the sulphuric and sulphurous acids present in it being in the form of neutral salts. The sulphuric acid present is not precipitated by the usual reagents for this acid; because sulphovinic acid is formed, and all the sulphovinates are soluble in water. The U. S. ethereal oil of the present Pharmacopœia is the proper oil diluted with an equal volume of stronger ether. This gives it an ethereal odor in addition to that characteristic of the pure oil, and considerably reduces its sp. gr., which is now stated at 0·910 at 15° C. (59° F.). The process by which the official oil of wine is formed yields but a small product, being, according to the Pharmacopœia of 1870, only about six fluidrachms, or somewhat more than a fortieth, by measure, of the alcohol employed.

In the official ethereal oil, the heavy oil of wine is not only diluted with an equal measure

* Valuable papers have been contributed by Mr. C. Lewis Diehl and Prof. John M. Maisch on this official preparation,—the former in *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1864, the latter in *A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 160, to which we refer those especially interested in its manufacture. In Mr. Diehl's paper valuable suggestions are made in reference to the mode of reheating so as properly to regulate the temperature. An important practical fact was stated by Prof. Maisch, that the ethereal oil, in contact with water, undergoes a decomposition into light oil of wine and sulphovinic acid, rapidly and completely if the water is hot or if solution of an alkali or of an alkaline carbonate is used, and more slowly with cold water. Hence the inference that the washing of the ethereal oil, directed at the close of the U. S. process, should be completed as rapidly as possible.

of ether, but is mixed also with variable proportions of free light oil of wine. This fact accounts for the different densities assigned to the heavy oil. The heavy oil undiluted is liable to spontaneous change by time, not only being rendered brown, but also being chemically altered so as to separate into two layers. But this tendency is in great measure obviated, in the official ethereal oil, by the preservative influence of the ether. It may be kept long without other appreciable change than the acquisition of a brown hue, which does not interfere with its medical virtues. It should not, when tested by dry litmus paper, evince the presence of free acid.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dr. Hobart A. Hare has found that the heavy oil of wine produces in mammals a rise in the arterial pressure and pulse-rate, followed after sufficient doses by a fall. The rise in the pressure was the result of a stimulant influence upon the vasomotor centre, whilst the fall of the pressure appeared to be due to a widening out of the blood-paths by a direct paralysis of the coats of the vessels. Dr. Hare also found that very large doses paralyze the heart by a direct action on the muscle, but he did not determine the exact influence of small doses. The toxic properties of the heavy oil of wine were shown to be very feeble, and the research seems to prove that the small quantity of the heavy oil of wine contained in Hoffmann's anodyne cannot exert a very pronounced influence upon the human system. It probably has, however, a slight stimulative, calmative effect, since clinical experience indicates that compound spirit of ether is a more persistent and powerful antispasmodic and nervous stimulant than is an equivalent amount of ether and alcohol. The article sold in commerce as heavy oil of wine is too often a mixture of alcohol and ether containing but a trace of the oil. It is used only for the preparation of compound spirit of ether, but there can be no justification of the action of the chemist in furnishing a fraudulent article.

OLEUM AMYGDALÆ AMARÆ. U. S. Oil of Bitter Almond.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM Ą-MŸG'DĄ-LÆ Ą-MĀ'RÆ.)

"A volatile oil obtained from Bitter Almond by maceration with water, and subsequent distillation. It should be kept in small, well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

Oleum Amygdalarum (Amararum) Æthereum; Essence d'Amandes amères, *Fr.;* Bittermandelöl, *G.*

When bitter almonds are expressed, they yield a bland fixed oil; and the residuary cake, reduced to powder by grinding, and submitted to distillation with water, yields a volatile oleaginous product, commonly called oil of bitter almond. This does not pre-exist in the almond, but is produced by the reaction of water upon the amygdalin contained in it, through the intervention of another constituent, denominated emulsin (see *Amygdala Amara*), according to the reaction $C_{20}H_{27}NO_{11} + 2H_2O = C_7H_6O + 2(C_6H_{12}O_6) + HCN$. It is obtained also by the distillation of the leaves of the cherry-laurel, and of various products of the genera Amygdalus, Cerasus, Prunus, etc. Mr. Whipple obtained, upon an average, from the ground bitter almond cake, 1·35 per cent. of the oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 297.) Pettenkofer has ascertained that the product is greater if the cake be macerated in water for forty-eight hours before being submitted to distillation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1862, p. 432.) It is sometimes produced in France from peach kernels.

Oil of bitter almond has a yellowish color, a bitter, acrid, burning taste, and the odor of the kernels in a high degree. It is heavier than water, soluble in alcohol and ether, according to Flückiger soluble in 300 parts of hot or cold water, and deposits, upon standing, a white crystalline substance consisting chiefly of benzoic acid. It is officially described as "a clear, colorless or yellowish, thin, and strongly refractive liquid, having a peculiar, aromatic odor, and a bitter and burning taste. Specific gravity, 1·060 to 1·070 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, about 180° C. (356° F.). Optically inactive. Soluble in 300 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in alcohol or ether in all proportions; also soluble in nitric acid at ordinary temperatures without the evolution of nitrous vapors. In the fresh state the Oil is neutral to litmus, but when kept for some time it assumes an acid reaction, due to the formation of benzoic acid. If 10 drops of the Oil, dissolved in a little alcohol, be shaken with a few drops of a strong solution of sodium hydrate, then with a little ferrous sulphate test-solution, and finally mixed with a slight excess of hydrochloric acid, a blue precipitate will be produced (presence of *hydrocyanic acid*). The presence of *artificial oil containing chlorinated products* may be detected in the following manner. Fold a small strip of filter paper in the form of a taper, saturate it with the Oil, and lay it into a small porcelain capsule. Set this capsule into a larger one, and provide a large beaker to be inverted over the capsule containing the taper. Then, having moistened the inner surface of the beaker with distilled water, ignite the taper, immediately

invert the beaker over the capsule, and allow the products of combustion to be absorbed by the water in the beaker. If the beaker be now rinsed with a little distilled water, and the liquid filtered, the filtrate should yield no turbidity with silver nitrate test-solution. If 5 C.c. of the Oil be vigorously shaken, in a flask, with 50 C.c. of a cold saturated solution of sodium bisulphite, and the mixture heated for a few minutes on a water-bath, the odor of the Oil should disappear, and a nearly clear solution be formed, without the separation of any oily drops on the surface of the liquid (absence of *most other volatile oils* and of *nitrobenzol*)." *U. S.* Besides a peculiar volatile oil, it contains also hydrocyanic acid, with a small proportion of benzoic acid, and of a concrete principle called *benzoin*, $C_{14}H_{12}O_2$. It may be obtained pure by agitating it strongly with calcium hydrate and a solution of ferrous chloride, submitting the mixture to distillation, and drying the oil which comes over by digestion with calcium chloride. Mr. George Whipple states that if crude oil be redistilled into a solution of silver nitrate, and again distilled from a fresh solution of the same salt, it is obtained entirely free from hydrocyanic acid, which reacts with the silver and remains behind as silver cyanide. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 348.) Thus purified, it is colorless, but still retains its peculiar odor, with a burning, aromatic taste, and is destitute of those poisonous properties of the crude oil which are dependent on hydrocyanic acid. The odor of the oil of bitter almond has been erroneously ascribed to that acid, which, on examination, will be found to smell differently and more feebly. Like most other volatile oils, this may produce deleterious effects if taken very largely. Hippuric acid is found in the urine of animals to which it has been given freely. The sp. gr. of the crude oil varies from 1·052 to 1·082, and is said to be greater when the oil is distilled from salt water than when distilled by the ordinary mode. That of the purified oil is 1·060, and its boiling point 180° C. (356° F.). It is *benzoic aldehyde*, $C_6H_5.COH$, which is produced by the action of oxidizing agents upon *benzyl alcohol*, $C_6H_5.CH_2OH$, and yields itself, when oxidized, *benzoic acid*, $C_6H_5.COOH$. The benzoic acid which the oil of bitter almond deposits on standing does not pre-exist in it, but results from the absorption of oxygen, as just stated. The concrete substance above referred to by the name of *benzoin* is polymeric with the oil, crystallizable in colorless shining prisms, without smell or taste, fusible at 248° F., and volatilizable unchanged at a higher temperature. It is formed abundantly in the original impure oil by the reaction of alkalies, but cannot be produced in it when deprived of hydrocyanic acid.*

Artificial benzoic aldehyde is now made from toluene, C_7H_8. By the action of chlorine upon the hot hydrocarbon, benzyl chloride, $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$, results, and this yields benzoic aldehyde on distillation with lead nitrate and water in an atmosphere of carbon dioxide gas. More generally, however, benzal chloride, $C_6H_5CHCl_2$, is taken, as this, when heated under pressure with water or sulphuric acid, readily yields the benzaldehyde. The product is purified by conversion into the acid sulphite compound. Lippmann and Hawliczek have made exhausitve researches on the identity of the artificial with the natural oil of bitter almond, and have found the two oils absolutely identical, physically as well as chemically. At the present time (1893) *benzaldehyde*, or synthetic oil of bitter almond, is very largely used, its chief advantages being uniformity of composition and absence of hydrocyanic acid.

Zeller mentions, as characteristics of the official oil by which its genuineness and purity may be known, its peculiar odor and high specific gravity,† its ready solubility in sulphuric acid, with the production of a reddish-brown color, but without visible decomposition, the slow action of nitric acid, the slow and partial solution of iodine without further reaction, the want of action of potassium chromate upon it, and the production of crystals when it is dissolved in an alcoholic solution of potassa. (See *P. J. Tr.*, ix. 575.) Mr. Redwood states that a very small proportion of alcohol may be detected in the oil by the effervescence, with disengagement of nitrous vapors, which ensues when the oil thus contaminated is mixed with an equal volume of nitric acid of the sp. gr. 1·5. With pure oil no other effect is obvious than a slight change of color. (*Ibid.*, xi. 486.) If sulphuric acid produce with the oil a bright-red instead of a brownish-red color, the oil has probably been distilled with salt water, in which case it is apt, according to Mr. Ferris, to deposit a blood-red matter, occasionally complained of by druggists. (*Ibid.*, p. 565.)

Mr. Wm. A. Tilden has found that the introduction of a little fused calcium chloride into

* *Nitrobenzol, Nitrobenzene, or Artificial Oil of Bitter Almond.* This substance, which was discovered by Mitscherlich, is treated of in Part II.

† Schimmel & Co. (*Semi-Annual Report*, April, 1893) state that an oil of high specific gravity should be carefully examined for benzo-nitrile, C_6H_5CN, which may form by condensation from benzaldehyde and hydrocyanic acid, and afterwards when distilled even *in vacuo* will decompose into the same components.

purified oil of bitter almond contributes to its preservation, probably by the absorption of the last traces of water contained in it. Of two specimens of the oil, which had been set aside for two years, one without addition, the other containing a fragment of the fused chloride, the former was found filled with crystals of benzoic acid, and the latter was perfectly free from crystalline deposit and quite fluid. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., viii. 325, Dec. 1866.)

Prof. J. M. Maisch proposes the following mode of detecting nitrobenzene in adulterated oil of bitter almond. Dissolve half a drachm of the suspected oil in two or three drachms of alcohol, add fifteen grains of pure fused caustic potassa, heat for a few minutes so as to dissolve the potassa, reduce the liquid to one-third, and then set aside to cool. If the oil be pure, it will remain liquid; while if nitrobenzene be present, there will, after cooling, be a crystalline deposit proportionate to the amount of adulteration. (*A. J. P.*, 1857, p. 544.) R. Wagner proposes the sp. gr. of the two oils as a test,—that of the oil of bitter almond being from 1·060 to 1·070, while that of nitrobenzene is 1·18 to 1·201, and a mixture will have a higher sp. gr. than the pure oil. This would lead to the suspicion of the presence of nitrobenzene, which may then be separated by agitation with sodium bisulphite. The almond oil will dissolve, while the nitrobenzene will float on the surface. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Mai, 1868, p. 399.) M. E. Bourgoin's method (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1873, p. 98) consists in acting with sodium sulphide on the mixed liquids, and separating, by means of ether, the nitrobenzene from the compound which the oil of bitter almond forms with the sulphide. Dr. H. Hager's plan is as follows. On adding 10 drops of the *pure* oil to 10 C.c. of 45-per-cent. alcohol, or to a mixture of 5 C.c. of 90-per-cent. alcohol and 5 C.c. of water, and, after closing the test-tube with the finger, turning it twice upside down, the oil dissolves to a clear solution. If nitrobenzene, even as little as 1 per cent., be present, the oil of bitter almond will dissolve at once, but the nitrobenzene will separate, clouding the liquid at first, but soon collecting in very minute but easily recognizable droplets which float about in the liquid. After standing for a while, these droplets unite to larger drops, when they become still more evident to the eye. The temperature of the alcohol must not exceed 16° C. (60·8° F.); it is best to keep it between 10° and 15° C. (50° and 59° F.). Any sample of oil of bitter almond which dissolves on very gentle agitation at once to a clear liquid in 20 times its volume of 45-per-cent. alcohol does not contain any nitrobenzene, since only traces of the latter are dissolved by that menstruum. Small quantities of nitrobenzene present (up to 3 per cent.) disappear after the mixture stands for some time, but they are always the cause of the milkiness or cloudiness of the solution at the moment of preparation. A short cloudiness even occurs with as small a quantity as ½ per cent. Since most other essential oils yield a cloudy solution with 45-per-cent. alcohol, this test may also indicate the presence of foreign essential oils.

Hager's test may also be used quantitatively for the estimation of the amount of nitrobenzene present. Oil of bitter almond requires for solution 16 to 17 times its volume of 45-per-cent. alcohol. 2 C.c. of the oil are agitated with 34 C.c. of the 45-per-cent. alcohol, and the mixture set aside. After the lapse of a day, the nitrobenzene (all but a trace which remains in solution) will be found collected at the bottom. An important indication of the presence of a sophistication is the cloudiness produced at the first moment. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1880.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The unpurified volatile oil of bitter almond, which is the product directed by the Pharmacopœia, operates upon the system in a manner closely analogous to that of hydrocyanic acid. A single drop is sufficient to destroy a bird, and four drops have caused the death of a dog of middle size. The case of a man is recorded who died in ten minutes after taking two drachms (7·5 C.c.) of the oil. It might be substituted with advantage for medicinal hydrocyanic acid, if it always contained a uniform percentage of the acid, as the acid contained in the oil is much less liable to decomposition, remaining for several years unaltered, if the oil be preserved in well-stopped bottles. According to Schrader, 100 parts of the oil contain sufficient acid for the production of 22·5 parts of Prussian blue; but the proportion is not constant, varying, according to Mr. Groves, from 8 to 12·5 per cent. From one-fourth of a drop to a drop (0·016–0·06 C.c.) may be given for a dose, to be cautiously increased till some effect upon the system is observed. It may be administered in emulsion with gum arabic, loaf-sugar, and water. It has been employed externally, dissolved in water in the proportion of one drop (0·06 C.c.) to a fluidounce (30 C.c.), in *prurigo senilis* and other cases of troublesome *itching*. To facilitate the solution in water, the oil may be previously dissolved in spirit. Oil of bitter almond is sometimes used to conceal the taste of cod-liver oil and of castor oil.

OLEUM AMYGDALÆ EXPRESSUM. U. S. (Br.) Expressed Oil of Almond.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM Ą-MŸG'DĄ-LÆ ĘX-PRĔS'SŬM.)

"A fixed oil expressed from Bitter or Sweet Almond." *U. S.* "The oil expressed from the Bitter or Sweet Almond." *Br.*

Oleum Amygdalæ, *Br.;* Almond Oil; Oleum Amygdalæ Dulcis, *U. S.* 1860; Oleum Amygdalarum; Huile d'Amandes douces, Huile d'Amandes, *Fr.;* Mandelöl, *G.;* Olio di Mandorle, *It.;* Aceite de Almendras, *Sp.*

This oil is obtained equally pure from sweet and from bitter almonds. In its preparation, the almonds, having been deprived of a reddish-brown powder adhering to their surface, by being rubbed together in a piece of coarse linen, are ground in a mill resembling a coffee-mill, or bruised in a stone mortar, and then pressed in canvas sacks between plates of iron slightly heated. The oil, which is at first turbid, is clarified by rest and filtration. Sometimes the almonds are steeped in very hot water, deprived of their cuticle, and dried in a stove, previous to expression. The oil is thus obtained free from color, but in no other respect better, while it is more apt to become rancid on keeping. Bitter almonds treated in this way impart a smell of hydrocyanic acid to the oil. M. Boullay obtained 54 per cent. of oil from sweet almonds, Vogel 28 per cent. from bitter almonds. Munch gives 55·4 per cent. as the yield of the former, and 52 per cent. as that of the latter. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 400.) These figures are not realized, however, in the ordinary expression methods. Schaedler (*Technologie der Fette und Oele*, 2te Auf., 532) gives 45 per cent. as the average obtained from the sweet almonds, and 38 per cent. from the bitter almonds. Though sometimes expressed in this country from imported almonds, the oil is generally brought from Europe.

Oil of almond is "a clear, pale straw-colored or colorless, oily liquid, almost inodorous, and having a mild, nutty taste. Specific gravity, 0·915 to 0·920 at 15° C. (59° F.). Only slightly soluble in alcohol; soluble in ether and in chloroform in all proportions. It remains clear at —10° C. (14° F.), and does not congeal until cooled to near —20° C. (—4° F.). If 2 C.c. of the Oil be vigorously shaken with 1 C.c. of fuming nitric acid and 1 C.c. of water, a whitish, not red or brownish, mixture should be formed, which, after standing for some hours at about 10° C. (50° F.), should separate into a solid, white mass, and a scarcely colored liquid (distinction from the fixed oils of *apricot* and *peach kernels*, and from *sesamum*, *cotton seed*, and *poppy seed oils*). If 10 C.c. of the oil be mixed with 15 C.c. of a 15-per-cent. solution of sodium hydrate and 10 C.c. of alcohol, and the mixture allowed to stand at a temperature of 35° to 40° C. (95° to 104° F.), with occasional agitation, until it becomes clear, and then diluted with 100 C.c. of water, the clear solution thus obtained, upon the subsequent addition of an excess of hydrochloric acid, will set free a layer of oleic acid. This, when separated from the aqueous liquid, washed with warm water, and clarified in a water-bath, will remain liquid at 15° C. (59° F.), although sometimes depositing particles of solid matter and becoming turbid. One part of this oleic acid, when mixed with 1 volume of alcohol, should give a clear solution, which at 15° C. (59° F.) should not deposit any fatty acids, nor become turbid on the further addition of 1 volume of alcohol (distinction from *olive*, *arachis*, *cotton seed*, *sesamum*, and *other fixed oils*)." *U. S.* From the statement of Braconnot, it appears to contain 76 per cent. of olein and 24 per cent. of a mixture of palmitin and stearin.

According to Dr. H. Hager, the oils expressed from the large sweet and the smaller bitter almonds differ considerably, as shown by the elaidin test,—the former oil congealing more rapidly, and almost completely, the latter about twelve hours later, and the more imperfectly the smaller the bitter almond has been. Only about one-third of the bulk congeals when the oil is from the small Oporto almonds.

Oil of almond is said to be sometimes adulterated with poppy oil, or other drying oils of less value. This sophistication may be detected, as suggested by M. Wimmec, by taking advantage of the property, belonging to the olein of the non-drying but not to that of the drying oils, of being converted into solid elaidic acid by the action of nitric acid. By treating iron filings with nitric acid in a flask, nitrous acid is produced, which is to be conducted into water upon which the suspected oil is placed. If the almond oil contain even a small quantity of poppy-seed oil, or other drying oil, this will remain in the form of drops on the surface, while the genuine oil will be converted entirely into crystallized elaidin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Dec. 1862, p. 500.) Colza oil, another not uncommon adulteration, may be detected, according to M. Schneider, by the action of silver nitrate. Dissolve the oil in twice its volume of ether, add about 30 drops of a concentrated alcoholic solution of the nitrate, shake the mixture, and allow it to stand in the dark. If there be much colza oil, the lower part of the liquid will become first brown

and then black; if but little, the brown color will not appear for twelve hours; but the discoloration will always be obvious on the evaporation of the ether. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1862.)

It is said that in the south of France the sweet almond oil is sometimes adulterated with a cheaper oil, called *oil of apricots*. According to M. J. Nicklés, this adulteration may be detected by means of powdered calcium hydrate, which with the oil of apricots forms an emulsion that slowly assumes an unctuous consistence, while it has no such action on the almond oil, merely rendering it opaque for a time, and then gradually separating and leaving the oil clear. A mixture of the two oils emulsionizes with the lime, and on standing deposits the unctuous matter referred to. (See *A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 299.)

According to Dr. Hager, if equal volumes of the oil and of 25-per-cent. nitric acid are shaken together in a test-tube, an emulsion-like mixture is produced, which separates on standing. All true almond oils yield a white mixture, and the oils remain white for many hours after separation, but the oils of *peach* and *apricot seeds* turn yellowish at once on being shaken with the acid, and the color afterwards deepens, and in half an hour is of a rather deep red-yellow. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 408.) J. D. Bieber communicates the following test. Equal weights of pure concentrated sulphuric acid, red fuming nitric acid, and water are mixed, and the mixture allowed to cool. On mixing five parts of the oil with one part of this acid liquid, *pure almond oil* gives a yellowish-white liquid; *oil of peach kernels* assumes the red color of peach blossoms, turning to dark orange; *benne oil* turns pale yellowish red, then dirty orange-red; *poppy* and *walnut oils* yield a somewhat whiter liquid than almond oil. This test permits the detection of 5 per cent. of peach kernel and benne oil. Mixed with pure nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·40, *almond oil* yields a pale-yellowish liquid, *peach kernel oil* a red, *benne oil* a yellowish green, afterwards reddish, and *poppy* and *walnut oils* a white mixture. It was found that the oil expressed, cold or warm, from either fresh almonds or from such as had been kept up to ten years, gave the same reaction. Most of the commercial oil was found to be adulterated with the oil of either peach kernels or benne seed. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1877.)

Oil of almond may be used for the same purposes as is olive oil, and, when suspended in water by means of mucilage or the yolk of egg and loaf-sugar, forms a pleasant emulsion, useful in pulmonary affections attended with cough. From a fluidrachm to a fluidounce (3·75–30 C.c.) may be given at a dose.

OLEUM ANETHI. Br. Oil of Dill.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM Ą-NĒ'THĪ.)

"The oil distilled in Britain from dill fruit." *Br.*

Aneth à Odeur forte, Essence d'Aneth, *Fr.;* Dill, Dillöl, *G.;* Aneto, *It.;* Eneldo, *Sp.*

Oil of dill is of a pale-yellow color, with the odor of the fruit, and a hot, sweetish, acrid taste. Its sp. gr. is said to be 0·881. The fruit yields about 3·5 per cent. of it. The oil is a mixture of a hydrocarbon, *anethene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, a second hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and an oxidized compound, probably *carvol*, $C_{10}H_{14}O$. R. Nietski obtained from the fruit of *Anethum graveolens* a volatile oil, which commenced to boil at 155° C. (311° F.), the boiling point rising gradually to 260° C. (500° F.). About 10 per cent. of the oil consists of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}O_{16}$, having the boiling point 155°–160° C., 60 per cent. boiling at 170°–175° C. (338°–347° F.), of the same composition, and 30 per cent. with the boiling point 225°–230° C. (437°–446° F.), composition $C_{10}H_{14}O$, and identical with carvol. The odor of the first portion of hydrocarbon reminds of turpentine; that of the second portion resembles oil of mace, but when mixed with a little carvol the characteristic dill odor is at once produced. (*A. J. P.*, 1874.) The oil is sometimes used for preparing dill water. Dose, from three to ten drops (0·18–0·6 C.c.).

OLEUM ANISI. U. S., Br. Oil of Anise.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM Ą-NĪ'SĪ.)

Essence d'Anis, *Fr.;* Anisöl, *G.*

"A volatile oil distilled from Anise. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles protected from light, and, if it has separated into a liquid and a solid portion, it should be completely liquefied by warming before being dispensed." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Europe from anise fruit; or in China from star-anise fruit." *Br.*

The product of oil from anise is variously stated at from 1·56 to 3·12 per cent. The oil employed in this country is imported. It is colorless or yellowish, with the peculiar odor and taste of the seed. At 50° F. it crystallizes in flat tables, and it does not melt under 62° F. Its sp. gr. increases with age, and is variously given at from 0·9768 to 0·9903. It is soluble in all

proportions in alcohol of 0·806; but alcohol of 0·840 dissolves at 77° only 42 per cent. Ether dissolves it in all proportions. (*Gmelin.*) "A colorless or pale yellow, thin, and strongly refractive liquid, having the characteristic odor of anise, and a sweetish, mildly aromatic taste. Specific gravity, about 0·980 to 0·990 at 17° C. (62·6° F.), increasing with age. At a low temperature, usually between 10° and 15° C. (50°–59° F.), it solidifies to a white, crystalline mass. Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol to a clear solution (absence of *most fixed oils* and of *oil of turpentine*). This solution is neutral to litmus paper, and should not assume a blue or brownish color on the addition of a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of some *volatile oils containing phenols*). When the Oil is dropped into water, without agitation, it should not produce a milky turbidity (absence of *alcohol*)." *U. S.* It consists of a small quantity of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, but mainly of *anethol*, $C_{10}H_{12}O$, which is present, however, in two modifications, one solid at ordinary temperatures and heavier than water (*anise camphor*, *solid anethol*), the other liquid and more volatile (*liquid anethol*). *Anethol*, both in the liquid and in the solid form, is present, and is the chief constituent of the oils of *anise*, *star aniseed*, and *fennel*. By oxidization, by means of nitric or chromic acid, the different forms of anethol yield an acid denominated *anisic acid*, $C_8H_8O_3$. Oil of anise absorbs oxygen from the air, and becomes less disposed to concrete. In consequence of its high price, it is frequently adulterated with spermaceti, wax, or camphor. The first two may be detected by their insolubility in cold alcohol, the last by its odor. In one instance, as much as 35 per cent. of spermaceti was found. Prof. Procter met with a parcel, of which not less than five-sixths were alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 513.) The dose of the oil is from five to fifteen drops (0·3–0·9 C.c.). Its comparative mildness adapts it to infantile cases. Most of the oil of anise of commerce is the *oil of star aniseed* (*Oleum Badiani*, or *Oleum Illicii*). Oil of anise has also been distilled from the sweet cicely, *Osmorhiza longistylis*, of the United States and Canada. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, July, 1887.) Anisic acid has been recommended as an antiseptic, resembling salicylic acid in its action.

OLEUM ANTHEMIDIS. Br. Oil of Chamomile.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM ĄN-THĔM'Ị-DĬS.)

"The oil distilled in Britain from chamomile flowers." *Br.*

Oleum Chamomillæ Romanæ; Essence de Camomille romaine, *Fr.;* Römisch-Kamillenöl, *G.*

This oil has been introduced into the British Pharmacopœia, under the name of *English Oil of Chamomile*, and with the direction that it shall be distilled in England. It is seldom prepared or used in this country. Baumé obtained thirteen drachms of the oil from eighty-two pounds of the flowers; according to Mr. Brande, the average product of 100 pounds is two pounds twelve ounces. It has the peculiar smell of chamomile, with a pungent somewhat aromatic taste. When recently distilled it is of a pale sky-blue or greenish-blue color, which changes to yellow or brownish on exposure. The sp. gr. of the English oil is said to be 0·9083. The oil was thoroughly investigated in Fittig's laboratory during the years 1878–79. It was found to consist of a mixture of *angelic* and *tiglinic acids*, *ethers of isobutyl*, *isamyl*, *hexyl*, and probably one higher one. Angelic acid and tiglinic acid are isomeric, and have the formula $C_5H_8O_2$. The relative proportions of these two acids varied in different oils. It has sometimes been employed in spasm of the stomach, and as an adjunct to purgative medicines. Its chief use, however, appears to be as an ingredient of the extract of chamomile of the British Pharmacopœia, to which it is added in order to supply the place of the oil driven off by the heat used in its preparation. This oil must not be confounded with that of *Matricaria chamomilla*, employed on the continent of Europe under the name of oil of chamomile. (See *Matricaria.*) The dose is from five to fifteen drops (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

OLEUM AURANTII CORTICIS. U. S. Oil of Orange Peel.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM ÂU-RĂN'TẒ-Ī CÔR'TẒ-CĬS.)

"A volatile oil obtained by expression from the fresh peel of either the Bitter Orange, Citrus vulgaris, Risso, or the Sweet Orange, Citrus Aurantium, Linné (nat. ord. Rutaceæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Essential Oil of Orange Peel; Huile d'Orange, *Fr.;* Apfelsinenschalenöl, Pomeranzenschalenöl, *G.*

This oil is used only for flavoring purposes, and has been introduced principally because of its employment in elixirs and in *Spiritus Aurantii* and *Spiritus Aurantii Compositum*. Oil of orange is prepared in Calabria and Sicily in three ways: 1, by scraping off the exterior part of the rind and submitting it to expression; 2, by putting the scrapings into hot water, depressing the pulp beneath, and skimming off the oil as it rises; 3, by distillation. The best

Sicily orange oil is procured by dexterous compression, within a cask, of the fresh rind by the hand, the oil being driven out in jets. It is sometimes absorbed by a sponge. (*A. J. P.*, 1868.) It is largely made at Messina, and in the south of France. It is also extracted by the écuelle process,* and partly from the Bigarade and partly from the sweet or Portugal orange, the scarcely ripe fruit being in either case employed. The oil made from the former is much more valuable than that obtained from the latter, and the two are distinguished in price-currents as *Essence de Bigarade* and *Essence de Portugal.*

Properties. Oil of orange peel yields on distillation, besides a resinous product of the composition $C_{20}H_{30}O_3$, a hydrocarbon, *hesperidene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$ (Wright and Piesse, *Chem. News*, xxiv. 147), boiling at 178° C. (352·4° F.). The inner thick part of the rind contains also a bitter principle, called *hesperidin*, discovered by Lebreton in 1828, but more fully studied by Hoffmann (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1876, pp. 26, 685). It is best prepared from the unripe bitter orange. Its formula is $C_{22}H_{26}O_{12}$, and it is a glucoside, as is shown by the reaction with dilute sulphuric acid, whereby it is decomposed into *hesperetin*, $C_{16}H_{14}O_6$, and glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes the oil as "a pale yellowish liquid, having the characteristic, aromatic odor of orange, and an aromatic and, when obtained from the bitter orange, somewhat bitter taste. Specific gravity, about 0·850 at 15° C. (59° F.). Its optical rotation should not be less than 95° to the right in a 100 Mm. tube, and at a temperature of about 15° to 20° C. (59° to 68° F.). Soluble in about four times its volume of alcohol, this solution being neutral to litmus paper; also soluble, in all proportions, in absolute alcohol or in carbon disulphide, and in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. When kept for some time, the Oil should not develop a terebinthinate odor or taste (absence of *oil of turpentine* or of *other oils containing pinene*)." *U. S.* This oil is one of the most difficult to preserve. A method for its preservation, which we have used for years, is to shake the oil briskly with one-eighth of its volume of distilled water, and allow it to separate, then remove the essential oil, filter rapidly if necessary, and mix the filtered oil with 95-per-cent. alcohol in the proportion of one volume of the oil to seven volumes of alcohol.

OLEUM AURANTII FLORUM. U. S. Oil of Orange Flowers. [Oil of Neroli.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī FLŌ'RŬM.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fresh flowers of the Bitter Orange, Citrus vulgaris, Risso (nat. ord. Rutaceæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

Huile de Fleurs d'Orange, Essence de Néroli, *Fr.;* Pomeranzenblüthenöl, *G.*

This official oil is employed only on account of its pleasant odor and taste, and is largely used as an ingredient in Cologne water, perfumes, etc. The best quality of "oil of neroli," as it is universally called in commerce, comes from Nice, and is derived from the flowers of the *Citrus aurantium*, or sweet orange, by distillation with water; this is called "*néroli pétale.*" The next quality is obtained in the same way, but by using the blossoms of the *Citrus Bigaradia*, or bitter orange: this is called "*néroli bigarade;*" whilst an inferior sort, "*essence de petit grain,*" is made by distilling the leaves and unripe fruit.

Properties. It is officially described as "a yellowish or brownish, thin liquid, having a very fragrant odor of orange flowers, and an aromatic, somewhat bitter taste. Specific gravity, 0·875 to 0·890 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, the solution being neutral to litmus paper. If a little alcohol be poured on the surface of the Oil, and the mixture gently undulated, a bright, violet fluorescence will usually be observed. In contact with a saturated solution of sodium bisulphite it assumes a handsome and permanent purplish-red color." *U. S.* The greater part of the oil is a hydrocarbon, distilling at 185°–195° C. (365°–383° F.), with which is a small amount of a crystalline solid called *neroli camphor.*† According to Flückiger, this is a neutral, inodorous, tasteless substance, fusing at 55° C. (131° F.). Noel distinguishes the different volatile oils of the orange tribe by shaking five drops of the oil with one C.c. of pure concentrated hydrochloric acid. After one minute seven or eight C.c. of 90-per-

* For an illustration of the écuelle, see Remington's *Practice of Pharmacy*, p. 789.

† Under the name of *nerolin* an artificial product has been placed upon the market in the form of a white crystalline powder, soluble in alcohol and fixed oils and almost insoluble in water. It is used by soap-makers as a substitute for oil of neroli, and is said to be ten times as strong. This compound is said to be the ethyl ether of β-naphtol. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1893, p. 2706.) It is also used in the manufacture of eau-de-Cologne with advantage instead of neroli oil. (Schimmel & Co., *Semi-Annual Report*, April, 1893.)

cent. alcohol are added, whereby the color is changed, and increased or decreased according to the extent of the adulteration. It is obvious that such a test requires experience and special education to use effectually. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887, p. 251, or *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886.)

OLEUM BERGAMOTTÆ. U. S. Oil of Bergamot. [Oleum Bergamii, Pharm. 1880.]

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM BËR-GĄ-MŎT'TÆ.)

"A volatile oil obtained by expression from the rind of the fresh fruit of Citrus Bergamia, Risso et Poiteau (nat. ord. Rutaceæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

Oleum Bergamottæ, *P. G.;* Essence de Bergamotte, Huile de Bergamotte, *Fr.;* Bergamottöl, *G.;* Olio di Bergamotta, *It.*

CITRUS. See *Aurantii Cortex.*

Citrus bergamia. Risso & Poiteau. *B. & T.* 52.—*C. limetta.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* i. 539. The bergamot-tree has oblong-ovate, dentate, acute, or obtuse leaves, somewhat paler on the under than on the upper surface, and with footstalks more or less winged or margined. The flowers are white, and usually small; the fruit pyriform or roundish, about three inches in diameter, terminated by an obtuse point, with concave receptacles of oil in the rind. The pulp of the fruit is sourish, somewhat aromatic, and not disagreeable. The rind is shining, and of a pale-yellow color, and abounds in a very grateful volatile oil. This may be obtained by expression or distillation. In the former case it preserves the agreeable flavor of the rind, but is somewhat turbid; in the latter it is limpid but less sweet. The mode of procuring it by expression is exactly the same as that used for oil of lemon. (See *Oleum Limonis.*) It is brought from Italy, the south of France, and Portugal.

The oil of bergamot, often called *essence of bergamot*, has a sweet, very agreeable odor, a bitter, aromatic, pungent taste, a pale greenish-yellow color, and a slightly acid reaction. Its sp. gr. varies from 0·870 to 0·888. (*Lewis, Zeller.*) "Specific gravity, 0·880 to 0·885 at 15° C. (59° F.). Its optical rotation should not be more than 20° to the right in a 100 Mm. tube, and at a temperature of about 15° to 20° C. (59° to 68° F.). Two volumes of the Oil, when mixed with 1 volume of alcohol, should give a clear solution of a slightly acid reaction, and this solution should not become turbid on the further addition of alcohol (distinction from *oil of orange* or *oil of lemon*). The Oil should also be soluble at 20° C. (68° F.), without the separation of oily drops, in 1·5 to 2 volumes of alcohol of 80 per cent. by volume. It is soluble, in all proportions, in glacial acetic acid. If about 2 Gm. of the Oil be evaporated in a small, tared capsule, on a water-bath, until the odor has completely disappeared, a soft, green, homogeneous residue should be left, amounting to not more than about 6 per cent. of the Oil (absence of *fatty oils*)." *U. S.* It contains several hydrocarbons of the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, a solid greasy compound called *bergaptene*, or *bergamot camphor*, and *linalool acetate*, $C_{10}H_{17}$-$C_2H_3O_2$, which latter makes up about 40 per cent. of the expressed oil, but is decomposed in large part by the process of steam distillation. Bergaptene has been recently very fully studied by Pomeranz (*Monatsheft für Chem.*, 1891, p. 379). It melts at 188° C., and has the composition $C_{12}H_8O_4$, being the lactone or inner anhydride of *bergaptenic acid*, $C_{12}H_{10}O_5$. By fusion with caustic potash, bergaptene yields phloroglucin. The oil is distinguished from lemon and orange oils by readily dissolving in solution of potassa and forming with it a clear solution. (*Zeller.*) Though possessed of the excitant properties of the volatile oils in general, it is employed chiefly, if not exclusively, as a perfume.

OLEUM BETULÆ VOLATILE. U. S. Volatile Oil of Betula. [Oil of Sweet Birch.]

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM BĔT'Ū-LÆ VŌ-LĂT'Į-LĒ.)

"A volatile oil obtained by distillation from the bark of Betula lenta, Linné (Sweet Birch; nat. ord. Betulaceæ). It is identical with Methyl Salicylate [$CH_3C_7H_5O_3$], and nearly identical with Oil of Gaultheria. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, protected from light." *U. S.*

The properties of this oil have been investigated by Pettigrew (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 265), Kennedy (*Ibid.*, 1884, p. 85), and others, from whose researches it appears that whilst the oil of birch is identical with oil of gaultheria in many respects, and is in general use under the name of the latter, it differs from it in several particulars. Oil of birch consists entirely of methyl salicylate, whilst oil of gaultheria contains in addition a terpene. The specific gravity

of oil of birch is 1·17, whilst, according to Pettigrew, that of oil of gaultheria is 1·0318. For a description of the apparatus used to distil oil of birch, see *A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 49. It does not differ essentially from that described later in connection with oil of gaultheria. See, also, *Betula Alba*, Part II. It has the same properties and conforms to the same reactions and tests as Methyl Salicylate (see *Methyl Salicylas;* also *Oleum Gaultheriæ*). So far as our present knowledge goes, oil of birch does not differ in its physiological and remedial properties from oil of gaultheria. Dose, from five to thirty minims (0·3–1·8 C.c.).

OLEUM CADINUM. U. S., Br. Oil of Cade. [Oleum Juniperi Empyreumaticum.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM CĄ-DĪ'NŬM.)

"A product of the dry distillation of the wood of Juniperus Oxycedrus, Linné (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "An empyreumatic oily liquid obtained by the destructive distillation of the woody portions of Juniperus Oxycedrus, Linn., and some other species." *Br.*

Juniper Tar Oil; Huile de Cade, *Fr.*

The *Juniperus oxycedrus*, Linné, *prickly cedar*, or *large brown-fruited juniper*, is a common tree in the waste places and stony hill-sides of the Mediterranean districts of Northern Africa, Spain, Portugal, and France, reaching up in its distribution as high as 3000 feet in the Apennines. It commonly attains a height of ten to twelve feet, sometimes much more, with long spreading branches and slender drooping branchlets, covered with light-green scattered and spreading leaves of medium size, lanceolate or awl-shaped, sharply pointed, having two furrows on their upper edge. The fruits are numerous, large (half an inch in diameter), globular, shining, reddish or chestnut-brown, and marked on the apex with two white lines.

From the heart-wood of this tree the oil of cade is prepared by a process of distillation in ovens *per descensum*, similar to that practised in the making of ordinary tar. It is a brownish or dark-brown liquid, much more mobile and less thick than tar, having a tar-like but distinct odor, and a smoky, acrid, bitterish, disagreeable taste. In mass it is dark and opaque; in very thin layers clear. "Specific gravity, about 0·990 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is almost insoluble in water, but imparts to it an acid reaction. It is only partially soluble in alcohol, but is completely soluble in ether, chloroform, or carbon disulphide." *U. S.* The British Pharmacopœia describes it as "a dark reddish-brown, or nearly black, more or less viscid, oily liquid, with a not unpleasant empyreumatic odor, and an aromatic, bitter, and acrid taste. Specific gravity, about 0·990. It is soluble in ether and chloroform; partially soluble in cold, almost wholly in hot rectified spirit. In water it is very slightly soluble. The filtered aqueous solution is almost colorless, and possesses an acid reaction."

Medical Properties and Uses. Oil of cade has been used by the peasantry in the treatment of the cutaneous diseases of sheep, horses, and other domestic animals almost from time immemorial. More recently it has been largely employed in the treatment of *chronic eczema*, *psoriasis*, and other skin diseases of man, and has also been found to be an efficient parasiticide in *psora* and *favus*. It is applied, sometimes of full strength, sometimes diluted with a bland oil, well rubbed into the affected parts with the fingers, or with a cloth, and is also made into ointments, and especially into soaps.* A glycerite is also prepared.

OLEUM CAJUPUTI. U. S., Br. Oil of Cajuput.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM CĂJ-Ụ-PŪ'TĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the leaves of Melaleuca Leucadendron, Linné (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from the leaves of Melaleuca minor, Sm. (Melaleuca Cajuputi, Roxb.)." *Br.*

Oleum Cajeputi, *P. G.;* Essence de Cajeput, Huile de Cajeput, *Fr.:* Cajeputöl, *G.;* Olio di Cajeput, *It.;* Kayu-putieh, *Mal.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted, semi-superior. *Corolla* five-petalled. *Stamens* about forty-five, very long, conjoined in five bodies. *Style* single. *Capsule* three-celled. *Seeds* numerous. *Roxburgh.*

It was long supposed that the oil of cajuput was derived from *Melaleuca leucadendron;* but from specimens of the plant affording it, sent from the Moluccas and cultivated in the botanical garden of Calcutta, Roxburgh concluded it to be a distinct species, and gave it the name of *M. cajuputi*. It corresponds with the *arbor alba minor* of Rumphius, and is a smaller plant

* In the *Edinb. Monthly Journ.* for July, 1852 (page 66), it is stated that the soap is made by distilling the tar, incorporating the volatile oil obtained with a fixed oil, and then saponifying this with soda. It is in the form of black balls, readily unites with water, and may be applied to the surface like any other soap. The best plan is probably to apply it at bedtime and wash it off next morning.

than the *M. leucadendron*. Bentham, however, probably with correctness, considers it simply a smaller variety of *M. leucadendron*, a tree of wide-spread habitat, reaching into India, the Philippines, and even Australia. It is possible, however, that the oil may be obtained from different species of Melaleuca, as M. Stickel, of Jena, succeeded in procuring from the leaves of *M. hypericifolia*, cultivated in the botanical garden of that place, a specimen of oil not distinguishable from the cajuput oil of commerce, except by a pale-green color. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xix. 224.) *M. viridifolia* and *M. latifolia*, large trees growing abundantly in the island of New Caledonia, yield a volatile oil very analogous to the oil of cajuput.* The leaves of different species of Melaleuca have been used advantageously, in the form of bath, in chronic rheumatism. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1861, p. 67.) An extract of *M. paraguayensis* has been used with alleged advantage in rheumatism and other diseases. (*Med. Record*, xvi.)

Melaleuca leucadendron. Linné. *Cajuputi.* Rumphius, *Herbar. Amboinense*, tom. ii. tab. 17; Roxburgh, *Trans. Lond. Med. Bot. Soc.*, 1829; *Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, vol. i. p. 193. —*M. minor.* De Candolle. *B. & T.* 108. This tree grows with an erect but crooked stem, and scattered branches, the slender twigs of which droop like those of the weeping willow. The bark is of a whitish ash color, very thick, soft, spongy, and lamellated, throwing off its exterior layer from time to time in flakes. The leaves have short footstalks, are alternate, lanceolate, when young sericeous, when full-grown smooth, deep green, three- and five-nerved, slightly falcate, entire, from three to five inches long, from one-half to three-quarters of an inch broad, and when bruised exhale a strong aromatic odor. The flowers are small, white, inodorous, sessile, and disposed in terminal and axillary downy spikes, with solitary, lanceolate, three-flowered bracts. The filaments are three or four times longer than the petals, and both are inserted in the rim of the calyx. The oil is obtained from the leaves by distillation. It is prepared chiefly in Amboyna and Bouro, and is exported from the East Indies in glass bottles. The small proportion yielded by the leaves, and the extensive use made of it in India, render it costly.

Properties. Cajuput oil is very fluid, transparent, of a fine green color, a lively and penetrating odor analogous to that of camphor and cardamom, and a warm, pungent taste. It is very volatile and inflammable, burning without any residue. The sp. gr. varies from 0·914 to 0·9274. Its composition, according to Blanchet and Sell, is $C_{10}H_{16}.H_2O$, and by repeated distillation over phosphoric oxide the hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, called *cajuputene*, can be obtained. The oil is, therefore, said to contain *cajuputene hydrate*, or *cajuputol*. The identity of cajuputol with cineol and eucalyptol from *Eucalyptus globulus* in both chemical and physical properties has been established by C. Jahns. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 237.) It boils at 175° C. (347° F.). Oil of cajuput is "a light, thin, bluish-green, or, after rectification, colorless liquid, having a peculiar, agreeable, distinctly camphoraceous odor, and an aromatic, bitterish taste. Specific gravity, 0·922 to 0·929 at 15° C. (59° F.). With an equal volume of alcohol it affords a clear solution, which either has a slightly acid reaction, or, in the case of the rectified Oil, is neutral to litmus paper. On shaking 5 C.c. of the Oil with 5 C.c. of water containing a drop of diluted hydrochloric acid, the Oil loses its green tint and becomes nearly colorless. If to this acid liquid, separated from the Oil, a drop of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution be added, a reddish-brown color will usually be produced (presence of traces of *copper*). If 5 parts of the Oil be heated to 50° C. (122° F.), and 1 part of powdered iodine gradually added, with avoidance of any further rise of temperature, the mixture, on cooling, will deposit a mass of crystals." *U. S.* The oil is wholly soluble in alcohol. When it is distilled, a light, colorless liquid first comes over, and afterwards a green and denser one. The green color has been ascribed to a salt of copper derived from the vessels in which the distillation is performed; and Guibourt obtained two grains and a half of copper oxide from a pound of the commercial oil. But neither Brande nor Goertner could detect copper in specimens examined by them;

* It seems to be uncertain how much of the oil of cajuput of commerce is produced by the New Caledonia trees. In the *Bull. Thérap.*, xcvii., the volatile oil of *Melaleuca flaviflora* is said to be sent in large quantities, under the name of *miaouli*, from New Caledonia to the East. More recently a pale-yellow oil occurring in French commerce under the name of *essence de miaouli* is reported to be obtained by distillation of the leaves of the *Melaleuca viridiflora*, which yield of it about 2·5 per cent. This oil has been carefully studied by G. Bertrand, who describes it as having a density of 0·922 and deviating a ray of polarized light 0° 42′ to the right. He finds that it contains minute quantities of amylic alcohol, but is chiefly composed of a dextro-rotatory terebinthene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, eucalyptol, a hydrocarbon (probably citrene) boiling at 175° F., and a terpinol. This composition is identical with that of the terpinol of List (*Comptes-Rendus*, civ. 996, cvi. 663), obtained by heating with acidulated water the terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$,-$2H_2O$, resulting from the spontaneous hydration of terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, the natural product being thus readily imitated artificially in the laboratory by extremely simple reactions. (*Comptes-Rendus*, cxvi. 1070.) This oil has been used in doses of from ten to fifty centigrammes daily, in capsules, by Dr. Blanc, for the purposes for which oil of cajuput is usually employed. (*Revue de Thérap.*, lx.)

and M. Lesson, who witnessed the process for preparing the oil at Bouro, attributes its color to chlorophyll or some analogous principle, and states that it is rendered colorless by rectification. Guibourt, moreover, obtained a green oil by distilling the leaves of a Melaleuca cultivated at Paris. A fair inference is that the oil of cajuput is naturally green, but that as found in commerce it sometimes contains copper, either accidentally present, or added with a view of imitating or maintaining the fine color of the oil. The proportion of copper, however, is not so great as to forbid the internal use of the oil; and the metal may be separated by distillation with water, or by agitation with a solution of potassium ferrocyanide. This statement as to the frequent occurrence of copper in the cajuput oil of commerce, though at the same time its presence is not essential, has been confirmed by experiments by Mr. Edward Histed, who found copper in all of six specimens of the commercial oil, obtained from different sources. When redistilled, the oil became perfectly colorless, but after a few days' exposure to copper filings reassumed its green color. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 804.)

The high price of cajuput oil has led to its occasional adulteration. Oil of rosemary, and oil of turpentine, impregnated with camphor and colored with the resin of milfoil, are said to be employed for the purpose. The best test, according to Zeller, is iodine, which, after a moderately energetic reaction, with little increase of temperature and but a slight development of orange vapors, occasions immediate inspissation into a loose coagulum, which soon becomes a dry, greenish-brown, brittle mass.

Medical Properties and Uses. This oil is highly stimulant, producing when swallowed a sense of heat, with an increased fulness and frequency of pulse, and exciting in some instances profuse perspiration. It is much esteemed by the Malays and other people of the East, who consider it a panacea. The complaints to which it is best adapted are probably *chronic rheumatism*, and *spasmodic affections of the stomach and bowels*, unconnected with inflammation. It has been extolled as a remedy in *spasmodic cholera*, and has been used also as a diffusible stimulant in *low fevers*. It is said to have been used in the collapsed state of cholera, with unexpected success, in the dose of from fifteen grains to a drachm (1–3·9 Gm.) in a single potion. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1867, p. 71.) Diluted with an equal proportion of olive oil, it is applied externally to relieve *gouty* and *rheumatic pains*. Like most other highly stimulating essential oils, it relieves *toothache* if introduced into the hollow of the carious tooth. M. Delvaux, who has made extensive use of this oil, has found it beneficial, given internally, in *dyspepsia* with flatulence, in the early stages and milder forms of *cholera*, in *verminose affections* in children, in *chronic laryngitis* and *bronchitis*, in *chronic catarrh of the bladder*, in *chronic rheumatism of the joints* with little or no swelling, and in painful *chronic rheumatism of the muscles and fibro-muscular tissues*, whether external or internal. Externally applied, M. Delvaux has derived great benefit from it in various cutaneous diseases, as *pityriasis*, *psoriasis*, and especially in that extremely obstinate affection of the face, *acne rosacea*, which he has often succeeded in curing by the simple application of this oil three times a day. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1862, p. 38.) The dose is from five to twenty drops (0·3–1·25 C.c.), given in emulsion, in the form of pill, or upon a lump of sugar.

OLEUM CARI. U. S. (Br.) Oil of Caraway.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM CĀ'RĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Caraway." *U. S.* "The Oil distilled in Britain from caraway fruit." *Br.*

Oleum Carui, *Br.;* **Oleum Carvi,** *P. G.;* **Essence de Carvi,** *Fr.;* **Kümmelöl,** *G.*

This oil is prepared to a considerable extent by our distillers. The fresh fruit as cultivated in Holland yields nearly 6 per cent. of oil, while the German fruit yields about 4 per cent. The oil of caraway is somewhat viscid, of a pale-yellow color, becoming brownish by age, with the odor of the fruit, and an aromatic acrid taste. Its sp. gr. is differently given at 0·946 (*Baumé*), 0·931 (*Brande*), 0·916 (*Buignet*), and 0·920 (*U. S. P.*). It is dextrogyrate in its relation to polarized light. (Buignet, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1861, p. 261.) It consists of two liquid oils, of different boiling points, and separable by distillation,—one a hydrocarbon called *carvene* ($C_{10}H_{16}$), of the sp. gr. 0·849 and boiling point 176° C. (349° F.), now recognized as identical with limonene (see p. 942), the other composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen ($C_{10}H_{14}O$), and named *carvol*, of the sp. gr. 0·9638 and boiling point 224° C. (435° F.). This latter constituent is often extracted from the oil and prepared in a pure state by taking advantage of the formation of a crystalline compound of carvol and hydrogen sulphide, which can then be decomposed by treatment with alcoholic potash.

It is officially described as "a colorless, or pale yellow, thin liquid, having the characteristic, aromatic odor of caraway, and a mild, spicy taste. Specific gravity, 0·910 to 0·920 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, this solution being neutral to litmus paper." *U. S.*

When oil of caraway is distilled over glacial phosphoric acid or powdered caustic soda, the distilled liquor being poured back into the retort until it ceases to have the smell of caraway, an oily liquid is obtained, having a very disagreeable odor, and a strong taste. This product, to which the name of *carvacrol* has been applied, has been found to give immediate relief to *toothache*, when inserted on cotton into the cavity of a carious tooth. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xv. 532.) Carvacrol is found to be of the same chemical composition as carvol, and is considered to be formed from it by molecular rearrangement merely. Oil of caraway is much used to impart flavor to medicines, and to correct their nauseating and griping effects. The dose is from one to ten drops (0·06–0·6 C.c.).

OLEUM CARYOPHYLLI. U. S., Br. Oil of Cloves.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM CĂR-Y-O-PHĬL'LĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Cloves." *U. S.* "The Oil distilled in Britain from cloves." *Br.*

Oleum Caryophyllorum, *P. G.*; Essence de Girofles, *Fr.*; Nelkenöl, *G.*

This oil is obtained by distilling cloves with water, to which it is customary to add common salt, in order to raise the temperature of ebullition; and the water should be repeatedly distilled from the same cloves, in order completely to exhaust them. Professor Scharling has found advantage from the application of superheated steam to the distillation of this oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 469.) It is essential also to use the same water over and over again, in order to avoid loss by the solution of the oil in the water. The product of good cloves is said to be about one-fifth or one-sixth of their weight. The oil was formerly brought from Holland or the East Indies; but since the introduction of the Cayenne cloves into our markets the reduced price and superior freshness of the drug have rendered the distillation of oil of cloves profitable in this country; and the best now sold is of domestic extraction. We have been informed that from seven to nine pounds of cloves yield to our distillers about one pound of the oil.

Properties. Oil of cloves, when recently distilled, is very fluid, clear, and colorless, but becomes yellowish by exposure, and ultimately reddish brown. It has the odor of cloves, a hot, acrid, aromatic taste, and a slightly acid reaction. Its sp. gr. is variously stated at from 1·034 to 1·061,—the latter being given by Bonastre as the sp. gr. of the rectified oil. "Specific gravity, 1·060 to 1·067 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, this solution being slightly acid to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. When shaken with an equal volume of a concentrated solution of potassium hydrate, or of stronger ammonia water, it forms a semi-solid, yellowish mass. If two drops of the Oil be dissolved in 4 C.c. of alcohol, and a drop of ferric chloride test-solution added, a bright green color will be produced; and if the same test be made with a drop of dilute ferric chloride test-solution, prepared by diluting the test-solution with four times its volume of water, a blue color will be produced, which soon changes to yellow. If 1 C.c. of the Oil be mixed with 2 C.c. of a mixture of 2 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, it should form a clear and perfect solution (absence of *petroleum*, *most fatty oils*, *oil of turpentine*, and *similar oils*). If 1 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with 20 C.c. of hot water, the water should show a scarcely perceptible acid reaction to litmus paper. If, after cooling, the aqueous layer be passed through a wet filter, the clear filtrate should yield, with a drop of ferric chloride test-solution, only a transient grayish-green, but not a blue or violet color (absence of *carbolic acid*)." *U. S.* It is one of the least volatile of the essential oils, and requires for congelation a temperature from zero of Fahrenheit to —4°. It is completely soluble in alcohol, ether, and strong acetic acid. Nitric acid changes its color to a deep red, and converts it by the aid of heat into oxalic acid. The same change to red is produced by nitric acid on morphine, but in this case the red is followed by yellow, which does not happen with the oil of cloves. Besides, if to a solution of morphine with nitric acid a solution of chlorinated lime be added, and the mixture be exposed for some hours to the light, the solution of morphine will retain a straw color, while if oil of cloves be treated in the same manner the color disappears. (Haselden, *B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, July, 1867, p. 265.) When long kept, the oil deposits a crystalline *stearopten*. It is frequently adulterated with fixed oils, and sometimes with oil of pimenta and with copaiba. When pure, it sinks in distilled water. According to E. Scherer, these adulterations may sometimes be detected by attention to the specific gravity and the boiling point, pure oil of cloves varying in

specific gravity from 1·03 to 1·06, and boiling at from 240° C. (464° F.) to 255° C. (491° F.). According to Zeller, its character of congealing entirely into a crystalline mass with the alcoholic solution of potassa, losing at the same time its peculiar odor, affords a sufficient criterion of its purity. It appears to be indifferent in its rotatory effects on polarized light. (*Buignet.*)

According to Ettling, the oil of cloves consists of two distinct oils, one lighter and the other heavier than water. They may be obtained separate by distilling the oil from a solution of potassa. The lighter comes over, the heavier remains combined with the potassa, from which it may be separated by adding sulphuric acid, and again distilling. *Light oil of cloves* is colorless, of the sp. gr. 0·918, and has the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$, being polymeric with pure oil of turpentine. It is said not to possess active properties. (*Kane.*) *Heavy oil of cloves* is colorless at first, but darkens with age, has the odor and taste of cloves, is of the sp. gr. 1·079, boils at 243·3° C. (470° F.), and forms soluble and crystallizable salts with the alkalies. It consists of a phenol-like compound, *eugenol*, $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$, which has been shown to be the methyl ether of allyl-dioxybenzene, $C_6H_3\begin{cases}C_3H_5\\OCH_3\\OH\end{cases}$. One of its most important reactions is its conversion into *vanillin*. For this purpose it is boiled with acetic anhydride, whereby *aceteugenol* is formed, which, oxidized in weak acid solution by potassium permanganate, yields *acetvanillic acid*, and this with weak potash solution is changed into vanillin, which is then extracted by acidifying and shaking up with ether. (See, also, *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 444.) Cloves also contain a camphor-like body, *caryophyllin*, $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$, which when treated with nitric acid yields as the product of oxidation *caryophyllinic acid*, $C_{20}H_{32}O_6$.

Medical Properties and Uses. The medical effects of the oil are similar to those of cloves, and it is used for the same purposes; but its most common employment is as a corrigent of other medicines. It is a powerful local narcotic, and is often introduced into the cavity of a *carious aching tooth*. The dose is from two to six drops (0·12 to 0·36 C.c.). *Eugenol* has been given internally in doses of forty-five grains per day dissolved in alcohol and diluted in water; it probably resembles carbolic acid in its physiological actions, and has been used as an antiseptic and antipyretic. According to the experiments of Dr. Leubuscher (*Wien. Med. Blätter*, 1889), it is a feeble local anæsthetic.

OLEUM CHENOPODII. U. S. Oil of Chenopodium. [Oil of American Wormseed.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM ȻHĔN-Ọ-PŌ'DḮ-Ī.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Chenopodium." *U. S.*

Essence de Chénopode anthelmintique, *Fr.;* Amerikanisches Wurmsamenöl, *G.*

This oil is peculiar to the United States. It is prepared in the vicinity of Baltimore. (See page 362.) It is of a light-yellow color when recently distilled, but becomes deeper yellow and even brownish by age. Its reaction is neutral. It has in a high degree the peculiar flavor of the plant. "Specific gravity, about 0·970 at 15° C. (59° F.). 1 C.c. of the oil should form a perfectly clear solution with 10 C.c. of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water." *U. S.* When freshly prepared, it has the sp. gr. 0·908, which, according to Mr. S. S. Garrigues, is increased by time to 0·960. A portion examined by him, which was of a brownish-yellow color, had the sp. gr. 0·959 at 61° F., boiled at 374° F., and was freely soluble in alcohol and ether. He found it to be composed of two distinct oils, separable by distillation: one of these has the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, and reacts with hydrochloric acid in a manner analogous to oil of turpentine; the other is heavier, and possesses the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O$. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 405.) Wormseed oil is used as an anthelmintic, in the dose of from four to eight drops (0·24–0·5 C.c.) for a child, repeated morning and evening for three or four days, and then followed by a brisk cathartic. The case of a child, six years old, is recorded (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, xlv. 373) in which death is supposed to have resulted from the use of overdoses.

OLEUM CINNAMOMI. U. S., Br. Oil of Cinnamon. [Oil of Cassia.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM CĬN-NẠ-MŌ'MĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Cassia Cinnamon. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from Cinnamon Bark." *Br.*

Oleum Cinnamomi Zeylanici, *P. G.:* Oil of Ceylon Cinnamon, *E.;* Essence de Cannelle, Huile de Cannelle, *Fr.;* Zimmtöl, Zeylonisches Zimmtöl, *G.;* Olio di Cannella, *It.;* Aceite de Canela, *Sp.*

There are two oils of cinnamon in commerce,—one procured from the Ceylon cinnamon, the

other from the Chinese cinnamon, and often distinguished by the name of *oil of cassia*. There is no essential difference in the two oils; and that of the Chinese cinnamon, as much the cheaper and more abundant of the two, will probably continue to be generally employed, notwithstanding that the Ceylon product has the finer flavor.*

Oil of cinnamon of Ceylon is prepared in that island from inferior kinds of cinnamon, of insufficient value to pay the export duty. The following account of the method of extraction is given by Marshall. The bark, having been coarsely powdered, is macerated for two days in sea-water, and then submitted to distillation. A light and a heavy oil come over with the water, the former of which separates in a few hours and floats upon the surface, the latter falls to the bottom of the receiver, and continues to be deposited for ten or twelve days. In future distillations, the saturated cinnamon water is employed with sea-water to macerate the cinnamon. Eighty pounds of the freshly prepared bark yield about 2·5 ounces of the lighter oil, and 5·5 of the heavier. From the same quantity kept for several years in store, about half an ounce less of each oil is obtained. The two kinds are probably united in the oil of commerce. The oil is also distilled in Ceylon from the leaves, but the product is said to be too small to yield a fair profit. (*Chem. and Drug.*, 1888.)

Recently prepared oil of Ceylon cinnamon is of a light-yellow color, becoming deeper by age, and ultimately red. Pereira states that the London druggists redistil the red oil, and thus obtain two pale-yellow oils, one lighter and the other heavier than water, with a loss of about 10 per cent. in the process. The oil has the flavor of cinnamon, and when undiluted is excessively hot and pungent. It is said sometimes to have a peppery taste, ascribable to an admixture of the leaves with the bark in the preparation of the oil. *Oil of Ceylon Cinnamon* has "a slightly acid reaction. Sp. gr. about 1·040. It is readily soluble in alcohol. When cooled to —10° C. (14° F.), it remains clear, but at a lower temperature a solid portion separates from it." *U. S.* 1880.

Chinese oil of cinnamon is imported from Canton and Singapore. It is pale yellow, becoming red with age. Its flavor is similar to that of the Ceylon oil, though inferior; and it commands a much lower price. It is officially described as "a yellowish or brownish liquid, becoming darker and thicker by age and exposure to the air, having the characteristic odor of cinnamon, and a sweetish, spicy, and burning taste. Specific gravity, 1·055 to 1·065 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, the solution being slightly acid to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. When shaken with a saturated solution of sodium bisulphite, it solidifies to a crystalline mass. If 4 drops of the Oil, contained in a test-tube, be cooled to 0° C. (32° F.), and then shaken with 4 drops of fuming nitric acid, crystalline needles or plates will be formed. If a portion of the Oil be shaken with water, and the liquid passed through a wet filter, the clear filtrate should give, with a few drops of basic lead acetate test-solution, a white turbidity, without a yellow color (absence of *oil of cloves*). If 4 drops of the Oil be dissolved in 10 C.c. of alcohol, the subsequent addition of a drop of ferric chloride test-solution should produce a brown, but not a green or blue, color (absence of *oil of cloves* or of *carbolic acid*). If 1 C.c. of the Oil be mixed with 3 C.c. of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, a clear solution should result; and if to this solution there be gradually added 2 C.c. of a saturated solution of lead acetate in a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, no precipitate should be produced (absence of *petroleum*, or of *colophony*)." *U. S.* The researches of Schimmel & Co. seem to show that the Chinese cassia oil of commerce is distilled out of the leaves, leaf-stalks, and young twigs of the cassia plant,—probably with broken bark and various refuse products from the tree; also that much of the oil is adulterated with rosin and petroleum. (See official tests above.)† Zeller

* Schimmel & Co. (*Semi-Annual Report*, April, 1892) have shown that *cinnamon-leaf oil* (from *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*), instead of being a thick, viscid oil, as frequently stated, is a bright, limpid oil, and is identical with the oil formerly exported from Ceylon in large quantities and thought to be produced from the roots of the cinnamon shrub. It has a sp. gr. of 1·05 to 1·06, and contains about 87 per cent. of eugenol and about 0·1 per cent. of cinnamic aldehyde: from this composition the cloves and cinnamon-like odor which it possesses may be understood. Safrol is also present in small amounts. Dr. von Romburgh (Schimmel & Co., *Report*, Oct. 1892) has prepared the true cinnamon-root oil, and finds it to contain large amounts of camphor, to which its odor is obviously due.

† The value of cassia oil is stated to depend upon the percentage of cinnamic aldehyde which it contains. In a series of analyses made by Schimmel & Co. of oils having a specific gravity of 1·064 to 1·065, the proportion of aldehyde varied from 73·5 to 88 per cent. In the distillation by Schimmel & Co. the various portions of the cassia plant obtained from China yielded the following result. 1. Cassia bark, *Cassia lignea* of commerce: yield of essential oil 1·5 per cent.; aldehyde in oil 88·9 per cent.; sp. gr. 1·035. 2. Cassia buds, *Flores Cassiæ* of commerce: yield of essential oil 1·550 per cent.; aldehyde in oil 80·4 per cent.; sp. gr. 1·026. 3. Cassia budsticks: yield of essential oil 1·64 per cent.; aldehyde in oil 92 per cent.; sp. gr. 1·046. 4. Cassia Leaves, leaf-stalks, and young twigs mixed: yield of essential oil 0·77 per cent.; aldehyde in oil 93 per cent.; sp. gr. 1·055.

states that it is heavier, less liquid, and sooner rendered turbid by cold, and that in the Ceylon oil iodine dissolves rapidly, with a considerable increase of heat, and the production of a tough residue, like extract, while in oil of cassia the reaction is slow, quiet, and with little heat, and the residue is soft or liquid. The following remarks apply to both.

Alcohol completely dissolves oil of cinnamon; and, as it does not rise in any considerable quantity at the boiling temperature of that liquid, it may be obtained by forming a tincture of cinnamon and distilling off the menstruum. When exposed to the air, it absorbs oxygen, and is slowly converted into cinnamic acid, two distinct resins, and water. Of the two resins, one is soluble both in hot and in cold alcohol; the other readily in the former, but sparingly in the latter. *Cinnamic acid*, $C_9H_8O_2$, is colorless, crystalline, sourish, volatilizable, slightly soluble in water, readily dissolved by alcohol, and convertible by nitric acid with heat into benzoic acid. It is sometimes seen in crystals in oil of cinnamon which has been long kept. Like benzoic acid, it is said when swallowed to cause the elimination of hippuric acid by the urine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iii. 64.) It may be obtained by distilling the balsam of Tolu. Oil of cinnamon is almost wholly converted by nitric acid, slowly added, into a crystalline mass, thought to be a compound of the oil and the acid. These several facts are explained when it is found that, with the exception of quite small quantities of hydrocarbons, oil of cinnamon consists of *cinnamic aldehyde*, C_9H_8O, which by moderate oxidation yields the corresponding cinnamic acid, $C_9H_8O_2$, but by more energetic oxidation yields benzoic acid, $C_7H_6O_2$. The oil has been produced artificially by Strecker from styrone, a derivative from styrax (see *Styrax*), and more recently from benzaldehyde and acetaldehyde, a mixture of which is saturated with hydrochloric acid gas, when a condensation takes place, as follows: $C_6H_5COH + CH_3COH = C_6H_5CH.CH.CHO + H_2O$. Ordinary sodium hydrate will also bring about the reaction between the two aldehydes, and is to be preferred to hydrochloric acid for this purpose.

Oil of cinnamon is said to be frequently adulterated with oil of cloves, which, according to Ulex, cannot be detected by the smell or taste. Thus sophisticated, it is stated, on the same authority, to evolve a very acrid vapor when a drop is heated on a watch-glass, to swell up and evolve red vapors if treated with fuming nitric acid, to remain liquid with concentrated caustic potassa, and to assume an indigo-blue color when ferrous chloride is added to its alcoholic solution; none of which reactions occur with pure oil. (*Archiv der Pharm.*, Jan. 1853.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This oil has the cordial and carminative properties of cinnamon, without its astringency, and is much employed as an adjuvant to other medicines, the taste of which it corrects or conceals, while it conciliates the stomach. As a powerful local stimulant, it is sometimes prescribed in *gastrodynia*, *flatulent colic*, and *gastric debility*. The dose is from one to three drops (0·06–0·18 C.c.). Mitscherlich found six drachms to kill a moderate-sized dog in five hours, and two drachms one in forty hours. Inflammation and corrosion of the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane were observed after death.

OLEUM COPAIBÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Copaiba.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM CŌ-PĀ'Ĭ-BÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Copaiba." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from copaiva." *Br.*

Oil of Copaiva; Oleum Balsami Copaivæ; Essence de Copahu, *Fr.*; Copaibaöl, *G.*

The oil constitutes from one-third to one-half or more of the copaiba. From one specimen of recent copaiba as much as 80 per cent. has been obtained. (*A. J. P.*, xxii. 289.) It is prepared largely in Philadelphia by the application of steam heat. As it first comes over it is colorless, but the later product is of a fine greenish hue. By redistillation it may be rendered wholly colorless. It has the odor and taste of copaiba, a neutral reaction, boils at 252°–256° C. (485·6°–492·8° F.), solidifies, partly crystalline, at —15° F. (*Gmelin*), is soluble in ether and in an equal weight of alcohol, absorbs hydrochloric acid gas and forms with it crystals of a hydrochlorate, $C_{20}H_{32}4HCl$, and when pure consists exclusively of a hydrocarbon, $C_{20}H_{32}$. "A colorless or pale yellowish liquid, having the characteristic odor of copaiba, and an aromatic, bitterish, and pungent taste. Specific gravity, 0·890 to 0·910 at 15° C. (59° F.), increasing with age. Soluble in about 10 times its volume of alcohol, forming a slightly turbid liquid, which is neutral to litmus paper." *U. S.* From its want of oxygen, it answers even better than naphtha for preserving potassium, a fact first observed by Mr. Durand, of Philadelphia. It dissolves sulphur and phosphorus. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, xiv. 288.)

Its effects on the system are those of copaiba. From the experiments of C. Mitscherlich, it is one of the least injurious of the volatile oils to the animal system, six drachms of it having been introduced into the stomach of a rabbit without causing death. It has been used

with success in *ascites*. (*London Lancet*, Dec. 1870, p. 852.) Externally it produces much less irritation than does oil of turpentine. It may be used for the same purposes as copaiba, in the dose of from ten to fifteen drops (0·6–0·9 C.c.), given in emulsion or dropped on sugar.

OLEUM CORIANDRI. U. S., Br. Oil of Coriander.

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM CŌ-RĮ-ĂN'DRĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Coriander." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from coriander fruit." *Br.*

Essence de Coriandre, *Fr.;* Korianderöl, *G.*

This is obtained by distillation with water from the bruised seeds in the manner directed in the U. S. Pharm. 1870 for the other volatile oils. Forty-two grains of it are stated by Zeller to be derived from a pound of the fruit. It is pale yellow and colorless, and has the characteristic smell and taste of coriander, and a neutral reaction. Its sp. gr. is from 0·870 to 0·885, *U. S.*, and its boiling point 302° F. It is an oxygenated oil, consisting chiefly of a compound, *coriandrol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, from which, however, a molecule of water, H_2O, can be withdrawn by distillation over phosphoric oxide, leaving a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$. According to Semmler (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 24, 206), coriandrol boils between 194° and 198° C., is optically dextrorotatory, and has a sp. gr. of 0·8679 at 20° C. Schimmel & Co. (*Report*, April, 1892) have also found in coriander oil about 5 per cent. of dextro-pinene. "One C.c. of the Oil forms a perfectly clear solution with 3 C.c. of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, the solution being neutral to litmus paper. The Oil is also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid." *U. S.* Oil of coriander is extensively adulterated with colorless rectified oil of orange, which can be detected by its insolubility in 90-per-cent. alcohol, in which pure coriander oil dissolves in every proportion; equal parts of oil of orange and 90-per-cent. alcohol make a turbid mixture. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1878.) The oil has the medical properties of the fruit, and, like the aromatic oils generally, may be used to cover the taste or correct the nauseating or griping properties of other medicines. It has the great advantage of being more stable and retaining its agreeable odor longer than any other oil of its class.

OLEUM CUBEBÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Cubeb.

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM CŪ-BĒ'BÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Cubeb." *U. S.* "The Oil distilled in Britain from cubebs." *Br.*

Oleum Cubebarum; Oil of Cubebs; Essence de Cubèbes, *Fr.;* Kubebenöl, *G.*

The oil is obtained from cubeb by grinding the berries, and then distilling with water. From ten pounds Schönwald procured eleven ounces of oil; and this result very nearly coincides with the experiments of Christison, who obtained 7 per cent. When recently distilled from the fruit, the oil is somewhat greenish, becoming yellowish by age; but when carefully redistilled it is colorless. It has the smell of cubeb, a warm, aromatic, camphorous taste, and a neutral reaction, is of a consistence approaching that of almond oil, is lighter than water, having the sp. gr. 0·920, and when exposed to the air is said to thicken without losing its odor. It is soluble in an equal weight of alcohol. The oil contains a small amount of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 158°–163° C., and two oils of the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling at 262°–265° C., one of which unites with HCl, while the other does not. Upon standing, it sometimes deposits rhomboidal prismatic crystals of a stearopten. This camphor of cubeb has the formula $C_{15}H_{26}O$, is fusible at 66° to 68° C., and volatilizes without change at 148° to 150° C. According to Schmidt, it does not pre-exist in the cubeb, but is formed by the prolonged action of the air. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1875.) The oil has the aromatic properties of cubeb; but it is probably not the sole active ingredient, as it is much less pungent than the fluid extract or the oleoresin. It may, however, often be advantageously substituted for the powder, in the commencing dose of ten or twelve drops (0·6 or 0·72 C.c.), to be gradually increased until its effects are obtained, or until it proves offensive to the stomach. It may be given suspended in water by means of sugar, or in the form of emulsion, or enclosed in capsules of gelatin.

OLEUM ERIGERONTIS. U. S. Oil of Erigeron. [Oil of Fleabane.]

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM Ę-RĬĢ-Ę-RŎN'TĮS.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fresh, flowering herb of Erigeron Canadense, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Oleum Erigerontis Canadensis, *U. S.* 1870; Oil of Canada Fleabane.

Oil of erigeron is limpid, of a light straw-color, a peculiar aromatic persistent odor, and a characteristic taste. By exposure it becomes darker and thicker. Its reaction is neutral. Its sp. gr., according to Prof. Procter, is 0·845 (0·850, *U. S.*). It probably consists of two distinct oils, as it begins to boil at 154·4° C. (310° F.) and its temperature continues to rise to 185° C. (365° F.). The most of it seems to be composed of a terpene, boiling at 176° C., of sp. gr. 0·8464. (Beilstein and Wiegand, *Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 1882, p. 2854.) "Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol (distinction from *oil of fireweed* (derived from *Erechthites hieracifolia* Rafinesque, nat. ord. *Compositæ*) and from *oil of turpentine*), this solution being neutral or slightly acid to litmus; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. It distils for the most part between 175° and 180° C. (347° and 356° F.)." *U. S.* When distilled without water, it comes over colorless, and a little resinous matter is left behind, probably resulting from the oxidation of one or both of the constituent oils. It is readily soluble in alcohol. It consists of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. It is slowly reddened by potassa, combines with iodine without explosion, is instantly decomposed by sulphuric acid, and is acted on by strong nitric acid, slowly at ordinary temperatures, but with heat explosively. (Procter, *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 502.) For an account of the difference in properties between this oil and that from *Erechthites hieracifolia*, see a paper by Albert M. Todd, *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 302.

It was first brought into notice by the so-called eclectic physicians, who use it in *diarrhœa*, *dysentery*, and the *hemorrhages;* and certainly it is a very valuable remedy in *hæmoptysis* when there is no fever or other marked evidence of constitutional irritation. As long ago as 1854 it was commended highly by Dr. E. Wilson in *uterine hemorrhage*, while Dr. J. W. Moorman speaks of it most highly in all forms of hemorrhage, in *diarrhœa of debility*, in *dysentery* after sufficient evacuation of the stomach and bowels, and especially in *hemorrhage from the bowels during typhoid fever*. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1865, p. 396.) It probably acts like the oil of turpentine as a hæmostatic, but is much less irritant and stimulating. Dose, from ten minims to half a fluidrachm (0·6–0·18 C.c.), repeated every hour or two.

OLEUM EUCALYPTI. U. S., Br. Oil of Eucalyptus.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM EŪ-CA-LĬP'TĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fresh leaves of Eucalyptus globulus, Labillardière, Eucalyptus oleosa, F. v. Mueller, and some other species of Eucalyptus (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ)." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from the fresh leaves of Eucalyptus Globulus, Labill.; Eucalyptus amygdalina, Labill.; and probably other species of Eucalyptus." *Br.*

Essence d'Eucalyptus, *Fr.;* **Eucalyptusöl,** *G.*

This oil is imported from Australia and Algeria, and is in commerce of several qualities. It is officially described as "a colorless or faintly yellowish liquid, having a characteristic, aromatic, somewhat camphoraceous odor, and a pungent, spicy, and cooling taste. Specific gravity, 0·915 to 0·925 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble, in all proportions, in alcohol, carbon disulphide, or glacial acetic acid. Its alcoholic solution is neutral, or slightly acid, to litmus paper. If 1 C.c. of the Oil be mixed with 2 C.c. of glacial acetic acid, and 1 or 2 C.c. of a saturated aqueous solution of sodium nitrite be gradually added, the mixture, when gently stirred, should not form a crystalline mass (distinction from *oils of Eucalyptus containing a considerable proportion of phellandrene*)." *U. S.* It contains *cymene*, $C_{10}H_{14}$, *eucalyptene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$ (boiling point 172°–175° C.), a little of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$ (boiling point 150°–151° C.), and *eucalyptol* (or *cineol*), $C_{10}H_{18}O$. Schimmel & Co. also state (*Bericht*, April, 1888) that they have obtained several of the aldehydes of the fatty series, notably *valeraldehyde*, and probably *butyraldehyde* and *capronaldehyde*, in their distillation of the oil from *Eucalyptus globulus*. The value of oil of eucalyptus almost entirely depends on the percentage of eucalyptol present: this is now official (see page 514). The dose is from ten to fifteen minims (0·6–0·9 C.c.). On account of the extreme unpleasantness of its taste, it is best to administer it in capsules.

OLEUM FŒNICULI. U. S. Oil of Fennel.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM FŒ-NĬC'Ŭ-LĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Fennel. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, and, if it has partly or wholly solidified, it should be completely liquefied by warming before being dispensed." *U. S.*

Essence de Fenouil, *Fr.;* **Fenchelöl,** *G.*

Fennel seeds yield about 2·5 per cent., or, according to Zeller, from 3·4 to 3·8 per cent., of oil. That used in this country is imported. It is colorless or yellowish, with a neutral reac-

tion, and the odor and taste of the seeds. Specific gravity, not less than 0·960 at 15° C. (59° F.). Between 5° and 10° C. (41° and 50° F.) it usually solidifies to a crystalline mass, but occasionally it remains liquid at a considerably lower temperature. Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, the solution being neutral to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. The Oil is not colored by the addition of a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of some foreign oils containing *phenols*, and of *carbolic acid*). If the Oil be dropped into water, without agitation, it should not produce a milky turbidity (absence of *alcohol*)." *U. S.* It congeals below 50° F. into a crystalline mass, separable by pressure into a solid and a liquid oil (*stearopten* and *eleopten*), the former heavier than water, and less volatile than the latter, which rises first when the oil is distilled. Its composition is almost identical with that of oil of anise, containing as it does the liquid and the solid modifications of *anethol*, $C_{10}H_{12}O$, together with small quantities of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$. Flückiger states (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 422) that it contains more hydrocarbon than oil of anise, and notably that from Nîmes, in Southern France, contains much less anethol, and hence has a milder and sweeter taste. As found in the shops, therefore, the oil of fennel is not uniform; and a specimen examined by Dr. Montgomery did not congeal at 22° F. (See *Oleum Anisi.*) It is slightly dextrogyrate. The dose is from five to fifteen drops (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

OLEUM GAULTHERIÆ. U. S. Oil of Gaultheria. [Oil of Wintergreen.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM GÂUL-THĒ'RI-Æ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the leaves of Gaultheria procumbens, Linné (Wintergreen; nat. ord. Ericaceæ), consisting almost entirely of Methyl Salicylate [$CH_3C_7H_5O_3 = 151·64$], and nearly identical with Volatile Oil of Betula." *U. S.*

Oil of Teaberry, Oil of Partridge-berry.

This oil was at one time largely distilled in the United States, especially in New Jersey. The whole plant is usually employed. It or a very similar oil exists in the sweet birch (see *Betula Lenta*, Part II.), *Polygala paucifolia*, *Spiræa ulmaria*, *Spiræa lobata*, and *Gaultheria hispidula*, which have its peculiar flavor. Dr. T. E. de Vrij found it in considerable proportion in the leaves of *Gaultheria leucocarpa* and *G. punctata*, plants which are abundant in the volcanic regions of Java; associated with it was kinic acid. H. Köhler also found these oils to correspond to the oil from *Gaultheria procumbens* (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 189).

Oil of gaultheria when freshly redistilled is nearly colorless, but as found in commerce has a brownish-yellow or reddish color.* It is of a sweetish, slightly pungent, peculiar taste, a very agreeable characteristic odor, and a slightly acid reaction. It is the heaviest of the known essential oils, having the "specific gravity 1·175 to 1·185 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, 218° to 221° C. (424·4° to 429·8° F.). It deviates polarized light slightly to the left. In other respects it has the same properties and conforms to the same reactions and tests as Methyl Salicylate (see *Methyl Salicylas;* also *Oleum Betulæ Volatile*)." *U. S.* It is stated to have been largely adulterated with chloroform. This and other impurities are to be detected by a comparison of the specific gravities and boiling points, or by fractional distillation. It is readily soluble in alcohol. When heated to about 80° C. (176° F.), the Oil should not yield a colorless distillate having the characteristics of chloroform or of alcohol (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 521). Another distinguishing property is that in aqueous solution it gives a purple color with

* *Distillation of Oil of Gaultheria.* Mr. Isaac Edward Leonard states that oil of wintergreen, first made in Luzerne County, Pa., in 1863, has since been distilled there in great quantities. The entire plant is employed, and it gives the greatest yield during the months of July and August.

The still is generally a wooden box, about eight feet long, four feet wide, four feet high, with a copper bottom and stayed with bolts. The head of the still is copper, and connecting with this is a circular worm of the same material or of tin, placed in a barrel. The still being filled with wintergreen to within about twelve inches of the top, a sufficient quantity of water is added, and this is allowed to macerate from ten to twelve hours. The fire being started, the distillation commences, and continues for about eight hours; but during the first two or three hours ninety per cent. of the oil has passed over. For collecting the distillate, most of the distillers use a wide-mouthed bottle, fitted with a large cork having two holes. A small funnel is put into one of the holes, so that the beak is below the shoulder of the receiving vessel, and connected with the other hole is a suitable pipe forming an outlet. The oil and the water separate, the oil going to the bottom, and the water passes into a larger receptacle, where it is reserved for a subsequent operation (cohobation).

Occasionally the oil is very highly colored, and the wholesale dealers have three ways of "cleaning" it,—redistillation, filtration, and decolorization. The oil to be decolorized is put into a bottle, crystals of citric acid are added, and the whole is allowed to stand, agitating occasionally, until the oil is colorless, or nearly so. On experimenting with nine quarts of wintergreen fruit, the author found it contained one and one-half drachms of oil. In experimental distillation he found that the lower specific gravity is due to the separating of the oil from the water too quickly, and that the higher specific gravity is obtained by letting the distillate stand from twenty-four to forty-eight hours before separating the oil from the water. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 264.)

ferric salts. Oil of sassafras may be detected by the separation of a deep-red resinous mass on treatment with nitric acid in the cold. Japanese oil of camphor and other light volatile oils used as adulterants can be detected by simply dropping the suspected oil in water: if pure, it sinks in a few seconds; if adulterated, some minutes are required. Prof. Procter proved that oil of gaultheria has acid properties and contains *salicylic acid*. (See *Salix*.) M. Cahours confirmed this, and showed that one-tenth of the oil consists of a peculiar hydrocarbon, which he called *gaultherilene*, and the remaining nine-tenths of *methyl salicylate*, or *methylsalicylic acid*, $CH_3.C_7H_5O_3$. A product having the properties of the latter compound was obtained by distilling a mixture of methyl alcohol, salicylic acid, and sulphuric acid. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 211, xv. 241.) Trimble and Schroeter (*Ibid.*, 1889, p. 398) found that the amount of the hydrocarbon *gaultherilene* was much less than that stated by Cahours,—in fact, only 0·3 per cent. By analysis and vapor-density determination they fixed its formula as $C_{15}H_{24}$, but they state that it may consist of a solid and a liquid portion. *Artificial oil of wintergreen* is now extensively manufactured and used instead of the natural oil. (See *Methyl Salicylas*, page 869.) According to Mr. Charles Bullock, it is colorless, having the sp. gr. 1·176 and boiling point 398° F. The odor of the oil closely resembles that obtained from the plant; when agitated with water the same reaction is afforded on the addition of ferric chloride as is given by the natural oil; it may be distinguished from the natural oil by agitating a few drops with water in a tube; a tinted mixture is formed, from which the oil does not separate for some time; the oil from the plant when agitated with water separates almost immediately in clear drops. The artificial oil contains a small amount of what appears to be methyl ether, which tends to suspend the oil in water; repeated washing removes most of this product, after which the oil settles more quickly. Methylsalicylic acid forms with bases crystalline salts, which are resolved by heat into salicylic acid and wood spirit. The oil of gaultheria is very largely used on account of its pleasant flavor; it may, however, be employed as a substitute for salicylic acid with excellent results. One hundred and sixty-nine grains of the oil contain one hundred and fifty-two grains of methyl salicylate, and are therefore equivalent to one hundred and thirty-eight grains of salicylic acid. An elaborate research by Dr. H. C. Wood (*Therap. Gaz.*, vol. ii. p. 76) proved that this drug acts physiologically like salicylic acid. When taken in moderate amounts it is, like that acid, broken up in the system and eliminated as salicyluric acid, etc. It is capable of causing fatal poisoning. Half an ounce produced in a boy severe vomiting, purging, epigastric pain, hot skin, frequent pulse, slow and labored respiration, dulness of hearing, and, notwithstanding excessive gastric irritability, an uncontrollable desire for food; he finally recovered. (*Medical Examiner*, N. S., viii. 347.) A woman survived after having taken half an ounce (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, 1875); but the same amount has caused death (*Ibid.*, 1867).

OLEUM GOSSYPII SEMINIS. U. S. Cotton-Seed Oil.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM GǪS-SĬP'Ị-Ī SĔM'Ị-NĪS.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the seed of Gossypium herbaceum, Linné, and of other species of Gossypium (nat. ord. Malvaceæ), and subsequently purified." *U. S.*

This fixed oil has no other medical properties than those of a bland neutral oil, and has been introduced especially on account of its use in official liniments. The amount of cotton-seed crushed annually now exceeds 1,000,000 tons, and the production of crude cotton-seed oil amounts to over 40,000,000 gallons, valued at more than $12,000,000. Of this production, about 9,000,000 gallons goes into the manufacture of "compound lard;" a still larger amount is exported as cotton-seed oil, and the remainder is used in admixture with drying oils and for soap-stock. The oil-cake is largely exported to England, where it is used as food for cattle, and the oil to France, Italy, and other olive-growing countries of Europe, whence much of it returns to us mixed with olive oil. The exportation of cotton-seed oil for 1890 amounted to 13,384,385 gallons, valued at $5,291,178; for 1891, to 11,003,160 gallons, valued at $3,975,305; for 1892, to 13,859,278 gallons, valued at $4,982,285.

This oil is obtained by expression from the seeds previously deprived of their shells. In this state they yield two gallons of oil to the bushel. As first obtained, it is thick and turbid, but it deposits a portion of its impurities on standing. Besides this crude oil, there are three varieties in commerce, more or less purified, recognized as the *clarified*, the *refined*, and the *winter-bleached*. The last mentioned is of a pale straw-color, a mild peculiar odor, and a bland sweetish taste, not unlike that of almond oil. The oil is used in the preparation of woollen cloth and morocco leather, and for oiling machinery. It has been found to be an excellent

substitute for almond and olive oil in most pharmaceutical preparations in which they are employed; but it does not answer well in the formation of lead plaster. Citrine ointment carefully prepared with it, too great heat being avoided, retains long a rich orange color and proper unctuous consistence. It is officially described as "a pale yellow, oily liquid, without odor, and having a bland, nut-like taste. Specific gravity, 0·920 to 0·930 at 15° C. (59° F.). Very sparingly soluble in alcohol, but readily soluble in ether, chloroform, or carbon disulphide. On cooling the oil to a temperature below 12° C. (53·6° F.), particles of solid fat will separate. At about 0° to —5° C. (32° to 23° F.), the Oil solidifies. When the Oil is brought in contact with concentrated sulphuric acid, a dark reddish-brown color is instantly produced. If 6 Gm. of the Oil be thoroughly shaken, in a test-tube, for about two minutes, with a mixture of 1·5 Gm. of nitric acid and 0·5 Gm. of water, then heated in a bath of boiling water for not more than fifteen minutes, the Oil will assume an orange or reddish-brown color, and, after standing for twelve hours at the ordinary temperature, will form a semi-solid mass. If 5 C.c. of the Oil be thoroughly shaken, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of an alcoholic solution of silver nitrate (made by dissolving 0·1 Gm. of silver nitrate in 10 C.c. of deodorized alcohol and adding 2 drops of nitric acid), and the mixture heated for about five minutes in a water-bath, the Oil will assume a red or reddish-brown color." *U. S.*

Cotton-seed oil has been examined by Dr. A. Adriani (*Chem. News*, Jan. 7, 1865, p. 5). The product of the expressed seeds is from 15 to 18 per cent. In its impure state it is dark reddish-brown, not quite clear, and contaminated with mucilage and albumen. When boiled with an alkaline solution, crude cotton-seed oil is saponified, and the resultant soap rapidly oxidizes on exposure to air, with production of a fine purple or violet-blue coloration.* This reaction is characteristic of crude cotton-seed oil. The sp. gr. of the crude oil varies from 0·928 to 0·930; that of the refined oil, from 0·922 to 0·926.

The oil is clarified by first boiling it with water, to separate the mucilage, and then heating it with a weak solution of caustic soda, which combines with the coloring matter and saponifies a part of the oil. The mixture becomes filled with black flocks, which deposit on standing and leave the oil but slightly colored. The loss in refining is usually from 4 to 7½ per cent., but occasionally amounts to 12 or 15. As this oil is much used for adulterating olive oil, a test to distinguish it is very desirable: according to Mr. R. Reynolds, mercuric nitrate will answer the purpose. Of this a test-solution may be made by dissolving, without heat, 6 parts of mercury in 7·5 parts of nitric acid of 1·36. This salt has the effect, when mixed with olive oil, of entirely solidifying and hardening it upon standing; while under the same circumstances the cotton-seed oil remains fluid. If the two oils are mixed, an intermediate effect is produced, the oil, though possibly solidified, remaining soft and pasty, and not becoming hard like pure olive oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vii. 226.) For Bechi's test see *Oleum Olivæ*. S. S. Bradford (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 481) states that a reddish color is developed when cotton-seed oil is mixed with solution of lead subacetate.

OLEUM HEDEOMÆ. U. S. Oil of Hedeoma. [Oil of Pennyroyal.]

(Ō′LḘ-ŬM HĔD-Ḕ-Ō′MÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Hedeoma. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

This oil, though analogous in properties to the oil of European pennyroyal, is derived from a distinct plant (*Hedeoma pulegioides*), peculiar to North America. It has a light-yellow color, with the odor and taste of the herb, and a neutral reaction. Its "specific gravity is 0·930 to 0·940 at 15° C. (59° F.). The Oil should form a perfectly clear solution with twice its volume of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, this solution being neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper. It is also readily soluble in carbon disulphide, or in glacial acetic acid." *U. S.* Its chemical composition has been investigated by E. Kremers (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 535) and F. W. Franz (*Ibid.*, 1888, p. 161). Each of them found a body of the composition $C_{10}H_{18}O$, boiling at 217°–218° C. (constituting, according to Franz, about 33 per cent. of the oil). For this the name *hedeomol* is proposed. Franz found also a body of the composition $C_{10}H_{17}O$, boiling at 220°–225° C., and constituting 12 per cent. of the oil; like-

* "Cotton-seed blue" is stated by Kuhlmann to have the composition $C_{17}H_{24}O_4$. It is amorphous, readily destroyed by oxidizing agents, insoluble in water, diluted acids, and alkalies, soluble in alcohol and ether. The unoxidized coloring matter of cotton-seed oil has also been investigated by J. Longmore, who finds it to be a pungent, golden-yellow product, which dyes well and perfectly fast on wool and silk. (Allen, *Commercial Organic Analysis*, 2d ed., 1887, p. 113.)

wise a body of the composition $C_6H_{12}O$, boiling at 165°–170° C., and constituting about 0·7 per cent. of the oil. Both investigators found *formic* and *acetic acids*, and Kremers considers *isaheptoic acid* also to be present. Beckmann and Pleissner (*Ann. der Ch. und Pharm.*, 262, p. 1) found in American as well as in Spanish and Algerian pennyroyal oil a ketone, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, to which they gave the name of *pulegone*. This compound forms with hydroxylamine an oxime, $C_{10}H_{16}NOH,H_2O$, crystallizing in beautiful needles melting at 157° C., and with hydrogen bromide a crystalline compound melting at 40·5° C. The two compounds of the formula $C_{10}H_{18}O$, discovered by Kremers (*Pharm. Rundschau*, ix. p. 130), are also ketones and yield corresponding oximes. The oil may be used as a remedy in flatulent *colic* and *sick stomach*, to correct the operation of nauseating or griping medicines. It is also much employed as a domestic remedy in *amenorrhœa*. The dose is from two to ten drops (0·12–0·6 C.c.).

OLEUM JUNIPERI. U. S., Br. Oil of Juniper.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM JŪ-NĬP'Ḛ-RĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fruit of Juniperus communis, Linné (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from the full-grown unripe green fruit of Juniperus communis, Linn." *Br.*

Oleum Fructus (vel Baccæ) Juniperi; Essence de Genièvre, *Fr.;* Wachholderbeeröl, *G.*

The proportion of oil which juniper berries afford is stated very differently by different authors. Trommsdorff obtained 1 per cent. The highest quantity given in the table of Recluz is 2·34, the lowest 0·31 per cent. Zeller gives as the product of the fresh ripe fruit 1·3 per cent., of that a year old 0·86 per cent. (*Centralbl.*, März, 1855, p. 207.) The berries are most productive when bruised. The oil of juniper consumed in this country is brought from Europe, and is believed to be procured chiefly from the tops of the plant, being sold for a price which is altogether incompatible with the idea that it is prepared from the fruit alone. It is colorless, or of a light greenish yellow, with terebinthinate odor and hot acrid taste. Oil of juniper has a neutral reaction; sp. gr. from "0·850 to 0·890 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in about 4 times its volume of alcohol, forming a somewhat turbid liquid, which is neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper. Also soluble in an equal volume of carbon disulphide." *U. S.* According to Flückiger (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 402), it is composed essentially of two hydrocarbons, the more abundant of which, boiling at 160° C., has been shown by Wallach to be *pinene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$. Above 175° C. another oil is obtained, which seems to have the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$. Oil of turpentine is often fraudulently added, but may be detected by the specific gravity of the mixture being less than that of the unadulterated oil of juniper.

The oil is stimulant, carminative, and diuretic, and is very useful in combination with other remedies in debilitated *dropsical* cases. To it Holland gin owes its peculiar flavor and diuretic power. Sir James Simpson, of Edinburgh, considered it an efficient diuretic when administered through the lungs. A teaspoonful of the oil is put into a vessel of hot water, and the patient directed to inhale the vapors. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, March 12, 1868, p. 96.) The dose is from five to fifteen drops (0·3–0·9 C.c.), and may be considerably increased.*

OLEUM LAVANDULÆ. Br. Oil of Lavender.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM LĄ-VĂN'DŬ-LÆ.)

"The oil distilled in Britain from the flowers of Lavandula vera." *Br.*

Essence de Lavande, *Fr.;* Lavandelöl, *G.*

This oil is usually distilled from the flowers and flower-stems conjointly, though of finer quality when obtained from the former exclusively. (See the next article, *Oleum Lavandulæ Florum.*) Dried lavender flowers are said to yield from 1 to 1·5 per cent. of oil. According to Zeller, the fresh flowers yield 1·03, the dried 4·3, the whole fresh herb in flower 0·76 per cent. It is stated that the lavender produced by an acre of ground under cultivation will yield from 10 to 12 pounds of the oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 257.) The oil is very fluid, of a lemon-yellow color, with the fragrance of the flowers, and an aromatic, burning taste. That met with in commerce has the sp. gr. 0·898 at 68° F., which is reduced to 0·877 by rectification (*Berzelius*), or 0·886 (*Buignet*).

* *Antiseptic Catgut.* Dr. Kocher, of Berne, states that a very fine antiseptic catgut may be made by first soaking the catgut for 24 hours in pure oil of juniper, and then immediately transferring it to alcohol of 95 per cent., in which it is preserved under tension, being wound (tightly stretched) upon a flat reel about 10 inches long. If the gut be placed for a day in glycerin before it is laid in the alcohol, it will become more pliable. The gut must be cut at the point of turning the edges of the reel, and for this reason the latter is chosen of such a size that the cut pieces of catgut shall be of the proper length. (*New Remedies*, September, 1881, p. 270.)

It is lævogyrate. According to Brande, the sp. gr. of the oil obtained from the whole herb is 0·9206. Alcohol of 0·830 dissolves oil of lavender in all proportions; that of 0·877 only 42 per cent. (*Berzelius.*) Proust states that when allowed to stand in imperfectly-stopped bottles it lets fall a crystalline deposit, which often amounts to one-fourth of its weight. This has been found by M. Dumas to have the same point of volatilization and the same composition as true camphor, but to differ in the total want of rotatory power. It is said that the portion of oil first distilled is most fragrant, and is often kept separate, and sold at a higher price. The composition of lavender oil has been recently established by investigations carried out in the laboratory of Schimmel & Co. (*Reports*, April, 1892, and April, 1893). The principal constituent is an alcohol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, identical with the *linalool* discovered by Semmler in linaloe oil. This alcohol boils at 197°–199° C., and has a sp. gr. of 0·869 at 20° C. Besides linalool, lavender oil contains linalool acetate, linalool butyrate, and geraniol acetate. The oil of spike contains about 30 per cent. of cineol and but small quantities of esters. Flückiger states (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 132) that from *Lavandula vera* 80,000 to 100,000 kilogrammes of oil are produced at Grasse every year, and from *Lavandula spica* 20,000 to 25,000 kilogrammes. It is used chiefly as a perfume, though possessed of carminative and stimulant properties, and sometimes useful in cases of *nervous languor* and *headache*. The dose is from one to five drops (0·06–0·3 C.c.).

Oil of Spike is procured from the broad-leaved variety of lavender which grows wild in Europe, the *Lavandula spica* of De Candolle. Its odor is less fragrant than that of common oil of lavender, and is somewhat analogous to that of oil of turpentine, with which it is said to be often adulterated. It is used by artists in the preparation of varnishes.

OLEUM LAVANDULÆ FLORUM. U. S. Oil of Lavender Flowers.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM LA-VĂN'DŬ-LÆ FLŌ'RŬM.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fresh flowers of Lavandula officinalis, Chaix (nat. ord. Labiatæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

This superior kind of oil of lavender has been introduced into the Pharmacopœia because it was desirable that an inferior sort should not be used in the preparations into whose composition it enters. The properties of the oil are noticed in the preceding article. It is officially described as "a colorless or yellowish liquid, having the fragrant odor of lavender flowers, and a pungent and bitterish taste. Specific gravity, 0·885 to 0·897 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is soluble in all proportions in alcohol (distinction from *oil of turpentine*), and in 3 times its volume of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water (distinction from, and absence of, *oil of turpentine*); it is also soluble in glacial acetic acid. With an equal volume of carbon disulphide it forms a turbid mixture. The alcoholic solution of the Oil is neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper. When heated on a water-bath, in a flask provided with a well-cooled condenser, the Oil should yield no distillate having the characters of *alcohol*." *U. S.*

OLEUM LIMONIS. U. S., Br. Oil of Lemon.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM LĪ-MŌ'NĬS.)

"A volatile oil obtained by expression from fresh Lemon Peel. It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.* "A volatile oil obtained by mechanical means from fresh lemon peel." *Br.*

Oleum Citri, *P. G.*; Huile de Cédrat, Essence de Citron, Huile de Citron, *Fr.*; Citronenöl, *G.*; Olio de Limone, *It.*; Aceite de Limon, *Sp.*

The exterior rind of the lemon abounds in a volatile oil, which, being contained in distinct cells, may be separated by simple expression. The rind is first grated from the fruit, and then submitted to pressure in a bag of fine cloth. The oil thus obtained is allowed to stand till it becomes clear, when it is decanted, and kept in stoppered bottles. By a similar process, the oil called by the French *huile de cédrat* is procured from the citron. (See *Oleum Bergamottæ* and *Limonis Succus.*) These oils may also be obtained by distillation; but thus procured, though clearer, and, in consequence of the absence of mucilage, less liable to change on keeping, they have less of the peculiar flavor of the fruit; and the mode by expression is generally preferred. A third method of separating the oil, used in Calabria and Sicily, is to put the grated rind into hot water and skim off the oil as it rises to the surface. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 27.) The method employed to obtain the finest oil is, however, that known as the écuelle process. The écuelle is an instrument usually made of tinned copper, bowl-shaped, and armed with concentric rows of

short spikes. Attached to the bottom of the bowl is a hollow handle, closed at the bottom. This acts as a reservoir for the oil as the fruit is rubbed by the workmen over the sharp teeth. The oils are brought originally from Italy, Portugal, or the south of France.

The oils of lemons and oranges, as well as those of the other Aurantiaceæ, will keep indefinitely upon admixture with a small proportion of alcohol, say one ounce to a pound of the oil. When wanted for use, a quantity of water equal to that of alcohol, added to the mixture, will unite with the alcohol, and subside, leaving the oil free of the alcohol for all practical purposes. (Carl Früh, *A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 201.)

Properties. Oil of lemon is a very volatile liquid, having the odor of the fruit, a warm, pungent, aromatic taste, and a neutral reaction. As commonly procured, it is yellow, but by distillation it is rendered colorless, and, if three-fifths only are distilled, its sp. gr. is reduced to 0·847 at 71° F. "Specific gravity, 0·858 to 0·859 at 15° C. (59° F.). Its optical rotation should not be less than 60° to the right in a 100 Mm. tube, and at a temperature of about 15° to 20° C. (59° to 68° F.). Soluble in three times its volume of alcohol, the solution being neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper; also soluble, in all proportions, in absolute alcohol, carbon disulphide, or glacial acetic acid. When kept for some time, the Oil should not develop a terebinthinate odor or taste (absence of *oil of turpentine* or of *other oils consisting chiefly of pinene*)." *U. S.* In its ordinary state it contains oxygen, but when purified by distillation *in vacuo*, at a low temperature, it consists exclusively of carbon and hydrogen, in the same proportion as in pure oil of turpentine, or camphene, its formula being $C_{10}H_{16}$. In this state it is capable of absorbing almost half its weight of hydrochloric acid gas, by which it is converted into a crystalline substance, $C_{10}H_{16} + 2HCl$, and a yellow, oily, fuming liquid. The crystalline substance is analogous to artificial camphor produced by the action of hydrochloric acid upon oil of turpentine, and is a compound of the oil and the acid. Oil of lemon is said to consist mainly of two isomeric oils. An investigation by Oliveri (*Gazz. Chim.*, xvi. 318) shows that it contains (1) *limonene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 170°–170·5° C., (2) another terpene, isomeric with limonene, but boiling at 176°–178° C., and (3) a sesquiterpene, $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling at 240°–242° C. In addition to these the oil contains *citral*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, which appears to be the aldehyde of geraniol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$. Citral boils under normal atmospheric pressure at 228°–229° C. without decomposition if pure, and, like aldehydes, forms stable compounds with alkaline bisulphites. Lemon oil contains an average of only 7½ per cent. of citral.

It is often adulterated by the fixed oils and by alcohol; but in this country the most frequent sophistication is with oil of turpentine, which is difficult of detection from its similar composition and specific gravity. Perhaps the best test of the presence of this oil is the terebinthinate smell produced when the adulterated oil is evaporated from heated paper. Oil of lemon procured by expression is apt to let fall a deposit and to undergo chemical change. Mr. J. S. Cobb has found no method so effectual to obviate this result, and at the same time to retain unimpaired the flavor of the oil, as to shake it with a little boiling water and allow the mixture to stand. A mucilaginous matter separates, and floats on the surface of the water, from which the purified oil may be decanted. (*Ann. of Pharm.*, ii. 86.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Oil of lemon has the stimulant properties of the aromatics, but is used chiefly to impart flavor to other medicines.

OLEUM LINI. U. S., Br. Linseed Oil. [Oil of Flaxseed.]

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM LĪ'NĪ.)

"A fixed oil expressed from Linseed without the use of heat." *U. S.* "The oil expressed in Britain without heat from linseed." *Br.*

Huile de Lin, *Fr.;* Leinöl, Leinsamenöl, *G.;* Olio di Lino, *It.;* Aceite de Linaza, *Sp.*

This oil is obtained by expression from the seeds of *Linum usitatissimum*, or common flax, which, according to M. Berjot, contain 34 per cent. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1863, p. 277.) In its preparation on a large scale, the seeds are usually roasted before being pressed, in order to destroy the gummy matter contained in their coating. The oil is thus obtained more free from mucilage, but more highly colored and acrid, than when procured by cold expression. For medical use, therefore, it should be prepared without heat; and, as it is apt to become rancid quickly on exposure, it should be used as soon after expression as possible. It may, however, be rendered sweet again by agitation with warm water, rest, and decantation. It is said to be obtained purer and in larger proportion by treating the crushed seeds with carbon disulphide, than by expression. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 265.) Flaxseed oil is "a yellowish or

yellow,* oily liquid, having a slight, peculiar odor, and a bland taste. When exposed to the air it gradually thickens, and acquires a strong odor and taste; and if spread, in a thin layer, on a glass plate, and allowed to stand in a warm place, it is gradually converted into a hard, transparent, resin-like mass (absence of *non-drying oils*). Specific gravity, 0·930 to 0·940 at 15° C. (59° F.). It does not congeal above —20° C. (—4° F.). Soluble in about 10 parts of absolute alcohol, and, in all proportions, in ether, chloroform, benzin, carbon disulphide, or oil of turpentine. It should not more than slightly redden blue litmus paper previously moistened with alcohol (limit of *free acid*). If 2 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with 1 C.c. of fuming nitric acid and 1 C.c. of water, it should neither completely nor partially solidify, even after standing for one or two days (absence of *non-drying oils*). If 10 C.c. of the Oil, contained in a small flask, be mixed with a solution of 3 Gm. of potassium hydrate in 5 C.c. of water, then 5 C.c. of alcohol added, and the mixture heated for about five minutes on a water-bath, with occasional agitation, a dark-colored but clear and complete solution should be obtained. If this liquid be diluted with water to the measure of 50 C.c., then cooled, and shaken with 50 C.c. of ether, the clear, ethereal layer, after having separated, should not show a bluish fluorescence, and, when carefully decanted, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously, should leave not more than a slight, and not oily, residue (absence of *paraffin oils*)." *U. S.* It has the property of drying or becoming solid on exposure to the air, acquiring during the process a strong odor and taste, and increasing as much as 12 per cent. of its weight, owing to the formation of *linoxyn* by atmospheric oxidation. The drying property resides in a constituent which, to distinguish it from the olein of the non-drying oils, is named *linolein*, and is the glyceride of *linoleic acid*, $C_{18}H_{28}O_2$. The formula of linoleic acid is not positively accepted as that just given. Hazura (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 618) considers it to be a mixture of two acids, *linolic acid*, $C_{18}H_{32}O_2$, and *linolenic acid*, $C_{18}H_{30}O_2$. Boiled with litharge, red lead, manganese dioxide, and other so-called "driers," it absorbs oxygen still more rapidly, and gains 14 per cent. in weight. Its acrimony is owing to the presence of a small proportion of an acrid oleoresin. From its drying property, it is useful in painting and in making printers' ink.

It is said that crude cod-liver oil has been used for the adulteration of the oil of flaxseed, especially where the latter is intended for preparing printers' ink. Mr. Aug. Morell detects the adulteration by the following method. Take 10 parts by weight of the suspected oil, mix it in a small cylindrical glass tube with 3 parts of crude nitric acid, agitate the mixture well, and allow it to rest. If cod-liver oil be present, the oily layer at top will assume a dark-brown to blackish-brown color, while the acid at bottom will vary from bright orange to orange or dark yellow. So little as 3 per cent. of cod-liver oil may thus be detected. If the flaxseed oil be pure, it will become, during the agitation, first sea-green, and afterwards dirty greenish yellow, the acid being bright yellow.

Medical Properties and Uses. The oil is laxative in the dose of a fluidounce (30 C.c.), but, on account of its disagreeable taste, is seldom given internally. It has, however, been highly recommended as a cure for *piles*, in the dose of two ounces (60 C.c.) of the fresh oil morning and evening. It is sometimes added to purgative enemata.†

OLEUM MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Peppermint.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM MĔN'THÆ PĪ-PḘ-RĪ'TÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Peppermint." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from fresh flowering peppermint, Mentha piperita, Sm." *Br.*

Essence de Menthe poivrée, *Fr.;* Pfefferminzöl, *G.*

* The following method of bleaching flaxseed, rapeseed, and poppy-seed oils is recommended by C. Puscher. He mixes 100 kilogrammes of the oil with 2 kilogrammes of a mixture of equal weights of sulphuric acid and alcohol of 96 per cent. The sulphuric acid mixes uniformly with the oil; the mixture soon assumes a green turbidness, which afterwards becomes black; and in 24 or 48 hours the liquid becomes clear by the deposition of a black sediment. It is necessary to wash the oil with hot water, to separate the little remaining acid. Linseed oil in bulk shows merely a yellowish tint; the other oils mentioned become quite colorless. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 110.)

† *Oiled Paper.* A substitute for waxed cloth for the dressings of wounds and ulcers, prepared in the following manner by M. Gauthier, of Geneva, with flaxseed oil, has been highly recommended. To facilitate its drying, 3 liters (about 6·4 pints) of the oil are boiled for an hour or two with 30 grains of lead acetate, 30 grains of litharge, 15 grains of yellow wax, and 15 grains of turpentine. Thus prepared, the oil is spread upon silk-paper by means of a brush on both surfaces. On the top of the first sheet another is then placed so as to overlap it at one corner. The lower surface of the second sheet thus becomes impregnated with the oil, which now requires to be applied only to the upper. Any desired number of sheets may be thus successively superimposed. They are then separated, and suspended in a drying apartment, attached to a cord by means of hooks or pins. When dry, they should be sprinkled over with chalk, to prevent adhesion, and packed away. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1860, p. 363.)

Peppermint varies exceedingly in the quantity of oil which it affords. Four pounds of the fresh herb yield, according to Baumé, from a drachm and a half to three drachms of the oil. Zeller gives as the product of the fresh herb from 0·37 to 0·68 per cent., of the dried 1·14 per cent. The yield is generally less than 1 per cent. This oil is largely distilled in the States of Michigan, Ohio, and New York. For a valuable account of its method of production in Michigan, by A. M. Todd, see *A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 328. It is of a greenish-yellow color or nearly colorless, but becomes reddish by age. Its odor is strong and aromatic, its taste warm, camphorous, and very pungent, but succeeded, when air is admitted into the mouth, by a sense of coolness. Its sp. gr. is stated differently at from 0·902 to 0·920 (0·900–0·920 at 15° C. (59° F.), *U. S.**); its boiling point is 365° F.; its reaction is neutral. "The Oil does not fulminate with iodine. It forms a clear solution with an equal volume of alcohol, becoming turbid when somewhat further diluted, and is soluble, in all proportions, in carbon disulphide, and in glacial acetic acid. The alcoholic solution of the Oil is neutral to litmus paper. If 5 drops of the Oil be added to 1 C.c. of glacial acetic acid, and the mixture gently warmed, the liquid will assume a blue color, with a red fluorescence. If 2 C.c. of the Oil be mixed with 1 C.c. of glacial acetic acid, and 1 drop of nitric acid added, the liquid will soon acquire a green, greenish-blue, blue, or violet tint with a copper-red fluorescence. If 1 C.c. of the Oil be dissolved in 5 C.c. of alcohol, 0·5 Gm. of sugar and 1 C.c. of hydrochloric acid added, and the mixture gently heated, a deep-blue or violet color will gradually be produced. If to 5 C.c. of nitric acid 1 drop of the Oil be added, and the mixture gently agitated, and allowed to stand for about three hours, it should have a yellowish, but not a bright red color (absence of *oil of camphor* and of *oil of sassafras*). If a portion of the Oil, contained in a test-tube, be placed in a freezing mixture of snow (or pounded ice) and salt for fifteen minutes, it should become cloudy and thick, and after the addition of a few crystals of menthol, being still exposed to cold, it should soon form a crystalline mass (distinction from *dementholized oil*). When heated on a water-bath, in a flask provided with a well-cooled condenser, the Oil should not yield a distillate having the characters of *alcohol*." *U. S.* It is considerably lævogyrate. (*Buignet.*) Upon long standing it deposits a stearopten. Berzelius states also that at 8° F. below zero the oil deposits small capillary crystals. These, which are called *peppermint camphor* or *menthol*, $C_{10}H_{19}OH$, melt at 42° C. (107·6° F.), boil at 212° C. (413·6° F.), volatilize unchanged, and, when distilled with phosphoric anhydride, yield a peculiar aromatic product, denominated *menthene*, $C_{10}H_{18}$. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, xiv. 445.) The hydrocarbons which hold the menthol dissolved are mainly terpenes, which in odor resemble carvene; the higher-boiling ones with the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$ are less pleasant in odor.† (See *Menthol.*) The polariscope has been shown to be an uncertain guide in determining the quality of oil of peppermint. (A. B. Stevens, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1888, p. 97.) Professor Flückiger has discovered that from 50 to 70 drops of peppermint oil, shaken with one drop of nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·2, turn faintly yellowish brown, and after an hour or two a most beautiful blue violet or greenish blue, by transmitted light, or copper-color by reflected light. Either a greater amount of acid or heating hastens the reaction. The color is very persistent. The presence of 5 per cent. of turpentine does not interfere with the reaction. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1871.) This oil is frequently adulterated with alcohol, and occasionally, there is reason to believe, with oil of turpentine, and even oil of copaiba. Oil of turpentine is detected by its odor, by its deficient solubility in cold alcohol, and by its imparting the property of exploding with iodine. According to H. Martin, the copaiba is to be detected by the mass acquiring the consistence of butter when heated to boiling with concentrated sulphuric acid. (*Neues Repert. für Pharm.*, xvii. 635.) It is stated by the Messrs. Hotchkiss that in much of the land under culture with peppermint in this country other oil-producing plants are carelessly allowed to grow, which, being gathered and distilled with the peppermint, contaminate the product. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 222.) The plant which has proved most troublesome to the mint-growers is of the Erigeron family, and Vigier and Cloez have given the following tests to detect oil of erigeron, which will indicate the presence of eight or ten per cent. of it. Concentrated caustic potash does not saponify erigeron oil, but colors it orange-red in the cold; on heating, the color deepens till part of the oil separates as a reddish-purple viscid mass. This reaction does not show itself with oil freshly distilled at 170° C. Pure mint oils do not give this reaction; in the cold, caustic potash converts them into a white emulsion. On

* The specific gravity of pure American oil of peppermint should not be below 0·907 nor above 0·917. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 285.)

† G. Andres and A. Andreef have examined Russian peppermint oil (*Pharm. Zeit.*, 1892, p. 405) and find that it contains the hydrocarbons lævo-limonene, menthene, and pinene, besides menthol and its oxidation product menthone, $C_{10}H_{18}O$.

heating, the mixture takes a faint, clear, yellow tinge. But, if a few drops of erigeron oil are introduced, the orange-red color appears quickly on shaking, and develops instantly if the tube is warmed. Mint oil is completely soluble, erigeron oil is completely insoluble, in its own volume of 85-per-cent. alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.). If a suspected sample be agitated with an equal volume of 85-per-cent. alcohol, a milky fluid will be produced if erigeron oil be present, and the insoluble essence will separate in the course of twenty-four hours. The oils of Eucalyptus globulus and turpentine behave in much the same way, and the points which would distinguish the three substances have not yet been determined. But a specimen of mint oil which rotates the polarized ray feebly to the left, makes a turbid mixture with its own volume of 85-per-cent. alcohol, and takes an orange-red tint with caustic potash, may be safely rejected. (*N. R.*, Jan. 1882; from *L'Union Pharmaceutique.*) Since menthol has been prepared largely from American peppermint oil, much of the latter has been put upon the market deprived of its menthol. To detect this fraud, Messrs. Fritzsche Brothers recommend that a test-tube partially filled with the oil and corked should be placed in a freezing mixture of ice and salt for ten or fifteen minutes. At the end of that time, if the oil have not been tampered with, it will have become cloudy, thick, or of a jelly-like consistence. If then four or five small crystals of menthol be added, and the tube be replaced in the freezing mixture, the oil will in a short time form a solid frozen mass of crystals. For another method of testing dementholized oil, see a paper by E. C. Federer, *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 36; also *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 67. Quetting & Co. furnish the following test for detecting the presence of oil of pennyroyal: "Take one drachm chloral hydrate and half a drachm C. P. sulphuric acid; mix them in a glass mortar, add a few drops of alcohol, and stir until it becomes clear. Then use this mixture in equal proportions with the suspected oil in a small porcelain dish, and mix thoroughly together. The result will be a fine cherry color, if the oil be pure; otherwise, if adulterated with pennyroyal, it will turn a dark olive-green, more or less as to the quantity of adulteration." (*N. R.*, Jan. 1882.) Such impurities may usually be detected by the altered odor of the oil. Recently castor oil is said to have been used very largely in adulterating the oil. It is to be detected by the greasy stain left on evaporation on paper. When freshly prepared, oil of peppermint should volatilize completely from paper without leaving a mark, and when dropped into alcohol of 85 per cent. should completely dissolve without agitation. (Bullock, *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 553.) Very curious differences have been noted in the action of chloral upon it, and further investigation is evidently needed. Jehn pointed out that when chloral hydrate is brought into contact with the oil, a red color, passing from rose to cherry, is gradually produced; the color is readily soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, and is not altered by boiling; it is intensified by sulphuric acid, and on the further addition of chloroform is changed into a dark violet. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 447.) Prof. Flückiger, however, has found that chloral hydrate develops only a slightly brown or yellow color, whilst anhydrous chloral changed some specimens of the oil to brown and others to green. He also found great differences in the action of sodium bisulphate, the coloring varying from green to rose-red or violet. (*Ibid.*, 1874, p. 274.) M. A. Trebault has noticed Jehn's reaction, but is inclined to attribute it to the formic acid which most specimens of chloral contain. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1874, p. 978.) According to Trebault, when picric acid is added in the cold no change occurs for half an hour, when a green color suddenly develops. The green produced has a showy red fluorescence. Sulphuric acid develops a rose color, passing through reddish yellow to reddish brown; hydrochloric acid a rose color, rather slowly; nitric acid a rose color, then red, soon becoming greenish. (For further particulars, see *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1874, p. 977.) Dr. C. Roucher states that when to acetic acid is added one-twentieth of its weight of oil of peppermint, with agitation, in an hour the liquid becomes deep blue by transmitted and a cinnabar-red by reflected light. The coloration is not stable, but passes through green to yellow in the light. To detect alcohol, Hager puts ten to fifteen drops of the oil in a test-tube with a piece of tannic acid the size of a pea; if even one-half per cent. of alcohol be present, after two or three hours the tannin will be softened or dissolved. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 104.)

Chinese Oil of Peppermint has not found its way to any extent into commerce, yet it has recently attracted much attention. According to Mr. John Mackey, some of it has reached London in cylindrical tin canisters, and it is to be obtained in San Francisco. Some specimens resemble the ordinary oil, but become solid in cold weather; others remain liquid and show no tendency to deposit a camphor; whilst others are solid crystalline masses at all temperatures. It seems probable that the original Chinese oil contains a great excess of menthol, and constitutes the variety first spoken of, and that the solid and liquid oils are prepared by separating it into

its two constituents. The solid oil Flückiger states not to differ from American menthol. (See *P. J. Tr.*, v. 366, 825.)

Oil of peppermint is stimulating and carminative, and is much used in *flatulence*, *nausea*, *spasmodic pains* of the stomach and bowels, and as a corrigent or adjuvant of other medicines. In *neuralgia* it is one of the best external remedies at our command, and is said to have been used in China from time immemorial. A cloth wet with it is to be laid upon the affected part, evaporation being restrained by oiled muslin or other covering. In *rheumatism* also it is a very useful anodyne counter-irritant. The dose is from two to six drops (0·12–0·36 C.c.), and is most conveniently given rubbed with sugar and then dissolved in water. The oil is frequently employed dissolved in alcohol, in the form of *essence of peppermint*, which is an official preparation. (See *Spiritus Menthæ Piperitæ.*)

Menthol resembles carbolic acid in its physiological and therapeutic properties. It is locally stimulant and at the same time anæsthetic, according to Goldscheider having direct paralyzing influence upon the peripheral nerve fibres. In the form of pencil, it has been much used as a local application in *neuralgia and nervous headaches*. In a ten- to twenty-per-cent. alcoholic or oily solution it is often efficient in *pruritus*, and in the skin irritation which follows the bites of insects. The five- to twenty-per-cent. solution in oil or liquid vaseline has also been used by brush or atomizer with alleged excellent results in *hay fever* or other *catarrhs* of the *nose*, *pharynx*, or *bronchial tubes*, and its inhalation has been especially commended in *asthma* and in *chronic bronchitis* of old people; but it is irritating to the conjunctiva. Although it has been found by Macdonald and Langaard to be a very potent bactericide, it does not seem well adapted to the needs of antiseptic surgery. It has been used in fermentative conditions of the alimentary canal, and has also been strongly commended as a sedative to the gastro-intestinal mucous membranes in *nervous vomiting* and *nervous diarrhœa*. In sufficient dose, it has been shown by Pellacini to be a central nerve paralyzant. Dose, from three to five grains (0·20–0·33 Gm.), from five to ten times a day, best given in capsule.

OLEUM MENTHÆ VIRIDIS. U. S., Br. Oil of Spearmint.

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM MĔN'THÆ VĪR'Ĭ-DĪS.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Spearmint." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from fresh flowering spearmint, Mentha viridis, Linn." *Br.*

Essence de Menthe verte, *Fr.;* Römisch-Minzöl, *G.*

According to Lewis, ten pounds of spearmint yield an ounce of oil; by others the product is stated not to exceed one part from five hundred. The oil is largely distilled in this country, the whole plant being used. It is pale yellow or greenish when recently prepared, but becomes red with age, and ultimately almost of a mahogany color. Its flavor is analogous to that of oil of peppermint, but less pungent. Its sp. gr. is stated differently at from 0·914 to 0·975 (0·930 to 0·940 at 15° C. (59° F.), *U. S.*); its boiling point is 160° C. (320° F.), its reaction neutral. "With an equal volume of alcohol it forms a clear solution, which is neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper. When somewhat further diluted with alcohol, it becomes turbid. It also yields a clear solution with an equal volume of glacial acetic acid, and with half its volume of carbon disulphide; but with an equal volume of the latter it forms a turbid mixture." *U. S.* Kane (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 32, p. 286) states that it contains a stearopten and a terpene boiling at 166° C. Gladstone (*Jahresber.*, 1863, p. 548) states that it contains a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a compound, $C_{10}H_{14}O$, identical with carvol, which boils at 225° C. (437° F.) and has the sp. gr. 0·9515. Henry Trimble (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 484) confirms these results, working with authentic samples of American oil. It is used for the same purposes as the oil of peppermint, in the dose of from two to six drops (0·12–0·36 C.c.). An *essence of spearmint*, prepared by dissolving the oil in alcohol, is official. (See *Spiritus Menthæ Viridis.*)

OLEUM MORRHUÆ. U. S., Br. Cod Liver Oil. [Oleum Jecoris Aselli.]

(Ō'LĒ-ŬM MŌR'RHŬ-Æ.)

"A fixed oil obtained from the fresh livers of Gadus Morrhua, Linné, or of other species of Gadus (class, Pisces; order, Teleostei; fam. Gadidæ)." *U. S.* "The oil extracted from the fresh liver of the cod, Gadus Morrhua (Linn.), by the application of a heat not exceeding 180° F. (82°·2 C.)." *Br.*

Oleum Hepatis Morrhuæ; Cod Oil, *E.;* Huile de Foie de Morue, Huile de Morue, *Fr.;* Leberthran, Stockfisch-leberthran, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Recognized by the ventrals attached under the throat and attenuated to a point.

Gadus morrhua. Linn. *Syst. Nat.*, ed. Gmelin, i. p. 1162; Cuvier, *Règne Animal*, ii. 212; Bloch, *Ichthyologie*, pl. lxiv.—*Morrhua vulgaris.* Storer, *Synopsis of Fishes of N. Am.*, p. 216. The *common cod* is between two and three feet long, with brown or yellowish spots on the back. The body is moderately elongated and somewhat compressed, and covered with soft rather small scales, of which the head is destitute. Of the fins, which are soft, there are three on the back, two anal, and a distinct caudal; and the fin under the throat is narrow and pointed. The jaws are furnished with pointed irregular teeth, in several ranks. The gills are large, with seven rays. This species of cod inhabits the Northern Atlantic, and is especially abundant on the Banks of Newfoundland, where it finds food adapted to its wants.

Besides the common cod, several other species of Gadus, frequenting the seas of Northern Europe and America, contribute to furnish the cod liver oil of commerce. Among these De Jongh mentions *Gadus callarias*, or *dorsch* (*Morrhua americana* of Storer), *G. molva*, or *ling*, *G. carbonarius*, or *coal-fish*, and *G. pollachius*, or *pollack*, as affording the oil on the coast of Norway, where from 17,000,000 to 35,000,000 of codfish are annually taken;* while, from information obtained by Prof. Procter, there is reason to believe that on our own coast, in addition to the pollack above mentioned, it is obtained also from the *hake* (*G. merluccius*) and the *haddock* (*G. æglefinus*). It is largely produced on our coast north of Boston.†

Preparation. Fishermen have long been in the habit of collecting this oil, which is largely consumed in the arts, particularly in the preparation of leather. Upon the coasts of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and New England, the boats which fish near the shore, being small, soon obtain a load, and, running in to land, deliver their cargoes to persons whose business it is to cleanse and salt the fish. The oil is prepared either in the huts of the fishermen or more largely at establishments to which the livers are conveyed in quantities. These are put into a boiler with water, and heated until they are broken up into a pultaceous mass, which is thrown upon a strainer covering the top of a cask or tub. The liquid portion passes, and upon standing separates into two parts, the oil rising to the surface of the water. The oil is then drawn off, and, having been again strained, is prepared for the market. Another and improved method, which has come into use since the extensive employment of the oil as a medicine, is to heat the livers in a wooden butt by means of low-pressure steam. The pultaceous mass resulting is drained as before mentioned,—the livers themselves containing, besides oil, a considerable portion of watery fluid, which passes off with it in the form of emulsion and separates on standing. In the case of the finest American varieties, the oil, which is made only in the winter months, is drawn off by taps from the bottom of the cooking-butt, and then put into a cooling-house to freeze. The solid frozen mass is put into canvas bags, and submitted, whilst at a low temperature, to severe pressure, whereby the pure liquid oil is forced out, leaving a whitish, tallow-like mass, composed of stearin and liver débris. This residue is sold to the soap-makers, and the oil bottled without further process. The oil thus variously procured is called *shore oil*, and is the purest kind.

The crews of the larger boats, which fish upon banks far from land, cleanse the fish on board, and, throwing the offal into the sea, put the livers into barrels or other receptacles, where they undergo a gradual decomposition, the oil rising to the surface as it escapes from the disintegrating tissue. The oil which first rises, before putrefaction has very decidedly commenced, approaches in purity to the shore oil, but is somewhat darker and less sweet. This is sometimes drawn off, constituting the *straits oil* of the fishermen. The remaining mass, or the whole, if the portion which first rises be not separated, continues exposed for a variable length of time to the heat of the sun, undergoing putrefaction, until the boat, having completed her cargo, returns to port. The contents of the casks are then put into boilers, heated with water, and treated as already described. Before being finally put into barrels, the oil is heated to expel all its water. Thus prepared, it is denominated *banks oil*, and is of the darkest color, and most offensive to the taste and smell. Much of the oil prepared by the fishermen is collected by the

* For an account of the mode of fishing for cod and of preparing the oil practised in Norway and Denmark, see *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1868, p. 312, also April, 1877, p. 810; and *N. R.*, March, 1878; also *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iv. 324, 1866.

† *Dugong Oil.* An oil has been brought into notice, as a substitute for cod liver oil, obtained from two species of *Halicore*, *H. australis* (*Owen*) and *H. dugong* (*Illig*), cetaceous animals inhabiting the rivers and bays of Northern and Eastern Australia and many of the East India islands. The flesh of these animals is said to be delicate and palatable and valued for food. The oil is obtained by boiling the superficial fat. It is bland and sweet, and free from disagreeable taste and smell, so that it may be taken more freely than cod liver oil, which it is thought to equal in virtues. It was introduced into use by Mr. W. Hobbs, a surgeon of Brisbane. (*Chem. News*, Jan. 28, 1860, p. 87, and *A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 335, 1860, p. 230.)

wholesale dealers, who keep it in very large reservoirs of masonry in their cellars, where it becomes clarified by repose, and is pumped into barrels as wanted for sale. By the further exposure, however, which it thus undergoes, it acquires a still more offensive odor; while that which has been originally introduced into barrels, and thus kept secluded from the air, is better preserved. For further details, see *A. J. P.*, xxiii. 97, xxvi. 1.

The oil is sometimes procured by expression. Mr. Donovan recommends the following plan, which affords a very fine oil. The livers, perfectly sound and fresh, are to be placed in a clean iron pot over a slow fire, and stirred until they assume the condition of a pulp, care being taken that the mass be not heated beyond 192° F. When this temperature is attained, the pot is to be removed from the fire, and its contents introduced into a canvas bag, through which water and oil will flow into a vessel beneath. After twenty-four hours, the oil is to be decanted and filtered through paper. In this state it is pale yellow, with little odor, and a bland not disagreeable taste.

Properties. Three varieties of cod liver oil are known in the market, the *white* or *pale yellow*, the *brownish yellow*, and the *dark brown*, corresponding to the three commercial varieties already mentioned. These varieties differ in no essential character, but simply from the mode of preparation, the pale being prepared from fresh sweet livers, the dark brown from livers in a state of putrefaction, and the brownish yellow from those in an intermediate state; and the three varieties run together by insensible shades. The color of the pale is from the slightest tint of transparent yellow to a fine golden yellow, that of the light brown very similar to the color of Malaga wine, and that of the dark brown what its name implies, with opacity in mass, but transparency in thin layers. They are of the usual consistence of lamp oil, and have a characteristic odor and taste, by which they may be distinguished from other oils. This smell and taste are familiar to most persons, being very similar to those of shoe-leather,—at least as prepared in this country, where the curriers make great use of cod liver oil. We regard these sensible properties as the most certain tests of the genuineness of the oil. They are much less distinguishable in the pale than in the dark-brown varieties, but we have met with no specimen which did not possess them in some degree. In the purest they are scarcely repulsive, in the dark brown they are very much so. When a decided smell of ordinary fish oil is perceived, the medicine may always be suspected. It is quite distinct from that peculiar to the cod liver oil. The taste of all, except the very finest varieties, is more or less acrid, and in the most impure is bitterish, and somewhat empyreumatic. The pale-yellow oil is now exclusively used for medicinal purposes. The sp. gr. at 72° F., as ascertained by Prof. Procter, varied from 0·915 to 0·9195,—the first being that of the *hake* oil, the second that of the *haddock*, while the sp. gr. of the purest oil from the common cod was 0·917. De Jongh found the sp. gr. at 63° F. of the pale 0·923, of the light brown 0·924, of the dark brown 0·929. The oil from the cod does not congeal at 14° F., though that of *G. carbonarius* and that of the livers of different species of Raja let fall at that temperature a solid fatty matter, supposed to be palmitin. Alcohol dissolves from 2·5 to 6 per cent., water from 0·637 to 1·28 per cent., of different varieties; the pale yielding least to these solvents. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Jan. 1854, p. 39.) The official description is as follows: "A pale-yellow, thin, oily liquid, having a peculiar, slightly fishy, but not rancid odor, and a bland, slightly fishy taste. Specific gravity, 0·920 to 0·925 at 15° C. (59° F.). Scarcely soluble in alcohol, but readily soluble in ether, chloroform, or carbon disulphide; also in 2·5 parts of acetic ether." *U. S.*

From an analysis of the oil by De Jongh, it appeared to contain a peculiar substance named *gaduin;* oleic, physetolic, palmitic, stearic, and myristic acids, with glycerin; butyric and acetic acids; various biliary principles; iodine, and traces of bromine. The formula of gaduin, according to De Jongh, is $C_{35}H_{46}O_9$. Dr. Luck has found a peculiar fatty acid in turbid oil, which he names *gadic acid*, and the same is obtained from the clear oil by saponification. (*Neues Jahrb. für Pharm.*, vi. 249.) As, however, about 70 per cent. of cod liver oil is olein, and about 25 per cent. is palmitin with some stearin, gaduin and gadic acid do not constitute a very important factor. Indeed, Flückiger considers their very existence doubtful. M. Chapoteau claims to have discovered in cod liver oil a crystalline substance, *morrhuol*, containing phosphorus, iodine, and bromine. He states that the brown oil yields from 4·5 to 6 parts in 100, the straw-colored from 2·5 to 3 parts, and the bleached oil from 1·5 to 2 parts. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 19.) According to Dr. Lafarge (*Progrès Méd.*, Feb. 20, 1886; also process for preparing), this substance represents the peculiar medicinal properties of cod liver oil, and in *tuberculosis* and allied diseases may be given in capsules containing from three to five drops as about equivalent to one drachm of cod liver oil. By reaction with ammonia in distillation

the oil yields a volatile alkaloid, *propylamine*, C_3H_9N, which has a strong pungent odor, recalling that of herring-pickle, of which the same alkaloid is an ingredient. No other official fatty oil yields a similar product. (See *A. J. P.*, xxiv. 343.) Messrs. Gautier have obtained from cod liver oil the leucomaines *butylamine*, *amylamine*, *hexylamine*, and *hydrodimethylpyridine*, and two fixed bases, *aselline* ($C_{25}H_{32}N_4$) and *morrhuine* ($C_{19}H_{27}N_3$). Aselline was found by its discoverer to be relatively feeble physiologically; morrhuine, of which about 2 milligrammes are believed to exist in a tablespoonful of ordinary cod liver oil, is affirmed to have the properties of exciting the appetite and acting as a powerful diuretic and diaphoretic. Some have been disposed to ascribe the virtues of cod liver oil to its iodine and bromine; but these are in too small proportion for much effect, and the oil has produced results which have never been obtained from iodine and bromine themselves. The presence of iodine cannot be detected by the usual tests. It is necessary to convert the oil into a soap, and to carbonize this, before it will give evidence of iodine. The proportion never exceeds 0·05 per cent., or 1 part in 2000, and it is by no means certain that iodine is always, if ever, present in pure oil. The proportion of iodine present has been recently investigated by E. C. Stanford (*Pharm. Journ.* [3], xiv. 353), who found it to be extremely minute, ranging from 0·000138 to 0·000433 per cent., with an average of 0·000322 per cent. The oil is capable of dissolving a larger proportion of iodine; and, if any specimen contain more than 0·05 per cent., there is reason to suspect that iodine has been fraudulently added.

Tests of Purity. In consequence of the great demand for this oil, it has not unfrequently been adulterated with other fixed oils, and occasionally others have been fraudulently substituted for it. The importance, therefore, is obvious of ascertaining some mode of testing its purity and genuineness. The official tests are as follows. "If 1 drop of the Oil be dissolved in 20 drops of chloroform, and the solution shaken with 1 drop of sulphuric acid, the solution will acquire a violet-red tint, rapidly changing to rose-red and brownish yellow. If a glass rod, moistened with sulphuric acid, be drawn through a few drops of the oil, on a porcelain plate, a violet color will be produced. Cod Liver Oil should be only very slightly acid to litmus paper previously moistened with alcohol (limit of *free fatty acids*. When the Oil is allowed to stand for some time at 0° C. (32° F.), very little or no solid fat should separate (absence of *other fish oils*, and of *many vegetable oils*). If 2 or 3 drops of fuming nitric acid be allowed to flow alongside of 10 or 15 drops of the Oil, contained in a watch-glass, a red color will be produced at the point of contact. On stirring the mixture with a glass rod, this color becomes bright rose-red, soon changing to lemon-yellow (distinction from *seal oil*, which shows at first no change of color, and from *other fish oils*, which become at first blue, and afterwards brown and yellow)." *U. S.* There is reason to believe that all the oils from the livers of the Gadidæ have analogous properties. They have been indiscriminately used; and upon the results of their employment is based, in part, the present reputation of the medicine. They may, therefore, be considered as in fact one oil, so far as their medicinal use is concerned. Unfortunately, chemistry has yet discovered no perfectly reliable test. The farthest it has gone is to point out certain reactions, which may be considered as evidences of the presence of biliary principles in the oil, thus indicating its hepatic origin. Among these probably the most characteristic is that of sulphuric acid, a drop of which, added to fresh cod liver oil, on a porcelain plate, causes a centrifugal movement in the oil, and gives rise to a fine violet color, soon passing into yellowish or brownish red. Sometimes, instead of assuming the violet hue, the color immediately becomes a clear red or a dark brownish red. This is said to be especially the case with those specimens of the oil which have been prepared by boiling the livers with water. Shark liver oil responds in like manner to the test of sulphuric acid, but is said to have the sp. gr. 0·866, which is much lower than that of any variety of the genuine oil. Strong nitric acid causes instantly, when agitated with cod liver oil, a pinkish or rose-red color, which soon becomes brown; while no such effect is produced on other animal or vegetable oils. According to Winckler, the oil should afford the smell of herring-pickle when heated with potassa, lime, and ammonium chloride. But the most reliable tests are the sensible properties of odor and taste. If there be none of the peculiar shoe-leather smell and taste, or if a strong lamp-oil odor be perceptible, the oil may be suspected. Little of importance can be inferred from the color. Some have been disposed to prefer the dark offensive oil; but our own experience accords with that of those who have found the pale or light brown equally efficient; and for facility of administration and acceptability to the stomach the latter is greatly preferable. It is important that the oil should be secluded from the air, which effects a gradual change, no doubt impairing its efficiency. Hence the vessels containing it

should be full; and it should be kept in bottles well stopped, holding about the quantity generally wanted for use at one time, and not exposed to the action of sunlight.

Medical Properties and Uses. Cod liver oil has long been popularly employed in Northern Europe in *rheumatic* and *strumous diseases*. It was first brought to the notice of the profession generally by German practitioners, and had acquired great reputation on the Continent before it was used to any extent in Great Britain. At Manchester, in England, it was employed by the medical profession in the treatment of *chronic rheumatism* and *gout* as early as 1766; but it was not until the appearance of the treatise of Professor Bennett, of Edinburgh, in 1841, that it came into general notice in Great Britain and the United States. The diseases in which it has proved most efficient are *chronic rheumatism* and *gout*, and the various morbid affections connected with a scrofulous diathesis, such as *external glandular scrofula*, *diseases of the joints and spine*, *carious ulcers*, *tabes mesenterica*, *rickets*, and *phthisis*. It has been found useful also in *chronic cutaneous eruptions*, *lupus*, and *chronic pectoral complaints* not tuberculous, and may be employed with the hope of good in almost all chronic cases in which there is impaired assimilation and nutrition. In *pulmonary consumption* it is of supreme value. It is necessary, however, to persevere for four or six weeks before looking for any decidedly favorable results, though the change does often begin earlier.

As to its mode of action, there has been much difference of opinion. Some consider it merely a nutritive agent, having the advantage over other oleaginous substances of a readier entrance into the system and more easy assimilation. But we cannot agree with this opinion. Other oleaginous substances, certainly not less nutritious, have not been equally efficient, though taken in much larger quantities. If this be the true explanation, persons living chiefly on milk, which abounds in oil, or on fat pork, ought to show a special exemption from scrofulous complaints. The probability appears to us to be that, in consequence of some peculiar principle or principles it contains, it exercises a stimulant and alterative influence on the processes of assimilation and nutrition, thereby aiding in the production of healthy tissue.

The dose is a tablespoonful (14·7 C.c.) three or four times a day for adults, a teaspoonful (3·7 C.c.) repeated as frequently for children, which may be gradually increased as the stomach will permit, and continued for a long time. It may be taken alone or mixed with some vehicle calculated to conceal its taste and obviate nausea. For this purpose recourse may be had to any of the aromatic waters, to the aromatic tinctures, as the tincture of orange-peel, diluted with water, or to a bitter infusion, as that of quassia. It may be given floating on the vehicle, or mixed with it by means of gum or the yolk of egg, with sugar, in the form of an emulsion. Perhaps the best vehicle, when not contra-indicated, is the froth of porter. Let a tablespoonful of porter be put into the bottom of a glass, upon the surface of this the oil, and over all some of the froth of the porter. A small piece of orange-peel may be chewed before and after taking the medicine.* Various other methods have been adopted to conceal or correct the taste and favor administration. Common salt has been recommended; but nothing, perhaps, so effectually destroys the taste as oil of bitter almond, of which one part will answer for 200 parts of the oil. A good plan is to shake strongly, in a flask, one measure of the oil with from one to two of bitter almond water, according to the degree of offensiveness, and to separate the liquids after they have been allowed to stand for twenty-four hours. The oil should be filtered if not quite clear. The medicine has sometimes also been given in capsules. M. Dufourmantel prepares a jelly by dissolving half a drachm of ichthyocolla in as little hot water as possible, and then gradually mixing with it a fluidounce of the oil with four drops of the oil of anise, taking care not to exceed the heat of 75° F. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1864, p. 72.) M. Bouchut incorporates the oil with wheat flour, and has this made into bread, which, he says, is in no degree disagreeable. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1873, pl. 522.)† The oil is sometimes applied externally by friction, and in cases of *ascarides* or *lumbricoides* is injected into the rectum. It has been recommended locally in *chronic articular affections*, in various *chronic cutaneous eruptions*, and in *opacity of the cornea* after the subsidence of inflammation. In the last-mentioned affection, one or two drops of the oil are applied by means of a pencil to the cornea,

* The following is Carlo Pavesi's formula for deodorized cod liver oil. Cod liver oil 1000 parts, ground roasted coffee 50 parts, animal charcoal 25 parts. Place the ingredients in a flask, which is to be well closed, and digest on a water-bath during the space of one hour; then set it aside for three days, occasionally shaking the contents, and filter. This preparation has a peculiar coffee flavor, and is quite pleasant to take, the only objection being the liability to cultivate in the patient a distaste for drinking coffee as a beverage. (*N. R.*, Jan. 1876.)

† *Phosphorized cod liver oil* may be made by dissolving one grain of phosphorus in four fluidounces of cod liver oil.

and diluted, if found too stimulating, with olive or almond oil.* It is often advantageously combined with lime salts, especially in *rickets*.†

The *olein* of cod liver oil has been recommended by Dr. Arthur Leared, when the oil itself disagrees with the stomach. He has found it to produce the same remedial effects, and to be borne much better. It may be given in the same dose. A *solution of quinine in the oil* may be made by heating the freshly precipitated alkaloid with the oil, in the proportion of two grains to a fluidounce, by means of a water-bath, until the mixture becomes quite clear.

OLEUM MYRCIÆ. U. S. Oil of Myrcia. [Oil of Bay.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM MŸR'Cḭ-Æ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the leaves of Myrcia acris, De Candolle (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ)." *U. S.*

This oil has been admitted to the Pharmacopœia as an ingredient of Spiritus Myrciæ, or bay rum. It is usually imported, although occasionally distilled in this country. Prof. G. F. H. Markoe (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1877, p. 435) states that in the distillation of oil two kinds come over, a light oil having the sp. gr. 0·870 to 0·990, and a heavy oil, sp. gr. 1·055. The light oil is doubtless a hydrocarbon, identical with that found in cloves and allspice, whilst the heavy oil is probably eugenol. L. C. Pettit (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 445) found that the eugenol amounted to 41 per cent. The commercial oil is a mixture of both heavy and light oils, as Mr. G. M. Beringer found the specific gravity of two samples of undoubted purity to be 0·975 and 0·994. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 286.) Wittmann (*Arch. der Pharm.*, 1889, 529) found the following constituents: 1, *pinene;* 2, possibly *dipentene;* 3, a polyterpene, probably *diterpene* (insoluble in alcohol); these three in small quantity only; 4, *eugenol*, the chief constituent; and, 5, *methyl-eugenol*, in smaller quantity. The oil is officially described as "a yellow or brownish-yellow liquid, having an aromatic, somewhat clove-like odor, and a pungent, spicy taste. Specific gravity, 0·975 to 0·990 at 15° C. (59° F.). With an equal volume of alcohol, glacial acetic acid, or carbon disulphide, it yields slightly turbid solutions. The alcoholic solution is slightly acid to litmus paper. When mixed with an equal volume of a concentrated solution of sodium hydrate, it forms a semi-solid mass. If 2 drops of the Oil be dissolved in 4 C.c. of alcohol, and a drop of ferric chloride test-solution be added, a light-green color will be produced; and if the same test be made with a drop of diluted ferric chloride test-solution, prepared by diluting the test-solution with four times its volume of water, a light-bluish coloration will be produced, which soon disappears. If to 3 drops of the Oil, contained in a small test-tube, 3 drops of concentrated sulphuric acid be added, and, after the tube has been corked, the mixture be allowed to stand for half an hour, a resinous mass will be obtained. On adding to this mass 4 C.c. of diluted alcohol, vigorously shaking the mixture, and gradually heating to the boiling point, the liquid should remain nearly colorless, and should not acquire a red or purplish-red color (distinction from *oil of pimenta* and *oil of cloves*). If 1 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with 20 C.c. of hot water, the water should not give more than a scarcely perceptible acid reaction with litmus paper. If, after cooling, the liquid be passed through a wet filter, the clear filtrate should produce, with a drop of ferric chloride test-solution, only a transient grayish-green, but not a blue or violet, color (absence of *carbolic acid*)." *U. S.*

OLEUM MYRISTICÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Nutmeg.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM MŸ-RĬS'Tḭ-ÇÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Nutmeg." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from nutmeg." *Br.*

Volatile Oil of Nutmeg; Oleum Nucistæ Æthereum; Essence de Muscades, *Fr.;* Aetherisches Muskatöl, *G.*

* *Cod Liver Oil and Ferrous Iodide.* The following formula is that of a commission appointed by the Netherlands Pharmaceutical Society. Iodine 1 part; Pulverized Iron 1 part; Pale Cod Liver Oil 80 parts. Triturate the pulverized iron in a mortar with the iodine and one-fourth of the oil, and heat the mixture in a water-bath, with constant stirring, until the brown color of the iodine has entirely disappeared and given place to a deep purple color, showing that the ferrous iodide has been formed and dissolved. Then add the remainder of the oil, mix carefully, and, after standing, decant into dry bottles, which are to be completely filled. (*N. R.*, Aug. 1876.)

† *Cod Liver Oil with Lactophosphate of Lime.* Take of Cod Liver Oil, Oj; Oil of Bitter Almond, Oil of Peppermint, Oil of Wintergreen, each, gtt. x; Powdered Gum Arabic, ℥iv; Powdered Sugar, ℥vi; Solution of Lactophosphate of Lime (℥i to f℥i), f℥viss; Lime Water, f℥viss. Mix the gum and sugar in a capacious mortar, and make a smooth mucilage with the lime water and three ounces of the solution of lactophosphate of lime. Add the volatile oils to the cod liver oil, and gradually triturate them with the mucilage until a perfect emulsion is formed. Finally, add the rest of the solution of lactophosphate of lime, and mix thoroughly. Dose, from one-half to one fluidounce (15–30 C.c.). (J. T. Shinn, *A. J. P.*, March, 1873.)

This oil is obtained from powdered nutmegs by distillation with water. A better method, according to M. J. Cloez, is to exhaust the powder with carbon disulphide or ether, distil off the solvent by means of a water-bath, and expose the butter-like residue to a current of steam, the vapor being conveyed into a refrigerated receiver, where it condenses. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Fév. 1864.) Oil of nutmeg is colorless or of a pale straw-color, limpid, lighter than water, soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid, in alcohol and ether, with a neutral reaction, a pungent spicy taste, and a strong smell of nutmeg. The sp. gr. is stated differently at 0·920 and 0·948 (0·870 to 0·900 at 15° C. (59° F.), *U. S.*). It consists of two oils, which may be separated by agitation with water, one rising to the surface, the other sinking to the bottom. Upon standing it deposits a crystalline stearopten, which is called by Playfair *myristin*. Prof. Flückiger examined this stearopten, and found that, contrary to what had been said, it was not in any degree soluble in water. From its solution in alcohol he obtained it in extremely light crystalline scales, which, after repeated crystallization, had still the odor of nutmeg, were fusible at 31° C. (87·8° F.), soluble in the ordinary menstrua of substances of the same class, and, as just said, insoluble in water. By glacial acetic acid it was first colored red. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1874, p. 714.) It was identified as the glyceride of myristic acid, $C_{14}H_{28}O_2$, and had, therefore, the formula $C_3H_5(C_{14}H_{27}O_2)_3$. M. Cloez found that when the oil was distilled at a temperature below 175° C. (347° F.) there came over 95 per cent. of a liquid which, when treated with a little caustic potassa and subsequently distilled from a little sodium, in order to separate traces of a compound of oxygen, was a pure colorless hydrocarbon, remaining liquid at zero of F., of the sp. gr. 0·853 at 15° C. (59° F.), and corresponding in composition with pure oil of turpentine, having the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, which has been called *myristicene*. It differs, however, in yielding, when acted on by a current of hydrochloric acid gas, a liquid instead of solid compound with the acid. In this purified state the oil has an odor recalling that of nutmeg, but, when the oil is diluted, approaching to that of the oil of lemon. It absorbs oxygen slowly, losing its fluidity. Chlorine and bromine act on it vigorously, nitric acid violently with the disengagement of red vapors, and concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves and darkens it. (*Ibid.*, pp. 150–2.) The other, or oxygenated constituent, $C_{10}H_{14}O$, has been called *myristocol*, and is isomeric but not identical with carvol. Semmler (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1890, 1803) examined an oil of nutmeg of sp. gr. 0·8611 which contained only terpenes: these boiled at about 50° C. under a pressure of 8 mm. The oil may be used for the same purposes as nutmeg, in the dose of two or three drops (0·12 or 0·18 C.c.), but is not often employed.

OLEUM MYRISTICÆ EXPRESSUM. Br. Expressed Oil of Nutmeg.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM MĬ-RĬS'Tḭ-ÇÆ ḘX-PRĔS'SṲM.)

"A concrete oil obtained by means of expression and heat from nutmeg." *Br.*

Myristicæ Adeps, *Br.* 1864; Oleum Myristicæ, *P. G.*; Oleum Nucistæ Expressum Adeps (vel Butyrum) Nucistæ; Nutmeg Butter; Beurre de Muscade, *Fr.*; Muskatnussöl, Muskatbutter, *G.*

The *concrete* or *expressed oil of nutmeg*, commonly called *oil of mace*, is obtained by exposing bruised nutmegs in a bag to steam, and then compressing strongly between heated plates. A liquid oil flows out, which becomes solid when it cools. Nutmegs are said to yield from 10 to 12 per cent. of this oil. The best is imported from the East Indies in stone jars. It is solid, soft, unctuous to the touch, of a yellowish or orange-yellow color more or less mottled, with the odor and taste of nutmeg. It is composed, according to Schrader, of 52·09 per cent. of a soft oily substance, yellowish or brownish, soluble in cold alcohol and ether; 43·75 of a white, pulverulent, inodorous substance, insoluble in these liquids; and 4·16 of volatile oil. The pulverulent constituent, which received from Playfair the name of *myristin*, has a silky lustre, melts at 31° C. (88° F.), and yields on saponification glycerin and *myristic acid*. It may be obtained directly from nutmeg by exhausting it by means of benzol, filtering the liquid, and allowing it to crystallize by spontaneous evaporation. To purify the product it may be dissolved in a mixture of two parts of absolute alcohol and three of benzol with the aid of heat, then filtering the liquid while hot, and setting it aside. On cooling, it deposits the pure myristin in crystals. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1859, p. 471.) Analyzed by Koller, the expressed oil was found to contain, in 100 parts, 6 of a volatile oil ($C_{10}H_{16}$) analogous to the oil of mace, 70 of myristin, 20 of olein, 3 of resin, and 1 of salts, etc. (*Arch. de Pharm.*, clxxiii. 280.) Wallach found the terpenes to consist of *pinene* and *dipentene*. Semmler found *myristicol*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, which is liquid, and a stearopten, *myristicin*, $C_{12}H_{14}O_3$, which is probably an ether in composition. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 442.) An inferior kind of the oil is prepared in Hol-

land, and sometimes found in commerce. It is in hard, shining, square cakes, lighter colored than that from the East Indies, and with less smell and taste. It is supposed to be derived from nutmegs previously deprived of most of their volatile oil by distillation. An artificial preparation is sometimes sold for the genuine oil. It is made by mixing various fatty matters, such as suet, palm oil, spermaceti, wax, etc., adding some coloring substance, and flavoring with the volatile oil. Dieterich has devised a method of examination for expressed oil of nutmeg based on Hübl's titration method for wax. He prepares, by extraction with ether, a normal oil for purposes of comparison. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 495.)

OLEUM OLIVÆ. U. S., Br. Olive Oil.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM Ǫ-LĪ'VÆ.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the ripe fruit of Olea Europæa, Linné (nat. ord. Oleaceæ)." *U. S.* "The oil expressed from the ripe fruit of Olea europæa (Linn.)." *Br.*

Oleum Olivarum, *P. G.;* Sweet Oil; Huile d'Olive, *Fr.;* Olivenöl, *G.;* Olio delle Olive, *It.;* Aceite de Olivas, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla four-cleft, with subovate segments. *Drupe* one-seeded. *Willd.*

Olea europæa. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 44; *B. & T.* 172. This valuable tree is usually from fifteen to twenty feet in height, though sometimes much larger, especially in Greece and the Levant. It has a solid, erect, unequal stem, with numerous straight branches, covered with a grayish bark. The leaves, which stand opposite to each other on short footstalks, are evergreen, firm, lanceolate, entire, two or three inches in length, with the edges somewhat reverted, smooth and of a dark-green color on their upper surface, whitish and almost silvery beneath. The flowers are small, whitish, and disposed in opposite axillary clusters, about half as long as the leaves, and accompanied with small, obtuse, hoary bracts. The fruit, or olive, is a smooth, oval drupe, greenish at first, but of a deep violet color when ripe, with a fleshy pericarp, and a very hard nut of a similar shape. Clusters of not less than thirty flowers yield only two or three ripe olives.

The olive-tree, though believed by some to have been originally from the Levant, flourishes at present in all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean, and has been cultivated from time immemorial in Spain, the south of France, and Italy. It begins to bear fruit after the second year, is in full bearing at six years, and continues to flourish for a century. There are several varieties, distinguished by the form of the leaves, and the shape, color, and size of the fruit. The variety *longifolia* of Willdenow is said to be chiefly cultivated in Italy and the south of France, and the *latifolia* in Spain. The latter bears much larger fruit than the former; but the oil is less esteemed. The olive is largely cultivated in the north of Africa, especially in the vicinity of Tunis, and considerable quantities of the oil are exported from that city. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1873, p. 204.) Futile attempts to cultivate it have been made in some of our Southern States; but in California the tree has found a congenial climate and commercial success. (See *A. J. P.*, 1888; also *Pharm. Rec.*, Sept. 1889.) The tree has been introduced into South Australia, and will probably become of commercial importance there.

The leaves and bark of the olive-tree have an acrid and bitterish taste, and have been employed as substitutes for cinchona, though with no great success. Attention has been called, in France, to a hydro-alcoholic extract of the leaves, as having considerable febrifuge powers. In the quantity of from ten to twenty grains daily, in divided doses, it has been found useful in preventing the hectic paroxysms. In hot countries, a substance resembling the gum-resins exudes spontaneously from the bark. It was thought by the ancients to possess useful medicinal properties, but is not now employed. Analyzed by Pelletier, it was found to contain resin, a little benzoic acid, and a peculiar principle analogous to gum, which has been named *olivile.* But the fruit is by far the most useful product. In the unripe state it is hard and insupportably acrid; but when macerated in water or an alkaline solution, and afterwards introduced into a solution of common salt, it loses these properties, and becomes a pleasant and highly esteemed article of diet. Mannite has been found in all parts of the tree while in vital activity, as in the green leaves and unripe fruit, but cannot be detected in the yellow fallen leaves or in the perfectly ripe fruit. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 179.) The pericarp, or fleshy part of the ripe olive, abounds in a fixed oil, which constitutes its greatest value, and for which the tree is chiefly cultivated in Southern Europe. In the unripe olive a peculiar green substance, together with mannite, has been found by M. S. de Lutz, both of which disappear as the fruit ripens, being probably converted into oil, which now takes their place. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin and Déc. 1862.) The olives ripen from November to March, and the oil is obtained by first bruising them in a mill and then submitting them to pressure. The product varies much, according to

the state of the fruit and the circumstances of the process. The best, called *virgin oil*, is obtained from the fruit picked before perfect maturity, and immediately pressed. It is distinguished by its greenish hue. The common oil used for culinary purposes and in the manufacture of the finest soaps is procured from very ripe olives, or from the pulp of those which have yielded the virgin oil. In the latter case the pulp is thrown into boiling water, and the oil removed as it rises. An inferior kind, employed in the arts, especially in the preparation of the coarser soaps, plasters, unguents, etc., is afforded by fruit which has been thrown into heaps, and allowed to ferment for several days, or by the marc left after the expression of the finer kinds of oil, broken up, allowed to ferment, and again introduced into the press. The remarks made under the head of Oleum Myristicæ in relation to the extraction of that oil by means of solvents are applicable also to olive oil.

Olive oil is imported in glass bottles, or in flasks surrounded by a kind of net-work of grass and usually called Florence flasks. The best comes from the south of France, where most care is exercised in the choice of the fruit.

Properties. The pure oil is an unctuous liquid, of a pale-yellow or greenish-yellow color, with scarcely any smell, and a bland, slightly sweetish taste. Its sp. gr. is 0·9153 (0·915 to 0·918, *U. S.*). It is soluble in chloroform, carbon disulphide, and in twice its volume of ether, but is only partially soluble in alcohol, at least unless this liquid be in very large proportion.

The concrete portion, which separates at a freezing temperature, consists chiefly of the glyceride of *palmitic acid*, $C_{16}H_{32}O_2$, together with the corresponding compound of *arachic acid*, $C_{20}H_{40}O_2$, and a very little of the glyceride of *stearic acid*, $C_{18}H_{36}O_2$; the liquid portion is essentially olein, $C_3H_5(O.C_{18}H_{33}O)_3$. According to Braconnot, the oil contains 72 per cent. of olein and 28 of palmitin. A small quantity of *cholesterin*, $C_{26}H_{44}O$, has also been found in the oil. Olive oil is solidified by nitrous acid and mercuric nitrate, and converted into a peculiar fatty substance, called *elaidin*. The olein of all oils which have not the drying property undergoes the same change when acted on by nitrous acid.*

The greenish color is owing to the presence of a trace of chlorophyll, and a trace of cholesterin is also extracted by repeated agitation with glacial acetic acid.†

Olive oil, when exposed to the air, is apt to become rancid, acquiring a disagreeable smell, a sharp taste, and a thicker consistence; it also loses its color; and the change is promoted by heat. It is officially tested as follows. "When cooled to about 10° C. (50° F.), the Oil begins to become somewhat cloudy from the separation of crystalline particles, and at 0° C. (32° F.) it forms a whitish, granular mass. If 10 C.c. of the Oil be shaken frequently, during two hours, with a freshly prepared solution of 1 Gm. of mercury in 3 C.c. of nitric acid, a perfectly solid mass of a pale straw color will be obtained. If 6 Gm. of the Oil be thoroughly shaken, in a test-tube, for about two minutes, with a mixture of 1·5 Gm. of nitric acid and 0·5 Gm. of water, then heated in a bath of boiling water for not more than fifteen minutes, the Oil should retain a light yellow color, not becoming orange or reddish-brown, and, after standing at the ordinary temperature for about twelve hours, it should form a perfectly solid, light yellowish mass (absence of appreciable quantities of *cotton seed oil* and *most other seed oils*). If 5 C.c. of the Oil be thoroughly shaken, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of an alcoholic solution of silver nitrate (prepared by dissolving 0·1 Gm. of silver nitrate in 10 C.c. of deodorized alcohol, and adding 2 drops of nitric acid), and the mixture be heated for about five minutes in a water-bath, the Oil should retain its original, pale yellow color, not becoming reddish or brown, nor should any dark color be produced at the line of contact of the two liquids (absence of more than about 5 per cent. of *cotton seed oil* and of *many other foreign oils*). If 30 C.c. of the Oil be saponified by heating with 20 C.c. of alcohol and 5 Gm. of potassa, the liquid then diluted with 200 C.c. of water, and freed from alcohol by boiling, on supersaturating the solution with diluted sulphuric acid, the fatty acids will form a layer on the surface. If these be separated as far as possible, free from water, and filtered, 5 C.c. of the clear filtrate, when shaken, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of concentrated hydrochloric acid, should not color the latter green; and, on the subsequent addition of about 0·5 Gm. of sugar, and again shaking the mixture, no violet or crimson tint should be produced in the acid layer within fifteen minutes (absence of *sesamum oil*)." *U. S.* It is frequently adulterated with the cheaper fixed oils, especially with that of poppies; but the

* The following table gives the solubility of various alkaloids in olive oil as ascertained by Pettenkofer. At the ordinary temperature, 100 parts of the oil dissolve of

Narcotine	0·25	Quinine	4·20	Atropine	2·62
Cinchonine	1·00	Strychnine	1·00	Veratrine	1·78

(*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1859, p. 486.)

† For discussion of the spectra of olive oil, see *P. J. Tr.*, 3d series, vii. 22, 110.

adulteration may be detected by reducing the temperature to the freezing point. As other oils are less readily congealed than is the olive oil, the degree of its purity will be indicated by the degree of concretion. Another mode has been indicated by M. Poutet, founded on the property possessed by mercuric nitrate of solidifying the oil of olives, without a similar influence upon other oils. Six parts of mercury are dissolved at a low temperature in seven and a half parts of nitric acid of the sp. gr. 1·35, and this solution is mixed with the suspected oil in the proportion of one part to twelve, the mixture being occasionally shaken. If the oil be pure, it will be converted after some hours into a yellow, solid mass; if it contain a minute proportion, even so small as a twentieth, of poppy or cotton-seed oil, the resulting mass will be much less firm; and a tenth will prevent a greater degree of consistence than oils usually acquire when they concrete by cold. M. Gobel has invented an instrument called the elaiometer, by which the smallest quantity of poppy oil can be detected. (See *A. J. P.*, xvi. 24.) According to M. Marchand, strong sulphuric acid produces with poppy oil a lemon-yellow color, which rapidly becomes darker, and, after ten or fifteen minutes, is followed by tints of rose-color and bright violet, which are never afforded with the same reagent by pure olive oil. (*Ibid.*, xxvi. 432.) Within recent years immense quantities of cotton-seed oil* have been exported to Italy, where it is used in the adulteration of olive oil. It may be detected by the following test of Dr. R. Codina Langlies'. In a test-tube, or a small vial with a ground glass stopper, three grammes of the oil to be examined are mixed with 1 gramme of the reagent, composed of three parts of pure nitric acid of 40° B. and one part of distilled water, and the mixture is heated on a water-bath. If the oil be pure, the mixture will become clearer and assume a yellow color, like the purified oil; if falsified by a grain oil, it will become transparent like pure oil, but will acquire a red color. With 5 per cent. of the grain oil the reddish color is characteristic; with 10 per cent. it is decisive. The experiment does not require more than 15 or 20 minutes; the change of color persists for three days. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1870, p. 57.) The presence of colza oil may be detected by the test of silver nitrate, as stated under the head of Oleum Amygdalæ Expressum. M. Diesel states that the pure oil is colored green by common nitric acid, whereas if mixed with rape oil it will be rendered of a yellowish-gray color. (*Arch. der Pharm.*, xlvi. 287.) According to M. Behrens, whose statement is confirmed by MM. Guibourt and Reveil, the presence of oil of sesamum is known by the beautiful deep-green color immediately produced when the suspected oil is added, in equal weight, to a mixture of equal parts of sulphuric and nitric acids; which acids cause with the pure oil at first a bright yellow color. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiv. 351.) Merz proposes as a test of olive oil to put a few drops on a glass plate and maintain it for 12 hours at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.). No change occurs in pure oil; linseed oil treated similarly solidifies, and a mixture thickens. (Dragendorff, *Jahresbericht*, 1876, p. 326.) For a method of detecting the *oil of arachis* (*ground-nut oil*) in olive oil, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1872, p. 48. Immense quantities of lard oil and cotton-seed oil are exported from this country to France and employed in the adulteration of olive oil. The reaction with nitric acid would probably serve to detect the adulteration with lard oil, whilst Prof. Bechi's test for ascertaining the admixture of cotton-seed oil with olive oil has received the unanimous approval of the Commission of Florence after most exhaustive experiments, and is as follows. One grain of silver nitrate is dissolved in fifteen minims (or 1 C.c.) of water, and six and a half fluidounces (or 200 C.c.) of alcohol are added. Two fluidounces (or 60 C.c.) of ether may be added to render the solution more easily miscible with the oil, but it is not absolutely necessary. A solution of eighty-five parts of amylic alcohol and fifteen parts of rape-seed oil is prepared. These reagents should not be kept on hand any length of time. To ten C.c. of the oil to be examined one C.c. of the solution of silver nitrate is added, and then from eight to ten C.c. of the amylic alcohol reagent; the mixture is agitated strongly, and heated on a water-bath for five or ten minutes. In the case of pure oils the color is unaltered by the addition of the reagents; if cotton-seed oil be present, a brownish color or turbidity, varying from a light brown to a deep maroon or black (according to the extent of the adulteration), will be produced. (*A. J. P.*, 1887.)†

M. A. Lailler, a French pharmaceutist, has found in the joint action of chromic and nitric acids a test by which he believes that olive oil can be distinguished from most other oils. If

* Of 140,840 barrels, or nearly 6,000,000 gallons, shipped from New Orleans during the year 1880, 88 per cent. was exported on orders from Europe to Mediterranean and French ports, and one-half of this to Italy. This is more than the entire olive oil production of France, and one-fifth that of Italy itself. The United States imports only one-tenth of this amount of olive oil so called. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1881, p. 343.)

† For the changes effected in olive oil when bleached by sunlight, see *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 300. These changes are such as to interfere materially with the action of the ordinary tests, as nitric acid, sulphuric acid, and caustic soda.

a mixture of twenty grains of liquid chromic acid and ten grains of nitric acid of 40° be agitated in a glass tube with two drachms of olive oil, there will be no oxidation nor any disengagement of heat, but at the end of forty-eight hours, at most, a beginning of concretion, which in some days becomes complete, and is followed by the entire absorption of the reagent by the oil, and a blue coloration of the latter. Every specimen of olive oil which does not present these phenomena completely must be considered as falsified. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 187–8.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Olive oil is nutritious and mildly laxative, and is occasionally given as a feeble purgative in cases of irritable intestines. Taken into the stomach in large quantities, it serves to involve acrid and poisonous substances and mitigate their action. It has also been recommended as a remedy for *worms*, and is a very common ingredient in laxative enemata. The value of large doses of olive oil in the treatment of *gall-stones*, as originally suggested by Dr. Kennedy, has received much confirmation, and the experiments of Rosenberg go to show that the remedy does increase not only the amount but also the fluidity of the bile. From six to seven ounces of it may be given in from four to eight portions, during not less than three hours, in aromatized emulsion. Externally applied, it is useful in relaxing the skin and in sheathing irritated surfaces from the action of the air; and it is much employed as a vehicle or diluent of more active substances. But the most extensive use of olive oil is in pharmacy, as a constituent of liniments, ointments, cerates, and plasters. The dose as a laxative is from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.).

OLEUM PHOSPHORATUM. U. S., Br. Phosphorated Oil.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM PHŎS-PHO-RĀ'TŬM.)

Huile phosphorée, Liniment phosphoré, *Fr.;* Phosphorhaltiges Oel, *G.*

"Phosphorus, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Expressed Oil of Almond, Ether, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Introduce a *sufficient quantity* of Expressed Oil of Almond into a flask, heat it on a sand-bath to 250° C. (482° F.), and keep it at that temperature for fifteen minutes. Then allow it to cool, and filter it. Put *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains] of the filtered Oil together with the Phosphorus, previously well dried by filtering paper, into a dry, tared bottle capable of holding about *one hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 28 minims], insert the stopper, and heat the bottle in a water-bath until the Phosphorus melts. Then agitate it until the Phosphorus is dissolved, allow it to cool, add enough Ether to make the mixture weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains], and agitate it again. Lastly, transfer the solution to small glass-stoppered vials, which should be completely filled and kept in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

"Take of Phosphorus, Oil of Almonds, of each, *a sufficiency*. Heat the Oil in a porcelain dish to about 300° F. (149° C.), and keep it at this temperature for about fifteen minutes, then let it cool, and filter it through paper. Put four fluidounces of this Oil into a stoppered bottle, capable of holding four and a half fluidounces, and add to it sixteen grains of pure dry Phosphorus. Immerse the bottle in hot water until the Oil has acquired the temperature of 180° F. (82·2° C.), removing the stopper two or three times to allow the escape of expanded air, then shake the Oil and Phosphorus together until the latter is entirely dissolved." *Br.*

The U. S. process does not differ essentially from that of the Br. Pharm. Both the U. S. P. and British oils are one-per-cent. solutions; the British formerly contained but 0·75 per cent.* The object of heating the oil is to expel air and traces of water, which would aid in oxidizing the phosphorus. The ether not only assists in the preservation of the finished preparation, but is also of use in rendering the oil less disagreeable to the taste. Dr. E. R. Squibb passes a current of carbonic acid gas through the oil contained in the bottle that it is to be kept in, to expel the air and prevent oxidation.

This is a clear and colorless or but slightly colored oil, not phosphorescent in the dark, and having the odor and taste of phosphorus quite distinctly. "It should be perfectly free from

* It is often desirable to be acquainted with the degree of solubility of phosphorus in the different fixed oils in ordinary use, in reference to its exhibition as medicine. The following list is taken from the *Journal de Pharmacie* (Fév. 1869, p. 94), where it is given on the authority of M. C. Merc. The oils of sweet almond, of olives, of sesamum, and of ground-nuts will retain, at common temperatures, $\frac{1}{80}$ of their weight of phosphorus. It may even descend to $\frac{1}{78}$ for almond and ground-nut oils; but it is not prudent, in practice, to keep too near the limits of saturation. The oils of colza and flaxseed, brown cod-liver oil, and neat's-foot oil, retained $\frac{1}{70}$ of their weight, even after eight days' exposure in a cellar. Castor oil is far removed from these figures, 105 parts of it being required to dissolve one part of phosphorus. The author has observed no sensible difference in the dissolving power of overheated and not overheated oils.

any particles of undissolved phosphorus." *U. S.* It may be administered in the form of an emulsion, preferably the official almond emulsion, and flavored with oil of bitter almond, or in capsules: each minim contains about $\frac{1}{115}$ of a grain of phosphorus. It affords a good way of exhibiting the drug. Dose of the U. S. solution, from three to five minims (0·18–0·3 C.c.).

OLEUM PICIS LIQUIDÆ. U. S. Oil of Tar.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM PĪ'CĬS LĬQ'UḬ-DÆ—lĭk'wę-dē.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Tar." *U. S.*

Huile volatile de Goudron, *Fr.;* Theeröl, *G.*

This oil is prepared by distilling wood-tar; the residue left in the still being known as pitch. It represents thoroughly the medicinal properties of tar, and is preferable on account of its less offensive taste. (See *Pix Liquida.*) It is officially described as "an almost colorless liquid when freshly distilled, but soon acquiring a dark reddish-brown color, and having a strong, tarry odor and taste. Specific gravity, about 0·970 at 15° C. (59° F.). It is readily soluble in alcohol, the solution being acid to litmus paper." *U. S.* The dose is from one to five minims, administered in capsule or in emulsion.

OLEUM PIMENTÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Pimenta. [Oil of Allspice.]

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM PĪ-MĔN'TÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Pimenta." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from pimento." *Br.*

Oil of Pimento; Essence de Piment de la Jamaïque, *Fr.;* Nelkenpfefferöl, *G.*

The berries yield from 1 to more than 4 per cent. of the volatile oil, which as found in commerce is brownish red, and has the odor and taste of pimenta, though warmer and more pungent. It has a slightly acid reaction. It is said, when freshly distilled, to be colorless or yellowish. Nitric acid reddens it. Its sp. gr. is stated at 1·021, but varies (1·045 to 1·055, *U. S.*). It is readily soluble in alcohol. With a concentrated solution of potassa it forms a semi-solid mass. According to the U. S. P. 1890, "with an equal volume of alcohol it forms a clear solution, which is slightly acid to litmus paper. It also forms a clear solution with an equal volume of glacial acetic acid, and a nearly clear solution with an equal volume of carbon disulphide. When mixed with an equal volume of a concentrated solution of sodium hydrate, it forms a semi-solid mass. If 2 drops of the Oil be dissolved in 4 C.c. of alcohol, and a drop of ferric chloride test-solution added, a bright green color will be produced; and if the same tests be made with a drop of diluted ferric chloride test-solution, prepared by diluting the test-solution with four times its volume of water, a blue color will be produced, changing to green, and soon becoming yellow. If 1 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with 20 C.c. of hot water, the water should not give more than a scarcely perceptible acid reaction with litmus paper. If, after cooling, the liquid be passed through a wet filter, the clear filtrate should produce, with a drop of ferric chloride test-solution, only a transient grayish-green, but not a blue or violet, color (absence of *carbolic acid*)." It consists, like oil of cloves, of two distinct oils, a lighter and a heavier, the former of which comes over first in distillation. They may be separated by distilling the oil from caustic potassa. The light oil comes over, and the heavy remains combined with the potassa. The latter may be obtained by distilling the residue with sulphuric acid. The light oil is lighter than water, and is a pure hydrocarbon; the heavy has the acid property of forming crystalline compounds with the alkalies. They are analogous to the light and heavy oils of cloves. Indeed, the heavy has been found to be identical with the eugenol of oil of cloves. (See *Oleum Caryophylli.*) L. C. Pettit (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 443) found 61 per cent. of eugenol in the oil. Oil of pimenta is given for the same purposes as the other stimulant aromatic oils. The dose is from three to six drops (0·18–0·36 C.c.).

OLEUM PINI SYLVESTRIS. Br. Fir-wool Oil.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM PĪ'NĪ SỴL-VĔS'TRĮS.)

"The oil distilled from the fresh leaves of Pinus sylvestris, Linn." *Br.*

This new official as it occurs in commerce is frequently greenish, but it is officially described as "colorless or nearly so, with an aromatic lavender-like odor and a pungent but not unpleasant flavor. Specific gravity not below 0·870. Soluble in about seven times its volume of rectified spirit." *Br.* The specific gravity of commercial fir-wool oil varies from 0·876 to 0·912, according to its source. It resinifies on exposure, and in medicinal qualities resembles tur-

pentine, but is milder. A recent investigation by Schimmel & Co. (*Semi-Annual Report*, April, 1893) shows that this oil contains *dextro-pinene*, *sylvestrene*, *sesquiterpene*, and *bornyl acetate*. It is supposed that the pine oil owes its odor to the presence of this last constituent, the acetic ester of borneol. It has been used internally in the treatment of *chronic rheumatism* in doses of from ten to twenty drops four times a day, but it is especially employed for the purposes of inhalation. The leaves of the *Pinus sylvestris*, with those of other European firs and pines, by pounding are converted into a fibrous substance, known as *fir-wool* (*Fichtenwolle*), which is much used in Germany as a local application in *chronic rheumatism*, the affected part being enveloped in a thick batting of the fir-wool, which is also sometimes made into clothing for rheumatic persons. An extract of the leaves is also sold under the name of *fir-wool extract*, for use in rheumatism.

OLEUM RICINI. U. S., Br. Castor Oil.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM RĬÇ'I-NĪ.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the seed of Ricinus communis, Linné (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ.)" *U. S.* "The oil expressed from the seeds of Ricinus communis." *Br.*

Huile de Ricin, *Fr.;* Ricinusöl, *G.;* Olio di Ricino, *It.;* Oleum Palmæ Christi; Aceite de Ricino, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-parted. *Corolla* none. *Stamens* numerous. FEMALE. *Calyx* three-parted. *Corolla* none. *Styles* three, bifid. *Capsules* three-celled. *Seed* one. *Willd.*

Ricinus communis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 564. The castor oil plant, or *palma Christi*, attains in the East Indies and Africa the character of a tree, and rises sometimes thirty or forty feet. In the temperate latitudes of North America and Europe it is annual; though M. Achille Richard saw in the south of France, in the vicinity of Nice, on the sea-coast, a small wood consisting entirely of what he supposed to be this species of Ricinus.* The following description applies to the plant as cultivated in cool latitudes. The stem is of vigorous growth, erect, round, hollow, smooth, glaucous, somewhat purplish towards the top, branching, and from three to eight feet or more in height. The leaves are alternate, peltate or supported upon footstalks inserted into their lower disk, palmate with seven- or nine-pointed serrate lobes, smooth on both sides, and of a bluish-green color. The flowers are monœcious, stand upon jointed peduncles, and form a pyramidal terminal raceme, of which the lower portion is occupied by the male flowers, the upper by the female. Both are destitute of corolla. In the male flowers the calyx is divided into five oval, concave, pointed, reflected, purplish segments, and encloses numerous stamens, united into fasciculi at their base. In the female the calyx has three or five narrow lanceolate segments; and the ovary, which is roundish and three-sided, supports three linear, reddish stigmas, forked at their apex. The fruit is a roundish glaucous capsule, with three projecting sides, covered with tough spines, and divided into three cells, each containing one seed, which is expelled by the bursting of the capsule. This species of Ricinus is a native of the East Indies and Northern Africa, naturalized in the West Indies, and cultivated in various parts of the world, in few countries more largely than in the Middle and Western United States. The flowers appear in July, and the seeds ripen successively in August and September. A decoction of the leaves is said to be employed effectively, as a local application to the breast, for promoting the secretion of milk; and an infusion of the leaves has been given internally, for a similar purpose, by Dr. Routh, with great supposed success. (*London Lancet*, Dec. 1859.)

1. THE SEEDS. These are about as large as a small bean, oval, compressed, obtuse at the extremities, very smooth and shining, and of a grayish or ash color, marbled with reddish brown spots and veins. At one end of the seed is a small yellowish tubercle, from which an obscure longitudinal ridge proceeds to the opposite extremity, dividing the side upon which it is situated into two flattish surfaces. In its general appearance the seed is thought to resemble the insect called the *tick*, the Latin name of which has been adopted as the generic title of the plant. Its variegated color depends upon a very thin pellicle closely investing a hard, brittle, blackish, tasteless, easily separated shell, within which is the kernel, highly oleaginous, of a white color, and of a sweetish taste succeeded by a slight degree of acrimony. The seeds easily become rancid, and are then unfit for the extraction of the oil, which is acrid and irritating. In 100 parts Geiger found, exclusive of moisture, 23·82 parts of envelope,

* While at Montpellier, in France, in the spring of 1861, Dr. Geo. B. Wood was assured by Dr. Martius, professor of botany in the university of that city, that the species seen by Richard was not the *Ricinus communis*, but the *Ricinus africanus*, also that all the plants of the genus Ricinus growing wild on the borders of the Mediterranean were the *R. africanus*.

and 69·09 of kernel. These 69·09 parts contained 46·19 of fixed oil, 2·40 of gum, 20·00 of starch and lignin, and 0·50 of albumen. Mr. Henry Bower could find no starch, but separated from the seeds an albuminoid principle, which acted with amygdalin and water like emulsin, producing the odor of oil of bitter almond, though in a less degree. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 208.) It is highly probable that it is this principle which, acting as a ferment on the oily matter of the seeds, gives rise to changes in its nature which render them rancid. Mr. G. J. Scattergood found the odor of castor oil to be developed in the beans when bruised with water, and much more powerfully in those long kept than in the fresh. The water distilled from the seeds has a peculiar nauseous odor, quite distinct from that of the oil. (*Ibid.*, xxvii. 207.)*

Taken internally the seeds are powerfully cathartic, and often emetic. Two are sufficient to purge with great violence, and three have produced fatal gastro-enteritis in the adult. After expression of the oil, and treatment with pure alcohol, M. Calloud found the residue to be powerfully emetic in the quantity of 30 grains, taken in two doses. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xiv. 190.) According to Guibourt, the toxic property pervades the whole kernel, the integuments being inert. The experiments of Mr. Scattergood, who found that the water distilled from the seeds is emetic and cathartic, would seem to show that the active principle is volatile, but the researches of Stillmark indicate that it is an unformed ferment, *ricin*,† which is a so-called phytalbumose and has been obtained as a white amorphous powder, and is best dissolved in a 10-per-cent. salt solution. The aqueous solution of the pure ricin has a neutral reaction. It is a violent poison. E. L. Boerner (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 481) obtained butyric acid by macerating the exhausted marc of the seeds with water until decomposed.

2. The Oil. This may be extracted from the seeds in three ways: 1, by decoction; 2, by expression; 3, by the agency of alcohol or other solvent.

The process by decoction, which has been practised in the East and West Indies, consists in bruising the seeds, previously deprived of their husk, and then boiling them in water. The oil, rising to the surface, is skimmed or strained off, and afterwards again boiled with a small quantity of water to dissipate the acrid principle. The seeds, it is said, are sometimes roasted, to increase the product. But by a temperature much above 212° F. the oil is rendered brownish and acrid; and the same result takes place in the second boiling, if care is not taken to suspend the process soon after the water has been evaporated. Hence it happens that the West India oil has generally a brownish color, an acrid taste, and irritating properties.

The oil is obtained in this country by expression. The following, we have been informed, are the outlines of the process usually employed by those who prepare it on a large scale. The seeds, having been thoroughly cleansed from the dust and fragments of the capsules with which they are mixed, are conveyed into a shallow iron reservoir, where they are submitted to a gentle heat insufficient to scorch or decompose them, and not greater than can be readily borne by the hand. The object of this step is to render the oil sufficiently liquid for easy expression. The seeds are then introduced into a powerful hydraulic press. A whitish oily liquid is thus obtained, which is transferred to clean iron boilers supplied with a considerable quantity of water. The mixture is boiled for some time, and, the impurities being skimmed off as they rise to the surface, a clear oil is at length left upon the top of the water, the mucilage and

* *Ricinine or Ricinia.* Professor Tuson announced the discovery in the seeds of a peculiar alkaloid, which he named *ricinine*. To obtain it, the crushed seeds are exhausted by successive portions of boiling water; the decoction is filtered through wet muslin; the filtered liquor is evaporated to dryness over a water-bath; the extract thus obtained is exhausted by boiling alcohol; the alcoholic solution is allowed to cool, then filtered to separate a little resinous matter, and lastly concentrated and permitted to stand. In the course of some hours, a mass of nearly white crystals is deposited, which when recrystallized from alcohol and decolorized by animal charcoal are the alkaloid in a pure state. Ricinine crystallizes in rectangular prisms and tables, has a feebly bitter taste, somewhat resembling that of bitter almonds, is fusible, and crystallizes on cooling, volatilizable unchanged, inflammable, soluble most readily in water and alcohol, and very slightly in ether or benzol. Heated with hydrate of potassa it evolves ammonia, and therefore contains nitrogen. It appears to combine with sulphuric, nitric, and hydrochloric acids. But a more accurate investigation is needed before it can be admitted to be undoubtedly a distinct and pure alkaloid. A minute quantity is said to be obtained from castor oil by shaking it with water, evaporating the liquid, treating the residue with boiling benzol, and allowing the solution to evaporate spontaneously. Professor Tuson does not claim for the new alkaloid the possession of purgative properties. Two grains given to a rabbit produced no observable effect. Prof. E. S. Wayne obtained from the leaves of *Ricinus communis* a substance apparently identical with Tuson's ricinine, but he does not consider it to be an alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 97.)

† *Ricin*, when given either hypodermically or by the mouth, produces violent inflammation of the gastro-intestinal tract, also of the mucous membrane of the biliary duct, and of the bladder and kidneys. Hence, probably, the jaundice and anuria which have been observed in some cases of poisoning by castor oil seeds. A substance very closely allied to, if not identical with, ricin, was also found in the croton oil seed. Though ricin, outside of the body at least, exerts a very peculiar action upon the blood, it seems to have very little influence upon the general system, and to act as a poison chiefly, if not solely, by its irritating influence on the alimentary tract.

starch having been dissolved by this liquid, and the albumen coagulated by the heat. The latter ingredient forms a whitish layer between the oil and the water. The clear oil is now carefully removed; and the process is completed by boiling with a minute proportion of water, and continuing the application of heat till aqueous vapor ceases to rise, and till a small portion of the liquid, taken out in a vial, continues perfectly transparent when it cools. The effect of this last operation is to clarify the oil, and to render it less irritating by driving off the acrid volatile matter. But much care is requisite not to push the heat too far, as the oil then acquires a brownish hue and an acrid peppery taste. After the completion of the process, the oil is put into barrels and sent into the market. See article on the preparation of castor oil (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 481).* There is reason, however, to believe that much of the American oil is prepared by merely allowing it to stand for some time after expression, and then drawing off the supernatant liquid. One bushel of good seeds yields five or six quarts, or about 25 per cent., of the best oil. If not carefully prepared, it is apt to deposit a sediment upon standing; and the apothecary may find it necessary to filter it through coarse paper before dispensing it. Perhaps this may be owing to the plan just alluded to of purifying the oil by rest and decantation. We have been told that the oil in barrels usually deposits in cold weather a copious whitish sediment, which is redissolved when the temperature rises. A large proportion of the drug consumed in the eastern section of the Union has been derived, by the way of New Orleans, from Illinois and the neighboring States, where it has been at times so abundant that it has been used for burning in lamps and for lubricating machinery.†

The process for obtaining castor oil by means of alcohol has been practised in France; but the product is said to become rancid more speedily than that procured in the ordinary mode. Such a preparation has been employed in Italy, and is asserted to be less disagreeable to the taste, and more effective, than the common oil obtained by expression. According to M. Parola, an ethero-alcoholic extract and an ethereal or alcoholic tincture of the seeds operate in much smaller doses than the oil, and with less disposition to irritate the bowels or to cause vomiting. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xiii. 143.)

Properties. Pure castor oil is a thick, viscid, colorless liquid, with little or no odor, and a mild though somewhat nauseous taste, followed by a slight sense of acrimony. As found in commerce it is often tinged with yellow and has an unpleasant smell; and parcels are sometimes, though rarely, met with of a brownish color and hot acrid taste. It does not readily congeal by cold. When exposed to the air it slowly thickens, without becoming opaque. "When exposed to the air in a thin layer, it slowly dries to a varnish-like film. When cooled to 0° C. (32° F.), it becomes turbid, with the separation of crystalline flakes, and at about —18° C. (—0·4° F.) it congeals to a yellowish mass. If 3 C.c. of the Oil be shaken for a few minutes with 3 C.c. of carbon disulphide and 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid, the mixture should not acquire a blackish-brown color (absence of *many foreign oils*)." *U. S.* It is heavier than most of the other fixed oils, its sp. gr. having been stated to be 0·969 at 55° F. (0·950 to 0·970 at 15° C., *U. S.*). It differs also from other fixed oils in being soluble in all proportions in cold absolute alcohol. "Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, and, in all proportions, in absolute alcohol, or in glacial acetic acid; also soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 3 times its volume of a mixture of 19 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water (absence of more than about 5 per cent. of *most other fixed oils*). With an equal volume of benzin, it forms, at 15° C. (59° F.), a turbid mixture, but at 17° C. (62·6° F.) it yields a clear solution." *U. S.*

Weaker alcohol, of the sp. gr. 0·8425, takes up about three-fifths of its weight. It has been supposed that adulterations with other fixed oils might thus be detected, as the latter are much

* For a particular account of the mode of cultivating the castor oil plant and preparing the oil in the Western States, see a paper by Prof. Procter in *A. J. P.* (xxvii. 99).

† *Italian Castor Oil.* The castor oil plant is cultivated throughout Italy, but especially in the neighborhood of Verona, where the oil is prepared with great care and is remarkably free from the peculiar odor and taste which render this medicine so repulsive to many palates. As it is highly desirable, for certain purposes, that the oil should be as free from these properties as possible, though as a mere purgative perhaps less powerful when deprived of them, it is a point worthy of investigation, why it is that the Italian oil is superior to most if not all other commercial varieties of the oil in these respects. The following facts in relation to the mode of preparing the oil practised at Verona, published by Mr. H. Groves, of Florence, acquire on this account a special value. One point of importance is that the seeds are used fresh, as the oil rapidly becomes rancid in them when kept. Another fact is that the seeds are entirely deprived of their coating before being submitted to pressure. This is effected by passing them between two revolving wooden rollers, with a winnowing machine beneath; and, to secure the complete absence of integument, they are afterwards assorted by the hand, all being rejected which are not perfectly decorticated. They are then put into hempen bags, which are arranged in layers with a sheet of iron heated to 90° F. between them, so as to enable the oil to flow. Lastly, they are submitted to pressure in hydraulic presses. The oil which now flows is of the finest quality. An inferior kind is obtained by pressing the marc at a somewhat higher heat. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1866.)

less soluble in that fluid; but Pereira has shown that castor oil has the property of rendering a portion of other fixed oils soluble in alcohol: so that the test cannot be relied on. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 498.) Such adulterations, however, are seldom practised in this country.* Castor oil is soluble also in ether, and in its weight of glacial acetic acid. Its proximate composition † has been repeatedly investigated. The bulk of it is *ricinolein*,‡ $C_3H_5(C_{18}H_{34}O_3)_3$, which is the *ricinoleic acid* ($C_{18}H_{34}O_3$) glyceride. At the same time, some palmitin, stearin, and myristin are also present. Ricinoleic acid is a viscid oil, which solidifies below 0° C., does not solidify in contact with the air by absorption of oxygen, and is not homologous with oleic or linoleic acid, neither of which is found in castor oil. Castor oil is thickened if warmed with 1 part of starch and 5 parts of nitric acid (sp. gr. 1·25), *ricinelaidin* being formed. From this *ricinelaidic acid* may be obtained in brilliant crystals. Ricinoleic acid is converted by caustic potassa into caprylic alcohol and sebacic acid, with disengagement of hydrogen; and the same products are obtained by the reaction of potassa with the oil itself. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1855, p. 113.) Its purgative property is supposed by MM. Bussy and Lecanu to belong essentially to the oil, and not to any distinct principle which it may hold in solution. According to M. O. Popp, castor oil differs from all other fixed oils in turning the plane of polarized light to the right. (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1871, p. 354; from *Arch. de Pharm.*, 1871.) Various substances containing coloring principles which they yield to castor oil produce beautiful fluorescence in that fluid when heated with it, such as logwood, turmeric, camwood, etc. (Charles Horner, *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1874, p. 282.)

Castor oil which is acrid to the taste may sometimes be rendered mild by boiling it with a small proportion of water. If turbid, it should be clarified by filtration through coarse paper. On exposure to the air it is apt to become rancid, and is then unfit for use.

Medical Properties and Uses. Good castor oil is a mild and speedy cathartic, usually operating with little griping or uneasiness, and evacuating the contents of the bowels without much increasing the alvine secretions. Hence it is particularly applicable to *constipation* from collections of indurated fæces, and to cases in which acrid substances have been swallowed or acrid secretions have accumulated in the bowels. From its mildness it is also especially adapted to diseases attended with irritation or inflammation of the bowels, as *colic*, *diarrhœa*, *dysentery*, and *enteritis*. It is habitually resorted to in cases of *pregnant* and *puerperal women*, and is decidedly, as a rule, the best and safest cathartic for children. Infants usually require a larger relative dose than adults.

The dose for an adult is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.), for an infant from one to three or four fluidrachms (3·75–11·25–15 C.c.) It is difficult of administration, from its peculiarly disagreeable taste and from its clamminess and adhesiveness to the mouth. In a few cases, the disgust which it excites is utterly unconquerable by any effort of resolution. A common method of disguising the drug is to give it floating in mint or cinnamon water; but that which we have found upon the whole the least offensive is to give it floating on the froth of sarsaparilla syrup mixed with carbonic acid water. Some take it in wine, or spirituous liquors, or the froth of porter; but these are often contra-indicated by their stimulant property. An excellent method is to mix it with an equal amount of glycerin and strongly aromatize with a volatile oil. It

* *Cohesion figures as a means of testing liquids.* A mode of testing oily or resinous liquids has been proposed by Mr. Charles Tomlinson, which is applicable to this oil, and may succeed when purely chemical methods fail. When one liquid is dropped on the surface of another, there are often curious figures produced, as the drop spreads out on the surface of the liquid upon which it falls, occasioned by the conflict between the cohesion of the drop and the forces which cause its diffusion. These the author calls *cohesion figures*. As a rule, each liquid has its own characteristic figures, which are modified by the admixture of other liquids, and thus the means are afforded of testing not only the identity of any suspected liquid, but also its purity. To one not acquainted with the characteristic cohesion figures, it would be sufficient to try the experiment with a specimen known to be pure, and then to compare with the figure it forms, those formed by the specimen to be tested. The experiment should always be made under precisely similar circumstances. In reference to castor oil, it should be dropped from the end of a glass rod upon the surface of perfectly clear water, in a glass vessel scrupulously clean, as any imperfection in these respects might interpose a physical impediment to the success of the experiment. (*Chem. News.*, Feb. 13, 1864, p. 79. See, also, *A. J. P.*, July, 1864.)

Effect on light. Another test for castor oil is its influence on polarized light. The fixed oils generally have little or no power. Castor oil deviates the plane of polarization to the right, but loses this property if heated to 270° C. (518° F.). (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1861, p. 339.)

† When distilled in vacuo it yields at first about one-third of its volume of nearly pure œnanthol, and after this, with great rise of temperature, a crystallizing body belonging to the oleic acid group and having the formula $C_{11}H_{20}O_2$. (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 182.)

‡ Buchheim believes the active principle of castor oil to be *ricinoleic acid*; this has been confirmed by the experiments of Prof. Hans Meyer (*Archiv f. Exper. Path.*, xxviii. 1890), who finds that both pure ricinoleic acid and the ricinoleate of glycerin are active purgatives. Ricinelaidic acid, which Buchheim believes to be inactive, Meyer finds when given in fine emulsion to act as powerfully as does castor oil.

separates on standing, but can readily be reincorporated by shaking. When the stomach is unusually delicate, the oil may be made into an emulsion with mucilage or the yolk of an egg, loaf-sugar, and an aromatic water. Tragacanth has been recommended as producing a better emulsion than gum arabic. Laudanum may be added in cases of intestinal irritation. Castor oil may also be beneficially used as an enema, in the quantity of two or three fluidounces (60 or 90 C.c.), mixed with some mucilaginous liquid. It has been recommended as a local application to the breasts of nursing women, to promote the secretion of milk.

Though apt to become rancid by itself, it loses much of its susceptibility when mixed with lard; and some druggists are said to use it as a substitute for olive oil in ointments and cerates.

OLEUM ROSÆ. U. S. Oil of Rose.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM RŌ'ṢÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the fresh flowers of Rosa damascena, Miller (nat. ord. Rosaceæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered vials, in a cool place, protected from light. When dispensed, it should be completely liquefied by warming, if necessary, and well mixed by agitation." *U. S.*

Oleum Rosarum; Attar, Otto of Rose; Essence de Rose, *Fr.;* Rosenöl, *G.*

This is commonly called *attar*, *otto*, or *essence of roses*. It is prepared on a large scale in Turkey in Europe, especially in the Balkan Mountains, in Egypt, Persia, Cashmere, India, and other countries of the East; but European and American commerce is at present supplied chiefly from the region constituting the southern slope of the Balkans. Kizanlik is said to be the district in which the oil is most largely produced, 500,000 metticals (about 3000 avoirdupois pounds) being at present the annual amount obtained. The roses are gathered in May, and are distilled with the green leaves of the calyx. They are put, to the amount of 30 or 60 pounds, into a tinned copper boiler of the capacity of about 150 pounds. The heat is applied over an open fire, and a boiling temperature is continued for two hours, when the first part of the distilled fluid is returned to the boiler, and the process is continued to completion. The oil collects on the top of the water in the receiver, where it is removed from time to time as it accumulates. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1872, p. 1051.) In the south of France it is prepared in small quantities by distilling the petals of the rose with water. The oil concretes and floats upon the surface of the water when it cools. The precise species of rose from which the oil is extracted is not in all instances certainly known; but it is said to be obtained from *R. damascena* in Northern India, *R. moschata* in Persia, and *R. centifolia* (*provincialis*) in the north of European Turkey. Dr. Hochstell, of the Vienna University, who travelled in the region of the rose-culture, and from whose paper the facts just mentioned were chiefly derived, states that the most important species cultivated in the valley of Kizanlik are *R. damascena*, *R. semperviva*, and *R. moschata*. It is furnished in very minute proportion, not more than three drachms having been obtained by Colonel Polier, in Hindostan, from 100 pounds of the petals. It is usually imported in small bottles, and is very costly.* Oil of rose is said to be prepared in Macedonia by crushing the petals in mills, expressing the fluid part, filtering it, and then exposing it to the sun in small glass vessels. The oil gradually collects on the surface of the liquid, and is removed. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1847, p. 783.) Landerer states that at Damascus and in other parts of Asia Minor the oil is prepared by dry distillation. The buds, being collected before sunrise, are placed in a glass retort, and the distillation is effected by a salt-water bath, care being taken so to regulate the heat as not to scorch the petals. The water of the fresh roses and their oil come over together, and the latter, floating on the top, is readily separated.†

Oil of rose is nearly colorless, or presents some shade of green, yellow, or red, but, according to Polier, the color is no criterion of its value. It is concrete below 80° F., and becomes liquid between 84° and 86° F. Its odor is very powerful and diffusive. At 90° F. its sp. gr. is 0·832. Alcohol dissolves it, though not freely when cold. It is officially described as "a pale yellowish, transparent liquid, having the strong, fragrant odor of rose, and a mild, slightly sweetish taste. Specific gravity, 0·865 to 0·880 at 20° C. (68° F.). It is but slightly soluble in alcohol, and neutral to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. The congealing and melting points of the Oil are subject to some variation, depending upon the amount of stearopten, but,

* For an account by Dr. R. Bauer, of Constantinople, of oil of rose, its production, properties, adulteration, etc., see *P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1867, p. 286; also *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 367.

† The experiments of Messrs. Schimmel are said to indicate that the oil of rose can be prepared from German-grown flowers with commercial success. It is affirmed that the product is superior to the Turkish oil in fineness and strength of aroma, and also that it differs in having a higher congealing point,—German oil solidifying at 32° C., Turkish oil at 20° C. For an account of its production, see *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1886.

when slowly cooled to a temperature, usually, between 16° and 21° C. (60·8° and 69·8° F.), it becomes a transparent solid, interspersed with numerous slender, shining, iridescent, scale-like crystals. Upon the application of the heat of the hand, the crystals should float in the upper portion of the liquefied Oil. If to 5 drops of the Oil, contained in a test-tube, 5 drops of concentrated sulphuric acid be added, a reddish-brown, thick mixture will be produced, but no white fumes or tarry odor should be developed, and the fragrant odor of the Oil should not be destroyed. If this mixture be then shaken with 2 C.c. of alcohol, the resulting liquid may be turbid, but should be nearly colorless, and should not at once assume a red or reddish-brown color (absence of *oil of ginger-grass* or *Turkish oil of geranium*, from *Andropogon Schœnanthus* Linné (nat. ord. *Gramineæ*), and of oil of *rose geranium*, from *Pelargonium Radula* (Cavanilles) Aiton, *Pelargonium capitatum* (Linné) Aiton, and *Pelargonium odoratissimum* (Linné) Aiton; nat. ord. *Geraniaceæ*)." *U. S.* It consists of two oils, one liquid, the other concrete at ordinary temperatures. These may be separated by freezing the oil, and compressing it between folds of blotting-paper, which absorbs the liquid oil and leaves the concrete or stearopten. The liquid constituent is oxygenated, while the solid one is a hydrocarbon of the formula $C_{16}H_{34}$, making it a paraffin hydrocarbon. A sample of oil of rose distilled in Leipsic in 1884 yielded 28 per cent. of this stearopten, an inferior oil distilled in London gave 68 per cent., and a very good oil from the Balkans gave 9·20 per cent. The odor resides exclusively in the liquid oil, the pure stearopten being scentless. The oxygenated constituent has been recently studied by Eckart (*Arch. der Pharm.*, 1891, pp. 229, 355). He gives it the formula $C_{10}H_{18}O$ and the name *rhodinol*. It is an alcohol-like body, boiling at 216°–217° C., and forms esters with acetic or benzoic anhydride. Oxidation with potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid converts it into an aldehyde which the author calls *rhodinal*, and which is believed to be identical with citral.

Oil of santal, other volatile oils, fixed oils, spermaceti, etc., are said to be added almost universally as adulterations. The volatile additions may be detected by their not being concrete; the fixed, by the greasy stain they leave on paper when heated. Guibourt has offered certain tests by which he thinks the purity of the oil may be determined. (See *A. J. P.*, xxi. 318.) A. Ganswindt recommends the following tests. Agitate 1 drop of the oil with 45 Gm. of warm water, and sprinkle the solution in a moderately warm room, which will soon be filled with a rose odor, in which foreign odors may be detected without difficulty. An adulteration with a fixed oil produces a permanent grease-stain upon paper, and spermaceti is left behind on the evaporation of a few drops of the oil from a watch-crystal in a water-bath. On mixing a few drops of pure oil of rose with an equal bulk of sulphuric acid, the rose odor is not changed, but oils used for adulteration change their odor, which becomes apparent in the rose odor. Or 5 drops of the oil are mixed in a dry test-tube with 20 drops of pure concentrated sulphuric acid; when the mixture is cool it is agitated with 20 Gm. of absolute alcohol, when a nearly clear solution should be obtained, which, heated to boiling, remains clear yellowish brown on cooling. In the presence of the oils of rose geranium, palma rosa, etc., the alcoholic mixture is turbid, and on standing separates a deposit without becoming clear. (*Seifens. Ztg.*, 1881, p. 32; *A. J. P.*, May, 1881.) The oil of one of the sweet-scented Pelargoniums, perhaps the *rose geranium*, is much employed in Turkey for the purpose of adulteration. According to Mr. Hanbury, who appears to have thoroughly investigated the subject, two substances especially are used in Constantinople for adulterating the oil,—one spermaceti, the other a volatile oil produced by certain grasses in the East Indies belonging to the genus *Andropogon*, large quantities of which are exported from Bombay, partly directly to Europe, partly through the Arabian Gulf, whence it reaches Constantinople. The same oil is imported into London under the name of *Turkish essence of geranium*, or *geranium oil*.*

A test of the genuineness of oil of rose has been proposed by Hager, consisting in the action of strong sulphuric acid, which, added in the quantity of twenty drops to five drops of the oil, produces a reddish-brown mixture, which, if shaken when cold with three drachms of absolute alcohol, will, if the oil be pure, change into a tolerably clear yellowish-brown solution, remaining clear if heated to ebullition; whereas if the oil be adulterated the mixture will continue very cloudy, and sometimes a deposit will form. Professor Redwood, however, on trying the test, did not find it satisfactory. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1866.) O. Helm (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1885) states that the test with a mixture of five parts of chloroform and twenty

* *Oil of Rhodium.* This is said to be the oil from the wood of *Convolvulus scoparius* or *Genista canariensis*. It is used to adulterate oil of rose. An oil of rhodium is sold to rat-catchers as a lure for rats, which is made by mixing one part of oil of rose with twenty parts of oil of copaiba.

parts of alcohol cannot be relied upon, as no separation of crystalline scales took place in four different rose oils which were doubtless genuine. But Prof. Flückiger (*Archiv*, p. 185), on the other hand, states that in an experience of many years it has never failed. For other tests for oil of rose, see *N. R.*, 1883; *Drug. Circ.*, 1886. According to Bauer, the best tests of the purity of the oil are found in its congealing, in five minutes, at a temperature of 12·5° C. (54·5° F.), and its crystallizing, as a solid mass, in light, shiny plates, present everywhere throughout the liquid. These crystals are truncated semi-sided prisms, the angles of which are unequal, and which must be classed in the rhombic system. This stearopten, melted and allowed to cool, crystallizes in a manner so complete that the microscope can readily reveal the presence of foreign substances, such as spermaceti, fatty bodies, wax, and other analogous amorphous substances.

Oil of rose may be added, as a grateful perfume, to various spirituous preparations for internal use, and to cerates and ointments.

OLEUM ROSMARINI. U. S., Br. Oil of Rosemary.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM RŎŞ-MA-RĪ'NĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the leaves of Rosmarinus officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from the flowering tops of Rosmarinus officinalis, Linn." *Br.*

Oleum Anthos; Essence de Romarin, *Fr.;* Rosmarinöl, *G.*

The fresh leaves of rosemary yield, according to Baumé, 0·26 per cent. of volatile oil; but the product is rated much higher by others. According to Brande, a pound of the fresh herb yields about a drachm of the oil, which is about 1 per cent.; and Zeller gives very nearly the same product for the dried herb. This oil is colorless, with an odor similar to that of the plant, though less agreeable. Its sp. gr. is said to be 0·911, but reduced to 0·8886 by rectification (0·895 to 0·915, *U. S.*). Buignet gives the sp. gr. of the rectified oil at 0·896, and states that it is moderately dextrogyrate. Its reaction is neutral. It is soluble in all proportions in alcohol of 0·830, but requires for solution at 64° F. forty parts of alcohol of 0·887. (*Berzelius.*) "Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, the solution being neutral, or very slightly acid, to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid." *U. S.* Kane gives its sp. gr. at 0·897, its boiling point at 365° F. Kept in bottles imperfectly stopped, it deposits a *stearopten* analogous to camphor, sometimes amounting, according to Proust, to one-tenth of the oil. Both Gladstone and Flückiger find that most of the oil consists of a hydrocarbon of the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 165° C. (329° F.), and Schimmel & Co. (*Report*, Oct. 1889) identified this hydrocarbon as *pinene;* but there is a smaller fraction boiling at from 200° to 210° C. (392°–410° F.), which at low temperatures deposits a camphor, $C_{10}H_{18}O$. Bucholz states that it affords camphor when digested with from one-half its weight to an equal weight of potassa, and distilled. Weber has recently examined oil of rosemary in Wallach's laboratory (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, 238, pp. 89–108), and finds that the fraction boiling between 176° and 182° C. contains *cineol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$. He also found the terpene mentioned by Gladstone, laurel camphor, and borneol. According to Flückiger (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 132), from 20,000 to 25,000 kilogrammes of oil of rosemary are produced in Grasse every year. It is said to be sometimes adulterated with oil of turpentine, which may be detected by mixing the suspected liquid with an equal volume of pure alcohol: the oil of rosemary is dissolved, and that of turpentine left. This oil is stimulant, but is employed chiefly as an ingredient of rubefacient liniments. The dose is from three to six drops (0·18–0·36 C.c.). A case of death is recorded, in a child four or five years old, from a mixture of six measures of this oil and two of oil of wormseed, given in repeated doses of a tablespoonful. (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 286.)

OLEUM RUTÆ. Br. Oil of Rue.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM RŪ'TÆ.)

"The oil distilled from the fresh herb of Ruta graveolens, Linn." *Br.*

Essence de Rue, *Fr.;* Rautenöl, *G.*

Rue yields a very small proportion of a yellow or greenish volatile oil, which becomes brown with age. According to Zeller, the product from the fresh herb is 0·28 per cent., that from the seeds about 1 per cent. The oil has the strong unpleasant odor of the plant, and an acrid taste. Kane gives its sp. gr. at 0·837, its boiling point at 230° C. (446° F.). "A neutral reaction. Sp. gr. about 0·880. It is soluble in an equal weight of alcohol." *U. S.* 1880. It consists mainly of an oxidized constituent, which Strecker proved to be *methly-nonyl-ketone*, $CH_3.CO.C_9H_{19}$; that is, a ketone analogous to acetone, $CH_3.CO.CH_3$. This accounts for its

yielding under treatment with oxidizing agents pelargonic acid, $C_9H_{18}O_2$. The methyl-nonyl-ketone, when pure, is a colorless liquid, fluorescing blue, boiling at 225° C. (437° F.), and crystallizing at about 15° C. (59° F.). When treated with nitric acid, it yields, among other products, pelargonic acid, which is used in the preparation of a fruit essence denominated *pelargonic ether*. (See *Fruit Essences*, in Part II.)

Oil of rue is a powerful local irritant, causing, when applied to the skin persistently, burning, redness, and vesication, and when taken internally in large doses, violent gastric pains and vomiting, great prostration, confusion of mind, convulsive twitching, and in pregnant women abortion. It has been considerably used in Europe for the production of criminal *abortion*, and by the profession as a uterine stimulant in *amenorrhœa* and *menorrhagia*. The dose is from two to five drops (0·12–0·3 C.c.) every two or three hours.

OLEUM SABINÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Savine.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM SA-BĪ'NÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Savine." *U. S.* "The oil distilled in Britain from the fresh tops of Juniperus Sabina, Linn." *Br.*

Essence de Sabine, *Fr.;* Sadebaumöl, *G.*

According to the more recent authorities, the proportion of volatile oil obtained from savine varies as much as from 1 to 2·5 per cent. The oil is nearly colorless or yellow, limpid, strongly odorous, and of a bitterish, extremely acrid taste. "Specific gravity, 0·910 to 0·940 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble in an equal volume of alcohol (distinction from *oil of juniper* and *oil of turpentine*), the solution being neutral to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid." *U. S.* According to Kane, its sp. gr. is 0·915, its boiling point 157·2° C. (315° F.), and its composition $C_{10}H_{16}$, equivalent to that of oil of turpentine. W. A. Tilden, on the other hand, considers that the main constituent of the oil has the composition $C_{10}H_{16}O$. According to Winckler, it is converted by sulphuric acid into an oil not distinguishable from that of thyme. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 1847, p. 11.) With iodine it becomes heated, detonates, and gives off yellow and violet-red vapors. (*Flaschoff.*) Distilled with 24 parts of water and 8 of calcium chloride, it evolves carbonic acid with effervescence, and yields *chloroform*. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, xiv. 310.) The oil of savine is a powerful local irritant, producing, when persistently applied to the skin or the mucous membrane, violent inflammation. It has been much used for the purpose of producing criminal abortion, and in a number of such cases has caused death, the symptoms being violent abdominal pain, bloody vomiting and purging, diminution or suppression of urine, disordered respiration, unconsciousness, convulsions, and fatal collapse. It is a powerful stimulant to the uterine system, and has been given with alleged success in *atonic amenorrhœa* and *menorrhagia*. The dose is from two to five drops (0·12–0·3 C.c.). Externally, Dr. Pincus has used it successfully, in the proportion of from five to thirty drops in an ounce of spirit, for the cure of *alopecia pityroides*. He has it rubbed on the head and also applied by means of compresses.

OLEUM SANTALI. U. S., Br. Oil of Santal.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM SĂN'TA-LĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the wood of Santalum album, Linné (nat. ord. Santalaceæ)." *U. S.* "The oil distilled from the wood of Santalum album, Linn." *Br.*

Oleum Santali Flavi; Oil of Sandal Wood; Essence de Santal, *Fr.;* Santelöl, *G.*

Under the name of sandal wood various drugs of diverse origin and character find their way into commerce. Of these, the wood of the *Pterocarpus santalinus* is described in this book under its official name of *Santalum rubrum*, or *Red Saunders*. *Sandal wood bark*, which is believed by H. Stieren to be obtained from some species of Myroxylon or Myrospermum, is described as occurring in irregular, more or less smooth or unevenly corrugated pieces, of a light, whitish-cinnamon color, with dark, hard epidermis, and of an agreeable, custard-like smell, and an aromatic, slightly acrid, balsamic, bitterish taste. From it Dr. Stieren obtained over fifteen per cent. of a clear substance resembling Peruvian balsam. This bark is used for burning in churches as a substitute for frankincense, and bears no relation to sandal wood proper. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 680.) A sandal wood is yielded by the *Fusanus spicatus* and *F. acuminatus* of Australia, whence it is shipped in large quantities to China. An oil distilled from this wood, now coming into the European market, is said to be less odorous than the official product. Other varieties of sandal wood are collected in the Sandwich Islands from *Santalum freycinetianum*, Gaud., and *S. pyrularium*, A. Gray; in the Feejee Islands from *S. yasi*, Seem.; in New Caledonia from *S. austro-*

caledonicum, Vieillb.; and in Queensland from *Eremophila mitchelli*. A considerable quantity of oil enters commerce under the name of *West Indian sandal wood oil*, the wood which produces it being known as *Venezuela sandal wood*. This wood is entirely distinct in its botanical relation and in its microscopic character from the true sandal wood. It appears to be obtained from species belonging to the Rutaceæ. For elaborate microscopic descriptions of the sandal woods, method of obtaining the oil, etc., see various papers in the *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi.

The *Santalum album*, which yields the official oil, is a small tree twenty to thirty feet high, a native of the mountainous portions of India and of various islands of the Eastern Archipelago, but cultivated in India for the sake of its oil.

Oil of santal is distilled in Germany, England, and India; the English oil being the highest priced and the most esteemed, on account of its general purity. According to the Indian Pharmacopœia the yield of oil is about 2·5 per cent. Oil of santal is habitually adulterated, castor and other fixed oils being largely added, and on the continent of Europe the *volatile oil of cedar*, which is obtained by distilling the chips left in the making of lead-pencils. Chapoteaut (*Bulletin de la Soc. Chim.*, 37, p. 353) found two constituents, one of which he calls *santalol*, $C_{15}H_{26}O$, boiling at 310° C., and the other *santalal*, $C_{15}H_{24}O$, boiling at 300° C. Both of these are decomposed by distilling over phosphoric anhydride, the one yielding $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling point 260° C., and the other $C_{15}H_{22}$, boiling point 245° C. A specimen of oil of santal from South Australia, examined by Schimmel & Co. (*Report*, Oct. 1891), afforded a white crystalline principle, melting at 104°–105° C., which crystallized out in the oil. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes the oil of santal as "a pale yellowish or yellow, somewhat thickish liquid, having a peculiar, strongly aromatic odor, and a pungent, spicy taste. Specific gravity, 0·970 to 0·978 at 15° C. (59° F.). It deviates polarized light to the left (distinction from *Australian* (spec. grav. 0·953) and *West Indian* (spec. grav. 0·965) *Sandal Wood Oil*, which deviate polarized light to the right). Readily soluble in alcohol, the solution being slightly acid to litmus paper. If to 1 C.c. of the Oil, at 20° C. (68° F.), there be added 10 C.c. of a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water, a perfectly clear solution should be obtained (test for *cedarwood oil*, *castor oil*, and *other fatty oils*, etc.)." *U. S.*

The Indian Pharmacopœia gives the sp. gr. of the oil at 0·98, the British at 0·96, while in a number of specimens examined by E. M. Holmes (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 821) the sp. gr. varied from 0·96 to 0·99, and it is very probable that the description of the U. S. P. was taken from a sophisticated specimen. The sp. gr. of the oil of cedar wood, according to Mr. Ince, is 0·948. A large percentage of it may be added to the oil of santal without affecting its density sufficiently to be detected. Holmes states that the presence of more than ten per cent. of the cedar oil can be recognized through the different solubilities of the oils in alcohol. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 820.) R. A. Cripps, after a thorough examination of the oils in the London market (see *P. J. Tr.*, 1892, p. 461), gives this test: "Two drops of the oil added to six drops of nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·5, on a white tile, should give a yellow to bright reddish-brown coloration, without any green, indigo, or violet tint at the edges during five minutes. For complete saponification in alcoholic solution, it requires not more than 1 per cent. of potassium hydrate." See, also, *A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 20. West India oil can be distinguished from the genuine oil by its deviating the plane of polarization to the *right* instead of to the *left*. (*Pharmacographia*.) F. H. Alcock examined two specimens of oil of santal, sp. gr. 0·9649 and 0·9573, both of which showed strong fluorescence. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 923.)

Medical Properties. The oil of santal is used chiefly as a perfume, but it is also a very valuable remedy in the treatment of *chronic* and *subacute inflammations* of the *mucous membranes*, especially in *bronchitis* and in *gonorrhœa* when the first period of severe acute inflammation has passed. It is in concentrated form a local irritant, and probably is capable of causing more or less systemic excitement, although the effects of large doses of it upon the general organism are not well known. It may be given in doses of from fifteen to twenty minims (0·9 to 1·25 C.c.), in emulsion, or preferably in capsule, three or four times a day. It was first recommended by Dr. Thos. B. Henderson in gonorrhœa, who is, however, stated to have used the oil of *S. myrtifolium*.

OLEUM SASSAFRAS. U. S. Oil of Sassafras.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM SĂS'SẠ-FRĂS.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Sassafras." *U. S.*

Essence de Sassafras, *Fr.*; Sassafrasöl, *G.*

The proportion of oil yielded by the root of sassafras is variously stated at from less than 1

to somewhat more than 2 per cent. The bark of the root, directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, would afford a larger amount. Very large quantities of the oil are distilled in Maryland and sent to Baltimore for sale. The usual yield is said by Mr. Sharp to be one pound from three bushels of the root. From fifteen to twenty thousand pounds were sent annually, before the war, to the Baltimore market. (A. P. Sharp, *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1863, p. 53.) At Richmond, Va., in 1871, it was being manufactured at the rate of forty gallons of pure oil per week. The root, chopped fine by machinery, has steam forced through it in a closed tub, and the oil is then distilled in the ordinary way. 800 pounds of unrectified oil are said to be obtained from 40,000 pounds of the root. (*Med. and Surg. Reporter*, Aug. 26, 1871.) The oil is of a yellow color or colorless, becoming reddish by age. It has the fragrant odor of sassafras, with a warm, pungent, aromatic taste, and a neutral reaction. It is among the heaviest of the volatile oils, having the sp. gr. of 1·094, or 1·087 on the authority of Buignet, who states also that it is very slightly dextrogyrate. It is officially described as "a yellowish or reddish-yellow liquid, having the characteristic odor of sassafras without the odor of camphor, and a warm, aromatic taste. It becomes darker and thicker by age and exposure to the air. Specific gravity, 1·070 to 1·090 at 15° C. (59° F.). Soluble, in all proportions, in alcohol, the solution being neutral to litmus paper; also soluble, in all proportions, in glacial acetic acid, and in carbon disulphide. If to 5 drops of the Oil 5 drops of nitric acid be added, a violent reaction will take place, producing at first a red color, and finally converting the Oil into a red resin. If to a few drops of the Oil a drop of sulphuric acid be added, a deep-red color will be produced at first, which soon becomes blackish." *U. S.* MM. Grimaux and Ruothe state that it is a mixture of a hydrocarbon, *safrene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and an oxidized compound, *safrol*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_2$. This latter constitutes nine-tenths of the weight of the oil. It crystallizes well in hard four- or six-sided prisms, with the odor of sassafras. It liquefies at 8·5° C. (47° F.), boils at 232° C. (449·6° F.), has a sp. gr. of 1·108, and is destitute of rotatory power. Safrene, on the other hand, boils at 155° to 157° C. (311° to 314·6° F.), and is dextrogyrate. (See *Sassafras.*) Prof. Flückiger ascertained that safrol was one of those remarkable bodies which are capable of existing either in a solid or in a fluid condition long after they have passed their freezing or their melting point. Chemically, it has been found to be the methylene ether of allyl-dioxybenzene. Safrol appears to be widely distributed in the vegetable kingdom, probably existing in the bark of the *Mespilodaphne sassafras*, also in the *Puchury* or *Sassafras nuts*, both of Brazil, as well as in the barks of *Atherosperma moschatum* and of *Beilschmiedia obtusifolia* of Australia, and in the bark of *Doryphora sassafras* of New Caledonia. It is now commercially extracted from oil of camphor, and it probably could be obtained from the oil of various species of the genus *Cinnamomum*. (See *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1887.)

Oil of sassafras is chiefly used for flavoring purposes, but has physiological properties similar to those of the oil of cloves and other allied volatile oils, and may be used for similar purposes. A teaspoonful of it produced in a young man vomiting, collapse, somewhat dilated pupils, and pronounced stupor. (*Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic*, Dec. 1888.)

OLEUM SESAMI. U. S. Oil of Sesamum. [Sesame Oil. Teel Oil. Benne Oil.]

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM SĔS'Ą-MĪ.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the seed of Sesamum Indicum, Linné (nat. ord. Pedaliaceæ)." *U. S.*

Benne Oil; Huile de Sésame, Sésame, *Fr.;* Sesam, Sesamöl, *G.;* Sesamo, *It.;* Ajonjoli, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Corolla* bell-shaped, five-cleft, with the lower lobe largest. *Stamens* five, the fifth a rudiment. *Stigma* lanceolate. *Capsule* four-celled. *Willd.*

Sesamum orientale. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 358; Rheed. *Hort. Malab.* ix. 54. "Leaves ovate-oblong, entire."

Sesamum indicum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 359; Curtis, *Bot. Mag.* vol. xli. t. 1688; *B. & T.* 198. "Leaves ovate-lanceolate, the inferior three-lobed, the superior undivided. Stem erect." There is reason to believe that this species is the one chiefly cultivated in our Southern States. At least Dr. Geo. B. Wood found plants raised in Philadelphia from seeds obtained from Georgia to have its specific character as given by Willdenow.

The benne plant of our Southern States is annual, with a branching stem four or five feet high, and bearing opposite, petiolate leaves, varying considerably in their shape. Those on the upper part of the plant are ovate-lanceolate, irregularly serrate, and pointed, those near the base three-lobed and sometimes ternate; and lobed leaves are not uncommon at all distances

from the ground. The flowers are reddish white, and stand solitarily upon short peduncles in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is an oblong capsule, with small, oval, yellowish seeds.

These two species of Sesamum are natives of the East Indies, and have been cultivated from time immemorial in various parts of Asia and Africa. From the latter continent it is supposed that seeds were brought by the negroes to the United States, where, as well as in the West Indies, one or both species are now cultivated to a considerable extent. The plant above described will grow vigorously in the gardens as far north as Philadelphia, though it does not usually ripen its seeds in this vicinity. The seeds are employed as food by the negroes, who parch them over the fire, boil them in broths, make them into puddings, and prepare them in various other modes. By expression they yield a fixed oil, which was introduced into the Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1880. M. Berjot obtained 53 per cent. of the oil by means of carbon disulphide.

1. *Benne Leaves.* These abound in a gummy matter, which they readily impart to water, forming a rich, bland mucilage, much used in the Southern States as a drink in various complaints to which demulcents are applicable, as in *cholera infantum*, *diarrhœa*, *dysentery*, *catarrh*, *acute cystitis*, *strangury*, etc. The remedy has attracted attention also in the North, and has been employed with favorable results in Philadelphia. One or two fresh leaves of full size, stirred about in half a pint of cool water, will soon render it sufficiently viscid. With dried leaves hot water is used. The leaves also serve for the preparation of emollient cataplasms.

2. *Benne Oil.* This is inodorous, of a bland, sweetish taste and a neutral reaction, and will keep long without becoming rancid. Flückiger finds that 76 per cent. of the oil consists of *olein*, and that the solid portions yield on saponification *palmitic*, *stearic*, and *myristic acids*. The oil also contains a small quantity of what is probably a resinoid substance, which may be removed by glacial acetic acid or alcohol. It bears some resemblance to olive oil in its properties, and may be used for similar purposes. It is not a drying oil. Villavecchia and Fabris (*Zeit. für Angew. Chem.*, 1893, 505) have recently investigated sesame oil, and find, in addition to the main constituents before mentioned, a higher alcohol of the formula $C_{25}H_{44}O$, fusing at 137° C., a finely crystallizing substance of the formula $C_{11}H_{12}O_3$, fusing at 123° C., which substance they name *sesamin*, and a thick uncrystallizable oil, non-nitrogenous, which is the cause of the cherry-red coloration which sesame oil shows with hydrochloric acid and sugar. "Specific gravity, 0·919 to 0·923 at 15° C. (59° F.). When cooled to —3° C. (26·6° F.) it becomes thick, and at —5° C. (23° F.) it congeals to a yellowish-white mass. Concentrated sulphuric acid converts it into a brownish-red jelly. If 5 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with an equal volume of concentrated hydrochloric acid, the latter will usually assume a bright emerald-green color, especially if the Oil has been exposed for some time to the action of air and light; and, on the subsequent addition of about 0·5 Gm. of sugar, and again shaking the mixture, a blue color, changing to violet, and finally to deep crimson, will be produced." *U. S.* Its relation with nitric and sulphuric acids may serve for its detection when used as an adulterant, although it is said that if the other oil be in great excess the oil of benné will not respond. According to Schaedler, if one C.c. of pure benne oil is shaken with one C.c. of pure hydrochloric acid, sp. gr. 1·125, and one gramme of cane sugar, a rose-red color is developed in fifteen minutes, changing to violet in twenty-five minutes, and increasing in intensity until, after five hours, the acid has assumed a violet color corresponding in intensity to that of a solution of iodine in carbon disulphide or in chloroform. In the case of all other fixed oils, this color reaction does not begin until after three-quarters of an hour. Olive and almond oils containing as little as one-fourth per cent. of benne oil exhibit the reaction in from twenty to twenty-five minutes. The failure of some experimenters to find the reactions available rests upon the fact that they searched for the color in the oil, and not, as they should have done, in the acid. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 185.) Benne oil was known to the ancient Persians and Egyptians, and is esteemed by the modern Arabs and other people of the East both as food and as an external application to promote softness of the skin. It is laxative in large doses.

OLEUM SINAPIS VOLATILE. U. S. (Br.) Volatile Oil of Mustard.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM SḬ-NĀ'PĬS VǪ-LĂT'Ḭ-LĒ.)

"A volatile oil obtained from Black Mustard by maceration with water and subsequent distillation." *U. S.* "The oil distilled with water from black mustard seeds after the expression of the fixed oil." *Br.*

Oleum Sinapis, *Br., P. G.;* Oleum Sinapis Æthereum; Essence de Moutarde, *Fr.;* Aetherisches Senföl, *G.*

The *volatile oil of mustard* is usually obtained from seeds which have been deprived of their

fixed oil by pressure. It is a colorless or pale-yellow liquid, rather heavier than water, of an exceedingly pungent odor, and an acrid burning taste; with alkaline solutions it yields sulphocyanates. "Specific gravity, 1·018 to 1·029 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, 148° to 150° C. (298·4° to 302° F.). Freely soluble in alcohol, ether, or carbon disulphide, the solutions being neutral to litmus paper. If to 3 Gm. of the Oil 6 Gm. of sulphuric acid be gradually added, the liquid being kept cool, the mixture, upon subsequent agitation, will evolve sulphur dioxide, but will remain of a light yellow color, and at first perfectly clear, becoming afterwards thick and occasionally crystalline, while the pungent odor of the Oil will disappear. If a portion of the Oil be heated in a flask connected with a well-cooled condenser, it should distil completely between 148° and 150° C. (298·4° and 302° F.), and both the first and the last portion of the distillate should have the same specific gravity as the original Oil (absence of *alcohol*, *chloroform*, *carbon disulphide*, *petroleum*, or *fatty oils*). If a small portion of the Oil be diluted with 5 times its volume of alcohol, and a drop of ferric chloride test-solution be added, no blue or violet color should be produced (absence of *phenols*). If a mixture of 3 Gm. of the Oil and 3 Gm. of alcohol be shaken, in a small flask, with 6 Gm. of ammonia water, it will become clear after standing for some hours, or rapidly when warmed to 50° C. (122° F.), and usually deposit, without becoming colored, crystals of thiosinamine (allyl-thio-urea, $CS.N_2H_3(C_3H_5)$). To determine the proportion of thiosinamine obtainable from the Oil, decant the mother-water from the crystals, and evaporate it gradually in a tared capsule, on a water-bath, adding fresh portions only after the ammoniacal odor of each preceding portion has disappeared. Then add the crystals from the flask to those in the capsule, rinsing them out of the flask with a little alcohol, and heat the capsule on a water-bath until its weight remains constant. The amount of thiosinamine thus obtained from 3 Gm. of the Oil should be not less than 3·25 Gm., nor more than 3·5 Gm. After cooling, thiosinamine forms a brownish, crystalline mass, fusing at 70° C. (158° F.), and having a leek-like, but no pungent, odor. The mass should be soluble in 2 parts of warm water, forming a solution which should not redden blue litmus paper, and which possesses a somewhat bitter, not persistent taste." *U. S.* Dr. Will considers it to be *allyl* isosulphocyanate (C_3H_5CNS), the compound radical being the same as that of oil of garlic, which is considered a sulphide of allyl. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Nos. 62 and 64.) It is the principle upon which black mustard seeds depend for their activity. Volatile oil of mustard was first produced artificially by MM. Berthelot and S. de Luca, by treating allyl iodide (C_3H_5I) with an alcoholic solution of potassium sulphocyanate. It is now extensively manufactured artificially by this method. What first forms is allyl sulphocyanate, which is not identical with, but only an isomer of, mustard oil (allyl isosulphocyanate.) But if the sulphocyanate be heated to its boiling point (161° C.) the thermometer sinks rapidly to 150° C., because of the change into the isosulphocyanate, or mustard oil. This change also takes place spontaneously at summer temperature. A small quantity of carbon disulphide seems always to be produced at the same time.* Allyl iodide is procured by treating glycerin with phosphorus iodide, and differs from volatile oil of garlic (allyl sulphide) only in containing iodine instead of sulphur. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1855, p. 124.) According to Zeller, the seeds yield from 0·33 to 0·63 per cent. of the oil. Will and Koerner in 1863 explained the occurrence of this allyl isosulphocyanate in mustard oil. It does not occur ready formed in the seeds, but is produced by the decomposition of a compound, *sinigrin* (*potassium myronate*), occurring there. This sinigrin, $C_{10}H_{18}KNS_2O_{10}$, is decomposed under the influence of *myrosin*, an albuminous ferment which is present, and yields as products of decomposition C_3H_5CNS (allyl isosulphocyanate), $HKSO_4$ (acid potassium sulphate), and $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (glucose). "The aqueous solution of myrosin coagulates at 60° C. (140° F.), and then becomes inactive; hence mustard seed which has been heated to 100° C. (212° F.), or has been roasted, yields no volatile oil, nor does it yield any if powdered and introduced at once into boiling water." (*Pharmacographia*, p. 67.) As it is often adulterated with other oils, a test has been proposed consisting of concentrated sulphuric acid, 50 drops of which are to be mixed with 5 drops of the suspected oil in a small glass tube. If the oil be pure, little change of color will be produced; but if any adulterating oil be present, a red or brown color will soon appear. Rectified oil of petroleum is the only exception, as the color of this is not affected by the acid; but it would be recognized by its insolubility in sulphuric acid. (See *A. J. P.*, July, 1865, p. 285.) Ammonia converts the mustard oil into *thiosinamin*, according to the re-

* *Allyl Hydrobromate.* *Allyl hydrobromate* was first prepared by Wurtz in 1857 (*Ann. de Chimie*, li. 91) by the reaction of allyl iodide on one and a half times its weight of bromine. It is a colorless liquid, soluble in ether, boiling at 170° C., and having a specific gravity of 2·436. Dr. De Fleury (*Arch. de Pharm.*, Aug. 1886) affirms that in doses of five drops, two to four times a day, in capsules, it is a valuable remedy in *hysteria*, *asthma*, and *convulsions*.

action $SCN.C_3H_5 + NH_3 = C_4H_8N_2S$, which separates in colorless rhombic crystals, melting at 70° C., and soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. The reaction is stated by Flückiger (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 20) to be quantitative. Adulteration with alcohol is readily detected by its much lower boiling point, which also enables it to be separated by distillation. It has been adulterated with considerable quantities of carbon disulphide, which may be detected by distillation at a temperature not exceeding 80° C. and mixing the distillate with sulphuric acid, when the carbon disulphide rises to the surface. Oil of mustard naturally contains about 0·56 per cent. of carbon disulphide. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 572.) The volatile oil of mustard has been employed as a substitute for the mustard plaster. For this purpose one part may be mixed with sixty parts of alcohol, and the mixture applied sprinkled not too thickly on piline. It acts speedily and efficiently.

White mustard seeds yield different products. When deprived of fatty oil they yield to boiling alcohol colorless crystals of *sinalbin*, an indifferent substance readily soluble in cold water, but sparingly so in cold alcohol. According to Will, it breaks up under the action of myrosin into *acrinyl sulphocyanate*, $C_7H_7O.CNS$, *sinapine sulphate*, $C_{16}H_{25}NSO_9$, and *glucose*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$. This acrinyl sulphocyanate is a nearly colorless, non-volatile oil, and the rubefacient and vesicating principle of white mustard. *Sinapine* has not yet been isolated, but it is an unstable alkaloid.

A practical application of the principles developed in the foregoing paragraphs has been suggested by M. Lebaigue, who proposes applying to one sheet of paper a concentrated solution of *potassium myronate*, and to a second a concentrated solution of *myrosin*, and drying them. When used, the leaves are to be moistened and applied to the surface, one over the other. Volatile oil of mustard is formed by the reaction of the two principles, and a sinapism is obtained. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1868, p. 118.) From the foregoing account of the chemical relations of mustard, it is obvious that admixture with alcohol or the acids, or the application of a boiling heat, can only have the effect of impairing its medical virtues, and that the best vehicle, whether for external or internal use, is water at common temperatures.

OLEUM TEREBINTHINÆ. U. S., Br. Oil of Turpentine.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM TĔR-Ḛ-BĬN'THI-NÆ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from Turpentine." *U. S.* "The oil distilled, usually by aid of steam, from the oleoresin (turpentine) obtained from Pinus Australis, Mich. (Pinus palustris, Mill.), Pinus Tæda, Linn., and sometimes from Pinus Pinaster, Solander, and Pinus sylvestris, Linn.; rectified if necessary." *Br.*

Essence de Térébenthine; Huile volatile de Térébenthine, *Fr.;* Terpentinöl, *G.;* Olio della Trementina, *It.;* Aceite de Trementina, *Sp.*

This oil is commonly called *spirits* (or *spirit*) *of turpentine*. It is prepared by distillation from our common turpentine, though equally afforded by other varieties. It may be distilled either with or without water; but in the latter case a much higher temperature is required, and the product is liable to be empyreumatic. To obtain it quite pure it should be redistilled from a solution of caustic potassa. The turpentine of *Pinus palustris* is said to yield about 17 per cent. of oil, while that from *Pinus maritima* affords 25 per cent., and that from *Pinus sylvestris* 32 per cent. Large quantities are distilled in North Carolina. The exportations from the United States for the year ending June 30, 1891, amounted to 12,243,621 gallons; for the year ending June 30, 1892, 13,176,470 gallons.

Pure oil of turpentine is perfectly limpid and colorless, of a strong, penetrating, peculiar odor, a hot, pungent, bitterish taste, and a neutral or faintly acid reaction. It is much lighter than water, having the sp. gr. 0·855 to 0·870, *U. S.;* is highly volatile and inflammable; boils at a temperature somewhat higher than 148·8° C. (300° F.); is very slightly soluble in water, less soluble in alcohol than most other volatile oils, and readily soluble in ether. Boiling alcohol dissolves it with facility, but deposits most of the oil upon cooling. 100 parts of alcohol sp. gr. 0·840 dissolve 13·5 parts of the oil at 22·2° C. (72° F.). "It boils at 155° to 170° C. (311° to 338° F.). Soluble in 3 times its volume of alcohol, the solution being neutral or slightly acid to litmus paper; also soluble in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid. Bromine or powdered iodine acts violently upon it. When brought in contact with a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids, it takes fire. If a little of the Oil be evaporated in a small capsule on a water-bath, it should leave not more than a very slight residue (absence of *petroleum*, *paraffin oils*, or *resin*)." *U. S.* As found in commerce, it always contains oxygen; but when perfectly pure it consists exclusively of carbon and hydrogen, and is composed of one or more *terpenes*

(see p. 908). The English or American oil (prepared from *Pinus australis*) is composed of *dextro-pinene*, while the French oil (prepared from *Pinus maritima*) is composed of *lævo-pinene*. On the other hand, the Russian turpentine contains, in addition to *pinene*, *dipentene* (or *cinene*), and *sylvestrene*, and the Swedish turpentine contains *pinene* and *sylvestrene*. Both the American and the French oil of turpentine boil at about 156° C. (312·8° F.). On heating oil of turpentine to about 300° C. (572° F.) in a sealed tube for several hours it is converted into a polymer called *iso-terebenthene*, $C_{20}H_{32}$, which is so oxidizable that it is converted into a viscid mass on exposure to the air for a few hours. It has, moreover, a marked odor, resembling oil of lemon, and boils at 176° to 177° C. (348·8° to 350·6° F.). On treatment with a small portion of sulphuric acid, oil of turpentine yields an optically inactive liquid, which boils at 160° C. (320° F.). This is a mixture resolvable by repeated fractional distillation into *terebene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 150° C. (302° F.); *cymene*, $C_{10}H_{14}$, boiling at 175° C. (347° F.); a small quantity of a camphor-like body, boiling at 200° C. (392° F.); *colophene*, $C_{20}H_{32}$, boiling at 318° C. (604·4° F.), and a mixture of semi-solid products of higher boiling point. Oil of turpentine absorbs hydrochloric acid gas, forming with it two compounds, one a red dense liquid, the other a white crystalline substance resembling camphor, and hence called *artificial camphor*. Both are *mono-hydrochlorides*, $C_{10}H_{16}.HCl$, but the latter is much more stable, and can be purified by crystallization from alcohol or ether. When turpentine oil is left in contact with concentrated hydrochloric acid a *dihydrochloride* is formed, $C_{10}H_{18}.2HCl$. This forms rhombic plates, insoluble in water, and decomposed by boiling with alcoholic potash, with formation of *terpinol* $(C_{10}H_{18})_2.H_2O$. (Allen, *Com. Org. Analysis*, vol. ii. p. 51.) Nitric acid converts oil of turpentine into resin, and by long boiling into *terebic acid*, $C_7H_{10}O_4$. Mixed with water and chlorinated lime, and then distilled, the oil yields a liquid which M. Chautard found to be identical with chloroform. (*Ibid.*, 3e sér., xxi. 88.) Turpentine oil and other terpenes unite with water to form crystals of *terpinhydrate*, $C_{10}H_{18}(OH)_2 + H_2O$, which sublimes often from turpentine oil which has long stood in contact with water and has then been heated to water-bath temperature. These crystals are sometimes found in nature also. The presence of alcohol with the water and turpentine oil facilitates their formation. Thus, a mixture of 1 part of nitric acid, 1 part of alcohol, and 4 parts of turpentine oil, spread out in flat dishes, will yield within a few days crystals amounting to 20 per cent. of the oil taken. If these crystals be fused at 116° C. they will lose water, and *terpin*, $C_{10}H_{18}(OH)_2$, will remain in crystalline needles, fusing at 104° C., and boiling at 258° C. If either of the hydrates just mentioned be boiled with sulphuric, phosphoric, or glacial acetic acid, *terpineol*, $C_{10}H_{17}OH$, will be formed along with hydrocarbons of the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, such as *terpinene*, *terpinolene*, and *dipentene*. *Terpineol* is a thick, colorless, optically inactive liquid, with a pleasant hyacinthine odor and a bitter, feebly pungent taste. It is used extensively in perfumery. Baeyer (*Ber. Ch. Gesell.*, 26, p. 826) has also prepared the methyl ether of terpineol. Oil of turpentine may be made to yield cymene identical with that existing in the oil of cumin and with that obtained by dehydrating camphor. (See *Cumin Seed*, in Part II.) Exposed to the air the oil absorbs oxygen, becomes thicker and yellowish, and loses much of its activity, owing to the formation of resin. A small proportion of formic acid is said also to be generated. Hence the Edinburgh College directed the oil to be rectified by distilling it with about four measures of water. But the process is difficult, in consequence of the great inflammability of the vapor, and its rapid formation, which causes the liquid to boil over. In this country it is scarcely necessary, as the recent oil can be obtained at an expense less than that which would be incurred by redistillation on a small scale. Another mode of purifying the oil is to agitate it with one-eighth of alcohol, which dissolves the resinous portion. About one-fifth of the alcohol is retained by the oil, but is readily separated by agitation with water. (See *Oleum Terebinthinæ Rectificatum.*)

C. T. Kingzett has shown that the atmospheric oxidation of turpentine is accompanied by the formation of a body having the formula $C_{10}H_{14}O_4$, which he regards as *camphoric peroxide*. This substance, by the action of water, is converted into hydrogen peroxide and camphoric acid. The disinfectant known as "*Sanitas*" is produced by passing air through Russian oil of turpentine in contact with warm water. Berthelot has shown that oil of turpentine has, under certain conditions, the power, while undergoing oxidation itself, of causing the oxidation of other bodies, to which it imparts a portion of the oxygen absorbed from the air. All that is necessary to give this power to the oil is that soon after distillation it should be exposed to the air, as in a bottle half filled. Solar light assists, but is not essential to, the change, which goes on even in the dark. The oil retains indefinitely the property thus acquired, but may be deprived of it by exposure to a boiling heat, or by agitation with certain other substances, as

potassium pyrogallate. No other chemical or physical change can be detected in the oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1860, p. 351.)

In this country, the oil of turpentine, though often more or less impure from the presence of resin, is probably not often adulterated. An instance, however, has been put on record in which a sample of the oil, having a pale-green color, was found to contain copper. This was easily separated by shaking the oil with a little saturated solution of potassium ferrocyanide and allowing it to stand for two or three days to settle. (C. Lewis Diehl, *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 386.)

The several species of pine indigenous to California and the slopes of the Sierra Nevada appear to yield quite different products. Wenzell (*A. J. P.*, March, 1872) described, under the name of *abietene*, an oil distilled from the exudation of the *Pinus sabiniana* (*Nut-Pine* or *Digger-Pine*). He found it to have a sp. gr. of 0·694, and to boil at 101° C. (213·8° F.). Sadtler (*A. J. P.*, April, 1879, p. 176) examined an oil of turpentine from California said to have been obtained from the *Pinus ponderosa* (*Heavy Pine*), and found it to agree substantially with Wenzell's abietene. It had a sp. gr. at 16·5° C. (62° F.) of 0·6974, boiled at 101° C. (213·8° F.), and was slightly lævogyrate. It gave negative results when treated with hydrochloric acid for the formation of a hydrochloride, did not form a hydrate, and was not acted upon by sulphuric acid or by nitrosyl chloride. These anomalous results were at once explained by the publication of a study of the abietene which had been made by Thorpe, who showed (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 293) that this exudation of the California pine is almost pure *heptane*, C_7H_{16}, one of the chief constituents of American petroleum. His results were also confirmed by Schorlemmer, who established the identity of the pine heptane with that from petroleum naphtha.

Medical Properties and Uses. Oil of turpentine is stimulant, diuretic, occasionally diaphoretic, anthelmintic, in large doses cathartic, and externally rubefacient. Swallowed in moderate quantities it produces a sense of warmth in the stomach, accelerates the circulation, and increases the heat of the skin, without especially affecting the functions of the brain. In small doses frequently repeated it stimulates the kidneys, augmenting the secretion of urine, and often producing, especially if long continued, painful irritation of the urinary passages, amounting sometimes to violent strangury. At the same time it imparts the odor of violets to the urine; and this effect is also produced by its external application, or even by breathing the air of an apartment impregnated with its vapors. In large doses it occasions slight vertigo, or a sense of fulness in the head, sometimes amounting to intoxication, attended frequently with nausea, and succeeded generally, though not always, by speedy and brisk catharsis. When this effect is experienced, the oil is carried out of the bowels, and, no time being allowed for its absorption, is less apt to irritate the kidneys and bladder than if given in small and repeated doses. In some constitutions it produces, even when taken internally, an erythematous eruption on the skin. Persons who inhale its vapor are liable to strangury and even bloody urine. Hæmaturia is sometimes caused in seamen on board vessels loaded with turpentine. A woman was found dead after having swallowed a large quantity of the oil, probably about six ounces. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1858.)

The oil is employed in numerous diseases. As a stimulant it sometimes proves serviceable in *low forms of fever*. We have found it extremely useful in the advanced stage of *typhoid* or *enteric fever*, and especially in cases in which the tongue has partially or completely thrown off its fur in flakes, and afterwards become dry, with a surface destitute of its ordinary papillary appearance, and often contracted and fissured. The remedy has in our hands proved almost uniformly successful under these circumstances. With small doses of the oil frequently repeated, the tongue becomes moist and again coated, the tympanitic state of the bowels disappears, and the patient goes on to recover as in a favorable case of fever. Its efficiency, however, in typhoid fever is ascribable not so much to its stimulant properties as to an alterative influence upon the ulcerated surface of the bowels characteristic of that disease; and the remedy is often of great service when during the convalescence from typhoid fever diarrhœa due to slow healing of the ulcers occurs. In *chronic rheumatism*, particularly *sciatica* and *lumbago*, the oil has often been given with great benefit. It has also been much extolled as a remedy in some forms of *puerperal fever*, in *neuralgia*, in *passive hemorrhages*, particularly from the bowels, in *chronic dysentery* and *diarrhœa*, in obstinate *gleets* and *leucorrhœa*, in *retention* and *incontinence of urine* from debility, in *chronic nephritic* and *calculous affections*, and in various conditions of *whooping-cough*. In certain cases of *dysentery*, whether acute or chronic, when the tongue is quite dry, and smooth as if from defect of the papillary structure, no remedy has proved so efficient in our hands as oil of turpentine. We have seen it also very beneficial in *hæmoptysis*.

As a vermifuge it is highly esteemed, especially in cases of *tænia*. It appears to destroy or debilitate the worm, which, losing its hold upon the bowels, is then easily discharged. In cases of *worms in the stomach* it is very useful, and in *amenorrhœa* from torpor of the uterine vessels it is occasionally of service. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1869.)

The dose for ordinary purposes is from five to thirty drops (0·3–1·9 C.c.), repeated every hour or two in acute, and three or four times a day in chronic diseases. In rheumatism it is recommended by some in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) every four hours. As a remedy for tape-worm the dose is from one-half to one fluidounce, followed by castor oil in half an hour. It has also proved successful in tænia in the dose of half a drachm (1·9 C.c.), twice a day, continued for a considerable time. In ordinary cases of worms, the usual dose may be given. It may be administered on sugar, or in emulsion with gum arabic, loaf-sugar, and cinnamon- or mint-water. As to some its taste is very disagreeable, it may be given in capsules.*

In the form of enema, the oil is highly useful in cases of *ascarides*, of *obstinate constipation*, and especially of *tympanites*. From half a fluidounce to two fluidounces (15–60 C.c.) may be administered in some mucilaginous fluid.

Externally applied, oil of turpentine irritates and speedily inflames the skin, and is one of the most efficacious rubefacients: it is used in *rheumatic affections*, and in various internal inflammations. When only a slight impression is desired, it may be diluted with olive oil; but in some constitutions, even in this state, it produces such violent inflammation of the skin, with extensive eruptions, as to render its external use in any shape improper. Applied to recent *burns*, it is thought by some to be highly useful in allaying the burning pain and promoting a disposition to heal. For this purpose, however, it is usually mixed with resin cerate (*basilicon ointment*), so as to form a liniment capable of being spread upon linen rags. (See *Linimentum Terebinthinæ.*)† M. Beullard has found it useful in *eczema*, applied directly to the affected part. It causes immediately severe pain and much swelling, and in a few minutes must be removed, and followed by cooling and demulcent measures. A modification of the disease is thus produced, which renders ordinary applications successful that had been previously useless. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 138.) It is thought by Profs. Von Erlach and Lucke, of Berne, to be peculiarly efficacious in *parasitic affections* of the scalp, by destroying the parasites and preventing the development of the spores. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, July, 1869, p. 248.)

Oil of turpentine has been recommended, in the form of bath, in affections in which its constitutional impression is desired. For this purpose Dr. T. Smith, of Cheltenham, England, employs from five to ten fluidounces of the oil, with half a fluidounce of oil of rosemary, and two pounds of sodium carbonate, in each bath. The breath becomes strongly impregnated with the terebinthinate odor. (*Braithwaite's Retrospect*, xxi. 355.) Applied in vapor, the oil is said to be a very speedy cure for the *itch*. The bed- and night-clothes are sprinkled with thirteen drachms of the oil, and on awaking in the morning the patient finds himself cured. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, July, 1857, p. 232.) Baths of the vapor of turpentine are stated to be very beneficial in chronic rheumatism. They are said to be borne well, for twenty-five minutes, at a temperature of from 60° to 71·1° C. (140°–160° F.). (*Arch. Gén.*, 4e sér., xxviii. 80.) Inhalation of the vapor has been recommended by Skoda in gangrene of the lungs.

OLEUM TEREBINTHINÆ RECTIFICATUM. U. S. Rectified Oil of Turpentine.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM TĔR-Ḛ-BĬN'THI-NÆ RĔC-TI-FI-CĀ'TŬM.)

"Oil of Turpentine, *a convenient quantity;* Lime Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Shake the Oil thoroughly with *six times* its volume of Lime Water, and introduce the mixture into a copper still connected with a well-cooled condenser. Then distil, until about *three-fourths* of the Oil have passed over, and separate the clear Oil from the water. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light. Rectified Oil of Turpentine should always be dispensed when Oil of Turpentine is required for internal use." *U. S.*

* It has been objected to the form of capsule, that, in consequence of the breaking of its coating, the oil may come undiluted in contact with the mucous membrane, and thus produce undue irritation. M. Lacambre gives the following process for making a pill of the oil. Take of oil of turpentine 8 grammes, white wax 20 ditto, powdered sugar 9 ditto, oil of lemon 2 drops. Melt the wax in the oil of turpentine, pour into a mortar, allow to cool, then add the sugar, and form a mass to be divided into pills of 25 centigrammes (3 or 4 grs.) each. Roll them in powdered starch, and keep in a well-stopped bottle. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1873, p. 223.)

† The following is the formula adopted by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy for the rubefacient liniment known as *British Oil*. ℞ Olei Terebinth. f℥viij, Olei Lini f℥viij, Olei Succini f℥iv, Olei Juniperi f℥iv, Petrolei Barbadensis f℥iij, Petrolei Americani (crude petroleum) f℥j. M.

When oil of turpentine is distilled in contact with lime water, the distillate comes over purified and freed from the products which give the commercial oil the disagreeable odor and taste, which are inseparable by ordinary distillation: hence this rectified oil is much preferable for internal administration. It has in other respects the same properties as Oleum Terebinthinæ. "Specific gravity, 0·855 to 0·865 at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling point, about 160° C. (320° F.). Its alcoholic solution should be neutral to litmus paper. If about 10 C.c. of the Oil be evaporated in a capsule on a water-bath, no weighable residue should be left." *U. S.*

OLEUM THEOBROMATIS. U. S., Br. Oil of Theobroma.

(Ō'LḘ-ŬM THĒ-O-BRŌ'MA-TĪS.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the seed of Theobroma Cacao, Linné (nat. ord. Sterculiaceæ)." *U. S.* "A concrete oil obtained by expression and heat from the ground seeds of Theobroma Cacao, Linn." *Br.*

Oleum Theobromæ, *U. S.* 1880; Cacao Butter; Oleum (Butyrum) Cacao, *P. G.;* Beurre de Cacao, *Fr.;* Kakaobutter, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx sepalled. *Petals* five, vaulted at the base, ligulate above. *Stamens* fifteen, connected into an urceolus at the base; sterile filaments five, alternate with the petals; fertile ones short, united into five filaments, each opposite to a petal and bearing two anthers. *Style* five-cleft at the apex. *Stigmas* simple. *Fruit* indehiscent, five-celled. *Seeds* embedded in a buttery pulp.

Theobroma cacao. Linn. *Sp. Plant.* 1100; Hayne, *Darstell. und Beschreib., etc.*, ix. 35; *B. & T.* 38. This is a handsome tree, from twelve to twenty feet in height, growing in Mexico, the West Indies, and South America, in some parts of which it is largely cultivated, particularly in Guayaquil and Venezuela. The fruit is an oblong-ovate capsule or berry, six or eight inches in length, with a thick, coriaceous, somewhat ligneous rind, enclosing a whitish pulp, in which numerous seeds are embedded. These are ovate, somewhat compressed, about as large as an almond, and consist of an exterior thin shell and a brown oily kernel. Separated from the matter in which they are enveloped, they constitute the *cacao*, or *chocolate nuts*, of commerce. They have a slightly aromatic, bitterish, oily taste, and, when bruised or heated, an agreeable odor. The average of a number of analyses of raw nuts gave H. Weigmann (*König's Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 3d ed., vol. i. p. 1019) water, 7·93 per cent.; nitrogenous matter, 14·19 per cent.; theobromine, 1·49 per cent.; fatty matter (cacao butter), 45·57 per cent.; starch and other carbohydrates, 22·92 per cent.; crude fibre, 4·78 per cent.; pure ash, 3·99 per cent.; sand, 0·62 per cent. The coloring matter is probably the result of chemical change, as the fresh seeds are white. Theobromine has been found also in the shells in the proportion of about 1 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 509.) The latter impart to boiling water a taste analogous to that of chocolate, but weaker, and are used for making a table beverage.

Theobromine was discovered by M. Woskresensky, who obtained it by the following method. The kernels are exhausted with water by means of the water-bath; the solution is strained through linen, precipitated by lead acetate, and filtered; the filtered liquor is freed from lead by hydrogen sulphide, and evaporated; the brown residue is treated with boiling alcohol, and the liquor filtered while hot. Upon cooling, the theobromine is deposited in the form of a reddish-white powder, which is rendered colorless by repeated crystallization. Keller obtained it still purer by heating the powder between two watch-glasses, by which a brilliant white sublimate was obtained. According to O. Donker and C. Treumann, theobromine is contained not only in the cotyledons but also in the shells of the cacao seeds. Four kilos of the latter yielded 13·5 Gm. of pure theobromine. (*Archiv der Pharmacie*, July, 1878.) Theobromine is a crystallizable alkaloid, capable of forming salts with the acids, very bitter, volatilizable without change, freely soluble in hot alcohol, sparingly so in hot water, and is very simply related to caffeine, this latter being the methyl derivative of theobromine. Its formula is $C_7H_8N_4O_2$. It has been converted into caffeine by Strecker, and more recently E. Fischer (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1882, p. 453) has obtained it from xanthine, $C_5H_4N_4O_2$, which is easily obtained from the guanine of guano, $C_5H_5N_5O$, by the action of nitrous acid.

Chocolate is differently prepared in different countries. In Great Britain and the United States it usually consists, when pure, exclusively of the kernel of the cacao or chocolate nuts, which are first roasted, then deprived of their shell, and lastly reduced, by grinding between heated stones, to a paste, which is moulded into oblong cakes. Not unfrequently rice flour or other farinaceous substance, with butter or lard, is added; but these must be considered as

adulterations. On the continent of Europe, sugar is generally incorporated with the paste, and spices, especially cinnamon, are often added. Vanilla is a favorite addition in South America, France, and Spain. Cacao, called *cocoa*, is often sold in powder, which is sometimes mingled with other ingredients, such as ground rice, barley-flour, sugar, etc. Chocolate is prepared for use by reducing it to powder and boiling it in milk, water, or a mixture of these fluids. In this state it is much employed as a drink at breakfast and tea, and serves as a substitute for coffee in dyspepsia. It is also a good article of diet for convalescents, and may sometimes be given advantageously as a mild nutritive drink in acute diseases. Hagenbuch examined several commercial brands of chocolate, and found that the amount of fat or cacao butter present varied from 12 to 45·8 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 276.) From this it would seem that manufacturers do not uniformly extract the fat from commercial chocolate.

Oil of Theobroma. Cacao Butter. This is the fixed oil of the chocolate nut. It is extracted either by expression, decoction, or the action of a solvent. Soubeiran recommends that the seeds, previously ground, be mixed with one-tenth of their weight of water and then pressed between hot plates of tinned iron. It is advisable that the heat should not exceed that of boiling water, and even a lower heat will answer. When the method of decoction is used, the cacao should be slightly roasted before boiling. As a solvent, carbon disulphide has been found to answer well, as recommended in the preparation of the expressed oil of nutmeg. (See *Oleum Myristicæ.*) Upon the whole, the method of expression is perhaps preferable. The presence of water in the ground seeds is said greatly to facilitate the process. The expressed oil, which is now made in Philadelphia, occurs in the shape of oblong cakes, like those of chocolate, weighing about half a pound each. It is "a yellowish-white solid, having a faint, agreeable odor, and a bland, chocolate-like taste. Specific gravity, 0·970 to 0·980 at 15° C. (59° F.). Readily soluble in ether or chloroform; also soluble in 100 parts of cold and in 20 parts of boiling absolute alcohol, all these solutions being neutral to litmus paper. It is brittle at 15° C. (59° F.), and melts at 30° to 33° C. (86° to 91·4° F.) to a clear liquid. If 1 Gm. of Oil of Theobroma be dissolved in 3 C.c. of ether, in a test-tube, at a temperature of 17° C. (63° F.), and the tube subsequently plunged into water at 0° C. (32° F.), the liquid should not become turbid, nor deposit a granular mass in less than three minutes; and if the mixture, after congealing, be exposed to a temperature of 15° C. (59° F.), it should gradually form a perfectly clear liquid (absence of *paraffin*, *wax*, *stearin*, *tallow*, etc.)." *U. S.* It was analyzed by Specht and Gössmann, who found it to consist of stearin, palmitin, and olein, with the glycerides probably of *arachic* and *lauric acids*. Kingzett believes it to contain in addition a peculiar acid which he calls *theobromic*, and to which he gives the formula $C_{64}H_{128}O_2$, but his results have not been confirmed by subsequent investigators. From its large proportion of stearin, it is one of the best fats for the preparation of stearic acid. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Aug. 15, 1854, p. 306.) It is said to be frequently adulterated with animal fats, which, according to Mr. E. Lamhofer, may be detected by attention to the fact that pure cacao butter dissolves entirely in ether or benzin, separating out in minute granular crystals when immersed in water of 0° C. (32° F.), the liquid portion remaining transparent for 30 or 40 minutes, when the whole solidifies. After solidification, if the oil be kept at a temperature of about 14·4° C. (58° F.), it will redissolve without turbidity. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 238.) Mr. G. Ramsperger concludes, as the result of much experimentation, that ether affords the best test of purity. Dissolving the suspected cacao butter in 2 parts of ether, if it become turbid after standing, or form on spontaneous evaporation little crystals or grains not soluble in 2 parts of ether at common temperature, it is impure, and should be rejected.

Butter of cacao is used as an ingredient in cosmetic ointments, and in pharmacy for coating pills and preparing suppositories. For the last purpose it is well adapted by its consistence and blandness, and is now largely consumed. It was, indeed, on this account chiefly that it was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860.* F. Bringhurst prepared a lip salve by melting together 28 ounces of cacao butter, 4 ounces of yellow wax, and a drachm, each, of balsam of Peru and benzoic acid, straining, adding perfuming oils, as those of rose, bergamot, and bitter almond, in sufficient quantity, and finally, when nearly cool, an ounce of glycerin. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1867, p. 348.)

* *Mafurra Tallow.* This is a fatty matter obtained from the fruit of a tree growing in Mozambique and the islands of Madagascar and Bourbon, and bearing a close resemblance in qualities to cacao butter. The kernel of the fruit is described as of the size of the cacao bean, having the same characteristic odor when bruised, and a bitter taste. The fatty matter is extracted by boiling the kernels in water. It is of a firm, solid consistence, less fusible than tallow, of a yellowish color, and of the odor of cacao butter. It agrees, moreover, with that substance in containing olein and palmitin, and yields palmitic acid largely when saponified. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 163.)

Owing to its great insolubility, pure theobromine acts very slowly and uncertainly upon the animal organism, but its soluble salts (notably the *salicylate of sodium and theobromine**) are active diuretics, which have been used to a considerable extent with general commendation in the treatment of various dropsies. They are said not to irritate the kidneys, and have been even highly commended not only in *chronic* but even in *acute Bright's disease*. They seem to act directly upon the renal secreting structure, but their physiological activity has not been sufficiently studied to determine positively their cardiac action: various observers affirm, others deny, that they are heart-stimulants, with the preponderance of evidence in favor of their having very little, if any, effect upon the circulation. Usually their action is very favorable; but headache, irregularity of the pulse, vomiting, and diarrhœa have been noticed in various cases, and, according to W. Schmieden, hæmaturia. Dose, from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), from four to six times a day, administered in capsules or in solution.

OLEUM THYMI. U. S. Oil of Thyme.

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM THĪ'MĪ.)

"A volatile oil distilled from the leaves and flowering tops of Thymus vulgaris, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Essence de Thym, *Fr.*; Thymianöl, *G.*

In the south of France thyme grows wild in great abundance, and is largely collected for distillation. The oil is taken from France to England, and thence reaches this country under the name of *oil of origanum*, having, probably from its greater cheapness, been substituted for the genuine oil. For all the purposes for which oil of origanum was used, that of thyme is not less useful, and it is more agreeable.

Thymus vulgaris is a very common plant, indigenous in the south of France, and cultivated in our gardens. It is a labiate plant, and characterized as a genus by its subcampanulate calyx, having its throat closed with hairs, and its corolla with the upper lip flat and emarginate, and a longer lower lip. It is a low under-shrub, procumbent at the base, with ovate-linear, revolute leaves, and flowers in a whorled spike. The herbaceous portion, which should be gathered when the plant is in flower, has a peculiar, strong, aromatic, agreeable odor, not lost by drying, and a pungent, aromatic, camphorous taste. Its active constituent is the volatile oil, which is obtained separate by distillation with water.

The oil, as prepared in the south of France, is, after one distillation, of a reddish-brown color, and called the *red oil*, but when again distilled is colorless, and in this condition is distinguished as the *white oil*. It is officially described as "a yellowish or yellowish-red liquid, having a strong odor of thyme, and an aromatic, pungent, afterwards cooling taste. It becomes darker and thicker by age and exposure to the air. Specific gravity, 0·900 to 0·930 at 15° C. (59° F.). It does not fulminate with iodine. The Oil is soluble in half its volume of alcohol, forming a clear solution which is neutral or only very slightly acid to litmus paper. The Oil is also soluble, in all proportions, in carbon disulphide, and in glacial acetic acid. With a drop of ferric chloride test-solution the Oil yields a greenish-brown color, which changes to reddish. If 1 C.c. of the Oil be shaken with 10 C.c. of hot water, and, after cooling, the liquid be passed through a wet filter, the filtrate should not assume, with a drop of ferric chloride test-solution, a bluish or violet color (absence of *carbolic acid*)." *U. S.* According to Zeller, one pound of the fresh herb yields 45·7 grains of the oil, of the dried herb 38 grains. The oil, as found in commerce, is of a reddish-brown color, and of an odor recalling that of thyme, but less agreeable. Its sp. gr. is stated at 0·905, but probably varies, as the oil is a complex body. The more volatile portion, that coming over below 180° C. (356° F.) in distillation, is a mixture of *cymene*, $C_{10}H_{14}$, boiling at 175° C. (347° F.), and *thymene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 165° C. (329° F.). The less volatile portion is chiefly *thymol*, $C_{10}H_{14}O$, a white crystalline solid, melting at 44° C. (111·2° F.), and possessing a pungent taste. (See *Thymol.*) According to Flückiger (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 431), *carvacrol* is also probably present. The annual production of oil of thyme at Grasse, according to the same authority (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 132), amounts to 40,000 kilogrammes. According to Camperdon, in doses of from three to fifteen grains oil of thyme causes mental excitement, and is a valuable diffusible stimulant in *collapse*. It is certainly an antiseptic. (See *Thymol.*)

* A mixture of a compound of sodium, theobromine, and sodium salicylate has been introduced into medicine under the trade name of *diuretin*. It is a white powder, soluble in less than half its weight of water when warmed. It should contain 49·7 per cent. of theobromine and 38·1 per cent. of salicylic acid.

OLEUM TIGLII. U.S. (Br.) Croton Oil.

(Ō'LĘ-ŬM TĬG'LI-Ī.)

"A fixed oil expressed from the seed of Croton Tiglium, Linné (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ)." *U. S.* "The oil expressed in Britain from the seeds of Croton Tiglium, Linn." *Br.*

Oleum Crotonis, *Br.;* Huile de Croton, Huile de Graines de Tilly, *Fr.;* Crotonöl, *G.;* Nervalum unnay, *Tamil.*

Croton tiglium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 543; *B. & T.* 239. This species of Croton is a small tree or shrub, with a few spreading branches, bearing alternate petiolate leaves, which are ovate, acuminate, serrate, smooth, of a dark-green color on the upper surface, paler beneath, and furnished with two glands at the base. The flowers are in erect terminal racemes, scarcely as long as the leaf,—the lower being female, the upper male, with straw-colored petals. The fruit is a smooth capsule, about the size of a filbert, with three cells, each containing a single seed.

The tree is a native of Hindostan, Ceylon, the Moluccas, and other parts of India. It is pervaded by an acrid purgative principle, probably analogous to that found in other plants belonging to the family of Euphorbiaceæ. Rumphius says that the root is employed in Amboyna, in the dose of a few grains, as a drastic purge in dropsy; and, according to the same author, the leaves are so acrid that when chewed and swallowed they excite inflammation in the lips, mouth, and throat, and along the whole course of the alimentary canal. The wood is said in small doses to be diaphoretic, in larger, purgative and emetic. But the seeds are the most active part. These have been long used in India as a powerful purgative, and were employed so early as 1630 in Europe, under the names of *grana Molucca* and *grana tiglia.* But in consequence of their violent effects they fell into neglect, and had ceased to be ranked among medicines, when, at a comparatively recent period, attention was again called to them by the writings of some English physicians in India. They are now imported for their oil, which is the only official product of the plant. The seeds of the Mexican *Croton morifolius* are said to yield an oil which is a mild purgative in doses of two or three drops. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1884.)

These seeds are rather larger than a grain of coffee, oblong, rounded at the extremities, with two faces, the external considerably more convex than the internal, separated from each other by longitudinal ridges, and each divided by a similar longitudinal ridge, so that the whole seed presents an irregular quadrangular figure. Sometimes, as in the coffee-grain, their internal surface is flat, with a longitudinal groove, owing to the presence of only two seeds in the capsule, the groove being produced by the central column or axis. The shell is covered with a soft, yellowish-brown epidermis, beneath which the surface is black and smooth; and, as the epidermis is often partially removed by friction during their carriage, the seeds as they come to us are frequently mottled, and sometimes nearly black. The kernel or nucleus is yellowish brown, and abounds in oil. In India the seeds are prepared for use by submitting them to slight torrefaction, by which the shell is rendered more easily separable. In the dose of one or two grains (0·065 or 0·13 Gm.) the kernel purges severely.

The oil is obtained by expression from the seeds, previously deprived of the shell. It may also be separated by decoction in water, or by the action of ether, or carbon disulphide, which dissolves the oil, and leaves it behind when evaporated.* Guibourt recommends, after the first expression, to digest the residue with alcohol at a temperature of 48·8° to 60° C. (120° to 140° F.), and then submit it to a new expression. The alcohol is to be separated by distillation from the oil, which is then to be mixed with the first product. According to Dr. Nimmo, the seeds consist of 64 per cent. of kernel and 36 of envelope. From the seeds imported into England, about 22 per cent. of oil is obtained by simple expression. Guibourt, by his process, obtained 52 per cent. from the kernels, equivalent to about 35 per cent. from the seeds. Croton oil consists chiefly of the glycerides of stearic, palmitic, myristic, lauric, and oleic acids. There are also present, in the form of glycerin ethers, the more volatile acids, as formic, acetic, isobutyric, and isovalerianic acids. The volatile part of the acid yielded by croton oil con-

* *Extraction by ether.* Having washed and dried the seeds, grind them in a coffee-mill, and form a soft paste with ether. Introduce this into a narrow percolation tube, and gradually pour ether upon it until it is exhausted. Evaporate the ether by means of a water-bath, and filter the remaining oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1862.)

Extraction with carbon disulphide. The seeds, well bruised, are introduced into a bottle with three times their weight of carbon disulphide, well rectified; the mixture is allowed to stand, with frequent agitation, for 24 hours; the whole is then poured upon a cloth and rapidly expressed. The residue is similarly treated with twice its weight of the disulphide, and expressed, after standing as before. The products of the two macerations are mixed, then filtered in a covered funnel, and finally submitted to distillation, by means of a water-bath, in a glass retort, at the temperature of 71·1° or 76·6° C. (160° or 170° F.). The disulphide should be recovered by condensing its vapor in a refrigerated receiver. The oil is to be poured into a capsule, to show that it contains none of the disulphide, and then introduced into a bottle. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxi. 28.)

tains, moreover, a peculiar acid, named by Geuther and Frölich *tiglic* or *tiglinic acid*, $C_5H_8O_2$. It is isomeric with angelic acid, but the melting points (angelic acid 45° C., tiglic acid 64° C.) and the boiling points (angelic acid 185° C., tiglic acid 198·5° C.) differ. *Crotonic acid*, $C_4H_6O_2$, was thought by Schlippe to be present, but later investigation does not confirm the statement. *Crotonol*, announced by Schlippe as the vesicating principle of the oil, has likewise been found only by the discoverer.

In 1823, Dr. John Nimmo, of Glasgow, found that about 45 per cent. of croton oil is soluble in alcohol, the insoluble 55 per cent. being inert. Recent researches have shown that the percentage of soluble portion varies greatly. (See, also, below.) According to Senier, confirmed by Binz, Kobert, and others, it increases with the age, freshly expressed oil containing only 20 per cent., oil over four years old 60 per cent. In this soluble portion Buchheim found an acid, *crotonolic acid* or *crotonoleic acid*,* which he believed to be the active principle: this has since been denied, on the ground of the comparative inertness of the acid. Prof. Kobert, however (*Arbeiten*, 1890), affirms this inertness to have been due to the impurity of Buchheim's product. It is true that in 1883 Mr. H. Senier asserted that, whilst the vesicant property of croton oil resides entirely in the portion soluble in alcohol, the purgative property is in the insoluble residue; but the later and extended researches of Prof. Kobert seem to prove that the vesicant and purgative principle is really crotonoleic acid. It is an oily substance, readily decomposable, having the character of a weak acid, and forming various salts. It is freely soluble in alcohol, and is extremely irritant to the skin and the mucous membranes.

Properties. Croton oil, as found in commerce, varies from a pale yellow to a dark reddish brown. That imported from India is usually pale, that expressed in Europe dark, like the deepest-colored sherry. Its consistence is rather viscid, and is increased by time. Its smell is faint, but peculiar, its taste hot and acrid, leaving in the mouth a disagreeable sensation which continues for many hours. "Specific gravity, 0·940 to 0·960 at 15° C. (59° F.). It reddens blue litmus paper moistened with alcohol. When fresh, it is soluble in about 60 parts of alcohol, the solubility increasing by age. It is freely soluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and in fixed or volatile oils. When gently heated with twice its volume of absolute alcohol, it forms a clear solution from which the Oil usually separates on cooling. If to 2 C.c. of the Oil 1 C.c. of fuming nitric acid and 1 C.c. of water be added, and the mixture vigorously shaken, it should not solidify, either completely or partially, after standing for one or two days (absence of *other non-drying oils*.)" *U. S.* The oil is wholly soluble in ether and oil of turpentine. Its relations to pure alcohol differ somewhat with the variety of the oil. That obtained by expression in England was formerly wholly and readily soluble, but according to Mr. Harold Senier the croton oil now produced acts towards alcohol as do foreign oils (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., xiv. 704), forming a solution which is permanent at ordinary temperatures, while the India or pale oil forms an opaque mixture, which becomes clear and uniform upon being heated, but separates on standing into two portions, one consisting of alcohol somewhat diminished in bulk, the other of the oil correspondingly increased in bulk by retaining a portion of the alcohol. It is probable that the difference in color, and in their relations to alcohol, between the India and English oils, may be owing to a change in the kernels from being kept, and to the age of the oil. It is thought that croton oil is often adulterated with other fixed oils. In the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1864 it was given as a test of the purity of the oil expressed from the imported seeds, that when agitated with an equal volume of alcohol and gently heated it forms a clear solution, from which about three-fourths of the oil separate on cooling; but the statement is asserted to be untrue of the English expressed oil, though correct of the imported. The test was intended to detect the presence of castor oil, which would be dissolved by the alcohol and thus occasion a diminution of the bulk. It has been omitted in the present Pharmacopœia.†

According to the late Dr. M. Burrough, who was for some time in India, much of the oil there prepared is derived from the seeds of *Jatropha curcas*, or *Curcas purgans*, the so-called

* *Crotonoleic acid* may be readily prepared by treating the portion of croton oil soluble in alcohol with a hot saturated solution of baryta in a water-bath, washing the stiff white paste that forms with cold distilled water to remove excess of baryta and barium compounds with acetic, butyric, and tiglic acids, repeatedly treating with water, and lastly agitating with ether, which takes up only the barium oleate and crotonoleate. The crotonoleate is separated by dissolving it out in alcohol, decomposed carefully with sulphuric acid, and the solution containing the free acids evaporated. For further details, see *Kobert's Arbeiten*, 1890, p. 30.

† Prof. Maisch detects croton oil in any mixture by the following plan. The suspected oil is agitated with an alcoholic solution of soda or potassa, and the solution, having been separated, is saturated with hydrochloric or sulphuric acid. If croton oil be present its acrid principle will rise to the surface in the form of an oil, which when applied to the skin will produce the peculiar eruptive affection excited by croton oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 307.)

Barbadoes nuts. This oil, though weaker than the genuine, was said by Dr. Burrough to be an efficient cathartic in the dose of three or four drops (0·18 or 0·24 C.c.). Dr. Hamilton states that croton seeds are afforded by *Croton pavana*, growing in Ava and Bengal; and probably a portion of the croton oil of commerce is obtained from these seeds. These facts may explain some of the discrepancies which have been observed in the effects of alcohol.

Medical Properties and Uses. Croton oil is a powerful drastic purgative, in large doses apt to excite vomiting and severe griping pains; and capable, if immoderately taken, of producing fatal effects. It acts with great rapidity, frequently evacuating the bowels in less than an hour, and generally exciting a rumbling sensation in half that period. It possesses also great advantage in the minuteness of the dose, on account of which it may frequently be given when we should fail with more bulky medicines, as in *mania*, *coma*, and the cases of children. A drop placed on the tongue of a comatose patient will generally operate. Though long used in India, and known for two centuries to the Dutch physicians, it did not attract general notice till about 1820, when it was introduced into England by Mr. Conwell. It is chiefly employed in cases of *obstinate constipation*, in which it often produces the happiest effects after the failure of other medicines; but it may also be advantageously used in almost all cases in which powerful and speedy purging is demanded, especially where an irritation of the gastric mucous membrane and a derivative action are desired. The seeds are said to have been used with great success in India in *amenorrhœa*. Applied externally, the oil produces inflammation of the skin, attended with pustular eruption, and has been used in this way in *rheumatism*, *gout*, *neuralgia*, *glandular* and other *indolent swellings*, and *laryngeal* and *pulmonary diseases*. It should be diluted with three parts of olive oil, soap liniment, oil of turpentine, or other convenient vehicle, and applied as a liniment twice or oftener in twenty-four hours. Sometimes the insusceptibility of the skin is such as to require its application undiluted. The oil may also be applied externally, in the form of a plaster, made by incorporating one part of it with four parts of lead plaster, melted by a very gentle heat. Sometimes it appears to produce inflammation in parts distant from those to which it was directly applied. It has been said that four drops, used externally by friction around the umbilicus, will produce a purgative effect, but this is denied by Dr. Barlai, of Tuscany, who states that it is only when the oil is applied to the skin divested of the cuticle that it will operate upon the bowels. *Nævus* has been cured by the introduction of croton oil into the little tumor by means of needles.* The dose for an adult is one or two drops (0·06 or 0·12 C.c.), and is most conveniently administered in the form of pill. A safe and convenient plan is to make two drops into four pills with crumb of bread, and to give one every hour till they operate. The oil may also be given in emulsion or in tincture.

Crotonoleic acid has been shown by Kobert to be a very active irritant poison, much more harsh and severe in its influence than croton oil itself. Hirschheydt has found that its salts injected into the blood are extremely powerful depressants to the circulation. It has appeared in commerce, but after trial has been found by Hirschheydt to act badly as a practical remedy. It probably also varies greatly in purity. Ten milligrammes were found by Hirschheydt to be very uncertain in their purgative effect, whilst large doses commonly produced excessive gastro-intestinal irritation. The superiority of croton oil over the acid probably depends upon the fact that the acid exists in it chiefly in combination with glycerin, and that this crotonoleic glyceride acts with comparative kindness because of the slow decomposition and setting free of the acid which occur in the intestines. This being the case, it follows as a corollary that old, acid croton oil must be more irritant than the fresher and nearly neutral oil. Professor Kobert has confirmed this conclusion by actual trial, and asserts that the neutral oil should always be preferred in practice, and that the acid oil, which is official in the German Pharmacopœia, should be rejected.

OPII PULVIS. U. S. Powdered Opium.

(Ō'PĮ-Ī PŬL'VĬS.)

"Opium, dried at a temperature not exceeding 85° C. (185° F.), and reduced to a very fine (No. 80) powder. Powdered Opium, for pharmaceutical or medicinal purposes, when assayed

* *Croton Oil Crayons.* In order to prevent the spreading of croton oil beyond the limits intended, Limousin prepared crayons by melting 1 part each of cacao butter and white wax in a small glass flask, and then adding 2 parts of croton oil, taking care to close the orifice of the flask at once with a cork. When the mixture begins to get thick, it is poured into cylindrical moulds, where it speedily solidifies. These crayons may be made of a thickness of about 8 or 9 millimetres (⅓ inch), and may be covered with tin foil. (*N. R.*, May, 1877.)

by the process given under Opium, should yield not less than *thirteen* nor more than *fifteen per cent.* of crystallized morphine. Any Powdered Opium of a higher percentage may be brought within these limits by admixture with Powdered Opium of a lower percentage, in proper proportions." *U. S.*

The strength of powdered opium has not been materially altered in the last revision, the only change being in the maximum limit, 16 per cent. in the U. S. P. 1880 becoming 15 per cent. in the present. It is easy to obtain powdered opium fully meeting these requirements.

OPIUM. U. S., Br. Opium.

(Ō′PĮ-ŭM.)

"The concrete, milky exudation obtained by incising the unripe capsules of Papaver somniferum, Linné (nat. ord. Papaveraceæ), and yielding, in its normal, moist condition, not less than *nine per cent.* of crystallized morphine, when assayed by the process given below [see page 996]." *U. S.* "The juice obtained in Asia Minor by incision from the unripe capsules of Papaver somniferum (Linn.), inspissated by spontaneous evaporation." *Br.*

"Any ordinary variety of opium may be employed as a source of alkaloids and of extract of opium of official strength; but, when otherwise used for officially recognized purposes, opium must be that obtained in Asia Minor, and must be of such a strength that, when dried and powdered, and the powder heated to 212° F. (100° C.) until it ceases to lose moisture, and the product tested by the appended method [see page 997], or any trustworthy method, it shall yield, as nearly as practicable, 10 per cent. of morphine; that is, 100 parts of such dry, powdered opium shall yield not less than 9·5 parts and not more than 10·5 parts of morphine." *Br.*

Meconium, Succus Thebaicus, Thebaica; Opium, *Fr.;* Opium, Mohnsaft, *G.:* Oppio, *It.;* Opio, *Sp.;* Affioni, *Turk.;* Ufyoon, *Arab.;* Sheerikhaskash, *Pers.;* Ufeem, *Hindost.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla four-petalled. *Calyx* two-leaved. *Capsule* one-celled, opening by pores under the persistent stigma. *Willd.*

Opium is generally believed to be derived exclusively from *Papaver somniferum;* though every species of poppy is capable of yielding it to a greater or less extent, and some authors assert that *Papaver orientale* is its real source. The United States, British, and French Pharmacopœias recognize only the first-mentioned species.

Papaver somniferum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1147; *B. & T.* 18. There are several varieties of this species, of which the two most prominent are distinguished by the titles of the white and the black poppy, derived from the color of their seeds. It is the former which is usually described as the proper opium plant. The *white poppy* is annual, with a roundish, smooth, erect, glaucous, often branching stem, usually rising two or three feet in height, but sometimes five or even six feet in favorable situations. The leaves are large, variously lobed and toothed, and alternately disposed on the stem, which they closely embrace. The flowers are terminal, very large, and of a white or silver-gray color. In India they appear in February, in Europe and the United States not earlier than June, July, or August. The calyx is smooth and composed of two leaves, which fall when the petals expand. These are usually four in number; but there is a variety in which the flower is double. The germen, which is smooth and globular, supports a radiated stigma, and is surrounded by numerous short and slender filaments, with erect, oblong, compressed anthers. The capsule is smooth and glaucous, rounded, from two to four inches in diameter, somewhat flattened at the top and bottom, and crowned with the persistent stigma, the diverging segments of which are arranged in a circle upon the summit. It contains numerous minute white seeds, which when perfectly ripe escape through small openings beneath the stigma. In the *black poppy*, the flower, though sometimes white, is usually violet-colored or red, the capsule somewhat smaller and more globular, and the seeds of a brown or blackish color.

All parts of the poppy contain a white, opaque, narcotic juice; but the leaves, analyzed by M. Blondeau, yielded none of the active principles by which opium is characterized. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, vii. 214.) It is in the capsule that the juice most abounds and the virtues of the plant chiefly reside. Hence this part is sometimes employed medicinally. (See *Papaver.*) The seeds are destitute of narcotic properties, and are even used as food. The Romans employed them in the preparation of various dainties. They abound with a bland oil, called commercially *poppy-seed oil*, which may be extracted by expression. It is of a straw-yellow color, without odor, and of a pleasant almond taste. It is without narcotic properties, and much resembles olive oil, as a substitute for which and an adulterant of which it is very largely used on the continent of Europe. It has a low congealing point, thickening only at —15° C. (5° F.) and

solidifying at —20° C. (—4° F.). The black variety is specially used for the oil-expression, as its culture is easier, and the oil-percentage in both varieties is practically the same, ranging between 50 and 60 per cent. As the oil-cake generally retains about 8 per cent. of the oil, the yield by expression is from 42 to 50 per cent. It contains what seems to be identical with *linoleic acid* in combination as glyceride, also olein, palmitin, and stearin. Myristic and lauric acids seem to be absent. The oil is an article of much importance on the continent of Europe, particularly in France and Germany, where it is employed for culinary and pharmaceutic purposes, in painting and the manufacture of soap, and in other ways, as a substitute for olive oil. The poppy does not appear to elaborate the milky fluid in which its narcotic properties reside before a certain period of its growth; for we are told that, in Persia, the young plants which are pulled up to prevent too thick a crop are used as potherbs; and the μήκων of the Greeks, which is believed to be identical with the *Papaver somniferum*, is said by Hippocrates to have been nutritive.

Though generally believed to be a native of Asia, this species of poppy grows wild in the south of Europe, and even in England,* whither its seeds are supposed to have been brought at a very early period. It was cultivated by the ancient Greeks, and is mentioned by Homer as a garden-plant. It is at present cultivated very extensively in India, Persia, Egypt, and Asiatic Turkey, for opium; and in several parts of Europe, especially in the northern departments of France, and in the south of Germany, mainly for the seeds; though in both countries good opium is at the same time produced. It is said that in some parts of China,† especially in the province of Se-Chuan, notwithstanding that the drug is so abundantly imported from India, great quantities of it are produced for the supply of the masses of the people, the Bengal opium being used only by the rich. (*Neues Repertorium*, xii. 80, 1863.) In this country it was until recently found only in our gardens as an ornamental flower; but of late attempts have been made to cultivate it in the United States.‡ The opinion that a hot climate is not necessary for the production of the narcotic principles has the support of Guibourt (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1867, p. 222), and would seem to be established by the facts that the opium of Anatolia is richer in morphine than that of the much hotter regions of Bengal and Upper Egypt, and that, while the best Smyrna opium seldom yields more than 12 per cent. of the alkaloid, that produced in the north of France yields from 20 to 24 per cent. (M. Bussy, *Ibid.*, p. 221.) Australian opium of very good quality is said to come into Melbourne from the Bacchus Marsh district, in the form of balls. (*Austral. Journ. Pharm.*, Nov. 1887.)

The process for procuring opium from the poppy, as practised by the modern inhabitants of India and Persia, according to the reports of Kerr and Kaempfer, is very nearly the same as that described by Dioscorides as employed in his own times, about eighteen hundred years ago; and the accounts of Bélon, Olivier, Texier, and more recently M. Bourlier, as to the mode of collection in Asia Minor, are not materially different. As the capsules abound most in the narcotic juice, it is from these that the opium is procured. According to Texier, a few days after the fall of the flower, men and women proceed to the fields, and make horizontal incisions into the capsule, taking care not to penetrate its cavity. A white juice exudes, and appears in the form of tears upon the edges of the incisions. The field is left in this state for twenty-four hours, after which the juice is scraped off by means of large blunt knives. A portion of the epidermis of the capsule is also removed, and constitutes about one-twelfth of the whole product. Each poppy-head affords opium but once. Thus collected, the opium is in the state of an adhesive and granular jelly. It is placed in smaller vessels, where it is beaten, and at the same time moistened with saliva. Another method of extracting the virtues of the capsules is to select such as have ceased to yield their juice by exudation, to beat them with a small proportion of water, and to inspissate the liquid thus obtained by artificial heat. The

* Various attempts have been made in England to cultivate the poppy, all of which have resulted in commercial failure. (For particulars, see previous edition U. S. D.; also *Edinb. Phil. Journ.*, i. 258.) The same may be said of the attempts to cultivate opium in France, which have apparently ceased since the death of M. Aubergier, who devoted much time and money to the subject. (For particulars, see 15th ed. U. S. D.; also *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 693.)

† In spite of the prohibitions of the Imperial government, the production of opium is said to be greatly on the increase in China, the cultivation of the poppy paying much better than that of wheat. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 1878.)

‡ In 1865, Mr. P. Robertson, of Campbell Co., Virginia, produced opium which yielded to the analysis of Mr. I. J. Grahame 4 per cent. of morphine, besides narcotine. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 50.) Dr. H. Black, of Bolivar, Tennessee, produced an opium from which Mr. E. S. Wayne obtained 10·2 per cent. of morphine. (*Ibid.*, Jan. 1868.) In 1868 considerable interest was aroused by the statements of Mr. W. C. Wilson, which were, however, proved by Prof. Procter to be incorrect. (See 14th and 15th eds. U. S. D.) Very fine opium has been produced by Mr. J. H. Flint, of California (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 105); also in Minnesota, by Mr. E. Weschke (*Contributions Dep. Pharm. University of Wisconsin*, 1886); but in the opinion both of Mr. Flint and of Mr. Weschke the high price of labor forbids the profitable production of opium in the United States.

ancient Greeks were acquainted with both processes, as appears from the writings of Dioscorides. The term ὀπίον, derived from ὀπός, *juice*, they applied to the substance procured by incisions, which answers precisely to the modern opium. The inspissated expressed juice they called μηκώνιον, from μήκων, the name of the plant. Tournefort states that the latter preparation is exported from Turkey as opium, the former being much more valuable, and therefore retained in the country for the use of the great and wealthy,—an error which at one time received wide credence.*

Commercial History. Commerce is supplied with opium chiefly from Hindostan, Persia, Egypt, and Asiatic Turkey.† Immense quantities are produced in the Indian provinces of Bahar and Benares, and in the more interior province of Malwa. The opium of Hindostan is distributed extensively through continental and insular India, where it is habitually employed in the place of spirituous liquors. Great quantities are also sent to China, into which it finds an easy entrance, notwithstanding prohibitory laws. Much was formerly imported by the East India Company into England, through which a small proportion reached our own country. For various reasons India opium no longer enters Western commerce to any extent. It is produced in Hindostan chiefly under government supervision. The drug as first obtained is semi-liquid, owing to the excessive dews, but is allowed to drain and dry by spontaneous evaporation until only 30 per cent. of moisture is left, when it is taken to the government factories. Great care is exercised to prevent adulteration. In the factories it is worked up with the drainings (known as *passēwā*), poppy petals, and ground poppy plant into balls of standard strength. These are called "*cakes*," are about six inches in diameter, and are prevented from adhering by being rolled in the ground poppy plant. *Malwa* opium is a variety not made in Hindostan proper nor under government supervision. Its quality varies greatly. Of the opium produced in Persia, very little is brought to this country; and it is scarcely known in our market as a distinct variety. Much was formerly produced in Upper Egypt, especially in the district of ancient Thebes, which was supposed to yield it in greatest perfection. Hence it was long known by the name of *Opium Thebaicum*, and laudanum is still sometimes directed in prescriptions as *Tinctura Thebaica*. Its cultivation has been again introduced into Egypt, and considerable quantities are exported.

Turkey opium is produced in Anatolia, and shipped chiefly from the port of Smyrna. It is brought to the United States either directly from the Levant or indirectly through different European ports. The amount of opium imported in 1892 was 587,118 lbs., valued at $1,029,203; at the same time there were imported 79,466 lbs. of prepared opium for smoking, valued at $547,528. Turkey opium usually comes to us in masses of irregular size and shape, generally more or less flattened, covered with leaves or the remains of leaves, and with the reddish capsules of some species of *Rumex*, which are said to be absent in the inferior kinds, and may therefore be considered as affording some indication of the purity of the drug. We may account for this circumstance upon the very probable supposition that these capsules are removed during the operation which the masses undergo in the hands of the merchants after leaving those of the cultivators. We are told by the French writers that extensive frauds are practised at Marseilles in this branch of commerce. The opium taken thither from the Levant is first softened, and then adulterated with various matters which are incorporated in its substance. To use a strong expression of Guibourt, they make the opium over again at Marseilles. Our traders to the Mediterranean would do well to bear this assertion in mind. According to Dr. A. T. Thomson, one-fourth part of Turkey opium generally consists of impurities. Sand, ashes, the seeds of different plants, extracts of the poppy, *Lactuca virosa*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and *Chelidonium glaucum*, gum arabic, tragacanth, salep, aloes, even small stones and minute pieces of lead and iron, are mentioned among the substances employed in the sophistication of the drug. Mr. Landerer, of Athens, was informed by a person who had been engaged in the extraction of opium, that grapes, freed from their seeds and crushed, were almost universally mixed with the poppy juice, and that another adulteration consisted of the epidermis of the capsules and stem of the plant, pounded in a mortar with the white of egg. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 238.) According to Mr. Wilkins, who witnessed the collection of opium, the inspissated juice of the grape, thickened with flour, is often used for the same purpose. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 400.) In England a sophisticated opium was some years since prepared, which, though so nearly resembling good Turkey opium in appearance that by the eye alone it was difficult to detect the fraud, was yet wholly

* For an elaborate, recent detailed account of methods of opium production in India, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xx. 178.

† For information in regard to the methods of culture in Turkey and Asia Minor, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xiii. 105; *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1854; *A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 362; also 14th edition U. S. D.

destitute of the active principle of the drug. Portions of it were sent into the markets both of France and of this country. A sample of a similar drug, perhaps the same, was examined by Prof. Aiken, examiner of drugs for the port of Baltimore, and found to contain but 1·10 per cent. of morphine. (See *A. J. P.*, July, 1859, p. 374.) It was probably the genuine drug, deprived of its morphine by some process which did not materially disturb the visible arrangement of its particles.* (*Ibid.*, x. 261.)

* The great importance of opium renders it desirable that all its commercial varieties should be accurately described, and their relative value, so far as possible, ascertained. The varieties of this drug may be discussed according to the countries in which they are produced, an arrangement which we here adopt.

I. TURKEY OPIUM. This title belongs to the opium produced in the Turkish province of Anatolia, and exported from Smyrna and Constantinople. According to some authorities, there is no essential difference between the parcels of the drug brought from these two ports. Others maintain that they are distinct varieties, differing in their interior structure, and probably also in the precise place of their production and the mode of their collection. The truth probably is that most of the opium shipped at Constantinople is produced in the more northern parts of the opium districts of Anatolia, while that from Smyrna is collected in the provinces more convenient to the latter city; and, though it is possible that an identical drug may often be brought from the two ports, yet there are grounds for arranging it under different varieties, as derived from these different sources. There can be little doubt also that a portion of opium which is taken to Constantinople is produced in Macedonia in Europe, which must, therefore, be added to the opium-producing regions. (*Neues Repert.*, xvi. 751, 1867.)

1. *Smyrna Opium.* This is the variety which is, beyond all comparison, most abundant in our markets; and it is from this that the ordinary descriptions of opium are drawn up. It comes to us in masses of various size, usually from half a pound or somewhat less to a pound in weight, sometimes, though rarely, as much as two or even three pounds, originally, perhaps, of a globular form, but variously indented, and rendered quite irregular in shape by the pressure to which they have been subjected, while yet soft, in the cases which contain them. Sometimes they are even pressed out into flat cakes. As brought into market, the lumps are usually hard on the outside, but still soft within. They are covered externally with the remains of leaves, and with the reddish capsules of a species of Rumex, which have no doubt been applied in order to prevent the surfaces from adhering. Notwithstanding, however, this coating, the masses sometimes stick together, and two or more become consolidated into one. In this way the fact may be accounted for, that the seeds of the Rumex are occasionally found in the interior of the masses. In the finer parcels of Smyrna opium the color internally is light brown; in the inferior it is darker. A peculiar character of this variety is that, when a lump of it is cut into and then carefully torn, numerous minute shining tears are observable, particularly under a microscope, bearing some resemblance to small seeds, but readily distinguishable by pressure between the fingers. They are undoubtedly formed from the drops of juice which escape from the incisions in the capsules, and which, according to Bélon, are allowed to concrete before they are removed. From the account of the same author it appears that after the juice has been collected it is not subjected to the process of kneading or beating, as in the case of other varieties of the opium; so that the tears preserve their original shape in the mass. It is probably owing to the peculiar mode of collecting Smyrna opium, that minute pieces of the skin of the poppy capsules are found intermingled in the mass, these being separated in the process of removing the adhering tears. In the best specimens of Smyrna opium, these fragments of the capsules are the only impurities. This variety of the drug is of very different qualities, the finest kinds yielding, according to Merck, as much as 13 per cent. of pure morphine, while from some very bad parcels he could not procure more than 3 or 4 per cent. In these inferior specimens the color is darker, the smell is often musty, and there is very generally more or less mouldiness both upon the surface and in the interior of the masses, indicating perhaps too much moisture in the opium originally, or its subsequent exposure to an injurious degree of dampness. Good Smyrna opium ought to yield 10 or 11 per cent. of morphine. Dr. Christison, however, states that he has not been able to procure more than 9 per cent. from the finest Smyrna opium. According to Landerer, little of the opium is produced in the immediate neighborhood of Smyrna, the greater portion being brought, on the backs of camels, from a distance of from ten to eighteen days' journey. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiii. 33.) The same writer states that the opium is chiefly prepared at Kara-Hissar, near Magnesia. The incisions are generally made before sunrise. The juice is partly caught in mussel-shells, and dried in the sun. This is considered the best. Every evening the juice which has dried upon the capsules is scraped off, with a portion of the epidermis. The poppy is then cut down, and stripped of its leaves, which are boiled in water, and the liquor is evaporated to the consistence of an extract. With this the inspissated juice is incorporated, and the mixture is then formed into cakes, wrapped in poppy leaves, and placed on shelves to dry. (See *A. J. P.*, xxiii. 251.) It is very evident, from the interior structure of the *best Smyrna opium*, that it has not been prepared in the way described by Landerer; though his account is probably true in reference to inferior varieties.

2. *Constantinople Opium.* Most of the Constantinople opium is in lumps from half a pound to two and a half pounds in weight, and scarcely distinguishable in exterior appearance from those of the former variety, being equally irregular in shape, and in like manner covered with the capsules of the Rumex. According to Merck, however, it often differs strikingly from the Smyrna opium in its interior constitution, being wholly destitute of the tears which characterize that variety. This would indicate some difference in the mode of collecting and preparing the juice. In the case of the Constantinople opium it is probably removed from the capsules before concretion. Merck says that he has not discovered in this variety those minute portions of the poppy capsules which are usually present in Smyrna opium. The average quality of the Constantinople opium, as above described, is about equal to that of the drug from Smyrna; but it appears to be occasionally purer, as Merck obtained from one specimen as much as 15 per cent. of pure morphine. Dr. R. Bauer, of Constantinople, who for many years had the opportunity of becoming familiar with the varieties of opium which reach that city, in 1867 denied that any of the varieties produced near Smyrna contain tears, except the single one from Magnesia. (*Neues Repert.*, xvi. 751.)

In an account, by M. Bourlier, of the culture of the poppy and collection of opium in Bithynia, a province of Asia Minor, near Constantinople, it is stated that the lumps, when formed out of the concrete juice, are enveloped in poppy leaves; and no mention is made of the use of the Rumex capsules to prevent adhesion. It is the opium here collected which, according to M. Bourlier, is known throughout the Levant and in Europe as Constantinople opium. The same authority states that the yolk of egg is sometimes largely used for adulterating opium,—a fraud which may be detected by the large proportion of fatty matter which the adulterated drug yields to ether, and by the impossibility of drying it so as to fit it for pulverization. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1859, p. 4.)

Guibourt describes another variety of Constantinople opium of much inferior character. "It comes," he ob-

Opium is regarded as inferior when it has a blackish color, a weak or empyreumatic smell, a sweet or slightly nauseous and bitter taste, a soft, viscid, or greasy consistence, a dull fracture, or an irregular, heterogeneous texture, from the intermixture of foreign substances. It

serves, "in small, flattened cakes, sufficiently regular and of a lenticular shape, from two to two and a half inches in diameter, and always covered with a poppy leaf, the midrib of which divides the surface into two equal parts. It has an odor similar to that of the preceding variety, but feebler, and it blackens and dries in the air. It is more mucilaginous than Smyrna opium, and contains only half as much morphine." These characters are obviously those of Egyptian opium; and, though the parcels which came under the notice of Guibourt may have been imported directly from Constantinople, it is highly probable that they were originally from Alexandria. Mr. Stettner, of Trieste, though well acquainted with the opium commerce of that port, admits no such Constantinople opium as that described by Guibourt. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxiv. 65.) According, however, to Dr. Bauer, the opium collected in the districts nearest Constantinople is mostly in small pieces, often of only two or three ounces, which are always invested with poppy leaves, or more rarely with grape leaves, generally smooth, and without Rumex capsules; and this description corresponds with Guibourt's. (*Neues Repert.*, xvi. 754, 1867.)

A number of varieties of opium produced in European and Asiatic Turkey circulate more or less in Austria and other parts of Germany, which have been described by Dr. C. Finckh in *Buchner's Repertory* (vol. xvi. p. 749), and of which we propose to give a brief account here:

Opium of Géicé or *Géré* is gathered from a poppy with red flowers, and comes in the form of small rounded cakes, weighing 2 or 3 ounces, enveloped in the leaves of the poppy, with a smooth and shining surface, which seems to be divided into two halves by the median nerve of the leaf. The interior is in layers of light- and deep-colored opium; and its yield of morphine is from 12 to 15 per cent.

Opium of Amasia differs from the preceding only in this, that there are two enveloping poppy leaves, placed crosswise, and with their lower surface outward, so as to give a rugose appearance to the cakes. In the interior the mass is homogeneous, but is very analogous to the *Géwé* opium.

Opium of Malatia is in small loaves, round or somewhat oval, from 4 to 5 ounces in weight, made with the greatest care, and enveloped in poppy leaves, with a rugose surface, and the median line corresponding to the middle of the loaves. The borders of these, frequently deprived of the leaf, are very delicate. The substance of the loaf is homogeneous, but generally poor in morphine.

Opium of Magnesia is in irregular cakes or loaves, from 1 to 4 ounces in weight. They are covered first with a layer of Rumex seeds, and afterwards with poppy and vine leaves, and owe their irregular form to the envelopes, for originally they are rounded. The interior is composed of agglutinated tears, and is of excellent quality.

Opium of Salonica, or of *Kutchina*, has a strong analogy in all respects with that of Géwé, for which it is often substituted. (See recent analysis by Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893.)

The following represent the varieties in which Smyrna opium appears in the market:

The *Opium of Balukhissar*, which is the chief source of the Smyrna opium, is in cakes of from 4 to 12 ounces, irregular, though originally globular-ovoid. They are covered with Rumex seeds, and present, besides, on their surface poppy leaves irregularly applied. The mass is formed of tears lighter or deeper colored, and is so rich in morphine as to cause this variety to be always sought for in the market. (See recent analysis by Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893.)

The *Opium of Cataya* is generally in lumps half as large as the preceding, which it approaches closely in its characters and in its yield of the alkaloid.

The *Opium of Taushan* or *Taushanly* is in irregular lumps, twice as long as broad, and weighing from 3 to 5 ounces. The mass consists of tears, and is carelessly enveloped with the poppy leaf and a few Rumex seeds. This variety is rich in morphine.

The *Opium of Angora* or *Engiri* is readily known by its under surface being covered with only one leaf of the poppy. The masses, being almost spherical, appear to have been originally in balls. Their weight is from 6 to 8 ounces, the interior homogeneous, and the quality inferior.

The *Opium of Kara-Hissar* is in balls, flattened beneath, of the weight of 6 or 8 ounces, and covered with poppy leaves and Rumex seed. Though carefully prepared, this variety formerly, from its deficiency in morphine, was of inferior quality; but it has improved of late years. (See recent analysis by Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893.)

The *Opium of Cigusti* is in irregular loaves, 6 or 8 ounces in weight, enveloped in poppy leaves and Rumex seed. Though rarely falsified, it often contains fragments of the poppy capsules, and forms a mass sometimes of distinct tears, sometimes not. Occasionally rich, it is almost always mixed with the various forms of Smyrna opium.

Dr. Finckh has noticed the following adulterations: opium of Macedonia, with clay; of Angora, with wax; of Amasia, with gum; of Taushan, with liquorice; of Balukhissar, with melted pitch. He has even found an opium evidently made almost entirely of clay and cow-dung. The opiums of Macedonia are most frequently adulterated. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1869, p. 377.)

II. EGYPTIAN OPIUM. This is in flat roundish cakes, of various dimensions, sometimes as much as six inches in diameter and a pound in weight, usually, however, much smaller, and sometimes not weighing more than half an ounce. These cakes are either wrapped in a poppy leaf, so placed that the midrib divides the surface into two equal parts, or exhibit vestiges of such a covering. Occasionally the brown color of the opium is seen through the leaf, and the surface appears as if uncovered, while the leaf is still present. This variety of opium is always destitute of the Rumex capsules, and differs from the Smyrna opium also in being brittle instead of tenacious, and as hard in the centre as at the surface of the mass. Its fracture is conchoidal and of a waxy lustre, and small fragments of it are translucent. Its color is usually redder than that of Smyrna opium, though sometimes dark. Some of the pieces, on exposure to the air, become damp and sticky on the surface, indicating the fraudulent addition of a deliquescent substance. The odor is similar to that of Smyrna opium, but weaker. It is an inferior variety, as the best of it, examined by Merck, yielded only 6 or 7 per cent. of morphine, and a specimen of it was found by Mr. J. Evans, of Philadelphia, to contain not more than 3·55 per cent. Egyptian opium, therefore, should never be dispensed by the apothecary, or employed in the preparation of his tinctures, as the prescription of the physician is based upon the strength of good Smyrna opium, which is about twice that of the Egyptian. That the deficiency of morphine in Egyptian opium is not climatic would seem to be proved by the fact that M. Gastinel has produced opium in his garden at Cairo containing 12 per cent. of morphine. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iv. 415, 1866.)

III. INDIA OPIUM. Little if any of this opium reaches our market. There appear to be two chief varieties

should not impart a deep-brown color to the saliva, nor leave a dark uniform trace when drawn over paper, nor form with water a thick viscid solution.

of it,—one produced in Bahar and Benares, in the Bengal Presidency, and called *Bengal opium*, the other in the interior provinces, and designated by the name of *Malwa opium*. For minute description of Indian opium, see *P. J. Tr.*, xi., xii., abstracted *A. J. P.*, xxiv. 118; also *Pharmacographia*.

1. *Bengal Opium, Benares Opium, Patna Opium.* It is in round balls, weighing three pounds and a half, invested by a coating half an inch thick, composed of agglutinated leaves and poppy petals. The interior of the mass is of a brownish-black color, of the consistence of a stiff paste, and possessed in a high degree of the characteristic odor and taste of opium. The analyses of India opium vary decidedly in their results: Eatwell, 2·17 to 3·67 per cent. of morphine, 3·85 to 5·70 per cent. of narcotine; Procter (Patna opium), morphine, 5 per cent.; Flückiger and Hanbury (Khandesh opium), morphine, 6·07 per cent., (Patna opium) morphine, 8·6 per cent., narcotine, 4 per cent.; Solly (Khandesh opium), morphine, 7 per cent.; Watson (a number of varieties), 3·5 to 6·1 per cent. of morphine. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 362; *A. J. P.*, xxi. 194; *Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 61.) India opium is, therefore, much inferior to the best Smyrna opium in its yield of morphine, while it is richer in narcotine. Its inferior character is possibly, in some degree, owing to the circumstance that the juice, after collection, is kept for some time before it is made up, and consequently undergoes fermentation.

Garden Patna Opium is prepared in Bahar with peculiar care, from juice which has not been suffered to undergo fermentation. It is in cakes three or four inches square, and about half an inch thick, which are packed in cases with a layer of mica between them. These cakes are without covering, hard, dry, and brittle, of a uniform shining fracture, and not unlike an extract in appearance. The color is sometimes almost black, and sometimes of a light brown, not unlike that of Egyptian opium. Dr. Christison states that it is much superior to the globular Bengal opium, and that some specimens are little inferior to Turkey opium in the proportion of morphine.

2. *Malwa Opium.* This sometimes occurs in flat, roundish cakes, five or six inches in diameter, and from four to eight ounces in weight. In other instances it is in rectangular masses called bricks, or even in roundish balls. It seems never to be encased in poppy remnants. They are commonly quite hard, dry, and brittle, of a light-brown color, a shining fracture, a compact homogeneous texture, and free from mechanical impurities. The quality is very variable. A specimen of Malwa opium described by Dr. Carson (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 195) broke with a rough fracture, which was of a blackish-brown color, here and there showing irregular oily spots. Prof. Procter obtained from it 9¼ per cent. of morphine.

In spite of the edicts of prohibition, the culture of the poppy has extraordinarily increased of late years in China, and the grade of opium produced is said to have greatly improved. The China opiums do not enter general commerce, but about 2,000,000 cwt. are said to be annually used at home. This is probably one reason why the Indian export had fallen from 144,638 cwt. in 1880 to 118,598 cwt. in 1890, whilst the net revenue of the Indian government from opium-tax has decreased over $12,000,000 annually.

IV. PERSIAN OPIUM. The cultivation of opium greatly increased in Persia a few years ago, the crop of 1880 having been estimated at about 1,200,000 lbs.; consequently, whilst formerly it was a rare variety, since 1870 it has been sent in increasing quantities into European commerce, and comes to some extent to this country; but, according to the reports of Consul-General Benjamin (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1884), there has been a decline in the production of opium in Persia, owing partly to the large adulterations which have been practised, and partly to the disfavor of the government. It still continues to be, however, one of the principal sources of wealth to the government. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 904.) It is in different forms. Sometimes it is in cylindrical pieces, about three and a half inches long and half an inch thick, wrapped in glossy paper, tied with a cotton thread, and each weighing about half an ounce; more frequently it is in short rounded cones weighing from 6 to 10 ounces; it also occurs in flat circular cakes. It is of a uniform consistence, but exhibits, nevertheless, under the microscope, small agglutinated tears, much less than those of Smyrna opium. It has the liver-brown color of Egyptian opium, a virose musty odor, and a very bitter taste, and, like Egyptian opium, softens in a moist atmosphere. The character of the opium has undoubtedly changed of late years, and it is said that the Persians now produce two distinct forms,—one pure, destined for the Western market, and one adulterated and oiled, for the China trade.

In 1860 Persian opium was described by Dr. Reveil as being in three forms in Paris. *One* was in spherical cakes, without envelope or Rumex capsules. In physical characters it closely resembled the cylindrical variety, though softer and more hygrometric. It had a strongly virose odor, and a bitter slightly sweetish taste. The *second* was in irregular masses, liver-colored, of a virose smell and bitter taste, brittle, smooth and shining, compact, and very hygrometric. The *third* was in the form of flat cakes, covered with an unknown leaf with some Rumex capsules, of a reddish-brown color, tasting and smelling like the preceding, compact, and smooth. Of these the first and third contained, each, 31·6 per cent. of glucose; the second, 13·9 per cent. All these varieties were remarkable for the absence of obvious impurities, such as are insoluble in water and alcohol. From 75·2 to 84·2 per cent. was soluble in water, from 71·6 to 81·6 in alcohol at 85°. The *cylindrical* variety yielded 8·15 per cent. of morphine; the *spherical*, 6·4 per cent.; the *irregular*, 7·1 per cent.; and the *flat and coated*, 5·1 per cent. The presence of glucose in such large proportions may be explained by the asserted fact that honey is sometimes mixed with opium at the time of its collection. Though the proportion of morphine is considerable in these varieties, yet, in consequence of their large proportion of soluble matter, they yield comparatively feeble extracts. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1860, p. 101.) Subsequently to M. Reveil's investigation, two samples of Persian opium were examined by M. Séput, of Paris, one of which yielded 9·33 and the other 9·37 per cent. of morphine. (*Ibid.*, Mars, 1861, p. 163.)

Analyses made in 1873 showed a great improvement in Persian opium. Consul-General Ross stated that, as prepared for the European market, it averaged 12 per cent. of morphine. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1873, p. 883; June, 1880, p. 1002.) Messrs. Rosengarten, the well-known manufacturing chemists, of Philadelphia, inform us that they have used large quantities of the Persian opium, and obtained from it an average of 10 per cent. of morphine. Mr. W. D. Howard examined a sample of fine Persian opium sent to England as "perfectly pure," which yielded to him on analysis, without previous drying—morphine, crystallized from alcohol, 10·40 per cent.; codeine, anhydrous, 0·29 per cent.; narcotine, 2·50 per cent.; thebaine, 0·57 per cent.; cryptopine, 0·09 per cent.; papaverine, a trace. He is unable to say whether it contained any narceine. It was of a light-brown color, and had been collected without the excessive use of oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, March 11, 1876.)

V. MOZAMBIQUE OPIUM. The poppy culture has been introduced into Mozambique for the production of opium for the Chinese market. A specimen of the product is said to have yielded 4 per cent. of morphine, 4·3 per cent. of narcotine, and 40 per cent. of moisture. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 63.)

"BOSTON OPIUM," so called, is a sophisticated article, skilfully adulterated so as to reduce the percentage of

Properties. Good opium has a peculiar, strong, narcotic odor, and a bitter, somewhat acrid taste. It is officially described as "in irregular or subglobular cakes, with the remnants of poppy leaves and fruits of a species of Rumex adhering to the surface; plastic, or of a harder consistence; chestnut-brown or darker, and somewhat shining; internally showing some tears and fragments of vegetable tissue. It has a sharp, narcotic odor, and a peculiar, bitter taste." *U. S.* When long chewed it excites much irritation in the lips and tongue, and may even blister the mouths of those unaccustomed to its use. Its color is reddish brown or deep fawn; its texture compact; its sp. gr. 1·336. When drawn over paper it usually leaves an interrupted trace of a light-brown color. It is often soft in the interior of the mass, and in this state is tenacious; but when exposed to the air it gradually hardens, and ultimately becomes brittle, breaking with a shining fracture, and affording, when pulverized, a yellowish-brown powder, which becomes adhesive upon a slight elevation of temperature. It readily inflames upon the application of a lighted taper. It yields its virtues to water, alcohol, and diluted acids, but not to ether. To all these menstrua it imparts a deep-brown color. Alcohol dissolves about four-fifths of it. Pelletier states that the proportion taken up by water varies in all specimens. He never found the quantity of extract prepared with cold water to exceed 12 parts out of 16. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1832.)

Chemical Constituents. Much attention has been devoted to the chemical constitution of opium. It was through the researches into the nature of this substance that chemists were led to the discovery of the alkaloids, which are usually the active principles of the plants in which they are found, and have attracted much notice, and been applied so advantageously to the treatment of disease. To Sertürner, an apothecary at Eimbeck, in Germany, belongs the credit of having opened this new and most important field of research. In the year 1803, M. Derosne made known the existence of a crystallizable substance which he had discovered in opium, and which he erroneously believed to be the active principle. In the following year, Seguin discovered another crystallizable body, which experience has proved to be the true narcotic principle of opium; but he did not fully investigate its nature, and no immediate practical advantage accrued from his excellent analysis. About the same time, Sertürner was engaged in a similar investigation, the results of which, very analogous to those obtained by Seguin, were published in a German journal, without, however, attracting general attention. In this state the subject remained till 1817, when Sertürner announced the existence of a saline compound in opium, consisting of a peculiar alkaline principle united with a peculiar acid, and clearly demonstrated the precise nature of a substance which, though before discovered both by Seguin and himself, had been hitherto but vaguely known. To the alkaloid, in which he correctly conceived the narcotic powers of opium to reside, he gave the name of *morphium*, which has been since changed to *morphine*, in order to render it conformable with the titles of the other alkaloids. The acid he called *meconic*, a term derived from the Greek name of the poppy. The correctness of the statements of Sertürner was confirmed by Robiquet, who also satisfactorily demonstrated that the substance obtained by Derosne and called by him the *salt of opium* was a principle altogether distinct from morphine, though supposed to possess considerable influence over the system. In the belief in its narcotic powers, Robiquet denominated it *narcotine*, a title which it still retains. A number of other alkaloids have since been discovered in opium, although most of these are in very limited amount, and the existence of some is not quite definitely established. According to the views of its constitution at

morphine to the lowest point compatible with getting through the United States Custom-House and yet to get the physical appearance of a high-grade opium.

The following exhibits the results obtained by Guibourt in the analysis of various opiums. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv., Févr. et Mars, 1862.)

		Soft.	Hard.	Dried.
Anatolia (Smyrna) opium	lowest	9·60 per c. morphine.	10·82 per c.	11·70 per c.
do. do.	highest	18·24	19·77	21·46
do. do.	mean	12·40	13·57	14·78
Constantinople	lowest	10·90	13·32	14·40
do.	highest	14·00	15·72	17·00
Egyptian	lowest		5·19	5·81
do.	highest		11·45	12·21
Persian			10·52	11·37
Indian (Patna)	lowest		5·09	5·27
do. do.	highest		6·93	7·72
French	lowest		14·21	14·83
do.	highest		21·10	22·88
do.	mean		16·77	17·69

present accepted, it contains: 1. *Morphine*, $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$; 2. *Codeine*, $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$; 3. *Thebaine*, $C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$; 4. *Papaverine*, $C_{20}H_{21}NO_4$; 5. *Meconidine*, $C_{21}H_{23}NO_4$; 6. *Codamine*, $C_{20}H_{25}NO_4$; 7. *Laudanine*, $C_{20}H_{25}NO_4$; 8. *Laudanosine*, $C_{21}H_{27}NO_4$; 9. *Lanthopine*, $C_{23}H_{25}NO_4$; 10. *Protopine*, $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$; 11. *Cryptopine*, $C_{21}H_{23}NO_5$; 12. *Rhœadine*, $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$; 13. *Narcotine*, $C_{22}H_{23}NO_7$; 14. *Oxynarcotine*, $C_{22}H_{23}NO_8$; 15. *Narceine*, $C_{23}H_{29}NO_9$; 16. *Pseudomorphine*, $C_{34}H_{36}N_2O_6$; 17. *Gnoscopine*, $C_{34}H_{36}N_2O_{11}$; 18. *Tritopine*, $C_{42}H_{54}N_2O_7$; 19. *Hydrocotarnine*, $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$. In addition to the above list, *Deuteropine*, *Opionine*, *Papaverosine*, and *Porphyroxine* are possible alkaloids that have been announced, but not sufficiently established as yet. Still others, like *Apomorphine* (see p. 186), can be produced from those existing in the opium. Two acids at least occur combined with these bases in opium, *meconic acid*, $C_7H_4O_7$, and *lactic acid*, $C_3H_6O_3$. This latter, supposed by T. and H. Smith to be a peculiar variety of lactic acid, and named by them *thebolactic acid*, was ascertained by Stenhouse to be the ordinary variety. Sulphuric acid is found in the ash along with the bases calcium, magnesium, and potassium. Opium also contains *mucilage*, *pectic matter*, and a *glucose sugar*. The wax gathered from the refuse of opium yielded Hesse *cerotyl palmitate* and *cerotate*. Three neutral principles have, moreover, been extracted from opium,—*meconin* (*opianyl*), $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$, *meconoiosin*, $C_8H_{10}O_2$, and *opionin*, which, according to Hesse, is contained in small quantities in Smyrna opium. The first of these forms prisms which fuse under water at 77° C., or *per se* at 110°, and boil at 155° C.; the second melts at 88° C., and the third at 227° C. None of these neutral principles contain nitrogen. All the organic bases of opium produce deviation of the plane of polarization to the left. (Bouchardat and Boudet, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiii. 294.)*

Of the principles above mentioned, *morphine* is by far the most important. It is generally admitted to exist in opium united with meconic acid in the state of meconate, and to a certain extent also as a sulphate, although Dr. A. R. L. Dohme (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 168) believes that the results of a dialysis of opium show that the morphine is combined with sulphuric acid alone. Of morphine and its preparations we shall treat under another head. (See *Morphina.*)

Narcotine. *Narcotina*, $C_{22}H_{23}NO_7$. It exists in opium, chiefly, at least, in the free state, and is left behind in considerable quantity when the drug is macerated with water. It is white, tasteless, and inodorous, and crystallizes in silky flexible needles, usually larger than the crystals of morphine, fusible at 176° C. (349° F.), and decomposes at higher temperature with evolution of ammonia. Heated to 220° C., the residue which remains is *hemipinic acid*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_6$, insoluble in cold water, soluble in 400 parts of boiling water, in 100 parts of cold and 24 of boiling alcohol, which deposits it upon cooling, and very soluble in ether. The fixed and volatile oils, and the diluted acids, also dissolve it; and it has been found to be soluble in the volatile oil of turpentine, which, aided by heat, will extract it from opium, and yield it in crystals by evaporation. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 156.) As it exerts no alkaline reaction upon vegetable colors, and does not prevent the acids from reddening litmus paper, there would appear to be some reason for denying it the rank of an alkaloid. But it unites with some of the acids, forming definite compounds, which may be procured in a separate state; and Robiquet obtained narcotine sulphate and hydrochlorate well crystallized. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xvii. 639, and xix. 59.) Hence it is now generally considered as a weak base; and perhaps this view of it is the most convenient. It must be admitted, however, to have a very feeble neutralizing power. With acetic acid it does not appear to form a permanent combination; for, though dissolved by cold acetic acid, it is separated by heating the solution. It is decomposed by long boiling, or by heating with nitric acid, into *cotarnine*, $C_{12}H_{13}NO_3$, and *meconin*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$, and by heating with water to 100° in sealed tubes, into *hydrocotarnine*, $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$, and *opianic acid*, $C_{10}H_{10}O_5$; while, on the other hand, the action of nascent hydrogen (from zinc and hydrochloric acid) converts it into *hydrocotarnine* and *meconin*, and that of oxidizing agents into *cotarnine* and *opianic acid*. It may be distinguished from morphine by its insipidity, by its solubility in ether and insolubility in alkaline solutions, by not affecting vegetable colors, by assuming a yellowish instead of a blood-red color under the action of strong nitric acid, by not decomposing iodic acid, and by not producing a blue color with ferric salts. It is, however, reddened by a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids. Hence, if to a mixture of it with strong sulphuric acid a small piece of potassium nitrate is added, a deep

* M. Lahens, of Toulouse, found glucose in a tincture of poppy capsules, and in all the commercial varieties of opium, in proportions varying from 3 to 14·5 per cent. Its presence in opium is therefore not a proof of sophistication. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1854, p. 265.)

Proportionate quantity of the more important constituents of Opium. The Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh, obtained from 100 parts of fine opium 10 parts of morphine, 6 of narcotine, 0·15 of thebaine, 1 of papaverine, 0·3 of codeine, 0·02 of narceine, 0·01 of meconin, 4 of meconic acid, and 1·25 of thebolactic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1865, p. 183.)

blood-red color is produced; while morphine, under the same circumstances, yields a brownish or olive-green color. It gives a greasy stain to paper when heated upon it over a candle. When distilled with potassa, or simply by heating to 250° C., it yields *trimethylamine*, $N(CH_3)_3$. Heated with strong hydrochloric acid, it loses two groups, CH_2, and with concentrated hydriodic acid a third, CH_2, so that we have established the existence of three methyl groups (CH_3) in narcotine. Water extracts narcotine partially from opium, in consequence of the acid which the latter contains, either free or combined with the narcotine. It is usually obtained mixed with morphine in the processes for procuring that principle, and may be separated by the action of ether, which dissolves it without affecting the morphine, and yields it upon evaporation. It may also be obtained by digesting opium in ether, and slowly evaporating the ethereal solution, which deposits crystals of narcotine. It is said that the same result may be obtained by using the oil of turpentine as the menstruum, first heating it with opium, and then evaporating the solution. Another mode of procuring it is to treat opium, exhausted by previous maceration in water, with dilute acetic acid, filter the solution, precipitate by an alkali, wash the precipitate with water, and purify it by solution in boiling alcohol, from which it crystallizes as the liquid cools. Should it still be impure, the solution in alcohol and crystallization may be repeated. The proportion of narcotine in opium varies extremely in the different varieties, and in different specimens of the same variety. Thus, in Smyrna opium it has been found by different observers, in quantities varying from 1·30 to nearly 11 per cent. Though narcotine itself is tasteless, its salts are very bitter, even more so than those of morphine. (*Berzelius.*) Their solution reddens litmus, and yields precipitates with the alkalies and infusion of galls. Robiquet obtained the sulphate and hydrochlorate crystallized.

Different opinions have been advanced relative to the action of narcotine on the system. Derosne believed it to be the active principle of opium; though upon experimenting with it he obtained effects but little stronger than those produced by an equal dose of opium itself. Others found it possessed in different degrees of narcotic properties; and the results of various experiments which led to the conclusion may be seen in former editions of this work. But a more thorough investigation seems to have proved that it cannot be ranked among narcotic medicines. It has been asserted that narcotine is identical with *aconella*, an alkaloid said to have been extracted by the Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh, from aconite; but Groves failed to find aconella. (See page 79, U. S. D., 14th edition.) Narcotine acts feebly upon the lower animals as a convulsant. No cases of fatal poisoning from it in man are on record, but 120 grains of it are said to have been taken without producing distinct results. On the other hand, observers have seen profound narcotism caused by much smaller quantities, these results, however, being without much doubt due to impurities in the drug. According to Leubuscher (*Deutsch. Med. Wochens.*, 1892), it is a feeble sedative to intestinal peristalsis. Many years ago Dr. O'Shaughnessy, of Calcutta, recommended narcotine as an antiperiodic, in doses of three grains (0·19 Gm.) three times a day, but it has failed to acquire reputation.*

CODEINE. *Codeia*, $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$ (or $C_{17}H_{17}NO(OH).OCH_3$), was discovered in 1832 by Robiquet in morphine hydrochlorate prepared according to the process of Gregory, and was prepared synthetically by Grimaux by the action of methyl iodide and caustic soda upon morphine, thus proving its chemical character as methylmorphine. It exists in opium combined like morphine with meconic acid, and is extracted along with that alkaloid in the preparation of the hydrochlorate. (See *Morphina.*) When the solution of the mixed morphine and codeine hydrochlorates is treated with ammonia, the former alkaloid is precipitated, and the codeine, remaining in solution, may be obtained by evaporation and crystallization. It may be purified by treating the crystals with hot ether, which dissolves them, and yields the codeine in colorless crystals by spontaneous evaporation. This alkaloid is now official. (See *Codeina.*)†

THEBAINE (*Paramorphia*). *Paramorphine*, $C_{19}H_{21}NO_3$ (or $C_{17}H_{15}NO(OCH_3)_2$), was discovered by Pelletier in the precipitate thrown down from an infusion of opium treated with milk of lime. The precipitate being washed with water till the liquid came away colorless, and then treated with alcohol, instead of affording morphine to this solvent, as was anticipated, yielded a new alkaloid, which was obtained separate by evaporating the alcohol, acting on the

* For methods of preparation for the *meconate, acetate, hydrochlorate,* and *sulphate of narcotine* by D. B. Dott, see *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 152.

† *Codeine hydrobromide*, $C_{36}H_{42}N_2O_6.2HBr,4H_2O$, is described by D. B. Dott in *P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 917.

Codeine phosphate crystallizes in slender, four-sided columns; it is colorless and of a bitterish taste, and is soluble in four parts of water. Its action, according to Dr. Fronmüller, is like that of morphine, but milder. It seldom causes local irritation when subcutaneously injected, and is more soluble than the sulphate or hydrochlorate. The dose should be at least double that of morphine. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 45.)

residue with ether, allowing the ethereal solution to evaporate spontaneously, and then purifying the resulting crystalline mass by dissolving it in an acid, precipitating by ammonia, and recrystallizing by means of alcohol or ether. Pelletier named it paramorphine, from its close analogy in composition with morphine, from which, however, it is quite distinct in properties. The name of *thebaine* was proposed for it by M. Couërbe, who was disposed to give the credit of its discovery to M. Thiboumery, the director of Pelletier's laboratory. It is white, crystallizable, of an acrid and styptic rather than bitter taste, fusing at 193·4° C. (379·4° F.), and, according to Hesse, confirmed by D. B. Dott, is not sublimable. Other observers state that it sublimes at 135° C. without fusing, and is deposited in minute crystals resembling caffeine. It is scarcely soluble in water, very soluble in alcohol and ether when cold, and still more so when heated, and capable of combining with the acids, with which it forms salts not crystallizable from their aqueous solution. Alkalies precipitate it from its acid solutions, and, unless in very concentrated solution, do not dissolve it when added in excess. It is not, like morphine, reddened by nitric acid, nor does it become blue with solutions of ferric salts. From codeine it differs in never being in large crystals, in not forming crystallizable salts, in being always precipitated from its acid solutions by ammonia, and in not melting in oily drops. From narcotine, which it most resembles, it may be distinguished by its shorter crystals, which lack the pearly appearance of those of narcotine, by its different taste, by its much greater solubility in cold alcohol, of which 10 parts will dissolve 1 of this principle, while narcotine requires 100 parts, and by the action of nitric acid, which converts it into a resin-like matter before dissolving it, while the same acid instantly dissolves narcotine. Diluted sulphuric or hydrochloric acid in excess changes thebaine, according to Hesse, into two isomeric bases, *thebenine* and *thebaicine*. When heated to 90° C. under pressure with fuming hydrochloric acid, thebaine yields a base having the probable formula $C_{17}H_{15}NO(OH)_2$, and called by its discoverer, W. C. Howard (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, xvii. 527, xix. 1596), *morphothebaine*, to indicate its origin and relation to morphine. Magendie and many subsequent observers agree that thebaine is a powerful spinal convulsant, resembling in its action strychnine. Leubuscher affirms that it is an intestinal stimulant. Eulenberg found one-four-hundredth of a grain sensibly active in man; and the reported failures of large amounts to produce distinct effects have probably been due to the alkaloid used being impure. On motor nerves it seems to have a paralyzing influence, though in the mammal death takes place from tetanus.

Papaverine. *Papaverina*, $C_{20}H_{21}NO_4$. The discovery of this alkaloid was announced by Dr. G. Merck. It is crystallizable in needles, fusing at 147° C. (296·6° F.), insoluble in water, very sparingly soluble in cold alcohol or ether, more soluble in these liquids boiling hot, and deposited by them on cooling. With acids it forms salts, most of which are very sparingly dissolved by water. The hydrochlorate crystallizes with extraordinary facility. The alkaloid is readily dissolved by moderately concentrated hydrochloric acid, from which, on the addition of more acid, the hydrochlorate separates, assuming the form of an oily layer at the bottom of the vessel, which is readily converted on standing into a mass of acicular crystals. These crystals are very sparingly soluble in cold water. The hydrochlorate yields with platinic chloride a yellow precipitate which is insoluble in boiling water or alcohol. By the action of concentrated nitric acid there is formed, on heating, the nitrate of nitropapaverine, $C_{20}H_{20}(NO_2)$-$NO_4.HNO_3$, which separates in crystals. The nitro-base can be separated in clear yellow flocks by the addition of ammonia. Papaverine is prepared by precipitating the aqueous infusion of opium with soda, exhausting the precipitate with alcohol, evaporating the tincture to dryness, treating the residue with a dilute acid, filtering, precipitating by ammonia, dissolving the precipitate in hydrochloric acid, mixing sodium acetate with the solution, and treating the resulting precipitate with boiling ether. The ethereal solution deposits the papaverine on cooling. A characteristic property of this alkaloid is that its crystals, when moistened with concentrated sulphuric acid, acquire a dark-blue color. Dr. Thomas Anderson confirms the statements of Merck. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 15, 1855.) The results obtained by investigators of the physiological action of papaverine seem hopelessly discordant, and any future studies made should be prefixed by an absolute chemical examination of the alkaloid used. Leubuscher (*Deutsch. Med. Wochensch.*, 1892) asserts that it acts as a sedative to intestinal peristalsis without producing other effects, and is valuable in the *diarrhœa* of children. Dose for a two-years-old child, two-fifths of a grain (0·025) Gm., repeated three or four times a day.

Narceine. *Narceia*, $C_{23}H_{29}NO_9$, discovered by Pelletier in 1832, is in white, silky crystals, inodorous, of a bitter taste, the fusing point of which was given at 145·2° C. (291·6° F.) according to Hesse, and at 92° C. according to Pelletier. E. Merck has shown, however (*Chem.*

Zeit., 1889, p. 525) that the ordinary commercial alkaloid of English manufacture melts between 150° and 160° C., and the pure base at 170° to 171° C. Out of water at 60° C. it crystallizes with 2 molecules of water, which it loses at 100° C., and at 140° C. another molecule of water escapes, leaving in the fused residue a mixture of bases. Soluble in 375 parts of cold and 220 of boiling water, soluble also in alcohol, and insoluble in ether. It forms a bluish compound with iodine, the color of which is destroyed by heat and the alkalies. Besides, according to Stein, the blue color is not produced when there is too much of the iodine present, which then causes a brown color with narceine; the blue color appearing, under such circumstances, only when the excess of iodine is saturated by ammonia. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1872, p. 59.) It is rendered blue by the action of mineral acids so far diluted as not to decompose it, but does not, like morphine, become blue by the action of ferric salts, nor red by that of nitric acid. According to Prof. P. C. Plugge, if a trace of narceine be covered in a porcelain capsule with *diluted* sulphuric acid, no change will be observable; but if the capsule be heated on the water-bath, a blue color will be developed as soon as the acid has become sufficiently concentrated; this by prolonged heating will pass to cherry-red. If to this red liquid, after cooling, a trace of nitric acid or of potassium nitrite be added, blue-violet streaks will be produced. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 425.) It is dissolved by the acids, but was thought not to neutralize them, and, though at first considered alkaline by Pelletier, was afterwards ranked with indifferent bodies. At present, however, its alkaloidal character is admitted; it unites with sulphuric acid to form a crystallizable sulphate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1864, p. 367.) Dr. Dragendorff has announced that solution of narceine gives a crystalline precipitate with the double zinc and potassium iodide. This reaction may be employed with iodine as a test of narceine. If a solution of this salt, with a little iodized water, be added to solutions of narceine, and the mixture then agitated with ether to remove the iodine in excess, a solution containing a very small quantity of narceine will distinctly assume a blue color. The other alkaloids of opium are destitute of this property. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1870, p. 346.) Pelletier obtained it in the course of his analysis of opium. Having formed an aqueous extract of opium, he treated it with distilled water, precipitated the morphine by ammonia, concentrated the solution, filtered it, threw down the meconic acid by baryta water, separated the excess of baryta by ammonium carbonate, drove off the excess of the ammoniacal salt by heat, evaporated the liquor to the consistence of syrup, set it aside till a pulpy matter formed containing crystals, separated and expressed this pulpy matter, then treated it with alcohol, and concentrated the alcoholic solution. This, on cooling, deposited crystals of narceine, which were easily purified by repeated solution and crystallization. Meconin, which often crystallizes with it, may be separated by the agency of ether. The discordancy of the statements of physiologists and clinicians concerning the action of narceine can only be explained by the presence of impurities in the specimens used. The pure alkaloid would seem to be very feeble in its influence, Mitchell having taken five grains without any other effect than causing some headache. The narceine of commerce has been used in doses of one-third to three-quarters of a grain (0·02 to 0·05 Gm.) as a mild narcotic, probably acting through contaminating morphine.*

Oxynarcotine. *Oxynarcotia*, $C_{22}H_{23}NO_8$. This alkaloid accompanies narceine, from which it can be separated by treating the mixture with dilute sulphuric acid. On neutralizing the solution with the theoretical amount of soda and heating to boiling, a part dissolves. The undissolved residue is the oxynarcotine. It can also be obtained from the mother-liquors of narcotine. According to Beckett and Wright, it crystallizes out of alcohol in very fine needles, which are difficultly soluble in boiling water and boiling alcohol, insoluble in other neutral solvents. Heated to 140° or 150° C., it is carbonized. It is oxidized by ferric chloride to *hemipinic acid* and *cotarnine*.† It is a monacid base, and forms crystallizable salts.

Hydrocotarnine. *Hydrocotarnia*, $C_{12}H_{15}NO_3$, is obtained from the mother-waters of thebaine, after the removal of cryptopine and protopine with warm benzin, by precipitation with ammonia; laudanosine, which is also precipitated, is removed by treatment of the benzin solution with sodium bicarbonate. The hydrocotarnine is retained in solution by the benzin, from which the laudanosine has been deposited on cooling. Hydrochloric acid gas being made to pass through this solution, hydrocotarnine hydrochlorate crystallizes out. This alkaloid, as

* The remaining alkaloids of opium are not used in practical medicine, and the statements concerning their physiological actions are so contradictory and uncertain that the reader is referred for a detailed discussion of them to H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*.

† Cotarnine acts like morphine upon the lower animals, except that it has a different influence as a motor-nerve paralyzant. (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1891.)

the name indicates, can be formed from cotarnine, by the action of zinc and hydrochloric acid. It also seems to result from the decomposition of narcotine. (See *Narcotine.*) If the latter be made to boil some time with baryta water, a portion of it will be decomposed, giving rise to a crystallizable matter, soluble in ether, which appears to be identical with hydrocotarnine. This alkaloid is very soluble in alcohol, acetone, chloroform, benzin, and ether. It melts at 50° C. (122° F.), and loses at 57° C. the half molecule of water with which it crystallizes. Sulphuric acid dissolves it, coloring it yellow in the cold, and crimson-red if heated. Nitric acid colors it yellow; ferric chloride does not affect its color. It has been physiologically studied by Stockman and Dott (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Jan., 1891), who find that it produces in the lower animals symptoms similar to those caused by narcotine.

Pseudomorphine. *Pseudomorphia*, $C_{34}H_{36}N_2O_6$, was discovered by Pelletier in 1835, and is said by Hesse to be identical with Polstorff's *oxydimorphine;* but, as it exists in small quantities, and was thought to be only an occasional ingredient in opium, little attention has been paid to it. An interesting fact, however, in relation to it, and one of some toxicological importance, is that it possesses two properties considered characteristic of morphine, those, namely, of being reddened by nitric acid and of striking a blue color with ferric salts, and yet it is without any poisonous influence upon the animal economy. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxi. 575.) Hesse has investigated the subject, with the following results. He found that it accompanies morphine procured by Gregory's method, and may be separated from that alkaloid by adding ammonia in excess to an alcoholic solution containing both. The morphine is precipitated, and pseudomorphine, remaining in solution, may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquid. It is tasteless, insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, chloroform, and diluted sulphuric acid, but easily soluble in solution of potassa, soda, and lime, and in alcoholic solution of ammonia, though sparingly in an aqueous solution of the last-mentioned alkaloid. It does not neutralize hydrochloric acid, dissolves in concentrated sulphuric acid with the production of an olive-green color, in concentrated nitric acid with an intense orange-red, and in solution of ferric chloride with a blue color. At 120° C. (248° F.) it loses two molecules of water of crystallization, and at higher temperatures is decomposed without melting. It forms sparingly soluble salts with sulphuric, nitric, oxalic, and tartaric acids, and a crystalline deposit, very slightly soluble in hydrochloric acid, with solution of corrosive sublimate. (*Chem. News*, April 12, 1867, p. 188.) Hesse is of the opinion that pseudomorphine is identical with the oxymorphine prepared by the action of oxidizing agents upon morphine by Schutzenberger.

Protopine. *Protopia*, $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$, is an alkaloid which Hesse separated from cryptopine. Both are precipitated as insoluble hydrochlorates by hydrochloric acid in excess; but if the precipitate be dissolved by an excess of oxalic acid, the acid cryptopine oxalate will crystallize, and protopine remain in the mother-waters. The liquid is separated, precipitated by ammonia, and agitated with ether; and the ethereal solution is taken up by hydrochloric acid. Protopine hydrochlorate being dense and granular, while cryptopine hydrochlorate is very light, the two are separated by levigation,—eighty grammes of crude cryptopine furnishing one and a half of protopine. Separated from the hydrochlorate by ammonia, protopine constitutes a crystalline powder, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and in hot benzin and acetone, more soluble in chloroform, insoluble in the alkalies generally, but slightly soluble in ammonia. It melts at 202° C. (395·6° F.), undergoing decomposition, and is in anhydrous crystals. Ferric chloride does not color it; nitric acid colors it yellow; sulphuric acid dissolves it, coloring it first yellow, then red, and lastly violet. The alcoholic solution has an alkaline reaction. The salts are neutral and crystallizable.

Laudanine. *Laudania*, $C_{20}H_{25}NO_4$, as first prepared, is mixed with cryptopine, from which it is separated by dissolving it in acetic acid, and adding a slight excess of diluted solution of soda, by which the cryptopine is entirely precipitated. The liquid being filtered, and treated with ammonium chloride, lets fall the laudanine, which soon assumes the crystalline form. The acetate, with the addition of potassium iodide, gives rise to laudanine hydriodate, from which ammonia separates the base perfectly pure. It crystallizes from its solution in boiling alcohol in transparent granules or hexagonal prisms melting at 166° C. It is lævo-rotatory, tasteless, and poisonous, the hydrochloride resembling strychnine in its effects. It is dissolved at 18° C. (64·4° F.) by 647 parts of ether. Sulphuric acid gives with it characteristic reactions. When pure, at common temperatures it assumes a pale rose color, and at 150° C. (302° F.) a reddish violet. When ferric oxide is added, it exhibits the same changes, but with much greater intensity. Laudanine is an energetic base, and with potassa forms a crystallizable compound. Its salts, except the neutral sulphate, oxalate, and tartrate, are crystallizable.

CODAMINE. *Codamia*, $C_{20}H_{25}NO_4$, is isomeric with laudanine, but is readily distinguished from it by the effect of ferric chloride and nitric acid, both of which color it deep green. It is in anhydrous crystals. It can be purified by taking advantage of the feeble solubility of its iodide. Having decomposed this salt by ammonia, dissolve the precipitate in ether, wash the ethereal solution with solution of sodium bicarbonate, then filter through animal charcoal. By evaporation the liquid deposits the alkaloid in beautiful colorless crystals. Codamine crystallizes also from benzin; but thus obtained it melts at 126° C. (258·8° F.), while that procured through ether melts at about 120° C. (248° F.). The acid iodide, tartrate, and oxalate are crystallizable.

RHŒADINE, $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$, discovered by Hesse in 1865, is crystallizable, but not distinctly alkaline. It fuses at 232° C., and can be sublimed at higher temperatures. It is nearly insoluble in ether, alcohol, benzol, chloroform, water, and ammonia. Its solutions in dilute acids acquire an intense purple color on addition of strong hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, due to the formation of a coloring matter. This is destroyed by alkalies and restored by acids, and is so intense that 1 part of rhœadine will color 10,000 parts of water purple-red, 200,000 deep rose-red, and 800,000 distinctly red, although only a portion of the base is converted into coloring matter. The solution then filtered through bone-black shows the presence of a base, *rhœagenine*, isomeric with rhœadine, but fusing at 223° C. and forming a different series of salts. This alkaloid occurs also in *Papaver rhœas*.

MECONIDINE, $C_{21}H_{23}NO_4$, was discovered by Hesse in 1870. It is brownish yellow, amorphous, alkaline, melts at 58° C. (136·4° F.), and is not stable, the salts also being easily altered. It is easily soluble in alcohol, ether, benzene, chloroform, and acetone. It is dissolved by sulphuric acid with an olive-green color, and by nitric acid with an orange-red.

CRYPTOPINE. *Cryptopia*, $C_{21}H_{23}NO_5$. The discovery of this alkaloid was announced by Messrs. T. and H. Smith, of Edinburgh, in *P. J. Tr.*, 1867 (p. 595). The Messrs. Smith obtained it from the weak alcoholic washings of crude morphine after precipitation, by first neutralizing the liquid with diluted sulphuric acid, and then, after recovering the alcohol by distillation, and washing out the still copiously with hot water, by precipitating the mixed liquor of the still and the washings by milk of lime in large excess. The liquid is then filtered off, and the pitch-like precipitate, having been thoroughly washed, is boiled with alcohol in large quantity, the solution filtered, and the alcohol distilled off. The pitchy substance which remains in the retort, and which consists mainly of thebaine, is separated from the supernatant aqueous liquid, and heated to ebullition with enough alcohol to dissolve it. The solution, having been put aside, will be found in a day to have set into a mass of crystals, which consist of crystallized thebaine. This mass is now strongly pressed in a cloth, and the residuary cake powdered and dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid, care being taken that the acid be not in excess. The filtered liquid is evaporated and crystallized, and the process of evaporation and crystallization repeated, so as to separate all the thebaine hydrochlorate. If now the mother-waters be set aside, the cryptopine hydrochlorate will in the course of some weeks crystallize out of them, but mixed with crystallized thebaine hydrochlorate; and the separation of the two is extremely difficult. But as the crystals of the two alkaloids are very different, those of thebaine being hard and strong, those of cryptopine soft and generally tufted, by careful management, and by repeating the crystallization many times, so as to get rid of most of the thebaine, the cryptopine hydrochlorate may be seen forming on the surface of the harder salt in the solution. The mother-liquors being now poured off, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously, the whole at length sets into a soft mass, which, being pressed in a cloth, is found to consist of almost pure cryptopine hydrochlorate. To obtain the pure alkaloid, it is to be precipitated from the solution of ammonium chloride, then washed, dried, and finally washed with ether or alcohol, which readily dissolves thebaine, but has little effect on cryptopine. It may be obtained in a crystallized state by boiling it with a large quantity of alcohol, which, on cooling, will slowly deposit the alkaloid in crystals. The quantity in opium is extremely small.

Cryptopine is without color or smell; and its salts, though at first bitter to the taste, afterward cause a sense of coolness in the mouth, like that produced by peppermint. It melts at 217° C., and, on cooling, crystallizes in radiated forms at 171° C., and, heated to redness, is decomposed, blackening and giving forth aqueous vapors, but without properly subliming. It is insoluble in water and in ether, very sparingly soluble in alcohol, requiring 1265 parts of that liquid when cold to dissolve it. Chloroform dissolves it almost as freely as narcotine. Oil of turpentine and benzene do not appear to dissolve it. It has very strong alkaline powers, and forms crystallizable salts with the acids, which are distinguishable from all the other salts of the opium alkaloids by a strong tendency to gelatinize. If the hydrochlorate be dissolved in

about 30 parts of hot water, and set aside, instead of crystallizing, it forms a jelly closely resembling that of pure gelatin. From all the constituents of opium, except the stronger alkaloids, morphine, codeine, and thebaine, it is distinguished by its strong alkaline properties, as it neutralizes the strongest acids. From morphine it is distinguished by its very sparing solubility in alcohol, and from codeine and thebaine by its total insolubility in ether. It differs also in the effect of strong sulphuric acid, which produces a blue color with the minutest quantity of cryptopine, a blood-red with thebaine, and none with morphine or codeine. The tendency of its salts to gelatinize is another distinguishing property of cryptopine.

Laudanosine. *Laudanosia*, $C_{21}H_{27}NO_4$, exists in the mother-waters of thebaine, with cryptopine and protopine. The thebaine having been precipitated by tartaric acid, the mother-water is neutralized by ammonia, and sodium bicarbonate is added. After eight days' rest, a blackish mass separates. The limpid liquid with an excess of ammonia yields a copious precipitate, which, agitated with heated benzin, gives to that liquid a mixture of several alkaloids. The benzin solution, upon cooling to 40° C. (104° F.), deposits the cryptopine and protopine. On agitation anew with heated sodium bicarbonate and subsequent complete refrigeration, the laudanosine crystallizes. It is entirely purified by ether, which dissolves it abundantly; and its iodohydrate is but slightly soluble in water. It is itself insoluble in water and the alkalies, but it is soluble in alcohol, acetone, and chloroform. It melts at 89° C. (192·2° F.), and is decomposed at 110° C. (230° F.). Ferric chloride does not color it. Sulphuric acid gives it a rose color in the cold, and violet when heated. Nitric acid transforms it into a nitro-base. The crystals are anhydrous. It forms crystallizable salts, which are soluble and bitter.

Lanthopine. *Lanthopia*, $C_{23}H_{25}NO_4$, differs from pseudomorphine in not becoming blue with ferric chloride, and in giving, when entirely pure, with sulphuric and nitric acids, colorless solutions. It forms colorless microscopic prisms, which fuse at about 200° C. Its acid oxalate and tartrate are crystallizable. The alkaloid is crystallizable, does not have an alkaline reaction, is sparingly soluble in hot or cold alcohol, ether, or benzol, but readily soluble in chloroform.*

Gnoscopine, $C_{34}H_{36}N_2O_{11}$, was found by T. and H. Smith in 1878. It is crystallizable, melts at 233° C. (451·4° F.), with partial decomposition, is soluble in chloroform and carbon disulphide, slightly so in benzene, not in ether. The salts have an acid reaction.

Tritopine, $C_{42}H_{54}N_2O_7$, was discovered in 1890 by Klauder (*Arch. Pharm.*, 228, p. 419). It resembles morphine and laudanine in being soluble in soda solution, but is precipitated in the form of an oil by a large excess of the reagent. Tritopine crystallizes in characteristic anhydrous, transparent, needle-like plates, melting at 182° C., easily soluble in chloroform, but only slightly so in ether. With sulphuric acid it behaves like laudanine. It appears to be a diacid base.

Porphyroxine, according to K. L. Dey (*Pharm. Journ.* [3], xii. p. 397), is a definite basic substance, always present in Indian opium, but absent from Turkey or Smyrna opium.

* O. Hesse obtained most of the alkaloids announced by him from the black mother-liquors left behind in the process for procuring morphine hydrochlorate, first employed by Dr. Gregory, and adopted by the British Pharmacopœia. This liquor, diluted with an equal volume of water, was precipitated by an excess of ammonia; the clear liquid was exhausted with ether, and this treated as described in *Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, clxxx. 47. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1872, p. 549.) The method in which these alkaloids were first separated from opium by Hesse was as follows. An aqueous infusion is prepared, and precipitated by caustic soda or lime water in excess. In the liquid, a substance is retained, which may be extracted by ether, and one of the characteristics of which is that it yields with sulphuric acid a purple color. This appears to be the porphyroxine of Merck. This Hesse found to be a mixture of several alkaloids, which he separated in the following manner. The liquid above referred to as containing the coloring matter is well shaken with ether; this, being separated, is acidulated with acetic acid, and the impure acetates are obtained by evaporating off the ether. The residue is mixed gradually with a diluted alkaline solution, and agitated so as to cause the resin which separates to form a mass. After twenty-four hours, the precipitate is separated; the liquid containing the alkaloids is mixed with hydrochloric acid in slight excess, and the alkaloids are then precipitated with ammonia. The whole is now shaken with chloroform, acetic acid is added in slight excess, the chloroform is evaporated, and the residue is neutralized with ammonia. The precipitate produced is reddish-colored, and, though at first resinoid, soon crystallizes. This, which consists of impure lanthopine, is separated by filtration, and the filtered liquid, after twenty-four hours, is mixed with caustic soda, in quantity but very little more than necessary to decompose the ammonia salts in solution. It is then shaken repeatedly with ether to separate codeine, which renders it turbid. This alkaloid is separated more readily by ether than the other alkaloids present, meconidine, codamine, laudanine, and another which the author designated by the letter *x*. Ether does not extract the last-mentioned bases from the solution containing fixed alkali until after ammonium chloride has been mixed with it. When the ethereal solution is allowed to evaporate very slowly, *laudanine* first crystallizes, the other three bases remaining as an almost amorphous mass when the ether has all escaped. But if, before the ether has entirely evaporated, the liquid be mixed with solution of sodium bicarbonate, crystals of *codamine* will be deposited as the ether further evaporates. If the mother-liquor, from which the two alkaloids have been separated, is now treated with acetic acid and sodium chloride, *meconidine hydrochlorate* is precipitated, the base *x* remaining in solution. The latter is quite separated from meconidine by repeatedly dissolving the hydrochlorate in water, shaking it with sodium bicarbonate and ether, and then evaporating off the ether. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1870, p. 205.)

Color Reactions of the more important Opium Bases (Allen, *Commerc. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., vol. iii., Part II., p. 302).*

Alkaloid.	Nitric Acid (sp. gr. 1·42).	Concentrated Sulphuric Acid.			Erdmann's Test (sulphuric acid with dilute nitric).	Froehde's Reagent (sulphomolybdic acid).	Ferric Chloride.
		Alone.	On adding $KClO_3$ or HNO_3.	With Sugar.			
Morphine . .	Orange-red, turning yellow on heating.	Cold; no color, or faint pink; on heating, variable (dirty green to black).	Rose-red, or blood-red.	Purple, changing to deep red.	. . . . .	Fine violet, turning blue or dirty green.	Greenish blue.
Apomorphine . . .	Blood-red, or reddish violet.	No color (or violet to brown).	. . . . .	No reaction.	. . . . .	Deep green, turning violet.	Rose-pink, changing to violet and black.
Pseudomorphine .	Orange-red, changing to yellow.	Cold; no color, or olive-green; heated, dingy, green or purple, finally red.	. . . . .	Olive, then dark green, changing to brown.	. . . . .	Violet, changing to blue and green.	Blue.
Codeine . .	Yellow, not changing to red.	No color; dirty brownish green on heating.	Blue on warming.	Cherry-red, changing to violet.	Blue on warming.	Dirty green, changing to blue and pale yellow.	No color.
Thebaine . .	Yellow.	Blood-red, turning orange-yellow; olive-green on heating.	Same as with sulphuric acid alone.	. . . . .	Orange-red.	Blood-red, turning orange-yellow and colorless.	No color.
Papaverine .	Yellow.	Cold; little change; on strongly heating, violet blue, afterwards fading slowly.	No change.	. . . . .	Dull purple.	Green (changing to violet blue), becoming blue and yellow.	No color.
Narcotine . .	Red.	Darkens; changing to orange and brick-red on gently heating.	Carmine-red.	Fine mahogany-brown.	On warming, pink, changing to orange-red, and violet.	Pink, changing to greenish yellow and orange.	No color.
Narceine . .	Yellow, fading rapidly.	Brown, dissolving to yellow solution (changing to dark red). If impure, red or blue color.	No change.	Not characteristic.	Brownish yellow, becoming mahogany-brown on heating.	Brownish green, changing to yellow and reddish (yellow-brown to blue).	. . . . .

* The following table (from Stohmann and Kerl's *Chemie*, 4th ed., 1888) shows the behavior of the more important alkaloids with the chief alkaloidal reagents:

	Morphine.	Codeine.	Narcotine.	Thebaine.	Papaverine.	Narceine.
Phosphomolybdic acid.	Pale-yellow flocky precipitate, soluble in ammonia with blue color.	Brown voluminous precipitate only in concentrated solution.	Brownish-yellow flocky precipitate.	Yellow flocculent precipitate.	No reaction.	Brownish-yellow precipitate, becoming resinous in concentrated solution.
Phosphoantimonic acid.	No reaction.	Dirty-white turbidity.	Pale-yellow flocculent precipitate.	White gelatinous precipitate.	White curdy precipitate.	No reaction.
Potassium iodohydrargyrate.	White gelatinous precipitate.	White curdy precipitates.			Yellowish-white precipitate.	White turbidity, soon turning to resinous lumps.
Potassium iodobismuthate.		Orange precipitates.			Faint turbidity.	
Platinic chloride.	Yellow curdy precipitate, becoming crystalline.	Clear-yellow flocculent precipitates.			White precipitate.	Gradually forming yellow crystalline precipitate.
Mercuric chloride.	No reaction.	Whitish turbidity.	No reaction.	White flocculent precipitate.	Whitish turbidity.	No reaction.
Gold chloride.	Yellowish-brown precipitate, turning resinous.	Flesh-colored precipitate.	Pale-yellow flocculent precipitate.	Flesh-colored precipitate.	Pale-yellow flocculent precipitate.	Yellowish-brown precipitate, turning resinous.
Iodine in potassium iodide.	Reddish-brown precipitates with all.					
Tannic acid.	White turbidity in concentrated salt solutions only.		White flocculent precipitates,		Yellowish precipitate.	White turbidity, in concentrated solutions only.

MECONIN, $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$, a neutral principle before referred to, the existence of which was announced in 1832 by M. Couërbe, is identical with a substance discovered several years previously by M. Dublanc, Jr., but of which no account was published. It is perfectly white, in the form of acicular crystals, soluble in about 265 parts of cold and 18 of boiling water, very soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and the essential oils, but only sparingly in ether; fusible under water at 77° C., *per se* at 110° C., sublimable on careful heating, and possessed of a degree of acrimony which favors the supposition that it may not be without action upon the system. It is neither acid nor alkaline, and contains no nitrogen. Meconin is obtained by precipitating the aqueous infusion of opium with ammonia, washing the precipitate with water until the latter nearly ceases to acquire color, mixing the aqueous fluids, evaporating them to the consistence of molasses, setting them aside for two or three weeks, during which a mass of granular crystals is formed, then decanting the liquid, expressing the mass, and drying it with a gentle heat. The meconin may be separated from the mass by treating it with boiling alcohol of 36° Baumé, evaporating so as to obtain crystals, dissolving these in boiling water with animal charcoal, filtering the liquid while hot, and subjecting the crystals formed upon the cooling of the solution to the action of ether, which dissolves the meconin, and yields it in a state of purity by spontaneous evaporation.

MECONOIOSIN, $C_8H_{10}O_2$. This principle was discovered by T. and H. Smith, in 1878, who obtained it from the oil-like liquid containing meconin, which, upon being left to itself for some days, sets into a mass of crystals. These crystals, upon being drained and cautiously washed with cold weak spirit, are to be boiled in a large quantity of water. The filtered liquid gives a crystallization of meconin, and the mother-liquor, when concentrated, and upon being set aside for a time, yields beautiful leaf-like crystalline masses of meconoiosin, fusing at 88° C. (190·4° F.). This principle is neutral, and it may be distinguished from meconin by the following test of T. and H. Smith. "When heated with slightly diluted sulphuric acid, and when the evaporation has reached a certain point, meconin produces a beautiful green color. With meconoiosin, under the same circumstances, the coloration is deep red, becoming purple." This substance has been found by Stockman and Dott (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1891) to be a tetanizant.

OPIONIN, as before stated, was found by Hesse in small quantities in Smyrna opium. It forms white needles, which melt at 227° C. These are insoluble in water, but dissolve in alkalies, alcohol, and ether.

MECONIC ACID, $C_7H_4O_7 + 3H_2O$, is in white crystalline scales, of a sour taste followed by bitterness, fusible and volatilizable by heat, soluble in four parts of boiling water, soluble also in cold water and alcohol, with the property of reddening vegetable blues and forming salts. Its compounds with the earths and heavy metallic oxides are generally insoluble in water. Its characteristic properties are that it produces a blood-red color with ferric salts, a green precipitate with a weak solution of ammoniated copper sulphate, and white precipitates, soluble in nitric acid, with lead acetate, silver nitrate, and barium chloride. It is obtained by macerating opium in water, filtering the infusion, and adding a solution of calcium chloride. Calcium meconate and sulphate are precipitated. The precipitate, having been washed with hot water and with alcohol, is treated with diluted hydrochloric acid at 82·2° C. (180° F.). The calcium meconate is taken up, and, upon the cooling of the liquid, calcium bimeconate is deposited. This is dissolved in warm concentrated hydrochloric acid, which deposits pure meconic acid when it cools. It may be freed from coloring matter by neutralizing it with potassa, decomposing the crystallized meconate thus obtained by hydrochloric acid, and again crystallizing. When heated, it loses first its water of crystallization, and then at 120° C. a molecule of CO_2, and yields *comenic acid*, $C_6H_4O_5$; this at 260° C. or over loses another molecule of CO_2, and yields *pyromeconic acid*, $C_5H_4O_3$. By the action of nascent hydrogen (from sodium amalgam) it yields *hydromeconic acid*, $C_7H_{10}O_7$. Meconic acid has little or no action on the system, and is not used separately in medicine; but its natural relation to morphine requires that it should be understood. The three related compounds, meconic acid, comenic acid, and pyrocomenic acid, are now considered to be derivatives of the fundamental compound *pyrone*, $CO<\begin{matrix}CH=CH\\CH=CH\end{matrix}>O$. Thus, from pyrone, $C_5H_4O_2$, we get *oxypyrone* (pyromeconic acid), $C_5H_3O_2(OH)$, and *oxypyrone-carboxylic* (comenic) *acid*, $C_5H_2O_2(OH)COOH$, and *oxypyrone dicarboxylic* (meconic) *acid*, $C_5HO_2(OH)(COOH)_2$. Pyrone itself is formed when comenic and chelidonic acids are heated to 250° C. Most of the pyrone derivatives are converted by the action of ammonia into pyridone and pyridine compounds.

Thebolactic Acid, which was discovered by the Messrs. T. and H. Smith, of Edinburgh, appears to be a constant ingredient in opium. These chemists were led to search for it by the consideration that the quantity of meconic acid present is insufficient to saturate the whole of the morphine and other bases, which must, therefore, be neutralized by some other acid. They obtained it from the impure mother-liquid of morphine, after all the alkaloids had been thrown down by the addition of an alkali, by concentrating the liquors to a thick consistence, adding alcohol largely, filtering, precipitating all basic matter by sulphuric acid, filtering again, carefully neutralizing by milk of lime, distilling to recover the alcohol, and finally evaporating the residuary contents of the still to a syrupy consistence. After standing for about a week, the syrupy liquid will be seen to have set into a crystalline mass of calcium thebolactate. This, being purified by repeated solution and crystallization, and by animal charcoal, is decomposed by adding the equivalent quantity of sulphuric acid, and separating the liberated thebolactic acid by means of alcohol. Stenhouse showed that the new acid had the composition of lactic acid and was identical with the common variety, and his results were confirmed by J. Y. Buchanan. (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1870, p. 182.) The ready crystallization of its salts with lime is a characteristic property.

Incompatibles. The substances which produce precipitates with opium do not all necessarily affect its medical virtues; but the *alkalies*, and all vegetable infusions containing *tannic* and *gallic acids*, are incompatible, the former separating and precipitating the active principles, the latter forming with it an insoluble compound.

Morphiometric Assays of Opium. The proportion of morphine which any particular specimen of opium will furnish may be considered as the best test of its value, except that of actual trial upon the system. Good opium should yield not less than 9 per cent. of crystallized morphine when assayed by the official process. The U. S. Pharmacopœia directs that opium, dried at a heat not exceeding 85° C. (185° F.), should contain not less than 13 nor more than 15 per cent. of crystallized morphine when assayed by the official process, which is as follows:

"ASSAY OF OPIUM. *U. S.*

"Opium, in any condition to be valued, *ten grammes;* Ammonia Water, *three and five-tenths cubic centimeters;* Alcohol, Ether, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Introduce the Opium (which, if fresh, should be in very small pieces, and if dry, in very fine powder) into a bottle having a capacity of about 300 C.c., add 100 C.c. of water, cork it well, and agitate frequently during twelve hours. Then pour the whole as evenly as possible upon a wetted filter having a diameter of 12 Cm., and, when the liquid has drained off, wash the residue with water, carefully dropped upon the edges of the filter and the contents, until 150 C.c. of filtrate are obtained. Then carefully transfer the moist Opium back to the bottle by means of a spatula, add 50 C.c. of water, agitate thoroughly and repeatedly during fifteen minutes, and return the whole to the filter. When the liquid has drained off, wash the residue, as before, until the second filtrate measures 150 C.c., and finally collect about 20 C.c. more of a third filtrate. Evaporate in a tared capsule, first, the second filtrate to a small volume, then add the first filtrate, rinsing the vessel with the third filtrate, and continue the evaporation until the residue weighs 14 Gm. Rotate the concentrated solution about in the capsule until the rings of extract are redissolved, pour the liquid into a tared Erlenmeyer flask having a capacity of about 100 C.c., and rinse the capsule with a few drops of water at a time, until the entire solution weighs 20 Gm. Then add 10 Gm. (or 12·2 C.c.) of alcohol, shake well, add 25 C.c. of ether, and shake again. Now add the ammonia water from a graduated pipette or burette, stopper the flask with a sound cork, shake it thoroughly during ten minutes, and then set it aside, in a moderately cool place, for at least six hours, or over night. Remove the stopper carefully, and, should any crystals adhere to it, brush them into the flask. Place in a small funnel two rapidly-acting filters, of a diameter of 7 Cm. plainly folded, one within the other (the triple fold of the inner filter being laid against the single side of the outer filter), wet them well with ether, and decant the ethereal solution as completely as possible upon the inner filter. Add 10 C.c. of ether to the contents of the flask, rotate it, and again decant the ethereal layer upon the inner filter. Repeat this operation with another portion of 10 C.c. of ether. Then pour into the filter the liquid in the flask, in portions, in such a way as to transfer the greater portion of the crystals to the filter, and, when this has passed through, transfer the remaining crystals to the filter by washing the flask with several portions of water, using not more than about 10 C.c. in all. Allow the double filter to drain, then apply water to the crystals, drop by drop, until they are

practically free from mother-water, and afterwards wash them, drop by drop, from a pipette, with alcohol previously saturated with powdered morphine. When this has passed through, displace the remaining alcohol by ether, using about 10 C.c., or more if necessary. Allow the filter to dry in a moderately warm place, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), until its weight remains constant, then carefully transfer the crystals to a tared watch-glass and weigh them. The weight found, multiplied by 10, represents the percentage of crystallized morphine obtained from the Opium." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs that opium used for the making of official preparations must be " of such a strength that, when dried and powdered and the powder heated to 212° F. (100° C.) until it ceases to lose moisture, and the product tested by the appended method, or any trustworthy method, it shall yield, as nearly as practicable, 10 per cent. of morphine; that is, 100 parts of such dry powdered opium shall yield not less than 9·5 parts, and not more than 10·5 parts, of morphine." *Br.*

"ASSAY OF OPIUM. *Br.*

" Take of Powdered Opium, dried at 212° F. (100° C.), *one hundred and forty grains;* Lime, freshly slaked, *sixty grains;* Chloride of Ammonium *forty grains;* Rectified Spirit, Ether, Distilled Water, of each, *a sufficiency.* Triturate together the Opium, Lime, and 400 grain-measures of Distilled Water in a mortar until a uniform mixture results; then add 1000 grain-measures of Distilled Water and stir occasionally during half an hour. Filter the mixture through a plaited filter about three inches in diameter into a wide-mouthed bottle or stoppered flask (having the capacity of about six fluidounces and marked at exactly 1040 grain-measures) until the filtrate reaches this mark. To the filtered liquid (representing 100 grains of opium) add 110 grain-measures of Rectified Spirit and 500 grain-measures of Ether, and shake the mixture; then add the Chloride of Ammonium, shake well and frequently during half an hour, and set it aside for twelve hours.* Counterbalance two small filters; place one within the other in a small funnel, and decant the ethereal layer as completely as practicable upon the inner filter. Add 200 grain-measures of Ether to the contents of the bottle, and rotate it; again decant the ethereal layer upon the filter, and afterwards wash the latter with 100 grain-measures of Ether added slowly and in portions. Now let the filter dry in the air, and pour upon it the liquid in the bottle in portions, in such a way as to transfer the greater portion of the crystals to the filter. When the fluid has passed through the filter, wash the bottle and transfer the remaining crystals to the filter, with several small portions of distilled water, using not much more than 200 grain-measures in all, and distributing the portions evenly upon the filter. Allow the filter to drain, and dry it, first by pressing between sheets of bibulous paper, and afterwards at a temperature between 131° and 140° F. (55° and 60° C.), and, finally, at 194° to 212° F. (96° to 100° C.). Weigh the crystals in the inner filter, counterbalancing by the outer filter. The crystals should weigh ten grains, or not less than nine and a half and not more than ten and a half grains, corresponding to about 10 per cent. of Morphine in the dry powdered opium." *Br.*

The U. S. 1880 and Br. methods of assay are practically identical in principle, belonging to the class of assays known as "lime processes." Experience has proved that the "lime processes" have objectionable features, depending as they do upon the principle that opium in the presence of lime is treated with a definite quantity of water until the latter has extracted as much as possible of the soluble portions, after which a certain portion of the solution, which is *assumed to represent* a corresponding fraction of the weight of the opium, is weighed or measured off, the morphine determined in it, and the percentage calculated from the quantity found in this fraction. The "lime processes," in the hands of ordinary operators, "register too low," the assay being applied to a proportion of the opium which may or may not be an aliquot part of the whole, but is generally less than it is assumed to be, because no allowance is made for the increase in volume due to the solution of the solid constituents of the opium. That a slight excess of lime was directed in the U. S. P. 1880 assay is conceded: this excess caused loss in the amount of the precipitated morphine by making it soluble in the mother-liquor; the excess of ammonium chloride had the same effect, and the precipitation being directed from a too dilute solution occasioned greater loss than was necessary. These objections, while trifling for many operations, become serious for delicate assays.† The U. S. P.

* Braithwaite and Farr state that, after careful experimenting, they find that two hours' maceration is just as effective as twelve hours'. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 398.)

† For a method of eliminating these errors, see a paper by Dr. Charles Rice, *Amer. Druggist*, 1892, p. 100.

assay of 1890 is based on the method of Dr. E. R. Squibb, which requires the complete exhaustion of the sample of opium of its soluble matter, the concentration of this solution, and the determination of the morphine in it. The morphine is separated in a crystalline form from its combination with its natural acids in the opium solution by the addition of the ammonia water; the alcohol present serves to hold up the coloring matter, whilst the ether facilitates the complete precipitation of the alkaloidal morphine, pure morphine requiring 4000 parts of ether for its solution. Want of space prevents our giving a critical review of the other methods of assay in use: we append, however, Squibb's revised process for assaying opium (1893); it is based upon Flückiger's, and, although it has the reputation of "registering high," this is probably due to the care and attention to detail, whereby unnecessary loss is avoided.* Teschemacher and Smith (*Chem. News*, 1888, pp. 93, 103) criticise severely sev-

* *Squibb's Method of Assaying Opium* (revised 1893).—*Sampling.* Every fifth lump of a case of opium—except the very small lumps, and every tenth lump of these—is separated for sampling. A cone-shaped piece is cut from each of these lumps, the apex of the cone to come from near the centre of the lump. As these are cut out, a small narrow strip is cut from the side of the cone, taking about an equal proportion from its whole length, so as to get a proper relation of quantity from the dry exterior to the moist centre. These strips as taken are collected together in a mass, so as to lose but little moisture by drying, and the cones are returned to the lumps. After a little practice the mass of strips from each case of opium will not much exceed 25 to 30 grammes. It is rolled out into a long cylinder, the two ends doubled in to the centre, and rolled out again, this rolling out and folding in being repeated six times. If the opium be very moist and sticky, a gramme of powdered starch is weighed off and used to cover the surfaces of the hands and table used in the rolling, and this starch is afterwards to be taken account of in weighing off the samples. Two portions, each representing 10 grammes of the opium, are then weighed off from the mass. One of these is flattened out into a thin cake, placed on a tared watch-glass, and dried until it ceases to lose weight at 100° C. (212° F.), for the determination of moisture. The other is taken for the assay. When powdered opium is to be assayed, two portions of ten grammes each are to be weighed off, one for drying and the subsequent check assay and the other for the first assay. Powdered opium should not lose over 4 per cent. in drying at 100° C. (212° F.).

Maceration. The 10 grammes of mass are pulled out and broken into thin pieces, and dropped into a flask of 200 C.c. capacity, 100 C.c. of water added, the whole occasionally well shaken and allowed to stand over-night, then again well shaken. When powdered opium is to be assayed, the 10 grammes of powder are well shaken with 100 C.c. of water, and then an hour or two of maceration is sufficient.

Exhaustion. The well-shaken opium mixture is carefully poured in the centre of a well-wetted, tared filter of strong paper, of 12 Cm., or 4·8 inches, diameter, so folded that the lower part of the cone hangs free in the funnel,—that is, folded for a rather more open angle than that of the funnel used. The filtrate is received in a beaker marked at 150 C.c., and the flask and residue are well washed with water until the filtrate reaches the 150 C.c. mark. By means of a spatula the residue is returned to the flask without breaking the filter, 50 C.c. of water are added, the whole is actively shaken for five minutes and is then returned to the filter, being carefully poured into the centre, so that in draining the residue may be of equal thickness on all sides. This second filtrate is received in a second beaker marked at 150 C.c., and the residue is percolated and washed until the filtrate reaches the mark. In both percolations a large part of the water is dropped from a pipette, held at a height of 5 or 6 inches, upon the edges of the filter and the surface of the residue. When finally drained, the filter and residue are pressed between folds of bibulous paper, dried until they cease to lose weight at 100° C. (212° F.), and weighed, the weight to be stated by percentage for insoluble residue.

Evaporation of the solution. The weaker solution is evaporated first in a tared capsule of 250 C.c. capacity, on a water-bath, to about 10 C.c. The stronger solution is then added to this, and the evaporation continued until the whole is reduced to 14 grammes. This is rinsed round the capsule by a rotary motion until all the rings of extract formed during the evaporation are dissolved, and it is then poured into a tared flask of 100 C.c. capacity. The capsule is then rinsed into the flask with three rinsings of about 2 C.c. of water each time, and finally with enough water in addition to make the entire solution in the flask weigh 20 grammes.

Precipitation. To the 20 grammes of concentrated solution is then added half its weight, or 10 grammes, of alcohol of not less than 91 per cent. (sp. gr. 0·815), and the mixture is well shaken. Then 25 C.c. or 17·5 grammes of ether of not less than 93 per cent. (sp. gr. 0·725) is added, and the mixture again well shaken. To this 3·5 grammes or 3·5 C.c. of water of ammonia of 10 per cent. strength (sp. gr. 0·960) are added, and the mixture is vigorously shaken for ten minutes. Usually within two minutes from the commencement of this shaking out of the morphine, and often within one minute, a sudden change in the sound of the shaken mixture occurs. From a soft, rather oily sound the change is to a sharp rattle, and coincidently with this change a very large proportion of the morphine crystallizes out in crystals as large as particles of fine sand. At the end of the ten minutes' shaking the flask is set aside over-night, or for not less than six hours.

Separation and washing. The ether layer is poured off as closely as possible, and 20 C.c. of fresh ether are added to the contents of the flask and rinsed round without shaking. This is poured off as closely as possible, and 20 C.c. more of fresh ether added, rinsed round, and poured off as before, and this is repeated with a third portion of 20 C.c. of fresh ether. A pair of counterbalanced filters 9 Cm., or 3·6 inches, in diameter, folded at an angle slightly wider than the funnel, and well wetted with ether, then receive the contents of the flask, the upper ether layer being slowly poured in first, so that it may pass through before the paper becomes wetted with the watery solution. When the liquid has nearly drained through from the crystals on the filters, those from the flask are washed out on to the filters by repeated portions of water, about 3 C.c. at a time, until all the crystals are upon the filters. Then water is applied, drop by drop, from a pipette held 3 or 4 inches above the funnel, to the edges of the filters and the surface of the crystals until they are fairly clean and the mother-liquor and washings together do not exceed 50 C.c. Then 5 C.c. of a saturated solution of morphine in 91-per-cent. alcohol is dropped from a pipette, first upon the crystals on the point of the filter, and then upon the edges of the filters, so as to displace all the watery solution and leave them saturated with the alcoholic liquid. Then, before this has time to dry, it is displaced by dropping on, in the same way, 5 C.c. or more of ether. When this has drained through, the filters are closed together upon the crystals in the original folds and pressed between folds of bibulous paper, under weights, for half an hour. The filters are

eral well-known methods of assay, and recommend their own, which does not vary greatly from others in use: indeed, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the differences in the results arrived at by various operators are largely chargeable to personal error and unfamiliarity with other processes than their own. The present U. S. P. 1890 assay method is unquestionably the most practical and accurate that has yet been devised. (See *Ephemeris*, June, 1888, p. 1113; *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 74; *Prescott's Organic Analysis*, 1887, p. 375.)

For other methods of assay see U. S. Dispensatory, 14th edition, p. 675, and 15th edition, p. 1072; *A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 358; 1878, p. 184; 1879, p. 369; *N. R.*, Feb. 1880, Dec. 1880, 1881, p. 174; *Western Druggist*, 1885, p. 231, also 1886, p. 442; *Amer. Drug.*, 1885, p. 221, also 1886, p. 203; Dieterich's method modified by Schlickum, *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 325, also 1888, p. 9; assay adopted by U. S. Laboratory in New York, *Pharm. Era*, 1887, p. 151.

Tests of Opium. It is sometimes highly important to be able to ascertain the presence or absence of opium in any suspected mixture. As meconic acid and morphine have been found only in the products of the poppy, if either or both of them be shown to exist in any substance, very strong evidence will be afforded of the presence of opium. The test should, therefore, be applied in reference to the detection of these two principles. If an aqueous infusion of the substances examined yields a red color with the tincture of ferric chloride, there is presumptive evidence of the presence of meconic acid. Greater certainty may be obtained by the following process. Add in excess to the filtered liquor a solution of lead acetate. If opium be present, there will be a precipitate of lead meconate, and the morphine and lead acetates will remain in solution. The precipitate is then to be suspended in water, and decomposed, either by adding a little diluted sulphuric acid, which forms lead sulphate and leaves the meconic acid in solution, or by passing through it a stream of hydrogen sulphide, removing by filtration the precipitated lead sulphide, and heating the clear liquor, so as to drive off the hydrogen sulphide. With the clear liquor thus obtained, if it contain meconic acid, the tincture of ferric chloride will produce a striking red color, ammoniated copper sulphate a green precipitate, and lead acetate, silver nitrate, and barium chloride white precipitates soluble in nitric acid. Potassium sulphocyanate, which, according to Dr. Wright, is an invariable constituent of saliva (*Simon's Chemistry*, ii. 6), produces a red color with ferric salts, resembling that produced by meconic acid; but, according to Mr. Everitt, this color is entirely and at once destroyed by a solution of corrosive sublimate, which has no effect on the red color of the iron meconate. (*A. J. P.*, xii. 88.) On the contrary, gold chloride reddens a solution of sulphocyanic acid or a sulphocyanate, but not of meconic acid. Pereira says the acetates also redden ferric salts, but do not afford the results just mentioned with lead acetate and barium chloride. To test the presence of morphine, the liquid from which the lead meconate

then opened, and when the morphine is spread out upon the inner one they are dried at 60° C. (140° F.) until they cease to lose weight. This is the crude morphine, and if a small portion of it is found to be entirely and quickly soluble in one hundred times (or more) its weight of lime water, the weight of the morphine multiplied by 10 is accepted as the percentage of morphine yielded by the opium.

Correction or control of results. When the preliminary testing of a small quantity of the precipitate shows that it is not all entirely soluble in lime water, 0·5 gramme is weighed off, put into a graduated cylinder, and 50 C.c. of lime water added by pouring down the side of the inclined cylinder. The contents of the cylinder are then tilted backward and forward without shaking, so as to avoid the formation of froth on the surface, until all that is soluble is dissolved. Whenever there is doubt as to when the solvent action is complete, the agitation is continued until the undissolved particles cease to diminish in size or number. The solution is then filtered through a pair of counterbalanced filters about 7 Cm., or 2·8 inches, in diameter, and the filters and residue are well washed, first with 5 C.c. of lime water and then with 5 C.c. of water, and when drained they are closed up, pressed between folds of bibulous paper, dried until they cease to lose weight at 100° C., and weighed. Then as 0·5 gramme of the crude morphine is to the weight of this residue, so is the weight of all the crude morphine to the total amount of insoluble residue it would have yielded if the whole had been subjected to the action of 100 times its weight of lime water. The weight thus obtained, subtracted from the total weight of crude morphine, gives the net weight of pure morphine; and this multiplied by 10 gives the corrected percentage.

The lime water solution of 0·5 gramme of morphine and washings are tinted with 10 drops of solution of phenolphthalein, and oxalic acid decinormal solution is dropped in from a burette until the color is discharged. The amount of oxalic acid required indicates the amount of lime water present in the proportion of 40 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid to 100 C.c. of lime water. The burette is then refilled to the 0 mark for the saturation of the morphine present, and the oxalic acid is dropped in until neutral litmus paper is just slightly reddened. The quantity of the decinormal oxalic acid required should not be less than 16·4 C.c., which indicates, according to the molecular weight of 305·25 for morphine, a degree of purity equal to 100 per cent., or, according to a molecular weight of 303, of 99·4 per cent. These figures and results will, of course, apply only to those assays wherein there are no residues insoluble in lime water. Whenever a correction has to be made, of course the titration applies not to 0·5 gramme of morphine, but to 0·5 gramme less the correction, and then the decinormal solution required will be proportionately less. In general practice, perhaps nineteen times out of twenty the lime water testing will show an insignificant amount of insoluble residue, and then the assay process may well end there, so far as concerns its general practical value and the correction and control of results; and the titration is merely held in reserve for exceptional cases and unusual varieties of opium. (*Ephemeris*, vol. iii. p. 1152.)

has been precipitated, and which may be supposed to contain the morphine and lead acetates, must be freed from the lead by a stream of hydrogen sulphide, and then from the hydrogen sulphide by heat; after which the following reagents may be applied.—viz., 1, nitric acid, which colors the morphine red; 2, iodic acid, which is decomposed by the morphine with the extrication of iodine, which colors the liquid reddish brown, and, if starch is present, unites with it to form a blue compound; 3, solution of ammonia, which, if carefully added, so as not to be in excess, throws down a precipitate of morphine soluble in a great excess of that alkali or of potassa; and, 4, tannic acid, which precipitates morphine tannate. If the precipitate thrown down by ammonia afford a deep-red color becoming yellow with nitric acid, and a blue color with ferric chloride, the proofs may be considered complete.*

Though opium is little injured by time if well kept, yet it does undergo spontaneous change, and M. Guibourt found less morphine in a specimen which had been in his possession nearly twenty years than it had yielded in its recent state. There was also more coloring matter. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1863, p. 5.)

Among the adulterations of opium, starch has been detected in a specimen examined by Mr. J. T. King. The drug was unduly brittle, and evidences of starch were afforded both by the microscope and by iodine. From the size and form of the granules, Mr. King inferred that the starch was that of the bean. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1869, p. 1.) The probability is that powdered beans were the substance used.

Medical Properties and Uses. Opium is a stimulant narcotic. Taken by a healthy person in a moderate dose, it increases the force, fulness, and frequency of the pulse, augments the temperature of the skin, invigorates the muscular system, quickens the senses, animates the spirits, and gives new energy to the intellectual faculties. Its operation, while thus extending to all parts of the system, is directed with peculiar force to the brain, the functions of which it excites sometimes even to intoxication or delirium. In a short time this excitation subsides; a calmness of the corporeal actions, and a delightful placidity of mind, succeed, and the individual, insensible to painful impressions, forgetting all sources of care and anxiety, submits himself to a current of undefined and unconnected but pleasing fancies, and is conscious of no other feeling than that of a quiet and vague enjoyment. At the end of half an hour or an hour from the administration of the narcotic, all consciousness is lost in sleep. The soporific effect, after having continued for eight or ten hours, goes off, and is often succeeded by more or less nausea, headache, tremors, and other symptoms of diminished or irregular nervous action, which soon yield to the recuperative energies of the system; and, unless the dose be frequently repeated, and the powers of nature worn out by over-excitement, no injurious consequences will ultimately result. Such is the obvious operation of opium when moderately taken; but other effects, very important from a remedial point of view, are also experienced. All the secretions, with the exception of that from the skin, are in general either suspended or diminished; the peristaltic motion of the bowels is lessened; pain and inordinate muscular contraction, if present, are allayed; and general nervous irritation is composed.

In doses insufficient to produce the full soporific effect, the stimulant influence upon the mental functions continues longer, and the subsequent calming effect is sustained for hours, sleep being not unfrequently prevented, or rendered so light and dreamy that, upon awaking, the patient will scarcely admit that he has slept at all. From large doses the period of excitement and exhilaration is shorter, the soporific and anodyne effects are more intense and of longer duration, and the succeeding symptoms of debility are more obvious and alarming.

By quantities sufficient to destroy life, after a brief excitement, the pulse is reduced in frequency, though not in force, muscular strength is diminished, and feelings of languor and drowsiness supervene, which soon eventuate in a deep apoplectic sleep. A stertorous respiration, a dark suffusion of the countenance, a full, slow, and laboring pulse, an almost total insensibility to external impressions, and, when a moment of consciousness is obtained by violent agitation or irritating applications, a confused state of intellect, and an irresistible disposition to sink back into comatose sleep, are symptoms which, for the first few hours, attend the

* Merck has proposed a test of opium, founded on the property, which characterizes porphyroxine, of assuming a red color when heated in diluted hydrochloric acid. The suspected liquid is first to be carefully evaporated, a few drops of solution of potassa are to be added, and the mixture agitated with ether. The ethereal solution being filtered off, a slip of unsized paper is to be dipped into it and dried; and the moistening and drying should be repeated several times. The paper thus prepared is to be moistened with diluted hydrochloric acid, and then exposed to the vapor of boiling water. If it become reddened, opium may be inferred to exist in the liquid tested. Heusler states that this test is not applicable to the aqueous solution or extract of opium, because porphyroxine is insoluble in water; but Mr. Robertson, of Rotterdam, has found it to succeed with the aqueous extract, and infers that the porphyroxine is so combined in opium as to render it in some measure soluble. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxii.)

operation of the poison. The pulse is slow, but is full and strong. In the space of a few hours, varying according to the quantity of the narcotic taken and the powers of the patient's constitution, a condition of debility ensues; and this condition will be hastened in point of time, though it will be more under the control of remedies, if the opium be evacuated from the stomach. Called to an individual laboring under the influence of a fatal dose of opium, at a period from six to twelve hours after it has been swallowed, the practitioner will generally find him with a cool, clammy skin, cold extremities, a pallid countenance, a feeble, thread-like, scarcely perceptible pulse, a slow, interrupted, almost gasping respiration, and a torpor little short of absolute, death-like insensibility. Death soon follows, unless relief be afforded.

After death from opium there are no characteristic lesions discoverable. The active principles of opium are undoubtedly absorbed, and act directly upon the nerve-centres, affecting in man chiefly the cerebrum, but in some of the lower animals the spinal system more profoundly than the brain. The slow, full pulse seen early in the poison is due to an excitement of the pneumogastric centres in the medulla, whilst the rapidity of the pulse late in the poisoning is probably, in part at least, the result of a paralysis of these centres. The great feebleness of the pulse seems to be partially produced by vaso-motor paralysis, partially by exhaustion of the intra-cardiac ganglia. The contraction of the pupil is caused by stimulation of the oculo-motor centres, whilst the sudden dilatation which immediately precedes dissolution seems to have its origin in a giving out of these centres. The immediate cause of death is failure of respiration, which is due to a direct action of the poison upon the respiratory centre in the medulla oblongata.

On some individuals opium produces peculiar effects, totally differing from the ordinary results of its operation. In very small quantities it occasionally gives rise to excessive sickness and vomiting, and even spasm of the stomach; in other cases it produces restlessness, headache, and delirium; and we have known it, even in large doses, to occasion obstinate wakefulness. The headache, want of appetite, tremors, etc., which usually follow, in a slight degree, its narcotic operation, are uniformly experienced by some individuals to such an extent as to render the use of the medicine very inconvenient. It is possible that some of these disagreeable effects may arise not from the meconate of morphine contained in the opium, but from some other of its ingredients; and those which do result from the meconate may not be produced by other salts of morphine. It is very commonly believed that narcotine is the most depressant of all the active principles. As water does not dissolve it, aqueous preparations of opium are least apt to cause unpleasant after-effects.

An occasional effect of opium, which has not yet been mentioned, is a disagreeable itching or sense of pricking in the skin, sometimes attended with a species of miliary eruption. We have found the effect to result equally from all the official preparations of this narcotic.

The general operation of opium may be obtained by injecting it into the cellular tissue or into the rectum, or by applying it to the surface of the body, especially upon a part denuded of the cuticle. The salts of morphine are preferred for hypodermic injection: the British Pharmacopœia has introduced a special process, in which the freshly precipitated morphine is dissolved in acetic acid. (See page 736.)

The local effects of opium are similar in character to those which follow its general operation. An increased action of the part is first observable; then a diminution of its sensibility and contractility; and the latter effect is more speedy, more intense, and of longer continuance, the larger the quantity applied.

In all parts of the world, opium is habitually employed by many with a view to its exhilarating and anodyne influence. This is particularly the case among the Mohammedans and Hindoos, who find in this narcotic the most pleasing substitute for alcoholic drinks, which are interdicted by their religion. In India, Persia, and Turkey it is consumed in immense quantities; and many nations of the East smoke opium as those of the West smoke tobacco. This is not the place to speak of the fearful effects of such a practice upon both the intellectual and the bodily faculties.

The use of opium as a medicine can be clearly traced back to Diagoras, who was nearly contemporary with Hippocrates; and it was probably employed before his time. Its extensive applicability to the cure of disease will be rendered evident by a view of the indications which it is calculated to fulfil. 1. It is excitant in its primary action. In *low or typhoid complaints*, requiring a supporting treatment, it exalts the action of the arterial and nervous systems, and, in moderate doses frequently repeated, may be employed with advantage in conjunc-

tion or alternation with other stimulants. 2. It relieves pain more speedily and effectually than any other known medicine taken into the stomach. If possessed of no other property than this, it would be entitled to high consideration. Not to mention *cancer*, and other incurable affections, in which the alleviation afforded by opium is of incalculable value, we have numerous instances of painful diseases which are not only temporarily relieved, but entirely cured, by the remedy; and there is scarcely a complaint in the catalogue of human ailments in the treatment of which it is not occasionally demanded for the relief of suffering, which, if allowed to continue, might aggravate the disorder and protract if not prevent a cure. 3. Another very important indication which, beyond any other narcotic except chloral, it is capable of fulfilling, is the production of sleep. For this purpose it is given in a great variety of diseases; whenever, in fact, morbid vigilance exists, not dependent on acute inflammation of the brain. Among the complaints in which it proves most serviceable in this way is *delirium tremens*, or the mania of drunkards. Opium produces sleep in two ways: by its direct operation on the brain, and by allaying that morbid nervous irritation upon which wakefulness often depends. 4. Opium is powerfully antispasmodic. Only a few medicines are so efficient in relaxing spasm, and in controlling those irregular muscular movements which depend on unhealthy nervous action. Hence its great importance as a remedy in *tetanus; colic; spasm of the stomach attending gout*, *dyspepsia*, and *cholera; spasm of the ureters in nephritis*, and of the *biliary ducts* during the passage of *calculi;* and in various convulsive affections. 5. Probably dependent upon a similar influence over the nervous system is the property which it possesses of allaying general and local irritations, whether exhibited in the nerves or in the blood-vessels, provided the action do not amount to positive inflammation; and even in this case it is often prescribed with advantage. Hence its use in composing *restlessness*, *quieting cough*, and relieving *nausea*, *tenesmus*, and *strangury*. 6. In suppressing morbid discharges it answers another indication which fits it for the treatment of a long list of diseases. This effect it is, perhaps, enabled to produce by diminishing the nervous energy upon which secretion and muscular motion depend. Upon this principle it is useful in *diarrhœa*, when the complaint consists merely in increased secretion into the bowels, without high action or organic derangement; in *consumption*, *chronic catarrh*, *humoral asthma*, and other cases of morbidly increased expectoration; in *diabetes;* and in certain forms of *hemorrhage*, particularly that from the uterus, in combination with other remedies. 7. It remains to mention one other indication,—that, namely, of producing perspiration, in fulfilling which, opium, conjoined with small doses of emetic medicines, is pre-eminent. We shall speak more fully of this application of the remedy under the head of *Pulvis Ipecacuanhæ et Opii*. It is here sufficient to say that its beneficial effects are especially experienced in *rheumatism*, the *bowel affections*, and certain *pectoral diseases*.

From this great diversity of properties, and the frequent occurrence of those morbid conditions in which opium affords relief, it is often prescribed in the same disease to meet several indications. Thus, in idiopathic fevers we frequently meet with morbid vigilance and great nervous irritation, combined with a low condition of the system. In *typhous pneumonia* there is the same depression of the vital powers, combined often with severe neuralgic pains and much nervous irritation. In *diarrhœa*, besides the indications presented by the spasmodic pain and increased discharge, there is a strong call for the diaphoretic operation of the opium. It is unnecessary to multiply instances. There is hardly a complaint which does not occasionally present a complication of symptoms demanding the use of this remedy.

But a medicine possessed of such extensive powers may do much injury, if improperly directed; and conditions of the system frequently occur in which, though some one of the symptoms calls for its use, others, on the contrary, are incompatible with it. It is contra-indicated by inflammation of the brain or strong determination of blood to the head, by deficient secretion from inflamed mucous membranes, as in the early stages of bronchitis, and generally by constipation. When, however, the constipation depends upon intestinal spasm, as in colic, it is sometimes relieved by the antispasmodic action of the opium; and the drying effects of the medicine upon mucous membranes may be counteracted by expectorants or laxatives.

Opium may be administered in substance or in tincture. In the former state it is given in the shape of a pill, which, as a rule, should be formed out of powdered opium, as it is thus more readily dissolved in the liquors of the stomach, and therefore operates more speedily and effectually, than when made, as it sometimes is, immediately from the plastic mass. There is no medicine of which the dose is more variable, according to the habits of the patient, the nature of the complaint, or the purpose to be effected. While in *catarrh* and *diarrhœa* we often prescribe not more than one-fourth or one-third of a grain (0·016 or 0·02 Gm.), in tetanus and

some other acute diseases enormous doses are well borne. In acute peritonitis we have seen the equivalent of seventy-five grains (5 Gm.) given during the twenty-four hours with advantage. In using heroic doses it is essential that a liquid preparation be administered in divided doses at short intervals, so as to secure prompt absorption, that the patient be closely watched, and that the remedy be suspended as soon as narcosis begins. In chronic cases, when the system becomes habituated to the remedy, indefinite doses are sometimes borne. The ordinary medium dose of dried or powdered opium may be set down as one grain (0·065 Gm.).

Opium may often be administered with great advantage by the rectum. In this way it operates most advantageously in *obstinate vomiting*, *painful nephritic* and *uterine affections*, *strangury* from blisters, and *dysenteric tenesmus*. It may be employed as a suppository, or in the form of enema made with laudanum and a small quantity of viscid liquid, as flaxseed tea, mucilage of gum arabic, or starch prepared with hot water. Absorption takes place more slowly from the rectum than from the stomach, and a one-half larger dose may be given. In an individual long accustomed to take opium internally, and whose stomach will receive large doses with impunity, it is possible that the rectum may not have lost in a proportionate degree its absorbing power or susceptibility, and that serious consequences might result by adhering, in such a case, to the rule as to the relative quantity to be given in the way of enema or suppository.

In some one of its liquid preparations, opium is often used locally as an addition to collyria in *ophthalmia*, to injections in *gonorrhœa*, and to lotions and cataplasms in various *complaints of the skin*, and external pains, as those of *gout* and *rheumatism*. It is also employed in substance, in the form of a plaster or cataplasm made from the powder. But its external use requires some caution, especially when the skin is deprived of the cuticle. Death is said to have resulted from laudanum applied to the epigastrium. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1843, p. 5.)

When opium has been taken in an overdose, the stomach must be evacuated as speedily as possible, either by the stomach-pump, or, when this is not attainable, by the more active mechanical emetics, such as mustard flour, zinc sulphate, or copper sulphate, conjoined with ipecacuanha. Emetics are preferable to the stomach-pump when opium has been swallowed in substance; as the capacity of the tube is insufficient to permit the passage of the masses in which the poison is sometimes taken. The operation of the emetic should be promoted by a very free use of warm drinks, by irritating the fauces with a feather, by keeping the patient in motion, and, if the insusceptibility to the action of the remedy is very great, by dashing cold water upon the head and shoulders. Very frequently, before the practitioner has reached the patient the narcotism will have progressed so far that it is impossible to cause vomiting at once. Owing to the great disturbance of respiration, two poisons are circulating in the blood, namely, opium and accumulated carbonic acid gas. By arousing the patient, and forcing him to supplement the disabled involuntary breathing by voluntary efforts, or, in extreme cases, by artificial respiration, the blood may be so far purified that the nervous centres recover sufficiently their sensitiveness to enable the emetic to act. The great cause of death is failure of respiration; and the keeping the patient awake, and the procedures already spoken of, are for the purpose of preventing this failure. Peremptory orders to breathe should be continually shouted in the ear of the patient. Shaking, forcing to walk, and the galvanic brush, or even flagellations, should be made use of to get the rousing effects of action and pain. Atropine, strychnine, and cocaine should always be used by hypodermic injection as respiratory stimulants. The dose of the alkaloids depends upon the amount of the poison swallowed. It is best to commence with from $\frac{1}{20}$ to $\frac{1}{70}$ of a grain of atropine, and repeat as often as necessary. As an adjuvant to the atropine, strychnine (gr. $\frac{1}{30}$) and cocaine (gr. $\frac{1}{8}$) may be given hypodermically with great advantage repeated *pro re nata*. The chief guide is the action upon the respiration, though the influence upon the pupil and circulation should always be considered. The desired effect is the maintenance of the respiration at or near the normal rate. When cardiac debility comes on, ammonia in some form may be employed; also alcohol, but not in too large quantities, for fear of deepening the narcosis; whilst tincture of digitalis should be administered hypodermically. Coffee has been found to be of service in producing wakefulness. It should be given *ad libitum*, and as strong as it can be made, or the alkaloid caffeine may be used in five-grain doses repeated *pro re nata*. In some rare cases, bleeding, in the early stages of opium poisoning, when evidences of brain congestion have been very pronounced, has been of distinct advantage. When other measures fail, artificial respiration, and especially forced artificial respiration, should always be resorted to. It is to be kept up until the heart-beats have certainly ceased.

OPIUM DEODORATUM. U.S. Deodorized Opium.

(Ō'PĮ-ŭM DĒ-Ō-DŌ-RĀ'TŭM.)

Opium Denarcotisatum, *U. S.* 1880; Denarcotized Opium.

"Powdered Opium, containing 13 to 15 per cent. of morphine, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Ether, *fourteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 47 fluidounces, 163 minims]; Sugar of Milk, recently dried and in fine powder, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Macerate the Powdered Opium with *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of Ether, in a well-closed flask, during twenty-four hours, agitating from time to time. Pour off the clear, ethereal solution as far as possible, and repeat the maceration with two further portions of Ether, each of *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 400 minims], first for twelve hours, and the last time for two hours. Collect the residue in a weighed dish, dry it, first by a gentle heat, and finally at a temperature not exceeding 85° C. (185° F.), and mix it thoroughly, by trituration, with enough Sugar of Milk to make the product weigh *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]." *U. S.*

This preparation represents the medicinal properties of opium without the presence of the narcotic and odorous principles, which are believed by many physicians to play an important part in the nausea and depression produced in some people by opium. As the original weight of the opium is restored at the end of the process by the addition of sugar of milk, the dose is the same as that of the powdered opium.

OS USTUM. Br. Bone Ash.

(ŏS ŭS'TŲM.)

"The residue of Bones, which have been burned to a white ash in contact with air. Consists principally of phosphate of calcium, mixed with about 10 per cent. of carbonate of calcium and a little fluoride of calcium, silica, and phosphate of magnesium." *Br.*

Os, *Fr.;* Knochen-Asche, *G.;* Ossa, *It.;* Huesos, *Sp.*

Bones are employed in several pharmaceutical processes, and those derived from domestic quadrupeds, especially the ox, are the kind intended.

Properties, etc. Bones are solid, white, and of a lamellated texture, and constitute the skeleton of the superior orders of animals, of which they are the hardest and densest parts. They consist of a cellular gelatinous tissue, the cavities of which are filled with certain earthy salts. When subjected to destructive distillation, in *close* vessels, they are decomposed without alteration of shape, lose about three-sevenths of their weight, become brittle, and are converted into a black substance, containing the earthy salts of the bone, and constituting the species of animal charcoal called *bone-black*. (See *Carbo Animalis.*) The portions which distil over consist of the usual ammoniacal products derived from animal matter, but are especially rich in nitrogenous bases of the pyridine and quinoline series. (See *Ammonii Chloridum.*) Before the distillation is performed, the bones are boiled with water, to separate the fat, which amounts to 5 or 6 per cent.; but gelatin is at the same time extracted, with the effect of rendering the bones less fitted to furnish a good bone-black. In view of this fact, M. Deiss, of Paris, has proposed to extract the fat by carbon disulphide, which gives a product of 10 or 12 per cent., without injuring the bones for subsequent conversion into bone-black. (*A. J. P.*, 1856, p. 356.) When calcined in open vessels, bones lose more of their weight in consequence of the combustion of the animal matter, and are converted into a white friable substance, consisting of the incombustible part, and commonly called *bone-earth*, or *bone-ash;* and a similar residue is obtained by calcining horns. (See *Cornu Ustum.*) Treated with boiling water, a small portion of the gelatinous matter is dissolved; but when acted on by water in a *Papin's digester*, the whole of it is taken up, and the earthy salts, deprived of their cement, crumble into powder, and become diffused through the solution. When subjected to diluted hydrochloric acid, the earthy salts are dissolved, and the bone softens without losing its shape, and becomes semi-transparent and flexible. The portion remaining unattacked by the acid is the gelatinous tissue, which may be converted into gelatin by long boiling. This is nutritious, and has been prepared so as to form a wholesome aliment by M. d'Arcet. His process for obtaining it consists in digesting bones in weak hydrochloric acid for seven or eight days, occasionally renewing the acid, plunging them for a few moments in boiling water, and then subjecting them to a strong current of cold water. The pure animal matter, thus procured, is made into cakes, called

portable soup (*tablettes de bouillon*), by dissolving it in water, concentrating the solution until it gelatinizes, and drying the jelly.

Composition. The bones of different animals, and of the same animal at different ages, vary somewhat in composition. Dry ox-bones, according to Berzelius, consist of bone-gelatin (cartilage of bone) 33·3, calcium bone-phosphate with a little calcium fluoride 57·35, calcium carbonate 3·85, magnesium phosphate 2·05, and soda with a very little sodium chloride 3·45 = 100. Human bones differ somewhat in the proportions of their constituents, and in containing traces of iron and manganese. According to Dr. W. Heintz, however, bones exhausted by water, so as to remove the coloring matter of blood, contain not a trace of iron. Marchand found 1 per cent. of calcium fluoride in human bone. *Calcium bone-phosphate* consists, according to Mitscherlich, of two molecules of acid and three of lime. This analysis makes it the normal or tribasic phosphate, $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$, and the same composition has been assigned to it by Dr. Heintz.

Uses. Bones are applied to numerous uses. Burnt to whiteness, they furnish calcium bone-phosphate, from which phosphorus and all its compounds are either directly or indirectly obtained. Subjected to destructive distillation in close vessels, they yield *impure ammonium carbonate* with empyreumatic oil, and a carbonaceous residue, called *bone-black*. Calcined, pulverized, and washed, they form the material of which *cupels* are made. As bone-dust, they form an excellent manure. Deprived of their earthy salts by weak acids, they furnish a nutritious article of diet. By proper treatment with water they yield several varieties of gelatin, not only the coarser sorts, called size and glue, but also the finer kinds, which are employed, under the name of isinglass, in making animal jellies, and for the clarifying of wines. The hoof bones of the ox, boiled with water, furnish a peculiar oil, called neat's-foot oil, which was formerly official under the name of *Oleum Bubulum*.

OVI ALBUMEN. Br. Egg Albumen.

(Ō′VĪ ĂL-BŪ′MĘN.)

"The liquid white of the egg of Gallus Bankiva, var. domesticus." *Br.*

OVI VITELLUS. Br. Yolk of Eggs.

(Ō′VĪ VĮ-TĔL′LŲS.)

"The yolk of the egg of Gallus Bankiva, var. domesticus, Temminck." *Br.*

Vitellus, *U. S.;* Ovum Gallinaceum; Œuf, *Fr.;* Ei, *G.;* Ovo, *It.;* Huevo, *Sp.*

The common dunghill fowl is supposed to have come originally from India, where it is found in a wild state. It is now almost everywhere domesticated.

The egg consists of an exterior covering, the shell; a white, semi-opaque membrane, lining the internal surface of the shell; the white; and the yolk.

The shell—*testa ovi* or *putamen ovi*—consists, according to Vauquelin, chiefly of calcium carbonate, with animal matter, and a minute proportion of calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, ferric oxide, and sulphur. When exposed to a high degree of heat in the open air, the carbonic acid is driven off, the animal matter consumed, and the lime left nearly pure. The membrane lining the shell appears to be of an albuminous nature. The white—*albumen ovi*—is a glairy viscid liquid, contained in very delicate membranes, without odor or taste, readily soluble in water, coagulable by the stronger acids, by alcohol, and by a heat of 56° C. (132·8° F.). Exposed in thin layers to a current of air, it becomes solid, retaining its transparency and solubility in water. By coagulation it is rendered sapid, white, opaque, and insoluble. At a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), one part of it renders one thousand parts of water in which it has been dissolved opaque. It contains, according to Dr. Bostock, in 100 parts, 85 of water, 12 of pure albumen, 2·7 of mucus or uncoagulable matter, and 0·3 of saline substances, including soda with traces of sulphur. The white of egg is precipitated by stannous chloride, gold chloride, lead subacetate, copper sulphate, corrosive sublimate, and tannin. When kept in the fluid state it soon putrefies; but if carefully dried without coagulation it may be long preserved unaltered, and may be applied in solution to the same purposes as in its original condition.

The yolk—*vitellus ovi*—is inodorous, of a bland oily taste, and forms an opaque emulsion when agitated with water. By heat it is coagulated into a granular solid, which yields a fixed oil by expression. The researches by Gobley and others have established the constitution of the yolk about as follows: water, 51·8 per cent.; vitellin, 15·8 per cent.; nuclein, 1·5 per cent.; palmitin, stearin, and olein, 20·3 per cent.; cholesterin, 0·4 per cent.; phosphoglyceric

acid, 1·2 per cent.; lecithin, 7·2 per cent.; cerebrin, 0·3 per cent.; coloring matter, 0·5 per cent.; salts, 1·0 per cent. (König, *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, p. 180.) Vitellin belongs to the class of globulins, and, while not precipitated from its solution by sodium chloride, is precipitated completely on saturation of its solution with ammonium sulphate. Chevreul states that there are two coloring principles, one reddish containing iron, the other yellow and similar to the coloring matter of bile. The former is more difficultly soluble in ether than the latter. (*Neues Repert.*, 1867, xvi. 697.) It is said that the yolk may be kept for a considerable time without observable change by adding to it 5 per cent. of sodium sulphate, in powder or concentrated solution. Granules have been found, with the aid of the microscope, in the yellow of the egg, which are rendered blue by iodine, and have all the other properties of the starch granules. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1868, p. 261.)

To preserve eggs in their entire state, M. Bournouf recommends the following method, which he has found to answer well: he affirms that he has eaten eggs which had been kept for two years, and even thinks that the vitality of the germ may be preserved, in the same manner, for a considerable time. The plan consists simply in covering over each egg completely with an ointment consisting of one part of beeswax dissolved in two parts of heated olive oil, applied with the end of the finger. The oil is absorbed by the shell, and each of its pores becomes filled with the wax, so as entirely to exclude the air. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 88.) M. H. Violette, of Louisiana, has found eggs to be kept perfectly sound for six months by merely covering them well with olive oil by means of the finger. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1867, p. 175.) Mr. Charles Lamont's patented method consists in beating the eggs, emptied into a long covered trough, by means of a revolving shaft furnished with metallic disks, drying the mass by a current of heated air, and scraping off the concreted egg in thin scales or granules. It is said that the egg retains its flavor and fitness for cooking unimpaired. (*Chem. News*, Dec. 27, 1867, p. 323.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Eggs are applied to various purposes in medicine and pharmacy. The shells, powdered and levigated, may be used as an antacid in *diarrhœa*. In common with oyster-shells, they possess the advantage of uniting intimately animal matter with calcium carbonate, the particles of which are thus more isolated, and more acceptable to the stomach, than the most finely powdered chalk. Dose, five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

The *white* of egg is used chiefly for the clarification of liquids, which it effects by involving, during its coagulation, the undissolved particles, and rising with them to the surface, or subsiding. It is highly recommended as an antidote for corrosive sublimate and copper sulphate, with which it forms insoluble and comparatively inert compounds. It is sometimes also used for the suspension of insoluble substances in water, but is inferior for this purpose to the yolk, and even to mucilage of gum arabic. Agitated briskly with a lump of alum, it coagulates, at the same time dissolving a portion of the alum, and thus forming the so-called *alum curd*, which is used between folds of gauze over the eye, in some states of *ophthalmia*. It is also used in the official pepsin valuation.

The *yolk* in its raw state is thought to be laxative, and is a popular remedy in jaundice. If beneficial in this complaint, it is probably in consequence of affording a mild nutritious diet, acceptable to the stomach and easily digested. In *dyspepsia* it is, from this cause, highly useful. The late Dr. Jos. Parrish, of Philadelphia, found great advantage in that complaint from the habitual use of the yolk of egg beaten up with water and a little ginger. In pharmacy, the yolk is highly useful as an intermedium between water and insoluble substances, and is to be preferred to the white in preparing emulsions.*

OXYMEL. Br. Oxymel.

(ŏx'ĭ-mĕl.)

Oxymel Simplex, *P. G.*; Mel Acetatum, Oxymellite simple, Acétomel, *Fr.*; Sauerhonig, *G.*

"Take of Clarified Honey *forty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *five fluidounces*; Distilled Water *five fluidounces*. Liquefy the honey by heat, and mix with it the Acetic Acid and Water." *Br.*

This mixture of honey and vinegar forms a pleasant addition to gargles, and is sometimes used as a vehicle of expectorant medicines, and to impart flavor to drinks in febrile complaints.

* *How to know when an egg is fresh.* An egg remains fresh a day or two in summer, from one to six days in winter. The age of eggs may be told by immersion in salt water of a certain strength. Dissolve 4 ounces of table salt in 40 ounces of water, and, when the solution is perfect, introduce the egg. If only one day old, the egg will sink and touch the bottom of the vessel; if two days old, it will sink, but not to the bottom; if three, it will float near the top; if five or more, it will appear at the surface, and project more or less above it, according to the age. (*Edin. Med. Journ.*, Dec. 1873, p. 672.)

OXYMEL SCILLÆ. Br. Oxymel of Squill.

(ŏX'Y-MĔL SQĬL'LÆ—sĭl'lē.)

"Take of Vinegar of Squill *a pint* [Imperial measure]; Clarified Honey *two pounds* [avoirdupois]. Mix, and evaporate by a water-bath, until the product, when cold, shall have a specific gravity of 1·32." *Br.*

After a long vogue, this preparation fell into such neglect that it was abandoned by the Pharmacopœias. Its reintroduction, however, into the Br. Pharmacopœia indicates that it is still prescribed. It has the virtues of squill, but is in no respect superior to the syrup. It is chiefly used as an expectorant in *chronic catarrh*, *humoral asthma*, *whooping-cough*, and generally in those states of the pulmonary organs in which the bronchial tubes are loaded with a viscid mucus of difficult expectoration. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·9–7·5 C.c.). In large doses it is emetic, and as such is sometimes used in *infantile croup*.

PANCREATINUM. U. S. Pancreatin.

(PĂN-CRĒ-Ą-TĪ'NŬM.)

"A mixture of the enzymes naturally existing in the pancreas of warm-blooded animals, usually obtained from the fresh pancreas of the hog (Sus scrofa, Linné; class, Mammalia; order, Pachydermata)." *U. S.*

The term "pancreatin" has been variously used for many different preparations from the pancreatic gland, and has long been popularly employed for the purpose of distinguishing preparations more or less of the nature of extracts made from the gland. The *pancreatic juice* is an albuminous, transparent liquid, odorless, alkaline, and containing about eight per cent. of organic matter. It is now generally recognized that there are present in it three or, perhaps, four different ferments: *trypsin*, whose function it is, when in alkaline solution, to convert albuminous bodies into peptones; *amylopsin*, a diastatic ferment, closely allied to, if it be not identical with, the ptyalin of the saliva, and possessed of the power to convert raw or boiled starch into sugar (chiefly maltose); *steapsin*, which has the power of splitting up fats into glycerin and fatty acids; and a *peculiar substance*, not very well known, which acts as a coagulant of milk. Besides its digestive properties the pancreatic juice has the power of emulsifying fats. This emulsifying property is possessed by an alkaline aqueous infusion of the gland, and is therefore present in properly prepared pancreatic extracts. It is independent of any of the ferments, and is probably dependent on the presence of a peculiar form of casein or albumin.

The pancreatin of the U. S. Pharmacopœia is composed of all these ferments, with more or less extraneous matter. It is officially described as "a yellowish, yellowish-white, or grayish, amorphous powder, odorless, or having a faint, peculiar, not unpleasant odor, and a somewhat meat-like taste. Slowly and almost completely soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol. Pancreatin digests albuminoids, and converts starch into sugar; prolonged contact with mineral acids renders it inert. If there be added to 100 C.c. of tepid water contained in a flask, 0·28 Gm. of Pancreatin and 1·5 Gm. of sodium bicarbonate, and afterwards 400 C.c. of fresh cow's milk previously heated to 38° C. (100·4° F.), and if this mixture be maintained at the same temperature for thirty minutes, the milk should be so completely peptonized, that, if a small portion of it be transferred to a test-tube and mixed with some nitric acid, no coagulation should occur. Peptonized milk, prepared in the manner just described, or even when the process is allowed to go on to the development of a very distinct, bitter flavor, should not have an odor suggestive of rancidity." *U. S.*

Pancreatin extracts are prepared by different processes by several manufacturers. The process described by R. V. Mattison, based on the method of Scheffer for obtaining pepsin, is as follows. Macerate the cut-up pancreas in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid for 48 hours; filter till clear. Add a saturated solution of sodium chloride, and allow to stand until pancreatin rises to the top; skim this, drain on a muslin filter, wash with a less concentrated solution of salt, and press until nearly dry; then rub up with sugar of milk, dry thoroughly, without heat, and dilute with sugar of milk until 10 grains just emulsify two drachms of cod-liver oil. As the power of pancreatin cannot be judged of accurately by its physical appearance, it is very important to have some test which will rigidly decide as to its value. Besides the official test, one which seems practically satisfactory is given by Dr. Wm. Roberts. (*Digestive Ferments*, London, 1881.) If pancreatin be added to fresh milk without an alkali, in the course of a few minutes the liquid acquires the property of curdling abundantly upon boiling; and Dr. Roberts estimates the value of a pancreatin by the number of cubic centimeters of milk which are transformed by one cubic centimeter of the sample at a temperature of 40° C. to the

curdling point in five minutes. The *liquor pancreaticus* used by Dr. Roberts had a power varying between fifty and seventy.

Medical Properties and Uses. Pancreatin was first used in medicine on account of its emulsifying properties. Dr. Horace Dobell, noticing that consumptives are very apt to have a dislike for fat, conceived the idea that this was due to lack of pancreatic digestion, and administered an emulsion made with the fat of beef stirred in milk with the pancreatic juice of the pig. A little later, pancreatic preparations of cod-liver oil were prepared, and still have much vogue. Besides this employment, pancreatin has two distinct uses: first, as a ferment to be administered in dyspepsia; second, as a valuable means for the pre-digestion of food. As pancreatin acts in an alkaline solution and pepsin in an acid one, it would seem *a priori* not probable that pancreatin given by the stomach would be of avail in cases of feeble digestion. At present, however, we have not the knowledge to enable us to reach any definite conclusion in this regard.* In the pre-digestion of food by pancreatin, five grains of commercial pancreatin of good quality, with twenty grains of sodium bicarbonate, in an ounce of warm water, may be added to a pint of milk and kept at the temperature of 110° F. for an hour. As the thoroughly peptonized or pre-digested food is very bitter, when the milk is to be given by the mouth it is better to arrest the peptonizing process by boiling the milk after digestion has continued for twenty to thirty minutes, unless the milk can be used at once. For receipts for preparing various peptonized foods, see H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*. Nutritive enema should be thoroughly pancreatized.

PAPAVERIS CAPSULÆ. Br. Poppy Capsules.

(PA-PĀ'VĒ-RĪS CĂP'SŬ-LÆ.)

"The nearly ripe dried capsules of Papaver Somniferum, Linn. From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Papaver, *U. S.*, 1870; Fructus s. Capita Papaveris, *P. G.;* Capsules (Têtes) de Pavots, *Fr.;* Kapseln des Weissen Mohns, Mohnkapseln, Mohnköpfe, *G.;* Capidel Papavero, *It.;* Cabezas de Amapola, *Sp.*

In England the poppy is cultivated chiefly for its capsules, which are gathered as they ripen, and taken to market enclosed in bags. The Br. Pharmacopœia directs them to be collected before they are quite ripe, as they then contain more of the active milky juice; but, cut at this period, they are apt to lose their juice through the wounded surface, unless carefully kept inverted upon their crown while drying; and, even when thus treated, they are, according to the observations of Buchner, less active than the capsules collected after perfect maturity, while they contain more of useless saccharine and mucilaginous matter. (*Buchner's Repert.*, 3 R., viii. 289 and 326.) M. Meurein states, as the result of his experiments, that the richest are those collected just before the maturity of the seeds, when the capsules have passed from their glaucous green to a yellowish-green color. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiii. 341.) They are occasionally imported; but, as no effect is produced by them which cannot be as well obtained from opium, they are little employed.

Dried *poppy capsules* vary in size from the dimensions of a small egg to those of the fist. They differ also in shape according to the variety of the poppy from which they are procured. On the Continent two sub-varieties of the white poppy are recognized, the *long*, and the *round* or *depressed*. Of these, according to Aubergier, the long are richest in morphine, and his conclusions are confirmed by Meurein, who also found the largest capsules most efficient. Those commonly found in commerce are spheroidal, flattened below, and surmounted by a crown-like expansion—the persistent stigma—which is marked by numerous diverging rays that rise somewhat above its upper surface and appear to be prolongations of partial septa, or partitions, proceeding along the interior circumference of the capsule from the top to the bottom. In the recent state, the seeds, which are very numerous, adhere to these septa; but in the dried capsule they are loose in its cavity. The capsules of the black poppy are smaller and more globular than those of the white, and contain dark instead of light-colored seeds. There appears to be no essential difference in their properties. Both kinds, when fresh, are glaucous, but when dried are of a dirty-white or purplish-brown color, of a consistence somewhat like that

* In this respect the research of Mr. J. Schweitzer (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887) is interesting: he states that: 1. Pancreatin and pepsin both act with perfect ease in the presence of each other. 2. When digested together they do not destroy each other, nor do they lessen each other's digestive activity in whatever proportion they may be digested. 3. Long-continued exposure to heat and moisture injures their original activity. 4. Digested in alkaline or acid solutions, the injury is increased. 5. Pancreatin when digested for some hours in acid solution becomes permanently injured or destroyed. 6. Pepsin when digested in an alkaline solution for some hours is also permanently destroyed. (See, also, M. Gross, *Apoth. Ztg.*, 1887.)

of paper, inodorous, and with little taste, unless long chewed, when they are decidedly bitter. They contain principles, in very small quantities, similar to those of opium, which they yield to water by decoction, and have been employed in France for obtaining morphine.

On the continent of Europe, the poppy is cultivated largely for its seeds, which yield about fifty per cent. of an excellent fixed oil on expression. *Poppy-seed oil* is of a pale golden color, liquid at 5·5° C. (42° F.), easily dried, inodorous, and of a pleasant flavor. It is bleached by exposure in thin layers to the sun. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1874, p. 731.) For chemical composition, see *Opium*, page 986.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dried poppy-heads, though analogous to opium in medicinal properties, are exceedingly feeble. They are nevertheless asserted to have proved fatal, in the form of decoction, to a child. The case, reported by Dr. F. L. Winckler, was that of a babe, in the stomach of which he found a little morphine, but no meconic acid. (*Neues Repert.*, 1867, xvi. 38.) They are sometimes employed in decoction, as an external emollient and anodyne application, and, in emulsion, syrup, or extract, are often used internally, in Europe, to calm irritation, promote rest, and produce generally the narcotic effects of opium.

PARAFFINUM DURUM. Br. Hard Paraffin. [Paraffin. Paraffin Wax. Solid Paraffin.]

(PĂR-ĄF-FĪ'NŬM DŪ'RŬM.)

"A mixture of several of the harder members of the paraffin series of hydrocarbons; usually obtained by distillation from shale, separation of the liquid oils by refrigeration, and purification of the solid product." *Br.*

The name paraffin, often spelled *paraffine*, was originally bestowed by Baron von Reichenbach upon a waxy substance obtained through the destructive distillation of wood. He derived it from *parum affinis*, and thus intended to indicate its very neutral character. The name is now popularly applied to a solid white diaphanous substance, resembling white wax, which is made from petroleum or bituminous shales by distillation, or from ozokerite by purification. In the manufacture from petroleum, as carried out in the United States, the residuum from the distillation of crude petroleum for illuminating oil is taken. This is redistilled from what are called "tar-stills," in which the distillation is pushed until only coke remains. The paraffin oil distillate is treated with from four to five per cent. of sulphuric acid, washed, and treated with caustic soda, the mixture being kept liquid by the aid of steam coils. After settling, the paraffin oil goes to the "chill-rooms," where, by the aid of the ammonia refrigerating machines and the circulation of cooled brine, the whole mass is brought to a semi-solid condition. This is pressed between bagging by hydraulic pressure, and the refined heavy oil which drains off is collected as lubricating oil. Its specific gravity should be about 32° B. The press-cake may be broken up, melted, and allowed to solidify, and then submitted to still greater pressure at a higher temperature (70° F.) than before, when the product is known as "refined wax." To convert it into block paraffin it must be washed with benzin, pressed, melted, and filtered through bone-black or other medium, when it solidifies in a hard, translucent, colorless block.

Properties. Paraffin, in its pure condition, is a white, waxy, inodorous, tasteless substance, harder than tallow, softer than wax, with a specific gravity of 0·877. Its melting point is variable, depending somewhat upon its origin. It ranges between 43° and 65° C. (109° and 151° F.). An ultimate analysis yields, on the average, carbon 85 per cent. and hydrogen 15 per cent. It is insoluble in water, is indifferent to the most powerful acids, alkalies, and chlorine, and can be distilled unchanged with strong oil of vitriol. Warm alcohol, ether, oil of turpentine, olive oil, benzene, chloroform, and carbon disulphide dissolve it readily. It can be mixed in all proportions with wax, stearin, palmitin, and resin. As stearin is less soluble in benzene than paraffin, Vogel proposes this reaction as a method for detecting the adulteration of paraffin with stearin. (*Joy.*) The Br. Pharmacopœia describes it as "colorless, semi-transparent, crystalline, inodorous and tasteless, slightly greasy to the touch. Specific gravity 0·82 to 0·94. Insoluble in water, slightly soluble in absolute alcohol, freely soluble in ether. It melts at 110° to 145° F. (43°·3 to 62°·8 C.), and burns with a bright flame, leaving no residue." The fact that solid paraffin wax is essentially made up of a mixture of hydrocarbons of the series C_nH_{2n+2} was established by Gill and Mensel, who studied the action of bromine upon it. The fact that when paraffin wax is oxidized by concentrated nitric acid or by chromic acid mixture we obtain *paraffinic acid*, $C_{24}H_{48}O_2$, and *cerotic acid*, $C_{27}H_{54}O_2$, shows that it is essentially made up of hydrocarbons between $C_{24}H_{50}$ and $C_{27}H_{56}$. For *Soft Paraffin*, or *Paraffinum Molle*, see *Petrolatum*, page 1017.

It would be beyond the scope of this work to give all the uses of this very valuable substance. The largest quantity is consumed in candles. It is said that meat may be preserved by immersing it in melted paraffin. Lemons may also be kept in this way. It is used to coat paper to make it impervious to moisture, as a lubricator, for adulterating chocolate and candies, in large quantities as a basis for chewing gum, to coat pills, etc.

PARALDEHYDUM. U. S., Br. Paraldehyde.

$C_6H_{12}O_3$; 131·7. (PA-RĂL-DE-HĪ'DŬM.)

A polymeric form of Ethylic Aldehyde [$C_2H_4O = 43·9$]. Paraldehyde should be kept in well-stoppered, dark amber-colored bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.* "A product of the polymerisation of aldehyde (acetaldehyde) by various acids or salts." *Br.* Small quantities of acids like hydrochloric and sulphuric, and of certain salts like zinc chloride, $ZnCl_2$, convert aldehyde at ordinary temperatures into its polymer paraldehyde. Its properties are thus described officially: "A colorless, transparent liquid, having a strong, characteristic, but not unpleasant or pungent odor, and a burning and cooling taste. Soluble in 8·5 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 16·5 parts of boiling water; miscible, in all proportions, with alcohol, ether, and fixed or volatile oils. When cooled to near 0° C. (32° F.), Paraldehyde solidifies to a crystalline mass, which becomes liquid again at 10·5° C. (51° F.). It boils at 123°–125° C. (253·4°–257° F.), giving off inflammable vapors. Paraldehyde is neutral, or slightly acid, to litmus paper. When distilled with a small portion of sulphuric acid, Paraldehyde is converted into ordinary aldehyde, boiling at about 21° C. (70° F.). On warming some silver ammonium nitrate test-solution saturated with Paraldehyde, in a test-tube, a silver mirror will form on standing. On heating some Paraldehyde on a water-bath, it should completely volatilize, without leaving any disagreeable odor (absence of *aldehyde derived from fusel oil*). One C.c. of Paraldehyde should form, with 10 C.c. of water, a clear solution, free from oily drops (absence of *amylic alcohol*, etc.), and this solution, when acidulated with nitric acid, should not be affected by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *hydrochloric acid*), or barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphuric acid*). A mixture of 8 C.c. of Paraldehyde and 8 C.c. of alcohol with 1 drop of phenolphtalein test-solution should acquire a pink color upon the addition of 0·5 C.c. of normal potassium hydrate test-solution (limit of *free acid*)." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia gives the following properties and tests. "Sp. gr. 0·998. Boiling point, 255°·2 F. (124° C.). It begins to congeal to a clear crystalline mass at 50° F. (10° C.). One part dissolves in ten parts of water at 60° F. (15°·5 C.); it is less soluble in hot water. It is miscible in all proportions with rectified spirit or with ether. An aqueous solution should have a neutral reaction. It affords no coloration on standing for two hours mixed with a solution of potash or soda, nor any precipitate with a solution of either chloride of barium or nitrate of silver."

Medical Properties and Uses. Paraldehyde produces in the frog and also in mammals sleep, with complete muscular relaxation and loss of sensibility. The heart is not affected until late in the poisoning, and death results from paralysis of the respiratory centre. Not only the brain but also the whole lower nervous system is influenced by the toxic dose of paraldehyde, which decreases the functional activity of the spinal cord, of the motor and sensory nerve-trunks, and even of the muscles. It is eliminated by the urine, to which it imparts its odor, and according to Gordon it increases the excretion of urea. Quinquaud affirms that under its toxic action methæmoglobin appears in the blood. In practical medicine it has been found a safe but somewhat uncertain hypnotic, whose use is greatly limited by its having no influence over pain, by its nauseous taste, and by its tendency to disturb the stomach. Dr. J. G. Kiernan has found the prolonged use of paraldehyde to be followed by the same intractable nasal ulcers, skin eruptions, and other evidences of disturbance of nutrition that are seen after the similar employment of chloral. It must always be given well diluted, in doses of from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm and a half (1·8 to 5·5 C.c.).

PAREIRA. U. S. (Br.) Pareira. [Pareira Brava.]

(PA-REI'RA—pa-rī'ra.)

"The root of Chondodendron tomentosum, Ruiz et Pavon (nat. ord. Menispermaceæ.)" *U. S.* "The dried root of Chondodendron tomentosum." *Br.**

Pareiræ Radix, *Br.*; Pareira Root; Pareira Brava, *Fr., G.*

* A *West African False Pareira brava* which has appeared in the London markets is of a chocolate-brown color externally, and of a yellow and brownish-yellow internally. Its woody zones are numerous, and in the larger pieces

Under the name of Pareira Brava there are three distinct drugs met with in our market. Of these the rarest is the product of the *Cissampelos pareira*. Messrs. Allen and Hanburys obtained from Jamaica a considerable quantity of this drug, the bulk of it composed of stems, which are described as being cylindrical, varying from the thickness of a quill to that of the forefinger, with a light-brown bark. The roots which we have met in American commerce are rarely more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter, are much contorted, and irregularly cylindrical, with a dark-brown exterior, which is longitudinally much wrinkled or furrowed. On section they are seen to be composed of a thick corky bark enclosing a woody cylinder consisting of a number (10 to 20) of convergent vascular bundles, separated by wedge-shaped, very porous, medullary rays. There are no concentric layers of wood. (See cut.) The color is a light yellowish fawn tint, the taste a pure bitter. This is the Pareira Brava of the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1870, the present Br. Pharmacopœia agreeing with the U. S. Pharmacopœia in recognizing the root of *Chondodendron tomentosum*.



Cissampelos pareira, transverse section. (Slightly magnified.)

The ordinary pareira brava of our markets is that which was exhibited at Philadelphia in the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 by the Brazilian government as the product of *Cissampelos pareira*, but which is now recognized as being obtained from *Chondodendron tomentosum*. It consists of great pieces of roots, some of them four inches in diameter and three feet long. They are irregularly cylindrical, often somewhat four-sided, with a thin, brownish, closely adherent bark, often grayish in color, and not so closely wrinkled as in the true pareira brava. On section the root is seen to consist of from three to nine concentric or eccentric rings of growth of a breadth of from one-eighth to one-third of an inch. There is not a distinct continuous series of medullary rays, but each zone is composed of wedge-shaped masses, formed of divergent lines of dense woody tissue arched exteriorly over the porous parenchyma. The stems have a similar structure, but with an obvious pith. (See cut.) This is the Pareira Brava of the present U. S. Pharm., which describes it as follows. "In subcylindrical, somewhat tortuous pieces, about 10 to 15 Cm. long, varying in thickness from 2 to 10 Cm.; externally dark brownish-gray, with transverse ridges and fissures and longitudinal furrows; internally pale brown, and, when freshly cut, having a waxy lustre; bark thin; wood porous, in two or more somewhat irregularly concentric circles, with rather large medullary rays, and no distinct central pith; inodorous; taste bitter. Pieces having a bright yellow color, or the woody portion of which is grayish, hard, and nearly tasteless, should be rejected." *U. S.*



Chondodendron tomentosum, transverse section. (Natural size.)

Under the name of *Common False Pareira*, Flückiger and Hanbury describe a drug which they state to be a common drug of the Brazilian and English markets. "It consists of a ponderous, woody, tortuous stem and root, occurring in pieces from a few inches to a foot or more in length, and from 1 to 4

are arranged eccentrically. The root-portions have a star of small size in the centre with a variable number of straight rays. The woody wedges are narrow, and their vessels, seen by the microscope, small in diameter. For an elaborate description of the finer microscopical characters of this root as contrasted with that of the Chondodendron, see *P. J. Tr.*, 17, 218.

inches in thickness, coated with a thin, hard, dark-brown bark. The pieces are cylindrical, four-sided, or more or less flattened,—sometimes even to the extent of becoming ribbon-like. The stem differs from the root externally in being less tortuously and more sparingly marked with transverse ridges and constrictions or cracks, also in the longitudinal furrows being more regular. In transverse section of the stem a well-defined pith will be found to occupy the centre of the first-formed wood, which is a column about ¼ of an inch in diameter. This is succeeded by 10 to 15 or more concentric or oftener eccentric zones, $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{2}{10}$ of an inch wide, each separated from its neighbor by a layer of parenchyme, the outermost being coated with a true bark. In pieces of *true root*, the pith is reduced to a mere point." (*Pharmacographia*, p. 29.) This false pareira is not often seen in America. It is stated that in it Wiggers discovered pelosine in 1839. Its botanical source is unknown, but is believed to be a Menispermum.*

CHONDODENDRON. *Gen. Ch. Petals* six, somewhat shorter than the inner sepals. MALE FLOWERS with the filaments of the six stamens coalescent beyond the middle. Loculi of the extrorse anthers distinct and parallel. FEMALE FLOWERS with three carpels, the leaf-like stigmata deflexed. *Drupe* ovoid, with the cicatrix of the style subterminal. *Bentham & Hooker.*

Chondodendron tomentosum. Ruiz and Pavon.—*Cocculus chondodendron.* De C.—*Botryopsis platyphylla.* Miers. This is a climbing, woody vine, which attains often a considerable height, and is remarkable for the size of its leaves. These are about a foot long, broadly ovate or rounded, slightly cordate, with a smooth upper surface, and on the under surface, between the veins, covered with a fine close wool of an ashy hue. The racemose fruits are of the size of large grapes, oval and black. This plant inhabits both Brazil and Peru.

CISSAMPELOS. *Gen. Ch.* MALE. *Calyx* four-leaved. *Corolla* none. *Nectary* rotate. *Stamens* four, with connate filaments. FEMALE. *Calyx* one-leafed, ligulate roundish. *Corolla* none. *Styles* three. *Berry* one-seeded.

Cissampelos pareira. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 861 ; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* 3d ed., p. 167, t. 65. This is a climbing plant, with numerous slender, shrubby stems, and roundish, entire leaves, indented at the top, covered with soft hair upon their under surface, and supported upon downy footstalks, inserted into the back of the leaf. The flowers are very small, and disposed in racemes, of which those in the female plant are longer than the leaves. The plant is a native of the West Indies and South America. According to Auguste St.-Hilaire, true pareira is obtained from another species of the same genus, growing in Brazil, *C. glaberrima.*†

Properties. The root imparts its virtues readily to water. M. Feneulle found in it a soft resin, a yellow bitter principle, a brown substance, a nitrogenous substance, fecula, acid calcium malate, potassium nitrate, and various other salts. He considers the yellow bitter substance as the active principle. It is soluble in water and alcohol, and precipitated from its solution by tincture of galls. Wiggers announced in 1838 the existence in pareira brava of an alkaloid, for which he proposed the name of *pelosine* or *cissampeline.* He procured it by boiling the root with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, precipitating by potassium carbonate, dissolving the precipitate again in water acidulated with sulphuric acid, treating the solution with animal charcoal, precipitating anew with potassium carbonate, drying and pulverizing the precipitate, treating it repeatedly with ether, and evaporating the ethereal solution. The alkaloid thus obtained may be rendered entirely pure by dissolving it in diluted acetic acid, precipitating with potassium carbonate, and washing and drying the precipitate. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxvii. 29.) It is probably the chief ingredient of the bitter substance obtained by Feneulle. Peretti of Rome, and Pelletier afterwards, separated from the root an alkaloid characterized by assuming a beautiful purple color upon contact with strong nitric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 162.) In Christison's Dispensatory it is stated to be uncrystallizable, insoluble in water, soluble in ether, alcohol, and the acids, and of an intensely bitter and sweetish taste. Flückiger (*P. J. Tr.*, 1870, p. 192) has found an alkaloid in the root, and, having thoroughly determined its

* *White Pareira Brava*, the stems and root of *Abuta rufescens*, is described by Flückiger and Hanbury as consisting "of short pieces of a root half an inch to three inches thick, covered with a rough blackish bark, and also of bits of stem having a pale, striated, corky bark cut transversely. The root displays a series of concentric zones of white amylaceous cellular tissue, each marked with narrow wedge-shaped medullary rays of dark porous tissue."

Yellow Pareira Brava is described as consisting "of portions of a hard, woody stem, from one to six inches in diameter, covered with a whitish bark. Internally it is marked by numerous regular concentric zones, is of a bright-yellow color and a bitter taste." It contains beberine.

† *Pareira Bark.* Though the root is the official part, the bark is probably possessed of similar virtues. A specimen at the International Exhibition at London in 1862 was in flat pieces, from two to four inches broad, about a line thick, extremely fibrous, so tough that it could be bent without breaking, of a very light dirty-yellowish color, and covered with a light-colored epidermis.

origin, investigated its properties, and fixed its composition at $C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$, shows its identity with the *beberine* of nectandra and the *buxine* of *Buxus sempervirens* obtained by Walz.

Medical Properties and Uses. Pareira brava is said to be tonic, aperient, and diuretic. It was introduced into European practice so long ago as 1688, and at one time enjoyed considerable reputation as a lithontriptic. It has been recommended in *calculous affections*, *chronic inflammation* and *ulceration of the kidneys and bladder*, *leucorrhœa*, *dropsy*, *rheumatism*, and *jaundice*. It is at present chiefly employed for the relief of *chronic inflammations of the urinary passages*, in which it was originally found by Sir Benjamin Brodie to be very useful. Advantage may often be derived from combining it with belladonna or hyoscyamus. In Brazil it is used in the cure of the *bites of poisonous serpents*,—a vinous infusion of the root being taken internally, while the bruised leaves of the plant are applied to the wound. The dose of pareira brava in substance is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). The infusion, however, is more convenient. (See *Infusum Pareiræ*.) A tincture, made by macerating one part of the root in five parts of alcohol, has been given in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.). The aqueous extract may be given in the dose of from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). There is now an official fluid extract, of which the dose is from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

PEPO. U. S. Pumpkin Seed.

(PĒ'PŌ.)

"The seed of Cucurbita Pepo, Linné (nat. ord. Cucurbitaceæ)." *U. S.*

Semences de Potirons, *Fr.;* Kürbissamen, *G.*

The *Cucurbita pepo*, or *common pumpkin*, is a plant too well known to need description. The seeds are the part used. These are oval, extended into a blunt point at one end, flattish but somewhat swollen in the middle, with a distinct groove on both sides near the edge from one end to the other, when of full size about 9 lines long by 5 or 6 in breadth where broadest, of a light brownish-white color, and a slightly sweetish, somewhat aromatic smell and taste. They consist of a firm brittle coating and a white oily kernel, composed of a short, conical radicle and two flat cotyledons, and contain a fixed oil, consisting of the glycerides of palmitic, myristic, and oleic acids, with some free fatty acids, an aromatic principle, chlorophyll, sugar, starch, and, according to Dorner and Wolkowich, an alkaloid, *cucurbitine*. Deprived of their coating, and exhausted by ether, they yield 30 per cent. of fixed oil. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1862, p. 176.) The researches of Dorner and Wolkowich have not received confirmation, and their alkaloid probably has no existence. The seeds yield, according to G. A. Gross (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 253), 33⅓ per cent. of a thick red oil, with little smell, but of a somewhat rank taste. Its sp. gr. at 60° F. is 0·928. Mr. J. C. Lyons used an ounce of it with success in a case of tapeworm (*Ibid.*), but Dr. Wolff has found it inert when pure and free from resin.* Heckel was the first to assert that the active principle is a resin, and in this he has been corroborated by Dr. L. Wolff (pamphlet, Phila., 1882), who has found the resin efficient in doses of fifteen grains (1 Gm.), given in pill, followed in two or three hours by castor oil, and who recommends an alcoholic fluid extract as the best preparation of the drug after the resin.† W. E. Miller (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 585) analyzed both the shells and the kernels of pumpkin seed. He also found a resin soluble in alcohol, and a dark-reddish fixed oil.

Medical Properties. It is said that in Italy the seeds of the *Cucurbita maxima*, and in the West Indies those of *C. occidentalis*, have been long used in doses of an ounce and a half as tænifuges. In the *Dictionary of Materia Medica* by Mérat and De Lens (ii. 493) it is stated that Dr. Hoarau had reported that in the Isle of France the seeds of a small variety of pumpkin were used against the *tape-worm*, and with never-failing success. In the year 1820, M. Mongeney, a physician of Cuba, published the results of his experience with the flesh of the pumpkin in the same disease. He had discovered the remedy by accident, and found it uniformly successful. He gave to the patient, in the morning, fasting, about three ounces of the fresh pumpkin in the form of a paste, and followed it at the end of an hour by about two

* The following plan of Mr. Charles Hand has given great satisfaction in Camden, N.J. Take of the seed sixteen troyounces, alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·835 a sufficiency. Bruise the seed with an equal bulk of washed sand until thoroughly comminuted, transfer to a conical percolator, pour on the alcohol till three pints have passed; reserve the first twelve ounces of the percolate, reduce the remainder to four fluidounces by distillation; and, lastly, mix with the reserved liquor, and filter. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 195.)

† He prepares it by extracting the oil from the powdered seeds by means of petroleum benzin, then treating the remaining powder with ether, chloroform, and alcohol, which yields on evaporation a soft greenish-brown resinous liquid resembling the oleoresin of male fern.

ounces of honey, which latter was twice repeated at intervals of an hour. So far as we know, attention was first directed to it in this country by Mr. Richard Soule. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Oct. 1851.) Since this time the drug has steadily grown in favor, and, properly used, is one of our most efficient and harmless tænifuges. The patient should be allowed only a light supper of bread and milk, in the morning early should take an ounce and a half of the seeds, a cup of tea or coffee an hour later, but no food, at 10 A.M. a brisk cathartic, and two hours later a substantial meal. We have obtained excellent results from the exhibition of the beaten seeds in the form of an electuary strongly flavored with oil of cinnamon or of gaultheria.

PEPSINUM. U. S. (Br.) Pepsin.

(PĔP-SĪ'NŬM.)

"A proteolytic ferment or enzyme obtained from the glandular layer of fresh stomachs from healthy pigs, and capable of digesting not less than 3000 times its own weight of freshly coagulated and disintegrated egg albumen, when tested by the process given below. If it be desired to use a diluent for reducing Pepsin of a higher digestive power to that required by the Pharmacopœia, Sugar of Milk should be employed for this purpose." *U. S.* "A preparation of the mucous lining of the fresh and healthy stomach of the pig, sheep, or calf." *Br.*

Pepsin, *Br.;* Pepsinum Saccharatum, *U. S.* 1880; Saccharated Pepsin; Pepsine, *Fr.;* Pepsin, *G.*

The U. S. P. 1890 recognizes two pepsins, one under the name "Pepsinum," the other "Pepsinum Saccharatum:" the first, or strong pepsin, should digest at least 3000 times its own weight of freshly coagulated albumen; the other is the first product diluted with enough sugar of milk to make it contain ten per cent. of the strong pepsin.

The British Pharmacopœia gives the following process for pepsin: it is that proposed by Prof. Beale, of London. "The stomach of one of these animals [pig, sheep, or calf] recently killed having been cut open and laid on a board with the inner surface upwards, any adhering portions of food, dirt, or other impurity are to be removed and the exposed surface slightly and rapidly washed with a little cold water; the cleansed mucous membrane is then to be scraped with a blunt knife or other suitable instrument, with some pressure, and the viscid pulp thus obtained is to be immediately spread over the surface of glass or glazed earthenware and quickly dried at a temperature not exceeding 100° F. (37°·8 C.). The dried residue is to be reduced to powder and preserved in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

It is now clearly recognized that pepsin owes its digestive action to the presence of a ferment or enzyme, and, although many researches have been made to obtain the pure principle, the nearest approaches have resulted only in producing pepsins of increased digestive power. Pepsins having much greater digestive capacity than that chosen for the U. S. official standard have been manufactured, and the limit has not at this time (1894) been reached; but for all practical purposes the U. S. P. 1890 pepsin is sufficiently concentrated, and indeed it is usually diluted for internal administration.

Various attempts have been made to concentrate and bring to a convenient form for administration the peptic principle of the gastric juice. It must not be supposed that the substances prepared with this object and sold under the name of pepsin have any claim to be considered as the pure principle. The one which for a long time was the best in the market was prepared by M. Boudault* by a process which has since been essentially adopted in the French Codex.

* *Boudault's pepsin.* The rennet-bags of sheep, quite fresh, are opened, turned inside out, and washed by a gentle stream of water; the mucous membrane is then scraped off, bruised in a mortar so as to rupture the cells, and digested for twelve hours in pure water. The infusion thus obtained is precipitated by lead acetate, and the precipitate, consisting of pepsin and lead oxide, is mixed with water and decomposed by hydrogen sulphide, which throws down the lead, leaving the pepsin in solution. The filtered liquid is evaporated, at about 37·7° C. (100° F.), to a syrupy consistence, after which sufficient perfectly dry starch is added to absorb the semi-liquid matter and bring it to the state of a dry powder. Lactic acid is sometimes added in small proportion to the liquid before evaporation, and no doubt contributes to its efficiency. An attempt to evaporate to dryness might injure the preparation: and at best a matter would be obtained strongly disposed to absorb moisture, and consequently to undergo putrefaction. Starch is chosen for the solidification of the syrupy mass, on account of its absorbent property, and because it is not affected by the digestive power of the pepsin. If properly prepared, 15 grains of Boudault's pepsin, with the aid of a little lactic or hydrochloric acid, if the former was not employed in the process, will cause the solution in water of four times its weight of fibrin at the temperature of the human body; and the amount of starch added in the process is proportioned to this result. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 472.) Much care is requisite to use fresh rennet-bags, before they have begun to undergo decomposition, and not to allow the temperature used in evaporation to exceed 37·7° C. (100° F.). It is asserted of the pepsin of Boudault that it has the reactions of the gastric juice above referred to, and is fully capable of replacing that liquid for the purposes of digestion. It may be given either with or without lactic or hydrochloric acid,—the addition being unnecessary when there is already sufficient acid in the stomach. A spurious substance has been sold for it, but may be distinguished by the difference of its reactions, and its power of dissolving fibrin. The genuine pepsin, dissolved in water, is precipitated by lead acetate, tannic acid, and strong alcohol; and 15 grains

The pepsin of the British Pharmacopœia is "a light yellowish-brown powder, having a faint, but not disagreeable odor, and a slightly saline taste, without any indication of putrescence. Very slightly soluble in water or spirit. Two grains of it with an ounce of distilled water, to which five minims of hydrochloric acid have been added, form a mixture in which at least 100 grains of hard-boiled white of egg, passed through wire gauze of 36 meshes per linear inch and made of No. 32 brass or copper wire, will dissolve on their being well mixed, digested, and well stirred together for thirty minutes at a temperature of 130° F. (54°·4 C.)."

The U. S. Pharmacopœia recognized pepsin for the first time in the revision of 1880, but it had then been for some years largely used by the American profession. Much of the pepsin thus employed was obtained from Europe, and was of very various quality, most of it being heavily loaded with starch, and some of it containing little or no pepsin. Several American brands have, however, been put upon the market which are superior to Boudault's pepsin. Various processes also have been recommended for obtaining pepsin. The most elaborate and valuable investigation of the subject as yet made is that of Prof. E. Scheffer (*A. J. P.*, 1872). He found that various salts, such as sodium and magnesium sulphates and sodium chloride, precipitate pepsin, and, acting upon this discovery, he devised the following processes. Mucous membrane of the pig's stomach, dissected off and finely chopped, is macerated in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid for several days, with frequent stirring. The strained liquid, if not clear, is clarified by allowing it to stand for 24 hours and decanting. Sodium chloride is then thoroughly mixed with it. After several hours the floating pepsin is skimmed from the surface and put on a cotton cloth to drain, and finally submitted to strong pressure to get rid of saline solution. This pepsin, when air-dried, is very tough, parchment-like or leathery, varying in color from a dim straw-yellow to a brownish yellow. To make his *saccharated pepsin*, Prof. Scheffer adds sugar of milk until a powder is obtained of which 10 grains will dissolve 120 grains of coagulated albumen. Since his original process, he has increased the strength of saccharated pepsin. *Purified pepsin* he makes by redissolving the pepsin in acidulated water and precipitating as before, immersing the product when perfectly dry in pure water for a short time. A half-grain of this dissolved 1500 grains of albumen. (*Ibid.*, p. 784.) The chemical relations of pepsin are so delicate and wide-spread that it ought to be given by itself, or in combination only with an insoluble substance, or suspended in inert liquids.

Since Prof. Scheffer's researches were made known, pepsin has been manufactured in the United States in immense quantities,* the tendency having been towards strengthening and purifying the product. Many other substances than sugar of milk have been used to mix with pepsin, as egg and blood albumen, fibrin, and substances which are easily converted into peptones. Numerous pepsins of value are upon the market, and they are so readily tested that the practitioner need not be at a loss. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884, 1886, and 1890; *Pharm. Record*, 1893, p. 104; *West. Drug.*, 1887, p. 69; *Amer. Drug.*, 1885, p. 103; see, also, *Pancreatin* and *Pepsin* in *National Formulary* and Part II.)

Properties. Pepsin is "a fine, white, or yellowish-white, amorphous powder, or thin, pale yellow or yellowish, transparent or translucent grains or scales, free from any offensive odor, and having a mildly acidulous or slightly saline taste, usually followed by a suggestion of bitterness. It slowly attracts moisture when exposed to the air. Soluble, or for the most part soluble, in about 100 parts of water, with more or less opalescence; more soluble in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid; insoluble in alcohol, ether, or chloroform. On heating a solution of Pepsin in acidulated water to 100° C. (212° F.) it becomes milky, or yields a light, flocculent precipitate, and loses all proteolytic power. In a dry state it can bear this tempera-

of it should in 12 hours effect the solution of a drachm and a half of boiled white of egg, or chopped meat, in half a fluidounce of water, at 37·7° C. (100° F.). (Ballard, *Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1857, p. 177.) The spurious substance is destitute of these properties. Another test of the activity of pepsin is its power of coagulating milk; and the rapidity with which it produces this effect, and the quantity required to produce a certain degree of effect, are measures of its efficiency.

* *Jensen's Pepsin.* This pepsin has had a large sale, and the following process is given by C. L. Jensen, which produces what he calls "crystal pepsin," and which he has patented. Mucous membranes, or the whole stomach, after being finely cut are introduced into a capacious stone jar or vessel and mixed with about one-fifth of water acidulated enough to possess the sourness of vinegar. The mixture is then heated gently from 100° to 130° Fahrenheit, and under constant agitation the stomachs are converted into a peptone of a syrupy consistence, which, after clarifying and purifying by any of the well-known methods, is spread on glass plates for drying in a room heated up to about 115° Fahrenheit. It is then scraped off, and the dry and brittle transparent flakes or scales are sifted through a sieve having about twenty linear threads to the inch, after which the product appears like minute scales. (*Pharm. Record*, 1883, p. 424.) This pepsin, as frequently found in the market, has an offensive odor.

ture without injury. Pepsin usually has a slightly acid reaction. It may be neutral, but should never be alkaline." *U. S.*

"**Valuation of Pepsin.**—Prepare, first, the following three solutions: *A*. To 294 C.c. of water add 6 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid. *B*. In 100 C.c. of solution *A* dissolve 0·067 Gm. of the Pepsin to be tested. *C*. To 95 C.c. of solution *A*, brought to a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), add 5 C.c. of solution *B*. The resulting 100 C.c. of liquid will contain 2 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, 0·00335 Gm. of the Pepsin to be tested, and 98 C.c. of water. Immerse and keep a fresh hen's-egg during fifteen minutes in boiling water; then remove it and place it into cold water. When it is cold, separate the white, coagulated albumen, and rub it through a clean sieve having 30 meshes to the linear inch. Reject the first portion passing through the sieve. Weigh off 10 Gm. of the second, cleaner portion, place it in a flask of the capacity of about 200 C.c., then add one-half of solution *C*, and shake well, so as to distribute the coherent albumen evenly throughout the liquid. Then add the second half of solution *C*, and shake again, guarding against loss. Place the flask in a water-bath, or thermostat, kept at a temperature of 38° to 40° C. (100·4° to 104° F.), for six hours, and shake it gently every fifteen minutes. At the expiration of this time the albumen should have disappeared, leaving at most only a few, thin, insoluble flakes. (Trustworthy results, particularly in comparative trials, will be obtained only if the temperature be strictly maintained between the prescribed limits, and if the contents of the flasks be agitated uniformly, and in equal intervals of time.) The relative proteolytic power of Pepsin stronger or weaker than that described above may be determined by ascertaining, through repeated trials, how much of solution *B* made up to 100 C.c. with solution *A* will be required exactly to dissolve 10 Gm. of coagulated and disintegrated albumen under the conditions given above." *U. S.*

Three distinct types of pepsin are found in commerce: 1, pepsins insoluble in water without the addition of traces of acids; 2, pepsins soluble in water forming transparent solutions; 3, pepsins not entirely soluble in water or in diluted hydrochloric acid. The objection to the insoluble pepsins is, of course, the inconvenience resulting from their insolubility in water, but, on the other hand, they are more permanent, do not deteriorate so rapidly, and are active in contact with the gastric juice. The objection to the soluble pepsins is that they are hygroscopic; but they are, when good, well suited for making solutions, wines, etc.

Pepsin should always be administered in its original form. The wines and elixirs which flood the market are mostly worthless preparations, although it has been proved that an effective wine of pepsin can be made, and *small quantities of alcohol* are not incompatible.* It is well to combine it with hydrochloric acid, and the powder is often advantageously exhibited in *infantile diarrhœa* along with bismuth subnitrate. With these exceptions, it is usually preferable to give it by itself.†

Medical Properties and Uses. Pepsin is said to have been first suggested as a remedy by Dr. Corvisart, of Paris (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx. 169), and has been very largely used in cases of various character in which the digestive powers of the stomach have failed, for the

* *Liquor Pepsini.* U. S. 1880. *Solution of Pepsin.* [*Liquid Pepsin.*] (*Pepsine liquide*, Fr.; *Pepsin-Lösung*, G.) "Saccharated Pepsin, *forty parts* [or four hundred grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *twelve parts* [or one hundred and ten minims]; Glycerin, *four hundred parts* [or seven fluidounces]; Water, *five hundred and forty-eight parts* [or twelve fluidounces], To make *one thousand parts* [or about twenty fluidounces]. Dissolve the Saccharated Pepsin in the Water, previously mixed with the Hydrochloric Acid, add the Glycerin, let the mixture stand twenty-four hours, and filter. This preparation originated with Prof. Emil Scheffer, who suggested a process (see *A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 98), in which six pounds of the mucous membrane of hogs' stomachs were macerated with four pounds of glycerin and four pints of water containing six ounces of hydrochloric acid for thirty-six hours. The mass was then strained, and macerated with fresh water and again strained, and the operation repeated until ten pints were obtained. This process was simplified after the publication of his formula for Saccharated Pepsin, was official in 1880, and is based upon this later process. The solution contains 4 per cent. of Saccharated Pepsin, whilst Scheffer's original formula (*A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 5) was weaker, containing but 1·6 per cent. This liquid is transparent, either colorless, or having a yellowish color, and a sweetish, agreeable taste, which is slightly acidulous. 'It should not become mouldy, nor acquire a disagreeable, fetid odor, when kept for some time.' *U. S.* It should be freshly made, as it gradually loses its powers of digestion when long kept. This preparation, if in good condition, undoubtedly has all the remedial virtues of pepsin, and should be used to the exclusion of all the elixirs. The dose is one-half to two fluidounces (15 to 60 C.c.)." *U. S. D.*, 16th ed.

† Gastric juice was many years ago employed by Dr. P. S. Physick, the celebrated surgeon of Philadelphia, with considerable success, as a local application to cancers and sloughing ulcers, with the view of removing the dead bone and flesh, correcting the offensive odor, and yielding a healthful stimulus to the diseased surface. It has also been used with success, by Dr. Ellsworth, of Hartford, Connecticut, for dissolving a portion of tough animal food which had become impacted in the œsophagus of a lad affected with stricture of that passage. The gastric juice of a pig was used. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, April 17, 1856.) The inner coat of the gizzard of the South American ostrich is said, in the state of powder, to be used in Buenos Ayres as a remedy in dyspepsia (E. S. Wayne, *A. J. P.*, March, 1868, p. 123), and the dried crops and gizzards of chickens and turkeys have long been used in some portions of this country as a domestic remedy. For an account of *Rennet*, see Part II.

purpose of supplying the place of the natural digestive ferment. Any influence for good which it possesses is dependent upon its solvent power, which is a measure of its value. The usual dose of pepsin is from ten to fifteen grains, and it is plain that the solvent power of less than such an amount is too trifling to be of value in sustaining the digestion of an adult. Further, a large portion of the pepsin which has been exhibited has been inert, either originally or from the method of its administration; and in the great majority of cases the good result that has been ascribed to the pepsin has been due, not to it, but to the regulation of the diet and habits of the patient and to the drugs which have been exhibited along with the animal ferment. We believe that its value has been overestimated, that it has been given to adults in ridiculously small doses, and that a drachm (3·9 Gm.) of the ordinary commercial article or of saccharated pepsin is a moderate dose. It has been found much more certain in its effects in the feeble digestion of infants than of adults, due probably to its being administered in proportionately much larger doses. To a babe six months old, suffering from *indigestion* and consequent *diarrhœa*, one grain of pepsin or ten grains of saccharated pepsin may be given after each feeding with a rational expectation of benefit. The dose of best quality pepsin may be set down as from ten to fifteen grains (0·648–0·972 Gm.).

PEPSINUM SACCHARATUM. U. S. Saccharated Pepsin.

(PĔP-SĪ'NŬM SĂC-ȻHẠ-RĀ'TŬM.)

"Pepsin, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar of Milk, recently dried, and in No. 30 powder, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 230 grains]. Triturate the Pepsin with the Sugar of Milk to a fine, uniform powder. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

As stated in the article "Pepsinum," this powder is made by diluting strong pepsin with powdered sugar of milk. It is about six times stronger than the saccharated pepsin of the U. S. P. 1880. (See preceding article.) "Saccharated Pepsin, when tested by the process given under Pepsin (see *Pepsinum*), with the modification that 0·67 Gm. of it are to be taken in preparing solution *B*, should digest 300 times its own weight of freshly coagulated and disintegrated egg albumen." *U. S.*

PETROLATUM LIQUIDUM. U. S. Liquid Petrolatum.

(PĔT-RỌ-LĀ'TŬM LĬQ'UỊ-DŬM.)

"A mixture of hydrocarbons, chiefly of the marsh-gas series, obtained by distilling off the lighter and more volatile portions from petroleum, and purifying the residue when it has the desired consistence." *U. S.*

PETROLATUM MOLLE. U. S. (Br.) Soft Petrolatum. [Soft Petroleum Ointment.]

(PĔT-RỌ-LĀ'TŬM MŎL'LĒ.)

"A mixture of hydrocarbons, chiefly of the marsh-gas series, obtained by distilling off the lighter and more volatile portions from petroleum, and purifying the residue when it has the desired melting-point. When Petrolatum is prescribed or ordered without further specification, Soft Petrolatum (*Petrolatum Molle*) is to be dispensed." *U. S.* "A semi-solid mixture containing some of the softer or more fluid members of the paraffin series of hydrocarbons; usually obtained by purifying the less volatile portions of petroleum. It is known in commerce by various fanciful names." *Br.*

Paraffinum Molle, *Br.;* Petrolatum, *U. S.* 1880; Soft Paraffin; Pétroléine; Unguentum Paraffinum.

PETROLATUM SPISSUM. U. S. Hard Petrolatum.

(PĔT-RỌ-LĀ'TŬM SPĬS'SŬM.)

"A mixture of hydrocarbons, chiefly of the marsh-gas series, obtained by distilling off the lighter and more volatile portions from petroleum, and purifying the residue when it has the desired melting-point." *U. S.*

Petrolatum, *U. S.* 1880; Hard Petroleum Ointment.

Petrolatum in its various forms has of late years acquired considerable importance, under

various trade names, as a bland neutral body well fitted to take the place of lard as a base for ointments and for other purposes. It is prepared from the residuum left in the stills after a distillation of petroleum *in vacuo*, or from the residue or sediment deposited in tanks containing crude petroleum, of which large quantities have collected in the storing-tanks in the oil-districts of Western Pennsylvania. The substances known commercially as *cosmoline* (*Unguentum Petrolei*) and *vaseline* are now made on a large scale from residuums, but more largely from what are termed "reduced oils," that is, crude oils from which the lighter fractions (those included under the heads of benzin, naphtha, illuminating and paraffin oils) have been removed by distillation. This process of reducing would leave an increasing amount of black pyrogenous products in the residuum, were it not that the reducing is carried out under diminished pressure, by what is termed the "vacuum process," in which, moreover, the heat is not applied directly to the still bottoms, but by means of coils of pipe, through which superheated steam is made to pass. These reduced oils can be brought to 337·7° C. (640° F.) fire-test without acquiring the slightest pyrogenous odor. They are then filtered through well-dried bone-black, in chambers kept at a temperature of from 43·3° to 54·4° C. (110° to 130° F.), or in some cases higher. The first portions of the filtrate are colorless, and then pass from a light straw or amber color to a color red by transmitted light and light green by reflected light. This latter is known as "cylinder stock," and is highly prized as a lubricating oil. The clearer portion of the filtrate is then brought to the proper melting-point, if necessary, by the addition of pure block paraffin, which dissolves perfectly in the warm liquid oil. The storing-tank residue is purified in a similar manner. The "B. S. Oil," or "rod wax," as it is technically termed, is placed in a still, heat applied, and after the lighter products have distilled over, and indications of congelation are noticed when a portion of the distillate is allowed to cool, the heat is withdrawn, and the contents of the still, after having cooled, are transferred gradually to a percolator which contains recently heated animal charcoal. Many efforts have been made to economize in the use of animal charcoal, as the large quantity consumed (which is rendered almost worthless) adds largely to the cost of the finished petrolatum. A somewhat different process is used in Germany: the crude product is derived from crude *ozokerite*, obtained from Alsace and Galicia, or American residuum is sometimes used. 1. The oil is heated by steam to about 30° C. (86° F.), mixed, at this temperature, with 10 per cent. of its weight of sulphuric acid of 60° B., stirred for half an hour, and then allowed to stand at rest, so that the carbonized portions may separate. 2. When clear, the oil is washed with an aqueous solution of bichromate of potassium, whereby any remaining excess of sulphuric acid is at the same time removed. 3. The residue from the acid treatment is mixed with lime, neutralized, and disposed of to manure-factories. 4. The clear oil from the second step of the process, after being washed, is heated by steam to 80° C. (176° F.), mixed with 10 per cent. of its weight of granular animal charcoal, and then allowed to stand at rest, to permit the animal charcoal to settle. 5. After the latter is separated, the liquid portion is filtered through filters heated by steam. 6. The residuary magma of animal charcoal is subjected to hydraulic pressure, the expressed oil filtered, and the solid residue again used in the next operation, a sufficient quantity of fresh animal charcoal being added to make up for any loss or waste. (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 1881, No. 42; *N. R.*, Feb. 1882.)

The commercial varieties of petrolatum may be classed under two heads: (1) those which, like the American vaseline, are obtained as a ready-formed mixture of hydrocarbons of gelatinous consistence; and (2) those made by directly mixing solid paraffin of low melting-point with heavy lubricating oil, such as are known in Germany as "artificial vaseline." The latter varieties are less homogeneous, and are liable to deposit granules of paraffin on keeping, and hence are not so suited for the preparation of ointments as true American petrolatum.

In warm ether, American petrolatum dissolves freely to a clear solution exhibiting a strong blue fluorescence, and the liquid remains clear, or at most becomes only slightly turbid, on cooling. German petrolatum, on the contrary, is said to form a thick solution with warm ether, and to give a considerable deposit on cooling. Russian petrolatum is stated to dissolve completely in warm ether and give a clear solution which becomes turbid on cooling. (Allen, *Commerc. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., 1887, ii. p. 408.)

Chemical Constitution. Petrolatum consists mainly of the higher members of the paraffin series, but undoubtedly contains also the higher olefines. These may possibly alter in time, and give rise to rancidity, although this is not certainly established. The paraffins, which make up the bulk of it, are not capable of direct oxidation, and are therefore not affected by atmospheric influences. Petrolatum contains hydrocarbons of the paraffin series,

like $C_{16}H_{34}$, $C_{17}H_{36}$, $C_{18}H_{38}$, etc., up properly to $C_{32}H_{66}$, together with hydrocarbons of the olefine series, $C_{16}H_{32}$, $C_{17}H_{34}$, etc. These latter are less concrete than the corresponding paraffin hydrocarbons, and give Petrolatum its oleaginous characters.

Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes Petrolatum as follows:

Liquid Petrolatum. "A colorless, or more or less yellowish, oily, transparent liquid, without odor or taste, or giving off, when heated, a faint odor of petroleum. Specific gravity, about 0·875 to 0·945 at 15° C. (59° F.). Insoluble in water; scarcely soluble in cold or hot alcohol, or in cold absolute alcohol; but soluble in boiling absolute alcohol, and readily soluble in ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, oil of turpentine, benzin, benzol, and fixed or volatile oils. When heated on platinum, Liquid Petrolatum is completely volatilized, without emitting any acrid vapors. The alcoholic solution of Liquid Petrolatum is neutral to litmus paper. If 5 Gm. of Liquid Petrolatum be digested, for half an hour, with 5 Gm. of sodium hydrate and 25 C.c. of water, the aqueous layer separated, and supersaturated with sulphuric acid, no oily substance should separate (absence of *fixed oils or fats of animal or vegetable origin*, or of *resin*). If 2 volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid be added to 1 volume of Liquid Petrolatum, in a test-tube placed in hot water, and the contents occasionally agitated during fifteen minutes, the acid should not acquire a deeper tint than brown, nor lose its transparency (limit of *readily carbonizable organic impurities*)."

Soft Petrolatum. "A fat-like mass, of about the consistence of an ointment, varying from white to yellowish or yellow, more or less fluorescent when yellow, especially after being melted, transparent in thin layers, completely amorphous, and without odor or taste, or giving off, when heated, a faint odor of petroleum. If a portion of Soft Petrolatum be liquefied, and brought to a temperature of 60° C. (140° F.), it will have a specific gravity of about 0·820 to 0·840. The melting point of Soft Petrolatum ranges between about 40° and 45° C. (104° and 113° F.). In other respects Soft Petrolatum has the characteristics of, and should respond to the tests given under, Liquid Petrolatum (see *Petrolatum Liquidum*)."

Hard Petrolatum. "A fat-like mass, of about the consistence of a cerate, varying from white to yellowish or yellow, more or less fluorescent when yellow, especially after being melted, transparent in thin layers, completely amorphous, and without odor or taste, or giving off, when heated, a faint odor of petroleum. If a portion of Hard Petrolatum be liquefied, and brought to a temperature of 60° C. (140° F.), it will have a specific gravity of about 0·820 to 0·850. The melting point of Hard Petrolatum ranges between about 45° and 51° C. (113° and 125° F.). In other respects Hard Petrolatum has the characteristics of, and should respond to the tests given under, Liquid Petrolatum (see *Petrolatum Liquidum*)."

The British Pharmacopœia describes it as "white or yellowish, translucent, soft, greasy; free from acidity, alkalinity, or any unpleasant odor or flavor, even when warmed to 120° F. (48°·9 C.). Specific gravity, at the melting point, from about 0·840 to 0·870. Melts at 95° to 105° F. (35° to 40°·5 C.), or even somewhat higher, volatilizes without giving off acrid vapors, and burns with a bright flame, leaving no residue. It is not saponified by solutions of alkalies." *Br.* As it is found in the market, Petrolatum varies in color, odor, and melting point. The statement frequently made by the manufacturers that it is unalterable in the air is incorrect, as we have frequently noticed that exposure to light and air causes it to assume a disagreeable odor resembling that of crude petroleum. It has been observed to have at times irritating properties. This may be due to imperfect removal of the sulphuric acid or similar agents used. It is believed, however, that the presence of these impurities is rare.

Medical Properties. Petrolatum is used exclusively as a bland neutral protective dressing, and as a substitute for fatty materials in ointments. Dr. M. M. Griffith (*N. R.*, May, 1880) asserts that the crude semi-solid petroleum (*rod wax*), as it accumulates on the casings, etc., about oil-wells, is an invaluable remedy in *chronic bronchitis* and *incipient phthisis*. It is readily formed into three-grain pills, and may be given until it produces eructations. He has used the following formula with advantage: ℞ Petroleum mass, ℥i; Pulv. Cubebæ, Pulv. Doveri, āā ℥vi, to make pill mass (pills 5 gr.). *Huile de Gabian* is a similar product, which has long been famous in France as a remedy in lung diseases. Dr. N. Randolph has shown that when taken internally, in doses of from one to four drachms, cosmoline acts simply as a feeble laxative and soothes irritation, so as to be advantageous in inflammations of the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. Liquid petrolatum is much used as a soothing local application in inflammation of the mucous membranes in the nose, throat, larynx, and even bronchial tubes. It is usually applied by means of an atomizer, and can be made the vehicle for carrying medicinal substances.

PHENACETINUM. Br. Phenacetin.

$C_{10}H_{13}NO_2$. (PHĒ-NĂC-Ē-TĪ'NUM.)

"A crystalline substance produced by the action of glacial acetic acid on paraphenetidin, a body obtained from phenol." *Br.*

The chemical relationship of this body to phenol is seen by an examination of its formula and the formulas of the intermediate compounds obtained as stages in its preparation.

Phenol, $C_6H_5.OH$, is converted into *nitrophenol*, $C_6H_4(NO_2)OH$. Only the paranitrophenol is available, and this is separated by distilling off the ortho-nitrophenol by steam distillation. The residual *paranitrophenol*, in the form of the sodium compound, is treated with ethyl iodide, when ethyl paranitrophenol or *paranitrophenetol*, $C_6H_4(NO_2)OC_2H_5$, is produced. This is now reduced with sodium amalgam to *paraphenetidin*, $C_6H_4(NH_2)OC_2H_5$. Glacial acetic acid then serves to introduce the acetyl group, and *para-acetamidophenetol*, or phenacetin, $C_6H_4(NHC_2H_3O)OC_2H_5$, is obtained.

Properties. Phenacetin occurs in crystalline scales which are colorless, tasteless, and without odor, melting at 135° C. (275° F.), slightly soluble in cold water, more freely soluble in boiling water (one part in seventy), and soluble in sixteen parts of alcohol. The Br. Pharmacopœia gives the following tests. "Heated with free access of air it burns, leaving no residue. Sulphuric acid dissolves it without color. One grain boiled with twenty minims of hydrochloric acid for about half a minute yields a liquid which, diluted with ten times its volume of water, cooled and filtered, assumes a deep-red coloration on the addition of solution of chromic acid. A cold saturated aqueous solution should not become turbid on the addition of bromine water. A mixture of five grains of phenacetin with two fluidrachms of solution of potash, boiled, should yield no unpleasant odor when again boiled after the addition of five drops of chloroform." The test with chromic acid will serve to distinguish it from acetanilide and exalgin; that with bromine water will indicate the absence of phenol and acetanilide, both of which will show a white turbidity, owing to the formation of difficultly soluble bromine derivatives. The test with potash or soda, followed by addition of chloroform, will indicate the absence of acetanilide, which, if present, will cause the formation of phenylcarbamine, a substance of penetrating and repulsive odor. The presence of unchanged paraphenetidin may be detected by melting 2·5 Gm. of chloral hydrate in a test-tube and adding 0·5 Gm. of the phenacetin to be tested. If pure, it will remain colorless; if paraphenetidin be present, it will become violet or reddish blue in tint.

Medical Properties and Uses. Phenacetin was first introduced as an antipyretic by Hinsberg and Kast, who found that in order to produce toxic effects in the lower animals enormous doses are required. These cause vomiting, staggering, hurried respiration, somnolence, cyanosis, and methæmoglobinization of the blood. In man no fatal cases of poisoning have been reported, but Hollopeter saw twenty-two and a half grains produce in a woman collapse, with cyanosis. Phenacetin would seem to be one of the safest, as it certainly is one of the most efficient, drugs of its class. It is asserted that its antipyretic action is more gradual, more prolonged, and less apt to be attended with disagreeable symptoms than that of antipyrin and other allied drugs. The experiments of Ott and of Cerna and Carter appear to prove that the fall of temperature produced by phenacetin is due to a lessened production of animal heat caused by a direct influence of the drug upon the thermo-genetic centres, and is not necessarily accompanied by any distinct alteration of the circulation. Indeed, the experiments of Cerna and Carter indicate that, by stimulating the heart and the vaso-motor system, very large therapeutic doses increase arterial pressure, although after toxic doses there is a fall of blood-pressure, due chiefly to cardiac paralysis. The analgesic properties of phenacetin are pronounced, and in *migraine*, *ataxic pains*, and other *neuralgias* it is an exceedingly useful remedy. As it has been found by Mahnert to act especially upon the spinal cord, it will probably prove to be of value in spasmodic diseases, such as *hysteria*, *asthma*, *whooping-cough*, and even *epilepsy*, etc. Urticaria has been noted after phenacetin, but it seems not to produce any characteristic eruption. Dose, from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.). According to Herr Reuter, paraphenetidin, which is liable to occur in commercial phenacetin, is a dangerous poison, especially acting upon the kidneys.*

* *Dangerous Impurity in Phenacetin.* Dr. C. O. Curtman, of St. Louis, received from Dr. L. Reuter, of Heitzerberg (*Weekly Medical Review*), information announcing a very dangerous impurity of phenacetin,—a residuum in the process of its manufacture by the Baker Color Works. In its manufacture phenacetin has to pass through a stage in which *paraphenetidin*, which is a very powerful poison, is produced. It is the result of imperfect conversion into phenacetin by means of acetic acid. It is easily discovered by placing a small quantity of chloral hydrate

PHENAZONUM. Br. Phenazone.

$C_6H_5(CH_3)_2C_3HN_2O$. (PHĒ-NĀ-ZŌ'NŬM.)

"A crystalline substance obtainable from phenyl-hydrazine." *Br.*

Antipyrin, Phenyl-dimethyl-pyrazolone; Antipyrine, *Fr.*; Antipyrin, *G.*

This substance has been introduced into the British Pharmacopœia "Additions," under the name of "Phenazonum." It has not been recognized by the U. S. Pharm. 1890, because its method of production is controlled by the monopoly manufacturing it, and hence tests which would be prescribed by the Pharmacopœia could be made inoperative at any time that the manufacturers chose to change the character of the product. The British Pharmacopœia, however, introduces the substance under a specially-coined title, which has not received recognition to any extent, it being almost universally prescribed under the name of antipyrin.

This compound is perhaps the most important of the newer synthetical remedies introduced into medicine: it is now generally conceded to be a derivative of pyrrol, C_4H_5N, a base found in coal-tar and in bone oil. From this base, $\begin{matrix}HC{=}CH\\|\\HC{=}CH\end{matrix}\!>\!NH$, pyrazole, $\begin{matrix}HC{=}N\\|\\HC{=}CH\end{matrix}\!>\!NH$, is derived (see Part II.), and from this pyrazolon, $\begin{matrix}HC{=}N\\|\\H_2C{-}CO\end{matrix}\!>\!NH$. Phenyl-dimethyl pyrazolon, $\begin{matrix}(CH_3)C{-}N(CH_3)\\\|\\HC{-}CO\end{matrix}\!>\!N(C_6H_5)$, is a substitution product from this. Practically it is made by Knorr's patented process of acting upon phenyl-hydrazine, $C_6H_5{-}HN{-}NH_2$, with ethyl aceto-acetate, $(CH_3.CO)CH_2.CO.C_2H_5$, when phenyl-methyl pyrazolon, $\begin{matrix}(CH_3)C{=}N\\|\\H_2C{-}CO\end{matrix}\!>\!N(C_6H_5)$, is formed. This is then methylated by treatment with methyl iodide, when the hydriodide of the finished base results. The product of another reaction, viz., that of a halogen butyrate upon phenyl-hydrazine and subsequent oxidation and methylation of the compound so obtained, which is also a phenyl-dimethyl pyrazolon, is, however, only an isomer of the true antipyrin and not identical with it. It is described in the British Pharmacopœia as in "colorless and inodorous scaly crystals, with a bitter taste, melting at about 230° F. (110° C.); freely soluble in water, rectified spirit, and chloroform; less soluble in ether. Ignited with free access of air, it burns, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution is neutral to test-paper, and is not affected by sulphuretted hydrogen. One grain of nitrate of sodium and two fluidrachms of a one-per-cent. aqueous solution of phenazone yield a nearly colorless liquid which turns deep green on the addition of ten minims of diluted sulphuric acid. An aqueous solution of the same strength mixed with an equal volume of nitric acid assumes a yellow color, passing to crimson on warming. Solution of perchloride of iron produces in a very dilute aqueous solution a deep-red color, which is nearly discharged by excess of diluted sulphuric acid."

Medical Properties and Uses. Antipyrin, when given in such doses as simply to produce physiological effects, causes languor, malaise, a peculiar livid complexion, and in many cases an eruption upon the skin very closely resembling measles. In some instances an erythema or a violent urticaria or even wide-spread œdematous dermatitis is produced. When these skin symptoms are severe, the mucous membranes may share in the irritation, and a general rise of temperature, dyspnœa, hysterical unrest, and even more severe constitutional symptoms come on. The ordinary symptoms of poisoning by antipyrin are cephalic distress, giddiness, tremblings, excessive sweating, increased frequency of the pulse, often accompanied by præcordial anguish, fall of temperature, arrested respiration, exaggeration of the reflexes, followed, if the dose have been large enough, by somnolence deepening into coma, and passing into profound stertorous unconsciousness, with dilatation of the pupil and epileptiform convulsions. In some cases of poisoning the chief symptoms have been those of profound progressive collapse. Various irregular symptoms have been noted, such as amaurosis, pseudo-membranous stomatitis, swelling of the lips and tongue, laryngeal interference with the respiration. When antipyrin is given in fever it acts as a very powerful and certain antipyretic, the fall of temperature usually appearing in half an hour after the dose, and being very marked and con-

in a test-tube, melting it at the heat of boiling water, and then adding one-fifth of phenacetin to it. *If it be pure,* the mixture will remain colorless, forming a diffused mass. *If it be impure,*—containing paraphenetidin,—it will become of a purple color, passing from red into blue within a very short time,—a half-minute. In a number of instances recently treated in Heitzerberg, this impurity was found in the phenacetin described, producing inflammation of the kidneys, many cases being very severe.

tinuing for some hours. It is usually, but not always, accompanied by a profuse sweat, which is not, however, the cause of the fall of temperature, as the latter may occur without the sweat, and is not prevented by hypodermic injections of atropine which check the perspiration. With the fall of temperature there is usually a decrease in the rate but not in the force of the pulse. Physiological doses of antipyrin have very little influence upon the circulation, and a reduction of temperature in fevered animals of four or five degrees with complete steadiness of the arterial pressure may be often observed. That the fall of temperature is not due to an action upon the circulation is further shown by the calorimetrical experiments of Drs. H. C. Wood, Reichert, and Hare, which demonstrate that there is an absolute decrease in the production of animal heat caused by the action of the drug upon the nervous system.

The work of physiologists has proved that antipyrin has a peculiar influence upon the cerebral cortex; that when in toxic dose it probably acts as a primary stimulant and a secondary depressant to the spinal cord; that it paralyzes both the motor and the sensory nerve-trunks, and has some distinct but feeble influence upon the muscles themselves; that in very large doses it increases the arterial pressure, although toxic doses decrease the pressure, probably in part by an action upon the vessels and in part by an action upon the heart; that upon the respiration antipyrin has no distinct influence, unless in toxic dose, when it seems to act as a primary stimulant and secondary depressant to the respiratory centres.

The absorption and elimination of antipyrin are rapid: it has been detected in the urine in less than half an hour after its ingestion. The chief channel of escape is the kidneys, but it has been detected in the milk of nursing women. It appears in health and in fever to diminish the elimination of urinary solids, and the whole output from the body of the nitrogenous products of tissue-waste. A peculiar livid discoloration of the surface of the body is one of the most characteristic symptoms of antipyrin poisoning, and is probably due to the formation in the blood of methæmoglobin or of some similar compound.

Antipyrin has been used in practical medicine to meet various indications. First, for the relief of pain. As an analgesic it is of no value when the pain is dependent upon a local inflammation, but it is often remarkably efficient in *migraine*, in the fulgurant pains or the pain-crises of *locomotor ataxia*, and in other paroxysms of suffering dependent upon disease of the nerve-centres or having the character of nerve-storms; it is also useful in the pains of *rheumatism* and of *neuritis*. It has been strongly recommended by some obstetricians as an analgesic in the first stages of labor, but in most cases it fails to achieve distinct results. Second, for the quieting of nervous irritation. Thus, it has been employed with alleged extraordinary results by Dr. Nitot in nervous *urticaria*, has been used by Dr. Thör in *nocturnal emissions*, and is often employed in hysterical unrest. Third, for the purpose of combating excitability of the motor nerve-centres, as in *laryngismus stridulus*, *chorea*, *whooping-cough*, *tetanus*, *epilepsy*. In the latter disease it usually fails, but sometimes acts with extraordinary power. The combination of it with ammonium bromide is much more efficacious in epilepsy than are the bromides by themselves. Fourth, to affect secretion, as in infantile *diarrhœa*, in *diabetes*, true and insipid, and as an antigalactagogue when it is desired to arrest secretion of milk. Clément (*Lyon Méd.*, 1891) affirms that it is remarkably effectual in bringing about the absorption of pleuritic effusions. Fifth, as an antipyretic. For this purpose it has been employed in all diseases with high temperature, and, as it has little influence upon the circulation, may be used in asthenic fevers. Usually the fall of temperature which it produces is accompanied by marked increase in the comfort of the patient, but occasionally severe collapse occurs, and the lowering of the temperature produced by antipyrin and allied drugs is not accompanied by as much benefit to the patient as results from the reduction of fever-heat by the cold bath. Sixth, as a local anæsthetic. M. St.-Hilaire affirms that it is even more efficacious than cocaine when applied to the mucous membranes in a solution of from thirty to fifty per cent. Seventh, as a local hæmostatic. Henocque and Huchard, and also Moncorvo, assert that in from five- to fifteen-per-cent. solution it will arrest almost any nasal hemorrhage, and in stronger solution is efficacious in hemorrhages of all kinds.

Antipyrin has in a number of cases produced serious poisoning, and sometimes acts out of all proportion to the amount of the drug which has been exhibited. It may be taken hypodermically, by the mouth, or by the rectum. The hypodermic injections at times produce local irritation, but usually they are well borne. Verneuil has reported a case of gangrene of the foot produced by the hypodermic injection of antipyrin. The dose for a child five years old is seven grains (0·45 Gm.); for the adult it should not exceed twenty grains (1·29 Gm.), repeated

every one or two hours until sixty grains (3·88 Gm.) are taken or a fall of temperature or sweating occurs.*

PHOSPHORUS. U. S., Br. Phosphorus.

P; 30.96. (PHŎS'PHO-RŬS.) P; 31.

"Phosphorus should be carefully kept under water, in strong, well-closed vessels, in a secure and moderately cool place, protected from light." *U. S.* "A non-metallic element obtained from bones." *Br.*

Phosphore, *Fr.;* Phosphor, *G.;* Fosforo, *It., Sp.*

This non-metallic element was discovered in 1669 by Brandt, an alchemist of Hamburg, who obtained it from evaporated urine by a process which remained a secret until 1737. As thus procured, it was exceedingly scarce and costly. In 1769 the Swedish chemist Gahn discovered it in bones, and shortly afterwards published a process by which it might be extracted.

Preparation. Powdered calcined bones (calcium bone-phosphate) are digested for twenty-four hours with two-thirds of their weight of sulphuric acid previously diluted with twelve times its weight of water. The sulphuric acid separates the greater part of the lime from the phosphoric acid, and precipitates as calcium sulphate, while an acid calcium phosphate ($CaH_4(PO_4)_2$) remains in solution. The liquid is then strained through a linen cloth to separate the calcium sulphate, and afterwards submitted to evaporation, which causes a fresh precipitation of sulphate, to be separated by a new straining. The strained solution is evaporated to a syrupy consistence, and then thoroughly mixed with half its weight of powdered charcoal, so as to form a mass, which is dried by being heated to dull redness. At this temperature the acid phosphate is changed into metaphosphate ($Ca(PO_3)_2$) by the loss of two molecules of water. The mass when cool is quickly transferred to a coated earthenware retort, furnished with an adapter of copper, bent downward at right angles, so as to enter a bottle with a large neck containing water, which should rise about two lines above the orifice of the adapter. The

* *Antipyrin compounds.* Antipyrin, acting as a basic substance, forms distinct chemical compounds, a number of which have been described in chemical literature. Among these may be mentioned the benzoates, citrates, and picrates, made by the addition of antipyrin to the boiling aqueous solutions of the respective acids. Of these salts the only one which has obtained any prominence is the salicylate.

Antipyrin salicylate, or *salipyrin,* occurs as a white, odorless, not unpleasantly acidulous crystalline powder, containing 57·7 per cent. of antipyrin and 42·3 per cent. of salicylic acid. It is readily soluble in alcohol and in about 200 parts of water. It is prepared by a patented process, essentially consisting in heating antipyrin and salicylic acid together in molecular proportions, dissolving in alcohol, and crystallizing. It is an active antipyretic, but must be used in large doses. Dr. Paul Guttmann gives the commencing dose at thirty grains, followed by hourly doses of fifteen grains, until one hundred and twenty to one hundred and thirty are taken. Such doses, it seems to us, will be found dangerous. It has also been used quite largely in *rheumatism,* with asserted good results. Until 1892 it was shut out from America by conflicts of patents.

There are at least two compounds of chloral and antipyrin, the mono- and bi-chloral compounds. Of these, the monochloral compound has been used in medicine under the name of *hypnal.* It is made by mixing a solution of 47 grammes [1½ ounces troy] of chloral hydrate in 50 C.c. [1½ fluidounces] of distilled water, with a solution of 53 grammes [1¾ ounces troy, less 20 grains] of antipyrin in 50 C.c. of distilled water, pouring into a separating funnel, and drawing off, after an hour, the oily-looking liquid from the supernatant aqueous layer. At the end of twenty-four hours the separated liquid will have solidified to a mass of rhombic crystals, and some small crystals will also have formed in the aqueous liquid. These should be drained and dried on bibulous paper or under a cold desiccator. They are tasteless and odorless, melt at 58° to 60° C., and dissolve in 5 or 6 parts of water.

When hypnal is brought into contact with a weak alkaline solution it is separated into two constituents, and it is believed by some chemists, with doubtful accuracy, that the drug breaks up in this way in the blood. It was originally proposed as an hypnotic by Dr. Bardet, who affirms that it is even more certain than chloral, is nearly free from taste, and is entirely free from an irritating action upon the mucous membranes. It is also asserted to be distinctly analgesic. Hypnal has been especially recommended in the cases of children, and in *insomnia* due to cough, and ought to be useful in asthma. According to Gley, the physiological activity of the monochloral compound is equal to that of the bichloral compound: but Schmitt (*Revue Méd. de l'Est,* July, 1890) has found in his experiments upon animals that this is incorrect, the bichloral compound being much the stronger. In the experiments of Schmitt, the action of the two compounds very closely resembled that of chloral, there having been a similar fall of arterial pressure and a similar action upon the heart. Schmitt thinks, however, that the antipyrin compounds are more soporific than chloral in the correspondent dose, which is in accord with the clinical results of Bardet and Fränkel. Dose, 15 grains (0·97 Gm.).

Antipyrin also combines with phenols to form compounds, none of which have as yet been used in medicine. Thus, the oily, colorless, odorless liquid *phenopyrin* is made from equal parts of crystalline phenol and antipyrin, whilst *pyrogallopyrin* is a crystalline substance obtained by the reaction of solutions of pyrogallol and antipyrin.

Naphtopyrin is made by the prolonged trituration of beta-naphtol with twice its weight of antipyrin.

Resopyrin is a compound of resorcin and antipyrin.

Iodantipyrin, or *iodopyrin,* is a true substitution product of antipyrin, one atom of hydrogen in the benzene nucleus being replaced by iodine; hence the formula is probably $C_6H_4IN\begin{cases}CO.CH\\NCH_3.CCH_3\end{cases}$. The compound crystallizes in tasteless and colorless prismatic crystals, difficultly soluble in cold, but readily soluble in hot, water; melting point, 180° C. According to the experiments of Dr. E. Munzer (*Prag. Med. Wochenschr.,* 1891), this substance probably undergoes decomposition in the system, and acts physiologically like antipyrin and iodine, causing, in doses of from 7½ to 22 grains, reduction of temperature, with the appearance of iodine in the urine.

bottle is closed round the adapter with a cork, which is traversed by a small glass tube, to give exit to the gaseous products. The retort is heated in a furnace, furnished with a dome, in the most gradual manner, so as to occupy about four hours in bringing it to a red heat. Afterwards the heat is pushed vigorously, so long as any phosphorus drops into the water; and this takes place generally for from twenty-four to thirty hours. During this part of the process the metaphosphate is decomposed, its oxygen combining with the charcoal, and the liberated phosphorus distilling over. The calcined bones of the sheep are preferred, as they contain the largest proportion of calcium phosphate and are most readily acted on by the acid.

M. Cari-Montrand proposes to obtain phosphorus by passing dry hydrochloric acid gas over a mixture of equal parts of calcium bone-phosphate and finely-powdered charcoal, contained in a porcelain tube, to which a glass tube is attached, dipping under water. Phosphorus and water distil over, carbonic oxide is evolved, and calcium chloride is left. The following equation explains the reaction: $2Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + 5C_2 + 12HCl = P_4 + 10CO + 6H_2O + (CaCl_2)_6$.

The following improved process for obtaining phosphorus on a large scale is given by Hugo Fleck, of Germany. Clean, broken bones, deprived of fat, are digested in diluted hydrochloric acid, which gives rise to the formation of calcium chloride and acid calcium phosphate, $CaH_4(PO_4)_2$. The bone cartilage remaining undissolved by the acid is used for preparing gelatin. The solution is evaporated in pans until its sp. gr. is about 1·4, and then run off to cool, when the acid phosphate crystallizes. This salt, having been separated from the mother-liquor by being pressed between cloths and dried, appears as a white gritty powder with a pearly lustre. The dry salt, warmed, and mixed with a fourth of its weight of charcoal, is distilled from clay cylinders like gas-retorts. Every five cylinders open into one receiver, shaped like a muffle and contained in a channel through which water flows. The residual calcium bone-phosphate in the cylinders is incinerated upon iron plates, to burn away the charcoal, and is thus saved to prepare fresh acid phosphate. By this process 100 pounds of fresh bones yield from 6 to 7 pounds of phosphorus, and from 10 to 20 pounds of gelatin; while the process usually pursued gives only 4 or 5 pounds of phosphorus. The manufacture of phosphorus is said to be confined to three establishments at present,—that of Albright and Wilson, in Oldbury, near Birmingham, England, that of Coignet Père, Fils & Cie., in Lyons, France, and one in Russia. One million kilos yearly are used for matches. For a method of making phosphorus by electricity, see *Chemist and Druggist*, 1891; see also *Amer. Drug.*, 1888.

Properties. Phosphorus is a semi-transparent solid, without taste, but possessing an alliaceous smell. When perfectly pure it is colorless; but as usually prepared it is yellowish or reddish yellow. It is flexible, and when cut exhibits a waxy lustre. It is said by M. Boettger to be easily pulverizable by agitation with a solution of urea. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1863, p. 488.) "It has a distinctive and disagreeable odor and taste (*but should not be tasted, except in a state of great dilution*). When exposed to the air, it emits white fumes, which are luminous in the dark, and have an odor somewhat resembling that of garlic. On longer exposure to air, it takes fire spontaneously. Specific gravity, 1·830 at 10° C. (50° F.). Melting point, 44° C. (111·2° F.). Phosphorus is insoluble or nearly so in water, to which, however, it imparts its characteristic, disagreeable odor and taste. Soluble in 350 parts of absolute alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), in 240 parts of boiling absolute alcohol, in 80 parts of absolute ether, in about 50 parts of any fatty oil, and very soluble in chloroform, or in carbon disulphide,* the latter yielding a solution which must be handled with the greatest care to prevent danger from fire. To test for *arsenic* and *sulphur* proceed as follows: Add 3 Gm. of Phosphorus to 15 C.c. of nitric acid diluted with 15 C.c. of distilled water in a flask having the capacity of 50 C.c., and digest the mixture at a gentle heat on a water-bath, until the Phosphorus is dissolved. Transfer the solution to a capsule, and evaporate it until no more nitrous vapors are given off, and then dilute the solution to 30 C.c. with distilled water. Heat 20 C.c. of the diluted solution to about 70° C. (158° F.) for half an hour, passing hydrogen sulphide through it during the half-hour's heating, and then until the liquid has become cold. If the liquid be now allowed to stand at rest during twenty-four hours, not more than a very small quantity of lemon-yellow precipitate should be visible (limit of *arsenic*). On adding barium chloride test-solution to the remainder of the liquid, not more than a slight opalescence should be produced (limit of *sulphur*)." *U. S.* Its pulverization may be readily effected by melting it in hot water, and agitating until it is thoroughly cooled; and the powder is obtained finer in saline solutions than in pure water. (Blondlot, *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 72, 1865.) It takes fire at

* According to Flückiger, carbon disulphide is capable of dissolving twenty times its weight of phosphorus without losing its fluidity.

37·7° C. (100° F.), melts at 42·2° C. (108° F.), and boils at 287·7° C. (550° F.), air being excluded. During its combustion it combines with the oxygen of the air, and forms phosphoric oxide. On account of its great inflammability, it must be kept under water. When exposed to the air it undergoes a slow combustion, emitting white vapors, which are luminous in the dark. It sometimes contains arsenic, and therefore, when used in forming medicinal preparations, should be tested for that metal. Dr. C. J. Rademaker obtained out of 100 parts of phosphorus about one part of arsenic. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1870.) It also occasionally contains antimony and sulphur. The latter impurity renders it brittle.

When phosphorus is kept in ordinary water it becomes covered with a whitish layer, of the nature of which there are different opinions, it being looked upon by some as a phosphorus hydrate, by others as an allotropic condition of that element, and by others again as a partial crystallization; but all these opinions have apparently been disproved by M. Ernest Baudrimont, who seems to have demonstrated that *white phosphorus* is entirely identical with that principle in its ordinary state, and results from a kind of erosion of the surface, owing to partial oxidation by the free oxygen held in solution by the water. The change never takes place in water entirely deprived of air; and the water when it has taken place holds phosphorous acid in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 17, 1866.)

Prof. Schroetter, of Vienna, discovered an allotropic form of phosphorus, which he called *red* or *amorphous phosphorus*. It is formed when ordinary phosphorus is kept long at a temperature between 215° C. (419° F.) and 250° C. (482° F.), in atmospheres which have no action on it, or in closed glass tubes. Red phosphorus is much more indifferent than the ordinary substance, and is denser, its sp. gr. being 2·11. It is much less easily acted on by the air than ordinary phosphorus, and is insoluble in carbon disulphide, alcohol, and ether, in all of which ordinary phosphorus is soluble. Solidified from the fused state, it is brittle, and breaks with a conchoidal fracture. Its hardness is considerable. Obtained by distillation in a non-acting gas, it is mixed with ordinary phosphorus, from which it may be freed by carbon disulphide, which dissolves the ordinary variety and leaves the allotropic as a deep red amorphous powder. It may also be purified by shaking it with a solution of calcium chloride of a density intermediate between that of red and that of ordinary phosphorus, and with a little carbon disulphide. The red variety will sink to the bottom, and the ordinary float on top of the solution, dissolved in the disulphide. (*E. Nicklés.*) Red phosphorus when pure is not poisonous. This has been proved beyond a doubt by the experiments of MM. Reynal and Lassaigne and of MM. L. Orfila and Rigaut. It is applicable to the manufacture of lucifer matches, and forms a much safer material than ordinary phosphorus. It does not take fire by friction at common temperatures, and therefore may be transported with the greatest safety. It has been said to be unchangeable in the air; but this is not exactly true, as proved by an observation of Mr. T. B. Groves, who, having set aside some red phosphorus in a bottle that was not air-tight, observed for a year or more no visible change, but found at length that it had become decidedly altered, and ascertained that oxidation had taken place, with the result of forming a large quantity of phosphoric and phosphorous acids, in the proportion of 5 mols. of the former to 2 of the latter. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1865, p. 621.) Besides the white and red forms of phosphorus, there is another, called the *black*, first noticed by Thénard, and investigated by M. Blondlot, who found that it is pure phosphorus, and that its production is owing to some modification in the mode of cooling, when it has been in the liquid state. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 407, 1865.) Prof. Flückiger doubts the existence of black phosphorus, however, and, after an investigation, states that the black color is due to arsenical contamination. (*Chem. Zeit.*, 1892, 181.)

Still another modification of phosphorus has been made known by M. Hittorf, who obtained it by heating red phosphorus and lead together in a close vessel. The lead on melting dissolved the phosphorus, and on cooling deposited it in the state of crystals resembling the crystals of arsenic. In this form, phosphorus is a conductor of electricity, and its sp. gr. at 16·6° C. (62° F.) is 2·34. M. Hittorf distinguishes it by the name of *metallic phosphorus*, and ranks it in the same category with red phosphorus, the latter differing simply in being amorphous. (*Chem. News*, March 23, 1866, p. 133.) M. Blondlot has succeeded in crystallizing common phosphorus by means of sublimation, operating in an atmosphere of nitrogen. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iv. 321.)*

* *Liquid Phosphorus.* A claim has been advanced by Prof. E. J. Houston to the discovery of another allotropic form of phosphorus characterized by being in the liquid state. Pure phosphorus was boiled repeatedly in strong solution of potassium hydrate, water being occasionally added to supply that lost by evaporation, and care taken

Phosphorus forms with oxygen three oxides,—*phosphoric*, P_2O_5, *phosphorous*, P_2O_3, and *hypophosphorous*, P_2O, although the existence of the latter is somewhat dubious. Corresponding to the first of these are three acids, known as *orthophosphoric* (tribasic phosphoric), H_3PO_4, *pyrophosphoric*, $H_4P_2O_7$, and *metaphosphoric*, HPO_3. The first of these is formed by dissolving P_2O_5 in boiling water, or by the action of nitric acid upon phosphorus itself; the second by the heating of the tribasic phosphoric acid to 213° C. (415·4° F.); and the third by the ignition of the tribasic variety, or by dissolving P_2O_5 in cold water. To the second oxide corresponds *phosphorous acid*, H_3PO_3, although it cannot be formed directly from the oxide. This is a dibasic acid, containing one hydrogen atom not replaceable by metal. To the third oxide corresponds *hypophosphorous acid*, H_3PO_2. This acid, also, is not capable of being derived directly from the oxide. It is monobasic, containing two hydrogen atoms not replaceable by metal.

Medical Properties. Phosphorus, when given in small doses, is believed by some to act as a general stimulant. With more probability it is believed by most neurologists to act as a nutritive stimulant to the nervous system. Its usefulness in *sexual exhaustion*, in failure of the mental powers from similar causes, and indeed in all forms of exhaustion of the nerve-centres, when no organic lesion has occurred, seems unquestionable; and it may even be used, with hope of advantage, in *cerebral softening*. It is sometimes of service in *neuralgia*, and has been employed with asserted advantage in *mania*, in *melancholia*, and in *chronic eczema*, *psoriasis*, and other *affections of the skin*. When taken in large doses it is a deadly poison. The symptoms usually do not manifest themselves until some hours after the ingestion of the phosphorus. General malaise then becomes very pronounced, and is soon accompanied by nausea, abdominal pain, and vomiting of food, mucus, and bile. On the second and third day the vomiting is apt to cease, but the abdominal tenderness remains, and there is some fever. Jaundice also sets in, both the conjunctiva and the urine betraying its onset. The yellow color rapidly involves the whole surface. Early in the poisoning there is often great anxiety, restlessness, headache, and giddiness, but now delirium appears, wild, erotic, or low and muttering. Severe vomiting of a coffee-ground liquid, free from bile and similar to the black vomit of yellow fever, is now present; the urine is scanty and albuminous, often with tyrosine and leucine in it, or it may finally be suppressed. The temperature falls markedly, and the patient sinks into a coma which ends in death. After death a peculiar fatty degeneration is found affecting almost all the soft tissues. The parts which suffer first are the liver, the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane, and the kidneys. Very often the heart-muscle is also disorganized. The liver is always yellow, its cells engorged with fat-globules. At first it undergoes decided enlargement, but if the patient live long enough it atrophies. Both in its symptoms and in its lesions phosphorus poisoning so closely resembles acute atrophy of the liver that only by detecting the phosphorus in the matters vomited, in the excretions, or in the tissues of the body, can a positive diagnosis be made. M. Poulet (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, Aug. 1872) states that hypophosphorous acid can be detected in the urine by heating the latter with nitric acid to dryness; if the acid be present, as the latter condition is approached there will be a sudden outburst of flame.

E. Mitscherlich gives the following as a delicate test for phosphorus. The suspected substance is distilled with sulphuric acid and water from a flask, by means of a tube bent twice at right angles, into a vertical cooling-tube, passing through the bottom of a wide glass cylinder filled with water, which is constantly kept cold by passing cold water in at the bottom, while the warm water escapes at the top. Under the cooling-tube is placed a vessel to receive the distillate. If phosphorus be present, its vapor, mixed with steam, distils over, and gives rise to a distinct luminous appearance, visible in the dark, at the point where it enters the cold part of the cooling-tube. The presence of alcohol and ether prevents the occurrence of the luminous appearance until they have distilled over. Oil of turpentine has the same effect permanently, but is not likely to be present in medico-legal cases. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, July, 1856, p. 280; from the *Lancet*.) This test acts equally well in the presence of fatty matters, as has been shown by M. de Vrij. Roussin finds that the presence of free butyric acid pre-

to stir the liquid cautiously during the process. After five or ten minutes, the melted phosphorus was washed by a stream of pure water replacing the alkaline solution, and removing all the hypophosphites as well as liquid and gaseous hydrides of phosphorus that might have been formed. The liquid phosphorus was now in what is believed to be a hitherto unnoticed allotropic modification. Its peculiarity is that of retaining the liquid form indefinitely at temperatures very considerably below the melting point of ordinary phosphorus. A small portion in a test-tube solidified at 3·3° C. (38° F.). Another peculiarity is that it is not oxidized on exposure to the air, and consequently does not shine in the dark. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1874, p. 112; from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*.)

vents the luminous appearance of the phosphorus. After neutralization with potassium carbonate, however, it can be seen. (Sonnenschein, *Gerichtl. Chem.*, 1881, p. 27.) L. Hofmann gives the following method of detecting phosphorus in the viscera in cases of poisoning. The viscera, mixed with water and a little sulphuric acid, are distilled until two drachms of liquid are obtained; to this a few drops of ammonium sulphide (ammonium sulphydrate) are to be added, and the liquid is to be evaporated to dryness in a porcelain dish. If phosphorus be present in the minutest quantity, a drop of solution of ferric chloride will produce a deep violet and brownish, though evanescent, color. (*Chem. News*, Feb. 3, 1865, p. 53.) In addition to Mitscherlich's test, Dusart's is also used. This consists in passing pure hydrogen gas, evolved in a separate vessel, through the solution supposed to contain phosphorus, which solution has been previously warmed to about 50° C. The gas then is allowed to issue from a fine jet and is lighted. If phosphorus be present, the flame will show a green color in the centre.

The treatment of phosphorus poisoning consists simply in administering the antidotes as soon as possible. Oil of turpentine was originally proposed by Andant. After much discussion, it has been finally determined that, whilst the pure oil has no effect upon phosphorus, the acid French oil of European commerce forms with it a crystalline, spermaceti-like mass. This is soluble in ether, alcohol, and alkaline solutions, and has received the name of *turpentine-phosphoric acid.* It is said to be eliminated by the kidneys unchanged, and to exert no deleterious influence. Köhler asserts that when German oil has not been rectified for some time it acts upon phosphorus. He believes that the oil acts partly by oxidizing the poison, and partly by converting it into the harmless turpentine-phosphoric acid. One part of the oil must be given for 0·01 part of the phosphorus. The ordinary American oil of turpentine, as well as the Canada Balsam, appears to be of no antidotal value in phosphorus poisoning.

As was pointed out by MM. Eulenberg and Guttmann, phosphorus in a solution of a soluble salt of copper becomes black immediately, owing to the formation of a phosphide of the metal. Prof. Bamberger asserts that, whilst this change is very rapid, that induced by turpentine is a slow one, and, from an elaborate series of experiments upon animals, he concludes that copper is much the more valuable and certain antidote. Antal found potassium permanganate an antidote in acute poisoning by phosphorus. Dr. Hajinos has successfully washed out the stomach, half an hour after the ingestion of the poison, with a pint of a one-tenth-per-cent. solution of the permanganate. (*Notes on New Remedies*, July, 1892.) In human poisoning, copper sulphate should be given in dilute solution, three grains (0·20 Gm.) every five minutes until vomiting is induced. After this, if the French oil be accessible, it may be given freely in emulsion, or, probably better, a solution of potassium permanganate may be administered. Magnesium sulphate or citrate should be used as a quickly-acting purge, and symptoms met as they arise.

In dogs poisoned by phosphorus, MM. L. Orfila and Rigaut have shown that putrefaction was remarkably retarded. In a case of chronic poisoning from the copious inhalation of phosphorus vapor, the principal results were a gradual decay of the sexual function, and paralysis, terminating in death at the end of three years. Partial or general paralysis is a not uncommon result. (*Lancet*, July 7, 1866, p. 23.)

The dose of phosphorus is from $\frac{1}{100}$ to $\frac{1}{75}$ of a grain (0·0006–0·0008 Gm.). Much larger doses than these have been given, but have in various cases produced unpleasant symptoms. The *elixir* (*Elixir Phosphori*) is probably the most eligible of the liquid preparations; but the *oil* (*Oleum Phosphoratum*) is very efficient, as is also the official pill (*Pilulæ Phosphori.*) Great caution is necessary in the exhibition of phosphorus, and its effects should be closely watched. It ought never to be given in substance.*

* *J. Ashburton Thompson's Solution of Phosphorus.* Take of phosphorus, one grain (0·065 Gm.); absolute alcohol, five fluidrachms (18·4 C.c.). Dissolve the former in the latter by gentle heat, and add to it a previously warmed mixture of one and a half fluidounces (44·2 C.c. of glycerin, two fluidrachms (7·4 C.c.) of alcohol, and forty minims (2·5 C.c.) of spiritus menthæ piperitæ. One fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) of this solution contains $\frac{1}{20}$ grain (0·003 Gm.) of phosphorus.

Tinctura Phosphori (*Bellevue Hospital*). Take of clean, transparent phosphorus, thirty-two grains (2·07 Gm.); absolute alcohol, forty-six fluidounces (1360 C.c.). Digest the phosphorus in the alcohol on a water-bath in a flask provided with a reflux condenser, until solution has taken place. Allow the solution to cool, and add to it one fluidounce (29·5 C.c.) of essence of vanilla, and three fluidrachms (11 C.c.) of oil of orange. Finally, make up the bulk with absolute alcohol to forty-eight fluidounces (1416 C.c.). Twelve fluidrachms (44·2 C.c.) of this solution contain one grain (0·065 Gm.) of phosphorus. (*N. R.*, April, 1876.)

Phosphorus Paste, for the destruction of vermin, is made as follows. Triturate six parts of phosphorus and one part of sulphur with six parts of water, until they liquefy. Then mix in two parts of flour of mustard, eight parts of sugar, and twelve parts of rye flour, with the aid of ten additional parts of water, and stir the whole so as to form a soft paste, which must be kept in pots closely stopped. (*A. J. P.*, 1855, p. 473.)

PHYSOSTIGMA. U. S. (Br.) Physostigma. [Calabar Bean.]

(PHĬ-SO-STĬG'MA.)

"The seed of Physostigma venenosum, Balfour (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The dried seed of Physostigma venenosum (Balfour, *Trans. Royal Soc. Edinb.*, vol. xxii. p. 305)." *Br.*

Physostigmatis Semen, *Br.;* Calabar Bean; Faba Calabarica, *P. G.;* Fève de Calabar, *Fr.;* Kalabarbohne, *G.;* Ordeal Bean of Calabar.

Gen. Ch. Inflorescence axillary; on pendulous multifloral racemes; rachis of each raceme zigzag. *Calyx* campanulate, four-cleft at apex, the upper division notched, its segments ciliated. *Corolla* papilionaceous, curved in a crescentic manner. *Stamens* ten, diadelphous. *Pistil* more than one. *Stigma* blunt, covered by a ventricular hood, extending along the upper part of the convexity of the style. *Legume* dark brown and straight, elliptico-oblong, with an apicular curved point, and outer and inner integuments easily separable. *Seeds* two or three, separated by a woolly substance [half surrounded by a deeply-grooved hilum]. *Balfour.*

Physostigma venenosum. Balfour, *Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinb.*, xxii. 305; *Ed. Med. Journ.*, July, 1863, p. 34; *B. & T.* 80. This is a climbing plant, with a ligneous stem, mounting on trees and shrubs, and frequenting especially the banks of streams, into which it often drops its fruit when ripe; and it is said that the people of Calabar derive their supply principally from the borders of the streams down which the fruits are carried. The root is spreading, with numerous fibrils, often having attached to them small succulent tubers. The flowers are in axillary, multiflorous, pendulous racemes. The corolla is papilionaceous, of a pale-pink color, with a purplish tinge. The legume when ripe is about seven inches long, and contains two or three seeds. It ripens at all seasons, but is most abundant during the rainy season from June to September. The seeds are the part used. The plant is the only known species. It has been introduced into India and Brazil, and is said to flourish in the latter country.

This bean was brought to the notice of the scientific public by Dr. Daniell, in 1846. Considerable attention was attracted to the subject, and specimens of the bean were obtained by Dr. Christison from the Gold Coast. These were planted in the Botanical Garden at Edinburgh, and produced a perennial creeper. In the year 1859, specimens of the plant were sent from Calabar, which came under the observation of Dr. Balfour, of Edinburgh, who was thus enabled to ascertain its botanical character.

Properties. The seed is about the size of a large horse-bean, being somewhat more than an inch in length by three-fourths of an inch in breadth, with a very firm, hard, brittle, shining integument of a brownish-red, pale-chocolate, or ash-gray color. The shape is irregularly kidney-form, with a longer convex and a shorter concave edge, two flat sides, and a furrow running longitudinally along its convex margin and ending in an aperture near one of the extremities of the seed. Within the shell is a kernel consisting of two cotyledons, weighing on an average about 46 grains, hard, white, and pulverizable, of a taste like that of the ordinary edible leguminous seeds, without bitterness, acrimony, or aromatic flavor. "About 25 to 30 Mm. long, 15 to 20 Mm. broad, and 10 to 15 Mm. thick; oblong, and somewhat reniform; testa granular, chocolate-brown, with a broad, black groove extending over the entire length of the convex edge; embryo with a short, curved radicle, and two large, white, concavo-convex cotyledons; inodorous; taste bean-like. On moistening the embryo with potassium hydrate test-solution, it becomes pale yellow." *U. S.* The bean yields its virtues to alcohol, and imperfectly to water. The shell constitutes, according to Dr. Edwards, 30 per cent., the kernel 70 per cent., of the bean. Jobst and Hesse (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1864, p. 277) first isolated an active principle, which they found exclusively in the cotyledons. They obtained it by exhausting an alcoholic extract of the seeds with water, adding magnesia to neutralization, which is indicated by the liquid becoming brown, then concentrating, and treating with ether. The ethereal solution was shaken with a little weak sulphuric acid. The liquid separated into two layers,—the upper, ethereal, containing no alkaloid, and the lower, a solution of the sulphate in water. The latter was separated, treated with magnesia, and afterwards with ether, which yielded the alkaloid on evaporation. The substance thus obtained they proposed to name *physostigmine.* It was brown, amorphous, soluble in ammonia, soda, ether, benzol, and alcohol, and less so in cold water. In 1867, Hesse (*Ann. der Chem. Pharm.*, 141, 82) obtained the same alkaloid in a still purer state, perfectly colorless and tasteless, fusing at 45° C. (113° F.),* and decomposing at 100° C. (212° F.) with red coloration. He gives it the formula $C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2$. In 1865, Vée and Leven (*Comptes-Rendus*, 60, 1194) obtained, by treating the seeds in nearly the same manner, an alkaloid to which they gave the name *eserine*, which formed

* Merck (*Report*, Jan. 1890, p. 29) gives the fusing point as about 90° C.

colorless tabular crystals of a bitter taste, melting at 90° C. (194° F.), readily soluble in ether, alcohol, or chloroform, but sparingly soluble in water. The identity of this principle with the physostigmine of Hesse is now generally accepted. The solution of eserine acts quickly on the pupil, and a drop of a solution containing only 1 part in 1000, placed within the eyelids, causes great and lasting contraction. Of this alkaloid 1·5 milligrammes (·023 gr.) injected under the skin of a guinea-pig produced palsy of the hind legs in five minutes, and death in half an hour, with dilatation of the pupil at the moment of death. It is said to be capable of destroying life by absorption from the conjunctiva. A peculiarity of the alkaloid is that an aqueous solution of it, or of one of its salts, exposed to the air in the presence of potassa, soda, or lime, becomes red, owing to the absorption of oxygen. The coloring matter is taken up by chloroform. The color is not permanent, but gradually changes to yellow, green, or blue. This test will detect less than the hundred-thousandth part of the alkaloid. The same property is possessed by the alcoholic extract of the bean.*

Harnock and Witkowski in 1876 obtained still another alkaloid, which they named *calabarine*. It is soluble in alcohol and water, nearly insoluble in ether, melts at 132° C., and differs in physiological character from physostigmine. It is now generally known under the name of *eseridine*,† and the formula $C_{15}H_{23}N_3O_3$ given to it. This formula differs from that of physostigmine, it will be seen, by H_2O only, and it is stated that the one can be changed into the other by the action of dilute acids.

Hesse obtained also a neutral principle, *phytosterin*, by exhausting the cotyledons with petroleum ether. It is closely allied to cholesterin, but its chloroform solution is devoid of rotatory power. Its formula is $C_{26}H_{44}O + H_2O$, and its melting point is 133° C. (271·4° F.).

Medical Properties and Uses. Calabar bean has been used from time immemorial by the natives of Africa as an ordeal, and, when given by their head men, usually proves fatal to the accused, unless free vomiting occurs. A draught containing 19 seeds pounded and infused in water is said to have killed a man in an hour. In the experiments of Dr. Fraser, it was found that the integuments of the seeds, as well as the shell, are distinctly purgative. It is probable that in the fresh bean they are also emetic, and that the priests or chiefs who administer the ordeal take advantage of this in regulating the effects of the poison to suit their own purposes; sometimes, however, even the pure alkaloid vomits. (*Gubler.*) Dr. Christison took about 12 grains of the kernel, which in fifteen minutes produced giddiness and a feeling of torpidity, followed by great weakness and faintness, paleness of the surface, extreme weakness and irregularity of the pulse, and indisposition or inability to make voluntary muscular effort. A peculiar epigastric sensation is often the first symptom of the action of the poison, and sometimes becomes severe. The heart often acts tumultuously or irregularly, but the pulse-frequency may be reduced. Of seventy children poisoned in Liverpool by eating Calabar beans which had been thrown out upon a waste-heap, vomiting occurred, or was produced by emetics, in all except one, in whom four kernels caused death. The nausea and vomiting came on in about half an hour, the nervous symptoms in less than an hour.

In the lower animals Calabar bean produces muscular tremors, diminished reflex activity, contractions of the pupils, some cardiac disturbance, and a progressive paralysis ending in death from paralytic asphyxia. It has been proved by Fraser that the paralysis is due to a depressant action upon the motor tract of the spinal cord, this being the most important physi-

* *Physostigmine or eserine sulphate* is obtained by M. A. Petit in the following manner. A hydro-alcoholic extract of the bean is dissolved in four parts of distilled water, and the solution filtered. To the solution is added one gramme of potassium bicarbonate for every 20 grammes of extract, and the mixture is shaken with ether in excess. The ether, which takes up nearly all the alkaloid, is, after a few minutes' repose, separated. A little distilled water is then added, and afterwards sulphuric acid drop by drop, the liquid being shaken after each drop, and tested with litmus paper till exactly neutral. After standing, the aqueous solution is separated from the ether, which now contains none of the alkaloid. This ether is then employed as before, and the operation repeated three or four times, so as completely to exhaust the original solution, and the liquid obtained each time is added to the last watery solution. This contains the physostigmine sulphate nearly pure. To purify this, it should be passed through the same process as the original solution of the extract. The resulting solution may be evaporated to crystallization if desired; but usually the evaporation is carried only so far as to get rid of all the ether present. If enough water be added to the solution to make as many grammes as there were drops of sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) employed, each gramme will represent one centigramme (·1543 gr.) of the alkaloid. Of a collyrium made of one part of this to nine parts of water, a drop or two will be sufficient to act promptly on the pupil. (*N. R.*, April, 1872, p. 380.)

† Eseridine (*Deutsche Med. Zeit.*, Dec. 1889) is said to produce in the lower animals excitement with elevation of the blood-pressure and slowness of the pulse, followed by progressive paralysis and death from failure of the respiration. It is also affirmed to markedly increase internal peristalsis and to produce watery purging. It has been recommended by Eber, also by Ostertag (*Berlin. Thierärztl. Wochenschr.*, Jhrg. 4, 5, Nos. 40, 43), as a laxative in veterinary medicine, but has not been used to any extent in human beings. As a poison it is said to have one-sixth the strength of *eserine*.

ological effect of the drug. The brain, the sensory tract of the cord, and the nerve-trunks are not affected, but the muscles are directly influenced: hence the muscular twitchings. Small doses somewhat increase the force but diminish the frequency of the heart-beat, and cause rise of arterial pressure. Toxic doses depress the heart and lower arterial pressure. The intestinal peristalsis, and probably also the bronchial movements, are primarily increased, and, after a toxic dose, secondarily diminished. Locally applied to the eye, Calabar bean causes myosis, with disturbance of accommodation. A similar effect is usually produced by large doses taken internally; it is largely the result of a local paralysis of the peripheral sympathetic fibres in the eye, but it is probable that there is also stimulation of the oculo-motor nerve terminations. The sedative influence of Calabar bean upon the motor spinal tract early led to its use in *tetanus*, *strychnine poisoning*, and similar conditions of spinal excitement. Clinical experience has, however, shown that it is of less value than chloral or some other depressant motors, so that it is chiefly employed as a succedaneum for these remedies. The effect of the drug upon intestinal peristalsis has led to its use in "*phantom tumor*" of the abdomen, *constipation*, and other *affections of the bowels* dependent upon muscular atony. It has also been employed with great asserted advantage in *chronic bronchitis*.

In Calabar bean poisoning the stomach should be thoroughly washed out, and atropine, which has been found by Kleinwächter, Bourneville, and Fraser to be physiologically antagonistic to Calabar bean, should be given hypodermically in doses of from one-sixtieth to one-fortieth of a grain (0·001–0·0015 Gm.), repeated at intervals according to the exigencies of the case. Strychnine would also probably be found useful. The best preparation of Calabar bean is the alcoholic extract, which, according to Dr. Fraser, is twenty-four times as strong as the kernel. Its maximum commencing dose may be set down as one-eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.), representing three grains of the crude drug (0·02 Gm.). The alkaloid *eserine*, either in solution or in the form of gelatin disks containing definite quantities (from $\frac{1}{5000}$ to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain), which are put in the eye, has entirely replaced the alcoholic extract as a local myotic. The solution used by oculists is commonly about one-sixth of a grain to the fluidounce, but varies from four grains to one-fortieth of a grain to the fluidounce.

PHYSOSTIGMINA. Br. Physostigmine.

$C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2$. (PHĪ-SŌ-STĬG-MĪ′NĄ.)

"An alkaloid obtained from the alcoholic extract of Calabar bean, by dissolving the extract in water, adding bicarbonate of sodium, shaking the mixture with ether, and evaporating the ethereal liquid." *Br.*

Eserine.

Properties. This alkaloid is officially described as occurring "in colorless or pinkish crystals, slightly soluble in water, but readily soluble in alcohol and in diluted acids. The aqueous solution has an alkaline reaction, when warmed with or when shaken with dilute solution of potash becomes red, and when evaporated to dryness over a water-bath leaves a bluish residue, the acidified solution of which is beautifully dichroic, being blue and red."

The medical properties of physostigmine are those of Calabar bean, but the alkaloid has very rarely been employed as an internal medicine, and was evidently introduced into the British Pharmacopœia on account of its use as a myotic. (See *Physostigminæ Salicylas* and *Physostigminæ Sulphas*.) The commencing dose of it, if given internally, should not exceed one-hundredth of a grain (0·0006 Gm.).

PHYSOSTIGMINÆ SALICYLAS. U. S. Physostigmine Salicylate.

[Eserine Salicylate.]

(PHĪ-SŌ-STĬG-MĪ′NÆ SĂL-Ļ-CĪ′LĂS.)

$C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2C_7H_6O_3$; 412.17. $C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2C_7H_6O_3$; 413.

"The salicylate of an alkaloid prepared from Physostigma. It should be kept in small, dark amber-colored, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This salt was introduced into the Pharmacopœia of 1880 in preference to the sulphate of the alkaloid (see page 1031) on account of its greater stability. Owing to the greater molecular weight of salicylic acid, the salicylate cannot be as effective as the sulphate in equal quantities, nor is it as soluble in water. Its advantage is that it retains its crystalline form, not being deliquescent. "Colorless or faintly yellowish, shining, acicular, or short, columnar crystals, odorless, and having a bitter taste. It acquires a reddish tint when long exposed to light and air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 150 parts of water, and in 12 parts of alcohol;

in 30 parts of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol. When heated to about 179° C. (354·2° F.), the salt melts. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt usually has a faintly acid reaction on litmus paper. On adding a small portion of the salt to colorless, concentrated sulphuric acid, the latter assumes a tint not deeper than yellow. If a minute portion of the salt be added to a few C.c. of ammonia water, in a small capsule, the liquid will acquire a yellowish-red color. On evaporating the liquid on a water-bath, a blue residue will be left which yields, with alcohol, a blue solution becoming violet-red upon supersaturation with acetic acid, and exhibiting a strong, reddish fluorescence. The aqueous solution of the salt, when mixed with ferric chloride test-solution, assumes a deep violet color." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt has the medical properties of its base; but we have never known of its administration, and the dose is very uncertain. For use in the eyes, a solution of one or two grains to the fluidounce would probably be of suitable strength; whilst the tentative internal dose should not exceed one-eighth of a grain (0·0008 Gm.).

PHYSOSTIGMINÆ SULPHAS. U. S. Physostigmine Sulphate.

[Eserine Sulphate.]

($C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2)_2H_2SO_4$; 646·82. (PHĬ-SŌ-STĬG-MĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

"The sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from Physostigma. It should be kept in small, dark amber-colored and well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This is a new official salt: it is preferable to the salicylate on account of its greater solubility, but on exposure to the air it soon assumes an extractive consistence which renders it difficult to dispense; the salicylate is free from this objection.

"A white or yellowish-white, micro-crystalline powder; odorless, and having a bitter taste. It is very deliquescent when exposed to moist air, and gradually turns reddish by exposure to air and light. Very soluble in water and in alcohol, at 15° C. (59° F.), and still more so at the boiling temperature of these liquids. At 105° C. (221° F.), the salt melts, and upon ignition it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. On adding a small portion of the salt to colorless, concentrated sulphuric acid, the latter should not assume a tint deeper than yellow. If a minute portion of the salt be added to a few C.c. of ammonia water in a small capsule, the liquid will acquire a yellowish-red color. On evaporating this liquid on a water-bath, a blue or bluish-gray residue will be left which yields, with alcohol, a blue solution becoming violet-red upon supersaturation with acetic acid, and exhibiting a strong reddish fluorescence. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate, insoluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt has the activity of Calabar bean, for which it may be used in the commencing dose of one-eighth of a grain (0·0008 Gm.), increasing *pro re nata.*

PHYTOLACCÆ FRUCTUS. U. S. Phytolacca Fruit.

[Phytolaccæ Bacca, Pharm. 1880. Poke Berry.]

(PHĬ-TŌ-LĂC'ÇÆ FRŬC'TŬS.)

"The fruit of Phytolacca decandra, Linné (nat. ord. Phytolaccaceæ)." *U. S.*

Raisin d'Amérique, *Fr.;* Amerikanische Kermesbeere, *G.*

PHYTOLACCÆ RADIX. U. S. Phytolacca Root. [Poke Root.]

(PHĬ-TŌ-LĂC'ÇÆ RĀ'DĬX.)

"The root of Phytolacca decandra, Linné (nat. ord. Phytolaccaceæ)." *U. S.*

Racine de Phytolaque, *Fr.;* Kermesbeerenwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Petals* five, calycine. *Berry* superior, ten-celled, ten-seeded. *Willd.*

Phytolacca decandra. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 822; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 39; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 213. This is an indigenous plant, with a large perennial root, often five or six inches in diameter, divided into two or three principal branches, soft, fleshy, fibrous, whitish within, and covered with a brownish cuticle. The stems, which are annual, frequently grow to the height of six or eight feet, and divide into numerous spreading branches. They are round, very smooth, green when young, but purple after the berries have ripened. The leaves are scattered, ovate-oblong, entire, pointed, smooth, ribbed beneath, and on short footstalks. The flowers are numerous, small, and in long racemes, which are sometimes erect, sometimes drooping. The corolla consists of five ovate, concave, whitish petals, folding inward. The germ is green. There are ten stamens, and the same number of pistils. The raceme of flowers

becomes a cluster of dark purple, almost black, shining berries, flattened above and below, and divided into ten cells, each containing one seed.

The poke is abundant in all parts of the United States, flourishing along fences, by the borders of woods, and especially in newly-cleared and uncultivated fields. The muck thrown up from the ditches of swamps is peculiarly favorable to it; and a bed of muck may almost always be recognized by the luxuriant growth of poke with which it covers itself. It also grows spontaneously in the north of Africa and the south of Europe, where, however, it is supposed to have been introduced from America. Its flowers begin to appear in July, and the fruit ripens in autumn. The magnitude of the poke-weed, its large rich leaves, and its beautiful clusters of purple berries, often mingled upon the same branch with the green unripe fruit and the flowers still in bloom, render it one of the most striking of our native plants. The young shoots are much used as food early in the spring, boiled in the manner of spinage. The ashes of the stems and leaves contain a very large proportion of potassa, yielding, according to Braconnot, not less than 4·2 per cent. of the pure caustic alkali. In the plant the potassa is neutralized by an acid closely resembling malic acid, though differing from it in some respects The leaves, berries, and root are used, but only the two latter are mentioned in the Pharmacopœia. The root is most active. It should be dug up late in November, cut into thin transverse slices, and dried with a moderate heat. As its virtues are diminished by keeping, a new supply should be procured every year. The berries should be collected when perfectly ripe, and the leaves about the middle of summer, when the footstalks begin to redden.

The *berries* contain a succulent pulp, and yield upon pressure a large quantity of fine purplish red juice. They have a sweetish, nauseous, slightly acrid taste, with little odor. They are officially described as "a depressed-globular, dark purple, compound berry, about 8 Mm. in diameter, composed of ten carpels, each containing one lenticular, black seed; juice purplish-red; inodorous; taste sweet, slightly acrid." *U. S.* The coloring principle is evanescent, and cannot be applied to useful purposes in dyeing, from the difficulty of fixing it. Alkalies render it yellow; but the original color is restored by acids. The juice contains saccharine matter, and, after fermenting, yields alcohol by distillation.

The *dried root* is branched, of a light yellowish-brown color externally, very much wrinkled, and, when in transverse slices, exhibits on the cut surface numerous concentric rings, formed by the projecting ends of fibres, between which the intervening matter has shrunk in drying. The structure internally in the older roots is firm and almost ligneous; the color yellowish white, alternating with darker circular layers. The fracture is fibrous, the wood-bundles in several distinct, concentric circles. There is no smell. The taste is slightly sweetish, and at first mild, but followed by a sense of acrimony. It is officially described as "large, conical, branched and fleshy; mostly in transverse or longitudinal slices, wrinkled, grayish, hard; fracture fibrous, the wood-bundles in several distinct, concentric circles; inodorous; taste sweetish and acrid." *U. S.* The active matter is imparted to boiling water and alcohol. From the analysis of Mr. Edward Donnelly, the root appears to contain tannic acid, starch, gum, sugar, resin, fixed oil, and lignin, besides various inorganic substances. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 169.) Claussen (*Pharmacist*, 1879, p. 466) prepared from the seeds of *Phytolacca decandra*, by extraction with alcohol, evaporation to dryness, and taking up with chloroform or ether, after washing the residue with petroleum ether, a neutral principle in silky lustrous crystals, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, which he named *phytolaccin*. A. Tereil (*Comptes-Rendus*, 91, 856) obtained from the berries an acid (*phytolaccic acid*) as an uncrystallizable yellowish-brown mass of gummy consistency. It was soluble in water and alcohol, slightly soluble in ether, of acid reaction, and gelatinizing with hydrochloric and sulphuric acids. W. F. Wagner (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 69) found tannin in the berries, but not in the root. W. A. Partee (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 123) made a proximate examination of poke root and found crystals deposited from a solution of an alcoholic extract in absolute alcohol; he also discovered traces of tannin, glucose, and indications which pointed to the presence of a glucosidal principle.

Medical Properties and Uses. Poke is emetic, purgative, and somewhat narcotic. As an emetic it is very slow in its operation, frequently not beginning to vomit in less than one or two hours after it has been taken, and then continuing to act for a long time upon both the stomach and the bowels. The vomiting produced by it is said not to be attended with much pain or spasm; but narcotic effects have been observed by some physicians, such as drowsiness, vertigo, and dimness of vision. In overdoses it produces excessive vomiting and purging, attended with great prostration of strength, and sometimes with convulsions. A woman (*Stethoscope* for March, 1852, ii. 134) ate a double handful of the berries. Free purgation

followed upon the first day, after which coma set in, with great prostration, though death did not occur until after the sixth day. A child, six years old, after having swallowed two or three fluidrachms of a tincture of the root, was seized in less than an hour with tonic spasm of the muscles, the extremities being stiff, the hands clinched, the feet extended and toes flexed, and the trunk in a condition of opisthotonos. (*Atlanta Med. and Surg. Journ.*, July, 1866.) According to Prof. Roberts Bartholow, poke causes in the lower animals convulsions and death from paralysis of respiration. It is not fit for use as an emetic, but has been employed as an alterative with asserted good results in the treatment of *chronic rheumatism*, *granular conjunctivitis*, and even *cancer*. Locally it has been used in the form of ointment (a drachm to the ounce) in the treatment of *psora*, *tinea capitis*, *sycosis*, and *favus*. It occasions at first a sense of heat and smarting in the parts to which it is applied. The dose of the powdered root, as an emetic, is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.); as an alterative, from one to five grains (0·065–0·33 Gm.). A saturated tincture of the berries may be given in rheumatic cases, in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.), three times a day. Alcohol, diluted alcohol, and water extract the virtues of poke root.

PICROTOXINUM. U. S., Br. Picrotoxin.

$C_{30}H_{34}O_{13}$; 600·58. (PĬC-RŌ-TŎX-Ī'NŬM.)

"A neutral principle obtained from the seed of Anamirta paniculata, Colebrooke (nat. ord. Menispermaceæ)." *U. S.* "Obtainable from the seeds of Anamirta paniculata, Colebrooke, by exhaustion with alcohol, evaporation, and purification." *Br.*

This substance is obtained from Cocculus indicus, for an account of which see Part II. The formula $C_{15}H_{16}O_6 + H_2O$ which is often given for picrotoxin belongs, according to Paterrio and Oglialoro (*Gazz. Chim.*, ii. 41), to *picrotoxinin*, which with *picrotin*, $C_{15}H_{18}O_7$, is a decomposition product of the original picrotoxin, $C_{30}H_{34}O_{13}$. Picrotoxin is thus described: "Colorless, flexible, shining, prismatic crystals, or a micro-crystalline powder, odorless, and having a very bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 240 parts of water, and in 9 parts of alcohol; in 25 parts of boiling water, and in 3 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in solutions of the alkalies, and in acids. Very slightly soluble in ether or chloroform. Picrotoxin is neutral to litmus paper. When heated to 200° C. (392° F.), Picrotoxin melts, forming a yellow liquid, and upon ignition it is consumed, leaving no residue. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves Picrotoxin with a golden-yellow color, very gradually changing to reddish-brown, and showing a brown fluorescence. On mixing about 0·2 Gm. of powdered sodium nitrate with 3 or 4 drops of sulphuric acid, in a small, flat-bottomed capsule, sprinkling a minute quantity of Picrotoxin over it, and then adding, from a pipette, concentrated solution (1 in 4) of sodium hydrate, drop by drop, until it is in excess, the particles of Picrotoxin will acquire a brick-red to deep red color which fades after some hours. On diluting 2 C.c. of alkaline cupric tartrate volumetric solution with 10 C.c. of water, and adding a small portion of Picrotoxin, red cuprous oxide will be separated within half an hour at ordinary temperatures, and much more rapidly upon the application of heat. The aqueous solution of Picrotoxin should remain unaffected by mercuric or platinic chloride test-solution, tannic acid test-solution, mercuric potassium iodide test-solution, or other reagents for alkaloids (absence of *alkaloids*)." *U. S.* E. Schmidt and Löwenhardt, who have made the most recent study of picrotoxin (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xiv. 812), find with it several principles. They identify the easily-soluble body *picrotoxinin*, $C_{15}H_{16}O_6$, fusing point 200°–201° C., and the difficultly-soluble anhydrous *picrotin*, $C_{15}H_{18}O_7$, fusing point 240°–245° C. Picrotoxinin shows a brick-red color with the Langley reaction (see foot-note),* while picrotin is indifferent in this case. To pro-

* In Europe, picrotoxin is said to be added to malt liquors in order to give them bitterness and intoxicating properties,—although the practice is forbidden by law, in England, under heavy penalties. Gunckel proposes the following mode of detecting and separating picrotoxin from liquids containing it, founded on the facts that it is soluble in dilute acids though not combining with them, and that ether extracts it from its acidulous solutions, but not from those in water or alcohol, even with the presence of potassa. The substance suspected to contain it, having been brought to the consistence of paste, is to be digested with alcohol and a little tartaric acid, the liquid separated, the alcohol evaporated, the residue diluted with a little water and then treated with ether, and, finally, the ethereal solution submitted to evaporation in a watch-glass. Picrotoxin, if present, is deposited, recognizable by its feathery crystallization, its bitter taste, and the property of reducing the tartrate of copper and potassium. If strychnine, which perhaps resembles it most closely in its effects, is present, it will be left behind in the acidulated solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1858, p. 78; from *Archiv der Pharm.*, xciv. 14.) In the instance of adulterated malt liquor, in consequence of the resin of hops it contains, it might be expedient first to evaporate the liquor to dryness, and prepare a watery extract of the residue, and then to proceed as stated. Mr. J. W. Langley proposes, as a means of detection, the oxidation of picrotoxin. When to a little of this substance, mixed with potassium nitrate in a watch-glass, a drop of sulphuric acid is added, no observable reaction takes place; but, if a very strong solution of caustic

cure it, the aqueous extract of the seeds is triturated with pure magnesia, and then treated with hot alcohol, which dissolves the picrotoxin, and yields it upon evaporation. In this state, however, it is impure. To obtain it colorless it must be again dissolved in alcohol, and treated with animal charcoal. After filtration and due evaporation, it is deposited in the crystalline form. Accompanying the picrotoxin in the seeds is *anamirtin*, $C_{18}H_{24}O_{16}$. Possibly identical with this is the *cocculin* of Löwenhardt, to which, however, the formula $C_{19}H_{26}O_{10}$ is given by its discoverer. It does not give any color with the Langley reaction. Besides picrotoxin, Cocculus indicus contains a large proportion of fixed oil, and other substances of less interest. In the shell MM. Pelletier and Couërbe discovered two distinct principles,—one alkaline and named *menispermine*, $C_{18}H_{24}N_2O_2$, the other identical with it in composition, but distinguishable by its want of alkalinity, its volatility, and its solubility and crystalline form, and denominated *paramenispermine*. They found also in the shell a new acid, which they called *hypopicrotoxic*. The picrotoxin of M. Boullay they believed to possess acid properties, and proposed for it the name of *picrotoxic acid*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 122.)

Medical Properties. Picrotoxin is a violent poison to all classes of animals, producing when in sufficient dose violent convulsive attacks, both epileptic and tetanic, with periodic arrest of respiration, slowing of the heart-beat, and finally death. An almost characteristic phenomenon is the interchange between tonic and clonic convulsions, with a peculiar almost purposive movement in the clonic attacks: the motions of swimming, of walking, of rotation, of eating, etc., are usually some or all of them present. Vomiting sometimes occurs; the pupils are usually primarily contracted, secondarily dilated; and stupor deepens finally into coma. The convulsive movements are largely due to intense excitement of the motor cells in the medulla and spinal cord. The respiratory centres as well as the vaso-motor centres share in this action, the condition of excitement being probably followed in fatal cases by one of secondary depression and exhaustion. During the period of convulsion the reflex activity is often abated, especially directly after a convulsive attack. This, taken with the fact that section of the cord high up at such period brings on return of reflex activity, has led to the conclusion that the drug powerfully stimulates Setschenow's centre and thereby arrests reflex movement. The experiments of Gottlieb, however (*Arch. f. Exp. Path. u. Pharm.*, Bd. xxx., 1892), seem to show that small doses increase reflex activity by stimulating the motor cells, and he believes that the apparent loss of reflex activity after large doses is the result of exhaustion due to the motor discharges,—the return of the reflex activity after section of the cord being due to the arrest by such section of the convulsive attacks, and consequent prevention of exhaustion. Small doses of picrotoxin have a very pronounced influence in increasing the blood-pressure, which increase seems from the experiments of Gottlieb to be chiefly due to excitement of the vaso-motor centres. The slowing of the heart produced by picrotoxin is largely owing to the extreme irritation of the inhibitory centres, but it would seem also that the poison has an influence directly upon the heart itself, since Falck has noted immediate slowing and quick arrest of the isolated frog's heart when picrotoxin solution is brought in contact with it. The final arrest of the heart is in diastole.

In man, picrotoxin acts as it does in the lower animals, and a number of cases of serious or even fatal poisoning have been produced by it or by substances containing it. Planat commends it highly in *epilepsy*, *hystero-epilepsy*, *chorea*, and similar nervous disorders; and Dujardin-Beaumetz states that he has found it very useful in epilepsy in ascending doses of from one-quarter to three milligrammes. It has also been used with alleged excellent results in *night sweats*. There seems to be little reason for believing it to be of value in practical medicine, but the experiments of Dr. M. Koppen (*Arch. für Exper. Pathol. und Pharm.*, xxix., 1892) indicate that it is an active and successful physiological antidote to poisons of the chloral group. In Kóssa's experiments (*Ungar. Arch. f. Med.*, i., 1892) it was found to increase the toxic action of morphine. Dose, from $\frac{1}{100}$ to $\frac{1}{80}$ of a grain (0·0006–0·0022 Gm.).

PILOCARPINÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S. Pilocarpine Hydrochlorate.

$C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2HCl$; 243·98. (PĪ-LŌ-CĂR-PĪ'NÆ HŸ-DRŌ-ØHLŌ'RĂS.) $C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2HCl$; 244·4.

"The hydrochlorate of an alkaloid obtained from Pilocarpus. It should be kept in small, well-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

potassa or soda be now added, a bright reddish-yellow color will be produced, which will be highly characteristic. A very minute quantity may thus be detected. Mr. Langley, however, thinks it probable that this phenomenon is owing to a minute quantity of some nitrogenous principle; for if picrotoxin be purified by combining it in solution with potassa, and then precipitating it with an acid, it does not answer the test. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, 1862.)

This alkaloidal salt is usually obtained by the process given under Pilocarpus for the alkaloid (see page 1037). Although the nitrate is more frequently found in commerce at present, the hydrochlorate has been preferred, principally because of its more ready solubility in water. Schuchardt notices (*N. R.*, May, 1881) that 100 parts of boiling water dissolve 66 parts of pilocarpine hydrochlorate, and water at 15° C. (59° F.) dissolves nearly the same amount; of alcohol of sp. gr. 0·820 it requires 7 parts for solution at 15° C. (59° F.), while the same alcohol, boiling, easily dissolves 2½ parts of the salt. According to the same authority, pilocarpine nitrate is soluble at 15° C. (59° F.) in 8 parts of water. At 100° C. (212° F.) it has the same solubility as the hydrochlorate. It requires 130 parts of alcohol of sp. gr. 0·820 at 15° C. (59° F.), and 40 parts of boiling alcohol, to dissolve it.

Pilocarpine hydrochlorate is officially described as in "small, white crystals, odorless, and having a faintly bitter taste; deliquescent on exposure to damp air. Very soluble in water and in alcohol; almost insoluble in ether or chloroform. When heated to 197° C. (386·6° F.), the salt melts, and upon ignition it is consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution (1 in 100) of the salt is neutral, or has a faintly acid reaction upon litmus paper. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves the salt to a colorless liquid, with evolution of hydrochloric acid vapor. If a small fragment of potassium dichromate be added to a few drops of this solution, on a white porcelain surface, the dichromate will gradually dissolve with a vivid dark-green color. Fuming nitric acid dissolves the salt with a faintly greenish tint. The aqueous solution (1 in 100) of the salt is precipitated by iodine test-solution, bromine water, mercuric chloride test-solution, and most other reagents for alkaloids. If the aqueous solution be slightly acidulated, the subsequent addition of ammonia water will produce no precipitate. Sodium hydrate test-solution produces a precipitate only in a concentrated solution of the salt. The aqueous solution yields with silver nitrate test-solution a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Pilocarpine is superior to jaborandi (see *Pilocarpus*) in the certainty of its diaphoretic action, and in being less disagreeable, and probably less apt to nauseate. Weber, Bardenhewer, and Auschmann agree that 0·3 of a grain of it are equal to seventy-five grains of the best leaves; but this is probably an overestimate of its powers. The hydrochlorate may be used hypodermically in aqueous solution; the commencing dose is an eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.), although much larger doses are sometimes necessary. A solution of the salt is sometimes used by oculists as a myotic. Pilocarpine is often used with advantage for the stimulation of other secretions than those of the skin. M. Cheron affirms that it is an active galactagogue. When given in doses of from one-fifteenth to one-twentieth of a grain (0·004–0·0032 Gm.), at intervals of two or three hours, it frequently acts as a powerful hydragogue diuretic. According to Watowski and others, it is of value in the treatment of *catarrhal jaundice*. In the form of gelatin disks (each containing from one-twelfth to one-fifteenth of a grain), allowed to dissolve slowly in the mouth, it has been used with alleged satisfaction against the excessively dry mouth of *phthisis* and other chronic diseases.

PILOCARPINÆ NITRAS. Br. Nitrate of Pilocarpine.

$C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2HNO_3$. (PĪ-LŌ-CĂR-PĪ'NÆ NĪ'TRĂS.)

"The nitrate of an alkaloid obtained from extract of jaborandi by shaking it with chloroform and alkali, evaporating the chloroformic solution, neutralizing the product with nitric acid, and purifying by recrystallization." *Br.*

The Br. Ph. recognizes the *nitrate*, which it describes as "a white crystalline powder or in acicular crystals; soluble in eight or nine parts of water at common temperatures; slightly soluble in cold, freely soluble in hot rectified spirit. Strong sulphuric acid forms with it a yellowish solution, which on the addition of bichromate of potassium gradually acquires an emerald-green color. It leaves no ash when burned with free access of air. It causes contraction of the pupil of the eye." *Br.* The medical properties and dose are the same as those of *Pilocarpinæ Hydrochloras.*

PILOCARPUS. U. S. (Br.) Pilocarpus. [Jaborandi.]

(PĪ-LŌ-CĂR'PŬS.)

Jaborandi, *Br., Fr. Codex;* Pilocarpi Foliola; Folia Jaborandi, *P. G.*

"The leaflets of Pilocarpus Selloanus, Engler (Rio Janeiro Jaborandi), and of Pilocarpus Jaborandi, Holmes (Pernambuco Jaborandi) (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaflets of Pilocarpus pennatifolius, Lemaire." *Br.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx short, subentire or four- to five-dentate. *Petals* four to five, triangular,

ovate, coriaceous, very open, reflexed, valvate, or slightly imbricate. *Disk* annular, aggregated with the ovary or almost obliterated. *Stamens* four to five, inserted below the disk, with subulate filaments. *Ovary* four- to five-lobed, immersed in the disk, smooth, four- to five-locular. *Styles* simple or six-parted to the base. *Stigmata* five-lobed, distinct, loculicidally two-valved, one-seeded, with the endocarp loose. *Seeds* ovate, exalbuminous, with membranaceous testa; radicle shorter than, and retracted between, the thick cotyledons. *Bentham and Hooker.*

The words *jaborandi*, *iaborandi*, and *jamborandi* are used in Brazil in a generic sense to designate various pungent, sudorific plants. Among the chief of these are *Piper nodosum*, *P. citrifolium*, and *P. reticulatum*. The leaves of *P. jaborandi* are indeed sometimes sent into European commerce as jaborandi.

Under the name of jaborandi Dr. Coutinho (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 51) introduced to the notice of the European profession the leaflets of a species of rue belonging to the genus Pilocarpus. The pinnately-leaved species of this genus are divided by Martius (*Flora Brasiliensis*) into two sets: *A*, those in which the leaves are smooth on both sides; *B*, those in which the leaves on the under side, and especially on the nerves, are short-pilose.

The jaborandi leaves of commerce are usually smooth on both sides. The species of the smooth-leaved division, according to Martius, which grow in Brazil, are *P. selloanus*,* in which the leaves are two- to three-jugate, and *P. grandiflorus*, in which the leaves are six-jugate. In *P. selloanus*, also, the flower pedicels are long and slender, and the ovary smooth, whilst in *P. grandiflorus* the pedicels are thick and the ovary densely ferruginous-pilose. It seems certain that little or none of the jaborandi of commerce comes from *P. grandiflorus*, and it would appear, therefore, that the Rio Janeiro jaborandi is the product of *P. selloanus*.

Of the hairy species of pilocarpus, *P. pennatifolius* has its leaves from one- to three-jugate. It is the species to which the U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly referred jaborandi, and to which the Br. still refers it. In the original specimens of jaborandi seen by Dr. Coutinho, and also in other specimens received from the doctor's family by Surgeon F. V. Greene, U.S.N., some of the leaves are hairy, although most of them are smooth; and it seems probable that the species does contribute somewhat to the jaborandi of commerce.

Pernambuco jaborandi differs sufficiently from that of Rio Janeiro to indicate a probability of different origin: an examination of a flowering branch of the Pernambuco plant growing in the Botanical Garden at Cambridge led Mr. E. M. Holmes to the conclusion that it is an undescribed species, for which he proposes the name of *P. jaborandi*. He states (*P. J. Tr.*, xxii. 875) that it differs from *P. selloanus*, to which it is most nearly allied, in the elliptic-oblong shape of the leaflets and their more fleshy consistence, in the veinlets being more prominent on the upper surface, in the slender glabrous pedicels, only three times longer than the leaf-buds, in the minute bracts being situated near the apex of the pedicel, in the rose color of the ovate petals, pedicels, and upper part of the rachis, and in the rugose crenate disk. The calyx is pentagonal, not lobed.

Properties. The following description of the drug is adapted from that of Dr. F. V. Greene, U.S.N., who had unquestionable specimens of the original jaborandi of Coutinho. The package contained several stems branched at an angle of about 20°, these branches being furnished with alternate leaves, which are impari-pinnate, with from two to five opposite leaflets (Planchon has met with leaves having as many as seven, nine, and, more rarely, eleven leaflets) articulated to the rachis by short petiolules, thickened at the base. The leaflets, which are coriaceous in texture, vary considerably in size and outline. As a rule, they may be considered as oblong-lanceolate, and are entire, emarginate, with an unequal base. The midrib rises very little above the upper surface of the leaflet, but is very prominent and sharp on the lower. The veins, which are rather more prominent on the lower surface, leave the midrib at an angle of about 60°, pursue a parallel course across the leaflet, and finally turn up and anastomose within about a quarter of an inch of the margin. The leaflets are pellucidly punctate; the dots are the receptacles of secretion, are numerously and irregularly distributed over the whole surface, and are plainly visible when the leaflet is held up to the light. The fruit consists of five carpels, of which not more than two or three are usually developed to maturity; when ripe, the carpels dehisce into two valves, and then remind one strongly of miniature cockle-shells with the valves open exposing the animals. The black, shining, reniform seeds (one for each carpel) have a lancet-shaped hilum, a sharp ridge on the back near the apex, and a smooth, pale-yellow endocarp surrounding it. The official description of the drug is as follows. "About 10 to 15 Cm. long, and 4 to 6 Cm. broad, short-stalked, oval or ovate-oblong,

* For translation of Martius's specific description, see *P. J. Tr.*, v. 641.

entire and slightly revolute at the margin, obtuse and emarginate, unequal at the base; dull green, coriaceous, pellucid-punctate, mostly smooth; when bruised, slightly aromatic; taste somewhat bitter and pungent." *U. S.* There are in commerce at present two chief forms or varieties of jaborandi, one coming from Pernambuco and one from Rio Janeiro. They are to be distinguished principally by their venation, though the leaves of the Rio Janeiro variety are more obovate in outline than the others. In the Pernambuco variety the veins upon the upper surface are very prominent, which is not the case in the Rio Janeiro drug. Pernambuco jaborandi is said to be much richer in alkaloid. According to Prof. Holmes, an inferior jaborandi is also collected near Asuncion, Paraguay, probably from *Pilocarpus pennatifolius*. The flowers of the plant are of a dull-purple color, and the leaves are thin, obovate, tapering at the base, and without prominent veins on their upper surface.

Chemical Constituents. An alkaloid was isolated in 1875 from jaborandi almost simultaneously by A. W. Gerrard and M. Hardy. To this the name of *pilocarpine* was given. Gerrard at the same time stated that there were at least two alkaloids in the leaves, and this view seemed to be confirmed when *jaborine* was discovered. He also obtained a volatile oil, tannic acid, a peculiar volatile acid, and potassium chloride. *Pilocarpine* may be prepared as follows. The leaves are exhausted with 80-per-cent. alcohol containing 8 grammes of hydrochloric acid in a liter, the tincture is distilled and evaporated to the consistence of a liquid extract, and this is mixed with a small quantity of water, and filtered. The filtrate is treated with a slight excess of ammonia, and then with a large quantity of chloroform. The chloroform solution is agitated with water, to which hydrochloric acid is added, drop by drop, in sufficient quantity to neutralize the alkaloid, the hydrochlorate of which is obtained in long needles on evaporating the aqueous solution, while foreign principles remain dissolved in the chloroform. By dissolving the crystals in water, treating the solution with ammonia and chloroform, and evaporating the latter solution, pilocarpine is obtained as a soft viscous mass, which is only slightly soluble in water, but is freely soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform. Kingzett assigned to pilocarpine the formula $C_{23}H_{34}N_4O_4 + 4H_2O$. Harnack and Meyer, on the other hand, give it as $C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2$. The latter was generally accepted, and is recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. It is now definitely established as correct by the synthesis of pilocarpine afterwards effected by Hardy and Calmels. (*Comptes-Rendus*, 105, pp. 68–71; also *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 632.) By the action of hydrochloric acid or of barium hydrate, pilocarpine, $C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2$, is changed into *pilocarpidine*, $C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_2$, by the loss of a methyl group. Now Hardy and Calmels have converted β pyridine—α lactic acid, into pilocarpidine, the methiodide of which by oxidation is converted into pilocarpine. The synthetical pilocarpidine and pilocarpine yield gummy derivatives similar to those obtained by Harnack and Meyer from the natural products. The physiological action of synthetical pilocarpine is identical with that of the natural alkaloid. Harnack and Meyer first stated that *jaborine* is easily formed from pilocarpine, and may be produced by simply heating the latter alkaloid. They also showed that *pilocarpine* has physiological effects analogous to those of *nicotine*, whilst *jaborine* resembles *atropine* in its effects. Hardy and Calmels (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, Sept. 1886, p. 815) state that pure, dry pilocarpine does not yield *jaborine* when heated at 100° C. for six hours, neither can this substance be obtained by the action of alcoholic iodides upon argento-pilocarpidine. If, however, carefully dried pilocarpine be heated rapidly to 175° C., kept at this temperature for about half an hour, and the product extracted with water made alkaline with baryta and shaken with ether, the ether will contain jaborine, the aqueous solution will contain pilocarpidine and *jaboric acid*. *Jaborine* separates from alcohol or ether in a brown mass, which changes to a brittle resinous solid. Its composition is considered to be $C_{22}H_{32}N_4O_4$; it has exactly twice the molecular formula of pilocarpine. It is insoluble in water, but dissolves readily in ether, and is soluble in jaboric acid. *Jaboric acid*, $C_{19}H_{25}N_3O_5$, is separated from pilocarpidine by precipitating with excess of silver nitrate, which forms a curdy precipitate of the composition $C_{19}H_{24}N_3O_5,AgNO_3$. Jaboric acid resembles jaborine in appearance, but is very soluble in water, and is not removed from its aqueous solution by ether.* Pilocarpine combines with acids, and a number of the salts are to be had in commerce. The nitrate has probably been used most frequently, although the hydrochlorate is now official. Gerrard tested the solubilities of several of the salts as follows. The *nitrate* is soluble in water, sparingly in cold but freely in boiling alcohol; it is insoluble in chloroform, benzol, carbon disulphide, and ether. The *phosphate* is soluble in water, sparingly in cold, more freely in boiling alcohol, from which on

* According to the researches of E. Harnack, *pilocarpidine* acts upon the animal organism in the same way as pilocarpine, but is somewhat less powerful.

cooling it crystallizes in lustrous tables; it is insoluble in ether, chloroform, benzol, and carbon disulphide. The *hydrochlorate* is freely soluble in water, alcohol, and chloroform; insoluble in ether, benzol, and carbon disulphide. The *acetate* is soluble in water, alcohol, chloroform, benzol, and ether; insoluble in carbon disulphide. The *hydrobromate* is soluble in water, alcohol, and chloroform; insoluble in ether and carbon disulphide.

An essential oil of sp. gr. 0·875, and boiling between 180° and 290° C., has been obtained by Schimmel & Co., in Leipsic. (*Bericht*, April, 1888.) The portions going over above 260° C. solidified on cooling, and yielded a solid paraffin-like substance, which fuses at 27°–28° C. The oil amounts altogether to 0·4 per cent. In their latest report (Oct. 1893) they give as a probable constituent of the lower boiling portions of the oil *dipentene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$.

Medical Properties and Uses. When an infusion of from sixty to ninety grains of jaborandi is given to an adult, in about ten minutes the face and neck become deeply flushed, and free perspiration and salivation commence. After a hypodermic injection of the alkaloid, the symptoms may set in in six minutes. The sweating begins on the face; both it and the salivation are excessively profuse, and last from three to five hours. There is frequently nausea, and sometimes vomiting. The pulse is generally more or less quickened, as is also usually the respiration. After the sweating has ceased, the patient is left more or less exhausted. The nasal and lachrymal secretions are very generally increased under the action of the drug, and M. Gubler has noted diarrhœa. There is sometimes contraction of the pupils, and even disturbance of vision. These effects of the drug are in the adult fairly constant; but subjects have been occasionally found who were not susceptible to the action of the remedy, and, very curiously, in Dr. Ringer's experiments children were found to be very insusceptible, although doses of sixty grains were employed. Schwann and subsequent observers have noticed in the lower animals that very violent intestinal peristalsis is produced by the drug. The sweat produced by jaborandi is often enormous in quantity (from nine to fifteen ounces by estimation). It is stated to be at first acid, then neutral, and finally often clearly alkaline, as is also the saliva. Not only the watery but also the solid portions are increased, and the elimination of urea is said especially to be affected. Usually, but not always, when the drug acts very moderately upon the skin the salivary glands are but slightly affected, and *vice versa*. The cause of the excessive secretion is a direct action upon either the gland cells or the peripheral nerve-endings, most probably upon the former. In the first stages of sweating the bodily temperature sometimes rises, but it usually falls after the sweating.

When applied to the eye, pilocarpine produces great contraction of the pupil, tension of the accommodative apparatus, and an approximation of the nearest and farthest points of distinct vision by a peripheral action. It is stated to produce less irritation than Calabar bean.

Jaborandi is the most reliable and powerful of the diaphoretics. In *dropsies* it has been widely employed, and certainly is a most efficient remedy. Great value has been ascribed to it in facilitating the removal of local watery effusions, such as occur in *pleurisy* and *pulmonic œdema*. In *uræmia* it is the most efficient remedy at our command. In the forming stage of subacute *rheumatism*, *coryza*, *influenza*, and similar conditions, pilocarpine may be very useful. In *acute* or *chronic Bright's disease* it is of great value, sufficing often in the one case to bring about convalescence, and in the other greatly to prolong life and make it comfortable. The sweats may be repeated daily, bi-weekly, or weekly. Recently, the plan of giving very small doses at short intervals as a diuretic has been strongly commended. The dose of jaborandi is from twenty to sixty grains (1·3–3·9 Gm.), diffused in water, or given in the form of a fluid extract. Jaborandi is usually given in the form either of the fluid extract or of the alkaloid. The full diaphoretic dose of the fluid extract is from forty to sixty minims, of a salt of pilocarpine one-sixth of a grain. When excessive vomiting is produced by the drug, it is better to administer it every ten minutes in fractional doses. After the second or third dose, unless contra-indicated, whiskey and hot water should be given.

It has been proved by elaborate experimentation that in many of their actions upon the human system pilocarpine and atropine are directly antagonistic; and in poisoning by jaborandi or its alkaloid, atropine has the power to arrest the excessive secretion and save life. The value of pilocarpine in atropine poisoning is not quite so certain, but there is enough evidence to demand further trial of it. Dr. Purjesz, of Buda-Pesth, reports (*Centralb. für Prakt. Augenhk.*, 1880) a case in which two and a half grains of atropine sulphate were said to have been taken, and relief, with final recovery, was secured by hypodermic injections of 0·4 grain of pilocarpine every ten minutes until 6·4 grains had been administered. For other similar but less striking cases, see *Brit. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1887; *Lancet*, July, 1890.

PILULÆ. Pills.

(PĬL'U̇-LÆ.)

Pilules, *Fr.*; Pillen, *G.*

These are globular masses of a size convenient for swallowing. They are well adapted for the administration of medicines which are unpleasant to the taste or smell, or insoluble in water, and which do not require to be given in large doses. Deliquescent substances should not be made into pills; and those which are efflorescent should be previously deprived of their water of crystallization. Care should be taken not to combine materials the mutual reaction of which may result in a change of form.

Some substances have a consistence which enables them to be made immediately into pills. Such are the softer extracts and certain gum-resins; and the addition of a little water to the former, and of a few drops of spirit to the latter, will give them the requisite softness and plasticity, if previously wanting. Substances which are very soft, or in the liquid state, are formed into the pilular mass by incorporation with dry and inert powders, such as wheat flour, starch, and powdered gum arabic, or with crumb of bread. Powders must be mixed with soft, solid bodies, as extracts, confections, soap, etc., or with tenacious liquids, as syrup, molasses, honey, mucilage, or glycerin; and the last-mentioned substance has been especially recommended in connection with a little alcohol. Heavy metallic powders are most conveniently made into pills with the former; light vegetable powders with the latter. Mucilage is very often used; but pills made with it are apt when kept to become hard and of difficult solubility in the liquids of the stomach, and if metallic substances are mixed with it the mass does not work well. A mixture of syrup and powdered gum arabic is not subject to the same inconveniences, and is an excellent material for the formation of pills. Honey evaporated to about half its bulk has been highly recommended. Confection of rose and glucose are among the best excipients, when the pills are to be kept long. For the same purpose of keeping the pills soft, the addition of a small portion of some fixed oil or deliquescent salt has been recommended; but glycerin is still better. Glycerin incorporated with one-twenty-fifth of its weight of powdered tragacanth is said to cause pills to remain soluble for almost any length of time. The new official mucilage of tragacanth is an excellent excipient. Mr. Martindale prepares a mass by heating together with constant stirring to 115·5° C. (240° F.) five parts by weight of glycerin and one of flour, or, when a very firm mass is required, equal parts of flour and glycerin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., i. 412.) It has been objected that pills made with glycerin could not be handsomely gilt or silvered, the lustre of the metal disappearing. This is true, however, only of very recent pills, or of those in which an excess of glycerin has been used. Many powders require only water. Such are all those which contain ingredients capable of forming an adhesive or viscid solution with that liquid. Care should always be taken that the matter added be not incompatible with the main constituents of the pill.

The materials should be accurately mixed together, and beaten in a mortar till formed into a perfectly uniform and plastic mass. This should be of such a consistence that the pills may preserve their form, without being so hard as to resist the solvent power of the gastric liquors. As pills frequently become very hard by time, it is often convenient to keep the mass in a state fit to be divided when wanted for use. This may be done by wrapping it in waxed paper, putting it in covered pots, and occasionally moistening it as it becomes dry, or, more effectually, by keeping it in glass or well-glazed jars, accurately closed with rubber cloth. The mass is made into pills by rolling it with a spatula, or with a flat, smooth piece of hard wood, into a cylinder of precisely the same thickness throughout, and of a length corresponding to the number of pills required. It is then divided as equally as possible by the hand, or, more accurately, by a machine.* The pills receive a spherical form by being rolled between the fingers. M. Mialhe describes a little instrument for rolling pills, composed of two circular plates, one about 12 inches, the other 6, in diameter, the former having a ledge at the border one-third of an inch high, the latter with a similar ledge, varying, according to the size of the pills, from less than a line to nearly two lines, and with a strap on the back by which it can be fitted to the hand. This is to be moved in a rotary manner upon the larger plate, holding the divided portions of the pill mass. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xvii. 218.) Similar pill-rollers made of wood are now in use. In order to prevent the adhesion of pills to one another, or to the sides of the vessel in

* The common pill-machine is too well known to require description. In *A. J. P.* (xxiv. 315) the reader will find the description of a rotary pill-machine, calculated to prepare large numbers of pills in a short time; and in the same journal (xxvi. 118) that of another, which is considered an improvement on the first. (See, also, *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1869.)

which they may be placed, it is customary to agitate them with some dry powder, which gives them an external coating, that serves also to conceal their taste. For this purpose magnesium carbonate, rice flour, or starch may be used. Magnesium carbonate is sometimes incompatible with one of the ingredients of the pills; and liquorice root is then preferable, though it occasionally becomes mouldy with very damp pills. The powder of lycopodium, which has been long in use in Europe, is now considerably employed in this country, and is perhaps one of the best substances for the purpose. It is the custom in some sections of the United States, particularly on the Pacific coast, to give the pill a coating of gold or silver leaf. This is done by agitating the pills, prepared without dusting powder, and with their surface still damp, along with gold or silver leaf, in a hollow spherical wooden box made by turning two hemispheres out of hard wood, fitting each other, and provided with a short handle.

It was proposed by M. Garot to cover pills with gelatin, which answers the purpose of concealing their taste and odor and counteracting deliquescence or chemical change from exposure to the air, but it sometimes interferes with their solubility in the stomach. This method of coating is largely used at the present time. One of the best machines that have been devised for gelatin-coating pills is that of H. Maynard, of Chicago. This consists of a circular plate in which are affixed twenty fine needles; the pills are rolled into depressions, and are easily impaled on the points of the needles; they are then dipped into a solution of gelatin, gently rotated, and allowed to cool. Another plan, less effectual, but more convenient, is to introduce the pills into a spherical box, to drop on them enough syrup simply to moisten their surface, then to give a rotary movement to the box until the pills are uniformly covered, and finally to add by degrees either powdered French chalk, elm bark, or some similar substance, shaking the box with each addition, and continuing the process until nothing more will adhere to the pills. The investing material may be rendered agreeable to the taste and smell by aromatic additions, if deemed advisable. M. Calloud found that a good powder for coating pills, because little disposed to attract moisture, is made by boiling one part of flaxseed and three parts of white sugar with sufficient water till a thick mucilage is formed, evaporating this carefully to dryness, and then pulverizing. (*Ibid.*, xxiii. 301.) The same writer has since suggested, as still more effective, a powder made by forming a mucilage with one part of tragacanth and two parts of water, pressing this through linen, mixing it with twenty parts of sugar of milk, spreading the paste thus made in thin layers to dry, and then powdering. The pills may be simply moistened with water and then shaken in the powder. M. Lhermite proposes first to agitate the pills in a mortar with a little concentrated solution of gum, and afterwards to put them into a box containing dry and very finely powdered sugar, to which a rotary motion is given. If the coating be not sufficiently thick, the process may be repeated. (*Ibid.*, xxv. 460.) The sugar-coating of pills is now conducted upon a great scale by manufacturers, who send large quantities both of popular and of official pills into the market thus protected. The process employed is similar to that of the confectioners in coating almonds. After having been thoroughly dried, the pills are put into a hemispherical tinned copper basin, which is suspended from the ceiling and moved quickly backward and forward with an eccentric motion, so as to cause a constant attrition among the pills. First a little very thick syrup, or syrup of gum, is introduced in order to give a thin coating to their surface; and afterwards very finely powdered and very dry white sugar is sifted or thrown over them, the motion being constantly maintained. The sugar is fixed by the moist surface of the pills, and the coating made compact and smooth by the attrition. The process is aided by a gentle heat, but the heat must be guarded, lest the pills be much softened, and thus lose their shape and even discolor the coating. Dexterous manipulation is necessary in order that the process may succeed thoroughly. For practical remarks on the sugar-coating of pills, see an essay by Mr. H. C. Archibald in *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 199. On a larger scale a copper pill-coater of peculiar construction, heated by steam pipes, is now used. Still another method, proposed by Mr. E. K. Durden, is to cover the pills with collodion, which completely conceals the taste. The solution employed by Mr. Durden had the sp. gr. 0·810; and two dippings gave a sufficient coating. (*A. J. P.*, xxi. 183.) It is, however, yet to be determined whether a coating of collodion would yield readily to the solvent powers of the gastric juice. M. Blanchard covers pills with a solution of Tolu balsam in ether; but Mr. H. C. Baildon objects to this, that it takes too long to dry, and suggests as a substitute a solution of a drachm of the balsam in three drachms of chloroform, which dries sufficiently in twenty minutes. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 350.) If old and solid Tolu balsam be selected, it will be less liable to the objection of drying slowly. This balsam is officially employed in coating the U. S. pills of ferrous iodide. A solution of mastic in ether

has also been used for coating pills; and the white of egg has been recommended for the same purpose. (*Ibid.*, March, 1862, p. 137.)

Pills which are to be kept long should be well dried, and put into bottles with loosely-fitting stoppers to prevent moulding. Though the U. S. Pharmacopœia, in almost every instance, orders the mass to be divided into pills, yet it should be understood rather as indicating the number of pills to be made from a certain quantity of the mass, when particular directions are not given by the physician, than as requiring the division to be made immediately after the materials have been mixed. It will be found convenient by the apothecary to retain a portion of the mass undivided, especially when it is desirable to keep the pills soft.

Compressed pills are made directly from the medicinal substance without the aid of an excipient. The drug, if not already in powder, is reduced to such, and then forced into pill shape by means of a powerful press. For certain substances which naturally exist in powder, such as quinine bisulphate, potassium bromide, and potassium iodide, and which have some cohesiveness and yet are of easy solubility, the process is a good one. An apparatus has been contrived by J. P. Remington for compressing pills (see 16th ed. U. S. D., and *Practice of Pharmacy*, page 1116). It is made of cast steel; the base has two countersunk depressions with a short post in the centre of each, and a lenticular depression is made in the upper surface of each post. A steel cylinder having a central aperture of the diameter of the post is placed in the depression, the proper quantity of powder is introduced, and the plunger, which has a corresponding lenticular depression on its lower surface, is placed on the powder and is struck a quick blow with a mallet; the powder is compressed, and the pill adheres to the cylinder; by removing the cylinder and holding it over a box and tapping the plunger again lightly, the pill is forced out and falls into a box.

Compressed pills are now used to an enormous extent, being made by various manufacturers with machinery of ingenious construction: the fact of their requiring no excipient, the ease with which they can be tested, and their permanent character (in most cases being just as valuable years after they were made as when fresh) have caused their extensive employment. Care should be taken, however, not to use them in those few cases where very prompt action is required, as the powerful compression to which they are subjected renders them less quickly effective than the same drug administered in the form of a loose powder.

PILULÆ ALOES. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Aloes.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂL'Ō-ĒS.)

Pilula Aloes Barbadensis, *Br.;* Pill of Barbadoes Aloes, Pill of Socotrine Aloes; Pilules d'Aloès, *Fr.;* Aloe-pillen, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Soap, in fine powder, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Beat the powders together with Water, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Barbadoes Aloes, in powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Hard Soap, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Oil of Caraway *one fluidrachm;* Confection of Roses *one ounce* [av.]. Beat all together until thoroughly mixed." *Br.*

The British process for *Pill of Socotrine Aloes* is the same, except that Socotrine is substituted for Barbadoes Aloes, and the volatile Oil of Nutmeg for Oil of Caraway.

The soap, in this formula, not only serves to impart a proper consistence to the aloes, but is thought to qualify its operation and diminish its liability to irritate the rectum. Five of the U. S. pills, containing ten grains (0·65 Gm.) of aloes, may be given with a view to their purgative effect; but the preparation is usually employed as a laxative in *habitual costiveness*, in the dose of one, two, or three pills at bedtime. The British pill is of very nearly the same strength.

PILULÆ ALOES ET ASAFŒTIDÆ. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Aloes and Asafetida.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂL'Ō-ĒS ĔT ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Ĭ-DÆ—ăs-ą-fĕt'ĭ-dē.)

Pilula Aloes et Asafœtidæ, *Br.;* Pilules d'Aloès et Asefétide, *Fr.;* Aloe- und Asafœtida-Pillen, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *nine grammes* [or 139 grains]; Asafetida, *nine grammes* [or 139 grains]; Soap, in fine powder, *nine grammes* [or 139 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Beat the solids together with Water, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Socotrine Aloes, in powder, Asafœtida, Hard Soap, in powder, *one ounce;* Confec-

tion of Roses, about *an ounce* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency*. Beat all together until thoroughly mixed." *Br.*

These pills are peculiarly adapted, by the stimulant and carminative properties of the asafetida, to cases of *costiveness* attended with flatulence and debility of the digestive organs. Each pill contains about four grains (0·26 Gm.) of the mass. Dose, from two to five pills.

PILULÆ ALOES ET FERRI. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Aloes and Iron.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂL'Ǫ-ĒS ĔT FĔR'RĪ.)

Pilula Aloes et Ferri, *Br.;* Pilulæ Aloeticæ Ferratæ, s. Pilulæ Italicæ Nigræ, *P. G.;* Pilules d'Aloès et de Fer, *Fr.;* Aloe- und Eisenpillen, Italienische Pillen, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *seven grammes* [or 108 grains]; Dried Ferrous Sulphate, *seven grammes* [or 108 grains]; Aromatic Powder, *seven grammes* [or 108 grains]; Confection of Rose, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. Beat the powders together with Confection of Rose, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills*." *U. S.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *one ounce and a half;* Barbadoes Aloes, in powder, *two ounces;* Compound Powder of Cinnamon, *three ounces;* Confection of Roses, *four ounces*. Reduce the Sulphate of Iron to powder, rub it with the Aloes and Compound Powder of Cinnamon, and adding the Confection make the whole into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This pill differs from the preparation of the same name in the British Pharmacopœia in the substitution of aromatic powder for the compound powder of cinnamon. It is essentially an old preparation of the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, which, having been omitted in the original British, has been resumed in the present edition. It is said that the laxative power of aloes is increased, and its tendency to irritate the rectum diminished, by combination with ferrous sulphate. This pill is especially adapted to *amenorrhœa* with debility of the stomach and constipation. The dose is from one to three pills.

PILULÆ ALOES ET MASTICHES. U. S. Pills of Aloes and Mastic.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂL'Ǫ-ĒS ĔT MĂS'TĮ-ĊHĒS.)

Lady Webster's Dinner Pills, *E.;* Pilules d'Aloès et de Mastic, *Fr.;* Aloe- und Mastix-Pillen, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Mastic, in fine powder, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Red Rose, in fine powder, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. Beat the powders together with Water, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills*." *U. S.*

In this U. S. P. 1890 pill the proportion of mastic has been slightly increased and that of red rose somewhat diminished. Each of these pills contains about three grains of the solid ingredients and nearly two grains (0·13 Gm.) of aloes. They are in imitation of Lady Webster's dinner pills, and one of them may be given as a laxative at bedtime, or before a meal. The mastic has probably little other effect than to impair the solubility of the aloes, and thus give it a still greater tendency to act on the lower bowels.*

PILULÆ ALOES ET MYRRHÆ. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Aloes and Myrrh.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂL'Ǫ-ĒS ĔT MŸR'RHÆ.)

Pilula Aloes et Myrrhæ, *Br.;* Rufus's Pills, *E.;* Pilules d'Aloès et de Myrrhe, Pilules de Rufus, *Fr.;* Rufus'sche Pillen, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Myrrh, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Aromatic Powder, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. Beat the powders together with Syrup, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills*." *U. S.*

* The following is the formula for the aloetic pills usually called *dinner pills* or *Lady Webster's pills*. They are the *Pilulæ Stomachicæ* of the fifth edition of the Paris Codex, 1758. Take of the best aloes six drachms; mastic and red roses, each, two drachms; syrup of wormwood sufficient to form a mass, to be divided into pills of three grains each. Common syrup may be substituted for syrup of wormwood. One or two of these pills, taken shortly before a meal, will usually produce one free evacuation.

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy has adopted the following formulas for the compound aloetic preparations commonly called *Hooper's* and *Anderson's pills:*

"*Hooper's Female Pills.* ℞ Aloës Barbadensis ℥viij, Ferri Sulphatis Exsiccati ℥ij, ℥iss, *vel* Ferri Sulphatis Crystal. ℥iv, Extracti Hellebori ℥ij, Myrrhæ ℥ij, Saponis ℥ij, Canellæ in pulv. trit. ℥j, Zingiberis in pulv. trit. ℥j.—Beat them well together into a mass with water, and divide into pills, each containing two and a half grains." (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, v. 25.)

"*Anderson's Scots Pills.* ℞ Aloës Barbadensis ℥xxiv, Saponis ℥iv, Colocynthidis ℥j, Cambogiæ ℥j, Olei Anisi f℥ss. Let the aloes, colocynth, and gamboge be reduced to a very fine powder; then beat them and the soap with water into a mass, of a proper consistence to divide into pills, each containing three grains."

"Take of Socotrine Aloes *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Myrrh *one ounce* [av.]; Saffron, dried, *half an ounce* [av.]; Treacle *one ounce;* Glycerine, *a sufficiency.* Triturate the Aloes, Myrrh, and Saffron together; then add the Treacle and sufficient Glycerine, and beat them together into a uniform mass." *Br.*

In this U. S. P. 1890 pill the proportion of myrrh has been slightly decreased and that of aromatic powder somewhat increased.

This composition has been long in use, under the name of *Rufus's Pills.* It is employed, as a warm stimulant cathartic, in *general debility* attended with *constipation*, and in *retention or suppression of the menses.* From three to six pills, or from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.) of the mass, may be given for a dose.

PILULA ALOES SOCOTRINÆ. Br. Pill of Socotrine Aloes.

(PĬL'Ū-LA ĂL'Ō-ĒS SŎC-Ō-TRĪ'NÆ.)

"Take of Socotrine Aloes, in powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Hard Soap, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Volatile Oil of Nutmeg *one fluidrachm;* Confection of Roses *one ounce* [av.] Beat all together, until thoroughly mixed." *Br.*

For properties and dose, see *Pilula Aloes*, page 1041.

PILULÆ ANTIMONII COMPOSITÆ. U. S. (Br.) Compound Pills of Antimony. [Plummer's Pills.]

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂN-TĬ-MŌ'NĬ-Ī CŌM-PŎS'Ĭ-TÆ.)

Pilula Hydrargyri Subchloridi Composita, *Br.;* Pilula Calomelanos Composita, *Br.* 1864; Compound Pill of Subchloride of Mercury, Compound Calomel Pill; Pilules altérantes composées, Pilules antidartreuses, Pilules de Plummer, *Fr.;* Plummer'sche Pillen, *G.*

"Sulphurated Antimony, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Mild Mercurous Chloride, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Guaiac, in fine powder, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Castor Oil, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Beat the powders together with the Castor Oil, added a few drops at a time, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Subchloride of Mercury, Sulphurated Antimony, of each, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Guaiacum Resin, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Castor Oil *one fluidounce*, or *a sufficiency.* Triturate the Subchloride of Mercury with the Antimony, then add the Guaiacum Resin and Castor Oil, and beat the whole into a uniform mass." *Br.*

The formula for this pill in the U. S. P. 1890 has been altered by adopting the British method of using castor oil as an excipient instead of mucilage of tragacanth: this change is of doubtful utility, the pills when kept acquiring an unpleasant odor. The oil is, however, a partial solvent for the guaiac.

We prefer the title "Compound Calomel Pill" of the former British Pharmacopœia, as not liable to any mistake, and as most expressive of the quality of the medicine. The antimonial employed, though under a different name, is identical with the old U. S. precipitated sulphide. According to Vogel, a reaction takes place between the calomel and the sulphurated antimony, resulting in the production of antimony chloride and mercury sulphide. The preparation was originally introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Plummer, who found it useful as an alterative, and upon whose authority it was at one time much employed under the name of *Plummer's Pills.* The combination is well adapted to the treatment of *chronic rheumatism*, and of scaly and other *eruptive diseases of the skin*, especially when accompanied with a syphilitic taint. One to two pills or more may be given morning and evening.

PILULÆ ASAFŒTIDÆ. U. S. Pills of Asafetida.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ ĂS-Ă-FŒT'Ĭ-DÆ.)

Pilules d'Asefétide, *Fr.;* **Asafœtida-Pillen,** *G.*

"Asafetida, *twenty grammes* [or 325 grains]; Soap, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Beat the solids together with Water, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

Each of these pills contains three grains (0·20 Gm.) of the gum-resin. They are a convenient form for administering asafetida, the unpleasant odor and taste of which render it very offensive in the liquid state.

PILULA ASAFŒTIDÆ COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Pill of Asafœtida.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Į-DÆ CǪM-PǪ̆'Į-TĄ.)

Pilula Galbani Composita, *U. S.* 1880; Compound Pills of Galbanum; Pilules de Galbanum composées, *Fr.;* Galbanum-Pillen, *G.*

"Take of Asafœtida, Galbanum, Myrrh, of each, *two ounces;* Treacle, by weight, *one ounce.* Heat all together by means of a water-bath, and stir the mass until it assumes a uniform consistence." *Br.*

This compound is given as an antispasmodic and emmenagogue in *chlorosis* and *hysteria.* The dose is from two to four pills, or from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.).*

PILULA CAMBOGIÆ COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Pill of Gamboge.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ CĄM-BŌ'ĢĮ-Æ CǪM-PǪ̆'Į-TĄ.)

"Take of Gamboge, in powder, Barbadoes Aloes, in powder, Compound Powder of Cinnamon, of each, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Hard Soap, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Syrup *a sufficiency.* Mix the Powders together, add the Syrup, and beat the whole into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This is an active purgative pill, and may be given in the dose of from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.). The formula is that of Dr. George Fordyce, simplified.

PILULÆ CATHARTICÆ COMPOSITÆ. U. S. Compound Cathartic Pills.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ CĄ-THÄR'TĮ-ÇÆ CǪM-PǪ̆'Į-TÆ.)

Antibilious Pills, *E.;* Pilules cathartiques composées, *Fr.;* Abführpillen, *G.*

"Compound Extract of Colocynth, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]; Mild Mercurous Chloride, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Extract of Jalap, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce, 26 grains]; Gamboge, in fine powder, *fifteen grammes* [or 232 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand pills.* Mix the powders intimately; then gradually incorporate them with the Extract of Jalap and a sufficient quantity of Water to form a mass, to be divided into *one thousand pills.*" *U. S.*

This cathartic compound was first made official in the second edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. It was intended to combine smallness of bulk with efficiency and comparative mildness of purgative action and a peculiar tendency to the biliary organs. Such an official preparation was much wanted in this country, in which bilious fevers, and other complaints attended with congestion of the liver and portal circle generally, so much abound. The object of smallness of bulk is accomplished by employing extracts and the more energetic cathartics; that of a peculiar tendency to the liver, by the use of calomel; and that of efficiency with mildness of operation, by the union of several powerful purgatives. It is a fact, abundantly proved by experience, that drastic cathartics become milder by combination, without losing any of their purgative power. Nor is it difficult, in this case, to reconcile the result of observation with physiological principles. Cathartic medicines act on different parts of the alimentary canal and organs secreting into it. In small doses, both the irritation which they occasion and their purgative effect are proportionally lessened. If several are administered at the same time, each in a diminished dose, it is obvious that the combined purgative effect of all will be experienced, while the irritation, being feeble in each part affected, and diffused over a large space, will be less sensible to the patient, and will more readily subside. In the compound cathartic pills, most of the active purgatives in common use are associated together in proportions corresponding with their respective doses, so that an excess of any one ingredient is guarded against, and violent irritation from this cause prevented. The present official process does not differ from that of the U. S. P. 1880, except in the substitution of the extract of jalap for the abstract, the latter being no longer official. This, however, does not alter the composition, and it makes a smaller pill. It is highly important for the efficiency of these pills that they be prepared in exact compliance with the directions, and that the *compound extract of colocynth* and the *extract of jalap* used be of good quality. When they fail, the result is generally ascribable to the substitution of jalap for the extract, or to the use of a compound extract of colocynth made with nearly inert scammony, inferior aloes, and insufficient colocynth, and altogether badly prepared. (See a paper by G. H. Chas. Klie, *A. J. P.*, April, 1878.)

Three of the pills are a medium dose for an adult. Each pill weighs about 3 grains (0·194 Gm.), and contains 2·85 grains (0·185 Gm.) of active ingredients. A single pill will gener-

* The U. S. P. 1880 gave the following formula for this preparation: "Galbanum, *one hundred and fifty grains* (9·75 Gm.); Myrrh, *one hundred and fifty grains* (9·75 Gm.); Asafetida, *fifty grains* (3·25 Gm.); Syrup, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred pills.* Beat them together so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*"

ally be found to operate as a mild laxative. In a full dose, the preparation acts vigorously on the bowels, producing bilious stools, generally without much pain or disorder of the stomach. It may be employed in most instances where a brisk cathartic is required, but is particularly applicable to the early stages of *bilious fevers*, to *hepatitis*, *jaundice*, and all those derangements which depend on congestion of the portal circle.

PILULÆ CATHARTICÆ VEGETABILES. U. S. Vegetable Cathartic Pills.

(PĬL'Ŭ-LÆ CA-THÄR'TĬ-ÇÆ VĔĢ-Ē-TĂB'Ĭ-LĒS.)

"Compound Extract of Colocynth, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Extract of Hyoscyamus, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Extract of Jalap, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Extract of Leptandra, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Resin of Podophyllum, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Oil of Peppermint, *eight cubic centimeters* [or 130 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand pills*. Mix the Compound Extract of Colocynth intimately with the Resin of Podophyllum and incorporate the Oil of Peppermint. Rub the Extracts of Hyoscyamus, Jalap, and Leptandra with enough Water to render them plastic, then beat them together with the mixture first prepared, using a sufficient quantity of Water to form a mass, to be divided into *one thousand pills*." *U. S.*

This pill has been introduced into the U. S. P. 1890 with the view of furnishing a formula for a cathartic pill without a mercurial. The oil of peppermint and extract of hyoscyamus are added to the cathartics to prevent griping. The dose is three pills, and they may be given in the place of compound cathartic pills. It is not likely, however, that the latter will be supplanted by the new addition.

PILULA COLOCYNTHIDIS COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Pill of Colocynth.

(PĬL'Ŭ-LA CŎL-Ǫ-CĬN'THĮ-DĬS CǪM-PŎS'Ĭ-TA.)

Pilules de Coloquinte composées, Pilules cochées mineures, *Fr.;* Coloquinten-Pillen, *G.*

"Take of Colocynth Pulp, in powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Barbadoes Aloes, in powder, Resin of Scammony, in powder, of each, *two ounces* [av.]; Sulphate of Potassium, in powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Oil of Cloves *two fluidrachms;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Powders, add the Oil of Cloves, and beat into a mass with the aid of the Water." *Br.*

This is not, like the late London pills of the same name, merely another form of the compound extract of colocynth, though containing essentially the same materials,—one great difference being that colocynth and aloes are used in substance in the pill, instead of in the state of extract. The present British preparation is that of the old Edinburgh Pharmacopœia slightly altered. Potassium sulphate is used to promote the more complete division of the aloes and scammony. The preparation is actively cathartic in the dose of from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.). See *Pilulæ Colocynthidis Compositæ*, N. F.

PILULA COLOCYNTHIDIS ET HYOSCYAMI. Br. Pill of Colocynth and Henbane.

(PĬL'Ŭ-LA CŎL-Ǫ-CĬN'THĮ-DĬS ĔT HĬ-ǪS-CĪ'A-MĪ.)

"Take of Compound Pill of Colocynth *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Extract of Henbane *one ounce* [av.]. Beat them into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This is an old official of the Edinburgh College. It is asserted that the compound pill and compound extract of colocynth are almost entirely deprived of their griping tendency by combination, as above, with extract of hyoscyamus, without losing any of their purgative power. The dose is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.).

PILULA CONII COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Pill of Hemlock.

(PĬL'Ŭ-LA CǪ-NĪ'Ī CǪM-PŎS'Ĭ-TA.)

"Take of Extract of Hemlock *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Ipecacuanha, in powder, *half an ounce* [av.]; Treacle *a sufficiency*. Mix the Extract of Hemlock and Ipecacuanha, and add sufficient Treacle to form a pill-mass." *Br.*

This is an old formula of the London College, discarded in the formation of the original British Pharmacopœia, but admitted into the present edition. The pill is anodyne and expectorant, useful in *chronic bronchitis*. Dose, from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

PILULA FERRI CARBONATIS. Br. Pill of Carbonate of Iron.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ FĔR'RĪ CĂR-BǪ-NĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Saccharated Carbonate of Iron *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Confection of Roses *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]. Beat them into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This pill is nearly equivalent to pills of Vallet's mass, having the advantage of greater simplicity in manipulation. The dose is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.). See *Massa Ferri Carbonatis; Pilulæ Ferri Carbonatis* (next article).

PILULÆ FERRI CARBONATIS. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Carbonate of Iron.

[Ferruginous Pills. Chalybeate Pills. Blaud's Pills.]

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ FĔR'RĪ CĂR-BǪ-NĀ'TĬS.)

Pilula Ferri, *Br.;* Iron Pill; Pilules de Griffith, Pilules de Fer et de Myrrhe composées, *Fr.;* Griffith'sche Pillen, *G.*

"Ferrous Sulphate, in clear crystals, *sixteen grammes* [or 246 grains]; Potassium Carbonate, *eight grammes* [or 123 grains]; Sugar, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Althæa, in No. 60 powder, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Glycerin, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Rub the Potassium Carbonate, in a mortar, with a sufficient quantity (about *ten drops* each) of Glycerin and Water, then add the Ferrous Sulphate and Sugar, previously triturated together to a uniform powder, and beat the mass thoroughly, until it assumes a greenish color. When the reaction appears to have terminated, incorporate the Tragacanth and Althæa, and, if necessary, add a little more Water, so as to obtain a mass of a pilular consistence. Divide this into *one hundred pills.* These pills should be freshly prepared, when wanted." *U. S.*

"Sulphate of Iron *sixty grains;* Carbonate of Potassium *thirty-six grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twelve grains;* Tragacanth, in powder, *four grains;* Glycerine *two and a half minims;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Reduce the sulphate of iron to fine powder in a mortar, add the sugar and tragacanth, and mix intimately. Finely powder the carbonate of potassium in another mortar, and thoroughly incorporate with it the glycerine. Transfer this to the mortar containing the sulphate of iron, beat thoroughly until the mass becomes green, and add water, if necessary, sufficient to impart a pilular consistence. Divide into five-grain pills. Each pill contains about one grain of carbonate of iron." *Br.*

In the U. S. P. 1890 the name of this pill was changed to "Pilula Ferri Carbonatis" and the "Pilula Ferri Composita" of the U. S. P. 1880 was dropped,* which leads to a complication, for the British Pharmacopœia has a pill with the official title of "Pilula Ferri Carbonatis," the mass of which makes a very different pill (see preceding article); besides, the present title will surely produce confusion, for many prescriptions are written for "Pil. Ferri Carb.," and this has always hitherto meant pills of Vallet's mass, whereas it will now mean "Blaud's Pills." A better title to adopt, if a change was demanded, would have been simply "Pilulæ Ferri."

This preparation is closely analogous to the Mistura Ferri Composita in properties and composition. It is a good emmenagogue and chalybeate tonic. As its peculiar advantages depend upon the presence of ferrous carbonate, which speedily changes into the ferric salt on exposure, it is proper that only so much of the mass should be prepared as may be wanted for immediate use. From two to six pills may be given at a dose three times a day. They are sometimes called *Griffith's pills.* They closely resemble *Blaud's ferruginous pills*, celebrated in France as a remedy in *chlorosis*, prepared from equal weights of ferrous sulphate and potassium carbonate, made into a pilular mass with mucilage of tragacanth and powdered liquorice root. The pills contain, as the result of double decomposition, ferrous carbonate and potassium sulphate. MM. Van de Velde and Van Melckebeke prefer the sodium bicarbonate to the potassium salt.

PILULÆ FERRI IODIDI. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Ferrous Iodide.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ FĔR'RĪ Ī-ŎD'Ị-DĪ.)

Pilula Ferri Iodidi, *Br.;* Pilules d'Iodure de Fer, Pilules de Blancard, *Fr.;* Eisenjodür-Pillen, *G.*

"Reduced Iron, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Iodine, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, in No. 60 powder, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *four grammes* [or 62

* *Pilulæ Ferri Compositæ. Compound Pills of Iron.* "Myrrh, in fine powder, *one hundred and fifty grains* (9·75 Gm.); Carbonate of Sodium, *seventy-five grains* (4·85 Gm.); Sulphate of Iron, *seventy-five grains* (4·85 Gm.); Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Rub the Myrrh, first with the Carbonate of Sodium and afterward with the Sulphate of Iron, until they are thoroughly mixed; then beat them with Syrup so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.* 1880.

grains]; Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in fine powder, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Water, Balsam of Tolu, Ether, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. To the Reduced Iron, contained in a small mortar, add *six cubic centimeters* [or 97 minims] of Water, and then, gradually, the Iodine, constantly triturating, until the mixture ceases to have a reddish tint. Then add the remaining powders, previously well mixed together, and mix the whole thoroughly. Transfer the mass to a porcelain capsule, and evaporate the excess of moisture, on a water-bath, with constant stirring, until the mass has acquired a pilular consistence. Then divide it into *one hundred pills*. Dissolve *ten grammes* [or 154 grains] of Balsam of Tolu in *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims] of Ether, shake the pills with a sufficient quantity of this solution until they are uniformly coated, and put them on a plate to dry, occasionally rolling them about until the drying is completed. Keep the pills in a well-stoppered bottle. Pills of Ferrous Iodide should be devoid of the smell of iodine. If a few of the pills be triturated with water, the filtrate should not assume more than a light blue tint on the addition of starch test-solution (absence of more than traces of *free iodine*)." *U. S.*

This process does not differ essentially from that formerly official.*

"Take of Fine Iron Wire *forty grains;* Iodine *eighty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *seventy grains;* Liquorice Root, in powder, *one hundred and forty grains;* Distilled Water *fifty minims*. Agitate the Iron with the Iodine and Water in a strong stoppered ounce phial, until the froth becomes white. Pour the fluid upon the Sugar in a mortar, triturate briskly, and gradually add the Liquorice." *Br.*

The pills of ferrous iodide were introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1850. The present official pills are formed on the plan proposed by Prof. Procter, in imitation of *Blancard's pills* (*A. J. P.*, May, 1860), and are much superior to those made by the U. S. process of 1850, or by that of the British Pharmacopœia. M. Magnes-Lahens especially recommends the following formula. "Take of pure Iodine 4·10 grammes; Powdered Iron 1·90 grammes; Powdered Sugar 2·50 grammes; Powdered Gum Arabic 2·50 grammes; Distilled Water 2·50 grammes. Put in an iron dish the Water and the powdered Iron, add the Iodine gradually, and facilitate the reaction by stirring with a spatula of iron and by warming a little; when the reaction is complete, add the Gum and the Sugar, then heat to about 50° C. (122° F.), stirring until the mass ceases to drop when a little is taken up on the spatula. If necessary, five grammes of powdered liquorice root may be incorporated into the mass, which is then to be rolled into one hundred pills." (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 498.) The iodine and iron unite directly to form ferrous iodide in solution, which is protected against the oxidizing influence of the air by the sugar and excess of reduced iron, while the liquorice and gum serve to give due consistence and plasticity to the pilular mass. The pills are still further protected from the air by the impervious coating of balsam of Tolu, which readily yields to the softening and solvent properties of the gastric liquids. The great disadvantage of the pill of ferrous iodide, as ordinarily prepared, is that it will not keep,—crumbling by time and exposure, and evolving iodine in consequence of the oxidation of the iron. The preparation, made according to the U. S. formula of 1870, stood the test of time; and we have seen pills which, four years after their preparation, exhibited no signs of change. Each pill contains about a grain (0·065 Gm.) of ferrous iodide and one-fifth of a grain (0·012 Gm.) of reduced iron. The therapeutic uses of this preparation are the same as those of ferrous iodide. (See *Ferri Iodidum.*)

* *Pills of Ferrous Iodide.—Wm. R. Warner, Jr.'s, Process.* Take of iodine 4634 grains; iron wire 1600 grains; sugar 4500 grains; marshmallow powder 4500 grains; gum 2200 grains; iron by hydrogen 566 grains; distilled water 3000 grains. Place the iron wire in a Florence flask, quart capacity, add the water, place on a sand-bath, and gently heat; then add the iodine in such divided portions as the reaction will admit of, without raising the temperature so high as to drive off violet fumes of iodine. Finally, add all the iodine, and continue the heat until the reaction has ceased, and the liquid shows no blue color with starch mucilage. The weight of the flask must be previously determined, and at this point the weight of the contents should be 9234 grains; if not, sufficient water must be added to make it so. Now mix thoroughly together the gum, sugar, marshmallow, and iron by hydrogen, and strain upon them the contents of the flask; mix quickly, and knead thoroughly, until a pill mass is formed, then divide it into three-grain pills, each containing one grain of ferrous iodide (iodine, iron, and water of crystallization). The pills, after being hardened in a warm, dry atmosphere, covered with starch powder, may be coated with a solution of gum mastic in ether or tolu in alcohol, in the proportion of four drachms to the fluidounce. An *extemporaneous sugar-coating* may be effected to a reasonable degree of perfection in the following manner. Mix together thoroughly equal quantities of sugar, gum, and starch. Moisten the surface of the pills with an equal mixture of simple syrup and water, and then place them on the powder in a shallow dish, and give the same a centrifugal motion, so that they may be equally coated by the moisture of the syrup, which will agglutinate the particles of the powder. (*Drug. Circ.*, 1884, p. 4.)

PILULA IPECACUANHÆ CUM SCILLA. Br. Pill of Ipecacuanha with Squill.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ ĬP-Ę-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ CŬM SQĬL'LĄ.)

"Take of Compound Powder of Ipecacuanha *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Squill, in powder, Ammoniacum, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [av.]; Treacle *a sufficiency*. Mix the Powders and beat into a mass with the Treacle." *Br.*

This is a good combination of expectorants, well adapted to *chronic bronchitis* with either deficient or greatly excessive expectoration, and to the advanced stages of the acute disease offering similar indications. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

PILULÆ OPII. U. S. Pills of Opium.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Pilules d'Opium, *Fr.;* Opiumpillen, *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *six and one-half grammes* [or 100 grains]; Soap, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. Beat the powders together with Water, so as to form a mass, and divide it into *one hundred pills*." *U. S.*

This process is designed merely to furnish a convenient formula for putting opium into pilular form, preferable to the mode sometimes practised of making the pills directly from the unpowdered mass of opium as found in commerce. The soap answers no other purpose than to give a due consistence, and is therefore in small proportion. Opium pills are official in the British Pharmacopœia under the name of *Pilula Saponis Composita* (see page 1049). The object of giving them this title is probably to prevent the patient from learning from the prescription that the pills contain opium. As hard old opium pills are sometimes preferred, in cases of irritable stomach, in consequence of their slow solution, it is proper for the pharmacist to keep some in this state to meet the prescription of the physician. Of the pills above directed, each contains one grain (0·065 Gm.) of powdered opium, and one is a full dose if made of official powdered opium.

PILULÆ PHOSPHORI. U. S. (Br.) Pills of Phosphorus.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ PHŌS'PHŲ-RĪ.)

Pilula Phosphori, *Br.;* Phosphorus Pill.

"Phosphorus, *six centigrammes* [or 0·93 grains]; Althæa, in No. 60 powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Chloroform, Glycerin, Water, Balsam of Tolu, Ether, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills*. Dissolve the Phosphorus, in a test-tube, in *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims] of Chloroform, with the aid of a very gentle heat, replacing from time to time any of the Chloroform which may be lost by evaporation. Mix the Althæa and Acacia in a mortar, next add the solution of Phosphorus, then immediately afterwards a sufficient quantity (about *four cubic centimeters*) [or 65 minims] of a mixture of *two volumes* of Glycerin and *one volume* of Water, and quickly form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred pills*. Dissolve *ten grammes* [or 154 grains] of Balsam of Tolu in *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims] of Ether, shake the pills with a sufficient quantity of this solution until they are uniformly coated, and put them on a plate to dry, occasionally rolling them about until the drying is completed. Keep the pills in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

"Take of Phosphorus *three grains;* Balsam of Tolu *one hundred and twenty grains;* Yellow Wax *fifty-seven grains;* Curd Soap *ninety grains*. Put the Phosphorus and Balsam of Tolu into a mortar about half full of hot water, and when the Phosphorus has melted and the Balsam has become sufficiently soft, rub them together beneath the surface of the water until no particles of phosphorus are visible, the temperature of the water being maintained at or near to 140° F. (60° C.). Add now the Wax, and as it softens mix it thoroughly with the other ingredients. Allow the mass to cool without being exposed to the air, and keep it immersed in cold water in a bottle. When dispensed, every two grains of the product is to be incorporated with one grain of the soap; a few drops of Rectified Spirit being used, if necessary, to soften the whole." *Br.*

The increasing use of phosphorus in the free state made the introduction of phosphorus pills a necessity. The problem of preventing the oxidation of the phosphorus is believed to be solved by dissolving it in an excess of warm chloroform: this is accomplished in a stoppered test-tube, for it has been shown that no oxidation takes place in the presence of chloroform vapor. It is necessary to form the mass quickly, so that the chloroform may not all evaporate

and leave the phosphorus exposed to the action of the air. Chloroform is preferred to carbon disulphide, for, although the latter is a better solvent, it is difficult to rid the mass of the disgusting odor. (See *A. J. P.*, 1875, pp. 253, 254, 335, 501; 1876, p. 56; 1877, p. 135; 1878, p. 584; and *N. R.*, 1876, pp. 189, 332; 1877, p. 32; *Drug. Circ.*, 1883, p. 180; *P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 923.) Of the British mass, "three grains of the mass, including the Soap, will contain $\frac{1}{80}$ of a grain of Phosphorus (0·00216 Gm.)," *Br.*, and the dose is therefore from one to two grains (0·07–0·13 Gm.), equivalent to from $\frac{1}{90}$ to $\frac{1}{60}$ of a grain (0·0007–0·00108 Gm.) of phosphorus. Each official U. S. pill contains about $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain (0·0006 Gm.).

PILULA PLUMBI CUM OPIO. Br. Pill of Lead and Opium.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ PLŬM'BĪ CŬM Ō'PĮ-Ō.)

"Take of Acetate of Lead, in fine powder, *thirty-six grains;* Opium, in powder, *six grains;* Confection of Roses *six grains.* Beat them into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This pill would be better left to extemporaneous prescription,—the requisite proportion of opium to the acetate varying in different cases. The tannic acid of the confection of roses decomposes a portion of the acetate; but the resulting lead tannate is not entirely inert. The mass contains six parts of lead acetate in eight, and may be given in the dose of two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.) to begin with.

PILULÆ RHEI. U. S. Pills of Rhubarb.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ RHĒ'Ī.)

Pilules de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* Rhabarberpillen, *G.*

"Rhubarb, in No. 60 powder, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Soap, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Beat the powders together with Water, so as to form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

Rhubarb is so often given in the pilular form, that it is convenient both for the physician and for the apothecary to have an official formula indicating the mode of preparing the pills, as well as the quantity of rhubarb to be contained in each. Soap has stood the test of long experience as a good excipient for rhubarb. If made in quantity the pills should be kept in loosely-stopped bottles. We have found rhubarb pills made with compound tincture of cardamom, without other ingredient, to answer an excellent purpose. Each official pill contains three grains (0·20 Gm.) of rhubarb.

PILULÆ RHEI COMPOSITÆ. U. S. (Br.) Compound Pills of Rhubarb.

(PĬL'Ū-LÆ RHĒ'Ī CǪM-PŎŞ'Į-TÆ.)

Pilula Rhei Composita, *Br.;* Pilules de Rhubarbe composées, *Fr.;* Rhabarber und Aloepillen, *G.*

"Rhubarb, in No. 60 powder, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Purified Aloes, in fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Myrrh, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Oil of Peppermint, *one-half cubic centimeter* [or 8 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred pills.* Mix the Oil of Peppermint with the powders, then beat the mixture with Water so as to form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred pills.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in powder, *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Socotrine Aloes, in powder, *two ounces and a quarter* [av.]; Myrrh, in powder, Hard Soap, in powder, of each, *one ounce and a half* [av.]; Oil of Peppermint *one fluidrachm and a half;* Glycerine *one ounce* [av.]; Treacle, by weight, about *three ounces* [av.]. Mix the Powders with the Oil, then add the Glycerine and sufficient Treacle, and beat the whole into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This is a warm tonic laxative, useful in *costiveness* with debility of stomach. If made in quantity the pills should be kept in loosely-stopped bottles. The use of glycerin in the mass of the British Pharmacopœia is unnecessary, and favors the formation of mouldiness through the attraction of moisture. From two to four pills, or from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.) of the mass, may be taken twice a day.

PILULA SAPONIS COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Pill of Soap.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ SĄ-PŌ'NĬS CǪM-PŎŞ'Į-TĄ.)

"Take of Opium, in powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Hard Soap, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Glycerine *a sufficiency.* Mix the Opium and Soap, and beat into a mass with the Glycerine." *Br.*

This pill,* although no longer official in the U. S. P., is useful as affording the opportunity

* *Pilula Saponis Composita*, U. S. P. 1870. "Take of Opium, in fine powder, *sixty grains;* Soap, in fine powder, *half a troyounce.* Beat them together with water so as to form a pilular mass."

of conveniently administering opium, in a pilular and readily soluble form, in small fractions of a grain. The name was probably intended to conceal the nature of the preparation. One grain (0·065 Gm.) of opium is contained in about five grains (0·33 Gm.) of the mass.

PILULA SCAMMONII COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Scammony Pill.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ SCĄM-MŌ'NĮ-Ī CǪM-PǑŞ'Į-TĄ.)

Pilules de Scammonée composées, *Fr.;* Scammoniumpillen, *G.*

"Take of Resin of Scammony, Resin of Jalap, Curd Soap, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Strong Tincture of Ginger *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *two fluidounces.* Add the spirit and tincture to the soap and resins, and dissolve with the aid of a little heat; then evaporate the spirit by the heat of a water-bath until the mass has acquired a suitable consistence for forming pills." *Br.*

The use of rectified spirit here is unnecessary, as with careful manipulation a mass can be made without resorting to the evaporation and the loss which it entails. These pills are actively purgative in doses of from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.).

PILULA SCILLÆ COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Squill Pill.

(PĬL'Ū-LĄ SǪĬL'LÆ CǪM-PǑŞ'Į-TĄ.)

Pilules de Scille composées, *Fr.;* Meerzwiebelpillen, *G.*

"Take of Squill, in powder, *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Ginger, in powder, Ammoniacum, in powder, Hard Soap, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [av.]; Treacle, by weight, *two ounces* [av.], or *a sufficiency.* Mix the Powders, add the Treacle, and beat into a uniform mass." *Br.*

This preparation was dropped at the 1880 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia.*

This is a stimulating expectorant compound, depending for its virtues chiefly on the squill, and applicable to the treatment of *chronic bronchitis.* From five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.) may be given three or four times a day. The preparation should be freshly made when wanted, as the squill which it contains is liable to be injured by keeping.

PIMENTA. U. S., Br. Pimenta. [Allspice.]

(PĮ-MĔN'TĄ.)

"The nearly ripe fruit of Pimenta officinalis, Lindley (nat. ord. Myrtaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried unripe full-grown fruit of Pimenta officinalis, Lindl. (Eugenia Pimenta, D. C.)." *Br.*

Semen Amomi, Piper Jamaicense; Pimento, Allspice, Jamaica Pepper; Piment de la Jamaïque, Toute-épice, Piment, Poivre de la Jamaïque, *Fr.;* Englisches Gewürz, Neugewürz, Nelkenpfeffer, *G.;* Pimenti, *It.;* Pimienta de la Jamaica, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft, superior. *Petals* five. *Berry* two- to five-celled, many-seeded. *Willd.*

Pimenta officinalis. Lindl. *B. & T.* 111.—*Myrtus pimenta.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 973; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 541, t. 194.—*Eugenia pimenta.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* iii. 285.—*Pimenta acris.* Wight. *B. & T.* 110. This is a beautiful tree, about thirty feet high, with a straight trunk, much branched above, and covered with a very smooth gray bark. Its dense and ever-verdant foliage gives it at all times a refreshing appearance. The leaves, which are petiolate, vary in shape and size, but are usually about four inches long, elliptical, entire, blunt or obtusely pointed, veined, and of a deep shining green color. The flowers are small, without show, and disposed in panicles upon trichotomous stalks, which usually terminate the branches. The fruit is a spherical berry, crowned with the persistent calyx, and when ripe is smooth, shining, and of a black or dark purple color. The tree exhales an aromatic fragrance, especially during the summer months, when in flower.

It is a native of the West Indies, Mexico, and South America, and is abundant in Jamaica, whence its fruit received the name of *Jamaica pepper.*† At present commerce is supplied to a great extent from Jamaica: the total U. S. imports in 1881 were 1,774,344 pounds. The berries are gathered after having attained their full size, but while yet green, and are carefully dried in the sun. When sufficiently dry, they are put into bags and casks for exportation.

Properties. The berries, as they reach us, are of different sizes, usually about as large as

* "Take of Squill, in fine powder, *twelve grains;* Ginger, in fine powder, Ammoniac, in fine powder, each, *twenty-four grains;* Soap, in fine powder, *thirty-six grains;* Syrup *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the powders together; then beat them with Syrup so as to form a pilular mass, to be divided into twenty-four pills." *U. S.* 1870.

† *Pimienta de Tabasco, Tabago* or *Mexican Allspice,* is larger and somewhat less aromatic than the *Jamaica* or true allspice.

a small pea, round, wrinkled, crowned with the short, four-parted calyx or its remnants and a short style, brownish or brownish gray, and when broken present two cells, each containing a black hemispherical or reniform seed. They have a fragrant odor, thought to resemble that of a mixture of cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. Hence the name of *allspice*, by which they are best known in this country. Their taste is warm, aromatic, pungent, and slightly astringent. They impart their flavor to water, and all their virtues to alcohol. The infusion is of a brown color, and reddens litmus paper. They yield a volatile oil by distillation. (See *Oleum Pimentæ*.) Bonastre obtained from them a volatile oil, a green fixed oil, a fatty substance in yellowish flakes, tannin, gum, resin, uncrystallizable sugar, coloring matter, malic and gallic acids, saline matters, moisture, and lignin. The green oil has the burning aromatic taste of pimenta, and is supposed to be the acrid principle. Upon this, therefore, together with the volatile oil, the medical properties of the berries depend; and, as these two principles exist most largely in the shell or cortical portion, this part is most efficient. According to Bonastre, the shell contains 10 per cent. of the volatile and 8 of the fixed oil, the seeds only 5 per cent. of the former and 2·5 of the latter. Berzelius considers the green fixed oil of Bonastre as a mixture of volatile oil, resin, fixed oil, and perhaps a little chlorophyll. Dragendorff in 1871 announced the existence of an alkaloid in allspice. It is present in exceedingly small quantity, and has somewhat the odor of coniine. Mr. W. W. Abell obtained from 448 Gm. of pimenta leaves one-half of one per cent. of volatile oil resembling oil of bay; he also found tannic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 163.) A convention of hygienists at Vienna decided that ground allspice should not yield more than six per cent. of ash, of which not more than 0·5 per cent. should be soluble in hydrochloric acid.

Medical Properties and Uses. Pimenta is a warm aromatic, used in medicine chiefly as an adjuvant to tonics and purgatives. It is particularly useful in cases attended with much *flatulence*. It is, however, much more largely employed as a condiment than as a medicine. The dose is from ten to forty grains (0·65–2·6 Gm.). A tincture of pimenta has been recommended as a local application in *chilblains*.

PIPER. U. S. (Br.) Pepper. [Black Pepper.]

(PĪ'PĔR.)

"The unripe fruit of Piper nigrum, Linné (nat. ord. Piperaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried unripe fruit of Piper nigrum, Linn." *Br.*

Piper Nigrum, *Br.;* Poivre noir (commun), Poivre, *Fr.;* Schwarzer Pfeffer, *G.;* Gemeine Peper, *Dutch;* Pepe nero, *It.;* Pimienta negra, *Sp.;* Fiûl uswud, *Arab.;* Lada, *Malay;* Maricha, *Jav.;* Sahan, *Palembang.*

PIPER. See *Cubeba*.

Piper nigrum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 159; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.*, ii. 38, pl. 83; *B. & T.* 245. The pepper vine is a perennial plant, with a round, smooth, woody, articulated stem, swelling near the joints, branched, and from eight to twelve feet or more in length. The leaves are entire, broad-ovate, acuminate, seven-nerved, coriaceous, very smooth, of a dark-green color, and attached by strong sheath-like footstalks to the joints of the branches. The flowers are small, whitish, sessile, covering thickly a cylindrical spadix, and succeeded by globular berries, which are red when ripe.

The plant grows wild in Cochin-China and various parts of India. It is cultivated on the coast of Malabar, in the peninsula of Malacca, in Siam, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, the Philippines, and many other places in the East; also to some extent in the West Indies. The cultivation of black pepper is said to be on the decline in Siam, but to be rapidly increasing in Borneo, one thousand tons having been exported from Sarawak in 1889. The best pepper is affirmed to be produced in Malabar; but Europe and America derive their chief supplies from Sumatra and Java. The plant is propagated by cuttings, and is supported by props, or trees planted for the purpose, upon which it is trained. In three or four years from the period of planting, it begins to bear fruit. The plant sometimes begins to bear as early as the first year after planting, increases in its yield to the fifth or sixth year, when it produces eight or ten pounds, and begins to lose its productiveness about the fifteenth year. The berries are gathered so soon as one is seen to turn red,—*i.e.*, before they are all perfectly ripe,—and, upon being dried, become black and wrinkled. The greatest production is in Sumatra, and the ports of export are principally Singapore and Penang, the Malabar pepper coming from Tellicherry. Our imports are principally through England, and not direct, and it seems that in England, at least, it is customary to mix peppers of different origin in grinding, taking Malabar for weight, Penang for strength, and Sumatra for color. (*Bulletin U. S. Dept. of Agric.*, No. 13, 1887.)

The importations of unground peppers for the year 1891 were 13,564,583 lbs., valued at $1,338,637, and for 1892, 14,799,322 lbs., valued at $1,069,268.

White pepper is the ripe berry, deprived of its skin by maceration in water and subsequent friction, and afterwards dried in the sun. It has less of the peculiar virtues of the spice than the black pepper, and is seldom employed.

Piper longum, which was at one time official, differs from its congeners in having its lower leaves cordate, petiolate, seven-nerved, its upper oblong-cordate, sessile, and five-nerved; its flowers in dense, short, terminal, and nearly cylindrical spikes; and its fruit, consisting of very small one-seeded berries or grains, embedded in a pulpy matter. It is a native of Southeastern Asia, and is produced abundantly in Bengal and other parts of Hindostan. The fruit is green when immature, and becomes red as it ripens. It is gathered in the former state, as it is then hotter than when perfectly ripe. The whole spike is taken from the plant, and dried in the sun. *Long pepper*, as the fruit is called, is cylindrical, an inch or more in length, indented on its surface, of a dark-gray color, a weak aromatic odor, and a pungent fiery taste. M. Dulong found its chemical composition to be closely analogous to that of black pepper. Like that, it contains *piperin*, a concrete oil or soft resin upon which its burning acrimony depends, and a volatile oil to which it probably owes its odor. Its medical virtues are essentially the same as those of black pepper; but it is inferior to that spice, and is seldom used. *West African* or *Ashantee Pepper* is the berry of *P. clusii*, which grows abundantly in tropical Africa. It does not come into Western commerce, although much used in Africa. The berry is described as resembling cubebs, but less rugose, and with a more slender pedicel, and having the odor and taste of black pepper. Stenhouse found piperin in this variety of pepper.

Properties. The dried berries are about as large as a small pea, externally blackish, reticulated, and wrinkled, internally whitish, hollow, and with an undeveloped embryo, of an aromatic smell, and a hot, pungent, almost fiery taste.* They yield their virtues partially to water, entirely to alcohol and ether. Pelletier found them to contain a peculiar principle called *piperin*, an acrid concrete oil or soft resin of a green color, a balsamic volatile oil, isomeric with oil of turpentine, a colored gummy substance, an extractive matter like that found in leguminous plants capable of being precipitated by infusion of galls, starch, a portion of bassorin, tartaric and malic acids, lignin, and various salts. (See *Piperinum.*) William Johnston (König's *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 3d ed., vol. i., p. 1046) finds that *piperidine*, $C_5H_{11}N$, is an invariable constituent of pepper in amounts varying from 0·21 to 0·77 per cent. (See page 1053.)

The taste and medicinal activity of pepper depend mainly on the concrete oil or resin, and on the volatile oil. The concrete oil is of a deep-green color, very acrid, and soluble in alcohol and ether. The volatile oil is limpid, colorless, becoming yellow by age, of a strong odor, and of a taste less acrid than that of pepper itself. Its formula is $C_{10}H_{16}$, and it forms a liquid but not a solid compound with hydrochloric acid.

The following are analyses of commercial peppers made by Blyth (*Foods: their Composition and Analysis*, 1882, p. 496):

	Hygroscopic Moisture.	Piperin in Pepper dried at 100° C.	Resin in Pepper dried at 100° C.	Aqueous Extract in Pepper dried at 100° C.	Ash in Pepper dried at 100° C.	
					Soluble in Water.	Total.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Penang	9·53	5·57	2·08	18·33	2·21	4·18
Tellicherry	12·90	4·67	1·70	16·50	3·38	5·77
Sumatra	10·10	4·70	1·74	17·59	2·62	4·31
Malabar	10·54	4·63	1·74	20·37	3·45	5·19
Trang	11·66	4·60	1·70	18·17	2·53	4·77
White pepper (commercial)	10·30	5·60	2·05	. . .	0·56	1·12
Long pepper	. . .	1·80	0·80	16·82	4·47	8·30

* The powder of pepper is frequently adulterated with various substances, which can be detected by the microscope. (See *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1860; also *Bulletin U. S. Dept. of Agric.*, No. 13, Part II., pp. 183–209, 1887.) The characteristic starch granule is stated to be compound, preserving the form of the cell containing it. (Bouchardat, *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1874.) *Poivrette* or *pepperette* is a pale yellow, buff, or cream-colored powder, which is said to be largely sold for the purpose of adulterating powdered pepper. According to the researches of Prof. J. C. Brown, it is probably ground olive stones. (See *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 146.) The ash of a pepper, ground or unground, should never amount to more than 6 per cent.

Medical Properties and Uses. Black pepper is a warm carminative stimulant, capable of producing general arterial excitement, but acting with greater proportional energy on the part to which it is applied. From the time of Hippocrates it has been employed as a condiment in medicine. Its chief medicinal application is to excite the languid stomach and correct *flatulence*. It was long since occasionally administered for the cure of *intermittents;* but its employment for this purpose had passed from the profession to the vulgar, till a few years since revived by an Italian physician, to be again consigned to forgetfulness. Piperin has also been employed in the same complaint, and has even been thought superior to quinine sulphate; but experience has not confirmed this favorable opinion. That, in its impure state, when mixed with a portion of the acrid principle, it will occasionally cure intermittents, there can be no doubt; but it is not comparable to the preparations of bark, and is certainly less active than the official oleoresin of pepper. In intermittent fever, pepper may be found a useful adjuvant to the more powerful febrifuge. The dose of pepper is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.). It may be given whole or in powder, but is more energetic in the latter state. Dose of piperin, from one to six grains (0·065–0·4 Gm.).

PIPERINUM. U. S. Piperin.

$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$; 284·38. (PĪ-PĘ-RĪ'NŬM.) $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$; 285.

"A neutral principle obtained from pepper, and obtainable also from other plants of the natural order Piperaceæ." *U. S.*

It will be observed that the official title of this principle has been changed in the U. S. P. 1890 to "Piperinum," thus taking it out of the class of alkaloids and placing it among the neutral principles. It has never been claimed by chemists that piperin had all the properties of the alkaloids as a class; it was described as a "principle of feebly alkaloidal power" in the U. S. P. 1880, and this should have been retained at least until it had been proved beyond question that this description was incorrect.

Piperin was discovered by Professor Œrsted, of Copenhagen, who considered it to be the active principle of pepper. Pelletier, however, denied its medical activity, and ascribed all the effects supposed to have been obtained from it to a portion of the acrid concrete oil with which it is mixed when not very carefully prepared. It is obtained by treating pepper with alcohol, evaporating the tincture to the consistence of an extract, submitting the extract to the action of an alkaline solution by which the oleaginous matter is converted into soap, washing the undissolved portion with cold water, separating the liquid by filtration, treating the matter left on the filter with alcohol, and allowing the solution thus obtained to evaporate spontaneously, or by a gentle heat. Crystals of piperin are deposited, and may be purified by alternate solution in alcohol or ether, and crystallization. R. Buchheim believes that black pepper contains two substances of analogous constitution, piperin and *chavicin:* he obtained these two principles by washing the alcoholic extract of black pepper with water and treating it with ether. The residue was treated with a little potassa to remove an acid resin, dissolved in alcohol, decolorized with animal charcoal, and repeatedly crystallized from petroleum benzin. The piperin thus obtained was in nearly colorless quadrangular prisms, which in alcoholic solution had a peppery taste. The ethereal solution was agitated with a little potassa solution to remove chlorophyll, fatty acids, and resin, the ether distilled off, and the residue dissolved in alcohol, treated with animal charcoal, and evaporated. By repeatedly dissolving it in a little ether, the piperin was nearly entirely removed, and a little petroleum benzin separated the last portions of fat. The chavicin remaining behind was a yellowish-brown mass of the consistence of turpentine and an extremely acrid pepper taste. Its alcoholic solution, boiled with potassa, yielded an alkaline distillate, which proved to be piperidine, while the residue in the retort, after dissolving in water and acidulating with hydrochloric acid, yielded *chavicic acid* as an amorphous resinous mass. Piperin may be regarded as a *piperidine*, $C_5H_{11}N$, in which one H is replaced by the radical of *piperic acid*, thus: $C_5H_{10}N.C_{12}H_9O_3$; and chavicin may in like manner be viewed as a piperidine in which one H is replaced by chavicic acid. Neither chavicin nor piperin yields salts with acids. (*Buchner's Neues Rep.; A. J. P.*, Oct. 1876.) Rügheimer (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1882, p. 397) has regenerated piperin by the union of piperidine and the chloride of the radical of piperic acid, thus making piperin artificially. The properties of this artificial principle are identical with those of the natural piperin.*

* *Heliotropin.* (*Piperonal.*) This interesting substance, although used almost exclusively in perfumery, has been recommended by Fraggani (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, xxviii. p. 253) as an antiseptic and antipyretic. It may be obtained by the oxidation of piperic acid, as follows. Piperin is converted into potassium piperate by boiling it for

Piperidine is a powerful volatile alkaloid, soluble in all proportions in water and alcohol, and forming crystalline salts with acids. It is one of the decomposition products of piperin, and is of great chemical interest as being a simple derivative of pyridine, C_5H_5N, which seems to underlie the molecular structure of so many alkaloids. Piperidine is *hexahydropyridine*, $C_5H_{11}N$, and can be easily obtained from pyridine by the action of tin and hydrochloric acid, or when sodium acts upon the alcoholic solution. Conversely, piperidine can be changed into pyridine when sulphuric acid at 300° C. or gentle oxidizing agents act upon it. Coniine, it will be remembered (see *Conium*), has been shown synthetically to be a normal propylpiperidine.

Properties. When perfectly pure, piperin is in colorless transparent crystals, without taste, with no perceptible action on litmus paper, and fusible at 128° to 129·5° C. (262·4° to 265° F.) (Rügheimer, *A. J. P.*, Aug. 1882, p. 397), capable of being sublimed under favorable circumstances in perfect crystals (Waddington, *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1868, p. 415), insoluble in cold water, slightly soluble in boiling water which deposits it upon cooling, soluble in alcohol, ether, and acetic acid, and still more readily in chloroform, benzol, and petroleum spirit, decomposed by the concentrated mineral acids, with sulphuric becoming of a blood-red color, with nitric first of a greenish yellow, then orange, and ultimately red. As ordinarily procured, the crystals are yellow. Piperin is generally believed to be a weak alkaloid of the formula $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$. When boiled with strong potash or heated with soda-lime it is converted into *piperic acid*, $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$, and *piperidine*, $C_5H_{11}N$.

It is officially described as "colorless, or pale yellowish, shining, prismatic crystals, odorless, and almost tasteless when first put in the mouth, but on prolonged contact producing a sharp and biting sensation. Permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water; soluble in 30 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1 part of boiling alcohol; very soluble in hot acetic acid; only slightly soluble in ether. When heated to 130° C. (266° F.), Piperin melts; upon ignition it emits alkaline vapors, and is consumed, leaving no residue. The alcoholic solution of Piperin is neutral to litmus paper. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves Piperin with a dark blood-red color, which disappears on dilution with water. When treated with nitric acid, Piperin turns rapidly first orange and then red, and the acid acquires a yellow color, deepening to reddish as the crystals dissolve. On adding to this solution an excess of potassium hydrate test-solution, the color is at first yellow, but upon boiling it becomes blood-red." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. (See *Piper*, p. 1053.)

PIX BURGUNDICA. U. S., Br. Burgundy Pitch.

(PĪX BŪR-GŬN'DĮ-CĄ.)

"The prepared resinous exudation of Abies excelsa, Poiret (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "The resinous exudation obtained from the stem of Pinus Picea, Du Roi (Pinus Abies, Linn.; Abies excelsa, D. C.); melted and strained." *Br.*

Poix de Bourgogne, Poix jaune, Poix blanche, *Fr.*; Burgundisches Pech, Burgunder Harz, Wasserharz, *G.*

The genus Pinus of Linnæus has been divided into three genera,—viz., *Pinus*, *Abies*, and *Larix;* the first including the pines, the second the firs and spruces, and the third the larches; and the division is recognized in this work.

Gen. Ch. MALE FLOWERS. *Catkins* solitary, not racemose; *Scales* staminiferous at the apex. *Stamens* two, with one-celled anthers. FEMALES. *Catkins* simple. *Ovaries* two. *Stigmas* glandular. *Cone* with imbricated scales, which are thin at the apex, and rounded. *Cotyledons* digitate-partite. *Leaves* solitary in each sheath. *De Cand.*

Abies excelsa. De Candolle.—*A. communis.* Loudon's *Encyc. of Plants.* — *Pinus abies.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 506; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 4, t. 2.—*Pinus picea.* Du Roi. *B. & T.* 261. The *Norway spruce* is a lofty tree, rising sometimes one hundred and fifty feet in height, with a trunk from three to five feet in diameter. The leaves, standing thickly upon the branches, are short, obscurely four-cornered, often curved, of a dusky green color, and shining on the upper surface. The male aments are purple and axillary, the female of the same color, but

twenty-four hours with an equal part of potassa and 5 parts of ordinary alcohol. This is then dissolved in 40 to 50 parts of hot water, and the hot solution slowly mixed, under constant stirring, with a solution of 2 parts (that is, twice the weight of the sodium piperate) of potassium permanganate. The resulting magma is put on a strainer and repeatedly washed with hot water, until it no longer has the characteristic odor of heliotropin. The united liquids are now distilled, and from the first portions of the distillate which are caught separately, the larger portion of the heliotropin or rather piperonal ($C_8H_6O_3$) separates, on cooling, in crystals: the remainder may be obtained by shaking the distillate with ether. (*Chem. Zeitung*, 1884.) This piperonal is the aldehyde of piperonylic acid, $C_6H_3(COOH)\overset{O}{\underset{O}{>}}CH_2$, which, as the formula indicates, is the methylene ester of protocatechuic acid, $C_6H_3COOH(OH)_2$.

usually terminal. The fruit is in pendent, purple, nearly cylindrical strobiles, the scales of which are oval, pointed, and ragged at the edges.

This tree is a native of Europe and Northern Asia. Though designated as the source of Burgundy pitch, it furnishes but a part of the substance sold under that name. Tingley asserts that the real Burgundy pitch is obtained from the *Abies picea*, or European silver fir tree. According to Geiger, who is probably correct, it is procured from both species. To obtain the *pitch*, portions of the bark are removed so as to lay bare the wood, or perpendicular grooved channels are cut, and the flakes of concrete resinous matter which form upon the surface of the wound, having been detached by iron instruments, are melted with water in large boilers, and then strained through coarse cloths. It is called Burgundy pitch from the province of that name in the east of France, although whether it was ever produced in that province is uncertain. It is chiefly collected in Finland, the Schwarzwald, Austria, and the Bernese Alps.

From various species of pine, in different parts of Europe, a similar product is obtained and sold by the same name. It is prepared by removing the juice which concretes upon the bark of the tree, or upon the surface of incisions, called *galipot* by the French, and purifying it by melting, and straining either through cloth or a layer of straw. A *factitious Burgundy pitch* is made by melting together common pitch, rosin, and turpentine, and agitating the mixture with water, which gives it the requisite yellowish color. Its odor is different from that of the genuine. Mr. Hanbury gives as a test of true Burgundy pitch that it is almost entirely soluble in twice its weight of glacial acetic acid, while the factitious article similarly treated forms a turbid mixture, quickly separating into a thick oily liquid above, and a bright solution below.*

As brought to this country, Burgundy pitch is generally mixed with impurities, which require that it should be melted and strained before being used. In its pure state it is "hard, yet gradually taking the form of the vessel in which it is kept; brittle, with a shining, conchoidal fracture, opaque or translucent, reddish-brown or yellowish-brown, odor agreeably terebinthinate; taste aromatic, sweetish, not bitter. It is almost entirely soluble in glacial acetic acid, or in boiling alcohol, and partly soluble in cold alcohol." *U. S.* It is very fusible, and at the heat of the body softens and becomes adhesive. It differs from turpentine in containing a smaller proportion of volatile oil. Instead of the sylvic acid of colophony resin, it contains an isomeric acid, which has been called *pimaric acid*, melting at 148°–149° C., difficultly soluble in cold but readily soluble in boiling alcohol, and also soluble in ether. According to Perrenoud, its formula is $C_{40}H_{54}O_4$, but Vesterberg (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1885, p. 3331) showed it to be a mixture, and has since (*Ibid.*, 1886, p. 2167, and 1887, p. 3248) prepared from it two isomeric acids, a *dextropimaric acid*, and a *lævopimaric acid*, both of the formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_2$.

Medical Properties and Uses. Applied to the skin, in the shape of a plaster, Burgundy pitch acts as a gentle rubefacient, producing a slight inflammation without separating the cuticle. Sometimes it excites a papillary or vesicular eruption; and we have known it to act as a violent irritant, giving rise to severe pain, swelling, and redness, followed by vesication and even ulceration. It is used chiefly in chronic *rheumatic pains*, and in chronic affections of the chest or abdomen, which call for a gentle but long-continued revulsion to the skin.

PIX LIQUIDA. U. S., Br. Tar.

(PĬX LĬQ'UĮ-DĄ—lĭk'wę-dą.)

"An empyreumatic oleoresin obtained by the destructive distillation of the wood of Pinus palustris, Miller, and of other species of Pinus (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "A bituminous liquid, obtained from the wood of Pinus sylvestris (Linn.) and other species of Pinus, by destructive distillation." *Br.*

Resina Empyreumatica Liquida; Goudron végétal, Goudron, *Fr.;* Theer, *G.;* Pece liquida, *It.;* Alquitran, *Sp.*

The tar used in this country is prepared from the wood of various species of pine, particularly *Pinus palustris* of the Southern States. (See *Terebinthina.*) The dead wood is usually selected, because, when vegetation ceases, the resinous matter becomes concreted in the interior layers. The wood is cut into billets of a convenient size, which are placed together so as to form a large stack or pile and then covered with earth as in the process for making charcoal. The stack is built upon a small circular mound of earth previously prepared, the summit of which gradually declines from the circumference to the centre, where a cavity is formed, communi-

* The resinous exudation from *Pinus sylvestris* is sometimes offered as Burgundy pitch, but Herr Hirschson (*Pharm. Zeit. f. Russl.*, xxiv.) states that it is possible to distinguish the resin of *Pinus picea* by its being only partially soluble in ether, chloroform, and solutions of salts of ammonium, sodium carbonate, and borax, which dissolve completely the resin of *Pinus sylvestris*. The resin of *Pinus picea* is also precipitated by the addition of water from its sulphuric acid solution in red violet flakes, whilst *Pinus sylvestris* resin precipitates white.

cating by a conduit with a shallow ditch surrounding the mound. Fire is applied through an opening in the top of the pile, and a slow combustion is maintained, so that the resinous matter may be melted by the heat. This runs into the cavity in the centre of the mound, and passes thence by the conduit into the ditch, whence it is transferred into barrels. Immense quantities of tar are thus prepared in North Carolina and the southeastern parts of Virginia, sufficient, after supplying our own consumption, to afford a large surplus for exportation.* Considerable quantities of tar have been prepared also in the lower parts of New Jersey, in some portions of New England, and in Pennsylvania west of the Alleghany Mountains, from the *Pinus rigida*, or pitch pine, and perhaps from some other species.

Properties. Tar has an acid reaction, a peculiar empyreumatic odor, a bitterish, resinous, somewhat acrid taste, a color almost black, and a tenacious consistence intermediate between that of a liquid and that of a solid. By age it becomes granular and opaque. It consists of resinous matter, united with acetic acid, oil of turpentine, and various volatile empyreumatic products, and colored with charcoal. By distillation it yields an acid liquor called *pyroligneous acid* (see *Acidum Aceticum*), and an empyreumatic oil called *oil of tar;* what is left behind is *pitch*. The empyreumatic oil was first examined by Dr. Reichenbach, of Moravia, who found a variety of substances, to which he gave the names of *paraffin*, *eupion*, *creosote*, *picamar*, *capnomor*, and *pittacal*. It has been found by more careful study of wood-tar that it contains a great variety of compounds, including the hydrocarbons *toluene*, C_7H_8, *xylene*, C_8H_{10}, *mesitylene* and *pseudocumene*, C_9H_{12}; phenols like common *phenol*, C_6H_6O, *cresol*, C_7H_8O, *guaiacol*, $C_7H_8O_2$, *creosol*, $C_8H_{10}O_2$, *phlorol*, $C_8H_{10}O$, and *methylcreosol*, $C_9H_{12}O_2$, the last four constituting the mixture known as creosote; and, lastly, *paraffin* in variable quantity, depending upon the temperature of distillation, *naphtalene*, $C_{10}H_8$, *pyrene*, $C_{16}H_{10}$, *chrysene*, $C_{18}H_{12}$, and *retene*, $C_{18}H_{18}$. *Pyrocatechin*, $C_6H_4(OH)_2$, is also obtained, either in the pyroligneous acid, as it is soluble in water, or in the tarry mixture. It crystallizes readily, fuses at 104° C. (219·2° F.), and sublimes at a temperature slightly above this. Tar yields a small proportion of its constituents to water, which is thus rendered medicinal, and is employed under the name of *tar water*. Tar water is of "a pale yellowish-brown color and an acid reaction, yields with ferric chloride test-solution a transient green color, and is colored brownish-red by an equal volume of calcium hydrate test-solution." Tar is dissolved by alcohol, ether, chloroform, and the volatile and fixed oils, and by a solution of potassa or soda. On spreading tar in a thin layer on a pane of glass it should present a homogeneous appearance. Those specimens which contain granular transparent masses should be rejected. These masses, which polarize brilliantly, are said to be *pyrocatechin*. Tar should have a specific gravity of 1·03 to 1·07; it should boil at from 25° to 40° C. Its reaction should be acid. "*Steam refined tar*" is tar which has been simply heated in steam caldrons and strained to remove foreign impurities.

The pitch left after the evaporation of tar was formerly official with the British Colleges, under the names of *Pix nigra*, *Pix arida*, or simply *Pix*, but has been omitted in the present British Pharmacopœia. It has a shining fracture, softens and becomes adhesive with a moderate heat, melts in boiling water, and consists of the resin of the pine unaltered, and of various empyreumatic resinous products which have received the name of *pyretin*. (Berzelius, *Traité de Chimie*, vi. 641, 680.) It appears to be very gently stimulant or tonic, and has been used internally in *ichthyosis* and other cutaneous diseases, and recently with great advantage in *piles*. The dose is from ten grains to a drachm (0·65–3·9 Gm.), given in pill. Pitch is also used externally in the form of ointment.

Medical Properties and Uses. The medical properties of tar are similar to those of the turpentines, but it is much less irritant. It is occasionally used with advantage in *chronic catarrhal affections*, and in *complaints of the urinary passages*. Little benefit can be expected from it in genuine *phthisis*, in the treatment of which it was formerly recommended. In reference to the administration of tar, it has always been considered desirable to have it in a soluble state, so that it might be brought with facility into a liquid form if required. Besides, tar in the stomach will probably be found efficacious in proportion to its solubility. This desired end was attained when it was discovered that tar was capable of forming a definite, solid compound with sugar which was very soluble in water. Saccharated tar contains 4 per cent. of pure tar, resembles sugar in appearance, having a sweet taste and the odor of tar, and may

* According to R. J. Dunwoody (*A. J. P.*, 1889), tar is also prepared on a small scale by wedging vertically into an iron pot the pieces of split wood, inverting over the projecting ends another iron pot, and setting fire to the wood; or by simply placing the billets of wood on the top of an inclined plane of sheet iron, setting the wood on fire, and catching the tar which runs down.

be given in substance or solution as deemed desirable. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1871.) (See *Syrupus Picis Liquidæ.*)* But glycerin is a more convenient vehicle; and Glycerite of Tar was an official preparation in 1870. Its vapor, inhaled into the lungs, may be serviceable in *chronic bronchitis* and *phthisis*. Its effects are most conveniently obtained by placing tar or the oil of tar in a tin dish containing hot water, and heating this; the fumes may be inhaled by inverting a funnel over the dish, to which a rubber tube is attached. Externally applied it is a decided stimulant, and in the state of ointment is a very efficient remedy in *tinea capitis* or *scaldhead*, and in some cases of *psoriasis*, in *chronic eczema*, and other *affections of the skin*.† Some prefer a mixture with glycerin in the form of the formerly official Glycerite of Tar.

It may be used in the form of tar water (see *Infusum Picis Liquidæ*), or in substance made into pills with wheat flour, or mixed with sugar in the form of an electuary. The dose is from half a drachm to a drachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), and may be repeated so as to amount to three or four drachms (11·25–15 C.c.) daily.

Pulverulent tar is prepared by M. Magnes-Lahens, by mixing, in an earthen-ware vessel, two parts of finely divided charcoal and one part of liquid tar. The resulting mixture resembles small grains of gunpowder, does not soil the vessel or the fingers, and yields readily to water the tar which it contains,—the most favorable temperature for solution being about 20° C. (68° F.). M. Magnes-Lahens recommends a syrup prepared from the powder as follows. Take of pulverulent tar 50 Gm., water 180 Gm., granulated sugar 320 Gm. Mix the tar and sugar in a mortar, then add the water, and heat the mixture by a water-bath at 60° C. (140° F.). Then remove from the bath, shake until the sugar is all dissolved, and strain when hot, and afterwards again when cold. A tablespoonful of the syrup, added to a tumbler of water, yields a tar water resembling that of the French Codex. The pulverulent tar may also be used for pills, and for fumigation by throwing a few grains on a heated shovel. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1872, p. 850.)

PLUMBUM. Lead.

Pb; 206·4. (PLŬM′BŬM.) Pb; 206·5.

Plomb, *Fr.;* Blei, *G.;* Lood, *Dutch;* Piombo, *It.;* Plomo, *Sp.;* Chumbo, *Port.*

Lead is not official in its metallic state, but enters into a number of important medicinal preparations. It occurs in nature as an oxide, as a sulphide called *galena*, and in saline combination, forming the native lead sulphate, phosphate, carbonate, chromate, molybdate, tungstate, and arsenate. The oxide is rare, but galena is exceedingly abundant, and is the ore from which nearly all the lead of commerce is extracted. The extraction is effected either by melting the ore in contact with charcoal, or, in the case of pure galenas, by what is termed the *air reduction* process. In this case the galena is first roasted, when it is in part changed into oxide, PbO, and sulphate, $PbSO_4$. The doors of the furnace are then closed, and the unchanged sulphide reacts with both the oxide and the sulphate as follows:

$$2PbO + PbS = 3Pb + SO_2,\ PbSO_4 + PbS = 2Pb + 2SO_2,$$

whereby all the lead is obtained in the metallic state. The richest and most extensive mines of galena are found in this country. The non-argentiferous lead region of the United States extends in length from Wisconsin in the north to the Red River of Arkansas in the south, and in breadth about one hundred and fifty miles, being chiefly in the State of Missouri, while Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Colorado furnish the argentiferous galena. The production of lead in the United States for the year 1890 was 162,000 short tons, of which 143,876 tons were from domestic ores; in 1891, 252,000 tons, of which 178,138 tons were from domestic ores; in 1892, 218,500 tons, of which 178,892 tons were from domestic ores, and the remainder from foreign ores. Five-sixths of that from domestic ores was desilverized lead, and the remainder was non-argentiferous lead.

Properties. Lead is a soft, bluish gray, and very malleable metal, presenting a bright

* *Wine of Tar*, J. B. Moore. Pure Tar, ℥xvi, troy; Glycerin, Sherry Wine, Honey, āā f℥viii; Acetic Acid, f℥i; Boiling Water, Ovi. Mix the glycerin, sherry wine, honey, acetic acid, and boiling water together, in a stone jug or other suitable vessel of the capacity of a gallon. To the mixture add the tar, and shake the whole vigorously for several minutes. The vessel is then to be tightly stopped and placed upon a stove or in a water-bath, resting upon folds of paper, and the mixture digested, for an hour or two, at a temperature of from 150° to 160° F. During the digestion the mixture should be frequently well shaken. When the digestion is completed, the mixture is to be set aside to macerate, in a warm place, for a few days, it being well shaken occasionally during the process. Lastly, strain through muslin, and filter the strained liquid through paper.

† *Liquor Picis Alkalinus.* Dr. L. D. Bulkley, of New York, gives the following formula for this preparation, which was originally devised by his father. Tar, ℥ij; Caustic Potash, ℥j; Water, f℥v. Mix and dissolve for external use. This mixes with water in all proportions, and only moderately discolors the skin. It dries rapidly and leaves very little stickiness. (*Medical News and Library*, June, 1873.)

surface when newly melted or cut. It has a perceptible taste, and a peculiar smell when rubbed. It undergoes but little change in the air, but is acted on by the combined influence of air and rain water, which gives rise to a hydrate, which is afterwards changed, in part, into carbonate, by absorbing carbonic acid from the atmosphere; and if in water, the carbonate is imparted to it in the state of bicarbonate, which dissolves and renders the liquid poisonous. This chemical effect on the metal is greater in proportion as the water is purer. (See page 194.) Aqueous vapor passed through leaden pipes has a similar corroding effect, which is greater as the lead is purer. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1863, p. 507.) Spring and river water act on lead differently, the lead becoming slowly oxidized, and covering itself with a black coating of suboxide, which adheres strongly to the metal, and thus in some measure protects the water. (Langlois, *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 29.) M. Stalmann has satisfied himself, by experiment, that an extremely minute quantity of ammonia or of nitric acid will very much promote the action of water upon lead,—a millionth of ammonia being sufficient for the purpose. (*Ibid.*, iv. 467.) Metallic lead seems to be liable to the attacks of certain insects, which bore into and sometimes through it, not using it as food, but apparently in search of secure places of retreat for future development. A knowledge of this fact may sometimes be important. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1865, p. 72.) Its sp. gr. is 11·4, melting point 334° C. (633·2° F.), and atomic weight 206·4. Exposed to a stream of oxygen on ignited charcoal, it burns with a blue flame, throwing off dense yellow fumes. The best solvent of lead is nitric acid; but the presence of sulphuric acid destroys, and that of hydrochloric acid lessens, its solvent power, on account of the insolubility of the lead sulphate and chloride. Lead forms a suboxide, Pb_2O, a monoxide, PbO, a sesquioxide, Pb_2O_3, a dioxide, PbO_2, and a compound of the monoxide and the dioxide, which has a varying composition, but is usually Pb_3O_4. The *monoxide*, called in commerce *massicot*, or *litharge*, may be obtained by calcining, in a platinum crucible, lead subnitrate, formed by precipitating a solution of the nitrate by ammonium. On a large scale it is manufactured by exposing melted lead to the action of the air. Its surface becomes encrusted with a gray pellicle, which, being scraped off, is quickly succeeded by another; and the whole of the metal, being in this way successively presented to the air, becomes converted into a greenish-gray powder, consisting of monoxide and metallic lead. This, on exposure to a moderate heat, absorbs more oxygen, and is converted wholly into monoxide. This oxide has a yellow color, and is the only lead oxide capable of forming salts with the acids. It consists of one atom of lead and one of oxygen. *Litharge* is very much used in pharmacy, and is official in all the Pharmacopœias. (See *Plumbi Oxidum.*) The *sesquioxide*, discovered by Winckelblech, is unimportant. The *dioxide*, called also *puce* oxide, from its *flea*-brown color, may be obtained by treating red lead with nitric acid. The acid takes up the monoxide and leaves the dioxide, which may be purified by washing with boiling water. A more productive process is to precipitate four parts of lead acetate by three of sodium carbonate, and then to pass into the thin pasty mass of lead carbonate a stream of chlorine, which converts the monoxide of the carbonate into the brown dioxide. (*F. Wöhler.*) Solution of chlorinated soda may be conveniently employed to furnish the necessary chlorine. (F. F. Mayer, *A. J. P.*, 1856, p. 410.) Lead dioxide is a tasteless powder, of a dark-brown color. When heated to redness it loses half its oxygen and becomes monoxide. It consists of one atom of lead and two atoms of oxygen. The *red oxide*, Pb_3O_4, called in commerce *minium*, or *red lead*, is described under another head. (See *Plumbi Oxidum Rubrum.*) Lead combines with iodine, forming the official lead iodide. The acetate, carbonate, and nitrate are also official.

The best tests of lead are hydrogen sulphide and a solution of potassium iodide. The former produces a black precipitate of lead sulphide, the latter a yellow one of lead iodide.

Medical Properties and Uses. In concentrated form and sufficient amount the soluble preparations of lead are violent irritant poisons, producing burning in the œsophagus and stomach, soon involving the whole abdominal cavity, followed by vomiting and sometimes by purging, or more rarely by constipation. The insoluble preparations of lead are incapable of acting as acute irritant poisons, but are the common causes of subacute and chronic lead poisoning. The subacute form of the poisoning, the so-called *colica pictonum*, is very common among painters, makers of white lead, and other artisans who work in the metal. It is, however, also frequently seen in other persons, into whom the lead finds entrance in almost innumerable ways, especially with drinking-water and food. Colica pictonum usually begins with dyspeptic symptoms and obstinate constipation, associated with violent pain of a twisting character, which seems to centre round the umbilicus; the abdominal walls are spasmodically retracted, and there is even early malaise, lassitude, depression of spirits, and a failure of the general health.

The stools are whitish and scanty. A characteristic symptom is a blue line situated upon the margin of the gums where they join the teeth, due to the deposit of the lead sulphide. This blue line is usually present in all forms of subacute and chronic lead-poisoning, and is pathognomonic. It may, however, be absent even in the most severe cases.

The symptoms of chronic lead-poisoning may conform to the regular type or may be most bizarre. They are frequently, but not always, preceded by colica pictonum. The most characteristic phenomenon is the double wrist-drop, which is due to a paralysis of the extensors of the forearm, and is associated with wasting and degenerative changes in the diseased muscles. If these symptoms progress, failure of strength and anæmia gradually develop, the extensors of the leg become affected, irregular, localized, or wide-spread tracts of anæsthesia appear, and neuralgic pains occur in various parts of the body; little by little the whole muscular system becomes involved, emaciation progresses, anæmia becomes extreme, and death in a condition of cachexia ensues. Albuminuria is not a rare symptom of chronic lead poisoning; it may be due simply to the momentary irritation of the kidney, or may be the result of degenerative changes which end in complete destruction of the secreting structure, with final contraction of the organ. As the result either of primary changes in the renal organs or of a direct action of the lead upon the cerebral tissue, epileptic convulsions may occur at long intervals, or they may be associated with delirium, coma, or other evidences of cerebral disturbance. When these attacks are secondary to kidney disease they are uræmic; in saturnine cerebritis, furious convulsions, coma, and wild delirium may come on suddenly, and may prove fatal in a very few hours.

Another irregular form of lead-poisoning is that in which the symptoms exactly resemble those of gout; swelling of the joints, with pain, excessive tenderness, and even secondary degeneration of the arteries, similar to that which occurs in chronic gout, may make the likeness complete. Saturnine amaurosis, due to atrophy of the optic nerve, is a rare form of plumbism. A variety of lead-poisoning rarely spoken of in books, of which Dr. H. C. Wood has seen a number of instances, is that in which the symptoms closely resemble those of acute poliomyelitis; wide-spread paralysis scattered in different groups of muscles, with wasting and change in the electrical reactions of the affected parts, may very closely simulate the ordinary form of spinal disease, but almost invariably the true nature of the attack may be recognized by noticing that the bladder and the rectum are affected, and not rarely the occurrence of violent neuralgic pain points still more definitely to a saturnine origin.

The symptoms of lead-poisoning may also take the form of simple progressive anæmia, with failure of health and obscure nervous phenomena, such as apparently causeless neuralgic pains, wide-spread formications, insomnia, etc. The diagnosis of the true nature of an attack of lead-poisoning is of the utmost importance. In most cases it is to be readily made by noticing the blue line on the gums. When this is absent it is essential that the urine be examined chemically for lead.* As the elimination takes place irregularly and is much favored by the internal administration of potassium iodide, that salt should always be given for a few days before the examination of the urine.

* The most delicate method of testing urine for lead is that devised by Prof. Lehmann as modified by Dr. John Marshall. Concentrated hydrochloric acid is added to the urine in the proportion of 10 C.c. to 100 C.c. To the boiling mixture are added from time to time small portions (0·2 Gm.) of potassium chlorate until the liquid is of a pale straw-color and the odor of chlorine strongly perceptible. The heating is then continued without further addition of potassium chlorate until the chlorine odor disappears. On cooling, the liquid is filtered and the filtrate diluted with water until its volume equals the original volume employed. The filtrate is then placed in a glass tube of about 3·5 Cm. diameter in length, the end of the tube being covered with parchment-paper fastened with twine. (A new piece of parchment-paper should be used in each analysis, and care be taken to see that it and the twine as well as the other reagents used are free from lead.) A glass tripod on which there is a piece of platinum foil about 2·5 Cm. square attached to a platinum wire is placed in a glass vessel containing distilled water very slightly acidulated with chemically pure sulphuric acid, the liquid covering the platinum foil. The parchment tube containing the urine to be examined is then set on the foil on the tripod, the parchment-covered end being placed directly over the foil. Another piece of platinum foil, purposely cut round so as nearly to equal the calibre of the parchment-covered tube, attached at the centre to a wire (which wire, for the purpose of insulation, passes through a glass tube about twenty-five centimeters in length, and sealed at both ends), is put into the urine, so that the platinum foil in the tube, serving as a negative pole, should lie on the parchment-paper as nearly as possible over the positive platinum pole, which is under the parchment-paper on the glass tripod. The wires are connected with a battery consisting of three Grove cells. The current is kept up from one to six hours, according to the quantity of lead in the solution. A dark-gray or black deposit on the electrode in the urine indicates the probable presence of lead. The electrode upon which the deposition occurs is taken out of the urine without interrupting the electrical current, and washed by gently dipping it several times in distilled water. The foil is then placed in a small beaker, covered with nitric acid, and, after warming five or ten minutes on a water-bath, taken out, washed with distilled water, and the wash-water collected in the beaker containing the nitric acid. The nitric acid solution is evaporated to dryness, and the residue dissolved with a few drops of dilute potassium hydrate solution, and then slightly acidulated with acetic acid. The solution thus prepared was tested by special tests for lead.

The treatment of cases of acute lead-poisoning consists in the administration of alkaline carbonates, soap, soluble sulphates, sodium chloride, or other antidote, and in washing out the stomach with large draughts of water, the exhibition of castor oil or other non-irritating laxative if it be thought advisable to sweep out the intestines, and the employment of opium, counter-irritation, and the other means habitually used against toxic gastro-enteritis. In the treatment of subacute and chronic lead-poisoning the efforts are to be directed first to combating the symptoms, secondly to aiding in the elimination of the lead. The late Dr. George B. Wood was accustomed to consider alum as almost a specific remedy for the relief of painter's colic, in which disease it is also essential to employ opium for the relief of pain, and laxatives to overcome the constipation; with these latter should always be given extract of belladonna in full dose, to aid in the relaxation of the intestinal spasm. Magnesium sulphate is probably the best purgative. In chronic lead-poisoning the paralysis is to be combated by hygienic means, massage, and electricity, precisely as when it arises from other causes. Dr. H. C. Wood has seen in that form of lead-poisoning which resembles poliomyelitis the immediate arrest of progressive symptoms by the use of doses of strychnine continually increased until evidences of physiological action were obtained. For the purpose of eliminating lead from the system potassium iodide should be administered continuously for weeks and months in such doses as the stomach will bear. Warm sulphur baths are also useful.* Lead has been found in almost all the tissues of the body in fatal cases of poisoning.

In moderate dose, or in not too concentrated solution or amount, the soluble preparations of lead act as sedative astringents. When locally applied they contract relaxed vessels or tissues. When taken internally they check secretion in the alimentary canal,—according to the views of the older therapeutists, reducing the action of the heart and of the arteries, and restraining secretions generally. The insoluble preparations of lead differ therapeutically from the soluble preparations, in being free from irritant properties and acting only as feeble astringent sedatives. The preparations of lead are at present chiefly used as local applications.

Orfila has determined, by experiments on dogs, the appearance exhibited by the mucous membrane of the stomach after the use of small doses of the salts of lead. After the action of such doses for two hours, dull white points are visible on the membrane, sometimes in rows and sometimes disseminated, and evidently consisting of the metal, united with the organic tissue. If the animal be allowed to live for four days, the same spots may be seen with the magnifier; and if hydrogen sulphide be applied to the surface, they are instantly blackened. (*Archives Générales*, 3e sér., iv. 244.)

PLUMBI ACETAS. U. S., Br. Lead Acetate. [Sugar of Lead.]

$Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2.3H_2O$; 378. (PLŬM′BĪ Ą-CĒ′TĄS.) $Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2.3H_2O$; 378·5.

Plumbi Aceticum, *P. G.;* Acetas Plumbicus, Saccharum Saturni, Cerussa Acetata; Acétate de Plomb, Sucre de Plomb, Sel de Saturne, *Fr.;* Essigsaures Bleioxyd, Bleizucker, *G.;* Zucchero di Saturno, *It.;* Azucar de Plomo, *Sp.*

"Lead Acetate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* In the British Pharmacopœia the following process is given for preparing this salt. "Take of Oxide of Lead, in fine powder, *twenty-four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid, *two pints* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Acetic Acid and the Water, add the Oxide of Lead, and dissolve with the aid of a gentle heat. Filter, evaporate till a pellicle forms, and set aside to crystallize, first adding a little Acetic Acid should the fluid not have a distinctly acid reaction. Drain and dry the crystals on filtering paper without heat." *Br.*

Preparation. Lead acetate is obtained by two methods. By one method, thin plates of lead are placed in shallow vessels filled with distilled vinegar, in such a manner as to have a part of each plate rising above the vinegar; and these are turned from time to time, so as to bring different portions of the metallic surface in contact with the air. The metal, in the presence of the oxygen of the air, dissolves in the vinegar to saturation, and the solution is evaporated to the point of crystallization. This process is a slow one, but furnishes a salt which is perfectly neutral. The other method consists in dissolving, by the assistance of heat, litharge, or lead protoxide obtained by calcination, in an excess of distilled vinegar or of purified pyroligneous acid, contained in leaden boilers. The oxide is quickly dissolved, and, when the acid has become saturated, the solution is transferred to other vessels to cool and crystal-

* Warm *sulphuretted baths* are useful, formed by dissolving four ounces of potassium sulphide in thirty gallons of water, in a wooden tub. These baths cause discoloration of the skin, from the formation of lead sulphide, and should be repeated every few days, until this effect ceases to be produced. During each bath the patient should be well washed with soap and water with the aid of a flesh-brush, in order to remove the discoloration. By proceeding in this way, the lead on the skin, or in its pores, is rendered insoluble and inert, and at the same time removed.

lize. The crystals having formed, the mother-waters are decanted, and, by evaporation, made to yield a new crop. These are generally yellow, but may be rendered white by repeated solutions and crystallizations.

Lead acetate is extensively manufactured in Germany, Holland, France, and England, as well as in the United States. It is principally consumed in the arts of dyeing and calico-printing, in which it is employed to form, with alum, aluminum acetate, to act as a mordant.

Properties. "Colorless, shining, transparent, monoclinic prisms or plates, or heavy, white, crystalline masses, or granular crystals, having a faintly acetous odor, and a sweetish, astringent, afterwards metallic taste. Efflorescent, and absorbing carbon dioxide, on exposure to the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 2·3 parts of water, and in 21 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 1 part of boiling alcohol. When heated to 40° C. (104° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (14·25 per cent.). It fuses at 200° C. (392° F.) with the loss of acetic acid, and, when strongly heated, it is completely decomposed, with the evolution of carbon dioxide and acetone, leaving a residue of finely divided metallic lead mixed with oxide and carbonate. On heating the salt with sulphuric acid, vapors of acetic acid are evolved. The aqueous solution of the salt has a slightly acid reaction, and yields a black precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, a yellow one with potassium iodide test-solution, and a white one with diluted sulphuric acid. A 10-per-cent. solution of the salt, prepared with water which has recently been boiled, should be clear, or only slightly opalescent (limit of *carbonate*), and should yield, with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, a pure white precipitate (absence of *iron* or *copper*). If to the aqueous solution hydrochloric acid be added until no further precipitate is produced, and the remainder of the lead removed from the filtrate by hydrogen sulphide, a portion of the new filtrate should not be affected by the addition of a slight excess of ammonia water (absence of *zinc* or *iron*). If another portion of the last filtrate be evaporated to dryness, it should leave no residue (absence of salts of the *alkalies* or of *zinc*)." *U. S.* Exposed to the air, it effloresces slowly. In pure distilled water, free from carbonic acid, it ought to dissolve entirely and form a clear solution. The commercial acetate is sometimes impure from the presence of lead sulphate and carbonate. In purchasing it the apothecary should select large crystalline masses. Mr. John Mackay analyzed a specimen of this salt, derived from the London market, which contained nearly 30 per cent. of lead sulphate. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1856, p. 316.) Sulphuric acid, when added to a solution of lead acetate, produces instantly a precipitate of lead sulphate, and the disengaged acetic acid gives rise to vapors having the smell of vinegar. The salt, when heated, first fuses and parts with its water of crystallization, and afterwards is decomposed, yielding acetic acid and pyroacetic spirit (acetone), and leaving a residue of charcoal and reduced lead. An important property of sugar of lead is its power of dissolving a large quantity of lead monoxide. (See *Liquor Plumbi Subacetatis.*)* It consists of one atom of lead, which has replaced the two hydrogen atoms furnished by two molecules of acetic acid, $C_2H_3O_2.H$, so that its formula becomes $Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2$, and this in crystallizing takes $3H_2O$. Its molecular weight is therefore 378.

Incompatibles and Tests. Lead acetate is decomposed by all acids, and by those soluble salts the acids of which produce with lead protoxide insoluble or sparingly soluble compounds. Acids of this character are sulphuric, hydrochloric, citric, and tartaric. It is also decomposed by lime water, and by ammonia, potassa, and soda; the last two, if added in excess, dissolving the precipitate at first formed. It is decomposed by hard water, in consequence of the calcium sulphate and common salt which such water usually contains. "Thirty-eight grains dissolved in water require for complete precipitation 200 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid.*" *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Lead acetate, in medicinal doses, is a powerful astringent and sedative; in overdoses, an irritant poison, which has in a number of cases caused death. Burning epigastric pain, vomiting of a white curdy matter (lead chloride), and diarrhœa or constipation with black stools (lead sulphide), and finally collapse, are the characteristic symptoms. Its antidote is any soluble sulphate, common salt, soap, or an alkali. In medicinal doses lead acetate is a powerful sedative astringent. It is especially useful in the treatment of *diarrhœas*, and even of *dysentery*, when the discharges are excessive. At one time

* *Lead Subacetate (Crystallized).* Mr. James Kennedy recommends this salt for preparing the cerate, as follows: Dissolve 4 parts of Lead Acetate in 4 parts of Boiling Distilled Water, add 3 parts of Litharge, boil for fifteen or twenty minutes, stirring, and occasionally adding water to replace that evaporated, allow to stand a few minutes, decant and filter the solution; concentrate by evaporation and allow to crystallize. By dissolving 25 parts of this salt in 75 parts of previously boiled water, *Liquor Plumbi Subacetatis*, corresponding to the official requirements, is obtained. (*Pharm. Rec.*, 1886, p. 50.)

it was much used for the relief of *internal hemorrhages*, but it has been substituted by more effective remedies. It may be, however, effective in *gastric* or *intestinal hemorrhages*. In many cases of *chronic diarrhœa* or in diarrhœas occurring in exhaustive, uncontrollable disease, such as phthisis, lead acetate, combined with opium, may be a valuable palliative in checking discharges. It has been given also in *aneurism* of the aorta. The prolonged medicinal use of acetate of lead may give rise to subacute or chronic lead-poisoning.

The dose of lead acetate is from one to three grains (0·065–0·20 Gm.), in the form of pill, repeated every two or three hours. It is generally given combined with opium. The solution for external use may be made by dissolving from two to three drachms in a pint of water; and, if it be wanted clear, a fluidrachm of vinegar or of dilute acetic acid may be added, which immediately dissolves the lead carbonate, to which its turbidity is owing. When the skin is denuded of the cuticle, the solution should be weaker. The usual strength of the solution as a collyrium is from one to two grains (0·065 to 0·13 Gm.) to the fluidounce (30 C.c.) of *distilled* water.

PLUMBI CARBONAS. U. S., Br. Lead Carbonate. [White Lead.]

$(PbCO_3)_2 . Pb(OH)_2$; 772·82. (PLŬM'BĪ CĂR'BO-NĂS.) $Pb(CO_3)_2 . Pb(HO)_2$; 773·5.

Cerussa, *P. G.;* Plumbum Carbonicum, Carbonas Plumbicus, Ceruse; Céruse, Carbonate de Plomb, Blanc de Plomb, Blanc de Céruse, *Fr.;* Bleiweiss, *G.;* Cerussa, *Lat., It.;* Albayalde, *Sp.*

Preparation. Lead carbonate is prepared by two principal methods. By one method it is obtained by passing a stream of carbonic acid through a solution of lead subacetate. The acid combines with the lead hydrate of the basic salt, and precipitates as lead carbonate, while a neutral acetate remains in solution. This, by being boiled with a fresh portion of oxide, is again brought to the state of basic salt, when it is treated with carbonic acid as before. In this way the same portion of acetate repeatedly serves the purpose of being converted into subacetate and of being decomposed by carbonic acid. The carbonate obtained is washed, dried with a gentle heat, and thrown into commerce. This process, which produces white lead of the first quality, was invented by Thénard, about the year 1802, and is that which is usually pursued in France and Sweden, and known as the "Clichy process." A modification of the process of Thénard, known as Benson's, is now used by some manufacturers in England. It consists in mixing litharge with a hundredth part of lead acetate, and subjecting the mixture, previously moistened with very little water, to a stream of carbonic acid.

The other method, which consists in exposing lead to the vapors of vinegar, originated in Holland, whence the name "Dutch process," and is usually pursued in England and the United States,—but in England with some modifications which are not well known. We shall describe this process as employed by our own manufacturers. The lead is cast into thin sheets, made by pouring the melted lead over an oblong sheet-iron shovel, with a flat bottom, and with raised edges on its sides, which is held in a slanting direction over the melting-pot. As many of these sheets are then loosely rolled up as may be sufficient to form a cylinder five or six inches in diameter, and seven or eight high, which is placed in an earthen pot containing about half a pint of vinegar, and having within a few inches from the bottom three equidistant projecting knobs in the earthen-ware, on which the cylinder of lead is supported in order to keep it from contact with the vinegar. The pots thus prepared are placed side by side, in horizontal layers, in a building roughly constructed of boards, with interstices between them. The first layer is covered with boards, on which a stratum of tan or of refuse straw from the stables is strewed; and fresh layers of pots, boards, and tan or straw are successively placed until the building is filled. The sides are also enclosed with straw. The layers of pots contained in one building, called a stack, are allowed to remain undisturbed for about six weeks, at the end of which time they are unpacked, and the cylinder of sheet-lead in each pot, though still retaining its shape, is found almost entirely converted into a flaky, white, friable substance, which is the white lead. This is separated from the lead yet remaining in the metallic state, ground in water, whereby it is washed and reduced to fine powder, and finally dried in long shallow reservoirs, heated by steam. Pelouze has succeeded in explaining these processes on one general principle. In Thénard's process it is admitted that the same portion of lead acetate unites with oxide, and gives it up again to carbonic acid to form the carbonate. In the modified English process, referred to above, he supposes that the one per cent. of lead acetate combines with sufficient litharge to convert it into subacetate, which immediately returns to the state of neutral acetate by yielding up its excess of base to form the carbonate with the carbonic acid. The acetate is now ready to combine with a fresh portion of litharge, to be transferred to the carbonic acid

as before; and thus the small proportion of acetate, by combining with successive portions of the litharge, finally causes the whole of the latter to unite with the carbonic acid. In the Dutch process, Pelouze has rendered it almost certain that none of the oxygen or carbonic acid of the carbonate is derived from the vinegar. In this process he supposes that the heat generated by the fermentation of the tan or straw volatilizes the vinegar, the acetic acid of which, with the assistance of the oxygen of the air, forms with the lead a small portion of subacetate. This, by reacting with the carbonic acid resulting from the decomposition of the tan or straw, or derived from the atmosphere, forms lead carbonate, and is brought to the state of neutral acetate. The neutral acetate returns again to the state of subacetate, and, by alternately combining with and yielding up the oxide, causes the whole of the lead to be finally converted into carbonate.

The temperature of the stacks of pots in the Dutch process is about 45° C. (113° F.). If it falls below 35° C. (95° F.), a part of the lead escapes corrosion, and if it rises above 50° C. (122° F.), the product is yellow. The form of acetic acid usually employed in this process is vinegar; but the variable nature of that liquid as to strength and purity is an objection to its use; and, accordingly, other forms of the acid have been substituted with advantage, as, for example, the purified acetic acid from wood in a diluted state. The German or chamber process differs from the Dutch process only in that the vessels containing the lead are placed in chambers having a perforated floor, through the openings of which the fumes of acetic acid rise, acting upon the lead, while carbon dioxide from the burning of coke is passed in and through the chamber. This process is cheaper than the Dutch method, and is said to give an equally satisfactory product. Another method, which yields a white lead of excellent covering power, is the process patented in England by Dale and Milner. This consists in carefully grinding between millstones a mixture of litharge or any insoluble basic lead salt with water and sodium bicarbonate. Milner has improved upon this method by grinding a mixture of 4 parts of finely divided litharge with 1 part of common salt and 16 parts of water. After about 4½ hours the reaction is complete. The mixture of basic lead chloride and caustic soda is then transferred to a leaden vessel, well stirred with a wooden pestle, and a current of carbon dioxide passed through it until the liquid is neutral. If the carbon dioxide be passed in too long, the product will be spoiled. (*Roscoe and Schorlemmer*, vol. ii., 1, p. 293.)

Properties. "A heavy, white, opaque powder, or a pulverulent mass, without odor or taste. Permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol, but soluble in acetic or diluted nitric acid, with effervescence. When strongly heated, the salt turns yellow without charring, and, if heated in contact with charcoal, it is reduced to metallic lead. If 2 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a mixture of 2 C.c. of nitric acid and 10 C.c. of water, it should not leave more than 0·02 Gm. of residue (limit of *insoluble foreign salts*). This solution yields a black precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, a yellow one with potassium iodide test-solution, and a white one with diluted sulphuric acid. On completely precipitating the solution with hydrogen sulphide, the filtrate should not leave more than a trifling residue on evaporation (limit of *salts of the alkalies, alkaline earths*, or of *zinc*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be strongly ignited, in a porcelain crucible, it should leave a residue of lead oxide weighing not less than 0·85 Gm." *U. S.* It is sometimes adulterated with barium, calcium, and lead sulphates, particularly the first. A mixture of equal parts of white lead and barium sulphate is known as *Venetian white*, whilst *Hamburg white* is a mixture of 1 part of white lead and 2 parts of barium sulphate, and *Dutch white* of 1 part to 3 of barium sulphate. M. Louyet has examined samples of French white lead containing considerably more than half their weight of barium sulphate. These sulphates, if present, are left undissolved by nitric acid. Chalk or whiting is another adulteration. This may be detected by adding to the nitric solution of the white lead an excess of potassa, which will redissolve the lead monoxide first thrown down, but leave a white powder of lime. The British Pharmacopœia gives among the tests, that "the acetic solution when treated with excess of sulphuretted hydrogen, boiled and filtered, gives no precipitate with oxalate of ammonium." *Br.* Neutral lead carbonate consists of one atom of lead, one of carbon, and three of oxygen. Commercial white lead is a compound of lead carbonate and hydrate. Its formula is generally taken as $(PbCO_3)_2 + Pb(OH)_2$. According to Stein, white lead, when submitted to simple calcination, loses 14·5 per cent. of its weight; and a mode of determining its purity is thus afforded. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1859, p. 78.) But the fact seems to be, from the observations of Mr. Wm. Baker, that commercial white lead contains variable proportions of the hydrated oxide, from a mere trace to the amount of 1 mol. to 3 mols. of the neutral carbonate. (*Chem. News*, Aug. 10, 1861, p. 74.)

Medical Properties and Uses. White lead is ranked in the Materia Medica as an astringent and sedative. It is employed externally only, being used, in the form of ointment, as an application to *ulcers* and to *inflamed and excoriated surfaces*. It was recommended in *scalds* and *burns* by the late Prof. Gross; and Mr. Alfred Freer has found it very useful in *erysipelas*, *eczema*, *carbuncle*, etc. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1859.) The white lead is first brought to the consistence of cream by linseed oil, as in making common white paint, and then brushed over the inflamed surface. Its free continued external use has produced lead-poisoning. (Case, *N. A. Medico-Chir. Rev.*, July, 1857, p. 605.) Although highly insoluble, on account of its frequent use in the arts and of the ease of its formation when lead is exposed to chemical influences, lead carbonate probably produces chronic poisoning more often than any other preparation of the metal. The constant use of face-powders and cosmetics containing lead carbonate, or "*flake white*," as it is sometimes called, has produced serious results.

PLUMBI IODIDUM. U. S., Br. Lead Iodide.

PbI_2; 459·46. (PLŬM′BĪ Ī-ŌD′Ĭ-DŬM.) PbI_2; 459·7.

Plumbum Iodatum, *P. G.*; Ioduretum Plumbicum; Iodure de Plomb, *Fr.*; Jodblei, *G.*

"Take of Nitrate of Lead, Iodide of Potassium, each, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Nitrate of Lead, by the aid of heat, in a pint and a half, and the Iodide of Potassium in half a pint of the Water, and mix the solutions. Collect the precipitate on a filter, wash it with Distilled Water, and dry it in a warm place." *Br.*

No process is given in the U. S. P. 1890 for Lead Iodide. The process of the U. S. P. 1870 was identical with the British given above.

The lead nitrate gives up its metal to the iodine, receiving the potassium; the operation taking place between one mol. of the lead nitrate and two mols. of the potassium iodide. The potassium nitrate thus formed remains in solution, while the lead iodide is precipitated, $Pb2NO_3 + 2KI = 2KNO_3 + PbI_2$. The theoretical quantities of lead nitrate and potassium iodide are 330·18 of the former and 331·12 of the latter, or almost precisely equal quantities. The proportions should be as nearly as possible those of exact saturation. An excess of the potassium iodide, independently of the waste, has the disadvantage of holding a portion of the lead iodide in solution; while, according to Christison, an excess of lead over the iodine disposes to the formation of the lemon-yellow insoluble lead oxyiodide. By the use of equal quantities of the two salts these disadvantages are avoided. As lead iodide is slightly soluble in cold water, it is desirable to use as little of the solvent as will answer; and hence the comparatively small proportion of water employed.

In the former London process lead acetate was employed instead of the nitrate; but M. Depaire, of Brussels, ascertained that in this process a considerable amount of iodide remains in solution after the precipitation of the lead iodide; and M. F. Boudet states that the quantity of the iodide resulting from the process is 10 per cent. less than theory would indicate. By the addition of nitric acid to the solution, after precipitation, an additional quantity of lead iodide is obtained. M. Boudet ascribes this result to the formation of a portion of soluble potassium and lead iodide, whenever lead iodide and potassium acetate are in contact. By substituting lead nitrate for acetate, he found that a quantity of lead iodide was obtained as near that required by theory as the solubility of the lead iodide permits. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xi. 274.) The official process is on the whole to be preferred to that in which lead acetate is used, and especially as the nitrate is more easily obtained pure. Some interesting experiments have been made by M. T. Huraut, of Paris, on the different methods of preparing lead iodide. It may be obtained by the reaction between any of the soluble iodides and the soluble lead salts. It resulted from his observations that of the two lead salts employed, the nitrate was to be preferred, and of the various iodides, though potassium iodide yielded a very handsome product, yet calcium iodide afforded one not inferior in quality, and somewhat greater in quantity. Upon a small scale, as the process is performed by the apothecary, the difference would be of little consequence; but it might be important to the manufacturer. (See *A. J. P.*, xxi.)

As obtained by the official process, lead iodide is in the form of "a heavy, bright yellow powder, without odor or taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in about 2000 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in about 200 parts of boiling water, separating from the latter solution in brilliant, golden-yellow spangles or crystalline laminæ. Very slightly soluble in alcohol, but soluble, without color, in solutions of the fixed alkalies, in concentrated solutions of the acetates of the alkalies, of potassium iodide, and of sodium hyposulphite, and in a hot solution of ammonium chloride. When moderately heated, the salt fuses to a thick, reddish-brown liquid,

which congeals, on cooling, to a yellow, crystalline mass. At a higher temperature it is decomposed, with the evolution of violet vapors of iodine, leaving a lemon-yellow residue of lead oxyiodide. If 1 Gm. of the salt be triturated with 2 Gm. of ammonium chloride and 2 C.c. of water, a nearly white mixture will result. If this be transferred to a test-tube, and heated in a water-bath for a few minutes, a clear and almost colorless solution should be formed (absence of *chromate* and of *other insoluble foreign salts*). On cooling this solution, a solid mass of nearly colorless, fine, silky crystals will be produced, and on adding water or diluted sulphuric acid to this mass, yellow lead iodide will be separated. If 1 Gm. of the salt be boiled for a few minutes with 20 C.c. of water, the mixture then cooled and filtered, the lead removed from the filtrate by hydrogen sulphide, and the new filtrate somewhat concentrated by evaporation, a portion of this liquid, when mixed with a little sulphuric acid, and tinted with a drop of indigo test-solution, should not become decolorized on heating (absence of *nitrate*). If another portion of the liquid be carefully neutralized with ammonia water, it should not become colored red by a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of *acetate*). If the remainder of the filtrate be evaporated to dryness, it should leave no residue (absence of *soluble foreign salts*)." *U. S.* According to Soubeiran, it is soluble in 1235 parts of cold water, and 194 of boiling water, which, on cooling, deposits it in minute, shining, golden-yellow, crystalline scales. It is freely soluble in a concentrated solution of sodium acetate (Donato Tommasi, *P. J. Tr.*, 3d series, ii. 805). It should be kept excluded from the light. It is stated by Engelhardt that iodine is separated from lead iodide by iron and copper perchlorides; while the other metallic chlorides have no such effect, producing compounds of iodides of the metal employed with lead chlorides. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 15, 1856, p. 24.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This compound is supposed to have the resolvent properties of iodine, combined with those which are peculiar to lead, and was at one time recommended in *tuberculous diseases*, in which, however, it has proved wholly inefficient. It is said to have been usefully employed in the discussion of *scrofulous tumors* and other indolent swellings, and in the cure of obstinate *ulcers*, and for these purposes has been used both internally and locally in the form of an ointment. According to Dr. Cogswell, if given for some time in small doses, it produces the effects of lead, but not those of iodine, upon the system. (*Christison's Dispensatory.*) Dose, from half a grain to four grains (0·03–0·26 Gm.).

PLUMBI NITRAS. U. S., Br. Lead Nitrate.

$Pb(NO_3)_2$; 330·18. (PLŬM′BĪ NĪ′TRĂS.) $Pb(NO_3)_2$; 330·5.

Nitrate of Lead; Plumbum Nitricum, Nitras (Azotas) Plumbicus, *Lat.;* Nitrate de Plomb, *Fr.;* Salpetersaures Bleioxyd, Bleisalpeter, *G.;* Nitrato di Piombo, *It.;* Nitrato de Plomo, *Sp.*

Neither the U. S. nor the Br. Pharmacopœia gives a formula for the preparation of this salt. It may be readily prepared by the process of the old Dublin Pharmacopœia: "Take of Litharge, in fine powder, *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Pure Nitric Acid *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *three pints* [Imp. meas.]; Dilute Nitric Acid *a sufficient quantity.* To the Litharge, placed in a porcelain dish, add the Acid with a pint and a half of the Water, and, applying a sand heat, and occasionally stirring the mixture, evaporate the whole to dryness. Upon the residue boil the remainder of the Water, clear the solution by filtration, and, having acidulated it by the addition of a few drops of the Dilute Nitric Acid, evaporate until a pellicle begins to form. The heat being now withdrawn, crystals will form on the cooling of the solution, which should be dried on blotting-paper in a warm atmosphere, and preserved in a close bottle."

Properties. In this process the nitric acid unites directly with the lead oxide to form the nitrate. This nitrate is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, octohedral crystals, when obtained by the spontaneous evaporation of cold solutions, or white, nearly opaque crystals, when formed by the cooling of hot solutions; without odor, and having a sweetish, astringent, afterwards metallic taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·75 part of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt decrepitates, emits nitrous vapors, and finally leaves a residue of lead oxide. The aqueous solution has an acid reaction, and yields a black precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, a yellow one with potassium iodide test-solution, and a white one with diluted sulphuric acid. A 10-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should give, with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, a pure white precipitate (absence of *iron* or *copper*). If hydrochloric acid be added to the aqueous solution until no further precipitate is produced, and the remainder of the lead be removed from the filtrate by hydrogen sulphide, a portion of the new filtrate should not be affected by the addition of a slight excess of ammonia water (ab-

sence of *zinc* or *iron*). If another portion be evaporated to dryness, it should leave no residue (absence of *salts of the alkalies*, or of *zinc*)." *U. S.* It is composed of one atom of lead, combined with two nitric acid groups, $(NO_3)_2$, without water of crystallization. "Added to sulphate of indigo it discharges the color." *Br.* This salt is largely used in dyeing and calico-printing, for the preparation of mordants, and for the preparation of chrome yellow.

Medical Properties. The effects of this salt upon the system are the same as those of the other soluble lead salts; but, though formerly employed, it is now quite out of use as an internal remedy. Externally it is occasionally applied to excoriated surfaces; and a solution made in the proportion of ten grains to an ounce of water, and colored probably with alkanet, has been used on the continent of Europe as a secret remedy in *sore nipples*, *chapped hands*, *cracked lips*, etc., and it undoubtedly, in solutions whose strength should be adapted to the individual case, is a valuable local remedy in diseases of the skin and mucous membranes, such as *leucorrhœa*, *gonorrhœa*, *ulcers*, and *chronic impetiginous affections*. It may be used to correct fetid odors dependent on the presence of hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphydrate, which it decomposes; but it is not a germicide or true disinfectant. *Ledoyen's disinfecting fluid* is a solution of lead nitrate in the proportion of a drachm to an ounce. Should the salt be used internally, the dose would be from the fourth to the half of a grain (0·016–0·03 Gm.). Moerlonge and Vanzette ascribe remarkable efficiency to lead nitrate in *onychia maligna*, and their statements have been confirmed by other practitioners. It is applied by sprinkling the powder on the surface, and, according to Dr. J. Scott, of Belfast, Ireland, a complete cure may be relied on in from fourteen to thirty days. (*Dublin Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Feb. 1874, p. 145.)

PLUMBI OXIDUM. U. S., Br. Lead Oxide. [Litharge.]

PbO; 222·36. (PLŬM'BĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM.) PbO; 222·5.

Oxide of Lead; Lithargyrum, Plumbum Oxydatum, Plumbi Oxidum Semivitreum; Oxide de Plomb fondu, Litharge, Protoxide de Plomb, *Fr.;* Bleiglätte, Bleioxyd, *G.;* Litargirio, *It.;* Almartaga, *Sp.*

When lead oxide is rendered semi-crystalline by incomplete fusion it becomes the *semivitrified oxide*, or litharge. Almost all the litharge of commerce is obtained, as a secondary product, in the process for extracting silver from argentiferous galenas. After extracting the argentiferous lead from the ore, the alloy is placed upon an oval slightly excavated dish, about three feet long and twenty inches wide, called a *test*, made by beating pulverized bone-ash, formed into a paste with water, into a mould, the sides of which consist of an elliptical band of iron, and the bottom of strips of sheet-iron, placed at short distances apart. The test is of such a size as exactly to fit an opening in the floor of a reverberatory furnace, where it is placed and adjusted to the level of the floor. On one side of the test the fireplace is situated, and exactly opposite, the chimney; while at one extremity of it the pipe of a strong bellows is placed, and at the other a vertical hole is made, communicating with a gutter leading from the test. The furnace is now lighted, and shortly afterwards the bellows are put in motion. The lead fuses and combines with oxygen, and the resulting oxide, melting also, forms a stratum which floats on the surface, and which is driven by the blast of the bellows along the gutter and through the vertical hole into a recipient below, where, upon solidifying, it crystallizes in small scales, which form the litharge. In proportion as the lead is oxidized and blown off the test, fresh portions are added so as to keep it always sufficiently full. The process is continued for eight or ten days, after which no more lead is added. The operation is now confined to the metal remaining on the test; and, the oxidation proceeding, a period at last arrives when the whole of the lead has been blown off as litharge, and the silver, known to be pure by its brilliant appearance in the fused state, alone remains. This is then removed, and the process repeated on a fresh portion of argentiferous lead.

Properties. "A heavy, yellowish or reddish-yellow powder, or minute scales, without odor or taste. On exposure to the air it slowly absorbs moisture and carbon dioxide. Almost insoluble in water, to which it, however, imparts a faintly alkaline reaction; insoluble in alcohol; but soluble in acetic or diluted nitric acid, and in warm solutions of the fixed alkalies. When heated, the Oxide assumes a brownish-red color, becoming yellow again on cooling. It fuses at a red heat. When heated in contact with charcoal, it is reduced to metallic lead. Lead Oxide should be soluble in diluted nitric acid with but little effervescence (limit of *carbonate*), and without the development of the odor of *nitrous acid*, leaving not more than a trifling residue (absence of *silicate*, *barium sulphate*, etc.). The solution, which should be colorless, yields with hydrogen sulphide test-solution a black precipitate, with potassium iodide test-solution a yellow one, and with diluted sulphuric acid a white precipitate, the latter being

soluble in a strong solution of sodium hydrate. If from the solution in diluted nitric acid the lead be precipitated by sulphuric acid, the filtrate, after the addition of an excess of ammonia water, should not assume more than a slight bluish tint (limit of *copper*), nor yield more than traces of a reddish-yellow precipitate (limit of *iron*). If 5 Gm. of the Oxide contained in a small flask be shaken with 5 C.c. of water, then 20 C.c. of acetic acid added, and the mixture boiled for a few minutes and filtered, the insoluble residue, when well washed and dried, should not weigh more than 0·075 Gm. (absence of more than 1·5 per cent. of *insoluble impurities*). When strongly heated, in a porcelain crucible, the Oxide should not lose more than 2 per cent. of its weight (limit of *carbonate* and of *moisture*)." *U. S.* It slowly attracts carbonic acid from the air, and contains more of this acid the longer it has been exposed. It is on this account that it commonly effervesces slightly with the diluted acids. It has the property of decolorizing wines, when agitated with them. When heated with the fats and oils, in connection with water, it saponifies them. (See *Emplastrum Plumbi.*) Heated with charcoal, it is reduced to the metallic state. In diluted nitric acid it should be almost entirely soluble; and the solution is affected by potassa in the same manner as that of the carbonate. (See *Plumbi Carbonas.*) As it occurs in commerce, it usually contains iron, copper, and a little silver and silica. It may be purified from iron and copper by digestion in diluted sulphuric acid. The English litharge is most esteemed, that from Germany being generally contaminated with iron and copper. In choosing litharge, samples should be selected which are free from copper and from fragments of vegetable matter. Copper is detected if upon adding potassium ferrocyanide to a nitric acid solution of the litharge a brown instead of a white precipitate is produced. Two varieties of litharge are distinguished in commerce, named from their color, and dependent on differences in the process employed. Sometimes it has a pale yellow color and silvery appearance, and is then denominated *silver litharge* or *yellow litharge;* at other times it is of a red color, and is known under the name of *gold litharge* or *red litharge.* The latter was supposed to owe its color to the presence of a portion of red lead; but M. Leblanc has shown that the two varieties of litharge differ in color, structure, and density only, and not in chemical composition. In this respect litharge is essentially identical with lead oxide. (See *Plumbum.*) The carbonic acid which it contains is variable; but its average amount is about 4 per cent. Lead peroxide and red lead in litharge may be detected by heating it in a test-tube with sodium chloride and potassium bisulphate and introducing a slip of paper colored blue by indigo. If either of these oxides be present, the paper will be bleached by the chlorine evolved.

Litharge is never used internally, but is employed in several pharmaceutical operations, and forms an ingredient in various external applications, used for abating inflammation, and for other purposes. In the arts it is employed in the glazing of pottery, in painting to render oils drying, and as an ingredient in flint glass.

PODOPHYLLUM. U. S. (Br.) Podophyllum. [May-Apple.]

(PŎD-Ǫ-PHĬL'LŬM.)

"The rhizome and roots of Podophyllum peltatum, Linné (nat. ord. Berberideæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried rhizome and rootlets of Podophyllum peltatum, Linn." *Br.*

Podophylli Rhizoma, *Br.;* Podophyllum Root, Mandrake Root; Rhizome de Podophyllum, *Fr.;* Fussblattwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx three-leaved. *Corolla* nine-petalled. *Berry* one-celled, crowned with the stigma. *Willd.*

Podophyllum peltatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1141; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 9; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 18, pl. 11; *B. & T.* 17. The may-apple, sometimes also called *mandrake*, is an indigenous herbaceous plant, and the only species of the genus. The root (rhizome) is perennial, creeping, usually several feet in length, about one-quarter of an inch thick, brown externally, smooth, jointed, and furnished with radicles at the joints. The stem is about a foot high, erect, round, smooth, divided at top into two petioles, and supporting at the fork a solitary one-flowered peduncle. Each petiole bears a large, peltate, palmate leaf, with six or seven wedge-shaped lobes, irregularly incised at the extremity, yellowish green on their upper surface, paler and slightly pubescent beneath. The flower is nodding. The calyx is composed of three oval, obtuse, concave, deciduous leaves. The corolla has from six to nine white, fragrant petals, which are obovate, obtuse, concave, with delicate transparent veins. The stamens are from thirteen to twenty, shorter than the petals, with oblong, yellow anthers, of twice the length of the filaments. The stigma is sessile, and rendered irregular on its surface by numerous folds

or convolutions. The fruit is a large oval berry, crowned with the persistent stigma, and containing a sweetish fleshy pulp, in which about twelve ovate seeds are embedded. It is, when ripe, of a lemon-yellow color, diversified by round brownish spots.

The plant has been found on Mount Togakushi, in Japan, and is extensively diffused through the United States, growing luxuriantly in moist shady woods and in low marshy grounds. It is propagated by its creeping root, and is often found in large patches. The flowers appear about the end of May and the beginning of June; and the fruit ripens in the latter part of September. The leaves are said to be poisonous. The fruit has a subacid, sweetish, peculiar taste, agreeable to some palates, and may be eaten freely with impunity. From its color and shape, it is sometimes called *wild lemon*. The root is the official portion, and is said to be most efficient when collected after the falling of the leaves. It shrinks considerably in drying.

The rhizome of the Himalayan species, *Podophyllum emodi*, is an active cathartic, which has been found by Dymock and Hooper to yield twelve per cent. of resin. As this resin contains over fifty-six per cent. of podophyllotoxin, the Indian plant should be much more active than the American, which ordinarily yields only about five per cent. of resin, containing forty to forty-five per cent. of podophyllotoxin.

Properties. The dried root is much wrinkled lengthwise, is yellowish or reddish brown externally, and furnished with fibres of a similar but somewhat paler color. It was determined, by an experiment of Mr. Wm. Saunders, that these fibres contain as much active matter as the rhizome itself. The fracture is short and irregular, and the internal color whitish. The microscopic examination of the section shows the rhizome to be composed of loose parenchymatous tissue, with sixteen or more yellowish vascular bundles arranged in a circle, and a cortical layer of a double row of thick-walled yellowish cells surmounted by the epidermis. It is officially described as "of horizontal growth, consisting of joints about 5 Cm. long, flattish cylindrical, about 5 Mm. thick, but somewhat enlarged at the end, which has a circular scar on the upper side, a tuft of about ten, nearly simple, fragile roots on the lower side, and is sometimes branched laterally; smooth or somewhat wrinkled, orange-brown, internally white and mealy, with a circle of small wood-bundles; pith large; nearly inodorous; taste sweetish, somewhat bitter and acrid." *U. S.* The powder is light yellowish gray, resembling that of jalap. The root in its aggregate state is nearly inodorous, but in powder has a sweetish not unpleasant smell. The taste is at first sweetish, afterwards bitter, nauseous, and slightly acrid. Both the decoction and the tincture are bitter; but alcohol is said to be the best solvent of the active matter. Analyzed by Mr. John R. Lewis, podophyllum yielded albumen, gum, starch, extractive, lignin, gallic acid, fixed oil, traces of volatile oil, salts of potassa and lime, and two resinous principles, one soluble in alcohol and ether, and the other soluble in alcohol only. Both resins were found to possess the active properties of the root. Six grains operated as a drastic cathartic, with some emetic effect. (*A. J. P.*, xix. 165.) The resin is a light brownish-yellow powder, of greenish tint, devoid of crystalline appearance, becoming darker if heated above 32° C., and having an acrid, bitter taste. Dr. V. Podwyssotzki, 1882 (*Pharm. Zeitschrift für Russland*, vol. xx. p. 777), made a careful examination of the root and the resin, and announced the active principle to be solely a neutral crystalline principle, *picropodophyllin*. This principle is associated with an inactive resin-acid, *picropodophyllic acid*, and the combination of the two he names *podophyllotoxin*. Picropodophyllin is in colorless, silky, extremely delicate needles, very soluble in chloroform, readily soluble in 95-per-cent. alcohol, but very slightly in 75-per-cent. alcohol. It is soluble in ether, and crystallizes from a warm saturated solution on cooling. It is insoluble in water, turpentine, or benzin. Podophyllotoxin is a bitter, white, resinous powder, soluble in weak alcohol and hot water. It may be precipitated from its alcoholic solution by water in large quantity. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 1011.) He also obtained *podophylloquercetin*, the coloring principle, which is closely allied to quercetin and is the cause of the varying color of resin of podophyllum. Podwyssotzki's results have since been corrected and supplemented by R. Kürsten (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 485), who has obtained the several principles in a purer state. His results are summarized in the foot-note.* Dr. Manlius Smith

* The results of Kürsten's investigation supplement the work done by Podwyssotzki in 1882. The podophyllotoxin prepared by Podwyssotzki's method was not constant in composition, and its melting point varied from 100° to 125° C.; further, the podophyllic acid of that author is composed mainly of a crystallizable, active, but very impure substance.

Podophyllotoxin, $C_{23}H_{24}O_9 + 2H_2O$, is obtained by extracting the coarsely powdered rhizome with cold, light petroleum, until freed from fat; after drying in the air, the extraction is continued with chloroform, until the liquid comes away almost free from yellow color. As it is not possible to work with alcohol-free chloroform, too prolonged extraction with chloroform would yield a more impure extract. The chloroform extract is distilled and the residue is dried over a not too warm water-bath, partially dissolved in benzene, filtered, and the filtrate allowed to remain from

recommends that the resin should be prepared by forming an alcoholic tincture of the root, evaporating the tincture till most of the alcohol is driven off, and throwing the residue into water, by which the resin is precipitated. The concentration should not be carried too far, as otherwise the resin separates in clots, which cannot be easily washed. According to Dr. Smith, the resin, when pure, is white, and purges actively. It is called *podophyllin*. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 306.) For a more complete account of what is known of the resins of podophyllum the reader is referred to the article on *Resina Podophylli*.

The *leaves* of *Podophyllum peltatum* were chemically examined by Mr. Thomas J. Husband, Jr., who obtained from them a resinous matter and a portion of the alkaloid berberine, which is found in the root. This resinous matter consisted of two distinct resins, one soluble in ether and alcohol, the other in alcohol, and both in caustic alkalies and chloroform. Mr. Husband states that the resin obtained from the leaves is similar in its chemical relations to podophyllin, but proved when taken internally to be without its purgative properties, eight grains being taken without other effect than slight headache. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 200.)

B. F. Carter (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 449) has since examined the leaves. He finds tannin, uncrystallizable sugar, coloring matter, and 6 per cent. of resin. This latter seems to be of twofold character, ether dissolving the soft resin, while the hard resin remains behind. The resin has a bitter taste and a much milder action than that of the rhizome. Fused with caustic potash a small amount of protocatechuic acid seems to be formed.

Medical Properties and Uses. Podophyllum is a slow but active and certain cathartic, producing copious liquid discharges, often with much griping. It is generally thought by the profession to be an efficient cholagogue, and the experiments of Prof. Rutherford upon dogs certainly confirm this belief. It is very much employed in various parts of the country in *bilious fevers* and *hepatic congestions*, and as a general cathartic. In minute doses, frequently repeated, podophyllum has been thought to diminish the frequency of the pulse and to relieve

3 to 8 days, when a brownish-yellow mass of well-formed, thick, strongly refractive prisms is produced, which is purified by washing with a 50-per-cent. alcohol, then with ether, recrystallizing first from boiling benzene, and finally from solution in hot 45-per-cent. alcohol; the compound is thus obtained in long, well-formed prisms. It melts at 93°–95° C., and at a higher temperature chars without subliming. 100 C.c. of water at 15° C. dissolve 0·014 grain; hot water dissolves somewhat more. It is very slightly soluble in ether and cold benzene, easily soluble in acetone and strong alcohol, and with difficulty in concentrated acetic acid. When moistened with concentrated sulphuric acid the crystals give an immediate cherry-red coloration, which slowly passes through greenish-blue to violet. Concentrated hydrochloric and nitric acids produce a red coloration; ferric chloride and bromine produce no change; the compound dissolved in glacial acetic acid gives a red coloration; with Millon's reagent the alcoholic solution is strongly lævo-rotatory. Zeisel's method indicates the presence of three methoxyl groups. Hydroxyl does not appear to be present.

Podophyllotoxin, when oxidized in an alkaline solution in the cold by means of potassium permanganate, yielded, besides a little carbonic anhydride and a brown amorphous substance, principally two compounds, the more considerable of which was *podophyllic acid*, $C_{20}H_{24}O_9$, obtained as well-formed, colorless crystals from solution in a mixture of benzene and alcohol. The compound is without action on animals. It melts at 158°–160° C. Its aqueous solution, neutralized with aqueous potash, gives no precipitate with gold, calcium, or barium chlorides; silver nitrate gives a white precipitate, soluble in much water; copper acetate gives a blue precipitate. The copper salt, $(C_{20}H_{23}O_9)Cu$, was prepared as beautiful light-green prisms and analyzed.

Picropodophyllin results from the action of alkalies on podophyllotoxin; thus, on heating the latter with aqueous ammonia, a well-crystallized product is obtained, which at first was recrystallized from strong alcohol; but this was found to be unnecessary, as the melting point, 227° C., was not affected by it. Picropodophyllin has the same composition as podophyllotoxin, but they differ in melting point (227° C. and 95° C.) and in their action on polarized light,—the former inactive, the latter lævo-rotatory; the former is less soluble in all liquids than the latter; the latter gives Millon's reaction, the former does not. By oxidation and reduction the two compounds yield the same products. The residue of the chloroform extract, freed from crystalline podophyllotoxin, yielded a little picropodophyllic acid in crystals melting at 156°–158° C. No other definite substance could be obtained from the extract.

Podophylloquercetin, $C_{28}H_{16}O_{10}$, is best obtained from the rhizome after extraction by light petroleum and chloroform, by further extracting with ether, distilling off the ether, and treating with cold glacial acetic acid. The crude crystals are purified by repeated recrystallization, best in an atmosphere of carbonic anhydride. It melts at 275°–277° C., is almost insoluble in water, sparingly soluble in cold glacial acetic acid, more soluble in the hot acid and in ether, easily soluble in strong alcohol, in alkaline copper solution and also in ammoniacal silver solution; it is easily reduced when warm. Probably this compound is not identical with quercetin.

According to Podwyssotzki, picropodophyllin is so insoluble in its crystalline form that it has little action upon the system, but administered in solution in warm oil it is active. In the root and in the official resin it is in the form of podophyllotoxin, and is rendered soluble by picropodophyllic acid; if an alkali or soap be added to podophyllin, it is affirmed, the active part will pass through the intestine unchanged. One-sixteenth of a grain (0·004 Gm.) of podophyllotoxin was usually sufficient to kill a cat; of picropodophyllin more than five-sixths of a grain (0·05 Gm.) was never required to kill; a solution of picropodophyllin in picropodophyllic acid acted like podophyllotoxin. The dose of the latter principle for the adult man is set down as from one-fourth to one-half grain (0·017–0·035 Gm.). If this be correct, podophyllotoxin is practically no stronger than the official resin. Podophyllotoxin has been employed hypodermically in man by Drs. Dudley and Castle. (*Med. News*, 1886, vol. ii. p. 509.) One-tenth of a grain dissolved in alcohol produced slight local irritation, but only in one case out of four had it any decided purgative effect. Neuberger has also shown that crystallized podophyllotoxin acts as an active irritant purge upon the cat. (*Arch. f. Exp. Path.*, xxviii.)

cough, and for these effects has been given in *hæmoptysis* and *catarrh*, but this employment of it is of doubtful advantage. In over-doses podophyllum acts as an irritant poison: an amount estimated at five grains of the resin caused death in a woman sixty years old (*N. Y. Med. Rec.*, April, 1890): the symptoms were vomiting and purging, followed some hours after their cessation by coma, full soft pulse, slight elevation of temperature, and hæmoglobinuria.

The powdered root is never administered, the official extract very rarely: the official resin is much used, under the improper name of *podophyllin*. Dose as a laxative, from one-eighth to one-quarter grain (0·008–0·017 Gm.); as a purgative, from one-quarter to one-half grain (0·017–0·033 Gm.).

POTASSIUM. Potassium.

K; 39·03. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-ŬM.) K; 39.

Potassium, *Fr.;* Kalium, Kalimetall, *G.;* Potassio, *It.;* Potasio, *Sp.*

Potassium is a peculiar metal, forming the radical of potassa, and of a number of other compounds used in medicine. It was discovered in 1807 by Sir H. Davy, who obtained it by decomposing fused potassium hydrate by a voltaic current. It was afterwards procured in larger quantity by Gay-Lussac and Thénard, by bringing the fused alkali in contact with white-hot iron, which attracted the oxygen and set free the metal. The best process is that of Brunner, as modified by Wöhler, which consists in decomposing potassium carbonate, mixed with charcoal. The mixture of carbonate and charcoal is obtained by heating cream of tartar to redness in a covered crucible. For an account of some improvements in Brunner's process by MM. Mareska and Donny, see *A. J. P.* (xxv. 70). Castner has also prepared it by the process invented by him for the manufacture of metallic sodium. (See *Sodium.*)

Potassium is solid, softer and more ductile than wax, easily cut with a knife, and of a silver-white color. A newly-cut surface is brilliant; but the metal quickly tarnishes by combining with the oxygen of the air, and assumes the appearance of lead. It possesses a remarkably strong affinity for oxygen, and is capable of taking that element from almost every other substance. On account of this property it must be kept in liquids, such as naphtha, which are devoid of oxygen. On the same account, when exposed with a fresh-cut surface to the air, it becomes luminous through a slow combustion, like phosphorus, in the dark. (*Chem. News*, Feb. 28, 1868, p. 108.) Its sp. gr. is 0·865, melting point 62·5° C. (144·5° F.), atomic weight 39·03, and symbol K. When thrown upon water it floats, takes fire, and burns with a rose-colored flame, combining with oxygen, and generating potassium hydrate which dissolves in the water. It forms numerous combinations, uniting with most of the non-metallic elements, and with several of the metals. It combines in three proportions with oxygen, forming a suboxide (K_4O) and a monoxide (K_2O) of a gray color, and a tetroxide (K_2O_4) of a yellowish-brown color. It also unites with chlorine, and forms official compounds with iodine, bromine, cyanogen, ferrocyanogen, and sulphur, under the names of potassium iodide, bromide, cyanide, and ferrocyanide, and sulphurated potassa. Its monoxide is a strong salifiable base existing in nature always in combination, and forming with acids a numerous and important class of salts.

POTASSA. U. S. (Br.) Potassa. [Potassium Hydrate. Potassium Hydroxide. Caustic Potash.]

KOH; 55·99. (PŌ-TĂS'SĄ.) KHO; 56.

"Potassa should be kept in well-stoppered bottles made of hard glass." *U. S.* "Hydrate of Potassium, KHO, containing some impurities." *Br.*

Potassa Caustica, *Br.;* Kali Purum; Caustic Potassa, Hydrate of Potassa, Potassium Hydrate; Kali Causticum Fusum, *P. G.:* Potassæ (Potassii) Hydras, Kali Hydricum Fusum, Oxydum Potassicum, Lapis Causticus Chirurgorum; Caustic Potash; Potasse caustique, *Fr.;* Kalium-Hydrat, Kaustisches Kali, *G.*

"Take of Solution of Potash *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Boil down the Solution of Potash rapidly in a [clean] silver vessel, until there remains a [clear] fluid of oily consistence, a drop of which when removed on a warm glass rod solidifies on cooling. Pour this into proper moulds, and when it has solidified, and while it is still warm, put it into stoppered bottles." *Br.* A process for Potassa is no longer in the U. S. Pharmacopœia: that of 1870 is identical with the British.

The solid alkali obtained from these processes is potassium hydrate, sufficiently pure for medicinal purposes. The solution of the alkali freed from carbonic acid having been obtained by another formula (see *Liquor Potassæ*), the formation of the present preparation requires merely the evaporation of this solution until the whole of its uncombined water is driven off. The evaporation must be performed in metallic vessels, as those of glass or earthen-ware are acted on by the alkali; and it should be completed as quickly as possible, in order to abridge

the period during which the solution would be liable to absorb carbonic acid from the atmosphere. When poured out on a metallic plate or dish, the cake, just as it solidifies, may be marked with a knife in the directions in which it is to be divided, and when cold it readily breaks in those directions. A better plan, however, is to run the fused alkali into suitable moulds, as directed in the former U. S. and British formulas. These should be made of silver or iron and have a cylindrical shape, which is the most convenient form of the alkali for surgical use. Green glass bottles with ground stoppers are best adapted for preserving this preparation, as white flint glass is attacked by the alkali.

Properties. It is officially described as in "dry, white, translucent pencils, or fused masses, hard and brittle, showing a crystalline fracture; odorless, or having a faint odor of lye, and of a very acrid and caustic taste. Great caution is necessary in tasting and handling it, as it rapidly destroys organic tissues. Exposed to the air, it rapidly absorbs carbon dioxide and moisture, and deliquesces. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 0·5 part of water, and in 2 parts of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, and in boiling alcohol; slightly soluble in ether. When heated to about 530° C. (986° F.), Potassa melts to a clear, oily liquid, and at a bright red heat it is volatilized unchanged. When introduced into a non-luminous flame, it imparts to it a violet color. A solution of Potassa, even when greatly diluted, gives an intensely alkaline reaction with litmus paper. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should be perfectly clear and colorless (absence of *organic matter*). After acidulation with hydrochloric acid it yields bright yellow precipitates with platinic chloride test-solution, and with sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution. A concentrated, aqueous solution (1 in 10), when dropped into tartaric acid test-solution, produces a white, crystalline precipitate, which redissolves when the Potassa is added in excess. If 1 Gm. of Potassa be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and slightly supersaturated with acetic acid, 10 C.c. of the solution should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.), nor by the subsequent addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). The remainder of the acidulated solution should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). If a solution of 1·5 Gm. of Potassa in 10 C.c. of water be slightly supersaturated with nitric acid, then 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the addition of more silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If to a solution of 3·5 Gm. of Potassa in 10 C.c. of water, strongly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution be added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 1 Gm. of Potassa be dissolved in 2 C.c. of water, and added to 10 C.c. of alcohol, not more than a slight, colorless precipitate should occur within ten minutes (limit of *silicate*). After boiling this alcoholic solution with 5 C.c. of calcium hydrate test-solution and filtering, not the slightest effervescence should take place on adding the filtrate to an excess of diluted hydrochloric acid (limit of *carbonate*). If 0·2 Gm. of Potassa be dissolved in 2 C.c. of water, and carefully mixed with 4 C.c. of pure sulphuric acid and 2 drops of indigo test-solution, the blue color should not be discharged (limit of *nitrate*). To test for *soda*, dissolve 0·56 Gm. of Potassa in 5 C.c. of water, add a few drops of phenolphtalein test-solution, and then, from a burette, enough tartaric acid test-solution (3 Gm. in 20 C.c.) to accurately neutralize the solution. Next add another volume of the tartaric acid test-solution equal to that first used, and then enough absolute alcohol to completely precipitate the potassium bitartrate formed. Separate the precipitate by filtration and wash it with a little alcohol. The filtrate should not require more than 0·2 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution to restore the red color (absence of more than 1·5 per cent. of *soda*). To neutralize 0·56 Gm. of Potassa should require not less than 9 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 10 per cent. of pure potassium hydrate), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.* It is important that the requirements of the Pharmacopœia be complied with, and that potassium hydrate should not contain more than 10 per cent. of impurity. The *white stick caustic potassa* of commerce usually contains from 15 to 28 per cent. of water, which seems to be a necessary impurity, for if a certain quantity of water is not present it is impossible to mould the stick. By heating this so as to drive off the water a purified hydrate in cakes may be obtained. On account of its deliquescent property, and its strong attraction for carbonic acid, it requires to be kept in very accurately stopped bottles. "Fifty-six grains dissolved in water leave only a trace of sediment, and require for neutralization at least 900 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*." *Br.* As formerly obtained by the U. S.,

London, and Edinburgh formulas, from solution of potassa derived from an impure carbonate, it contained various impurities, which, however, did not interfere with its medicinal value,—such as potassium chloride and tetroxide, ferric oxide, lime, silica, alumina, potassium sulphate, and a portion of the alkali still in a carbonated state. Official potassa may be rendered nearly pure by digestion in alcohol, which takes up only the alkaline hydrate, evaporating the solution to dryness, and fusing the dry mass obtained. *Potassium hydrate*, when thus procured, is called *potash by alcohol.* It is generally in flat white pieces, which are dry, hard, brittle, and extremely caustic. Its other properties are similar to those of the impure hydrate above described. According to Mr. H. Wurtz, of New York, commercial potash by alcohol usually contains a trace of potassium silicate, which appears to be taken up by the alcohol. The source of this is the potassium carbonate employed, which may be freed from this impurity by evaporating its aqueous solution, in a sheet-iron dish, to dryness, and adding, from time to time, lumps of ammonium carbonate. The silicate is thus converted into the carbonate; and on dissolving the residue the silica appears in flakes, which may be separated by filtration. Potassa may be distinguished from the other fixed alkalies (soda and lithia) by its affording, when in solution, a crystalline precipitate (cream of tartar) with an excess of tartaric acid, and a yellow one with platinic chloride.* Potassa imparts to the flame of burning alcohol in which it is dissolved a reddish tint; soda colors it yellow even in the presence of potassa; and thus a method is afforded of detecting an admixture of the latter with the former alkali. According to Bunsen, when the flame is viewed through a glass having a cobalt-blue color, only the color imparted by potassa is seen, the yellow color of the sodium flame being absorbed by the blue glass. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1860, p. 319.) Potassa is known chemically as potassium hydrate, KOH, and is composed of one atom of potassium, united with one hydroxyl group, OH.

Medical Properties and Uses. This is the old *causticum commune acerrimum*, or *strongest common caustic.* It is a powerful escharotic, quickly destroying the life of the part with which it comes in contact, and extending its action to a considerable depth beneath the surface. In this latter respect it differs from silver nitrate, or lunar caustic, to which it is, therefore, preferred in forming issues and opening abscesses. The most convenient mode of employing the caustic for the formation of an issue is to apply to the skin a piece of linen spread with adhesive plaster, having a circular opening in its centre corresponding with the intended size of the issue, and then to rub upon the skin, within the opening, a piece of the caustic previously moistened at one end.† The application is to be continued till the life of the part is destroyed, when the caustic should be carefully washed off with a wet sponge or wet tow, or neutralized by vinegar. In forming from it solutions of potassa of definite strength, whether for medicinal or for pharmaceutical use, an allowance should be made for the percentage of water it always contains. (See *Liquor Potassæ.*)

POTASSA CUM CALCE. U. S. Potassa with Lime.

(PŌ-TĂS'SĄ CŬM CĂL'CĒ.)

Pulvis Causticus cum Calce, Pulvis Causticus Viennensis; Vienna Caustic, Vienna Paste; Caustique (Poudre) de Vienne, *Fr.;* Wiener Aetzpulver, *G.*

"Potassa, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Lime, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Rub them together, in a warm iron mortar, so as to form a powder, and keep it in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

This preparation is "a grayish-white powder, deliquescent, having a strongly alkaline reaction, and responding to the tests for calcium and potassium. It should be soluble in diluted hydrochloric acid without leaving more than a small residue." *U. S.* It should not effervesce on the addition of an acid. It is prepared for use by being made up into a paste with a little alcohol. The paste is applied for ten or fifteen minutes to the part to be cauterized, and is conveniently limited in its operation by a piece of adhesive plaster, in the manner explained under potassa. The former Edinburgh preparation, made by evaporating the solution of po-

* For a method of analyzing commercial potash so as to determine the percentage and character of impurities, see *A. J. P.*, xlvii. 464.

† At the suggestion of Dr. Maunoury, of Chartres, M. E. Robiquet has prepared a paste consisting of gutta-percha and caustic potassa, which offers many advantages of manipulation, in the application of the latter substance. It is prepared by simply melting together equal weights of the two substances. The resulting paste can be moulded into any form that may be thought desirable, either of cylinders, plates, or lozenges, and retains its form indefinitely, even when introduced into cavities. All that is necessary, before applying it, is to dip it into alcohol for a few seconds. The resulting eschars are very precise in their form. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx. 275.)

tassa to one-third, and adding lime enough to bring it to the state of a firm paste, was often called *causticum commune mitius*, or *milder common caustic*. Potassa with lime is a more manageable caustic than the official potassa, on account of the presence of the lime, which renders it milder, slower in its operation, and less deliquescent, and causes it to spread less beyond the part intended to be affected. Dr. Filhos has improved this caustic by forming it into sticks. To prepare it thus, the potassa is perfectly fused in an iron spoon, and one-third of its weight of quicklime is added in divided portions, the whole being stirred with an iron rod. The fused mass is then run into lead tubes, closed at one end, about three inches long, and from a quarter to half an inch in diameter in the clear. The sticks are kept, still enclosed in the lead tubes with the open end downward, in thick glass tubes, containing some powdered quicklime, and closed with a cork, between which and the stick some cotton is put to steady the caustic. When employed, as much of the caustic is uncovered at the end, by scraping off the lead, as it is proposed to use. This form of caustic is particularly recommended for cauterizing the neck of the uterus. M. E. Robiquet has modified the caustic, by fusing the potassa and lime at a higher heat, running the fused mass into iron moulds, and quickly coating the sticks, when cold, with melted gutta-percha. The higher heat employed renders the caustic harder and more homogeneous.*

POTASSA SULPHURATA. U. S., Br. Sulphurated Potassa. [Liver of Sulphur.]

(PŌ-TĂS'SĄ SŬL-PHŪ-RĀ'TĄ.)

"A mixture of Salts of Potassium, of which the chief is sulphide." *Br.*

Hepar Sulphuris; Potassii Sulphuretum, *U. S.* 1870; Sulphuret of Potassium, Sulphurated Potash; Kalium Sulfuratum, *P. G.*; Sulfure de Potasse, Foie de Soufre, *Fr.*; Kalischwefelleber, *G.*

"Sublimed Sulphur, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Potassium Carbonate, dried, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]. Mix the powdered and dried Potassium Carbonate thoroughly with the Sublimed Sulphur, and gradually heat the mixture, in a covered crucible, which should be only about half filled with it, until the mass ceases to foam and is in a state of perfect fusion. Then pour the fused mass on a cold marble slab, and, after it has cooled, break it into pieces, and keep it in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Potassium, in powder, *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sublimed Sulphur *five ounces* [av.]. Mix the Carbonate of Potassium (dried) and the Sulphur in a warm mortar, and having introduced them into a Cornish or Hessian crucible, let this be heated, first gradually, until effervescence has ceased, and finally to dull redness, so as to produce perfect fusion. Let the liquid contents of the crucible be then poured out on a clean flagstone, and covered quickly with an inverted porcelain basin, so as to exclude currents of air while solidification is taking place. The solid product thus obtained should, when cold, be broken into fragments, and immediately enclosed in a green-glass bottle, furnished with an air-tight stopper." *Br.*

These processes are essentially the same, except that a greater heat is used in the British process, which somewhat modifies the result. When potassium carbonate is melted with half its weight of sulphur, as in the U. S. process, the carbonic acid is expelled. The composition varies with the heat employed. If the heat does not exceed 185° C. (365° F.), the resulting preparation will contain potassium hyposulphite; if above 300° C. (572° F.), potassium sulphate. (*Fordos and Gélis.*) The reaction for the preparation at the lower temperature is $3K_2CO_3 + (S_2)_4 = 2K_2S_3 + K_2S_2O_3 + 3CO_2$, which at the higher temperature is changed as follows: $4K_2S_2O_3 = 3K_2SO_4 + K_2S_5$. The potassium pentasulphide formed is decomposed at this high temperature into sulphur, which burns off, and K_2S_3. The U. S. preparation, therefore, which is made at the temperature of fusion, probably contains potassium hyposulphite, and may be represented by the formula $2K_2S_3 + K_2S_2O_3$, three mols. of CO_2 escaping; while the British, being prepared at a red heat, contains potassium sulphate, the reaction probably being $4K_2CO_3 + (S_2)_5 = K_2SO_4 + 3K_2S_3 + 4CO_2$.

Potassium carbonate from pearlash is usually employed by the manufacturer; but in the process of M. Henry, which is stated to be the best yet devised, the pure potassium carbonate is employed. His formula is as follows. Mix two parts of pure potassium carbonate with one of sulphur reduced to powder, and put the mixture into flat-bottomed matrasses, which should be only two-thirds filled. These are placed on a sand-bath, and the fire is applied so as,

* M. Piédagnel states that by mixing the Vienna powder with morphine hydrochlorate, in the proportion of three parts of the former to one of the latter, a caustic is obtained which will produce an eschar without causing pain. He first mixes them intimately in the dry state, and then with alcohol, chloroform, or water, making a paste, which may be applied by means of adhesive plaster. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxiii. 469.)

at first, to produce only a gentle heat, which is afterwards increased. Care must be taken that the necks of the matrasses do not become obstructed. The heat is continued until the matter is brought to a state of tranquil fusion, when it is allowed to cool. The mass obtained, which is compact, smooth, and of a fine yellow color, is broken into pieces, and preserved in well-stopped bottles.

Properties. Sulphurated potassa, when properly prepared, is a hard, brittle substance, having a nauseous, alkaline, and bitter taste. Its color is liver-brown, and hence its name of *hepar sulphuris*, or *liver of sulphur*. The color of the surface of a fresh fracture is brownish yellow. It is inodorous when dry, but emits a slightly fetid smell when moist, owing to the extrication of a little hydrogen sulphide gas. It is soluble in water, forming an orange-yellow liquid, and exhaling the smell of hydrogen sulphide. It is officially described as follows. "When freshly prepared, Sulphurated Potassa forms irregular pieces of a liver-brown color, which, by exposure to the air, gradually absorb moisture, oxygen, and carbon dioxide, and change to a greenish-yellow and finally to a gray mass containing potassium carbonate, hyposulphite, and sulphate. The compound has a faint odor of hydrogen sulphide, and a bitter, alkaline taste. Soluble in 2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), with the exception of a small residue. Alcohol dissolves only the potassium sulphide, leaving the other constituents (hyposulphite and sulphate) undissolved. The aqueous solution (1 in 10) is of an orange-yellow color, is strongly alkaline to litmus paper, and gives off the odor of hydrogen sulphide. On adding to it acetic acid in slight excess, an abundance of hydrogen sulphide is evolved, while sulphur is precipitated. In this liquid, after filtration, sodium bitartrate test-solution produces an abundant, white, crystalline precipitate. On triturating 1 Gm. of Sulphurated Potassa with 1 Gm. of crystallized copper sulphate and 10 C.c. of water, and filtering, the filtrate should remain unaffected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, corresponding to at least 12·85 per cent. of sulphur combined with potassium to form sulphide." *U. S.* By exposure to the air it attracts oxygen, and the potassium sulphide is gradually changed into potassium sulphate, when the preparation becomes inodorous, and white on the surface. The solution is decomposed by the mineral acids, which extricate hydrogen sulphide and precipitate the excess of sulphur. It is also incompatible with solutions of most of the metals, which are precipitated as sulphides. When boiled with an excess of hydrochloric acid and filtered, it gives a yellow precipitate with platinic chloride, and a white one with barium chloride. The preparation of the Br. Pharmacopœia yields about one-half of its weight to alcohol,—the portion dissolved being potassium sulphide, and the undissolved portion potassium sulphate.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sulphurated potassa is a local irritant, and, in small and repeated doses, is said to increase the frequency of the pulse, heat of the skin, and different secretions, especially the mucous. Occasionally it vomits and purges. It acts, moreover, as an antacid, and produces the alterative effects of sulphur. By some it is maintained to be sedative, and directly to reduce the action of the heart. It probably does so, when taken in considerable quantities, by the development of hydrogen sulphide. In overdoses it acts, according to Orfila, as a violent poison, corroding the stomach, and depressing the powers of the nervous system. Lead acetate or zinc acetate may be used as an antidote; but the latter is preferable, as less likely to act injuriously in an overdose, and having, besides, emetic properties. The complaints in which it has been most advantageously employed are *chronic rheumatism* and *gout*, and various *cutaneous affections*. It has been given also in *painter's colic*, *asthma*, and *chronic catarrh*, and acquired a short-lived reputation as a remedy in *croup*, after the publication of the essay to which the prize offered by Napoleon for the best dissertation on that disease was awarded. In consequence of forming insoluble sulphides with the metallic salts, it has been proposed as an antidote for some mineral poisons; but Orfila has shown that it does not prevent their effects. Dissolved in water, it has proved efficacious as an external application in *cutaneous diseases*, and in *scabies* is an almost certain remedy. It may be used for this purpose in the form of lotion, bath, or ointment. For a lotion it may be dissolved in water in the proportion of from fifteen to thirty grains to the fluidounce (1–1·95 Gm. to 30 C.c.), and for a bath the same quantity or rather more may be added to a gallon of water. A very small proportion of hydrochloric or sulphuric acid may in either case be added to the solution. The ointment is made by mixing half a drachm of the sulphide with an ounce of lard. The odor is very favorably modified, whether in solution or in the state of ointment, by incorporating with it a little oil of anise. The dose of potassium sulphide is from two to ten grains (0·13–0·65 Gm.), repeated several times a day, and given in pill with liquorice, or in solution with syrup. In *infantile croup*, from one to four grains (0·065–0·26 Gm.) were given every three or four hours.

POTASSII ACETAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Acetate.

$KC_2H_3O_2$; 97·89. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī Ą-CĒ'TĂS.) $KC_2H_3O_2$; 98.

"Potassium Acetate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Acetate of Potassium; Kali Aceticum, *P. G.;* Sal Diureticum, Acetas Potassicus, s. Kalicus, Terra Foliata Tartari; Acetate of Potash (Potassa), Diuretic Salt; Acétate de Potasse, *Fr.;* Essigsaures Kali, *G.*

"Take of Carbonate of Potassium *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *two pints* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency.* To the Acetic Acid add gradually the Carbonate of Potassium, filter, acidulate, if necessary, with a few additional drops of the Acid, and, having evaporated the liquid to dryness in a thin porcelain basin, raise the heat cautiously so as to liquefy the product. Allow the basin to cool, and, when the salt has solidified, and while it is still warm, break it in fragments and put it into stoppered bottles." *Br.*

The substitution in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870* of potassium bicarbonate for the carbonate used in the British formula was an improvement, as it insured a purer product. The form of acid for generating the salt is official acetic acid, and a colorless solution is obtained, This is evaporated to dryness, but the British Pharmacopœia directs the dry salt to be melted, so that it may be obtained as a solid mass on cooling. When fusion is resorted to, great care must be taken not to use too high a heat, as otherwise part of the acetic acid will be decomposed, and the resulting salt will be discolored. For drying the potassium acetate, Dr. Christison considers the heat of a vapor-bath too low, and that of a sand-bath apt to become too high. He therefore recommends the use of a bath of calcium chloride when operating on a small scale. In conducting the evaporation, it is best to have the solution always slightly acid; for if the alkali predominate, it will react upon the acetic acid when the solution is concentrated, and give rise to discoloration. On account of the liability to discoloration, great care must be observed to avoid the contamination of iron. Some manufacturers use silver dishes.

Potassium acetate may also be obtained by double decomposition between lead acetate and potassium sulphate. When thus procured, it is very white and pure, but liable to the objection, for medical use, that it may possibly contain a little lead. Another method by double decomposition is between calcium acetate and potassium sulphate.

Properties. It is officially described as "a white powder, or crystalline masses of a satiny lustre, odorless, and having a warming, saline taste. Very deliquescent on exposure to the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·36 part of water, and in 1·9 parts of alcohol; with increasing temperature it becomes much more soluble in both liquids. When heated to 292° C. (557·6° F.), the salt fuses. At a higher temperature it decomposes, blackens, and evolves vapors having an empyreumatic odor (an alliaceous odor would indicate the presence of *arsenic*), and finally leaves a white residue of potassium carbonate, which should be completely soluble in water. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) colors litmus paper blue, but does not redden phenolphtalein test-solution. Upon the addition of sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution, a copious yellow precipitate is formed. The addition of sodium bitartrate test-solution to the aqueous solution causes a white, crystalline precipitate. When the salt is heated with a small amount of sulphuric acid, vapors of acetic acid are evolved. The addition of a little ferric chloride test-solution to a solution of the salt produces a deep red color, and, upon the application of heat, a pale brown, flocculent precipitate of basic ferric acetate separates." *U. S.* When unskilfully prepared, it is apt to be more or less colored. Its state of aggregation differs according to the manner in which it is procured. As obtained by evaporating the solution to dryness, agreeably to the directions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870, it is in the form of soft fibrous masses. As usually prepared and found in commerce, it has a foliated texture, which is given to it by fusion and cooling. On account of this appearance, it was formerly called *foliated earth of tartar.* It must always be preserved in well-stopped bottles.

Tests. The most usual impurities contained in it are silica, potassium sulphate, tartrate, and chloride, and the lead and copper salts. "Having prepared a solution of 2·5 Gm. of the salt in 50 C.c. of water, use 10 C.c. of it for each of the following tests: After a portion has been acidulated with a few drops of hydrochloric acid, the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution should produce no precipitate (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). In another portion, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution should produce no visible change (absence of *sulphate*). If to a portion of the solution, acidulated with nitric acid, 0·1 C.c of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution be

* "Take of Acetic Acid *a pint;* Bicarbonate of Potassium *a sufficient quantity.* Add the Bicarbonate gradually to the Acid until it is neutralized; then filter the solution, and evaporate cautiously, by means of a sand-bath, until a dry salt remains." *U. S.* 1870.

added, the liquid should, after filtration, show no further change on the addition of more silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). The addition of 0·3 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution should effect no change in the solution within fifteen minutes (limit of *iron*). No coloration or precipitate should be produced by adding 1 C.c. of ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). Fragments of the salt, sprinkled upon sulphuric acid, should produce no effervescence (absence of *carbonate*), nor impart any color (absence of *readily carbonizable*, *organic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of Potassium Acetate be, by thorough ignition, converted into carbonate, the residue should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 98 per cent. of pure Potassium Acetate), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* Since the introduction of the cheap method of obtaining pure acetic acid from wood, this salt has scarcely been subjected to adulteration. Potassium acetate is incompatible with the mineral acids, which expel the acetic acid; with sodium and magnesium sulphates; with corrosive sublimate and silver nitrate; and with several other earthy and metallic salts. This salt exists in the juices of many plants, and especially in the sap of trees, and is the principal source of the potassium carbonate existing in the ashes of wood. It consists of one atom of potassium combined with one acetic acid group, $C_2H_3O_2$.

Medical Properties and Uses. In doses of from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.) potassium acetate acts as a diuretic, and as a mild cathartic when given to the extent of three or four drachms (11·65–15·5 Gm.). It is employed in *dropsies*, but is not so useful as the bitartrate. Dr. J. A. Easton, of Glasgow, has found it useful in several skin diseases, such as *psoriasis*, *eczema*, and *lepra*, in doses of half a drachm (1·95 Gm.) three times a day. The alkaline treatment of *acute rheumatism* which originated with Dr. Golding Bird is very well carried out by this salt, half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.), in dilute solution, being given during the twenty-four hours. Potassium acetate, like the other alkaline salts containing a vegetable acid, may be given in the uric acid diathesis, to render the urine alkaline; for the experiments of Wöhler and others have shown that the acid of these salts undergoes decomposition in the system, leaving the alkali free to act as a carbonate. Vegetable potassium salts increase the oxidation of tissue, and may therefore be very useful as depuratives.

POTASSII BICARBONAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Bicarbonate.

$KHCO_3$; 99·88. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī BĪ-CĂR'BŌ-NĂS.) $KHCO_3$; 100.

Acid Carbonate of Potassium; Kali Bicarbonicum, *P. G.*; Kali Carbonicum Acidulum; Bicarbonas Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Bicarbonate of Potash; Bicarbonate de Potasse, *Fr.*; Doppelt-Kohlensaures Kali, *G.*

The process of the U. S. P. 1870,* and also that of the British Pharmacopœia, for this salt were abandoned at the last revisions.

The latter authority briefly states that "it may be obtained by saturating a strong aqueous solution of carbonate of potassium with carbonic acid gas, and recrystallizing the sepafated salt." *Br.*

Mr. Brande gives the following proportions for the preparation of potassium bicarbonate: "100 lbs. of purified potassium carbonate are dissolved in 17 gallons of water [Imperial measure], which, when saturated with carbonic acid, yield from 35 to 40 lbs. of crystallized bicarbonate; 50 lbs. of potassium carbonate are then added to the mother-liquor, with a sufficient quantity of water to make up 17 gallons, and the operation repeated." Wöhler states that charcoal, when mixed with the carbonate, facilitates by its porosity, in a remarkable degree, the formation of the bicarbonate. Thus, he found that, when crude tartar was charred in a covered crucible, and the carbonaceous mass, after having been slightly moistened with water, was subjected to a stream of carbonic acid, the gas was absorbed with great rapidity, and heated the mass so considerably as to render it necessary to surround the vessel with cold water, to prevent the decomposition of the bicarbonate formed. When the temperature diminished, the saturation was known to be completed. The mass was lixiviated in the smallest quantity of water at the temperature of from 29·4° to 37·7° C. (85° to 100° F.), and the solution, after filtration and cooling, deposited the greater part of the bicarbonate in fine crystals. (See *A. J. P.*, x. 82.)

M. Behrens has proposed to obtain potassium bicarbonate by partially saturating the carbon-

* "Take of Carbonate of Potassium *forty-eight troyounces*; Distilled Water *ten pints*. Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in the Distilled Water, and pass Carbonic Acid through the solution till it is fully saturated. Then filter the liquid, and evaporate that crystals may form, taking care that the heat does not exceed 160°. Lastly, pour off the supernatant liquid, and dry the crystals upon bibulous paper. Carbonic acid may be obtained from marble by the addition of dilute sulphuric acid." *U. S.* 1870.

ate, dissolved in an equal weight of water, with acetic acid gradually added. Up to a certain point, no carbonic acid is extricated, and a precipitate takes place of pure potassium bicarbonate, equal to half the weight of the carbonate employed. After the bicarbonate is separated, the saturation may be completed, and potassium acetate obtained. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iv. 464.) L. Pesci dissolves purified caustic potassa in 80-per-cent. alcohol, and passes a stream of carbonic acid through the solution until it is saturated. The white precipitate is collected and washed with alcohol; it is free from chlorides and nitrates. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 1876.)

According to Berzelius, the cheapest method of obtaining potassium bicarbonate is to suspend a concentrated solution of the purified carbonate, contained in a stone-ware dish, within a cask, over a liquid undergoing the vinous fermentation. The alkali is thus surrounded by an atmosphere of carbonic acid, and, by absorbing it, crystallizes into bicarbonate in the course of five or six weeks. Distillers and brewers may prepare this salt with great facility by suspending the alkaline solution in the fermenting tun. The salt in powder called *potash sal aëratus*, made principally in New England, is prepared in this way. In composition it is between a carbonate and a bicarbonate.

Properties. Bicarbonate of potassium is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, odorless, and having a saline and slightly alkaline taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 3·2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1·9 parts at 50° C. (122° F.). At a higher temperature the solution rapidly loses carbon dioxide, and, after being boiled, contains only potassium carbonate. Almost insoluble in alcohol. The dry salt begins to lose carbon dioxide at 100° C. (212° F.), and this loss increases at a higher temperature, until, at a red heat, the salt has lost 30·97 per cent. of its original weight, leaving a residue of carbonate, The pure salt, when dissolved in water, is at first neutral to litmus paper and to phenolphtalein test-solution, but the solution soon becomes feebly alkaline by partial conversion of the salt into carbonate. Sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution produces in the aqueous solution a copious yellow precipitate. Tartaric acid test-solution, added to the aqueous solution in excess, causes a white, crystalline precipitate. A solution of 0·5 Gm. of Potassium Bicarbonate in 10 C.c. of water should not at once be colored red by one drop of phenolphtalein test-solution (limit of *carbonate*). Dissolve 2·5 Gm. of the salt in 30 C.c. of diluted acetic acid, and, having made up the volume to 50 C.c. with water, use 10 C.c. for each of the following tests: No visible change should occur in a portion of this solution upon the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). The addition of 0·3 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution to another portion should not produce a blue color within fifteen minutes (limit of *iron*). After adding a few drops of nitric acid and 0·1 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to another portion, and filtering, the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution should not affect the filtrate (limit of *chloride*). To neutralize 1 Gm. of Potassium Bicarbonate should require 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* When heated to redness it loses carbonic acid and returns to the state of carbonate, which, when thus obtained, is free from silica, and otherwise very pure. This method was adopted in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 for obtaining the pure carbonate. When a perfect bicarbonate, its solution, unless heated, does not precipitate a solution of magnesium sulphate. This negative indication, however, cannot be depended upon as showing the absence of carbonate; for, according to Dr. Christison, no precipitate will be occasioned even when 50 per cent. of this impurity is present. Potassium bicarbonate does not decompose calomel. When dissolved in 40 parts of water, it produces a white haze merely with a solution of corrosive sublimate; but if it contain so much as a hundredth part of carbonate, a brick-red precipitate is immediately produced. (*Christison.*) Another way of detecting the presence of carbonate is to add starch sugar to a heated solution of the suspected bicarbonate. If any carbonate be present, the mixture will turn yellow or brown. (*Chevallier.*) The official test (Hirsch's) given above is, however, more reliable, and admits but traces of carbonate. Potassium bicarbonate consists of one atom of potassium and one of hydrogen, in combination with one carbonic acid group, CO_3. "Fifty grains exposed to a low red heat leave 34·5 grains of a white residue, which requires for exact saturation 500 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*;" and "20 grains neutralize 14 grains of citric acid, or 15 grains of tartaric acid." *Br.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties of this salt are similar to those of the carbonate, to which it is preferable from its milder taste and its greater acceptability to the stomach. The dose is from twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). It is, however, much more disagreeable than the salts of potassium made from the fruit acids which are now univer-

sally used when a decided effect upon the system is desired,—the bicarbonate and the carbonate being almost exclusively employed as antacids.

POTASSII BICHROMAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Bichromate. [Potassium Dichromate.]

$K_2Cr_2O_7$; 293·78. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī BĪ-ĊHRŌ'MĂS.) $K_2Cr_2O_7$; 294·8.

Red Chromate of Potash (Potassa); Kali Bichromicum, Kali Chromicum Rubrum; Bichrômate de Potasse, *Fr.*; Zweifach Chromsaures Kali, Doppeltchromsaures Kali, *G.*

This salt is most conveniently prepared from the neutral or yellow *potassium chromate*, by acidulating its solution with sulphuric acid and setting it aside for a day or two. In the action which follows we may suppose two reactions to take place: $(K_2CrO_4)_2 + H_2SO_4 = K_2SO_4 + (KHCrO_4)_2$, $(KHCrO_4)_2 = K_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2O$. Here the sulphuric acid, taking half the base from the two molecules of neutral chromate, changes them into two molecules of an acid chromate. This, however, is unstable, and the two molecules condense to form one of the dichromate with the elimination of one molecule of water. The yellow chromate is obtained by igniting four parts of powdered chrome-iron ore ($FeO.Cr_2O_3$) with one part of potassium nitrate, and lixiviating the resulting mass with water. The solution, by evaporation, yields the yellow salt in crystals. In this process, the nitric acid of the potassium nitrate furnishes oxygen to convert the chromium sesquioxide into chromic acid, which then unites with the potassium of the same salt. The iron, in the mean time, is sesquioxidized and rendered insoluble. Sometimes impure potassium carbonate (pearlash) is substituted for part of the potassium nitrate in the calcination. Omitting the potassium nitrate entirely, Stromeyer, of Norway, in performing the ignition, has used lime along with the pearlash, with economical results. When lime is employed, calcium chromate is formed, which is extracted by lixiviation and decomposed by a soluble potassium salt. When desired, the bichromate may be obtained directly from the solution of potassium chromate, derived from the treatment of the ore by acidulating it with sulphuric acid, without first crystallizing it.

Potassium bichromate is in the form of "large, orange-red, transparent, triclinic prisms or four-sided tables, odorless, and having a bitter, metallic taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 10 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1·5 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. The salt fuses below a red heat, without loss of weight, forming a dark-brown liquid. At a white heat it evolves oxygen and leaves a residue of neutral potassium chromate and green chromic oxide. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. On mixing 4 C.c. of the aqueous solution with 0·5 C.c. of alcohol, and then with 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid, the liquid will assume a green color and emit the odor of aldehyde. Sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution produces in the aqueous solution a copious yellow precipitate." *U. S.*

The production of potassium and sodium bichromate in the United States for the year 1885 was: potassium bichromate 2000 short tons, sodium bichromate 500 tons; for 1886, potassium bichromate 2250 tons, sodium bichromate 1000 tons. The importations were: for 1890, 1,304,185 lbs. of potassium chromate and bichromate, and 4353 tons of chrome ore; for 1891, 755,254 lbs. of the salts, and 4560 tons of chrome ore; for the first nine months of 1892, 953,493 lbs. of the salts, and 4950 tons of chrome ore.

Medical Properties. Potassium bichromate is an irritant caustic. It was first used internally in 1850, by M. Robin, as an alterative in *secondary syphilis*, in doses of one-fifth of a grain (0·012 Gm.), given in pill form; and Prof. Heyfelder, of Erlangen, and M. Vicente afterwards employed it in the same disease with asserted encouraging results. It is said to cause salivation; but it is at present never used internally. Its saturated solution was recommended, in 1827, by Dr. Cumin, as a caustic application to *tubercular elevations, excrescences*, and *warts*, and in 1850 by M. Puche in *syphilitic vegetations*. It causes the morbid parts to shrivel and fall off. Dissolved in water, in the proportion of five grains gradually increased to a drachm to the fluidounce, it has been found useful in affections of the mucous membranes requiring astringents; and a solution has also been used with advantage for correcting the fetor of *sloughing wounds*.*

In overdoses it operates as a violent irritative and corrosive poison, producing severe vomiting, frequent dark hemorrhagic dejections, violent abdominal pains, pronounced disturbance of the circulation, coma, heart-failure, collapse, etc. Less than an ounce has caused unconsciousness in five minutes, with death thirty-five minutes later. (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, ii. 1888.)

* *Mueller's Fluid* is used for preserving anatomical specimens. It consists of 2 to 2·5 parts of potassium bichromate, 1 part of sodium sulphate, and 100 parts of water.

Soap, an alkaline carbonate, or magnesia, is the antidote. Potassium bichromate is manufactured largely for the use of calico-printers. The workmen engaged in making it are liable to painful ulcerations of the hands; and, in consequence of the acrid vapors evolved, violent irritation of the nostrils is apt to be experienced, with severe pricking sensations and excessive sneezing, followed in time by destruction of the mucous membrane and even of the septum itself. It is asserted that this result may be avoided by breathing through the mouth exclusively, the profuse secretion of saliva produced carrying off the poisonous particles. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Oct. 1863.) For a full account of the manufacture of the chromium salts, for dyes and pigments, see *P. J. Tr.* (xv. 32).

POTASSII BITARTRAS. U. S. (Br.) Potassium Bitartrate. [Cream of Tartar.]

$KHC_4H_4O_6$; 187·67. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī BĪ-TĂR'TRĂS.) $KHC_4H_4O_6$; 188.

Potassii Tartras Acida, *Br.;* Acid Potassium Tartrate, Supertartrate of Potassa, Crystals of Tartar, Cream of Tartar; Tartaras Depuratus, *P. G.;* Kali Bitartaricum, Bitartras Potassicus, s. Kalicus, Cremor Tartari; Tartrate acide de Potasse, Crême de Tartre, Bitartrate de Potasse, Pierre de Vin, *Fr.;* Doppeltweinsaures Kali, Weinsteinrahm, Weinstein, *G.;* Cremore di Tartaro, *It.;* Cremor de Tartaro, *Sp.*

"An acid salt obtained from the crude tartar which is deposited during the fermentation of grape-juice, and from the lees of wine." *Br.*

During the fermentation of wines, especially those that are tart, a peculiar matter is deposited in the casks, forming a crystalline crust, called *crude tartar*, or *argol.* That deposited from red wines is of a reddish color, and called *red tartar;* while that derived from white wines is of a dirty-white color, and denominated *white tartar.* Both kinds consist of potassa, united with an excess of tartaric acid, forming acid potassium tartrate, rendered impure by calcium tartrate, more or less coloring matter, and other matters which are deposited during the clarification of the wine. The deposition of the tartar is thus explained. The acid tartrate exists naturally in the juice of the grape, held in solution by saccharine matter. When the juice is submitted to fermentation in the process for converting it into wine, the sugar disappears, and is replaced by alcohol, in which the salt is insoluble. It is from this substance that acid potassium tartrate is obtained by a process of purification. The importations of crude tartar, or argol, for the years 1891 and 1892 were as follows: 1891, 21,579,102 lbs., valued at $2,197,507; for 1892, 24,813,171 lbs., valued at $2,216,525. Although the amount of crude tartar produced in the United States is small, compared with the quantity imported from Europe, yet the amount from American wines is rapidly increasing. The process for purifying crude tartar is founded upon the greater solubility of acid potassium tartrate in hot than in cold water. The tartar, previously pulverized, is boiled with water in copper boilers. The solution, when saturated, is transferred to earthen pans, where it deposits on cooling a crystalline layer, nearly free from color. This is redissolved in boiling water, and the solution, having been mixed with 4 or 5 per cent. of pipe-clay, is evaporated to a pellicle. The clay precipitates with the coloring matter, and the clear solution, as it cools, deposits white crystals in crusts, which, upon being exposed to the air on linen for several days, acquire an increased degree of whiteness. These constitute the *crystals of tartar* of pharmacy. The salt, as met with in commerce, is generally, for greater convenience, in the form of powder, to which the name *cream of tartar* properly belongs.

Wittstein proposes to free cream of tartar from lime by dilute hydrochloric acid, which dissolves the lime preferably, and, if not used in excess, will take up very little of the potassium salt. For remarks on this subject by Tenner, of Berne, see *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1862, p. 39.

Properties. Potassium bitartrate occurs in commerce in white crystalline crusts or masses of aggregated crystals, which are usually powdered before being sold to pharmacists. It is officially described as in "colorless or slightly opaque, rhombic crystals, or a white, somewhat gritty powder, odorless, and having a pleasant, acidulous taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in about 201 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and about 16·7 parts of boiling water; very sparingly soluble in alcohol. When a small portion of the salt is heated on platinum foil, it chars and emits inflammable vapors having the odor of burning sugar. At a higher temperature, with free access of air, the carbon of the black residue is oxidized, and a white, fused mass of potassium carbonate remains, which has an alkaline reaction, and effervesces strongly with acids. The aqueous solution of the salt has an acid reaction upon litmus paper. With sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution it yields a copious yellow precipitate. In the aqueous solution of the salt, rendered neutral by potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, silver nitrate test-solution produces a white precipitate which, on boiling, becomes black by the sepa-

ration of metallic silver. If, before applying heat, enough ammonia water be added to dissolve the white precipitate, upon boiling the solution a mirror will be deposited on the sides of the test-tube." *U. S.* With salifiable bases which form soluble tartrates, it gives rise to double salts, consisting of neutral potassium tartrate, and the tartrate of the base added. Several of these are important medicines. Cream of tartar, though sparingly soluble in water, becomes abundantly so by the addition of borax or boric acid.* (See *Sodii Boras.*)

Tests. "If 1·5 Gm. of the salt be shaken with 30 C.c. of water and the mixture filtered, 10 C.c. of the filtrate, after being acidulated with nitric acid, should not be rendered turbid by 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), nor by 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). A solution of 0·5 Gm. of the salt in 3 C.c. of ammonia water should leave no insoluble residue (absence of *insoluble matter*), nor be affected by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *copper*, *lead*, *iron*, etc.). If 1·2 Gm. of Potassium Bitartrate be repeatedly agitated, during half an hour, with a mixture of 5 C.c. of acetic acid and 1 C.c. of water, and the mixture be then diluted with 30 C.c. of water, and filtered, the clear filtrate should not be rendered turbid, within one minute, by the addition of 0·5 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution (limit of *calcium salt*). The odor of ammonia should not be evolved on heating the salt with a slight excess of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution. If 1·88 Gm. of Potassium Bitartrate be thoroughly ignited at a red heat, it should require for complete neutralization not less than 9·9 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 10 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The cream of tartar of commerce is not pure potassium bitartrate. It usually contains from 2 to 7 per cent. of calcium tartrate, an amount admissible in samples for medicinal use. But it sometimes contains from 8 to 13 per cent. of calcium tartrate, the amount being especially large in tartar from Spanish wines and those from the south of France. It is often purposely mixed with various substances, such as sand, clay, gypsum, flour, chalk, alum, and potassium sulphate. Sand, clay, and gypsum may be detected by their insolubility in a hot solution of potassa; flour, by its striking a blue color with iodine; chalk, by its effervescing with dilute acids; alum (an unlikely sophistication), by its astringency; and any soluble sulphate, by its causing a precipitate with barium chloride, not entirely soluble in nitric acid. The action of the last-mentioned test is explained by the fact that the barium tartrate is soluble and the sulphate insoluble in nitric acid. Another sophistication of cream of tartar is said to be with sugar of milk, but this cannot often happen, because of the cost of the latter. The best security against fraud is to purchase the crystals and have them powdered. According to the Br. Pharmacopœia, 204 grains, dried on the water-bath and heated to redness till gas ceases to be evolved, leave an alkaline residue (potassium carbonate) which, when treated with distilled water, filtered, and well washed, yields a clear solution requiring for exact neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*. The U. S. P. 1890 admits a slight impurity. It should contain 99 per cent. of pure potassium bitartrate.

Composition. Cream of tartar consists of one molecule of tartaric acid, $C_4H_4O_6.H_2$, in which one of the two replaceable hydrogen atoms has been replaced by an atom of potassium.

Medical Properties and Uses. Potassium bitartrate is a very mild saline cathartic, and an active, soothing, hydragogue diuretic. In small doses it acts as a cooling aperient and in large ones as a hydragogue cathartic, producing copious watery stools. It is much used in *dropsy*. It is frequently prescribed in combination with senna, sulphur, or jalap. (See *Confectio Sulphuris* and *Pulvis Jalapæ Compositus.*) Its solution in boiling water, sweetened with sugar and allowed to cool, forms an acid, not unpleasant, refrigerant drink, advantageously used in some *febrile affections*, and frequently employed as a domestic remedy. The beverage called *imperial* (*potus imperialis*) is a drink of this kind, made by dissolving half an ounce of the salt in three pints of boiling water, and adding to the solution four ounces of white sugar and half an ounce of fresh lemon-peel. *Cream of tartar whey* is prepared by adding about two drachms of the bitartrate to a pint of milk. It may be given, diluted with water, in dropsical complaints. The dose of cream of tartar is a drachm or two (3·9–7·8 Gm.) as an aperient; and from half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.) as a hydragogue cathartic, mixed with molasses, or suspended in water. As a diuretic in dropsical cases, it may be given in the dose of a drachm and a half or two drachms (5·9–7·8 Gm.) several times a day. It is believed to escape from the system unchanged, and hence is not available when an alkaline influence upon the blood or renal secre-

* *Soluble Tartar. Tartarus boraxatus, s. Kali tartaricum boraxatum, s. Cremor tartari solubilis.* Borax, 2 parts; distilled water, 20 parts. Dissolve, and add 5 parts purified cream of tartar. Agitate to dissolve, filter, evaporate to dryness, and powder.

tion is desired. In pharmacy, cream of tartar is employed to obtain the neutral potassium tartrate (soluble tartar), potassium and sodium tartrate (Rochelle salt), antimony and potassium tartrate (tartar emetic), and iron and potassium tartrate (tartarized iron). Deflagrated with potassium nitrate, or incinerated alone, it is converted into a pure form of potassium carbonate, called salt of tartar. In the laboratory it is used to procure potassa in a pure state, and for making black and white flux. *Black flux* is prepared by deflagrating cream of tartar with half its weight of potassium nitrate; and *white flux*, by deflagrating it with twice its weight of the same salt.

POTASSII BROMIDUM. U. S., Br. Potassium Bromide.

KBr; 118·79. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī BRŌ'MĬ-DŬM.) KBr; 118·8.

Bromide of Potassium; Kalium Bromatum, *P. G.;* Bromuretum Potassicum, s. Kalicum; Bromure de Potassium, *Fr.;* Bromkalium, *G.*

"Take of Solution of Potash *two pints* [Imperial measure]; Bromine *four ounces* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency;* Wood Charcoal, in fine powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Boiling Distilled Water *one pint and a half* [Imp. meas.]. Put the Solution of Potash into a glass or porcelain vessel, and add the Bromine in successive portions, with constant agitation, until the mixture has acquired a permanent brown tint. Evaporate to dryness; reduce the residue to a fine powder, and mix this intimately with the Charcoal. Throw the mixture in small quantities at a time into a red-hot iron crucible, and, when the whole has been brought to a state of fusion, remove the crucible from the fire and pour out its contents. When the fused mass has cooled, dissolve it in the Water, filter the solution through paper, and set it aside to crystallize. Drain the crystals, and dry them in a warm place. More crystals may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquor and cooling. The salt should be kept in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

In the first step of the U. S. process of 1870,* a solution of ferrous bromide was formed, and this, by the addition of the solution of potassium carbonate, was decomposed so as to produce ferrous carbonate, which precipitated, and potassium bromide, which remained in solution. By straining, the precipitated carbonate was separated, and from the strained liquor potassium bromide was obtained by due evaporation. In the Br. process, by reaction between potassa and bromine, the potassium bromide and bromate are produced in solution, and, having been obtained dry by evaporation, are exposed with the powder of charcoal to a red heat, whereby the potassium bromate is converted into potassium bromide by the separation of its oxygen. The remainder of the process consists in obtaining the bromide in crystals by solution in boiling water, which deposits it on cooling. "Potassium Bromide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. Potassium bromide is in "colorless or white, cubical crystals, or granules, odorless, and having a pungent, saline taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 1·6 parts of water, and in 200 parts of alcohol; in less than 1 part of boiling water, and in 16 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 4 parts of glycerin. On heating the salt upon platinum foil, it decrepitates; near 700° C. (1290° F.) it fuses without decomposing, and at a bright red heat it volatilizes, communicating a violet color to the flame. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) is neutral, or has, at most, only a scarcely perceptible alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. The addition of tartaric acid test-solution, or of sodium bitartrate test-solution, produces in it, after some time, a white crystalline precipitate. Sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution produces in it at once a copious yellow precipitate. If to 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution of the salt a few drops of chloroform be added, then 1 C.c. of chlorine water, and the mixture be agitated, the liberated bromine will dissolve in the chloroform, imparting to it a yellow or brownish-yellow color without a violet tint." *U. S.* According to Mr. Chas. D. Chase, the commercial salt often is decidedly alkaline, and will precipitate the alkaloids from the solution of their salts: a serious mishap from such cause is very conceivable.

Tests. To determine the percentage of chloride in an impure bromide the process of M. Baudrimont, as improved by M. Falières, may be used. It is founded upon the fact that

* "Take of Bromine *two troyounces;* Iron, in the form of Filings, *a troyounce;* Pure Carbonate of Potassium *two troyounces and sixty grains;* Distilled Water *four pints.* Add the Iron, and afterwards the Bromine, to a pint and a half of the Distilled Water, stirring the mixture frequently with a glass rod for half an hour. Apply a gentle heat, and, when the liquid assumes a greenish color, add gradually the Pure Carbonate of Potassium, previously dissolved in a pint and a half of the Distilled Water, until it ceases to produce a precipitate. Continue the heat for half an hour, and then filter. Wash the precipitate with the remainder of the Distilled Water, boiling hot, and again filter. Mix the filtered liquids, and evaporate that crystals may form. Lastly, pour off the mother-water, and, having dried the crystals on bibulous paper, keep them in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

chlorides precipitate more silver than the bromides, because of the lower atomic weight of chlorine as compared with bromine; for an explanation see *P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 542. Prepare a titrated solution of 0·852 gramme of silver nitrate in 100 cubic centimeters of distilled water. It is necessary, by means of ferric chloride, salts of barium, and strong sulphuric acid in excess, to insure that there are present no other salts, such as potassium iodide, carbonate, or sulphate, or sodium nitrate, which shall interfere with the results. Then dissolve one gramme of the bromide in thirty or forty grammes of water in a stoppered bottle, and add 1·427 grammes of silver nitrate in solution. When the precipitate has subsided, add, drop by drop, from a Gay-Lussac burette the titrated solution. If the bromide be pure, no precipitate forms; otherwise the number of cubic centimeters required to completely precipitate it equals the percentage of the chloride. An iodide of alkaline metal may be detected by adding to the solution of the bromide the palladium chloride, which will precipitate all the iodine in the form of palladium iodide, while the bromide of that metal will remain in solution. (*Ibid.*) According to MM. Bobieure and Herbelin, potassium bromide containing iodide may be purified by boiling with bromine water and evaporating, the liberated iodine and the excess of bromine being driven off during the evaporation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., x. 166.) The U. S. Pharmacopœia permits the presence of 3 per cent. of chloride in potassium bromide, but insists on the absence of iodide and bromate. "If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of a mixture of 100 C.c. of water and 0·2 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid, no red tint should be imparted to the solution by the addition of a few drops of phenolphtalein test-solution (limit of *potassium carbonate*). If a little of the salt be held in a non-luminous flame on a perfectly clean platinum wire, the flame should be colored violet at once, without any appearance of yellow (absence of *sodium*). If diluted sulphuric acid be dropped upon crushed crystals of the salt, they should not at once assume a yellow color (absence of *bromate*). If 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt be mixed with a little starch test-solution, the addition of a few drops of chlorine water should not produce a blue color (absence of *iodine*). Ten C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 12) should not be rendered turbid by the addition of 0·5 C.c. of ammonia water and of 0·5 C.c. of ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.); nor should 10 C.c., after being slightly acidulated with acetic acid, be rendered turbid by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.); nor by 0·5 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); nor by 0·5 C.c. of potassium sulphate test-solution (*barium*); nor by 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (*sulphate*); nor be colored blue by 0·5 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (*iron*). If 0·5 Gm. of the well-dried salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should not require more than 42·85 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color of silver chromate (absence of more than 3 per cent. of *chloride*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. When given to either cold- or warm-blooded animals in repeated doses of sufficient amount, potassium bromide produces a condition of universal depression, with failure of the circulation, progressively increasing paralysis, lowering of temperature, and finally death from asphyxia or exhaustion. In man the remedy causes similar results,—the series of phenomena being known as *bromism*. The symptoms are muscular weakness, general mental and bodily sluggishness, loss of memory, often marked sleepiness, depression of spirits deepening into complete apathy, lowering of temperature, and finally a universal depression of function, the patient lying in bed scarcely more than a feeble automaton. Fetor of breath is usually well marked, and an eruption of acne may be the first indication of the constitutional action of the drug. In some cases the effects of the drug upon the skin are most marked, and the pustules, under its continuous exhibition, become furuncular or go on to ulceration. It seems to be proved that the bromide affects the whole nervous system, but that the portions most susceptible to its influence are those tissues of the spinal cord whose function it is to receive the impulse from without, and the peripheral ends of the afferent or sensitive nerves. Its action upon the circulation has not been clearly determined, but it is somewhat probable that in small doses it contracts, in large ones relaxes, the capillaries; in sufficient amount it lessens the force of the heart's beats. It is probably eliminated with all the secretions, having been found in the sweat, saliva, urine, and intestinal mucus. When taken largely for some time it accumulates in the system, and it has been found in the urine a month after the ingestion of the last dose. It has been employed in almost all diseases to which human flesh is heir; but experience has shown that it is chiefly valuable as a means of quieting non-inflammatory excitement of the reflex centres of the cord, of the peripheral afferent nerves, of the genital function, and

of the cerebrum. It is especially valuable in *epilepsy*, in which disease, however, it is necessary to maintain its decided action for years. In various forms of *convulsions*, such as *hysterical*, *infantile*, and *puerperal*, it is often of great service. In *tetanus* and *strychnine poisoning*, if given with sufficient boldness, it is an excellent remedy. In general nervous excitement,—or unrest,—in *delirium tremens*, in *nymphomania*, *satyriasis*, and other forms of genital irritation without inflammation, and in *semi-impotence* from over-irritability of the sexual organs, it is of great service. Given with opium it will often avert the secondary nausea which that narcotic produces in some persons. In *reflex vomiting*, as that of pregnancy, it is often of advantage. According to Dr. J. T. Rothrock, it is of service in preventing the so-called *urethral fever* produced in some very susceptible males by the passage of a catheter or bougie. It was formerly used as an alterative and resolvent in *syphilis*, *scrofula*, *bronchocele*, and other affections; but this employment of it has passed entirely out of vogue.

Potassium bromide may be given, dissolved in water, in doses of from twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.) three times a day. In some cases much larger amounts are required. In severe strychnine poisoning a half-ounce (15·5 Gm.), properly diluted, may be exhibited at once; and in tetanus there is little use in giving less than the same amount in the twenty-four hours.

POTASSII CARBONAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Carbonate.

K_2CO_3; 137·91. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī CĂR'BŌ-NĂS.) K_2CO_3; 138.

Carbonate of Potassa from Pearlash; Kali Carbonicum, Carbonas Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Carbonate de Potasse, *Fr.*; Kohlensaureskali, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia defines this salt as "K_2CO_3, with about 16 per cent. of water of crystallization," and states that it is "obtained from commercial pearlash, by treating it with its own weight of distilled water and evaporating the solution just to dryness while kept briskly agitated." The present U. S. Pharmacopœia does not give a process for this salt.*

The object of the process is to purify the impure potassium carbonate, or pearlash. This generally contains certain insoluble impurities, as well as small portions of potassium sulphate, silicate, and chloride, as explained under another head. (See *Potassii Carbonas Impura.*) By dissolving it in a due proportion of water, and filtering the solution, the insoluble impurities are disposed of, as well as the greater part of the foreign salts, which, being much less soluble than the potassium carbonate, are excluded by the superior affinity of this salt for the water. The proper way of conducting the purification is to mix the impure carbonate with an equal weight of *cold water*, and to allow the mixture to stand for a day or two, stirring it frequently to promote the action of the water. The clear liquor obtained by decantation or filtration is then evaporated to dryness. The former official process was conducted very much in this way, cold water being employed, and about equal weights of alkali and water being used. The prolonged contact of the water with the salt, and the occasional stirring of the mixture, formerly ordered by the Dublin College, were useful directions. In no case should the undissolved residue be washed with a fresh portion of water, as by such a proceeding the foreign salts, which it is the object of the process to separate, would be dissolved. Iron vessels are directed, because this metal is not acted on by the alkali, while glass is attacked by it. In granulating the salt by stirring, it is better, when the solution is brought nearly to dryness, to keep it on the fire at a reduced heat until the process is finished, than to remove it the moment it thickens. According to Berzelius, a more productive process for purifying pearlash, though the resulting salt is not so pure as when obtained in the way just described, is to dissolve the pearlash in more than its weight of water, to evaporate the solution till it has the sp. gr. 1·52, and then to put it in a cool place, that the foreign salts, principally potassium sulphate and chloride, may crystallize. The solution is then decanted, and evaporated to dryness. To get rid of the silica, Rieckher proposes to evaporate the solution, exempt from sulphate, to dryness, to moisten the residue with solution of ammonium carbonate, and again evaporate. The silica separates, and passes into the insoluble state at the temperature necessary for evaporation. By again dissolving and evaporating, the carbonate is obtained free from this impurity. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1863, p. 158.) "Potassium Carbonate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. "A white, granular powder, odorless, and having a strongly alkaline taste; very deliquescent. Soluble in 1·1 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in about 0·65 part

* "Take of Impure Carbonate of Potassium [pearlash] *thirty-six troyounces;* Water *two pints and a half.* Dissolve the Impure Carbonate in the Water, and filter the solution; then pour it into an iron vessel, and evaporate over a gentle fire until it thickens. Lastly, remove it from the fire, and stir constantly with an iron spatula so as to form a granular salt." *U. S.* 1870.

of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 130° C. (266° F.), the salt loses all the water which it may have retained or absorbed; at a bright red heat it melts, and at a white heat it volatilizes, communicating to the flame a pure violet color. Its aqueous solution (1 in 20) has a strongly alkaline reaction upon litmus paper, and effervesces with acids. With excess of tartaric acid test-solution it slowly yields a white, crystalline precipitate; with sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution a copious yellow precipitate is formed at once." *U. S.* It is extremely deliquescent; and hence a portion of it, exposed to the air for some time, attracts so much water as to dissolve completely into an oily liquid, called by the older chemists *oleum tartari per deliquium*. On account of this property, potassium carbonate should be kept in bottles with accurately-ground stoppers. The usual impurities are earthy matters, potassium sulphate and chloride, and silica in the state of potassium silicate.

Tests. "When a small portion of the salt, treated with a drop of hydrochloric acid, is introduced into a non-luminous flame on a perfectly clean platinum wire, the flame should be colored violet at once, without any appearance of yellow (absence of *sodium*). No residue should be left on dissolving 1 Gm. of the salt in 20 C.c. of water (absence of *earthy impurities*). No precipitate or coloration should be produced in the aqueous solution (1 in 20) by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). On neutralizing the solution with hydrochloric acid, no odor of burning sulphur, nor any white precipitate, should appear (absence of *hyposulphite*). If 2 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be carefully mixed with an equal volume of concentrated sulphuric acid, and, after cooling, 1 C.c. of ferrous sulphate test-solution be poured upon it so as to form a separate layer, no brown color should appear at the line of contact (absence of *nitrate*). If 0·5 Gm. of Potassium Carbonate be dissolved in 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid and 5 C.c. of water, the addition of 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution should not produce any turbidity (absence of *sulphate*). A solution of 0·5 Gm. of the salt in 5 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid mixed with 5 C.c. of water should not be colored blue within fifteen minutes by 0·3 C.c. of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (limit of *iron*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 6 C.c. of diluted nitric acid and 4 C.c. of water, then 0·1 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution be added, and the mixture filtered, no change should be produced in the filtrate by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be mixed with 2 drops, each, of ferrous sulphate test-solution and ferric chloride test-solution, and the mixture heated, and slightly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, no blue color should appear (absence of *cyanide*). The addition of a few drops of lead acetate test-solution to the aqueous solution should produce a pure white precipitate (absence of *sulphide*). To neutralize 0·69 Gm. of Potassium Carbonate should require not less than 9·5 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 10 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* The official test permits the presence of 5 per cent. of impurities. It is incompatible with acids and acidulous salts, ammonium chloride and acetate, lime water, calcium chloride, magnesium sulphate, alum, tartar emetic, silver nitrate, ammoniated copper and ammoniated iron, ferrous sulphate, tincture of ferric chloride, calomel and corrosive sublimate, lead acetate and subacetate, and zinc sulphate. It is not decomposed by iron and potassium tartrate. According to the Br. Pharmacopœia, "83 grains require for neutralization at least 980 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*;" and "20 grains neutralize 17 grains of citric acid, or 18 grains of tartaric acid." A solution of the salt, on exposure to the air, or on the addition of an acid, deposits flocculi consisting of hydrated silica, resulting from the decomposition of potassium silicate, which is always present as an impurity. The spontaneous deposition of silica is owing to the absorption of carbonic acid.

Composition. Potassium carbonate, after exposure to a red heat, is anhydrous, consisting of two atoms of potassium and one carbonic acid group, CO_3. Obtained by the official formulas, it is a hydrate, containing two mols. of carbonate and three of water. When exposed to the air, potassium carbonate absorbs sufficient water, before losing its solid form, to give it three mols.; with more it begins to deliquesce. (Dr. Pohl, *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 532.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Purified pearlash is the form of potassium carbonate usually employed in this country, where it is frequently, though incorrectly, called *salt of tartar*, the latter name being strictly applicable to the purer carbonate obtained by decomposing cream of tartar. It is occasionally used as an antacid in *dyspepsia*, a diuretic in *dropsy*, and an antilithic in *uric acid gravel;* but the purpose to which it was most commonly applied in former years was the formation of the *neutral mixture* and the *effervescing draught*. It is also useful in some cases of *jaundice*, directly exciting the hepatic function. The dose is from ten to thirty

grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), given in some aromatic water sweetened with sugar. In large quantities it acts as a corrosive poison, and is capable of producing death in a few hours; three ounces in very concentrated solution have been recovered from by an adult female. (Dr. Espagne, *Arch. Gén.*, Fév. 1867.) The antidotes are the fixed oils and the vegetable acids. As a local remedy in *cutaneous affections*, potassium carbonate is used in the form of bath, lotion, and ointment. From eight to sixteen ounces may be used for a single bath, the quantity being gradually increased. Lotions may be made by dissolving two or three drachms in a pint of water; and ointments, by rubbing from ten grains to a drachm with an ounce of lard.

POTASSII CARBONAS IMPURA. U. S. 1870. Impure Carbonate of Potassium.

(PŌ-TĂS'SI-Ī CĂR'BŌ-NĂS ĬM-PŪ'RA.)

Pearlash, Pearlashes, Impure Potassa; Potasse du Commerce, *Fr.;* Rohe Pottasche, *G.;* Potasch, *Dutch;* Potaske, *Dan.;* Potaska, *Swed.;* Potassa del Commercio, *It.;* Cenizas claveladas, *Sp.*

The alkali potassa is the hydrate of the metal potassium. (See *Potassium.*) It exists in various states of purity admixed with carbonate. In its most impure state, it is the common potash or *potashes* of commerce. This, subjected to calcination, is rendered purer, and is then called *pearlash*, the form of the alkali designated by the name at the head of this article.

Natural State and Preparation. Potash and pearlash of commerce are procured largely from the ashes of wood by lixiviation, and the subsequent evaporation of the solution obtained. The alkali exists in the wood principally in the state of acetate, and, being of a fixed and incombustible nature, is left behind after the incineration. The wood is burnt on the ground, in a place sheltered from the wind. The ashes consist of a soluble and an insoluble portion. The soluble part is made up of potassium carbonate, together with potassium sulphate, phosphate, and silicate, and potassium and sodium chlorides; the insoluble portion, of calcium, aluminum, oxidized iron and manganese carbonate and phosphate, and a little carbonaceous matter that has escaped combustion. The ashes are lixiviated in barrels with the addition of a portion of lime, and the soluble substances above mentioned are taken up. The lixivium is then evaporated in large iron kettles, which for several days are kept constantly full. The evaporation is continued until the mass has become of a black color and of the consistence of brown sugar. It is now subjected to as powerful a heat as can be produced by the best wood fire for a number of hours, by which it is fused. During the fusion the combustible impurities are for the most part burnt out, and a gaseous matter is emitted, which agitates the more fluid part. When the fusion is complete, the liquid becomes quiescent, and looks like melted iron. It is now transferred, by means of large iron ladles, to iron pots, where it congeals in cakes. These are broken up and packed in tight barrels, and constitute the *potash* of commerce. If it is intended to make *pearlash*, the process is varied. In this case the black matter of the consistence of brown sugar, called *black salts* by our manufacturers, instead of being fused, is transferred from the kettles to a large oven-shaped furnace so constructed that the flame may play over the alkaline mass, which in the mean time is stirred by means of an iron rod. The ignition is in this way continued until the combustible impurities are burnt out, and the mass, from being black, becomes of a bluish-white color. (*Rogers.*)

The ashes of plants amount generally to not more than a few parts in the hundred; and of these a portion only consists of potassa. The different parts of the same vegetable, and, for a stronger reason, different plants, furnish variable quantities of ashes. Ligneous plants yield less than herbaceous, the trunk less than the branches, and the branches less than the leaves. The bark yields more ashes than the wood; and the leaves of trees which drop their foliage in winter yield more than the leaves of evergreens. The following table gives the quantity of potassa contained in the ashes of one thousand parts of the plants:

Pine . . . . . 0·45	Wheat straw . . . . . 4·18	Dry oak leaves . . . . . 24·0
Poplar . . . . . 0·75	Flax . . . . . 5·0	Common nettle . . . . . 25·0
Birch . . . . . 1·29	Rush . . . . . 5·08	Black elder . . . . . 25·5
Beech . . . . . 1·45	Common thistle . . . . . 5·37	Vetch . . . . . 27·5
Oak . . . . . 2·03	Vine branches . . . . . 5·5	Poke . . . . . 45·6
Oak bark . . . . . 2·08	Barley straw . . . . . 5·8	Wheat stalks . . . . . 47·0
Box . . . . . 2·26	Beech bark . . . . . 6·0	Stems of potatoes . . . . . 55·0
Willow . . . . . 2·85	Fern . . . . . 6·2	Wormwood . . . . . 73·0
Linden . . . . . 3·27	Indian corn stalks . . . . . 17·5	Fumitory . . . . . 79·0
Elm . . . . . 3·9	Sunflower stalks . . . . . 19·4	Angelica . . . . . 96·2
Maple . . . . . 3·9		

Commercial History. Potash and pearlash are made in those countries in which forests abound. Accordingly, the alkali has been extensively manufactured in Canada. In the United States, with the disappearance of our forests, its production has been greatly curtailed. While the exports at one time were very large, they have diminished so that in 1892 only 1,307,634 lbs. were exported. Some idea of the falling off in manufacture may be gained by comparing this output of 1892 with that of 1850, the year of greatest production, when 27,000,000 lbs. were exported from Canada alone. (See an interesting report on "Canadian Potash," by Dr. T. D. Reed, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893, p. 126.) It is produced in considerable quantities in the northern countries of Europe, especially in Russia and on the shores of the Baltic. It is of different qualities as it occurs in commerce, and is distinguished by the country or place of manufacture, as *American*, *Russian*, *Dantzic potash*, etc. Within recent years the residues of beet-root molasses, after fermentation of the sugar and distillation of the spirit, have served as a source of potash. It is thus obtained in large quantity in Germany and France.

The *suint* of sheep's wool constitutes another source of potashes. Potassium sulphate, either the crude salt from the Stassfurt deposits or that obtained from the crude potassium chloride of the same locality, is also converted into carbonate by a process analogous to Leblanc's soda process. The principle of the ammonia soda process can also be applied to the crude potassium chloride of Stassfurt, with this difference in the practical operation, that, because of the ready solubility of the acid potassium carbonate, trimethylamine is used instead of ammonia, as the chloride of this base is much more soluble than is ammonium chloride. Potash has been extracted from feldspar by Prof. Fuchs, by igniting it with lime, which renders the alkali slowly soluble in water. Dr. E. Meyer, of Berlin, has found that the extraction is facilitated by digesting the united mass with water under a pressure of seven or eight atmospheres. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1857, p. 607.) Other minerals have recently become the sources of potassa salts, especially a deposit of mixed potassium and magnesium chlorides, overlying a bed of common salt, at Stassfurt, near Magdeburg, in Prussia.

The last of these sources is the one which has developed most rapidly in recent years. The production of the combined German potash-mining companies for 1892, as reported in a pamphlet prepared for the Chicago Exposition, was: carnallite (containing 26·8 per cent. KCl), 736,750 tons, and kainite (containing 35·1 per cent. K_2SO_4), 545,084 tons.

Properties. *Potash* is in the form of fused masses, of a stony appearance and hardness, and a caustic burning taste. Its color is variegated; but reddish and dark brown are the predominant hues. When exposed to the air, it absorbs moisture and deliquesces, and, if sufficiently long exposed, finally becomes liquid. *Pearlash* is of a white color, with usually a tinge of blue. As it occurs in commerce, it is in tight casks, containing about three hundred and fifty pounds, in which it forms one entire, hard, concrete mass. In commerce it is found in coarse powder, intermingled with lumps as dug out of the casks, presenting an opaque granular appearance, like table salt or Havana sugar. It is deliquescent, and has a burning alkaline taste. It is soluble in water, with the exception of impurities. The soluble matter in 100 grains of the salt of medium quality will neutralize about 58 grains of official sulphuric acid. It differs from potash principally in containing fewer combustible impurities and in being less caustic and deliquescent. The coloring matter of both these forms of alkali is derived from carbonaceous impurities and small portions of iron and manganese.

Composition. The basis of both potash and pearlash is potassium carbonate; but this is associated with certain salts and with insoluble impurities. Several varieties of potash found in commerce were analyzed by Vauquelin, whose principal results are contained in the following table. The quantity examined of each kind was 1152 parts.

Kinds of Potash.	Caustic Potassium Hydrate.	Potassium Sulphate.	Potassium Chloride.	Insoluble Residue.	Carbonic Acid and Water.
American potash	857	154	20	2	119
Russian potash	772	65	5	56	254
Pearlash	754	80	4	6	308
Dantzic potash	603	152	14	79	304

These results, calculated for 100 parts, show that the American potash contains 74 per cent. of pure hydrated alkali, and the Russian 67 per cent. Pearlash, it is seen, is more rich in car-

bonic acid than potash; and this result of analysis corresponds with the qualities of the two substances as prepared in the United States,—potash being known to be far more caustic than pearlash. Besides the impurities shown by the table, potassium phosphate and silicate and sodium chloride are present. Prof. J. U. Lloyd, in the *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1892, p. 190, gives the results of an examination of American commercial potashes: he found that what was sold in the market as "first sorts" was largely adulterated with common salt, this addition made to the melted potash in the kettle tending to whiten the crude potash and give it increased value in the eyes of those consumers who judge merely by appearances and do not take the trouble to assay it. According to Mr. Stevenson Macadam, the potashes of commerce contain iodine and a trace of bromine, which shows that the forest trees from which the alkali is obtained must contain a very minute proportion of these non-metallic elements.

As the potash of commerce is valuable in the arts in proportion to the quantity of real alkali which it contains, it is important to possess an easy method of ascertaining its quality in that respect. The process by which this is accomplished is called *alkalimetry*. One of the best methods is by the use of a decinormal solution of oxalic acid (6·3 Gm. in a liter). A 50-C.c. burette, graduated to fifths, and a beaker will be required.

Prof. H. B. Parsons gives the following practical points about estimating the amount of hydrate or carbonate. "100 C.c. of the decinormal solution will neutralize one one-hundredth of the molecular weight, in grammes, of any alkaline hydrate or bicarbonate, or one two-hundredths of the molecular weight of any alkaline normal carbonate or oxide. The reason for weighing out $\frac{1}{200}$ of the molecular weight for normal carbonates is because the oxalic acid in one liter is only sufficient to saturate one atom of K in any hydrate or carbonate; the normal carbonates and the oxides of the alkalies contain *two* atoms of K, Na, etc., and, consequently, require twice the volume of acid solution for neutralization. Hence it is proper to weigh out of carbonates or oxides $\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ their molecular weights when estimating their purity volumetrically. If the proper quantities are weighed and titrated, each C.c. of acid used shows one per cent. of the substance sought. In practice, weigh out the amount of alkaline hydrate theoretically equivalent to 100 C.c. of the acid used, add about 20 drops of cochineal tincture, and drop the acid from a burette into the aqueous solution of alkali until the purple color changes to the straw-yellow or amber color due to slight excess of acid. The number of C.c. of acid employed shows the percentage of pure salt. Beginners are often troubled to know the 'end-reaction,' because they do not know the exact shade of color showing the change from alkaline to acid reaction. To obviate this difficulty, select two beakers of the same size as those used in titration, place in each 100 C.c. of pure water and 20 drops of cochineal tincture. To one solution add a single drop of acid, and to the other add a single drop of alkali. By comparing the solutions titrated with these standard colors, it soon becomes easy to catch the neutral point. To secure greater accuracy, it is best to make several titrations and take the average as the true result. By dissolving the weighed amount of alkali in a definite measure of water, and taking aliquot parts, very little extra trouble is experienced. For instance, it is required to determine the percentage of pure K_2CO_3 in a commercial sample. Weigh accurately 0·690 gramme ($\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 138), and add water to make 100 C.c. Then, by means of the burette, measure out into separate beakers four portions of 20 C.c. each. Rinse the burette thoroughly with water, then with a little of the standard oxalic acid, and fill with the standard acid. Having added the same amount of cochineal tincture to each solution, carefully run in the acid until the neutral point is obtained; the number of C.c. of acid used is, respectively, 19·7, 19·6, 19·6, 19·5, the average being 19·6. This average multiplied by five gives the percentage, 98. In the case of compounds which are variable mixtures of several salts, it is customary to state the results as all oxide, or hydrate, or carbonate. Potassii carbonas impura, U. S. P. 1870 (Pearlash), is a variable mixture of hydrate and carbonate, with more or less potassium sulphate, chloride, and silicate, with traces of organic matter, silica, iron, calcium, etc. The results do not show how much of the salt sought is actually present in that particular condition, but they do show to how much the mixture is equivalent; that is, how much of the required salt may be made from the mixture. If it is required to know how much potassium hydrate may be made from pearlash, weigh out 0·561 gramme, and if how much oxide, weigh out 0·471 gramme, and titrate with decinormal acid. The percentages thus obtained show the value of the pearlash for the purposes named. It will be noticed that alkalimetry gives no clue as to the nature of the impurities present in alkaline salts; these must be determined by qualitative and quantitative analysis." (*N. R.*, Oct. 1878.)

This method of testing the potash of commerce indicates its alkaline strength, assuming

this to be dependent solely on potassa; but soda, a cheaper alkali, may be present as an adulteration, and its proportion is important to be known. To solve this problem, M. O. Henry proposes that the saturating power of a given weight should be first determined in relation to sulphuric acid, and afterwards the proportion of potassium carbonate in an equal weight, by first converting it into an acetate, and then precipitating the potassa by sodium perchlorate, the reacting salts being in alcoholic solution. The precipitated potassium perchlorate indicates the proportion of potassium carbonate. The amount of the latter determines how much of the sulphuric acid was expended in saturating the potassa; and the soda is indicated by the amount of this alkali equivalent to the remainder of the acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, vii. 214.) Another method of detecting soda in the potash of commerce, proposed by Pagenstecher, is to convert the suspected alkali into a sulphate, and to wash the sulphate formed with a saturated solution of potassium sulphate. If the whole of the saline matter be potassium sulphate, the washing will cause no loss of weight; but if part of it be sodium sulphate, this will be washed away, on account of its solubility in a saturated solution of potassium sulphate. (*Ibid.*, Mars, 1848, p. 239.) Frémy has proposed potassium metantimoniate as a test for soda in potash. In applying this test the potash is converted into a neutral potassium chloride, and treated with a recent solution of the metantimoniate. If the alkali examined contain 2 or 3 per cent. of soda, a precipitate will be almost instantly formed. If a less proportion of soda be present, time and agitation will be necessary to effect the precipitation. Frémy states that by this test he can detect the half of 1 per cent. of soda in commercial potash. (*Philos. Mag.*, Oct. 1848, p. 325.) Good potash should not contain a proportion of chlorides indicating more than 2 per cent. of chlorine by the test of silver nitrate. If a larger proportion is shown, adulteration with common salt may be suspected. A standard solution of the silver salt may be made, a known measure of which shall be just sufficient to precipitate all the chlorine in a given weight of good potash, after having been supersaturated with nitric acid. If a further addition of the test causes a precipitate, the presence of too much chlorine is shown.

Pearlash, from its impurity, is never used as a medicine. Purified to a certain extent, it takes the name of potassium carbonate. (See *Potassii Carbonas.*)

POTASSII CHLORAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Chlorate.

$KClO_3$; 122·28. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī ȻHLŌ'RĂS.) $KClO_3$; 122·4.

"Potassium Chlorate should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, and *great caution should be observed* in handling the salt, as dangerous explosions are liable to occur, when it is mixed with organic matters (cork, tannic acid, sugar, etc.), or with sulphur, antimony sulphide, phosphorus, or other easily oxidizable substances, and either heated directly or subjected to trituration or concussion." *U. S.**

Chlorate of Potash; Kali Chloricum, *P. G.;* Kali Oxymuriaticum, Kali Muriaticum Oxygenatum, Chloras Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Hyperoxymuriate of Potassa; Chlorate de Potasse, *Fr.;* Chlorsaures Kali, *G.*

In the U. S. Pharmacopœia, no process is given for Potassium Chlorate; in the British, it is ranked among the Preparations, with the formula KO,ClO_5.

The salt may be conveniently obtained by the process of Graham, which consists in mixing potassium carbonate with an equivalent quantity of calcium hydrate before submitting it to the action of chlorine. The gas is absorbed with avidity, and the mass becomes hot, while water is given off. The lime converts the carbonate into caustic potassa, and the reaction then takes place between six mols. of potassa and six atoms of chlorine, with the result of forming five mols. of potassium chloride and one of potassium chlorate, while three mols. of water are eliminated. ($6KOH + (Cl_2)_3 = 5KCl + KClO_3 + 3H_2O$.) The products are, therefore, calcium carbonate, potassium chloride, and potassium chlorate. The chloride and chlorate are separated from the carbonate by solution in hot water, and the chlorate from the chloride by priority of crystallization. The Br. Pharmacopœia has adopted this process, with the following directions. "Take of Carbonate of Potassium *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime *fifty-three ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency;* Black Oxide of Manganese *eighty ounces* [av.]; Hydrochloric Acid *twenty-four pints* [Imperial measure]. Mix the Lime with the Carbonate of Potassium, and triturate them with a few ounces of the Water so as to make the mixture slightly moist. Place the Oxide of Manganese in a large retort or flask, and, having poured upon it the Hydrochloric Acid, diluted with six pints [Imp. meas.] of water,

* Tablets composed of potassium chlorate and ammonium chloride are very prone to explode violently after having been made some time, evidently on account of chemical decomposition and the sudden evolution of a large quantity of the gaseous constituents.

heat gently on a sand-bath, and conduct the Chlorine as it comes over, first through a bottle containing six [fluid]ounces of Water, and then into a large carboy containing the mixture of Carbonate of Potassium and Slaked Lime. When the whole of the chlorine has come over, remove the contents of the carboy, and boil them for twenty minutes with seven pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water; filter and evaporate till a film forms on the surface, and set aside to cool and crystallize. The crystals thus obtained are to be purified by dissolving them in three times their weight of boiling Distilled Water, and again allowing the solution to crystallize. In place of carbonate of potassium, chloride may be used."

In the first process a large proportion of the potassa is lost by being converted into potassium chloride. In the process now generally employed for the commercial manufacture of potassium chlorate this is obviated, as follows. Chlorine is passed into a solution of milk of lime having a specific gravity of 1·04 until the liquid is nearly saturated. The clear solution is evaporated until it has a specific gravity of 1·18, and then potassium chloride added, and the mixture boiled down until a specific gravity of 1·28 is attained. On cooling, crystals of potassium chlorate separate out. The reactions here are $6Ca(OH)_2 + (Cl_2)_6 = 5CaCl_2 + Ca(ClO_3)_2 + 6H_2O$, and $Ca(ClO_3)_2 + 2KCl = CaCl_2 + 2KClO_3$. *Pechiney's* improvement on this process is to separate the greater part of the calcium *chloride* from the calcium *chlorate* before adding the potassium chloride. For details, see *N. R.*, Feb. 1882.

The potassium chlorate of commerce is also prepared by the reaction of solutions of potassium chloride and calcium hypochlorite, with the assistance of heat. The potassium chlorate crystallizes during the refrigeration of the liquor, and calcium chloride remains in solution $(2KCl + 3(Ca(OCl)_2 + CaCl_2) = 2KClO_3 + 6CaCl_2)$. This process has been further improved in Muspratt and Eschellmann's English patents (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Ind.*, iii. pp. 349 and 445) by substituting magnesia for lime, as potassium chlorate is much less soluble in magnesium chloride solutions than in those of calcium chloride, and consequently much less chlorate is kept in solution. The process is said to increase the production of chlorate by from 15 to 20 per cent. (For a full account of the improved methods, see *Thorpe's Dictionary of Applied Chemistry*, 1891, vol. i. p. 531.)

Properties. Potassium chlorate is in "colorless, lustrous, monoclinic prisms or plates, or a white powder, odorless, and having a cooling saline taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 16·7 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1·7 parts of boiling water; insoluble in absolute alcohol, and but slightly soluble in mixtures of alcohol and water. At 234° C. (453·2° F.) the salt fuses, and above 352° C. (665·6° F.) it is decomposed into oxygen and potassium perchlorate; above 400° C. (752° F.) all its oxygen is liberated, and a white residue of potassium chloride remains, amounting to 60·8 per cent. of the chlorate employed. This residue is readily soluble in water, and the solution yields a white, curdy precipitate with silver nitrate test-solution. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt is neutral to litmus paper. With excess of tartaric acid test-solution the solution slowly yields a scant, white, crystalline precipitate; with sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution, or with platinic chloride test-solution, a copious yellow precipitate is produced at once. When introduced into a non-luminous flame on a clean platinum wire, Potassium Chlorate communicates to the flame a pure violet color, without admixture of yellow (absence of *sodium*). When heated with hydrochloric acid, the aqueous solution assumes a greenish-yellow color, and evolves chlorine. Separate portions, each of 5 C.c., of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be rendered turbid by 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*); nor by 0·5 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution (*calcium*); nor by 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution (*chloride*); nor should an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution produce either a precipitate or a coloration (absence of *metals*). If a mixture of 1 Gm. of the salt with 0·5 Gm., each, of iron and of zinc, in coarse powder or filings, be heated with 5 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution, no evolution of *ammonia* should be perceptible either by moistened red litmus paper or by odor (absence of *nitrate* or *nitrite*)." *U. S.* Potassium chlorate is characterized also by becoming first yellow and then red by admixture with a little sulphuric acid, and by the action of that acid evolving chlorine tetroxide (Cl_2O_4), known by its yellow color, and its explosive property when heated; by its bleaching power when mixed first with hydrochloric acid and then with water; and by its property of exploding violently when triturated with a small portion of sulphur or phosphorus or kermes mineral. Potassium chlorate consists of one atom of potassium in combination with the chloric acid group. This salt is an excellent test of manganese existing in organic matter. If a small portion of such matter, containing even a trace of manganese, be thrown on the surface of the *pure* melted salt in a test-glass, after the combustion has ceased the cooled saline mass will be found to have

a rose or pinkish tint, caused by the formation of potassium permanganate. (*Neues Repert.*, vi. 247.) A similar discoloration of the salt, produced by the use of pure charcoal in the same manner, will evince the presence of manganese in the chlorate as an impurity.

Medical Properties. Owing to the assertion of Dr. O'Shaughnessy that under the use of potassium chlorate all the blood of the body becomes florid, it was long supposed that the salt acts upon the system as an oxidizing agent. Dr. Isambert, however, has found the statement of O'Shaughnessy incorrect, and as the chlorate does not naturally part with its oxygen at the temperature of the body, and as it is eliminated from the kidneys unchanged, it is evident that it has not the specific action claimed for it. It is more irritant than most of the other salts of potash, and probably acts less powerfully as a cardiac depressant than do most of them. It is a very efficient remedy in the *follicular* and even the *gangrenous stomatitis* of childhood, and in *mercurial ptyalism*, acting, however, only by its local influence, it being continually eliminated with the saliva and coming in perpetual contact with the mucous membrane of the mouth. It is much employed in *scarlatina* and *diphtheria*, but has no specific action in these affections, being useful only by its direct influence upon the mucous membrane affected. In *scurvy*, *phthisis*, and the various *dyscrasiæ* in which it was once employed, it is of no service.

As an alterative stimulant local application, potassium chlorate is often very useful in inflammations of mucous membranes, such as *stomatitis*, *pharyngitis*, *urethritis*, *vaginitis*, *chronic cystitis*, etc., as well as in indolent *ulcers* either upon the surface of the body or in such interior portions as can be reached. Its saturated solution given by injection with laudanum twice daily is an excellent remedy for *hemorrhoids*. The internal dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·7–1·3 Gm.) every three or four hours, given in sufficient gum water, sweetened water, or lemonade to dissolve it. When administered as a prophylactic in salivation, a smaller dose will answer. Taken to the extent of five drachms (19·4 Gm.) in twenty-four hours, it has been found to produce diuresis, abundant salivation, and a strong saltish taste. Such an amount as this is, however, dangerous even for the adult. When used as a wash or an injection, from a drachm to half an ounce (3·9–15·5 Gm.) of the salt may be dissolved in a pint (472 C.c.) of water. A solution in glycerin, in the proportion of one part of the salt to ten parts of the menstruum, has been especially recommended as a dressing for *ill-conditioned wounds* and *ulcers*. The remedy has also been applied in the form of very fine powder dusted on the surface.

In overdose potassium chlorate is an active poison, four drachms of it having caused death in the adult. The symptoms produced were violent vomiting, profuse diarrhœa, excessive dyspnœa, great failure of the heart's action, and marked cyanosis. The urine is lessened in quantity, albuminous, often of a dark reddish-brown or blackish color, and containing tube-casts and the débris of blood-corpuscles. In some cases there have been marked nervous symptoms, such as cramps, delirium, coma, etc. The lesions found after death are those of gastro-enteritis and acute nephritis, with alteration in the character of the blood, due to the development in it of methæmoglobin. On account of their irritant action on the kidneys, large doses are especially dangerous in *diphtheria*.

POTASSII CITRAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Citrate.

$K_3C_6H_5O_7.H_2O$; 323·59. (PŌ-TĂS'SI-Ī CĪ'TRĂS.) $K_3C_6H_5O_7.H_2O$; 324.

"Potassium Citrate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Kali Citricum, Citras Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Citrate of Potash; Citrate de Potasse, *Fr.*; Citronsaures Kali, *G.*

"Take of Carbonate of Potassium *eight ounces* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency;* Citric Acid, in crystals, *six ounces* [av.], or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water, *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Citric Acid in the Water, add the Carbonate of Potassium gradually, and, if the solution be not neutral, make it so by the cautious addition of the Acid or the Carbonate of Potassium. Then filter, and evaporate to dryness, stirring constantly, after a pellicle has begun to form, till the salt granulates. Triturate in a dry, warm mortar, and preserve the powder in stoppered bottles." *Br.*

Potassium citrate was known formerly by the name of *salt of Riverius*. In the U. S. formula of 1870,* mutually saturating proportions of the acid and bicarbonate were intended to be employed, the latter ingredient being preferred to the carbonate on account of its greater purity. The potassium of the bicarbonate unites with the citric acid to form the potassium citrate, and the carbonic acid escapes, producing effervescence. The resulting solution is di-

* "Take of Citric Acid *ten troyounces;* Bicarbonate of Potassium *fourteen troyounces;* Water *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Citric Acid in a pint of water, add the Bicarbonate of Potassium gradually, and, when effervescence has ceased, filter the solution and evaporate to dryness, stirring constantly, after a pellicle has begun to form, until the salt granulates. Keep it in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.*

rected to be evaporated to dryness, as affording the most convenient form for use. The granulation ordered has a tendency to retard the deliquescence of the citrate. The British process differs only in the use of the carbonate instead of the bicarbonate, and in providing more carefully for an exact neutralization.

Properties. Potassium citrate is crystallizable, but, as usually seen, is in the form of a granular powder. The U. S. P. 1890 recognizes both forms, and describes it as in "transparent, prismatic crystals, or a white, granular powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline taste. Deliquescent on exposure to air. Soluble in 0·6 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in boiling water; sparingly soluble in alcohol. When heated above 100° C. (212° F.), the salt begins to lose water; at 200° C. (392° F.) the water of crystallization (5·55 per cent.) is completely lost. At 230° C. (446° F.) the salt begins to decompose, turns brown, and at a higher temperature carbonizes and emits inflammable gases which have a very pungent, acid odor. At a red heat a blackened mass of potassium carbonate and carbon is left, which has an alkaline reaction, and strongly effervesces with acids. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper. The salt yields a white, crystalline precipitate with sodium bitartrate test-solution. With sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution a yellow precipitate is formed. On mixing 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) with 2·5 C.c. of calcium chloride test-solution, the liquid remains clear until it is boiled, when a white, granular precipitate is produced. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be colored red by a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution, nor effervesce on the addition of an acid (absence of *carbonate*). Separate portions of this solution acidulated with nitric acid should not be affected by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), nor by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*). A solution of 1 Gm. of Potassium Citrate in 1 C.c. of water should not deposit any precipitate on the addition of 1 C.c. of acetic acid (absence of *tartrate*). If 1·08 (1·079) Gm. of Potassium Citrate be thoroughly ignited at a red heat, it should require for complete neutralization not less than 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia gives the following tests of its character. Heated with sulphuric acid it forms a brown fluid, and gives off inflammable vapors with the odor of acetic acid. Its dilute solution, mixed with a solution of calcium chloride, remains nearly clear till it is boiled, when a white precipitate separates, readily and almost entirely soluble in acetic acid. It is one of the characteristics of citric acid that it unites with lime to form the insoluble citrate only when heated. Acidulated with hydrochloric acid, the solution gives a yellow precipitate with platinic chloride, showing that the base of the salt is potassium. "One hundred and two grains, heated to redness till gases cease to be evolved, leave an alkaline residue [carbonate of potassium], which, when treated with distilled water, filtered, and well washed, yields a clear solution requiring for exact neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid.*" *Br.*

As citric acid is tribasic, this salt consists of three atoms of potassium combined with the citric acid radical $C_6H_5O_7$, and with this one mol. of water, its formula being $K_3C_6H_5O_7,H_2O$.*

Medical Properties. Potassium citrate is a grateful refrigerant diaphoretic, and has long been used in the *fevers* of this country, in the extemporaneous forms of neutral mixture and effervescing draught. As these require time and a somewhat careful manipulation in their preparation, it has been found more convenient to keep the potassium citrate ready-made and dissolve it in water when wanted for use. This solution will no doubt produce the essential diaphoretic and refrigerant effects of the neutral mixture or the effervescing draught, but is less agreeable to the stomach and palate, because destitute of the carbonic acid contained in these preparations. Potassium citrate dissolved in an excess of lemon-juice affords the most agreeable method of securing the influence of an alkaline salt of potash upon the system, as in *rheumatism*, the *uric acid diathesis*, etc. It is also a very valuable remedy in the first or dry stage of *acute bronchitis*. The usual dose of the citrate is from twenty to twenty-five grains (1·3–1·565 Gm.). When a decided effect upon the system is desired, as much as an ounce (31·1 Gm.) of it may be given in the twenty-four hours.

* *Sodium and Potassium Citrate.* Mr. T. Push, of Dessau, Germany, has made a complete series of citrates, corresponding to the official tartrates, with a view of finding a stable compound. He ascertained that the double sodium and potassium citrate is an extremely stable compound, even when exposed to the air for a long time. He prepares the salt by dissolving 100 parts of citric acid in water, adding 108 parts of pure potassium carbonate and 221 parts of crystallized sodium carbonate, filtering, evaporating, and crystallizing. The crystals are allowed to drain, and the mother-liquor is further concentrated, until, on cooling, it solidifies to a crystalline mass, which is used in the condition of powder. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, July, 1877, 47; *N. R.*, Sept. 1877.)

POTASSII CITRAS EFFERVESCENS. U. S. Effervescent Potassium Citrate.

(PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī CĪ'TRĂS ĔF-FĘR-VĔS'CĔNȘ.)

"Citric Acid, *sixty-three grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 97 grains]; Potassium Bicarbonate, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains]; Sugar, *forty-seven grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 288 grains]. Powder the ingredients separately, and mix them thoroughly in a warm mortar. Dry the resulting, uniform paste rapidly at a temperature not exceeding 120° C. (248° F.), and, when it is perfectly dry, reduce it to a powder of the desired degree of fineness. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This is a new official effervescent salt: it affords an agreeable mode of administering potassium citrate. (See *Magnesii Citras Effervescens*, page 843.) The dose is from one to two teaspoonfuls, in cold water.

POTASSII CYANIDUM. U. S., Br. Potassium Cyanide.

KCN; 65·01. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī CŸ-ĂN'Į-DŬM.) KCN; 65.

"Potassium Cyanide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "May be obtained by heating ferrocyanide of potassium at a red heat until gas ceases to be evolved, allowing the sediment to subside in the still molten mass, and pouring off the clear fluid. It may be purified, if necessary, by solution in and crystallization from spirit." *Br.*

Cyanide of Potassium; Potassii Cyanuretum, *U. S.* 1850; Cyanuret of Potassium; Kalium Cyanatum, Cyanuretum Potassicum, s. Kalicum; Cyanure de Potassium, *Fr.*; Cyankalium, *G.*

The process of U. S. P. 1870 * is that of F. & E. Rodgers, though generally known under the name of Liebig. It furnishes a large product, a considerable part of which is the impurity potassium cyanate. The reaction takes place between one mol. of potassium ferrocyanide and one of potassium carbonate. The iron is set free, the carbonic acid is evolved, and five mols. of potassium cyanide and one of potassium cyanate are formed. The iron occupies the lower part of the fused liquid; and, if the latter be carefully poured out to solidify, the portion contaminated with the iron may be left behind. The reaction is explained by the following equation: $K_4Fe(CN)_6 + K_2CO_3 = 5KCN + KOCN + CO_2 + Fe$. MM. Fordos and Gélis, in an able paper contained in the *Journal de Pharmacie* for Aug. 1857, have pointed out numerous causes which concur in rendering the salt, as obtained by the use of potassium carbonate, impure. The commercial cyanide, which is obtained by this process, was found by these writers to be very impure, containing only from 36 to 55 per cent. of the pure salt. The potassium cyanate may be readily detected by saturating the product with an acid, which will cause an effervescence of carbonic acid and the generation of a salt of ammonium. According to Dr. Schwarz, it may be freed from potassium cyanate and carbonate by treating the impure cyanide with carbon disulphide, which dissolves it, and may be recovered in great measure by distillation. (*Chem. News*, No. 190, p. 41.)

In the process in which the potassium ferrocyanide is ignited alone (U. S. process 1840), the salt is first deprived of its water of crystallization by exposure to a moderate heat, and then calcined at a red heat for two hours, in order to decompose the ferric cyanide. The reaction which takes place is as follows: $K_4Fe(CN)_6 = 4KCN + FeC_2 + N_2$. The product of the calcination is a black, porous mass, consisting of potassium cyanide, mixed with carbide of iron and charcoal. As the cyanide is very prone to absorb oxygen, especially when hot, whereby it is decomposed, atmospheric air is excluded from the retort while it is cooling, by luting its orifice. When the whole is cold, the black mass is reduced to coarse powder, and exhausted by cold distilled water, which dissolves the potassium cyanide and leaves the carbide of iron and charcoal behind. The filtered liquor, therefore, is an aqueous solution of potassium cyanide, which is obtained in a solid state by a rapid evaporation to dryness. During the evaporation a small portion of the cyanide is decomposed, attended with the evolution of ammonia and the production of potassium formiate. A portion of this salt, therefore, contaminates the cyanide, as obtained by this process; but the quantity is too small to interfere with its medicinal action. The decomposition here referred to takes place between one mol. of potassium cyanide and two of water, and is represented by the following equation: $KCN + (H_2O)_2 =$

* *Potassium Cyanide.* "Take of Ferrocyanide of Potassium, dried, *eight troyounces*; Pure Carbonate of Potassium, dried, *three troyounces*. Mix the salts intimately, and throw the mixture into a deep iron crucible previously heated to redness. Maintain the temperature until effervescence ceases, and the fused mass concretes, of a pure white color, upon a warm glass rod dipped into it. Then pour out the liquid carefully into a shallow dish to solidify, ceasing to pour before the salt becomes contaminated with the precipitated iron. Break up the mass while yet warm, and keep the pieces in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

$NH_3 + HCOOK$. This decomposition is avoided by exhausting the black mass with boiling alcohol of 60 per cent. (sp. gr. 0·896) instead of with water. The alcoholic solution, by evaporation to a pellicle, lets fall the salt upon cooling, as a crystalline precipitate, perfectly white and pure.

According to the process of the French Codex, which is that of Robiquet, this cyanide is obtained in the dry way, without the use of any solvent. The calcination is performed in a coated stone-ware retort, half filled with the ferrocyanide, to which a tube is attached for collecting the gaseous products. When these cease to be disengaged, the heat is gradually raised to a very high temperature, at which it is kept for a quarter of an hour, after which the tube is closed with luting and the whole left undisturbed until quite cold. When the calcination is thus conducted, the retort, upon being broken, will be found to contain a black matter, covered with a fused layer of pure potassium cyanide, resembling white enamel. This is detached by means of a knife, and immediately transferred to a bottle with an accurately fitting stopper. The black matter, under the name of *black potassium cyanide*, is also kept for medicinal use; but the dose of this cannot be accurately fixed, on account of its containing at different times more or less impurity. According to MM. Fordos and Gélis, the French Codex process should supersede the potassium carbonate process, as it gives a product far purer, and in larger proportion to the materials employed, estimated by the pure product. The same process is preferred by Mr. Donovan, who has modified it by substituting for the stone-ware retort an iron mercury bottle, which, when cold, must be cut in two by a chisel and hammer to get out the product. The same recommendation of iron in preference to stone-ware vessels is made by Fordos and Gélis, who found that the latter, at the high heat employed, were acted on. The process of Wiggers consists in disengaging hydrocyanic acid from a mixture of potassium ferrocyanide and sulphuric acid and passing it into a cooled receiver containing an alcoholic solution of potassium hydrate. The contents of the receiver ultimately form a solid magma of the cyanide, which is drained, washed several times with strong alcohol, pressed between folds of bibulous paper, and dried as quickly as possible. Potassium cyanide may be formed by passing a current of strongly heated nitrogen over charcoal impregnated with potassium carbonate and heated to a white heat.

Properties. Potassium cyanide is in "white, opaque, amorphous pieces, or a white, granular powder, odorless when perfectly dry, but in moist air exhaling the odor of hydrocyanic acid. The taste is sharp, and somewhat alkaline, but should be ascertained with great care, as *the salt is very poisonous*. In moist air the salt deliquesces. Soluble in about 2 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.). Boiling water dissolves its own weight of the salt, but rapidly decomposes it. In alcohol it is but sparingly soluble. At a low red heat the salt fuses. Its aqueous solution (1 in 20) has a strongly alkaline reaction, and emits the odor of hydrocyanic acid. With an equal volume of sodium bitartrate test-solution it yields a white, crystalline precipitate. With sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution a copious yellow precipitate is produced. A few drops of the solution give with silver nitrate test-solution a white precipitate, which is soluble in an excess of the solution of potassium cyanide, also in ammonia water, and in concentrated nitric acid (distinction from *silver chloride*). If 5 C.c. of the solution be shaken with a few drops of ferrous sulphate test-solution, and a slight excess of hydrochloric acid then added, a blue precipitate (Prussian blue) will be produced. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not produce more than a slight effervescence on the addition of diluted hydrochloric acid (limit of *carbonate*). After the acid has been added in slight excess, a drop of ferric chloride test-solution should produce neither a blue (absence of *ferrocyanide*) nor a red color (*sulphocyanate*). A solution of 0·65 Gm. of Potassium Cyanide in 12 C.c. of water should require the addition of at least 45 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution before the precipitate, which at first redissolves on agitation, becomes permanent (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 2 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* If yellow, it contains iron. Its solution effervesces with acids. The salt and its solution, when exposed to the air, exhale the odor of hydrocyanic acid, and become weaker; but the change takes place slowly. Orfila found that the salt, after fourteen days' exposure, by which it was almost entirely liquefied, still possessed energetic poisonous properties. He thinks, therefore, that the bad effects of opening the containing bottle, in dispensing the medicine, have been exaggerated. Unfortunately, the salt varies in quality independently of the effects of time and exposure. Dr. David Stewart, of Baltimore, examined six samples of this cyanide, on sale, and found them to vary considerably in purity. Besides water, the usual impurities are potassium hydrate, carbonate, cyanate, and formiate. They sometimes amount to half the weight of the cyanide, consisting principally of the car-

bonate. From the extensive use at present made of potassium cyanide in electro-metallurgy and photography, it is of importance to have a reliable test of its purity. Such a test has been discovered by MM. Fordos and Gélis, founded on the fact that one mol. of iodine rapidly reacts with one of the cyanide, so as to form a colorless compound, consisting of one mol. of potassium iodide and one of cyanogen iodide: $KCN + I_2 = KI + CNI$. Accordingly, a tincture of iodine of known strength is gradually added to an aqueous solution of a given weight of the cyanide to be tested, until it assumes a permanent yellowish tinge; and the amount of iodine expended indicates the proportion of cyanide in the specimen. A necessary preliminary step, before using the tincture, is to add sufficient carbonic acid water to the solution of the cyanide to convert any potassium hydrate or carbonate present into bicarbonate, in which state neither has any action on the iodine. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Oct. 15, 1852, p. 387.) This test is applicable to other cyanogen compounds which are soluble. Mr. Thornton J. Herapath's test for commercial potassium cyanide is a standard solution of copper ammonio-sulphate, the blue color of which is destroyed by a solution of the cyanide. The copper solution is added to one of the cyanide of known strength, until a faint blue coloration is produced; and the richness of the sample in pure cyanide is in proportion to the quantity of the copper solution required. (*Chemist*, April, 1856, and Feb. 1857.) Applying this test to five samples, Mr. Herapath found the proportion of pure cyanide to vary from 41 to 65 per cent. Potassium cyanide yields with silver nitrate a precipitate of silver cyanide, wholly soluble in ammonia and boiling nitric acid. It consists of one atomic group of cyanogen and one of potassium.

Besides the very extensive use of potassium cyanide in preparing electro-plating solutions for gilding and silvering by electro-deposition, and in photography, large quantities are now consumed in the extraction of gold and silver from the fine residues or "tailings" where amalgamation fails to take up the precious metals. From such solutions of gold in potassium cyanide the metal is thrown out by the action of metallic zinc.

Medical Properties. Potassium cyanide acts precisely like hydrocyanic acid as a poison and as a medicine. (See *Acidum Hydrocyanicum Dilutum.*) Five grains of it have repeatedly taken life, and hydrocyanic acid has been detected in the blood of a person who had been fatally poisoned by the cyanide. (Venghauss, *Arch. der Pharm.*, clii. 138.) The grounds on which this cyanide was proposed as a substitute for hydrocyanic acid by Robiquet and Villermé were its uniformity as a chemical product, and its less liability to undergo decomposition. The dose is the eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.), dissolved in half a fluidounce of distilled water, to which may be added half a fluidrachm of syrup of lemon, if the prescriber wish to set the hydrocyanic acid free. The spurious cyanide formed by calcining dried muscular flesh with potash consists principally of potassium carbonate, and is but slightly poisonous. (*Orfila.*) A solution of potassium cyanide, made with from one to four grains (0·065–0·26 Gm.) to the fluidounce (30 C.c.) of water, has been recommended in *neuralgic* and other *local pains*, applied by means of pieces of linen. Mr. Guthrie found that a solution of from three to six grains (0·2–0·4 Gm.) to the fluidounce (30 C.c.) of distilled water answered admirably, applied by drops every other day, for removing the olive-colored stains of the conjunctiva caused by silver nitrate.

POTASSII ET SODII TARTRAS. U. S. (Br.) Potassium and Sodium Tartrate. [Rochelle Salt.]

$KNaC_4H_4O_6.4H_2O$; 281·51. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī ĔT SŌ'DĮ-Ī TĂR'TRĂS.) $KNaC_4H_4O_6 + 4H_2O$: 282.

Soda Tartarata, *Br.;* Sodæ et Potassæ Tartras, *Br.* 1864, *U. S.* 1850: Tartarus Natronatus, *P. G.;* Natro-kali Tartaricum; Tartarated Soda; Sal Polychrestum Seignetti, Tartras Potassicosodicus; Sel de Seignette, Soude Tartarisée, *Fr.;* Seignettesalz, *G.*

"Take of Acid Tartrate of Potassium, in powder, *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency;* Carbonate of Sodium *twelve ounces* [av.], or *a sufficiency;* Boiling Distilled Water *four pints* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in the Water, add gradually the Acid Tartrate of Potassium, and, if after being boiled for a few minutes the liquid has an acid or alkaline reaction, add a little Carbonate of Sodium or Acid Tartrate of Potassium till a neutral solution is obtained. Boil and filter; concentrate the liquor till a pellicle forms on the surface, and set it aside to crystallize. More crystals may be obtained by again evaporating as before." *Br.**

* "Take of Carbonate of Sodium *twelve troyounces;* Bitartrate of Potassium, in fine powder, *sixteen troyounces;* Boiling Water *five pints.* Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in the Water, and gradually add the Bitartrate of Potassium. Filter the solution, and evaporate until a pellicle begins to form; then set it aside to crystallize. Pour off the mother-water, and dry the crystals on bibulous paper. Lastly, evaporate the mother-water, that it may furnish more crystals." *U. S.* 1870.

This is a double salt, consisting of a molecule of tartaric acid, $C_4H_4O_6.H_2$, in which one of the basic hydrogen atoms is replaced by potassium and the other by sodium. The theory of its formation is very simple, being merely the replacement of the hydrogen in the potassium bitartrate by the sodium of the sodium carbonate, the carbonic acid of which escapes with effervescence. The quantities of the materials for mutual saturation are 285·45 parts of carbonate and 375·34 of bitartrate, or one mol. of crystallized sodium carbonate to two mols. of the acid tartrate. This gives the ratio of 3 to 3·95. The proportion adopted in the U. S. 1870 and Br. Pharmacopœias is as 3 to 4, which is very near the theoretical quantities. As the salts employed are apt to vary in composition and purity, the carbonate from the presence of more or less water of crystallization, and the bitartrate from containing calcium tartrate, it is perhaps best, after indicating the nearest average proportion, to present the alternative of using the cream of tartar to the point of exact saturation.

Properties. Potassium and sodium tartrate is in the form of "colorless, transparent, rhombic prisms, or a white powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline taste. The crystals slightly effloresce in dry air. Soluble in 1·4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in less than 1 part of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 74° C. (165·2° F.), the salt fuses to a colorless liquid, which, at a higher temperature, froths, becomes brown, and gradually carbonizes, while inflammable vapors are emitted, having the odor of burning sugar. Finally a black residue is left, consisting of alkaline carbonate mixed with carbon. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper. A 10-per-cent. aqueous solution yields, with an equal volume of acetic acid, a white, crystalline precipitate. With sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution the solution yields a copious yellow precipitate. With silver nitrate test-solution it produces a white precipitate, which becomes black on boiling. To a non-luminous flame it communicates a yellow color (*sodium*), which, when viewed through a blue glass, appears violet-red (*potassium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be rendered turbid by the addition of a small amount of ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*), nor by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after acidulation with diluted hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). When heated with potassium hydrate test-solution, the solution should not give off the odor of *ammonia*. If 10 C.c. of the solution (1 in 20) be mixed with 1 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, the addition of 1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution should produce no turbidity (absence of *sulphate*). If 0·36 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 9 C.c. of water, then 1 C.c. of nitric acid and 0·2 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution be added, and the mixture filtered, the filtrate should remain clear upon the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 1·41 Gm. of Potassium and Sodium Tartrate be completely decomposed by ignition, the alkaline residue should require for complete neutralization not less than 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* As it is sometimes largely adulterated with sodium sulphate (F. Mahla, *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 548), it is best to test it with barium chloride. When the salt is exposed to a strong heat, it blackens, and gives out inflammable gases with the odor of burnt sugar; the tartaric acid being destroyed, and a mixture of potassium and sodium carbonates left. It sometimes contains calcium tartrate, which may be removed by solution and crystallization; but when the crystals are large and well defined, it may be assumed to be pure. It is incompatible with most acids, and with all acidulous salts except potassium bitartrate. It is also decomposed by lead acetate and subacetate, and by the soluble calcium and barium salts, unless the solution of the tartrate be considerably diluted. The way in which acids act in decomposing it is by combining with the sodium, and throwing down potassium bitartrate as a crystalline precipitate. This double salt was discovered by Seignette, an apothecary of Rochelle, and hence is frequently called *Seignette's salt*, or *Rochelle salt*.

Potassium and sodium tartrate consists of the tartaric acid group $C_4H_4O_6$, which is dibasic, in combination with one atom of potassium and one of sodium, together with 4 mols. of water. "One hundred and forty-one grains of it, heated to redness till gases cease to be evolved, leave an alkaline residue which, when treated with distilled water, filtered, and well washed, yields a clear solution requiring for neutralization 990 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt is a mild, cooling purgative, well suited to delicate and irritable stomachs, being among the mildest and least unpalatable of the neutral salts. As it is not incompatible with tartar emetic, it may be associated with that salt in solution. It is an ingredient in the effervescing aperient called Seidlitz powders. (See *Pulvis Effer-*

vescens Compositus.) The dose as a purge is from half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.). Given in small and repeated doses it does not purge, but is absorbed and renders the urine alkaline. (Millon and Laveran, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., vi. 222.)

Potassium and magnesium tartrate, formed by saturating cream of tartar with magnesium carbonate, has been proposed by M. Maillier as a safe, pleasant purgative. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xiii.)

POTASSII FERROCYANIDUM. U. S., Br. Potassium Ferrocyanide.

$K_4Fe(CN)_6.3H_2O$; 421·76. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī FĔR-RŌ-CĪ-ĂN'Ĭ-DŬM.) $K_4Fe(CN)_6 + 3H_2O$; 421·9.

Potassium Ferrocyanide should be kept in well-closed vessels. "A salt obtained by fusing animal substances, such as the cuttings of horns, hoofs, and skins, with carbonate of potassium and iron in an iron pot, lixiviating the crude product with water, and purifying the salt by crystallization." *Br.*

Ferrocyanide of Potassium; Yellow Prussiate of Potash; Kalium Ferrocyanatum, *P. G.*; Kalium Borussicum, Cyanuretum Ferroso-potassicum; Ferrocyanuret of Potassium, Ferroprussiate of Potassa, Prussiate of Potassa; Protocyanure jaune de Fer et de Potassium, Prussiate jaune de Potasse, Ferrocyanure de Potassium, *Fr.*; Cyaneisenkalium, Ferrocyankalium, Gelbes Blutlaugensalz, *G.*

The yellow double potassium and iron cyanide is the salt from which potassium cyanide is obtained by calcination at a low red heat.

Potassium ferrocyanide is prepared on the large scale by heating animal matters, such as dried blood, hoofs, chips of horn, woollen rags, old leather, the refuse of tallow-chandlers called *greaves*, and other substances rich in nitrogen, with the pearlash of commerce and scrap iron, in an egg-shaped iron pot called a shell, ladling out the pasty mass called the *melt*, and, after it has cooled sufficiently, dissolving it in water, and evaporating the solution so that crystals may form. The melt, while still hot, contains potassium cyanide only, the ferrocyanide being produced solely by the action of the water. The best temperature for making the solution is between 70° C. and 80° C. (158° F. and 176° F.); and the conversion of the cyanide into the ferrocyanide is facilitated by the presence of finely divided amorphous ferrous sulphide, and of caustic potassa. (A. Reimann, *Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 1, 1855.) The formation of the ferrocyanide from the secondary reactions following the solution in water is shown in the reactions $6KCN + Fe + 2H_2O = K_4Fe(CN)_6 + 2KOH + H_2$, and $6KCN + FeS = K_4Fe(CN)_6 + K_2S$.

Some years ago this salt was manufactured by a process which dispensed with the use of animal matter, the necessary nitrogen being obtained by a current of atmospheric air. Fragments of charcoal, impregnated with 30 per cent. of potassium carbonate, were heated to a white heat in a cylinder through which a current of air was drawn by a suction-pump. This process is understood to have succeeded in a chemical sense, but failed on the score of economy, chiefly from the circumstance that the necessary fire-clay tubes could not be made to resist the combined action of the alkali and heat. The process of Richard Brunnquell consists in passing ammonia through tubes filled with charcoal and heated to redness, so as to form ammonium cyanide, and converting this into potassium ferrocyanide by contact with solution of potash and suitable iron compounds. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Nov. 1, 1856.)

Properties. Potassium ferrocyanide is in "large, soft, transparent, yellow, four-sided, monoclinic tables, odorless, and having a mild, saline taste. Slightly efflorescent on exposure to dry air. Soluble in 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 2 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 60° C. (140° F.), the salt begins to turn white from loss of water, and when heated to 100° C. (212° F.), it is rendered anhydrous. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. With sodium bitartrate test-solution the aqueous solution yields a white, crystalline precipitate. Sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution produces a copious yellow precipitate. The color of the precipitate produced by ferric chloride test-solution is dark blue; that produced by copper sulphate test-solution is reddish-brown; while lead acetate test-solution or silver nitrate test-solution throws down a pure white precipitate. No effervescence should be caused by the addition of diluted sulphuric acid to a concentrated solution of the salt (absence of *carbonate*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20), acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should, upon the addition of barium chloride test-solution, remain clear, or at most show but a trifling turbidity (limit of *sulphate*). If a mixture of 0·5 Gm. of the salt with 1·5 Gm. of pure potassium nitrate and 0·5 Gm. of pure, anhydrous sodium carbonate be heated to redness in a porcelain crucible, the residue dissolved in water, the filtered solution supersaturated with nitric acid, mixed with 0·1 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, and again filtered, no turbidity should be produced in the filtrate by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). The precipitate produced in the aqueous solution, acidulated with nitric acid, by silver nitrate test-solution should be of a pure white color, without a tinge of

red (absence of *ferricyanide*)." *U. S.* It acts but slightly, if at all, on turmeric paper. The alkaline reaction, when it exists, is probably owing to the presence of a little free potassa. When ignited, the insoluble residue amounts to 18·7 per cent. of ferric oxide, resulting from the oxidation of the iron of the salt. It is characterized by striking a deep-blue color with ferric salts,* a deep-brown one with the salts of copper, and a white one with those of zinc, the several precipitates formed being ferrocyanides of the respective metals. Heated with eight or ten times its weight of concentrated sulphuric acid, it evolves carbonic oxide. Half an ounce of the salt yields about 250 cubic inches of the gas. (*C. Grimm and G. Ramdohr.*) When boiled with dilute sulphuric acid, it emits the smell of hydrocyanic acid. Potassium ferrocyanide consists of six groups of the monad radical cyanogen (CN), saturated by four potassium atoms and one atom of the dyad iron. The potassium is more readily displaced than the iron, so that it is considered as the potassium salt of an acid called *ferrocyanic*. This acid in the free state would be $H_4Fe(CN)_6$. The salt is remarkably pure as it occurs in commerce.

Medical Properties. Pure potassium ferrocyanide is physiologically very inactive. Thus, Combemale and Dubiquet proved that in doses of twelve grains to the pound of bodily weight it is not poisonous to the lower animals, whilst Callies, as quoted by Pereira, found the commercial salt slightly poisonous, but the pure salt unproductive of harm in the dose of several ounces. It should be borne in mind that it is the commercial salt which is used medicinally. Westrumb and Hering proved that it passed with rapidity into the blood and urine. Many years ago, Dr. B. Smart (*Amer. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xv. 362) attributed sedative astringent

* *Ferri Ferrocyanidum*, U. S. 1870. *Ferri Ferrocyanuretum*, U. S. 1850. *Ferrocyanide of Iron. Ferrocyanuret of Iron. Pure Prussian Blue.* "Take of Ferrocyanide of Potassium *nine troyounces;* Solution of Tersulphate of Iron *a pint;* Water *three pints.* Dissolve the Ferrocyanide of Potassium in two pints of the Water, and add the solution gradually to the Solution of Tersulphate of Iron, previously diluted with the remainder of the Water, stirring the mixture during the addition. Then filter the liquid, and wash the precipitate on the filter with boiling water until the washings pass nearly tasteless. Lastly, dry it, and rub it into a powder." *U. S.* 1870.

In the above process the salt is decomposed by the gradual addition of the solution of potassium ferrocyanide. Three mols. of ferrocyanide and two of ferric sulphate are mutually decomposed, with the result of forming one mol. of Prussian blue, or the 3–4 ferric ferrocyanide, which precipitates, and six mols. of potassium sulphate, which remain in solution, the reaction being $(FeK_4(CN)_6)_3 + 2Fe_2(SO_4)_3 = Fe_3Fe_4(CN)_{18} + 6K_2SO_4$.

Preparation for Use in the Arts. Prussian blue is manufactured on the large scale as follows. A mixture made of equal parts of potassium carbonate (pearlash of commerce) and of animal matter, such as dried blood, hair, the shavings of horn, etc., is calcined at a red heat, in an iron vessel, until it becomes pasty. The mass, when cold, is thrown, by portions at a time, into twelve or fifteen times its weight of water, with which it is stirred for half an hour. The whole is then put upon a linen filter, and the clear solution obtained is precipitated by a mixed solution of two parts of alum and one of ferrous sulphate. An effervescence occurs, due principally to carbonic acid; and a very abundant precipitate is thrown down of a blackish-brown color. This precipitate is washed, by decantation, by means of a large quantity of water, which is removed every twelve hours. By these washings, which last from twenty to twenty-five days, the precipitate becomes successively greenish brown, bluish, and finally deep blue. When of the latter color, it is collected and allowed to drain upon a cloth, after which it is divided into cubical masses and dried.

A preparation under the name of *Soluble Prussian Blue* has been introduced into use for injecting anatomical preparations by Schroeder van der Kolk, and is said to be much esteemed for this purpose. To obtain it there must be a great excess of the potassium ferrocyanide in concentrated solution. The iron should be in a state of sesquichloride, in the proportion of not more than one-eighth or one-tenth of the ferrocyanide employed. After their mixture, the precipitate is washed with water till it begins to become blue, when it is expressed and dried in the air. On the small scale it may be economically obtained in the following manner. Take solutions of the ferrocyanide containing 217 grammes to the liter of water, and of the sesquichloride containing one part of the solid salt in 10 parts of water. Then, taking equal volumes of the two solutions, add to each one twice its volume of a cold concentrated solution of sodium sulphate, and mix the solutions. Put on a filter, and treat as directed above. The product dried in the air is perfectly soluble, and admirably adapted for injection. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 238.) For other formulæ for Soluble Prussian Blue, see *Ibid.*, 4e sér., xix. 227.

Properties. Pure Prussian blue is a tasteless powder, insoluble in water and alcohol, and having a rich deep-blue color. It is insoluble in dilute acids, decomposed by fuming nitric acid, and dissolved without decomposition by strong sulphuric acid, forming a white mass of the consistence of paste, from which the Prussian blue may be precipitated unchanged by water. Concentrated hydrochloric acid decomposes it, dissolving ferric oxide, and liberating hydroferrocyanic acid (H_2Cfy). Boiled with mercuric oxide, it generates mercuric cyanide. (See *Hydrargyri Cyanidum.*) By the contact of a red-hot body it takes fire and burns slowly, leaving a residue of ferric oxide. When it is heated in close vessels, water, hydrocyanic acid, and ammonium carbonate are evolved, and iron carbide is left. Its composition has been given above. The Prussian blue of commerce was discovered by accident, in 1710, by Diesbach, a preparer of colors at Berlin. It has the same general properties as the pure substance. It occurs in small rectangular masses, which are heavier than water and have a fracture presenting a bronzed appearance. Besides the constituents of pure Prussian blue, it always contains uncombined ferric oxide, and a portion of alumina, derived from the alum employed in its manufacture, which serves to give it body as a pigment. These substances may be detected by boiling the pigment with dilute hydrochloric acid and precipitating the filtered solution with ammonia. Pure Prussian blue treated in this manner yields no precipitate.

Medical Properties. Prussian blue has been deemed tonic, febrifuge, and alterative, but is at present very rarely used, and is probably of no medicinal value. It is sometimes employed as an application to ill-conditioned *ulcers*, mixed with simple ointment in the proportion of a drachm to the ounce. The dose is from three to five grains (0·20–0·33 Gm.), repeated several times a day, and gradually increased until some effect is produced.

properties to this drug, and asserted that it is a valuable remedy against the *colliquative sweats* of phthisis. The form of administration which Dr. Smart preferred was that of solution, in the proportion of two drachms to the fluidounce (7·8 Gm.–30 C.c.) of water. Of this the dose for an adult is from 30 to 45 drops (1·9–2·8 C.c.), equivalent to from 10 to 15 grains (0·65–0·97 Gm.) of the salt, repeated every four or six hours.

This salt is manufactured on a large scale, chiefly for the use of dyers and calico-printers. In pharmacy it is employed to prepare diluted hydrocyanic acid, Prussian blue, and potassium and silver cyanides.

POTASSII HYPOPHOSPHIS. U. S. Potassium Hypophosphite.

KH_2PO_2; 103·91. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī HĬ-PŌ-PHŎS'PHĪS.) KH_2PO_2; 104.

"Potassium Hypophosphite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Kali Hypophosphorosum, Hypophosphis Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Hypophosphite de Potasse, *Fr.*; Unterphosphorigsaures Kali, *G.*

This salt is prepared by mixing solutions of calcium hypophosphite and granulated potassium carbonate, in the proportion of six ounces of the former dissolved in four pints of water to 5·75 ounces of the latter in half a pint. As a result of double decomposition between the two salts, calcium carbonate and potassium hypophosphite are formed, the former being precipitated, and the latter held in solution. The calcium carbonate is removed by filtration, and the clear solution is evaporated till a pellicle forms, after which it is constantly stirred, with continuance of the heat, until the salt granulates. The heat employed in the evaporation should be kept considerably below 100° C. (212° F.), for fear of explosion. If the salt be required quite pure, it should be dissolved in the granulated state, in official alcohol, and the solution evaporated to a syrupy consistence and then set aside to crystallize. The calcium hypophosphite may be prepared by a formula given under the head of Calcium Hypophosphite.

Properties. Potassium hypophosphite, according to the Pharmacopœia, is in "white, opaque, hexagonal plates, or crystalline masses, or a granular powder, odorless, and having a pungent, saline taste; very deliquescent. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·6 part of water, and in 7·3 parts of alcohol; in 0·3 part of boiling water, and in 3·6 parts of boiling alcohol; insoluble in ether. When heated in a dry test-tube, the salt at first loses moisture, and then evolves spontaneously inflammable hydrogen phosphide gas, which burns with a bright yellow flame. On triturating or heating the salt with nitrates, chlorates, or other oxidizing agents, it detonates violently. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) is neutral to litmus paper, and yields, with sodium bitartrate test-solution, a white, crystalline precipitate. With silver nitrate test-solution a white precipitate is formed, which rapidly turns brown and black, owing to the separation of metallic silver. If a small quantity of an aqueous solution of the salt be acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and mercuric chloride test-solution added, so that the latter remain in excess, a white precipitate of mercurous chloride will at first be produced, which, upon further addition of the acidulated solution, is reduced to metallic mercury. The aqueous solution of the salt (1 in 20) should not effervesce on the addition of an acid (absence of *carbonate*); nor should it be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). Separate portions of 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20), heated with 1 C.c. of nitric acid, should remain clear upon the addition of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), or of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). Not more than a slight cloudiness should be produced in the aqueous solution of the salt by the addition of magnesia mixture (limit of *phosphate*). If 0·1 Gm. of dry Potassium Hypophosphite be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, then mixed with 7·5 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 40 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, and the mixture be boiled for fifteen minutes, it should not require more than 2 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the red color (corresponding to at least 98·7 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt, and several other *hypophosphites*, as those of calcium, sodium, ammonium, etc., were brought into notice a few years since, in consequence of their supposed efficiency in the introduction of phosphorus into the system in cases in which this element might be thought to be deficient. Upon this principle they were recommended by Dr. Churchill, of Paris, in the treatment of *phthisis*, and came into extensive employment; but experience has hardly confirmed the first favorable impression of their usefulness in this complaint. There seem, however, to be good grounds for their application to *diseases attended with deficiency of nerve-power* from debility of the brain, and in certain *scrofulous affections* of children, especially those connected with a disordered condition of the bones.

The dose of potassium hypophosphite is for adults from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.) three times a day, and may be given dissolved in water, or in the form of syrup.

POTASSII IODIDUM. U. S., Br. Potassium Iodide.

KI; 165·56. (PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī Ī-ŎD'Į-DŬM.) KI; 165·6.

"Potassium Iodide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Iodide of Potassium; Kalium Iodatum, *P. G.;* Kali Hydriodicum, Ioduretum Potassicum, s. Kalicum; Iodure de Potassium, *Fr.;* Jodkalium, *G.*

No process is given in the present U. S. Pharmacopœia. That of the U. S. P. 1870 did not differ essentially from the British.

"Take of Solution of Potash *one gallon* [Imperial measure]; Iodine *twenty-one ounces* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency;* Wood Charcoal, in fine powder, *three ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Put the Solution of Potash into a glass or porcelain vessel, and add the Iodine in small quantities at a time, with constant agitation, until the solution acquires a permanent brown tint. Evaporate the whole to dryness in a porcelain dish, pulverize the residue, and mix this intimately with the Charcoal. Throw the mixture, in small quantities at a time, into a red-hot iron crucible, and, when the whole has been brought to a state of fusion, remove the crucible from the fire and pour out its contents. When the fused mass has cooled, dissolve it in two pints [Imp. meas.] of boiling distilled water, filter through paper, wash the filter with a little boiling distilled water, unite the liquids, and evaporate the whole till a film forms on the surface. Set it aside to cool and crystallize. Drain the crystals, and dry them quickly in a warm place. More crystals may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquor and cooling. The salt should be kept in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

An aqueous solution of potassa is treated with iodine in slight excess. The result of thus saturating potassa with iodine is the formation of two salts, potassium iodide and iodate. Six atoms of iodine react with six mols. of potassa, and there are formed five mols. of potassium iodide and one of potassium iodate, $6KOH + (I_2)_3 = 5KI + KIO_3 + 3H_2O$. By evaporating the solution to dryness the mixed salts are obtained; and, if the dry mass be exposed to a red heat, the iodate will be converted into iodide, thus removing this impurity from the iodide. In the formula the mixed salts, towards the close of their evaporation to dryness, are directed to be mixed with powdered charcoal, according to the plan of Mr. Scanlan, which facilitates the deoxidation of the iodate. This being accomplished by a dull red heat, the potassium iodide is dissolved out of the mass, and the solution is set aside to crystallize.

In the old Edin. and Dublin processes the first step was to form ferrous iodide in solution, precisely as is done in the formula for that compound; and the second to decompose it by potassium carbonate, which gave rise to potassium iodide in solution, and a precipitate of ferrous carbonate. The solution of potassium iodide was separated by filtration and washing from the precipitated carbonate, and evaporated to dryness. The dry salt was then freed from iron and other impurities by solution in boiling water or alcohol, filtration, and crystallization. Messrs. T. and H. Smith, of Edinburgh, instead of washing the precipitate, prefer the plan of pressing it strongly in a cloth, in order to extract the remains of the solution. The mass left is broken up in a portion of distilled water equal to about two-thirds of the weight of the iodine employed, and pressed a second time. Proceeding thus, less water is used, and less evaporation is necessary. The solution obtained by them is evaporated to dryness, and the dry salt is carefully fused in an iron pot, in order to free it from color. It is then dissolved, and the solution, by filtration, concentration, and cooling, furnishes a perfectly pure iodide nearly to the last. According to the method of E. Sonstadt, potassium iodide is prepared directly from the mother-liquors of kelp by converting the alkaline iodides into iodates by means of chlorine or potassium permanganate, precipitating the iodic acid by a soluble barium salt, heating the precipitate with solution of potassium sulphate, evaporating and melting the resulting potassium iodate solution, and crystallizing its solution from the potassium iodide thus obtained. (*Chem. News*, xxvi. 182.) Or, these mother-liquors are evaporated to dryness, the mass gently roasted to oxidize sulphides, and then extracted with water, evaporated again to dryness and extracted with alcohol, whereby sodium and potassium iodide go into solution. This is treated with potassium carbonate to change the sodium iodide into potassium iodide, and a stream of CO_2 led through to precipitate the sodium bicarbonate. The remaining solution contains potassium iodide with a little sodium bicarbonate. (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 341.) Large quantities are now manufactured from the cuprous iodide coming from the South American sodium nitrate works. The cuprous iodide is suspended in water acidified with hydrochloric acid, and a stream of

hydrogen sulphide gas led in, whereby hydrogen iodide enters into solution. This solution is filtered, neutralized with potassium carbonate, and evaporated to crystallization.

Properties. Potassium iodide, sometimes incorrectly called *hydriodate of potassa*, is in "colorless, transparent or translucent, cubical crystals (the white, opaque, commercial variety being crystallized from an alkaline solution, and less pure), or a white, granular powder, having a peculiar, faint, iodine-like odor, and a pungent, saline, afterwards bitter taste. Permanent in dry air, and but slightly deliquescent in moist air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·75 part of water, and in 18 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 6 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 2·5 parts of glycerin. When heated, the salt decrepitates. At a low red heat it fuses, and at a bright red heat it is volatilized without decomposition. Its aqueous solution is neutral, or has, at most, a scarcely perceptible alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. The salt yields a white, crystalline precipitate with sodium bitartrate test-solution. If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt 1 C.c. of chlorine water be added, iodine will be liberated, and impart to the solution a yellow color. On agitating the mixture with a few drops of chloroform, this will acquire a violet color." *U. S.* According to the Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh, it is not at all deliquescent when perfectly pure. It generally crystallizes in cubes. If solution of potassium iodide be mixed with solution of starch, and a minute solution of chlorine be added, a blue color will be produced, the chlorine combining with the potassium and thus liberating the iodine, which forms a blue compound with starch. Its solution is decomposed by the addition of a few drops of sulphuric acid, hydriodic acid being generated, which speedily undergoes decomposition, with evolution of iodine; and, if starch be added after the lapse of a few minutes, a blue color will be produced. The starch test will not give the characteristic blue color immediately, if added simultaneously with the acid, unless the potassium iodide contains potassium iodate, which impurity causes an immediate liberation of iodine. The blue color being produced by the starch and acid, if simultaneously added, is, therefore, a sign of impurity. A very delicate test for potassium iodide and other soluble iodides is that of M. Grange. It consists in pouring a little of the liquid to be examined into a test-tube, adding a few drops of solution of starch, and passing through the mixture a few bubbles of fuming nitrous acid. The liquid immediately assumes a pale rose color, inclining to violet, if containing 1-200,000th of its weight of the iodide, and a bright blue color if 1-100,000th is present. (See page 744.) When tartaric acid is freely added to a strong solution of the iodide, it occasions a white crystalline precipitate, and the supernatant liquid, if mixed with starch, becomes first purple, and finally blue. Platinic chloride colors its solution reddish brown, without causing a precipitate; barium chloride but slightly affects it; and ferrous sulphate occasions no change. The non-action of the last test shows the absence of potassium carbonate. The aqueous solution is capable of taking up a large quantity of iodine, forming a liquid of a deep-brown color.

M. Payen has noticed a curious effect produced by potassium iodide. In saturated solution, this salt causes in starch added to it an enlargement of its granules to twenty-five or thirty times their original volume, dissolving the interior substance of the granules, and enormously distending the exterior layer. Potassium bromide produces the same effect; but the alkaline chlorides cause neither the enlargement referred to, nor a solution of the amylaceous substance; and if the saturated solution of the iodide be diluted with three and a half volumes of water or more, it is inert in reference to starch in the cold. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 373.) M. Ferières found that ether added to a solution of potassium iodide decomposes it, but it has been shown by the researches of M. de Vrij and of M. Magnes-Lahens that this does not happen with pure ether, but is due to the acetic acid which is developed by sunlight in ether. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvi. 107, 468; xvii. 116.)

Tests. Exposed to a dull red heat, potassium iodide fuses, and on cooling concretes into a crystalline pearly mass, without loss of weight; but at a full red heat it is slowly volatilized without decomposition. The most usual impurities contained in this salt are potassium and sodium chlorides, potassium bromide, and potassium carbonate and iodate. According to M. Payen, the potassium iodide of commerce generally contains potassium carbonate and iodine in excess. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 373.) He states, however, that it may be easily purified by saturating the potassa with hydriodic acid, and then eliminating the excess of iodine by hydrogen sulphide, boiling, rest, and filtration. (*Ibid.*, p. 368.) The presence of a chloride may be determined by silver nitrate. This test will throw down nothing from the pure salt but silver iodide, which is scarcely soluble in ammonia, while silver chloride is readily soluble in it. If then a solution of the iodide be precipitated by an excess of silver nitrate, and treated with ammonia, the latter will dissolve any chloride which may have been thrown down,

and will yield it again as a white precipitate on being saturated with nitric acid. If, on the other hand, the potassium iodide be pure, the ammonia will take up only a minute quantity of silver iodide, and the addition of nitric acid will scarcely disturb the transparency of the solution. The silver iodide precipitated from 10 grains of potassium iodide weighs, when washed and dried, 14·1 grains. When lead acetate is added to a solution of potassium iodide, a yellow precipitate of lead iodide is thrown down, soluble in boiling water. Potassium iodide, to conform to the U. S. P. 1890, must contain 99·5 per cent. of the pure salt. The official tests are as follows: "No residue should be left when 1 Gm. of the salt is dissolved in 2 C.c. of diluted alcohol of specific gravity 0·928 (absence of *less soluble salts*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in water and 0·05 C.c. (one drop) of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution be added, no color should be produced by the subsequent addition of a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution, even after heating (limit of *alkali*). When a fragment of the salt is brought into a non-luminous flame on a clean platinum wire, a violet color should appear at once (absence of *sodium*). If to a solution of the salt (1 in 20) in distilled water, from which all gases have been expelled by boiling, a little starch test-solution be added, and then a few drops of pure diluted sulphuric acid test-solution, no blue color should appear at once (absence of *iodate*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be colored or precipitated by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after acidulation with hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). The aqueous solution should remain clear after the addition of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be mixed with 0·5 Gm., each, of iron and of zinc, in coarse powder or filings, and heated in a test-tube with 5 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution, no ammoniacal vapors should be evolved (absence of *nitrate* or *nitrite*). No blue color should be communicated to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) by 0·1 C.c. (2 drops) of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (absence of *iron*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be gently heated with 1 drop of ferrous sulphate test-solution and 0·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution, no blue color should appear after acidulating the mixture with hydrochloric acid (absence of *cyanide*). If 0·5 Gm. of the well-dried salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should require not more than 30·25 C.c. nor less than 30 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color of silver chromate (corresponding to at least 99·5 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* "Ten grains requires for complete precipitation about 602 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of nitrate of silver*." *Br.* The low price of potassium bromide, compared with that of the iodide, has caused the former to be used to adulterate the latter. When potassium bromide is sold for the iodide, the fraud may be detected by the fact that the addition of sulphuric acid produces copious reddish fumes, instead of the purple ones arising from the iodide. A very delicate test for bromide in iodide is based upon the different actions of iodide and bromide with lead peroxide. This reagent will liberate iodine from iodide on boiling, but will not decompose any bromide by boiling. Therefore, after the suspected sample has been boiled with the lead peroxide until all the iodine is driven off, and then filtered, the filtrate may be treated with fresh peroxide and a little acetic acid, when any bromine present is decomposed, and the free bromine will color carbon disulphide or answer other tests. (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 350.) M. Lepage determines the amount of the bromide as follows. Dissolve one gramme of corrosive sublimate in twenty cubic centimeters of water; also one gramme of the suspected iodide in thirty grammes of pure water. Add by means of a burette the former fluid to the latter until it just ceases to cause a turbidity. If the iodide is pure, at least 16 C.c. of the mercurial solution are required; if impure, the remaining solution will exceed the volume of 4 C.c. in proportion as the potassium iodide has been replaced by bromide. For this test it is necessary that the iodide be free from chloride, carbonate, and iodate. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 167.) In order to detect bromine, M. Personne first precipitates from an aqueous solution of the suspected iodide the whole of the iodine as cuprous iodide, by successively adding, in excess, a solution of copper sulphate and aqueous sulphurous acid, and then treats the filtered liquid with ether and chlorine water, the whole being shaken together and left at rest. If bromine be present, the ether which rises to the surface will be tinged of a reddish-yellow color. Fresenius's test of gold chloride is, according to Dr. J. H. Bill, of the U. S. Army, very delicate. The iodine having been separated by palladium, and the excess of palladium by hydrogen sulphide, the solution supposed to contain bromine, if treated first with a drop of hydrochloric acid, and then with a drop of solution of gold chloride, will, if bromine be present, exhibit a decided yellowness, which will appear more obviously if the solution be compared with pure

water or a weak solution of a chloride. (See *A. J. P.*, May, 1868, p. 272.) Potassium carbonate may be discovered by lime water, which causes a milkiness (calcium carbonate), and by tincture of iodine, the color of which is destroyed. The Br. Pharmacopœia admits a slight degree of this impurity, directing that saccharated solution of lime should only faintly precipitate the solution. The iodate may be detected by adding a solution of tartaric acid to a solution of the suspected iodide. Potassium bitartrate will be precipitated, and, if the iodide be pure, a yellow color is *soon* developed by the action of the air on the liberated hydriodic acid; but if any iodate be present the test will give rise to both iodic and hydriodic acids, which, by their mutual action, will *instantly* develop iodine.

Mr. William Copney has pointed out an excellent test for detecting potassium carbonate and iodate, in the use of ferrous iodide, in the form of syrup of ferrous iodide, recently prepared. (See *Syrupus Ferri Iodidi.*) A drop of the syrup is added to a solution of the suspected potassium iodide. A bluish precipitate indicates the carbonate; a red one, the iodate; and a blue precipitate, followed by a red one, both impurities. Potassium carbonate is generally present in the proportion of from 1 to 10 per cent. Dr. Christison has detected 74½ per cent., and Dr. Pereira as high as 77 per cent. An adulteration by the carbonate under 10 per cent. does not alter the crystalline appearance of the iodide, but gives it an increased tendency to deliquesce. When it is greater it renders the salt granular and highly deliquescent. As potassium iodide is soluble in rectified spirit, anything left undissolved by that solvent is impurity. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 293.) A seemingly better method is that of M. Personne, founded upon the fact that when mercuric chloride is added to a solution of the iodide in just sufficient amount to form potassio-mercuric iodide the solution remains clear, but on the further addition of the minutest quantity of the chloride a persistent reddish or rose-colored precipitate is formed. He prepares the titrating solution by dissolving 13·55 grammes of mercuric chloride and 8 to 10 grammes of common salt in 200 to 250 grammes of distilled water, and then adding sufficient distilled water to make the whole measure one liter; 10 cubic centimeters of this correspond to 0·1355 of the chloride. Of the iodide to be tested 3·32 grammes are dissolved in sufficient water to make exactly 100 cubic centimeters. The titration is performed by putting 10 cubic centimeters of this in a beaker glass, and adding from a burette, drop by drop, the mercurial liquid, keeping the beaker in a constant agitation by means of the gyratory movement with the hand. When the red color appears the titration is complete. If the iodide be pure, 10 cubic centimeters of the mercurial solution will have been used; if only 8 C.c. have been used, it is known that the iodide contains only 80 per cent. of the pure salt; 9 C.c. indicate 90 per cent.; 7 C.c., 70 per cent., and so on. The presence of potassium bromide, chloride, or carbonate is said not to interfere with this test. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1875, p. 5.) Potassium iodide contains no water of crystallization.

According to M. Payen, a saturated solution of potassium iodide, which will evince signs of decomposition by becoming orange-yellow, in the presence of atmospheric air, on the addition of small quantities of acetic, nitric, oxalic, and probably many other acids, remains unaffected by these additions if atmospheric air be excluded. The air oxidizes a portion of the potassium, which then unites with the acid, and the iodine liberated gives color to the solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 200.) As first pointed out by M. Loew (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 80), and confirmed by M. Vidau in an elaborate series of experiments, iodine is liberated from a solution of potassium iodide by direct sunlight; the more concentrated the solution the more energetic is the action. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 351.)

Potassium iodide is incompatible with alkaloids, calomel, mercurous and mercuric oxides, turpeth mineral, white precipitate, blue mass, and metallic mercury. M. Melsens observes that potassium iodide given in connection with the insoluble preparations of mercury renders them soluble and much more active. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 222.) With nitrous ether potassium iodide reacts, yielding, among other products, ethyl iodide and a little ordinary ether. (Juncadella, *Comptes-Rendus*, Fév. 1859, p. 345.) At ordinary temperatures potassium iodide is slowly decomposed, with evolution of iodine, by ammonium nitrate or boric acid, and at high temperatures, in a glass test-tube, with escape of violet vapors, not only by the two substances just named, but also by ammonium sulphate, oxalate, carbonate, and chloride, sodium sulphate, phosphate, nitrate, and borate, potassium and magnesium sulphates, calcium nitrate, sodium, potassium, and calcium chlorides, and silicic acid. (Ubaldini, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1859, p. 292.) M. Melsens has noticed another very important fact in relation to the operation of potassium iodide. When this salt and potassium chlorate are mixed in solution, no change takes place at ordinary temperatures; but if a certain amount of a mineral acid be added to the

solution of the mixed salts, a reaction occurs, attended with the escape of iodine; and evidences are presented of the existence of iodic acid in the solution. Now, M. Melsens has ascertained by experiments on dogs that neither of these salts, if given separately and at different times, produces an evil effect; while if given together, so as to be in the system at the same time, they act as a poison, and may cause death in a few days. Seven grammes (108 grains) of a mixture of potassium iodide and potassium chlorate, in equivalent proportions, given daily to a dog of medium size, uniformly proved fatal in less than a month, and often as early as the fifth day. M. Melsens ascribed the result to the production of potassium iodate, which he has shown to be a poisonous salt. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1866, p. 521; from *Bull. de la Soc. Chim. de Paris.*) With the alkaloids potassium iodide is incompatible, and fatal results have been caused by the strychnine iodide crystallizing out of a prescription, so that the whole of it was taken at a single dose.

Medical Properties. The general therapeutic properties of the preparations of iodine, of which potassium iodide is the most important, have been given under the head of Iodine. By most practitioners the preparation under notice is preferred for producing the constitutional effects of iodine. When it is administered in large repeated doses it produces evidences of systemic infection, known as *iodism.* The most usual indication of its constitutional action is a pain over the brow, with coryza; in some cases a mild ptyalism, with fetor of the breath and slight swelling of the gums, is produced. In a number of cases it causes an eruption, sometimes simply of macula, but usually of acne. In unusual conditions of the system these skin affections may become very severe and ulcerations result. Thus, Dr. John O'Reilly, of New York, reports several cases in which, after the use of this iodide, spots like purpura were produced, invading first the face and then the trunk and extremities. These became bullæ, sometimes an inch in diameter, filled with a purple liquid, and finally sphacelated spots ending in ulcers. Great constitutional disturbance coexisted, with swollen tongue, fetor, and salivation. Drs. Bumstead (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, lxii. 101) and H. C. Wood have seen similar cases. When it is given in a too concentrated form, its local irritant properties assert themselves, and severe gastro-intestinal irritation or inflammation may result. The amount of iodine which the individual will bear varies, but in those who have not been gradually accustomed to its use the power of resisting very large doses is strong evidence of a syphilitic infection. In *periosteal nodes, specific rheumatism, diseases of the nervous system* or *large viscera*, and in other forms of advanced *secondary* or *tertiary syphilis*, potassium iodide acts as a specific, but must be given in very large doses and continuously for months or even years. It is when the symptoms are not very active, or when evidences of cachexia forbid mercurials, that it is especially indicated. In 1843, MM. Guillot and Melsens gave potassium iodide with advantage in doses of from a drachm to a drachm and a half daily, in *mercurial tremors* and *lead poisoning.* In a memoir published in 1849, M. Melsens gives a full account of his experiments with it as a remedy for the affections caused by mercury and lead. He effected a number of cures of *mercurial tremors* and *lead palsy;* and during the progress of the cure these metals were found in the urine. The value of potassium iodide in various chronic metallic poisonings is now established, and there can be little doubt as to the correctness of the theory of M. Melsens, namely, that potassium iodide forms with insoluble metallic compounds in the tissues soluble double salts, which are taken up by the blood and eliminated by the emunctories.* Potassium iodide sometimes produces ptyalism, but this ptyalism, when directly caused by the iodide, is never severe. Occasionally, however, during the taking of the iodide, furious ptyalism will occur, which is the result, as was first shown by Melsens, of the liberation from the tissues of mercury which had been previously taken, and which was enabled by being dissolved to produce constitutional effects. As this ptyalism may come on in persons who have not taken mercury for months, or perhaps for years, it would appear that that metal can long lie fixed and insoluble in the system, and finally, when liberated, produce serious constitutional symptoms. A prolonged mercurial treatment should always be followed by a course with potassium iodide. Dr. G. W. Balfour, of Edinburgh, published several cases of *aneurism of the aorta* in which potassium iodide was given in the dose of thirty grains twice or thrice daily with apparently great advantage, the symptoms of the disease having not only been greatly relieved, but in some instances having entirely disappeared. (*Edin. Med. Journ.*, July, 1868, p. 33; also April, 1871, p. 935.) The results probably were due to the aneurisms being of syphilitic origin. For the *softening of inflammatory deposits*, and for the *removal of exudations* not of syphilitic nature,

* See the Memoir of M. Melsens, translated by Dr. Budd, of Bristol, England, in the *Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Am. ed., for Jan. 1853, p. 157; also a paper by Dr. J. W. Corson, in the *N. Y. Journ. of Med.* for Sept. 1853.

potassium iodide is one of the most reliable remedies that we have. Hence it is much used in *chronic pleurisies*. In *chronic disease of the pulmonic parenchyma*, especially when tubercular, the exhibition of potassium iodide frequently has a pronounced effect in hastening softening and ulceration. Potassium iodide has been used internally by Dr. A. Beaufort with much supposed advantage for a local effect. Being largely secreted with the tears, and to a certain extent with the uterine fluids, he gives it with a view to its effects on the passages with which it thus comes in contact. In this way he explains the very good effects he has experienced from it in *chronic inflammation of the lachrymal passages*, and in *chronic metritis* with copious leucorrhœa. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Oct. 1868, p. 517.)

The dose of potassium iodide is from two to ten grains or more (0·13–0·65 Gm.), three times a day, given in dilute solution. In syphilitic cases, two, four, and even six drachms (7·8–15·5–23·3 Gm.) may be given daily with excellent results. When it is given in large amounts, care should be exercised to secure free dilution, and the best method of administration is in solution in milk. The compound syrup of sarsaparilla will in a measure disguise its taste.

Potassium iodide passes quickly into the urine, in which it may be detected by first adding to the cold secretion a portion of starch, and then a few drops of nitric acid, when a blue color will be produced. It has been detected in six minutes after having been swallowed. According to Schottin, it passes slowly into the sweat. Taken in half-drachm doses daily, it did not appear in that secretion until five days had elapsed.

Potassium iodide is employed as an external application in the form of ointment, either alone or mixed with iodine. (See *Unguentum Potassii Iodidi* and *Unguentum Iodi*.)

POTASSII NITRAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Nitrate. [Saltpetre.]

KNO_3; 100·92. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī NĪ'TRĂS.) KNO_3; 101.

"Nitrate of potassium of commerce, purified, if necessary, by crystallization from solution in distilled water." *Br.*

Kali Nitricum, *P. G.*; Nitrum Depuratum, Sal Petræ, s. Nitri, Nitras Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Nitrate of Potash, Nitre, Saltpetre; Nitrate de Potasse, Azotate de Potasse (Nitre prismatique), Salpêtre, *Fr.*; Salpetersaures Kali, Salpeter, Kalisalpeter, *G.*, *Dutch*, *Dan.*, *Sw.*; Nitro, *It.*, *Sp.*, *Port.*

Nitre, or saltpetre, is both a natural and an artificial product. It occurs in many countries, existing in the soil, on which it forms a saline efflorescence, in the fissures of calcareous rocks, and in caves. It has been found in different parts of Europe, in Egypt, and in Chili; but the country in which it is most abundantly produced is India, whence the principal part is furnished for the demands of commerce. In the United States it is found, for the most part, in caverns situated in limestone rock, called saltpetre caves, where it is associated with calcium nitrate. The earths contained in them are lixiviated, and yield, according to their richness, from one to ten pounds of crude nitre to the bushel. These caves are particularly numerous in Kentucky, and furnished a large proportion of the nitre consumed in the United States during the last war with England. According to Mr. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, nitre earth exists near Nashville, Tenn., which yields 15 per cent. of nitre, and is said to be sufficiently abundant to supply the demand of the United States. In Bradford County, Pa., a solid, uncrystalline deposit of very pure nitre exists in a sandstone rock. (*Prof. W. H. Ellet.*) "A mountain" of the salt is said to have been discovered by Dr. Harrison among the Rocky Mountains, "six miles N.E. of Crystal Peak." (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 87.) Nitre exists also in the vegetable kingdom, having been found in tobacco, borage, bugloss, parietaria, hemlock, and the sunflower. The artificial sources of nitre are certain mixtures of animal and vegetable substances with wood-ashes and calcareous matter, called nitre-beds, and certain materials impregnated with saltpetre, consisting principally of plaster rubbish, derived from the demolition of old buildings. The ashes of tobacco-stems, consisting almost exclusively of potassium carbonate and chloride, have been proposed by M. Commaille as an artificial source of nitre, by adding them to the ordinary nitre-beds. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Fév. 1856.)

Preparation from its Natural Sources. In India the saline earth, which contains about seven parts of nitre in a thousand, is lixiviated in large mud filters lined with stiff clay, and furnished with false bottoms of bamboo, covered with grass mats, on which wood-ashes are laid. The filters being then filled with the saline earth, water is added, and the solution filters through the wood-ashes, with the effect of converting the calcium nitrate present, amounting to nearly 1 per cent., into potassium nitrate. The solution obtained is evaporated in earthen pots, filtered, and set aside to crystallize. The impure nitre thus obtained contains

from 45 to 70 per cent. of the pure salt. It is redissolved and crystallized, and thrown into commerce under the name of crude saltpetre. Besides the nitre obtained in India by the filtration of the soil deposited during the overflow of the Ganges, it appears, from the report of Dr. J. W. Palmer, that much of the crude salt is procured, in the northwestern provinces of Hindostan, from the saline incrustations formed in and around the mud walls surrounding the dwellings of the natives. The scrapings from these sources are lixiviated, and the impure solution allowed to evaporate in shallow pans exposed to the sun. The impure nitre extracted from the earthy matters crystallizes out; while from 1 to 9 per cent. of common salt remains in the mother-liquor, and is recovered by evaporation. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 436.)

Within recent years, nitre has been largely manufactured from the native potassium chloride of Stassfurt and the native sodium nitrate of Chili, two cheap and abundant crude materials, which by their reaction yield potassium nitrate. For this purpose equal molecular quantities of the two salts are dissolved in water until the specific gravity of the liquor reaches 1·5. Sodium chloride is deposited, and the clear solution on cooling and on agitation deposits the saltpetre in the form of a fine powder. This so-called "conversion saltpetre," as manufactured by Vorster & Grüneberg, of Kalk, near Cologne, Germany, and exhibited at the late Chicago Exposition, is said to be 99·995 per cent. pure nitrate.

Artificial Preparation. The plan of making saltpetre in artificial nitre-beds is principally practised in Germany; while the method of obtaining it from old plaster rubbish is followed in France. *Artificial nitre-beds* are formed of animal and vegetable remains, together with ashes and calcareous earth, which are mixed up with a portion of loose soil and placed under sheds, to shelter the mixture from the rain, while the sides are left open, to admit the free access of air. The mixture is disposed in little ranges or heaps, which are frequently turned over with a spade, and sprinkled with urine, as a substance containing a large quantity of nitrogen. At the end of two or three years the nitrogen is converted into nitric acid, and this, by uniting with the potassa existing in the vegetable remains, forms nitre. When the contents of the bed contain about four ounces of the salt for every cubic foot of the materials, they are deemed fit to be lixiviated. The lixiviation is performed with boiling water, which is repeatedly thrown upon fresh portions of the mass, until the solution obtained is sufficiently strong. The lixivium is of a brown color, and contains chiefly potassium nitrate, but at the same time more or less of calcium and magnesium nitrates and of common salt. The earthy nitrates are then decomposed by a solution from wood-ashes, the potassa of which converts them into nitre and precipitates the earths. The solution being further evaporated, the common salt rises to the surface as a scum, and is removed. The solution is then allowed to cool, and the nitrate crystallizes in dirty-white crystals, called crude nitre. Calcium nitrate may be converted into nitre by adding it to a solution of potassium sulphate. Calcium sulphate is precipitated, and potassium nitrate remains in solution.

When obtained from old plaster rubbish, the material is reduced to powder and lixiviated, in order to exhaust it of everything soluble. The solution is found to contain potassium and calcium nitrates and common salt, and is treated with wood-ashes, which convert the calcium nitrate into potassium nitrate, with precipitation of the earth as a carbonate. The liquor is separated from the precipitate and concentrated by heat; and the common salt, as it rises to the surface, is skimmed off. When the solution is so strong as to mark 45° of Baumé's hydrometer, it is allowed to cool and crystallize; and the crystals form the crude nitre of this process. The salt obtained in this way generally contains from 85 to 88 per cent. of pure nitre, the remainder being made up of sodium chloride and certain deliquescent salts. The details of this process, as formerly practised in Paris, are given by Thénard.

Theory of Nitrification. It is generally supposed that the continuous formation of nitre in nitre earths and in artificial nitre-beds depends upon the oxidation of the nitrogen of ammonia, thus generating nitric acid, the formation of which is facilitated by the presence of alkaline and earthy bases, with which the acid unites. The ammonia is derived, for the most part, from the organic remains in the nitre earths, and from the animal matter which is an essential ingredient in the artificial mixtures. According to Schoenbein, whose statement has been confirmed by Goppelsröder, the formation of the nitric acid is always preceded by that of nitrous acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1862, p. 334.)

Purification. Potassium nitrate, as first obtained, either from natural or from artificial sources, is called in commerce crude saltpetre, and requires to be purified before it can be used in medicine, or in most of the arts. The process, which is founded principally on the fact that nitre is more soluble than common salt in hot water, is conducted in France as follows.

Thirty parts of saltpetre are boiled with six parts of water, and the portion which remains undissolved or is deposited, consisting of common salt, is carefully removed. As the ebullition proceeds, a little water is added from time to time, to hold the nitre in solution. When common salt ceases to be separated, the solution is clarified with glue, and more water is added, at intervals, until the whole, including that previously added, amounts to ten parts. The clear solution is now transferred to large, shallow copper coolers, where it is agitated with wooden instruments to hasten the cooling and to cause the nitre to crystallize in small grains. The purification is completed by washing the salt with water, or a saturated solution of nitre, in a kind of wooden hopper with holes in the bottom stopped with pegs. The liquid employed is allowed to remain in contact with the nitre for several hours, after which it is permitted to drain off by taking out the pegs. The salt is now dried, and takes the name of purified nitre.

In Sweden the process of purification is conducted in a different manner. The solution of the crude nitre is boiled until a saline crust (common salt) forms on its surface, and until it is so far concentrated that a small portion of it crystallizes upon cooling. The crust being removed, the solution is filtered, and diluted with 1-48th of water, with a view to retain in solution the common salt, which, being somewhat less soluble in cold than in boiling water, would otherwise be in part precipitated on refrigeration. This solution is now allowed to cool, and, at the moment the crystals begin to form, is stirred constantly, to cause the salt to crystallize in small grains. The granular salt is then washed after the French method, as above described, dried, and, being fused, is cast in sheet-iron moulds so as to form masses each weighing from ten to twenty pounds. The preparation of nitre in this manner by fusion is, according to Berzelius, attended with several advantages, such as occupying less space, losing nothing by waste in transportation, and presenting, in this state, an obvious index of its quality. This index is the character of its fracture. When the salt is perfectly pure, the fracture is radiated, the radii being generally large. The presence of 1-80th of common salt renders the radii smaller; that of 1-40th, or of a larger quantity, produces a zone in the substance of the mass devoid of the radiated structure, or causes this structure to disappear entirely. On the other hand, the melting of the salt has the disadvantage of converting it in part into nitrite if the heat be too high, and of rendering it difficult to pulverize.

Commercial History. Nitre is sometimes received in this country from Calcutta packed in grass-cloth bags containing from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five pounds. Its quality varies considerably. That which comes in dirty-yellow crystals is called *crude saltpetre;* while the finer lots, in small, comparatively clear crystals, approaching to white, are called *East India refined.* Very little crude saltpetre is at present obtained from native sources in the United States. The *refined saltpetre* is almost exclusively prepared by our own chemists. The importations of crude potassium nitrate are at present less than one-fifteenth of the amount of crude sodium nitrate imported. The amount for the year 1891 was 15,040,757 pounds, and for 1892, 14,254,514 pounds. As connected with the subject of saltpetre, it may be proper in this place to notice what is incorrectly called *South American saltpetre*, enormous quantities of which are exported from Chili. (See *Sodii Nitras.*)

Properties. Potassium nitrate occurs as "colorless, transparent, six-sided, rhombic prisms, or a crystalline powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline and pungent taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 3·8 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·4 part of boiling water; very sparingly soluble in alcohol. When heated to 353° C. (667·4° F.), the salt melts. At a higher temperature it is decomposed, giving off oxygen at first, and then some of its nitrogen, leaving a residue of potassium nitrate, nitrite, and oxide. Thrown upon red-hot coals, the salt deflagrates. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. With sodium bitartrate test-solution the aqueous solution (1 in 20) yields a white, crystalline precipitate; with sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution, a yellow precipitate. If a small crystal of ferrous sulphate be dissolved in the aqueous solution (1 in 20), and then concentrated sulphuric acid be poured in, so as to form a separate layer, a dark-brown color will appear at the line of contact. If a drop of diphenylamine test-solution be mixed with the aqueous solution and concentrated sulphuric acid be poured in as in the preceding test, a deep-blue color will appear at the line of contact. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should remain unaffected by the addition of a few drops of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (absence of *iron*); or of barium chloride test-solution (*sulphate*); or of silver nitrate test-solution (*chloride*); or of ammonium carbonate test-solution, ammonium oxalate test-solution, or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *calcium, zinc,* etc.); or by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after acidulation with hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic, lead, copper,* etc.). If to 5 C.c.

of the aqueous solution of the salt 1 C.c. of chlorine water and a few drops of starch test-solution be added, no blue color should appear (absence of *iodine*). No yellow color should appear when 1 C.c. of pure, concentrated sulphuric acid is added to 0·1 Gm. of the dry salt (absence of *chlorate*)." *U. S.* It is devoid of water of crystallization, but is apt to contain a portion of liquid mechanically lodged within the substance of the crystals. This is particularly the case with the *large* crystals, and, according to Berzelius, is a source of impurity, as the liquid in question is a portion of the mother-water in which they were formed. It is on this account that Berzelius recommends that the solution of the purified salt should be stirred during crystallization, so as to cause it to shoot into *small* crystals. The fused mass, when cast in moulds, or formed into little circular cakes, constitutes that form of nitre found in commerce under the name of *crystal mineral* or *sal prunelle*.* If the heat is increased, the salt is decomposed, evolves pure oxygen, and is reduced to the state of nitrite, which, in powder, emits orange-colored fumes of hyponitric acid, and nitrous oxide on the addition of sulphuric acid. Upon a further continuance of the heat, the nitrous acid itself is decomposed, and a large additional quantity of oxygen is evolved, contaminated, however, with more or less nitrogen. On account of the large proportion of oxygen which it contains, nitre increases the combustion of many substances in a remarkable degree. When thrown on burning coals, it deflagrates with bright scintillations. In the reaction of nitre with charcoal, carbonic acid is produced, and never carbonic oxide; and the nitric acid is variously decomposed into nitrous oxide, nitrogen dioxide, or nitrogen, according to the proportion of the charcoal and to the heat employed. (*A. Vogel, Jr.*) Nitre may be readily recognized by its effect in increasing the combustion of live coals when thrown upon them, and by evolving white or reddish vapors on the addition of sulphuric acid. If the residue in this case weighs less than the amount calculated for potassium sulphate, part of it is probably sodium sulphate, and the nitre tested may be assumed to have contained sodium nitrate. The most usual impurity is common salt, which is seldom entirely absent, and which injures it for the manufacture of gunpowder.† The refined or purified saltpetre of commerce is sufficiently pure for medicinal use. Potassium nitrate is composed of one atom of potassium in combination with one nitric acid group, which latter is monobasic. M. Violette, on mixing a few grains each of sodium nitrate and sodium acetate, previously fused, noticed a few gaseous bubbles given off, and at the same time a violent explosion took place, which scattered the vial in fragments over his laboratory. On heating a mixture of a grain each of potassium nitrate and sodium acetate, the mixture remained fluid at 300° C. (572° F.) and perfectly quiet; but when the temperature was increased to about 350° C. (662° F.) a slight ebullition was noticed, instantly followed by a loud explosion, with light and smoke like exploded gunpowder. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 128.)

Medical Properties. Potassium nitrate is considered refrigerant, diuretic, and diaphoretic. It is known to be a powerful antiseptic. It generally promotes the secretion of urine and sweat, lessens the heat of the body and the frequency of the pulse, and has a tendency to keep the bowels in a soluble condition. When taken in health, in quantities increasing gradually from one to five drachms daily, for the space of from eight to twelve days, it was found by F. Löffler to produce general weakness, lowness of spirits, constant disposition to sleep, and slow and weak pulse. Towards the end of the experiment the pulse several times fell to twenty beats in the minute. During the use of the medicine the appetite and digestion continued good, and the bowels were regular; though occasionally some pain was experienced in the abdomen, followed by purging. The blood, drawn at the end of the period, resembled cherry-juice in color, exhibited paler blood-corpuscles than in health, coagulated very quickly, forming a clot of diminished firmness, was more watery than natural, and contained a smaller proportion of fat. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xviii.) Nitre is sometimes prescribed with tartar emetic and calomel, forming the so-called *nitrous powder*, which promotes most of the secretions, particularly those of the liver and skin, and is sometimes advantageous in lessening and modifying febrile excitement. The formula usually preferred is eight or ten grains (0·52–0·65 Gm.) of nitre, the eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.) of tartar emetic, and from the fourth to the half of a grain (0·016–0·03 Gm.) of calomel, exhibited every two or three hours. Locally, nitre is an irritant or stimulant

* *Sal prunelle*, as directed to be made in the French Codex of 1837, is a mixture of potassium nitrate and sulphate. It is prepared by fusing nitre in a Hessian crucible, adding 1-128th part of sulphur, and pouring out the product on a smooth marble slab, where it is allowed to congeal. The sulphur immediately takes fire, and, by combining with oxygen from a part of the nitric acid of the nitre, becomes sulphuric acid, which then unites with a small portion of potassa, to form potassium sulphate.

† For a method of estimating the nature and amount of the various impurities in commercial saltpetre, see M. Persoz, *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 543.

according to concentration, and may often be used with advantage in inflammations of mucous membranes, such as *stomatitis*, *angina*, etc. In *asthma*, nitrous fumigation has been found useful, performed by inhaling the fumes from a piece of burning touch-paper about the size of a playing-card, prepared by dipping blotting-paper in a saturated solution of nitre and afterwards drying it. M. Vohl has examined the vapor resulting from the burning of paper thus impregnated, and found it to consist of carbonic acid and oxide, cyanogen, ammonia, nitrogen, aqueous vapor, and potassium carbonate and nitrite, and he ascribes the beneficial results of its inhalation to the ammonia and potassium nitrite. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 155, 1866.) If given too freely or for too long a period, nitre is apt to excite pain in the stomach. In an overdose (half an ounce to an ounce or more), taken in concentrated solution, it causes heat and pain in the stomach, vomiting and purging of blood, great prostration, convulsions, and sometimes death. On dissection, the stomach and intestines are found inflamed. For a fatal case of poisoning by three ounces and a half without painful symptoms, see Dr. John Snowden, *New Jersey Med. Reporter*, viii. The treatment consists in the speedy removal of the poison from the stomach, and in the administration of mucilaginous drinks, laudanum to allay pain and irritation, and cordials to sustain the system. No antidote is known.

Notwithstanding the toxic properties of nitre when taken largely in concentrated solution, it may be given, in divided doses, to the extent of one or two ounces (31·1–62·2 Gm.) in twenty-four hours, if copiously diluted with water. Administered in this way, the salt acts as a sedative on the circulation, decreasing the force and frequency of the pulse. In *acute rheumatism* these large doses have been much employed, but the practice has passed out of vogue. It is best given dissolved in sweetened barley-water, in the proportion of half an ounce to a pint and a half or two pints of the liquid.

In pharmacy nitre was formerly employed to form crocus of antimony, to procure nitric acid, and sometimes in the preparation of sweet spirit of nitre. In the laboratory it is used to make black and white flux, as an oxidizing agent, and to yield oxygen at a red heat. It was formerly employed in the production of aqua fortis (common nitric acid) and in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, and is yet employed in the fabrication of gunpowder. The Br. Pharmacopœia uses it in the purification of bismuth.

POTASSII PERMANGANAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Permanganate.

$KMnO_4$; 157·67. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī PĔR-MĂN'GĂ-NĂS.) **$KMnO_4$; 157.**

"Potassium Permanganate should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, protected from light, and should not be brought in contact with organic or readily oxidizable substances." *U. S.*

Kali Hypermanganicum Crystallisatum, *P. G.;* Hypermanganas Potassicus, s. Kalicus; Permanganate of Potash; Permanganate de Potasse, *Fr.;* Uebermangansaures Kali, *G.*

"Take of Caustic Potash *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Black Oxide of Manganese, in fine powder, *four ounces* [av.]; Chlorate of Potassium *three ounces and a half* [av.]; Distilled Water *two pints and a half* [Imperial measure]; Carbonic Acid *a sufficiency*. Reduce the Chlorate of Potassium to fine powder, and mix it with the Oxide of Manganese; put the mixture into a porcelain basin, and add to it the Caustic Potash, previously dissolved in four [fluid]ounces of the Water. Evaporate to dryness on a sand-bath, stirring diligently to prevent spurting. Pulverize the residual mass, place the powder in a covered crucible, exposing it to a dull red heat for an hour, or until it has assumed a semi-fused condition. Let it cool, pulverize it, and boil with a pint and a half [Imp. meas.] of the Water. Let the insoluble matter subside, decant the fluid, boil again with half a pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water, again decant, saturate the united liquors with Carbonic Acid, and evaporate till a pellicle forms. Set aside to cool and crystallize. Drain the crystalline mass, boil it in six [fluid]ounces of the Water, and strain through a funnel, the throat of which is lightly obstructed by a little asbestos. Let the fluid cool and crystallize, drain the crystals, and dry them by placing them under a bell-jar over a vessel containing sulphuric acid." *Br.*

By this process potassium chlorate yields oxygen to manganese dioxide, converting it into manganic acid, which unites with the potassa to form the manganate, potassium chloride being formed at the same time; the reaction being $3MnO_2 + 6KOH + KClO_3 = 3K_2MnO_4 + KCl + 3H_2O$. When this solution is boiled, the potassium manganate reacts with the water and yields potassium permanganate, according to the reaction $3K_2MnO_4 + 3H_2O = K_2Mn_2O_8 + H_2MnO_3 + 4KOH$, the hydrated peroxide separating out. Hence, when exhausted by water, the solution contains with the permanganate and chloride a portion of potassa, which requires to be neutralized by sulphuric acid. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to get rid of the

potassium sulphate and chloride in the crystallization, which, therefore, are apt to contaminate the permanganate. At best, the product is small and uncertain in amounts. A cheaper commercial preparation, consisting of a mixture more or less pure of sodium manganate and permanganate, is manufactured on a large scale for disinfecting purposes. It is obtained by mixing the caustic soda obtained from 1500 kilogrammes of soda-ash with 350 kilogrammes of finely divided manganese dioxide in a flat vessel, and heating this mixture for forty-eight hours to dull redness. The product is then lixiviated with water, and the solution either boiled down to the requisite degree of strength or evaporated to dryness.

Properties. It is officially described as in "slender, monoclinic prisms, of a dark-purple color, almost opaque by transmitted and of a blue, metallic lustre by reflected light, odorless, and having a taste at first sweet, but afterwards disagreeable and astringent. Permanent in the air. Soluble in 16 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 3 parts of boiling water. In contact with alcohol it is decomposed. When heated, the salt decrepitates, and at 240° C. (464° F.) it decomposes, yielding oxygen, potassium manganate, and manganese dioxide. The aqueous solution of the salt is of a deep violet-red color when concentrated, and of a rose color when much diluted, and this color is discharged by hydrogen sulphide, ferrous sulphate, oxalic acid, alcohol, and many other readily oxidizable substances, especially if the solution be first rendered acid by sulphuric acid. The solution is neutral to litmus paper. If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be boiled with 10 C.c. of ammonia water and 10 C.c. of water (or with 20 C.c. of water and 4 C.c. of alcohol) until it is completely decomposed, and the liquid then filtered, the clear, colorless filtrate will serve for the following tests: If to 5 C.c. of the filtrate, acidulated with nitric acid, barium chloride test-solution be added, not more than very slight turbidity should be produced (limit of *sulphate*). In another portion of 5 C.c., acidulated with nitric acid, silver nitrate test-solution should produce no precipitate or cloudiness (absence of *chloride*). If to another portion of 5 C.c. of the filtrate 1 drop of diphenylamine test-solution be added, and then 1 C.c. of pure concentrated sulphuric acid be poured in, so as to form a layer beneath, no blue color should appear at the line of contact (absence of *nitrate* or *chlorate*). If 0·1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of boiling distilled water, and 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid be cautiously added, the solution should require for complete decoloration not less than 31·3 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to at least 98·7 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia requires that 5 grains, dissolved in water, should be completely decolorized by not less than 44 grains of granulated ferrous sulphate, acidulated with two fluidrachms of official dilute sulphuric acid. Under the name of *Liquor Potassii Permanganatis*, a solution containing 64 grains of potassium permanganate in a pint of distilled water was official in the U. S. P. 1870.

If the solution be evaporated to dryness, the salt has the form of an intensely black powder. If suddenly heated, the crystals detonate, evolving oxygen, and leaving a black residue, which yields potassa to water, recognized by its alkaline reaction, and by giving, when acidulated with hydrochloric acid, a yellow precipitate with platinic chloride. Moderately heated, they are partially volatilized, giving out violet vapors of a disagreeable metallic odor. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1862, p. 409.) The salt, in consequence of the facility with which it parts with oxygen, is one of the most powerful oxidizing agents known. It causes the combustion of certain inflammable bodies, imparts oxygen to almost all organic substances, and in chemistry is employed to bring various compounds to a higher degree of oxidation. The readiness with which it yields oxygen in the nascent state is sufficient to account for its oxidizing power. It may be kept indefinitely if pure, and carefully secured from contact with organic substances, or other decomposing agents; but in fact, in consequence of the almost universal presence of organic matter in the air, it is generally partially decomposed, and, when dissolved, leaves a slight residue of hydrated manganese dioxide. In reference to the metals, mercury is quickly oxidized at the expense of the salt, a mixture of mercurous oxide and manganese oxide being deposited as a brown powder, and caustic potassa remaining in solution. Zinc remains unchanged indefinitely in a solution of the permanganate, silver is little affected, and copper not at all, even at 100° C. (212° F.). (Giles, *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Mai, 1868, p. 397.)

H. B. Condy introduced (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1885, p. 567) a permanganate disinfectant, which contains also aluminum sulphate, which is said to increase the oxidizing effect of the permanganic acid. He asserts that in this disinfectant solution all the available oxygen of the permanganic acid is utilized, whereas only 60 per cent. of this amount is utilized with the simple alkaline permanganate.

Medical Properties and Uses. Potassium permanganate, first brought to the notice of the profession in 1857, by Mr. Condy, as a powerful disinfectant, has been proved to be very efficient not only in lessening fetid odors from organic sources, but also in destroying the sources of the odor. It acts by oxidizing, but, as it can yield up only the oxygen within it, its powers are limited. Further, it is a comparatively expensive substance, so that it is very rarely employed when any considerable mass of material is to be affected. It also has the further disadvantage of staining the skin, clothes, etc.; but the stain may be removed with oxalic acid. It is frequently used in the treatment of *fetid* and *gangrenous ulcers*, *hospital gangrene*, *abscesses*, *carbuncles*, and *wounds* of all kinds, of fetid discharges from the mucous membrane, as in *ozæna*, *otorrhœa*, *gonorrhœa*, and *leucorrhœa*, and of *diphtheritic affections;* and it has proved serviceable even in *cancerous ulcers*. As a local stimulant it has also been used in *chronic* and *indolent ulcers*. In all these cases it is applied to the diseased surface in solution of various strengths, according to the effect desired. In concentrated solution it is capable of acting as a caustic, and therefore requires caution. With the view to its caustic action, it may be sprinkled on the diseased surface by means of a pepper-box, or applied in saturated solution. As a disinfectant or stimulant lotion it may be of various strengths, from one to twenty grains to the fluidounce of water. In preparing any solution of permanganate for use, it is of the utmost importance to avoid organic matters. Internally, the medicine has been used in *diphtheria*, *scarlatina*, and various *zymoses*, and in *dyscrasia*. It is plain that any moderate amounts of the permanganate must be decomposed by the organic matters of the mouth, œsophagus, and stomach before absorption. Nevertheless, the value of the permanganate in *atonic amenorrhœa*, first asserted by Prof. Sydney Ringer, has been strongly corroborated by Dr. Fordyce Barker and other clinicians. It should be given in doses of one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), after meals, unless it produce too much gastric uneasiness. Pills made with an excipient of cacao butter or resin cerate, or compressed tablets of the pure salt, may be employed.

POTASSII SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Potassium Sulphate.

K_2SO_4; 173·88. (PŌ-TĂS'SĬ-Ī SŬL'PHĂS.) K_2SO_4; 174.

Sulphate of Potash; Vitriolated Tartar; Kalium Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Sulfas Potassicus, s. Kalicus, Tartarum Vitriolatum, Arcanum Duplicatum, Sal de Duobus; Sulfate de Potasse, Potasse vitriolée, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Kali, *G.;* Solfato di Potassa, *It.*

Several chemical processes give rise to potassium sulphate as a secondary product. Thus, it is produced in the distillation of nitric acid from a mixture of nitre and sulphuric acid; in the decomposition of magnesium sulphate by potassium carbonate, in one of the processes for preparing magnesium carbonate; in the manufacture of sulphuric acid; in the manufacture of potassium bichromate; and in the decomposition of potassium tartrate by calcium sulphate. When nitric acid is obtained by calcining a mixture of nitre and ferrous sulphate, the residue consists of ferric oxide and potassium sulphate, the latter of which, being alone soluble, is separated by means of water, and crystallized from its solution. The impure potassium sulphate with sulphur, forming the residue of the combustion of sulphur and nitre in making sulphuric acid, is employed in the manufacture of alum. The *kainite* of the Stassfurt salt-beds is a native double potassium and magnesium sulphate, combined with magnesium chloride, and the *schœnite*, a double potassium and magnesium sulphate, with 6 molecules of water. To obtain potassium sulphate, the former mineral is exposed to the air; it deliquesces, and as soon as the soluble magnesium chloride has been run off, the remaining salt is partially decomposed by boiling water, so that on cooling the difficultly soluble sulphate separates out. About 12,000 tons of the potassium magnesium sulphate so obtained are annually put upon the market for use in fertilizers. The production of *kainite* at Stassfurt, in Germany, amounted in 1891 to 467,244 tons, and in 1892 to 545,084 tons.

According to the directions of the former Br. Pharmacopœia, the acid sulphate which remains after the distillation of nitric acid is brought to the neutral state by saturation, in boiling solution, with slaked lime. The solution is then filtered, to separate the calcium sulphate, and potassium carbonate is added at the boiling temperature, to remove lime and calcium sulphate. It is again filtered, then either neutralized or rendered slightly acid with diluted sulphuric acid, and finally, having been evaporated to a pellicle, is set aside for twenty-four hours to crystallize. The manufacturer of tartaric acid who avails himself of calcium sulphate to decompose potassium tartrate forms potassium sulphate as a collateral product. For the manner in which the latter salt may be economically crystallized for use, see *A. J. P.*, xxiii. 343.

Properties. As officially described, it is in "hard, colorless, transparent, six-sided, rhom-

bic prisms terminated by pyramids, or a white powder, odorless, and having a somewhat bitter, saline taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in about 9·5 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 4 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated, the crystals decrepitate. At a bright red heat they fuse, and at a white heat the salt suffers partial decomposition. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. The aqueous solution of the salt yields a copious yellow precipitate with sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution, and a white, crystalline precipitate with excess of tartaric acid test-solution. When held in a non-luminous flame on a clean platinum wire, the salt should at once impart to the flame a violet color (absence of *sodium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should remain unaffected by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution either before or after acidulation with hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.); or by the addition of a small amount of ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc*, *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). Other portions of the aqueous solution should not be rendered turbid by the addition of ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*); or of sodium phosphate test-solution and ammonia water (*magnesium*); or of silver nitrate test-solution (*chloride*). The addition of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution should produce neither a blue (absence of *iron*) nor a red color (*copper*)." *U. S.* It consists of two atoms of potassium combined with the dyad group, SO_4, characteristic of sulphuric acid.

The *plate-sulphate of potassa*, so well described by Prof. Penny, of Glasgow, is, when pure, the double potassium and sodium sulphate, having the formula $3K_2SO_4 + Na_2SO_4$. It is so called from the circumstance of being crystallized in hard thick cakes, or slabs, consisting of successive crops of crystals. It is a technical product from kelp, and may be formed by allowing successive quantities of concentrated kelp-lye to run into coolers, there to crystallize in successive layers, the mother-liquor being drawn off by a siphon after the deposit of each layer. (*Phil. Mag.*, Dec. 1855.) For the mode of preparing and using *Sal Polychrestum*, *Potassii Sulphas cum Sulphure*, or *Sulphate of Potassa with Sulphur*, see U. S. D., 15th ed., p. 1187.

Medical Properties and Uses. Potassium sulphate is a mild purgative, operating usually without heat, pain, or other symptom of irritation. In small doses, of from a scruple to half a drachm (1·3–1·95 Gm.), it operates as an aperient; in larger doses, of four or five drachms (15·5–19·4 Gm.), it acts slowly as a purge. On the continent of Europe it is frequently given as an aperient after delivery, and for the purpose of drying up the milk. Potassium sulphate is undoubtedly a powerful irritant, and capable of producing fatal poisoning: an ounce and a half (46·6 Gm.) of it are said to have caused death. It is, like the nitrate and the chlorate, more dangerous when not given in sufficiently dilute solution. (See *Am. Jour. Med. Sci.*, N. S., vii. 88.)

POTASSII TARTRAS. Br. Potassium Tartrate.

$K_2C_4H_4O_6.H_2O$; 469·36. (PŌ-TĂS'SI-Ī TĂR'TRĂS.) $K_2C_4H_4O_6.H_2O$; 470.

"Potassium Tartrate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Tartrate of Potash; Soluble Tartar; Kali Tartaricum, *P. G.*; Tartras-potassicus, s. Kalicus; Tartarus Tartarisatus, Tartarus Solubilis; Tartrate de Potasse, Tartre soluble, Sel végétal, *Fr.*; Neutrales Weinsaures Kali, *G.*

This salt was dropped at the 1890 revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia; the process of the British Pharmacopœia is as follows:

"Take of Acid Tartrate of Potassium *twenty ounces* [avoirdupois], or *a sufficiency;* Carbonate of Potassium *nine ounces* [av.], or *a sufficiency;* Boiling Distilled Water *two pints and a half* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in the Water; add by degrees the Acid Tartrate of Potassium, and if, after a few minutes' boiling, the liquid is not neutral to test-paper, make it so by the careful addition of more of the Carbonate or of the Acid Tartrate. Then filter, concentrate till a pellicle forms on the surface, and set it aside to cool and crystallize. More crystals may be obtained by evaporating and cooling the mother-liquor. Drain the crystals, dry them by exposure to the air in a warm place, and preserve them in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

In the U. S. 1870 process* the excess of acid in the bitartrate is saturated by the potassa of the carbonate, the carbonic acid is liberated with effervescence, and the neutral potassium tartrate is formed. On account of the greater solubility of the carbonate than of the bitartrate, the former is first dissolved, and the latter added to the solution to full saturation. As the

* "Take of Carbonate of Potassium *sixteen troyounces;* Bitartrate of Potassium [cream of tartar], in fine powder, *thirty-six troyounces*, or *a sufficient quantity;* Boiling Water *eight pints.* Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in the Water; then gradually add Bitartrate of Potassium to the solution until it is completely saturated, and boil. Filter the liquid, evaporate it until a pellicle forms, and set it aside to crystallize. Lastly, pour off the mother-water, and, having dried the crystals on bibulous paper, keep them in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

bitartrate is gradually added, the mutual action of the salts should be promoted by constant stirring, and the addition continued so long as effervescence takes place, which is a better mode of proceeding than to add any specified quantity of the acid tartrate, since, from its variable quality, it is impossible to adjust precisely the proportions applicable to all cases. It is necessary that the solution should be exactly neutral, or a little alkaline; and hence, if inadvertently too much bitartrate has been used, the proper state may be restored by adding a little of the alkaline carbonate. When the saturation has been completed, the solution is filtered, in order to separate calcium tartrate, which appears in white flocks, and which is always present in cream of tartar as an impurity. The evaporated liquor should then be placed in *warm* earthenware vessels, to insure a slow refrigeration; and after remaining at rest for several days the crystals begin to form. In order that the crystallization should proceed favorably, it is necessary, according to Baumé, that the solution should be somewhat alkaline. Iron vessels should not be used in the process, as that metal is apt to discolor the salt.

Potassium tartrate is sometimes made in the process for preparing tartaric acid. When thus obtained, the excess of acid of the bitartrate is neutralized by means of calcium carbonate. This generates an insoluble calcium tartrate, and leaves the neutral tartrate in solution, from which it may be obtained by evaporation and crystallization. (See *Acidum Tartaricum*.)

Properties. Potassium tartrate was officially described in the U. S. P. 1880 as in "small, transparent or white, monoclinic crystals, or a white powder, somewhat deliquescent, odorless, having a saline, slightly bitter taste, and a neutral reaction. Soluble in 0·7 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·5 part of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol. When heated, the salt melts, then chars, and evolves inflammable vapors having the odor of burnt sugar. On moderate ignition, it leaves a blackened residue of an alkaline reaction, strongly effervescing with acids. A concentrated, aqueous solution of the salt yields a white, crystalline precipitate on the addition of acetic acid. With test-solution of nitrate of silver it yields a white precipitate which becomes black on boiling." For medical use it should be crystallized; but as it ordinarily occurs in commerce it is a white granular powder, obtained by evaporating the solution to dryness while it is constantly stirred. In this state it is said to require four times its weight of water for solution. It is not known to be purposely adulterated; but, if obtained by evaporation to dryness, it is liable to contain an excess of potassium carbonate or bitartrate, when it will have either an alkaline or an acid reaction. It is decomposed by all the strong acids, and by many acidulous salts, which cause the precipitation of minute crystals of potassium bitartrate, by abstracting one atom of alkali from the salt. Barium chloride or lead acetate occasions a white precipitate of barium or lead tartrate, distinguishable from the sulphates of those bases by being wholly soluble in dilute nitric acid. "A 10 per cent. aqueous solution should yield no precipitate with test-solution of ammonium oxalate (abs. of calcium). On adding nitric acid to a one per cent. solution of the salt, until the precipitate first formed is redissolved, the resulting solution should yield no precipitate with test-solution of barium chloride (sulphate), and, at most, only a cloudiness with test-solution of silver nitrate (limit of chloride). If 2·938 Gm. of Potassium Tartrate are ignited till gases cease to be evolved, the alkaline residue should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 25 C.c. of the volumetric solution of oxalic acid (corresponding to 100 per cent. of pure Potassium Tartrate)." *U. S.* 1880. Potassium tartrate is composed of two atoms of potassium combined with the dyad group $C_4H_4O_6$ characteristic of tartaric acid. Two molecules of this salt are crystallized with one molecule of water. It is a neutral salt. According to Berzelius, the crystals contain no water of crystallization. "122 grains, heated to redness till gases cease to be evolved, leaves an alkaline residue, which, when treated with distilled water, filtered, and well washed, yields a clear solution requiring for exact neutralization 990 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*." *Br.*

Medical Properties. Potassium tartrate is a mild, cooling purgative, operating, like most of the neutral salts, without much pain, and producing watery stools. It is applicable to *febrile diseases*, and is occasionally combined with senna, the griping effects of which it has a tendency to obviate. The dose is from a drachm to an ounce (3·9–31·1 Gm.).

PRUNUM. U. S., Br. Prune.

(PRŪ'NŬM.)

"The fruit of Prunus domestica, Linné (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried drupe of Prunus domestica, Linn. Imported from the south of France." *Br.*

Prunes; Pruneaux, *Fr.;* Pflaumen, Zwetschen, *G.;* Pruni, *It.;* Ciruelas secas, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx inferior, bell-shaped, deciduous, with five obtuse, concave segments. *Petals* five, roundish, concave, spreading, larger than the segments of the calyx, into the rim of which they are inserted. *Filaments* awl-shaped, nearly as long as the corolla, from the rim of the calyx within the petals. *Anthers* short, of two round lobes. *Ovary* superior, roundish. *Style* of the length of the stamens. *Stigma* orbicular, peltate. *Drupe* roundish or elliptical. *Nut* hard, somewhat compressed, of one cell, and two more or less distinct sutures with an intermediate furrow. *Leaves* rolled up when young. *Lindley.*

Prunus domestica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 995; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 520, t. 187. The cultivated prune or plum tree is so well known as to render a minute description unnecessary. We give merely the specific character. "*Peduncles* subsolitary; *leaves* lanceolate-ovate, convolute; *branches* not spiny." The varieties of the tree produced by cultivation are very numerous. Nearly one hundred are to be found in the British gardens. Though at present growing wild in various parts of Europe, it is thought to have been brought originally from Asia Minor and Syria. It is the dried fruits only that are official. They are officially described as "oblong or subglobular, about 3 Cm. long, shrivelled, blackish blue, glaucous; the sarcocarp brownish yellow, sweet and acidulous; putamen hard, smooth, or irregularly ridged; the seed almond-like in shape, but smaller, and of a bitter-almond taste." *U. S.* The prunes brought to our market come chiefly from the south of France, the best from Bordeaux. They are derived from the variety of the tree named *Juliana* by Linnæus. The fresh fruit, called *Prune de Saint-Julien* by the French, is of an oval shape, nearly an inch in length, and of a deep violet color. It is prepared by drying in the sun, after having been exposed to the heat of an oven. The finest prunes, used on the tables in France, are prepared from the larger kinds of plums, such as the *Saint Catharine*, and *Reine Claude* or *greengage.* An inferior sort is brought from Germany.

Prunes have a feeble odor, and a sweet mucilaginous taste, which is generally also somewhat acid. They contain uncrystallizable sugar, malic acid, and mucilaginous matter. The following is given as the average of nine analyses of dried prunes. Water 29·30 per cent., nitrogenous material 2·35 per cent., fat 0·53 per cent., free acid 2·72 per cent., sugar 44·35 per cent., other nitrogen-free material 17·89 per cent., woody fibre (not including the stone) 1·48 per cent., ash 1·38 per cent. (König, *Nahrungsmittel*, ii. 397, 1880.) In Hungary a kind of brandy (*Zwetschenbranntwein*), containing about 40 per cent. of alcohol, is obtained from them, which in some districts is largely consumed. Bonneberg, a German chemist, has extracted from prunes crystallizable sugar equal to that of the cane.

Medical Properties and Uses. Prunes are laxative and nutritious, and, stewed with water, form an excellent diet in *costiveness.* Imparting their laxative property to boiling water, they serve as a pleasant and useful addition to purgative decoctions. Their pulp is used in the preparation of laxative confections. Too largely taken, they are apt to occasion flatulence, griping, and indigestion.

PRUNUS VIRGINIANA. U. S. Wild-cherry.

(PRŪ'NŬS VĬR-ĢĬN-Ị-Ā'NĄ.)

"The bark of Prunus serotina, Ehrhart (nat. ord. Rosaceæ), collected in autumn." *U. S.*

Ecorce de Cerisier de Virginie, *Fr.;* Wildkirschenrinde, *G.*

CERASUS. See *Lauro-Cerasus.*

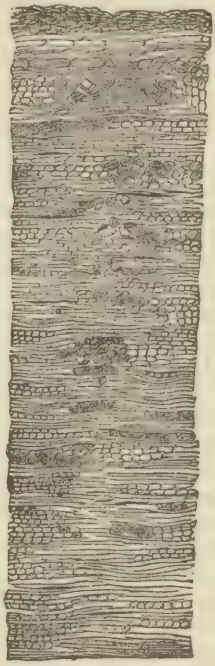
The genus Prunus of Linnæus has been variously subdivided, and De Candolle included the official wild-cherry in a section, to which he gave the name of Cerasus. At present the best authorities consider the sections of Prunus as entitled only to the rank of subgenera, and the plant under consideration is placed in the subgenus *Padus*, Mill, which is distinguished from the true cherries (Cerasus) in having the flowers in racemes which terminate the branches and appear after the leaves.

Cerasus (not *Prunus*) *serotina.* De Candolle. *Prodrom.* ii. 540.—*Prunus serotina.* Ehrhart; Watson's *Bibliographical Index.—Cerasus virginiana.* Michaux, *N. Am. Sylv.* ii. 205; *B. & T.* 97. The name *Prunus virginiana*, which has been wrongly applied to this species, was given by Linnæus to the *choke-cherry*, a small tree or shrub, growing in the Northern States, and bearing a dark-red, globular, astringent fruit about as large as that of the *wild-cherry.* The official species, or wild-cherry tree, is, according to Michaux, one of the largest productions of the American forest. Individuals were seen by that botanist on the banks of the Ohio, from eighty to one hundred feet high, with trunks from twelve to fifteen feet in circumference, and undivided to the height of twenty-five or thirty feet. But as usually met with in the Atlantic States the tree is much smaller. In the open fields it is less elevated than in forests, but

sends out more numerous branches, which expand into an elegant oval summit. The trunk is regularly shaped, and covered with a rough blackish bark, which detaches itself semicircularly in thick narrow plates. The leaves are oval-oblong, or lanceolate-oblong, acuminate, unequally serrate, smooth on both sides, of a beautiful brilliant green, and supported alternately upon petioles, which are furnished with from two to four reddish glands. The flowers are small, white, and collected in long erect or spreading racemes. They appear in May, and are followed by globular drupes, about the size of a pea, and when ripe of a shining blackish-purple color.



Prunus virginiana, transverse section.

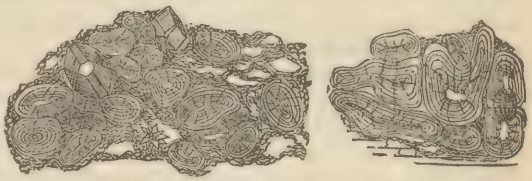


Prunus virginiana, longitudinal section.

This tree grows throughout the Union, flourishing most in those parts where the soil is fertile and the climate temperate, and abounding in the Middle Atlantic States and in those which border on the Ohio. In the neighborhood of Philadelphia it affects open situations, growing solitarily in the fields and along fences, and seldom aggregated in woods or groves. It is highly valued by the cabinet-makers for its wood, which is compact, fine-grained, susceptible of polish, and of a light-red tint which deepens with age. The leaves have been found by Prof. Procter to yield volatile oil and hydrocyanic acid on distillation, and in such proportion that a water distilled from them might with propriety be substituted for the cherry-laurel water. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 325.) The fruit has a sweetish, astringent, bitter taste, and is much used in some parts of the country to impart flavor to spirituous liquors. The bark is obtained indiscriminately from all parts of the tree, though that of the roots is thought to be most active. Mr. J. S. Perot has ascertained that it is stronger when collected in autumn than in the spring. Thus. from a portion gathered in April he obtained 0·0478 per cent. of hydrocyanic acid, and from another in October 0·1436 per cent., or about three times as much. The parcels tried were taken from the same tree, and from the same part of the tree. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 111.) The bark should be preferred recently dried, as it deteriorates by keeping.

Properties. Wild-cherry bark is officially described as follows. "In curved pieces or irregular fragments, 2 Mm. or more thick, outer surface greenish-brown, or yellowish-brown, smooth and somewhat glossy, marked with transverse scars; if the bark is collected from old wood and deprived of the corky layer, the outer surface is nut-brown and uneven; inner surface somewhat striate or fissured. Upon maceration in water it develops a distinct bitter-almond odor; its taste is astringent, aromatic and bitter. The bark of the very large and of the very small branches is to be rejected." *U. S.* It is brittle and pulverizable, presenting a reddish gray fracture, and affording a fawn-colored powder. In the fresh state, or when treated with water, it emits an odor resembling that of peach-leaves. Its taste is agreeably bitter and aromatic, with the peculiar flavor of the bitter almond. It imparts its sensible properties to water, either cold or hot, producing a clear reddish infusion closely resembling Madeira wine in appearance. Its peculiar flavor and its medical virtues are injured by boiling, in consequence partly of the volatilization of the principles upon which they depend, partly upon a chemical change effected by the heat. On microscopical examination it is seen to be chiefly composed of brown parenchymatous tissue, enclosing numerous groups of very thick-walled bast-cells of irregular outline, and loaded with numerous raphides, in tufts or single large crystals (see cut). The medullary rays are usually distinct. From an analysis by Dr. Stephen Procter, it appears to contain starch, resin, tannin, gallic acid, fatty matter, lignin, red coloring matter, salts of lime and potassa, and iron. He obtained also a volatile oil, associated with hydrocyanic acid, by

distilling the same portion of water successively from several different portions of the bark. This oil was of a light straw-color, and very analogous in its properties to the volatile oil of bitter almond. In the quantity of two drops it proved fatal to a cat in less than five minutes. (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, vi. 8.)



Prunus virginiana, showing raphides.

Prof. William Procter proved that, as in the case of bitter almonds, the volatile oil and hydrocyanic acid do not exist ready formed in the bark, but are the result of the reaction of water with amygdalin, which he ascertained to be one of its constituents. In order, however, that this change may take place, the agency of another principle, probably analogous to if not identical with *emulsin* or the *synaptase* of Robiquet, is also essential; and, as this principle becomes inoperative at the boiling temperature, we can understand how decoction may interfere with the virtues of the bark. (*A. J. P.*, x. 197.) The conjecture was advanced in former editions of this work that wild-cherry bark might contain also *phlorizin*, a glucoside proved to exist in the bark of the apple, pear, cherry, and plum trees; but Mr. Perot sought for this principle, without success, in specimens of the bark of different ages, and taken from different parts of the tree: so that the tonic property which is undoubtedly possessed by the bark must reside either in the portion of amygdalin which may remain undecomposed, in the pure volatile oil resulting from its reaction with water, or in some yet undiscovered principle. (*Ibid.*, xxiv. 111.) That the last of these inferences is the correct one would seem to be proved by an experiment by Professor Procter, who found the bitterness of an extract of the bark to remain after it had been wholly deprived of amygdalin. The sedative properties of the bark depend upon the hydrocyanic acid which it yields. The beautiful wine-color of the infusion varies in different specimens of the bark, the shade being much lighter in some than in others. Mr. Jos. L. Lemberger prepared infusions from the bark collected every month of the year, and, on comparing them, found that they varied with the season in which they were gathered, the darkest infusions proceeding from the bark gathered in April, October, and November, the lightest from that gathered in January and August, and the intermediate from the bark gathered in the other months, September yielding the deeper of these. He also seems to have determined that the color is due to tannic acid. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1872, p. 303.)

R. Rother (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 286), in searching for the fluorescent principle of wild-cherry bark, obtained a reddish crystalline substance, soluble in water, chloroform, ether, and alcohol, the solution of which fluoresced strongly on addition of ammonia. Rother says that it does not agree in crystalline form with mandelic acid, but may be a derivative of it. Prof. F. B. Power and Henry Weimer, on the other hand, state that the bark does not contain crystallizable amygdalin, that the ferment principle is not emulsin, and that it cannot be isolated by an analogous process. The bitter principle, which appears to be the fluorescent substance, has the character of a glucoside, and crystallizes in colorless needles. (*Western Druggist*, 1887, p. 331.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Uniting with a tonic power the property of calming irritation and diminishing nervous excitability, this bark is theoretically adapted to the treatment of diseases in which *debility of the stomach* or of the *system* is united with *general or local irritation;* and when very largely taken it diminishes the action of the heart. Thus, Dr. Eberle found copious draughts of the cold infusion, taken several times a day, and continued for nearly two weeks, to reduce his pulse from seventy-five to fifty strokes in the minute. But in the doses usually prescribed, the remedy is too feeble to exert much influence. Nevertheless, it has been much employed in this country, in the *hectic fever* of *scrofula* and *consumption*. The dose of the infusion, which is properly directed in the Pharmacopœia to be prepared with cold water, is two or three fluidounces (60 or 90 C.c.); of the fluid extract, a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.); and of the syrup, half a fluidounce (15 C.c.).

PULSATILLA. U. S. Pulsatilla.

(PŬL-SĄ-TĬL'LĄ.)

Herba Pulsatillæ, *P. G.;* Pulsatille, Coquelourde, *Fr.;* Küchenschelle, *G.*

"The herb of Anemone Pulsatilla and of Anemone pratensis, Linné (nat. ord. Ranunculaceæ),

* *Tinctura Pruni Virginianæ B. P. C.* Take of wild-cherry bark (from *Prunus serotina*, Elliott, collected in autumn), in No. 20 powder, 4 ounces; distilled water, 7½ fluidounces. Macerate for twenty-four hours, in a closed vessel, and add: Rectified spirit, 12½ fluidounces. Macerate for seven days; then express, filter, and add sufficient proof spirit to make 1 pint. (*A. P. A.*, 1888, p. 285.)

collected soon after flowering. It should be carefully preserved, and not be kept longer than one year." *U. S.*

Gen. Ch. Sepals 5 to 15, petal-like. *Petals* none, or like abortive gland stamens. *Achenia* short-beaked or blunt, or with long feathery tails. *Seed* suspended. Perennial herbs with radical leaves; those of the stem two or three together, opposite or whorled, and forming an involucre remote from the flower.

This is a large genus of small herbal plants growing in almost all the temperate countries of the world, and probably possessed very generally of the acrid rubefacient properties of the Ranunculaceæ. The *A. ludoviciana*, an American species, growing in Minnesota and other parts beyond the Mississippi, has been employed with supposed advantage by Dr. W. H. Miller, of St. Paul, in chronic diseases of the eyes, in cutaneous eruptions, and in syphilitic affections. Mr. A. W. Miller also found anemonin in it. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 300; see, also, *A. J. P.*, xlv. 299.) *A. nemorosa*, which is common in Europe and the United States, is said to act as a poison to cattle, producing bloody urine and convulsions. It is stated also to have proved, when applied to the head, a speedy cure for tinea capitis.

A. pulsatilla. Linnæus.—*Pulsatilla vulgaris.* Mill. This plant has its flower-stalk from five to eight inches high, with large solitary flowers, having six dull violet-purple sepals, which are very downy on the exterior, and an involucre which is at first near the flower and afterwards becomes more remote. The radical leaves are on long footstalks, and two or three times divided into long linear segments. It is a very common plant in England and Northern Europe.

A. pratensis,* which affects Southern Europe, is especially distinguished by its having the involucre so close to the flower as to assume the appearance of a calyx.

A. patens, Linné, var. *nuttalliana*, Gray, was formerly recognized as a source of pulsatilla. Dr. Gray affirms that this plant is more like *A. pulsatilla* than like *A. patens*, and that it is a distinct species, to which the name of *A. nuttalliana*, Gray, should be given. It grows a span high, with an erect flower having five to seven purplish spreading sepals.

Properties. The characters of the herb are sufficiently given in the description of the plant. It contains a peculiar crystallizable principle, named *anemonin*, convertible into *anemonic acid* by the action of alkalies. (*Ann. der Pharm.*, xxxii. 276.) Anemonin is deposited by water distilled from the fresh herb upon standing, and resembles camphor. According to J. Müller, it is formed by a metamorphosis of the acrid matters which are distilled with the water. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, Sept. 11, 1850, p. 618.) M. Dobraschinky obtains it by a method founded on its solubility in chloroform. The distilled water of *Anemone pratensis* is agitated with one-tenth of this liquid, with which it is continued in contact for some hours; the liquid on standing separates into two layers, the heavier of which, containing the chloroformic solution, is distilled. The chloroform passes, and the residue, constituting one-eighth of the solution, is treated with strong alcohol, heated, and set aside to crystallize. Anemonin separates in handsome crystals. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 319.) Its formula is $C_{15}H_{12}O_6$. It is only slightly soluble in cold alcohol, but readily soluble in hot alcohol, and very slightly soluble in boiling ether or water. It is decomposed at temperatures above 152° C. (305·6° F.), and dissolves in alkalies with yellow color, changing at the same time into *anemonic acid*, $C_{15}H_{14}O_7$.

Dr. Beckurts obtained *anemone camphor* by treating in each case the aqueous distillate of *A. nemorosa*, *A. pratensis*, and *A. pulsatilla* with chloroform. It is unstable, splitting easily into anemonin and anemonic acid, the latter, when treated with alkalies, yielding *anemoninic acid*. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 365.) Hanriot (*Jour. Chem. Soc.*, 1887, p. 843) has further studied anemonin. He finds that it melts at 156° C. and decomposes at 270° C., with partial sublimation. With zinc-dust or hydriodic acid in sealed tubes, a small quantity of a hydrocarbon is formed which appears to be cymene or cumene. If anemonin is dissolved in chloroform and treated with excess of bromine, it yields the compound $C_{15}H_{12}O_6Br_4$; this crystallizes from benzene in octohedra which do not melt without decomposition. When treated with nascent hydrogen in an acid solution, anemonin yields *hydroanemonin*, $C_{15}H_{20}O_6$, which crystallizes from boiling petroleum in large colorless laminæ which contain 1 mol. of H_2O, melt at 78° C., and distil without decomposition at 210°–212° C. under a pressure of 10 mm. Hydroanemonin is much more stable than anemonin.

Medical Properties and Uses. We have no exact knowledge as to the action of pulsatilla. It has been employed in Germany and other parts of Europe, especially by homœopathic practitioners, by whom the drug is much used for the relief of *amenorrhœa* and *dys-*

* Baron Störck thought that he found *A. pratensis* useful in *amaurosis* and other *complaints of the eye*, in *secondary syphilis*, and in *cutaneous diseases*.

menorrhœa, and for other purposes. Given in infinitesimal amounts, with due ceremony as to dilution, tumblers, and spoons, to credulous, hysterical women, it may be sometimes of service; but whether it has any other application is by no means certain. In one or two trials very carefully made in *nervous dysmenorrhœa*, it has failed in our hands absolutely. Nevertheless, Dr. C. Bovet asserts that he has obtained very remarkable effects in *dysmenorrhœa* and *ovaralgia* by large doses of the alcoholic extract of pulsatilla. He calls attention to the necessity of using the fresh drug, and states that anemonine is really less active than the extract; which, if this be true, probably depends for its power upon the presence of some volatile principle. He used the anemonine in doses of from five-sixths to one and a half grains a day. On the other hand, Dr. Robt. J. Carter, after careful trial, entirely condemns the remedy in the treatment of *epididymitis*, in which disease it has been by others recommended. The older practitioners affirm that pulsatilla has a specific influence upon mucous membranes, and that it is useful in *ophthalmia*, in *catarrhal inflammation* of the nostrils, throat, and respiratory passages, and in similar conditions of the alimentary canal and urinary organs. Dr. Peters, of New York (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, vol. 77, p. 77), states that in large doses pulsatilla causes profuse perspiration, which may be followed by an eruption of small vesicles or even pustules on the skin, and believes that therapeutically it is very nearly equivalent to senega. According to M. Bronevski (*Med. Press*, Aug. 11, 1886), anemonin acts as a paralyzant upon both the heart and the respiratory centres, causing in the lower animals dyspnœa, torpor, paralysis of all the limbs, diarrhœa, and cardiac arrest. The same authority asserts that it is useful in *bronchitis*, *convulsive coughs*, and *asthma*. The dose is set down as one-third of a grain (0.023 Gm.), taken twice daily.

The preparation employed by Störck was an extract of the herbaceous part of the plant, which was given in the dose of one or two grains daily, gradually increased to twenty grains or more. The dried herb, and a tincture and distilled water of the plant, were used,—the dose of the powder being two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.), of the tincture half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.), and of the water two or three drachms (7·5 or 11·25 C.c.). In large doses it was found frequently to produce nausea and vomiting.

PULVERES. Powders.

(PŬL'VĘ-RĒZ.)

Poudres, *Fr.*; Pulver, *G.*

The form of powder is convenient for the exhibition of substances which are not given in very large doses, are not very disagreeable to the taste, have no corrosive property, and do not deliquesce rapidly on exposure. As the effect of pulverization is to expose a more extended surface to the action of the air, care should be taken to keep substances which are liable to be injured by such exposure in closely-stoppered bottles. In many instances it is also important to exclude the light, which exercises a deleterious influence over numerous medicines when minutely divided. This may be done by coating the bottles with black varnish. In relation to substances most liable to injury from these causes, the best plan is to powder them in small quantities as wanted for use.*

Powders may be divided into the *simple*, consisting of a single substance, and the *compound*, of two or more mixed together. The latter only are embraced under the present head. In the preparation of the compound powders, the ingredients, if of different degrees of cohesion or solidity, should be pulverized separately and then mixed. Deliquescent substances, and those containing fixed oil in large proportion, should not enter into the composition of powders intended to be kept,—the former because they render the preparation damp and liable to spoil,

* With regard to keeping powders in well-stoppered bottles, it is asserted by M. Hérouard, a French pharmaceutist, that this plan, instead of preserving *some* powders, tends to their more speedy and certain change. Whatever pains may be taken in drying drugs previously to powdering them, most of them during the process attract moisture, so as to put themselves in this respect in equilibrium with the surrounding air; and, if enclosed in this state in air-tight vessels, they are exposed to injurious influence from their own absorbed water, which, vaporized in hot weather, is in the colder seasons condensed on the inner surface of the vessel and determines a movement of fermentation; and even cryptogamic growths appear in some instances. The best method of preservation, the author thinks, is to enclose the powders in strong paper bags of a blue or gray color, so as to exclude the light, while the air has exit or entrance through the porous walls. Whatever may be our theoretical opinions on the point, M. Hérouard asserts the fact, as the result of observation, that powders keep best in this way, and his statement coincides with our own experience. The powders may be more likely to cake or harden into aggregate masses; but this disadvantage is easily counteracted by a new pulverization when required. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1862, p. 98.) From these statements the inference may be drawn that, where powders are kept in air-tight bottles, they should be thoroughly dried, after pulverization, before being enclosed; and many, such as ergot, rhubarb, etc., should be kept in paper boxes or cartons.

the latter because they are apt to become rancid and impart an unpleasant odor and taste. When deliquescent substances are extemporaneously prescribed, the apothecary should enclose them before delivery in waxed paper or other impervious covering; and the same remark is applicable to volatile powders, as ammonium carbonate and camphor. The lighter powders may in general be administered in water or other thin liquid; the heavier, such as those of metallic substances, require a more consistent vehicle, as syrup, molasses, honey, or one of the confections. Resinous powders, if given in water, require the intervention of mucilage or sugar. For many powders the *cachet de pain* affords the best method of administration.*

In the act of powdering, the whole substance in the mortar should not be beaten till completely pulverized, as the portion already powdered interferes with the action of the pestle upon the remainder, while the finer matter is apt to be dissipated, so that there is a loss both of time and of material. The proper plan is to sift off the fine powder after a short continuance of the process, then to return the coarser parts to the mortar, and to repeat several times this alternate pulverization and sifting, until the process is completed. Care should be taken to mix thoroughly the several portions of fine powder thus obtained.

PULVIS AMYGDALÆ COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Almonds.

(PŬL'VIS Ą-MĬG'DĄ-LÆ CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬS.)

Confectio Amygdalæ, *Lond.;* Conserva Amygdalarum, *Ed.;* Confection of Almond; Conserve d'Amandes, *Fr.;* Mandelconserve, *G.*

"Take of Sweet Almonds *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *four ounces* [av.]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Steep the Almonds in water until their skins can be easily removed, and, when blanched, dry them thoroughly with a soft cloth, and rub them lightly in a mortar to a smooth consistence. Mix the Gum and the Sugar; and, adding them to the almond pulp gradually, rub the whole to a coarse powder. Keep it in a lightly covered jar." *Br.*

This is the old *Almond Confection* under a new name. It is intended to afford a speedy method of preparing the almond mixture, which, when made immediately from the almonds, requires much time, and which cannot be kept ready-made. But, from its liability to be injured by keeping, it was omitted from the U. S. Pharmacopœia, which directs the emulsion of almond to be made immediately from the ingredients.

PULVIS ANTIMONIALIS. U. S., Br. Antimonial Powder. [James's Powder.]

(PŬL'VIS ĂN-TĮ-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'LĮS.)

Pulvis Antimonii Compositus, Pulvis Jacobi; Poudre antimoniale de James, *Fr.;* James's Antimonpulver, *G.*

"Antimony Oxide, *thirty-three grammes* [or 509 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *sixty-seven grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 159 grains]; To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix them intimately." *U. S.*

"Take of Oxide of Antimony *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Phosphate of Calcium *two ounces* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly." *Br.*

This preparation has been introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia as a substitute for the different forms of antimonial powder formerly official with the British Colleges, and because of its revived employment at the present time. The official preparations are identical. In order that the subject may be properly understood, it will be necessary to introduce a notice of the powder as formerly directed to be prepared by the London and Dublin Colleges; the process of the Edinburgh College was so similar to the London that it does not require special consideration.

Antimonial Powder of the London College. The following was the London process. "Take of Tersulphate of Antimony, powdered, *a pound;* Horn shavings *two pounds.* Mix, and throw them into a red-hot crucible, and stir constantly until vapor ceases to arise. Rub the residue to powder, and put it into a crucible. Then apply heat, and raise it gradually to redness, and keep it so for two hours. Rub the remaining powder until it is as fine as possible." *Lond.*

* *Cachets.* These very useful articles are wafers made of unleavened bread in such a manner that they offer a concavity, so that when two are placed face to face there is a space in which a powder may be contained. They are of different sizes and capacities, the largest readily holding as much as ten grains of quinine. In filling them, one wafer is placed upon a board, and the requisite amount of medicine is put in it; then a second wafer, whose interior margin has been wetted, is laid upon the first and pressed down upon it. When taken, they should be dipped in water, placed immediately upon the back of the tongue, and swallowed with a gulp of fluid. For most powders of disagreeable taste, cachets afford the best method of administration.

This preparation consists mainly of calcium bone-phosphate, or calcined bone, mixed with antimonous acid, and is intended to furnish a substitute for the celebrated nostrum of Dr. James, an English physician who died in 1776, and after whom the original preparation was called *James's powder*. Dr. Pearson, of London, found the genuine powder, on analysis, to consist of calcium phosphate and oxidized antimony, and, guided by his results, devised the formula adopted by the London College. By burning the materials directed by the College, the sulphur is expelled in the form of sulphurous acid, and the antimony oxidized; while the horn, which is of the nature of bone, has its animal matter converted into charcoal. By the subsequent calcination the charcoal is dissipated, leaving only the calcium phosphate of the horn mixed with the antimony oxide.

The antimonial powder made by this formula is a tasteless, inodorous, gritty powder, of a dull white color. As often prepared, it is insoluble in water; but usually a small portion, consisting of antimonite and acid calcium phosphate, dissolves in boiling distilled water. Its composition varies exceedingly, a circumstance which forms a strong objection to it as a medicine. When entirely insoluble in boiling water, it probably contains nothing but antimonous acid and calcium phosphate; for when its soluble constituents are absent the teroxide is absent also.

The only essential difference between the official and the Dublin powder is that the ingredients of the former are taken already prepared and mixed in fixed proportion, while those of the latter result simultaneously from one operation. The official powder is, of course, much more easily prepared, and less liable to uncertainty from any error in the process.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation is stated to be alterative, diaphoretic, purgative, or emetic, according to the dose in which it is given. Until within a few years it was often prescribed in febrile diseases, with a view to its diaphoretic effect. According to Dr. A. T. Thomson, it is advantageously given in *acute rheumatism*, conjoined with camphor, calomel, and opium, and with calomel and guaiac in several *cutaneous affections*. The estimation in which this preparation is held is very various; but it is generally admitted that, as formerly prepared, it was very uncertain in the percentage of antimony teroxide, and consequently in its activity: it was this uncertainty that led to its omission from the U. S. P. of 1830.

The antimonial powder at present official is exempt from the objection of irregularity of composition. Nevertheless, as it depends for its greater or less energy on the presence or absence in the alimentary canal of an acid which may form a salt with the antimonial oxide, it cannot always be relied on for a definite effect, being sometimes mild, and sometimes more active than might be desirable. The dose, as a diaphoretic, is from three to eight grains (0·20–0·52 Gm.) every third or fourth hour, given in the form of pill. In larger doses it is purgative and emetic. Dr. Jonathan Osborne has found the teroxide, given separately in three-grain (0·20 Gm.) doses, evening and night, to cause in some cases nausea and vomiting, in others mild purgation. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1855, p. 331.)

PULVIS AROMATICUS. U. S. (Br.) Aromatic Powder.

(PŬL'VIS ĂR-Ō-MĂT'Ĭ-CŬS.)

Pulvis Cinnamomi Compositus, *Br.;* Compound Powder of Cinnamon; Poudre aromatique, *Fr.;* Aromatisches Pulver, *G.*

"Ceylon Cinnamon, in No. 60 powder, *thirty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 103 grains]; Ginger, in No. 60 powder, *thirty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 103 grains]; Cardamom, deprived of the capsules and crushed, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Nutmeg, in No. 20 powder, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Triturate the Cardamom and Nutmeg with a portion of the Ceylon Cinnamon, until they are reduced to a fine powder; then add the remainder of the Cinnamon and the Ginger, and rub them together until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Cinnamon Bark, in powder, Cardamom Seeds, in powder, Ginger, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The Aromatic Powder of the U. S. P. 1890 does not differ essentially from that formerly official. The British and American powders now closely resemble each other. The present British formula differs from that of 1864 in the substitution of ginger for nutmeg, cloves, and saffron, and especially in the absence of sugar, which in the latter constituted two-thirds of the whole, having probably been added in order that, by the addition of a little water to the

* Mr. Michael Donovan believes that none of the official formulas fairly represent James's powder, and gives an elaborate history of this celebrated proprietary medicine, and a method for its preparation, in *P. J. Tr.*, 1869.

powder, an aromatic confection might be readily prepared, without the necessity of keeping it. It is obvious that this end may be as effectually attained by the addition of a little syrup to the present powder.* The cardamom seeds should always be separated from their capsules before being weighed; and the powder, when prepared, should be kept in well-stoppered bottles. The aromatic powder is stimulant and carminative, and the U. S. preparation may be given in the dose of from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), in cases of *enfeebled digestion with flatulence;* but it is chiefly used as a corrigent and adjuvant of other medicines. A mixture of aromatic powders in the form of a cataplasm is much used as a mild rubefacient, especially in nausea and vomiting, being applied over the epigastrium. Such mixtures are commonly called *spice plasters.* The following is a good formula. Take of ginger, cloves, cinnamon, and black pepper, each, in powder, an ounce; tincture of ginger half a fluidounce; honey a sufficient quantity. Mix the powders, and then add the tincture and honey, so as to form a stiff cataplasm; or the mixed powder may be distributed in a thin flannel bag, quilted in position, and the whole wet with bathing whiskey when applied and covered with oiled silk.

PULVIS CATECHU COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Catechu.

(PŬL'VIS CĂT'Ę-ȻHŪ CǪM-PǑṢ'Į-TŬS.)

"Take of Catechu, in powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Kino, in powder, Rhatany Root, in powder, of each, *two ounces* [av.]; Cinnamon Bark, in powder, Nutmeg, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This is an agreeable form for the administration of kino or catechu. The dose is from fifteen to thirty grains (1–1·95 Gm.).

PULVIS CRETÆ AROMATICUS. Br. Aromatic Powder of Chalk.

(PŬL'VIS CRĒ'TÆ ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT'Į-CŬS.)

"Take of Cinnamon Bark, in powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nutmeg, in powder, Saffron, in powder, of each, *three ounces* [av.]; Cloves, in powder, *one ounce and a half* [av.]; Cardamom Seeds, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [av.]; Prepared Chalk *eleven ounces* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle. If a product of bright color be desired, the saffron may previously be moistened and triturated with a little water or spirit, or the fresh and faintly damp mixture may be subjected to considerable pressure in the triturating process." *Br.*

This is the former "Aromatic Powder" of the Br. Pharmacopœia, with the addition of chalk, and differs from the former "Aromatic Powder of Chalk" only in having the ingredients severally directed instead of being mixed in the form of the "Aromatic Powder." The color of the genuine powder, according to Mr. Archibald Paterson, varies from a bright yellow ochre to a dark brown, almost resembling that of Dover's powder. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1873, p. 992.) It is a warm stimulant and astringent, as well as antacid, and is well calculated for *diarrhœa* connected with acidity and without inflammation. In such a combination, however, the due proportion and even the choice of the ingredients vary so much with the symptoms that they might with propriety be left to extemporaneous prescription. The dose is from thirty to sixty grains (1·95–3·9 Gm.), given in mucilage or sweetened water, and frequently repeated.

PULVIS CRETÆ AROMATICUS CUM OPIO. Br. Aromatic Powder of Chalk and Opium.

(PŬL'VIS CRĒ'TÆ ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT'Į-CŬS CŬM Ō'PĮ-Ō.)

"Take of Aromatic Powder of Chalk *nine ounces and three-quarters* [avoirdupois]; Opium, in powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The addition of the opium greatly increases the efficacy of the compound powder of chalk in diarrhœa; and its equal diffusion through the powder presents this advantage, that it may be conveniently given in minute doses applicable to infantile cases. Two scruples of the pow-

* *Aromatic Sugar.* Mr. Wm. L. Turner proposed a mode of obtaining the effects of the aromatic powder in certain cases where the use of the powder itself would be inconvenient. He prepared an aromatic sugar by submitting eight ounces of the freshly prepared powder to percolation with stronger alcohol to exhaustion, pouring the percolate over eight ounces of sugar, and evaporating at a low heat. The sugar thus prepared may be added to mixtures, solutions, etc., requiring aromatic addition. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1869, p. 118.)

der contain a grain of opium. In the *diarrhœa* of adults from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.) may be given for a dose, and repeated several times a day, or after each evacuation.

PULVIS CRETÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Chalk Powder.

(PŬL'VIS CRĒ'TÆ CŌM-PŌS'Ī-TŬS.)

"Prepared Chalk, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix them intimately." *U. S.*

This is a new official powder. It has been introduced for the purpose of having on hand, in a convenient form, the dry powders necessary to make chalk mixture. (See *Mistura Cretæ.*) This powder will be found, however, a very convenient basis for administering chalk in powder; and it will be easy to direct the addition of morphine, kino, pepsin, bismuth subnitrate, or any other suitable agent.

PULVIS EFFERVESCENS COMPOSITUS. U. S. (Br.) Compound Effervescing Powder. [Seidlitz Powder.]

(PŬL'VIS ĔF-FĔR-VĔS'CĔNS CŌM-PŌS'Ī-TŬS.)

Pulvis Sodæ Tartaratæ Effervescens, *Br.;* Effervescent Tartarated Soda Powder; Pulveres Effervescentes Aperientes, *U. S.* 1870; Seidlitz Powders; Pulvis Aërophorus Laxans, s. P. Aërophorus Seidlitzensis, *P. G.;* Poudre gazifère purgative, Poudre de Seidlitz, *Fr.;* Abführendes Brausepulver, Seidlitzpulver, *G.*

"Sodium Bicarbonate, in fine powder, *thirty-one grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 41 grains]; Potassium and Sodium Tartrate, in fine powder, *ninety-three grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 123 grains]; Tartaric Acid, in fine powder, *twenty-seven grammes* [or 417 grains]. Mix the Sodium Bicarbonate intimately with the Potassium and Sodium Tartrate, divide the mixture into *twelve equal parts*, and wrap each part in a separate paper of some pronounced color, as *blue.* Then divide the Tartaric Acid also into *twelve equal parts*, and wrap each part in a separate paper of a color distinctly different from that used for wrapping the mixture, as *white.* Keep the powders in well-closed vessels." *U. S.**

"Take of Tartarated Soda, in dry powder, *one hundred and twenty grains;* Bicarbonate of Sodium, in dry powder, *forty grains.* Mix, and wrap in blue paper. Tartaric Acid, in dry powder, *thirty-eight grains.* Wrap in white paper." *Br.*

The British Pharmacopœia, under the name of "Pulvis Sodæ Tartaratæ Effervescens," has introduced in the Additions these well-known powders, which are universally known as Seidlitz Powders. Though named from the saline springs of Seidlitz, in Bohemia, Seidlitz Powders do not correspond in composition with those famous waters. Of each pair of powders, one, much the smaller of the two, contains about thirty-five grains (2·25 Gm.) of tartaric acid, the other about forty grains (2·58 Gm.) of sodium bicarbonate mixed with about two drachms (7·75 Gm.) of Rochelle salt. The acid powder is usually put into a white paper, the alkaline into a blue paper, which latter should not be colored by aniline; a number of them are enclosed in a paper or tin box. They should not be kept in a damp place, as the tartaric acid is liable to be dissolved by the moisture and absorbed into the substance of the paper, thus altering the due proportion of the ingredients. We have known the whole of the contents of the white paper thus to disappear in the course of two or three years. The Rochelle salt is the ingredient upon which the aperient property mainly depends. In their administration, each powder is dissolved separately, the smaller in a fluidounce or more of water, the larger in twice or three times the quantity; and the two solutions are mixed gradually. A reaction takes place between the tartaric acid and the sodium bicarbonate, by which sodium tartrate is produced, adding somewhat to the laxative property of the draught, and carbonic acid escapes, causing a brisk effervescence.

* *Pulveres Effervescentes. Effervescing Powders. Soda Powders. Pulvis Aërophorus Anglicus,* P. G.; *Poudre gazeuse, P. aërophore, P. de Seltz,* Fr.; *Brausepulver,* G. "Take of Bicarbonate of Sodium, in fine powder, *three hundred and sixty grains;* Tartaric Acid, in fine powder, *three hundred grains.* Divide each of the powders into twelve equal parts, and keep the parts, severally, of the Bicarbonate and of the Acid in separate papers of different colors." *U. S.* 1870. *Soda Powders* consist, severally, of twenty-five grains (1·565 Gm.) of the acid in one paper, and thirty (1·95 Gm.) of the bicarbonate in the other. They are administered in solution. An acid and an alkaline powder may be dissolved in separate portions of water and then mixed; or they may be thrown together, or successively, into the same portion of water. The whole draught should be half a pint or somewhat less. It may be rendered more agreeable by adding two or three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 C.c.) of syrup of ginger or orange peel to the water, before dissolving the powders. The rationale is simple. The tartaric acid seizes the alkali of the bicarbonate, forming a sodium tartrate, while the carbonic acid escapes with effervescence. The effervescing powders are refrigerant and slightly laxative, and afford an agreeable and refreshing drink, suitable to febrile complaints, and generally very acceptable to the stomach.

The acid is in slight excess, and thus causes an agreeable acidity in the solution. These powders are refrigerant and aperient, and generally very acceptable to the stomach in consequence of the carbonic acid eliminated. They are especially adapted to *febrile cases* with a somewhat irritable stomach. One pair of them will generally operate slightly; but, if required, two may be given at once, or the dose may be repeated every three or four hours till the desired effect is produced. The flavor may sometimes be advantageously improved by adding syrup of ginger, orange peel, or lemon to one of the solutions before admixture; and most persons prefer to dissolve the salts in very cold water, the saline taste being thereby greatly diminished. A lowering of the temperature always takes place, due to the solution of the salts.

PULVIS ELATERINI COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Elaterin.

(PŬL'VIS Ē-LĂT-Ē-RĪ'NĪ CŌM-PŌS'Ĭ-TŬS.)

"Take of Elaterin *five grains;* Sugar of Milk *one hundred and ninety-five grains.* Rub them together in a mortar until they are reduced to fine powder and intimately mixed." *Br.*

This is a new official in the British Pharmacopœia, identical with the trituration of elaterin of the United States Pharmacopœia, except that it is of but one-fourth its strength. The dose is given in the British Pharmacopœia as from one-half to five grains (0·033–0·33 Gm.).

PULVIS GLYCYRRHIZÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S., Br. Compound Powder of Glycyrrhiza.

(PŬL'VIS GLĬÇ-ĬR-RHĪ'ZÆ CŌM-PŌS'Ĭ-TŬS.)

Pulvis Liquiritiæ (Glycyrrhizæ) Compositus, s. P. Pectoralis Kurellæ, *P. G.;* Poudre de Réglisse composée, *Fr.;* Brustpulver, *G.*

"Senna, in No. 80 powder, *one hundred and eighty grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 153 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, in No. 80 powder, *two hundred and thirty-six grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 142 grains]; Washed Sulphur, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]; Oil of Fennel, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Mix the Oil of Fennel thoroughly with about one-half of the Sugar, then add the remainder of the Sugar and the other ingredients, and mix thoroughly. Finally pass the powder through a No. 60 sieve, and keep it in well-closed vessels." *U. S.*

"Take of Senna, in fine powder, Liquorice Root, in fine powder, of each, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Fennel Fruit, in fine powder, Sublimed Sulphur, of each, *one ounce* [av.]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *six ounces* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar." *Br.*

This official preparation, which was introduced into the U. S. P. 1880, was identical with that of the German Pharmacopœia; and in the last revision of the British Pharmacopœia the preparation has been made nearly to correspond, being slightly deficient in senna. The U. S. P. 1890 has replaced the powdered fennel with Oil of Fennel, increasing the proportion of powdered liquorice correspondingly,—which is an improvement, as powdered fennel is variable in quality: great care should be used, however, to employ only fresh oil of fennel. The object of the oil of fennel is patent, but the advantage to be gained by the use of washed sulphur in the proportion of only 8 per cent. must be purely imaginary. In our opinion, an improvement would be the substitution of two parts each of powdered cinnamon and cloves for four parts of the sugar, to correct the griping effect which is frequently produced. It is used as an agreeable laxative in the dose of from thirty to sixty grains (1·95–3·9 Gm.).

PULVIS IPECACUANHÆ ET OPII. U. S. (Br.) Powder of Ipecac and Opium. [Dover's Powder.]

(PŬL'VIS ĬP-Ē-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ ĔT Ō'PĬ-Ī.)

Pulvis Ipecacuanhæ Compositus, *Br., U. S.* 1870; Pulvis Ipecacuanhæ Opiatus, s. Pulvis Doweri, *P. G.;* Poudre de Dower, *Fr.;* Dower'sches Pulver, *G.*

"Ipecac, in No. 60 powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Powdered Opium, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar of Milk, in No. 30 powder, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub them together into a very fine powder." *U. S.*

"Take of Ipecacuanha, in powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Opium, in powder, *half an ounce* [av.]; Sulphate of Potassium, in powder, *four ounces* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the

powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The substitution of powdered sugar of milk for potassium sulphate in crystals as formerly used cannot be said to have improved this well-known powder, except in making it more agreeable to the taste. The U. S. 1890 process should have directed the powder to be sifted, in order to secure a thorough blending of the ingredients: the sifting should on no account be omitted by the operator. The potassium sulphate or the sugar of milk serves to promote that minute division and consequent thorough intermixture of the opium and ipecacuanha upon which the peculiar virtues of the compound depend, the potassium sulphate being preferable on account of the greater hardness of its particles. They also serve to dilute the active ingredients, and thus allow of their division into minute doses adapted to the complaints of children. This composition, though called Dover's Powder, does not precisely correspond with that originally recommended by Dr. Dover, which was prepared as follows. Four ounces of potassium nitrate and the same quantity of potassium sulphate were mixed in a red-hot crucible, and afterwards very finely powdered; one ounce of opium, sliced, was then added, and ground to powder with the saline mixture; lastly, an ounce of ipecacuanha and an ounce of liquorice root, in powder, were mixed with the other ingredients. This process was adopted in a former French Codex, and has been retained with little change in the present. For a method of valuing Dover's Powder, by Prof. A. B. Prescott, see *A. J. P.*, Dec. 1878.

This powder is an admirable anodyne diaphoretic, applicable to all cases, not attended with much fever, cerebral disease, or sick stomach, in which there is an indication for diaphoresis, especially in painful affections, or in those connected with unhealthy discharges. It is admirably adapted to the *phlegmasiæ*, particularly *rheumatism* and *pneumonia*, *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, etc., when not contra-indicated by existing symptoms. In bowel affections, and whenever the hepatic secretion is deranged, it is frequently combined with small doses of calomel. Ten grains of the powder contain one grain of opium. The dose is from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.), given diffused in water, or mixed with syrup, or in the form of bolus, and repeated at intervals of four, six, or eight hours, when it is desirable to maintain a continued diaphoresis. Its action may be promoted by warm drinks, such as lemonade or balm tea.

PULVIS JALAPÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S., Br. Compound Powder of Jalap. [Pulvis Purgans.]

(PŬL'VIS JĄ-LĀ'PÆ CǪM-PǑS'I-TŬS.)

"Jalap, in No. 60 powder, *thirty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 103 grains]; Potassium Bitartrate, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub them together until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Jalap, in powder, *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acid Tartrate of Potassium *nine ounces* [av.]; Ginger, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar." *Br.*

The rubbing of the bitartrate with the jalap is thought to favor its more minute division, while it increases its hydragogue effect. A combination of these two ingredients, though with a larger proportion of cream of tartar (see *Jalapa*), forms a good cathartic in *dropsy*, and in *scrofulous diseases of the joints and glands*. The dose of the powder is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.).

PULVIS KINO COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Kino.

(PŬL'VIS KĪ'NŌ CǪM-PǑS'I-TŬS.)

Pulvis Kino cum Opio, *Br.* 1864; Powder of Kino and Opium.

"Take of Kino, in powder, *three ounces and three-quarters* [avoirdupois]; Opium, in powder, *a quarter of an ounce* [av.]; Cinnamon Bark, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This is an anodyne astringent powder, useful in some forms of *diarrhœa*, but of which the composition would be better left to extemporaneous prescription, as the proportion of the ingredients should vary with the circumstances. Twenty grains contain one grain of opium. The dose is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.).

PULVIS MORPHINÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Powder of Morphine. [Tully's Powder.]

(PŬL'VIS MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬS.)

"Morphine Sulphate, *one gramme* [or 15·5 grains]; Camphor, *nineteen grammes* [or 293 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, in No. 60 powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Carbonate, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]. Rub the Camphor with a little Alcohol, and afterwards with the Glycyrrhiza and Precipitated Calcium Carbonate, until a uniform powder is produced. Then rub the Morphine Sulphate with this powder, gradually added, until the whole is thoroughly mixed. Finally, pass the powder through a No. 40 sieve, and transfer it to well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This official compound powder originated with Dr. Wm. Tully, of New Haven, Conn., who devised it as a substitute for Dover's Powder. It is very necessary to comply strictly with the directions of Dr. Tully in its preparation, *i.e.*, to mix the ingredients thoroughly and then sift the powder, and this last direction has been included in the official formula of 1890. The diaphoretic action depends largely upon the intimate admixture of the ingredients. There is the one-sixtieth of a grain of morphine sulphate in one grain of the powder. The dose is ten grains (0·65 Gm.), containing one-sixth of a grain (0·01 Gm.) of morphine sulphate.

PULVIS OPII COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Opium.

(PŬL'VIS Ō'PI-Ī CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬS.)

"Take of Opium, in powder, *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Black Pepper, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Ginger, in powder, *five ounces* [av.]; Caraway Fruit, in powder, *six ounces* [av.]; Tragacanth, in powder, *half an ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This seems to have been introduced in order to have at hand all the dry ingredients of the Confection of Opium. (See *Confectio Opii.*) Ten grains (0·65 Gm.) of the powder contain one grain (0·065 Gm.) of opium.

PULVIS RHEI COMPOSITUS. U. S., Br. Compound Powder of Rhubarb.

(PŬL'VIS RHĒ'Ī CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬS.)

Gregory's Powder; Pulvis Magnesiæ cum Rheo, s. P. Infantum, s. P. Antacidus, *P. G.;* Poudre de Rhubarbe composée, *Fr.;* Kinderpulver, *G.*

"Rhubarb, in No. 60 powder, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Magnesia, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Ginger, in No. 60 powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub them together until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Light Magnesia *six ounces* [av.]; Ginger, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, and pass the powder through a fine sieve, and preserve in a well-closed bottle in a dry place. The more free the powdered rhubarb is from oil, and the more recently prepared the magnesia, the more readily will the powder mix with water. If a more condensed powder be desired, heavy magnesia may be employed." *Br.*

This is a good laxative antacid, well adapted to *bowel complaints*, especially in children. The dose for an adult is from half a drachm to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.); for a child two or three years old, from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.).

PULVIS SCAMMONII COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Scammony.

(PŬL'VIS SCAM-MŌ'NI-Ī CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TŬS.)

"Take of Scammony Resin, in powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Jalap, in powder, *three ounces* [av.]; Ginger, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]. Mix them thoroughly, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and finally rub it lightly in a mortar." *Br.*

This does not appear to us a very eligible preparation. Though the ginger may tend to correct the griping property of the purgative ingredients, the jalap too closely resembles the scammony in its operation to exert any important modifying influence upon it. The dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.).

PULVIS TRAGACANTHÆ COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Powder of Tragacanth.

(PŬL'VĮS TRĂG-Ą-CĂN'THÆ CŌM-PŌŞ'Į-TŬS.)

"Take of Tragacanth, in powder, Gum Acacia, in powder, Starch, in powder, of each, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *three ounces* [av.]. Rub them well together." *Br.*

This is applicable to the general purposes of the demulcents, but is chiefly employed in Great Britain as a vehicle for heavy insoluble powders. The dose is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.).

PYRETHRUM. U. S. (Br.) Pyrethrum. [Pellitory.]

(PĪ-RĒ'THRŬM.)

"The root of Anacyclus Pyrethrum (Linné), De Candolle (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried root of Anacyclus Pyrethrum, De Cand." *Br.*

Pyrethri Radix, *Br.;* Radix Pyrethri Romani; Pellitory of Spain; Pyrèthre (salivaire), *Fr.;* Bertramwurzel, Römische Bertramwurzel, *G.;* Pietro, *It.;* Pelitre, *Sp.*

ANACYCLUS. Differing from Anthemis by its winged and obcordate *achenia*. *Lindley*. See *Anthemis*.

Anacyclus pyrethrum. De Cand. *Prodrom*. vi. 15.—*Anthemis pyrethrum*. Willd. *Sp. Plant*. iii. 2184; *B. & T.* 151. The root of this plant is perennial, and sends up numerous stems, usually trailing at the base, erect in their upper portion, eight or ten inches high, and terminated by one large flower. The leaves are doubly pinnate, with narrow nearly linear segments of a pale-green color. The florets of the disk are yellow; the rays white on their upper surface, and reddish or purple beneath and at their edges.

The plant is a native of the Levant, Barbary, and the Mediterranean coast of Europe. The root is the part used under the name of pellitory, or *pellitory of Spain*. According to Hayne, the pellitory of commerce is derived from the *Anacyclus officinarum*, a plant cultivated in Thuringia for medical purposes. This remark, however, can apply only to Germany.

Properties. The dried root of *A. pyrethrum** is about the size of the little finger, cylindrical, straight or but slightly curved, wrinkled longitudinally, of an ash-brown color externally, whitish within, hard and brittle, and sometimes furnished with a few radicles. It is destitute of odor, though, when fresh, of a disagreeable smell. Its taste is peculiar, slight at first, but afterwards acidulous, saline, and acrid, attended with a burning and tingling sensation over the whole mouth and throat, which continues for some time and excites a copious flow of saliva. It is officially described as "from 5 to 10 Cm. long, and 1 to 2 Cm. thick, somewhat fusiform, nearly simple, annulate above, wrinkled below, externally dark grayish-brown; internally brownish-white; fracture short; bark rather thick, containing two circles of resin-cells, and surrounding the slender wood-bundles and medullary rays, the latter having about four circles of shining resin-cells; inodorous, pungent, and very acrid." *U. S.* Its analysis by Koene gives, in 100 parts, 0·59 of a brown, very acrid substance, of a resinous appearance, and insoluble in caustic potassa; 1·06 of a dark brown, very acrid, fixed oil, soluble in potassa; 0·35 of a yellow acrid oil, also soluble in potassa; traces of tannin; 9·40 parts of gum; inulin; 7·60 parts of potassium sulphate and carbonate, potassium chloride, calcium phosphate and carbonate, alumina, silica, etc., and 19·80 of lignin, besides loss. (See *A. J. P.*, viii. 175.) Buchheim (*Arch. für Exper. Pathol.*, 5, p. 458) claims to have discovered as the active principle an alkaloid, *pyrethrine*, which treated with alcoholic potash splits up like piperin and yields *pyrethric acid*.

Medical Properties and Uses. Pellitory is a powerful irritant, used almost exclusively as a sialagogue in certain forms of *headache*, *rheumatic* and *neuralgic affections* of the face, *toothache*, etc., or as a local stimulant, in *palsy of the tongue or throat*, and in *relaxation of the uvula*. For these purposes it may be chewed, or employed as a gargle in decoction or vinous tincture. The dose as a masticatory is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.). Its action upon the general system has not been studied to any extent, but 50 minims of a tincture of it very nearly killed a child three and a half years old. The symptoms were those of gastro-enteritis, followed by convulsions. (*London Practitioner*, Aug. 1876.) An alcoholic extract is sometimes employed by dentists as a local anæsthetic application to *carious teeth*.

* *False Pellitory Root.* A root which has been identified by Mr. E. M. Holmes as the product of *Corrigiola telephiifolia* has been offered in the London market as pellitory. It is readily distinguished from the true root by its being softer and more flexible, by its having a distinctly sweetish taste, and especially by the transverse section of the root, which is of a yellowish-white color, with from three to five pale opaque concentric rings, each alternating with a narrower translucent horny ring.

PYROGALLOL U. S. Pyrogallol. [Pyrogallic Acid.]

$C_6H_3(OH)_3$; 125·7. (PĪ-RŌ-GĂL'LŎL.)

"A triatomic phenol obtained chiefly by the dry distillation of gallic acid. Pyrogallic Acid should be kept in dark amber-colored bottles." *U. S.*

Of the three triatomic phenols indicated by theory, this is the best known, phloroglucin and oxyhydroquinone being the other two. It may be prepared synthetically, but is usually obtained as one of the results of the igneous decomposition of gallic acid, and may be obtained by submitting extract of galls to the same treatment as that used for preparing benzoic acid from benzoin, the reaction being $C_7H_6O_5 = C_6H_6O_3 + CO_2$. The vapors of pyrogallic acid rise, and condense on the upper surface of the paper diaphragm. The chief difficulty in the process is properly to regulate the heat, as at a high temperature this acid passes rapidly into metagallic acid, and thus the product is diminished. According to Löwig, it is best prepared by heating gallic acid, previously dried at 100° C. (212° F.), in a glass retort, by means of a zinc chloride bath, to 210° C. (410° F.), when the pure acid sublimes. It is stated by MM. de Luynes and Espandieu that in the ordinary method of obtaining pyrogallic acid much of the acid is lost. According to Pelouze, the proportion of pyrogallic acid produced ought to be very nearly 75 per cent., but the processes in use yield only 25 per cent., the pyrogallic acid itself undergoing rapid decomposition at an elevated temperature. MM. de Luynes and Espandieu have succeeded in preventing this loss by decomposing gallic acid in water under pressure, instead of by dry sublimation. Gallic acid is introduced into a bronze boiler with twice or three times its weight of water; the temperature is raised to a point ranging from 200° C. (392° F.) to 210° C. (410° F.), and maintained at that point for half an hour, when the liquid is allowed to cool. The boiler now contains a slightly colored solution of pyrogallic acid. This is heated with a little pure animal charcoal, filtered, evaporated sufficiently, and set aside to crystallize. The crystalline mass obtained is somewhat colored. To obtain it entirely white, nothing more is necessary than to distil it in a vacuum. The product is quite 75 per cent. The carbonic acid escapes through the joinings of the apparatus, while the watery vapor is retained. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 22.) Another equally satisfactory procedure is that of Thorpe, for details of which see *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 53, 236.

Pyrogallic acid is officially described as in "light, white, shining laminæ, or fine needles, odorless, and having a bitter taste; acquiring a gray or darker tint on exposure to air and light. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·7 parts of water, and in 1 part of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, and in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 1·2 parts of ether. When heated to 131° C. (267·8° F.), Pyrogallol melts, and may be sublimed unchanged. When ignited, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution, which is at first neutral and colorless, gradually acquires, by exposure to the air, a brown color and an acid reaction due to absorption of oxygen. The same change of color takes place very rapidly if the solution contains a caustic alkali. The aqueous solution (1 in 10) of Pyrogallol reduces solutions of the salts of silver, gold, and mercury, even in the cold. When freshly prepared, 1 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) is colored brownish-red by a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution, and this color is changed to deep bluish-black on the addition of 1 or 2 drops of ammonia water. A bluish-black color is also produced in the aqueous solution of Pyrogallol by freshly prepared ferrous sulphate test-solution." *U. S.* According to Rosing, of Christiania, it is always partially converted, when sublimed, into metagallic acid, to which probably it owes its acid reaction as generally found in commerce; for when quite pure it has no influence on litmus paper. It is a triatomic phenol, $C_6H_3(OH)_3$, and is therefore, properly speaking, not an acid at all: hence the change in the official title to "Pyrogallol." One of its characteristic properties is its strong affinity for oxygen, in consequence of which it instantly undergoes change by contact with chlorine, iodine, bromine, and the acids which readily yield oxygen. Through the same property it rapidly reduces some of the metallic oxides; and its use in photography is based on this effect exercised on the salts of silver. Though unalterable in the air when quite dry, it is rapidly changed in alkaline solution by the absorption of oxygen, so that it may be used for ascertaining the proportion of this gas in a mixture of gases. By the action of phthalic anhydride upon pyrogallol is formed "gallein," a dye-color much used in calico-printing.

Medical Properties and Uses. Led by the resemblance of pyrogallol to phosphorus in its affinity for oxygen, M. J. Personne (*Comptes-Rendus*, Oct. 1869), in a series of experiments, found that it produced in dogs symptoms and post-mortem lesions similar to those caused by phosphorus; but the physiological action of the poison was especially studied by Professor

Danilevsky (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Aug. 1887), who finds that it produces vomiting, with apathy, fibrillary twitchings, dyspnœa, great fall of temperature, hæmoglobinuria, coma, convulsions, and death with paralysis. There is a great destruction of the red blood-corpuscles, with change in the color of the blood, which becomes blackish or chocolate-colored.

The experiments made upon frogs prove that the drug has a direct action upon the nerve-centres: indeed, it would seem to influence powerfully the nutrition and function of all the higher tissues. Although Professor Danilevsky found that in doses of from five to ten grains twice a day it causes in man no untoward effects, pyrogallol is not used internally; but it has been largely employed in the treatment of *lupus*, *psoriasis*, and allied affections of the skin. In concentrated form it is a powerful caustic, and when used externally may by its absorption cause general poisoning. There are at least two deaths on record as the result of its external application. The symptoms were chills followed by malaise and headaches, vomiting, diarrhœa, collapse, with pallid or cyanosed lips and a peculiar greenish hue of the skin, rapid pulse and respiration, a dark-brown or black albuminous urine, diminished reflexes, insomnia, restlessness, and death in coma.

When it is applied in solution or ointment, pyrogallol stains the skin, but not permanently; linen and other clothing are, however, permanently darkened. The remedy is used in the form of ointment or solution, in strength varying from five to fifteen per cent., care being always exercised not to apply it over too large a surface at one time, for fear of absorption. When first applied to a raw surface, or even to the skin, it may produce pronounced pain and severe irritation. Before the use of pyrogallol vaseline is sometimes applied thoroughly and wiped off, to remove scales and other morbid products. Especially to avoid the staining of the clothing, Elliot has proposed a solution of pyrogallol in flexible collodion. This preparation, drying to a film upon the skin, acts therapeutically, but does not stain. The strength of the solution may be from twenty to forty grains to the ounce.

PYROXYLINUM. U. S. (Br.) Pyroxylin. [Soluble Gun Cotton. Colloxylin.]

(PŸ-RŎX-Y-LĪ'NŬM.)

Pyroxylin, *Br.;* Pyroxylon, *U. S.* 1870; Gun Cotton; Fulmicoton soluble, *Fr.;* Collodiumwolle, *G.*

"Purified Cotton, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Nitric Acid, *fourteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 47 fluidounces, 163 minims]; Sulphuric Acid, *twenty-two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 74 fluidounces, 187 minims]; Alcohol, Ether, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the Acids gradually in a glass or porcelain vessel, and, when the temperature of the mixture has fallen to 32° C. (90° F.), add the Purified Cotton. By means of a glass rod imbue it thoroughly with the Acids, and allow it to macerate, until a sample of it, taken out, thoroughly washed with a large quantity of Water, and subsequently with Alcohol, and pressed, is found to be soluble in a mixture of *one volume* of Alcohol and *three volumes* of Ether. Then remove the Cotton from the Acids, transfer it to a larger vessel, and wash it, first, with cold Water, until the washings cease to have an acid taste, and then with boiling Water, until they cease to redden blue litmus paper. Finally, drain the Pyroxylin on filtering paper, and dry it in small, detached pellets, by means of a water-bath or steam-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.). Keep the Pyroxylin, loosely packed, in well-closed vessels containing not more than about 25 Gm., in a cool and dry place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"Take of Cotton Wool *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid, of each, *five fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Mix the acids in a porcelain mortar, immerse the Cotton in the mixture, and stir it for three minutes with a glass rod, until it is thoroughly wetted by the Acids. Transfer the Cotton to a vessel containing water, stir it well with a glass rod, decant the liquid, pour more water upon the mass, agitate again, and repeat the affusion, agitation, and decantation, until the washings cease to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Drain the product on filtering-paper, and dry in a water-bath." *Br.*

Gun cotton was discovered by Schönbein, of Basel, in Switzerland. The name is applied to several closely related yet distinct products. They are not, as was at first supposed, nitro-derivatives in which the group NO_2 merely replaces hydrogen, atom for atom, but compounds in which the nitric acid residue NO_3 is present, replacing OH groups of the cellulose formula. Thus, taking the doubled formula $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$ for cellulose, there is produced by the action of nitric acid under different circumstances $C_{12}H_{14}O_4(NO_3)_6$, and following this, successively, $C_{12}H_{15}O_5(NO_3)_5$, $C_{12}H_{16}O_6(NO_3)_4$, $C_{12}H_{17}O_7(NO_3)_3$, and $C_{12}H_{18}O_8(NO_3)_2$. The first of these, the hexanitrate, is insoluble in alcohol and ether, and constitutes the true explosive gun cotton. The soluble gun cotton used in the preparation of *collodium* is a varying mixture of the four

lower nitrates, but is chiefly made up of the tri- and tetra-nitrates. (Tollens, *Handbuch der Kohlenhydrate*, 1888.) The hexanitrate, when very thoroughly washed free from acid, is insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, and all mixtures of alcohol with ether. It constitutes the true explosive gun cotton, which when compressed in cakes and fired by a fulminate explodes with great violence. Other compounds intermediate between some of these have been described by different chemists, but Abel, the chemist of the Woolwich Arsenal in England, has shown that they were imperfectly purified preparations.

Properties. Gun cotton has the appearance of ordinary cotton, but is harsh to the touch. When intended for solution it is best made by the joint action of sulphuric and nitric acids, or, as proposed by Dr. Ellet, of the South Carolina College, of potassium nitrate and sulphuric acid. Experience has thoroughly shown that the use of the acids as practised in the present official formula gives better results than the employment of potassium nitrate and sulphuric acid, which was directed in the U. S. P. 1860.* Care should be exercised not to let the mixture attain a temperature much above 32° C. (90° F.). It is insoluble in water, and nearly so in alcohol, but dissolves freely in acetic ether and amyl acetate. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 275.) M. Guichard proposes the use of chemically pure filtering-paper as yielding a superior product to cotton. He takes 1400 parts of sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1·82; 700 parts of nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·37; 70 parts of the paper; puts the mixed acid in a vessel surrounded by cold water to keep down the temperature, drops the paper in leaf by leaf, allows it to stand three hours, and then washes freely with water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xii. 290.) According to Dr. J. H. Gladstone, of England, gun cotton is subject to spontaneous decomposition if kept for some time. The same fact was observed by Mr. James Beatson, of New York, and Prof. Procter, of Philadelphia. The specimen observed by Prof. Procter to undergo decomposition had not been well washed. The change is shown by the bottle in which the gun cotton is kept becoming full of nitrous acid vapor; and the substance is so far altered that it is no longer explosive or soluble in ether. M. Bouet states that the decomposition from exposure to light takes place sooner in gun cotton which has been prepared with potassium nitrate and sulphuric acid than where the mixed acids have been used. He says that, with both, the sides and bottom of the bottle are nearly covered with crystals of oxalic acid. (See *A. J. P.*, March, 1862, p. 187.) According to M. Béchamp, of Strasburg, the product is soluble in ether if the cotton be immersed in a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acid while still hot from their reaction, but not soluble if the cotton be added to the mixture when cold. By treating gun cotton with ferrous chloride, M. Béchamp caused the disengagement of nitrous oxide gas, and gave the filaments a coating of ferric oxide, which was readily dissolved by hydrochloric acid. After this treatment the gun cotton was restored to its original state of cotton. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 1, 1854, p. 11.) When kindled, gun cotton flashes off like gunpowder, burning without residue. Yet, according to M. Bleekrode, when wet with ether, or similar fluid, and touched with a light, the liquid will burn out of it without firing it. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii.) Its inflaming point is at 187·7° C. (370° F.). Dr. Marx makes it lower. It has been tried as a substitute for gunpowder in fire-arms, etc., but it has not been found useful except for some special purposes. Pyroxylin, or soluble gun cotton, is now extensively used as the basis of transparent varnishes for lacquering metal and wood. The solvent employed is usually a mixture of methyl alcohol or acetone with petroleum benzin, the miscibility of which is effected by the addition of small quantities of compound ethers like amyl acetate.

QUASSIA. U. S. (Br.) Quassia.

(QUÂS'SI-Ą.)

"The wood of Picræna excelsa (Swartz), Lindley (nat. ord. Simarubeæ)." *U. S.* "The chips, shavings, or raspings of the wood of Picræna excelsa, Lindl. (Quassia excelsa, Swartz)." *Br.*

* J. G. Flint states that he has often been unsuccessful with the official formula, and recommends the following as perfectly reliable. Place 6 parts by weight of nitric acid in a stone jar, and pour on it 12 parts by weight of sulphuric acid. When the temperature has fallen to about 35° C., place the jar in a larger vessel, and surround it with broken ice. After the temperature has fallen to 15° C., take 1 part of absorbent cotton, loosen it well, and place a small portion at a time carefully on the surface of the acid and with a clean glass rod press it below the surface. Keep the thermometer in the acid, and watch the temperature closely. If at any time it rises above 16·5° or 17° C., stop the addition of cotton until the temperature has fallen to 15° C. After five hours, remove the jar from the ice, and drain off as much of the acids as possible, pressing the cotton with the glass rod. Protect the hands with rubber gloves, and take up the cotton in small portions, washing each quickly in cold water, moving the cotton about to avoid any rise in the temperature. Finally wring out well, and spread on clean boards to dry. Hot water for the washing must never be used. As to the keeping, the author directs to keep it in an open jar under distilled water. Tightly-closed containers will make trouble. The acids may be used several times over. (*Western Druggist*, 1892.)

Quassiæ Lignum, *Br.;* Quassia Wood; Bitter Wood; Bitter Ash; Quassie, Bois amer, Bois de Quassie, *Fr.;* Quassienholz, *G.;* Legno della Quassia, *It.;* Leño de Quassia, *Sp.*

Genus Quassia. *Calyx* five-leaved. *Petals* five. *Nectary* five-leaved. *Drupes* five, distant, bivalve, one-seeded, inserted into a fleshy receptacle. *Willd.*

Of the species included by Linnæus in this genus, some, as *Quassia amara*, are hermaphrodite; others, as *Q. excelsa* and *Q. simaruba*, are monœcious or polygamous. The latter have been associated by De Candolle in a distinct genus, named *Simaruba*, which has been again divided by Lindley into *Simaruba* with monœcious and *Picræna* with polygamous flowers. To the last-mentioned genus belongs the proper Quassia plant, the *Q. excelsa* of Linnæus.

The medicine was formerly obtained from *Quassia amara;* but more than twenty years since, Lamarck stated that, in consequence of the scarcity of this tree, *Quassia excelsa* had been resorted to as a substitute, and the Pharmacopœias now acknowledge only the latter plant. The genuine quassia plant, however, of Surinam is the *Q. amara;* and we shall, therefore, give a brief description of both species.

Picræna excelsa. Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 208; *B. & T.* 57.—*Quassia excelsa.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 569.—*Simaruba excelsa.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* i. 733; Hayne, *Darstell. und Beschreib.* etc. ix. 16. As its name imports, this is a lofty tree, sometimes attaining the height of not less than one hundred feet, with a straight, smooth, tapering trunk, which is often three feet in diameter near its base, and is covered with a smooth, gray bark. The leaves are pinnate, with a naked petiole, and oblong pointed leaflets standing upon short footstalks, in opposite pairs, with a single leaflet at the end. The flowers are small, of a yellowish-green color, and disposed in panicles. They are polygamous and pentandrous. The fruit is a small black drupe. This species inhabits Jamaica and the Caribbean Islands, where it is called *bitter ash.*

Quassia amara. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 567; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 574, t. 204. The bitter quassia is a small branching tree or shrub, with alternate leaves, consisting of two pairs of opposite pinnæ, with an odd one at the end. The leaflets are elliptical, pointed, sessile, smooth, of a deep-green color on their upper surface, and paler on the under. The common footstalk is articulated, and edged on each side with a leafy membrane. The flowers, which are hermaphrodite and decandrous, are bright red, and terminate the branches in long racemes. The fruit is a two-celled capsule containing globular seeds. *Quassia amara* is a native of Surinam, and is said also to grow in some of the West India islands. Its root, bark, and wood were formerly official. They are excessively bitter, as in fact are all parts of the plant. It is uncertain whether any of the produce of this tree now reaches our markets.

Quassia comes in cylindrical billets of various sizes, from an inch to near a foot in diameter, and several feet in length. These are frequently invested with a light-colored smoothish bark, brittle, and but slightly adherent, and possessing in at least an equal degree the virtues of the wood. Their shape and structure clearly evince that they are derived from the branches or trunk and not from the root of the tree. In commerce they are usually in splinters, chips, or raspings. The wood is "dense, tough, of medium hardness, porous, with a minute pith and narrow, medullary rays, inodorous, and intensely bitter."* *U. S.* It is at first whitish, but becomes yellow by exposure, and sometimes has blackish spots or markings, due to the presence of the mycelium of a fungus. It is inodorous, and has a purely bitter taste, surpassed by that of few other substances in intensity and permanence. It imparts its active properties, with its bitterness and yellow color, to water and alcohol. Its virtues depend upon a peculiar bitter crystallizable principle, denominated *quassin*, which was first discovered by Wiggers, who assigned it the formula $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$. Quassin is white, opaque, unalterable in the air, inodorous, and of an intense bitterness, which in the solutions of this principle is almost insupportable. The bitterness is pure, and resembles that of the wood. When heated, quassin melts like a resin. It is but slightly soluble in water, 100 parts of which at 54° C. dissolve only 0·45, and that slowly. By the addition of salts, especially of those with which it is associated in quassia, its solubility is strikingly increased. It is also but slightly soluble in ether, but is very soluble in alcohol, more so in that liquid hot than cold, and the more so the purer it is. Quassin is perfectly neutral, though both alkalies and acids increase its solubility in water. It is precipitated by tannic acid from its aqueous solution, which is not disturbed by iodine, chlorine, corrosive sub-

* *Syrupus Quassiæ.* This syrup is used in the preparation of a harmless fly-poison: Macerate, during twenty-four hours, 1000 parts of quassia wood with 5000 parts of water, then boil for half an hour; set aside for twenty-four hours, and press; mix the liquid with 150 parts of molasses, and evaporate to 200 parts. A weaker decoction of quassia does not kill the flies. From this the *Fly Water* or *Fly Plate* is prepared as follows: Mix when needed, and dispense without filtering, 200 parts of syrup of quassia, 50 parts of alcohol, and 750 parts of water. It is used by moistening with the mixture a cloth or filtering paper on a plate.

limate, the salts of iron, sugar of lead, or even lead subacetate. Adrian and Morcaux (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 98) claim to have purified the quassin to a degree beyond that reached by Wiggers and Christiansen, but give no analyses of it.

Oliveri and Denaro (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 29) obtained quassin in a thoroughly pure, crystallized state, and made a complete study of it. They give it the formula $C_{32}H_{44}O_{10}$. It melts at 210°–211° C., and is very soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and acetic acid, but only sparingly so in ether. Its aqueous solution becomes yellow on exposure to the air, is dextro-rotatory, excessively bitter, and reduces Fehling's solution. When quassin is heated to 90° C. for some hours with dilute sulphuric acid (4 per cent.) it yields *quasside*, $C_{32}H_{42}O_9$, a white, amorphous, bitter substance, formed from quassin by removal of H_2O; no glucose could be detected in the mother-liquors. Bromine forms a derivative which seems to have the formula $C_{32}H_{41}Br_3O_9$. If quassin is heated with concentrated hydrochloric acid in sealed tubes for four hours to 100° C., methyl chloride is formed and a colorless substance deposited, which the authors call *quassic acid*, $C_{28}H_{38}O_6(COOH)_2$. This is far less soluble in alcohol than quassin, and crystallizes in silky needles, which melt at 245° C., and reduce Fehling's solution and ammoniacal silver nitrate in the cold. The authors consider quassin as the methyl ether of this quassic acid, thus: $C_{28}H_{38}O_6(COOCH_3)_2 = C_{32}H_{44}O_{10}$. The real nature of quassin is at present somewhat doubtful, it being probable that distinct substances have been confounded by chemists. Dymock and Warden believe that they have obtained quassin from the wood of *Brucea* or *Picrasma quassiodies* of India. According to the researches of Herr Massute (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 338), *Quassia amara* contains four principles, which are different from those of *Picræna excelsa*. By shaking an alcoholic extract of quassia wood with chloroform he obtained a mixture of crystals, from which, eventually, four bitter principles, differing in melting point and solubility, were separated. One of these melting at 210°–211° C., and another melting at 239°–242° C., were in too small quantity to be further examined, but the former agreed in melting point and crystalline form with the quassin of Wiggers ($C_{32}H_{40}O_{10}$). Of the other two, one melted at 215°–217° C., and is represented by the formula $C_{35}H_{46}O_{10}$, while the other melted at 221°–226° C., and is represented by $C_{37}H_{50}O_{10}$. From the wood of *Picræna excelsa* two crystalline compounds were separated by Massute, both having lower melting points than either of the quassia compounds. One was in needles, melted at 204° C., and had the composition $C_{35}H_{46}O_{10}$, whilst the other was in prisms, melted at 209°–212° C., and had the composition $C_{36}H_{48}O_{10}$. Both of these are homologues of a third crystalline principle, $C_{29}H_{34}O_{10}$, melting point 212°–216° C., which occurs with them. When the *picrasmin*, $C_{35}H_{46}O_{10}$, above referred to, melting at 204° C., is heated with hydrochloric acid, it is changed like quassin into an acid, which in this case has the formula $C_{33}H_{42}O_{10} + 5H_2O$, and is called *picrasmic acid*. It appears, therefore, that each wood presents a different series of homologous compounds.

Medical Properties and Uses. Quassia has in the highest degree all the properties of the simple bitters. It is purely tonic, invigorating the digestive organs, with little excitement of the circulation or increase of animal heat. It has not been very long known as a medicine. About the middle of the last century, a negro of Surinam, named Quassi, acquired considerable reputation in the treatment of the malignant fevers of that country by a secret remedy, which he was induced to disclose to Mr. Rolander, a Swede, for a valuable consideration. Specimens were taken to Stockholm by this gentleman in the year 1756, and the medicine soon became popular in Europe. The name of the negro has been perpetuated in the generic title of the plant. But the quassia of Surinam is not now in use, having been superseded by the product of *Quassia excelsa*, from the West Indies. Quassia is among the most powerful of the simple bitters, useful in *failure of appetite* due to gastric debility, and in overdoses capable of sufficiently irritating the stomach to produce vomiting. Its active principle, *quassin*, has been studied by Dr. Comparden, who asserts that in moderate doses it acts as a stimulant to the salivary, hepatic, and renal secretions, and in overdoses causes burning pain in the œsophagus, headache, nausea, vertigo, vomiting, diarrhœa, and muscular cramps. It is also stated that if given in doses of six-tenths of a grain (0·04 Gm.) before meals it increases markedly the alvine discharges, and that it is especially useful in *constipation* from debility of the muscular and intestinal coats. The average dose of the pure or crystallized principle is set down as three-tenths of a grain (0·02 Gm.).

Quassia is given in infusion, tincture, or extract, in doses respectively of one-half to one fluidounce (15–30 C.c.), one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), and one-half to one grain (0·03–0·065 Gm.). Some *dyspeptic* patients who have become habituated to its bitterness, chew the wood occasionally with benefit.

QUERCUS ALBA. U. S. White Oak.

(QUĒR'CUS ĂL'BA.)

"The bark of Quercus alba, Linné (nat. ord. Cupuliferæ)." *U. S.*

QUERCUS CORTEX. Br. Oak Bark.

(QUĒR'CUS CÔR'TĔX.)

"The dried bark of the smaller branches and young stems of Quercus Robur, Linn. (Quercus pedunculata, Ehr.) Collected in spring, from trees growing in Britain." *Br.*

Ecorce de Chêne, *Fr.;* Eichenrinde, *G.;* Corteccia della Quercia, *It.;* Corteza de Roble, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* commonly five-cleft. *Corolla* none. *Stamens* five to ten. FEMALE. *Calyx* one-leafed, entire, rough. *Corolla* none. *Styles* two to five. *Nut* coriaceous, surrounded at the base by the persistent calyx. *Willd.*

This genus comprises not less than eighty species, of which between thirty and forty grow within the limits of the United States. Many of these are applied to important practical purposes. In the Northern hemisphere, the oak is the most valuable, as it is the most widely diffused, of all forest trees. Notwithstanding the great number of species, few, comparatively, have found a place in the official catalogues. *Quercus robur*, or European oak, has a very wide distribution. It is the common British oak, constitutes the greater part of the European forests, and has spread itself over almost the whole northern section of Asia and along the northern coast of Africa. There are two distinct varieties of it, one, *pedunculata*, with sessile or shortly stalked leaves and the acorns on long peduncles; the other, *sessiflora*, with the leaf-stalks more or less elongated and the acorns either sessile or provided with a very short peduncle. Our own Pharmacopœia recognizes only *Q. alba*, or white oak. *Q. tinctoria*, or *black oak*, which was formerly official, and various other species, afford actively astringent barks. Such are *Q. falcata*, or *Spanish oak*, *Q. prinus*, or *white chestnut oak*, and *Q. montana*, or *rock chestnut oak*. The following remarks in relation to white-oak bark will apply also to that of the last three species mentioned. The bark of *Q. tinctoria* is somewhat peculiar.

1. *Quercus alba.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 448; Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva*, i. 17; *B. & T.* 250. Of all the American species, the *white oak* approaches nearest, in the character of its foliage and the properties of its wood and bark, to *Q. pedunculata* of Great Britain. When allowed to expand freely in the open field, it divides at a short distance from the ground into numerous widely spreading branches, and attains under favorable circumstances a magnificent size. Its trunk and large branches are covered with a whitish bark, which serves to distinguish it from most of the other species. The leaves are regularly and obliquely divided into oblong, obtuse, entire lobes, which are often narrowed at their base. When full grown, they are smooth and light green on their upper surface, and glaucous beneath. Some of the dried leaves remain on the tree during the whole winter. The acorns are large, ovate, contained in rough, shallow, grayish cups, and supported singly or in pairs upon peduncles nearly an inch long.

The white oak abounds in the Middle States, and extends also through the whole Union, though comparatively rare in the northern, southern, and western sections. It is the most highly valued for its timber of all the American oaks, except the *live oak* (*Q. virens*), which is preferred in ship-building. The bark is sometimes used for tanning, but the barks of the *red* and *Spanish oaks* are preferred. All parts of the tree, with the exception of the epidermis, are more or less astringent, but this property predominates in the fruit and bark.

White-oak bark, deprived of its epidermis, is of a light-brown color, of a coarse, fibrous texture, and not easily pulverized. It is officially described as "in nearly flat pieces, deprived of the corky layer, about 5 Mm. thick; pale brown; inner surface with short, sharp, longitudinal ridges; tough; of a coarse, fibrous fracture, a faint, tan-like odor, and a strongly astringent taste. As met with in commerce it is usually an irregularly coarse, fibrous powder, which does not tinge the saliva yellow." *U. S.* The English oak bark is described as occurring "in quills covered with a smooth shining silvery or ash-gray variegated with brown corky layer; internally cinnamon-brown or brownish-red and longitudinally striated; fracture tough and fibrous; taste very astringent; no marked odor." *Br.* Water and alcohol extract the active properties of oak bark. The chief soluble ingredients are tannin, gallic acid, and extractive matter. It is upon the tannin that its medical virtues, as well as its use in the preparation of leather, chiefly depend. The proportion of this ingredient varies with the size and age of the tree, the part from which the bark is derived, and even the season when it is gathered. It is most abundant in the young bark; and the English oak is said to yield four times as much in spring as in winter. Sir H. Davy found the inner bark most abundant in

tannin, the middle portion or cellular integument much less so, and the epidermis almost wholly destitute as well of this principle as of extractive.

The tannic acid of the oak barks is known as *quercitannic acid*, and has, according to Löwe (*Zeitsch. Anal. Chem.*, 20, p. 208), two forms, one soluble in water, of the formula $C_{28}H_{28}O_{14}$, and the other difficultly soluble, $C_{28}H_{24}O_{12}$. Both are changed by the loss of water into *oak red*, $C_{28}H_{22}O_{11}$. Neither is a glucoside.

Gerber discovered in European oak bark a peculiar bitter principle upon which he conferred the name of *quercin*. It is obtained by boiling the bark with water acidulated with one hundredth of sulphuric acid, adding first milk of lime until the sulphuric acid is removed, and then a solution of potassium carbonate so long as a white precipitate is produced, filtering the liquor, evaporating to the consistence of a thin extract, adding alcohol, and finally evaporating the spirituous solution down to a small volume, and allowing it to rest for some days. Yellow crystals form, which may be obtained colorless by repeated crystallizations. This quercin Husemann considers to have been only impure quercite (or oak sugar).

2. *Quercus tinctoria*, or *black oak*, is one of our largest trees, frequently attaining the height of eighty or ninety feet. Its trunk is covered with a deeply furrowed bark, of a black or dark-brown color. The leaves are ovate-oblong, pubescent, slightly sinuated, with oblong, obtuse, mucronate lobes. The fructification is biennial. The acorn is globose, flattened at top, and placed in a saucer-shaped cup.

Black-oak bark has a more bitter taste than that of the other species, and may be distinguished also by staining the saliva yellow when it is chewed. Its cellular integument contains a coloring principle, capable of being extracted by boiling water, to which it imparts a brownish-yellow color, which is deepened by alkalies and rendered brighter by acids. Under the name of *quercitron*, large quantities of this bark, deprived of its epidermis and reduced to coarse powder, are sent from the United States to Europe, where it is used for dyeing wool and silk of a yellow color. The coloring principle is called *quercitrin*, and the formula $C_{36}H_{38}O_{30}$ has now been established for it by Liebermann and Hamburger. (*Ber. der. Chem. Ges.*, 12, p. 1178.) Liebermann and Hamburger showed that quercitrin split up into *quercetin* (60·76 per cent.) and *isodulcite* (48·08 per cent.), according to the reaction $C_{36}H_{38}O_{20} + 3H_2O = C_{24}H_{16}O_{11} + 2(C_6H_{14}O_6)$.

Quercitrin forms yellowish crystals, which, pulverized, yield a citron-yellow powder. It is neutral in reaction, is odorless, and in the dry condition tasteless, but in hot aqueous or alcoholic solution has a bitter taste. It fuses at 160° to 200° C. to a resinous mass. It is almost insoluble in cold water, sparingly soluble in hot water, and easily soluble in alcohol and alkaline solution.* Besides this principle, the bark contains much *quercitannic acid;* but it is less used in tanning than the other barks, in consequence of the color which it imparts to the leather, and it was dropped from the U. S. P. 1890 on account of its decoction staining so decidedly.

Medical Properties and Uses. Oak bark is astringent and somewhat tonic; but it is not employed as an internal remedy. On account of its cheapness it is much used externally. The decoction may be advantageously used as a bath, particularly for children, when a combined tonic and astringent effect is desirable and the stomach is not disposed to receive medicines kindly. It has been employed in this way in *marasmus*, *scrofula*, *intermittent fevers*, *chronic diarrhœa*, and *cholera infantum*. As an injection in *leucorrhœa*, a wash in *prolapsus ani* and *hemorrhoidal affections*, and a gargle in *prolapsed uvula*, the decoction is often useful, and the infusion obtained from tanners' vats has been employed beneficially as a wash for *flabby, ill-conditioned ulcers.*

QUILLAJA. U. S. Quillaja. [Quillaia, Pharm. 1880. Soap Bark.]

(QUĬL-LĀ'JĄ—kwĭl-lā'yą.)

"The inner bark of Quillaja Saponaria, Molina (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.*

Ecorce de Quillaya, *Fr.;* Seifenrinde, *G.;* Quillay, *Chilian.*

* Quercitrin has been found also in various other plants, as in the leaves of *Ruta graveolens*, and the flower-buds of *Capparis spinosa*, *Sophora japonica*, and *Æsculus hippocastanum*, or horse-chestnut. (*Chem. Gaz.*, May 2, 1859, p. 161.) As this principle is capable of assuming various colors under various chemical influences, the idea has been advanced that it might be the coloring principle of flowers. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, 222.)

Acorns, besides the bitter and astringent principles of the bark, contain a peculiar saccharine matter (*quercite*), which is insusceptible of the vinous fermentation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xx. 335.) They are sometimes used as a tonic or astringent: and a decoction made from roasted acorns has been long employed in Germany as a remedy in scrofula. Before roasting they should be deprived of their shells: and the cotyledons, according to Dausse, should lose, during the process, 140 parts of their weight out of 500. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, Oct. 9, 1850, p. 687.) From half an ounce to an ounce may be prepared and taken like coffee at breakfast. (*Richter.*)

Gen. Ch. Calyx lobes valvate, abracteolate. *Disk* thick, five-lobed, the lobes adnate with the apex of the staminiferous calyx lobes. *Follicles* patent, many-seeded. *Leaves* entire. *Bentham & Hooker.*

The name of this genus is said to be derived from the popular name of the tree *Quillay*, which in turn comes from the Chilian word *quillean*, to wash.

Quillaja saponaria, Molina. This is a tree of moderate size, with alternate oval or oblong leaves, with entire or slightly denticulate margins. Male and female flowers grow on the same branch, are axillary, pedunculate, and without corolla. The calyx of the female flower persists in fruit, and has its limb deeply divided into five oval acute segments. The bark is thick, the wood very hard.* The tree is a native of Peru and Chili, but is now cultivated in Northern Hindostan, where it is said to resist well the frosts of winter, and to be flourishing.

Properties. Soap bark is officially described as in "flat, large pieces, about 5 Mm. [$\frac{1}{5}$ inch] thick; outer surface brownish-white, often with small patches of brown cork attached, otherwise smooth; inner surface whitish, smooth; fracture splintery, checkered with pale brownish bast-fibres imbedded in white tissue; inodorous; taste persistently acrid; the dust very sternutatory." *U. S.* When bruised and macerated in water, it imparts to that liquid the property of frothing like soap, when agitated. This has been found by MM. Fleury, Jr., and Boutron-Chalard to be owing to the existence of *saponin* in the bark, the same principle as that which gives a similar property to *Saponaria officinalis*. (See Part II.) The bark contains neither tannic acid nor any bitter principle. The formula of saponin, given by Rochleder, was $C_{32}H_{54}O_{18}$, and Schiaparelli agreed with him. Stütz, however (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 218, p. 231), gives it as $C_{19}H_{30}O_{10}$, and this is now accepted for the saponin of quillaja bark. Saponin is slowly decomposed by dilute acids into *sapogenin*, $C_{14}H_{22}O_2$, and a glucose. Schiaparelli (*Gazz. Chim. Ital.*, 13, p. 422) obtained by heating saponin, from *Saponaria officinalis*, with dilute acids a microcrystalline substance, $C_{40}H_{66}O_{15}$, which he calls *saponetin*, and a dextrorotatory sugar.

Saponin, as found in commerce, is a powerful poison; for properties, see *Saponaria officinalis*, Part II. Kobert states, however, that *pure* saponin, $C_{13}H_{30}O_{10}$, is destitute of physiological action, and that commercial saponin depends for its activity mainly upon *quillaiac acid* and *sapotoxin*, the other substances present being saponin and *lactosin*, $C_{36}H_{62}O_{31}$.

Medical Properties. Quillaja has not been employed to any extent in practical medicine, although it has been proposed by Dr. Kobert as a substitute for senega in *pulmonary affections*. He asserts that it does not irritate the gastro-intestinal tract, quiets cough, increases the discharge of sputa, and is preferable to the senega; and his statements have received confirmation. (See *Therap. Gaz.*, vol. iii. p. 333.) Prof. Kobert administers the remedy in the form of a decoction, five parts to two hundred, in doses of a tablespoonful for the adult. Prof. Power prepares the fluid extract of quillaja by the process for fluid extract of arnica root. (See page 536.) He makes *syrup of quillaja* by adding four parts of this fluid extract to sufficient syrup to make twenty-five parts, and proposes this as a substitute for syrup of senega. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 30, 1886.) The powder of soap bark snuffed into the nostrils provokes free sneezing, and might be used as a sternutatory. The infusion is much used in the arts as a detergent for washing silks, cloths, and other fabrics for which soap would not be suitable.

QUINIDINÆ SULPHAS. U. S. Quinidine Sulphate.

(QUĬN-Ĭ-DĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4.2H_2O$; 780·42. $(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4.2H_2O$; 782.

"The neutral sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from the bark of several species of Cinchona (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ). Quinidine Sulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

The alkaloid which forms the base of this salt is quinidine, which is isomeric with quinine, having the composition $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$. Quinidine was discovered in 1833 by MM. O. Henry and Delondre, but they afterwards concluded that it was quinine hydrate, as it had the same composition as quinine. Winckler, in 1844, announced anew the existence of the same alkaloid, which he considered distinct, and named it "*chinidine*;" this substance was not pure, and Pasteur, in 1853, proved that it really consisted of two alkaloids, one of which he called *cin-*

* This tree was first described by the famous Abbé Giovanni Ignazio Molina in the *Saggio sulla Storia naturale del Chili*, published at Bologna, in 1782; second edition, 1810. (Translated into German, I. D. Brandis, Leipsic, 1786; into French, M. Gruvel, Paris, 1789; into English, London, 1809; also Middletown, Conn., 1880.) It is first noticed by systematic writers in the second (Gmelin's) edition of the *Syst. Nat.*, tome ii. p. 767.

chonidine, and the other *quinidine*. This view is now generally accepted, although Hesse insists on calling quinidine "*conchinine*;" but the latter name is used to only a limited extent in Germany, and scarcely at all elsewhere.

Quinidine crystallizes from alcohol with $2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ in large lustrous monoclinic prisms or needles, efflorescent in the air; from ether permanent rhombohedra with $2H_2O$ are obtained; from boiling water permanent plates with $1\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. (*Hesse.*) It effloresces on exposure to the air. It is sublimable by heat without change, and is condensed in a crystalline form. It resembles quinine not only in composition, but also in its chemical relations with chlorine and ammonia, being rendered green by the successive action of those agents. According to Dr. Herapath, it resembles it also in causing a fluorescent appearance when dissolved in water, which is not the case with either cinchonine or cinchonidine, or is so, at least, in a much less degree. It differs, however, in its greater facility of crystallization, in its much less solubility in ether, and in its influence on polarized light, quinidine producing deviation to the right, and quinine to the left. De Vrij states, as the result of his observation, that quinidine forms a salt of very difficult solubility with hydriodic acid, and that, consequently, when a solution of potassium iodide is added to a solution of quinidine sulphate a white precipitate takes place. By this test quinidine may be distinguished from the other cinchona alkaloids, and detected when mixed with them in solution, no other yielding a precipitate with potassium iodide. (See *A. J. P.*, xxix. 233.) Dr. Herapath proposes another test to distinguish this alkaloid from quinine. If to a solution of quinine sulphate in acetic acid, tincture of iodine be added, and the mixture heated and then allowed to cool, a beautiful emerald-green compound is formed; whilst quinidine sulphate treated in the same way yields a brown precipitate. When the mixture of this alkaloid with cinchonidine is exposed to hot air, the crystals of quinidine effloresce, and may be distinguished from the others by their opaque whiteness.

Commercial quinidine, consisting generally of quinidine with a much larger proportion of cinchonidine, and sometimes, there is reason to believe, exclusively, or nearly so, of the latter alkaloid, was carefully examined by H. G. Leers. It readily crystallizes from its alcoholic solution, by spontaneous evaporation in hard, shining, colorless crystals, which are easily pulverized and yield a snow-white powder. They melt without decomposition or loss of water at 175° C. (347° F.), and on cooling concrete into a grayish-white crystalline mass. At a higher heat they take fire, and burn with an odor resembling that of the volatile oil of bitter almond. Their taste is bitter, but less intensely so than that of quinine. Quinidine is soluble, according to Hesse, in 2000 parts of water at 15° C.; in 750 parts of boiling water; in 26 parts of 80-per-cent. alcohol at 20° C.; in 22 parts of ether of sp. gr. 0·729 at 20° C., or in 35 parts of the same at 10° C. (*Hesse*, 1868); according to Dragendorff, in 76·4 parts of ether at 10° C.; but the solubilities of commercial quinidine vary more or less according to the relative quantities of quinidine proper and cinchonidine contained in it. With the acids it forms salts, most of which are beautifully crystallizable, and much more soluble than those of quinine. There are, as of quinine and cinchonine, two sets of the salts of quinidine, which may be considered either as neutral and acid or as basic and neutral. It differs from quinine by its much slighter solubility in ether. From the aqueous solution of its salts the alkalies and their carbonates and bicarbonates throw down pulverulent precipitates not soluble in an excess of the precipitant. With sodium phosphate, silver nitrate, and mercuric chloride it forms white, with gold terchloride light yellow, and with platinic chloride orange-yellow precipitates. It may be obtained by first precipitating it from the solution of one of its salts by an alkali, and then repeatedly dissolving in alcohol and crystallizing, until it is entirely freed from a greenish-yellow resinous substance which is apt to attend it. From quinine it may be separated by repeated washing with ether, until the ethereal solution no longer affords evidence of the presence of quinine by the test of chlorine water and ammonia.

Properties. Quinidine sulphate is, according to one view, neutral, consisting of one mol. each of quinidine, sulphuric acid, and water; according to another, basic, containing two mols. of base, one of acid, and one of water, and therefore a disulphate. It is obtained from the quinidine barks by the same process as that by which quinine sulphate is procured from the quinine-yielding barks. When the two alkaloids are contained in the same bark, the quinidine sulphate (commercial) remains in the mother-waters in consequence of its greater solubility. By the addition to its solution of a quantity of sulphuric acid equal to that which it contains, it is converted into the bisulphate (sulphate on the basic view), crystallizable in fine acicular crystals like asbestos, and possessing the formula $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2H_2SO_4 + 4H_2O$. Quinidine sulphate is officially described as in "white, silky needles, odorless, and having a very

bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 100 parts of water, and in 8 parts of alcohol; in 7 parts of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol; also in 14 parts of chloroform, and in acidulated water; almost insoluble in ether. When heated to 120° C. (248° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (4·6 per cent.). Upon ignition, it is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral or faintly alkaline to litmus paper. An aqueous solution of the salt, when acidulated with sulphuric acid, has a decided, blue fluorescence. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1600) of the salt with 2 drops of bromine water, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or deposit a green precipitate. A cold, saturated aqueous solution of the salt yields a white precipitate with potassium iodide test-solution (difference from *quinine sulphate*). An aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. Quinidine Sulphate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor produce a red color with nitric acid (difference from *morphine*). If a small quantity of ammonia water be added to 3 C.c. of an aqueous solution of the salt saturated at 15° C. (59° F.), a white precipitate (quinidine) will be produced, which requires more than 30 C.c. of ammonia or more than 30 times its weight of ether to dissolve it (absence of more than small proportions of *other cinchona alkaloids*)." *U. S.*

By oxidation with potassium permanganate, quinidine is, according to Forst and Boehringer, converted into *hydroquinidine*, $C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_2 + 2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. (*Berichte d. Chem. Ges.*, xiv.)

Medical Properties. The action of quinidine sulphate upon the system appears to be identical with that of quinine, except in being less powerful. It has been asserted to produce less cerebral and stomachic disturbance, but this statement is probably incorrect for equivalent doses. The exact relation of it in strength to quinine is not thoroughly determined, but the proportion seems to be very nearly that of 3 to 2. Antiperiodic dose, from twenty to sixty grains (1·3–3·9 Gm.).

QUININA. U. S. Quinine.

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2.3H_2O$; 377.22. (QUĪ-NĪ'NĂ.) $C_{20}H_{12}NO_2.3HO$; 189.

"An alkaloid obtained from the bark of various species of Cinchona (nat. ord. Rubiaceæ). Quinine should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

This alkaloid is prepared by adding to the solution of the sulphate a quantity of ammonia water or solution of soda just sufficient to precipitate the alkaloid.

Properties. Quinine is whitish, rather flocculent, and not crystalline; but it may with care be crystallized from its alcoholic solution in silky needles; and Liebig obtained it from a somewhat ammoniacal aqueous solution in the same form. It is inodorous and very bitter. The crystals obtained from alcoholic solution have the composition $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2 + 3H_2O$, and fuse at 57° C. (134·6° F.). They may be deprived of water by warming or exposure over oil of vitriol, and they then fuse at 171·2°–172° C. (340°–341·6° F.). By carefully regulated heat, it may be sublimed unchanged, assuming a crystalline form. (Waddington, *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1868, p. 413.) According to Hesse, anhydrous crystalline quinine is soluble in 1960 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and the trihydrate in 1670 parts. It is soluble in about 900 parts of boiling water, in about 6 parts of cold and in 2 parts of boiling alcohol, very soluble in ether, chloroform, benzene, benzin, carbon disulphide, fixed and volatile oils, and in about 200 parts of glycerin. The alcoholic solution is intensely bitter. Quinine is unalterable in the air. It forms salts with the acids which readily crystallize. The tannate, tartrate, and oxalate are said to be insoluble or nearly so, but are dissolved by an excess of acid. The acetate is so slightly soluble that it is precipitated from a solution of the sulphate by magnesium acetates and the other acetates. (*A. J. P.*, xxx. 386.) When recently precipitated quinine, diffused in water, is exposed to the action of a stream of carbonic acid gas, the quinine is dissolved; and, if the solution be exposed, acicular crystals of quinine carbonate will be deposited, which effloresce in the air, are soluble in alcohol, but insoluble in ether, have an alkaline reaction, and effervesce with acids. After the deposition of the crystals has ceased, the solution yields quinine on evaporation. (Langlois, *Comptes-Rendus*, Nov. 7, 1853, p. 727.) Freshly precipitated quinine is scarcely soluble to an appreciable extent in an excess of potassa, but is more readily dissolved by ammonia. (Wadgymar, *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1866, p. 451.) Prof. Flückiger (1878) noticed that solutions of quinine exposed to sunlight rapidly turned brownish yellow, and subsequently de-

posited a flocculent precipitate, which he proved to be neither quinine nor quinicine, but an entirely different substance. It lost the alkaloidal character, yet possessed the same chemical composition as quinine. He named it *quiniretin*. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1878.)

Quinine and its salts may be distinguished from all other alkaloids and their salts, except only quinidine and quinicine, by the beautiful emerald-green color (*thalleioquin*) which results when their solution is treated first with solution of chlorine and then with ammonia, and which changes to a white or violet upon saturation with a dilute acid. The statement which has been frequently made that the chlorine water must be fresh, was disproved by C. F. Zeller. (See *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 385.) The least quantity of quinine may be detected by powdering the substance supposed to contain it, then shaking it with ether, and adding successively the tests just mentioned. Its salts are precipitated by mercuric and platinic chlorides, and of a buff color by auric chloride. Quinine in solution turns the plane of polarization to the left, to varying degrees, however, according to the concentration, the solvent used, etc. Acids increase the amount of deviation. In relation to the property possessed by quinine of imparting fluorescence to its aqueous solution, which is possessed also, though in less degree, by other cinchona alkaloids, and other properties common to both quinine and its sulphate, there will be occasion to speak under quinine sulphate. A singular discovery was made by Dr. Bence Jones, of London, of a substance normally present in the animal system having analogous properties, and named by him "*animal quinoidine*."

Quinine is officially described as "a white, flaky, amorphous or crystalline powder, odorless, and having a very bitter taste; permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1670 parts of water, and in 6 parts of alcohol; in 760 parts of boiling water, and in 2 parts of boiling alcohol; in 23 parts of ether, 5 parts of chloroform, and 200 parts of glycerin; also soluble in carbon disulphide, benzin, benzol, ammonia water, and diluted acids. When heated to about 57° C. (134.6° F.), it melts; at 100° C. (212° F.), it loses about 9 per cent. (or about 2 molecules) of its water of crystallization, the remainder being expelled at 125° C. (257° F.). The anhydrous alkaloid, when pure, melts at 173° C. (343·4° F.). Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. Quinine has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. A solution of Quinine in diluted sulphuric acid has a vivid, blue fluorescence. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous, acidulated solution (about 1 in 1500) of quinine with 2 drops of bromine water, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or deposit a green precipitate. Quinine should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor produce a red color with nitric acid (difference from *morphine*). If 2 Gm. of quinine be mixed, in a small mortar, with 1 Gm. of ammonium sulphate and 10 C.c. of distilled water, the mixture thoroughly dried on a water-bath, the residue (which should be strictly neutral to test-paper) agitated with 20 C.c. of water, then allowed to macerate for half an hour at 15° C. (59° F.), with occasional agitation, and filtered through a pellet of glass-wool, 5 C.c. of the filtrate, transferred to a test-tube, and gently mixed, without shaking, with 7 C.c. of ammonia water (specific gravity 0·960), should produce a clear liquid. If the temperature during the maceration has been 16° C. (60·8° F.), 7·5 C.c. of ammonia water may be added; if 17° C. (62·8° F.), 8 C.c. (In each case, a clear liquid indicates the absence of more than small proportions of *other cinchona alkaloids*.)" *U. S.*

Quinicine (quinicia). When quinine and cinchonine, or quinidine and cinchonidine, or their salts, are exposed to heat, they are changed into other but isomeric alkaloids,—quinine and quinidine into *quinicine*, isomeric with themselves, and cinchonine and cinchonidine into *cinchonicine*, isomeric with its own antecedents. These new alkaloids are, therefore, products rather than educts, and generally result, in greater or less proportion, from the processes employed in extracting the other alkaloids from bark; though it is not impossible that they may pre-exist in bark to a certain extent, being formed by a natural process, from the same original alkaloids, either in the living tree, or in the barks while drying, after separation from the tree. *Quinicine* is almost insoluble in water, but very soluble in alcohol, and differs from quinine in being dextro-rotatory and uncrystallizable. *Cinchonicine* is also insoluble in water and soluble in alcohol. It agrees with cinchonine, from which it is derived, in producing deviation of the plane of polarization to the right; but differs from cinchonidine in this respect, and differs from both of these alkaloids in being amorphous or uncrystallizable.

The study of the decomposition products of quinine and associated alkaloids so actively carried on for several years past has thrown considerable light upon its composition. It ap-

pears to be a derivative of a partially hydrogenized diquinoline, corresponding to the formula $C_9H_6(OCH_3)N - C_9H_{11}(OH)N.CH_3$. By oxidation with chromic acid it yields *quininic acid*, $C_9H_5(OCH_3)N.COOH$, which is the phenol ester of cinchoninic acid, $C_9H_6N.COOH$; by oxidation with nitric acid it yields *cinchomeronic acid*, $C_5H_3N(COOH)_2$; by the action of fused caustic potash it yields *methoxyquinoline*, $C_9H_6N(OCH_3)$.

The most important artificial salt of quinine is the *sulphate*, the process for procuring which, as well as its properties, will be hereafter described. The *bisulphate*, *hydrobromate*, *hydrochlorate*, and *valerianate* have been introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and the *iron and quinine citrate* both into this and the British, which give processes for its preparation. The *phosphate*, *acetate*, *citrate*, *lactate*, *camphorate*, *ferrocyanate*, *tannate*, *arsenite*, *antimonate*, *urate*, *hypophosphite*, *chlorate*, *hydrochlorate with urea*, *citro-thymate*, *sulphovinate*, *salicylate*, *sulphosalicylate*, and *meconate*, have also been employed or recommended; but none of them has yet gained admittance into the Pharmacopœias, and none probably is superior to the official sulphate.* The first four may be prepared by saturating a solution of the acids respectively with quinine, and evaporating the solutions. The *camphorate* is recommended as a substitute for the valerianate. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1865, p. 254.) The *ferrocyanate* is directed to be made by boiling together four parts of quinine sulphate and one of potassium ferrocyanide, both in concentrated solutions, pouring off the liquor from a greenish-yellow substance of an oily consistence which is precipitated, washing the latter with distilled water, then dissolving it in strong alcohol at 37·7° C. (100° F.), filtering immediately, and afterwards evaporating the solution. M. Pelouze believes this preparation to be pure quinine, mixed with a little Prussian blue. (*Archives Gén.*, 3e sér., xv. 236.) The *tannate* may be prepared by precipitating one part of quinine sulphate, dissolved in thirty parts of water acidulated with a few drops of sulphuric acid, with a solution of three parts of tannic acid dissolved in thirty parts of cold water, and then washing and drying the precipitate. It has the advantage of possessing little taste, but doubts have been repeatedly expressed about its efficiency. At best, it is a feeble preparation, not containing more than 32 per cent. of quinine. Either of these salts may be given in the same dose as the sulphate. *Quinine arsenite* has been recommended by Dr. Ringdon, especially in chronic cutaneous affections. Adler prepares it by dissolving arsenous acid in water, with enough alkali to make the solution neutral, adding about five times its weight of silver nitrate, washing the precipitated silver arsenite, drying, and mixing with three times its weight of quinine hydrochlorate, digesting the mixture for a day with 70-per-cent. alcohol, filtering, and allowing the filtrate to evaporate spontaneously. The salt is crystalline, soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and ether, but sparingly so in water. The dose is one-third of a grain (0·02 Gm.), given at first twice a day, and afterwards three or four times a day. *Quinine anti-*

* *Percentage of Quinine in its Different Salts.* According to Tanret, the salts of quinine in common use contain the following proportions of the alkaloid: acetate, 87·34 per cent.; hydrate (quinine precipitated and dried), 85·70; basic hydrochlorate, 81·60; lactate, 78·26; basic hydrobromate, 76·60; valerianate, 76·05; basic sulphate (the ordinary sulphate), 74·30; sulphovinate, 72·00; neutral hydrobromate, 60·00; neutral sulphate (or acid sulphate), 57·24; tannate, 20·60. The following table was compiled by Dr. Boymond, of Paris:

Salts.	Percentage of			1 part soluble in water at 15° C.	1 part of water dissolves		1 part anhydrous quinine contained in
	Alkaloid.	Acid.	Water of crystallization.		Salt	Anhydrous quinine	
Hydrate	85·72	. . . .	14·28	16·70	0·00059	0·00050	1·16
Acetate	84·37	15·63	. . . .	slightly	. . . .	. . . .	1·18
Hydrochlorate	81·71	9·21	9·08	21·40	0·046	0·0388	1·22
Lactate	78·26	21·74	. . . .	10·29	0·097	0·0759	1·27
Hydrobromate	76·60	19·15	4·25	45·02	0·022	0·0168	1·30
Hydrobromate (neutral)	60·67	30·34	8·99	6·33	0·158	0·0958	1·64
Valerianate	76·06	23·94	. . . .	53·70	0·029	0·0220	1·31
Sulphate	74·31	11·24	14·45	581	0·0017	0·0012	1·34
Sulphate (acid)	59·12	17·89	22·99	8·81	0·113	0·0668	1·69
Sulphovinate	71·20	28·80	. . . .	3·30	0·303	0·215	1·39
Arsenate	69·38	15·21	15·41	slightly	. . .	. . . .	1·44
Salicylate	68·79	29·30	1·91	863	0·0011	0·0007	1·45
Citrate	67·08	19·86	13·06	820	0·0012	0·0008	1·49
Ferrocyanide	56·25	37·50	6·25	slightly	. . . .	. . .	1·77
Iodide, acid	55·95	44·05	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1·78
Tannate	22·60	67·36	10·04	800	0·0012	0·00028	4·42

monate has been recommended by Dr. La Camera, of Naples, as a febrifuge, being especially applicable to cases of doubtful periodicity. It unites, he thinks, the evacuant properties of the antimonials with the antiperiodic property of quinine. The dose is two or three grains (0·13 or 0·20 Gm.), four times a day. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxv. 471.) *Quinine urate* is thought by Dr. Pérayre, of Bordeaux, to be peculiarly efficacious in obstinate intermittents. It is prepared by boiling 10 parts of crude quinine in water, adding gradually 20 parts of crystallized uric acid, and, after sufficient ebullition, filtering and evaporating. A yellow salt is obtained, sometimes amorphous, more frequently crystalline, soluble in hot and less so in cold water, and, according to the author, capable of curing intermittent fever in smaller doses than the sulphate, with less cerebral disturbance, less bitterness, and easier tolerance by the stomach. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxvii. 139.) *Quinine hypophosphite* may be prepared by dissolving 3 parts of calcium hypophosphite in 60 parts of distilled water, and adding the filtered solution to a solution of 13 parts of quinine sulphate in 200 parts of alcohol, allowing the mixture to stand two hours, and filtering, distilling off the alcohol and evaporating the solution and setting aside to crystallize. The salt is soluble in 25 parts of cold water, in 1·5 parts of boiling water, and in 10 parts of alcohol.

Quinine and urea hydrochlorate,—"*chininum bimuriaticum carbamidatum*."—discovered by Kutais (1878), is best prepared by Rice's process. 79 parts of quinine hydrochlorate are dissolved in 70 parts of hydrochloric acid (sp. gr. 1·050), the solution filtered, 12 parts of urea added, and the whole warmed until the liquid is clear. It is then set aside, that crystals may form. These are soluble in an equal weight of water, and also in strong alcohol. This salt has been recommended especially for hypodermic uses. *Quinine citrothymate* is prepared by Pavesi by heating in a flask on a water-bath 4 parts of quinine and 6 parts of oil of thyme, with enough alcohol to dissolve both. After standing 12 hours, 2 parts of powdered citric acid are added, and the whole heated, filtered, evaporated to a syrup, and allowed to crystallize.*

* *Extemporaneous Preparation of Various Quinine Salts.—Quinine Carbolate.* Quinine, pure, 10 parts; carbolic acid, 5 parts.

Quinine Citrate. Quinine, pure, 15 parts; citric acid, 8 parts. The product corresponds to 20 parts of true quinine citrate.

Quinine Hydrobromate. Quinine sulphate, 100 parts; potassium bromide, 28 parts. The product corresponds to 100 parts of quinine hydrobromate. Quinine hydrobromate contains almost as much quinine as the bisulphate, and is soluble in 54 parts of water. It has been extensively used hypodermically in the form of a ten-per-cent. solution in a mixture of 25 parts of alcohol and 75 parts of water. Its simple aqueous solution seems to be preferable.

Quinine Hydriodate. Quinine sulphate, 95 parts; potassium iodide, 40 parts. The product corresponds to 100 parts of quinine hydriodate.

Iodized Quinine Hydriodate. Quinine hydrochlorate, 70 parts; potassium iodide, 50 parts; iodine, 20 parts. To be triturated together with a little alcohol. Corresponds to 100 parts of the above quinine salt.

Quinine Hypophosphite. Quinine hydrochlorate, 100 parts; calcium hypophosphite, 24 parts. Corresponds to 100 parts of the above quinine salt.

Quinine Lactate. Quinine, pure, 70 parts; lactic acid, 35 parts. To be triturated together, if necessary, with a few drops of alcohol. Corresponds to 100 parts of the above quinine salt.

Quinine Phosphate. Quinine sulphate, 94 parts; sodium phosphate, 80 parts. Corresponds to 100 parts of the above quinine salt. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, May, 1879; *N. R.*, Nov. 1879.

Quinine sulphovinate, according to Carles, is prepared by dissolving 16·9 parts of sodium sulphovinate in 200 parts of hot alcohol, and 42·8 parts of quinine sulphate in 600 parts of hot alcohol. The hot solutions are mixed, cooled, and the precipitated sodium sulphate filtered out. The filtrate is distilled, and the residue evaporated and dried at a low temperature. It is soluble in 3 parts of water. Dr. Jaillarl has extensively employed hypodermic injections of one part of quinine sulphovinate in nine parts of distilled water, with great satisfaction, in the severe *malarial fevers of Algiers*.

Quinine salicylate may be prepared by Jobst's process, by double decomposition between solutions of quinine hydrochlorate and ammonium salicylate, or by saturating an alcoholic solution of quinine with an alcoholic solution of salicylic acid. The crystals are soluble in 225 parts of water and in 20 parts of alcohol.

Quinine phenate, or *carbolate*, is obtained by Jobst, having the composition $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2,C_6H_6O$. It is soluble in 400 parts of water, and in 80 parts of alcohol. (*P. J. Tr.*, June 12, 1875.) *Quinine sulphosalicylate*, on account of its slow solubility in water, will probably not be very useful medically. (See *N. R.*, 1878, p. 103.) *Quinine meconate* is prepared by mixing alcoholic solution of meconic acid and quinine.

Quinine chlorate is best prepared, according to Mr. C. R. C. Tichborne, from barium chlorate. He mixes in a porcelain dish 310 grains of barium chlorate dissolved in a little boiling water with 2 ounces avoirdupois of quinine sulphate, and 12 ounces of hot water, at 90° C. (194° F.), a slight excess of the sulphate being used to insure the precipitation of all the barium. Owing to this excess, a slight pellicle of quinine sulphate floats on the surface. Apply heat, and gradually add a very little precipitated barium carbonate till the coating of sulphate is replaced by a slightly oily pellicle of alkaloid. The quinine chlorate is now obtained by evaporation and crystallization. For a mode of preparing the barium chlorate, see *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 101.

The chlorate crystallizes from its solution in fungoid tufts, consisting of filiform, snow-white crystals, radiating from a centre. It melts with heat, and in the air at length takes fire, burning vividly, and if dry sometimes with explosion, leaving a carbonaceous residue. It is very soluble in boiling water, but sparingly in cold, and is deposited from its hot solution on cooling. Gently warmed with hydrochloric acid, it emits chlorine copiously; and ammonia now added in excess occasions an emerald-green color,—thus showing that it is a compound of chloric acid and quinine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., viii. 135.)

QUININÆ BISULPHAS. U. S. Quinine Bisulphate.

(QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ BĪ-SŬL'PHĂS.)

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2H_2SO_4.7H_2O$; 546·88. $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2H_2SO_4.7H_2O$; 548.

"Quinine Bisulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

This is a new official salt. It is made by suspending quinine sulphate in water, and adding a molecule of sulphuric acid, filtering and crystallizing. It has been introduced because of the great advantages in solubility that it possesses over the ordinary sulphate. It requires but 10 parts of water to dissolve it, whilst the sulphate requires 740. For use in the form of pills it is greatly superior on this account, whilst it may be administered in solution without the excess of acid which must be used when the ordinary sulphate is prescribed in order to dissolve it. Its use is rapidly extending, and when these very important practical points of superiority are fully appreciated by the profession it will be used almost exclusively. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent or whitish, orthorhombic crystals or small needles, odorless, and having a very bitter taste. Effloresecing on exposure to the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 10 parts of water, and in 32 parts of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water and in boiling alcohol. When heated at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses all its water of crystallization (nearly 23 per cent.); at 135° C. (275° F.), it is converted into quinicine sulphate, which dissolves in diluted sulphuric acid with a yellow color without any blue fluorescence. On ignition, the salt is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution of the salt has a strongly acid reaction, and a blue fluorescence. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1000) of the salt with 2 drops of bromine test-solution, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or throw down a green precipitate. Ammonia water added to the aqueous solution of the salt throws down a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of ammonia water, and also in about 20 times its weight of ether. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. Quinine Bisulphate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), until it ceases to lose weight, the remainder, cooled in a desiccator, should weigh not less than 0·77 Gm. (corresponding to 7 molecules, or 23 (22·98) per cent. of water of crystallization). If 2 Gm. of the salt, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), be agitated with 16 C.c. of water, the mixture made exactly neutral with ammonia water, then brought to the volume of 20 C.c. by the addition of water, and macerated for half an hour at 15° C. (59° F.), upon proceeding further as directed for the corresponding test under Quinine (see *Quinina*) the results there given should be obtained." *U. S.*

The dose of this salt should be about fifteen per cent. greater than that of the sulphate, on account of the greater proportion of acid in it.

QUININÆ HYDROBROMAS. U. S. Quinine Hydrobromate.

(QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ HĬ-DRŌ-BRŌ'MĂS.)

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HBr.H_2O$; 422·06.

"Quinine Hydrobromate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

This official salt may be made by suspending 10 parts of quinine sulphate in 80 parts of water, boiling, and adding 3·4 parts of barium bromide dissolved in 20 parts of water, filtering, evaporating, and crystallizing. It may also be made by Leger's process, as follows. Quinine sulphate, commercial, crystallized, 40 parts; potassium bromide, dried and powdered, 11 parts; alcohol (80 per cent.), 400 parts; distilled water, 400 parts. Dissolve the sulphate in two hundred parts of alcohol by the aid of heat, add the potassium bromide, dissolved in thirty parts of distilled water, and continue the heat five or six minutes, in order to allow the potassium sulphate, which is formed, to acquire greater compactness, so that it will more readily settle. Filter off from the precipitate, and wash four times with fifty parts of boiling alcohol. Let the alcoholic solution cool, when a further small quantity of potassium sulphate will be deposited. The solution is then again filtered through white filtering paper, and evaporated on a water-bath to one hundred parts. Next, four hundred parts of distilled water are poured on, and heat is applied until the hydrobromate is completely dissolved. After allowing the solution to stand in the cold for about twenty-four hours, the capsule will be found filled with a compact crystalline mass. The crystals are transferred to a filter, allowed to drain, and

dried by exposure to air. Heating would cause them to fuse. The product thus obtained amounts to about thirty parts of perfectly white quinine hydrobromate. By evaporating the mother-water to one-third of its volume, about six parts more may be obtained. It is absolutely necessary, as has been already pointed out by Boille, to redissolve the hydrobromate in water as above stated, if the salt is to be obtained in white and bulky crystals. The above quantity of four hundred parts should not be diminished, for, if this were done, the salt (which fuses at 90° F.) would separate at first in the form of an oily liquid, and afterwards would form a crystalline crust. (*Répert. de Pharm.*, 1880, p. 390; *N. R.*, Jan. 1881.)

Properties. It is in "white, light, silky needles, odorless, and having a very bitter taste. The salt is liable to lose water on exposure to warm or dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 54 parts of water.* and in 0·6 part of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water and in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 6 parts of ether, and in 12 parts of chloroform. When heated at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (4·25 per cent.). At 152° C. (305·6° F.), it begins to fuse, and becomes a syrupy liquid at 200° C. (392° F.). Upon ignition, it is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral or faintly alkaline to litmus paper. An aqueous solution, when acidulated with sulphuric acid, has a vivid, blue fluorescence. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1300) with 2 drops of bromine water, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or throw down a green precipitate. Ammonia water added to the aqueous solution throws down a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of ammonia water, and also in about 20 times its weight of ether. On precipitating a saturated aqueous solution of the salt with sodium hydrate test-solution, filtering, supersaturating the filtrate with acetic acid, adding chloroform and a little chlorine water, and shaking, the chloroform will separate with a yellow color. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at 100° C. (212° F.) until it ceases to lose weight, the residue should not weigh less than 0·957 Gm. (corresponding to 1 molecule, or 4·25 per cent., of water of crystallization). Quinine Hydrobromate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor produce a red color with nitric acid (difference from *morphine*). If 3 Gm. of the salt (which must have been previously ascertained to be strictly neutral, or have been rendered so) be mixed, in a small capsule, with 1·2 Gm. of crystallized sodium sulphate and 30 C.c. of water, the mixture thoroughly dried on a water-bath, the residue agitated with 30 C.c. of water, and allowed to macerate for half an hour at 15° C. (59° F.), with occasional agitation, upon proceeding further as directed under Quinine (see *Quinina*) the results there given should be obtained." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt is well fitted for hypodermic injection, on account of its ready solubility, but is not superior, if equal, to the bisulphate. The plan which has been advocated of injecting a hot saturated solution is to be deprecated, as tending to cause precipitation in the cellular tissue. It is very capable of causing cinchonism, but the amount of hydrobromic acid is too small to affect the system sensibly. Dose, that of quinine sulphate.

QUININÆ HYDROCHLORAS. U. S., Br. Quinine Hydrochlorate.

(QUI-NĪ'NÆ HĪ-DRO-ȼHLŌ'RĂS.)

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HCl.2H_2O$; 395·63.

"Quinine Hydrochlorate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.* "Obtained from the same sources and by the same process as sulphate of quinine, the separated alkaloid being neutralized by hydrochloric acid." *Br.*

This is another new official quinine salt, for the introduction of which there seems to be no good reason, as its medical properties and uses are precisely those of the sulphate. It may be readily prepared by treating the alkaloid with diluted hydrochloric acid, or by double decomposition between barium chloride and quinine sulphate. Quinine hydrochlorate is in "white, silky, light and fine, needle-shaped crystals, odorless, and having a very bitter taste. The salt is liable to lose water when exposed to warm air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 34 parts of water, and in 3 parts of alcohol; in 1 part of boiling water, and very soluble in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 9 parts of chloroform. When heated to 120° C. (248° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization. At about 156° C. (312·8° F.), it begins to

* Dr. E. R. Squibb found that official quinine hydrobromate required 53 parts of water to dissolve it, and that the *quinine acid-hydrobromate* or *dihydrobromate* corresponded more nearly with the official description of the hydrobromate. (*Ephemeris*, 1888, p. 1108.)

melt, but it is not fully melted until the temperature reaches 190° C. (374° F.). On ignition, it is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral or faintly alkaline to litmus paper. The saturated aqueous solution of the salt does not give any blue fluorescence, which, however, appears to some extent upon diluting the solution with water, and markedly so upon addition of dilute sulphuric acid. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1400) of the salt with 2 drops of bromine water, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or throw down a green precipitate. Ammonia water added to the aqueous solution throws down a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of ammonia water, and also in about 20 times its weight of ether. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at 100° C. (212° F.) until it ceases to lose weight, the residue should not weigh less than 0·9 Gm. (corresponding to 2 molecules, or 9 per cent., of water of crystallization). Quinine Hydrochlorate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor produce a red color with nitric acid (difference from *morphine*). The aqueous solution of the salt should not be rendered turbid by diluted sulphuric acid (absence of *barium*), and should not be rendered more than slightly turbid by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 3 Gm. of the salt (which must have been previously ascertained to be strictly neutral, or have been rendered so) be mixed, in a small capsule, with 1·5 Gm. of crystallized sodium sulphate and 30 C.c. of water, the mixture thoroughly dried on a water-bath, the residue agitated with 30 C.c. of water, and allowed to macerate for half an hour at 15° C. (59° F.), with occasional agitation, upon proceeding further as directed under Quinine (see *Quinina*) the results there given should be obtained." *U. S.*

QUININÆ SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Quinine Sulphate.

(QUĮ-NĪ'NÆ SŪL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4.7H_2O$; 870·22.

"Quinine Sulphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

Chininum Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Sulfas Quinicus; Disulphate or Basic Sulphate of Quinia; Sulfate de Quinine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Chinin, *G.*

No process is given in the U. S. Pharm. 1890 for preparing quinine sulphate; that of the U. S. P. 1870 is appended.*

* "Take of Yellow Cinchona, in coarse powder, *forty-eight troyounces;* Muriatic Acid *three troyounces and a half;* Lime, in fine powder, *five troyounces;* Animal Charcoal, in fine powder, Sulphuric Acid, Alcohol, Water, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Boil the Cinchona in thirteen pints of water mixed with one-third of the Muriatic Acid, and strain through muslin. Boil the residue twice successively with the same quantity of Water and Acid as before, and strain. Mix the decoctions, and, while the liquid is hot, gradually add the Lime, previously mixed with two pints of Water, stirring constantly, until the quinia is completely precipitated. Wash the precipitate with Distilled Water, and, having pressed, dried, and powdered it, digest it in boiling Alcohol. Pour off the liquid, and repeat the digestion several times, until the Alcohol is no longer rendered bitter. Mix the liquids, and distil off the Alcohol until a brown viscid mass remains. Upon this, transferred to a suitable vessel, pour four pints of Distilled Water, and, having heated the mixture to the boiling point, add as much Sulphuric Acid as may be necessary to dissolve the quinia. Then add a troyounce and a half of Animal Charcoal, boil the liquid for two minutes, filter while hot, and set it aside to crystallize. Should the liquid, before filtration, be entirely neutral, acidulate it very slightly with Sulphuric Acid; should it, on the contrary, change the color of litmus paper to a bright red, add more Animal Charcoal. Separate the crystals from the liquid, dissolve them in boiling Distilled Water slightly acidulated with Sulphuric Acid, add a little Animal Charcoal, filter the solution, and set it aside to crystallize. Lastly, dry the crystals on bibulous paper with a gentle heat, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle. The mother-water may be made to yield an additional quantity of Sulphate of Quinia by precipitating the quinia with Water of Ammonia, and treating the precipitated alkaloid with Distilled Water, Sulphuric Acid, and Animal Charcoal, as before." *U. S.* 1870. Both this and the French Codex process, which it closely resembles, are modifications of the plan originally proposed by M. Henry, Jr., of Paris, which has been almost universally employed where alcohol is not too expensive. Henry's process, with all its details, may be found in former editions of this work. An explanation of the several directions given in the U. S. P. 1870 will be useful to the student, by enabling him to comprehend each step of the process.

Cinchona barks are always selected by previous assay by the manufacturer, but Calisaya bark was selected here because its alkaloids are most free from cinchonine. The alkaloid exists in the bark combined with kinic acid, and probably also with one or more of the coloring principles, as suggested by M. Henry. As in this latter state it is difficult of solubility, if it be not insoluble, in water, the whole of the quinine cannot be extracted from the bark by means of that liquid alone. Berzelius, however, attributes the difficulty of exhausting the bark to the circumstance that water converts the native neutral kinates into soluble superkinates which are dissolved, and insoluble subkinates which remain. By adding hydrochloric or sulphuric acid to the water in such quantities as to be in excess in relation to the quinine, the whole of the alkaloid combines with the acid to form a very soluble hydrochlorate or sulphate, in which state it exists, together with various impurities, in the decoctions procured by the first steps of the process.

The British Pharmacopœia has dropped the process formerly official (see *U. S. D.*, 15th ed., p. 1221), and describes it as "The sulphate of an alkaloid prepared from the powder of various kinds of Cinchona and Remijia bark by extraction with spirit after the addition of lime, or by the action of alkali on an acidulated aqueous infusion, with subsequent neutralization of the alkaloid by sulphuric acid and purification of the resulting salt." *Br.*

Pelletier proposed to substitute oil of turpentine for alcohol in the ordinary process for procuring quinine sulphate. The impure quinine, precipitated by lime from the acidulous decoctions, after being washed, pressed, and dried, is digested with the oil, which dissolves the quinine. The solution thus obtained is agitated with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, by which quinine sulphate is formed. The oil, separating, rises to the top, and is removed for future use; and the watery solution of the salt is evaporated, and treated as in the original process. A disadvantage of this method is said to be that the oil does not completely exhaust the precipitate. A similar process has been employed here and in England, either *fusel oil* or *benzene* being substituted for oil of turpentine. In this instance, however, the solvent is added to the impure quinine, without separation from the acidulated decoction from which it was precipitated by lime. The mixture being well agitated, the fusel oil or benzene dissolves the alkaloids, and, rising to the surface of the liquid, is drawn off by a siphon. The solution thus drawn off is treated as above with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, and the process is completed in the same manner. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 29, 92, and 139.)*

The importation of quinine sulphate and salts of quinine amounted in 1885 to 1,871,600 ounces, valued at $1.513,803; in 1886 to 1,807,653 ounces, valued at $957,036; in 1887 to 2,753,962 ounces, valued at $1,143,636; in 1891 to 3,332,173 ounces, valued at $833,260; and in 1892 to 2,853,871 ounces, valued at $572,078.

When barks containing the alkaloids *cinchonidine* and *quinidine* are used, as their sulphates

By the addition of lime to the filtered and mixed decoctions, the salt of quinine is decomposed, giving up its acid to the lime, while the quinine is liberated, and, being insoluble in water, is precipitated, the water retaining most of the impurities. If sulphuric acid be employed in the commencement of the process, calcium sulphate will be deposited along with the quinine; but if hydrochloric acid be employed, the resulting calcium chloride will be retained in solution; and a reason is thus afforded for the preference of the latter acid. But in either case the excess of lime, and a compound formed of the lime and coloring matter, which is insoluble both in water and alcohol, are thrown down with the alkaloid. The precipitate, having been washed in order to remove from it everything soluble in water, is then pressed, dried, and powdered. The next step is to separate the quinine from the insoluble impurities. This is accomplished by the repeated action of alcohol, which dissolves the former and leaves most of the latter behind. The whole of the alkaloid having been abstracted, the alcoholic solution of quinine is then concentrated so as to afford a brown viscid mass, which is impure quinine. Portions of this may be reserved, if thought advisable, for the preparation of other salts of quinine. The mass is treated with boiling distilled water acidulated with sulphuric acid, which forms the official sulphate (the disulphate of many chemists) with the quinine, and, being somewhat in excess, enables the salt to be readily dissolved. The animal charcoal now added should be the *unpurified* bone-black, the calcium carbonate contained in which neutralizes a portion of the sulphuric acid and thus facilitates the crystallization of the quinine sulphate when the solution cools. Should the quantity of the bone-black added be sufficient to render the solution quite neutral, so as in no degree to affect litmus paper, as much sulphuric acid should be added as will give the paper a slightly vinous tint; for otherwise the crystallization may commence before the liquor is completely filtered. If, on the contrary, the bone-black has been deficient, and the solution colors litmus paper cherry-red, more of that substance is to be added. This, however, is merely an incidental advantage of the animal charcoal, its chief use being to decolorize the liquid. The second crystallization is necessary to obtain the salt of quinine free from color; and sometimes it cannot be rendered perfectly white without a third. It is essential that the heat employed in drying the crystals should be gentle, in order to prevent their efflorescence. The small quantity of cinchonine contained in Calisaya bark is extracted along with the quinine; but, as the sulphate of the former is more soluble than that of the latter, it remains in the mother-liquors.

According to M. Calvert, the proportion of quinine sulphate obtained from bark is never certain when hydrochloric acid is employed as the solvent and lime as the precipitant; for quinine is dissolved by a solution of calcium chloride, and by lime water; and a portion, therefore, remains in the liquid unprecipitated, which is greater when the lime employed is in excess. Having ascertained by trial that quinine is not dissolved by a solution of soda, and in scarcely appreciable proportion by sodium chloride, he proposes to substitute this alkali for lime, first neutralizing the excess of acid by the carbonate, and then precipitating the quinine by caustic soda. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ii.)

* Mr. Clark proposes to prepare quinine by means of the fatty acids as follows. Having exhausted the bark as usual by acidulated water, he treats the solution with an alkaline carbonate so long as a precipitate is produced, then adds a little stearic acid, and boils the whole. The fatty acid melts, floats on the surface, and there attracts the quinine and cinchonine, forming a kind of insoluble soap, while the precipitate and liquid become black. On cooling, the fatty matter coagulates, and, on being withdrawn and boiled in water so long as this remains limpid, and then treated with boiling acidulated water, yields the quinine and cinchonine to the acid. The hot solution, being neutralized by an alkali, deposits a brown matter, which is to be separated by filtration, and on cooling yields the sulphate of the two alkaloids in a crystalline state. The quinine and cinchonine can then be separated in the ordinary mode. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Dec. 1861, p. 463.)

We have been told that considerable quantities of a preparation have been imported from South America and elsewhere, consisting of a mixture of the alkaloids of bark in an impure state, obtained by forming acidulated decoctions of bark, precipitating with lime, treating the precipitate with alcohol, and evaporating the alcoholic solution. From this material quinine sulphate and cinchonine sulphate have been prepared on a large scale. It has sometimes yielded 25 per cent. of quinine converted into sulphate, and more than an equal quantity of cinchonine.

are much more soluble than that of quinine, it follows that in the mother-waters left after the crystallization of quinine sulphate there will be found a portion of cinchonidine or quinidine sulphate, or of both. In fact, there is generally, under these circumstances, more or less of the sulphates of the four alkaloids, quinine, cinchonine, quinidine, and cinchonidine, all of which are contained in many barks, and, besides these, a portion of amorphous alkaloid, incapable of crystallization, probably resulting, in part at least, from the heat employed in the process. These may in a great degree be separated through their different solubilities in water. Quinine sulphate, being least soluble, will first crystallize, afterwards the cinchonidine or quinidine salt, and finally that of cinchonine, which is the most soluble of the four; while the uncrystallizable salt will remain in solution, and may be obtained in the amorphous state by evaporation to dryness.

Properties. "White, silky, light and fine, needle-shaped crystals, fragile and somewhat flexible, making a very light and easily compressible mass, lustreless from superficial efflorescence after being for some time exposed to the air, odorless, and having a persistent, very bitter taste. The salt is liable to lose water on exposure to warm air, to absorb moisture in damp air, and to become colored by exposure to light. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 740 parts of water, and in 65 parts of alcohol; in 30 parts of boiling water, and in 3 parts of boiling alcohol; also in 40 parts of glycerin, in about 680 parts of chloroform, and freely in dilute acids. When long exposed to the air, or when kept at 50° to 60° C. (122° to 140° F.) for some hours, it loses most of its water of crystallization (all except 2 to 3 molecules, or about 4·1 to 6·2 per cent.), the last portion being slowly expelled at 100° C. (212° F.), more rapidly at 115° C. (239° F.). Upon ignition, the salt is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper, and has, especially when acidulated with sulphuric acid, a vivid, blue fluorescence. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1300) of the salt with 2 drops of bromine water, then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or throw down a green precipitate." *U. S.* Its cold solution is opalescent. The acid quinine salts possess fluorescent properties, but, according to Prof. Henry Morton, the chloride is an exception, and hydrochloric acid will destroy the fluorescence of a solution of the sulphate. The diluted acids, and tartaric and oxalic acids in excess, dissolve the sulphate easily. With an additional equivalent of sulphuric acid it forms another sulphate, which is more soluble in water than the official salt, and crystallizes from its solution with much greater difficulty. This is now considered by many as strictly neutral, and therefore entitled to the name of quinine sulphate; while the official salt contains two equivalents of base to one of acid, and is therefore a *quinine subsulphate* or *disulphate*. The latter name was adopted by the London College, and has been much used by chemical writers. In the U. S., Dublin, and Edinburgh Pharmacopœias, as well as in the French Codex, the name of quinine sulphate, originally given to the official salt, under the impression that it was neutral, was retained; and it has been assumed in the new British Pharmacopœia. Hence has arisen a confusion of nomenclature, which must be embarrassing to the student. The following statement may serve to clear up this confusion. There are at least three quinine sulphates that have been obtained, of which two are now official. The first of these, $(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O$, is a "*diquinic sulphate*," but is the official salt known as quinine sulphate, or *Quininæ Sulphas, U. S.*; the second, formed by dissolving this first in dilute sulphuric acid, has the formula $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2,H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O$, and is the official quinine bisulphate, or *Quininæ Bisulphas, U. S.*; while the third, a still more acid sulphate, $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2,2H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O$, may be obtained from a solution of quinine in excess of diluted sulphuric acid. This last salt is not official.

Incompatibles and Tests. "A cold, saturated aqueous solution of the salt remains unaffected by potassium iodide test-solution (difference from *quinidine sulphate*). Ammonia water added to the aqueous solution of the salt throws down a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of ammonia water, and also in about 20 times its weight of ether. The aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. Quinine Sulphate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*), nor produce a red color with nitric acid (difference from *morphine*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dried at a temperature of 115° C. (239° F.), until it ceases to lose weight, the residue should not weigh less than 0·838 Gm. (absence of *more than eight* (8) *molecules*, or 16·18 per cent. of *water*). If 2 Gm. of the salt (which must have been previously ascertained to be strictly neutral to litmus paper,

or have been rendered so) be dried, as far as possible, at 100° C. (212° F.), the residue then agitated with 20 C.c. of water, and the mixture macerated for half an hour at 15° C. (59° F.), with occasional agitation, upon proceeding further as directed under Quinine (see *Quinina*) the results there given should be obtained." *U. S.* The official test is probably the most reliable of all, to prove the presence of small quantities of other cinchona alkaloids. It is a modification of Kerner's, and admits the presence of a trace of the other alkaloids. This certainly is as pure as the quinine sulphate need be. To separate the remaining trace of alkaloids entirely would more than double the cost of the salt. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following tests for the presence of other cinchona alkaloids:

"*Test for Cinchonidine and Cinchonine.* Heat 100 grains of the sulphate of quinine in five or six ounces of boiling water, with three or four drops of diluted sulphuric acid. Set the solution aside until cold. Separate, by filtration, the purified sulphate of quinine which has crystallized out. To the filtrate, which should nearly fill a bottle or flask, add ether, shaking occasionally, until a distinct layer of ether remains undissolved. Add ammonia in very slight excess, and shake thoroughly, so that the quinine at first precipitated shall be redissolved. Set aside for some hours or during a night. Remove the supernatant clear ethereal fluid, which should occupy the neck of the vessel, by a pipette. Wash the residual aqueous fluid and any separated crystals of alkaloid with a very little more ether, once or twice. Collect the separated alkaloid on a tared filter, wash it with a little ether, dry at 212° F. (100° C.), and weigh. Four parts of such alkaloid correspond to five parts of crystallized sulphate of cinchonidine or of sulphate of cinchonine.

"*Test for Quinidine.* Recrystallize fifty grains of the original sulphate of quinine as described in the previous paragraph. To the filtrate add solution of iodide of potassium, and a little spirit of wine to prevent the precipitation of amorphous hydriodates. Collect any separated hydriodate of quinidine, wash with a little water, dry, and weigh. The weight represents about an equal weight of crystallized sulphate of quinidine.

"*Test for Cupreine.* Shake the recrystallized sulphate of quinine, obtained in testing the original sulphate of quinine for cinchonidine and cinchonine, with one fluidounce of ether and a quarter of an ounce of solution of ammonia, and to this ethereal solution, separated, add the ethereal fluid and washings also obtained in testing the original sulphate for the two alkaloids just mentioned. Shake this ethereal liquor with a quarter of a fluidounce of a ten-per-cent. solution of caustic soda, adding water if any solid matter separates. Remove the ethereal solution. Wash the aqueous solution with more ether, and remove the ethereal washings. Add diluted sulphuric acid to the aqueous fluid heated to boiling, until the soda is exactly neutralized. When cold, collect any sulphate of cupreine that has crystallized out on a tared filter; dry, and weigh. Sulphate of quinine should not contain much more than five per cent. of sulphates of other cinchona alkaloids." *Br.**

* *The distinction of the alkaloids.* The remarkable compound of official quinine sulphate, *quinine iodo-sulphate* (*herapathite*), was discovered and investigated by Dr. Wm. Bird Herapath, of England. If to a solution of quinine sulphate in a mixture of acetic acid and diluted alcohol, tincture of iodine be added by drops, and the mixture kept at 54·4° C. (130° F.) until perfect solution takes place, upon the cooling of the liquid, crystals will gradually form, which Dr. Herapath has found to consist of iodine, quinine, and sulphuric acid, probably combined in the state of *iodo-quinine sulphate*, or, as it is more generally called now, *quinine iodo-sulphate*, and possessing the formula $4C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2,3H_2SO_4,2HI,I_4 + 3Aq$. To obtain fine crystals various precautions are necessary, for which the reader is referred to the paper of Dr. Herapath. The crystals are of a brilliant emerald-green when viewed by reflected light, but almost colorless by transmitted light, and present a curious play of colors under varying circumstances of position. Their shape is very diversified, but traceable to the rhombic prism. They are dissolved by heated acetic acid and heated alcohol, and deposited on cooling. Their most remarkable property is that of polarizing light, in which they are equal if not superior to tourmaline, for which they may be substituted with advantage in experiments in this branch of optics. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 448 and 449, and xiii. 378. See, also, *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 18.) From subsequent experiments of Dr. Herapath, it appears that the other cinchona alkaloids form similar salts with iodine: so that crystals may be obtained of the *iodo-quinidine*, *iodo-cinchonine*, and *iodo-cinchonidine sulphates*, as well as of iodo-quinine sulphate. But the reader will note that the nomenclature of the alkaloids adopted by Dr. Herapath differs from that now in use (Pasteur's). The quinine and cinchonine are the same with both, but the quinidine of to-day is the cinchonidine of Herapath, and *vice versa*. Of these different compounds, there is a close analogy in crystalline forms between the iodo-quinine and iodo-cinchonidine salts on the one hand, and the iodo-cinchonine and iodo-quinidine salts on the other, while between the two twin sets there is a decided difference: so that there is no difficulty in deciding whether a quinine salt contains quinidine or cinchonine, or a cinchonine salt cinchonidine or quinine, yet it may not be so easy to discriminate between the salts of analogous forms. Nevertheless there are sufficient points of dissimilarity to enable a correct diagnosis to be made. It is not by their chemical characters that these iodo-salts can be discriminated: though the cinchonine and quinidine salts dissolve with greater difficulty than the others, in consequence of their greater thickness and less extent of surface. The crystals of the *quinidine* salt, like those of the iodo-quinine sulphate, are derived from the rhombic prism, but differ in certain points, which we have not space to detail, and in reference to which we must be content to refer to Dr. Herapath's paper. They are distinguishable to the practised eye by their different tint with reflected and transmitted light. But these salts differ

Quinine sulphate is decomposed by the alkalies, their carbonates, and the alkaline earths. In solution it affords white precipitates with potassa, soda, and ammonia, which are partly soluble in an excess of alkali. It is also precipitated by astringent infusions, the tannic acid of which forms a white insoluble compound with quinine. The soluble salts of lead and of baryta occasion precipitates; and that produced by the salts of baryta is insoluble in the acids. The soluble salts of acetic, oxalic, tartaric, and gallic acids occasion more or less precipitation with solution of quinine sulphate without excess of acid. A solution of chlorine added to a solution of quinine sulphate and followed by the addition of ammonia water occasions an emerald-green color, and, in certain proportions, the deposition of a green precipitate. The green compound has received the name of *thalleioquin*. The drop of ammonia should be put in without agitation. According to Flückiger, $\frac{1}{5000}$ part of quinine can thus be found. With bromine instead of chlorine the test is more delicate. Flückiger states that $\frac{1}{20000}$ part of the alkaloid can be detected. (See a paper by C. F. Zeller, *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 385; *P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 901.) If, previously to the use of ammonia in the chlorine test, a concentrated solution of potassium ferrocyanide be added, a dark red color is produced, which persists for several hours, but ultimately passes into green. This does not take place with cinchonine; and, though quinidine sulphate gives the same red color, this does not disappear as with the quinine salt, but is persistent. (Schwartzer, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 475.) Quinine sulphate gives a reddish-brown precipitate with iodine dissolved in a solution of potassium iodide. It is possible that under some circumstances the galvanic current may be of service in detecting the alkaloid; a paper on the electrolysis of the salt will be found in the *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xi. 16.*

greatly from the *iodo-cinchonine* and *iodo-cinchonidine sulphates*. The crystals of the latter of these salts are long, quadrilateral, acicular prisms, of a deep ruby or garnet-red color, with bluish violet or light purplish reflection tints, or they have the form of thin plates, or long, flat, acicular prisms, which when thin transmit a pure yellow, but if thicker, a reddish color tinged with brown. The analogous *iodo-cinchonine sulphate* is in long, acicular, quadrilateral prisms, of a deep purplish-black color, and in relation to transmitted light also closely resembles the preceding. All these iodo-salts have double refractive properties. When the acid sulphates of the mixed alkaloids quinine, quinidine, cinchonine, and cinchonidine are dissolved in diluted alcohol, and the solution heated to from 80° to 120° F., tincture of iodine readily separates the quinine salt; further treatment in the same manner separates the *quinidine* salt, more or less mixed with the preceding; still further treatment, the *cinchonidine* salt with its well-marked characters; and the cinchonine salt, being by far the most soluble, is the last to appear, but if in large proportion will be mixed with the cinchonidine salt. Quinidine may thus be readily detected in cinchonine which might otherwise be considered pure. In like manner a mixture of cinchonidine with quinine is easily made evident. The rotating powers of the cinchonine salts in reference to polarized light also afford means of distinguishing them, to those who possess the requisite apparatus. Allusion has been made to these properties under the several alkaloids. It may be proper to say here that quinine and cinchonidine are strongly lævogyrate, while cinchonine and quinidine are strongly dextrogyrate, and quinicine and cinchonicine slightly dextrogyrate. In *Stoddart's test* a drop of a solution of potassium sulphocyanate is added to a saturated and neutral solution of a suspected specimen of quinine sulphate upon a glass slide, and the mixture observed by the microscope: if cinchonine or quinidine or cinchonidine be present, characteristic crystals of sulphocyanate of these alkaloids will be noticed; quinine sulpho-cyanate is in the form of oily drops. (Mr. W. Walter Stoddart, *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1864, p. 155, and *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1865, p. 41.) Our experience with this test is such that we would not recommend it for practical use, the characteristic shape of the crystals under varying circumstances differing to such an extent as to require a special study to distinguish them. *Kerner's test* (Dr. G. Kerner, *Zeitschrift für Analytische Chemie*, 1862) distinguishes the alkaloids by their solubilities in ammonia water of given strength, which, according to Dr. Kerner, are more fixed and reliable than their solubilities respectively in water or other ordinary solvent. The mode of application is by taking a certain quantity of the sulphate of the alkaloid dissolved in a certain quantity of water, and then adding the ammonia water gradually until the precipitated alkaloid is redissolved: the quantity of the ammoniacal liquid necessary to produce this effect indicates inversely the solubility of the alkaloid. Quinidine requires from 10 to 11 times more of the ammoniacal liquid than quinine, cinchonidine from 12 to 13 times more; while cinchonine is not dissolved by a much larger proportion than is required by either of the others, and though when mixed in very small proportion with quinine it is dissolved at first, yet it afterwards separates on standing. This test is now official, and as modified is regarded as the best test for quinine sulphate. Kerner's test has been elaborately criticised and discussed; it appears that in order to get results which are at all trustworthy it is necessary to be exceedingly careful to observe the specific gravities and temperatures ordered by the test. (See Prof. Parson's paper, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884; *Amer. Drug.*, 1885, also 1888; *Drug. Circ.*, 1885; *P. J. Tr.*, 1887; *Pharm. Era*, 1887, also 1888.) In *De Vrij's Chromate Test for Quinine* 5 Gm. of quinine sulphate are dissolved in 500 Gm. of water at the boiling temperature, and 1·20 Gm. of potassium chromate dissolved in a little hot water are added. The precipitate at first produced is rapidly redissolved, and in from 5 to 10 seconds crystallization begins, star-shaped groups of sulphur-yellow needles of anhydrous quinine chromate—$2(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)H_2CrO_4$—being formed. The separation of these crystals is practically complete when the liquid has cooled, but it is advisable not to collect the crystals before the day following their formation. They are washed with a small quantity of water, dried, and weighed; 766·5 parts of quinine chromate are equal to 648 parts of quinine or to 890 parts of quinine sulphate. The mother-liquors contain the cinchonidine, together with a small quantity of quinine chromate amounting to 0·05 Gm. in 100 Gm., and to this extent the yield of quinine chromate, by weighing, must be corrected. To ascertain the amount of cinchonidine present the total filtrate and washings are rendered alkaline by soda solution and evaporated to 300 Gm. The cinchonidine separates during the heating, and, after cooling, is collected on a filter, dried at 100° C., and weighed. (*Arch. de Pharm.*, 1886, p. 1022.)

* Morphine has been mixed with quinine with fatal results. If there be more morphine than will form $\frac{1}{1000}$ part of the solution, the thalleioquin test will fail to develop the green color. The morphine in these cases is to be recognized

Adulterations. Quinine sulphate has often been adulterated. The effects of adulteration may be produced by the variable quantity of water which quinine sulphate may contain, without any observable alteration in its sensible properties. MM. Millon and Commaille, having exposed quinine sulphate to a very moist atmosphere at the temperature of about 16·6° C. (62° F.), found it always to increase in weight, so that a specimen of the salt, previously deprived of all its water capable of being separated by heat, had in five days absorbed 28·77 per cent. of water, and another specimen dried after its precipitation simply by draining, and supposed to contain 18 per cent. of water, had in ten days absorbed 14 per cent. more, making its whole percentage of water 32, or about one-third of its weight. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1862, p. 379.) This is an important fact, and will explain to some extent the frequent variable effects from apparently the same quantity of the salt. It is easy to detect and to obviate this natural sophistication by exposing a suspected specimen to a heat of 100° C. (212° F.) The loss of weight will indicate the quantity of water not essential to the salt. Calcium sulphate, and other alkaline or earthy salts, gum, sugar, mannite, starch, stearin, caffeine, salicin, phlorizin, and the cinchonine sulphates, and sulphates of other cinchona alkaloids, are among the substances which are said to have been fraudulently added. By attending to the degree of solubility of the sulphate in different menstrua, and to its chemical relations with other substances already described, there can be little difficulty in detecting these adulterations. The presence of any mineral substance not readily volatilizable may be at once ascertained by exposing the salt to a red heat, which will completely dissipate the quinine sulphate, leaving the mineral behind. A volatile ammonium salt may be detected by the smell of ammonia emitted upon the addition of potassa. The absence of organic substances may be inferred if pure cold concentrated sulphuric acid forms a colorless solution. Gum and starch are left behind by alcohol, and fatty matters by water acidulated with sulphuric acid. Sugar and mannite cause a solution of the salt in acidulated water to have a sweet taste after the precipitation of the quinine by an alkaline carbonate. Salicin imparts the property of becoming red upon the contact of sulphuric acid; but, according to Pelletier, this change of color does not take place unless the proportion of salicin exceeds one-tenth. If only in this proportion, the salicin must be isolated. To 1 part of the suspected salt, 6 parts of concentrated sulphuric acid may be added, and to the brown liquid which results, 125 parts of water. The salicin is thus separated, and may be obtained by filtration, in the form of a bitter, white powder, becoming bright red with sulphuric acid. (See *A. J. P.*, xvii. 156.) Caffeine alters the solubility of the medicine in different menstrua. According to M. Calvert, a saturated solution of quinine sulphate in cold water gives with a solution of chlorinated lime a precipitate soluble in an excess of the latter; while a solution of cinchonine sulphate of the same strength, treated in the same manner, gives a precipitate which is insoluble in a great excess of the reagent. The same effect is produced with lime water, and with solution of ammonia; and solution of calcium chloride, while it furnishes a precipitate with a solution of cinchonine sulphate, yields none with a solution of quinine sulphate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ii. 394.) Though commercial quinine sulphate frequently contains a portion of one or more of the cinchona alkaloids, the salt is slightly less efficacious on that account, as these alkaloids have been shown to possess identical therapeutic properties with those of quinine, and to be little inferior in strength to them.

Medical Properties and Uses. The first symptoms of cinchonism, as produced by small therapeutic doses of quinine (ten grains) in man, are usually ringing in the ears, slight fulness in the head, and perhaps some deafness. With the use of larger doses these symptoms are intensified; the deafness is very marked, disturbed vision may exist, and the flushed face, with the sense of distention in the head, may point towards a cerebral congestion, which is in some cases relieved by spontaneous epistaxis. In decided cinchonism, giddiness and staggering in walking are very common. After toxic doses, severe headache, delirium, stupor, complete deafness and blindness, dilated pupils, embarrassment of respiration, great weakness, convulsions, paralysis, and finally collapse, may result, either comatose or delirious. The deafness produced by large doses of quinine usually passes off rapidly: very rarely is there a permanent impairment of hearing. Amaurosis, with a peculiar ischæmia of the retinal vessels, has in a small number of cases been produced by very large therapeutic doses of the alkaloid. Besides its effects on the brain, quinine sulphate sometimes occasions great gastric and intes-

by adding nitric acid or ferric chloride to the suspected powder, or, better still, iodic acid, which is decomposed by the alkaloid and forms a beautiful violet solution with chloroform. This test is said to succeed with solutions containing less than $\frac{1}{10000}$ part of morphine. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1872, p. 901.)

tinal irritation, marked by oppression of stomach, nausea, abdominal pains, vomiting, and purging. In general, these effects of excessive doses gradually pass off, although partial deafness often continues for several days, and sometimes much longer, and permanent deafness has resulted. It is capable of taking life, although enormous amounts of it are requisite for this. Several cases of recovery are recorded after the taking of an ounce by the stomach. Probably only a portion of the drug was absorbed. Five ounces taken in ten days have caused death.

Although it is not possible at present to establish the connection between the known physiological action of quinine and its clinical use, yet it seems proper to speak here briefly of our knowledge of its influence upon the healthy organism, referring the reader for details to H. C. Wood's Treatise on Therapeutics. The action of the drug upon the cerebrum is somewhat uncertain. It is probable that moderate doses stimulate the brain to some extent, especially the basal ganglia connected with the special senses, and it is very certain that toxic doses overwhelm and paralyze the gray matter of the brain. Upon the spinal cord of man therapeutic doses produce no marked effect. Two facts, first pointed out by Dr. T. A. Chaperon (*Pflüger's Archiv*, 1869, p. 295), have been so abundantly substantiated that we must accept them as established. They are—quinine in *small* doses causes in the frog a lessening of the reflex activity, which is removed by section of the medulla; quinine in *large* doses produces a permanent palsy of reflex activity. The first of these actions is considered to show that the alkaloid stimulates Setschenow's centre in the base of the brain, the second is probably due to a paralysis of the spinal cord. It has been proved by Prof. Binz and subsequent observers that when the alkaloid is added to blood outside of the body in a proportion of not less than one part to four thousand it immediately checks, and finally arrests, the amœboid movements of the white blood-corpuscles. How far this occurs when the medicine has been taken into the living organism has not been exactly determined, but we certainly are not able to appreciate any such effect in health or disease by therapeutic doses. The ozonizing power of the red corpuscles in drawn blood is lowered by the addition of quinine. Ordinary therapeutic doses exert, however, no perceptible influence. How far the marked antipyretic influence exerted by large doses of quinine is dependent upon its action upon the blood is at present purely a matter of conjecture. In 1765, Dr. Pringle called attention to the power of cinchona bark over putrefaction, and it has recently been experimentally proved by Binz, Hallier, Pavesi, and others, that one part of the alkaloid in three hundred parts of milk, albuminous solutions, meat, honey, syrup, etc., will keep in check for a long time putrefaction and other fermentations. Prof. Binz has shown that this is due to a poisonous influence upon the low forms of life which accompany or produce these changes. Introduced into the jugular vein or coronary artery, or in any way brought in direct contact with the heart, it lessens the force and frequency of the pulsations, and finally produces diastolic arrest. In man, very large doses of quinine (thirty to sixty grains) lower the force and frequency of the pulse; a pulse-rate of forty has been noted, and in reported cases of quinine-poisoning the pulse has been imperceptible at the wrist. Under the latter circumstances the pulse-rate may be increased, but the cardiac force is reduced to a minimum. The evidence is conclusive that both in man and in the lower animals quinine in sufficient amount is a powerful depressant to the heart-muscle or ganglia. An enormous amount has been written during the last ten years concerning the action of quinine upon the uterus. The result of it all seems to indicate very positively that the alkaloid has no power to originate uterine contractions in the pregnant female, but that when once parturition has commenced the flagging pains are greatly stimulated and increased by a dose of ten grains of the drug. When abortion is threatened through malarial influence, no hesitation need be felt in using the drug to avert the impending catastrophe. Any salt of quinine which escapes absorption in the stomach must be precipitated by the alkaline juices of the bowels, and be absorbed very slowly or not at all. What seems *a priori* almost inevitable has been shown to be the case by the researches of Kerner, who found the alkaloid in the fæces. The importance of giving the salt in some easily soluble form, if it is intended for all of it to be absorbed, is plain. When taken into the system, it seems to find its way into all the secretions,—it having been found in the tears, sweat, milk, urine, and saliva. Some of it is eliminated unchanged, but, according to the researches of Dr. G. Kerner, a portion of it escapes in an amorphous uncrystallizable form and a second portion as a substance free from bitter taste, though crystallizable and having the fluorescence of quinine; for this substance he has proposed the name of *dihydroxyl-quinine*. Upon the elimination both of uric acid and of urea the salts of quinine appear to have a decided influence, decreasing it very noticeably.

Quinine sulphate may be given in pill or solution, or suspended in water by the intervention of syrup and mucilage. The form of pill is usually preferred. The solution may be readily effected by the addition of a little acid of almost any kind to the water. Eight grains (0·52 Gm.) of the sulphate will dissolve in a fluidounce (30 C.c.) of water acidulated with about twelve minims (0·72 C.c.) of the diluted sulphuric acid or aromatic sulphuric acid of the Pharmacopœias. One of the best ways of exhibiting it to children is to mix the dose quickly with half a teaspoonful of aromatic elixir of liquorice (see Part II.) and administer it before it can dissolve. A few drops of laudanum may be added if nausea or disturbance of the bowels is apprehended. Mr. J. S. Blockley ascertained that glycerin will, if gently heated, dissolve eight grains of the sulphate in each fluidrachm, and may therefore be conveniently used as a vehicle. (*Lond. Chemist*, Sept. 1857.) Dr. R. H. Thomas, of Baltimore, found that one part of tannic acid will deprive five parts of quinine sulphate of bitterness, without impairing its efficacy. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xix. 541.) It is obvious that quinine tannate is thus formed; and as this, though insoluble in water, is readily dissolved in diluted acids, and consequently in the gastric liquor when acid, there can be no doubt that it will generally prove efficacious. It may, however, happen that the stomach may be quite free from acid, and that the operation of this salt may prove less certain than that of the sulphate; and such is asserted to have been the case in some instances; but a little lemonade taken after the medicine would probably obviate the difficulty.

Quinine is used in practical medicine as a tonic, antiperiodic, antipyretic, and a uterine stimulant. It is certainly the most efficient remedy known in *malarial diseases*, in which it in all probability acts by poisoning the organisms first detected in the blood of persons suffering from malarial disease by Laveran, and now generally believed to be the cause of the symptoms. It should be administered in such a way that the last dose shall be ingested about two hours before the expected return of the paroxysm, and the first dose four or five hours previous to the last. When there is sufficient time, its influence is almost always very sensibly aided by the exhibition, twelve or more hours before, of a mercurial or other purge. Quinine exerts in *febrile disease* a decided antipyretic action, which is especially manifested during those stages of disease in which the natural tendency is towards a lowering of temperature. In *typhus* and *typhoid fever*, *scarlatina*, *severe erysipelas*, *rheumatic hyperexia*, etc., after the use of the cold bath, twenty grains of the alkaloid are often very efficacious in preventing a rapid return of the excessive fever.

Twelve grains of quinine sulphate are equivalent to about an ounce of good bark. The dose varies exceedingly, according to the circumstances of the patient and the object to be accomplished. As a tonic simply, a grain (0·065 Gm.) may be given three or four times a day, or more frequently in acute cases. In *intermittents*, from twelve to twenty-four grains (0·80–1·5 Gm.) should be given between the paroxysms, divided into smaller or larger doses according to the condition of the stomach or the length of the intermission. From one to four grains (0·065–0·26 Gm.) may be given at once, and some even advise the whole amount. In *malignant intermittents* and *remittents*, the quantity may be increased to thirty grains (1·95 Gm.) or even ninety (6 Gm.) between the paroxysms. When the stomach will not retain the medicine, it may be administered with nearly as much efficacy by enema,—from six to twelve grains (0·4–0·8 Gm.) with two fluidounces (60 C.c.) of acidulated starch water, and from twenty to forty drops (0·6–1·12 C.c.) of laudanum, being injected into the rectum, in ordinary cases, every six hours. Should circumstances render this mode of application impracticable, the hypodermic syringe should be resorted to. If the ordinary sulphate be used, the solution for hypodermic use should be made with tartaric acid, grain for grain, and should always be carefully filtered. The sulphovinate has been especially recommended, but is of doubtful advantage. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1875, p. 909.) The official hydrobromate and bisulphate are to be preferred. Administered in this way, quinine acts with great promptness; but no precaution will always prevent the production of severe local abscesses and ulcerations by the hypodermic use of quinine, and even fatal tetanus has been induced, so that the method should be employed only in emergencies.

Locally applied to the mucous membranes, quinine is stimulant or irritant, according to its concentration. In *meningitis*, *gastritis*, *enteritis*, *cystitis*, or in *inflammation of the middle ear*, its evil effects may be very pronounced. In *whooping-cough* the use of quinine by atomization has been warmly recommended. In *hay fever* a warm solution, as nearly neutral as possible, and of the strength of two grains to the fluidounce (0·13 Gm. to 30 C.c.), may be used with the Thudichum douche.

QUININÆ VALERIANAS. U. S. Quinine Valerianate.

(QUĮ-NĪ′NÆ VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā′NĂS.)

$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2C_5H_{10}O_2.H_2O$; 443·07. $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2C_5H_{10}O_2.H_2O$; 444.

"Quinine Valerianate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a dark place." *U. S.*

Quiniæ Valerianas, *U. S.* 1870; Chininum Valerianicum, *P. G.;* Valérianate de Quinine, *Fr.;* Baldriansaures Chinin, *G.*

No process is given for this salt; that of the U. S. P. 1870 will be found below.*

In the process of the U. S. P. 1870 quinine is first obtained by decomposing quinine sulphate by means of ammonia, and then combined directly with valerianic acid, to form quinine valerianate, which crystallizes from the solution when it cools, because much less soluble in cold than in hot water. By the late Dublin formula, which, with the salt itself, has been omitted in the British Pharmacopœia, the valerianate was obtained by double decomposition between quinine hydrochlorate and sodium valerianate, resulting in the production of sodium chloride, which remained in solution, and quinine valerianate, which crystallized.

Quinine valerianate is in "white, or nearly white, pearly, lustrous, triclinic crystals, having a slight odor of valerianic acid, and a bitter taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 100 parts of water, and in 5 parts of alcohol; in 40 parts of boiling water, and in 1 part of boiling alcohol. When heated to about 90° C. (194° F.), the salt melts, forming a colorless liquid. At 100° C. (212° F.), it loses its water of crystallization, and also begins to lose valerianic acid. On ignition, it is slowly consumed, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral or slightly alkaline to litmus paper. The aqueous solution, when acidulated with sulphuric acid, exhibits a blue fluorescence, and emits the odor of valerianic acid. On treating 10 C.c. of an aqueous solution (about 1 in 1300) of the salt with 2 drops of bromine water, and then with an excess of ammonia water, the liquid will acquire an emerald-green color. With proper adjustment of the reagents, more dilute solutions will give a paler tint, while more concentrated ones will acquire a deeper color, or throw down a green precipitate. Ammonia water added to the aqueous solution throws down a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of ammonia water, and also in about 20 times its weight of ether. Quinine Valerianate should not impart more than a faintly yellowish tint to concentrated sulphuric acid (limit of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*). The aqueous solution of the salt should not be rendered more than slightly turbid by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*)." *U. S.*

It may be given in the dose of a grain or two (0·065–0·13 Gm.), repeated several times a day, in cases of *debility* attended with nervous disorder. A combination of Peruvian bark and valerian has long been known as peculiarly efficacious in *hemicrania*. Perhaps quinine valerianate may be used advantageously in the same affection. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 269.)

RESINÆ. Resins.

(RĒ-ŞĪ′NÆ.)

The official *Resins*, with a single exception, constitute a peculiar class of preparations, made by exhausting the substances from which they are obtained by alcohol, and then precipitating the resinous matter from the tincture by the addition of water, which abstracts the alcohol by its stronger affinity. It is obvious that the resins thus prepared are different substances from the alcoholic extracts, which contain all the ingredients of the medicine which alcohol is able to take from it. This set of substances has been much employed by the practitioners styling themselves "eclectics," but with great want of discrimination. They have applied names to these resinous precipitates which, in their proper scientific use, are employed to designate neutral proximate principles of plants, generally representing more or less completely the effects of the plants respectively on the system; as we say *columbin, quassin, santonin*, etc., themselves proper proximate principles, and representing the virtues, in part at least, of columbo, quassia, santonica, etc., from which they are obtained, and from which they derive their names. By applying similar names to their precipitated resins, such as podophyllin, iridin, cimicifugin, etc., *i.e.*, to the impure resins obtained by precipitating the tinctures of podophyllum, iris versicolor,

* "Take of Valerianic Acid *half a troyounce;* Sulphate of Quinia *two troyounces;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Water of Ammonia, Water, each *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Quinia in a pint of Water, with the aid of Diluted Sulphuric Acid; then add Water of Ammonia in slight excess, and wash the precipitated quinia with water until freed from sulphate of ammonium. Dissolve the Valerianic Acid in five pints of Water, heated to 180° F., add the quinia to the solution, and, when it is dissolved, set the whole aside for several days to crystallize. Decant the mother-water from the crystals, dry them on bibulous paper, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle. By evaporating the mother-water at a temperature not exceeding 120° F., more crystals may be obtained." *U. S.* 1870.

cimicifuga, etc., they justify the suspicion either that they ignorantly believe them to be in fact the active principles of these medicines respectively, or that, knowing better themselves, they seek to impose such a conviction upon the ignorant. The fact is that the substances thus obtained, and thus named, are impure resins, which may possibly contain more or less of the active principles mixed with them, but are not entitled to names which imply that they are distinct proximate principles themselves.

Resins are solid, brittle, of a smooth and shining fracture, and generally of a yellowish color and semi-transparent. When perfectly pure, they are probably inodorous and often insipid; but, as usually found, they have a slight odor, and a somewhat acrid or bitterish taste. Their sp. gr. varies from 0·92 to 1·2. They are fusible by a moderate heat, decomposed at a higher temperature, and in the open air take fire, burning with a yellow flame and much smoke. Insoluble in water, they are dissolved by ether and the volatile oils, and generally by alcohol; and their alcoholic and ethereal solutions afford precipitates upon the addition of water. With pure potassa and soda they unite to form soaps, which are soluble in water; and the same result takes place when they are heated with solutions of the alkaline carbonates. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves them with mutual decomposition; and nitric acid converts them into artificial tannin. They readily unite by fusion with wax and the fixed oils.*

RESINA. U. S., Br. Resin. [Colophony.]

(RĔ-SĪ'NA.)

"The residue left after distilling off the volatile oil from Turpentine." *U. S.* "The residue left after the distillation of the oil of turpentine from the crude oleoresin (turpentine) of various species of Pinus, Linn." *Br.*

Colophonium, *P. G.;* Rosin, Colophony; Colophane, Résine blanche, Résine jaune, *Fr.:* Kolophonium, Geigenharz, Fichtenharz, *G.;* Ragia di Pino, *It.;* Resina de Pino, *Sp.*

After the distillation of the volatile oil from the turpentine (see *Terebinthina*), a resinous matter remains, which on the continent of Europe is called *colophony*, but with us is commonly known by the name of *rosin*. It is the RESINA of the U. S. and British Pharmacopœias. It is sometimes called *resina flava*, or *yellow resin*. When this, in a state of fusion, is strongly agitated with water, it acquires a distinct appearance, and is denominated *resina alba*, or *white resin*. The ports from which rosin is shipped are Wilmington, N.C., Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. The exports of rosin in 1891 amounted to 1,790,251 bbls., valued at $3,467,199; and in 1892 to 1,950,214 bbls., valued at $3,418,459.

Common or *yellow resin*, in its purest state, is beautifully clear and pellucid, but much less so as usually found in commerce. Its color is yellowish brown with a tinge of olive, and more or less dark, according to its purity and the degree of heat to which it has been exposed in its preparation. Sometimes it is almost black. It is rather heavier than water. It is completely liquid at 152·5° C. (306° F.), begins to emit bubbles of gas at 157·5° C. (316° F.), and is decomposed at a red heat. "A transparent, amber-colored substance, hard, brittle, pulverizable; fracture glossy and shallow-conchoidal; odor and taste faintly terebinthinate. Specific gravity 1·070 to 1·080. Soluble in alcohol, ether, and fixed or volatile oils; also in solution of potassium or sodium hydrate." *U. S.* The composition of colophony is expressed by the formula $C_{44}H_{62}O_4$. By shaking coarsely powdered colophony with dilute alcohol and warming, it is converted into *abietic acid*, $C_{44}H_{64}O_5$, obviously a hydrate of the first. Colophony may be considered, therefore, as abietic acid anhydride, and yields from 80 to 90 per cent. of it under this treatment. Colophony, when boiled with alkaline solutions, forms greasy salts of abietic acid, the so-called resin soaps which are used in admixture with other soaps. As the acid is dibasic, these salts contain two atoms of alkali metal in combination. Colophony, distilled by itself, yields the so-called "rosin oil," of which two fractions are taken separately,—the first that distilling under 360° C. (674° F.), and the second that over 360° C. (674° F.),—and some 31 per cent. of fixed gases.† When distilled with superheated steam,

* M. Losch recommends the following process for rendering the resins as white as possible. Boil together 5 parts of the resin, 1 of carbonate of potassium or of sodium, and 20 of water, until a perfectly homogeneous mass is obtained; allow this to cool, and pass into it sulphurous acid, which saturates the alkali, and precipitates the resin in white flakes. Finally, wash the precipitate well with water, and dry it. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1856, p. 465.)

† The lighter fraction is known commercially as *rosin essence*, and is, according to Renard (*Jour. Chem. Soc.*, Aug. 1884, p. 843), composed of hydrocarbons, representing almost all series, from the paraffin series to the terpenes, including pentane and hexane, amylene and hexylene, toluene, xylene, and cumene, the tetra- and hexa-hydrides of all three of these, terebenthene and cymene. Several aldehydes and acids of the fatty series, such as isobutyric and valeric, were also recognized. The heavier fraction, or rosin oil in the stricter sense of the word, is composed of polymers of the hydrocarbons C_nH_{2n-2}, which readily resinify by the absorption of oxygen. This accounts for the use of rosin oil as an adulterant of linseed oil in the manufacture of printers' ink.

colophony yields benzene and toluene. *Sylvic acid*, formerly considered to be a constituent of colophony, is now regarded as a decomposition product of abietic acid. Similarly *pinic* and *pimaric acids*, announced as found in colophony, are impure products, although the latter acid, or one of the same name, is found in galipot resin. Propionic acid has, according to M. Renard, been obtained in abundance from the tar produced by the destructive distillation of rosin. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 939.)

White resin differs from the preceding only in being opaque and of a whitish color. These properties it owes to the water with which it is incorporated, and which gradually escapes upon exposure, leaving it more or less transparent. A new and very interesting class of derivatives from colophony or rosin has been prepared by Dr. Eugen Schaal, of Feuerbach, Germany, and introduced into commerce under the name of *ester gums*. These are the *glyceryl*, *methyl*, and *ethyl esters of abietic acid*, made by heating the resin acid and the alcohol under pressure until saponification takes place. The product is then distilled off under reduced pressure. These "ester gums" are now being used to advantage as substitutes for copal, damar, and kauri gums in varnish-making.

Medical Uses. Resin is important as an ingredient of ointments and plasters, but is rarely used internally. It has been given in *chronic enteritis*, five grains of the powder. According to Professor Olmsted, it has the property of preventing the oxidation of fatty substances, and thus contributes to the preservation of ointments. (*A. J. P.*, xxii. 325.)

RESINA COPAIBÆ. U. S. Resin of Copaiba.

(RĔ-ZĪ'NĂ CŌ-PĂ'Ĭ-BÆ.)

"The residue left after distilling off the volatile oil from Copaiba." *U. S.*

Schweitzer first obtained from copaiba resin *copaivic acid*, which, analyzed by H. Rose, was found to have the formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_2$. When crystallized from alcohol the acid fuses at 116°–117° C. (240·8°–242·6° F.). Another acid, *oxycopaivic*, was obtained by Von Fehling, and still a third, *metacopaivic acid*, by Strauss. The first of these has the formula $C_{20}H_{28}O_3$, and the second $C_{22}H_{34}O_4$. The properties of copaivic acid have been fully treated of under *Copaiba*, page 446, and *Massa Copaibæ*, page 855, which see. It is officially described as "a yellowish or brownish-yellow, brittle resin, having a slight odor and taste of copaiba. Soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzol, or amylic alcohol." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Bernatzik exhibited nearly four drachms of this resin in five hours, causing violent gastro-intestinal irritation, with vomiting and purging, besides renal disturbance. The resin is eliminated by the urine, and exerts some influence upon the genito-urinary mucous membrane. It is, however, inferior to either the volatile oil or the balsam. The dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.).

RESINA JALAPÆ. U.S. (Br.) Resin of Jalap.

(RĔ-ZĪ'NĂ JĂ-LĂ'PÆ.)

Jalapæ Resina, *Br.;* Résine de Jalap, *Fr.;* Jalapenharz, *G.*

"Jalap, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Moisten the powder with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until *twenty-five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 84 fluidounces, 256 minims] of tincture are obtained, or until the tincture ceases to produce more than a slight turbidity when dropped into water. Distil off the Alcohol, by means of a water-bath, until the tincture is reduced to *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains], and add the latter, with constant stirring, to *nine thousand cubic centimeters* [or 304 fluidounces, 155 minims] of Water. When the precipitate has subsided, decant the supernatant liquid, and wash the precipitate twice, by decantation, with fresh portions of Water. Place it upon a strainer, and, having pressed out the liquid, dry the Resin with a gentle heat, stirring occasionally until the moisture has evaporated." *U. S.*

"Take of Jalap, in No. 40 powder, *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency*. Digest the Jalap with sixteen fluidounces of the Spirit in a covered vessel, heating gently, for twenty-four hours; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the

tincture ceases to pass, continue the percolation with successive portions of Spirit until it ceases to dissolve anything more. Add to the tincture four fluidounces of the Water, and distil off the Spirit by a water-bath. Remove the residue while hot to an open dish, and allow it to become cold. Pour off the supernatant fluid from the resin, wash this two or three times with hot water, and dry it on a porcelain plate by the heat of a stove or water-bath." *Br.*

The two processes probably do not differ very materially in the result; though, if jalap yield anything to alcohol that is insoluble in water besides resin, it will be necessarily found in the British preparation, while that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia will consist of resin almost exclusively. The difference arises from the circumstance that in the Br. process, probably to enable the whole of the alcohol to be saved by distillation, the water for precipitation is added before the spirit is distilled off, while in the U. S. process it is not added until so much of the alcohol has been distilled as to leave only enough to hold the extracted matters in solution. It is obvious, therefore, that the resin of the former contains everything insoluble in water that the alcohol had extracted, while that of the latter contains nothing which water was unable to precipitate from the strong tincture left in the still. "Yellowish-brown, or brown masses or fragments, breaking with a resinous, glossy fracture, translucent at the edges, or a yellowish-gray or yellowish-brown powder, having a slight, peculiar odor, and a somewhat acrid taste. Permanent in the air. Its alcoholic solution has a faintly acid reaction. Soluble in alcohol in all proportions; insoluble in carbon disulphide, benzol, and fixed or volatile oils. Not more than about 10 per cent. of it is soluble in ether. On evaporating the ethereal solution, and dissolving the residue in potassium hydrate test-solution, a reddish-brown liquid is formed, from which the resin is reprecipitated by acids. If that portion of Resin of Jalap which remained undissolved by ether be dissolved in potassium hydrate test-solution, the addition of an acid does not precipitate it. Resin of Jalap should not suffer any material loss of weight when heated at 100° C. (212° F.) (absence of *water*). Water triturated with it should neither become colored, nor take up anything soluble from it (absence of *soluble impurities*). On digesting 1 Gm. of Resin of Jalap for about an hour, with frequent agitation, in a glass-stoppered vial, with 10 C.c. of ammonia water, at a temperature of about 80° C. (176° F.), it should yield a solution which does not gelatinize on cooling (absence of *common resin*)." *U. S.*

The U. S. resin, although pure enough for practical purposes, is still colored. To obtain it colorless, the powdered jalap should be mixed, before percolation, with an equal quantity of finely powdered animal charcoal, and, previously to the introduction of this mixture into the percolator, half the quantity of animal charcoal, similarly powdered, should be packed in the bottom of the instrument. The coloring matter is thus left behind; and the resulting tincture, treated as directed in the process, yields the resin as white as starch. Resin of jalap consists of two portions, one of which is hard and insoluble in ether, the other is soft and soluble in that menstruum; the former constituting about 70 per cent. It is insoluble in oil of turpentine. (*Squire.*) For its chemical properties, see *Jalapa*. It was at one time supposed that the purgative properties resided chiefly, if not exclusively, in the hard resin; but experiments by Mr. John C. Long appear to prove that the soft is equally energetic. (*A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 489.)

Guaiac, rosin, and other resinous substances are said to be sometimes fraudulently added to the resin of jalap. Guaiac may be detected by the green color it produces when a few drops of solution of sodium or calcium chloride are added to an alcoholic solution of the suspected resin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 357.) M. Blacher triturates 50 centigrammes of the pulverized suspected resin with 20 centigrammes of black cupric oxide and 20 drops of alcohol, and then with 5 drops of ammonia water; if guaiac be present in sufficient proportion, in less than a minute a beautiful apple-green color will be developed. (*Ibid.*, Juillet, 1870.) Aloes, suspected by the bitterness of the resin, was detected in a specimen by M. Daenen, of Brussels, who obtained picric acid from it by acting on it with nitric acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 375.) According to G. A. Kaiser, jalap resin may be distinguished from all other resins by being gradually dissolved by concentrated sulphuric acid, and depositing, after some hours, a brown soft viscid matter. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 1845; from *Liebig's Annalen.*) A better test is probably that proposed by A. Buchner. When pure jalap resin is dissolved in an alkaline solution, it is not precipitated by the addition of sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, having been converted, through the agency of the alkali, into an acid soluble in water. All the adulterating resins yield precipitates under the same circumstances. The resins of scammony and of fusiform jalap act in this respect like the true jalap resin, but are distinguishable by being wholly soluble in ether, while jalap resin is not. (*Neues Report. für Pharm.*, No. 1, 1854.)

It is now generally believed that the resin of jalap is its sole purgative principle, the gummy

extractive being either simply diuretic or wholly inert. To obviate the occasional harshness of the resin, it has been advised to triturate it with milk sugar, potassium sulphate, almond emulsion, or other substance calculated to separate its particles. It may be conveniently made into pill with mucilage or alcohol. (Hasselby, *P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vii. 231.) The dose is from two to five grains (0·13–0·33 Gm.).

RESINA PODOPHYLLI. U. S. (Br.) Resin of Podophyllum.

(RĔ-ṢĪ'NĄ PŎD-Ǫ-PHĬL'LĪ.)

Podophylli Resina, *Br.;* Resin of May-Apple; Résine de Podophylle, *Fr.;* Podophyllumharz, *G.*

"Podophyllum, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Moisten the powder with *four hundred and eighty cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 111 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough Alcohol to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding Alcohol, until *sixteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 54 fluidounces, 49 minims] of tincture are obtained, or until the tincture ceases to produce more than a slight turbidity when dropped into water. Distil off the Alcohol, by means of a water-bath, until the tincture is reduced to a syrupy consistence, and pour it slowly, with constant stirring, into *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 6½ fluidrachms] of Water, previously cooled to a temperature below 10° C. (50° F.), and mixed with the Hydrochloric Acid. When the precipitate has subsided, decant the supernatant liquid, and wash the precipitate twice, by decantation, with fresh portions of cold Water. Spread it, in a thin layer, upon a strainer, and dry the Resin by exposure to the air, in a cool place. Should it coalesce during the drying, or aggregate into lumps having a varnish-like surface, it should be removed, broken in pieces, and rubbed in a mortar. As this is liable to happen during warm weather, Resin of Podophyllum is preferably made during the cold season." *U. S.*

"Take of Podophyllum Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *three pints*, or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Exhaust the Podophyllum with the spirit by percolation; place the tincture in a still, and draw off the greater part of the spirit. Slowly pour the liquor which remains after the distillation of the tincture into three times its volume of the water, constantly stirring. Allow the mixture to stand for twenty-four hours to deposit the resin. Wash the resin on a filter with Distilled Water, and dry it in a stove." *Br.*

The British Pharmacopœia, at its last revision, very properly abandoned the use of hydrochloric acid, as it is not necessary if the tincture be evaporated to the consistence of *thick* honey. Hydrochloric acid seems to aid the precipitation when the tincture is not so concentrated. The color and yield of resin of podophyllum may be made to vary by adding alum, acids, or other substances to the water. It darkens if dried with the aid of heat, and its color is indeed no indication whatever of its quality. The average yield of resin is about 4 per cent.

Resin of podophyllum has usually a light-brown color, an acrid bitter taste, and a slight odor of the root. It consists of two resins, one soluble both in ether and alcohol, the other in alcohol only. The resin extracted by ether constitutes, according to Mr. John W. Cadbury, 75 per cent. of the whole (*A. J. P.*, July, 1858, p. 301), according to Mr. Harvey Allen, 80 per cent. (*Ibid.*, May, 1859, p. 206.) "An amorphous powder, varying in color from grayish-white to pale greenish-yellow or yellowish-green, turning darker when exposed to a heat over 35° C. (95° F.); having a slight, peculiar odor, and a peculiar, faintly bitter taste. Permanent in the air. Its alcoholic solution has a faintly acid reaction. Soluble in alcohol in all proportions; ether dissolves 15 to 20 per cent. of it; boiling water dissolves about 80 per cent., and deposits most of it again on cooling, the remaining, clear aqueous solution having a bitter taste, and turning brown on the addition of ferric chloride test-solution. Resin of Podophyllum is also soluble in potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, forming a deep yellow liquid, which gradually becomes darker, and from which the resin is reprecipitated by acids." *U. S.* The official resin is soluble in alkaline solutions, from which it is precipitated by acids, in this respect differing strikingly from the resins of jalap and scammony. It is insoluble in oil of turpentine. The name of *podophyllin*, given to it by the practitioners calling themselves eclectics, who have long been in the habit of using this resin, is inappropriate, and should be abandoned.

Resin of podophyllum is a powerful cathartic, occasionally producing some griping and nausea, but capable of being favorably modified by combination, and of being very usefully

employed in connection with other cathartics, to give them increased energy. It is supposed to be especially cholagogue, and this belief has been confirmed by the experiments of Rutherford. There has been much difference of opinion as to the relative activity of the two resins composing it, some maintaining that both are active, others that the activity resides mainly, if not exclusively, in the resin soluble in ether. It is difficult to resist the evidence of the experiments of Mr. Cadbury, who states in the paper above referred to that, while half a grain of the ethereal resin acted energetically, and a cathartic effect was produced by even one-fourth of a grain, the portion insoluble in that menstruum was given in the dose of one grain without any effect whatever. Moreover, this evidence was subsequently confirmed by the experiments of Prof. F. B. Power. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 227.) It is asserted by Prof. Power, and confirmed by Prof. Maisch (*Ibid.*, 226), that the purgative principle of podophyllum is soluble in hot water.* The researches of Power (*A. J. P.*, 50, p. 369), Maisch (*P. J. Tr.*, 1880, p. 621), Quereschi (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 12, p. 683), and Podwyssotzki have established the fact that podophyllum does not contain berberine or any alkaloid, and that its activity is due to principles present in the resins. (See *Podophyllum.*) Resin of podophyllum is a mixture of the active and inert principles of the root. The dose of the official resin is from one-eighth of a grain to half a grain (0·008–0·03 Gm.). A small proportion of extract of belladonna or hyoscyamus mitigates its irritant action. Care must be used in handling it in quantity, as it is a powerful irritant, frequently producing conjunctivitis.

RESINA SCAMMONII. U. S. (Br.) Resin of Scammony.

(RĔ-ZĪ'NA SCAM-MŌ'NI-Ī.)

Scammoniæ Resina, *Br.;* Resina Scammoniæ, *P. G.;* Résine de Scammonée, *Br.;* Scammoniaharz, *G.*

"Scammony, in No. 60 powder, *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Digest the Scammony with successive portions of boiling Alcohol until it is exhausted. Mix the tinctures, and reduce the mixture to a syrupy consistence by distilling off the Alcohol. Then add the residue in a thin stream, with active stirring, to *twenty-five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 84 fluidounces, 256 minims] of Water, separate the precipitate formed, wash it thoroughly with Water, and dry it with a gentle heat." *U. S.*

"Take of Scammony Root, in coarse powder, *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency.* Digest the Scammony Root with sixteen fluidounces of the Spirit in a covered vessel, moderately heated, for twenty-four hours; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the tincture ceases to pass, add more Spirit and let it percolate slowly until the root is exhausted. Add to the tincture four fluidounces of the Water, and distil off the Spirit by a water-bath. Remove the residue while hot to an open dish, and allow it to become cold. Pour off the supernatant fluid from the resin, wash this several times with hot water, and dry it on a porcelain plate with the heat of a stove or water-bath. It may also be prepared in a similar way from Scammony." *Br.*

The U. S. and British resins, though the former is procured from the gum-resin and the latter from the root of the plant, are nearly identical in their effects. Indeed, the elaborate researches of Professor H. Spirgatis (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 421) appear to have established the identity of the two products. Mr. A. Hess, however (*Ibid.*, 1875, p. 210), states that the resin obtained from the root contains tannic acid. The advantage of the preparation is that the resin is obtained free from the inert matters with which it is often associated in the scammony of commerce. When pure virgin scammony can be procured, any preparation is unnecessary. Obtained according to the U. S. process, the resin is of a dirty greenish-brown color, with a feeble odor and taste of scammony, and is very soluble in ether, alcohol, and boiling proof spirit. When purified with animal charcoal it has a pale brownish-yellow color, and is without odor or taste, but retains its purgative property. "Yellowish-brown or brownish-yellow masses or fragments, breaking with a glossy, resinous fracture, translucent at the edges; or a yellowish-white or grayish-white powder, having a faint, peculiar odor, and a slight, peculiar taste. Soluble in alcohol in all proportions; also wholly soluble in ether and in oil of turpentine. Ammonia water and solutions of alkalies dissolve it with the aid of a gentle heat; from these solutions the resin is not reprecipitated by acids." *U. S.* The Br. resin is in brownish translucent pieces, with a resinous fracture, and of a sweetish, fragrant odor derived from the root, and wholly

* Under the name of *Podophyllin purissimum* the German chemists have put upon the market that portion of the resin of podophyllum which is soluble in ether. It should be of a pure yellow color, and should not be precipitated from its 50-per-cent. alcoholic solution by the addition of 10 parts of ether.

different from that of scammony. It cannot, alone, form an emulsion with water. Its tincture does not render the freshly-cut surface of a potato blue.

The resin of scammony is liable to adulteration. Jalap resin may be detected by its partial insolubility in rectified ether, which dissolves that of scammony in all proportions. Sulphuric acid is the best test of common rosin or colophony, producing instantaneously with this substance an intense red color, while in the resin of scammony it causes no immediate change. For the tests of guaiac, the reader is referred to that article, on page 670. (See also *A. J. P.*, xxiv. 158.) In regard to this sophistication, the Br. Pharmacopœia directs that the tincture shall not render the freshly-cut surface of a potato blue. The presence of other resins may be known by yielding precipitates when sulphuric acid is added to their alkaline solution, the resin of scammony agreeing with that of jalap in not affording a precipitate under such circumstances. Mr. Chas. Bullock has found this resin, as well as that of jalap and of podophyllum, to be insoluble in benzol, thus enabling any resin soluble in this liquid, which may be employed in their sophistication, to be readily detected. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 114.) When rubbed with unskimmed milk, the resin of scammony forms a uniform emulsion, undistinguishable from rich milk itself. This is an excellent mode of administration. The resin should always be given either rubbed up with some mild powder or in emulsion. The dose is from four to eight grains (0·26–0·52 Gm.).

RESORCINUM. U. S. Resorcin. [Resorcinol. Metadioxybenzol.]

$C_6H_4(OH)_2$; 109·74. (RĘ-SŎR-CĪ'NŬM.)

"A diatomic phenol. Resorcin should be kept in dark amber-colored vials." *U. S.*

Resorcin—or resorcinol, as it is sometimes written to indicate its phenol character—is *metadioxybenzene*, while pyrocatechin is the *ortho* compound and hydroquinone the *para* compound. Hlasiwetz and Barth first obtained this organic body in 1864 by fusing galbanum resin with potassa; it was subsequently obtained from *sagapenum*, *asafetida*, *ammoniac*, and *gum acroides*. According to Kopp, it is most easily and cheaply prepared by the destructive distillation of *brazilin*, or from the wash or mother-waters obtained in its manufacture from Brazil-wood. It is now generally prepared by fusing sodium benzene disulphonate with caustic soda. *Resorcin* is a diatomic phenol, isomeric with *pyrocatechin* and *hydroquinone*. It crystallizes in prismatic crystals of the rhombic system, melting at 104° C. (219·2° F.), distilling at 267° C. (512·6° F.), easily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, insoluble in chloroform and carbon disulphide. A small quantity treated with fuming sulphuric acid is dissolved, with the production of, first, an orange-yellow, then a greenish-blue, and finally a pure blue color. Bromine water precipitates its aqueous solution, *tribromresorcin* separating in minute crystals. Several of the compounds of resorcin with phthalic anhydride have assumed great technical importance as dye-colors under the names of *fluorescein*, *eosin*, and *uranine*. Its trinitro derivative is *styphnic acid*, $C_6H(OH)_2(NO_2)_3$, which is also formed from many of the gum-resins by the action of nitric acid.*

"Colorless or faintly reddish, needle-shaped crystals or rhombic plates, having a faint, peculiar odor, and a disagreeable, sweetish and afterwards pungent taste. Resorcin acquires a reddish or brownish tint by exposure to light and air. Soluble at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·6 part of water, and in 0·5 part of alcohol; very soluble in boiling water, or in boiling alcohol; also readily soluble in ether or glycerin; very slightly soluble in chloroform. When heated to a temperature between 110° and 119° C. (230° and 246·2° F.), Resorcin melts, the higher melting point indicating a greater degree of purity. At a higher heat it is completely volatilized. The aqueous solution is neutral or only faintly acid to litmus paper. On adding a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution to 10 C.c. of a dilute aqueous solution (1 in 200) of Resorcin, the liquid assumes a bluish-violet color. If 0·1 Gm. of Resorcin be dissolved in 1 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution and a drop of chloroform added, the mixture, upon being heated, will assume an intense, crimson color. If a slight excess of hydrochloric acid be then added, the color will change to a pale straw-yellow. On cautiously heating 0·05 Gm. of Resorcin with 0·1 Gm. of tartaric acid and 10 drops of concentrated sulphuric acid, a thick, carmine-red liquid will be formed, becoming pale yellow when diluted with water. A concentrated aqueous

* Resorcin combines with various principles. In this way arise *eucalyptoresorcin*, *caffeoresorcin*, etc. (see *P. J. Tr.*, xxi. p. 977); also a brown powder said to be composed of resorcin and iodoform which has been commended by Bielajew (*Sem. Méd.*, 1892) as a stimulant application to foul *ulcers*, in *eczema*, etc. It is very irritant, and usually requires dilution (from 6 to 25 per cent.).

solution (1 in 2) of Resorcin should be colorless (absence of *empyreumatic bodies*), and when gently heated should not emit the odor of *phenol*." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Resorcin appears in its physiological properties to be allied to carbolic acid. It is distinctly poisonous to the lower organisms, and, according to Martin Cohn (*Inaug. Diss.*, Berlin, 1882) and Dr. Andeer (*Ueber das Resorcin*, Würzburg, 1880; also *Centralbl. für Med. Wissen.*, 1881), a one-per-cent. solution of it is sufficient to arrest for a long time putrefactive changes in the urine, organic infusions, and even animal tissues. Platt, however, states (*Amer. Journ. of the Med. Sci.*, vol. i., 1883) that it is distinctly inferior to carbolic acid as an antiseptic. When given to the lower animals (Dujardin-Beaumetz, *Bull. Thérap.*, ci. 113) it causes tremors, loss of consciousness, and epileptiform convulsions, which, when the dose has been sufficiently large, become more and more violent and associated with marked disturbance of respiration; this function is finally arrested, and death ensues. During the spasms the temperature of the animal is distinctly elevated, but when there is quiet narcosis it may fall much below the norm. The urine becomes olive green deepening into blackish. So far as we know, no case of fatal poisoning in man has been recorded. The largest therapeutic doses produced flushing of the face, with giddiness and buzzing in the ears and some quickening of the breathing and pulse, followed after a time by violent perspiration. Sixty grains caused in man giddiness, violent perspiration with marked anxiety, ending in collapse and unconsciousness. Andeer took about one hundred and fifty grains of resorcin dissolved in a pint of water during fifteen minutes. After disturbance of cerebration and of the special senses, he fell into a condition of collapse, with cold extremities, epileptiform convulsions, opisthotonos, loss of consciousness, and marked irregularity of the respiration. Consciousness did not return for five hours. Dr. Murrell records (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, vol. ii., 1881) a case in which a woman took one hundred and twenty grains of resorcin and immediately felt giddy, had sensation of pins and needles all over her, and a few minutes later became insensible, with closed eyes, clinched hands, groaning, with pallid, blanched lips, dry tongue, normal pupils, insensible conjunctiva, and a temperature of 94° F.; the patellar reflex was entirely gone; the pulse was weak and thready.

The chief action of resorcin is upon the nerve-centres, although, like carbolic acid, it probably affects all highly-organized tissues. The experiments of Dr. Beyer (*Amer. Journ. Med. Sci.*, April, 1886) show that it has a direct action upon the heart. Moderate doses paralyze the sinus and auricles, and very large doses cause immediate diastolic arrest of the whole heart.

As an antipyretic, resorcin has been used by Lichtheim (*Correspondenzbl. f. Schweizer Aerzte*, July, 1880), Murrell, and other clinicians. It is probably capable of acting effectively, but it is inferior to and more dangerous than some of the other antipyretics, and is now employed solely as a topical remedy in diseases of the skin and of the mucous membrane. Dr. Andeer originally recommended it as an antiseptic stimulant application in uterine and vaginal disease, stating that it must be used in the form of an ointment spread upon a tampon, as the injection of a two-per-cent. solution is prone to produce severe uterine contractions. It has been strongly recommended by Hoefer, Lichtheim, Janicke, Fliesburg (see *Therap. Gaz.*, vols. ii. and iii.), and other physicians in the treatment of various gastro-intestinal affections, in which it is believed to do good partly by checking fermentative changes in the contents of the alimentary canal, and partly by a specific action upon the mucous membrane: in this manner it has been employed in *gastric ulcer*, *vomiting*, and *cholera infantum* and other *diarrhœas*. It has been used with alleged good results in inflammations of the upper respiratory passages. Thus, Fliesburg states that in *hay fever* a spray of from thirty to fifty per cent. of resorcin, given two or three times a day, is of the greatest service, and that it is possible to arrest *whooping-cough* by the frequent employment of the spray of from five- to twenty-per-cent. solution. The solution of from one to five per cent. has been employed with alleged excellent results as a local application in *chronic otitis*, *gonorrhœa* and *leucorrhœa*, etc. In *cystitis* the remedy may be administered by the mouth, or applied in weak solution by injection. It is said to be an active parisiticide, and to be valuable in the treatment of the various skin diseases dependent upon the presence of an animalcule or a fungous growth. Too irritating for acute inflammations of the skin, it is alleged to exert a powerful effect on recent cell-infiltrations, and is certainly valuable in chronic *eczema* where there is much thickening from exudation. It may also be used in *psoriasis*. According to Andeer, resorcin in powder in saturated solution is a feeble caustic, useful in the treatment of *chancres* and of *papilloma*, and even in *diphtheria*. Murrell affirms that he has often given forty grains of resorcin at a dose every four hours without the production of any unpleasant symptoms; but this is probably because he had an impure article. Of pure resorcin the dose

may be set down as from two to five grains (0·13–0·32 Gm.). For use upon the mucous membrane the strength of the solution may vary from one to twenty per cent. Upon the skin the solution or ointment may vary from five to thirty per cent.

RHAMNUS PURSHIANA. U. S. (Br.) Cascara Sagrada.

(RHĂM'NŬS PŬR-SHI-Ā'NA.)

"The bark of Rhamnus Purshiana, De Candolle (nat. ord. Rhamnaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried bark of Rhamnus Purshianus, D. C." *Br.*

Rhamni Purshiani Cortex, *Br.;* Sacred Bark; Cascara Sagrada; Chittem Bark.

For generic characters, see *Frangula.*

A number of species of Rhamnus have been described as growing in California, but according to the best authority there are only four species,—*R. alnifolia*, *R. crocea*, *R. purshiana*, and *R. californica*. Of these species, *R. alnifolia* is too rare in the Cascara district to be important; whilst the spinescent twigs, the very thick oval or roundish leaves, and the small roundish red fruit of *R. crocea* make it so distinct that it cannot be confounded with the Cascara, whose bark, moreover, its bark does not resemble. On the other hand, *R. californica* appears to be very commonly confounded with the official species by collectors, and to have yielded much of the cascara sagrada bark of commerce. *R. californica* is rare in Northern California, but abundant in the countries lying south and southeasterly; whilst *R. purshiana* is abundant in Northern California, but scarce in the south, so that any bark collected in Northern California is probably genuine. *R. californica* is chiefly distinguished from the official species by its leaves being thin, and when not smooth having a short close pubescence, and the primary veins of the under surface not nearly so numerous, straight, or fine as those of *R. purshiana*. Prof. Rusby thinks that its leaves are especially distinguished by the channel of the midrib of *R. californica* being altogether absent, or shallow, or inconspicuous. Nevertheless the species so run into one another that competent botanists believe them identical.

It does not seem possible to distinguish with certainty between the barks of the two species by their macroscopic appearance. The bark of *R. purshiana* is usually more red than is that of *R. californica*, but it may be of a distinctly gray color. The microscopic structure of the two barks is, however, different. The medullary rays in *R. purshiana* are numerous, thin, for a long distance nearly parallel and straight, run nearly three-quarters of the distance through the bark, and are commonly composed of two rows of cells. In *R. californica* the medullary rays are much broader, much shorter, and are composed usually of three or more rows of cells; further, they are crooked and not parallel throughout their course. Again, the zone of resin-spaces is much broader in *R. californica*, and the spaces themselves much larger and more numerous, than in the official species. For further details and elaboration, see paper by Prof. H. H. Rusby, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1890. The bark of *R. crocea*, the so-called *Californian mountain holly*, occurs in slightly curved pieces, externally of a dark-brown color, internally of a characteristic red delicately streaked with numerous white veins. The odor is somewhat aromatic, the taste warming and not unpleasantly bitter. It is affirmed to be a tonic and mild laxative. The dose of the fluid extract, made according to the ordinary formula, is from one to three fluidrachms.

The *Rhamnus californica*, or *Californian buckthorn* or *California coffee-tree*, yields a bark which is of a dark-brown color externally and bright yellow internally, having an intensely bitter taste, with a persistent nauseous after-taste, and very little odor. It is said to be much more distinctly purgative than that of *R. crocea*. The dose of the fluid extract is set down as from one-half to one fluidrachm.

The *Rhamnus purshiana* is a small tree, attaining at most a height of twenty feet. Its leaves are rather thin, elliptic, mostly briefly acutely pointed, finely serrated, at the base obtuse, somewhat pubescent beneath, from two to seven inches long, and from one to three wide. The rather large flowers are in somewhat umbellate cymes; the sepals five; the minute cucullate petals bifid at the apex. The fruit is black, broadly obovoid, four lines long, three-lobed, and three-seeded. The seeds are convex on the back, with a lateral raphé. It is found in California, extending northward to the British territories.

Properties. Cascara sagrada occurs in commerce in the form of small broken pieces, often more or less flattened out into a somewhat compressed mass, and also as separated quills of varying length and size. The bark is "in quills or curved pieces, about 3 to 10 Cm. long, and about 2 Mm. thick; outer surface brownish-gray and whitish; the young bark having numerous, rather broad, pale-colored warts; inner surface yellowish to light brownish, becoming dark

brown by age; smooth or finely striate; fracture short, yellowish, in the inner layer of thick bark somewhat fibrous; inodorous; taste bitter." * *U. S.* The freshly fractured surface is colored red by potash. According to the analysis of Prof. A. B. Prescott (*New Preparations*, Feb. 1879), it contains a very bitter brown resin (which is colored a vivid purple-red with caustic potash); a red resin; a light yellow resin; tannic, malic, and oxalic acids; a neutral crystallizable substance; and a volatile oil.† Limousin believes that this bark contains *chrysophanic acid* and derivatives of this compound, which cause the red color on the addition of alkalies to the resin and induce the change of the yellowish color of the bark in an ammoniacal atmosphere. H. F. Meier and J. Le Roy Webber have pointed out in addition the presence of a ferment, glucose, and ammonia. According to these investigators, to the action of the ferment are attributed the unpleasant results attending the administration of "fresh bark," and "seasoned bark"—*i.e.*, such as has been kept a year or two—owes its valuable properties as a laxative, *free from griping*, to the fact that the ferment has exhausted itself: the laxative properties, they state, reside in the resins, and the tonic effects are due to the crystalline bitter principle. (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 91.) Parke, Davis & Co., the introducers of this remedy, inform us that they always keep the bark two years before using it.

Medical Properties. Cascara sagrada is an excellent laxative for use in *habitual constipation*. It is not to be employed as a purgative when a powerful impression is desired to be made. Its action closely resembles that of *Rhamnus frangula*, but it is probably more powerful and certain in its influence. In many cases of habitual constipation the continued use of the bark seems to produce a permanent influence upon the intestinal tract, so that the glandular and peristaltic actions become of themselves sufficiently active. The best results are sometimes achieved by giving a single dose at bedtime, but some cases in which this method does not work well are much benefited by giving a smaller quantity after meals. The dose of the fluid extract may be set down at from ten to thirty drops. The solid extract is recommended in doses of from two to eight grains, very advantageously combined with strychnine or belladonna.

RHEUM. U. S. (Br.) Rhubarb.

(RHĒ'ŭM.)

"The root of Rheum officinale, Baillon (nat. ord. Polygonaceæ)." *U. S.* "The root more or less deprived of the bark, sliced and dried, of Rheum palmatum, Linn., Rheum officinale, Baillon, and probably other species, collected and prepared in China and Thibet." *Br.*

Rhei Radix, *Br.;* Rhubarb Root; Rhabarbarum; Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* Rhabarber, *G.;* Rabarbaro, *It.;* Ruibarbo, *Sp.;* Hainoung, *Chin.;* Schara-modo, *Thibet.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx petaloid, six-parted, withering. *Stamens* about nine, inserted into the base of the calyx. *Styles* three, reflexed. *Stigmas* peltate, entire. *Achenium* three-cornered, winged, with the withered calyx at the base. *Embryo* in the centre of the albumen. *Lindley.*

Notwithstanding the length of time that rhubarb has been in use, it has not yet been determined from what precise plant the Asiatic drug is derived; the remoteness of the region where it is collected, and the jealous care with which the monopoly of the trade is guarded, having prevented accurate information.‡

The terms *rha* and *rheon*, from the former of which were derived the names *rhabarbarum* and *rhubarb*, and from the latter the botanical title *Rheum*, were applied by the ancients to a root which came from beyond the Bosporus, and which is supposed, though upon somewhat uncertain grounds, to have been the product of the *Rheum rhaponticum*, growing on the banks of the Caspian Sea and the Volga. This species was also at one time believed to be the source of

* The following elaborate microscopic description of cascara sagrada is abbreviated from that of Dr. I. Moeller. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1882.) The corky layer is about 0·045 mm. thick, and consists of 8 or 12 rows, somewhat flattened, rather thick-walled, but not sclerotic cells. The parenchyma of the primary bark contains numerous groups of crystals, and scattered groups of roundish stone cells, with very thick walls, and accompanied by single rhombohedric crystals; it is free from secondary cork. The inner bark consists of medullary rays composed of two or three rows of thin-walled, somewhat radially elongated cells, and of broader bast-rays in which the parenchyma cells are coarsely dotted upon the radial and horizontal walls, and loosely united in a tangential direction; the bast-fibres form alternate groups of two or three rows, extending into few bast-rays, and are surrounded by crystal cells. The medullary parenchyma contains a crummy, lemon-yellow substance, which dissolves in water with a yellow color, and in cold potassa solution with a dingy red color.

† The bark of *R. wightii*, which is sold in the Indian bazaars, has been chemically investigated by Mr. David Hooper and found to contain substances similar to those contained in *R. purshianus*. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 18, 1888.)

‡ Rhubarb is prone to be attacked during storage by the caterpillar of a small grayish-white moth, whose species does not seem to have been determined. According to the experiments of Sawer and Ferguson, rhubarb which has been attacked is best treated on a large scale by a combination of heat and exposure to the vapor of sulphur. Insect-powder had no effect upon the worms. (For details of method, see *P. J. Tr.*, xx., 1889.

the medicine now in use; but the true rhubarb has long been known to be wholly distinct from the Rhapontic, and derived from a different source. It was not till the year 1732 that any probable information was obtained as to its real origin. At that time plants were received from Russia by Jussieu in France, and Rand in England, which were said to be of the species affording the genuine rhubarb, and were named by Linnæus, under this impression, *Rheum rhabarbarum*, a title which has since given way to *Rheum undulatum*. Subsequently, Kaau-Boerhaave obtained from a merchant, who dealt in the rhubarb of Tartary, some seeds which he said were those of the plant producing the root sold by him. These, having been planted, yielded two species of Rheum, *R. undulatum*, and another which Linnæus named *R. palmatum*. Seeds transmitted by Dr. Mounsey from St. Petersburg to Dr. Hope, and planted in the botanic garden at Edinburgh, produced the latter species; and the same was also raised at Upsal from a root received by Linnæus from De Gorter, and was described in 1767 by the younger Linnæus, two years after the appearance of Dr. Hope's paper in the Philosophical Transactions. Thus far the evidence appears equally in favor of *R. palmatum* and *R. undulatum*. Colonel Przewalski has recently reasserted from personal observation that *R. palmatum* produces rhubarb; but the specimens of the root which he brought to St. Petersburg are stated by Prof. Dragendorff to be essentially different from true rhubarb. Claims have also been made from time to time for various other species of Rheum as sources of the drug. Pallas, upon exhibiting the leaves of *R. palmatum* to some Bucharian merchants, was told that the leaves of the rhubarb plant were entirely different in shape; and the description he received of them corresponded more closely with those of *R. compactum* than of any other known species. Seeds of this plant were, moreover, sent to Miller from St. Petersburg as those of the true Tartarian rhubarb. Dr. Wallich, superintendent of the botanical garden at Calcutta, received seeds that were said to be those of the plant which yielded the Chinese rhubarb, growing on the Himalaya Mountains and the highlands of Tartary. These produced a species not previously described, which Dr. Wallich named *R. emodi*, from the native title of the plant. It is the *R. australe* of Mr. Don and of Colebrooke, and has been ascertained to afford a root which, though purgative, is very unlike the official rhubarb. In 1867, French missionaries in Southeastern Thibet forwarded to Dr. Soubeiran, of Paris, live specimens of a plant which they asserted to yield the true rhubarb; and Baillon subsequently described the flowering plant under the name of *R. officinale*. Its root resembles the true rhubarb, but the most careful cultivation has failed to obtain an identical product,* and it cannot yet be considered as settled how far the commercial drug is obtained from it.

All the plants of this genus are perennial and herbaceous, with large branching roots, which send forth vigorous stems from four to eight feet or more in height, surrounded at their base with numerous very large petiolate leaves, and terminating in lengthened branching panicles, composed of small and very numerous flowers, resembling those of the Rumex or dock. There is some difficulty in arranging the species, in consequence of the tendency of the cultivated plants to form hybrids; and it is frequently impossible to ascertain to which of the wild types the several garden varieties are to be referred. Lindley states that *R. rhaponticum*, *R. hybridum*, and *R. compactum*, and their hybrids, are the common garden rhubarbs.†

* Senier found that, as raised in England, the root of *R. officinale* yielded less than half the percentage of extract obtained from the East Indian drug. In ten-grain doses the extract was decidedly cathartic.

† The following descriptions are from the *Flora Medica* of Dr. Lindley:

Rheum palmatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 489; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 358; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 22, pl. 69; *B. & T.* 214. "Leaves roundish-cordate, half palmate; the lobes pinnatifid, acuminate, deep dull green, not wavy, but uneven and very much wrinkled on the upper side, hardly scabrous at the edge, minutely downy on the under side; sinus completely closed; the lobes of the leaf standing forward beyond it. Petiole pale green, marked with short purple lines, terete, obscurely channelled quite at the upper end. Flowering stems taller than those of any other species."

R. undulatum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 489; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 357; Woodv. *Med. Bot.*, 3d ed., v. 81. "Leaves oval, obtuse, extremely wavy, deep green, with veins purple at the base, often shorter than the petiole, distinctly and copiously downy on each side, looking as if frosted when young, scabrous at the edge; sinus open, wedge-shape, with the lower lobes of the leaves turned upwards. Petiole downy, blood-red, semi-cylindrical, with elevated edges to the upper side, which is narrower at the upper than the lower end." This is a native of Siberia, and probably of Tartary and China. It was cultivated by the Russian government as the true rhubarb plant; but the culture has been abandoned. It contributes to the rhubarb produced in France.

R. compactum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 489; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 358; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 24, pl. 71. "Leaves heart-shaped, obtuse, very wavy, deep green, of a thick texture, scabrous at the margin, quite smooth on both sides, glossy and even on the upper side; sinus nearly closed by the parenchyma. Petiole green, hardly tinged with red except at the base, semi-cylindrical, a little compressed at the sides, with the upper side broad, flat, bordered by elevated edges, and of equal breadth at each end." This plant is said to be a native of Tartary and China. It is one of the garden rhubarbs, and has been cultivated in France for its root.

R. australe. Don. *Prod. Flor. Nepal.* p. 75.—*R. emodi*. Wallich; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 354; Carson, *Illust. of*

R. officinale. Baillon—*B. & T.* 213—is described in the *Pharmacographia* "as a perennial, noble plant, resembling the common garden rhubarb, but of larger size. It differs from the latter in several particulars: the leaves spring from a distinct crown rising some inches above the surface of the ground; they have a subcylindrical petiole, which, as well as the veins of the under side of the lamina, is covered with a pubescence of short erect hairs. The lamina, the outline of which is orbicular, cordate at base, is shortly 5- to 7-lobed, with the lobes coarsely and irregularly dentate; it attains 4 to 4½ feet in length, and rather more in breadth. The first leaves in spring display before expanding the peculiar metallic red hue of copper."

Besides the species already mentioned, *R. leucorrhizum*, growing in the Kirgheez desert in Tartary, *R. capsicum*, from the Altai Mountains, *R. webbianum*, *R. speciforme*, and *R. moorcraftianum*, natives of the Himalaya Mountains, and *R. crassinervium* and *R. hybridum*, cultivated in Europe, but of unknown origin, yield roots which have either been employed as purgatives or possess properties more or less analogous to those of official rhubarb, though they have not entered into general commerce. In Java, the root of an indigenous species is used as a purgative. According to the analysis of J. H. Schmidt, it contains more chrysophan and emodin, and less chrysophanic and rheotannic acids, than does the official drug.*

Rhubarb is produced abundantly in the elevated lands of Tartary, about the lake Koko Nor, and is said to be cultivated in the neighboring Chinese province of Shen-see, and in that of Se-chuen. From these sources it is generally supposed that our supplies of Russian and Chinese rhubarb are exclusively derived; but the root is also collected in Bootan and Thibet, on the north of the Himalaya Mountains; and it is probable that the plant pervades the whole of Chinese Tartary. It flourishes best in a light sandy soil. It is stated by Mr. Bell, who, on a journey from St. Petersburg to Pekin, had an opportunity of observing it in a growing state, that it is not cultivated by the Tartars, but springs up spontaneously, in tufts, wherever the seeds have fallen upon the heaps of loose earth thrown up by the marmots. In other places the thickness of the grass prevents their access to the soil. The root is not considered sufficiently mature for collection till it has attained the age of six years. It is dug up twice a year in Tartary, in the spring and autumn; in China not till the winter. After removal from the ground, it is cleaned, deprived of its cortical portion and the smaller branches, and then divided into pieces of a convenient size. These are bored with holes, and strung upon cords to dry: according to Mr. Bell, about the tents and on the horns of sheep; according to Sievers, under sheds, by which the rays of the sun are excluded, while the air has free access. The Chinese are said first to place the pieces on a stone slab heated by fire beneath, and afterwards to complete the drying process by exposing them to the sun and air. In Bootan the roots are hung up in a kind of drying-room, in which a moderate and regular heat is maintained. Much time and attention are devoted to the preparation of the root; and Sievers states that a year sometimes elapses from the period of its collection before it is ready for exportation. A large proportion of its weight is lost in drying, according to some accounts four-fifths, according to others not less than seven-eighths. It is probably in order to favor the drying that the bark is removed. The trade in rhubarb is said to have formerly centred in the Chinese town of Si-nin, where a Bucharian company or family was established which possessed a monopoly of this trade in consideration of a tribute paid to the government. At present rhubarb is chiefly purchased for the European trade at the town of Hankow, on the upper Yang-tse, the yearly export reaching, it

Med. Bot. ii. 24, pl. 70. "Leaves cornate, acute, dull green, but little wavy, flattish, very much wrinkled, distinctly rough, with coarse short hairs on each side; sinus of the base distinctly open, not wedge-shaped but diverging at an obtuse angle, with the lobes nearly turned upwards. Petioles very rough, rounded-angular, furrowed; with the upper side depressed, bordered by an elevated edge, and very much narrower at the upper than the lower end." The root of this species was at one time conjectured to be the source of official Asiatic rhubarb, but has been found to have scarcely any resemblance to it. The plant has been cultivated both in Europe and in this country, and its petioles answer well for tarts, etc.

R. rhaponticum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 488; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 357; Loudon's *Encyc. of Plants*, p. 335. "Leaves roundish-ovate, cordate, obtuse, pale green, but little wavy, very concave, even, very slightly downy on the under side, especially near the edge, and on the edge itself; scabrous at the margin; sinus quite open, large, and cuneate. Petiole depressed, channelled on the upper side, with the edges regularly rounded off, pale green, striated, scarcely scabrous. Panicles very compact and short, always rounded at the ends, and never lax as in the other garden species. Flowering stem about three feet high." The Rhapontic rhubarb grows upon the banks of the Caspian Sea, in the deserts between the Volga and the Ural, and in Siberia. It is said also to grow upon the borders of the Euxine. It is cultivated as a garden plant in Europe and in this country; and the root is produced for sale both in France and in England.

* According to Dr. Aitchison (*Nature*, July 9, 1885), a rhubarb plant has been found in Northern Afghanistan in which there are usually only three enormous root leaves four feet long and five feet broad, lying flat upon the ground. The fruit is large and of a brilliant scarlet. The root is said to possess purgative properties, but the fruit is preferred, and is given in the form of a decoction.

is said, over 5000 peculs (pecul = 133·33 lbs.). There were formerly two varieties of Asiatic rhubarb, the Russian and the Chinese, but at present little or no rhubarb finds its way overland to Europe. As long back as 1687, the Russian government subjected the export of rhubarb from China into Russia to official surveillance, and finally monopolized the trade entirely. At Kiakhta a very rigorous inspection of the drug was enforced, the selected pieces being finally sewed into linen sacks pitched and coated with hide. All the pieces which did not pass examination were committed to the flames; and the remainder was sent to St. Petersburg. This variety was sometimes called *Turkey rhubarb*, from the circumstance that it was formerly derived from the Turkish ports, whither it is said to have been brought from Tartary by caravans through Persia and Anatolia. The circumstance of the identity of the Russian and Turkey rhubarb, and its decided difference from the Chinese, would appear to indicate a distinct origin for the two varieties. Inferior parcels of the root, which could not pass the inspection of the Russian authorities, were said to enter Russia by Tashkend, and to be known to the druggists of that country by the name of *Tashkend rhubarb*. As Russian rhubarb no longer occurs in commerce, the description of it is given in a foot-note.*

Chinese Rhubarb (*India Rhubarb*, *Rheum Sinense* vel *Indicum*) is in cylindrical or roundish pieces, sometimes flattened on one or both sides, of a dirty brownish-yellow color externally, appearing as if the cortical portion of the root had been removed by scraping, and the surface rendered smooth and somewhat powdery by attrition. The best pieces have a rather close and compact texture, and, when broken, present a ragged uneven surface, variegated with intermingled shades of dull red, yellowish, and white, which are sometimes diversified or interrupted by darker colors, and especially marked with dark lines so arranged as to form an internal ring of star-like spots. The pieces are generally perforated with small holes, intended for convenience of suspension during the drying process; and portions of the suspending cord are not unfrequently found remaining in the holes. According to Mr. Elborne (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 497), Chinese rhubarb is really divided into two varieties, which are respectively the product of *R. palmatum* and *R. officinale:* the first variety has a red-grained fracture with white lattice-work veins, whilst the second variety has a longitudinal ramification of white veins with a black-grained fracture. Chinese rhubarb has a peculiar somewhat aromatic smell, and a bitter, astringent taste, is gritty when chewed, imparts a yellow color to the saliva, and affords a yellowish powder with a reddish-brown tinge. With the pieces of good quality others often come mingled, defective from decay or improper preparation. These are usually lighter, and of a dark or russet color. Like all the other varieties of rhubarb, this is liable to be attacked by worms; and in almost every large parcel pieces may be found which have suffered from this cause.†

It is this especial variety of rhubarb which is recognized by the U. S. P., in which it is described as "in cylindrical, conical or flattish segments, deprived of the dark brown, corky

* The pieces of Russian rhubarb are irregular and somewhat angular, appearing as if the bark had been shaved off longitudinally by successive strokes of a knife, and a portion of the interior substance removed with each shaving. They have a cleaner and fresher appearance than the Chinese, and their color both internally and externally, though of the same general character, is somewhat more lively. They are less compact and heavy, and are cut with less facility, owing to their giving way before the knife. Another distinction is the character of the perforations, which in the Russian rhubarb are large, frequently reaching only to the centre, and evidently made for the purpose of inspection, while in the Chinese they are small, penetrate completely through the pieces, and were intended for the passage of a suspending cord. The taste and smell of the former closely resemble those of the latter, except that the Russian is rather more aromatic. There is the same crackling under the teeth, and the same yellow stain imparted to the saliva; but the color of the powder in this variety is a bright yellow, without the brownish tinge exhibited by the Chinese. When thin slices, previously boiled in water, are examined by the microscope, they exhibit numerous clusters of minute crystals of calcium oxalate. Mr. Quekett found between 35 and 40 grains of them in 100 grains of the root. They are observed in both Russian and Chinese rhubarb. For further information as to the varieties of Russian rhubarb, see *A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 212, or abstract in 14th edition U. S. D.

† In former editions of this work a variety of rhubarb imported from Canton has been noticed, which was evidently prepared, before leaving China, so as to resemble the Russian, having an angular surface as if pared with a knife. The pieces were obviously selected with great care, as they were remarkably free from defects. But in most of those which came under our notice the small penetrating hole was observable which characterizes the Chinese rhubarb, though it had in some instances been filled with the powdered root, so as in some measure to conceal it. Besides, the colors were not quite so bright as those of Russian rhubarb. This is undoubtedly the variety described by Pereira, under a distinct head, as the *Dutch-trimmed* or *Batavian rhubarb*, and considered by him as probably Bucharian or Russian rhubarb of inferior quality, sent by the way of Canton. A sufficient proof, we think, that this is not the case is the presence in most pieces of the small penetrating hole, occasionally filled with the remains of the cord, and in some pieces almost shaved away in the paring process. We have never seen such a hole in any piece of true Russian rhubarb, which does not appear to be strung up like the Chinese when dried.

Under the title of *Canton stick rhubarb*, Pereira describes a variety of which small quantities have been imported from Canton into London. It closely resembles the English stick rhubarb, and is supposed to be derived from the branches of the root of the plant which yields the true Chinese rhubarb.

layer, smoothish or somewhat wrinkled, externally covered with a bright yellowish-brown powder, marked with white, elongated meshes, containing a white, rather spongy tissue, and a number of short, reddish-brown or brownish-yellow striæ; compact, hard; fracture uneven; internally white, with numerous red, irregularly-curved and interrupted medullary rays, which are radially parallel only near the cambium line; odor somewhat peculiar, aromatic; taste bitter, somewhat astringent. When chewed, Rhubarb feels gritty between the teeth, and imparts a yellow color to the saliva. Rhubarb which is very porous, or has a prominently mucilaginous taste, or is of a dark brown color internally, should be rejected."

European Rhubarb. In various parts of Europe, particularly in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, the rhubarb plants have been cultivated for many years; and considerable quantities of the root were at one time brought into the market. At present it appears not to be imported.

English Rhubarb. This formerly came in two forms. In one the root was cut and perforated in imitation of the Russian. The pieces were of various shape and size, sometimes cylindrical, but more commonly flat, or somewhat lenticular, and of considerable dimensions. In the other, the so-called *stick rhubarb*, the pieces were somewhat cylindrical, five or six inches long by an inch or less in thickness, and more or less irregular upon the surface, as if they had shrunk unequally in drying. English rhubarb (from *Rheum rhaponticum*) is lighter than the Asiatic, more spongy, and often somewhat pasty under the pestle. It is redder, and when broken exhibits a more compact and regular marbling, the pinkish lines being arranged like rays from the centre towards the circumference. The "star-like spots" are either wanting or very few and scattered. The powder also has a deeper reddish tint. The odor is feeble and less aromatic than that of the Asiatic varieties; the taste is astringent and mucilaginous, with little bitterness; and the root, when chewed, scarcely feels gritty between the teeth, and but slightly colors the saliva. Few crystals of calcium oxalate are discoverable by means of the microscope. At present about 12,000 pounds of English rhubarb are produced annually. Much of this is obtained from *R. officinale*, and is put on the market in flat, concave, and convex pieces weighing from three to four ounces each. Externally the convex surface has deep longitudinal furrows and a longitudinal ramification of conspicuous veins, giving rise to an appearance of net-vein markings. In the centre of the concave surface is a small hole similar to that formerly seen in Russian rhubarb. On the inner surface the stellate markings resemble very closely those found in the East Indian rhubarb. The fracture of this form is not red, but shows a whitish parenchymatous tissue with blackish veins. The roots are distinctly gritty when chewed. When rapidly grown in rich soil, English rhubarb is lighter, more spongy, and less active than when slowly grown without high cultivation. It is probable that the powder is used to adulterate that of true Asiatic rhubarb.

French Rhubarb. Rhapontic Rhubarb. Crimea Rhubarb. The rhubarb produced in France is, according to Guibourt, chiefly from *R. rhaponticum*, *R. undulatum*, and *R. compactum*, that of *R. palmatum*, which most closely resembles the Asiatic, having been found to degenerate so much as not to be a profitable object of culture. Most of the French rhubarb is produced in the neighborhood of L'Orient, in the department of Morbihan; and the spot where it grows has, from this circumstance, received the name of *Rheumpole*. Two kinds were described by Guibourt, both under the name of *Rhapontic root*,*—one proceeding from the *R. rhaponticum*, growing in the gardens in the environs of Paris; the other, from this and the two other species above mentioned, cultivated at Rheumpole; but, according to the *Pharmacographia*, the cultivation in France has been almost entirely abandoned.†

* M. E. Billot gives the following method of detecting the rhapontic root when used in powder to adulterate Russian or Chinese rhubarb. On a little of the suspected powder, upon a plate, let fall two or three drops of oil of anise, oil of fennel, or other essential oil; then add magnesia, and rub the mixture well for three or four minutes. If the powder be pure, it will remain yellow; but if it contain the smallest quantity of the French rhapontic root, it will assume a reddish tint, varying from a salmon to a bright rose color, according to the quantity of the impurity present. (See *A. J. P.*, May, 1860, p. 224.)

† Besides the varieties of rhubarb above described, others are noticed by writers. Pallas speaks of a *white rhubarb*, brought to Kiakhta by the Bucharian merchants who conveyed to that place the drug for Russian commerce. It was white as milk, of a sweet taste, and equal to the best rhubarb in quality. It was supposed to be the product of *R. leucorrhizum*. At present, however, it is unknown in St. Petersburg. The *Himalaya rhubarb* is produced by *R. australe*, and other species mentioned in the text as growing in the Himalaya Mountains. According to Dr. Royle, it makes its way to the lower countries in Hindostan, where it sells for one-tenth of the price of the best rhubarb. Mr. Twining tried it in the Hospital at Calcutta, and found it superior as a tonic and astringent to Russian rhubarb, and nearly equal to it in purgative power. A variety known in Russia as *Bucharian rhubarb*, differing from the variety which we call Russian, and which is known in Russia as Chinese rhubarb, is imported into that country from Tartary, and reaches St. Petersburg by Nizhnee-Novgorod. Parcels of it are said also to reach Vienna, by the way

Choice of Rhubarb. In selecting good rhubarb, without reference to the commercial variety, those pieces should be preferred which are moderately heavy and compact, of a lively color, brittle, presenting when broken a fresh appearance, with reddish and yellowish veins intermingled with white, of an odor decidedly aromatic, of a bitter and astringent not mucilaginous taste, feeling gritty and staining the saliva yellow when chewed, and affording a powder either bright yellow, or yellow with but a slight reddish-brown tinge. When very light, rhubarb is usually rotten or worm-eaten; when very heavy and compact, it is of inferior species, culture, or preparation. Rotten, worm-eaten, or otherwise inferior rhubarb is often powdered, and colored yellow with turmeric; and the shavings left when Chinese rhubarb is trimmed for powdering, or to imitate the Russian, are applied to the same purpose.*

Chemical Properties. Rhubarb yields all its activity to water and alcohol. The infusion is of a dark reddish-yellow color, with the taste and odor of rhubarb; and the residue, after sufficient maceration, is whitish, inodorous, and insipid. By long boiling the virtues of the medicine are impaired. The first examination of rhubarb yielding results of value was that of Schlossberger and Döpping. Besides extractive, tannic and gallic acids, sugar, starch, pectin, lignin, calcium oxalate, and various inorganic salts, they discovered three coloring principles, holding an intermediate place between resin and extractive matter, being freely soluble in alcohol, and slightly so in water. Two of these were uncrystallizable, and denominated *brown resin* and *red resin*, or *phæoretin* and *erythroretin;* the other, crystallizable in granular crystals, and identical with *chrysophanic acid*, previously discovered by Rochleder and Heldt in the yellow lichen, or *Parmelia parietina* of Sprengel. Another resinous substance was also obtained, which was named *aporetin;* but, as it was insoluble in the alcohol from which it had been precipitated by ether, and was isomeric with phæoretin, there is reason to think that it was a product of the operation. Chrysophanic acid crystallizes in golden-yellow needles or plates melting at 102° C., and is soluble in ether, alcohol, or benzene. Alkalies also dissolve it, forming fine dark red solutions. Its formula is $C_{15}H_{10}O_4$, and it is now recognized as a derivative of anthracene, $C_{14}H_{10}$, and as closely related to alizarine, $C_{14}H_8O_4$. It bears to methyl-anthracene, $C_{14}H_9(CH_3)$, the same relation that alizarine bears to anthracene. Hence, on distilling it with zinc dust, methyl-anthracene is formed from it by reduction. (See *Chrysarobinum.*)

De La Rue and Müller (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, x. p. 298) extracted from rhubarb an allied substance, *emodin*, which crystallizes in orange-colored prisms. Its formula is $C_{15}H_{10}O_5$, and it is a trioxy-methyl-anthraquinone. The relations of both this compound and chrysophanic acid to alizarine and anthracene will be better shown by writing their molecular formulas, as follows:

$C_{14}H_{10}$. Anthracene. $C_{14}H_6(OH)_2O_2$. Alizarine. $C_{14}H_5(CH_3)(OH)_2O_2$. Chrysophanic acid. $C_{14}H_4(CH_3)(OH)_3O_2$. Emodin.

Kubli (*Pharm. Zeitschr. für Russland*, 6, p. 603) has obtained results both confirmatory and explanatory of those already given. He finds a glucoside, *chrysophan*, $C_{27}H_{30}O_{14}$, which, under the influence of dilute acids or ferments, splits up into chrysophanic acid and sugar, according to the reaction $C_{27}H_{30}O_{14} + 2H_2O = C_{15}H_{10}O_4 + 2C_6H_{12}O_6$; also a characteristic tannic acid, *rheo-tannic acid*, $C_{26}H_{26}O_{14}$, which is decomposed by dilute acids into *rheumic acid*, $C_{20}H_{16}O_9$, and sugar. Chrysophan is a yellowish powder, abundantly present in rhubarb, soluble in water or alcohol, not in ether; rheo-tannic acid is a reddish-brown powder, sparingly soluble in cold water. Kubli finds further a colorless neutral compound, sparingly soluble in hot water, of the formula $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$, which he does not name. He states that chrysophanic acid is not found in rhubarb, but is produced when the root is digested in water through the breaking up of the glucoside *chrysophan*, probably under the action of a ferment. This ferment he believes to be soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol, and that on this account an alcoholic extract of the root can be evaporated without the formation of chrysophanic acid. On the other hand, it is to the presence of this ferment that he attributes the progressive deposition of chrysophanic acid from an extract of rhubarb prepared with diluted alcohol. (*Pharm. Zeit. f. Russl.*, xxiv. 193.) Dragendorff states that from 11 to 17 per cent. of arabic acid and pectose are present in rhubarb.

of Brody in Galicia. Still another variety is that called *Siberian rhubarb*, which is known in Russia by the name of *Siberian Rhapontic root*. As these are inferior kinds, and probably never reach our markets, we have not thought it necessary to discuss them in detail. For further information, see *A. J. P.* (xviii. 63 and 123).

* It has been stated by Dr. Boni that Chinese rhubarb yields from 20 to 25 per cent. of ash, the European rhubarb from 8 to 11 per cent., the difference being due to the excess of calcium oxalate in the Chinese rhubarb. Kremel, however, finds that the amount of ash in different species of rhubarb fluctuates too greatly to be of practical value in the determination of the source, even the Chinese root varying between 10 and 28 per cent.

There are other interesting principles in rhubarb. Some have been disposed to ascribe its odor to a volatile oil; but this has not been isolated. The calcium oxalate is interesting from its quantity, and from the circumstance that, existing in distinct crystals, it occasions the grittiness of the rhubarb between the teeth. The proportion seems to vary exceedingly in different specimens. According to Scheele and Henry, it constitutes nearly one-third, and Quekett found between 35 and 40 per cent.; while Brandes obtained only 11, Schrader only 4·5 parts in the hundred, and Dragendorff, in five samples analyzed, from 1·2 to 5·6 per cent. Little or no difference of composition has been found between the Russian and the Chinese rhubarb. The European contains but a small proportion of calcium oxalate, and is therefore less gritty when chewed. It has, however, more tannin and starch than the Asiatic.

When powdered rhubarb is heated, odorous yellow fumes rise, which are probably in part the vapor of chrysophanic acid. Its infusion is reddened by the alkalies, in consequence of their union with this acid, and their reaction on the other coloring principles. It yields precipitates with gelatin, most of the acids, ferric salts, lead acetate, mercurous nitrate, silver nitrate, stannous chloride, lime water, and solutions of quinine. Nitric acid occasions at first a turbidness, and afterwards the deposition of a yellow precipitate. The substances producing precipitates may be considered as incompatible with the infusion.*

Medical Properties and Uses. The medical properties of rhubarb are peculiar and valuable. Its most remarkable singularity is the union of a cathartic with an astringent power; the latter of which, however, does not interfere with the former, as the purgative effect precedes the astringent. It is also tonic and stomachic, invigorating, in small doses, the process of digestion. It is not probable that these properties reside in a single proximate principle; and, as rhubarb owes its chief value to their combination, it is not to be expected that chemical analysis will be productive of the same practical advantages in this as in some other medicines, the virtues of which are concentrated in one ingredient. In its purgative operation rhubarb is moderate, producing fecal rather than watery discharges, and appearing to affect the muscular fibre more than the secretory function. It sometimes occasions griping. Its coloring principle is absorbed, and may be detected in the urine. By its long-continued use the perspiration, especially that of the axilla, is said to become yellow, and the milk of nurses cathartic. It gives a yellow color to the alvine discharges. The conditions of disease to which it is applicable may be inferred from its peculiar properties. When the stomach is enfeebled, or the bowels relaxed, at the same time that a gentle cathartic is required, rhubarb, as a rule, is preferable to all others. Hence its use in *dyspepsia* attended with constipation, in *diarrhœa* when purging is indicated, in the secondary stages of *cholera infantum*, in *chronic dysentery*, and, indeed, whenever mild purgation is needed in an enfeebled subject. Magnesia is often an excellent associate in disorders of the stomach and bowels. By combination with other cathartics, rhubarb frequently acquires additional activity, while it gives increased efficiency to the associated substance. A mixture of calomel and rhubarb is a brisk and powerful cathartic, often used at the commencement of *bilious fevers*. As a rule, rhubarb is not applicable to cases attended with much inflammatory action. Its griping effect may be counteracted by combining it with aromatics.

The dose of rhubarb as a purgative is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.), as a laxative and stomachic from five to ten grains (0·33–0·65 Gm.). European rhubarb must be given in double or treble the dose to produce an equal effect. Few medicines are used in a greater variety of forms. It is most effectual in substance. It is frequently given in the shape of pill, combined with an equal proportion of soap when its laxative effect is desired. The infusion is much used in cases of delicate stomach, and is peculiarly adapted to children. The syrup, tincture, and fluid extract are also useful preparations. They are all official.

By the roasting of rhubarb its cathartic property is diminished, probably by the volatization of the purgative principle, while its astringency remains unaffected. When so treated it is termed *torrefied rhubarb*. This mode of treatment has been sometimes resorted to in cases of diarrhœa. By long boiling the same effect is said to be produced.

Powdered rhubarb has been usefully applied to indolent and sloughing ulcers. It is said to have proved purgative when sprinkled over a large ulcerated surface; and the same effect is asserted to have been produced by rubbing it, mingled with saliva, over the abdomen.

* For a method of detecting the presence of turmeric in powdered rhubarb by the influence of chloroform on the coloring principles of each of these substances, and of distinguishing through the same agency between the true Chinese rhubarb and that of European origin, the reader is referred to a paper, by Mr. W. L. Howie, contained in *A. J. P.* (Jan. 1874, p. 16), from *P. J. Tr.* (Nov. 15, 1873).

RHŒADOS PETALA. Br. Red Poppy Petals.

(RHŒ'Ą-DŎS PĔT'Ą-LĄ—rē'ą-dŏs.)

"The fresh petals of Papaver Rhœas, Linn. From indigenous plants." *Br.*

Flores Rhœados, *P. G.;* Corn Poppy, Corn Rose; Pavot rouge, Coquelicot, *Fr.;* Wilder Mohn, Klapperrose, Klatschrosen, *G.;* Rosolaccio, *It.;* Amapola, *Sp.*

Papaver rhœas. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1146; *B. & T.* 19. The *red* or *corn poppy* is distinguished by its hairy stem, which is branched, and rises about a foot in height, by its incised pinnatifid leaves, by its urn-shaped capsule, and by the full, bright, scarlet color of its petals. It is a native of Europe, where it grows wild in great abundance, adorning especially the fields of grain with its brilliant flower. It has been naturalized in this country.

Its capsules contain the same kind of milky juice as that found in *P. somniferum*, and an extract has been prepared from them having the properties of opium; but the quantity is too small to repay the trouble of its preparation. M. Filhol has shown that the extract contains morphine, but in a proportion exceedingly minute compared with that in which it exists in opium. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, ii. 513.) The petals are the official portion. They have a narcotic smell, and a mucilaginous, slightly bitter taste. By drying, they lose their odor, and assume a violet-red color. Chevallier believed that he had detected a very minute proportion of morphine in an extract obtained from them; but Prof. Attfield seems to have determined satisfactorily the non-existence of morphine in the petals, having sought this alkaloid by three different processes, using a pound of the petals in each experiment, and failed to detect the least evidence of its presence. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1873, p. 291.) Their operation on the system is exceedingly feeble, and they are valued more for their beautiful scarlet color, which they communicate to water, than for their medical virtues. According to Leo Meier, the coloring principles of the flowers are two acids, which he denominates *rhœadic* and *papaveric acids.* (See *A. J. P.*, xviii. 211.) A syrup is prepared from them, which was formerly prescribed as an anodyne in catarrhal affections, but is now little esteemed except for its color.

An alkaloid has been discovered in this species of poppy by O. Hesse, who proposes to name it *rhœadine.* It seems to pervade all parts of the plant, from which, as the first step in its preparation, a watery extract is prepared. This is treated with sodium carbonate, and repeatedly agitated with ether; the ethereal liquid is shaken with a solution of sodium bitartrate; and the mixture is precipitated by ammonia. The precipitate is washed with cold water, dried, and boiled with alcohol, by which coloring matter and another alkaloid in small quantity, probably thebaine, are removed. The residue, consisting mainly of rhœadine, is purified by combining it with acetic acid, treating with animal charcoal, and precipitating with ammonia. The alkaloid is in small white prismatic crystals, tasteless, fusible at 232·2° C. (450° F.), becoming brown at the same temperature and partially subliming. It is almost insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzol, ammonia, solution of sodium carbonate, and lime water, but is dissolved by dilute acids, which produce colorless solutions. Its composition is represented by the formula $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$. It does not appear to be poisonous. Hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, moderately concentrated, decompose and dissolve it, with the production of a purple color, which disappears under the action of the alkalies, but is restored by acids. One part of the alkaloid so treated produces a purple color with 10,000 parts of water, rose color with 20,000 parts, and a perceptible redness with 800,000 parts. This change is dependent upon the liberation from the rhœadine of a red coloring matter, while the isomeric *rhœagenine* remains. This forms small white tasteless prisms, which fuse at 223° C. and do not sublime, but are decomposed at higher temperatures. This is a very delicate test, by means of which the alkaloid may be detected in all parts of *Papaver rhœas*, in the ripe capsules of the opium poppy, and in opium itself. It is said also to exist in Merck's porphyroxine. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 122.) According to Hesse, the milky juice also contains *meconic acid.*

RHUS GLABRA. U. S. Rhus Glabra.

(RHŬS GLĀ'BRĄ.)

"The fruit of Rhus glabra, Linné (nat. ord. Anacardieæ)." *U. S.*

Rhus Glabrum, *U. S.* 1870; Sumach; Sumac, *Fr.;* Sumach, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Petals* five. *Berry* small, with one nuciform seed. *Nuttall.*

Rhus glabra. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1478. This species of Rhus, called variously *smooth sumach*, *Pennsylvania sumach*, and *upland sumach*, is an indigenous shrub from four to twelve

feet or more in height, with a stem usually more or less bent, and divided into straggling branches, covered with a smooth, light gray, or somewhat reddish bark. The leaves are upon smooth petioles, and consist of many pairs of opposite leaflets, with an odd one at the extremity, all of which are lanceolate, acuminate, acutely serrate, glabrous, green on their upper surface, and whitish beneath. In the autumn their color changes to a beautiful red. The flowers are greenish red, and disposed in large, erect, terminal compound thyrses. The fruit is in clusters of small crimson berries, which are officially described as "subglobular, about 3 Mm. [⅛ inch] in diameter, drupaceous, crimson, densely hairy, containing a roundish-oblong, smooth putamen; inodorous; taste acidulous." *U. S.*

The shrub is found in almost all parts of the United States, growing in old neglected fields, along fences, and on the borders of woods. The flowers appear in July, and the fruit ripens in the early part of autumn. The bark and leaves are astringent, and are largely used, especially the leaves, in tanning leather and in dyeing. The sumach for the manufacture of extract for tanners' use is largely cultivated in Virginia, where the annual crop reaches from 7000 to 8000 tons, and is collected at any time between the first of July and the appearance of frost. Mr. W. J. Watson found, in the bark of the root, albumen, gum, starch, tannic and gallic acids, caoutchouc, resin, coloring matter, and evidences of volatile oil. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 194.) Excrescences are produced under the leaves resembling galls in character, and containing large quantities of tannic and gallic acids. These have been used as a substitute for the imported galls by Dr. Walters, of New York, who thought them in every respect preferable. They may be collected at little expense, as they are produced very abundantly, especially in the Western States. From the experiments of Dr. Stenhouse, it appears that the tannic acid of sumach is identical with that of galls, being, like it, resolved, under the influence of sulphuric acid, into glucose and gallic acid; and this change is supposed to take place spontaneously in sumach when long kept. (*Ibid.*, xxxiv. 252.)

The percentage of tannin in Virginia sumach rises at times as high as 27 per cent., but falls a few per cent. below this as the season advances. Samples of leaves gathered along the Mississippi near Dubuque, Iowa, in July and August, yielded 16·36 per cent. and 15·75 per cent. respectively. (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 389). The proportion of tannic acid in the European sumach falls from 6 to 8 per cent. below the percentage of the Virginia sumach, yet the European is much preferred by tanners and dyers. By using Sicilian sumach it is possible to make the finer white leathers so much used for gloves and fancy shoes; while by the employment of the American product the leather has a disagreeable yellow color, apparently due to a coloring matter, which, according to Loewe, consists of quercitrin and quercetin, and exists in larger quantity in the American than in the Sicilian drug. Enormous quantities of a dark-red, semi-fluid, bitter, astringent extract are prepared in Virginia from sumach, and used both in America and in Europe. It is said to contain from 25 to 30 per cent. of tannin.

Henry Trimble collected some galls from the leaves of *R. glabra* and found that they contained 61·70 per cent. of tannin, reckoned on the weight of the air-dried galls, or 70·90 per cent. of the weight of absolutely dry material. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 564.)

The berries have a sour, astringent, not unpleasant taste, and are often eaten by the country people with impunity. According to Mr. Cozzens, of New York, the malic acid is contained in the pubescence which covers their surface, as when it is washed away by warm water the berries are wholly free from acidity. Prof. W. B. Rogers found the acid to be combined with lime,* as acid calcium malate. Mr. W. J. Watson ascertained that free malic acid and acid calcium malate coexist in the berries, which contain also, upon the same authority, tannic and gallic acids, fixed oil, extractive, red coloring matter, and a little volatile oil. A medicinal wine has been prepared from the fruit. (*Med. and Surg. Reporter*, Feb. 9, 1867.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Sumach berries are astringent and refrigerant. A strong decoction, or the fluid extract diluted, affords a very effective and pleasant gargle in *angina*, especially in combination with potassium chlorate.

* Prof. Procter obtained from the berries *malic acid* by the following process. Pour boiling water on the ripe berries; macerate for twelve hours; strain, evaporate to one-fourth, and again strain; resume the evaporation, and continue it till the liquid assumes the consistence of thin syrup; then set it aside to crystallize. Wash the crystals of acid calcium malate with a little water, and recrystallize from a boiling solution. Dissolve the salt in hot water, and decompose it with a solution of lead acetate. Wash the precipitated lead malate, suspend it in water, and pass hydrogen sulphide through the liquid until the whole of the lead is separated. Lastly, filter, and evaporate to dryness in a porcelain vessel.

RHUS TOXICODENDRON. U. S. Rhus Toxicodendron. [Poison Ivy.]

(RHŬS TŎX-Ĭ-CŌ-DĔN'DRON.)

"The fresh leaves of Rhus radicans,* Linné (nat. ord. Anacardieæ)." † *U. S.*

Toxicodendron, *U. S.* 1870; Sumach vénéneux, *Fr.;* Gift-Sumach, *G.;* Albero del Veleno, *It.*

Rhus toxicodendron, Linn., or poison oak, has the form of a shrub from one to three feet high, with leaflets angularly indented, and pubescent beneath. But this character of the foliage is probably not constant; and the stunted growth may be owing to peculiarities of situation. Dr. Bigelow states that the young plants of *R. radicans* do not put forth rooting fibres until several years old, and are influenced in this respect by the contiguity of supporting objects.

The leaves are officially described as "long-petiolate, trifoliolate; the lateral leaflets sessile or nearly so, about 10 Cm. long, obliquely ovate, pointed; the terminal leaflets stalked, ovate or oval, pointed, with a wedge-shaped or rounded base; the leaflets entire and glabrous, or variously notched, coarsely toothed or lobed, more or less downy; when dry, papery and brittle; inodorous; taste somewhat astringent and acrid. The fresh leaves abound with an acrid juice, which darkens when exposed to the air, and, when applied to the skin, produces inflammation and swelling. The leaves should, therefore, not be touched with bare hands. Rhus Toxicodendron should not be confounded with the leaves of *Ptelea trifoliata* Linné (nat. ord. *Rutaceæ*), which are similar in appearance, but have all the leaflets sessile." *U. S.*

* There are four indigenous species of Rhus which are poisonous,—*R. toxicodendron*, *R. venenata*, *R. pumila*, and *R. diversiloba*.

R. venenata, D. C. (syn. *R. vernix*, L.). *Swamp sumach* is a beautiful shrub or small tree, usually ten or fifteen feet high, but sometimes thirty feet. The bark of the trunk is dark gray, of the branches lighter, of the extreme twigs and petioles beautifully red. The leaves are pinnate, with four or five pairs of opposite leaflets, and an odd terminal one. These are oblong or oval, entire or slightly sinuated, acuminate, smooth, and, except the one at the end, nearly sessile. The flowers are diœcious. They are very small, greenish, and in loose axillary panicles. The berries are small, roundish, and greenish white. The tree grows in swamps and low grounds from Canada to Carolina, and flowers in June and July. It is thought to be identical with *R. vernicifera* of Japan. Dr. Bigelow found that the opaque whitish juice which exudes from our native plant when wounded, and which becomes permanently black on exposure, may be made to afford a brilliant, glossy, durable varnish by prolonged boiling. *R. venenata* is more poisonous than *R. toxicodendron*. Persons coming within its influence are more apt to be affected with the poison, and generally suffer more severely. The whole body is sometimes enormously swollen, and the patient for many days scarcely able to move; but the complaint almost always spontaneously subsides without destroying life. The susceptibility to the influence of the poison is exceedingly various, and some persons handle the plant with impunity.

Rhus pumila, Michaux, is a Southern species, growing in upper Carolina, and not more than a foot in height. It is characterized by its pubescent branches and petioles, by its pinnate leaves, with many pairs of oval, nearly acuminate, incised-dentate leaflets, downy beneath, and by its silky fruit. According to Pursh, it is the most poisonous of the genus.

Rhus diversiloba, Torrey & Gray (syn. *R. lobata*. Hooker, *Flor. Bor. Am.* i. 127, t. 46), has a somewhat climbing stem, with short, leafy branches. The leaves have three or rarely five leaflets, which are very obtuse, in the female plant slightly, in the male rather deeply pinnately lobed, the lobes being very obtuse, and the incisions acute. The flowers are in axillary, racemose panicles often shorter than the petioles; the fruit is white, somewhat pubescent, and subglobose. The leaves in the male and the female plant are so different that they might readily be mistaken for different species. (*Torrey & Gray.*) Though generally a shrub, the plant sometimes climbs over large trees, and has a stem six inches in diameter. The poisonous effects of this plant are described by Dr. C. A. Canfield (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 412), who found an invariable antidote to its effects in another California plant, *Grindelia hirsutula*, applied to the part either simply bruised or in the form of strong decoction.

Rhus vernicifera, which yields the Japanese lacquer, seems to have a similar action to the American poisonous Rhus. It contains a volatile acid, *urushic*, upon which its activity probably depends.

† The adoption of this name is the result of the unfortunate desire for change of the botanists of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. We have not access to the first edition of Linnæus's *Species Plantarum*, but on page 381, Editio Secunda Aucta, Holmiæ, 1762, the two species *radicans* and *toxicodendron* are described in immediate succession. De Candolle, Hooker, Elliott, Torrey, Gray, Michaux, Engelmann, Curtis, Watson, Coulter, Bailey, and others have all agreed upon the name "toxicodendron" as that of the species, *R. radicans* being a variety. In other words, the concordant botanical literature of a hundred years is to be set aside and confusion wrought because on the printed page one name appears first and the other second, an arrangement probably due to the fact that radicans commences with *r*, toxicodendron with *t*. It should further be observed that position on a page does not affect priority, as the whole page is printed absolutely simultaneously and the whole book usually published together at one time. As R. radicans is commonly recognized as the name of the variety, certainly the old description of the Pharmacopœia, "The fresh leaves of Rhus Toxicodendron, Michaux, Rhus Toxicodendron and Rhus radicans, Linné," was better than the present. Although *R. radicans*, L., is only a variety, the difference in its appearance is sufficient to have led to the adoption of different common names,—R. radicans being called *poison vine* or *poison ivy*, and R. toxicodendron *poison oak*. The former has a climbing stem, rising to a great height upon trees, rocks, and other objects, to which it adheres by strong rooting fibres, which it throws out from its sides. The leaves, which stand upon long footstalks, are ternate, with broad-ovate or rhomboidal, acute leaflets, smooth and shining on both sides, sometimes slightly hairy on the veins beneath, entire, or irregularly lobed and toothed. The flowers are small, greenish white, diœcious, and grow in lateral, usually axillary panicles, or compound racemes. The male flowers have five stamens, and the rudiments of a style; the female, which are of only half the size, have abortive stamens, and a short erect style, standing on a roundish germ, and terminating in three stigmas. The berries are roundish, pale green or whitish.

This species of Rhus grows in woods, fields, and along fences from Canada to Georgia. It flowers in June and July. When wounded it emits a milky juice, which becomes black on exposure to the air, and leaves upon linen or other cloth a stain, which cannot afterwards be removed by washing with soap and water, or by alcohol either hot or cold, but deepens by age. It has been proposed as an indelible ink. Ether dissolves it; applied to the skin it frequently causes inflammation and vesication; and its emanations produce in certain persons, when they come into the vicinity of the plant, an exceedingly troublesome erysipelatoid affection, particularly of the face. Itching, redness, a sense of burning, tumefaction, vesication, and ultimate desquamation, are some of the attendants of this poisonous action. The swelling of the face is sometimes so great as almost entirely to obliterate the features. The effects are experienced soon after exposure, and usually begin to decline within a week. A light, cooling regimen, with saline purgatives, and the local use of cold lead water, are the best remedies. Alkaline applications would seem to be indicated by the discovery of toxicodendric acid as a constituent of the plant, and the probable cause of the eruption. Dr. A. Livezey, of Lumberville, Pa., strongly recommends a saturated tincture of lobelia as a local application in this affection. He applies it by means of linen or muslin cloths, and believes that it arrests the inflammation. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lv. 262.) According to the late Prof. Procter, who was himself very susceptible to this poison, a weak alkaline solution, applied immediately after exposure, seldom fails to prevent the effects; and after the vesicles are formed, he found that Monsel's solution (*Liquor Ferri Subsulphatis*, U. S.), introduced by a pointed instrument into the vesicle, renders it abortive. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1863, p. 506.) Analyzed by Dr. Joseph Khittel, the leaves yielded tannic acid of the variety which gives greenish precipitates with salts of iron, chlorophyll, wax, fixed oil, resin, sugar, albumen, gum, pectin, starch, oxalic acid, a peculiar neutral substance, and a *volatile alkaloid*, on which the poisonous properties of the plant were supposed to depend. (*A. J. P.*, 1858, p. 544.) This supposed alkaloid probably does not exist. Prof. Maisch has shown that the activity of the plant depends upon an acid (*toxicodendric acid*). To obtain this acid, the leaves were bruised with six per cent. of slaked lime, and after maceration with water were expressed. The expressed liquid, having been mixed with an excess of sulphuric acid, was distilled, and the vapors were condensed, partly by themselves, so as to obtain the pure acid, and partly in water containing barium carbonate in suspension, so as to get barium toxicodendrate. The solution thus obtained was colorless and strongly acid. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1866.)

Medical Properties and Uses. *Rhus toxicodendron* is a powerful local irritant, and seems also to be possessed of narcotic properties. In the cases of two children poisoned by eating each about half a pint of the fruit (*A. J. Med. Sci.*, April, 1866), a few hours after the ingestion, drowsiness and stupor came on, soon followed by vomiting, first of the partially digested fruit, and afterwards of a thick viscid fluid of a wine color. This was succeeded by convulsive movements of different parts of the body, with slight delirium. The pupils were dilated. The respiration was hurried, the pulse at first full and strong, but afterwards slow, small, frequent, and feeble. Recovery occurred after administration of sodium carbonate. In three cases poisoned by infusion of the root (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*, Nov. 1867), there was a vesicular eruption over the body, more marked on the face; a dry, hoarse cough, burning along the throat and œsophagus to the stomach, high fever, scanty high-colored urine, nervous twitching, and occasionally wanderings of the mind. During convalescence there was wide-spread desquamation. As a local irritant, Rhus was at one time used in *nocturnal incontinence* and *cutaneous diseases*, but it has entirely passed out of vogue. Homœopathic practitioners have long used a strong tincture of Rhus in very small repeated doses in the treatment of *subacute* and *chronic rheumatism*, and the practice has recently found imitation. Some years ago Dr. H. C. Wood made extended trials of the remedy, using a homœopathic tincture obtained from a homœopathic pharmacy, in various doses (homœopathic, small, and large), upon a large number of cases of *subacute*, *chronic*, and *acute rheumatism*, in the Philadelphia Hospital, but he was not able to perceive that the patients progressed more rapidly when taking it than when they were simply nursed. The best preparation would undoubtedly be a concentrated alcoholic tincture, made from the green drug; the so-called mother-tincture is said to be of the strength of one to four. Dose, from one to five drops, three times a day. The solid extract is an ineligible preparation, owing to the extreme volatility of the active principle of the crude drug.

ROSÆ CANINÆ FRUCTUS. Br. Fruit of the Dog Rose. [Hips.]

(RŌ'ṢÆ CĄ-NĪ'NÆ FRŬC'TŬS.)

"The ripe fruit of the Rosa canina (Linn.), and other indigenous allied species." *Br.*

Cynosbata, Fructus Cynosbati; Gratte-cul, Cynorrhodon, Rose sauvage, *Fr.;* Hagebutten, Hainbutten, Hundsrose, *G.*

Rosa. See *Rosa Centifolia.*

Rosa canina. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1077; *B. & T.* 103. The *dog rose, wild brier,* or *hep-tree,* is a native of Europe, and distinguished as a species by its glabrous ovate ovaries, smooth peduncles, prickly stem and petioles, and ovate, smooth, rigid leaves. It is eight or ten feet high, and bears white or pale red flowers, having usually five obcordate fragrant petals. The plant has been introduced into this country, but is not much cultivated. The fruit is fleshy, smooth, oval, red, and of a pleasant, sweet, acidulous taste. It contains 30 per cent. of sugar, uncombined citric and malic acids, and salts of these acids. The pulp, separated from the seeds and the silky bristles in which they are embedded, is employed in Europe for the preparation of a confection used chiefly as an agreeable vehicle.

ROSA CENTIFOLIA. U. S. (Br.) Pale Rose.

(RŌ'ṢĄ CĔN-TĮ-FŌ'LĮ-Ą.)

"The petals of Rosa centifolia, Linné (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh, fully expanded petals of Rosa centifolia, Linn. From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Rosæ Centifoliæ Petala, *Br.;* Cabbage-rose Petals; Flores Rosæ, *P. G.;* Flores Rosarum Incarnatarum; Rose pâle, Roses à cent feuilles, *Fr.;* Hundertblätterige Rose, Rosenblätter, *G.;* Rosa pallida, *It.;* Rosa de Alexandria, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Petals five. *Calyx* urceolate, five-cleft, fleshy, contracted at the neck. *Seeds* numerous, hispid, attached to the inner side of the calyx. *Willd.*

Rosa centifolia. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1071; *B. & T.* 105. This species of rose has prickly stems, usually from three to six feet high. The leaves consist of two or three pairs of leaflets, with an odd one at the end, closely attached to the common footstalk, which is rough, but without spines. The leaflets are ovate, broad, serrate, pointed, and hairy on the under surface. The flowers are large, with many petals, generally of a pale red color, and supported upon peduncles beset with short bristly hairs. The germ is ovate, and the segments of the calyx semi-pinnate. The varieties of *R. centifolia* are very numerous, but may be indiscriminately employed. The plant is now cultivated in gardens all over the world; but its original country is not certainly known. It has sometimes been mistaken for the damask rose, which is a distinct species. The petals are described as "roundish-obovate and retuse, or obcordate, pink, fragrant, sweetish, slightly bitter and faintly astringent." *U. S.* They are extremely fragrant, and have a sweetish, slightly acidulous, somewhat bitterish taste. They contain, according to Enz, malic and tartaric acids, tannin, fat, resin, sugar, and a coloring matter which seems to be identical with that of the red rose. Their odor is said to be increased by iodine. It depends on a volatile oil, which may be separated by distillation with water. (See *Oleum Rosæ.*) They should be collected when the flower is fully expanded but has not begun to fall. Their fragrance is impaired but not lost by drying. They may be preserved fresh, for a considerable time by compressing them with alternate layers of common salt in a well-closed vessel, or beating them with twice their weight of that substance. They are slightly laxative, and are sometimes administered in syrup combined with cathartic medicines; but their chief use is in the preparation of rose water. (See *Aqua Rosæ.*)

ROSA GALLICA. U. S. (Br.) Red Rose.

(RŌ'ṢĄ GĂL'LĮ-CĄ.)

"The petals of Rosa Gallica, Linné (nat. ord. Rosaceæ), collected before expanding." *U. S.* "The fresh and dried unexpanded petals of Rosa Gallica. From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Rosæ Gallicæ Petala, *Br.;* Red-rose Petals; Flores Rosarum Rubrarum; Rose de Provins, Roses rouges, *Fr.;* Französische Rose, Essigrosen, Essigrosenblätter, *G.;* Rosa domestica, *It.;* Rosa rubra ó Castillara, *Sp.*

Rosa gallica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1071; *B. & T.* 104. This species is smaller than *R. centifolia,* but resembles it in the character of its foliage. The stem is beset with short bristly prickles. The flowers are very large, with obcordate widely-spreading petals, which are of a rich crimson color, and less numerous than in the preceding species. In the centre is a crowd of yellow anthers on thread-like filaments, and as many villose styles bearing papillary stigmas.

The fruit is oval, shining, and of a firm consistence. The red rose is a native of the south of Europe, and is cultivated in gardens throughout the United States.

The drug is officially described as "usually in small cones, consisting of numerous imbricated, roundish, retuse, deep purple-colored, yellow-clawed petals, having a roseate odor and a bitterish, slightly acidulous and distinctly astringent taste." *U. S.* The petals should be gathered before the flower has blown, separated from their claws, dried in a warm sun or by the fire, and kept in a dry place. Their odor, which is less fragrant than that of *R. centifolia*, is improved by drying. They have a velvety appearance, a purplish-red color, and a pleasantly astringent and bitterish taste. Their constituents, according to M. Cartier, are tannin, gallic acid, coloring matter, a volatile oil, a fixed oil, albumen, soluble salts of potassa, insoluble salts of lime, silica, and ferric oxide. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, vii. 531.) According to M. Filhol, the astringency of red roses is ascribable less to tannic acid, of which they contain but a trace, than to *quercitrin*, which he obtained in notable proportion, and with which their color is probably connected. Rochleder found that in red roses the gallic acid is accompanied by quercitannic acid. They also contain much uncrystallizable sugar. (*Répert. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1863.) The sensible properties and medical virtues of the flowers are extracted by boiling water. Their coloring matter, according to Senier (*Year-Book of Pharm.*, 1877, p. 63), is an acid, which appears to form crystallizable salts with potassium and sodium, and amorphous ones with the heavy metals. Senier gives as the formula of the insoluble lead compound $Pb_2C_{21}H_{29}O_{30}$. Their infusion is of a pale reddish color, becoming bright red on the addition of sulphuric acid. As their color is impaired by exposure to light and air, they should be kept in opaque well-closed bottles or canisters.

Medical Properties and Uses. Red roses are slightly astringent and tonic, and were formerly thought to possess peculiar virtues. They are at present chiefly employed as affording an elegant vehicle for tonic and astringent medicines.

RUBUS. U. S. Blackberry.

(RŪ'BŬS.)

"The bark of the root of Rubus villosus, Aiton, Rubus Canadensis, Linné, and Rubus trivialis, Michaux (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.*

Ecorce de Ronce noir, *Fr.*; Brombeerrinde, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-cleft. *Petals* five. *Berry* compound, with one-seeded acini. *Willd.*

Of this extensive genus not less than twenty species are indigenous in the United States, where they are called by the various names of *raspberry*, *blackberry*, *dewberry*, *cloudberry*, etc. Most of them are shrubby or suffruticose briers, with astringent roots and edible berries; some have annual stems without prickles. They are naturally divided into the *raspberries*, in which the edible fruit is composed of pulpy, one-seeded, coherent little drupes, separate from the dry receptacle, and the *blackberries*, in which the receptacle is juicy and coheres with the drupes to form the fruit.

1. *Rubus canadensis.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 105; Gray, *Manual of Bot.*, etc., p. 121.—*R. trivialis.* Pursh, *Flor. Am. Sept.* p. 347. The *dewberry*, sometimes also called *low blackberry*, or *creeping blackberry*, has a slender, somewhat prickly stem, which runs along the ground and occasionally puts forth roots. The leaves are composed of three or five leaflets, which are ovate or ovate-lanceolate, generally pointed, sharply serrate, thin, and nearly smooth. The flowers are large, white, and arranged in racemes, with leaf-like bracts. The plant grows abundantly in old fields and neglected grounds in the Northern and Middle States. Its fruit is large, black, and of a very pleasant favor, and ripens somewhat earlier than does that of *R. villosus.*

2. *R. villosus.* Ait. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1085; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 160; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 151; *B. & T.* 100. The stem of the *blackberry* is somewhat shrubby, from three to seven feet high, branching, more or less furrowed and angular, and armed with strong prickles. The smaller branches and young shoots are herbaceous. The leaves are ternate or quinate; the leaflets ovate, acuminate, unequally and sharply serrate, and pubescent on both sides; the footstalk and midrib usually armed with short recurved prickles. The flowers are large, white, and in erect racemes, with a hairy, prickly stalk. The calyx is short, with acuminate segments. This plant is very common in thickets, half-cultivated fields, etc., fruiting in August and September. It is the original of the cultivated blackberry.

R. trivialis, Michaux, is distinguished by its shrubby, procumbent, bristly habit, and its leathery, nearly smooth, evergreen leaves. The flowers are large and borne on one- to three-flowered peduncles. The plant grows in the Southern United States, affecting especially sandy soils.

The blackberry root is branching, cylindrical, of various dimensions, from nearly an inch in thickness down to the size of a straw, ligneous, and covered with a thin bark, which is externally of a light brownish or reddish-brown color, and in the dried root is wrinkled longitudinally. The dewberry root is usually smaller, without the longitudinal wrinkles, but with transverse fissures through the epidermis, and of a dark ash color, without any reddish tinge. Both are inodorous. The bark is "in thin, tough, flexible bands, outer surface blackish or blackish-gray, inner surface pale brownish, sometimes with strips of whitish, tasteless wood adhering; inodorous; taste strongly astringent, somewhat bitter." *U. S.* Its virtues are extracted by boiling water and by diluted alcohol, and depend chiefly upon tannin, which is an abundant constituent.* The woody part of the roots is inert.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dewberry and blackberry roots are tonic and strongly astringent. They have long been a favorite domestic remedy in bowel affections, and from popular favor have passed into regular medical use. Given in decoction, they are usually acceptable to the stomach, without being offensive to the taste, and may be employed with great advantage in cases of *diarrhœa* from relaxation of the bowels, whether in children or in adults. The decoction may be prepared by boiling an ounce of the smaller roots, or of the bark of the larger, in a pint and a half of water down to a pint, of which from one to two fluidounces (30–60 C.c.) may be given to an adult three or four times, or more frequently, during the twenty-four hours. The dose of the powdered root is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.). The fluid extract is an excellent preparation: dose, thirty minims (1·9 C.c.).

RUBUS IDÆUS. U. S. Raspberry.

(RŪ′BŬS I-DÆ′ŬS—ī-dē′ŭs.)

"The fruit of Rubus idæus, Linné (nat. ord. Rosaceæ)." *U. S.*

Both the plant and the fruit of the ordinary cultivated raspberry are too well known to need description. For the cultivated fruit that of the ordinary *wild red raspberry*, of the extreme Northern United States, *R. strigosus* (Michaux), may very well be substituted, as in flavor it is at least equal to the cultivated berry. The specific distinctness of the two plants is questionable. The U. S. P. also allows the substitution of the fruit of *R. occidentalis*, Linné, or the *wild black raspberry*, of the Middle United States; but this is greatly inferior.

RUMEX. U. S. Rumex. [Yellow Dock.]

(RŪ′MĔX.)

"The root of Rumex crispus, Linné, and of some other species of Rumex (nat. ord. Polygonaceæ)." *U. S.*

Yellow Dock; Radix Rumicis, s. Lapathi; Racine de Patience frisée, *Fr.*; Grindwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx three-leaved. *Petals* three, converging. *Seed* one, three-sided. *Willd.*—*Calyx* six-parted, persistent, the three interior divisions petaloid, connivent. *Seed* one, three-sided, superior, naked. *Stigmata* multifid. *Nuttall.*

Several species of Rumex have sour leaves, and are distinguished by the common name of *sorrel* from the others, which are called *dock*. Of the former, *Rumex acetosa*, or *common English sorrel*, formerly held a place in the London and Dublin Pharmacopœias. *R. acetosella* is the common sorrel of our fields, though supposed to have been originally introduced from Europe. The leaves of both these plants are agreeably sour to the taste, and owe their acidity to acid potassium oxalate with a little tartaric acid. They quite lose this taste in drying. They are refrigerant and diuretic, and may be used advantageously as an article of diet in scurvy. For this purpose they are prepared in the form of salad. The juice of the leaves forms with water an agreeable acidulous drink, sometimes used in fevers. Taken very largely, the leaves are said to have produced poisonous effects. (See *Wood's Quarterly Retrospect*, i. 109.) *R. scutatus* also ranks among the sorrels.

Of the proper docks, the roots of *R. patientia* and *R. alpinus*, European plants, and of *R. aquaticus*, *R. acutus*, and *R. sanguineus*, belonging both to Europe and to the United States, may be employed indiscriminately with those of the official species. *R. britannica* and *R. obtusifolius* were formerly official. *R. hydrolapathum* (Hudson), which is the *R. aquaticus* of the

* *Aromatic Syrup of Blackberry.* Take of Blackberry Root ℥ij; Cinnamon, Cloves, each, ℥iss; Mace ℥i; Sugar ℥xxx. Reduce the root and spices to a powder which will pass through a sieve of 50 meshes to the square inch, moisten this with two fluidounces of alcohol, put into a percolator and displace with water till 17 fluidounces have passed, and dissolve the sugar in the filtrate. A fluidounce is equivalent to 30 grains of the root. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1859, p. 552.)

old Dublin Pharmacopœia, is thought to be the *Herba Britannica* of the ancients, celebrated for the cure of scurvy and diseases of the skin. The docks are herbaceous plants with perennial roots. The flowers are in terminal or axillary panicles. Some of the species are diœcious; but the one here described has perfect flowers.

Rumex crispus, L. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 251; Gray, *Manual of Botany, etc.*, p. 377. From a perennial, spindle-shaped, yellow root, which penetrates deeply into the ground, a stem rises annually, three or four feet high, furnished with smooth, lanceolate leaves, strongly waved at their margins, and terminating in panicled racemes of small, inconspicuous, greenish flowers. The lower leaves are truncate or cordate at the base, and those which spring from the root have long footstalks. The flowers are in crowded whorls, upon long wand-like racemes, which are leafless above. The valves or inner sepals of the calyx are roundish cordate, entire or slightly denticulate, and one or all grain-bearing. A native of Europe, but naturalized in this country, and now a common weed, growing in roads and fields.

Dock root, from whatever species derived, has an astringent, bitter taste, with little or no smell. It readily yields its virtues to water by decoction. It is officially described as "from 20 to 30 Cm. long, about 10 to 15 Mm. thick, somewhat fusiform, fleshy, nearly simple, annulate above, deeply wrinkled below; externally rusty brown, internally whitish, with fine, straight, interrupted, reddish, medullary rays, and a rather thick bark; fracture short; odor slight, peculiar; taste bitter and astringent." *U. S.* According to Riegel, the root of *R. obtusifolius* contains resin, extractive matter resembling tannin, starch, mucilage, albumen, lignin, sulphur, and various salts, among which are calcium phosphate and different acetates and malates. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., i. 410.) *Rumicin*, a supposed peculiar principle, also obtained by Riegel, has since been ascertained, by Karl von Thann, to be identical with chrysophanic acid. (See *Rheum.*) (*Chem. Centralbl.*, Nov. 10, 1858, p. 795.) The leaves of most of the species are edible when young, and are occasionally used as spinach. They are somewhat laxative, and form an excellent diet in scorbutic cases. The roots are used to dye a yellow color. According to Dr. J. H. Salisbury (*N. Y. Journ. Med.*, March, 1855), the petioles of the leaves contain nearly one per cent. of oxalic acid; the cortical part of the root, which is the most active, yielded, on analysis, starch, a little sugar, albuminous matter, gummy matter, bitter extractive, tannic acid of the kind which gives green precipitates with the salts of iron, lignin, and various salts. The root yields its virtues to water and to alcohol, but is injured by long boiling.

Medical Properties and Uses. Dock root is astringent and gently tonic, and is also supposed to possess an alterative property, which renders it useful in *scorbutic disorders* and in *cutaneous eruptions*, particularly the *itch*, in the cure of which it enjoyed at one time considerable reputation. It is said to have proved useful in *scrofula* and *syphilis*. Dr. Thomson found a decoction of the root of *R. patientia* very efficacious in obstinate ichthyosis. *R. aquaticus* and *R. britannica* are the most astringent. The roots of some species unite a laxative with the tonic and astringent property, resembling rhubarb somewhat in their operation. Such are those of *R. crispus* and *R. obtusifolius;* and *R. alpinus* has in some parts of Europe the name of *mountain rhubarb*. This resemblance is not singular, as the two genera belong to the same natural family. Dock root is given in powder or in decoction. Two ounces (62·2 Gm.) of the fresh root bruised, or one ounce (31·1 Gm.) of the dried, may be boiled in a pint (472 C.c.) of water, of which two fluidounces (60 C.c.) may be given at a dose, and repeated as the stomach will bear it. The root has often been applied externally, in the shape of ointment, cataplasm, and decoction, to the *cutaneous eruptions* and *ulcerations* for which it has been used internally. The powdered root is recommended as a dentifrice, especially when the gums are spongy.

SABADILLA. Br. Cevadilla.

(SĂB-Ą-DĬL'LĄ.)

"The dried ripe seeds of Schœnocaulon officinale, A. Gray (Asagræa officinalis, Lindl.). The seeds are sometimes imported in, or mixed with, their pericarps, but these should be rejected before the seeds are used." *Br.*

Fructus (Semen) Sabadillæ, *P. G.;* Cévadille, *Fr.;* Sabadillsame, Läusekörner, *G.;* Cebadilla, *Sp.*

At one time cevadilla was generally believed to be derived from *Veratrum sabadilla*. Schiede, during his travels in Mexico, ascertained that it was, in part at least, collected from a different plant, of the same natural order of Melanthaceæ, growing upon the eastern declivity of the Mexican Andes. This was considered by Schlechtendal as another species of Veratrum, by Don as an Helonias, and by Lindley as belonging to a new genus which he

named Asagræa. Hence it has been variously denominated *Veratrum officinale*, *Helonias officinalis*, *Asagræa officinalis*, and *Schœnocaulon officinale*. It is not probable that *Veratrum sabadilla* yields much, if any, of the seed of commerce; but it would seem that very much of the drug is the product of a plant so different from *Asagræa officinalis* that Ernst, of Caraccas, believes it to be a new species.* It differs chiefly in having its leaves broader and more carinate.

Cevadilla seeds usually occur in commerce mixed with the fruit. This consists of three coalescing capsules or follicles, which open above, and appear like a single capsule with three cells. It is three or four lines long and a line and a half in thickness, obtuse at the base, light brown or yellowish, smooth, and in each capsule contains one or two seeds. A resemblance, existing or supposed, between this fruit and that of barley is said to have given rise to the Spanish name cevadilla, which is a diminutive of barley. The seeds are elongated, pointed at each end, flat on one side and convex on the other, somewhat curved, two or three lines long, wrinkled, slightly winged, black or dark brown on the outside, whitish within, hard, inodorous, and of an exceedingly acrid, burning, and durable taste.

Pelletier and Caventou first noted the presence of an alkaloid in cevadilla, which base they called *veratrine;* Meissner in the same year announced the presence of an alkaloid, *sabadilline*, and Couërbe, Merck, and Weigelin all described what they considered as distinct bases; but its exact composition remained unsettled until Wright and Luff (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 33, p. 338) found in it three bases: 1, *cevadine*, $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9$ (agreeing with the base described by Merck as veratrine), crystallizing in needles or compact crystals, fusing at 205° C. (401° F.) (202° C. (395·6° F.) according to Merck), insoluble in water, easily soluble in alcohol and ether, and decomposed by hot alcoholic potash into *cevine*, $C_{27}H_{43}NO_8$ ($C_{27}H_{45}NO_9$, Flückiger), and methyl-crotonic acid (cevadic acid of Pelletier and Caventou), $C_5H_8O_2$; 2, *veratrine*, $C_{37}H_{53}NO_{11}$, obtained from the syrupy mother-liquor from which the cevadine has crystallized; it is uncrystallizable, soluble in ether, and decomposed by alcoholic soda into *verine*, $C_{28}H_{45}NO_8$, and dimethyl-protocatechuic acid (veratric acid of Merck), $C_7H_4(CH_3)_2O_4$; 3, *cevadilline*, $C_{34}H_{53}NO_8$, obtained after the extraction of the veratrine with ether; it is insoluble in ether, slightly soluble in boiling benzol, and readily soluble in fused oil, uncrystallizable, and appears to yield methyl-crotonic acid on treatment with alcoholic soda.†

The second of these alkaloids, *veratrine*, Flückiger considers as isomeric with cevadine, $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9$, and writes the reaction for its decomposition,

$$2C_{32}H_{49}NO_9 + 4H_2O = \underset{\text{Dimethylprotocat-echuic acid.}}{C_9H_{10}O_4} + \underset{\text{Veratroine.}}{C_{55}H_{92}N_2O_{16}} + 2H_2O.$$

(*Pharmaceut. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 531.)

Merck has since (Merck's *Report*, Jan. 1891, pp. 3–9) isolated two new alkaloids from cevadilla, which he names *sabadine* and *sabadinine* respectively. The former crystallizes from ether

* We append a brief description of the two plants above referred to.

Veratrum sabadilla. Retzius, *Obs.* i. 31; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 50, pl. 94. See *Veratrum album.* The leaves of this plant are numerous, ovate-oblong, obtuse, with from eight to fourteen ribs, glaucous beneath, and all radical. The flower-stem is erect, simple, and round, rises three or four feet in height, and bears a spreading, simple, or but slightly branched panicle of somewhat nodding flowers supported upon very short pedicels. The flowers, which are of a blackish-purple color, approximate in twos and threes, the fertile turning at length to one side, and the sterile falling off. The segments of the corolla are ovate-lanceolate, and without veins. The capsules occupy only one side of the stem. This plant grows in Mexico and the West Indies, and was cultivated by Descourlitz at San Domingo, from seeds obtained in Mexico.

Asagræa officinalis. Lindley, *Botan. Reg.*, June, 1839.—*Veratrum officinale.* Schlechtendal, *Linnæa*, vi. 45.—*Helonias officinalis.* Don, *Ed. New Philos. Journ.*, October, 1832, p. 234. The following is the generic character given by Lindley. "*Flowers* polygamous, racemose, naked. *Perianth* six-partite, segments linear, veinless, almost equal, with a nectariferous excavation at the base, equal to the stamens. *Stamens* alternately shorter; anthers cordate as if unilocular, after dehiscence shield-shaped. *Ovaries* three, quite simple, attenuated into an obscure stigma. *Follicles* three, acuminate, papery; seeds scimitar-shaped, corrugated, winged. Bulbous herbs, with grass-like leaves, and small, pale, and densely racemed flowers. *A. officinalis*, which is the only known species, has linear, acuminate, subcarinate leaves, roughish at the margin, and four feet in length by three lines in breadth, and a round flower-stem, about six feet high, terminating in a very dense, straight, spike-like raceme, eighteen inches long, of white flowers with yellow anthers.

† Wright and Luff extract the alkaloids as follows. 100 parts of sabadilla seeds are exhausted with 1 part of tartaric acid and alcohol, the alcoholic extract concentrated, freed from resinous admixture by addition of water, and then treated with soda and ether. The ethereal solution is then shaken up with aqueous tartaric acid solution, and the acid liquid again treated with soda and ether. The ethereal solution is now mixed with ligroin (petroleum benzin), and allowed to evaporate spontaneously. A syrupy liquid separates out first, and then crystals of cevadine, which are drained off and recrystallized from alcohol. The residual syrupy liquid consists essentially of veratrine and cevadilline. 10 kilogrammes of seeds yield 60–70 grains of alkaloids, from which 8 to 9 grains of pure cevadine, 5 to 6 grains of veratrine, and 2 to 3 grains of crude cevadilline can be isolated.

in short needles, and fuses at 238°–240° C. It dissolves in concentrated sulphuric acid with a yellow color and a green fluorescence, which gradually disappears, while the liquid assumes a blood-red and then violet color. The alkaloid is sternutatory, although in a much less degree than veratrine. The second alkaloid crystallizes from ether in filiform needles, which begin to sinter at 160° C., but show no fixed fusing point. Concentrated sulphuric acid causes a permanent blood-red color. The formula is given at either $C_{27}H_{43}NO_8$ or $C_{27}H_{45}NO_8$. The alkaloid is not sternutatory.

Cevadilla yields about 0·3 per cent. of veratrine. (See *Veratrina.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Cevadilla is an acrid, drastic emeto-cathartic, operating occasionally with great violence, and in overdoses capable of producing fatal effects. Known in Europe as early as 1752, and formerly used to some extent as a tænicide, in doses of from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.), it is now official solely as the source of veratrine. It is the principal ingredient of the *pulvis Capucinorum*, sometimes used in Europe for the destruction of *vermin in the hair.*

SABINA. U. S. (Br.) Savine.

(SĂ-BĪ'NĂ.)

"The tops of Juniperus Sabina, Linné (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh and dried tops of Juniperus Sabina, Linn. Collected in spring, from plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Sabinæ Cacumina, *Br.;* Savine Tops; Summitates (Herba) Sabinæ, *P. G.;* Sabine, *Fr.;* Sevenbaum, Sadebaumspitzen, Sevenkraut, *G.;* Sabina, *It., Sp.*

JUNIPERUS. See *Juniperus.*

Juniperus sabina. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 852; *B. & T.* 254. This is an evergreen shrub, from three to fifteen feet high, with numerous erect, pliant branches, much subdivided. The bark of the young branches is light green, that of the trunk rough and reddish brown. The leaves, which completely invest the younger branches, are numerous, small, erect, firm, smooth, pointed, dark green, glandular in the middle, opposite, and imbricated in four rows. The flowers are male and female on different trees. The fruit is a blackish-purple berry, of an ovoid shape, marked with tubercles and the remains of the calyx and petals, and containing three seeds. The savine is a native of the south of Europe and the Levant, and is said to grow wild in the neighborhood of our northwestern lakes. The ends of the branches, and the leaves by which they are invested, are collected for medical use in the spring. When dried they are very much faded in color. They are officially described as "short, thin, subquadrangular branchlets; leaves rather dark green, in four rows, opposite, scale-like, ovate-lanceolate, more or less acute, appressed, imbricated, on the back with a shallow groove containing an oblong or roundish gland; odor peculiar, terebinthinate; taste nauseous, resinous, and bitter." *U. S.* They have a strong, heavy, disagreeable odor, and a bitter, acrid taste. These properties, which are less striking in the dried than in the recent leaves, are owing to a volatile oil. (See *Oleum Sabinæ.*) The leaves impart their virtues to alcohol and to water. Mr. C. H. Needles found in them volatile oil, gum, tannic or gallic acid, resin, chlorophyll, fixed oil, bitter extractive, lime, and salts of potassa. (*A. J. P.*, xiii. 15.)

The tops of *Juniperus virginiana*, or common red cedar, are sometimes substituted in the shops for savine, to which they bear so close a resemblance as to be with difficulty distinguished. The two species, however, differ in their taste and smell. In *J. virginiana*, moreover, the leaves are sometimes ternate.

Medical Properties and Uses. Savine is highly irritant, and is supposed to have a special direction to the uterus. It has been much used in *amenorrhœa* and *atonic menorrhagia*, and occasionally as a remedy for *worms.* The late Professor Chapman strongly recommended it in *chronic rheumatism;* and it is employed in Germany, both internally and externally, in *chronic gout.* In overdoses it may produce dangerous gastro-intestinal inflammation, and it should therefore be used with caution. In no case should it be employed when much general or local excitement exists. In pregnancy it should always be given with great caution. The dose of the fluid extract is from fifteen to twenty drops (0·75–1 C.c.); of the oil, five drops (0·24 C.c.). As an external irritant, savine is useful, in the form of cerate, for maintaining a discharge from blistered surfaces; but as in this country savine ointment is often feeble, either from the age of the drug or from the substitution of red cedar, it has fallen into disrepute. In powder or infusion, savine is used in Europe as an application to *warts, indolent* or *gangrenous ulcers, psora,* and *tinea capitis;* and the expressed juice of the fresh leaves, diluted with water, is sometimes used for similar purposes.

SACCHARUM. U. S. (Br.) Sugar. [Cane Sugar.]

$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; 341·2. (SĂC'ȻHĄ-RŬM.) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; 342.

"The refined sugar obtained from Saccharum officinarum, Linné, and from various species or varieties of Sorghum (nat. ord. Gramineæ); also from one or more varieties of Beta vulgaris, Linné (nat. ord. Chenopodiaceæ)." *U. S.*

Saccharum Purificatum, *Br.;* Sucrose; Sucre, Sucre pur, Sucre de Canne, Sucre en Pains, *Fr.;* Weisser Zucker, Zucker, Rohrzucker, *G.;* Zucchero Pane, *It.;* Azucar de Pilon, Azucar refinado, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. *Calyx* two-valved, involucred, with long down. *Corolla* two-valved. *Willd.*

Saccharum officinarum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 321; *Philos. Trans.* lxix. 207. The *sugar cane* is an herbaceous plant, possessing a jointed, succulent root, from which arise several shining, jointed, solid stems, from an inch to two inches in diameter, from six to twelve feet high, and containing a white and juicy pith. The color of the stem is yellow, greenish-yellow, purple, or striped. The joints are about three inches apart, and give origin to the leaves, which embrace the stem at their base, are three or four feet long and about an inch wide, flat, acuminate, longitudinally striated, furnished with a white midrib, glabrous, finely dentate, and of a green color inclining to yellow. The flowers are pinkish, surrounded by a long silky down, and disposed in a large, terminal, nearly pyramidal panicle, composed of subdivided spikes, and two or three feet in length. The plant has a general resemblance to the Indian corn. Four varieties are mentioned: 1, the *common*, with a yellow stem; 2, the *purple*, with a purple stem and richer juice; 3, the *gigantic*, with a very large light-colored stem; and, 4, the *Otaheitan*, which was introduced into the West Indies from the island of Tahiti (Otaheite) by Bougainville and Bligh, and is distinguished by its greater height, the longer intervals between its joints, and the greater length of the hairs which surround the flowers.

The sugar cane is cultivated by cuttings, which are planted in rows, and which, by giving rise to successive shoots, furnish five or six crops before the plants require to be removed. At the end of a year the plant generally flowers, and in four or five months afterwards the canes are completely ripe, at which time they have a yellowish color and contain a sweet viscid juice. The quantity of sugar which they yield is variable. According to Avequin, of New Orleans, the proportion of cane sugar in the recent stalk is about 10 per cent., of uncrystallizable sugar from 3½ to 4 per cent. Cane juice is said to contain 17 per cent. of crystallizable sugar, though not more than 11 per cent. is extracted in practice.

Among the saccharine principles distinguished by the chemist are cane sugar, or sugar properly so called, derived from the sugar cane, the beet, and the sugar maple, and having the formula $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; lactose or milk sugar, and maltose, a product of the action of malt upon cereals, possessing the same formula; glucose, including dextrose or grape sugar, levulose or fruit sugar, the mixture of the two produced by the alteration of cane sugar and known as invert sugar, and that resulting from the change of starch and starch-containing cereals; arabinose, from gum arabic, agreeing with glucose in the formula $C_6H_{12}O_6$; mannite (mannitol), and dulcite (dulcitol), which are alcohol-like compounds closely related to the true sugars. Quercite, pinite, and inosite were formerly regarded as either pentatomic alcohols or glucoses, but are now considered to be hexahydro derivatives of a pentatomic phenol as yet unprepared. *Glucose*, or *grape sugar*, is conveniently obtained by spreading crystalline honey on porous tiles, dissolving what remains on their surface in alcohol, and crystallizing. The product is about one-fourth of the weight of the honey. It is also prepared from starch by the action of very weak sulphuric acid; and this industry has assumed enormous proportions in this country in the last few years. According to the statements of Prof. H. W. Wiley (*N. R.*, Sept. 1881), the daily consumption of corn for sugar- and syrup-making was at that date not far from 35,000 bushels; but since that time it has greatly decreased. The term glucose is applied to the syrupy product of this process, while the name grape sugar is limited to the solid substance from the same source. The process, in outline, is as follows. The corn is first soaked for two or three days in warm water, and is then ground on specially-prepared stones with a stream of water. The meal is next passed into a trough, the bottom of which is made of fine bolting-cloth. Here the starch is washed through and led to large tanks, where it is allowed to settle. It is next beaten up with caustic soda, to separate the gluten, and the starch is again allowed to settle in long shallow troughs. The starch, washed from all adhering alkali, is next beaten up with water into a cream, and conducted into the converting tubs. These tubs are supplied with coils of copper steam piping, and are made of wood. Here the starch cream is treated with diluted sulphuric acid, and steam is allowed to bubble up through the mixture from small holes in the copper pipes. This process of conversion, which is called "open conversion," is com-

pleted in about two hours. Another method is called "close conversion." The substances are enclosed in stout copper cylinders and subjected to the action of superheated steam. This process occupies about fifteen minutes. After conversion, the acid is neutralized by marble dust and animal charcoal. Since the calcium sulphate which is formed in this operation is slightly soluble, barium carbonate has been used instead of marble dust; but its use has not become general. After neutralization, the liquid is filtered through cloth and animal charcoal, and is then conveyed to the vacuum-pan. When glucose syrup alone is desired, the process of conversion is stopped when the starch has disappeared, so that the syrup contains both glucose and dextrin, while when solid grape sugar is desired, the conversion is carried further to the change of dextrin into dextrose. Glucose can be obtained as a hydrate in small and laminated crystals from aqueous solution, and anhydrous in hard crystalline masses either from alcoholic solution or, by the process used by Dr. Arno Behr (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1882, p. 397), from very concentrated aqueous solution. It is less sweet than cane sugar. It is also less soluble in water, and much more soluble in alcohol. It has the sp. gr. 1·54–1·57 when anhydrous. Strong mineral acids hardly act on grape sugar, but destroy cane sugar with facility. On the other hand, grape sugar is destroyed by alkalies,* with which cane sugar forms definite compounds. Dissolved in water and subjected to prolonged ebullition, grape sugar undergoes very little alteration. Its solution rotates the plane of polarization of polarized light to the right, and is capable of undergoing the vinous fermentation directly, without passing through any intermediate state. It is characterized, also, in boiling solution, by reducing alkaline copper tartrate, and by becoming brown by the action of the alkalies. The name of *glucosides* has been given to certain organic substances which are resolvable, by the presence of acids, or other slight chemical influence, into glucose and some other proximate principle, as in the instance of one variety of tannic acid, which is resolved into glucose and gallic acid. E. Fischer has just announced (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1893, p. 2400) the discovery of a general method for the formation of glucosides. He finds that, if a glucose be dissolved in an alcohol and gaseous hydrochloric acid be passed into the solution to saturation, the two compounds unite with the elimination of water to form a glucoside or ester of the two. He has found this reaction to extend to methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, amyl, allyl, and benzyl alcohols, to ethylene, glycol, and glycerin, and even to the oxyacids or alcohol acids like lactic acid. He has tested it for mannose, galactose, dextrose, fructose, gluco-heptose, arabinose, xylose, and rhamnose. *Fruit sugar*, or *levulose*, is an isomeric form of glucose, found in honey and in the juice of fruits; an uncrystallizable mixture of dextrose and levulose (both varieties of glucose) is generated from cane sugar by solution in water or weak acids, and long boiling. Hence it is present in molasses. An aqueous solution of this sugar, like grape sugar, is susceptible of the vinous fermentation without an intermediate change. In consequence of its effect on polarized light, it has been named by the French chemists *invert sugar* (*sucre interverti*), its rotatory power being the reverse of that of the sugar from which it is produced. A solution of *cane sugar*, like that of grape sugar, has a rotating power to the right. When it ferments, it is first changed into uncrystallizable sugar, according to the reaction $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}+H_2O=(C_6H_{12}O_6)_2$; and, as the change proceeds, the rotating power to the right of the cane sugar gradually lessens and disappears, and is replaced by the rotating power to the left of the uncrystallizable sugar formed.

Classification of the Carbohydrates. The group of the carbohydrates has been studied during the last few years with the most brilliant results by Emil Fischer, who has not only made

* *Chloralose.* When anhydrous chloral and glucose are heated together for an hour at the temperature at which chloral boils, two isomeric substances—*chloralose*, which is soluble, and *para-chloralose*, which is insoluble—are formed. Chloralose occurs in small crystals having a very bitter and disagreeable but not acrid taste. It is freely soluble in hot water, slightly so in cold water, a little less than 5 grammes to the liter. It was first brought forward as a remedial agent by Hanriot and Richet (*Bull. Soc. Biolog.*, 1893), who state that 5 grammes of it will produce in a dog of ten kilogrammes' weight symptoms of intoxication, followed by a most profound sleep, in which all sensibility is lost, although the reflex activities are greater than normal. Upon the circulation the drug has but little power, the arterial pressure, even when there is profound anæsthesia, being scarcely affected. During the anæsthesia not only was the spinal motor side of the cord more active than normal, but the cerebral cortex was found to be excessively excitable, the animals experimented upon offering a strong contrast with chloralized dogs, in which the cerebral cortex was almost devoid of responding power. When taken by man in doses of five grains (0·3 Gm.), it produces a profound sleep lasting many hours, from which the patient wakes without unpleasant effects. Richet's dose is from two and a half to seven and a half grains (0·15–0·50 Gm.). On account of its excessively bitter taste, it should be given in capsules: its effects are said to develop in about half an hour. Ten grains (0·6 Gm.) are said to have produced complete unconsciousness in man, with slight slowing of the pulse and marked congestion of the face (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, ii. 1893), but doses of fifteen and a half grains (1 Gm.) have been given in France without any evil results.

numerous syntheses in this group, but has greatly widened our knowledge of the relations of the several sugars, making necessary a more comprehensive classification. Thus, while no sugars are found in nature containing less than six atoms of carbon, synthetic compounds are formed belonging in the first or monosaccharide class which contain three, four, and five atoms of carbon, as well as others containing seven, eight, and nine atoms of carbon. The classification given below, enlarged in accordance with recent discoveries, is based on that of Tollens, which was given in the 16th edition of the U. S. D.

I. Monosaccharides.

Trioses. Glycerose, $C_3H_6O_3$ (prepared from glycerin by oxidation).

Tetroses. Erythrose, $C_4H_8O_4$ (prepared from erythrite by oxidation).

Pentoses. Arabinose, $C_5H_{10}O_5$ (prepared by the action of dilute sulphuric acid upon lævorotatory gum arabic); xylose, $C_5H_{10}O_5$ (prepared by boiling beech wood and jute with dilute acids); rhamnose or isodulcite, $C_5H_9(CH_3)O_5$, methyl pentose (obtained in the decomposition of glucosides like quercitrin).

Hexoses. Glucose or dextrose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$; fructose or levulose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$; mannose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (obtained by the careful oxidation of mannite); galactose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$.

Heptoses. $C_7H_{14}O_7$. Manno-heptose (obtained artificially from the corresponding mannose); gluco-heptose (obtained artificially from the corresponding glucose).

Octoses. $C_8H_{16}O_8$. Manno-octose (prepared from the corresponding mannose); gluco-octose (prepared from the corresponding glucose).

Nonoses. $C_9H_{18}O_9$. Manno-nonose (prepared from the corresponding mannose); gluco-nonose (prepared from the corresponding glucose).

II. Disaccharides and Trisaccharides.

Tribioses and *tetrabioses* are as yet unknown.

Pentabioses. Arabinon, $C_{10}H_{18}O_9$ (has been prepared by the moderated action of dilute sulphuric acid upon arabic acid).

Hexabioses. Cane sugar, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; milk sugar, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; maltose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; isomaltose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; trehalose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$.

Hexatrioses. Meletriose or raffinose, $C_{18}H_{32}O_{16}$; melezitose, $C_{18}H_{32}O_{16}$.

III. Polysaccharides.

(*a*) *Crystallizable polysaccharides.* Gentianose, lactosin.

(*b*) *Uncrystallizable polysaccharides.* Starches, lichenin, inulin, glycogen, dextrin, natural gums, pectin substances, cellulose, lignin, tunicin.

Cane sugar is manufactured extensively on the continent of Europe from the beet, and this industry is now growing in this country, especially in California. It is also largely produced in Canada and the northern parts of the United States from the sap of the sugar maple (*Acer saccharinum*). Cane sugar may also be obtained from cornstalks, and from the *Chinese sugar cane*, or *Sorghum saccharatum*, which latter source has assumed considerable importance in Kansas and the northwest. (See Part II.) In India, sugar is made from the sap of different species of palm. Crude *palm sugar* is called *jaggery*. But the supply of sugar from other sources is insignificant, when compared with that obtained from the sugar cane, which is extensively cultivated in Africa, the East and West Indies (especially the island of Cuba), Brazil, and some of our Southern States, particularly Louisiana, and from the sugar beet of France and Germany.

Preparation and Purification. The canes, when ripe, are cut down close to the earth, topped, and stripped of their leaves, and then crushed between vertical iron rollers in a mill. The juice, constituting 90 per cent. of the cane, though much less is actually obtained, is of a pale greenish color, sweet taste, and balsamic odor, and has a sp. gr. varying from 1·033 to 1·106. As it runs out it is received in suitable vessels, and, being quickly removed, is *immediately* mixed with lime, in the form of milk of lime, in the proportion of about 1 part of the earth to 800 parts of the juice, and heated in a boiler to 140° F. The exact proportion of the lime cannot be determined, as the juice varies in quality in different seasons; but the manufacturer should aim at making the liquor neutral, or very slightly alkaline. The gluten and

albumen rise to the top, and form a thick scum, from underneath which the liquid is drawn off by a cock into a copper boiler, where it is concentrated by heat, the scum being carefully skimmed off as it forms. When sufficiently concentrated, the juice is transferred to shallow vessels called coolers, from which, when it assumes a granular aspect, it is drawn off into wooden vessels with perforated bottoms, the holes in which are temporarily plugged. At the end of twenty-four hours the liquid is strongly agitated with wooden stirrers, in order to accelerate the granulation of the sugar, which is completed in six hours. The stoppers are now removed, and the syrup is allowed to drain off from the sugar, which in this state is granular, of a yellowish color, and moist. The syrup, by a new evaporation, furnishes an additional portion of sugar; and the liquid which finally remains, incapable of yielding more sugar with advantage, is called *molasses*. Sugar produced in this way is called "open pan" sugar. It is now almost completely displaced by "vacuum-pan" sugar.

In the production of raw sugars by the vacuum-pan process, the juice, after "defecation" with lime and removal of excess of lime by carbonic acid gas, is run through large filters of bone-black, and then into the vacuum-pan for concentration. The vacuum-pan is a large evaporating pan, closed above by a dome-like top, which connects with an exhausting steam-pump, so that the liquid can be concentrated under very reduced pressure. The heat is supplied by coils of steam-pipes which run through the interior of the pan. The saccharine juice is evaporated in this until it begins to crystallize, and even after this fresh portions are added, so that the crystals already formed grow by accretion of fresh material. After the crystallization is complete, the warm mixture of crystals and syrup is run into "centrifugals," to which a rapid motion of revolution is given, and the crystals so drained and dried.

Brown sugar is sometimes partially purified by boiling it with lime water, and, after sufficient concentration, allowing the syrup to crystallize in large inverted conical vessels pierced at the apex and plugged. The surface of the crystalline mass being covered with a thin mixture of clay and water, the plug is removed, and the water from the clay, percolating the mass, removes the colored syrup, which flows out at the hole. Sugar thus prepared approaches to the white state, and constitutes the clayed sugar of commerce brought from Cuba.

There is no doubt that a large proportion of the sugar is lost in the ordinary process of manufacture. M. Melsens, of Brussels, proposed a process, which consists in the use of calcium bisulphite. This salt is alleged to act as an antiseptic, preventing the operation of any ferment; as an absorber of oxygen, opposing the action of that gas on the juice; as a clarifier, rendering insoluble at 100° C. (212° F.) all coagulable matters; as a bleacher of pre-existing coloring matters, and a preventive of the formation of new ones; and, lastly, as a substance furnishing a base to neutralize hurtful acids, which unite with the lime, displacing the weaker sulphurous acid. This process is now largely used, and calcium bisulphite is used in British Guiana and other sugar-producing countries in immense quantities. M. Emil Pfeiffer has proposed another refining process, which consists in the use of acid calcium phosphate, an agent previously recommended by Brande. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, April 15, 1856.) M. Reynoso finds alumina the best defecating agent that he has employed, having succeeded by means of it in throwing down almost all impurities most hurtful. He adds the acid aluminum phosphate to the cane juice, and decomposes this with lime, by which the calcium phosphate is produced and alumina separated; and all these, with some lime in excess, cause the elimination of coloring and nitrogenous matters, so that there remain in the liquid only some of the salts which normally accompany the sugar in the juice. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 232.)

The refining of brown sugar forms a distinct branch of business, and the methods pursued have undergone many improvements. By the original process, the sugar was boiled with lime water, and clarified by heating it with bullock's blood. The clarified syrup was then strained through cloth filters, whereby it was rendered limpid. It was next transferred to a boiler, where it was subjected to ebullition until it was brought to a proper concentration, when it was allowed to cool in conical moulds, and to drain for the separation of the molasses. This last boiling required to be continued so long that the action of the fire and air frequently decomposed the sugar to such an extent as to cause a loss of 25 per cent. in molasses. This disadvantage has led to the universal introduction of the vacuum-pan for the evaporation of sugar solutions in refining processes. This great step in advance was taken by Messrs. Philip Taylor and Howard. The former introduced the improvement of heating the syrup with great rapidity by means of steam made to pass through a series of tubes traversing the boiler; and the latter devised the plan of causing the syrup to boil under a diminished pressure, created by a suction-pump, set in motion by a steam-engine, while it was heated by steam circulating

round the boiler. In this way the syrup was made to boil at a lower temperature, and with a diminished contact of the air, and the loss of cane sugar by change into that which was uncrystallizable was in great measure avoided.

After the syrup is sufficiently concentrated by any one of these methods, it is transferred to coolers, where it is agitated to cause it to granulate. In this state it is poured into unglazed earthen-ware moulds of a conical shape, with a hole in the apex, which is stopped with a paper plug. The moulds are placed, with the apex downwards, above stone-ware pots, intended to receive the uncrystallizable syrup. When the mass has completely concreted, the moulds are unstopped, to allow the colored syrup to drain off. To separate the remains of this syrup, the operation called *claying* is performed. This consists in removing from the base of the loaf a layer of sugar about an inch thick, and replacing it with pure sugar in powder, which is covered with a mixture of pipe-clay and water of about the consistence of cream. The water gradually leaves the clay, dissolves the pure sugar, and percolates the mass as a pure syrup, removing in its progress the colored syrup. Sometimes the purification is performed without the use of clay, by allowing a saturated solution of pure sugar to percolate the loaf. When all the colored syrup is removed, the loaf is taken out of the mould and placed in stoves to dry. It now constitutes *white* or *purified sugar*. The syrup which drains from the loaves contains a considerable quantity of cane sugar, and is used in subsequent operations. This process of forming *loaf-sugar* by claying and displacing colored syrup by white syrup is now almost entirely replaced by the process already described under raw sugars of crystallizing in the vacuum-pan and draining with a centrifugal. The syrups of lowest quality are employed in forming inferior white sugar, from which a syrup finally drains containing so little cane sugar as not to repay the expense of extracting it. This constitutes *sugar-house molasses*. Good brown sugar, in the process of refining, yields about 70 per cent. of white sugar. The application of animal charcoal to the refining of sugar is now very extensive.

Commercial History. *Cane sugar* was known to the ancients. It was originally obtained from India, where it was extracted from the sugar cane. About the period of the Crusades, the Venetians brought it to Europe; but at that time it was so scarce and costly as to be used exclusively as a medicine. Upon the discovery of the Cape of Good Hope and the maritime route to the East Indies, the commerce in sugar passed into the hands of the Portuguese. Subsequently the cultivation of the cane extended to Arabia, Egypt, Sicily, Spain, and the Canaries, and finally, upon the discovery of the New World, to America, where it was pursued with the greatest success, and continues to be so. In America it is produced most abundantly in the West Indies, which supply also a part of the consumption of Europe, little comparatively being taken thither from Brazil or the East Indies. The consumption of the United States before the year 1861 was more than half supplied by Louisiana and some of the neighboring States. The crop of sugar of Louisiana in 1847 was estimated at 240,000 hogsheads, in 1853 at 322,000, but is now relatively small as compared with that of Cuba, Java, and other tropical countries. It has, however, again advanced under the stimulus of a bounty for production, rising from 144,878 tons in 1889 and 128,344 tons in 1890 to 220,000 tons in 1891. Similarly the American production from the sugar beet has developed rapidly in the last few years, advancing from 10,000 tons in 1892 to over 20,000 tons in 1893. This production centres in California, Nebraska, and Utah.

The following figures show the production of sugar throughout the world from the two main sources, the sugar cane and the sugar beet. Sugar from the cane, for 1888–89, 2,254,000 tons; for 1889–90, 2,228,000 tons; sugar from the sugar beet, 1889–90, 3,509,000 tons; 1890–91, 3,579,500 tons; 1891–92, 3,438,800 tons; 1892–93, 3,354,000 tons.

Of the sugar from the cane, Cuba produces about one-third of the whole amount; of the sugar from the beet, Germany produces about two-fifths of the entire crop.

The importations of raw sugars into the United States for 1891 were: raw sugar from the cane, 2,820,266,403 lbs. (including 232,594,893 lbs. from Hawaii free of duty), and raw sugar from the beet, 658,994,380 lbs.; for 1892, raw sugar from the cane, 3,248,494,502 lbs., and raw sugar from the beet, 293,134,261 lbs.

Properties. Sugar, in a pure state, is a solid of a peculiar grateful taste, permanent in the air, phosphorescent by friction, and of the sp. gr. 1.6. It forms "white, dry, hard, distinctly crystalline granules, odorless, and having a purely sweet taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·5 part of water, and in 175 parts of alcohol; in 0·2 part of boiling water, and in 28 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 80 parts of boiling, absolute alcohol, but insoluble in ether, chloroform, or carbon disulphide. The aqueous solution, satu-

rated at 15° C. (59° F.), has the specific gravity 1·345, and is miscible with water in all proportions. The aqueous or alcoholic solution of Sugar is neutral to litmus paper." *U. S.* Its solution, when thick and ropy, is called *syrup*, and when alcohol is mixed with it, the sugar is gradually deposited in crystals. An aqueous solution of sugar, kept in a warm place, has the property of corroding iron, partially immersed in it, just above the line where the surface of the liquid touches the metal; and the solution itself becomes impregnated with ferrous oxide, and of a deep red-brown color. A similar effect is produced on lead; but zinc and copper are but slightly acted on. (Dr. J. H. Gladstone, *Annals of Pharmacy*, iii. 208.) A solution of sugar possesses the property also of dissolving a large quantity of calcium hydrate, forming a compound called *calcium saccharate*. When a concentrated syrup is gently heated, and spirit added to it, the liquid, on cooling, forms white semi-transparent crystals of hydrated sugar, having the shape of oblique four-sided prisms, and called *rock-candy*. When heated to 185° C. (365° F.), it melts into a viscid, colorless liquid, which on being suddenly cooled forms a transparent amorphous mass, called *barley sugar*. At a higher temperature (between 204·4° and 215·5° C. (400° and 420° F.) it loses two mols. of water, and is converted into a black porous mass, having a high lustre, called *caramel*.* At a still higher heat it yields combustible gases, carbonic acid, empyreumatic oil, and acetic acid, and there remains one-fourth of its weight of charcoal, which burns without residue. Sugar renders the fixed and volatile oils to a certain extent miscible with water, and forms with the latter an imperfect combination: such mixtures are called *oleo-saccharures*. When in solution, it is not precipitated by lead subacetate, a negative property which distinguishes it from most other organic principles.

Tests. "Both the aqueous and the alcoholic solution of Sugar should be clear and transparent. When kept in large, well closed and completely filled bottles, the solutions should not deposit a sediment on prolonged standing (absence of *insoluble salts*, *ultramarine*, *Prussian blue*, etc.). If 1 Gm. of Sugar be dissolved in 10 C.c. of boiling water, the solution mixed with 4 or 5 drops of silver nitrate test-solution, then about 2 C.c. of ammonia water added, and the liquid quickly brought to the boiling point, not more than a slight coloration, but no black precipitate, should appear in the liquid after standing at rest for five minutes (absence of *grape-sugar*, or of more than a slight amount of *inverted sugar*)." *U. S.* Cane sugar may be distinguished from grape sugar by Trommer's test, which consists in the use of copper sulphate and caustic potassa. If a solution of cane sugar be mixed with a solution of copper sulphate, and potassa be added in excess, a deep blue liquid is obtained, which on being heated lets fall, after a time, a little red powder. A solution of grape sugar, similarly treated, yields, by heat, a copious greenish precipitate which rapidly changes to scarlet and eventually to dark red. Prof. Böttger finds that, when a liquid containing grape sugar is boiled with sodium carbonate and some basic bismuth nitrate, a gray coloration or blackening of reduced bismuth is produced. Cane sugar, similarly treated, has no effect on the test. Dr. Donaldson's test for sugar in the *animal fluids* is formed of 5 parts of sodium carbonate, 5 of caustic potassa, 6 of potassium bitartrate, 4 of copper sulphate, and 32 of distilled water. A few drops of this solution being added to an animal fluid, and the mixture heated over a spirit-lamp, a yellowish-green color is developed, if sugar be present. J. Horsley's test for sugar in diabetic urine is an alkaline solution of potassium chromate, a few drops of which, boiled with the urine, will make it assume a deep sap-green color. M. J. Nicklés points out, in carbon tetrachloride, obtained by decomposing carbon disulphide by chlorine and aqueous vapor, a new test for distinguishing glucose and cane sugar. This test mixed with cane sugar in a glass tube, kept for some time near 100° C. (212° F.), causes a darkening of the sugar, gradually increasing till it becomes black. Glucose undergoes no such change. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 119.)

Action of Acids and Alkalies, etc. The mineral acids act differently on cane sugar according as they are concentrated or dilute. Strong nitric acid, with the assistance of heat, converts it into oxalic acid. (See *Oxalic Acid.*) The same acid, when weak, converts it into *saccharic acid*, confounded by Scheele with malic acid. Concentrated sulphuric acid chars it. Diluted hydrochloric acid, when boiled with cane sugar, converts it into a solid, brown, gelatinous mass. Weak sulphuric acid, by a prolonged action at a high temperature, converts cane sugar, first into uncrystallizable sugar, afterwards into grape sugar, and finally into *ulmin* and

* A coloring substance called *caramel brown* or *sucré couleur* is now largely manufactured from sugar by decomposing it by means of heat carefully applied. It is in the form either of a stiff paste, in which it is used for coloring leather, or of a syrup, for coloring liquids. Sucré couleur is now extensively manufactured abroad for coloring rum and spirituous liquors, beer, and wine. It is made exclusively from starch sugar, either by a simple process of heating, or by heating with addition of sodium carbonate or ammonium carbonate. (For details, see *Starch, Glucose, Starch Sugar, etc.*, by Wagner, translated by Frankel, 8vo, pp. 344, H. C. Baird & Co., Phila.)

ulmic acid. Vegetable acids are supposed to act in a similar way. Maumené has found that cane sugar undergoes the change into uncrystallizable sugar when kept for a long time in aqueous solution, as well as when heated with acids. When the boiling with acids is prolonged for several days in open vessels, oxygen is absorbed, and, besides ulmin and ulmic acid, formic acid is generated. Soubeiran admits the change of the uncrystallizable into grape sugar, but attributes it to a molecular transformation of the sugar, independently of the action of the acid, as, according to his observation, the conversion takes place only after rest. In confirmation of his views, this chemist states that he found the same changes to be produced by boiling sugar with water alone. Not only does cane sugar change into the uncrystallizable variety when boiled with water, but, as clearly shown by an experiment of M. E. M. Rault, in aqueous solution, under the influence of light, at ordinary temperatures, it slowly changes into glucose; but this alteration does not take place in the dark. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1872, p. 643.)

Cane sugar unites with the alkalies and some of the alkaline earths, forming definite combinations which render the sugar less liable to change. It also unites with lead monoxide. Boiled for a long time with aqueous solutions of potassa, lime, or baryta, the liquid becomes brown, formic acid is produced, and two new acids are generated,—one brown or black and insoluble in water, called *melassic acid*, the other colorless and very soluble, named *glucic acid*. Alkalies and the alkaline earths are said to lessen the rotatory power of sugar in relation to polarized light; but the sugar recovers its power when the alkali is saturated. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 314.) The action of acids and alkalies on cane sugar explains the way in which lime acts in the manufacture and refining of sugar. The acids naturally existing in the saccharine juice have the effect of converting the cane sugar into uncrystallizable sugar, by which a loss of the former is sustained. The lime, by neutralizing these acids, prevents that result. An excess of lime, however, must be carefully avoided, as it injures the product of cane sugar in both quantity and quality. The change in sugar which precedes fermentation, namely, the conversion of cane sugar into the uncrystallizable kind, points to the necessity of operating on the juice before that process sets in; and hence the advantage of grinding canes immediately after they are cut, and boiling the juice with the least possible delay.

Molasses is of two kinds, the West India and sugar-house. *West India molasses* is a black ropy liquid, of a peculiar odor and sweet empyreumatic taste. When mixed with water and with the skimmings of the vessels used in the manufacture of sugar, it forms a liquor which, when fermented and distilled, yields *rum*. *Sugar-house molasses* has the same general appearance as the West India, but is thicker, and has a different flavor. Its sp. gr. is about 1·4, and it contains about 75 per cent. of solid matter. Both kinds of molasses contain uncrystallizable sugar, more or less cane sugar which has escaped separation in the process of manufacture or refining, and gummy and coloring matter. When the molasses from cane sugar is treated with a boiling, concentrated solution of potassium bichromate, and boiled, a violent reaction takes place, and the liquid becomes green; but if it be adulterated with only an eighth of starch sugar molasses, the reaction is prevented, and the color is not changed. (*Dr. G. Reich.*)

Medical and Pharmaceutical Uses. As an aliment and condiment *cane* sugar is enormously used by all civilized and semi-civilized nations. As a hydrocarbon it is nearly equivalent to starch in its nutritive value, by its digestion largely adding to the fatty tissues of the body; but, as it contains no nitrogen, it is incapable of sustaining life by itself. It seems to be worked up in the alimentary canal with much more difficulty than other hydrocarbons, and its excessive use is very apt to lead to acid dyspepsia. *Glucose*, or *grape* sugar, on account of its lack of sweetness, is not much used as a food, but it exceeds in food-value cane sugar, on account of its being more readily digested.

As a demulcent, cane sugar has been used to some extent in *catarrhal affections*, especially of the respiratory tract, and Dr. S. A. Cartwright, of New Orleans (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, vols. xlvii. and li.), affirms that the vapor of boiling cane-juice is of very great value in the treatment of *bronchitis* and *consumption*. According to Dr. S. Meslach, glucose, when given in doses of from six to six and a half ounces per day in the form of the concentrated syrup, acts as a powerful diuretic, and is very useful in the treatment of *cardiac dropsy*. If the kidneys be healthy, the glucose is said not to appear in the urine. The celebrated grape cure of Europe is said to act by virtue of the glucose in the grape.

Sugar is much used for the purposes of preserving meat, fish, fruit, etc. It is probable that it acts by producing a rapid exosmose of the fluids of the fermentative organisms, its diluted solution being in fact prone itself to undergo fermentative change. All the different kinds of sugar susceptible of the alcoholic fermentation have this power. (Dr. Louis Mandl, *Arch. Gén.*

de Méd., 5e sér., xvi. 49, Juillet, 1860.) In pharmacy, sugar is employed to render oils miscible with water, to cover the taste of medicines, to give them consistency, to preserve them from change, and to protect certain ferruginous preparations from oxidation. Accordingly, it enters into the composition of several mixtures, pills, and powders, of syrups and confections, and of all the troches. *Molasses* is used for forming pills, for which it is well fitted, preserving them soft and free from mouldiness, on account of its retentiveness of moisture and its antiseptic qualities.

SACCHARUM LACTIS. U. S., Br. Sugar of Milk.

$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}.H_2O$; 359·16. (SĂC'ȻHẠ-RŬM LĂC'TĬS.) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}.H_2O$; 360.

"A peculiar, crystalline sugar obtained from the whey of cow's milk by evaporation, and purified by recrystallization." *U. S.* "A crystallized sugar obtained from the whey of milk by evaporation." *Br.*

Lactin, Milk Sugar; Lactose; Sucre de Lait, *Fr.*; Milchzucker, *G.*

Sugar of milk, or *lactose*, is found only in milk, of which it forms about 5 per cent. (*Boussingault.*) It is manufactured largely in Switzerland and the Bavarian Alps, especially from the whey left over in cheese-making. In preparing it, milk is first coagulated by the addition of a little diluted sulphuric acid, and the resulting *whey* boiled down to about one-fifteenth of its original bulk into a brown, viscid, sweetly saline mass, which is put into tubs, where, in from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, the sugar crystallizes in a bright yellow granular mass, constituting the so-called "sugar-sand," which is afterwards decolorized by animal charcoal and repeated crystallizations. (*Amer. Drug.*, Sept. 1884.) It has been made in the United States, but, as the whey is usually more profitably consumed in feeding swine, its production upon a commercial scale has not assumed extensive proportions.

Sugar of milk is a hard, somewhat gritty, white substance, crystallized in four-sided prisms, and possessing a slightly sweet taste and a neutral reaction. In commerce it usually occurs in cylindrical masses, in the axis of which is a cord, around which the crystals have been deposited. It is "soluble in about 6 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol, ether, or chloroform. The aqueous solution of Sugar of Milk is neutral to litmus paper. On adding to a few C.c. of a hot, saturated aqueous solution of Sugar of Milk an equal volume of sodium hydrate test-solution, and gently warming, the liquid will turn yellow and brownish-red. On the further addition of a few drops of copper sulphate test-solution, a brick-red precipitate will appear. If about 1 Gm. of powdered Sugar of Milk be sprinkled upon about 5 C.c. of cold sulphuric acid contained in a flat-bottomed capsule, the acid may acquire a greenish or reddish but no brown or brownish-black color within half an hour (absence of *cane-sugar*)." *U. S.* Its sp. gr. is 1·54. It is not susceptible of the vinous fermentation by the direct influence of yeast; but after the action of dilute acids, which first convert it into a variety of glucose, it is capable of furnishing a spirituous liquor. It is well known that both mares' and cows' milk, after becoming sour, are capable of forming an intoxicating drink, by fermentation. By the action of nitric acid, sugar of milk is converted into mucic acid. When anhydrous it consists of $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$; when crystallized, of $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O$. (*Staedeler and Krause.*) These formulas make anhydrous sugar of milk isomeric with cane sugar. Fudakowski has ascertained that sugar of milk, when treated with weak sulphuric acid, is changed into two peculiar saccharine bodies, one crystallizable, and previously noticed by Pasteur (*Comptes-Rendus*, xlii. 347), the other new. The latter is more soluble in alcohol than the former, has a sweeter taste, ferments more easily, and crystallizes in prisms, while the former is tabular, and has a different polarizing action. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., v. 479.)

Sugar of milk has been strongly recommended as a non-nitrogenous, bland article of diet in *consumption* and other *wasting diseases*, especially when there is extreme irritability of the stomach. According to Dr. S. Meslach, Dr. Zavadsky, and Prof. Germain Sée, it is an active hydragogue diuretic, which may often be used with great advantage in the treatment of *cardiac dropsy*. If the kidneys be sound, the lactose is said not to appear in the urine. It has been given by the authorities quoted in doses varying from three-quarters of an ounce to six ounces a day, administered in concentrated syrup or in milk.

SALICINUM. U. S., Br. Salicin.

$C_{13}H_{18}O_7$; 285·33. (SĂL-Ị-CĪ'NŬM.) $C_{13}H_{18}O_7$; 286.

"A neutral principle obtained from several species of Salix and Populus (nat. ord. Salicaceæ)." *U. S.* "A crystalline glucoside obtained by treating the bark of Salix alba, Linn.; and other species of Salix, Linn.; and the bark of various species of Populus, Linn., with hot

water, removing tannin and coloring matter from the decoction, evaporating, purifying, and recrystallizing." *Br.*

The discovery of salicin is claimed by Buchner, of Germany, and Fontana and Rigatelli, of Italy; but M. Leroux, of France, deserves the credit of having first accurately investigated its properties. Braconnot procured it by adding lead subacetate to a decoction of the bark, precipitating the excess of lead by sulphuric acid, evaporating the colorless liquid which remained, adding near the end of the process a little animal charcoal previously washed, and filtering the liquor while hot. Upon cooling it deposited the salicin in a crystalline form. (*Journ. de Chimie Médicale*, Jan. 1831.) The following is the process of Merck. A boiling concentrated decoction of the bark is treated with litharge until it becomes nearly colorless. Gum, tannin, and extractive matter, which would impede the crystallization of the salicin, are thus removed from the liquid; while a portion of the oxide is dissolved in combination probably with the salicin. To separate this portion of oxide, sulphuric acid is first added, and then barium sulphide, and the liquor is filtered and evaporated. Salicin is deposited, and may be purified by repeated solution and crystallization. (*Turner's Chemistry.*) Erdmann has given another process. Sixteen ounces of the bark are macerated for twenty-four hours in four quarts of water mixed with two ounces of lime, and the whole is then boiled for half an hour. The process is repeated with the residue. The decoctions having been mixed, and allowed to become clear by subsidence, the liquor is poured off, concentrated to a quart, then digested with eight ounces of ivory-black, filtered, and evaporated to dryness. The extract is exhausted by spirit containing 28 per cent. of alcohol, and the tincture evaporated so that the salicin may crystallize. This is purified by again dissolving, treating with ivory-black, and crystallizing. Merck obtained 251 grains from 16 ounces of the bark and young twigs of *Salix helix*, and Erdmann 300 grains from the same quantity of the bark of *Salix pentandra*. It may probably be obtained from any of the willow barks having a bitter taste. Braconnot procured it from various species of Populus, particularly *P. tremula*, or European aspen. When pure, it is in white, shining, slender crystals, inodorous, but very bitter, with the peculiar flavor of the bark. It is soluble in cold water, much more so in boiling water, soluble in alcohol, and insoluble in ether and oil of turpentine. It neutralizes neither acids nor salifiable bases, and is not precipitated by any reagent. Concentrated sulphuric acid decomposes it, receiving from it an intense and permanent bright-red color, and producing a new compound called *rutulin*. It is officially described as in "colorless, or white, silky, shining crystalline needles, or a crystalline powder, odorless, and having a very bitter taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 28 parts of water, and in 30 parts of alcohol; in 0·7 part of boiling water, and in 2 parts of boiling alcohol; almost insoluble in ether or chloroform. When heated to 198° C. (388·4° F.), Salicin melts, yielding a colorless liquid which, on cooling, congeals to a crystalline mass. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. Salicin is neutral to litmus paper. On heating a small portion of Salicin, in a test-tube, until it turns brown, then adding a few C.c. of water, and afterwards a drop of ferric chloride test-solution, a violet color will be produced. Cold, concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves Salicin with a red color; the solution, after the addition of water, becomes colorless, and deposits a dark-red powder insoluble in water or alcohol. On heating a small portion of Salicin with 1 C.c. of potassium dichromate test-solution and 2 C.c. of sulphuric acid, the odor of salicylic aldehyde (or of oil of meadow-sweet, *Spiræa ulmaria* Linné, nat. ord. *Rosaceæ*) will become noticeable. The aqueous solution of Salicin is not precipitated by tannic or picric acid, nor by mercuric potassium iodide test-solution (absence of, and difference from, *alkaloids*)." *U. S.* It belongs to the class of glucosides, being resolved by boiling with diluted hydrochloric and sulphuric acids into grape sugar and *saligenin*, according to the reaction $C_{13}H_{18}O_7 + H_2O = C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_7H_8O_2$. Saligenin, which is ortho-oxybenzyl alcohol, $C_6H_4(OH)CH_2OH$, is converted by further boiling with dilute acids into a resinous body, *saliretin*, $C_{14}H_{14}O_3$. Nitric acid produces with salicin at first two principles called respectively *helicin*, $C_{13}H_{16}O_7$, and *helicoidin*, $C_{26}H_{34}O_{14}$, and afterwards picric and oxalic acids. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx. 43.) Distilled with potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid, it yields, among other products, a volatile oleaginous liquid, identical with one of the components of oil of spiræa, and recognized as *salicyl aldehyde*, $C_7H_6O_2$ (*salicylous acid*), while saligenin, $C_7H_8O_2$, is the alcohol, and salicylic acid, $C_7H_6O_3$, the acid corresponding. The synthesis of salicin has been effected by Michael (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 492), who obtained first helicin by the reaction of acetochlorhydrose and salicyl aldehyde, and, by the action of nascent hydrogen upon this, salicin.

Medical Properties and Uses. Salicin probably acts upon the stomach as a simple

bitter, and after absorption as a feeble and uncertain form of salicylic acid, since it is rapidly decomposed in the system, the products of its change appearing in the urine fifteen to thirty minutes after the ingestion of a single dose. The elimination is partly as salicin, partly as salicylic acid, partly as a salicyluric acid, and partly as saligenin. It has been highly recommended as a substitute for salicylic acid in *rheumatism* by Maclagan and others, but later reports are not so favorable; and if, as believed by Senator, the activity of salicin depends upon its conversion in the blood into salicylic acid, it is plain that its action should be slower and more uncertain than that of the acid. The dose is twenty to thirty grains (1·3 to 1·95 Gm.) every three hours, administered in syrup or cachet. Salicin has been used to some extent as an antiperiodic, and appears to possess some influence over slight *malarial disorders*, though vastly inferior to the cinchona alkaloids. One or two drachms may be given in the intermission.

SALOL. U. S. Salol. [Phenyl Salicylate.]

$C_6H_5C_7H_5O_3$; 213·47. (SĂL'ŎL.)

"The salicylic ether of phenol." *U. S.*

Salol was first produced by Prof. Nencki, of Basel, and introduced to the medical profession by Dr. Sahli, of the same place. It is prepared by heating salicylic acid with phenol in the presence of phosphorus pentachloride or phosphorus oxychloride; the action dehydrates and withdraws the elements of water, and unites the phenyl group with the salicylic acid radical. It is described as "a white, crystalline powder, odorless, or having a faintly aromatic odor, and almost tasteless. Permanent in the air. Almost insoluble in water; soluble in 10 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.); very soluble in boiling alcohol; also soluble in 0·3 part of ether, and readily in chloroform, and in fixed or volatile oils. When heated to 42°–43° C. (107·6°–109·4° F.), Salol melts. When heated on platinum, it takes fire, and is consumed, leaving no residue. Salol is neutral to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. On warming a small portion of Salol with enough sodium hydrate test-solution to dissolve it, and then supersaturating the liquid with hydrochloric acid, salicylic acid will separate, and the odor of phenol will become perceptible. In an alcoholic solution of Salol, bromine water, added in excess, produces a white precipitate. On adding a few drops of dilute ferric chloride test-solution, made by diluting the test-solution with 20 volumes of water, to 10 C.c. of an alcoholic solution (1 in 50) of Salol, the liquid will acquire a violet tint. If, however, a few drops of the alcoholic solution of Salol be added to 10 C.c. of the diluted ferric chloride test-solution, a whitish cloudiness, but no color, will be produced on shaking. On shaking 1 Gm. of Salol with 50 C.c. of water, the filtrate should not be affected by ferric chloride test-solution, previously diluted with 20 volumes of water (absence of *uncombined carbolic* or *salicylic acid*); nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate* or *phosphate*); nor by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. In the small intestine salol is broken up by the pancreatic juice, and yields about thirty-six per cent. of phenol and sixty-four per cent. of salicylic acid. The completeness and rapidity of this action depend upon the amount of salol ingested and of the alkaline juice in the intestines. The change is, however, sufficient, when salol is freely given, for the production of salicylic acid intoxication, and for the blacking of the urine with educts from carbolic acid. Because this change occurs in the intestines somewhat slowly, the remedy is valuable as an internal antiseptic in the treatment of *typhoid fever*, in fermentative *dyspepsia*, and in various diseases of the intestinal canal. It has been largely used in rheumatism as a substitute for salicylic acid, but it is much less prompt and certain in its action than is that remedy. Moreover, on account of the large proportion of phenol which it contains, it is much more dangerous than the corresponding dose of salicylic acid. Hesselbach has shown that it is prone to affect the secreting structure of the kidneys, and two fatal cases of poisoning by it have been reported. (*Lancet*, May, 1891.) It is especially dangerous when the kidneys are diseased. Salol has also been used externally as a substitute for iodoform, and internally, according to the method of Ewald, for the purposes of gastric diagnosis. (See H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*.) Dose, from fifteen to thirty grains (0·97–2 Gm.).

SALVIA. U. S. Salvia. [Sage.]

(SĂL'VĮ-Ą.)

"The leaves of Salvia officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Sage; Folia (Herba) Salviæ, *P. G.;* Sauge officinale, Sauge, *Fr.:* Salbei, Salbeiblätter, *G.:* Salvia, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla unequal. *Filaments* affixed transversely to a pedicel. *Willd.*

Salvia officinalis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 129; *B. & T.* 206. Common garden sage is a perennial plant, about two feet high, with a quadrangular, pubescent, branching, shrubby stem, furnished with opposite, petiolate, ovate-lanceolate, crenulate, wrinkled leaves, of a grayish-green color, sometimes tinged with red or purple. The flowers are blue, variegated with white and purple, and are disposed on long terminal spikes, in distant whorls, each composed of a few flowers, and accompanied with ovate, acute, deciduous bracts. The calyx is tubular and striated, with two lips, of which the upper has three acute teeth, the under two. The corolla is tubular, bilabiate, ringent, with the upper lip concave, and the lower divided into three rounded lobes, of which the middle is the largest. The filaments are supported upon short pedicels, to which they are affixed transversely at the middle.*

Sage grows spontaneously in the south of Europe, and is cultivated abundantly in our gardens. There are several varieties, differing in the size and color of their flowers, but all possessing the same medical properties. The flowering period is in June, at which time the plant should be cut, and dried in a shady place. The leaves are officially described as "about 5 Cm. long, petiolate, ovate-oblong, obtuse or subacute at the apex, rounded or somewhat heart-shaped at the base, finely crenulate, thickish, wrinkled, grayish-green, soft-hairy and glandular beneath; odor aromatic; taste aromatic, bitterish, and somewhat astringent." *U. S.*

Both these and the flowering summits have a strong, fragrant odor, and a warm, bitterish, aromatic, somewhat astringent taste. They abound in a volatile oil, which may be obtained separate by distillation with water. Muir (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 37, p. 678) found it to contain a terpene boiling at 156° C. (312·8° F.), another boiling at 171° C. (339·8° F.), *salviol*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, a liquid boiling at 197°–203° C., and ordinary camphor, $C_{10}H_{16}O$. In the fresh oil the first terpene predominates. On standing, the amount of *salviol* increases, and then the camphor. The oil from English leaves contains also a sesquiterpene, $C_{15}H_{24}$, of the boiling point 260° C. (500° F.). Wallach (*Ann. der Ch. und Phar.*, 1889) states that the first portions contain *pinene* and *cineol*, but the greater portion consists of *salviol*. Ferrous sulphate strikes a black color with their infusion.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sage unites slightly tonic, astringent, and aromatic properties. By the ancients it was highly esteemed; it is at present little used, except as a condiment, but has been given in *dyspepsia*, also for *colliquative sweats*. The dose of the powdered leaves is from twenty to thirty grains (1·3–1·95 Gm.). Dose of the infusion (℥i to Oj of boiling water), two fluidounces (60 C.c.). According to Cadéac and Meunier (*Lyon Méd.*, May, 1891), the volatile oil of sage is a violent epileptiform convulsant, resembling in its action the oil of absinthe, but less powerful.

* The medicinal properties of the official sage are probably shared by various species of the genus. *S. pratensis* and *S. sclarea*, or *clarry*, have been officially recognized in Europe, but are less agreeable than *S. officinalis*, and are not much used: the leaves of *S. sclarea* are said to be introduced into wine in order to impart to it a muscadel taste. Dr. A. Comstock (*Therap. Gaz.*, 1887, 660) states that the infusion of the Rocky Mountain sage (probably *S. lanceolata*, Willd.) is, when hot, a powerful diaphoretic, and when cold, an active diuretic. It is also affirmed to be distinctly tonic, and of great value in the treatment of the malarial, rheumatic, and exanthematous fevers of the country. The dose of the fluid extract is half a drachm. It would appear also that the seeds of various species of the genus are farinaceous, mucilaginous, and capable of being used as food. The stockmen of the West attribute very great fattening properties to the ordinary sage of the Plains, whose ripened tops are freely eaten by the cattle. Under the name of *Chia* the seeds of one or more species of sage are employed in Mexico, Arizona, and New Mexico by the Mexicans and Indians as food. Probably the most important of the chia-yielding sages is the *S. columbariæ* (see *Report U. S. Geogr. Surveys, 100th Merid.*, vol. vi. p. 48), which grows in Mexico as well as in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California. *S. chia* is described in the last edition of the *Farmacopea Mexicana* as a new species, yielding chia, but M. Mariano Báscena affirms (*La Naturaleza*, 1881) that the common chia-yielding sage of Mexico is *S. polystachya*, whilst *Chia azul* is yielded by *S. patens*. Guibourt is probably in error in ascribing chia to *S. hispanica*. The chia seeds are used not only when crushed as food and for the making of mucilaginous poultices, but also for the preparation of a mucilaginous drink, prepared by adding a teaspoonful of the seed to a tumblerful of cold water, allowing it to stand for half an hour, sweetening and flavoring to taste. They are described as follows. "The seed is a small one, about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in length and $\frac{1}{24}$ inch in width; oblong-ovate, somewhat flattish, nearly cylindrical, both ends rounded and slightly tapering; the thinner end has a small, dark line, forming a slight projection, which is the eye of the seed, and this, when exposed to moisture, opens in a star-shaped or scalloped manner, emitting the growing embryo. Below this eye are oil-cells. The seed is smooth and glossy, and is surrounded by a transparent epithelium, swelling very largely when in water. The testa is darkish gray, striated with dark brown lines, running diagonally, and dotted, forming a very beautiful variegated surface; when pressed or crushed under a spatula it bursts at the hilum, exposing the cotyledons and the oil-cells, leaving an oily stain upon paper. Internally the testa is dark, grayish brown, perfectly smooth, glossy, and devoid of the external variegations or striæ. It contains the embryo, with the radicle pointing towards the hilum, and a white, mucilaginous substance, much resembling unrendered fat." (*A. J. P.*, May, 1882, pp. 227–229.) The European species, *Salvia verticillata*, Willd., *S. verbenaca*, Lin., *S. hominum*, Lin., and *S. viridis*, Lin., all indigenous to Central or Southern Europe, are also noted for the mucilaginous character of their seeds, and have on this account been employed to remove foreign substances from the eye, just as linseed is used with us.

SAMBUCUS. U. S. (Br.) Elder.

(SĄM-BŪ'CŬS.)

"The flowers of Sambucus Canadensis, Linné (nat. ord. Caprifoliaceæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh flowers of Sambucus nigra, Linn. From indigenous plants." *Br.*

Sambuci Flores, *Br.;* Elder Flowers; Fleurs de Sureau, Sureau, *Fr.;* Hollunder, Fliederblumen, *G.;* Sambuco, *It.;* Sauco, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Corolla* five-cleft. *Berry* three-seeded. *Willd.*

Sambucus canadensis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1494; *B. & T.* 138. Our indigenous *common elder* is a shrub from six to ten feet high, with a branching stem, covered with a rough gray bark, and containing a large spongy pith. The small branches and leafstalks are very smooth. The leaves are opposite, pinnate, sometimes bipinnate, and composed usually of three or four pairs of oblong-oval, acuminate, smooth, shining, deep-green leaflets, the midribs of which are somewhat pubescent. The flowers are small, white, and disposed in loose cymes, having about five divisions; the cream-colored corolla is whorl-shaped, with five stamens on the tube. The berries are small, globular, and deep purple when ripe. This shrub grows in low, moist grounds, along fences, and on the borders of small streams, in all parts of the United States, from Canada to the Carolinas, and westward as far as Texas. It flowers from May to July, and ripens its fruit early in autumn. The flowers, which are official, have an aromatic though rather heavy odor. The berries as well as other parts of the plant are employed, in domestic practice, for the same purposes as the corresponding parts of the European elder, to which this species bears a close affinity.

Sambucus nigra. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1495; *B. & T.* 137. The common elder of Europe differs from the American most obviously in its size, which approaches to that of a small tree. The stem is much branched towards the top, and has a rough whitish bark. The leaves are pinnate, consisting usually of five oval, pointed, serrate leaflets, four of which are in opposite pairs, and the fifth terminal. The flowers are small, whitish, and in five-parted cymes. The berries are globular, and blackish purple when ripe.*

"The flowers are, when fresh, about 5 Mm. broad, and after drying shrivelled; calyx superior, minutely five-toothed; corolla originally cream-colored, after drying pale brownish-yellow, wheel-shaped and five-lobed, with five stamens on the short tube; odor peculiar; taste sweetish, somewhat aromatic and bitterish. The peduncles and pedicels of the inflorescence should be rejected." *U. S.* The flowers yield their active properties to water by infusion, and when distilled give over a small proportion of volatile oil, which on cooling assumes a butyraceous consistence and an appreciable portion of ammonia. The *berries* are nearly inodorous, but have a sweetish, acidulous taste, dependent on the presence of saccharine matter and malic acid. Their expressed juice is susceptible of fermentation, and forms a vinous liquid used in the north of Europe. It is colored violet by alkalies, and bright red by acids; and the coloring matter is precipitated blue by lead acetate. The *inner bark* is without smell. Its taste is at first sweetish, afterwards slightly bitter, acrid, and nauseous. Both water and alcohol extract its virtues, which are said to reside especially in the green layer between the liber and the epidermis. According to Simon, the active principle of the inner bark of the root is a soft resin, which may be obtained by exhausting the powdered bark with alcohol, filtering the tincture, evaporating to the consistence of syrup, then adding ether, which dissolves the active matter, and finally evaporating to the consistence of a thick extract. Of this, twenty grains produce brisk vomiting and purging. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxxi. 262.) The bark, analyzed by Kramer, yielded an acid called by him *viburnic acid* (which has proved to be identical with *valerianic acid*), traces of volatile oil, albumen, resin, fat, wax, chlorophyll, tannic acid, grape sugar, gum, extractive, starch, pectin, and various alkaline and earthy salts. (*Chem. Gaz.*, May, 1846; from *Archiv der Pharm.*) C. G. Traub found in the bark valerianic acid, volatile oil, fat, resin, tannin, sugar, and coloring matter. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 392.) J. B. Metzgar made a partial examination of the fruit, and found sugar, gum, tannin, fat, and a resinous body. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 553.) It was also examined by F. F. Lyons (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 1),

* A fungus growing on this plant, called *fungus sambuci*, had a century since some reputation in Europe as a refrigerant in ophthalmia, and has recently been revived as a remedy in the same disease. It was ascertained by Steckel, an apothecary of Northern Germany, to have an extraordinary power, when immersed in water, of absorbing that fluid, so as to increase its weight sevenfold; and, if long immersed, it is capable of taking up from 9 to 12 times its weight. It has, besides, the property of retaining the absorbed water very adhesively. This property adapts it admirably to the local treatment of conjunctivitis; and on trial it has been found successful where the ordinary applications have proved fruitless. (*Neues Repert.*, xiii. 476, 1864.)

who found 0·5 per cent. of a volatile oil, an amorphous yellow compound of a glucosidal character, and a tannin.

Medical Properties and Uses. The flowers are gently excitant and sudorific, but are seldom used. The berries are diaphoretic and aperient; and their inspissated juice has been used as an alterative in *rheumatism* and *syphilis* in doses of from one to two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.); also as a laxative in doses of half an ounce (15·5 Gm.) or more. The inner bark is a hydragogue cathartic, and in large doses emetic. It has been employed in *dropsy*, *epilepsy*, and as an alterative in various *chronic diseases*. An ounce may be boiled with two pints of water to a pint, and four fluidounces (118 C.c.) given for a dose. It is also used in vinous infusion. The leaves are not without activity, and the young leaf-buds are said to be a violent and even unsafe purgative. The juice of the root has been highly recommended in *dropsy* as a hydragogue cathartic, sometimes acting as an emetic, in the dose of a tablespoonful, repeated *pro re nata*. The fruits of the California species *S. glauca* and *S. racemosa* are said to be used as food by the Indians. According to Combemale, confirmed by Lemoine, the aqueous solution of the European elder, *S. nigra*, is a very active diuretic, also causing in the lower animals, when given in sufficient amount, a pronounced fall of temperature, pulse, and respiration. It was found very useful in *cardiac* and *renal dropsies*. The drug itself sometimes vomited and purged, but this effect never followed the use of the decoction.

SANGUINARIA. U. S. Sanguinaria. [Bloodroot.]

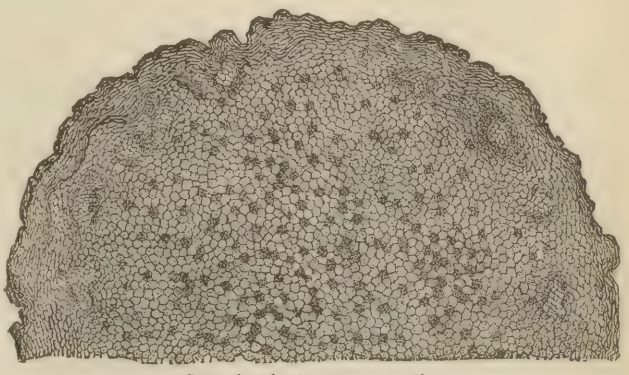
(SĂN-GUĮ-NĀ'RĮ-Ą.)

"The rhizome of Sanguinaria Canadensis, Linné (nat. ord. Papaveraceæ), collected in autumn." *U. S.*

Puccoon, Tetterwort, Indian Paint; Sanguinaire, *Fr.*; Blutwurzel, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx two-leaved. *Petals* eight. *Stigma* sessile, two-grooved. *Capsule* superior, oblong, one-celled, two-valved, apex attenuated. *Receptacles* two, filiform, marginal. *Nuttall.*

Sanguinaria canadensis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1140; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 75; Barton, *Med. Bot.* i. 31; *B. & T.* 20. The *bloodroot*, or, as it is sometimes called, *puccoon*, is an herbaceous or perennial plant. The root (rhizome) is horizontal, abrupt, often contorted, about as thick as the finger, two or three inches long, fleshy, of a reddish-brown color on the outside, and brighter red within. It is furnished with numerous slender radicles, and makes offsets from the sides, which succeed the old plant. From the end of the root arise the scape and leafstalks, surrounded by the large sheaths of the bud. These spring up together, the folded leaf enveloping the flower-bud, and rolling back as the latter expands. The leaf, which stands upon a long channelled petiole, is reniform, somewhat heart-shaped, deeply lobed, smooth, yellowish green on the upper surface, paler or glaucous on the under, and strongly marked by orange-colored veins. The scape is erect, round, and smooth, rising from a few inches to a foot, and terminating in a single flower. The calyx is two-leaved and deciduous. The petals, varying from seven to fourteen, but usually about eight in number, are spreading, ovate, obtuse, concave, mostly white, but sometimes slightly tinged with rose or purple. The stamens are numerous, with yellow filaments shorter than the corolla, and orange oblong anthers. The germ is oblong and compressed, with a sessile, persistent stigma. The capsule is oblong, acute at both ends, two-valved, and contains numerous oval, reddish-brown seeds. The whole plant is pervaded by an orange-colored sap, which flows from every part when broken, but is of the deepest color in the root. The bloodroot is one of the earliest and most beautiful spring flowers of the United States, everywhere growing abundantly in loose, rich soils and shady situations. After the fall of the flower the leaves continue to grow, and by the middle of summer have become so



Sanguinaria, transverse section.

large as to give the plant an entirely different aspect. Except the seeds, all parts of the plant are active.

The dried root is in pieces from one to three inches long, from a quarter to half an inch or more in thickness, flattened, faintly annulated, much wrinkled and twisted, often furnished with abrupt offsets and many short fibres, of a reddish-brown color externally, with a spongy uneven fracture, the surface of which is at first bright orange, or whitish, with numerous small red resin-cells, but becomes of a dull brown by long exposure. For an interesting microscopical description of the rhizome by Prof. E. S. Bastin, see *The Pharmacist*, 1885, p. 201. The color of the powder is a brownish orange-red. Sanguinaria has a faint narcotic odor, and a bitterish very acrid taste, the pungency of which remains long in the mouth and fauces. It yields its virtues to water and alcohol. The late Dr. Dana, of New York, obtained from it an alkaloid, denominated by him *sanguinarine*, by infusing the finely powdered root in hot water or diluted hydrochloric or acetic acid, precipitating with water of ammonia, collecting the precipitated matter, boiling it in water with pure animal charcoal, filtering off the water, treating the residue left upon the filter with alcohol, and finally evaporating the alcoholic solution. (*Ann. Lyc. of Nat. Hist. New York*, ii. 250.) It may also be conveniently procured by a process similar to that employed by Probst for obtaining chelerythrine from celandine. This consists in forming a strong ethereal tincture of the root, passing through this hydrochloric acid gas, drying the precipitated hydrochlorate, which is insoluble in ether, dissolving it in hot water, filtering, precipitating by ammonia, drying the precipitate, dissolving it in ether, decolorizing by animal charcoal, precipitating by means of hydrochloric acid gas, and decomposing the hydrochlorate as before. (*Chem. Gaz.*, i. 145.) G. König (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 457) has reinvestigated the constituents of *S. canadensis* and given us a clearer understanding of them. He finds *chelerythrine*, which is present in greatest quantity, *sanguinarine*, *γ-homochelidonine*, and *protopine*. Chelerythrine crystallizes with a molecule of alcohol which is not separated at 150° C. Its formula is $C_{21}H_{17}NO_4$, and it is identical with the alkaloid extracted from *Chelidonium majus*. The salts are lemon-yellow. Sanguinarine has the formula $C_{20}H_{15}NO_4$, and is very similar to chelerythrine in its properties. It crystallizes with one-half molecule of H_2O, and melts at 211° C. Its salts are red. The base named γ-homochelidonine is probably identical with that separated by Selle from *Chelidonium majus*, and its formula is $C_{22}H_{21}NO_4$. The fourth alkaloid, protopine, has been prepared from *Chelidonium majus*, from *Sanguinaria canadensis*, and from opium, all three of the specimens being identical. Its formula is $C_{20}H_{17}NO_5$, and it melts at 204° C. The virtues of the root are said to be rapidly deteriorated by time. Mr. Thos. M. Newbold extracted from sanguinaria a non-volatile liquid acid (*sanguinarinic acid*) (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 496), which L. C. Hopp has shown to be a solution of impure citric and malic acids.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sanguinaria is an acrid emetic, with stimulant narcotic powers. In small doses it excites the stomach and accelerates the circulation; more largely given, it produces nausea and consequent depression of the pulse; and in the full dose it occasions active vomiting. It is also expectorant, and is said to be emmenagogue. The effects of an overdose are violent emesis, a burning sensation in the stomach, tormenting thirst, faintness, vertigo, dimness of vision, and alarming prostration. (For fatal cases, see *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., ii. 506.) Snuffed up the nostrils, bloodroot excites much irritation, attended with sneezing. Upon fungous surfaces it acts as an escharotic. It has been used in various diseases, but is at present very rarely employed, except as a stimulant expectorant in *chronic bronchitis* or in the advanced stages of the acute disorder.

The emetic dose is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), preferably given in pill, in consequence of the great irritation of the throat produced by the powder when swallowed. The expectorant dose is from one to five grains (0·065–0·33 Gm.), repeated more or less frequently according to the effect desired, but the official tincture is better than the crude drug.

Dr. Wm. Tully found the alkaloid *sanguinarine*, in large doses, to produce vertigo, dilatation of the pupil, a haggard expression of the face, nausea, coldness of the extremities, cold sweats, and diminished frequency with irregularity of the pulse. The late Prof. R. P. Thomas, of Philadelphia, who experimented with it on himself and others, gave the following statement of its powers. In doses varying from one-twelfth to one-eighth of a grain (0·005–0·008 Gm.) it acted as an expectorant, without disturbing the stomach. One-sixth or one-fourth (0·01–0·016 Gm.) of a grain, given every two or three hours, generally produced nausea, and sometimes vomited. Half a grain (0·03 Gm.) in solution, given at intervals of ten minutes, almost invariably vomited after the second or third dose. Under the influence of one-eighth or one-sixth

(0·008–0·01 Gm.) of a grain, given every three hours, for two days or more, the pulse was generally reduced from five to fifteen beats in the minute. He found no alterative effect, and none of any kind directly upon the liver. (*Proc. of Amer. Med. Assoc.*, 1863, p. 219.) Dr. Robert Meade Smith finds that the alkaloid in large doses produces in mammals vomiting, purging, collapse, convulsions, and death from asphyxia, the convulsions being spinal, but associated with loss of reflex activity and depression of the spinal motor centres. The same authority states that moderate doses cause a rise of arterial pressure by stimulation of the vaso-motor centre, whilst toxic doses depress the pressure, partly by a direct action upon the heart, partly by paralyzing the vaso-motor centres. Hans Meyer (*Arch. f. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xxix.) found in the frog that sanguinarine first stimulates and then paralyzes spinal-motor ganglia; on the blood-pressure it acted much as described by Dr. Smith.*

SANTALUM RUBRUM. U. S. (Br.) Red Saunders.

(SĂN'TĄ-LŬM RŬ'BRŲM.)

"The wood of Pterocarpus santalinus, Linné filius (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The sliced or rasped heart-wood of Pterocarpus santalinus, Linn. fil." *Br.*

Pterocarpi Lignum, *Br.;* Red Sandal Wood; Lignum Santalinum Rubrum; Santal rouge, *Fr.;* Santelholz, Rothes Santelholz, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-toothed. *Legume* falcated, leafy, varicose, girted by a wing, not gaping. *Seeds* solitary. *Willd.*

Pterocarpus santalinus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 906; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 430, t. 156; *B. & T.* 82. This is a large tree, with alternate branches, and petiolate ternate leaves, each simple leaf being ovate, blunt, somewhat notched at the apex, entire, veined, smooth on the upper surface, and hoary beneath. The flowers are yellow in axillary spikes, and have a papilionaceous corolla, of which the *vexillum* is obcordate, erect, somewhat reflexed at the sides, toothed and waved, the *alæ* spreading with their edges apparently toothed, and the *carina* oblong, short, and somewhat inflated. The tree is a native of India, attaining the highest perfection in mountainous districts, and inhabiting especially the mountains of Coromandel and Ceylon. It is said that it is everywhere rare, and that plantations of it are being formed. Its wood is the official *red saunders*, though there is reason to believe that the product of other trees is sold by the same name.

The wood comes in heavy, irregular, roundish or angular billets of various size and thickness, externally brown from exposure, internally of a deep blood-red color, on transverse section variegated with zones of a lighter red. The structure is heavy, compact, and fibrous. In the pharmacies red saunders is usually kept in the shape of small chips, or raspings, or coarse powder, of a deep reddish-brown color, slightly astringent in taste, and when rubbed of a faint peculiar odor. It has little smell or taste. It imparts a red color to alcohol, ether, and alkaline solutions, but not to water; and a test is thus afforded by which it may be distinguished from some other coloring woods. The alcoholic tincture produces a deep violet precipitate with ferrous sulphate, a scarlet with mercuric chloride, and a violet with the soluble salts of lead. The coloring principle, which was separated by Pelletier and called by him *santalin*, is of a resinous character, scarcely soluble in cold water, more so in boiling water, very soluble in alcohol, ether, acetic acid, and alkaline solutions, but slightly in the fixed and volatile oils, with the exception of those of lavender and rosemary, which readily dissolve it. It is precipitated when acids are added to the infusion of the wood, prepared with an alkaline solution. Weyermann and Haeffely have found it to possess acid properties, and give it the formula $C_{15}H_{14}O_5$. (*Ann. d. Ch. und Pharm.*, 74, p. 226.) Weidel (*Wien. Akad. Ber.*, lx. p. 388), by extracting the red saunders with caustic potash, precipitating with hydrochloric acid, and again extracting from

* *Acetum Sanguinariæ, U. S.* 1880. *Vinegar of Sanguinaria.* (*Vinaigre de Sanguinaire*, Fr.; *Blutwurzel-Essig*, G.) "Sanguinaria, in No. 30 powder, *ten parts* [or one and three-fourths ounces av.]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or one pint]. Moisten the powder with *five parts* [or one fluidounce] of Diluted Acetic Acid, pack it firmly in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Acetic Acid upon it until *one hundred parts* [or one pint] of filtered liquid are obtained." *U. S.* 1880. Vinegar of Sanguinaria may also be prepared by macerating the powder in one pint of Diluted Acetic Acid for seven days, expressing the liquid, and filtering through paper. It is efficient, and of a deep-red color. On standing, a deposit is always noticed upon the sides of the vessel containing it, and the color pales: the cause of this is unknown, as, according to the late Prof. Procter, the change is independent of the sanguinarine acetate, which is formed in the process. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1864, p. 210.) A syrup may be formed from this vinegar by the addition of sugar, as in the syrup of squill. The dose of the vinegar of bloodroot as an emetic is three or four fluidrachms (11·25 or 15 C.c.); as an alterative and expectorant, from fifteen to thirty drops or minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.). It has been used as a local remedy in *ringworm* and other *cutaneous diseases*, and has been found by Dr. R. G. Jennings efficient as a gargle in the *sore throat of scarlet fever.*

the purified precipitate with ether, obtained a colorless crystalline principle, which he calls *santal*, $C_8H_6O_3 + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$.

Cazeneuve and Hugonneng (*Comptes-Rendus*, 104, pp. 1722–1725) have described two crystalline principles which they have extracted from red saunders, *pterocarpin*, $C_{10}H_8O_3$, and *homopterocarpin*, $C_{12}H_{12}O_3$, of which the former fuses at 152° C. and the latter at 82°–86° C. The wood has no medical virtues, and is employed solely for the purpose of imparting color.

SANTONICA. U. S., Br. Santonica. [Levant Wormseed.]

(SAN-TŌN'I-CA.)

"The unexpanded flower-heads of Artemisia pauciflora, Weber (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.* "The dried unexpanded flower-heads or capitula of Artemisia maritima, var. Stechmanniana (A. pauciflora, Weber)." *Br.*

European Wormseed; Santonici Semen, Semen Cynæ, Semen Contra; Flores Cinæ, *P. G.;* Semen Sanctum; Barbotine, Semencine, *Fr.;* Wurmsamen, Zittwersamen, *G.*

*Artemisia maritima** is a small, semi-shrubby perennial, from whose oblique, knotted rootstalks arise numerous leafy shoots and flowering stems. The glabrous and woody stems bear on their many branches numerous small (1 inch long) bi- to multipinnatifid leaves, whilst the leaves of the flowering stems are very minute, the upper ones simple. The flower-heads are small, numerous, $\frac{1}{10}$ of an inch long, with 12 to 18 involucral scales, and from 3 to 5 flowers. The plant varies very greatly, and several species have been made out of its varieties. The form whose floral buds are said to resemble most closely the commercial drug has been named *A. cina* by Berg and Schmidt (t. 29, c.), and *A. pauciflora* by Weber. Following Bentley and Trimen, 157, the revisers of the recent U. S. P. have recognized the specific distinctness of the variety and adopted the name given by Weber; but the propriety of this seems doubtful, since the researches of the Russian botanists Besser and Ledebour indicate that the forms are not specifically distinct, but are merely varieties of one plant, which has an extremely wide distribution in the northern hemisphere; from the old marshes of the British Islands it has spread along the coasts of the Baltic and the Mediterranean and eastward over the saline soils in Hungary, through Southern Russia and Central Siberia, to Chinese Mongolia. In European commerce there are two kinds of wormseed, one called *Aleppo*, *Alexandria*, or *Levant wormseed*, the other *Barbary wormseed*. The *Barbary wormseed* is thought by some to be derived from *Artemisia judaica*, by others from *A. sieberi*† of Besser (*A. glomerata* of Sieber), and from *A. ramosa* (C. Smith), all of which grow in Palestine and Arabia. It consists of broken peduncles, having the calyx sometimes attached to their extremity. The calyx is also sometimes separate, consisting of very small linear obtuse leaflets. The flowers are wanting, or are in the shape of minute globular buds. All these parts are covered with a whitish down, which serves to distinguish this variety from the wormseed of the Levant. It is, moreover, lighter and more colored than the latter. Its smell and taste are the same. The Levant wormseed is the santonica of the two Pharmacopœias. It is officially described as "from 2 to 4 Mm. long, oblong-ovoid, obtuse, smooth, somewhat glossy, grayish-green, after exposure to light, brownish-green, consisting of an involucre of about 12 to 18 closely imbricated, glandular scales with a broad midrib, enclosing four or five rudimentary florets; odor strong, peculiar, somewhat camphoraceous; taste aromatic and bitter." *U. S.*

Of late years most of the wormseed of commerce has come from the steppes of the northern portion of Turkestan to the great Nizhnee-Novgorod fair, whence it finds its way to Moscow and Western Europe. The export from this region is said to have reached 1600 tons annually, but has largely declined, because the conquest of Turkestan by Russia led to the establishment in Orenburg of large factories for the manufacture of santonin, which is now sent thence into commerce. The yearly consumption of santonin throughout the world is estimated at about twenty-five tons, and of this at least twelve tons are produced in the factories just spoken of. The santonin in the plants is said to reach its maximum proportion in July and August, and to disappear immediately after the flowering.

Wormseed contains a volatile oil, but it owes its efficiency to *santonin*.‡ (See *Santoninum*.)

* Messrs. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen (*Comptes-Rendus*, 804) find that *Artemisia gallica* contains santonin, essential oil, and probably an alkaloid.

† *A. sieberi* is in all probability, however, but a variety of the very variable *A herba-alba*, which is used by the Arabs under the name of "*chili*" as a vermifuge, and in which M. Battandier found two resins and a large quantity of essential oil, but no santonin.

‡ For a method of valuing santonica, by Dragendorff, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 229.

Ehlinger's Process for valuing Santonica. Five parts of santonica and one part of milk of lime were boiled for

The essential oil of wormseed, according to Wallach (*Ann. der Ch. und Pharm.*, 225, p. 314, and p. 227, 277), is mostly made up of *cineol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, which is isomeric with borneol, and seems to be identical with the cajuputol of cajuput oil, and which on proper treatment yields a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, *cinene*, identical with cajuputene. Wormseed is rarely used in this country in substance. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.).

SANTONINUM. U. S., Br. Santonin.

$C_{15}H_{18}O_3$; 245·43. (SĂN-TŌ-NĪ'NŬM.) $C_{15}H_{18}O_3$; 246.

"A neutral principle obtained from Santonica. Santonin should be kept in dark amber-colored vials, and should not be exposed to light." *U. S.* "A crystalline principle prepared from Santonica." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1870 process will be found below.* The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 very properly omits a process for the preparation of Santonin.

"Take of Santonica, bruised, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime, *seven ounces* [av.]; Hydrochloric Acid *a sufficiency;* Solution of Ammonia *one quarter of a fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *fourteen fluidounces;* Purified Animal Charcoal *sixty grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Boil the Santonica with a gallon [Imperial measure] of the Water and five ounces [av.] of the Lime, in a copper or tinned iron vessel, for an hour, strain through a stout cloth, and express strongly. Mix the residue with half a gallon [Imp. meas.] of the Water and the rest of the Lime, boil for half an hour, strain and express as before. Mix the strained liquors, let them settle, decant the fluid from the deposit, and evaporate to the bulk of two pints and a half [Imp. meas.]. To the liquor while hot, add, with diligent stirring, the Hydrochloric Acid until the fluid has become slightly and permanently acid, and set it aside for five days that the precipitate may subside. Remove by skimming any oily matter which floats on the surface, and carefully decant the greater part of the fluid from the precipitate. Collect this on a paper filter, wash it first with cold Distilled Water till the washings pass colorless and nearly free from acid reaction, then with the Solution of Ammonia previously diluted with five fluidounces of the Water, and lastly with cold Distilled Water till the washings pass colorless. Press the filter containing the precipitate between folds of filtering paper, and dry it in a warm place. Scrape the dry precipitate from the filter, and mix it with the Animal Charcoal. Add to the mixture nine ounces of the Rectified Spirit, digest for half an hour, and boil for ten minutes. Filter while hot, wash the charcoal with an ounce of boiling Spirit, and set the filtrate aside for two days in a cool dark place to crystallize. Separate the mother-liquor from the crystals, and concentrate to obtain a further product. Collect the crystals, let them drain, redissolve them in four ounces of boiling Spirit, and let the solution crystallize as before. Lastly, dry the crystals on filtering paper in the dark, and preserve them in a bottle protected from the light." *Br.*

By the U. S. process of 1870, which was taken from Wittstein's *Pharmaceutical Chemistry*, the santonica is first exhausted by digestion with diluted alcohol, in connection with slaked lime,—the latter substance being employed to combine with the santonin and remove coloring matter which might subsequently embarrass the proceedings. The tincture thus obtained, having been reduced by the distillation of the alcohol to little more than an aqueous solution, is filtered and treated with acetic acid in slight excess, by which the santonin is separated

two hours in a considerable quantity of dilute alcohol and the liquid poured off after cooling: this treatment was repeated at least twice more, and the alcohol was then distilled off from the united extracts. The residual liquid was then saturated in the cold with carbonic acid, filtered off from the precipitate after standing some hours, and the filtrate evaporated to dryness. The residue was triturated with animal charcoal and alcohol of specific gravity 0·935, and the paste rinsed into a retort, where it was digested with a measured quantity of alcohol. After boiling, the contents of the retort were thrown on a filter, washed with hot alcohol, and the alcohol driven off from the filtrate, from which, after some hours, crystals of santonin separated. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 449.)

* "Take of Santonica, in moderately coarse powder, *forty-eight troyounces;* Lime, recently slaked, and in fine powder, *eighteen troyounces;* Animal Charcoal, in fine powder, Diluted Alcohol, Acetic Acid, Alcohol, each *a sufficient quantity.* Digest the Santonica and Lime with twelve pints of Diluted Alcohol for twenty four hours and express. Repeat the digestion and expression twice with the residue, using the same quantity of Diluted Alcohol. Mix the tinctures, and reduce the mixture to eight pints by distilling off the alcohol. Then, having filtered, and evaporated to one-half, gradually add Acetic Acid until in slight excess, stirring during the addition, and set the whole aside for forty-eight hours. Place the resulting crystalline mass upon a funnel loosely stopped, wash it with water, and dry it. Next, boil the dry residue with ten times its weight of Alcohol, and having digested the tincture for several hours with Animal Charcoal, filter it while hot, and add sufficient hot Alcohol, through the filter, to wash the Charcoal thoroughly; then set it aside in a dark place to crystallize. Lastly, dry the crystals on bibulous paper in the dark, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle, protected from the light. By evaporating the mother-water, more crystals may be obtained." *U. S.* 1870.

from the lime which holds it in solution, and, being itself insoluble, is gradually deposited in a crystalline state. The remainder of the process is intended simply to obtain the crystals free from coloring matter, and otherwise pure.

The British process, which is that of M. Mialhe somewhat modified (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1864, p. 635), spares the expenditure of alcohol in the exhaustion of the santonica, by boiling it originally with water in connection with lime, and differs also from the preceding in precipitating the santonin by hydrochloric instead of acetic acid. The purification is effected in the same manner, except that solution of ammonia is employed in the washing, probably to remove the last trace of acid. Wormseed of Aleppo yields from 1·2 to 1·4 per cent. of santonin. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1864, p. 241.) It has been intimated to us that the large manufacturers of santonin, abroad, first distil off from the santonica its volatile oil, which has some commercial value in Europe, and that the process for preparing santonin is probably facilitated thereby, the affinity of the oil for the santonin making the latter more difficult of purification.

Santonin has been furnished at lower prices since the erection of a factory in Tschemkend, Turkestan, where the Levant wormseed can be furnished cheaply: the process used there is to treat the wormseed with milk of lime; the calcium santonate formed is next treated with soda and carbonic acid; the sodium santonate is then decomposed by sulphuric acid. The acid liquid, on refrigeration, lets fall the santonin in crystals. In 1892 the reported annual production there was 70,000 pounds.

Properties. Santonin is in "colorless, shining, flattened, prismatic crystals, odorless and nearly tasteless when first put in the mouth, but afterwards developing a bitter taste; not altered by exposure to air, but turning yellow on exposure to light. Nearly insoluble in cold water; soluble in 40 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), in 250 parts of boiling water, and in 3 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 140 parts of ether, in 4 parts of chloroform, and in solutions of caustic alkalies. When heated to 170° C. (338° F.), Santonin melts, and forms, if rapidly cooled, an amorphous mass which instantly crystallizes on coming in contact with a minute quantity of one of its solvents. At a higher temperature it sublimes, partly unchanged, and, when ignited, it is consumed, leaving no residue. Santonin is neutral to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. Santonin yields, with an alcoholic solution of potassium hydrate, a bright pinkish-red liquid which gradually becomes colorless. From its solution in caustic alkalies, Santonin is completely precipitated by supersaturation with an acid. Its solution in cold, concentrated sulphuric acid is at first colorless (absence of *easily carbonizable, organic substances*), but after some time turns yellow, then red, and finally brown. If water be added, immediately after it is dissolved without color in sulphuric acid, it will be completely precipitated, and the supernatant liquid should not have a bitter taste, nor should it be altered upon the addition of potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *brucine* or *strychnine*), or of mercuric potassium iodide test-solution (absence of *alkaloids in general*)." *U. S.* The air has no effect upon it, but it becomes yellow on exposure to sunlight. According to M. Sestini, the santonin is changed, through the influence of light, into formic acid, an uncrystallizable substance, much more soluble in alcohol and ether than santonin itself, which he calls *photosantonic acid*, $C_{15}H_{22}O_5$, and a red resinous substance. If the santonin be in alcoholic solution, after several months of exposure to sunlight it is changed into the ethyl ether of photosantonic acid. In its relations to polarized light it is very strongly lævogyrate, and retains this property with acids, though losing it entirely when combined with salifiable bases. (Buignet, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1862, p. 26.) When warmed with alkalies, santonin is changed into monobasic *santoninic acid*, $C_{15}H_{20}O_4$, while concentrated baryta water changes it on prolonged boiling into the isomeric *santonic acid*. Schmidt (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 394) disproved the previously accepted statement that santonin was a glucoside; but Hesse (*Deut. Chem. Ges. Ber.*, vi. 1280) found santonin to be the anhydride of *santoninic acid*, and prepared this acid by adding an excess of diluted hydrochloric acid to an aqueous solution of the sodium salt, and adding ether, from which the acid may be recovered by evaporation. When santonic acid is heated to 120° C. (248° F.), it is resolved into santonin and water. It has a strongly acid reaction, and decomposes sodium and calcium carbonate.*

* *Sodium santoninate* (Sodii Santoninas, *U. S.* 1880) is official in the *Pharmacopœia Germanica*, and was recognized in the U. S. P. of 1880. It may be prepared by adding santonin to a hot solution of caustic soda as long as it is dissolved; if the liquid is allowed to evaporate slowly, the crystals of sodium santoninate are obtained. It was officially described as in "colorless, transparent, tabular, rhombic crystals, slowly colored yellow by exposure to light, slightly efflorescent in dry air, odorless, having a mildly saline and somewhat bitter taste, and a slightly alka-

Cannizzaro and Carnelutti (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, xvi. p. 2685) have shown that santonic acid breaks up on high heating into *propionic acid*, $C_3H_6O_2$, and *dihydrodimethylnaphtol*, $C_{12}H_{14}O$, and distilled over zinc dust it gives a mixture of dimethylnaphtol, $C_{12}H_{11}(OH)$, dimethylnaphtalene, $C_{12}H_{12}$, and propylene.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Santonin has been used by oculists as a stimulant to the optic nerve in tobacco amaurosis and other forms of amaurosis; it is strongly commended in amenorrhœa by Dr. Bergy, but is chiefly used as a vermicide against the lumbricoid worm. In overdose it produces a poisoning whose symptoms are giddiness, mental apathy or stupor, great paleness and coldness of the surface, vomiting, profuse sweating, trembling, mydriasis, and finally loss of consciousness, with convulsions, often violent and accompanied by opisthotonos and emprosthotonos and failure of respiration. Xanthopsia is an early and characteristic symptom. All objects appear discolored, generally yellow, but frequently green, and sometimes blue. At the same time the urine is tinged of a yellow or a green color; and so rapidly does the santonin pass, that the change of color in the urine has been observed at the end of 16 minutes.† (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1863, p. 161.) These effects are probably due to the presence of santonin in the aqueous humor and the urine. In regard to the minimum fatal dose, two grains are said to have killed a feeble child five years old, and one six or seven years old is said to have been destroyed by six grains of the acid, after suffering from hæmaturia (*Bull. Thérap.*, lxxiv. 362); four grains produced very serious symptoms in a child four years old. (*P. J Tr.*, ix. 696.)

The santoninates are inferior to santonin, being more soluble; and for the same reason the principle is preferable in its natural crystalline form to the powder. Santonin is best administered in the form of lozenges made with sugar and tragacanth (for formula, see *A. J. P.*, vi. 124), which, if the unbroken crystals are used, can be rendered very pleasant to the taste, so that children will eat them as candy. The dose of santonin for an adult is from two to four grains (0·13–0·26 Gm.); for a child two years old, from one-fourth to one-half grain (0·016–0·03 Gm.). It has been affirmed that the white santonin is more poisonous than the yellow. (*A. J. P.*, 1887.)

line reaction. Soluble in 3 parts of water, and in 12 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 3·4 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), until it ceases to lose weight, the salt loses 18 per cent. of its weight (water of crystallization). At a higher heat it chars and finally leaves an alkaline residue, which imparts an intense yellow color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution, on the addition of hydrochloric acid, deposits a crystalline precipitate which is soluble in chloroform, and which yields, with alcoholic solution of potassa, a scarlet-red liquid gradually becoming colorless. A five-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should not be precipitated nor be rendered turbid by sodium carbonate test-solution (absence of *alkaline earths*), nor by picric or tannic acids (absence of *alkaloids*)." *U. S.* This salt was very properly dropped at the U. S. P. 1890 revision, because it is more easily absorbed than santonin in crystals, and therefore much more dangerous to the patient and much less destructive to *intestinal worms*. It must be remembered that serious poisoning from santonin has frequently occurred, notwithstanding its difficulty of absorption.

Santonin and Sodium Albuminate. Prof. Pavesi prepares this as follows: 1 part of santonin, 4 parts of sodium bicarbonate, and 2 parts of dried soluble albumen are warmed with a sufficient quantity of water at 60° to 70° F. until all are dissolved, and then evaporated to dryness at a very gentle heat. The santonin and sodium albuminate forms brilliant white scales, soluble in water. The mineral acids precipitate santonin and albumen, with disengagement of carbonic acid. The reasons for which Pavesi gives the preference to this combination over the use of santonin alone are the following. The after-effects of santonin, among others, that of yellowness of vision, are entirely obviated; the preparation is not decomposed in the stomach, because the sodium bicarbonate in the combination retains the santonin in solution, the coagulation of the albumen is prevented, gently purgative sodium salts are introduced into the body, and finally, by the disengagement of a small quantity of carbonic acid, an active digestion is produced. It is not at all probable that these assertions are correct, but more extended research is justifiable.

* The physiological and medical properties of various derivatives of santonin have been studied by F. Coppola and by Cannizzaro. Of the more important of these derivatives, *photosantonic* acid and *photosantonin* are said to be narcotics; whilst *isophotosantonin* and *isophotosantonic* acid are not hypnotics, but convulsants. It is asserted that *santoninoxime* is fully as efficacious as santonin as a germicide, but is much less poisonous to the higher animals than santonin, being absorbed and eliminated very slowly as santonin. It is insoluble in water, easily soluble in oils and fats, but not in organic acids, and is not acted upon by the gastric juice. P. Gucci prepares santoninoxime as follows. Boil a mixture of five parts of santonin, four parts of hydroxylamine hydrochlorate, fifty parts of alcohol, and three to four parts of calcium carbonate for six to seven hours on a water-bath, and add an excess of boiling water to the clear solution. The yield is 80 per cent. of the santonin employed. It crystallizes from alcohol in white, lustrous needles which melt at 216°–219° C., and dissolves readily in alcohol and ether, but very sparingly in boiling water. In hot solutions of alkaline hydrates and carbonates it dissolves, being precipitated unchanged on the addition of an acid. On being warmed with very dilute hydrochloric acid, the santonin is quantitatively reproduced. It is lævo-rotatory. It can be borne in two or three times larger doses than santonin. (*Gazz. Chim. Ital.*, xix. 367–382.)

† According to Dr. Walter G. Smith, the yellow color imparted to urine by santonin is distinguished from that produced by other substances by becoming purplish red on the addition of ammonia or other alkali. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1870, p. 528.) For researches upon the character of the urinary coloring matter, consult the same paper.

SAPO. U. S. (Br.) Soap. [White Castile Soap.]

(SĀ'PŌ.)

"Soap prepared from soda and olive oil." *U. S.* "Soap made with soda and olive oil." *Br.*

Sapo Durus, *Br.;* Hard Soap, Castile Soap; Savon, Savon blanc, Savon d'Espagne, *Fr.;* Oel-Sodaseife, Seife, Spanische Seife, *G.;* Sapone duro, *It.;* Jabon, *Sp.*

Soaps embrace all those compounds which result from the reaction of salifiable bases with fats and oils. Fats and oils, as has been explained under the titles *Adeps* and *Olea*, consist generally of three principles, two solid, differing in fusibility, called *stearin* and *palmitin*, and one liquid, called *olein*, of which there are two varieties. Stearin is found most abundantly in fats which are firm and solid, as suet and tallow; and palmitin and olein in the oils. When the fats and oils undergo *saponification* by reaction with a salifiable base, these three principles are decomposed into oily acids peculiar to each, discovered by Chevreul, and called stearic, palmitic, and oleic acids, which unite with the base to form the soap, and into a sweet principle not saponifiable, called glycerin, which is set free. Hence it follows that stearin is a stearate of glyceryl, C_3H_5, the radical of the triatomic alcohol glycerin, $C_3H_5(OH)_3$, palmitin a palmitate, and olein an oleate, and that the fats and oils are mixtures of these three oily salts. Hence, also, it is obvious that soaps are mixed stearates, palmitates, and oleates of various bases. *Stearic acid*, $C_{18}H_{36}O_2$, is a firm white solid, like wax, fusible at 69·2° C. (157° F.), greasy to the touch, pulverizable, soluble in alcohol, very soluble in ether, but insoluble in water. In the impure state it is used as a substitute for wax in making wax candles. *Palmitic acid*, $C_{16}H_{32}O_2$, forms a white scaly mass, and melts at 62° C. (143·6° F.). *Oleic acid*, $C_{18}H_{34}O_2$, is an oily liquid, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and ether, lighter than water, crystallizable in needles, a little below 0° C. (32° F.), and having a slight smell and a pungent taste. (See *Acidum Oleicum.*) *Glycerin* is described under a separate head. (See *Glycerina.*)

Soaps are divided into the soluble and the insoluble. The soluble soaps are combinations of the fatty acids with soda, potassa, and ammonia; the insoluble consist of the same acids united with earths and metallic oxides. It is the soluble soaps only that are detergent, and to which the name *soap* is usually applied. Several of the insoluble soaps are employed in pharmacy; as, for example, the lead monoxide soap, or lead plaster, and the lime soap, or lime liniment. (See *Emplastrum Plumbi* and *Linimentum Calcis.*) The two official soaps are of the soluble kind. One is a soda soap, made with olive oil (Castile soap), the other a potassa soap (soft soap). (See *Sapo Mollis.*) The soap of ammonia is noticed elsewhere. (See *Linimentum Ammoniæ.*)

The consistency of the fixed alkaline soaps depends partly on the nature of the oil or fat, and partly on the alkali present. Soaps are harder the more stearate and palmitate they contain, and softer when the oleate predominates; and, as respects the alkali present, they are harder when formed with soda, and softer when containing potassa. Hence it is that of pure soaps, considered as salts, sodium stearate is the hardest and least soluble, and potassium oleate the softest and most soluble.

Preparation. The following is an outline of the process for making soap. The oil or fat is boiled with a solution of caustic alkali, beginning with a weak solution, and as saponification proceeds using a stronger lye until the whole forms a thick mass, which can be drawn out into long clear threads. After the soap is completely formed, the next step is to separate it from the excess of alkali, the glycerin, and the redundant water. This is effected by adding common salt, or a very strong alkaline lye, in either of which the soap is insoluble. The same end may be attained by boiling down the solution until the excess of alkali forms a strong alkaline solution,which acts the same part in separating the soap as the addition of a similar solution. As soon as the soap is completely separated, it rises to the surface; and, when it has ceased to froth in boiling, it is ladled out into wooden frames to congeal, after which it is cut into bars by means of a wire. The soap, as first separated, is called *grain soap*. It may be purified by dissolving it in an alkaline lye and separating it by common salt. During this process the impurities subside, and the soap combines with more water; and hence it becomes weaker, although purer and whiter. If the grain soap be not purified, it will form *marbled soap*,—the colored streaks arising principally from an insoluble soap of oxidized iron. Sometimes the marbled appearance is produced by adding to the soap, as soon as it is completely separated, a fresh portion of lye, and immediately afterwards a solution of ferrous sulphate. The black ferrous oxide is precipitated, and gives rise to dark-colored streaks, which, by exposure to the air, become red in consequence of the conversion of the black oxide into the ferric oxide. When toilet soap is required, the *grained* soap, or, as it is sometimes called, *boiled* soap,

is often remelted, perfumed, and worked over by the processes of *milling*, *plotting*, and *moulding*, whereby the soap is brought into the desired shape for popular use. The *cold process* is also used, and is preferred by many because of its simplicity and economy. The following (from *A. J. P.*, Nov. 1880) affords a good illustration of the method. A good hard soap can be easily produced if 4 pounds of olive or sweet almond oil be mixed with 2 pounds of soda lye of the strength 36° Baumé, and stirred until of the consistence of thick paste, when it should be poured into moulds, covered by several folds of muslin, and kept in a warm room for 20 hours. By this treatment the process of saponification is complete. When these materials are first mixed, the temperature of the mass rises, and in order to effect the entire union of ingredients so as to form the soap it is necessary that the heat thus generated should be maintained for some time: hence the necessity for covering the moulds and keeping them in a warm room. It is desirable to use oil that is slightly rancid, or, if free from rancidity, to add about 10 per cent. of oil that has become so. Oil that is perfectly sweet requires two or three days to effect saponification. Soap thus made is as hard and dry after a few days as that article generally is when several years old when made in the usual manner.*

The official *soap* (Sapo, *U. S.;* Sapo Durus, *Br.*) is an olive oil soda soap, made on the same general plan as that just explained.

Common Soap is also a soda soap; but instead of olive oil it contains solid animal fats. This soap corresponds with the white soap of northern European countries and of the United States, and is formed usually from barilla and tallow. In Scotland it is manufactured from

* The following very practical process is by W. J. Menzies (*Chemist and Druggist*, Aug. 1880):

On the Manufacture of Soap in small Quantities without Boiling. Take exactly 10 lbs. of double-refined 98-per-cent. caustic-soda powder (Greenbank), put it in any can or jar with 45 lbs. (4½ gallons) of water, stir it once or twice, when it will dissolve immediately and become quite hot; let it stand until the lye thus made is cold. Weigh out, and place in any convenient vessel for mixing, exactly 75 lbs. of clean grease, tallow, or oil (*not* mineral oil). If grease or tallow be used, melt it slowly over the fire until it is liquid and *just warm*,—say temperature not over 37·7° C. (100° F.). If oil be used, no heating is required. Pour the lye slowly into the melted grease or oil in a small stream continuously, at the same time stirring with a flat wooden stirrer about three inches broad; continue gently stirring until the lye and grease are thoroughly combined and in appearance like honey. Do not stir too long, or the mixture will separate itself again. The time required varies somewhat with the weather and the kind of tallow, grease, or oil used: from 15 to 20 minutes will be enough. When the mixing is completed, pour off the liquid soap into any old square box for a mould sufficiently large to hold it, previously dampening the sides with water so as to prevent the soap sticking. Wrap up the box well with old blankets, or, better still, put it in a warm place until the next day, when the box will contain a block of 130 lbs. of soap, which can afterwards be cut up with a wire. Remember the chief points in the above directions, which must be exactly followed. The lye must be allowed to *cool*. If melted tallow or grease be used, it must not be more than *warm*. The *exact* weights of double-refined 98-per-cent. powdered caustic soda and tallow or oil must be taken; also the lye must be stirred into the grease, *not* the grease or oil added to the lye. If the grease or tallow used be not clean, or *contain salt*, it must be "rendered," or purified, previous to use, that is to say, boiled with water, and allowed to become hard again to throw out the impurities. Any salt present will spoil the whole operation entirely, but discolored or rancid grease or tallow is just as good as fresh for soap-making purposes.

If the soap turn out streaky and uneven, it has not been thoroughly mixed. If very sharp to the taste, too much soda has been taken. If soft, mild, and greasy, too little soda has been used. In either case it must now be thrown into a pan and brought to a boil with a little more water. In the first case boiling is all that is necessary; in the other instances a very little oil or a very little more of the double-refined powdered caustic soda must be added to the water. These things will never happen, however, if the directions be exactly followed, and after the soap has been made several times with the experience thus gained the process is extremely easy, and the result will be always a good soap. Beef tallow makes the hardest soap, mutton fat a rather softer soap; of oils, cotton-seed is the cheapest and best, but the soap is much softer, lathering very freely indeed. Ordinary household fat or drippings will make a nice soap, and in many places can be obtained at a very trifling cost and in exchange for goods sold. Such grease, however, must be carefully examined for *salt*, which it often contains. It will be evident that any smaller quantity of soap can be made at a time, according to the above directions, by taking the ingredients in exact proportion. It is not advisable to make more than double the quantity prescribed, as it is difficult to work more by hand. By making successive batches, however, a single person can make two tons of soap in a day simply with apparatus (pans, etc.) obtainable in any household.

By adding a few drops of essential oil just when the mixing is completed, a toilet soap is produced. Oil of mirbane (artificial almond oil) is the cheapest, but the perfume is not nearly so pleasant as real almond oil, citronella, or oil of cloves. If made with clean grease or tallow or light-colored oil, the soap produced is quite white.

Sometimes a little coloring matter will make soap *sell* better, although of no better quality. Half an ounce of potassium bichromate dissolved in the *lye* will give a green color; 1 lb. of palm oil melted with the tallow or oil, a yellow color; or a good brown can be got by burning ½ lb. of sugar in a saucepan until black, then dissolving it in a pint of water, and adding it to the melted tallow before mixing.

A *very cheap* and good jelly soft soap can be made with soap. Take 5 lbs. of the hard soap, crush it down or cut it up into as small pieces as possible; put this into a pan or boiler with 10 gallons of water if a strong hard tallow soap; if an oil soap, only half the quantity of water (5 gallons); just bring it to a boil, and stir well, to thoroughly dissolve all the pieces of hard soap; pour or ladle it into any can, tub, or barrel that is tight, and leave it to cool for two or three days. This will give about 80 lbs. of jelly soft soap at an exceedingly small cost. Of course, if made from colored and scented hard soap it will be a colored and scented jelly soap. This is a good way of working up the scraps and bits of soap after cutting up. It is a *very different* article, however, from a *real* potash soft soap, which should invariably be used for washing woollens. It is possible to produce this real potash soft soap in the cold by a process somewhat similar to the above.

kelp and tallow. It was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860 as the only proper soap for making opodeldoc; but, as this preparation was discarded, this variety of soap was dismissed along with it.

Besides the official soaps of the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias, there are many other varieties, more or less used for medicinal or economical purposes. The official soap of the French Codex (1837), called *amygdaline soap* (*almond oil soap*), is formed of caustic soda and almond oil, and is directed to be kept for two months exposed to the air before being used. *Starkey's soap*, also official in the Codex, is prepared by uniting, by trituration, equal parts of potassium carbonate, oil of turpentine, and Venice turpentine. *Beef's marrow soap* is a fine animal oil soap, also included in the French standard of pharmacy. *Windsor soap* is a scented soda soap, made of one part of olive oil and nine parts of tallow. *Eau de luce* (*aqua luciæ*) is a kind of liquid soap, formed by mixing a tincture of oil of amber and balsam of Gilead with ammonia water. *Transparent soap* is prepared by saponifying kidney fat with soda free from foreign salts, drying the resulting soap, dissolving it in alcohol, filtering and evaporating the solution, and running it into moulds when sufficiently concentrated. The soap is yellow or yellowish brown, and preserves its transparency after desiccation. The German transparent soap always contains a large quantity of cocoanut-oil soap. *Palm soap* is prepared from soda and palm oil, to which tallow is added to increase its firmness. If it be wanted white, the palm oil may be bleached by heat, potassium bichromate with sulphuric acid, chlorine, or exposure to the sun. This soap has a yellowish color, and the agreeable odor of violets derived from the oil. *Soap balls* are prepared by dissolving soap in a little water and then forming it with starch into a mass of the proper consistence. *Common yellow soap* (*rosin soap*) derives its peculiarities from an admixture of rosin and a little palm oil with the tallow employed, the oil being added to improve its color. Sodium silicate has to some extent been substituted for resin, as more economical. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 466.) Large quantities of lard oil (nearly pure olein) are manufactured into soap.*

All the varieties of soap, except a few of the fancy sort and the olive oil soaps, are manufactured in the United States. The latter are mainly imported from France, Italy, and Spain.

Properties. Soap, whatever may be its variety, has the same general properties. Its aspect and consistence are familiar to every one. Its smell is peculiar, and its taste slightly alkaline. It is usually somewhat heavier than water, and therefore sinks in that liquid. Exposed to heat it quickly fuses, swells up, and is decomposed. It is soluble in water, and more readily in hot than in cold. Potassa soaps and those containing oleic acid are far more soluble than the soda soaps, especially those in which the stearates and palmitates predominate. Acids added to an aqueous solution of soap combine with the alkali, and set free the oily acids, which, being diffused through the water, give it a milky appearance. Its decomposition is also produced by metallic salts, which invariably give rise to insoluble soaps. Soap is soluble in cold and abundantly in boiling alcohol. This solution constitutes the *tincture of soap*, and forms a very convenient test for discovering lime in natural waters. As the tincture sometimes gelatinizes, it is proposed by M. Bjorklund to remedy this inconvenience by employing soap in the nascent state, that is, containing a large proportion of water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 179, 1865.) The efficacy of soap as a detergent depends upon its power of rendering grease and other soiling substances soluble in water and therefore capable of being removed by washing. The chief adulterations in soap are lime, silica, gypsum, heavy spar, steatite, pipe-clay, and sodium sulphate. When adulterated with these substances, it will not be entirely soluble in alcohol. According to Dr. Riegel, glue is an occasional adulteration in Spanish soap, discoverable also by its insolubility in alcohol. The same impurity is sometimes found in other soaps. Soap is officially described as "a white or whitish solid, hard, yet easily cut when fresh, having a faint, peculiar odor free from rancidity, a disagreeable, alkaline taste, and an alkaline reaction. Soluble in water and in alcohol, more readily with the aid of heat. On placing a small, weighed portion of Soap, together with about 10 C.c. of alcohol, in a tared beaker containing sand, evaporating the resulting solution of the Soap to dryness, and drying the residue at 110° C. (230° F.), the loss of weight should not exceed 36 per cent. (absence of an undue amount of *water*). A 4-per-cent. alcoholic solution of Soap should not gelatinize on cooling (absence of *animal fats*). An aqueous solution of Soap should remain unaffected on the

* Upon the supposition that the detergent properties of soap depend exclusively on the alkali it contains, and are consequently proportionate to the quantity of that ingredient, a mode of estimating the relative value of soaps has been suggested by R. Graeger, based on the molecular weight of the fatty constituent,—those soaps being the strongest of which the acid has the lowest combining number. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 355.)

addition of hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *metallic impurities*). On dissolving 20 Gm. of Soap in alcohol, with the aid of heat, transferring the undissolved residue, if any, to a filter, and washing it thoroughly with boiling alcohol, it should, after drying, weigh not more than 0·6 Gm. (limit of *sodium carbonate*, etc.); and at least 0·4 Gm. of this residue should be soluble in water (limit of *silica* and *other accidental impurities*). If a solution of 5 Gm. of Soap in 50 C.c. of water be mixed with 3 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution, the subsequent addition of a few drops of phenolphtalein test-solution should produce no pink or red tint (limit of *alkalinity*)." *U. S.*

Olive oil soda soap (Sapo) otherwise called *Castile* or *Spanish soap*, is a hard soap, and is presented under two principal varieties, the white and the marbled. *White Castile soap*, when good, is of a pale grayish-white color, incapable of giving an oily stain to paper, devoid of rancid odor or strong alkaline qualities, and entirely soluble both in water and in alcohol. It should not feel greasy, nor grow moist, but, on the contrary, should become dry by exposure to the air, without exhibiting any saline efflorescence. This variety of soap contains about 21 per cent. of water. Sometimes it contains a larger proportion of water, with which the soap is made to combine by the manufacturer, with the fraudulent intention of increasing its weight. Soap thus adulterated is known by its unusual whiteness, and by its suffering a great loss of weight in a dry air. The proportion of water may be ascertained by introducing the soap into a saturated solution of sodium chloride, and boiling; when the soap, nearly free from water, concretes into a solid mass. *Marbled Castile soap* is harder, more alkaline, and more constant in its composition than the other variety. It contains about 14 per cent. of water. Having less water than the white Castile, it is a stronger and more economical soap, but at the same time is less pure. The impurity arises from the veins of marbling, consisting of ferruginous matters, as already explained, and from various substances added as make-weights. Soap made with animal fat, with the probable addition of sodium silicate, has been sold for Castile soap. The Italian brands of Castile soap which have been so largely used in past years are rapidly depreciating in quality; they are now chiefly made from cotton-seed oil and other substitutes for olive oil. The finest Castile soap is at present (1894) imported from Spain.

Animal oil soda soap (Sapo Vulgaris) is a hard soap, of a white color, inclining to yellow. It is made from tallow and caustic soda. This soap possesses the same general properties as the olive oil soda soap.

Composition. It has been already explained that soap consists of certain oily acids united with an alkali. As olive oil is a compound of olein with palmitin and small quantities of the ethers of other fatty acids, so the official "soap" is a mixed sodium oleate and palmitate. The former official "common soap" is principally a sodium stearate; and "soft soap," as defined in the Br. Pharmacopœia, is a mixed potassium palmitate and oleate. The following table, from Roscoe & Schorlemmer, gives an excellent view of the composition of commercial soap.

	Fatty Acids.	Potash, K_2O.	Soda, Na_2O.	Water.	Salt and other Admixtures.
Hard Soaps.					
Old Mottled Soap	81·25	1·77	8·55	8·43	. .
New Tallow Soap	61·0	. .	8·4	28·8	2·3
Marseilles Soap	67·0	. .	7·8	21·2	4·0
Palm-oil Soap, yellow	65·2	. .	9·8	19·9	1·1
do. bleached	61·2	. .	9·7	24·8	1·3
Tallow Soap	42·8	. .	8·8	39·1	. .
Cocoanut-oil Soap (Marine Soap)	22·0	. .	4·5	73·5	. .
Palm-oil Soap	49·6	. .	8·0	35·4	1·1
Soft Soaps.					
Common Soft Soap	42·8	9·1	. .	48·0	. .
London Soft Soap	45·0	8·5	. .	46·5	. .
Belgian Green Soap	36·7	7·0	. .	57·0	. .

Incompatibles. Soap is decomposed by all the acids, earths, and earthy and metallic salts. Acids combine with the alkali, and set free the oily acids of the soap; the earths unite with the oily acids, and separate the alkali; while the earthy and metallic salts give rise, by double decomposition, to an insoluble soap of their base, and a saline combination between their acid and the alkali of the soap. Hard waters, in consequence of their containing salts of lime,

decompose and curdle soap. They may be rendered soft, and fit for washing, by adding sufficient sodium or potassium carbonate to precipitate all the lime.

Medical Properties. Soap possesses the properties of a laxative, antacid, and antilithic. It is seldom given alone, but frequently in combination with rhubarb, the astringency of which it has a tendency to correct. Thus combined, it is often administered in *dyspepsia*, attended with *constipation* and *torpor of the liver*. As it is readily decomposed by the weakest acids, which combine with the alkali, it often proves useful in *acidity of the stomach*, and has been recommended as a remedy in the *uric acid diathesis;* but it possesses no power to dissolve calculi, as was once supposed. Externally, soap is a stimulating discutient, and as such has been used by friction in *sprains and bruises*. The late Dr. A. T. Thomson found much benefit to result from rubbing the tumid abdomen of children in *mesenteric fever*, morning and evening, with a strong lather of soap. For the cure of *itch*, Dr. Schubert recommends a mixture of soft soap and salt, in the proportion of eight ounces of the former to four of the latter, dissolved in a quart of water. With this solution, previously warmed, the patient is to be rubbed, night and morning, until a cure is effected, which generally takes place in three days. M. Thénard recommends a solution of soap as an infallible remedy against the bedbug (Fr. *punaise*), which, as well as the egg, is destroyed by a hot solution made by boiling together one part of soap with fifty parts of water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxviii. 280.) In *constipation* of the bowels, particularly when arising from hardened fæces in the rectum, a strong solution of soap, especially of soft soap, forms a useful enema. When the latter is used, two tablespoonfuls may be dissolved in a pint of warm water. In pharmacy, soap is frequently employed for the purpose of giving a proper consistence to pills; but care must be taken not to associate it with a substance which may be decomposed by it. It is also an ingredient in some liniments and plasters. In toxicology it is used as a counter-poison for the mineral acids, and should always be resorted to in poisoning by these agents, without a moment's delay, and its use continued until magnesia, chalk, or sodium or potassium bicarbonate can be obtained. The mode of administration, in these cases, is to give a teacupful of a solution of soap, made by dissolving it in four times its weight of water, every three or four minutes, until the patient has taken as much as he can swallow. The dose of soap is from five grains to half a drachm (0·33–1·95 Gm.), given in pill.

SAPO ANIMALIS. Br. Curd Soap.

(SĀ'PŌ ĂN-Ị-MĀ'LĬS.)

"Soap made with soda and a purified animal fat consisting principally of stearin." *Br.*

Sapo domesticus; Savon animal, *Fr.;* Hausseife, *G.*

Soap made from animal oils and fats is very largely used for all domestic purposes; it is preferred pharmaceutically for making *solid opodeldoc* because of its partial insolubility in the hydro-alcoholic solvent. See page 785.

SAPO MOLLIS. U. S., Br. Soft Soap. [Sapo Viridis, U. S. P. 1880. Green Soap.]

(SĀ'PŌ MŎL'LĬS.)

"Soap made with potash and olive oil." *Br.*

Savon mou, Savon vert, Savon à Base de Potasse, *Fr.;* Schmierseife, Kaliseife, *G.*

"Linseed Oil, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Potassa, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains]; Alcohol, *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Heat the Linseed Oil in a deep, capacious vessel, on a water-bath or steam-bath, to a temperature of about 60° C. (140° F.). Dissolve the Potassa in *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Water, add the Alcohol, and then gradually add the mixture, constantly stirring, to the Oil, continuing the heat until a small portion of the mixture is found to be soluble in boiling Water without the separation of oily drops. Then allow the mixture to cool, and transfer it to suitable vessels. The Potassa used in this process should be of the full strength directed by the Pharmacopœia (90 per cent.). Potassa of any other strength, however, may be used, if a proportionately larger or smaller quantity be taken, the proper amount for the above formula being ascertained by dividing 8100 by the percentage of absolute Potassa (potassium hydrate) contained therein." *U. S.* The above process was introduced into the U. S. P. 1890 with the view of affording a soft soap for medicinal purposes which shall be of uniform strength. *Soft soap* is prepared on the same general principles as hard soap, potash being employed as the alkali, and a fatty matter, rich in olein, as the oil. The French soft soap is made with the seed oils, such as rape-seed, hemp-seed, etc.; the Scotch and Irish, with fish oil and some tallow; and our own,

with refuse fat and grease. A lye of wood-ashes is the form of potash usually employed. In forming this soap it is necessary that it should continue dissolved in the alkaline solution, instead of being separated from it. Hence soft soap is a potassa soap completely dissolved in the solution of its alkali, which is consequently present in excess. As made in this country, it is usually semi-fluid, slippery, capable of being poured from one vessel to another, and of a dirty brownish-yellow color and indefinitely varying strength. It is officially described as "a soft, unctuous mass, of a yellowish-brown or brownish-yellow color. Soluble in about 5 parts of hot water to a nearly clear liquid; also in 2 parts of hot alcohol without leaving more than 3 per cent. of insoluble residue." *U. S.*

For more than one hundred years, under the name of "*green soap*," there has been used in Europe a soap made by saponifying linseed, rape-seed, or other vegetable oils with various refuse oils, usually including fish oils, an excess of potash, and a little soda. The green color of this soap was probably due to the presence of chlorophyll in the impure vegetable oils used. This green soap, or so-called "*German soap*," was formerly largely imported into America, but at present has been almost entirely superseded by soft soap made in this country, from which it does not differ in the nature of its active constituents or in its therapeutic properties.

If a green soap be wanted, it may be made by the process given in the foot-note.* The soft soap of France, the *savon vert* of the French Codex, has a greenish color and usually the consistence of a soft ointment. It is made of hemp-seed oil, or sometimes of the dregs of olive oil, and potash.

Medical Properties and Uses. Soft soap is used in medicine almost exclusively in the treatment of *eczema rubrum*, although sometimes used in other diseases of the skin in which a very powerfully stimulant detergent application is desired. It acts chiefly by virtue of the excess of potash, which enables it to destroy fatty matters rapidly, to remove exudation, and to affect the nutrition of the skin. The tincture, the form in which it is usually employed, may be well rubbed upon the part, either in full strength or diluted, and immediately afterwards the skin must be well washed to remove the alkali, and then zinc oxide or other bland ointment applied.

SARSAPARILLA. U. S. (Br.) Sarsaparilla.

(SĂR-SĄ-PĄ-RĬL'LĄ.)

"The root of Smilax officinalis, Kunth, Smilax medica, Chamisso et Schlechtendal, Smilax papyracea, Duhamel, and of other, undetermined species of Smilax (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried root of Smilax officinalis, Kunth. It is commonly known as Jamaica sarsaparilla from having been formerly obtained from Central America by way of that island." *Br.*

Sarsæ Radix, *Br.;* Jamaica Sarsaparilla; Radix Sarsaparillæ, *P. G.;* Salsepareille, *Fr.;* Sarsaparille, Sarsaparilla, *G.;* Salsapariglia, *It.;* Zarzaparilla, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* six-leaved. *Corolla* none. FEMALE. *Calyx* six-leaved. *Corolla* none. *Styles* three. *Berry* three-celled. *Seeds* two. *Willd.*

In the present state of our knowledge, it is impossible to decide with positiveness from what species the several commercial varieties of the drug are respectively derived. This much is certain, that they do not proceed from the same plant. Of the many species belonging to this genus, few possess any medicinal power; and Hancock states that of the six or eight which he found growing in the woods of Guiana only one presented in any degree the sensible properties of the genuine sarsaparilla, the rest being insipid and inert. The root (rhizome) of *Smilax china*, a native of China and Japan, has been employed under the name of *China Root* for similar purposes with the official sarsaparilla. As it occurs in commerce, it is in pieces from three to eight inches long and an inch or two thick, usually somewhat flattened, more or less knotty, often branched, of a brownish or grayish-brown color externally, whitish or of a

* "*German Soft Soap.*" Mr. E. B. Shuttleworth has furnished the following process for its preparation. "In a clean pot or dish, preferably of iron or copper, and capable of containing at least three times the quantity, put one part by weight of linseed oil; heat gently, and add, in two portions, three parts in all, by measure, of liquor potassæ, U. S. P. or B. P., providing either come up to the standard requiring 5·8 and 5·84 per cent. of potassium hydrate. Boil quietly and stir frequently until the mass becomes clear, which with four ounces of oil and twelve ounces (fluid) of liquor will require about one hour, and with ten pounds of oil about five hours. If, during the process, the mass becomes too thick to stir easily, add a little water. Allow the soap to become cool, but, before it sets, work in the coloring matter, which must be previously prepared by boiling finely-powdered indigo with water until the color is formed into a thin paste. Twenty grains of indigo, boiled with one and a half ounces of water until the mixture is reduced to about one drachm, will answer for the soap from four ounces of oil. The soap must not be too hot, nor must it be reboiled after adding the coloring matter, or the green will be destroyed." (*Canad. Pharm. Journ.*, June, 1878.)

light flesh-color internally, without odor, and of a taste flat at first, but afterwards very slightly bitterish and somewhat acrid, like that of sarsaparilla. The root of *Smilax aspera* is said to be employed in the south of Europe as a substitute for sarsaparilla; but it has little reputation. The East India sarsaparilla, which was at one time referred to this species of Smilax, is the product of *Hemidesmus indicus*.* (See *Hemidesmus*.) All the species of Smilax are climbing or trailing plants, with prickly stems,—a character expressed in the name of the medicine, which is derived from two Spanish words (*zarza parilla*), signifying a small thorny vine.

There is good reason for believing that much of the sarsaparilla of commerce is yielded by two species, *S. medica* and *S. officinalis*. Humboldt, and much more recently Warszewicz, collected the latter species, with roots agreeing in all respects with the Jamaica sarsaparilla of commerce, on the Magdalena River in Colombia. The plant is said also to be cultivated in Jamaica. (*Flückiger and Hanbury.*) Schiede has proved that the Vera Cruz sarsaparilla is the root of *S. medica*. *S. syphilitica* has been claimed as a sarsaparilla plant.

S. officinalis. Humb. and Bonpl. *Plant. Æquinoct.* i. 271; *B. & T.* 289. In this species the stem is twining, angular, smooth, and prickly; the young shoots are unarmed; the leaves ovate-oblong, acute, cordiform, five- or seven-nerved, coriaceous, smooth, twelve inches long and four or five broad, with footstalks an inch long, smooth, and furnished with tendrils. The young leaves are lanceolate-oblong, acuminate, and three-nerved. Large quantities of the root are said to be sent down the Magdalena River to Mompox and Carthagena.

S. papyracea, described by Poiret in 1804, is said to have foliage like *S. officinalis*, with a multiangular stem, with squamiform thorns on the angles, and petioles which are vaginate for one-fourth their length. It is thought to be the source of Para sarsaparilla.

S. medica. Schlechtendal, *Linnæa*, vi. 47; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.*, ii. 51, pl. 95; *B. & T.* 290. This species has an angular stem, armed with straight prickles at the joints, and a few hooked ones in the intervals. The leaves are smooth, bright green on both sides, shortly acuminate, five-nerved, with the veins prominent beneath. They vary much in form, the lower being cordate, auriculate-hastate, the upper cordate-ovate. In the old leaves the petiole and midrib are armed with straight subulate prickles. The inflorescence is an umbel of from eight to twelve flowers, with a smooth axillary peduncle, and pedicels about three lines long.

The medicinal species of Smilax grow in Mexico, Guatemala, and the warm latitudes of South America. The roots are very long and slender, and originate in great numbers from a common head or rhizome, from which the stems of the plant rise. The whole root with the rhizome is usually dug up, and as brought into market exhibits not unfrequently portions of the stems attached, sometimes several inches in length. The commercial sarsaparillas are conveniently divided into the mealy and non-mealy sarsaparillas. The first class comprises especially the Honduras, Guatemala, and Brazilian varieties; the second the Jamaica, Mexican, and Guayaquil sarsaparillas.

Honduras sarsaparilla (Fig. 1) is the variety most used in this country. It is brought from the Bay of Honduras, and comes in bundles two or three feet long, composed of several roots folded lengthwise and secured in a compact form by a few circular turns. These are packed in bales imperfectly covered with skins, each bale containing one hundred pounds or more. The roots are usually connected at one extremity in large numbers in a common head, to which portions of the stems are also attached. In some bundles are many small fibres, either lying loose or still adhering to the roots. The roots externally are a dirty grayish or reddish brown; the cortical portion beneath the epidermis often appears amylaceous when broken.

The *Jamaica* or *red sarsaparilla* of foreign writers is little known by that name in the United States. The island of Jamaica is merely its channel of exportation to Europe; and it is probably derived originally from Central America. It does not materially differ in properties from Honduras sarsaparilla,—its chief peculiarity being the reddish color of the epidermis, which is also sometimes found in that variety. It is said also to yield a larger proportion of extract, and to contain less starch. As found in commerce it is in bundles from twelve to eighteen inches long by four or five in thickness, consisting of long slender roots folded up, with numerous radical fibres attached.†

* Under the name of *Raiz de china de México*, the Mexican Pharmacopœia recognizes the root of *S. rotundifolia* as diaphoretic and depurative, but, according to Prof. Maisch, this reference is incorrect. (See *A. J. P.*, 1879.)

† A smilax is cultivated in Jamaica as a sarsaparilla, but probably yields little or none of the Jamaica sarsaparilla of commerce. Its roots are said to be of a light-brown color, and more amylaceous than the commercial Jamaica sarsaparilla. The question as to the identity of the cultivated plant has been considerably discussed. In 1889, Sir Joseph Hooker, having, however, only male flowers grown in Kew Gardens, decided that it is not the *Smilax officinalis* H. B. K., but is probably identical with the *Smilax ornata* of Lemaire. (*Chem. and Drug.*, 1889.)

The *Mexican* or *Vera Cruz sarsaparilla* (Fig. 3) comes in large, rather loose bales, weighing about two hundred pounds, bound with cords or leather thongs, and usually containing the roots folded upon themselves, and separately packed. These, as in the Honduras sarsaparilla, consist of a head or caudex with numerous long radicles, which, however, are somewhat smaller than in that variety, and have a thinner bark. They are often also much soiled with earth.

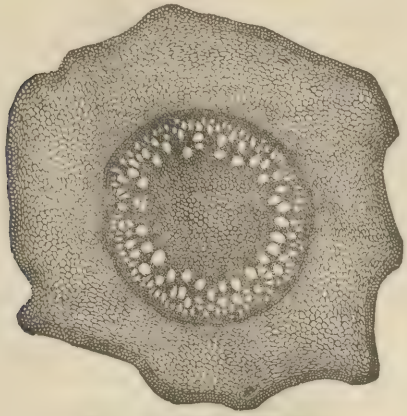


FIG. 1.—Honduras Sarsaparilla.



FIG. 2.—Rio Negro Sarsaparilla.

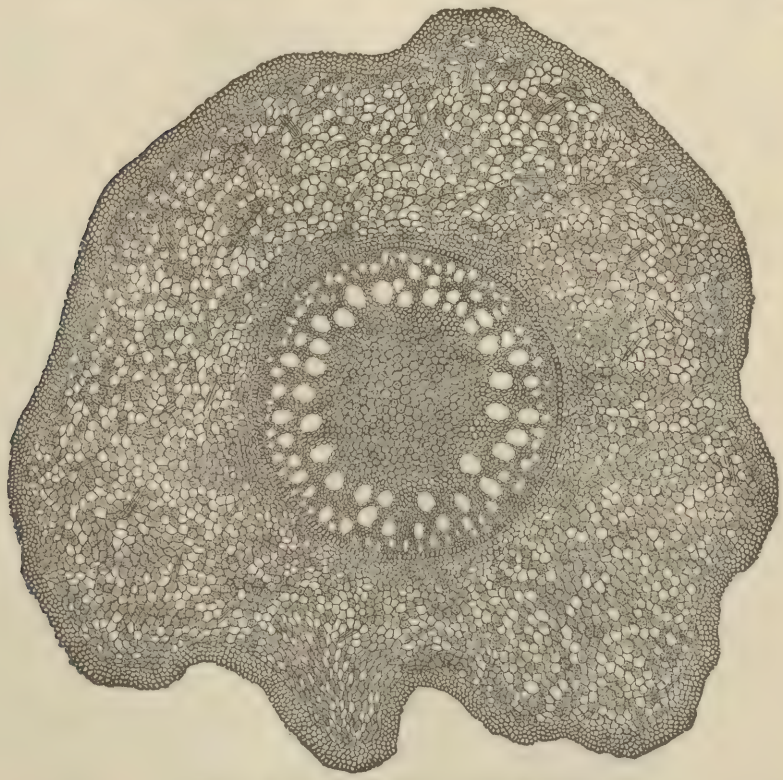


FIG. 3.—Mexican Sarsaparilla, transverse section.

This variety was formerly little esteemed; but, from the acrid taste which it possesses, it is probably of equal value to the other kinds. It is probably derived from *Smilax medica*.

Another variety is the *Caraccas sarsaparilla*, brought in large quantities from La Guayra. It is in oblong packages, of about one hundred pounds, surrounded with broad strips of hide,

which are connected laterally with thongs of the same material, leaving much of the root exposed. The roots, as in the last variety, are separately packed, but more closely and carefully. The radicles are often very amylaceous internally, in this respect resembling the following.

The *Brazilian* (Fig. 2), or, as it is called in Europe, the *Lisbon* or *Para sarsaparilla*, is not very plentiful in commerce. It comes from the ports of Para and Maranham, in cylindrical bundles from three to five feet in length by about a foot in thickness, bound about by close circular turns of a very flexible stem, and consisting of unfolded roots, destitute of caudex (rhizome) and stems, and having few radical fibres. It was also shown in the Brazilian exhibit in the Centennial Exhibition, neatly cut and tied into bundles about a foot long and eight inches in diameter. It is the variety of which Hancock speaks as celebrated throughout South America by the name of *sarsa of the Rio Negro*, and is considered the most valuable variety of the drug. It is distinguished by the amylaceous character of its interior structure, and has considerable acrimony. It was said by Martius to be derived from *Smilax syphilitica*; but Dr. Hancock considers that portion of it which comes from the Rio Negro, and is shipped at Para, as the product of an undescribed species, certainly not *S. syphilitica*. According to Richard, it is the product of the *S. papyracea* of Poiret. (See *A. J. P.*, xv. 277.)

The variety described by Professor Bentley under the name of *Guatemala sarsaparilla* was collected in the province of Sacatapeques, about ninety miles from the sea. It is in cylindrical bundles about two feet eight inches long by four inches in diameter, composed of separate roots, arranged in parallel order, without rootstalk, and bound together by a few turns of the flexible stem of a monocotyledonous plant. The bundles resemble the Brazilian in arrangement, but are much less compact. It is amylaceous, has considerable acrimony, and is probably one of the most efficient varieties. Professor Bentley ascribes it to *S. papyracea*. For a particular description of the root, see *P. J. Tr.*, xii. 472.

Guayaquil sarsaparilla, according to Mr. Spruce, grows in valleys on the western slopes of the equatorial Andes. It is usually not in bundles, but carelessly packed in bales. "The rhizome and a portion of the stem are often present, the latter being round and prickly. The root is dark, large, and coarse-looking, with a good deal of fibre. The bark is furrowed, rather thick, and not mealy in the slenderer portions of the root, which is near the rootstalk; but, as the root becomes stout, so its bark becomes smoother, thicker, and amylaceous, exhibiting when cut a fawn-colored or pale yellow interior."

Properties. The dried sarsaparilla roots are several feet in length, about the thickness of a goose-quill, cylindrical, more or less wrinkled longitudinally, flexible, and composed of a thick exterior cortical portion, covered with a thin easily separable epidermis, of an inner layer of ligneous fibre, and of a central pith. The epidermis is of various colors, generally ash-colored, grayish brown, or reddish brown, and sometimes very dark. It is composed of several rows of elongated flattened cells, with their walls thickened by secondary deposits. The cortical portion is in some specimens whitish, in others brown, and not unfrequently of a pink or rosy hue. It is occasionally white, brittle, and almost powdery like starch. It is formed of a loose parenchymatous tissue, whose cells are often loaded with starch and raphides. Between it and the woody centre is a circle of small cells, which form the so-called nucleus sheath. The woody part is usually very thin, and composed of longitudinal fibres, which allow the root to be split with facility through its whole length. Its vascular bundles contain pitted ducts and prosenchymatous cells. Scattered vascular bundles sometimes occur in the central medulla, which is composed of large medullary cells.

Sarsaparilla in its ordinary state is nearly or quite inodorous, but in decoction acquires a decided and peculiar smell. To the taste it is mucilaginous and very slightly bitter, and, when chewed for some time, produces a disagreeable acrid impression, which remains long in the mouth and fauces. "The thick, woody, knotty rhizome, if present, should be removed." *U. S.* The root is efficient in proportion as it possesses this acrimony, which is said by some authors to be confined to the cortical portion, while the ligneous fibre and medullary matter are insipid and inert. Hancock avers that all parts are equally acrid and efficacious. The truth is probably between the two extremes; and, as in most medicinal roots, it must be admitted that the bark is more powerful than the interior portions, while these are not wholly inactive. The virtues of the root are communicated to water, cold or hot, but are impaired by long boiling. They are extracted also by diluted alcohol. According to Hancock, the whole of the active matter is not extracted by water. He observes in his paper upon sarsaparilla, published in the *London Medico-Botanical Transactions*, when speaking of the sarsaparilla from Para and the Rio Negro, "After exhausting half a pound of this sort by two digestions, boiling, and press-

ure, I added to the dregs half a pint of proof spirit, and digested this with a gentle heat for a few hours in a close vessel; then, affusing hot water to the amount of that taken off from the first boiling, and pressing again, I procured by the last operation about four pints of an infusion which possessed the acrid properties of the sarsa in a much higher degree even than that obtained by the first decoction with simple water." It appears that in South America it is the custom to prepare sarsaparilla by digestion in wine or spirit, or by infusion in water with additions which may produce the vinous fermentation and thus add alcohol to the menstruum. The same result, as to the superior efficacy of alcohol as a solvent of the acrid principle of sarsaparilla, has been obtained by the French experimentalists. It has been suggested that sarsaparilla, the virtues of which are admitted to be impaired by long boiling, might also be injured by the degree of heat applied in the water- or steam-bath. But the contrary appears to have been proved by Prof. J. F. Judge, of Cincinnati. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1873, p. 595.)

Parillin. (*Smilacin. Pariglin. Salseparin. Parillinic acid.*) The crystalline principle in which the virtues of sarsaparilla reside is now called *parillin*. It was first discovered by Dr. Palotta, who described it in 1824 under the name of *pariglin*. Subsequently, M. Folchi supposed that he had found another principle, which he called *smilacin*. In 1831, M. Thubeuf announced the discovery of a new substance in sarsaparilla, which he named *salseparin*, from the French name of the root. Finally, Batka, a German chemist, towards the end of 1833, published an account of a principle which he had discovered in the root, and which, under the impression that it possessed acid properties, he called *parillinic acid*. M. Poggiale, however, has shown that these substances are identical, though procured by different processes. Prof. Flückiger recommends the preparation of *parillin* by exhausting the crushed root with warm alcohol and distilling the tincture until the residue weighs one-sixth of the root. It is then gradually mixed with one and a half times its weight of water, and after several days the liquid is decanted from the light yellow precipitate, which is then mixed with about half its volume of alcohol, transferred to a filter, and washed with alcohol of 20 or 30 per cent. Parillin is less soluble in weak than in strong alcohol or in water. The yield was 0·18 and 0·19 per cent. It is white, inodorous, almost tasteless in the solid state, but bitter, acrid, and nauseous when dissolved in alcohol or water. It is very slightly soluble in cold water, but more readily in boiling water, without crystallizing on cooling. It is very soluble in alcohol, especially at the boiling temperature. Ether and the volatile oils also dissolve it. Its aqueous solution has the property of frothing very much on agitation. According to Flückiger, concentrated sulphuric acid yields a yellow solution, which, on absorbing moisture, gradually turns cherry-red; warm diluted sulphuric acid colors parillin greenish, then red, and finally brown; phosphoric acid has a similar reaction, but the color is more greenish-yellow. The aqueous solution is precipitated by alcoholic solution of lead acetate, by lead subacetate, and by tannin, and when warmed reduces alkaline copper tartrate, but does not react with other tests for sugar until after it has been boiled with a dilute acid, when the solution acquires a green fluorescence. This is best observed if a trace of parillin is dissolved in warm concentrated sulphuric acid, and disappears on dilution with water or on neutralizing with ammonia. Parillin is not sternutatory: its acrid taste is best observed in alcoholic solution. (See *A. J. P.*, xii. 245.) The solutions of parillin are without acid or alkaline reaction. By treatment with dilute mineral acids, it is resolved into *parigenin* and sugar, according to the reaction $C_{40}H_{70}O_{18} = C_{28}H_{42}O_4 + 2(C_6H_{12}O_6) + 2H_2O$, which, according to Flückiger, expresses the results of the decomposition. M. Poggiale found parillin both in the cortical and in the medullary part of the root, but most largely in the former. Palotta gave it internally in doses varying from two to thirteen grains (0·13–0·85 Gm.), and found it to produce nausea and to diminish the force of the circulation. Prof. Kobert (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 465) states that three glucosides are present in sarsaparilla: *parillin* ($C_{26}H_{44}O_{10} + 2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$), insoluble in water; *saponin* (sarsaparill-saponin), $5(C_{20}H_{32}O_{10} + 2\frac{1}{2}H_2O)$, soluble in water; and *sarsa-saponin*, $12(C_{22}H_{36}O_{10} + 2H_2O)$, easily soluble in water, and the most poisonous of the constituents.

The sarsaparilla of commerce is apt to be nearly if not quite inert, either from age, or from having been obtained from inferior species of Smilax. This inequality of the medicine, with the improper modes of preparing it long in vogue, has probably contributed to its variable reputation. The only criterion of good sarsaparilla to be relied on is the taste. If it leave a decidedly acrid impression in the mouth after having been chewed for a short time, it may be considered efficient; if otherwise, it is probably inert.

Medical Properties and Uses. Few medicines have undergone greater changes of reputation. About the middle of the sixteenth century it was introduced into Europe as

a remedy for the venereal complaint, in which it had been found very useful in the recent Spanish settlements in the West Indies. After a time it fell into disrepute, and was little employed till about a century ago, when it was again brought into notice by Sir William Fordyce and others, as a useful adjuvant and corrigent of mercury in *lues venerea*. Since that period very different opinions have been entertained of it. Some, among whom was Dr. Cullen, considered it wholly inert; others, on the contrary, have had the most unbounded confidence in its powers. The probable cause of much of this discrepancy has been already mentioned. Experience, among both regular practitioners and empirics, would seem to have placed its efficacy beyond reasonable doubt. Its most extensive and useful application is in the treatment of *secondary syphilis* and *syphiloid diseases* and that shattered state of the system which sometimes follows the imprudent use of *mercury* in these affections. It is also employed, though with less obvious benefit, in *chronic rheumatism*, *scrofulous affections*, certain *cutaneous diseases*, and other depraved conditions of health. Its mode of action is less evident than its ultimate effects. It is said to increase the perspiration and urine; but, allowing it to do so, the effect is too slight to explain its remedial influence; and even that which is produced has been ascribed by some to the medicines with which it is generally associated, or to the liquid in which it is exhibited. In this ignorance of its precise *modus operandi*, we call it an alterative.

Sarsaparilla may be administered in the form of infusion, decoction, syrup, or fluid extract. A beer made by fermenting an infusion of the drug with molasses is said to be a popular remedy in South America.* The smoke of sarsaparilla has been highly recommended in asthma. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xviii. 221.)

SASSAFRAS. U. S. (Br.) Sassafras.

(SĂS'SĄ-FRĂS.)

"The bark of the root of Sassafras variifolium (Salisbury), O. Kuntze (nat. ord. Laurineæ)." *U. S.* "The dried root, reduced to chips or shavings, of Sassafras officinale, Nees." *Br.*

Sassafras Radix, *Br.;* Sassafras, *Fr., G.;* Sassafras, Sassafrasso, *It.;* Sasafras, *Sp.*

SASSAFRAS MEDULLA. U. S. Sassafras Pith.

(SĂS'SĄ-FRĂS MĘ-DŬL'LĄ.)

"The pith of Sassafras variifolium (Salisbury), O. Kuntze (nat. ord. Laurineæ)." *U.S.*

Gen. Ch. Dicœcious. *Calyx* six-parted, membranous; segments equal, permanent at the base. MALES. *Fertile stamens* nine, in three rows, the three inner with double-stalked distinct glands at the base. *Anthers* linear, four-celled, all looking inwards. FEMALES, with as many sterile stamens as the males, or fewer; the inner often confluent. *Fruit* succulent, placed on the thick fleshy apex of the peduncle, and seated in the torn unchanged calyx. *Lindley.*

Laurus sassafras. Linn. *Sp. Pl.* 1753.—*Laurus variifolia.* Salisb. *Prodromus*, etc., 1796.—*Sassafras officinale.* Nees, Gray, et auctores.—*Sassafras variifolia*, Salisb. O. Kuntze.†—*Sassafras officinale.* Nees, *Laurin.* 488. This is an indigenous tree, of middling size, rising in favorable situations from thirty to fifty feet, with a trunk about a foot in diameter. In the Southern States it is sometimes larger, and in the northern parts of New England is little more than a shrub. The bark of the stem and large branches is rough, deeply furrowed, and grayish; that of the extreme branches or twigs is smooth and beautifully green. The leaves, which are alternate, petiolate, and downy when young, vary much in their form and size even upon the same tree. Some are oval and entire, others have a lobe on one side; but the greater number are three-lobed. Their mean length is four or five inches. The flowers, which appear before the leaves, are small, of a pale greenish-yellow color, and disposed in racemes which arise from the branches below the leaves and have linear bracts at their base. The corolla is divided into six oblong segments. The male flowers have nine stamens; the hermaphrodite, which are on a different plant, have only six, with a simple style. The fruit is an oval drupe, about as large as a pea, of a deep blue color when ripe, and supported on a red pedicel, enlarged at the extremity into a cup for its reception.

* The following is a formula recommended by Hancock. "Take of Rio Negro sarsa, bruised, 2 pounds; bark of guaiac, powdered, 8 ounces; raspings of guaiac wood, anise-seeds, and liquorice root, each 4 ounces; mezereon, *bark of the root*, 2 ounces; treacle [molasses], 2 pounds; and a dozen bruised cloves; pour upon these ingredients about four gallons of boiling water, and shake the vessel thrice a day. When fermentation has well begun, it is fit for use, and may be taken in the dose of a small tumblerful twice or thrice a day." This formula is worthy of attention; but the bark of guaiacum, which is not kept in the shops, might be omitted, or replaced by the wood.

† If priority were to decide, the name of this plant should be Sassafras sassafras: it is very unfortunate that the Pharmacopœia should have departed from the universally used name to follow the most recent *ignis-fatuus.*

The sassafras is common throughout the United States, and extends into Mexico. The fresh flowers have a slightly fragrant odor, and almost all parts of the plant are more or less aromatic. The best time for collecting the pith is after the occurrence of frost in autumn; and the same is the case also with the bark of the root. The wood of the root is brownish white, the bark spongy and divisible into layers. Although the Br. Ph. recognizes the whole root as official, the activity resides in the bark, which alone should be employed.

1. *Sassafras Pith.* This is in slender cylindrical pieces, very light and spongy, with a mucilaginous taste, and in a slight degree the characteristic flavor of the sassafras. It abounds in a gummy matter, which it readily imparts to water, forming a limpid mucilage, which, though ropy and viscid, has much less tenacity than that of gum arabic and will not answer as a substitute in the suspension of insoluble substances. It differs also from solutions of ordinary gum, in remaining limpid when added to alcohol. This mucilage is much employed as a soothing application in inflammation of the eyes, and forms an agreeable and useful drink in dysenteric, catarrhal, and nephritic diseases. It may be prepared by adding a drachm of the pith to a pint of boiling water.

2. *Bark of Sassafras Root.* As found in commerce, this is usually in small irregular fragments, sometimes invested with a brownish epidermis, sometimes partially or wholly freed from it, of a reddish or rusty cinnamon hue, very brittle, and presenting when freshly broken a lighter color than that of the exposed surfaces. The living bark is nearly white, but becomes colored, on exposure, immediately after collection. Its odor is highly fragrant, its taste sweetish and gratefully aromatic. These properties are extracted by water and alcohol. According to Dr. Reinsch, the bark contains a heavy and light volatile oil, camphorous matter, fatty matter, resin, wax, a peculiar decomposition product of tannic acid called *sassafrid*, tannic acid, gum, albumen, starch, lignin, and salts. The sassafrid bears some analogy to cinchonic red, and, like it, appears to be a derivative of the tannin, which exists in much larger proportion in the fresh bark than in that long kept. (Procter, *A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 490.) Owing to its volatile oil and tannic acid, the bark of sassafras root is an aromatic stimulant and astringent. It is used almost exclusively as an adjuvant to other more efficient medicines, the flavor of which it improves, while it renders them more cordial to the stomach. The volatile oil may be used as an aromatic. In overdoses it is capable of producing marked narcotic poisoning, and it is said to act upon the lower animals as a narcotic. Dr. John Bartlett has reported several cases in which its use apparently caused abortion.

SCAMMONIÆ RADIX. Br. Scammony Root.

(SCAM-MŌ′NI-Æ RĀ′DĪX.)

"The dried Root of Convolvulus Scammonia, Linn." *Br.*

The root of the Scammony is recognized by the British Pharmacopœia solely for the preparation of the resin. It is officially described as "unbranched, of varying lengths and sizes, cylindrical except towards its upper end, where it is enlarged, and presents usually some remains of the slender aërial stems; more or less shrivelled, longitudinally furrowed, grayish-brown or yellowish externally, pale brown or whitish within, and when fractured small fragments of pale yellowish-brown resin may often be seen on the surface of the fracture. Odor and taste faint, somewhat resembling jalap." *Br.* The wood consists of compressed pale brown, coarsely porous, usually subdivided, fibres situated in a parenchymatous tissue similar to the bark. (For microscopic structure, see *Dragendorff's Jahresbericht*, 1875.)

SCAMMONIUM. U. S., Br. Scammony.

(SCAM-MŌ′NI-ŬM.)

"A resinous exudation from the living root of Convolvulus Scammonia, Linné (nat. ord. Convolvulaceæ)." *U. S.* "A gum-resinous exudation obtained by incision from the living root of Convolvulus Scammonia, Linn., hardened in the air." *Br.*

Scammonée, *Fr.;* Scammonium, *G.;* Scamonea, *It.;* Escamonea, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla campanulate. *Styles* one. *Stigmas* two, linear-cylindrical, often revolute. *Ovary* two-celled, four-seeded. *Capsule* two-celled. *Lindley.*

Convolvulus scammonia. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 845; *B. & T.* 187; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 14, pl. 62. This species of Convolvulus has a perennial, tapering root, from three to four feet long, from nine to twelve inches in circumference, branching towards its lower extremity, covered with a light gray bark, and containing a milky juice. The stems are numer-

ous, slender, and twining, extending sometimes fifteen or twenty feet upon the ground or on neighboring plants, and furnished with smooth, bright green, arrow-shaped leaves, which stand alternately upon long footstalks. The flowers are placed in pairs, or three together, upon the peduncles, which are round, axillary, solitary, and of nearly twice the length of the leaf. The plant is a native of Syria, Anatolia, and certain islands of the Archipelago. No part is medicinal except the root, which was found by Dr. Russell to be a mild cathartic.

Scammony is collected, according to Russell, in the following manner. In the month of June, the earth is cleared away from about the root, the top of which is cut off obliquely about two inches from the origin of the stems. The milky juice which exudes is collected in shells, or other convenient receptacle, placed at the most depending part of the cut surface. A few drachms only are collected from each root. The juice from several plants is put into any convenient vessel, and concretes by time. In this state it constitutes genuine scammony, but is very seldom exported. It is generally prepared for the market by admixture, while it is yet soft, with the expressed juice of the stalks and leaves, with wheat flour, chalk, ashes, fine sand, etc.; and it has been supposed that scammony sometimes consists wholly or in great part of the expressed juice of the root, evaporated to dryness by exposure to the sun or by artificial heat. According to Landerer, the roots from which the juice has been collected are in some places boiled with water in copper vessels, and the extract added to the juice, not so much with the purpose of adulteration as under the impression that it favorably modifies the action of the drug. Scammony is exported chiefly from Smyrna, though small quantities are said to be sent out of the country at Alexandretta, the sea-port of Aleppo. Dr. Pereira was informed by a merchant who resided in Smyrna that it is brought in a soft state into that city upon camels, and afterwards adulterated by individuals called scammony-makers. The adulteration appears to be conducted in conformity with a certain understood scale, more or less foreign matter being added according to the price. The materials employed are chiefly chalk and some kind of flour or meal. Very little comparatively is exported perfectly pure. We obtain scammony either directly from Smyrna, or indirectly through some of the Mediterranean ports.*

The name of *Aleppo scammony* was formerly given to the better kinds of the drug, and of *Smyrna scammony* to those of inferior quality,—the distinction having probably originated in some difference in the character of the scammony obtained at these two places. But no such

* An interesting account of the collection and preparation of scammony in Anatolia, in the vicinity of Smyrna, has been communicated by Mr. S. H. Maltass to the *London Pharmaceutical Journ. and Trans.* (xiii. 264). The juice is collected in the same manner as described by Russell in reference to Syria. The product, however, of each plant is somewhat less. In some districts, according to Maltass, ten plants produce only a drachm of scammony; in others the average from each root is a drachm: and in a good soil a plant four years old will yield two drachms. The juice received in the shells is mixed with another portion scraped from the cut surface of the root: and this mixture is the pure or *lachryma scammony*. Only a small quantity of this is taken to Smyrna, the greater part being adulterated by the peasants before it reaches the markets. Sometimes the juice is worked up with a decoction of the roots, in which case it is black, heavier than the preceding, and not so easily broken. Sometimes they add a calcareous earth, in a proportion varying from 10 to 150 per cent. The kind thus prepared is usually kept for some time in Smyrna, and is apt to ferment, so as to become porous and lose its gloss. It is in irregular lumps, and is the kind usually sold in London as *lachryma scammony*. Another kind sold in London in rough lumps, and probably under the same name, is prepared in the interior of the country by mixing the juice with wheat starch, ashes, earthy matters, gum arabic or tragacanth, and sometimes wax, yolk of egg, pounded scammony roots and leaves, flour, or resin. A kind much used in Great Britain is prepared by the Jews in Smyrna, and is in the form of cakes as described in the text. It is of two qualities. The *first quality* is prepared by mixing *skilip* (which is an inferior kind of scammony prepared at Angora, and consists of from 30 to 40 per cent. of juice and 60 to 70 of starch) with 60 per cent. of inferior scammony from the neighborhood of Smyrna: the *second quality*, by mixing *skilip* with about 30 per cent. of the latter kind, and adding about 10 per cent. of gum arabic and black-lead. The first quality contains about 50 per cent. of resin, the second about 30 per cent. For an account of specimens of scammony sent by Mr. Maltass from Smyrna, see a paper by Mr. D. Hanbury in *P. J. Tr.* (xiii. 268).

Prof. Ch. Boulier, of Algiers, gives the following account of the collection of scammony in the northwestern parts of Anatolia. The plant is not cultivated, but grows wild in rocky places covered with brushwood. At the flowering period, about the end of June and beginning of July, the peasants go forth in search of localities among the mountains where it is most abundant, and, having satisfied themselves on this point, return home, provide themselves with the requisite implements, and set out for the place of collection. Clearing away the brushwood and stems, the peasant digs deeply around the root, then cuts off the top obliquely, and affixes a mussel-shell to the root so as to receive the juice as it flows from the dependent part. He then passes on to other plants, upon which he operates in like manner. After a time he retraces his steps, and empties the shells successively into a tinned copper vessel. Next day he goes over the same ground, and scrapes with a knife from the cut surface the juice which has in the mean time flowed out and partly concreted. This he mixes with that previously collected, and, when his vessel is full, takes it to some neighboring market, where it is bought up and sent to the wholesale druggists at Constantinople and Smyrna. The juice reaches the market in a pasty state, and whitish like cheese, except where exposed to the air. It is in these centres of trade, or on its way from the collectors, that the drug undergoes the various sophistications to which it is subjected,—the peasant himself being usually honest and not disposed to adulterate. (*Ibid.*, April, 1860, p. 521.)

difference now exists, as scammony is brought from Smyrna of every degree of purity. It has been customary, in this country, to designate the genuine drug, of whatever quality, as Aleppo scammony, while the name of Smyrna scammony has been given to a spurious article manufactured in the south of France, and to other factitious substitutes. It is quite time that these terms should be altogether abandoned. We shall treat of the drug under the heads of genuine and factitious scammony.

Genuine Scammony. This is sent into commerce in drums or boxes, and is either in irregular lumps, in large solid masses of the shape of the containing vessel, into which it appears to have been introduced while yet soft, or in circular, flattish or plano-convex cakes. It seldom reaches us in an unmixed state. Formerly small portions of pure scammony were occasionally to be met with in Europe, contained in the shells in which the juice was collected and dried. This variety, denominated *scammony in shells*, is now scarcely to be found. The pure drug is called *virgin scammony*. It is in irregular pieces, often covered with a whitish-gray powder, friable and easily broken into small fragments between the fingers, with a shining grayish-green fracture soon passing into greenish black, and exhibiting under the microscope minute air-cells and numerous gray semi-transparent splinters.* It is easily pulverized, affording a pale ash-gray powder. When rubbed with water it readily forms a milky emulsion. It has a rather strong, peculiar odor, comparable to that of old cheese. The taste is feeble at first, and afterwards somewhat acrid, but without bitterness. It gives no evidence, when the requisite tests are applied, of the presence of starch or calcium carbonate, leaves but a slight residue when burned, and yields about 80 per cent. of its weight to ether. Considerable quantities of what is called virgin scammony have been imported into this country since the drug-law went into operation; but, though some specimens are tolerably pure, the drug, on the whole, falls far short of the proper standard. Dr. E. R. Squibb examined many specimens, and found the proportion of resin to vary from 25 to 79·7 per cent.; only two or three, out of more than 30 examined, approaching the latter degree of purity within 10 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1863.)†

The official description and tests for scammony are as follows. "In irregular, angular pieces or circular cakes, greenish-gray or blackish, internally porous, and breaking with an angular fracture, of a resinous lustre; odor peculiar, somewhat cheese-like; taste slightly acrid; powder gray or greenish-gray. When triturated with water, Scammony yields a greenish emulsion; it does not effervesce on the addition of diluted hydrochloric acid, and the decoction, when cold, does not assume a blue color on the addition of iodine test-solution (absence of *starch*). Ether dissolves at least 75 per cent. of it; and, when the ether has been evaporated, the residue, dissolved in hot solution of potassium hydrate, is not reprecipitated by diluted sulphuric acid." *U. S.*

The form of scammony chiefly found in our markets is that in circular cakes. These are sometimes flattish on both sides, but generally somewhat convex on one side and flat on the other, as if dried in a saucer or other shallow vessel. They are from four to six inches in diameter, and from half an inch to an inch and a half or even two inches thick in the centre, and are often found in fragments. They are hard and heavy, with a faintly shining roughish fracture, and when broken exhibit in general a structure very finely porous, sometimes almost compact, and in a very few instances cavernous. Their color externally is a dark ash or dark olive or slate color approaching to black; internally somewhat lighter and grayish, with an occasional tinge of green or yellow, but deepening by exposure. The small fragments are sometimes slightly translucent at the edges. The mass, though hard, is pulverizable without great difficulty, and affords a light-gray powder. It imparts to water with which it is triturated a greenish milky appearance. The smell is rather disagreeable, and similar to that of the pure drug. The taste, very slight at first, becomes feebly bitterish and acrid. This kind of scammony is never quite pure, and much of it is considerably adulterated. In some of the cakes calcium carbonate is the chief impurity; in others the adulterating substance is probably meal, as evidences of the presence of starch and lignin are afforded; and in others, again, both these

* According to Maltass, the purest scammony has a reddish-black fracture, unless it has been mixed with water in its preparation, in which case it is black and very glossy. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 266.)

† Dr. Squibb gives the following description of the drug imported as *virgin scammony*. "It generally occurs in solid square tin boxes, containing 25 to 28 pounds each. Occasionally, however, it is in round wooden boxes or drums of a similar capacity. The scammony is in irregular, rough and fissured masses of various sizes, sometimes porous, but commonly solid, hard, and semi-resinous, having a tough, dull fracture. It is of a very dark grayish-green color internally, often nearly black, but more of an ash color externally. It is rarely dry enough to be pulverulent, yet still more rarely too moist to be rubbed into coarse powder, and it generally loses 6 per cent. in drying sufficiently to make a fine powder." (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1863, p. 49.)

substances are found. Christison discovered in the chalky specimens from 15 to 38 per cent. of calcium carbonate; in the amylaceous, from 13 to 42 per cent. of impurity. It was probably to the flat, dark-colored, compact, difficultly pulverizable, and more impure cakes that the name of *Smyrna scammony* was formerly given. These have been erroneously ascribed by some to *Periploca secamone*, a plant growing in Egypt.

Scammony is ranked among the gum-resins. It is partially dissolved by water, much more largely by alcohol and ether, and almost entirely, when pure, by boiling diluted alcohol. Its active ingredient is resin, which constitutes from 80 to 90 per cent. of pure dry scammony. (See *Resina Scammonii.*) The gum-resin has been analyzed by various chemists, with varying results, as the character of the specimens examined is insufficiently determined by the terms Aleppo and Smyrna scammony employed to designate them. The resin is now known to be identical with that found in the root of the Mexican *Ipomœa orizabensis*, known in commerce as male jalap; and the name *jalapin* is given to it. (See *Jalapa.*) Bouillon-Lagrange and Vogel obtained from 100 parts of Aleppo scammony 60 of resin, 3 of gum, 2 of extractive, and 35 of insoluble matter; from the same quantity of Smyrna scammony, 29 parts of resin, 8 of gum, 5 of extractive, and 58 of vegetable remains and earthy substances. It is obvious that both the specimens upon which they operated were very impure. Marquart found in pure scammony (*scammony in shells*) 81·25 per cent. of resin, 3·00 of gum with salts, 0·75 of wax, 4·50 of extractive, 1·75 of starchy envelopes, bassorin, and gluten, 1·50 of albumen and lignin, 3·75 of ferruginous alumina, chalk, and magnesium carbonate, and 3·50 of sand. Christison found different specimens of pure scammony to contain, in 100 parts, from 77 to 83 parts of resin, from 6 to 8 of gum, from 3·2 to 5 of lignin and sand, and from 7·2 to 12·6 of water, with occasionally a little starch, probably derived accidentally from the root, and not in sufficient quantity to cause a cold decoction of the gum-resin to give a blue color with iodine. Mr. Hanbury, of London, found 91·1 per cent. of resin in the purest scammony in shells. As already stated, scammony is seldom quite pure as found in commerce. Much of it contains not more than 50 per cent. of the resin, some not more than 42 per cent., and the worst varieties as little as 10 per cent., or even less. Sometimes the cakes are of good quality on the outside, and inferior within. In view of this uncertainty as to the strength of scammony, it is undoubtedly best to abandon its internal use altogether, employing only the resin, which is of uniform strength. Indeed, the resin has been officially substituted for the gum-resin in the compound extract of colocynth.

Factitious Scammony. Montpellier Scammony. Much spurious scammony is manufactured in the south of France, said by Guibourt to be made from the expressed juice of *Cynanchum monspeliacum*, incorporated with various resins and other purgative substances. M. Thorel, however, a pharmaceutist of Avallon, denies that this plant is employed in its preparation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 107.) It has been occasionally imported into the United States and sold as Smyrna scammony. It is usually in flat semicircular cakes, four or five inches in diameter and six or eight lines thick, blackish both externally and within, very hard, compact, rather heavy, of a somewhat shining and resinous fracture, a feeble balsamic odor wholly different from that of genuine scammony, and a very bitter nauseous taste. When rubbed with the moistened finger it becomes dark gray, unctuous, and tenacious. We have seen another substance sold as Smyrna scammony, which was obviously spurious, consisting of blackish, circular, flat cakes, or fragments of such cakes, rather more than half an inch thick, very light, penetrated with small holes, as if worm-eaten, and when broken exhibiting an irregular, cellular, spongy texture. Dr. Pereira described a factitious substance sold as *Smyrna scammony*, which was in circular flat cakes about half an inch thick, blackish, and of a slaty aspect, breaking with difficulty, of a dull black fracture, and of the sp. gr. 1·412. Moistened and rubbed, it had the smell of guaiac; the adulteration was also detected by chemical tests.

Medical Properties and Uses. Scammony is an energetic cathartic, apt to occasion griping, and sometimes operating with harshness. It was known to the ancient Greek physicians, and was much employed by the Arabians, who not only gave it as a purgative, but also applied it externally for the cure of various cutaneous diseases. On account of its occasional violence, it is seldom administered, except in combination with other cathartics, the action of which it promotes, while its own harshness is mitigated.* It should be given in emulsion

* *Triplex Pills.* Dr. J. W. Francis, of New York City, employed a combination of purgatives which afterwards became very well known as triplex pills. The original formula, obtained through Dr. E. R. Squibb, is as follows. Powdered Scammony, Powdered Socotrine Aloes, Blue Mass, of each, 1 *troyounce*; Croton Oil, 20 *minims*; Oil of Caraway, 1½ *fluidrachms*; Tincture of Aloes and Myrrh, 2 *fluidrachms*. Mix well, and make into 400 pills. The usual aperient or laxative dose is one pill at bedtime until the natural condition is restored. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1872.)

with mucilage, sugar, almonds, liquorice, or other demulcent; and its disposition to gripe may be counteracted by the addition of an aromatic. The dose is from five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.) of pure scammony, from ten to thirty (0·65–1·95 Gm.) of that commonly found in the market.

SCILLA. U. S., Br. Squill.

(SQĬL′LĄ—sĭl′lą.)

"The bulb of Urginea maritima (Linné), Baker (nat. ord. Liliaceæ), deprived of its dry, membranaceous outer scales, and cut into thin slices, the central portions being rejected." *U. S.*
"The bulb of Urginea Scilla, Steinheil, divested of its dry membranous outer scales, cut into slices, and dried." *Br.*

Bulbus Scillæ, *P. G.;* Squills; Squille, Scille, *Fr.;* Meerzwiebel, *G.;* Scilla, *It.;* Cebolla albarrana, *Sp.*

Urginea scilla. Steinheil. *B. & T.* 281.—*Scilla maritima.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 125. This is a perennial plant, with fibrous roots proceeding from the bottom of a large bulb, which sends forth several long, lanceolate, pointed, somewhat undulated, shining, deep-green leaves. From the midst of the leaves a round, smooth, succulent flower-stem rises, from one to three feet high, terminating in a long, close spike of whitish flowers. These are destitute of calyx, and stand on purplish peduncles, at the base of each of which is a linear, twisted, deciduous floral leaf. The squill grows on the sea-coast of Spain, France, Italy, Greece, and the other countries bordering on the Mediterranean. The bulb is the official portion. It is generally dried for use, but is sometimes imported in the recent state packed in sand.

Properties. The fresh bulb is pear-shaped, usually larger than a man's fist, sometimes as large as the head of a child, and consists of fleshy scales attenuated at their edges, closely applied over each other, and invested by exterior scales so thin and dry as to appear to constitute a membranous coat. There are two varieties, distinguished as the *red* and the *white squill.* In the former the exterior coating is of a deep reddish-brown color, and the inner scales have a whitish rosy or very light pink epidermis, with a yellowish-white parenchyma; in the latter the whole bulb is white. They do not differ in medicinal virtue. The bulb abounds in a viscid, very acrid juice, which causes it to inflame and even excoriate the skin when much handled. By drying, this acrimony is very much diminished, with little loss of medicinal power. The bulb loses about four-fifths of its weight in the process. Vogel found 100 parts of fresh squill to be reduced to 18 by desiccation. The process is somewhat difficult, in consequence of the abundance and viscidity of the juice. The bulb is cut into thin transverse slices, and the pieces dried separately by artificial or solar heat. The outer and central scales are rejected, the former being dry and destitute of activity, the latter too fleshy and mucilaginous.

Dried squill, as found in commerce, is in irregular oblong pieces, often more or less contorted, of a dull yellowish-white color with a reddish or rosy tint, sometimes entirely white, slightly diaphanous, brittle and pulverizable when perfectly dry, but often flexible from the presence of moisture, for which it has a great affinity. Occasionally a parcel will be found consisting of vertical slices, some of which adhere together at the base. The odor is very feeble, the taste bitter, nauseous, and acrid.

The virtues of squill are extracted by water, alcohol, and vinegar. It has been analyzed by Vogel, M. J. H. Marais, Lebourdais, Tilloy, Merck, and lastly by Schmiedeberg (*Zeit. Physiol. Chem.*, 111, 112) with varying results. The bitter principle, not yet obtained pure, is *scillitin.* Merck, however, obtains three compounds of this class,—*scillipikrin*, *scillitoxin*, and *scillin.* Jarmersted (*Arch. f. Exper. Path.*, 11, 22) obtained a glucoside which he called *scillain*, but which seems to be identical with scillitoxin. Schmiedeberg (*loc. cit.*) found a peculiar carbohydrate or mucilage, which he calls *sinistrin*, $C_6H_{10}O_5$, which is not affected by saliva or diastase, but is changed by diluted sulphuric acid into a mixture of levulose and optically inactive sugar, both fermentable. S. Wanizewski (*A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 498) finds *scillinine*, soluble in alcohol, but insoluble in water and in chloroform; *scillapicrine*, soluble in both water and alcohol; and *scillamarine*, soluble in both chloroform and alcohol. The bulbs of *Scilla maritima* also yield a slightly colored liquid oil of unpleasant odor when distilled in a current of steam. (*Husemann's Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., p. 406.) Examined by the microscope, the bulb is seen to be pervaded by innumerable minute acicular crystals, consisting of inorganic salts, chiefly, according to M. Marais, calcium carbonate, with a little calcium chloride. (*Ibid.*) According to Hartwich, the mucilage occurs either in the form of large drops, filling the parenchymatous cells, or as masses enclosing the raphides. For an elaborate microscopic study, with plates, see *Arch. d. Pharm.*, July, 1889. Water distilled from it had neither taste nor smell, and was drunk by Vogel to

the amount of six ounces without effect. When kept in a dry place, squill retains its virtues for a long time; but if exposed to moisture it soon becomes mouldy.

Medical Properties and Uses. Squill is expectorant, diuretic, and in large doses emetic and purgative. In overdoses it has been known to occasion hypercatharsis, strangury, bloody urine, and fatal inflammation of the stomach and bowels. The Greek physicians employed it as a medicine; and it has retained to the present period a deserved popularity. As an expectorant, it is used in cases both of deficient and of superabundant secretion from the bronchial mucous membrane,—in the former case usually combined with tartar emetic or ipecacuanha, in the latter frequently with the stimulant expectorants. In both instances it operates by stimulating the vessels of the lungs; and it should not be used when there is a high grade of inflammation, with arrested secretion. In *dropsy* it is much employed, especially in connection with digitalis, but, as it is distinctly irritant to the kidneys, it should not be used when there is irritation or active inflammation of those organs. On account of its great uncertainty and occasional harshness, it is very seldom prescribed as an emetic, except in *croup*, in which it is usually given in the form of syrup. When given in substance it is most conveniently administered in the form of pill. The dose, as a diuretic or an expectorant, is one or two grains (0·065 or 0·13 Gm.) repeated two or three times a day, and gradually increased till it produces slight nausea or evinces its action upon the kidneys or lungs. From six to twelve grains (0·4–0·8 Gm.) will generally vomit. The vinegar and syrup of squill are official, and are much used. An *acetic extract* has been prepared by Mr. F. D. Niblett, by digesting a pound of squill with three fluidounces of acetic acid and a pint of distilled water, with a gentle heat, for forty-eight hours, then expressing, and, without filtration, evaporating to a proper consistence. One grain is equal to about three grains of the powder. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 133.)

SCOPARIUS. U. S. (Br.) Broom.

(SCŌ-PĀ′RĮ-ŬS.)

"The tops of Cytisus Scoparius (Linné), Link (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The fresh and dried tops of Cytisus Scoparius, Link. (Sarothamnus Scoparius, Koch.) From indigenous plants." *Br.*

Scoparii Cacumina, *Br.;* Broom Tops; Herba Scoparii; Genêt à balais, *Fr.;* Gemeine Besenginster, Besenginster, Pfriemenkraut, *G.;* Scoparia, *It.;* Retama, *Sp.*

Gen. Cytisus, Linn. The two superior calyx teeth connate or free, the three inferior connate into a lip. *Stamens* all coalescent into a closed tube. *Leaves* one- to three-foliate. *Fruit* unarmed or spinescent. *Seeds* strophiolate.

Cytisus scoparius. De Cand. *Prodrom.* ii. 154; *B. & T.* 70.—*Sarothamnus scoparius.** Koch.—*Spartum scoparium.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 933. This is a common European shrub, cultivated in our gardens, from three to eight feet high, with numerous straight, pentangular, bright green, very flexible branches, and small, oblong, downy leaves, usually ternate, but on the upper part of the plant sometimes simple. The flowers are numerous, papilionaceous, large, showy, of a golden-yellow color, and solitary upon short axillary peduncles. The seeds are contained in a compressed legume, which is hairy at the sutures.

The whole plant has a bitter, nauseous taste, and, when bruised, a strong, peculiar odor. The tops of the branches are the official portion. They are "in thin, flexible, branched twigs, pentangular, winged, dark-green, nearly smooth, tough, usually free from leaves; odor peculiar when bruised; taste disagreeably bitter." *U. S.* The seeds are said to be used sometimes, and to be as active as the tops. Water and alcohol extract their active properties. According to Cadet de Gassicourt, the flowers contain volatile oil, fatty matter, wax, chlorophyll, yellow coloring matter, tannin, a sweet substance, mucilage, albumen, and lignin. Dr. Stenhouse has separated from them two principles, *scoparin*, $C_{21}H_{22}O_{10}$, and an alkaloid, *sparteine*, $C_{15}H_{26}N_2$. The former is in stellate crystals, easily dissolved by boiling water and alcohol, and is obtained by purifying a yellow gelatinous substance deposited upon the evaporation of the decoction. It is slightly soluble only in cold water, more readily in hot water with greenish light-yellow color, easily soluble in aqueous ammonia and caustic and carbonated alkalies. It is decomposed by heat. When fused with caustic potash it yields, according to Hlasiwetz, phloroglucin and protocatechuic acid. Sparteine was obtained by distillation from the mother-waters of the scoparin.

* *Sarothamnus* is a section of this genus, which does not seem to be entitled to the rank of a genus. It is distinguished by its short, broad, divaricate, denticulate calyx lip, by its broad petals, and especially by its elongated, strongly incurved or circinate style. The last character is of course the most important, but, as there is a regular gradation of species between the typical long-styled *C. scoparius* and the shortest-styled *Cytisus*, the character does not warrant the formation of a genus.

It is a colorless liquid, having a peculiar bitter taste, and all the properties of a volatile alkaloid. It is heavier than water, and boils at 288° C. (Stenhouse) or 276° C. (Merck). It dissolves only slightly in water, but takes up some water itself. In contact with water it becomes opalescent. It turns yellowish on distillation in air, but can be distilled colorless in an atmosphere of carbon dioxide. It is colorless, but becomes brown by exposure to light; it has at first an odor of aniline, but this is altered by rectification. It readily neutralizes acids and forms crystallizable salts, which are extremely bitter. Its sulphate occurs in colorless crystals, and is freely soluble in water. (See *P. J. Tr.*, June 28, 1879; also *Sparteinæ Sulphas*, p. 1263.)*

Medical Properties and Uses. Broom is diuretic and cathartic, and in large doses emetic, and has been employed with great advantage in *dropsy*, for which it was recommended by Meade, Cullen, and others. Cullen prescribed it in the form of decoction, made by boiling half an ounce of the fresh tops in a pint of water down to half a pint, of which he gave a fluidounce (30 C.c.) every hour till it operated by stool or urine. The seeds may be given in powder, in the dose of from ten to fifteen grains (0·65–1 Gm.).

Scoparin probably represents the diuretic and purgative influences of scoparius, although its physiological and therapeutic properties have not as yet been sufficiently investigated. Poisonous doses of *sparteine* cause in the lower animals tremblings, incoördination, increase of reflexes, clonic and tonic convulsions, embarrassment of the respiration, acceleration of the pulse, and enfeeblement of the heart, followed by gradual enfeeblement of all the functions, convulsions, and death from asphyxia. Sparteine paralyzes the respiratory centres and the motor centres of the spinal cord, and has a very feeble influence upon the muscles, lessening, though not destroying, their excitability. Dr. Laborde was the first to call attention to its action upon the heart, and his results have been confirmed by Griffe, Garand, and Masius. Under the influence of the alkaloid there is a very great increase in the size and height of the cardiac wave. If the dose have been a small one, the pulse will be at first accelerated. After larger doses there is a slowing of the pulse. Observers agree in stating that the arterial pressure is not materially changed unless the dose is toxic, when it steadily falls; but small doses weaken and larger ones paralyze the peripheral pneumogastric nerve. Upon the vaso-motor system sparteine appears to have no influence unless in large toxic doses, when it perhaps acts as a paralyzant. It does not represent the diuretic influence of scoparius. Prof. Sée affirms as the result of personal experience that sparteine is of very great value in *cardiac affections*, increasing the force of the cardiac beat, and especially producing regularity in cases of irregular cardiac action. For the latter purpose, he states, it is the most powerful remedy known. Other clinicians have recorded experience favorable to the value of sparteine, but the conclusion of Hiero Stoessel, that sparteine is inferior as a heart tonic to digitalis, and to be employed only as a succedaneum to that drug, probably indicates correctly the scope of its use. It has the great advantage of acting very quickly, the symptoms commencing about twenty minutes after its absorption, and reaching their maximum in four or five hours, but persisting one or two days. It is probably not safe to commence with doses greater than one-sixth of a grain (0·011 Gm.), although observers seem to be in accord in believing that much larger amounts are usually necessary. Voigt, Prior, Sée, and Leo all advise doses of one and a half grains (0·097 Gm.) repeated four or five times in the twenty-four hours. It is affirmed that no cumulative effects need be feared.

SCUTELLARIA. U. S. Scutellaria. [Scullcap.]

(SCŪ-TĔL-LĀ'RĬ-Ă.)

"The herb of Scutellaria lateriflora, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.*

Hoodwort, Madweed; Scutellaire, *Fr.*; Helmkraut, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx bilabiate; lips entire; mouth closed by a helmet-shaped lid after the corolla falls. *Corolla* bilabiate, upper lip vaulted, lower dilated, convex; tube of the corolla bent.

Several species of Scutellaria have attracted attention. *Scutellaria galericulata*, or common *European scullcap*, which also grows wild in this country, has a feeble, somewhat alliaceous odor, and a bitterish taste. It has been employed in intermittents, and externally in old ulcers.

* *Oxysparteine.* This is an alkaloidal oxidation product of sparteine, originally described by F. Ahrens (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1891). It occurs in white, somewhat hygroscopic needles, melting at about 84° C., soluble in water, alcohol, ether, and chloroform. It has been found by Hurthle (*Arch. f. Exp. Path. u. Therap.*, 1892) to be a cardiac stimulant, decreasing the pulse-rate, but markedly increasing the arterial pressure and heart-work. The hydrochlorate, which occurs in large needles (often consolidated together) and is very soluble in water, has been used hypodermically by Dr. von Oefele in cases of *heart-failure*. The dose is half a grain (0·032 Gm.), rapidly increased to one and a half grains (0·097 Gm.). The system is said soon to become accustomed to it.

Another indigenous species, *S. integrifolia*, of which *S. hyssopifolia*, Linn., is considered by some as a variety, is intensely bitter, and might probably be found useful as a tonic.

Scutellaria lateriflora. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 172; Gray, *Manual of the Bot. of North. U. S.*, p. 315. This is an indigenous perennial herb, with a stem erect, much branched, quadrangular, smooth, and one or two feet high. The leaves are ovate, acute, dentate, subcordate upon the stem, opposite, and supported upon long petioles. The flowers are small, of a pale blue color, and disposed in long, lateral, leafy racemes. The tube of the corolla is elongated, the upper lip concave and entire, the lower three-lobed. The plant grows in moist places by the sides of ditches and ponds in all parts of the Union.

The dried tops are officially described as "about 50 Cm. [twenty inches] long, smooth; stem quadrangular, branched; leaves opposite, petiolate, about 5 Cm. long, ovate-lanceolate or ovate-oblong, serrate; flowers in axillary, one-sided racemes, with a pale blue corolla and bilabiate calyx, closed in fruit, the upper lip helmet-shaped; odor slight; taste bitterish." *U. S.* To the senses scullcap does not indicate, by any peculiar taste or smell, the possession of medicinal virtues. It is even destitute of the aromatic properties which are found in many of the labiate plants. When taken internally, it produces no very obvious effects, and probably is of no remedial value, although at one time it was esteemed as a remedy in *hydrophobia*. It has also been used in *neuralgic* and *convulsive affections*, *chorea*, *delirium tremens*, and *nervous exhaustion* from fatigue or over-excitement. (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 370; *N. J. Med. Rep.*, v.; *Med. and Surg. Rep.*, 1870.) The so-called *scutellarin* is not a pure proximate principle. It is prepared by mixing a concentrated tincture with water, precipitating by alum, and then washing and drying, and given in doses varying from one to three or four grains (0·065–0·20 or 0·26 Gm.). Dose of the fluid extract, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

SENEGA. U. S. (Br.) Senega.

(SĔN'Ē-GA.)

"The root of Polygala Senega, Linné (nat. ord. Polygaleæ)." *U. S.* "The dried root of Polygala Senega, Linn." *Br.*

Senegæ Radix, *Br.;* Senega Root, Senega Snakeroot; Polygale de Virginie, *Fr.;* Klapper-Schlangenwurzel, Senegawurzel, *G.;* Poligala Virginiana, *It.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-leaved, with two leaflets wing-shaped and colored. *Legume* obcordate, two-celled. *Willd.*

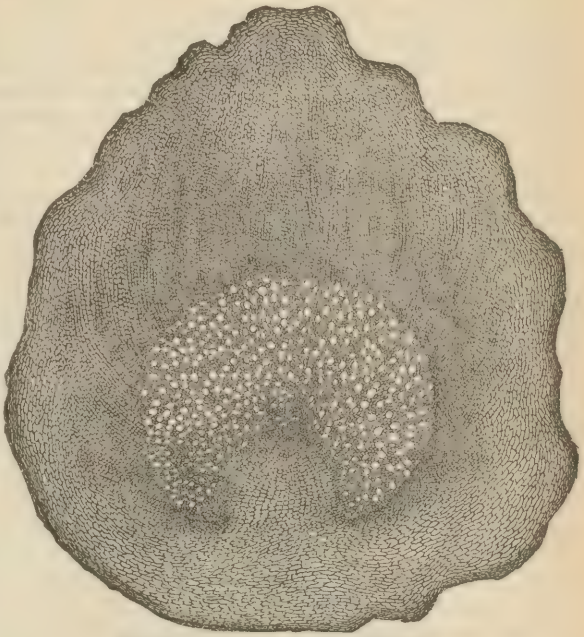
Besides *P. senega*, two other species have attracted some attention in Europe—*P. amara* and *P. vulgaris*—as remedies in chronic pectoral affections; but, as they are not natives of this country, and are never used by practitioners here, they do not merit particular notice.*

Polygala senega. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 894; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* ii. 97; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 111; *B. & T.* 29. This unostentatious plant has a perennial branching root, from which several erect, simple, smooth, round, leafy stems annually rise, from nine inches to a foot in height. The stems are occasionally tinged with red or purple below, but are green near the top. The leaves are alternate or scattered, lanceolate, pointed, smooth, bright green on the upper surface, paler beneath, and sessile or supported on very short footstalks. The flowers are small and white, and form a close spike at the summit of the stem. The calyx is their most conspicuous part. It consists of five leaflets, two of which are wing-shaped, white, and larger than the others. The corolla is small and closed. The capsules are small, much compressed, obcordate, two-valved and two-celled, with two oblong-ovate, blackish seeds, pointed at one end.

The *Polygala senega* grows in almost all parts of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. It is collected for market in Kentucky and the States west and southwest of it, and also in Wisconsin and the Northwestern States. It was formerly abundant in Canada and the Northeastern Atlantic States, but through the activity of the collectors and the destruction of the forests it has been gradually almost exterminated; and in the Southwestern States the same process is going on. There are two varieties of the plant, the typical *P. senega*, the form found in the Northeastern United States, and the variety *latifolia*, which grows in the Southwest. This variety is distinguished by its height (from 10 to 20 inches) and its very large, ovate or ovate-lanceolate leaves, which taper towards each end and attain a length of four inches. The root of commerce seems to be obtained from both varieties. It is brought into market in bales weighing from fifty to four hundred pounds.

* A senega which was first used in Japan, and which has been referred by some writers to *P. japonica*, by others to *P. tenuifolia*, has been examined by Herr Reuter, who finds in it 0·8 per cent. of resin, traces of methyl salicylate, and 8·8 per cent. of an oil which has somewhat the odor of patchouli.

Properties. As the root occurs in commerce,* it is of various sizes, from that of a straw to that of the little finger, presenting a thick knotty head, which exhibits traces of the numerous stems. It is tapering, branched, variously twisted, often marked with crowded annular protuberances, and with a projecting keel-like line, extending along its whole length. The epidermis is corrugated, transversely cracked, of a yellowish-brown color in the young roots, and brownish gray in the old. In the smaller branches the color is a lighter yellow. The bark is thick, hard, and resinous, and whitish in its interior; it contains the active principles of the root. The central portion is ligneous, white, and quite inert, and should be rejected in the preparation of the powder. The color of this is gray. On microscopic examination the bark is seen to be composed of—1st, an outer layer, composed of a series of tubular cells; 2d, a middle layer of thin-walled, parenchymatous cells; 3d, an inner layer containing bast-cells. The keel is produced by the excessive development of this last layer of bark upon one side. There is no medulla. The odor of senega is peculiar, strong in the fresh root, but faint in the dried. The taste is at first sweetish and mucilaginous, but after chewing becomes somewhat pungent and acrid, leaving a peculiar irritating sensation in the fauces. These properties, as well as the medical virtues of the root, are extracted by boiling water and by alcohol. Diluted alcohol is an excellent solvent. The root was analyzed by Gehlen, Peschier of Geneva, Feneulle of Cambray, Dulon d'Astafort, Folchi, and Trommsdorff, and subsequently by M. Quevenne. The virtues of senega appear to reside chiefly, if not exclusively, in the acrid principle first called *senegin* or *polygalic acid*, which is now recognized as being merely saponin. Quevenne obtained it pure by the following process. Powdered senega is exhausted by alcohol of 33°, and so much of the alcohol is distilled off as to bring the resulting tincture to the consistence of syrup. The residue is treated with ether in order to remove the fatty matter. The liquid upon standing deposits a precipitate, which is separated by filtration and is then mixed with water. To the turbid solution thus formed alcohol is added,



Senega, transverse section, magnified.

* The official senega, which is described in the text, is often known in commerce as *Southern senega*, or *small senega*, the roots seldom attaining the size of an ordinary lead-pencil, and four to five hundred of the dried roots being required to make a pound. These roots are marked with the characteristic keel, which is, however, much more distinct in the young than in the old roots. In the decade between 1870 and 1880, true senega root began to be more or less replaced in the American market by a larger root, collected in Wisconsin and Minnesota and farther west. This is the *northern*, the *white*, the *false*, or the *large senega* of trade. It is a much larger root than true senega, probably eighty to one hundred to the pound. The knot at the top of the root is from one to three inches in diameter; below it the root abruptly contracts to from half an inch to an inch in diameter; it is usually from eight to ten inches long, more fleshy and much less contorted than true senega, nearly free from small rootlets, but breaking up below in from four to eight descending branches; very light colored, with the ligneous portion thick and regular, and in the circular outlines of the section, with the keel rudimental or not rarely altogether absent. The taste is similar to that of true senega, but somewhat more mucilaginous and less rapidly acrid. In structure, false senega root is very similar to the true root; it has, indeed, been asserted that there are anatomical differences between the two senegas, but O. Linde (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 724) has been unable to make out any such differences. For description of the roots of a number of species, see *Flora*, Jan. 1886.

There has been much discussion as to the plant which yields false senega. By some it was thought to be the product of *Polygala boykinii*. Nuttall and Messrs. J. U. and C. G. Lloyd identified the fresh plant as a variety of *P. senega*, intermediate between the typical form and *P. latifolia*. *P. boykinii* is a Southern plant, and it appears most probable (see *A. J. P.*, 1889) that the plant which yields the drug is *Polygala alba* of Nuttall, whose habitat extends from Texas northward to the British possessions and southward into the mountainous districts of Mexico. Pursh and Nuttall, also Torrey and Gray, have at times expressed doubt as to the specific difference of the species from *P. senega*, but according to Rothrock it possesses the following characters: "Leaves linear to oblanceolate, sessile or barely petioled, margins slightly revolute; stem leafy half-way to the summit; flowers deciduous, leaving the rachis roughened after their fall."

which facilitates the production of a white precipitate, consisting chiefly of polygalic acid. The liquid is allowed to stand for several days, that the precipitate may be fully formed. The supernatant liquid being decanted, the precipitate is drained upon a filter, and, being removed while yet moist, is dissolved by the aid of heat in alcohol of 36°. The solution is boiled with purified animal charcoal, and filtered while hot. Upon cooling, it deposits the principle in question in a state of purity. Thus obtained, polygalic acid is a white powder, inodorous, and of a taste at first slight, but soon becoming pungent and acrid, and producing a very painful sensation in the throat. It is fixed, unalterable in the air, inflammable, soluble in water slowly when cold and rapidly with the aid of heat, soluble in all proportions in boiling absolute alcohol, which deposits most of it on cooling, quite insoluble in ether and in the fixed and volatile oils, and possessed of the properties of reddening litmus and neutralizing the alkalies. M. Quevenne found it, when given to dogs, to occasion vomiting, and much embarrassment in respiration, and in large quantities to destroy life. Dissection exhibited evidences of inflammation of the lungs; and frothy mucus was found in the stomach, œsophagus, and superior portion of the trachea, showing the tendency of this substance to increase the mucous secretion, and explaining in part the beneficial influence of senega in croup. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxii. 449, and xxiii. 227.) M. Bolley showed that the active principle was resolvable by hydrochloric acid into glucose and a peculiar substance called *sapogenin*. Rochleder (*Chem. Centralbl.*, 1867, p. 925) confirmed this view of the identity of polygalic acid and saponin, and gives the formula $C_{32}H_{54}O_{18}$ to the compound. Christophson (*Journ. Phar.*, 1874) and Schneider (*Arch. d. Phar.* [3], 7, 394) have since thoroughly established the existence of saponin in senega root. According to the researches of Trommsdorff and Schneider, saponin is contained solely in the bark, the woody tissues being inert. (See *Quillaja*, page 1133.) L. Reuter (*Arch. der Pharm.*, 1889, pp. 309 and 452) finds that the constituents of senega root are fixed oil and resin, traces of volatile oil (a mixture of valerianic ether and methyl salicylate), sugar (7 per cent.), senegin or saponin (2 to 5 per cent.), yellow coloring matter, and malates. The quantity of methyl salicylate varied in different samples from 0·25 to 0·33 per cent.

From the experiments of M. Quevenne it also appears that senega yields its virtues to water, cold or hot, and to boiling alcohol, and that the extracts obtained by means of these liquids have the sensible properties of the root. But under the influence of heat a portion of the acrid principle unites with the coloring matter and coagulated albumen, and thus becomes insoluble in water; and the decoction, therefore, is not so strong as the infusion, if time is allowed, in the formation of the latter, for the full action of the menstruum. In forming an aqueous extract, the infusion should be prepared by percolation, as it is thus most concentrated, and consequently requires less heat in its evaporation. In preparing the infusion, the temperature of the water, according to M. Quevenne, should not exceed 104° F.

The roots of *Panax quinquefolium*, or ginseng, were at one period frequently mixed with the senega, but are easily distinguishable by their shape and taste. Other roots, supposed to be those of *Gillenia trifoliata* and *Asclepias vincetoxicum*, L. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 411), have been observed in parcels of senega: they are readily distinguished from the genuine root by their different physical characteristics.

Medical Properties and Uses. Senega is a stimulating expectorant and diuretic, and in large doses emetic and cathartic. It appears, indeed, to excite more or less all the secretions, proving occasionally diaphoretic and emmenagogue, and increasing the flow of saliva. Its action, however, is especially directed to the lungs; and its expectorant virtues are those for which it is chiefly employed. It was introduced into practice about a century ago by Dr. Tennant, of Virginia, who recommended it as a cure for the bite of the *rattlesnake*, and in various pectoral complaints. As an expectorant it is employed in cases not attended with acute inflammatory action, or in which the inflammation has been in great measure subdued. It is peculiarly useful in *chronic catarrhal affections*, in the secondary stages of *croup*, and in *capillary bronchitis*. Employed so as to purge and vomit, it has proved useful in *rheumatism*; and some cases of *dropsy* are said to have been cured by it. It has also been recommended in *amenorrhœa*. The dose of powdered senega is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.); but the medicine is never used in substance. The dose of the syrup is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.). Polygalic acid may be employed in the dose of from the fourth of a grain to a grain (0·016–0·065 Gm.), and may be administered either in pill or in powder, or dissolved in hot water, with the addition, in any of its forms, of gum and sugar to obtund its acrimony. A formula for its preparation was published by Professor Procter. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 150.)

SENNA. U. S. (Br.) Senna.

(SĔN'NA.)

"The leaflets of Cassia acutifolia, Delile (Alexandria Senna), and of Cassia angustifolia, Vahl (India Senna); (nat. ord.) Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* SENNA ALEXANDRINA. *Alexandrian Senna, Br.* "The dried leaflets of Cassia acutifolia, Delile (Cassia lanceolata, Nectoux). It is imported from Alexandria and sometimes in a more or less contaminated condition, in which case the true senna leaflets should be carefully separated from all extraneous matters." *Br.* SENNA INDICA. *East India Senna. Tinnevelly Senna.* "The dried leaflets of Cassia angustifolia, Vahl (Cassia elongata, Lem-Lisanc). From plants cultivated in Southern India; it is imported without admixture of other leaves or extraneous matter of any kind." *Br.*

Folia Sennæ; Feuilles de Séné, Séné, *Fr.;* Sennesblätter, *G.;* Senna, *It., Port.;* Sen, *Sp.*

CASSIA. See *Cassia Fistula.*

The plants which yield senna belong to the genus Cassia, of which several species contribute to furnish the drug. These were confounded together by Linnæus in a single species, which he named *Cassia senna.* Since his time the subject has been more thoroughly investigated, especially by Delile, who accompanied the French expedition to Egypt and had an opportunity of examining the plant in its native country. Besides the official species, it is probable that *C. lanceolata* of Forskhal and *C. æthiopica* of Guibourt contribute towards commercial senna.

1. *Cassia acutifolia.* Delile, *Flore d'Egypte,* lxxv. tab. 27, f. 1.—*C. senna* β. Linn.—*C. lanceolata.* De Candolle. Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 34, pl. 27.—*C. lenitiva.* Bisch.—*Senna acutifolia.* Batka. This is described as a small undershrub, two or three feet high, with a straight, woody, branching, whitish stem; but, according to Landerer, the senna plant attains the height of eight or ten feet in the African deserts. The leaves are alternate and pinnate, with glandless footstalks, and two small narrow pointed stipules at the base. The leaflets, of which from four to six pairs belong to each leaf, are almost sessile, oval-lanceolate, acute, oblique at their base, nerved, from half an inch to an inch long, and of a yellowish-green color. The flowers are yellow, and in axillary spikes. The fruit is a flat, elliptical, obtuse, membranous, smooth, grayish-brown, bivalvular legume, about an inch long, and half an inch broad, scarcely if at all curved, and divided into six or seven cells, each containing a hard, heart-shaped, ash-colored seed. *C. acutifolia* grows wild in great abundance in Upper Egypt, Nubia, Sennaar, and other parts of Africa. This species furnishes the greater part of the variety known in commerce by the name of Alexandria senna.

Cassia elongata. Lemaire, *Journ. de Pharm.,* vii. 345; Fée, *Journ. de Chim. Méd.* vi. 232; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 36, pl. 29.—*C. angustifolia.* Vahl. This name was conferred by M. Lemaire upon the plant from which the India senna of commerce is derived. The botanical description was completed by M. Fée from dried specimens of the leaves and fruit found by him in unassorted parcels of this variety of senna. Dr. Wallich afterwards succeeded in raising the plant from seeds found in a parcel of senna taken to Calcutta from Arabia; and it has been described by Dr. Royle, Wight and Arnott, and Dr. Lindley. As usually grown, it is annual; but with care it may be made to live through the year, and then assumes the character of an undershrub. It has an erect, smooth stem, and pinnate leaves, with from four to eight pairs of leaflets. These are nearly sessile, lanceolate, obscurely mucronate, oblique at the base, smooth above and somewhat downy beneath, with the veins turned inwards so as to form a wavy line immediately within the edge of the leaflet. The most striking character of the leaflet is its length, which varies from an inch to twenty lines. The petioles are without glands; the stipules minute, spreading, and semi-hastate. The flowers are bright yellow, and arranged in axillary and terminal racemes rather longer than the leaves. The legume is oblong, membranous, tapering abruptly at the base, rounded at the apex, and an inch and a half long by somewhat more than half an inch broad. This plant is a native of the southern parts of Arabia. It has been said also to grow in the interior of India, and is cultivated at Tinnevelly for medical use.

Cassia obovata. Colladon, *Monographie des Casses.* The stem of this species is rather shorter than that of *C. acutifolia,* rising to the height of only a foot and a half. The leaves have from five to seven pairs of leaflets, which are obovate, very obtuse, sometimes mucronate. The flowers are in axillary spikes, of which the peduncles are longer than the leaves of the plant. The legumes are very much compressed, curved almost into the kidney form, of a greenish-brown color, and covered with a very short down, which is perceptible only by the aid of a magnifying glass. They contain from eight to ten seeds. This species grows wild in

Syria, Egypt, and Senegambia, and is said to have been cultivated successfully in Italy, Spain, and the West Indies. It grows wild abundantly in some parts of Jamaica. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1867, p. 143.) It is said to be no longer gathered for senna, although its leaflets and pods can frequently be met with in Alexandria senna.

C. lanceolata of Forskhal, found by that author growing in the deserts of Arabia, is admitted by Lindley and others as a distinct species. Some difference, however, of opinion exists upon this point. De Candolle considered it a variety of the *C. acutifolia* of Delile, from which it differs chiefly in having leaflets with glandular petioles; and, as Forskhal's description preceded that of Delile, he designated the species by the name of *C. lanceolata*. Forskhal's plant has been supposed by some to be the source of the India or Mocha senna; but the leaflets in this variety are much longer than those of *C. lanceolata*, from which the plant differs also in having no gland on the petiole. Niebuhr informs us that he found the Alexandria senna growing in the Arabian territory of Abuarish, whence it is taken by the Arabs to Mecca and Jedda. This is probably the *C. lanceolata* of Forskhal. It is highly probable that this species is the source of a variety of senna which has been brought to this market under the name of Mecca senna.

Cassia æthiopica of Guibourt (*C. ovata* of Mérat), formerly confounded with *C. acutifolia*, is considered by Dr. Lindley a distinct species. It grows in Nubia, Fezzan to the south of Tripoli, and probably, according to Guibourt, throughout Ethiopia. It is from this plant that the *Tripoli senna* of commerce is derived.

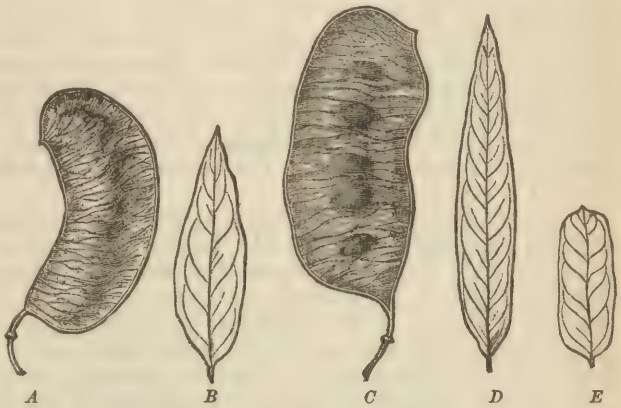
Several varieties of this valuable drug are known in commerce. Of these, four have been received in America,—the Alexandria, the Tripoli, the India, and the Mecca senna,—but only two are recognized by the Pharmacopœia.

1. Alexandria Senna. Though the name of this variety is derived from the Egyptian port at which it is shipped, it is in fact gathered very far in the interior. The Alexandria senna does not consist exclusively of the product of one species of Cassia. The history of its preparation is not destitute of interest. The senna plants of Upper Egypt yield two crops annually, one in spring and the other in autumn. They are gathered chiefly in the country beyond Syene. The natives cut the plants, and, having dried them in the sun, strip off the leaves and pods, which they pack in bales and send to Boulak, in the vicinity of Cairo, the great entrepôt for this article of Egyptian commerce. This senna from Upper Egypt, consisting chiefly though not exclusively of the product of *C. acutifolia*, was here formerly mixed with the leaflets of *C. obovata*, brought from other parts of Egypt, and even from Syria, with the leaves of *Cynanchum oleæfolium* (*C. argel* of Delile, *Solenostemma argel*, Hayne), known commonly by the name of *argel* or *arguel*, and sometimes with those of *Tephrosia apollinea* of De Candolle, a leguminous plant growing in Egypt and Nubia. According to M. Royer, the proportions in which the three chief constituents of this mixture were added together were five parts of *C. acutifolia*, three of *C. obovata*, and two of *Cynanchum*. Thus prepared, the senna was again packed in bales, and transmitted to Alexandria. But at present there is no such uniformity in the constitution of Alexandria senna; and, though the three chief ingredients may still sometimes be found in it, they are not in the same fixed proportions; and not unfrequently the Cynanchum leaves are wholly wanting. This variety of senna is often called in French pharmaceutical works *séné de la palthe*, a name derived from an impost formerly laid upon it by the Ottoman Porte. A parcel of Alexandria senna, as it was formerly brought to market, consisted of the following ingredients: 1, the leaflets of *C. acutifolia*, characterized by their acute form, and their length, almost always less than an inch; 2, the leaflets of *C. obovata*, known by their rounded very obtuse summit, which is sometimes furnished with a small projecting point, and by their gradual diminution in breadth towards their base; 3, the pods, broken leafstalks, flowers, and fine fragments of other parts of one or both of these species; 4, the leaves of *Cynanchum oleæfolium*, which are distinguishable by their length, almost always more than an inch, their greater thickness and firmness, the absence of any visible lateral nerves on their under surface, their somewhat lighter color, and the regularity of their base. In this last character they

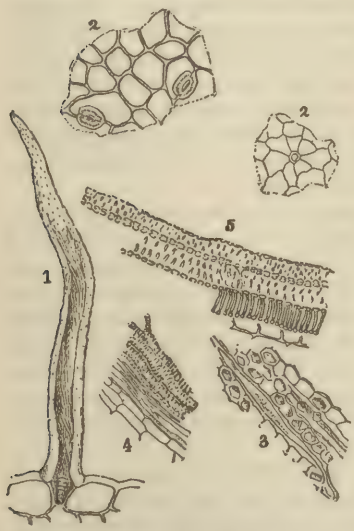


A, leaf of Cynanchum oleæfolium; *B*, leaf of Tephrosia apollinea; *C*, fruit of the same; *D*, leaf of Coriaria myrtifolia. (After De Lanessan.)

strikingly differ from the genuine senna leaflets, which, from whatever species derived, are always marked by obliquity at their base, one side being inserted in the petiole at a point somewhat lower than the other, and at a different angle. Discrimination between this and the other ingredients is of some importance, as the Cynanchum must be considered an adulteration. It is said by the French writers to produce hypercatharsis and much irritation of the bowels, but was found by Christison and Mayer to occasion griping and protracted nausea, with little purgation. The flowers and fruit of the Cynanchum were also often present, the former white and in small corymbs, the latter an ovoid follicle rather larger than an orange-seed. Besides the above constituents of Alexandria senna, it occasionally contained leaflets of genuine senna, much longer than those of the *acutifolia* or *obovata*, equalling in this respect the Cynanchum, which they also somewhat resembled in form. They were distinguishable, however, by their greater thinness, the distinctness of their lateral nerves, and the irregularity of their base. The leaflets and fruit of *Tephrosia apollinea*, which have been an occasional impurity in this variety of senna, may be distinguished, the former by their downy surface, their obovate-oblong, emarginate shape, their parallel unbranched lateral nerves, and by being usually folded longitudinally; the latter, by its dimensions, being from an inch to an inch and a half long, and only two lines broad. As now imported, Alexandria senna is often quite free from the leaves of Cynanchum, and may have few or none of the leaflets of obovate senna. It is probably brought directly to Alexandria from Upper Egypt, without having undergone intermixture at Boulak or other intervening place.



A, fruit of Cassia acutifolia; *B*, leaf of same; *C*, fruit of Cassia angustifolia; *D*, leaf of same; *E*, leaf of Cassia ovalifolia. (After De Lanessan.)



Senna leaf. 1, section of epidermis with a long hair; 2, epidermis with stomata; 3, bast-cells with raphides; 4, fragment of the nerve of the leaf; 5, wood vessels out of the petiole.

In Europe, this senna is said to have been sometimes adulterated with the leaflets of *Collutea arborescens*, or bladder senna, and the leaves of *Coriaria myrtifolia*, a plant of Southern Europe, said to be astringent and even poisonous. An account of these plants is given in Part II. The leaflets of the Coriaria are ovate-lanceolate, grayish green with a bluish tint, and are readily known, when not too much broken up, by their strongly-marked midrib and two lateral nerves running from the base nearly to the summit. Another addition to Alexandria senna has been detected by M. Lacroix, of Mâcon, France, in the leaves of the *Globularia turbith* (*Globularia alypura*, Linn.), which seem to have taken the place of the *Colutea arborescens*, because more closely resembling the senna leaflet. The leaves of the Globularia are spatulate, much enlarged towards the upper end, rounded at the extremity, but always terminating in a short sharp point. Besides, they are brown, thick, firm, and hard to the touch, while those of the Colutea are green, very thin, and soft. They have an acrid, very bitter taste, but are without nauseous odor. They are asserted to be cathartic, but milder than senna, and capable of being substituted for it in twice the dose. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 413.) The official description of *Alexandria senna* is, "leaflets about 25 Mm. long and 10 Mm. broad, lanceolate, or lance-oval, subcoriaceous, brittle, rather pointed, unequally oblique at the base, entire, grayish-green, somewhat pubescent, of a peculiar odor, and a nauseous, bitter taste. It should be free from stalks, and from Argel leaves (the leaves of

Solenostemma Argel Hayne, nat. ord. *Asclepiadeæ*), which are frequently present; these leaves are thicker, one-veined, wrinkled, glaucous, and even at the base." *U. S.*

2. Tripoli Senna. Genuine Tripoli senna consists in general exclusively of the leaflets of one species of Cassia, formerly considered to be a variety of *C. acutifolia*, but now admitted to be distinct, and named *C. æthiopica*. The leaflets, however, are much broken up; and it is probably on this account that the variety is usually less esteemed than the Alexandrian. The aspect given to it by this state of comminution, and by the uniformity of its constitution, enables the eye at once to distinguish it from the other varieties of senna. The leaflets, moreover, are shorter, less acute, thinner, and more fragile than those of *C. acutifolia* in Alexandria senna; and their nerves are much less distinct. The general opinion at one time was that it was brought from Sennaar and Nubia to Tripoli in caravans; but, it is reasonably asked by M. Fée, how could it be afforded at a cheaper price than the Alexandrian, if thus brought on the backs of camels a distance of eight hundred leagues through the desert? It is probably collected at Fezzan, immediately south of Tripoli. For a microscopical description of Alexandria senna, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1882, p. 238.

3. India Senna. This variety is in Europe sometimes called *Mocha senna*, probably because obtained originally from that port. It derives its name of India senna from the route by which it reaches us. Though produced in Arabia, it is brought to this country and Europe from Calcutta, Bombay, and possibly other ports of Hindostan. It consists of the leaflets of *Cassia elongata*, with some of the leafstalks and pods intermixed. The eye is at once struck by the great length (about two inches) and comparative narrowness of the leaflets, so that the variety may be readily distinguished. The pike-like shape of the leaflet has given rise to the French name of *séné de la pique*. Many of the leaflets have a yellowish, dark-brown, or blackish color, probably from exposure after collection; and the variety has commonly in mass a characteristic dull tawny hue. It is generally considered inferior in purgative power. Leaflets of a senna resembling the Indian were brought by Dr. Livingstone from Southern Africa, where the plant grows abundantly. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 499.) "*India Senna* consists of leaflets from 3 to 5 Cm. long, and 10 to 15 Mm. broad; lanceolate, acute, unequally oblique at the base, entire, thin, yellowish-green or dull green, nearly smooth; odor peculiar, somewhat tea-like; taste mucilaginous, bitter, and nauseous. It should be free from stalks, discolored leaves, and other admixtures." *U. S.*

A variety of India senna has reached this country which is the produce of Hindostan, being cultivated at Tinnevelly, and probably other places in the south of the Peninsula. The plant was originally raised from seeds obtained from the Red Sea, and is the same as that from which the common Indian senna is derived. The drug is exported from Madras to England, where it is known by the name of *Tinnevelly senna*. It is a fine unmixed variety, consisting of unbroken leaflets, from one to two or more inches long, and sometimes half an inch in their greatest breadth, thin, flexible, and of a fine green color. Mr. T. B. Groves, however, states as the result of his experiments that Tinnevelly senna contains only two-thirds as much of the active principle as does the Alexandrian. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1868, p. 202.)

4. Mecca Senna. After the publication of the fifth edition of this Dispensatory, a variety of senna was imported under the name of *Mecca senna*, consisting of the leaflets, pods, broken stems, and petioles of a single species of Cassia. The leaflets were oblong-lanceolate, on the average longer and narrower than those of *Cassia acutifolia*, and shorter than those of *Cassia elongata*. The variety in mass had a yellowish or tawny hue, more like that of India than like that of Alexandria senna. May it not have been the product of the *Cassia lanceolata* of Forskhal? We might infer so from the name, and from the character of the leaflet. Landerer, however, speaks of a valuable variety of senna, characterized by the large size of the leaflets, and sold under the name of Mecca senna, which he says comes from the interior of Africa.

Commercial senna is prepared for use by *garbling*, or picking out the leaflets, and rejecting the leafstalks, the impurities, and the leaves of other plants. The pods are also rejected by some apothecaries. They were preferred by the Arabian and mediæval physicians of Europe to the leaves, whilst Pereira states that they are much milder in their operation than the leaflets. This has been explained by the researches of E. F. Salmon, who has found that they contain about 25 per cent. more cathartin than the leaves, but no resinous principle or volatile oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1889.) The griping of senna being largely due to the resin, it is *a priori* to be expected that the pods would act more kindly than the leaves. Dr. A. W. Macfarlane has found this to be actually the case. From six to twelve pods for the adult, or from three to six for the

young or very aged, infused in a claret-glass of cold water, in his experience, act very kindly but very thoroughly upon the whole intestine.*

Properties. The odor of senna is faint and sickly; the taste slightly bitter, sweetish, and nauseous. Water and diluted alcohol extract its active principles. Pure alcohol extracts them but imperfectly. (Bley and Diesel, *Pharm. Centralbl.*, Feb. 1849, p. 126.) The leaves are said to yield about one-third of their weight to boiling water. The infusion is of a deep reddish-brown color, and has the odor and taste of the leaves. When exposed to the air for a short time, it deposits a yellowish insoluble precipitate, supposed to result from the union of extractive matter with oxygen. The nature of this precipitate, however, is not well understood. Decoction also produces some change in the principles of senna, by which its medicinal virtues have been supposed to be impaired; but some experiments of B. Heerlein would seem to show that this opinion is incorrect. An extract prepared by boiling down an infusion, redissolving the residue, and again boiling down to a solid consistence, was found to operate actively in a dose equivalent to a drachm of the leaves. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1851, p. 909.) To diluted alcohol it imparts the same reddish-brown color as to water; but rectified alcohol and ether, digested upon the powdered leaves, become of a deep olive-green.

Lassaigne and Feneulle first isolated a substance to which they gave the name of *cathartin*, but it proved to be a mixture; Bley and Diesel (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1849, p. 126) isolated a yellow coloring matter, which they called *chrysoretin*, but which Martius identified as *chrysophan*; Ludwig (*Arch. d. Pharm.* (2), 119, p. 42, and 190, p. 69) obtained two bitter principles, *sennapicrin* and *sennacrol*, the first insoluble, the second soluble in ether; but the active purgative principle was first discovered in 1866 by Dragendorff and Kubly (*Viertelj. f. Prakt. Pharm.*, 16, pp. 96 and 337), who found it to be a glucoside of weak acid character, and named it *cathartic acid*. Mr. Thos. B. Groves, in 1868 (*P. J. Tr.*, 1869, p. 196), unaware of Dragendorff and Kubly's discovery, isolated the same principle, and found for it the same reactions. For a method of preparing cathartic acid, by Mr. Ralph Stockman, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 740. Its formula is given as $C_{180}H_{96}N_2SO_{82}$, and by boiling its alcoholic solution with acids it yields *cathartogenic acid* and sugar. It is insoluble in water, strong alcohol, and ether, but its saline compounds with the alkalies and earths are readily dissolved. Its ammonia salt is precipitated by the salts of silver, tin, mercury, copper, and lead; but tannin, the antimonial salts, and potassium ferricyanide and ferrocyanide have no effect on it. Alkalies with heat decompose it. It is prepared by partially precipitating with alcohol infusion of senna, concentrating to a syrupy consistence *in vacuo*, filtering, treating the filtrate with a large proportion of absolute alcohol, and repeatedly dissolving in water, and precipitating by alcohol the precipitate thus obtained. It is purified by submitting it, dissolved in moderately strong hydrochloric acid, to dialysis on a diaphragm of parchment paper, cathartic acid having strong colloidal properties. Mr. Groves found that ammonium cathartate purged moderately in the dose of $3\frac{3}{4}$ grains, with considerable griping, and that of certain mixed cathartates $7\frac{1}{2}$ grains purged violently, with much griping and sickness, and continued to act through most of a day. He considers 4 grains a fair dose. It should be given in connection with an aromatic and a saline cathartic. Magnesium cathartate is soluble. The salts of this acid in aqueous solution are decomposed and rendered inert by long exposure to heat in contact with the air. (Groves, *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1868, pp. 200–1.) Dragendorff and Kubly also found chrysophanic acid in small proportions, the two substances, *sennacrol* and *sennapicrin*, previously mentioned, and a peculiar non-fermentable saccharine principle, with the formula $C_{21}H_{44}O_{19}$, which they named *catharto-mannite*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., v.) Mr. A. Seidil proposes the name of *sennite* for catharto-mannite, and gives a process for its preparation in *A. J. P.*, 1885.

Some results of experiments on the properties of senna which more particularly concern the pharmacist are noted in a paper contained in the *Journal de Pharmacie* (Janv. 1874, p. 80), and require to be mentioned here, because they tend to fix certain points which are left undetermined in the above statement. An extract made by evaporating in the air an aqueous infusion of senna possesses but partially the purgative properties of the leaves. If the extract be redissolved in a large quantity of water, and the solution be again evaporated, the extract now obtained will be quite inert. It follows that a prolonged decoction of senna destroys its cathartic powers. The presence of an alkali in the decoction increases the rapidity of the de-

* Mr. E. F. Salmon prepares a black-looking, perfectly tasteless liquid, said to be active in doses of one-half to two fluidrachms, by the following formula. Macerate one pound of bruised pods in six pints of cold distilled water for twenty-four hours; decant; macerate again for twelve hours in three pints of cold water; evaporate the strained liquors to thirteen fluidounces; add four ounces of diluted alcohol; filter after a few hours. (*Chemist and Druggist*, 1889.)

struction. An infusion of senna in lime water, heated to the boiling point, and then deprived of lime by a stream of carbonic acid, becomes inert. An infusion of senna, made to boil after the addition of caustic potassa, and then neutralized by an acid, is also inert. The mineral acids destroy the purgative powers of senna, but less energetically than the alkalies; the vegetable acids exercise the same power but feebly. Concentrated alcohol does not dissolve the active principle, which is soluble in cold water. It was Heerlein who first determined the complete want of purgative power in the pure alcoholic extract of senna. Nevertheless, this extract possesses in a high degree the odor and taste of senna, and, taken internally, without purging, imparts a deep-yellow color to the urine, which the alkalies change to red. The leaves exhausted by alcohol have all their purgative effect, but lose the power of affecting the urine so that an alkaline solution shall color it red. These facts prove that chrysophanic acid is not the purgative principle of senna. The fact that alcohol removes the odor and taste of senna without affecting its purgative action may sometimes be advantageously applied in cases in which the taste of senna is extremely offensive. Mr. L. Siebold, after experimenting with senna leaves washed with alcohol, arrived at the following conclusions. 1. Strong spirit does not remove any of the active principle (cathartic acid) from senna leaves. 2. The therapeutic action of cathartic acid is assisted by one or more of the constituents yielded by senna to strong spirit, though the latter produce no purgative effect when taken alone. 3. Senna exhausted by alcohol is a reliable and pleasant purgative, but somewhat weaker in its action than the unexhausted leaves.*

Incompatibles. Many substances produce precipitates with the infusion of senna; but it does not follow that they are all medicinally incompatible, as they may remove only inert ingredients. Cathartic acid is precipitated by infusion of galls and solution of lead subacetate. Lead acetate and tartarized antimony, which disturb the infusion, have no effect upon the solution of this substance.

Medical Properties and Uses. Senna was first used as a medicine by the Arabians. It was noticed in their writings as early as the ninth century; and the name itself is Arabic. It is a prompt, efficient, and very safe purgative, well calculated for *fevers* and *febrile complaints*, and other cases in which a decided but not violent impression is desired. A disadvantage is that it is apt to produce severe griping. This effect, however, may be obviated by combining with the senna some aromatic, and some one of the alkaline salts, especially potassium bitartrate, potassium tartrate, or magnesium sulphate. The explanation which attributes the griping property to the oxidized extractive, and its prevention by the saline substances to their influence in promoting the solubility of that principle, is not satisfactory. The purgative effect of senna is considerably increased by combination with bitters,—a fact noticed by Cullen, and abundantly confirmed by subsequent experience. The decoction of guaiac is said to exert a similar influence. Senna yields one or more of its principles to the urine, as, from twenty to thirty minutes after it has been taken, this secretion acquires the property of being reddened by ammonia. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1863.) Senna taken by nurses is said to purge sucking infants, and an infusion injected into the veins operates as a cathartic. The dose of senna in powder is from half a drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.); but the drug is never prescribed in this form. In official preparations "Tinnevelly senna may be used in place of Alexandria senna." *Br.*

SERPENTARIA. U. S. (Br.) Serpentaria. [Virginia Snakeroot.]

(SĔR-PĔN-TĀ'RĬ-Ą.)

"The rhizome and rootlets of Aristolochia Serpentaria, Linné, and of Aristolochia reticulata, Nuttall (nat. ord. Aristolochiaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried rhizome and rootlets of Aristolochia Serpentaria, Linn., or of Aristolochia reticulata, Nutt." *Br.*

Serpentariæ Rhizoma, *Br.;* Serpentary Rhizome; Couleuvrée de Virginie, Serpentaire de Virginie, *Fr.;* Virginianische Schlangenwurzel, *G.;* Serpentaria Virginiana, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx none. *Corolla* one-petalled, ligulate, ventricose at the base. *Capsules* six-celled, many-seeded, inferior. *Willd.*

Many species of Aristolochia have been employed in medicine. The roots of all of them are tonic and stimulant; and their supposed possession of emmenagogue properties has given

* *Vinum Sennæ. Senna Wine.* Alexandria Senna Leaves, *one and a half ounces;* Sherry Wine, *twenty-seven ounces.* Macerate for eight days, press, and strain; then add five grains of Gelatin, dissolved in two and a half drachms of distilled water, and then the following: Tincture of Orange Peel, *one ounce;* Tincture of Ginger, *a half-ounce;* Aromatic Tincture, *eighty minims;* Honey, *two ounces.* Again allow to stand for ten days, and filter. This wine is reputed to be an excellent aperient for persons suffering from hemorrhoids. It should be taken in tablespoonfuls, according to the effect desired. (*Dieterich's Pharm. Manual.*)

origin to the name of the genus. *A. clematitis*, *A. longa*, *A. rotunda*, and *A. pistolochia* are still retained in many official catalogues of the continent of Europe, where they are indigenous. The root of *A. clematitis* is very long, cylindrical, as thick as a goose-quill or thicker, variously contorted, beset with the remains of the stems and radicles, of a grayish-brown color, a strong, peculiar odor, and an acrid, bitter taste; that of *A. longa* is spindle-shaped, from a few inches to a foot in length, of the thickness of the thumb or thicker, fleshy, very brittle, grayish externally, brownish yellow within, bitter, and of a strong, disagreeable odor when fresh; that of *A. rotunda* is tuberous, roundish, heavy, fleshy, brownish on the exterior, grayish yellow internally, and similar to the preceding in odor and taste; that of *A. pistolochia* consists of numerous slender yellowish or brownish fibres, attached to a common head, and possessed of an agreeable aromatic odor, with a taste bitter and somewhat acrid. Many species of Aristolochia growing in the West Indies, Mexico, and South America have attracted attention for their medicinal properties; and some, like our own snakeroot, have acquired the reputation of antidotes for the bites of serpents. *A. cymbifera*, Martius, is much used in Brazil under the names of *milhommen*, *jarra*, or *jarrinha*, and probably has medical activities similar to those of the official species.* In the Argentine Republic the root of *A. argentina* † is used as a diuretic and diaphoretic, especially in *rheumatism*. In the East Indies, *A. indica* is employed for similar purposes with the European and American species; and the Arabians are said by Forskhal to use the leaves of *A. sempervirens* as a counter-poison. *A. fœtida* of Texas and Mexico, or *Yerba del Indio*, is used as a local stimulant to foul ulcers.‡ We have in the United States six species, of which four—*A. serpentaria*, *A. hirsuta*, *A. hastata*, and *A. reticulata*—contribute to furnish the snakeroot of the pharmacies.

Aristolochia serpentaria. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 159; Bigelow. *Am. Med. Bot.* iii. 82; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 41; *B. & T.* 246. This species of Aristolochia is an herbaceous plant, with a perennial root, which consists of numerous slender fibres proceeding from a short horizontal caudex. Several stems often rise from the same root. They are about eight or ten inches in height, slender, round, flexuose, jointed at irregular distances, and frequently reddish or purple at the base. The leaves are oblong-cordate, acuminate, entire, of a pale yellowish-green color, and supported on short petioles at the joints of the stem. The flowers proceed from the joints near the root, and stand singly on long, slender, round, jointed peduncles, which are sometimes furnished with one or two small scales, and bend downward so as nearly to bury the flower in the earth or decayed leaves. There is no calyx. The corolla is purple, monopetalous, tubular, swelling at the base, contracted and curved in the middle, and terminating in a labiate border with lanceolate lips. The anthers—six or twelve in number—are sessile, attached to the under part of the stigma, which is roundish, divided into six parts, and supported by a short fleshy style upon an oblong, angular, hairy, inferior germ. The fruit is an hexangular, six-celled capsule, containing several



Serpentaria rhizome, transverse section.

* *Brazilian Aristolochia* as it comes into the European markets consists of pieces about 10 cm. (4 inches) long, gray-brown, longitudinally wrinkled, the thickest roots being split; the transverse section shows a rather thick bark, and a ligneous cylinder, which is distinctly radiating, and contains wide dotted ducts and wood-fibres; the bark and medullary rays contain much starch, and, in numerous but slightly enlarged cells, a mixture of yellow resin and volatile oil. Its taste and odor are warm and camphoraceous.

† Both *A. indica* and *A. argentina* have been submitted to analysis. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xx. pages 245 and 551.) In the latter drug O. Hesse believes that he has found an alkaloid, *aristolochine*, besides a gold-colored crystalline substance, *aristin*. Both of these substances are indicated by the experiments of Dymock and Warden as occurring in the Indian plant.

‡ Henry Trimble and S. S. Jones found in this root fixed oil, resin, tannin, coloring matter, lignin, albuminoids, mucilage, etc. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 113.)

small flat seeds. The plant grows in rich shady woods throughout the Middle, Southern, and Western States, abounding in the valley of the Ohio and in the mountainous regions of our interior. It flowers in May and June. The root is collected in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, and is brought eastward chiefly by the routes of Wheeling and Pittsburg. As it reaches Philadelphia, it is usually in bales containing about one hundred pounds, and is often mixed with the leaves and stems of the plant, and with adhering dirt.

A. hirsuta. Muhlenberg, *Catalogue*, p. 81; Bridges, *A. J. P.* xiv. 121. In Muhlenberg's Catalogue this species was named without being described; and botanists, supposing from the name that it was identical with *A. tomentosa*, generally confounded the two plants. But they are entirely distinct. A description of *A. hirsuta* in the handwriting of Muhlenberg, and a labelled specimen of the plant, in the possession of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, have been found to correspond with a dried specimen from Virginia. *A. tomentosa* is a climbing plant, growing in Louisiana on the banks of the Mississippi, and ascending to the summit of the highest trees. It has a thick, creeping root, entirely different in shape from that of the official species, though possessed of an analogous odor. *A. hirsuta* has a root like that of *A. serpentaria*, consisting of a knotty caudex, sending out numerous slender simple fibres, sometimes six inches in length. From this arise several jointed, flexuose, pubescent stems, less than a foot high, with one or two pubescent bracts, and several large roundish-cordate leaves, of which the lower are obtuse, the upper abruptly acuminate, and all pubescent on both sides and at the margin. From the joints near the root originate from one to three solitary peduncles, each bearing three or four leafy bracts and one flower. The peduncles, bracts, and corolla are all hairy. This species grows in Virginia, West Virginia, and perhaps other parts of the West and South. It probably contributes to the serpentaria of commerce, as its leaves have been found in bales of the drug.

A. hastata. Nuttall, *Gen. of N. Am. Plants*, p. 200.—*A. sagittata.* Muhlenberg, *Catal.* This species, if indeed it can be considered a distinct species, differs from *A. serpentaria* in having hastate, acute, somewhat cordate leaves, and the lip of the corolla ovate. It flourishes on the banks of the Mississippi, in the Carolinas, and elsewhere. Its root scarcely differs from that of the official plant, and is frequently mixed with it, as is proved by the presence of the characteristic leaves of *A. hastata* in the parcels brought into market.

A. reticulata. Nuttall; Bridges, *A. J. P.* xvi. 118; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 32, pl. 77. This plant was probably first observed by Mr. Nuttall, as a specimen labelled "*A. reticulata*, Red River," in the handwriting of that botanist, is contained in the Herbarium of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. From a root similar to that of *A. serpentaria*, numerous short, slender, round, flexuose, jointed stems arise, usually simple, but sometimes branched near the root. The older stems are slightly villous, the young densely pubescent. The leaves, which stand on very short villous petioles, are round or oblong-cordate, obtuse, reticulate, very prominently veined, and villous on both sides, especially upon the veins. From the lower joints of the stem four or five hairy, jointed peduncles proceed, which bear small leafy villous bracts at the joints, and several flowers on short pedicels. The flowers are small, purplish, and densely pubescent, especially at the base and on the germ. The hexangular capsule is deeply sulcate. This species grows in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory.

Bales of a variety of serpentaria were some years since brought to Philadelphia which is certainly the product of this species, as specimens of all parts of the plant have been found in the bales, and the roots, which differ somewhat from those before known, are homogeneous in character. One of these bales was brought from New Orleans, and was said to have come down the Red River and to have been collected by the Indians. The chief difference between this and the ordinary Virginia snakeroot is in the size of the radicles, which are much thicker and less interlaced in the new variety. Each root has usually a considerable portion of one or more stems attached to the caudex. The color is yellowish. The odor and taste are scarcely if at all distinguishable from those of common serpentaria; and there is no doubt that the root is equally effectual as a medicine. From a chemical examination by Mr. T. S. Wiegand, it appears to have the same constituents, and to differ only in containing a rather larger proportion of gum, extractive, and volatile oil.

Mr. J. A. Ferguson (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 481) found in the rhizome volatile oil, resin, tannin, mucilage, glucose, malic acid, extractive, albuminoids, lignin, etc.

Properties. Virginia snakeroot is officially described as follows: "The rhizome is about

25 Mm. long, thin, bent; on the upper side with approximate, short stem-bases; on the lower side with numerous, thin, branching roots about 10 Cm. long; dull yellowish-brown, internally whitish; the wood-rays of the rhizome longest on the lower side; odor aromatic, camphoraceous; taste warm, bitterish, and camphoraceous. The roots of *Aristolochia reticulata* are coarser, longer, and less interlaced than those of *Aristolochia Serpentaria.*" *U. S.* The color, which in the recent root is yellowish, becomes brown by time. That of the powder is grayish. Examined microscopically (see cut), the rhizome is seen to have only a moderately thick bark, composed chiefly of small-celled liber tissue; the woody tissue is formed of reticulated or punctated vessels and long prosenchymatous cells; the medulla is situated to the upper side of the centre, and has its cells large and thin-walled. The root yields all its virtues to water and alcohol, producing with the former a yellowish-brown infusion, with the latter a bright-greenish tincture, rendered turbid by the addition of water. Chevallier found in the root volatile oil, a yellow bitter principle, soluble in water and alcohol, resin, gum, starch, albumen, lignin, and various salts. Bucholz obtained from 1000 parts, 5 of a green, fragrant volatile oil, 28·5 of a yellowish-green resin, 17 of extractive matter, 181 of gummy extract, 624 of lignin, and 144·5 of water. The active ingredients are probably the volatile oil, and the yellow bitter principle of Chevallier, which that chemist considers analogous to the bitter principle of quassia; alkaline solution of cupric tartrate shows, moreover, the presence of a glucose sugar. The volatile oil passes over with water in distillation, rendering the liquid milky, and impregnating it with the odor of the root. The volatile oil has been carefully investigated by J. C. Peacock (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 257). He found it to contain a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 157° C., of sp. gr. 0·865 (probably pinene); a compound ester boiling at 211° C., sp. gr. 0·9849, which on saponification yielded a camphor-like base of the composition $C_{10}H_{18}O$ (probably borneol) and a crystalline acid; a fraction boiling at 239°–240° C., sp. gr. 0·9888, and of the composition $C_{18}H_{20}O$, apparently a neutral principle; and some green or bluish-green fluorescent oil in small quantity, which decomposes even when distilled under reduced pressure. The borneol ester constitutes about 60 per cent. of the oil. A principle called *aristolochine* has been investigated by Jul. Pohl (*Arch. f. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xxix.). He obtained it as a yellow crystalline mass, soluble in chloroform, ether, acetone, acetic anhydride, and alcohol, insoluble in petroleum-ether, benzene, and carbon disulphide, almost insoluble in cold water, slightly soluble in hot water. An ultimate analysis gives for its composition $C_{32}H_{22}N_2O_{13}$.

The roots of *Spigelia marilandica* are sometimes found associated with serpentaria. They may be distinguished by the absence of the bitter taste, and, when the stem and foliage are attached, by the peculiar character of these parts. (See *Spigelia.*) We have seen the young roots of *Polygala senega* mixed with serpentaria. Independently of their difference in odor and taste, they may be distinguished by being simple, and by a projecting line running from one end to the other of the root. Another adulteration has been detected by Mr. P. S. Milleman, of Chicago, who found in a parcel a large quantity of "golden seal" (*Hydrastis canadensis*). The rhizomes, with rootlets attached, were from a quarter of an inch to an inch in length, and about one-eighth of an inch in diameter. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 516.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Serpentaria is a stimulant tonic, acting also as a diaphoretic or diuretic, according to the mode of its application. Too largely taken, it occasions nausea, griping pains in the bowels, sometimes vomiting and dysenteric tenesmus. In *exanthematous diseases* in which the eruption is tardy or has receded and the grade of action is low, it is thought to be useful by promoting the cutaneous affection. It has been recommended in *intermittent fevers*, and may be serviceable as an adjunct to quinine. It is sometimes given in *dyspepsia.* The dose of fluid extract is from twenty minims to half a fluidrachm (1·25–1·9 C.c.). According to Pohl, aristolochine in sufficient dose produces in the higher animals violent irritation of the gastro-intestinal tract and of the kidneys, with death in coma from respiratory paralysis.

SEVUM. U.S. (Br.) Suet. [Mutton Suet.]

(SĒ'VŬM.)

"The internal fat of the abdomen of Ovis Aries, Linné (class, Mammalia; order, Ruminantia), purified by melting and straining. Suet should be kept in well-closed vessels impervious to fat. It should not be used after it has become rancid." *U. S.* "The internal Fat of the abdomen of the sheep, Ovis Aries, Linn., purified by melting and straining." *Br.*

Sevum Præparatum, *Br.;* Prepared Suet; Sebum, *P. G.;* Sebum Ovillum; Mutton-Suet; Suif, Graisse de Mouton, *Fr.;* Hammelstalg, Talg, *G.;* Grasse duro, *It.;* Sebo, *Sp.*

Suet is the fat of the sheep, taken chiefly from about the kidneys. It is prepared by cutting the fat into pieces, melting it with a moderate heat, and straining it through linen or flannel. In order to avoid too great a heat, the crude suet is sometimes purified by boiling it in a little water. Mutton suet is of a firmer consistence, and requires a higher temperature for its fusion, than any other animal fat. It is very white, sometimes brittle, inodorous, of a bland taste, insoluble in water, and nearly so in alcohol. Boiling alcohol, however, dissolves it, and deposits it upon cooling. It consists, according to Chevreul, of stearin, palmitin, and olein, containing approximately 70 per cent. of stearin and palmitin and 30 per cent. of olein. These principles are described under the *Fixed Oils* (page 905). It is officially described as "a white, solid fat, nearly inodorous, and having a bland taste when fresh, but becoming rancid on prolonged exposure to the air. Insoluble in water or cold alcohol; soluble in 44 parts of boiling alcohol, in about 60 parts of ether, and slowly in 2 parts of benzin. From its solution in the latter, kept in a stoppered flask, it slowly separates in a crystalline form on standing. An alcoholic solution of Suet is neutral or has only a slightly acid reaction to litmus paper moistened with alcohol. Suet melts between 45° and 50° C. (113° and 122° F.), and congeals between 37° and 40° C. (98·6° and 104° F.)." *U. S.* Mr. E. Dieterich examined a large number of samples of mutton and beef suet, and found that they were without exception acid and that neutral suet does not exist. The melting point of mutton suet is between 48·5° and 50·5° C.; that of beef suet, between 47·5° and 48° C. The specific gravity of mutton suet lies between 0·937 and 0·952; that of beef suet, between 0·943 and 0·952. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 496.)

SINAPIS. Br. Mustard.

(SĮ-NĀ'PĬS.)

"Black Mustard seeds and White Mustard seeds powdered and mixed." *Br.*

SINAPIS ALBA. U. S. (Br.) White Mustard.

(SĮ-NĀ'PĬS ĂL'BĄ.)

"The seed of Brassica alba (Linné), Hooker filius et Thompson (nat. ord. Cruciferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of Brassica alba, Hook. fil. and Thomp. (Sinapis alba, Linn.). From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Sinapis Albæ Semina, *Br.;* White Mustard Seeds; Semen Erucæ; Yellow Mustard Seed; Moutarde blanche, *Fr.;* Weisser Senf, *G.*

SINAPIS NIGRA. U. S. (Br.) Black Mustard.

(SĮ-NĀ'PĬS NĪ'GRĄ.)

"The seed of Brassica nigra (Linné), Koch (nat. ord. Cruciferæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of Brassica nigra, Koch (Sinapis nigra, Linn.). From plants cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Sinapis Nigræ Semina, *Br.;* Black Mustard Seeds; Semen Sinapis, *P. G.;* Moutarde noire (grise), Moutarde, *Fr.;* Senfsamen, Schwarzer Senf, *G.;* Senapa, *It.;* Mostaza, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Sepals erect or spreading, the lateral often saccate at base. *Stamens* free, edentulate, lateral often saccate at base. *Siliques* elongate, somewhat rounded, breaks sometimes indehiscent, usually one-seeded. *Valves* convex, one- to three-nerved, lateral nerves often flexuous. *Septum* membranaceous or spongy. *Style* short or elongate, sometimes beaked or ensiform. *Stigma* terminal, truncate, or two-lobed. *Seeds* serrate, emarginate, subglobose or oblong, with a setaceous funicle. *Cotyledons* conduplicate or longitudinally concave. *B. & H.*

Linnæus described two genera, Brassica and Sinapis, and subsequent botanists have greatly disagreed as to whether they should be considered distinct or not. Both Pharmacopœias now, however, follow Bentham and Hooker in refusing to give generic rank to the group of plants to which mustard especially belongs. This group (sub-genus *Sinapis*) is especially characterized by its spreading sepals, its sessile roundish or tetragonal silique furnished with a beak, which is often very short or ensiform, and sometimes seedless, and its globose seeds.

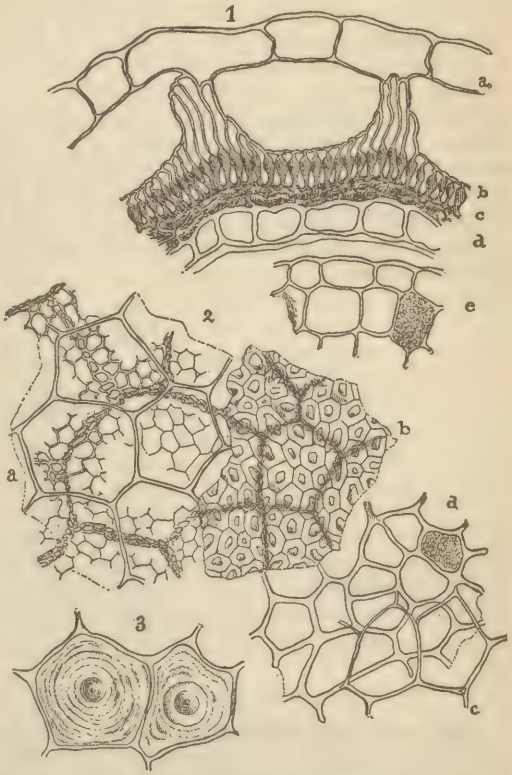
Sinapis nigra. Linné. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 555; *B. & T.* 22. Common or black mustard is an annual plant, with a stem three or four feet in height, divided and subdivided into numerous spreading branches. The leaves are petiolate and variously shaped. Those near the root are large, rough, lyrate-pinnate, and unequally toothed, those higher on the stem are smooth, and less lobed; and the uppermost are entire, narrow, smooth, and dependent. The flowers are small, yellow, with a colored calyx, and stand closely together upon peduncles at the upper part of the branches. The pods are smooth, erect, nearly parallel with the branches, quadrangular, furnished with a short beak, and occupied by numerous seeds.

Sinapis alba. Linné. *B. & T.* 23. The white mustard is also annual. It is rather smaller than the preceding species. The lower leaves are deeply pinnatifid, the upper sublyrate, and all irregularly toothed, rugged, with stiff hairs on both sides, and pale green. The flowers are in racemes, with yellow petals, and linear, green calycine leaflets. The pods are spreading, bristly, rugged, roundish, swelling in the position of the seeds, ribbed, and provided with a very long ensiform beak.

Both plants are natives of Europe and cultivated in our gardens; and *S. nigra* has become naturalized in some parts of this country. Their flowers appear in June. The seeds are kept in the pharmacies, both whole and in the state of very fine powder as prepared by the manufacturers for the table.* The latter is sometimes mixed with spice and ground into a smooth paste with water in a mill resembling a paint-mill, and then is known as *French mustard.*

The *Sinapis* (*Brassica*) *juncea*, L., is extensively grown in India, and its seeds are largely exported to Europe. The same plant is also cultivated in Southern Russia. The seeds afford a very fine yellow mustard-flour, and, according to Paul Birkenwald, yield 1·67 parts per hundred of volatile oil, against 1·89 parts per hundred of the true black mustard seed. (*Schweiz. Wochenschr. f. Pharm.*, 1888.)

Black mustard seeds are officially described as "about 1 Mm. in diameter, almost globular, with a circular hilum; testa blackish-brown or grayish-brown, finely pitted, hard; embryo oily, with a curved radicle, and two cotyledons, one folded over the other; free from starch; inodorous when dry, but when triturated with water, of a pungent, penetrating, irritating odor; taste pungent and acrid." *White mustard seeds* are much larger, of a yellowish color and less pungent taste. Both afford a yellow powder, which has a somewhat unctuous appearance, and cakes when compressed. This is commonly called *flour of mustard*, or simply *mustard*, and is prepared by crushing and pounding the seeds and then sifting them, the purest flour being obtained by a second sifting. Both the black and the white seeds are used in its preparation. It is often adulterated with wheat flour colored by turmeric, to which red pepper is added to render the mixture sufficiently hot. The skin of white mustard seeds contains a mucilaginous substance which is extracted by boiling water. When bruised or powdered, both kinds impart their active properties wholly to water, but in a very slight degree to alcohol. They yield upon pressure a fixed oil, called *oil of mustard*, of a greenish-yellow color, little smell, and a mild not unpleasant taste; and the portion which remains is even more pungent than the unpressed seeds. The fixed oil of mustard consists of the glycerin compounds of stearic, oleic, and *erucic* or *brassic* acid, $C_{22}H_{42}O_2$, a homologue of oleic acid. Small quantities of still another acid, *sinapoleic*, $C_{20}H_{38}O_2$, occur in the fixed oil of both black and white mustard, and of *behenic* acid, $C_{22}H_{44}O_2$, in black mustard. This fixed oil is a yellow non-drying oil of 0·915 to 0·920 sp. gr. at 15° C., solidifying at from



1. Transverse section of the shell of a seed: *a*, epidermal layer with cells empty; *b*, connecting layer; *c*, layer of pigment-cells; *d*, parenchymatous cells; *e*, embryo. 2. Fragment of seed from a surface point of view: parts as in 1. 3. Cells from the epidermal layer, full of mucilage.

* The seeds of *Brassica iberifolia*, according to Prof. O. Harz, are sometimes sold as true white mustard seed. He examined some obtained from Bavaria, which had been returned by customers to the dealers on account of their bitter and disagreeable taste. He furnishes characteristic microscopical tests for distinguishing the false from the true mustard seed. His statement, however, that powdered white mustard seed when mixed with water is odorless, and that the false gives off a strong odor of essential oil of mustard, would seem to be a good reason for preferring the false seed. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 478.)

—12° to —16°. It has been long known that black mustard seeds yield by distillation with water a very pungent volatile oil, containing sulphur. Guibourt conjectured, and Robiquet and Boutron proved, that this oil does not pre-exist in the seeds, but is produced by the action of water. Hence the absence or very slight degree of odor in the seeds when bruised in a dry state, and their pungency when water is added. It seemed reasonable to suppose that the reaction in this case was similar to that exercised by water upon bitter almonds (see *Amygdala Amara*); and this has been proved to be the fact by the experiments of Simon, Bussy, Boutron, and Frémy. The composition and peculiar decompositions of black mustard oil have already been described. (See *Oleum Sinapis Volatile.*)

A principle was extracted by Dr. Will from white mustard seed, with the aid of alcohol. It has been named *sinalbin*, and has the formula $C_{30}H_{44}N_2S_2O_{16}$. It is decomposed, after the analogy of sinigrin (potassium myronate), into acrinyl sulphocyanate, C_8H_7NSO, sinapine bisulphate, $C_{16}H_{25}NSO_9$, and sugar, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, an albuminoid substance being formed at the same time. "The acrinyl sulphocyanate (C_8H_7NSO) is a very active principle, oily, insoluble in water, not volatile. It may be obtained by causing ether to act on the product of the decomposition of sinalbin. Treated by an alkali and then neutralized by an acid, it colors ferric chloride red." (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1872, p. 327.)

The following analyses of mustard seeds and mustard flour are by Piesse and Stansell (*Analyst*, 1880, p. 161):

	White Mustard, whole seeds.		White Mustard, ground.		Brown Mustard, whole seeds.	Brown Mustard, ground.	
	Yorkshire.	Cambridge.	Superfine.	Fine.	Cambridge.	Superfine.	Fine.
Moisture	9·32	8·00	6·30	5·78	8·52	4·35	4·52
Fatty oil	25·56	27·51	37·18	35·74	25·54	36·96	38·02
Cellulose	10·52	8·87	3·90	4·15	9·01	3·09	2·06
Sulphur	0·99	0·93	1·33	1·22	1·28	1·50	1·48
Nitrogen	4·54	4·49	5·05	4·89	4·38	4·94	5·01
Albuminoids	28·37	28·06	31·56	30·56	26·50	29·81	30·25
Myrosin and albumen	5·24	4·58	7·32	6·67	5·214	6·46	6·78
Soluble matter	27·38	26·29	36·31	36·60	24·22	31·14	32·78
Volatile oil	0·06	0·08	0·03	0·04	0·047	1·437	1·50
Potassium myronate	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1·692	5·141	5·366
Ash	4·57	4·70	4·22	4·31	4·98	5·04	4·84

Medical Properties and Uses. Mustard seeds swallowed whole operate as a laxative, and have acquired some reputation as a remedy in *dyspepsia*, and in other complaints attended with torpid bowels and deficient excitement. The white seeds are preferred, and are taken in the dose of a tablespoonful (15·5 Gm.) once or twice a day, mixed with molasses, or previously softened and rendered mucilaginous by immersion in hot water. They probably act in some measure by mechanically stimulating the bowels. The powder, commonly called simply mustard, in the quantity of from one to two teaspoonfuls (3·9–7·8 Gm.), is an efficient and prompt stimulant emetic, especially valuable in *narcotic poisoning*. As a condiment mustard acts as a stimulant to the gastric mucous membrane, and by virtue of this stimulant action it will sometimes relieve obstinate *hiccough*. But mustard is most valuable as a rubefacient. Mixed with water in the form of a cataplasm, and applied to the skin, it very soon produces redness with burning pain, which in less than an hour usually becomes insupportable. When a speedy impression is not desired, especially when the sinapism is applied to the extremities, the powder should be diluted with an equal portion of rye meal or wheat flour. Care should be taken not to allow the application to continue too long, as vesication with obstinate ulceration, and even sphacelus, may result. This caution is particularly necessary when the patient is insensible and the degree of pain can afford no criterion of the sufficiency of the action. The volatile oil is powerfully rubefacient, and capable of producing speedy vesication, but certainly is less controllable than is the mustard poultice. For external application as a rubefacient, 30 drops of the oil may be dissolved in a fluidounce of alcohol, or 6 or 8 drops in a fluidrachm of almond or olive oil. (See *Linimentum Sinapis Compositum.*) To form a *sinapism* it has been recommended to mix 20 drops of the volatile oil with 3·5 drachms of glycerin and 5 drachms of starch. It has been given internally in *colic*, two drops being incorporated with a six-ounce

mixture, and half a fluidounce (15 C.c.) given for a dose. In overdoses it is highly poisonous, producing gastro-enteric inflammation, and probably perverting the vital processes by pervading the whole system. Its odor is perceptible in the blood, and it is said to impart the smell of horse-radish to the urine. A *spirit of mustard* may be prepared by macerating, for two hours, 250 parts of powdered black mustard with 500 parts of cold water, then adding 120 parts of alcohol of 86 per cent., and distilling over 120 parts of spirit.

SODIUM. Br. Sodium.

(SŌ′DI-ŬM.)

"The metallic element sodium as met with in commerce. It should be preserved in well-stoppered bottles under mineral naphtha." *Br.*

Sodium, *Fr.;* Natrium, Natronmetall, *G.;* Sodio, *It., Sp.*

Sodium is a peculiar metal, forming the radical of the alkali soda. It was discovered by Sir H. Davy in 1807, who obtained it in small quantity by decomposing the alkali by the agency of galvanic electricity. It was afterwards procured in much larger quantities by Gay-Lussac and Thénard, by bringing the alkali in contact with iron turnings heated to whiteness. The iron became oxidized, and the metallic radical of the soda was liberated. Since the discovery of a mode for obtaining aluminum in bars, by Deville, in 1854, the process for procuring sodium, which is the decomposing agent, has been very much improved and cheapened. Sodium was formerly obtained on a large scale by igniting an intimate mixture of dry sodium carbonate, coal, and chalk. The amount of metal obtained by this method is, however, not over 40 per cent. of the theoretical result. A much improved process has been brought out in recent years by Castner (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1887, p. 174), in which an iron carbide, or a mixture of fine iron and coke, is used to reduce the caustic soda, according to the reaction $6NaOH + FeC_2 = 2Na_2CO_3 + 6H + Fe + 2Na$. The reduction of the sodium hydrate takes place at a temperature of about 800° C., and is carried out in steel crucibles, each of which holds 5·6 kilos of sodium hydrate and 1·97 kilos of carbide. The product of the reaction consists of about 4·85 kilos of sodium carbonate and 0·933 kilo of metallic sodium. This latter collects in a receiver connected with the top of the crucible, while the sodium carbonate is dissolved out from the residue and is causticized preparatory to being used again. Methods for the preparation of metallic sodium by electrolysis of the chloride or the hydrate have also been proposed in the last few years, and several of these seem to be capable of practical utilization, notably those of Grabau, which operates with the chloride, and that of Castner, which uses the solid hydrate.

Sodium is a soft, malleable, ductile solid, of a silver-white color. It possesses the metallic lustre in a high degree, when protected from the action of the air, by which it is quickly tarnished and oxidized. Its sp. gr. is 0·97, and its fusing point 95·6° C. (204° F.). Its chemical affinities resemble those of potassium, but are less energetic. Like potassium, it has a strong attraction for oxygen. When thrown upon cold water it instantly fuses into a globule without inflaming, and traverses the surface in different directions with rapidity; on warm water it inflames. In both cases the water is decomposed, hydrogen is liberated, and sodium hydrate generated. Like potassium also, if exposed with a bright surface to the air, it undergoes a slow combustion, which renders it luminous in the dark. It combines with oxygen to form the monoxide, Na_2O, and a peroxide, Na_2O_2. This latter oxide is always formed when the metal is burned in the open air.

Sodium is a constituent of a number of important medicinal preparations, and is briefly described in this place as an introduction to these compounds. Its monoxide only is salifiable, and reacts with water to form the alkali soda, which, united to acids, gives rise to a numerous class of compounds, called salts of soda. These are characterized by communicating to the blowpipe flame a rich yellow color, and by not being precipitable by any reagent except potassium metantimoniate. Sodium monoxide consists of two atoms of sodium and one atom of oxygen. This reacts with water to form sodium hydrate (caustic soda), $Na_2O + H_2O = (NaOH)_2$. It appears that the salts of sodium, long theoretically presumed to be isomorphous with those of lithium, have been proved to be so by a comparison of the crystals of the hyposulphites of the two alkalies. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 72.)

The official combinations containing sodium are caustic soda, sodium chloride, the solutions of soda and chlorinated soda, sodium acetate, arsenate, benzoate, bicarbonate, bisulphite, borate, bromide, carbonate, chlorate, hypophosphite, hyposulphite, iodide, nitrate, nitrite, phosphate, pyrophosphate, salicylate, sulphate, sulphite, and sulphocarbolate, and potassium and sodium

tartrate. The description of some of these combinations will immediately follow; and the remainder are commented on under their respective titles.

SODA. U. S. (Br.) Soda. [Sodium Hydrate. Sodium Hydroxide. Caustic Soda.]

NaOH; 39·96. (SŌ'DA.) NaOH; 40.

"Soda should be kept in well-stoppered bottles made of hard glass." *U. S.* "Hydrate of Sodium, NaHO, with some impurities." *Br.*

Soda Caustica, *Br.;* Caustic Soda, Hydrate of Soda; Natrum Causticum, s. Hydricum; Soude caustique, *Fr.;* Natron, Aetznatron, *G.*

"Take of Solution of Soda *two pints.* Boil down the solution rapidly, in a silver or clean iron vessel, until there remains a fluid of oily consistence, a drop of which when removed on a warmed glass rod solidifies on cooling. Pour the fluid on a clean silver or iron plate, or into moulds, and, as soon as it has solidified, break it in pieces, and preserve it in stoppered green-glass bottles." *Br.*

The Solution of Soda, being a solution of the caustic alkali, yields it on evaporation in the solid state. Metallic vessels are used in consequence of the chemical action of soda on earthenware or porcelain, and the product is directed to be kept in green-glass bottles because these resist its action better than those of white glass. Soda is usually poured into cylindrical moulds to harden, or allowed to solidify in mass, and broken into irregular fragments.

Soda is made commonly now on a large scale by simply modifying the Leblanc process (see *Sodii Carbonas*), so that more coal is added in the black-ash fusion, when carbonate is reduced to hydrate with the liberation of carbon monoxide by the action of the quick-lime, the reactions being $CaCO_3 + C = CaO + 2CO$ and $Na_2CO_3 + CaO + H_2O = 2NaOH + CaCO_3$. It is also made as the corresponding compound caustic potash is, by the decomposition of sodium carbonate in solution by quick-lime. (See *Liquor Sodæ.*) It may also be purified from carbonate, and from lime salts and other impurities, as the potassa is purified by treatment with alcohol, which dissolves the alkali, but leaves the salts insoluble. (See *Sodii Carbonas*, page 1240.) Chemically pure caustic soda can be made with commercial success from metallic sodium. The sodium is oxidized in water, using small pieces in succession, and keeping the temperature from rising too high. Caustic soda so obtained is free from sodium chloride and sulphate, and from alumina, silica, and ferric oxide. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 50.) Klas Lindroth obtains a soda containing a mere trace of carbonate and chloride by evaporating the solution of impure soda until it has a sp. gr. of 1·375, and allowing it to crystallize at a temperature of 17° F. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 106.) There is no doubt, moreover, that caustic soda can be manufactured to advantage by the electrolysis of solutions of common salt, and some of the recently proposed methods for this will be carried out successfully on a large scale. The importations of caustic soda were: 1890, 88,345,462 pounds; 1891, 68,154,226 pounds; 1892, 54,331,533 pounds.

It is officially described as "dry, white, translucent pencils, or fused masses, showing a crystalline fracture, odorless, and having an acrid and caustic taste. Great caution is necessary in tasting and handling it, as it rapidly destroys organic tissues. Exposed to the air, it rapidly deliquesces, absorbs carbon dioxide, and becomes covered with a dry coating of carbonate. Soluble in 1·7 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·8 part of boiling water; very soluble in alcohol. When heated to about 525° C. (977° F.), Soda melts to a clear, oily liquid, and at a bright red heat it is slowly volatilized unchanged. When introduced into a non-luminous flame, it imparts to it an intense, yellow color. A solution of Soda, even when greatly diluted, gives a strongly alkaline reaction with litmus paper. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should be perfectly clear and colorless (absence of *organic matter*), and, after being acidulated with acetic acid, separate portions of it should yield no precipitate on the addition of platinic chloride test-solution, or sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution, or excess of tartaric acid test-solution (limit of *potassium*). If 1 Gm. of Soda be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water and the solution slightly supersaturated with acetic acid, 10 C.c. of the solution should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *copper*, *lead*, etc.), nor by the subsequent addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). The remainder of the acidulated solution should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). If a solution of 1·2 Gm. of Soda in 10 C.c. of water be slightly supersaturated with nitric acid, then 0·5 C.c. of decinormal silver nitrate volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If to a solution of 2·5 Gm. of Soda

in 10 C.c. of water, strongly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution be added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 0·7 Gm. of Soda be dissolved in 1·5 C.c. of water, and the solution added to 10 C.c. of alcohol, not more than a slight, white precipitate should occur within 10 minutes (limit of *silicate*, etc.). After boiling this alcoholic solution with 5 C.c. of calcium hydrate test-solution and filtering, not the slightest effervescence should take place on adding the filtrate to an excess of diluted hydrochloric acid (limit of *carbonate*). If 0·2 Gm. of Soda be dissolved in 2 C.c. of water and carefully mixed with 5 C.c. of pure sulphuric acid and 3 drops of indigo test-solution, the blue color should not be entirely discharged (limit of *nitrate*). To neutralize 0·4 Gm. of Soda should require not less than 9 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 10 per cent. of pure sodium hydrate), phenolphtalein being used as indicator." *U. S.*

As prepared by the British process, caustic soda is in grayish-white fragments, opaque, brittle, and extremely corrosive. It is deliquescent, very soluble in water, soluble in alcohol, and possessed of all the alkaline properties of potassa, from which it differs in imparting a yellow color to flame, and in not giving in solution a yellow precipitate with platinic chloride or a crystalline precipitate with tartaric acid in excess. When heated it melts, and at an intense heat evaporates. Though deliquescent, like potassa, it does not, like that alkali, become permanently liquid, but forms a paste, which after a time effloresces. The difference in this respect between the two alkalies is owing to the circumstance that, while both are converted into carbonates by uniting with the carbonic acid of the air, potassa forms a deliquescent and soda an efflorescent salt. It is apt to contain 20 or 25 per cent. of water and impurities originating from the sodium carbonate used in preparing the solution from which it is made; and the presence of these is recognized by the Br. Pharmacopœia, when it states that the aqueous solution, acidulated with nitric acid, gives a scanty white precipitate with silver nitrate and barium chloride, indicating the existence of a chloride and sulphate or carbonate. According to the same authority, it leaves scarcely any sediment when dissolved in water, and 40 grains require for neutralization about 900 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*. The official volumetric assay permits the presence of 10 per cent. of impurities. (See *Potassa*.) If the solution be colored brown by hydrogen or ammonium sulphide, the presence of lead may be suspected, derived probably from the glass vessels in which it has been kept. It is used externally as a caustic in the same manner as potassa, when cast into sticks. It has the advantage of being less deliquescent, and is probably milder.* It may be used also for making the solution of soda extemporaneously. (See *Liquor Sodæ*.) For the general effects of soda upon the system, see *Sodii Carbonas*.

SODII ACETAS. U. S. Sodium Acetate.

$NaC_2H_3O_2.3H_2O$; 135·74. (SŌ'DI-Ī Ą-CĒ'TĂS.) $NaC_2H_3O_2.3H_2O$; 136.

"Sodium Acetate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Acetate of Soda; Natrum Aceticum, *P. G.;* Acetas Sodicus (Natricus), Terra Foliata Tartari Crystallisata, Terra Foliata Tartari; Acétate de Soude, *Fr.;* Essigsaures Natron, *G.;* Acetato di Soda, *It.*

Sodium acetate may be easily prepared by adding crystals of sodium carbonate to acetic acid until it is neutralized, filtering, concentrating the solution, and crystallizing. It is prepared in the large way in the manufacture of crude pyroligneous acid, for the purpose of being decomposed, so as to yield the official acetic acid, by the action of sulphuric acid. The steps of the process by which it is made from the crude acid have been given under *Acidum Aceticum*.

Properties. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, or a granular, crystalline powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline taste. Efflorescent in warm, dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·4 parts of water, and in 30 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 2 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated to 60° C. (140° F.), the salt begins to liquefy. At 123° C. (253·4° F.), it becomes dry and anhydrous; at 315° C. (599° F.), it is decomposed, with evolution of inflammable, empyreumatic vapors, leaving a

* *London Paste.* The formula used at the London Throat Hospital for preparing this caustic is as follows. Take of caustic soda and unslaked lime equal parts. Reduce to a fine powder in a warm mortar, and mix intimately. Keep in well-closed bottles, and when required for use take as much as is sufficient. It is recommended for destroying enlarged tonsils or the elongated uvula, where treatment with the "guillotine" or scissors is objected to. This preparation resembles the Vienna Paste, but is preferable in consequence of its being less liable to spread beyond the limits of application. Soda being used instead of potash, and water in place of alcohol, the operation is much less painful. (*N. R.*, Aug. 1878.)

black residue of sodium carbonate and carbon, which imparts to a non-luminous flame an intense, yellow color, gives an alkaline reaction with litmus paper, and effervesces with acids. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt colors litmus paper or test-solution blue, but does not redden phenolphtalein test-solution, unless carbonate be present. If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be heated with 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 0·5 C.c. of alcohol, acetic ether will be formed, recognizable by its odor. On the addition of a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution, the solution assumes a deep-red color, and, when boiled, yields a brown precipitate. If a non-luminous flame be colored by the introduction of the salt, and viewed through a blue glass, the yellow color should entirely disappear, no red color taking its place (absence of *potassium*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20), slightly acidulated with acetic acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, no color or turbidity should appear, either at once (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *zinc*, etc.), or after adding ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, etc.). The aqueous solution, acidulated with acetic acid, should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). If a solution of 1 Gm. of the salt in 50 C.c. of water be slightly acidulated with nitric acid, then 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If to a solution of 2 Gm. of the salt in 10 C.c. of water, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution be added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 1·36 Gm. of Sodium Acetate be completely decomposed at a red heat, and the residue dissolved in water, it should require, for complete neutralization, 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to 100 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* Sodium acetate, when crystallized, consists of one acetic acid radical, one atom of sodium, and 3 molecules of water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sodium acetate is diuretic, but is very rarely used as a medicine. The dose is from twenty grains to two drachms (1·3–7·8 Gm.). It is employed principally to yield acetic acid by the action of sulphuric acid. In prescribing this salt, the fact, first noticed by M. Violette, should not be forgotten, that a mixture of equal parts of it and potassium nitrate, if heated, explodes with great violence. (*N. R.*, April, 1873.)

SODII ARSENAS. U. S. (Br.) Sodium Arsenate.

$Na_2HAsO_4.7H_2O$; 311·46. (SŌ′DI-Ī ÄR′SĒ-NĀS.) $Na_2HAsO_4.7H_2O$; 311·9.

"Sodium Arsenate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Sodii Arsenias, *Br.*, also *U. S.* 1880; Natrum Arsenicum, Arsenias Natricus (Sodicus); Sodium Arseniate; Arseniate of Soda; Arséniate de Soude, *Fr.*; Arsensaures Natron, *G.*

"Take of Arsenious Acid *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitrate of Sodium, *eight ounces and a half* [av.]; Dried Carbonate of Sodium *five ounces and a half* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *thirty-five* [*fluid*]*ounces*. Reduce the dry ingredients separately to fine powder, and mix them thoroughly in a mortar. Put the mixture into a large clay crucible, and cover it with the lid. Expose the crucible to a full red heat, till all effervescence has ceased, and complete fusion has taken place. Pour out the fused salt on a clean flagstone, and as soon as it has solidified, and while it is still warm, put it into the boiling Water, stirring diligently. When the salt has dissolved, filter the solution through paper, and set it aside to crystallize. Drain the crystals, and having dried them rapidly by exposure on filtering paper, enclose them in stoppered bottles." *Br.*

The process for this salt was first made official by the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1864, and by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.* In the process, the arsenous acid is converted into arsenic acid at the expense of the nitric acid of the sodium nitrate, and then combines with the soda of both salts, carbonic acid and nitrous fumes being given off. The reaction seems to be as follows:

$$As_2O_3 + 2NaNO_3 + Na_2CO_3 + H_2O = (Na_2HAsO_4)_2 + N_2O_3 + CO_2.$$

According to Mr. Higgins, the gases emitted in this process contain more or less arsenic,—an

* "Take of Arsenious Acid, in fine powder, *two troyounces;* Nitrate of Sodium, in fine powder, *eight hundred and sixteen grains;* Dried Carbonate of Sodium, in fine powder, *five hundred and twenty-eight grains;* Distilled Water, boiling hot, *half a pint*. Having mixed the powders thoroughly, put the mixture into a large clay crucible, and cover with the lid. Expose it to a full red heat until effervescence has ceased, and complete fusion has taken place. Pour the fused salt on a porcelain slab, and, as soon as it has solidified, and while it is still warm, put it into the hot water, and stir until it is dissolved. Filter the solution, and set it aside to crystallize. Drain the crystals, and, having dried them rapidly on filtering paper, keep them in a well-stoppered bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

inconvenience which may be avoided by first dissolving the arsenous acid in a solution of caustic soda, and then adding the nitrate. The calcination should be performed in a reverberatory furnace. The gases which escape up the chimney are now free from arsenic, and consist only of ammonia and nitrous vapors. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 177.)

Properties. Sodium arsenate is in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, odorless, and having a mild, alkaline taste (the salt is very poisonous). Efflorescent in dry air, and somewhat deliquescent in moist air. Soluble in 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in boiling water; very sparingly soluble in cold, but soluble in 60 parts of boiling alcohol. When gently heated, the salt loses 5 molecules of water (28·8 per cent.), and is converted into a white powder. At 148° C. (298·4° F.) the rest of the water of crystallization is lost, the salt fuses, and at a red heat is converted into pyroarsenate. It imparts an intense, yellow color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt yields a white precipitate with barium chloride test-solution, or with calcium chloride test-solution, and a dark red precipitate with silver nitrate test-solution, all of which precipitates are soluble in nitric acid. If 0·5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be mixed with 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and a drop of this mixture be placed upon a bright piece of copper-foil, upon applying a gentle heat, a dark steel-gray film will be deposited from the drop upon the copper. If to 2 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) 5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution be added, and the precipitate redissolved by excess of ammonia water, no black precipitate of reduced silver should appear on boiling (absence of *arsenite*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution 1 C.c. of ammonium sulphide test-solution be added, no turbidity or coloration should appear (absence of *lead*, *copper*, *iron*, etc.)." *U. S.*

Anhydrous sodium arsenate has the composition Na_2HAsO_4; in crystals it sometimes contains 12 mols. of water, equal to 53·73 per cent. of its weight. According to the official formula, this salt also crystallizes with 7 mols. of water, or 40·39 per cent. "The latter salt loses 40·38 per cent. of its weight when dried at 300° F. (148°·9 C.), becoming anhydrous. An aqueous solution of 12·4 grains of anhydrous arseniate of sodium, acidulated with acetic acid, requires not less than 34 grains of acetate of lead for complete precipitation." *Br.* If the temperature of a solution of the salt be kept at 30° C. (86° F.), crystals will be deposited which contain 4 mols. of water. J. Lefort examined 10 different samples of the salt, obtained from as many different sources, and found their water of crystallization to vary from 44·05 to 57·45 per cent. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 1880, 487.)

In medical properties this salt agrees with the other preparations of arsenic (see *Acidum Arsenosum*), and may be employed for the same purposes. The dose of the crystallized salt is stated at from one-twelfth to one-third of a grain (0·005–0·02 Gm.); but it is generally prescribed in the form of solution. (See *Liquor Sodii Arsenatis.*) Arsenic has been used to a considerable extent hypodermically in the treatment of *chorea* and other nervous diseases, with alleged excellent results. The preparation used has commonly been Fowler's solution, but, according to the clinical studies of H. N. Moyer, sodium arsenate is preferable to Fowler's solution, as being more uniform in composition and less irritating. The drug should be kept for use in hypodermic tablets. Dr. Moyer gives from one-tenth to one-twentieth of a grain in from ten to fifteen minims of distilled water.

Pearson's arsenical solution is an aqueous solution of sodium arsenate, and much weaker than the official solution. (See Part II., *National Formulary.*) This preparation is considerably used on the continent of Europe in the form of bath, for which it is preferred to arsenous acid or the arsenites. The arsenical bath has been especially commended by M. Guéneau de Mussy in *nodose rheumatism*, or *rheumatic gout:* dose for a bath, from half a drachm to two or three drachms (1·95–7·8 or 11·65 Gm.). (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 270.)

SODII BENZOAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Benzoate.

$NaC_7H_5O_2$; 143·71. (SŌ′DI-Ī BĔN′ZŌ-ĂS.) $NaC_7H_5O_2$; 144.

"This salt may be obtained by neutralizing benzoic acid with solution of carbonate of sodium and evaporating to dryness." *Br.*

Sodæ Benzoas; Benzoate of Soda.

Sodium benzoate is easily made by adding benzoic acid to a concentrated hot solution of sodium carbonate or bicarbonate until effervescence ceases, and allowing the solution to cool and crystallize. R. Rother, in order to avoid annoyances in the effervescence, mixes four ounces of benzoic acid and two and three-quarter ounces of sodium bicarbonate in an evaporating-dish

with from two to four fluidounces of alcohol; when a uniform mixture is produced, from three to six fluidounces of water are added, heat applied gently, and the powder granulated.

Properties. It is officially described as "a white, amorphous powder, odorless, or having a faint odor of benzoin, and a sweetish, astringent taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·8 parts of water, and in 45 parts of alcohol; in 1·3 parts of boiling water, and in 20 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated, the salt melts, emits vapors having the odor of benzoic acid, then chars, and finally leaves a residue of sodium carbonate and carbon. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. If a few drops of ferric chloride test-solution be added to an aqueous solution of the salt, a flesh-colored precipitate will be deposited. If 5 C.c. of diluted nitric acid be added to a solution of 1 Gm. of the salt in 10 C.c. of water, a white precipitate of benzoic acid will be produced, which, after being thoroughly washed, should conform to the tests of purity given under *Acidum Benzoicum*. The filtrate from the precipitated benzoic acid should not be rendered turbid by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). Five C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not give a precipitate with 0·5 C.c. of sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, no coloration or turbidity should be perceptible either before or after the addition of 1 C.c. of ammonia water (absence of *lead*, *iron*, etc.). If 2 Gm. of Sodium Benzoate be ignited in a porcelain capsule until most of the carbonaceous matter is destroyed, and the residue be then dissolved in 20 C.c. of water, it should require for complete neutralization not less than 13·9 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 99·8 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. This salt was suggested as long ago as 1857, by MM. Socquet and Bonjean, as a remedy in *gout* and *rheumatism*, and is certainly valuable in *lithæmia* and *lithæmic gravel* for the purpose of aiding in the elimination of uric acid. It has also been highly commended in *puerperal fever*, and in *tuberculosis*.* (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, ii. 1879, 498, 982.) From one to two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.) may be given, in divided doses, during the day.

SODII BICARBONAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Bicarbonate.

$NaHCO_3$; 83·85. (SŌ′DI-Ī BĪ-CÄR′BO-NĂS.) $NaHCO_3$; 84.

"A salt obtained by saturating carbonate of sodium with carbonic acid, or by reaction of chloride of sodium and bicarbonate of ammonium." *Br.*

Natrum Bicarbonicum, *P. G.;* Natrum Carbonicum Acidulum; Bicarbonas Sodicus; Bicarbonate of Soda, Sodium Hydrocarbonate, Acid Sodium Carbonate; Bicarbonate de Soude, Sel digestive de Vichy, *Fr.;* Doppeltkohlensaures Natron, *G.*

Two kinds of sodium bicarbonate were formerly official,—one, which is known by the title of this article, and which, to comply with the test, must not have more than one per cent. of impurity, and the other, "commercial bicarbonate," which must contain at least 95 per cent. of pure bicarbonate. To obtain a salt which would comply with the official test it was necessary to purify the commercial salt, and the process of the U. S. Pharm. 1870 will be found as serviceable as any to accomplish this purpose.† The U. S. Pharm. 1890 recognizes only the purer salt, having dismissed "Sodii Bicarbonas Venalis." Sodium bicarbonate must now contain 98·6 per cent. of the pure salt.

Immense quantities of sodium bicarbonate were formerly imported from Great Britain, but the importation has fallen off, and is only trifling at present. In 1889, 1,124,065 lbs. were imported; in 1890, 916,355 lbs.; in 1891, 1,500,663 lbs. Twenty years ago the amount was 20,000,000 lbs. It is now made of excellent quality by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., at Natrona, Pa., and at Greenwich Point, Philadelphia, and by the Solvay Process Co., of Geddes, near Syracuse, N.Y. (See *Sodii Carbonas.*) In the Pharmacopœia of 1886 a process for making sodium bicarbonate was given, but it has since been abandoned, as the salt can be made much more economically on the large scale. The process consists in treating crystallized

* *Sodium Baro-benzoate.* According to Mr. Thos. S. Wiegand, this salt may be made by adding benzoic acid to a hot solution of borax to saturation and evaporating to dryness; or by making an aqueous solution of three ounces of borax and another with four ounces of sodium benzoate, mixing, and evaporating to dryness, the yield is about six ounces. The dose is from twelve to fifteen grains. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 615.)

† "Take of Commercial Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *sixty-four troyounces;* Distilled Water, *six pints.* Introduce the powder into a suitable conical glass percolator, cover it with a piece of wet muslin, and pour the Water gradually upon it. When the liquid has ceased to drop, or when the washings cease to precipitate a solution of sulphate of magnesium, remove the Bicarbonate of Sodium from the percolator, and dry it on bibulous paper, in a warm place." *U. S.* 1870.

sodium carbonate, contained in suitable chambers, with carbon dioxide gas until the carbonate has taken up another molecule of carbon dioxide. It is formed by the union of neutral carbonate, Na_2CO_3, with carbon dioxide gas, CO_2, in the presence of water, H_2O, according to the following reaction: $Na_2CO_3 + CO_2 + H_2O = (HNaCO_3)_2$; two molecules of the bicarbonate being generated. The necessary water is obtained through the liberation of the water of crystallization of the carbonate; in fact, provision has to be made for the escape of the excess by placing the crystals upon perforated bottoms.

We are informed that sodium bicarbonate is also prepared in breweries, in the same manner as potassium bicarbonate or saleratus, by placing the carbonate in suitable vessels over the fermenting beer in the vats, so as to be constantly immersed in an atmosphere of carbonic acid. It is sold under the same name as the analogous salt of potassa, but is usually distinguished as *soda sal aëratus.*

Properties. The purified bicarbonate is officially described as "a white, opaque powder, odorless, and having a cooling, mildly alkaline taste. Permanent in dry, but slowly decomposed in moist air. Soluble in 11·3 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.); above that temperature the solution loses carbon dioxide, and at a boiling heat the salt is entirely converted into normal carbonate. Insoluble in alcohol and in ether. When heated, the salt is decomposed into normal carbonate, water, and carbon dioxide, and finally, at 100° C. (212° F.), loses about 36·3 per cent. of its weight. At a bright red heat it melts. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The solution, when freshly prepared with cold, distilled water, without shaking, gives a very faint alkaline reaction with litmus paper. The alkalinity increases by standing, agitation, or increase of temperature. With acids the solution effervesces strongly. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 19 C.c. of water, it should yield a perfectly clear and colorless solution, leaving no residue. If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be slightly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, the liquid should not be colored red by a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphocyanate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 3 C.c. of acetic acid, it should yield no precipitate within an hour after being mixed with 0·5 C.c. of sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*). If 0·6 Gm. of the salt be dissolved, without agitation, in 10 C.c. of cold water, and 0·1 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid added, no red color should appear upon the addition of 2 drops of phenolphtalein test-solution (limit of *normal carbonate*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be slightly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, the solution should not be rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either at once (absence of *arsenic*, etc.), or after the addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). Five C.c. of the aqueous solution, acidulated with acetic acid, should not be rendered turbid by 0·5 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). If 1·2 Gm. of Sodium Bicarbonate be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, then 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 2·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 11 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, then 0·1 C.c. of nitric acid and 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*, *sulphite*, and *hyposulphite*). If Sodium Bicarbonate be heated in a test-tube, no *ammoniacal* vapor should be emitted. To neutralize 0·85 Gm. of Sodium Bicarbonate should require not less than 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 98·6 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* "Twenty grains neutralize 16·7 grains of citric acid, or 17·8 grains of tartaric acid. Eighty-four grains, exposed to a red heat, leave 53 of an alkaline residue, which require for neutralization 1000 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid.*" *Br.* This is almost the precise proportion of sodium carbonate which two mols. of the bicarbonate should yield when deprived of water and half its carbon dioxide, according to the reaction $2NaHCO_3 = Na_2CO_3 + H_2O + CO_2$. But the article furnished by the manufacturers very rarely comes up to the requirements of the Pharmacopœias. The presence of carbonate may be known by a decided alkaline taste and reaction, by a cold solution of the salt yielding a precipitate with magnesium sulphate, and by a solution in 40 parts of water affording, without agitation, an orange-colored or reddish-brown precipitate with corrosive sublimate. The pure bicarbonate is not precipitated by platinic chloride, nor, when treated with nitric acid in excess, by barium chloride or silver nitrate. The non-action of these tests shows the absence of salts of potassa, and of sulphates and chlorides.

When the solution is exposed to heat, the salt gradually parts with carbonic acid, and, at the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), is converted into sesquicarbonate. At a red heat the second equivalent of carbonic acid is expelled, and the anhydrous carbonate is left. More or less sodium carbonate is always present in the commercial bicarbonate. Its presence may be known by a decided alkaline taste and reaction, and by a cold solution of the salt yielding a precipitate with magnesium sulphate. The pure bicarbonate is not precipitated by platinic chloride. The incompatibles of this salt are the same as those of the carbonate, except magnesium sulphate in the cold, which decomposes the carbonate, but not the bicarbonate.

Sodium hyposulphite has been detected in small amount in European sodium bicarbonate by E. Mylius, who supersaturated the suspected bicarbonate in solution with sulphuric acid, and added a little pure zinc, when the odor of hydrogen sulphide was produced. A slight trace of arsenic was also discovered in the sodium bicarbonate. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 598.) Prof. F. B. Power subsequently examined samples of American bicarbonate, and found them all free from hyposulphite and arsenic: he detected, however, traces of chlorides, ammonia, and monocarbonate in the commercial salt. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1887, p. 35.) Mr. E. Kuhlmann recommends rosolic acid as the best test for detecting monocarbonate: if a small fragment be placed in a solution of sodium bicarbonate, the liquid remains perfectly colorless even after a quarter of an hour if the salt be pure; but if it contain from one to four per cent. of monocarbonate a rose-red color will be produced after a few moments, and *immediately* in the presence of larger quantities, rapidly changing them to purple-red. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 72.)

Medical Properties. This salt has the general medical properties of the carbonate, but, from its mild taste and its less irritating qualities, proves more acceptable to the palate and stomach. It is often resorted to in *calculous cases* characterized by excess of uric acid. The continued use of the carbonate in these cases is liable to induce phosphatic deposit after the removal of the uric acid. According to D'Arcet, who made the observation at the springs of Vichy, this objection does not apply to the bicarbonate, especially when taken in carbonic acid water; for this salt, by its superabundant acid, has the power of maintaining the phosphates in solution even after the alkali has caused the uric acid to disappear. The same remark is applicable to potassium bicarbonate. Sodium bicarbonate has been given in *infantile croup*, with apparent advantage in promoting the expulsion of the false membrane, in the dose of a grain every five minutes, dissolved in milk and water. Dr. Lemaire has proposed it as an antiphlogistic remedy in the treatment of *pneumonia*, *membranous angina*, and *croup*, supposing it to act on the principle of removing from the blood the excess of fibrin which exists in that liquid in inflammation. Its utility in membranous angina has been confirmed by M. Marchal (de Calvi). According to M. Jeannel, the use of sodium bicarbonate lessens the sugar in the urine of diabetic patients. The dose for an adult is from ten grains to a drachm (0·65–3·9 Gm.), and is taken most conveniently in a glass of carbonic acid water. When given in angina, fifteen grains (1 Gm.) may be administered every half-hour in a tablespoonful of water.

SODII BISULPHIS. U. S. Sodium Bisulphite.

$NaHSO_3$; 103·86. (SŌ'DI-Ī BĪ-SŬL'PHIS.) $NaHSO_3$; 104.

"Sodium Bisulphite should be kept in a cool place, in small, well-stoppered bottles, filled as full as possible." *U. S.*

Sodium bisulphite is prepared by thoroughly saturating a concentrated solution of sodium carbonate or bicarbonate with sulphurous acid gas, and collecting the crystals which form upon the cooling of the liquid. As found in commerce, it usually contains sodium hyposulphite and sulphate, is not reliable, and will not respond to the official tests: even when kept in well-stopped bottles it will readily lose its crystalline character, and the quantity of sulphurous acid gradually diminishes. The bisulphite, under the technical name of *leucogen*, is largely used in many industries. It serves as bleaching agent in washing wool, and is also used in the steeping of grain, and in preserving meats and vegetable juices, because of its reducing and anti-fermentative character.

Properties. It is officially described as in "opaque, prismatic crystals, or a granular powder, exhaling an odor of sulphur dioxide, and having a disagreeable, sulphurous taste. Exposed to the air, the salt loses sulphur dioxide, and is gradually oxidized to sulphate. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 4 parts of water, and in 72 parts of alcohol; in about 2 parts of boiling water, and in 49 parts of boiling alcohol. When strongly heated, the salt decrepitates, emits vapors of sulphur and of sulphur dioxide, and leaves a residue of sodium sulphate. To

a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution gives an acid reaction with litmus paper. On the addition of hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, the aqueous solution of the salt evolves sulphur dioxide, which is recognized by its odor, and by its blackening a strip of paper dipped into mercurous nitrate test-solution and held over the escaping gas. If 1·2 Gm. of Sodium Bisulphite be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, and the solution heated sufficiently to expel the gases, then 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 2·5 Gm. of Sodium Bisulphite be dissolved in 11 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid with the aid of sufficient heat to expel the sulphur dioxide, the solution should not be turbid (absence of *hyposulphite*). After adding to it 0·15 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution, and removing the precipitate, if any, by filtration, a portion of the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If to 5 C.c. of the preceding filtrate an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, no turbidity or coloration should occur (absence of *arsenic*, etc.). If 0·26 Gm. of Sodium Bisulphite be dissolved in 20 C.c. of water, recently boiled to expel air, and a little starch test-solution be added, at least 45 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution should be required to produce a permanent blue tint after agitation (corresponding to at least 90 per cent. of pure Sodium Bisulphite)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties are those of the sulphites generally. (See *Sodii Sulphis.*)

SODII BORAS. U. S. (Br.) Sodium Borate. [Borax.]

$Na_2B_4O_7.10H_2O$; 380·92. (SŌ'DI-Ī BŌ'RĂS.) $Na_2B_4O_7.10H_2O$; 382.

"A native salt. It is also made artificially by boiling together, in proper proportions, boric acid and carbonate of sodium." *Br.*

Borax, *Br., P. G.;* Sodæ Biboras, Biborate of Soda, Pyroborate of Sodium; Natrum Biboricum (Biboracicum), Boras Sodicus; Borate de Soude, Borax, *Fr.;* Borax, Borsaures Natron, *G.;* Borace, *It.;* Borax, *Sp.;* Boorak, *Arab.*

Borax was known to the ancients; but its chemical nature was first ascertained by Geoffroy in 1732. It exists native, and may be obtained by artificial means. It occurs in several localities in Europe, in Peru, and in beds, associated with calcium borate, in the district of Iquique, in the republic of Ecuador. This mineral (*boronatrocalcite*), which has become an article of commerce, and is considerably used as a substitute for borax, contains, according to T. L. Phipson, 34 per cent. of water, 11·95 of soda, 14·45 of lime, 34·71 of boric acid, 1·34 of chlorine, 1·10 of sulphuric acid, 0·60 of silica, and 2 of sand, and may be considered as a compound essentially of one mol. of crystallized sodium borate and two mols. of calcium borate, with two mols. of water. It is said also to contain usually some iodine and bromine. (*G. Sims.*) Borax is found abundantly in certain lakes of Thibet and Persia, from which it is obtained by spontaneous evaporation. The impure borax called in commerce *tincal*, or *crude borax*, concretes on the borders of these lakes. As thus procured, it is in the form of crystalline masses which are sometimes colorless, sometimes yellowish or greenish, and always covered with an earthy coating, greasy to the touch, and having the odor of soap. The greasy appearance is derived from a fatty matter saponified by soda. The tincal is transferred to the sea-ports of India, especially Calcutta, from which it is exported to this country in chests. Besides Indian tincal, there is another commercial variety of borax which comes from China, and which is partially refined. Both varieties require to be purified before being used in medicine or in the arts.

An abundant source of borax has been developed within the limits of the United States. The existence of a borax lake in California was first made known by Dr. J. A. Veatch, who visited it in September, 1856, and, upon examining its waters, found borax among its constituents. The borax lake is a small offset of a large sheet of water, called Clear Lake, which is situated in the midst of a volcanic region, about 36 miles from the Pacific, and about 100 miles north of San Francisco. The smaller lake is separated from the larger by a low ridge of volcanic materials loosely massed together. It is of variable dimensions according to the season, being sometimes dry, at other times filled with water to the extent of about a mile in length and half a mile in breadth. In September, 1863, the water, being analyzed by Dr. G. E. Moore, was found to contain in a gallon 2401·56 grains of solid matter, of which about one-half was common salt, one-quarter sodium carbonate, and the remainder chiefly sodium borate, equivalent to 535·08 grains of the crystallized biborate to the gallon. The borax, being the least

soluble of the saline constituents, from time to time, as the water becomes saturated, crystallizes out, and is deposited at the bottom of the lake, where it has accumulated in large quantities. The crystals of borax, from the minutest speck up to a diameter of two or three inches, intermixed with blue mud, form a layer at the bottom of the lake of variable thickness,—18 inches in one place that was examined. This deposit forms an apparently inexhaustible supply of borax, for as fast as removed in one place it is deposited in another by crystallization from the water, which, supplied from the volcanic regions around, promises to continue furnishing the borax for an indefinite period. Already the lake has supplied large quantities of borax to commerce. Iron coffer-dams are sunk to the bottom of the lake, the water pumped out, and the mixed mud and crystals removed. The crystals are picked out, and the earth, which is strongly impregnated with borax, is lixiviated, and the solution thus obtained evaporated in boilers till crystals form. In 1868 operations practically ceased at Borax Lake, but were continued at the neighboring Hachinhama Lake until 1873. At present the supply of American borax comes from the more easily worked deposits in the sandy deserts about Death Valley, southeast of Pyramid Lake, in Nevada, in the Slate Range district, San Bernardino Co., and the Saline Valley, Inyo Co., California. In order to reduce as much as possible the cost of transportation, the boraxes of the Pacific coast are made usually of high quality, and the so-called "boracic acid glass," one pound of which is equal to three pounds of ordinary borax, is prepared. For an interesting description of the Slate Range district, see *Chem. News*, 1886, p. 245. The annual production of borax on the Pacific coast during the last few years has been as follows: 1890, 11,889,828 pounds; 1891, 11,830,000 pounds; 1892, 14,243,099 pounds. Of the production for 1892, California is credited with 11,596,574 pounds, and Nevada with 2,646,525 pounds.

Purification. The method of refining borax was originally possessed as a secret by the Venetians and Dutch, but is now practised in several European countries. The process pursued in France, as reported by Robiquet and Marchand, is as follows. The tincal is placed in a large wooden vessel, and covered to the depth of three or four inches with water, in which state it is allowed to remain for five or six hours, being agitated from time to time. Slaked lime is then added, in the proportion of 1 part to 400 of the impure salt, and the whole, being thoroughly mixed, is allowed to remain at rest till the succeeding day. The salt is next separated by means of a sieve, the crystals being crumbled between the hands and placed so as to drain. The object of this treatment is to separate the soapy matter, with which the lime forms an insoluble soap; and at the same time sodium sulphate and chloride are removed, with only a minute loss of the borax. The borax being drained is next dissolved, by the assistance of heat, in two and a half times its weight of water, and the solution treated with one-fiftieth of its weight of calcium chloride, in order to complete the separation of the soapy matter; after which it is strained through a coarse bag. The liquor is then concentrated by heat, and run into wooden vessels, lined with lead, having the shape of an inverted quadrangular pyramid. If care be taken that the cooling proceed very gradually, distinct crystals will be obtained, such as are found in commerce; otherwise crystalline crusts will be formed. The Chinese borax is purified in a similar manner, but, being less impure than the common tincal, does not require to be washed.

Preparation of Artificial Borax. Large quantities of borax are now made for the European market by the direct combination of *native boric acid* with soda. The acid is found abundantly in the crater of Vulcano, one of the Lipari Islands, but principally in a volcanic region of Tuscany occupying a space of ten or twelve miles. Within this region are found numerous hillocks and fissures, the latter of which emit hot aqueous vapor containing boric acid and certain gases. Around one or several of these fissures a circular basin of masonry is built, which is filled with water and called a lagoon. By the jets of vapor constantly breaking through it, the water becomes gradually impregnated with boric acid and heated. A series of such lagoons are made to communicate with each other on the declivity of a hill, and the lowest to discharge itself into a reservoir, where the solution is allowed to rest and deposit mechanical impurities. From this reservoir the solution is made to pass into leaden evaporating-pans, heated by the natural vapor, where it receives sufficient concentration to fit it for being conducted into wooden tubs, where it is allowed to cool and crystallize. The crude acid, thus obtained, contains, on an average, 84 per cent. of boric acid, the impurities consisting chiefly of alum, the double ammonium and magnesium sulphate, and calcium sulphate. The seven works in the neighborhood of Castelnuovo in Tuscany, belonging to Count Larderel, were producing, in 1878, over 3 millions of kilogrammes. Vulcano yielded 4000 kilogrammes of boric acid yearly. The crude acid is converted into borax by dissolving it to saturation in a solution

of sodium carbonate, heated by steam; and the liquor, after boiling, is allowed to stand for ten or twelve hours. It is then drawn off into wooden vessels lined with lead, where it crystallizes. The impure crystals thus obtained are refined by dissolving them in water heated by steam, adding sodium carbonate to the solution, and crystallizing. The merit of introducing the process for obtaining artificial borax belongs to Cartier and Payen, who succeeded in establishing its manufacture in France. According to Dr. Veatch, boric acid exists in the sea-water on the coast of California.

Another method of neutralizing the Italian boric acid is practised in England. Instead of combining the acid and alkali in solution, the manufacturer mixes the acid in a solid state with a proper proportion of soda ash, and exposes the mixture to the heat of a reverberatory furnace, provision being made for the collection of a large quantity of ammonia, which is always present in the crude acid and escapes during the process. The remaining operations are similar to those performed in the preparation of sodium carbonate from the cake. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 339.)

Properties. Borax is a white salt, occurring in " colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, or a white powder, inodorous, and having a sweetish, alkaline taste. Slightly efflorescent in warm, dry air. Soluble in 16 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·5 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. At 80° C. (176° F.) it is soluble in 1 part of glycerin. When heated, the salt at first loses part of its water, then melts, and, when further heated, swells up and forms a white, porous mass. At a red heat it loses all its water of crystallization (47·14 per cent.), and fuses to a colorless glass. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) colors red litmus paper blue, and yellow turmeric paper reddish-brown. After being acidulated with hydrochloric acid, the solution colors blue litmus paper red; yellow turmeric paper remains unchanged at first, but, on drying, becomes brownish-red, and this color is temporarily changed to bluish-black by moistening with ammonia water. If a drop of the solution of the salt in glycerin be held in the flame, a transient bright green color will appear. If a slight excess of sulphuric acid be added to a hot, saturated, aqueous solution of the salt, shining, scaly crystals of boric acid will separate on cooling, which impart a green color to the flame of alcohol. With 19 C.c. of water, 1 Gm. of the salt should yield a perfectly clear and colorless solution, leaving no residue. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not effervesce with acids (absence of *carbonate*). It should not be rendered turbid by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.); nor, after being acidulated with hydrochloric acid, by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). When acidulated with acetic acid, the solution should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be rendered turbid by magnesia mixture (absence of *phosphate*). If 0·48 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 15 C.c. of water, then 1 C.c. of diluted nitric acid and 0·2 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 2·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 50 C.c. of water, then 10 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid and 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 20 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid by the aid of heat, and 3 drops of indigo test-solution be added, the blue color should not be discharged (absence of *nitrate*)." *U. S.* Above a red heat it melts into a limpid liquid, which, after cooling, concretes into a transparent solid, called *glass of borax*, much used as a flux in assays with the blowpipe. Borax has been found in the English market adulterated to the extent of 20 per cent. with sodium phosphate. This may be detected by exposing the suspected borax to the heat of a drying-room for a few hours, when the phosphate, if present, will effloresce, and may be picked out. Among the uses for commercial borax may be enumerated its utilization as a flux in metallurgical operations. It is the basis of the enamel so much applied to iron utensils, glazed brick, and much china, earthen-ware, and tiling. It is employed in the laundry with starch to impart a gloss to linen. The meat-packers of the United States use over 1000 tons yearly as an antiseptic, while its wide-spread use in soaps and toilet preparations is well known.

Borax has the property of rendering cream of tartar very soluble in water, and forms a combination with it called *soluble cream of tartar*, which is sometimes used in medicine. This preparation attracts moisture from the air, and is soluble in its own weight of cold and half its weight of boiling water. (See *Potassii Bitartras.*) R. F. Fairthorne states that borax is

more soluble in water if sugar has been added to it. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1881.) Soluble cream of tartar may be made by substituting boric acid for the borax. *Boric acid soluble cream of tartar* was directed by the French Codex of 1837, and was made by the following formula. Four hundred parts of cream of tartar and 100 of the acid are dissolved in a silver basin, at the boiling temperature, in 2400 parts of water. The solution is kept boiling until the greater part of the water is consumed. The fire is then moderated, and the solution continually stirred while the evaporation proceeds. When the matter has become very thick, it is removed by portions, which are flattened in the hand, completely dried by the heat of a stove, powdered, and kept in well-stopped bottles. This form of soluble cream of tartar is more soluble than that made with borax. According to M. E. Robiquet, in order to obtain soluble cream of tartar, made with boric acid, of good quality, it is necessary to use a large quantity of water, and to boil for a long time. By proceeding thus, the boric acid undergoes a molecular modification, equivalent to a change from the crystallized to the vitreous condition, and a preparation readily and totally soluble in cold water is insured. The product should not be powdered, but kept in large grains. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxi. 197.) Borax is incompatible with the alkaloids; in warm solution it decomposes chloral.

Composition. Borax has the formula $Na_2B_4O_7 + 10H_2O$. It ordinarily crystallizes in prisms, and contains ten mols. of water (*prismatic borax*); but a variety of the salt exists which crystallizes in octohedrons, and contains only five mols. of water (*octohedral borax*). The latter is obtained in the artificial production of borax, by crystallizing from a concentrated solution at a temperature between 60° and 80° C. (140° and 176° F.). When a solution of borax is evaporated at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt is left as a transparent, amorphous, brittle mass, containing four mols. of water. (*Schweitzer.*)

Boric acid may be obtained artificially by decomposing a hot saturated solution of borax with sulphuric acid, which unites with the soda to form sodium sulphate and sets free the acid. As thus obtained it is in white, shining, scaly crystals, characterized by the property of imparting a light-green color to the flame of burning alcohol. Boric acid has the formula H_3BO_3, and is now official. (See *Acidum Boricum.*) *Boron* is a non-metallic element, which, like carbon, exists in three allotropic states, called amorphous, graphitoidal, and crystallized boron, representing severally charcoal, graphite, and diamond. Crystallized boron is very brilliant, and of different colors, from garnet-red to a nearly colorless honey-yellow. Its density is 2·68, and its hardness very great. Wöhler and Deville distinguished three varieties of crystals, containing from 2 to 4 per cent. of carbon; and one specimen, in addition to carbon, about 7 per cent. of aluminum. The hardest variety was as hard as diamond. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, 1857.)

Medical Properties. The actions of borax and of boric acid upon the animal system are identical. The effects of the drug are, however, very feeble, Cyon having found that in daily doses of three drachms borax exerts no perceptible influence upon the dog. Nevertheless, in sufficient amount it is a depressing poison, having an influence upon the heart as well as upon the spinal centres, and a number of instances of poisoning from it have been reported. The symptoms have varied somewhat, but in most if not all of the cases there have been great depression of spirits, fall of bodily temperature, a very feeble pulse,—rapid or slow,—and an erythematous eruption accompanied with much swelling of the parts, and especially affecting the lower extremities, and followed by exfoliation; nausea, violent vomiting, and hiccough have been present in some cases; ecchymoses have been noted; the mind usually remains clear until late in the poisoning, but death has been preceded by coma, with disturbances of the respiration, and involuntary discharges.

Borax has been used internally in *dysmenorrhœa*, and as an oxytocic for a supposed specific influence upon the uterus, and has also been employed in a *uric acid diathesis*. Again, it has been highly commended in *epilepsy*, but in a careful test made on a large scale in the epileptic wards of the Philadelphia Hospital by Dr. H. C. Wood it was found to have little or no influence on that disorder. The internal dose is from thirty to forty grains (1·95–2·6 Gm.).

Borax is a germicide of moderate power. According to the experiments of Sternberg, it is more efficient in preventing putrefaction than in destroying the organisms of disease. Dr. Walb found that a five-per-cent solution of it would keep fibrin perfectly fresh for nineteen days. It has been used to a considerable extent in antiseptic surgery, and, being free, or nearly so, from irritating properties, may be applied in powder or in strong solution to *wounds*, *ulcers*, *abscesses*, etc. Wounds dressed in a dry manner with a lint which has been prepared by pre-

viously wetting with a hot saturated solution of borax and drying, are said to do extremely well. Its chief value in practical medicine grows out of its peculiar detergent, mildly stimulant, or alterative action upon mucous membranes. In *aphthous ulceration*, *diphtheria*, and other *inflammations of the mouth*, crystals of it may be allowed to dissolve slowly in the mouth. Professor Bouchut has highly recommended, in *infantile diarrhœa*, enemas made by dissolving from two to five drachms of borax in two fluidounces of water. Washing out the bladder with a saturated solution of boric acid or borax is most efficacious in *subacute* and *chronic cystitis*. The same solution has also been found very useful in *inflammations of the urethra and vagina*, especially when there is pruritic irritation, and even in *scaly diseases of the skin*. A solution in distilled water, from five to ten grains to an ounce, is often of great service in *conjunctivitis*. Borax should not be prescribed in dilute solution mixed with glycerin, as a reaction occurs, the liquid becoming acid to test-paper.

SODII BROMIDUM. U. S., Br. Sodium Bromide.

NaBr; 102·76. (SŌ′DI-Ī BRŌ′MI-DŬM.) NaBr; 102·8.

"This salt may be obtained by the process described in connection with bromide of potassium, solution of soda being used in place of solution of potash, and crystallization being conducted from warm solutions." *Br.*

"Sodium Bromide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This salt contains a larger proportion of bromine than does potassium bromide, on account of the lower atomic weight of sodium, sodium bromide containing 77·62 per cent. of bromine, whilst potassium bromide contains 67·13 per cent. It is a trifle more soluble in water and alcohol. It may be made by the same process that is employed for potassium bromide, substituting sodium carbonate for potassium carbonate. According to M. Castelhaz, it is best made by transforming bromine into ammonium bromide, separating any iodine present as iodide by crystallization from the mother-waters, and decomposing the ammonium bromide with sodium carbonate. The solution should be evaporated by heating carefully. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 509.)

Properties. It occurs in "colorless or white, cubical crystals, or a white, granular powder, odorless, and having a saline, slightly bitter taste. From air the salt attracts moisture without deliquescing. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·2 parts of water, and in 13 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in 11 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated to a bright red heat, the salt melts, and, at a somewhat higher temperature, slowly volatilizes without decomposition. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral, or at most very feebly alkaline, to litmus paper. If a few drops of chloroform be poured into 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20), then 1 C.c. of chlorine water added, and the mixture agitated, the liberated bromine will dissolve in the chloroform, imparting to it a yellow or brownish-yellow color, without a violet tint. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should be clear and colorless, and should not be rendered turbid by sodium bitartrate test-solution, nor by sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution (limit of *potassium*); nor by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*); nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If the aqueous solution be slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, it should not be rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either at once (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.), or after adding ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). If diluted sulphuric acid be dropped upon some of the powdered salt, no yellow color should appear at once (absence of *bromate*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, and then 0·5 C.c. of chlorine water added, no blue color should appear (absence of *iodine*). If 1 Gm. of the powdered salt be kept for twenty minutes at the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.), or slightly above it, it should not lose more than 0·03 Gm. in weight (limit of *moisture*). If 0·3 Gm. of the well-dried salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should not require more than 29·8 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 97·29 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* "Ten grains of the dry salt requires for complete decomposition about 960 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of nitrate of silver*." *Br.*

Medical Properties. The medical properties of sodium bromide are similar to those of potassium bromide, except that the sodium salt is less powerful and much less depressant to the circulation. Dose, from one-half drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.).

SODII CARBONAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Carbonate.

$Na_2CO_3.10H_2O$; 285·45. (SŌ'DI-Ī CĂR'BO-NĂS.) $Na_2CO_3.10H_2O$; 143.

"This salt is commonly obtained from chloride of sodium, either by reaction with bicarbonate of ammonium and subsequent ignition, or by conversion into sulphate and action of heat on a mixture of the sulphate with carbon and carbonate of sodium." *Br.*

Carbonate of Soda, Sal Soda, Washing Soda; Natrum Carbonicum Crudum, *P. G.;* Carbonas Sodicus, Sal Sodæ; Carbonate de Soude, *Fr.;* Einfach Kohlensaures Natron, Kohlensaures Natron, Soda, *G.;* Carbonato di Soda, *It.;* Carbonato de Soda, *Sp.*

Before entering upon the consideration of sodium carbonate, we shall speak generally of the sources of the alkali soda. These may be divided into the natural and the artificial. The natural sources are the minerals of native soda, and certain marine plants which yield the alkali in their ashes; the artificial are certain salts which furnish it by chemical decomposition.

Native soda, sometimes called *natron*, is found chiefly in Hungary, Egypt, and South America, and exists in these countries either in the surface earth, which often exhibits a saline efflorescence, or in solution in small lakes, from which it is extracted by taking advantage of the drying up of the water during the heats of summer. The native soda from Egypt, called *trona*, is a *sesquicarbonate;* that from South America is less carbonated. Of these sources, the only one which retains any importance at the present day is Egyptian trona, of which some 5000 tons are annually shipped from Alexandria. Native soda, in the form of sesquicarbonate, has been found in a soda lake in the territory of the Nizam, in Hindostan. Dr. Barth, in his *Travels in Africa*, states that natron is largely collected on the shores of Lake Tchad, and in some other localities in Central Africa. A similar product exists abundantly in low places along the sea-coast of Arabia, near Aden. (R. Haines, *P. J. Tr.*, July, 1863.) It is also brought now from the soda lakes of Wyoming, which have been described by Dr. Thos. M. Chatard, of the U. S. Geological Survey.

Impure soda, derived from the ashes of plants growing on the surface or borders of the sea, is called barilla or kelp, according to the character of the plants incinerated. Barilla is obtained from several vegetables, principally belonging to the genera *Salsola*, *Salicornia*, and *Chenopodium*. In Spain, Sicily, and some other countries, these plants are cultivated for the purpose of yielding soda by their combustion. When ripe, they are cut down, dried, and burnt in heaps. The ashes form a semi-fused, hard, and compact saline mass, which is broken up into fragments by means of pickaxes, and thrown into commerce. Kelp, called *varec* in France, is procured by the incineration of various kinds of sea-weeds, principally the algæ and fuci, which grow on the rocky coasts of many countries. The Orkneys and Hebrides, and the rocky coasts of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, furnish large quantities of these weeds. The plants are fermented in heaps, then dried, and afterwards burnt to ashes in ovens roughly made of brick or stone and built in the ground. The alkali in the ashes melts, and forms the whole into a solid mass. When cold, it is broken up with iron instruments into large heavy masses, in which state it is found in commerce. About twenty-four tons of sea-weeds produce one ton of kelp. *Barilla*, when of good quality, is in hard, dry, porous, sonorous, grayish-blue masses, which become covered with a saline efflorescence on exposure. It possesses a peculiar odor and an alkaline taste. *Spanish barilla* contains from 25 to 40 per cent. of carbonated alkali, the residue being made up of sodium sulphate, sodium sulphide and chloride, calcium carbonate, alumina, silica, oxidized iron, and a small portion of charcoal which has escaped combustion. Before the introduction of artificial soda, barilla formed the source of the crystallized carbonate employed in medicine. At present it is principally used in the manufacture of soap. *Kelp* is in hard, vesicular masses, of a dark-gray, bluish, or greenish color, a sulphurous odor, and an acrid, caustic taste. It it still less pure than barilla, containing only from 5 to 8 per cent. of carbonated soda, the rest being made up of a large proportion of sodium and potassium sulphates, and potassium and sodium chlorides, a small quantity of sodium iodide, and insoluble and coloring matters. Large quantities of kelp were formerly manufactured in Great Britain and the neighboring islands, particularly the Orkneys; but the demand and production have generally fallen off since the introduction of artificial soda. At present kelp is used principally in the manufacture of iodine. (See *Iodum.*)

Artificial Soda. This is made from common salt by the older or Leblanc process in two steps: first, by converting the salt by sulphuric acid into sodium sulphate, and, secondly, by decomposing the sulphate by calcium carbonate and charcoal at a high temperature, so as to yield sodium carbonate. The chemical reactions may be summarized as follows: $2NaCl +$

$H_2SO_4 = Na_2SO_4 + 2HCl$, $Na_2SO_4 + CaCO_3 + C_4 = Na_2CO_3 + CaS + (CO)_4$. The sulphate, first dried, is mixed with its own weight of ground limestone, and half its weight of small coal, ground and sifted, and the whole is heated in a reverberatory furnace, which may be either stationary or, as is more general now, revolving on a horizontal axis. In this "black-ash furnace" the mixture fuses, and forms a black mass called *black ash*, *soda ball*, or *British barilla*. The coal, at the temperature employed, converts the sodium sulphate into sodium sulphide. This reacts with the limestone, so as to form calcium sulphide and sodium carbonate (Na_2S and $CaCo_3 = CaS$ and Na_2CO_3). Black ash contains from 36 to 45 per cent. of alkali, imperfectly carbonated on account of the high heat used, the remainder being principally calcium sulphide, caustic lime, sodium chloride, calcium sulphite, and coaly matter. It is next digested in warm water, which takes up the alkali and other soluble matters, and leaves the insoluble impurities, called *soda waste*, which is now largely utilized in the manufacture of sodium hyposulphite. The solution is evaporated to dryness, and the mass obtained is calcined with one-fourth of its weight of sawdust, in order to convert the alkali fully into carbonate, by means of the carbonic acid resulting from the combustion of the sawdust. The product is redissolved in water, and the solution evaporated to dryness. The alkali, in this stage of its purification, contains about 50 per cent. of sodium carbonate, and is called *soda-ash*. It is brought to the state of crystallized sodium carbonate by dissolving it in water, straining the solution, evaporating it to a pellicle, and setting it aside to crystallize. This process was invented in 1784 by Leblanc; and the first manufactory for producing it on a large scale was established in 1790, near Paris, by Leblanc and Dizé. The process is pursued on an immense scale in Great Britain, especially in Liverpool and Glasgow. Various modifications have been proposed, and in part carried into practice, which affect the Leblanc process more or less fundamentally. One of the most important of these is the Hargreaves-Robinson method of preparing "salt-cake" or sodium sulphate without the previous preparation of sulphuric acid. Sulphur dioxide (from the roasting of pyrites), atmospheric oxygen, and steam are made to act upon salt previously prepared in broken cakes or fragments. Sodium sulphate and hydrochloric acid are obtained. The use of sodium nitrate is dispensed with, the sulphate is purer than that of the old method, and the hydrochloric acid is more easily condensed. It requires, however, a more expensive plant. A troublesome side-product of the Leblanc process is the calcium sulphide or "alkali waste," and much ingenuity has been used in endeavoring to utilize this and to recover the sulphur. The most successful sulphur recovery process thus far has been that of Chance, who decomposes the calcium sulphide by carbon dioxide, liberating H_2S. This is mixed with air and passed over a layer of ferric oxide, which at a low red heat causes the hydrogen to burn, liberating the sulphur, which may either be collected or burned to SO_2 for the lead-chamber process. It is asserted that 95 per cent. of the sulphur can be thus recovered.

The Gossage process, still more recently proposed, aims to avoid the formation of the "alkali waste" altogether, and to do away with the black-ash furnace. By heating the salt-cake with the necessary proportion of coal-slack the sodium sulphate is reduced to sodium sulphide. This is dissolved, allowed to settle, and the supernatant liquid, freed from silica and alumina, is conducted to towers, where it is treated with excess of carbon dioxide, whereby sodium bicarbonate and hydrogen sulphide are formed. The bicarbonate may be heated to change it into normal salt, while the carbon dioxide is utilized in decomposing fresh quantities of sulphide.

Within the last few decades a process has been put in practice which has given so much satisfaction in its results as to be likely to rival, if not to supersede, the hitherto unequalled process of Leblanc. It is designated the *ammonia-soda* process, and is based on the fact that when carbon dioxide is passed into a solution of common salt in aqueous ammonia a double decomposition occurs, and the slightly soluble sodium bicarbonate is precipitated: $NH_3 + CO_2 + NaCl + H_2O = HNaCO_3 + NH_4Cl$. From the mother-liquor containing the sal-ammoniac, if deemed advisable, the ammonia may be withdrawn by the action of lime, and serve in the renewal of the operation. The sodium bicarbonate is reduced by heat to the carbonate, and the carbonic acid thus obtained serves to convert the ammonia into the ammonium bicarbonate necessary in the proceeding. The waste product here is calcium chloride, which takes with it all the chlorine of the salt originally used. Therefore if the ammonia-soda process were to replace the Leblanc process, hydrochloric acid and chlorine would have to be made independently, and would become much dearer than at present. To obviate this objection to the ammonia-soda process and to produce hydrochloric acid as one product of the same process, the late Walter Weldon proposed to use magnesia instead of lime in the decomposing of the sal-

ammoniac. This would leave magnesium chloride instead of calcium chloride. From the magnesium chloride the chlorine can be obtained as follows: $MgCl_2 + H_2O = 2HCl + MgO$. Steam will liberate hydrochloric acid from the magnesium chloride. This process is carried out practically at Salindres in France, although its economy is not definitely established.

A still more promising suggestion is that of the distinguished chemist Ludwig Mond, of Brunner, Mond & Co., who are the chief English manufacturers of ammonia-soda. He proposes to freeze out the ammonium chloride from the mother-liquors by artificial refrigeration, sublime it, and pass the vapor over magnesia, whereby the hydrochloric acid is retained in combination with the magnesia as magnesium chloride, while the ammonia passes on. The magnesium chloride is then heated in a current of air, when it is split up into chlorine and magnesia. It is said that Brunner, Mond & Co. are now manufacturing twenty-five tons of bleaching powder per week by the aid of this chlorine production.

The reaction between ammonium bicarbonate and common salt, upon which the ammonia process was founded, had been noticed by M. Türck as long as thirty years before it was carried into practical operation with advantageous results. The advantages of this method are that the common salt is directly transformed into sodium carbonate, that in the precipitation sodium is the only metal thrown down, and that the preparation is therefore remarkably pure, that it is entirely exempt from the compounds of sulphur, that the amount of product is very large, that the apparatus used in the process is very simple, that there is a great saving of fuel and of labor, and, finally, that no unwholesome gases are diffused in the atmosphere, interfering with the health of the workmen and the community. MM. Schloesing and Rolland have observed that in the double decomposition between ammonium bicarbonate and sodium chloride a certain portion only, about two-thirds, undergoes the change. This is explained by M. Bauer, who finds that the reaction is limited by another in an inverse direction. Thus, if ammonium bicarbonate and sodium chloride yield sodium bicarbonate and ammonium chloride (hydrochlorate of ammonia), these, put together, inversely yield ammonium bicarbonate and sodium chloride. An equilibrium is thus established, and the mixture preserves a constant composition, at the point where the two reactions take place at the same time. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Sept. 1874.) At present the ammonia-soda process is gaining rapidly upon the Leblanc process. It is stated that 75 per cent. of the total German soda production is now obtained by the ammonia-soda process, in France 60 per cent., and in Austria 47 per cent. In England, where the Leblanc process is most strongly entrenched and backed by the resources of the "United Alkali Company," a combination of manufacturers with a paid-up capital of $42,000,000, it is also gaining, as shown by the following statistics:

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Leblanc soda	598,096	584,323	577,381	590,312	584,203	602,769	567,863	519,593
Ammonia-soda . . .	115,032	137,220	158,636	212,181	219,279	252,260	278,528	304,897
Ratio	5·2 : 1	4·2 : 1	3·6 : 1	2·8 : 1	2·6 : 1	2·4 : 1	2 : 1	1·7 : 1
Total production .	713,128	721,543	736,017	802,493	803,482	855,029	846,391	824,490

No Leblanc soda is made in the United States, but the ammonia-soda is made under the Solvay patents at Syracuse, N.Y.: in 1890, 67,000 tons; in 1891, 72,000 tons; in 1892, 82,000 tons.

Another source of this carbonate has been discovered in *cryolite*, a mineral existing in great abundance on the coast of Greenland, and largely imported into this country by a manufacturing company which enjoys to a certain extent a monopoly of the mineral under the Danish authorities. Cryolite consists mainly of a double aluminum and sodium fluoride, containing in 100 parts 13 of aluminum, 34 of sodium, and 53 of fluorine. Sodium carbonate is obtained by heating cryolite with lime, whereby calcium fluoride is formed, while the sodium and aluminum combine to form a sodium aluminate, a weak salt, which is dissolved out by lixiviation. The soda is converted into carbonate by passing carbonic acid under pressure through the solution; and the alumina, separated from the soda, becomes insoluble, and is deposited. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1868, p. 71.) Cryolite is also largely used in Denmark and Germany in the preparation of sodium carbonate and of alumina, the latter of which is employed in the manufacture of alum and aluminum.

Besides the preparation of sodium carbonate, cryolite is employed for other important purposes. Its only known locality, at least in large amount, is Greenland, where it is found on the southwest coast, near Cape Farewell, existing in beds, of which one is said to be 80 feet thick and 300 long. It is imported by the "Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company" into Philadelphia in immense quantities. It is a handsome mineral, hard, brittle, and translucent, sometimes almost transparent, but generally of a frosty whiteness, which has probably suggested its name of *cryolite* or *kryolite*, from the Greek *κρύος*, *frost*. Though homogeneous in great degree, it exhibits here and there in its substance dark spots, sometimes mere specks, sometimes of considerable size, which appear to be crystalline centres of substances mixed with it at the time of solidification, such as galena, ferric carbonate, copper and iron pyrites, etc. It is employed in the making of soap, in the preparation of aluminum sulphate, and in the formation of a beautiful variety of glass, which is made by melting one part of it with from two to four parts of pure silex. (Evan T. Ellis, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1867.)

The different kinds of impure sodium carbonate, whether barilla, kelp, or soda-ash, being exceedingly variable in composition, it is important to have a ready method of determining the quantity of real carbonated alkali which they contain. The mode in which this is done, by means of an instrument called an alkalimeter, has been already explained. (See page 1087.) These various forms of carbonated soda are largely consumed in dyeing and bleaching, and in the manufacture of soap and glass. In reference to "the English commercial test," see *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1870, p. 447. The following are descriptions of the different grades of artificial soda, known under the names of British barilla, and soda-ash.

British barilla, so called to distinguish it from Spanish barilla, which has its source in the ashes of maritime plants, is a blackish-brown substance, becoming darker by exposure to the air. When broken it exhibits an imperfect metallic lustre, and a close striated texture. Its taste is alkaline and caustic. On exposure to a moist atmosphere it becomes covered with a yellow efflorescence, and quickly falls to powder, with disengagement of heat and hydrogen sulphide, at the same time increasing in weight by the absorption of carbonic acid and water.

Soda-ash is in white or gray compact masses, and contains about half its weight of foreign salts, consisting principally of sodium chloride and sodium sulphate.

Properties. The carbonate occurs in "colorless, monoclinic crystals, odorless, and having a strongly alkaline taste. In dry air the salt effloresces, and, if left exposed, soon loses about half of its water of crystallization (31·467 per cent. of its weight), and becomes a white powder. Soluble in 1·6 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·09 part at 38° C. (100·4° F.), and in 0·2 part of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol and in ether; soluble in 1·02 parts of glycerin. When heated to 32·5° C. (90·5° F.), the crystals fuse in their water of crystallization, and lose some water. At a higher temperature, the salt continues to lose water, until, at last, an anhydrous residue is left, corresponding to 37 per cent. of the weight of the crystals. At a bright red heat the anhydrous salt fuses. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution gives an alkaline reaction with litmus paper, and effervesces strongly with acids. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt should be perfectly clear and colorless, leaving no insoluble residue. If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be slightly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, the liquid should not be colored red by a drop of ferric chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphocyanate*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, slightly supersaturated with hydrochloric acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, no turbidity should be produced, either before or after the addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be slightly supersaturated with acetic acid, the addition of 0·5 C.c. of ammonium oxalate test-solution should produce no turbidity (absence of *calcium*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be slightly supersaturated with acetic acid, the addition of 0·5 C.c. of sodium cobaltic nitrite test-solution should not render it turbid within one hour (limit of *potassium*). If 1·2 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, then 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 2·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, then 0·1 C.c. of nitric acid and 0·1 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*, *sulphite*, and *hyposulphite*). If the crystallized salt be heated in a test-tube, the vapor of *ammonia* should not be evolved. To neutralize 1 Gm. of anhydrous Sodium Carbonate (deprived of its water of crystallization by heat imme-

diately before being weighed) should require not less than 18·7 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to not less than 98·9 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.* "One hundred and forty-three grains requires for neutralization at least 960 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*. 20 grains of Sodium Carbonate neutralize 9·8 grains Citric Acid, or 10½ grains Tartaric Acid." *Br.* This salt presents an anomaly in solubility, as ascertained by M. Henri Loewel: it is more soluble in water at 36·1° C. (97° F.) than at its boiling point. Sodium carbonate is insoluble in alcohol. The most usual impurities in it are sodium sulphate and common salt, which may be detected by converting it into a nitrate and testing separate portions of this severally with barium chloride and silver nitrate.* Common salt is seldom entirely absent, but good specimens are free from sodium sulphate. When badly prepared it is liable to contain sodium sulphide, which may be detected by the production of the smell of hydrogen sulphide upon dissolving the salt in water. Sodium carbonate is incompatible with acids, which decompose it with effervescence, acidulous salts, lime water, ammonium chloride, and earthy and metallic salts. When crystallized it contains ten mols. of water. It is thus perceived that this salt, when crystallized, contains nearly two-thirds of its weight of water; but the quantity actually present in it, as found in commerce, is variable, being dependent on the extent to which it may have undergone efflorescence. To obtain pure sodium carbonate for the purpose of a test, Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, of Louisville, Ky., recommends that sodium oxalate should be prepared from the common carbonate, and then decomposed by heat.†

Medical Properties and Uses. Soda being the natural alkali of the blood and other liquids of the human organism, its influence upon that organism in disease is very slight. In the experiments of Gradeau the injection of 107 grains of sodium carbonate directly into the blood of a dog produced practically no symptoms, and in the studies of Dr. Münch upon the effect on the human system of the continuous exhibition for a few days of large amounts of soda the results were almost entirely negative. The chief influence of the salt is upon certain of the liquid excretions. Thus, the urine becomes distinctly alkaline, without, however, so far as we know, there being any distinct change in its general constituents. The experiments of Lewaschen prove that soda salts given to dogs with biliary fistula increase very markedly the liquidity of the bile and diminish the percentage of solids in it. These experiments are in accord with clinical experience, which shows that the alkaline sodium salts, given one to two hours after meals in full dose, are of decided value in the treatment of *gall-stones* and various affections associated with excessive acidity of the biliary secretion. On account of its having no general effect upon the system, soda and its carbonates are superior to potassium as simple alkaline remedies. When, therefore, it is desired to overcome *acidity of the stomach or intestines*, or to render acid urine alkaline, these preparations are very available; but they are not applicable in *gout*, *uric acid diathesis*, *rheumatism*, and occasionally in other diseases attended with *gastric acidity*, when it is desirable to bring about increased destruction of tissue and increased elimination of solids. Under these circumstances sodium salts are inferior to the potassium salts. Alkaline sodium salts are also employed with advantage, internally and externally, in *skin diseases*, especially those of a papulous and scaly character. A lotion suitable for these cases may be formed by dissolving from two to three drachms of the carbonate in a pint of water. For a bath, from eight to sixteen ounces of the salt may be dissolved in the necessary quantity of water. In recent *burns* without much destruction of the skin, the free application of a saturated solution will usually give immediate relief. Sodium carbonate is given in doses of from ten grains to half a drachm (0·65–1·95 Gm.), either in

* For a method of determining the precise quantity of the sulphate in a special case, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1873, p. 124.

† Dr. Smith gives the following particular description of the method employed by him. 63 grammes of oxalic acid and 143 grammes of ordinary sodium carbonate are dissolved, with heat, in 200 cubic centimeters of distilled water; the solution is distilled, filtered if necessary, and, when it cools, the solution of oxalic acid, just hot enough to prevent crystallization, is added by degrees, with stirring. It is expected that the solution, when completed, shall have a slight alkaline reaction. Shortly after the operation is finished, the sodium oxalate will be in a great measure precipitated. The whole is then allowed to stand till completely cool; the supernatant liquid is decanted, a little distilled water added, and the lumps of crystals that may have formed are broken up by a stirrer, thrown on a six-inch filter over a Bunsen aspirator, washed with about half a liter of distilled water, and allowed to dry. The quantity of dry oxalate produced is 30 grammes. In this state it may be kept in a dry bottle till wanted for use in forming sodium carbonate. It is then projected, little by little, into a platinum capsule, over a good-sized Bunsen burner. After being strongly heated, the oxalate is changed by the decomposition of the oxalic acid into the carbonate, and, if the heat be high enough to fuse the salt, about 23 grammes of the fused carbonate will be obtained. Fused or not, this is dissolved in water, filtered, evaporated to dryness, dehydrated over a naked flame, and granulated by stirring while hot. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 31.)

powder or dissolved in some bitter infusion. When taken in an overdose, it acts as a corrosive poison. The best antidotes are the fixed oils, acetic acid, and lemon-juice.

SODII CARBONAS EXSICCATUS. U. S. (Br.) Dried Sodium Carbonate.

(SŌ′DI-Ī CĂR′BO-NĂS ĔX-SIC-CĀ′TŬS.)

Sodii Carbonas Exsiccata, *Br.:* Natrum Carbonicum Siccum, *P. G.;* Dried Carbonate of Soda; Carbonate de Soude sec, *Fr.;* Getrocknete Soda, *G.*

"Sodium Carbonate, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Break the crystals into small fragments, and allow them to effloresce for several days in warm air, at a temperature not exceeding 25° C. (77° F.), until they are completely disintegrated; then dry the white powder at a temperature of about 45° C. (113° F.), until its weight is reduced to *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Pass the powder through a sieve, and preserve it in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Sodium *eight ounces.* Expose the Carbonate of Sodium in a porcelain capsule to heat applied gently until the crystals crumble to powder; then increase the temperature and continue the action until vapors cease to be evolved. The product weighs about three ounces. Having rubbed it to powder, enclose it in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Sodium carbonate contains ten molecules of water of crystallization, and, when heated, readily undergoes aqueous fusion. Upon continuing the heat, the water is driven off, and a white porous mass remains, which is easily reduced to powder. Dried sodium carbonate is in the form of a white powder, and differs in nothing from the crystallized, except in being devoid of water of crystallization. (See *Sodii Carbonas.*) It is officially described as "a loose, white powder, conforming to the reactions and tests given under *Sodii Carbonas.* To neutralize 1 Gm. of the salt should require not less than 13·8 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to about 73 per cent. of anhydrous Sodium Carbonate), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This preparation was introduced into practice by Dr. Beddoes, who extolled its virtues in *calculous complaints.* It is applicable to the cure of such affections only when dependent on a morbid secretion of uric acid. Its advantage over the common carbonate is that it admits of being made into pills, in consequence of being in the dried state. As the water of crystallization forms more than half of the carbonate, the dose of the dried salt must be reduced in proportion. From five to fifteen grains (0·33–1 Gm.) may be given three times a day, in the form of pill prepared with soap and aromatics. For the medical properties of this salt, see *Sodii Carbonas.*

SODII CHLORAS. U. S. Sodium Chlorate.

$NaClO_3$; 106·25. (SŌ′DI-Ī ϕHLŌ′RĂS.) $NaClO_3$; 106·4.

This official salt, while manufactured on a large scale for use in the textile industries by the methods described under *Potassii Chloras,* is usually prepared on a small scale by Wittstein's process, which consists in first preparing sodium bitartrate by adding a strong solution containing 9·5 parts of tartaric acid to a hot aqueous solution of 9 parts of sodium carbonate. The hot solution is mixed with one in which 8 parts of potassium chlorate have been dissolved. Potassium bitartrate separates, whilst sodium chlorate remains in solution. The filtered solution is evaporated and crystallized. If desired of absolute purity, it may be recrystallized from an alcoholic solution. Owing to the facility with which this salt parts with its oxygen, the following official cautionary direction should be borne in mind. "Sodium Chlorate should be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, and *great caution* should be observed in handling the salt, as dangerous explosions are liable to occur when it is mixed with organic matters (cork, tannic acid, sugar, etc.), or with sulphur, antimony sulphide, phosphorus, or other easily oxidizable substances, and either heated directly, or subjected to trituration or concussion." *U. S.*

Properties. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent crystals (principally regular cubes with tetrahedral facets), or a crystalline powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline taste. Permanent in dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·1 parts of water, and in about 100 parts of alcohol; in 0·5 part of boiling water, and in about 40 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in 5 parts of glycerin. When heated, the salt melts, then gives off oxygen (about 45 per cent. of its weight), and finally leaves a residue of sodium chloride, readily soluble in water, and yielding, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white, curdy precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. When a crystal of the salt is dropped into hydrochloric

acid, the liquid assumes a deep greenish-yellow color, and emits the odor of chlorine. A saturated aqueous solution should not be rendered turbid by sodium bitartrate test-solution (limit of *potassium*). An aqueous solution of the residue left after igniting a portion of the salt should not give an alkaline reaction with litmus paper (absence of *tartrate*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20), slightly acidulated with acetic acid, should not be rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either at once (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.), or after the addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be rendered turbid by adding to it a few drops of ammonia water and then sodium phosphate test-solution (absence of *magnesium*, etc.). The solution (1 in 20), slightly acidulated with acetic acid, should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*); nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*); nor should silver nitrate test-solution produce in it more than a slight opalescence (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Sodium chlorate has medical properties similar to those of potassium chlorate, whilst its greater solubility permits the use of stronger solutions. Dose, from five to fifteen grains (0·3–1 Gm.).

SODII CHLORIDUM. U. S., Br. Sodium Chloride.

NaCl; 58·37. (SŌ′DI-Ī ȻHLŌ′RI-DŬM.) NaCl; 58·4.

Natrium Chloratum Purum, *P. G.;* Chloruretum Sodicum, Sal Commune, s. Culinare; Table Salt; Sodium Chloride, Muriate of Soda, Sea Salt, Common Salt; Chlorure de Sodium, Hydro-chlorate de Soude, Sel commun, Sel de Cuisine, Sel marin, *Fr.;* Chlornatrium, Kochsalz, *G.;* Salt, *Dan., Sw.;* Cloruro di Sodio, Sal commune, *It.;* Sal, *Sp.*

This mineral production, so necessary to mankind, is universally distributed over the globe, and is the most abundant of the native soluble salts. Most animals have an instinctive relish for it; and, from its frequent presence in the solids and fluids of the animal economy, it may be supposed to perform an important part in assimilation and nutrition.

Natural State. Common salt exists in nature either in the solid state or in solution. In the solid state, called *rock salt*, *fossil salt*, and *sal gemmæ*, it is often found forming extensive beds, and even entire mountains, from which it is extracted in blocks or masses by mining operations. Its geological position is very constant, it occurring almost invariably in secondary formations, associated with clay and gypsum. In solution it exists in certain springs and lakes, and in the waters of the ocean. The principal salt mines are found in Poland, Hungary, and Russia; in various parts of Germany and Austria, particularly the Tyrol; in Cheshire, England; in Spain; in various parts of Asia and Africa; in the island of St. Domingo;* and in Peru and other countries of South America. With the exception of a remarkable bed of rock salt in the island of Petite Anse, in Vermilion Bay, on the coast of Louisiana, there are in the United States no salt mines east of the Rocky Mountains; but there are numerous salt springs, which either flow naturally or are produced artificially by sinking wells to various depths in places where salt is known to exist. These are found principally in Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and New York. In the last-mentioned State the springs are the most productive, the chief ones being situated at Salina, Montezuma, and Galen. In West Virginia an important salt region exists, extending fifteen miles on both sides of the Great Kanawha River, and in Michigan in the counties of Huron, Bay, and Saginaw extensive salt wells are worked. The production of salt in 1890 was as follows: Michigan, 3,837,632 bbls. (barrels of 280 lbs.); New York, 2,532,036 bbls.; other States, 2,407,323 bbls.; total, 8,776,991 bbls.; 1891, Michigan, 3,927,671 bbls.; New York, 3,532,600 bbls.; other States, 2,773,430 bbls.; total, 10,233,701 bbls.; 1892, Michigan, 3,812,054 bbls.; New York, 4,400,000 bbls.; other States, 3,373,700 bbls.; total, 11,585,754 bbls. Rock salt is always transparent or translucent; but it often exhibits various colors, such as red, yellow, brown, violet, blue, etc., which are supposed to be derived from iron and manganese.

Extraction. Mines of salt are worked in two ways. When the salt is pure, it is merely dug out in blocks and thrown into commerce. When impure, it is dissolved in water, and extracted afterwards from the solution by evaporation. When the salt is naturally in solution, the mode of extraction depends upon the strength of the brine and the temperature of the place where it is found. When the water contains from 14 to 15 per cent. of the salt, it is extracted by evaporation in large iron boilers. If, however, it contains only 2, 3, 4, or 5 per

* This deposit is on the south side of the island, and is said to form a mountain 6 miles long, from half a mile to a mile broad, and from 400 to 500 feet high. The salt in its crude state contains 96·79 per cent. of pure sodium chloride. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1865, p. 395.)

cent., the salt is obtained in a different manner. If the climate be warm, it may be procured by spontaneous evaporation, effected by the heat of the sun; if temperate, by a peculiar mode of evaporation, to be mentioned presently, and the subsequent application of artificial heat.

Sea-water is a weak saline solution, containing 2·7 per cent. of common salt, which is extracted by the agency of solar heat in warm countries. Salt thus obtained is called *bay salt*. The extraction is conducted in Europe principally on the shores of the Mediterranean, the waters of which are salter than those of the open ocean. The mode in which it is performed is by letting the sea-water into shallow dikes, lined with clay, and capable, after having been filled, of being shut off from the sea. In this situation the heat of the sun gradually concentrates the water, and the salt is deposited. About 30,000 tons a year are thus made at Alameda, California, the only place in the United States where solar evaporation is carried out. In temperate climates, weak brines are first concentrated in buildings called *graduation houses*. These are rough wooden structures open on the sides, ten or eleven yards high, five or six wide, and three or four hundred long, and containing an oblong pile of brushwood somewhat smaller than the building itself. The brine is pumped up into troughs full of holes, placed above the brushwood, upon which it is allowed to fall, and in its descent it becomes minutely divided. This operation, by greatly increasing the surface of the brine, promotes its evaporation; and, being repeated several times, the solution is at last brought to the requisite degree of strength to permit of its final concentration in iron boilers by artificial heat.

Properties. Sodium chloride is white, without odor, and of a peculiar taste called saline. It is usually crystallized in cubes; but by hasty evaporation it often assumes the form of hollow quadrangular pyramids, or hopper-shaped crystals, consisting of an aggregation of cubes. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, cubical crystals, or a white, crystalline powder, odorless, and having a purely saline taste. Permanent in dry air. Soluble in 2·8 parts of water, at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 2·5 parts of boiling water; almost insoluble in alcohol; insoluble in ether or chloroform. When heated, the salt decrepitates. At a red heat it fuses, and at a white heat it is slowly volatilized and partly decomposed. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution of the salt is neutral to litmus paper. With silver nitrate test-solution, the solution yields a white, curdy precipitate, insoluble in nitric acid. No turbidity should be produced in 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) by the addition of 0·5 C.c. of sodium cobaltic nitrate test-solution (limit of *potassium*). The aqueous solution, slightly acidulated with acetic acid, should not be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*); nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*); nor by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *zinc*, *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). No turbidity should be produced in the aqueous solution by the addition of sodium phosphate test-solution and a few drops of ammonia water (absence of *magnesium*, etc.). If 2 Gm. of the finely powdered salt be digested for some hours with 25 C.c. of warm alcohol, and, after cooling, the undissolved salt be removed by filtration, then the filtrate evaporated to dryness and the residue dissolved in 1 C.c. of water and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, the addition of chlorine water, drop by drop, should produce neither a blue nor a yellow tint (absence of *iodide* or *bromide*). If 0·195 Gm. of well-dried Sodium Chloride be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and the solution mixed with a few drops of potassium chromate test-solution, it should require not less than 33·4 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 99·9 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* When pure, it undergoes no change in the air; but when contaminated with magnesium chloride, as not unfrequently happens, it is deliquescent. Exposed to a gradually increasing heat, it first decrepitates from the presence of interstitial moisture, next melts, and finally volatilizes in white fumes with but partial decomposition. (Mulder, *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e éd., iii.) It is decomposed by several of the acids, particularly sulphuric and nitric, which disengage vapors of hydrochloric acid; by potassium carbonate with the assistance of heat; and by silver nitrate and mercurous nitrate. In contact with iron, in the presence of air and moisture, it undergoes decomposition. (*Chem. News*, June, 1869.) It is decomposed by steam excessively heated, with the escape of hydrochloric acid and an alkaline residue. (*Chem. News*, June 4, 1875.) Several varieties of common salt are distinguished in commerce, as *stoved salt*, *fishery salt*, *bay salt*, etc.; but they are characterized by the size and compactness of the grains, and not by any difference in composition.

Composition. Common salt, in its pure state, consists of one atom of chlorine and one of sodium. It contains no water of crystallization. The common salt of commerce, besides pure

sodium chloride, contains, generally speaking, insoluble matter, and usually more or less of calcium and magnesium sulphates and calcium and magnesium chlorides. When pure, it is not precipitated by sodium carbonate, barium chloride, or potassium ferrocyanide. Calcium chloride is generally present in very small amount; but the magnesium chloride sometimes amounts to 28 parts in 1000. Calcium sulphate is usually present, constituting variously from 1 to 23½ parts in 1000; and magnesium sulphate is sometimes present and sometimes absent. To separate the earths, a boiling solution of sodium carbonate must be added as long as any precipitate is formed. The earths will form as carbonates, and must be separated by filtration, and the sodium sulphate and sodium chloride resulting from the double decomposition will remain in solution. The sodium sulphate may then be decomposed by the cautious addition of barium chloride, which will generate sodium chloride and insoluble barium sulphate.

Medical Properties. Sodium chloride, in small doses, acts as a stomachic tonic and anthelmintic, in larger ones as a purgative and emetic. From the experiments of Prof. Buchheim, it appears that common salt quickly passes into the blood, and is thrown off in greater part, in six hours, by the kidneys. The portion not found in the urine and fæces is probably appropriated to the uses of the economy. M. Plouviez, as the result of experiments made upon himself, came to the conclusion that the use of a saline regimen has the effect of increasing the number of the red blood-corpuscles as well as the weight and strength of the body. This is, however, contradicted by the more recent experiments of Dr. Münch, and the common experience of mankind seems to show that, whilst the habitual use of a certain amount of the salt is necessary for health, over-use of it has no effect in producing plethora.

Common salt has been used with good effect by a number of practitioners as a remedy in *intermittent fever*. It is not alleged to be equal to quinine. The dose is from eight to twelve drachms (31·1–46·6 Gm.), given in divided doses during the apyrexia. It is best administered in mucilage of slippery elm, or in coffee. In *hæmoptysis*, common salt, in the dose of a teaspoonful (3·9 Gm.), taken dry, often proves successful in stopping the flow of blood. Externally applied in solution it is stimulant, and may be used either locally or generally. Locally, it is sometimes employed as a fomentation in *sprains* and *bruises;* and as a general external application it forms the salt-water bath, a valuable remedy as a tonic and excitant in depraved conditions of the system, especially when occurring in children. A pound of salt dissolved in four gallons of water forms a solution of about the strength of sea-water, and suitable for a bath. Dose: as a cathartic, from two drachms to half an ounce (7·8–15·5 Gm.); as an emetic, from half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.), dissolved in four or five times its weight of water. It is frequently used as a clyster, two tablespoonfuls in a pint of water.

The uses of common salt in domestic economy as a condiment and an antiseptic are well known. In pharmacy it is employed to prepare chlorine, hydrochloric acid, ammonium chloride, calomel, and corrosive sublimate. It is also used to form sodium sulphate, with a view to its conversion into sodium carbonate.

SODII CITRO-TARTRAS EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescent Citro-tartrate of Sodium.

(SŌ′DI-Ī CĪ′TRŌ-TĂR′TRĂS ĔF-FĘR-VĔS′CĘNS.)

"Take of Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *seventeen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Tartaric Acid, in powder, *nine ounces* [av.]; Citric Acid, in powder, *six ounces* [av.]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *five ounces* [av.]. Mix the powders thoroughly, place them in a dish or pan of suitable form, heated to between 200° F. (93°·3 C.) and 220° F. (104°·4 C.), and when the particles of the powder begin to aggregate, stir them assiduously until they assume a granular form; then, by means of suitable sieves, separate the granules of uniform and most convenient size, and preserve the preparation in well-closed bottles." *Br.*

The object of this combination is to furnish sodium citrate and tartrate in a convenient and portable form. As the water has been driven off by heat, no reaction takes place until dissolved in water, when the two acids combine with the soda of the bicarbonate to produce sodium tartrate and citrate, and the carbonic acid escapes with brisk effervescence. It is in this form that the preparation is intended to be used. The salts combine laxative with refrigerant properties, which adapt them to the *febrile state*, while the carbonic acid renders them acceptable to the stomach, and will often check *nausea* and *vomiting*. The dose is from one to two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.), which may be taken in a small wineglassful or more of water, and repeated occasionally as required.

SODII HYPOPHOSPHIS. U. S., Br. Sodium Hypophosphite.

$NaH_2PO_2.H_2O$; 105·84. (SŌ′DI-Ī HĪ-PŌ-PHŌS′PHĪS.) $NaH_2PO_2.H_2O$; 106.

"Sodium Hypoposphite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "Obtained by adding carbonate of sodium to solution of hypophosphite of calcium as long as a precipitate of carbonate of calcium is formed, then filtering the solution and evaporating it to dryness by the heat of a steam bath, keeping it constantly stirred when the salt begins to solidify." *Br.*

Natrum Hypophosphorosum, Hypophosphis Sodicus; Hypophosphite of Soda; Hypophosphite de Soude, *Fr.*; Unterphosphorigsaures Natron, *G.*

Sodium hypophosphite is prepared by mixing solutions of calcium hypophosphite and crystallized sodium carbonate, in the proportion of six ounces of the former dissolved in four pints of water to ten of the latter in one and a half pints. Double decomposition takes place, with the formation of calcium carbonate and sodium hypophosphite, of which the latter is held in solution and the former is precipitated. After filtration to separate the calcium carbonate, the solution is evaporated to a pellicle, and then stirred constantly till the salt granulates, the heat being continued. If required quite pure, the granulated salt is dissolved in official alcohol, and the liquid, having been evaporated to a syrupy consistence, is set aside to crystallize.

Sometimes sodium hypophosphite explodes with violence during the evaporation of its solution. This was ascribed to the use of too high a heat; but the same accident has occurred when the heat was applied by means of a water-bath. (See *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 87.) In a communication of Mr. Tuson to the *Chemical News* (No. 31, p. 46), it is stated that, though he had superintended the manufacture of large quantities of calcium and sodium hypophosphites, he had never witnessed anything like an explosion; but the heat employed in evaporation had never approached 100° C. (212° F.); and this is probably the true explanation. Caution, therefore, should be observed to evaporate at a low temperature.

Properties. Sodium hypophosphite occurs in "small, colorless, transparent, rectangular plates of a pearly lustre, or a white granular powder, odorless, and having a bitterish-sweet, saline taste. Very deliquescent on exposure to moist air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1 part of water, and in 30 parts of alcohol; in 0·12 part of boiling water, and in 1 part of boiling alcohol; slightly soluble in absolute alcohol; insoluble in ether. When heated in a test-tube, the salt at first loses its water of crystallization, and at about 200° C. (392° F.) it is decomposed, evolving hydrogen and hydrogen phosphide, which burn with a bright yellow flame. Finally there is left a residue of sodium pyrophosphate and metaphosphate, sometimes mingled with a little red phosphorus. To a non-luminous flame the salt communicates an intense, yellow color. On triturating or heating Sodium Hypophosphite with nitrates, chlorates, or other oxidizing agents, it detonates violently. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields, with silver nitrate test-solution, a white precipitate, which rapidly turns brown or black, owing to the separation of metallic silver. When an aqueous solution of the salt (1 in 20), acidulated with hydrochloric acid, is added in small quantity to an excess of mercuric chloride test-solution, a white precipitate of mercurous chloride is formed. On further addition of the solution, the precipitate is reduced to metallic mercury. A solution of 0·5 Gm. of the salt in 1 C.c. of water should yield no precipitate upon the addition of 1 C.c. of sodium bitartrate test-solution (limit of *potassium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be colored red by the addition of a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution, nor effervesce on the addition of an acid (absence of *caustic alkali* or *carbonate*); nor should it be rendered turbid by ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). In the aqueous solution (1 in 20), acidulated with hydrochloric acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution should not produce any turbidity (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.). After heating 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) with 1 C.c. of nitric acid, separate portions of the solution should remain clear upon the addition of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*), and of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). Not more than a slight cloudiness should be produced in the aqueous solution of the salt by magnesia mixture (limit of *phosphate*). Potassium ferrocyanide test-solution should not produce in the acidulated solution any blue color (absence of *iron*). If 0·1 Gm. of dry Sodium Hypophosphite be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, mixed with 7·5 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 40 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, and the mixture boiled for fifteen minutes, it should require not more than 3 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the red color, corresponding to at least 97·96 per cent. of the pure salt." *U. S.* "Five grains

dissolved in half an ounce of distilled water, and the solution boiled for ten minutes with eleven and a half grains of permanganate of potassium and filtered, should afford a nearly colorless solution." *Br.*

Hypophosphorous acid consists of one atom of phosphorus, two of oxygen, and three of hydrogen, of which, however, only one is replaceable by metal. It has a strong affinity for oxygen, and acts therefore as a powerful deoxidizing agent, as is shown by its reducing silver and mercury from their salts. The solubility of sodium hypophosphite is increased by the addition of hypophosphorous acid. As the soluble salts of mercury and silver are reduced by the hypophosphites, they are of course incompatible with sodium hypophosphite in prescriptions. With calcium hypophosphite, all the soluble sulphates and carbonates produce precipitates.

Medical Properties and Uses. Attention was first directed to the use of the hypophosphites in the treatment of *phthisis* by Dr. Churchill, of Paris. The weight of testimony appears to be opposed to the first favorable impressions; and, though some cases may have seemed to be benefited, yet great care must be taken not to allow a reliance on the hypophosphites to interfere with the use of remedies known to be efficient, as cod-liver oil and supporting measures generally. Dr. J. D. Brown, of the Albany City Hospital, has found the hypophosphites highly useful in diseases attended with *loss of nerve-power*, and in many of the complaints of infancy connected with the *scrofulous diathesis* and *defect in the osseous system*. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lxxiii. 412, Dec. 21, 1865.) The dose of either of the alkaline hypophosphites may be from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), three times a day.

SODII HYPOSULPHIS. U.S. Sodium Hyposulphite.

$Na_2S_2O_3.5H_2O$; 247·64. (SŌ′DI-Ī HĪ-PŌ-SŬL′PHĪS.) $Na_2S_2O_3.5H_2O$; 248.

"Sodium Hyposulphite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Sodium Thiosulphate; Natrum Subsulfurosum (Hyposulfurosum), *P. G.*; Hyposulphis Sodicus; Hyposulphite de Soude, Sulfite sulfuré de Soude, *Fr.*; Unterschwefligsaures Natron, *G.*

This salt is used in the United States and British Pharmacopœias as a test, and for the formation of the *Volumetric Solution of Sodium Hyposulphite*. It is readily prepared, according to Walchner, by mixing a pound of dry sodium carbonate, in fine powder, with five ounces of sulphur, heating the mixture gradually in a porcelain vessel until the sulphur melts, and stirring the agglutinated mass, still kept hot, in order that every portion of it may come in contact with the air. The sodium sulphide first formed is thus converted into sodium sulphite. This is dissolved in water, and the filtered solution being boiled with sulphur becomes one of sodium hyposulphite, from which, after filtration and concentration, the salt is deposited in crystals. It may be obtained also by digesting the solution of sodium sulphite at a high temperature, but short of ebullition, with finely divided sulphur. Hyposulphurous acid exists only in combination; and its salts were formerly considered simply as sulphuretted sulphites. The true hyposulphurous acid, according to theory, would be H_2SO_2, while $H_2S_2O_3$ is more properly *thiosulphuric* acid, as it differs from sulphuric acid by the replacement of one oxygen atom by one sulphur atom. Inasmuch as Schützenberger has recently discovered the true hyposulphurous acid, H_2SO_2, exact chemical usage would demand that we give the distinguishing name thiosulphuric to what was formerly called hyposulphurous. Schützenberger himself called the newly-discovered acid *hydrosulphurous*, but this is not characteristic, and the correct name for the official sodium hyposulphite is *sodium thiosulphate*.

Properties. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, odorless, and having a cooling, afterwards bitter taste. Permanent in the air below 33° C. (91·4° F.), but efflorescent in dry air above that temperature. Soluble in 0·65 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in about 0·5 part at 20° C. (68° F.); at a boiling heat the solution is rapidly decomposed. Insoluble in alcohol; slightly soluble in oil of turpentine. When rapidly heated to about 50° C. (122° F.), the salt melts. When slowly heated until it is effloresced, and afterwards to 100° C. (212° F.), it loses all its water of crystallization (36·3 per cent.), and at a red heat is decomposed, sulphur being evolved, while a residue of sodium sulphide and sulphate remains. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. An aqueous solution of the salt readily dissolves many salts of silver (chloride, bromide, iodide, oxide, etc.), and discharges the color of a solution of iodine or of starch iodide. If ferric chloride test-solution be dropped into the aqueous solution (1 in 20), a dark violet color will be produced, which disappears rapidly on agitation. Addition of sulphuric or hydrochloric acid to the aqueous solution liberates

from it sulphur dioxide (known by its odor, and by its blackening a strip of paper moistened with mercurous nitrate test-solution and held in the escaping gas), and causes a white precipitate of sulphur (distinction from *sulphite* or *bisulphite*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, no coloration or turbidity should be perceptible either before or after the addition of 1 C.c. of ammonia water (absence of *lead*, *iron*, etc.). The aqueous solution should not be rendered turbid by the addition of ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*). The aqueous solution of the salt (1 in 20) should not be colored red by a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution (absence of *caustic alkali*, or *carbonate*); nor should a drop of silver nitrate test-solution produce a brown or a black precipitate in 5 C.c. of this solution (absence of *sulphide*). In a dilute aqueous solution (1 in 80), barium chloride test-solution should produce no turbidity (absence of *sulphate*). If 0·25 Gm. of Sodium Hyposulphite be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water and a few drops of starch test-solution added, it should require at least 9·9 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent blue color (corresponding to at least 98·1 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* Its solution dissolves silver chloride and all water-insoluble compounds of that metal, except the sulphide, and that resulting from the decomposition of a silver salt by light. Though without action on potassium iodide, it dissolves iodine, decomposes iodic acid with liberation of iodine, and destroys the blue color of starch iodide. (*Brande and Taylor.*) In dissolving iodine it forms with it sodium iodide and sodium tetrathionate, as represented by the formula $2(Na_2S_2O_3) + I_2 = (NaI)_2 + Na_2S_4O_6$. It dissolves also lead sulphate and iodide, and calcium sulphate, much more freely than does water. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1864, p. 363.) Its relations to iodine render it valuable as a means of estimating the quantity of free iodine, for which purpose it is used in the Pharmacopœias in the form of a *volumetric solution*. In consequence of its peculiar solvent properties, it is much used in photography. The photographers employ it for the purpose of dissolving the unchanged silver iodide or bromide from the plate after the action of the light, and thus fixing the image already formed. It is also largely used as an "*antichlor*" in the paper manufacture, to free the paper pulp from the excess of chlorine used in the bleaching. One of the most delicate tests is that of iodine with starch. The blue color produced by the mixture of very small quantities of these two substances in solution is instantly discharged by a solution containing a trace of the hyposulphite. If zinc or iron is dipped into an acidified solution of the hyposulphite, the liberated hydrogen at once reduces the sulphurous oxide which is in the solution to hydrogen sulphide, recognizable by lead acetate paper. This test will serve to show even traces of hyposulphite. Flückiger states that the annual production of sodium thiosulphate (hyposulphite) amounts to about 500,000 kilos.

Medical Properties. Sodium hyposulphite is a very powerful poison to fungi and other low organic forms. Consequently, when added to fermenting mixtures it arrests the process of change. This led Dr. G. Polli to suggest its use in certain diseases supposed to be dependent on a fermentation or zymosis in the blood. The theory has seemed plausible to many practitioners, and the remedy has been extensively administered in *pyæmia* and in the so-called *zymotic disorders* and allied affections. Although individual experiences corroborating the early successes of Polli have been reported, the general professional verdict is unmistakably adverse. The hyposulphite seems not to be without influence upon the human system. When taken internally it appears to have deoxidizing powers, probably through the passage of the hyposulphurous into sulphuric acid. It has been found, in its action on the urine, to diminish urea and increase uric acid, to increase the sulphates, and to cause the presence of sugar and oxalic acid in the urine. (Kletzinsky, *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1860, p. 109.) With a view to its poisonous influence on the sarcina ventriculi which attends *yeasty vomiting*, it has been employed in that complaint; and, as a local application, it may be used in all the *parasitic affections of the skin and mouth*. It may be given in the dose of from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), three times a day simply dissolved in water, or in the form of syrup. For external use a drachm may be dissolved in a fluidounce of water. As the effects of this salt proceed from its acid constituent, other hyposulphites may be substituted; and *calcium hyposulphite* has been recommended. For the mode of preparing the latter salt, see *A. J. P.*, 1863.

SODII IODIDUM. U. S., Br. Sodium Iodide.

NaI; 149·53. (SŌ′DI-Ī Ī-ŎD′I-DŬM.) **NaI; 149·6.**

"Sodium Iodide should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Natrum Iodatum; Iodure de Sodium, *Fr.*; Jodnatrium, *G.*

This iodide may be prepared either by treating a solution of caustic soda with iodine, or by double decomposition between ferrous iodide and sodium carbonate, precisely as potassium iodide is obtained by the corresponding processes for that salt. As only small quantities are likely to be wanted as a medicine, the latter process is preferable, being more easily conducted on a small scale.

Properties. It is a very soluble white salt, crystallizing in anhydrous cubes from a hot solution, and in oblique rhombic prisms, with two mols. of water, by spontaneous evaporation. It is officially described as in "colorless, cubical crystals, or a white, crystalline powder, odorless, and having a saline and slightly bitter taste. In moist air it deliquesces and becomes partially decomposed into sodium carbonate and free iodine, assuming, thereby, a reddish color. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 0·6 part of water, and in about 3 parts of alcohol; in 0·33 part of boiling water, and in 1·4 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated, the salt melts, and at a bright red heat it is slowly volatilized and partly decomposed. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral or but feebly alkaline to litmus paper. If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) 1 C.c. of chlorine water be added, iodine will be liberated and impart to the solution a yellow color. On agitating this mixture with a few drops of chloroform, the latter will acquire a violet color. If the salt be in distinct crystals, only few monoclinic prisms (containing 2 molecules of water) should be found among the regular cubes of the anhydrous salt. On drying 1 Gm. of the salt at 100° C. (212° F.), it should not lose more than 0·05 Gm. in weight (absence of more than 5 per cent. of *water*). A solution of 1 Gm. of the salt in 1 C.c. of water should yield no precipitate with 1 C.c. of sodium bitartrate test-solution (limit of *potassium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20), slightly acidulated with acetic acid, should remain clear after the addition of ammonium oxalate test-solution (absence of *calcium*), or of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, etc.). The addition of ammonium sulphide test-solution should not produce either a coloration or a turbidity in the aqueous solution (absence of *zinc*, *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in water, and 0·05 C.c. (1 drop) of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution added, no red color should be produced by the addition of a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution (limit of *alkali*). The aqueous solution, slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not be colored blue upon the addition of potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (absence of *iron*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of freshly boiled distilled water, and the solution mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, no blue color should appear either at once (absence of *free iodine*), or after the addition of a drop of diluted hydrochloric acid (absence of *iodate*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, no immediate turbidity should appear (limit of *sulphate*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be gently heated with 1 drop of ferrous sulphate test-solution and 0·5 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution, no blue color should appear after acidulating the mixture with hydrochloric acid (absence of *cyanide*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be mixed with 0·5 Gm. of iron filings and 0·5 Gm. of powdered zinc, and heated in a test-tube with 5 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution, no ammoniacal vapors should be evolved (absence of *nitrate* or *nitrite*). If 0·5 Gm. of the well-dried salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution added, it should not require more than 34·5 C.c. nor less than 33·4 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 98 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* "Its aqueous solution is only faintly precipitated by the addition of saccharated solution of lime. Ten grains requires for complete precipitation about 660 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of nitrate of silver*." *Br.*

Medical Properties. Sodium iodide has the same therapeutic effects and is used in the same diseases as potassium iodide. It is said to be better borne than the latter iodide. In Italy it has been used with remarkable success in *constitutional syphilis*. The dose is twenty grains (1·3 Gm.), gradually increased to forty (2·6 Gm.), three times a day, dissolved in three fluidounces (90 C.c.) of water. (See Prof. Procter's paper on the preparation of this iodide, in *A. J. P.*, July, 1854, p. 305.) At the suggestion of Prof. Gross, it was employed by Dr. John J. Black, at the Philadelphia Hospital, as a substitute for potassium iodide in the treatment of syphilitic affections, and seemed to be not less efficacious than that medicine, while producing none of its unpleasant effects. (*Am. Journ. of the Med. Sci.*, July, 1865, p. 87.)

SODII NITRAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Nitrate.

$NaNO_3$; 84·89. (SŌ'DI-Ī NĪ'TRĂS.) $NaNO_3$; 85.

"Sodium Nitrate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "A native salt, purified by crystallization from water." *Br.*

Nitrate of Soda, Cubic Nitre; Natrum Nitricum, *P. G.;* Nitras (Azotas) Sodicus, Nitrum Cubicum; Azotate (Nitrate) de Soude, Nitre cubique, Nitrate de Chili, *Fr.;* Chili-Salpeter, *G.*

This salt, called also *cubic nitre*, was recognized as official in 1870. Sodium nitrate is imported from South America, where it is found naturally, especially in the desert of Atacama, forming beds of vast extent. The nitrate deposits have been found uniformly through a zone 120 geographical miles in length north to south, and two geographical miles in width east to west. It is estimated that the nitrate beds contain the enormous quantity of 99,031,525 tons, and it is stated that with the present export duty the deposits will yield a revenue of £230,809,474. (*Jour. Soc. Chem. Ind.*, 1887, p. 229.) Attempts were made between 1820 and 1830 to export it to England and the United States; but the cargoes were unsalable. Soon afterwards, however, its value became known. The salt has been found also largely in Brazil, in the province of Bahia, near the river San Francisco. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1861, p. 502.) For an account of the sodium nitrate deposits of Chili, see *Potassii Nitras*. The recent importations of crude sodium nitrate have been: in 1890, 293,007,228 lbs.; in 1891, 219,712,640 lbs.; in 1892, 213,456,320 lbs. The crude salt is in saline lumps, rather soft and friable, and damp on the surface. Its varieties are classified, according to their color and state of aggregation, as *white compact*, *yellow*, *gray compact*, *gray crystalline*, *white crystalline*. The "*caliche*," as the crude mineral is called, contains from 48 to 75 per cent. of sodium nitrate, from 20 to 40 per cent. of sodium chloride, and smaller amounts of sodium sulphate, calcium sulphate, potassium nitrate, and potassium and sodium iodate (0·059 to 0·175 per cent. of iodine). Occasionally calcium borate, associated with sodium borate, is found under the beds of the nitrate.

Arrangements have been made for treating the crude nitrate so as to deliver it to commerce in a state of great purity. Exposure of the mineral to an open fire, which seems to have been first employed, has been entirely superseded by mechanical methods aided by steam, to prepare it for the subsequent steps of solution, crystallization, and desiccation. The Chilian nitre, prepared by the "Nitre Association of Tarapaca," never contains more than 0·5 or 0·667 per cent. of impurities. It is white, pearly, dry, and light, and does not require to be refined for the practical uses to which it is applied. (Thiercelin, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1868, p. 439.)

Properties. Sodium nitrate, when pure, is in "colorless, transparent, rhombohedral crystals, odorless, and having a cooling, saline, and slightly bitter taste. Deliquescent in moist air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 1·3 parts of water, and in about 100 parts of alcohol; in 0·6 part of boiling water, and in 40 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated at 312° C. (593·6° F.), the salt melts without decomposition. At a higher temperature it evolves oxygen, and is reduced to nitrite. On red-hot charcoal it deflagrates. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. If the aqueous solution be mixed in a test-tube with a drop of diphenylamine test-solution, and sulphuric acid be carefully poured in, so as to form a separate layer, a deep blue color will appear at the line of contact. A solution of 0·5 Gm. of the salt in 1 C.c. of water should not be precipitated or rendered turbid by 1 C.c. of sodium bitartrate test-solution (limit of *potassium*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of hydrogen sulphide test-solution or ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic* and *metallic impurities*); nor by the addition of equal parts of ammonia water and sodium phosphate test-solution (absence of *calcium*, *magnesium*, etc.). If the aqueous solution be mixed with a few drops, each, of hydrogen sulphide test-solution and starch test-solution, and then some chlorine water poured carefully upon the mixture, no blue color should appear at the line of contact (absence of *iodate* and *iodide*). No turbidity should be produced within five minutes in the aqueous solution, acidulated with nitric acid, on the addition of either barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*), or silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.* Like potassium nitrate, it deflagrates when thrown on the fire, but it is distinguished by giving rise to an orange-yellow flame, and by the rhomboidal shape of its crystals, those of nitre being long six-sided prisms. According to the Br. Pharm., it evolves ruddy fumes when warmed in a test-tube with sulphuric acid and copper wire.

Medical Uses. This salt has been praised as a remedy in *dysentery* (see 15th ed. U. S. D.), in the dose of half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.) in the course of the day in dilute solution, but is at present very rarely, if ever, used in practical medicine.

SODII NITRIS. U. S., Br. Sodium Nitrite.

$NaNO_2$; 68·93. (SŌ′DI-Ī NĪ′TRĬS.)

"Sodium Nitrite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Nitrite of Sodium, Nitrite of Soda.

This salt is official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 for the first time: it has been introduced for the purpose of furnishing the nitrous radical to ethyl nitrite in the preparation of spirit of nitrous ether. (See *Spiritus Ætheris Nitrosi.*) It is officially described as in "white, opaque, fused masses, usually in the form of pencils, or colorless, transparent, hexagonal crystals; odorless, and having a mild, saline taste. When exposed to the air, the salt deliquesces and is gradually oxidized to sodium nitrate. Soluble in about 1·5 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in boiling water; slightly soluble in alcohol. When heated, the salt melts, and at a red heat it is decomposed, yielding oxygen, nitrogen, nitrogen dioxide, and sodium oxide. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution gives an alkaline reaction with litmus paper. If the aqueous solution of the salt be mixed with some potassium iodide test-solution, and a few drops of an acid added, iodine will be liberated, and nitrogen dioxide gas will escape with effervescence. The salt should readily dissolve in 20 parts of water, forming a colorless solution, and leaving no insoluble residue (absence of *insoluble impurities*). If 1 drop of hydrochloric acid and a few drops of starch test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, no blue coloration should appear (absence of *iodide*). If 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution be mixed with an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, no coloration or precipitate should be produced (absence of *lead*, *arsenic*, *copper*, etc.). If 0·15 Gm. of Sodium Nitrite be dissolved in 5 C.c. of water, and introduced into a nitrometer, then followed by a solution of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide in 6 C.c. of water and 15 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid, the liberated nitrogen dioxide gas should measure not less than 50 C.c. at 15° C. (59° F.), or 51·7 C.c. at 25° C. (77° F.), corresponding to not less than 97·6 per cent. of the pure salt." *U. S.* The British Pharmacopœia defines it as "a white or yellowish-white deliquescent crystalline salt, very soluble in water. The solution is neutral or slightly alkaline, and when mixed with diluted sulphuric acid yields a gas which forms ruddy fumes in contact with the air. The aqueous solution, when mixed with solution of sulphate of iron and acetic acid, becomes of a deep-brown color. One grain of the salt dissolved in water and introduced into a nitrometer and tested with iodide of potassium and diluted sulphuric acid, should liberate not less than 325 grain-measures of nitric oxide, the gas being almost completely absorbed by strong solution of sulphate of iron; corresponding to not less than 95 per cent. of nitrite of sodium. The aqueous solution of the salt must not give more than traces of precipitate with solution of chloride of calcium."

Medical Properties and Uses. Sodium nitrite acts upon the animal organism precisely as do the other nitrites, being more slowly absorbed, however, and much less rapidly eliminated. Its influence is, therefore, more slowly manifested and much more permanent than is that of amyl nitrite or nitroglycerin. Ten grains are sufficient to cause flushing of the face and markedly increased heart-action; indeed, five grains are said to have produced serious symptoms. (*London Lancet*, ii. 1883.) It is evident that, although twenty grains of the commercial sodium nitrite have been given without serious effect, the dose of the pure article should not exceed three grains (0·19 Gm.).

SODII PHOSPHAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Phosphate. [Sodium Orthophosphate.]

$Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$; 357·32. (SŌ′DI-Ī PHŌS′PHĂS.) $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$; 358.

"Sodium Phosphate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Medicinal Tribasic Phosphate of Sodium, Phosphate of Soda; Natrum Phosphoricum, *P. G.*; Phosphas Sodicus (Natricus), Sal Mirabile Perlatum; Phosphate de Soude, *Fr.*; Phosphorsaures Natron, *G.*

A process for this salt is no longer official; that of the U. S. P. 1870 will be found in the foot-note.* The British Pharmacopœia directs that "this salt may be obtained by adding a

* *Sodii Phosphas.* "Take of Bone, calcined to whiteness and in fine powder, *one hundred and twenty troyounces*; Sulphuric Acid *seventy-two troyounces*; Carbonate of Sodium, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Mix the powder with the Sulphuric Acid in an earthen vessel: then add eight pints of Water, and, having stirred the mixture thoroughly, digest for three days, occasionally adding a little Water to replace that which is lost by evaporation, and frequently stirring the mixture. At the expiration of that time, pour in eight pints of boiling Water, and strain through muslin, gradually adding more boiling Water until the liquid passes nearly tasteless. Set by the strained liquor that the dregs may subside, and, having poured off the clear solution, boil it down to eight pints. To the concentrated liquid, poured off from the newly-formed dregs and heated in an iron vessel, add by degrees Carbonate of

solution of carbonate of sodium to a solution of acid phosphate of calcium prepared from a mixture of bone-ash and sulphuric acid."

The incombustible part of bones is obtained by burning them to whiteness, and consists of neutral calcium phosphate, called bone-phosphate, associated with some calcium carbonate, etc. (See *Os Ustum.*) When this is mixed with sulphuric acid, the calcium carbonate is entirely decomposed, giving rise to effervescence. The calcium phosphate undergoes partial decomposition; the greater part of the lime, being detached, precipitates as calcium sulphate, while the phosphoric acid, set free, combines with the undecomposed portion of the phosphate, and remains in solution as an acid calcium phosphate, holding dissolved a small portion of the calcium sulphate. In order to separate the acid phosphate from the precipitated mass of calcium sulphate, boiling water is added to the mixture, the whole is strained, and the sulphate washed as long as acid phosphate is removed, which is known by the water passing through in an acid state. The different liquids which have passed the strainer, consisting of the solution of acid calcium phosphate, are mixed and allowed to stand; and by cooling a portion of calcium sulphate is deposited, which is got rid of by decantation. The bulk of the liquid is now reduced by evaporation, and, in consequence of the diminution of the water, a fresh portion of calcium sulphate is deposited, which is separated by subsidence and decantation as before. The acid calcium phosphate solution, being heated, is now saturated by means of a hot solution of sodium carbonate. The carbonic acid is liberated with effervescence, and the alkali, combining with the *excess* of acid of the acid phosphate, produces a sodium phosphate; while the acid calcium phosphate, by the loss of its excess of acid, becomes the neutral phosphate and precipitates. The calcium phosphate is separated by a new filtration; and the filtered liquor, which is a solution of sodium phosphate, is evaporated so as to crystallize.

In the U. S. process of 1870 the calcined bone is to the acid as 10 to 6; in the Br. process of 1867 as 10 to 6½ nearly. The proportion recommended by Berzelius is as 10 to 6·66. The acid, in the former official process, was added to the calcined bone in the concentrated state, and afterwards diluted with more or less water. In the process given by Berzelius it is first diluted with twelve times its weight of water. All the writers state that sodium phosphate crystallizes more readily by allowing its solution to be slightly alkaline; and a remarkable fact is, that a neutral solution, when it crystallizes, leaves a supernatant liquid which is slightly acid and uncrystallizable. Hence it is necessary, after getting each successive crop of crystals, to render the mother-water neutral or slightly alkaline, before it will furnish an additional quantity.

M. Funcke, a German chemist, has given the following cheap and expeditious method for obtaining sodium phosphate. To the powdered calcined bone, diffused in water, sufficient diluted sulphuric acid is added to decompose all the calcium carbonate which it contains. When the effervescence ceases, the matter is treated with nitric acid, which dissolves the calcium phosphate and leaves the sulphate. The nitric solution of the phosphate is then treated with sodium sulphate, equal in quantity to the bone employed; and after the reaction is completed, the nitric acid is recovered by distillation. In consequence of a double decomposition, calcium sulphate and sodium phosphate are formed, the latter of which is separated by water, and crystallized in the usual manner.

Properties. The medicinal sodium phosphate is in "large, colorless, monoclinic prisms, odorless, and having a cooling, saline taste. The crystals effloresce in the air, and gradually lose 5 molecules of their water of crystallization (25·1 per cent.) Soluble in 5·8 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in somewhat less than 1·5 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to about 40° C. (104° F.), the salt fuses, yielding a colorless liquid. At 100° C. (212° F.), it loses all its water of crystallization (60·3 per cent.), and at a red heat it is converted into sodium pyrophosphate. It imparts to a non-luminous flame an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is slightly alkaline to litmus paper, but not to phenolphtalein paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields a white precipitate with magnesia mixture. With silver nitrate test-solution it yields a yellow precipitate, soluble in ammonia water and in nitric acid. If 0·5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) be mixed with 1 C.c. of ammonium molybdate test-solution, the mixture will at once assume a yellow color, and, after a few minutes, yield a yellow precipitate, the appearance of which is hastened by a gentle heat. No residue should be left on dissolving the salt in water (absence of *calcium*, etc.). No turbidity or coloration

Sodium, previously dissolved in hot Water, until effervescence ceases, and the phosphoric acid is completely saturated; then filter the liquid, and set it aside to crystallize. Having removed the crystals, add, if necessary, a small quantity of Carbonate of Sodium to the liquid, so as to render it slightly alkaline; then alternately evaporate and crystallize, so long as crystals are produced. Lastly, keep the crystals in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.*

should be produced in the aqueous solution by the addition of a small quantity of ammonium sulphide test-solution; or of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution after the addition of a few drops of hydrochloric acid (absence of *metallic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of the powdered salt be shaken with 3 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), then a small piece of pure tin-foil added, and a gentle heat applied, no brown coloration should appear within fifteen minutes (limit of *arsenic*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 4 C.c. of water, and 1 C.c. of sodium bitartrate test-solution then added, the solution should remain perfectly clear (limit of *potassium*). No effervescence should occur on the addition of hydrochloric or nitric acid to a solution of the salt (absence of *carbonate*). On adding to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution, a pure yellow precipitate will be formed, which should not become dark-colored by heating (absence of *hypophosphite*, etc.), and which, upon the addition of nitric acid, should yield a perfectly clear, or, at most, only a very slightly opalescent liquid (limit of *chloride*). If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, 0·5 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution be added, the solution should not be rendered more than very slightly opalescent (limit of *sulphate*)." *U. S.* Before the blowpipe it first undergoes the aqueous fusion, and afterwards, at a red heat, melts into a globule of limpid glass, which becomes opaque on cooling. It is liable to adulteration, sometimes containing sodium carbonate, from this salt having been added in excess in its preparation; in which case it will effervesce with acids. If it contain sodium sulphate, or any other soluble sulphate, the precipitate caused by barium chloride will be a mixture of barium sulphate and phosphate, and will not be totally soluble in nitric acid. Dr. A. B. Lyons found a specimen which consisted almost entirely of sodium sulphate. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 371; see also *N. R.*, April, 1877.) Barium chloride will detect sodium carbonate also, by producing a precipitate of barium carbonate, soluble with effervescence in nitric acid. If a chloride be present, the *yellow* precipitate caused by silver nitrate will be a mixed one of silver chloride and phosphate, not entirely soluble in the same acid. The salt is incompatible with soluble salts of lime, with which it gives a precipitate of calcium phosphate, and with neutral metallic solutions. It is found in several of the animal secretions, particularly the urine. For an elaborate article upon the methods of determining the percentage of phosphates present in a substance, see *Chem. News*, Oct. 1874, p. 200.

The medicinal sodium phosphate is one of the three sodium salts of tribasic phosphoric acid, H_3PO_4. In this salt two of the three replaceable hydrogen atoms have been replaced by sodium, so that its formula is HNa_2PO_4, which then crystallizes out with 12 mols. of water. Its complete formula is then $HNa_2PO_4 + 12H_2O$. When gently heated, it loses its water of crystallization; and at a red heat the salt is converted into *sodium pyrophosphate*, $Na_4P_2O_7$. (See *Sodii Pyrophosphas.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Sodium phosphate was introduced into practice, about the year 1800, by the late Dr. Pearson, of London. In doses of from one to two ounces (31·1–62·2 Gm.) it is a mild purgative, and, from its pure saline taste, is well adapted to the cases of children, and of persons of delicate stomach. In smaller doses it has been considerably used, generally in connection with other phosphates, to meet any real or supposed deficiency of phosphates in the system, and for this purpose it is well adapted by its ready solubility. As was first observed by Dr. Wm. Stephenson, of Edinburgh, it has, especially in children, an extraordinary influence upon the hepatic secretion. In infantile cases, with *white or green stools*, with *diarrhœa*, and sometimes with *jaundice*, these evidences of deficient or disordered bile often quickly yield to small doses of sodium phosphate, the passages assuming their healthy yellow color, and the attendant disease generally disappearing. The dose is from three or four to ten grains (0·20 or 0·26–0·65 Gm.) for children, according to the age, and is best administered with their food, especially milk, and may be repeated whenever there is occasion to give food. To adults from twenty to forty grains (1·3–2·6 Gm.) may be given, dissolved in water, after meals. These statements of Dr. Stephenson are confirmed by the experience of Dr. H. C. Wood, at least in regard to children.

SODII PHOSPHAS EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescent Phosphate of Sodium.

(SŌ′DI-Ī PHŎS′PHĂS ĔF-FĔR-VĔS′CĔNS.)

Sodæ Phosphas Effervescens; Effervescent Phosphate of Soda.

"Take of Phosphate of Sodium, in crystals, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [av.]; Tartaric Acid, in powder, *thirteen and one-half ounces*

[av.]; Citric Acid, in powder, *nine ounces* [av.]. Dry the phosphate of sodium until it has lost rather more than half (sixty per cent.) of its weight; powder the product and mix it with the other ingredients. Place the mixture in a dish or pan of suitable form heated to between 200° and 220° F. (93°·3 and 104°·4 C.), and when the particles of the powder begin to aggregate, stir them assiduously until they assume a granular form; then, by means of suitable sieves, separate the granules of uniform and most convenient size, and preserve the preparation in well-closed bottles. The final product should weigh about *fifty ounces* [av.]." *Br.*

This salt has been introduced in the "Additions" to the British Pharmacopœia: it affords a pleasant method of administering sodium phosphate. Dose, from one-quarter to one-half ounce (7·7–15·5 Gm.).

SODII PYROPHOSPHAS. U. S. Sodium Pyrophosphate.

$Na_4P_2O_7.10H_2O$; 445·24. (SŌ′DI-Ī PĪ-RŌ-PHŎS′PHĂS.) $Na_4P_2O_7.10H_2O$; 446.

This official salt is prepared by heating sodium phosphate in a suitable vessel to redness. When sodium phosphate is subjected to a temperature of 44° C. (111·2° F.), it melts in its water of crystallization; if the heat be increased to 100° C. (212° F.), all the water will be dispelled, and but 40 per cent. of the original weight remain; at 300° C. (572° F.) it is converted into the tetrabasic phosphate or pyrophosphate. By dissolving this residue in water, filtering, and crystallizing, the salt may be obtained.*

Properties. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, or a crystalline powder, odorless, and having a cooling, saline, and feebly alkaline taste. Permanent in cool air, slightly efflorescent in warm air. Soluble in 12 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 1·1 parts of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol. When heated to 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization (40·34 per cent.) without previous fusion. At a higher temperature it fuses, forming a transparent liquid, which, on cooling, solidifies to a crystalline mass. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. Its aqueous solution is feebly alkaline to litmus and to phenolphtalein paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields with magnesia mixture a white precipitate; with silver nitrate test-solution it yields a precipitate of a pure white color (distinction from *orthophosphate*), soluble in ammonia water and in nitric acid. With ammonium molybdate test-solution no precipitate is formed within 15 or 20 minutes, even when a gentle heat is applied (distinction from *orthophosphate*). No turbidity or coloration should be produced in the aqueous solution (1 in 20) by the addition of a small quantity of ammonium sulphide test-solution; or of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution after the addition of a few drops of hydrochloric acid (absence of *metallic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of the powdered salt be shaken with 3 C.c. of stannous chloride test-solution (see List of Reagents, Bettendorff's Test for Arsenic), then a small piece of pure tin-foil added, and a gentle heat applied, no brown coloration should appear within fifteen minutes (limit of *arsenic*). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 6 C.c. of water, and 1 C.c. of sodium bitartrate test-solution then added, the solution should remain perfectly clear (limit of *potassium*). No effervescence should occur on the addition of hydrochloric or nitric acid to a solution of the salt (absence of *carbonate*). In the aqueous solution of the salt, rendered acid by nitric acid, not more than a very slight opalescence should be produced by silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*), or by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The action of this salt upon the human economy is probably that of the phosphate. It was introduced into the Pharmacopœia on account of its use in the process for ferric pyrophosphate.

SODII SALICYLAS. U. S., Br., Sodium Salicylate.

$NaC_7H_5O_3$; 159·67. (SŌ′DI-Ī SĂL-I-CŸ′LĂS.)

"Sodium Salicylate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, protected from heat and light." *U. S.* "Obtained by the action of salicylic acid on carbonate of sodium or on caustic soda." *Br.*

This salt was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the revision of 1880. It is prepared by mixing 100 parts of pure salicylic acid with sufficient water to form a paste, and then with 104 parts of pure crystallized sodium carbonate (uneffloresced) in a glass or porcelain vessel; carbonic acid gas will be evolved, and sodium salicylate will remain in solution. The liquid may be strained through thoroughly-washed muslin, if necessary, and heated in a

* This salt has been highly recommended for removing ink-stains from colored cotton fabrics. It is said to remove the stains slowly without affecting the other colors.

capsule until the carbonic acid gas is expelled. If alkaline to litmus paper, enough salicylic acid must be added to be slightly in excess, and the solution is then evaporated at a low heat to dryness. If the acid be not in excess, the salt will not be white, but gray or lead-colored.*

Properties. Pure sodium salicylate is "a white, amorphous powder, odorless, and having a sweetish, saline taste. Permanent in cool air. Soluble in 0·9 part of water, and in 6 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.); very soluble in boiling water or alcohol; also soluble in glycerin. When heated, the salt is decomposed, giving off inflammable vapors and an odor of phenol, and finally leaves a residue of sodium carbonate. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution slightly reddens blue litmus paper. Ferric chloride test-solution, added to an excess of a concentrated solution of the salt, produces a red precipitate; but when added to a very dilute solution (1 in 100), it produces a deep violet-blue color. If copper sulphate test-solution be added to the aqueous solution (1 in 20), a green color will be produced. On adding to about 0·2 Gm. of the salt, in a test-tube, about 1 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid, and then, cautiously, about 1 C.c. of methylic alcohol in drops, on heating the mixture to boiling, the odor of methyl salicylate will be evolved. Hydrochloric or sulphuric acid produces in a concentrated aqueous solution of the salt a voluminous, white precipitate, which, after being separated by filtration, and washed, should conform to the reactions and tests given under *Acidum Salicylicum*. The aqueous solution should be colorless, even when concentrated, and should not effervesce on the addition of acids (absence of *carbonate*). When the solution (1 in 20) is mixed with a small quantity of ammonium sulphide test-solution, or with an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, no coloration or turbidity should appear (absence of *metallic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in a mixture of 50 C.c. of alcohol and 25 C.c. of water, then acidulated with nitric acid and filtered, a portion of the filtrate should not be rendered turbid by the addition of a few drops of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). Another portion of the filtrate should remain clear on the addition of a few drops of silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*). If 1 part of the salt be agitated with 15 parts of cold, concentrated sulphuric acid, no brown color should be produced within fifteen minutes (absence of *readily carbonizable, organic impurities*)." *U. S.* Sodium salicylate is incompatible with antipyrin.

Medical Properties. The action of sodium salicylate upon the economy, and its therapeutic use, are precisely those of salicylic acid, except that the salt is not locally irritating, and, being soluble, is more rapidly absorbed. When salicylic acid is administered, it is probably converted into sodium salicylate as fast as it is taken into the blood. One drachm contains forty-eight grains of the acid. The dose is from fifteen to thirty grains (1–2 Gm.), administered in aromatized solution three to four times a day.

SODII SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Sulphate. [Glauber's Salt.]

$Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$; 321·42. (SŌ'DI-Ī SŬL'PHĂS.) $Na_2SO_4.10H_2O$; 322.

"Sodium Sulphate should be kept in well-closed vessels." *U. S.* "May be obtained from the residue left in the manufacture of hydrochloric acid from chloride of sodium, by neutralizing it with carbonate of sodium, and crystallizing from solution in water." *Br.*

Sulphate of Soda; Natrum Sulfuricum, *P. G.;* Sulfas Sodicus (Natricus), Sal mirabile Glauberi; Vitriolated Soda,

* Dr. Hager (*N. R.*, Nov. 1879) has furnished the following table, whereby, in the absence of the crystallized sodium salicylate, the salt may be prepared in *solution*, by using the following proportions, in parts by weight, of salicylic acid and sodium bicarbonate.

To make of Sodium Salicylate	Take of		To make of Sodium Salicylate	Take of		To make of Sodium Salicylate	Take of		To make of Sodium Salicylate	Take of	
	Salicylic Acid	Sodium Bicarbonate		Salicylic Acid	Sodium Bicarbonate		Salicylic Acid	Sodium Bicarbonate		Salicylic Acid	Sodium Bicarbonate
4	3·3	2·0	11	9·0	5·5	18	14·7	9·0	25	20·4	12·5
5	4·1	2·5	12	9·8	6·0	19	15·5	9·5	26	21·2	13·0
6	4·9	3·0	13	10·6	6·5	20	16·3	10·0	27	21·11	13·5
7	5·7	3·5	14	11·4	7·0	21	17·2	10·5	28	22·9	14·0
8	6·5	4·0	15	12·2	7·5	22	18·0	11·0	29	23·7	14·5
9	7·4	4·5	16	13·1	8·0	23	18·8	11·5	30	24·5	15·0
10	8·2	5·0	17	13·9	8·5	24	19·6	12·0			

Glauber's Salt; Sulfate de Soude, Sel de Glauber, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Natron, Glaubersalz, *G.;* Sulfato di Soda, *It.;* Sulfato de Soda, Sal de Glaubero, *Sp.*

Sodium sulphate, in small quantities, is extensively diffused in nature, and is obtained artificially in several chemical operations. It exists in solution in many mineral springs, among which may be mentioned those of Cheltenham and Carlsbad; and it is found combined with calcium sulphate, constituting a distinct mineral. Many ponds containing this salt are found in the country between Santa Fé and the head-waters of the Arkansas, and on the route to the Rocky Mountains. The water in one of these ponds forms a solution so highly concentrated that in dry weather the salt crystallizes on the surface to the depth of several inches, so as to have the appearance of limpid ice. (*A. J. P.*, xii. 110.) A large deposit of Glauber's salt has been found in the Caucasus, not far from Tiflis. It is about 10 feet below the surface, and was penetrated 5 feet, and probably extended much deeper. There are, besides, in the same region, various lakelets containing the same salt in solution. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1872, p. 151.) As an artificial product, it is formed in the processes for obtaining hydrochloric acid and chlorine, and in the preparation of ammonium chloride from ammonium sulphate and common salt. It may also be procured from sea-water, in which its ingredients are present.

Immense quantities of sodium sulphate are made by decomposing common salt by sulphuric acid, in the manufacture of soda-ash and sodium carbonate (see *Sodii Carbonas*); and, so far from the generated hydrochloric acid being a product of much value, its absorption in a convenient way, so as to avoid the nuisance of its escape into the atmosphere in a gaseous state, is an object of importance to the manufacturer. (See *Acidum Hydrochloricum.*) MM. Thomas, Dellisse, and Boucard have proposed a new process for preparing sodium sulphate, by double decomposition between sodium chloride and ferrous sulphate. This process avoids the production of hydrochloric acid vapors, and is said to furnish a cheap salt.

The residue of the process for obtaining chlorine by the action of sulphuric acid and manganese dioxide on common salt is a mixture of sodium sulphate and manganous sulphate. Large quantities of this residue are formed in manufacturing chlorinated lime (bleaching powder); and the sodium sulphate in it, roughly purified, supplies a part of the consumption of this salt in making soda-ash and sodium carbonate.

The process for obtaining ammonium chloride from ammonium sulphate and common salt forms another source of sodium sulphate. By double decomposition, sodium sulphate and ammonium chloride are formed; and by exposing the mixed salts to heat, the ammonium chloride sublimes, and the sodium sulphate remains behind. (See *Ammonii Chloridum.*)

Properties. Sodium sulphate is in "large, colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, or granular crystals, odorless, and having a bitter, saline taste. The salt effloresces rapidly in the air, and finally loses all its water of crystallization. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 2·8 parts of water. The solubility increases up to 34° C. (93·2° F.), when its maximum is attained, 1 part of the salt then dissolving in somewhat less than 0·25 part of water; from thence it gradually decreases with rising temperature, until 1 part requires 0·47 part of boiling water for solution. Insoluble in alcohol; soluble in glycerin. When heated to 33° C. (91·4° F.), the salt fuses, and, on being heated to 100° C. (212° F.), loses all its water (55·9 per cent.). At a red heat the anhydrous salt fuses without decomposition. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields, with barium chloride test-solution, a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. If to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) 1 C.c. of sodium phosphate test-solution and 0·5 C.c. of ammonia water be added, no turbidity or precipitate should be produced, even after agitation (absence of *magnesium*, etc.). The solution should not effervesce on the addition of an acid (absence of *carbonate*). It should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of ammonium sulphide test-solution; or of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, after being acidulated with hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic* and *metallic impurities*). After acidulation with nitric acid, the aqueous solution should remain clear, or at most be rendered only very slightly opalescent, on the addition of silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.* When recently prepared, it is beautifully transparent; but by exposure to the air it effloresces, and the crystals become covered with an opaque white powder. By long exposure it undergoes complete efflorescence, and falls into powder with loss of more than half its weight. A supersaturated solution of sodium sulphate will remain without crystallizing at ordinary temperatures, even though containing several times the weight of the salt that will be dissolved at the same degree of heat. But the solution instantly forms into a crystalline mass upon adding to it a fragment of the same salt crystallized, or other sub-

stances that have been exposed to the air, or upon abruptly placing it in contact with the air. M. D. Gernez appears to have proved that in each instance the cause of crystallization is the same, namely, sodium sulphate containing 10 mols. of water; and where the crystal itself is not added, the result is owing to sodium sulphate existing in the air. (See *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1865, p. 379.) Subjected to heat, it dissolves in its water of crystallization, then dries, and afterwards by the application of a red heat melts with the loss of 55½ per cent. of its weight. M. Coppet has ascertained that there are two varieties of the anhydrous sulphate.—one in which the salt is deprived of its water at ordinary temperature, the other in which the desiccation is effected at a heat above that of 33° C. (91·4° F.). The two differ in their relation to the crystallization of the salt, the former causing immediate crystallization when thrown into a supersaturated solution, the second not. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1874, p. 36.) Occasionally it contains an excess of acid or alkali, which may be discovered by litmus or turmeric paper. Common salt may be detected by silver nitrate; a salt of iron by potassium ferrocyanide. This salt is not subject to adulteration. It is incompatible with potassium carbonate, calcium chloride, the salts of barium, lead acetate and subacetate, and with silver nitrate if the solutions are strong. It consists of two atoms of sodium combined with the group SO_4 characteristic of sulphates, and crystallized with 10 mols. of water, $Na_2SO_4 + 10H_2O$.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sodium sulphate in doses of from half an ounce to an ounce (15·5–31·1 Gm.) is an efficient hydragogue cathartic; in smaller doses, an aperient and diuretic. When in an effloresced state, the dose must be reduced one-half, on account of its having lost about one-half of its weight in water. Sodium sulphate is much less used than formerly, having been almost entirely superseded by magnesium sulphate, which is less disagreeable to take and milder in its action. Its nauseous taste, however, may be disguised by the admixture of a little lemon-juice or cream of tartar, or by the addition of a few drops of sulphuric acid. It is an ingredient in the artificial Cheltenham salt. (See Part II.) M. D. de Luca has found sodium sulphate remarkably efficient in removing *stains* or *opacity* of the *cornea*, if applied in the form of powdered crystals directly to the eyeball twice daily. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Sept. 1867.) The only uses of sodium sulphate in the arts are to make sodium carbonate and some kinds of glass. It has no official preparations.

SODII SULPHAS EFFERVESCENS. Br. Effervescent Sulphate of Sodium.

(SŌ'DI-Ī SŬL'PHĂS ĔF-FĘR-VĔS'CĘNȘ.)

Sodæ Sulphas Effervescens; Effervescent Sulphate of Soda.

"Take of Sulphate of Sodium, in crystals, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [av.]; Tartaric Acid, in powder, *thirteen and one-half ounces* [av.]; Citric Acid, in powder, *nine ounces* [av.]. Dry the sulphate of sodium until it has lost rather more than half (fifty-six per cent.) of its weight; powder the product and mix it with the other ingredients. Place the mixture in a dish or pan of suitable form heated to between 200° and 220° F. (93·3° and 104·4° C.), and when the particles of the powder begin to aggregate, stir them assiduously until they assume a granular form; then, by means of suitable sieves, separate the granules of uniform and most convenient size, and preserve the preparation in well-closed bottles. The final product should weigh about *fifty ounces* [av.]." *Br.*

This is a new official preparation of the British Pharmacopœia, having been introduced in the "Additions." It is used as an effervescent laxative, in the dose of one-quarter to one-half ounce (7·7–15·5 Gm.) dissolved in cold water and taken while effervescing.

SODII SULPHIS. U. S., Br. Sodium Sulphite.

$Na_2SO_3.7H_2O$; 251·58. (SŌ'DI-Ī SŬL'PHĪS.) $Na_2SO_3.7H_2O$; 252.

"Sodium Sulphite should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.* "Obtained by the action of sulphurous acid on carbonate of sodium or on caustic soda." *Br.*

Natrum Sulfurosum, Sulfis Sodicus (Natricus); Sulfite de Soude, *Fr.*; Schwefligsaures Natron, *G.*

This salt may be prepared by passing sulphurous acid gas into a solution of sodium carbonate, and evaporating out of contact of the air. The sulphurous acid unites with the soda of the carbonate to form sodium sulphite, and the carbonic acid escapes. After sufficient concentration, the solution is allowed to cool, and the salt crystallizes. A better way, however, is to dissolve a convenient weight of sodium carbonate in a small quantity of water, then pass the sulphurous acid gas through the solution until it is completely saturated, and acid sodium sulphite is formed. The addition of an equal weight of sodium carbonate forms a

solution of the neutral sulphite, which is to be evaporated and crystallized. On exposure the salt gradually changes into a sulphate.

Properties. Sodium sulphite is in "colorless, transparent, monoclinic prisms, odorless, and having a cooling, saline, sulphurous taste. In air the salt effloresces, and is slowly oxidized to sulphate. Soluble in 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·9 part of boiling water; sparingly soluble in alcohol. When gently heated, the salt softens somewhat, but does not fuse. Above 100° C. (212° F.) the crystals lose all their water (50 per cent.), without fusing or changing their shape. At a red heat the salt fuses to a reddish-yellow mass of sodium sulphate and sodium sulphide. To a non-luminous flame the salt imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral or feebly alkaline to litmus paper. Upon the addition of hydrochloric acid to the salt or its solution, sulphur dioxide gas is liberated, which is recognized by its odor, and by its blackening a strip of paper moistened with mercurous nitrate test-solution and held in the escaping gas; the solution remains clear, no sulphur being separated (distinction from *hyposulphite*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after the addition of ammonia water in slight excess (absence of *metallic impurities*). If a solution of 2·5 Gm. of the salt in 11 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid be heated sufficiently to expel the sulphur dioxide, then 0·15 C.c. of barium chloride test-solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unaffected by the further addition of barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*). If 1·2 Gm. of Sodium Sulphite be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted nitric acid, the solution heated to expel the gases, then 0·4 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution added, and the precipitate, if any, removed by filtration, the clear filtrate should remain unchanged by the further addition of silver nitrate volumetric solution (limit of *chloride*). If 0·63 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 25 C.c. of water recently boiled to expel air, and a little starch test-solution be added, at least 48 C.c. of iodine decinormal volumetric solution should be required to produce a permanent blue tint (each C.c. corresponding to 2 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.* Sulphuric acid added to the solution gives rise to a smell of burning sulphur, owing to the escape of sulphurous acid; and the liquid remains transparent, indicating the absence of lime. Sodium sulphite consists of two atoms of sodium combined with the group SO_3, characteristic of sulphites, and crystallized with 7 mols. of water, $Na_2SO_3 + 7H_2O$.

Medical Uses. Sodium sulphite has been used in cases of *yeasty vomiting* with remarkable success. The matter vomited in these cases contains two microscopic fungi, called sarcina ventriculi and torula cerevisiæ. The remedy was first used at the suggestion of Prof. Graham, of London, who supposed that the sulphurous acid, necessarily extricated from the salt in the stomach by the acid of the yeasty matter, would destroy the parasites. Sodium sulphite is sometimes used locally, especially in that species of *aphthous sore mouth* which is attributed to a parasitic vegetable. The wash may be made of a drachm of the salt to a fluidounce of water. It is said that the solution acts with surprising rapidity, a single application of it sometimes removing the disease in 24 hours. Dr. Astrié, an Italian physician, has proposed this salt as a remedy for the constitutional effects of mercury, when used in excess, on the ground that it has the power of rendering the metal soluble. The dose of sodium sulphite is a drachm (3·9 Gm.) three times a day. It has also been largely given internally as an antizymotic (see *Sodii Hyposulphis*), but without general success. According to M. Carey Lea (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, Jan. 1865), it is partially converted in the system into a sulphate and partially escapes with the urine unchanged.

SODII SULPHOCARBOLAS. U. S., Br. Sodium Sulphocarbolate.

[Sodium Paraphenolsulphonate.]

$NaSO_3C_6H_4(OH).2H_2O$; 231·56. $NaC_6H_5SO_4.2H_2O$; 232.

(SŌ′DI-Ī SŬL-PHŌ-CĂR′BŌ-LĂS.)

"Obtained by dissolving carbolic acid in excess of sulphuric acid, supersaturating the liquid with carbonate of barium, filtering, and treating the filtrate with carbonate of sodium until no further precipitate forms. The filtrate from this mixture yields crystals of sulphocarbolate of sodium on evaporation." *Br.*

Sodium Sulphophenate; Sulfophénate de Soude, *Fr.*; Phenylschwefelsaures Natron, *G.*

Sodium sulphocarbolate may be made by mixing equal parts of pure carbolic acid and strong sulphuric acid, whereby *paraphenol sulphonic acid* (sulphocarbolic acid), $C_6H_4(HSO_3)OH$, is produced. The mixed liquids must be subjected to a temperature of 55° C. (131° F.) for

several days, and then twenty parts of water should be added. Two parts of barium carbonate are mixed with the liquid, a little at a time, carefully graduating the quantity until effervescence ceases. The liquid is now allowed to stand to permit the precipitation of barium sulphate, and of any carbonate which might be present, and the liquor filtered. The solution of *barium sulphocarbolate* is decomposed by adding sodium carbonate until precipitation ceases, when the liquid is filtered from the barium carbonate, and the sodium sulphocarbolate may be obtained by evaporating the filtrate and crystallizing.

Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes this salt as in "colorless, transparent, rhombic prisms, odorless, and having a cooling, saline, slightly bitter taste. Somewhat efflorescent in dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 4·8 parts of water, and in 132 parts of alcohol; in 0·7 part of boiling water, and in 10 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated a little above 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses all its water (15·5 per cent.) and becomes white. At a higher temperature it chars, emits inflammable vapors having the odor of phenol, and finally leaves a residue of sodium sulphate amounting to 30·6 per cent. of the original weight. To a non-luminous flame it imparts an intense, yellow color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. A dilute solution (1 in 100) of the salt is rendered pale violet by ferric chloride test-solution, but remains clear; barium chloride test-solution leaves the solution clear, but if a portion of the salt be ignited, and the residue dissolved in water, the same reagent will produce in the solution a copious, white precipitate. In the aqueous solution (1 in 20) neither hydrogen sulphide test-solution nor ammonium sulphide test-solution should produce any turbidity or coloration (absence of *metallic impurities*); nor should more than a faint opalescence be produced by barium chloride test-solution (limit of *sulphate*), or by silver nitrate test-solution (limit of *chloride*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The sulphocarbolates have been introduced into medicine with the idea that they would unite the properties of sulphuric and carbolic acids. It is, however, probable that they are inert: future experiment and clinical study can alone give us positive information.

SODII VALERIANAS. Br. Valerianate of Sodium.

(SŌ'DI-Ī VA-LĒ-RI-Ā'NĂS.)

Natrum Valerianicum, Valerianas Sodicus (Natricus); Valérianate de Soude, *Fr.*; Baldriansaures Natron, *G.*

"Take of Amylic Alcohol *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Bichromate of Potassium *nine ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *six fluidounces and a half* [Imp. meas.]; Solution of Soda *a sufficiency;* Water *half a gallon* [Imp. meas.]. Dilute the Sulphuric Acid with ten fluidounces of the Water, and dissolve the Bichromate of Potassium in the remainder of the Water with the aid of heat. When both liquids are cold, mix them with the Amylic Alcohol in a retort or flask, with occasional brisk agitation, until the temperature of the mixture has fallen to about 90° F. (32°·2 C.). Connect with a condenser, and distil until about half a gallon of liquid has passed over. Saturate the distilled liquid accurately with the Solution of Soda, remove any oily fluid which floats on the surface, evaporate till watery vapor ceases to escape, and then raise the heat cautiously so as to liquefy the salt. When the product has cooled and solidified, break it into pieces, and immediately put it into a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Sodium valerianate was dismissed from the U. S. Pharmacopœia in the revision of 1870. The British process consists of two steps: first, the artificial formation of valerianic acid, and, second, the saturation of this acid with caustic soda. By distilling fusel oil with a mixture of sulphuric acid and potassium bichromate, valerianic acid is formed, and passes over with water. The change is effected by the oxidizing agency of the chromic acid of the bichromate; for when the amyl alcohol of the fusel oil loses two atoms of hydrogen by oxidation, and gains one of oxygen, it is converted into valerianic acid: thus, $C_5H_{12}O + O_2 = C_5H_{10}O_2 + H_2O$. (See *Potassii Bichromas* and *Alcohol Amylicum.*) The distillate, by exact saturation with the solution of caustic soda, is converted into a solution of sodium valerianate, which, by the application of heat until the water is driven off and the residual matter is partially liquefied, furnishes, on cooling, the concrete salt. The small portion of oil that floats on the surface of the solution is amyl valerianate, $C_5H_{11},C_5H_9O_2$.

Properties. Sodium valerianate is a deliquescent, very soluble salt, in snow-white masses, having the disagreeable odor of valerianic acid, and a taste at first styptic, but afterwards sweetish. When heated to 140·5° C. (285° F.), it fuses without loss of acid, and upon cooling concretes into a white solid. The salt, as officially ordered, is in the form produced by fusion. Its formula is $NaC_5H_9O_2$. It is little used medically, having been originally introduced into the Dublin Pharmacopœia in 1850 for the sole purpose of forming, by double decomposition,

iron, quinine, and zinc valerianates, and retained in the Br. Pharmacopœia for the preparation of the last-mentioned salt. It may, however, be given as a nervous stimulant in the dose of from one to five grains (0·065–0·33 Gm.).

SPARTEINÆ SULPHAS. U. S. Sparteine Sulphate.

(SPÄR-TĒ-Ī'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$C_{15}H_{26}N_2H_2SO_4, 4H_2O$; 403.23.

"The neutral sulphate of an alkaloid obtained from Scoparius." *U. S.*

This is a new official alkaloidal salt, prepared from Scoparius (see page 1210). It is officially described as in "colorless, white, prismatic crystals, or a granular powder, odorless, and having a slightly saline and somewhat bitter taste. Liable to attract moisture when exposed to damp air. Very soluble in water and alcohol. When heated to about 83° C. (181·4° F.), the salt begins to lose its water of crystallization, all of which escapes at 100° C. (212° F.). At about 136° C. (276·8° F.) it melts, and, upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. The salt is neutral to litmus paper. If 25 C.c. of ether be added to about 0·1 Gm. of Sparteine Sulphate in a test-tube, then a few drops of dilute ammonia water, so that the latter shall not be in excess, and an ethereal solution of iodine (1 in 50) be afterwards added until the liquid, when shaken, turns from an orange to a dark reddish-brown color, the bottom and sides of the test-tube will after a short time be found coated with minute, dark greenish-brown crystals, distinctly seen with a lens after the liquid has been poured out. On shaking 0·05 Gm. of the salt, in a test-tube, with 5 C.c. of potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution, the liquid will at first be turbid, and small drops of sparteine will gradually collect on the surface. If a strip of moistened red litmus paper be suspended in the mouth of the test-tube, and a gentle heat then applied, the test-paper will gradually acquire a blue color, but no ammoniacal odor should be perceptible (absence of *ammonium salts*)." *U. S.*

For an account of the physiological and therapeutic action of this alkaloid, see *Scoparius.*

Dose, from one-sixth to one-half grain (0·011–0·03 Gm.).

SPIGELIA. U. S. Spigelia. [Pinkroot.]

(SPĮ-ĢĒ'LĮ-Ą.)

"The rhizome and rootlets of Spigelia marilandica, Linné (nat. ord. Loganiaceæ)." *U. S.*

Spigélie du Maryland, *Fr.;* Marylandische Spigelie, Spigelie, *G.;* Spigelia, *It.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted. *Corolla* funnel-shaped, border five-cleft, equal. *Capsule* didymous, two-celled, four-valved, many-seeded. *Nuttall.*



Spigelia, transverse section.

Two species of Spigelia have attracted attention as anthelmintics, *S. anthelmia* of South America and the West Indies, and *S. marilandica* of this country. *S. anthelmia* is an annual of South America and the West Indies, which is said to be very much used, as an anthelmintic, in the countries where it grows, and to be even more powerful and certain in its influence than is the official species. In overdoses it appears to act as a powerful poison, which has proved fatal to man, and which not infrequently has killed domestic animals.

Spigelia marilandica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 825; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 142; Barton, *Med. Bot.* ii. 75; *B. & T.* 180. The *Carolina pink* is an herbaceous plant with a perennial root, which sends off numerous fibrous branches. The stems, several of which rise from the same root, are simple, erect, four-sided, nearly smooth, and from twelve to twenty inches high. The leaves are opposite, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, entire, and smooth, with the veins and margins slightly pubescent. Each stem terminates in a spike, which leans to one side, and supports from four to twelve flowers with very short peduncles. The calyx is persistent, with five long, subulate, slightly serrate leaves, reflexed in the ripe fruit. The corolla is funnel-shaped, and much longer than the calyx, with the tube inflated in the middle, and the border divided into five acute, spreading segments. It is of a rich carmine color externally, paler at the base,

and orange-yellow within. The edges of the segments are slightly tinged with green. The stamens, though apparently very short, and inserted into the upper part of the tube between the segments, may be traced down its internal surface to the base. The anthers are oblong, heart-shaped; the germ superior, ovate; the style about the length of the corolla, and terminating in a linear fringed stigma projecting considerably beyond it. The capsule is double, consisting of two cohering, globular, one-celled portions, with many seeds.

The plant is a native of our Southern and Southwestern States, being seldom found north of the Potomac. It grows in rich soils on the borders of woods, and flowers from May to July. The root is the only part recognized in the Pharmacopœias. The drug was formerly collected in Georgia and the neighboring States by the Creek and Cherokee Indians, who disposed of it to the white traders. The whole plant was gathered and dried, and came to us in bales or casks. After the emigration of the Indians, the supply of spigelia from this source very much diminished, and it has now nearly if not quite ceased. The consequence was for a time a great scarcity, and an increase in the price of the drug; but a new source of supply was opened from the Western and Southwestern States, and it is now again plentiful. As we receive spigelia at present, it consists chiefly if not exclusively of the root, without the stems and leaves. We have been informed that most of it comes in casks or bales from St. Louis by the way of New Orleans. That contained in casks is to be preferred, as less liable to be damp and mouldy.

Properties. Pinkroot consists of numerous slender, branching, crooked, wrinkled fibres, from three to six inches long, attached to a knotty head or caudex, which exhibits traces of the stems of former years. It is brownish or yellowish-brown externally, of a faint, peculiar smell, and a sweetish, slightly bitter, not very disagreeable taste. On microscopic examination the middle layer is seen to be very well developed and the nucleus sheath wanting. It is officially described as "of horizontal growth, about 5 Cm. or more long, 2 or 3 Mm. thick, dark purplish-brown, bent, somewhat branched, on the upper side with cup-shaped scars; on the lower side with numerous, thin, brittle, lighter-colored roots, about 10 Cm. long; the rhizome internally with a whitish wood and a pith which is usually dark-colored or decayed; odor somewhat aromatic, taste sweetish, bitter and pungent. It should not be confounded with the underground portion of *Phlox Carolina* Linné (nat. ord. *Polemoniaceæ*), the roots of which are brownish-yellow, rather coarse, straight, and contain a straw-colored wood underneath a readily removable bark." *U. S.*

The virtues of spigelia are extracted by boiling water. The root, analyzed by M. Feneulle, yielded a fixed and volatile oil, a small quantity of resin, a bitter substance supposed to be the active principle, a mucilaginous saccharine matter, albumen, gallic acid, the malates of potassium and calcium, etc., and woody fibre. The principle upon which the virtues of the root are thought to depend is brown, of a bitter nauseous taste, like that of the purgative matter of the leguminous plants, and when taken internally produces vertigo and a kind of intoxication. An analysis of the root by Dr. R. H. Stabler yielded as results a bitter uncrystallizable principle upon which the virtues of the medicine are supposed to depend, a little volatile oil, tannic acid, inert extractive, wax, resin, lignin, and salts of soda, potassa, and lime. Stabler finds that the active principle is acrid and bitter, soluble in water and alcohol, insoluble in ether, not volatilizable without change, uncrystallizable, neutral, and deliquescent. W. L. Dudley (*Am. Chem. Journ.*, vol. i. p. 150), on the contrary, finds that the active principle of spigelia is a volatile alkaloid. He gets it by distilling the ground root with milk of lime over a paraffin bath, and collecting the distillate in hydrochloric acid. After evaporation to dryness, the residue is taken up with alcohol and crystallized out of solution. He compares the reactions of this alkaloid, which he calls *spigeline*, with those of nicotine, coniine, and lobeline. Spigeline yields a brownish-red precipitate with a solution of iodine in potassium iodide, a white crystalline precipitate with potassio-mercuric iodide, and a white flocculent precipitate with metatungstic acid.

The stalks of the dried plant are oval below the first pair of leaves, and then become obscurely four-sided. The leaves, when good, have a fresh greenish color, and an odor somewhat like that of tea. In taste they resemble the root, and they afforded to M. Feneulle nearly the same principles. The quantity, however, of the bitter substance was less, corresponding with their inferior efficacy. This circumstance should cause their rejection from the shops, as the inequality in power of the two portions of the plant would lead to uncertainty in the result, when they were both employed. The roots are sometimes mixed with those of other plants, particularly of a small vine which twines round the stem of the Spigelia. These are long, slender,

crooked, yellowish, thickly set with short capillary fibres, and much smaller and lighter-colored than the pinkroot. They should be separated before the latter is used. It is said to be adulterated with a product called in the markets *East Tennessee pinkroot*, the botanical origin of which is unknown. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 134.) The root of *Phlox carolina* is occasionally employed as an adulterant for spigelia. The rhizome is smoother and lacks the cup-shaped scars so characteristic of true spigelia, having also frequently the lower portion of the stem still attached; whilst the rootlets are straighter, thicker, and less wiry than those of spigelia. According to Henry G. Greenish, *Phlox root* can at once be separated microscopically from spigelia root by the presence in it of numerous stone-cells, and also of cells more or less completely filled by granular cystoliths. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.) The activity of spigelia is somewhat diminished by time.

Medical Properties and Uses. Spigelia is generally considered among the most powerful anthelmintics. In the ordinary dose it usually produces little sensible effect on the system; more largely given it acts as a cathartic, though unequal and uncertain in its operation; in overdoses it is said to cause vertigo, dimness of vision, dilated pupils, spasms of the facial muscles and of the eyelids, and even general convulsions. The death of two children who expired in convulsions was attributed to it by Dr. Chalmers. Dr. H. A. Hare (*Med. News*, March, 1887) has found that in the lower animals it produces symptoms similar to those just described, namely, dilatation of the pupil, exophthalmia, strabismus, progressive muscular weakness of spinal origin, cardiac depression, and death from failure of respiration. The narcotic effects are said to be less apt to occur when the medicine purges, and to be altogether obviated by combining it with cathartics. The danger from its employment cannot be great, as it is in very general use in the United States, in both regular and domestic practice, and we never hear at present of serious consequences. Its effects upon the nervous system have been erroneously conjectured to depend on other roots sometimes mixed with the genuine. The vermifuge properties of spigelia, first learned from the Cherokee Indians, were made known to the medical profession by Drs. Lining, Garden, and Chalmers, of South Carolina.

It may be given in substance or infusion. The dose of the powdered root for a child three or four years old is from ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.), for an adult from one to two drachms (3·9–7·8 Gm.), to be repeated morning and evening for several days successively, and then followed by a brisk cathartic. The practice of preceding its use by an emetic has been generally abandoned. It is frequently given in combination with calomel. The infusion, however, is a more common form of administration. It may be made by infusing half a troy-ounce of the root in a pint of boiling water. It is usually combined with senna or some other cathartic, to insure its action on the bowels. A preparation much sold under the name of *worm tea* consists of spigelia, senna, manna, and savine, mixed together, in various proportions, to suit the views of different individuals. Spigelia is also very often given in the form of fluid extract.

SPIRITUS. Spirits.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS.)

Alcoolats, *Fr.*; Geiste, *G.*

Spirits, as the term is here used, are alcoholic solutions of volatile principles formerly in general procured by distillation, but now frequently prepared by simply dissolving the volatile principle in alcohol or diluted alcohol. The distilled spirits are prepared chiefly from aromatic vegetable substances, the essential oils of which rise with the vapor of alcohol and condense with it in the receiver. Some of the oils, however, will not rise at the temperature of boiling alcohol, but may be distilled with water. In this case it is necessary to employ diluted alcohol or proof spirit, with the water of which the oil comes over in the latter part of the process. As the proof spirit of commerce is often impregnated with foreign matters, which give it an unpleasant flavor, it is better to use alcohol which has been carefully rectified, and to dilute it with the due proportion of water, as directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia. In preparing the spirits, care should be taken to avoid the color and empyreumatic flavor arising from the decomposition of the vegetable matter by heat. Sufficient water must, therefore, be added to cover the vegetable matter after the alcohol shall have been distilled; and, as a rule, the heat should be applied by means of a water-bath, or of steam. The aromatic should be macerated for some days with the alcohol before being submitted to distillation, as the oil, being thus dissolved, rises more readily with the spirituous vapor than when confined in the tissue.

The aromatic spirits are used chiefly to impart a pleasant odor and taste to mixtures, and to

correct the nauseating and griping effects of other medicines. They serve also as carminatives in *flatulent colic*, and as agreeable stimulants in *debility of the stomach.*

There have been four additions to this class in the revision of the U. S. P. 1890, *Spiritus Amygdalæ Amaræ*, *Spiritus Aurantii Compositus*, *Spiritus Glonoini*, and *Spiritus Phosphori*, and two additions to the British Pharmacopœia, *Spiritus Ætheris Compositus* and *Spiritus Cinnamomi.*

SPIRITUS ÆTHERIS. U. S., Br. Spirit of Ether.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS Æ'THĔ-RĬS.)

Spiritus Ætherеus, s. Liquor Anodynus Mineralis Hoffmanni, *P. G.;* Ether hydrique (sulfurique) alcoolisé, Liqueur anodine d'Hoffmann, *Fr.;* Hoffmann'sche Tropfen, *G.*

"Ether, *three hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 475 minims]; Alcohol, *six hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 22 fluidounces, 396 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Ether *ten fluidounces;* Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Mix. The specific gravity 0·809." *Br.*

This preparation is merely ether diluted with twice its volume of alcohol. Although introduced into the U. S. P. 1880, it does not seem to have been employed to any extent, and it might have been dropped with advantage at the 1890 revision. The corresponding preparation of the German Pharmacopœia contains less ether, being made of 1 part of ether to 3 parts of alcohol, both by weight. Prepared with materials of proper strength, its sp. gr. is 0·809. *Br.* Its medical properties are similar to those of ether. The dose is from one to three fluidrachms (3·75–11·25 C.c.), given with a sufficient quantity of sweetened water.

SPIRITUS ÆTHERIS COMPOSITUS. U. S., Br. Compound Spirit of Ether. [Hoffmann's Anodyne.]

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS Æ'THĔ-RĬS CŌM-PŎŞ'Ĭ-TŬS.)

Liqueur Nervine de Bang, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzter Aetherweingeist, *G.*

"Ether, *three hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 475 minims]; Alcohol, *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims]; Ethereal Oil, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Gradually mix *thirty-six fluidounces* [Imperial measure] of Sulphuric Acid with *forty fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Rectified Spirit, and let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours. Then distil until the fluid in the retort begins to blacken. Shake the distillate with Lime Water to neutralize any acid, and remove the supernatant liquor and expose it to the air for about twelve hours. Pour *three fluidrachms* of the resulting liquid into a mixture of *eight fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Ether and *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Rectified Spirit." *Br.*

This preparation is an alcoholic solution of ether, impregnated with heavy oil of wine. In the U. S. formula, determinate quantities of ether, alcohol, and oil are taken, the ether having half the volume of the alcohol. The formula of the U. S. P. 1890 is practically the same as that of the U. S. P. 1880. In the last revision of the British Pharmacopœia this preparation was reintroduced from the London Pharmacopœia of 1851; but the process yields an uncertain product, containing ether, alcohol, and a trace of oil of wine. The direction to "pour three fluidrachms of the resulting liquid into a mixture," etc., is faulty in the extreme, as the operator is left in the dark as to what shall be done with the remainder of the resulting liquid in case there should be any. Exposure to the air for twelve hours under varying conditions, which might be favorable or unfavorable to rapid evaporation, would not be likely always to leave exactly three fluidrachms, and if more than this remained and three fluidrachms of it were taken, the portion *not added* might contain more or less oil of wine, whilst if the quantity falls short no directions are given about supplying the deficiency. In view of the fact that an exact and definite formula was available for the revisers, it is to be regretted that it was not adopted.

Compound spirit of ether is a colorless, volatile liquid, having a burning, slightly sweetish taste, and the peculiar odor of ethereal oil. If it have an empyreumatic odor, it has been badly prepared. Its sp. gr. is 0·815, according to the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870; the present official preparation contains a little less oil of wine. When pure, it is wholly volatilized by heat, and devoid of acid reaction. It becomes milky on being mixed with water, owing to the precipitation of the ethereal oil; but this change does not prove its goodness, as the same property may be given to the spirit of ether by the addition of various fixed oils. This sophisti-

cation may be detected by mixing the suspected preparation with water, drawing a piece of paper over the surface of the liquid to absorb the oily globules, and exposing the paper to heat. If the globules are fixed oil, the greasy stain will remain; if ethereal oil, the stain will disappear. When fixed oils are used to adulterate this preparation, the milkiness is generally too great, and not like the translucent, leaden milkiness of the genuine article. (*Dr. Squibb.*) "It gives only a slight cloudiness with chloride of barium. When a few drops are burned on glass or porcelain, there is no visible residue, but the surface will be left with an acid taste and reaction. A pint of water, by the admixture of forty drops, is rendered slightly opalescent." *U. S.* 1870.

It is much to be regretted that our manufacturing chemists do not follow the Pharmacopœia in making Hoffmann's anodyne. In rectifying crude ether, the distillation is continued as long as the ether comes over of the proper specific gravity; after which the manufacturer has been in the habit of changing the receiver and obtaining an additional distillate, consisting of ether and alcohol, impregnated with a little ethereal oil. Now, it is this second distillate, variously modified by the addition of alcohol, ether, or water, so as to make it conform in taste, smell, opalescence, etc., to a standard preparation, kept by the manufacturer, that is sold as Hoffmann's anodyne. Nothing could be more uncertain in its results than a proceeding like this; and we cannot be surprised that the medicine as obtained from different apothecaries varies very much in properties, and often disappoints the expectations of the physician. The chief excuse for the departure from the official directions is the costliness of the ethereal oil; but, even were this much greater than it really is, the excuse would not be valid; and it cannot be justified, on any principle of morality, to sell under the official title a preparation which has no claim to it whatever.

Medical Properties. This preparation is intended as a substitute for the anodyne liquor of Hoffmann, which it closely resembles when properly prepared. In addition to the stimulating and antispasmodic qualities of ether which it contains, it possesses anodyne properties, highly useful in *nervous irritation* and in want of sleep from this cause. These additional virtues are probably derived from the official oil of wine, which the late Drs. Physick and Dewees found, dissolved in alcohol, very efficacious in certain disturbed states of the system, as a tranquillizing and anodyne remedy. Such indeed, are the generally admitted effects of Hoffmann's anodyne, when made with a due admixture of the ethereal oil. This preparation is on many occasions a useful adjunct to laudanum, to prevent *nausea.* The dose is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·85–7·5 C.c.), given in sweetened water.

SPIRITUS ÆTHERIS NITROSI. U. S., Br. Spirit of Nitrous Ether.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS Æ'THĒ-RĬS NĪ-TRŌ'SĪ.)

"An alcoholic solution of Ethyl Nitrite [$C_2H_5NO_2 = 74·87$], yielding, when freshly prepared, and tested in a nitrometer, not less than 11 times its own volume of Nitrogen Dioxide [$NO = 29·97$]." *U. S.* "A spirituous solution containing nitrous compounds, aldehyd, and other substances." *Br.*

Spiritus Nitri Dulcis, *Br.;* Sweet Spirit of Nitre; Spiritus Ætheris Nitrici; Spiritus Nitrico-æthereus; Ether azoteux alcoolisé, Liqueur anodine nitreuse, *Fr.;* Versüsster Salpetergeist, *G.*

"Sodium Nitrite, *seven hundred and seventy grammes* [or 27 ounces av., 70 grains]; Sulphuric Acid, *five hundred and twenty grammes* [or 18 ounces av., 150 grains]; Sodium Carbonate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Potassium Carbonate, completely deprived of water by drying, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Deodorized Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Sodium Nitrite in *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 391 minims] of Water, and put the solution into a suitable flask, connected with a condenser kept cold by ice-cold water; then add *five hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 18 fluidounces, 287 minims] of Deodorized Alcohol, and mix well. Through a cork fitted into the mouth of the flask insert a funnel-tube dipping below the surface of the liquid. With the condenser connect a receiver, and keep this surrounded by a mixture of common salt and crushed ice. Then gradually introduce into the flask, through the funnel-tube, the Sulphuric Acid previously diluted with *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Water. Distillation will usually commence before the whole of the Acid has been added. When all the Acid has been introduced, regulate the distillation by the application or withdrawal of a gentle heat until no more nitrous ether distils over. Wash the distillate, first, with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of ice-cold Water to remove any alcohol which may have passed over, and then remove any traces of acid by washing the Ether with *one hun-*

dred cubic centimeters [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of ice-cold Water, in which the Sodium Carbonate had previously been dissolved. Carefully separate the Ether from the aqueous liquid, and agitate it, in a well-stoppered vial, with the Potassium Carbonate to remove traces of water. Then filter it through a pellet of cotton, in a covered funnel, into a tared bottle containing *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims] of Deodorized Alcohol. Ascertain the weight of the Nitrous Ether filtered into the Alcohol by noting the increase of weight of the tared bottle and contents, and then add enough Deodorized Alcohol to make the mixture weigh *twenty-two times* the weight of the Nitrous Ether added. Lastly, transfer the product to small, dark amber-colored, well-stoppered vials, and keep them in a cool place, remote from lights or fire." *U. S.*

"Take of Nitric Acid *three fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Sulphuric Acid *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Copper, in fine wire (about No. 25), *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. To one pint of the Spirit add gradually the Sulphuric Acid, stirring them together; then add, in the same way, two and a half fluidounces of the Nitric Acid. Put the mixture into a retort or flask, into which the Copper has been introduced, and to which a thermometer is fitted. Attach now an efficient condenser, and applying heat gently, let the Spirit distil at a temperature commencing at 170° F. (76°·7 C.) and rising to 175° F. (79°·4 C.), but not exceeding 180° F. (82°·2 C.), until twelve fluidounces have passed over and been collected in a bottle, the latter and the condenser being kept cool with ice-cold water; then withdraw the heat, and having allowed the contents of the retort to cool, introduce the remaining half-ounce of Nitric Acid, and resume the distillation as before, until the distilled product has been increased to fourteen fluidounces. Mix this with two pints of the Rectified Spirit, or as much as will make the product correspond to the nitric oxide test. (See below.) Preserve it in thoroughly well-closed vessels." *Br.*

NITROGEN DIOXIDE TEST.

"Tested as described in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, 3d series, vol. xiii. page 63; or vol. xv. p. 101; or vol. xv. p. 673, it should yield at the ordinary temperature (60° F., 15°·5 C.) and pressure 30 inches or 760 millimetres of mercury, and when freshly prepared, seven times its volume of nitric oxide gas; and even after it has been kept some time and the vessel containing it has occasionally been opened, it should yield not much less than five times its volume of the gas." *Br.* The Br. Pharmacopœia having given the operator a choice of several methods for testing, the following test of A. H. Allen (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. p. 673) is selected as the simplest and most accurate; of the others, Eykman's (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xiii. p. 63) is undoubtedly very accurate, but is not so simple. The U. S. P. 1890 quantitative test is based on Allen's method, differing only in the relative quantities of the reagents. (See page 1272); also paper by Dr. C. O. Curtman, *Proc. Missouri Pharm. Association*, July, 1892.



Lunge's nitrometer.

Allen's Test for Ethyl Nitrite. A nitrometer* (see cut) should be filled with strong brine, and 5 C.c. of the sample to be tested should be placed in the cup of the nitrometer, and allowed to enter through the tap, taking care that no air gets in at the same time. Five C.c. of a strong solution of potassium iodide is next allowed to enter, and this is followed by about 5 C.c. of dilute sulphuric acid. Effervescence immediately ensues, and, if the tube be vigorously agitated at intervals, the reaction will be complete in five minutes, when the level of the liquid in the two limbs of the nitrometer is adjusted, and the volume of nitrogen dioxide gas read off. If the volume of gas evolved be small, another 5 C.c. of the sample should be let into the nitrometer, and the agitation repeated. The calculation is the same as in Eykman's process, the reaction being $(C_2H_5)NO_2 + KI + H_2SO_4 = (C_2H_5)OH + KHSO_4 + I + NO$.

When strictly accurate results are not required, the volume of gas need not be corrected for variations of pressure, temperature, and tension of aqueous vapor, and if these considerations be omitted the calculation will be much simplified. Thus, if 0·030 gramme of nitrogen dioxide (representing 0·075 gramme of $C_2H_5NO_2$) under the *ordinary* conditions of pressure and temperature be taken to measure 23·55 C.c., then

$$\frac{\text{volume of gas in C.c.} \times 0{\cdot}3185}{\text{measure of sample in C.c.} \times \text{density of sample}} = \text{percentage by weight of } C_2H_5NO_2.$$

* For a simpler form of nitrometer, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 763, or *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887, p. 19; also *Ephemeris*, 1889, p. 1202.

If the density of the sample be omitted from the equation, the result will be the number of grammes of ethyl nitrite per 100 C.c. of the sample.

The nitrometer method has been proved to give very good results with pure sodium nitrite (prepared from silver nitrite) employed in known amount. The results with spirit of nitrous ether are somewhat higher than those given by Eykman's method, the difference being least when sodium chloride is employed in the latter process and time is given for the ferrous solution to react thoroughly on the solution of ethyl nitrite. The results by the iodide method are almost certainly more accurate than those by Eykman's process. With most specimens of sweet spirit of nitre a considerable amount of nitric oxide is produced (and iodine liberated) before adding the acid, the reaction probably depending on the presence of free acid in the sample. The results obtained in the nitrometer are remarkably constant, and the method furnishes a very easy means of assaying sweet spirit of nitre with considerable accuracy, which is further increased if a correction of 1·5 C.c. (= 0·0048 gramme of $C_2H_5NO_2$) be made for solubility of the gas. The process has the advantage of great ease and rapidity, and actually measures the nitrous compounds present in the sample, instead of leaving their proportions to be inferred from a more or less complex reaction, such as the reduction of permanganate, etc.

The official spirit of nitrous ether is a mixture of nitrous ether or ethyl nitrite, $C_2H_5NO_2$, and alcohol (rectified spirit). For many years, spirit of nitrous ether has been made by acting on alcohol with nitric acid, and the present British process and that of the U. S. P. 1880 are constructed on this plan. The U. S. P. 1890 process differs essentially: in it, the use of nitric acid is abandoned, sodium nitrite being substituted as the source of the nitrous compound (see page 1254). Nitrous ether is always generated by the reaction of nitric acid with alcohol; and it matters not whether the alcohol be mixed with nitric acid directly, or with the materials for generating it, namely, nitre and sulphuric acid. In the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850 the requisite nitric acid was obtained by using the materials for generating it, namely, potassium nitrate and sulphuric acid; for details of the process, see U. S. D., 14th ed., p. 1445.

In the U. S. 1860 process, which was modelled after the plan of Dr. Squibb, the nitric acid and alcohol were directly mixed in a retort containing pieces of glass to facilitate ebullition and prevent concussion, and arrangements were made for applying heat by means of a water-bath, so that it might be diminished when necessary to repress the violence of the reaction, and increased when this required invigoration. The liquid condensed in the receiver was mixed with potassium carbonate, and again distilled, in order to free it from the acid which had come over with the nitrous ether, and, being too strong with ether to meet the purposes required, was diluted with alcohol, and thus brought to the state of *spirit* of nitrous ether. It was a great improvement over the formula of earlier Pharmacopœias, and had the merit of insuring a preparation of definite strength. But in the Pharmacopœia of 1870 the British process was substituted, as even better than it.

The U. S. 1880 process differed in several particulars from those formerly official. Copper was no longer used. The use of this metal originated with Prof. Redwood, under the impression that the nitrous radical was liberated by it and enabled to unite more readily with the ethyl of the alcohol, to form ethyl nitrite. Our experience is that upon the small scale the copper served a useful purpose in controlling and moderating the reaction, but excellent results have been obtained by substituting broken glass, and we have obtained quite as large a yield of the peculiar ether when the copper was omitted. The nitric acid was not added in two portions, but the whole quantity was mixed with the sulphuric acid and alcohol at first. This was an improvement, in our opinion. The direction to "heat rapidly, by means of a water-bath, until strong reaction occurs and the temperature reaches 80° C. (176° F.)," was apt to cause loss in the hands of the inexperienced through excessive action, and inability to condense all the vapor of ethyl nitrite which would be suddenly generated. A temperature of 72° C. (161·6° F.), in our experience, was amply sufficient to start the reaction, and as soon as effervescence took place the heat should have been *at once removed*, and not reapplied until the reaction slackened, so that a uniform and not an excessive reaction might be maintained. The greatest change was, however, in purifying the distillate by agitating it with ice-cold distilled water, separating the ethereal layer and mixing it with alcohol, so that the finished product should contain 5 per cent. by weight of the crude ethyl nitrite. It is very doubtful, in our opinion, whether anything was removed by the agitation with cold water except some of the alcohol. As aldehyde and hydrocyanic acid are both soluble in ethyl nitrite, and as alcohol must be added subsequently, the advantage of the separation of the nitrous ether in this

way was not very apparent, and when it is considered that ethyl nitrite is soluble in water and more soluble in alcohol, some of the most valuable portion of the distillate must have been wasted by being dissolved in the cold water. A thoroughly effective method of separating ethyl nitrite from its solution in alcohol and water is yet to be discovered. Some manufacturers agitate the distillate with a saturated solution of calcium chloride to separate the ethyl nitrite, and the British Pharmacopœia once used this method as a test.*

The U. S. P. 1890 process overcomes these objections by generating the nitrous compound necessary to effect the combination with ethyl by acting on sodium nitrite with sulphuric acid in the presence of alcohol, the violence of the reaction being controlled by diluting both the sulphuric acid and the alcohol with water, and by using an aqueous solution of the nitrite. A very thorough means of refrigeration must be used, on account of the extreme volatility of the distillate, and because evolution of ethyl nitrite commences before all the sulphuric acid is added and without the use of any other heat than that generated by the chemical reaction. Heat should not be applied until the reaction becomes slower, and then only a very moderate heat (capable of being instantly withdrawn if necessary) applied. The advantages of the new process are that the production of aldehyde and acetic ether is avoided, through the absence of nitric acid, and pure ethyl nitrite is easily obtained. Sodium nitrite can be procured of standard purity, although the impurities in the commercial salt do not affect the character of the ethyl nitrite. The use of alkaline nitrites in making ethyl nitrite is not new, as both potassium and sodium nitrites have been employed, Feldhaus, Dunstan, Dymond,† and others having published processes; Dr. Frerichs, of St. Louis, has used the method on a large scale; and Prof. C. O. Curtman and E. L. Patch, of Boston, also recommend its employment. See *Amer. Druggist*, 1893, p. 171.

The present British formula rejects the sodium nitrite formerly used, but retains the principle of presenting the ingredients to each other in the form in which they are to exist in the spirit when produced; the ether resulting from the action of sulphuric acid on alcohol, and the nitrous acid from that of the copper on the nitric acid, uniting to form nitrous ether, which, having been distilled over, is then brought to the state of spirit of nitrous ether by admixture with about three volumes of alcohol. The Br. process proved, in practice, so satisfactory as to be adopted into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.

Theory of the Production of Nitrous Ether, etc. The reaction in the U. S. P. 1890 process may be expressed as follows: $2C_2H_5OH + 2NaNO_2 + H_2SO_4 = 2C_2H_5NO_2 + Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$. Alcohol, sodium nitrite, and sulphuric acid when brought in contact yield ethyl nitrite, sodium sulphate, and water. The nitric acid process may be explained as follows. One mol. of nitric acid, by reacting with one mol. of alcohol, forms one mol. of nitrous acid, one mol. of *aldehyde*, and one mol. of water: thus, $HNO_3 + C_2H_6O = HNO_2 + C_2H_4O + H_2O$. The nitrous acid, as soon as formed, reacts with a second mol. of alcohol, so as to form one mol. of nitrous ether or ethyl nitrite, with separation of one mol. of water, according to the reaction $C_2H_5.OH + HNO_2 = C_2H_5NO_2 + H_2O$. It has, however, been shown by

* R. F. Fairthorne has prepared Spirit of Nitrous Ether without the use of a retort or still. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 7; see also method by Mr. Emlen Painter, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1884–1886.)

† *Ethyl Nitrite. Expeditious Method of Preparing the Pure Ether.* Professor Dunstan and Mr. T. S. Dymond find the following method to be admirably adapted to the production of pure nitrous ether in the nearly theoretical quantity without the use of heat, the ether, in the absence of excess of acid, being easily separated without distillation. A solution is made by dissolving 34·5 grammes of sodium nitrite in water. The liquid is diluted to 120 C.c. and cooled below 0° C. by surrounding the vessel which contains it with a mixture of ice and salt. The sodium nitrite of commerce contains from 95 to 98 per cent. of nitrite, and therefore a quantity corresponding to the pure salt must be taken. A slight excess of the salt does not interfere with the reaction. 13·5 C.c. of sulphuric acid are added to a cooled mixture of 32 C.c. of alcohol, with an equal volume of water; the liquid is then diluted to 120 C.c. and cooled below 0° C. This acid liquid is allowed to pass gradually through a thistle funnel with constant stirring to the bottom of the solution of sodium nitrite, contained in a long narrow glass vessel surrounded by ice and salt. The addition of the whole of the acid liquid occupies only a few minutes, and at its conclusion a pale-yellow layer of ethyl nitrite is found to be completely separated from the lower layer of solution of sodium sulphate, which is semi-solid from the separation of crystals of the salt. The ethyl nitrite so formed contains only traces of alcohol and water, the first being removed by agitation with cold water, the second by digestion with recently ignited anhydrous potassium carbonate. The yield is from 30 to 35 grammes; the calculated yield is 37·5. It cannot be preserved under ordinary conditions without decomposition, but if kept in contact with fragments of anhydrous potassium carbonate in a closely stoppered bottle it may be kept for a long time without change. It boils at 17·5° C., and possesses at 0° C. the sp. gr. 0·917–0·920 (water at 0° C. = 1). Analysis proves it to be nearly absolutely pure ethyl nitrite. The authors recommend for medicinal use a 2-per-cent. *solution of ethyl nitrite* in absolute alcohol. Its stability might be increased by the addition of 5 per cent. of glycerin; but even this is prone to change, though not so much as the solution in absolute alcohol simply, while the solution in rectified spirit changes to a still greater extent. The solution intended to be administered should not be diluted with water until just before it is to be taken. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1888, 861–863.)

Dr. Golding Bird that, when an excess of alcohol is used, *saccharic acid* is first formed, and that, when the formation of the nitrous ether has nearly ceased, aldehyde appears in the distilled product, and simultaneously oxalic acid in the contents of the retort, before which time the latter cannot be discovered. All these products result from the oxidizing action of the nitric acid upon the alcohol, increasing the proportion of oxygen in the substances formed, either by removing the hydrogen, or by abstracting this element and adding oxygen at the same time.

In the process of the British Pharmacopœia the nitric acid is converted into nitrous acid by the reducing action of metallic copper and sulphuric acid, the reaction being $HNO_3 + Cu + H_2SO_4 = HNO_2 + CuSO_4 + H_2O$. The nitrous acid now reacts with the alcohol as in the previous reaction, so as to produce the nitrous ether. The object of using the sulphuric acid is to economize the nitric acid.

Properties of Ethyl Nitrite. *Pure* ethyl nitrite is pale yellow, has the smell of apples and Hungary wine, boils at 18° C. (64·4° F.), and has the sp. gr. 0·900 at 15·5° C. The density of its vapor is 2·627. Litmus is not affected by it. When it is mixed with an alcoholic solution of potassa, potassium hyponitrite and alcohol are formed, without producing a brown color, showing the absence of aldehyde. It is soluble in 48 parts of water, and in all proportions in alcohol or rectified spirit. It is highly inflammable, and burns with a white flame without residue. The *impure* ether, as formerly obtained by the Edinburgh and Dublin processes for subsequent dilution to form sweet spirit of nitre, boiled at 21·1° C. (70° F.), and had the density of 0·886 at 4·4° C. (40° F.). The specific gravity assigned to it by the Edinburgh College was 0·899. Mixed with an alcoholic solution of potassa, it became dark brown, with production of *aldehyde resin*. This discoloration showed the presence of aldehyde. When kept, it became acid in a short time, as shown by litmus; and nitric oxide was given off, which often caused the bursting of the bottle. Its tendency to become acid was rendered greater by the action of the air, and depended on the absorption of oxygen by the aldehyde, which thereby became acetic acid. Mr. Harvey, of Leeds, has suggested the use of pure crystals of potassium bicarbonate in a bottle in order to prevent the development of an acid reaction. Dr. J. C. Rademacher has found that the crystals after a time are partially converted into a nitrate. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 106.) These facts evince the propriety of preserving this ether in small, strong bottles, kept full and in a cool place. Nitrous ether is formed by the combination of one mol. of nitrous acid and one of ethyl, and its formula is $C_2H_5.NO_2$. It was, therefore, improperly called *nitric ether*. Considered as a salt, its proper name is *ethyl nitrite*. In its pure and concentrated state it is never used in medicine.

Properties of Spirit of Nitrous Ether. This is "a clear, mobile, volatile, and inflammable liquid of a pale yellowish or faintly greenish-yellow tint, having a fragrant, ethereal, and pungent odor free from acridity, and a sharp, burning taste. Specific gravity, about 0·836 to 0·842 at 15° C. (59° F.). When freshly prepared, or even after being kept for some time with but little exposure to light and air, it is neutral to litmus paper. When long kept, or after having been freely exposed to air and light, it acquires an acid reaction, but it should not effervesce when a crystal of potassium bicarbonate is dropped into it." *U. S.* It keeps well in half-pint bottles, securely stopped with waxed glass stoppers, and covered with dark paper, as Dr. Squibb proved by examining some bottles thus put up, after the lapse of two years. When exposed it is apt to become acid with age. Sweet spirit of nitre mixes with water and alcohol in all proportions. It is very inflammable, and burns with a whitish flame. The Br. Pharmacopœia states in regard to its own preparation that, "when agitated with a strong solution of sulphate of iron, if a few drops of strong sulphuric acid are then poured down the side of the tube, a deep olive-brown or black zone is produced, widening as the tube is gently shaken." *Br.*

Impurities and Tests. Sweet spirit of nitre, when made by the nitric acid process, is never quite free from aldehyde, and, if the distillation be too long continued, it is apt to contain a good deal of this substance, which afterwards becomes acetic acid by absorbing oxygen. The change goes on rapidly if the preparation be insecurely kept. Aldehyde, if in considerable proportion, may be detected by its imparting a pungent odor and an acrid flavor, and by the preparation assuming a brown tint on the addition of a weak solution of potash, owing to the formation of aldehyde resin (see official test, page 1272). Another test for aldehyde, though less reliable, is the addition of an equal volume of sulphuric acid to the sweet spirit of nitre. If the sample be good, the change of color will be slight, and the mixture will be considerably viscid; if it contain much aldehyde, it will become dark-colored. If water or spirit be present in undue

proportion, the viscidity will be less. (*Phillips.*) Acetic acid, as well as other acids (usually nitrogen acids) that may happen to be present, may be discovered by the taste, by their acting on litmus strongly, and by their decomposing the alkaline carbonates or bicarbonates with effervescence. Nitrogen acids are known by their coloring blue a piece of paper previously dipped into tincture of guaiac. These acids operate injuriously by their chemical reactions with other substances, when spirit of nitre is prescribed in mixtures. Thus, they liberate iodine from potassium iodide, gradually decolorize compound infusion of rose, and in the compound mixture of iron hasten the conversion of ferrous oxide into ferric oxide. To obviate these effects, Mr. Harvey, of Leeds, keeps sweet spirit of nitre standing on crystals of potassium bicarbonate, and states that, if the preparation be of full strength, no appreciable portion of the alkali will be dissolved. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1842.) When acid sweet spirit of nitre is rectified from calcined magnesia, it becomes acid again in a short time; but, according to M. Klauer, when rectified from neutral potassium tartrate it continues unchanged for months. A deep olive color with ferrous sulphate shows the presence of a nitrogen oxide or acid.

According to Mr. Bastick, sweet spirit of nitre contains about one-fifth of one per cent. of anhydrous hydrocyanic acid, when made from nitrous ether formed by impregnating alcohol with nitrous acid evolved by the action of starch on nitric acid, according to the process of Liebig. In making sweet spirit of nitre on a large scale, Dr. Squibb found that hydrocyanic acid vapors were produced if the heat happened to rise too high, and the ether ceased to be formed. Dr. Schoor and G. B. Schmidt found that, after a careful distillation, hydrocyanic acid could be detected in the residue left in the retort to the amount of 0·977 per cent., whilst the distillate contained but an insignificant trace. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, No. 37; *N. R.*, Sept. 1880.)

Alcohol and water are often fraudulently added to sweet spirit of nitre. These additions are difficult to detect. The official tests are as follows: "If a test-tube be half filled with the Spirit, and put into a water-bath heated to 65° C. (149° F.) until it has acquired this temperature, the Spirit should boil distinctly upon the addition of a few small pieces of broken glass. If 10 C.c. of the Spirit be mixed with 5 C.c. of potassium hydrate test-solution, previously diluted with 5 C.c. of water, the mixture will assume a yellow color which should not turn decidedly brown within twelve hours (limit of *aldehyde*). If 5 C.c. of recently prepared Spirit of Nitrous Ether be introduced into a nitrometer, and followed, first, by 10 C.c. of potassium iodide test-solution, and then by 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid, the volume of nitrogen dioxide generated at the ordinary indoor temperature (assumed to be at or near 25° C., or 77° F.) should not be less than 55 C.c., corresponding to about 4 per cent. of pure ethyl nitrite." *U. S.* When in undue proportion, alcohol and water may be detected in the British preparation, in a rough way, by agitating it with twice its volume of a saturated solution of calcium chloride. Specific gravity is no criterion of the quality of the preparation as obtained by any formula. The addition of water will raise its density; and the same effect will be produced by adding nitrous ether. A high density, in connection with deficient ethereal qualities, would of course indicate free acids, or an excess of water, or both. A specific gravity lower than the U. S. and Br. standard would show the presence of alcohol either stronger than it should be or in too large a proportion. The fraudulent dilution of sweet spirit of nitre with alcohol and water is a great evil, considering its extensive use and its valuable remedial properties. Water is injurious not merely as a diluent but also as the most efficient promoter of chemical changes. In commerce this valuable medicine is usually found variously diluted with twice, thrice, and even *four* times its weight of alcohol and water. In this way its ether strength is greatly reduced. Dr. Squibb examined six samples of sweet spirit of nitre, five of which were obtained from respectable wholesale druggists; of these one sample contained 3·16 per cent. of nitrous ether, four between one and two per cent., and one under one per cent.; while a standard preparation, made according to the U. S. Pharmacopœia, contained at least 4·3 per cent.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sweet spirit of nitre is diaphoretic, diuretic, and antispasmodic. It is deservedly much esteemed as a medicine, and is extensively employed in febrile affections, either alone or in conjunction with tartar emetic, for the purpose of promoting the secretions, especially those of sweat and urine. It often proves a grateful stimulus to the stomach, relieving *nausea* and removing *flatulence*, and not unfrequently quiets restlessness and promotes sleep. It is especially selected in cases in which the tendency is asthenic. On account of its tendency to the kidneys, it is often conjoined with other diuretics, such as squill, digitalis, potassium acetate, nitre, etc., for the purpose of promoting their action in dropsical complaints. Dr. Duncan, of Edinburgh, praised a combination of it with a small proportion

of aromatic spirit of ammonia, as eminently diaphoretic and diuretic, and well suited to certain states of febrile disease. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.) every two or three hours, mixed with a portion of water. When used as a diuretic, it should be given in larger doses.

The inhalation of sweet spirit of nitre produces acceleration of the pulse, with a peculiar leaden purple color of the lips, mouth, and finger-tips, followed by flushing of the face, extreme giddiness, nausea, muscular debility, and violent headache, excessively rapid irregular pulse, and dyspnœa. These symptoms undoubtedly depend in great part upon the presence of the ethyl nitrite, whose action is without doubt like that of other nitrites, being simply somewhat less prompt and fugacious than that of amyl nitrite, because the ethyl compound is less volatile, and therefore less rapidly absorbed and eliminated. The death of a child three years old is said to have been caused by between three and four ounces of the nitrite.

SPIRITUS AMMONIÆ. U. S. Spirit of Ammonia.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS ĄM-MŌ'NỊ-Æ.)

"An alcoholic solution of Ammonia [$NH_3 = 17·01$] containing 10 per cent., by weight, of the gas." *U. S.*

Liquor Ammonii Caustici Spirituosus, *P. G.;* Spiritus Ammoniaci Caustici Dzondii; Alcoolé d'Ammoniaque, Liqueur d'Ammoniaque vineuse, *Fr.;* Weingeistige Ammoniakflüssigkeit, *G.*

"Stronger Ammonia Water, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Alcohol, recently distilled, and, after distillation, kept in glass vessels, *a sufficient quantity.* Pour the Stronger Ammonia Water into a flask provided with a safety funnel, and connected, by means of a glass condenser, with a well-cooled receiver containing *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol, the delivery-tube of the condenser reaching to near the bottom of the receiver. Heat the flask carefully, and very gradually, to a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), and maintain it at that temperature for about ten minutes. Then disconnect the receiver, and, having ascertained the ammoniacal strength of the contents by means of normal sulphuric acid (rosolic acid test-solution being used as indicator), add enough Alcohol to make the product contain *ten per cent.*, by weight, of Ammonia. Keep the Spirit in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Spirit of ammonia is now official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia only, the British Pharmacopœia not having adopted it. It is a solution of caustic ammonia in alcohol. As prepared by the U. S. process of 1850, the ammoniacal gas was received in the alcohol and condensed by it; and the proportions of the ingredients were so adjusted as to give a preparation containing between 10 and 11 per cent. of ammonia, and capable of saturating about 30 per cent. of official sulphuric acid. Accordingly it agreed in ammoniacal strength, as it was intended it should do, with the U. S. *Liquor Ammoniæ.* Its sp. gr. was 0·831, or thereabouts. But in the official process of 1870 the materials for the generation of ammonia were mixed with a large proportion of water, the vapor of which came over to some extent with the gas and was condensed along with it. The resulting spirit was, therefore, somewhat diluted with water, and to an indefinite extent, so that the preparation had no precise sp. gr.; and, though the whole amount obtained contained all the ammonia generated, no accurate criterion of its relative strength could be made. This fault has been remedied in the present official process by substituting stronger water of ammonia for the ammonium chloride, water, and lime, and not permitting the temperature to rise above 60° C. (140° F.). In addition to this, the amount of ammonia present is determined by volumetric assay, and it contains the same quantity of ammonia that is present in ammonia water,—*i.e.*, 10 per cent. Alcohol which has been kept in the cask for a long time will be discolored when the gaseous ammonia is passed into it.

Properties. The spirit of ammonia, formerly called *ammoniated alcohol*, is "a colorless liquid, having a strong odor of ammonia, and a specific gravity of about 0·810 at 15° C. (59° F.). When diluted with water, it should respond to the tests for identity and purity mentioned under Ammonia Water (see *Aqua Ammoniæ*). If 3·4 Gm. (or 4·2 C.c.) of Spirit of Ammonia be diluted with water, it should require, for complete neutralization, 20 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (each C.c. corresponding to 0·5 per cent. of Ammonia), rosolic acid being used as indicator." *U. S.* When good, it does not effervesce with dilute hydrochloric acid; but if old, or carelessly kept, it is apt to be partially carbonated, as shown by this test. It, however, absorbs carbonic acid more slowly than does Liquor Ammoniæ.

Medical Properties and Uses. Spirit of ammonia is stimulant and antispasmodic, and is given in *hysteria*, *flatulent colic*, and *nervous debility*. It is however, little used inter-

nally, the aromatic spirit, which is pleasanter and has similar properties, being preferred. The dose is from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.) in a wineglassful (60 C.c.) of water. Spirit of ammonia dissolves resins, gum-resins, camphor, and the volatile oils, and is a very convenient addition to spirituous liniments intended to produce a rubefacient effect. Not more than one part of the spirit should, as a rule, be added to six or eight parts, by measure, of the liniment. It enters into no official preparation.

SPIRITUS AMMONIÆ AROMATICUS. U. S., Br. Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS ĂM-MŌ'NĬ-Æ ĂR-Ō-MĂT'Ĭ-CŬS.)

Spiritus Ammoniæ Compositus; Sal Volatile; Alcoolat ammoniacal aromatique, *Fr.;* Aromatischer Ammoniakgeist, *G.*

"Ammonium Carbonate, in translucent pieces, *thirty-four grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 87 grains]; Ammonia Water, *ninety cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 21 minims]; Oil of Lemon, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Oil of Lavender Flowers, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Oil of Nutmeg, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Alcohol, *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. To the Ammonia Water, contained in a flask, add *one hundred and forty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 352 minims] of Distilled Water, and afterwards the Ammonium Carbonate reduced to a moderately fine powder. Close the flask and agitate the contents until the Carbonate is dissolved. Introduce the Alcohol into a graduated bottle of suitable capacity, add the oils, then gradually add the solution of Ammonium Carbonate, and afterwards enough Distilled Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Set the liquid aside during twenty-four hours in a cool place, occasionally agitating, then filter it through paper, in a well-covered funnel. Keep the product in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Ammonium *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Strong Solution of Ammonia *eight fluidounces;* Volatile Oil of Nutmeg, *four and one-half fluidrachms;* Oil of Lemon *six and one-half fluidrachms;* Rectified Spirit *six pints* [Imperial measure]; Water *three pints* [Imp. meas.]. Place the Oils of Lemon and Nutmeg and Rectified Spirit with the Water in a retort; distil seven pints [Imp. meas.], and then distil and separately collect an additional nine fluidounces. Place the nine ounces of distillate, together with the Carbonate of Ammonium and the Strong Solution of Ammonia, in a bottle holding rather more than a pint [Imp. meas.]. Securely cork the bottle and gently warm it in a water-bath to 140° F. (60° C.), shaking from time to time until all the salt has dissolved. Filter if necessary, when cold, through a little cotton wool, and gradually mix it with the seven pints of distilled spirit. The product should measure one gallon." *Br.*

In both of these formulas ammonium carbonate and uncombined ammonia are used; but they differ in the relative proportion of the materials and the mode of conducting the process. The U. S. spirit is a mere solution of the ingredients in alcohol diluted with a small proportion of water; while the British contains so much of the ingredients as may rise in distillation and be condensed with the seven pints of spirit that result. The strength of the former is definite, that of the latter more or less indefinite, as a portion of the materials must be left behind. The advantage arising from distillation, however, the avoidance of discoloration, is one which is well worth considering, although the spirit will always grow darker with age. The present preparation differs from that formerly official in the substitution of oil of nutmeg for oil of pimenta, it having been shown that oil of pimenta increased the tendency of the spirit to darken. Commercial oil of nutmeg frequently has a terebinthinate odor. Much care is needed to select for this preparation volatile oils that are fresh and of good quality. The translucent official ammonium carbonate, which is a mixture of bicarbonate and carbamate, does not dissolve in alcohol: the bicarbonate precipitates, and the carbamate dissolves. The object of the addition of free ammonia in the official processes is to convert the insoluble bicarbonate into the carbamate. The effloresced ammonium carbonate of commerce having parted with some of its ammonia is a bicarbonate: hence when it is used, unless more than the official proportion of the ammonia water be added, some of the ammonia salt will remain as the precipitate of the ammonium bicarbonate. The difficulty of precipitation which so many pharmacists complain of is thus explained. It is a useful precaution to permit the ammonium carbonate and ammonia water to remain in contact seven or eight hours before diluting with the other ingredients: this will secure the entire conversion of the bicarbonate, and obviate the precipi-

tation above noted. It is officially described as "a nearly colorless liquid when freshly prepared, but gradually acquiring a somewhat darker tint. It has a pungent, ammoniacal odor and taste. Specific gravity, about 0·905 at 15° C. (59° F.)" *U. S.* The sp. gr. of the Br. preparation is 0·896. "One fluidounce requires for neutralization 558 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid.* One fluidounce, after the addition of 330 grain-measures of the test-solution of *chloride of barium*, should yield, after filtration, a further precipitate when more of the reagent is added." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Aromatic spirit of ammonia is fitted to fulfil the same indications as the simple spirit, but is much more used, on account of its grateful taste and smell. It is advantageously employed as a stimulant antacid in *sick headache.* The dose of the U. S. spirit is from thirty drops to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), sufficiently diluted with water. Aromatic spirit of ammonia may be usefully added to aperient draughts, to render them less offensive to the stomach; but care must be taken not to mix it with incompatible substances. Most of the ammonia contained in it is probably in the state of the carbamate, which is converted into the carbonate upon the addition of water.

SPIRITUS AMMONIÆ FŒTIDUS. Br. Fetid Spirit of Ammonia.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS ĄM-MŌ′NỊ-Æ FŒT′Ị-DŬS.)

Alcoolat ammoniacal fétide, Essence antihystérique, *Fr.;* Ammoniakalischer Stinkasantgeist, *G.*

"Take of Asafœtida *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Strong Solution of Ammonia *two fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency.* Break the Asafœtida into small pieces, and macerate it in a closed vessel, in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, for twenty-four hours, then distil off the Spirit, mix the product with the Solution of Ammonia, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make *one pint* [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This is an alcoholic solution of the volatile oil of asafetida mixed with strong water of ammonia, and is an energetic nervous stimulant and antacid, adapted to certain *hysterical conditions* associated with gastric weakness and acidity. It is one of the preparations formerly recognized by the British Colleges, and taken up again after having been dropped from the first Br. Pharmacopœia. "Sp. gr. about 0·847." *Br.* The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), to be largely diluted when administered.

SPIRITUS AMYGDALÆ AMARÆ. U. S. Spirit of Bitter Almond.

[Essence of Bitter Almond.]

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS Ą-MĬG′DĄ-LÆ Ą-MĀ′RÆ.)

"Oil of Bitter Almond, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Alcohol, *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Oil in the Alcohol, and add enough Distilled Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This is a new official spirit of the U. S. P. 1890: it is employed solely for flavoring purposes, and should always be used with care. The official oil of bitter almond now requires the presence of a trace of hydrocyanic acid, and hence the official spirit, containing 10 per cent. of oil, would show a slight trace. It would be safer to use for the spirit an oil free from hydrocyanic acid. A few drops only should be added to those substances which require a flavor.

SPIRITUS ANISI. U. S. (Br.) Spirit of Anise.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS Ą-NĪ′SĪ.)

Essentia Anisi, *Br.;* Essence of Anise; Alcoolat d'Anis, *Fr.;* Anisgeist, *G.*

"Oil of Anise, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Deodorized Alcohol, *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

In the preparation of its Essence the British Pharmacopœia directs *one fluidounce* of the Oil to *four fluidounces* of Rectified Spirit. Dose, of the U. S. spirit, as a stomachic and carminative, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.); of the Br. essence, one-fourth as much.

SPIRITUS ARMORACIÆ COMPOSITUS. Br. Compound Spirit of Horse-radish.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS ĂR-MỌ-RĀ′CỊ-Æ CỌM-PŎṢ′Ị-TŬS.)

Esprit de Raifort composée, Alcoolat antiscorbutique, *Fr.;* Meerrettiggeist, *G.*

"Take of Horse-radish Root, scraped, Bitter Orange Peel, cut small and bruised, of each,

twenty ounces [avoirdupois]; Nutmeg, bruised, *half an ounce* [av.]; Proof Spirit *one gallon* [Imperial measure]; Water *three pints* [Imp. meas.]. Mix and distil a gallon [Imp. meas.]. Sp. gr. about 0·920." *Br.*

This may be used advantageously as an addition to diuretic remedies, in *dropsy* attended with debility, especially in the case of drunkards. Dose, from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.).

SPIRITUS AURANTII. U. S. Spirit of Orange.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS ÂU-RĂN'TỊ-Ī—âw-răn'shę-ī.)

Alcoolat d'Huile d'Oranges, *Fr.;* Pomeranzengeist, *G.*

"Oil of Orange Peel, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Deodorized Alcohol, *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This official was introduced at the U. S. 1880 revision. There was very little necessity for its introduction, because of the adoption of the tincture of sweet orange peel, which is identical in properties with the spirit, although not so strong. It serves a useful purpose, however, as a means of preserving the oil. (See *Oleum Aurantii.*) It is an excellent solution for flavoring purposes when the stimulant effect of the alcohol is desired.

SPIRITUS AURANTII COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Spirit of Orange.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS ÂU-RĂN'TỊ-Ī CǪM-PŎẒ'Ị-TŬS.)

"Oil of Orange Peel, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Oil of Lemon, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Oil of Coriander, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Oil of Anise, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Deodorized Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims. Mix them. Keep the product in completely filled, well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

This compound spirit has been introduced for the purpose of producing the orange flavor in making the official Elixir Aromaticum (page 489). It will be found by physicians to be a useful and fragrant addition to prescriptions.

SPIRITUS CAJUPUTI. Br. Spirit of Cajuput.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS CĂJ-Ụ-PŪ'TĪ.)

Alcoolé de Cajeput, *Fr.;* Cajeputgeist, *G.*

"Take of Oil of Cajuput *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

For an account of the medical properties and uses of oil of cajuput, of which this is simply an alcoholic solution, see *Oleum Cajuputi.* The dose of this spirit, which has only one-fifth of the strength of the Br. spirit of 1864, is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

SPIRITUS CAMPHORÆ. U. S., Br. Spirit of Camphor.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS CĂM'PHǪ-RÆ.)

Tinctura Camphoræ, *U. S.* 1850; Tincture of Camphor; Alcohol Camphoratus; Spiritus Camphoratus, *P. G.;* Esprit de Camphre, Alcool camphré, *Fr.;* Kampferspiritus, *G.*

"Camphor, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Camphor in *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 25 minims] of Alcohol, filter through paper, and pass enough Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Camphor *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *nine fluidounces.* Dissolve. Sp. gr. about 0·850." *Br.*

The present official spirit differs from that of 1880 in being made from alcohol *without dilution with water:* this change was recommended in the preceding edition of this commentary. The addition of water to the solution was by no means a practical improvement, in view of the extensive employment of the preparation in liniments containing chloroform, oils, etc., in which, of course, it was frequently immiscible without producing turbidity. This spirit is used as an anodyne embrocation in *rheumatic* and *gouty pains*, *chilblains*, and the inflammation resulting from *sprains* and *bruises.* M. Nélaton employed it, in the Clinical Hospital of Paris, in the dressing of open wounds, by compresses, lotion, or fomentation. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865,

p. 129.) It may also be employed internally, due regard being paid to the stimulant properties of the alcohol. The camphor is precipitated by the addition of water, but may be suspended by the intervention of sugar. The dose is from five drops to a fluidrachm (0·3–3·75 C.c.), first added to sugar, and then mixed with water.

SPIRITUS CHLOROFORMI. U. S., Br. Spirit of Chloroform.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS ȻHLŌ-RǪ-FÖR′MĪ.)

Chloric Ether, Spirit of Chloric Ether, *Br.;* Alcoolé de Chloroforme, *Fr.;* Chloroformspiritus, *G.*

"Chloroform, *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Alcohol, *nine hundred and forty cubic centimeters* [or 31 fluidounces, 377 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of Chloroform *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *nineteen fluidounces.* Dissolve. Sp. gr. 0·871." *Br.*

The chloroform strength of this preparation does not differ very greatly from that of the spirit of chloroform which was official in the United States Pharmacopœia of 1880; the latter contained 10 per cent. of chloroform by weight, whilst the spirit now official contains 6 per cent. by volume, the seeming difference being due to the specific gravity of the chloroform. Solution of chloroform in alcohol in variable proportions was at one time erroneously called *chloric ether*, and was used as a respiratory anæsthetic agent in the place of chloroform, under the impression that it would be safer, the stimulant properties of the alcohol obviating the sedative action of the chloroform. It is at present, however, little used in this way, practitioners who employ chloroform and yet wish to guard against its depressing effects preferring *ether* to alcohol as the corrigent. The spirit of chloroform is a convenient form for internal exhibition, as it is more readily incorporated in mixtures than chloroform itself. The dose is from ten to sixty minims (0·6–3·75 C.c.).* The official elixir of orange is an agreeable vehicle for its administration.

SPIRITUS CINNAMOMI. U. S., Br. Spirit of Cinnamon.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS CĬN-NẠ-MŌ′MĪ.)

Alcoolé de Cannelle, *Fr.;* Zimmtspiritus, *G.*

"Oil of Cinnamon, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Cinnamon *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

The spirit of cinnamon is an agreeable aromatic cordial, and may be given in debility of the stomach in the dose of from ten to twenty drops (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

SPIRITUS FRUMENTI. U. S. Whiskey.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŬS FRŪ-MĔN′TĪ.)

"An alcoholic liquid obtained by the distillation of the mash of fermented grain (usually of mixtures of corn, wheat, and rye), and at least two years old." *U. S.*

Eau de Vie de Grains, *Fr.;* Kornbranntwein, *G.*

The term *whiskey* is said to have been first applied to the spirit obtained from barley in the Highlands of Scotland, and to signify water in the language of the people of that region. (*Rees's Cyclopædia.*) In the strict sense of the word, as at present understood, and as officially defined, it belongs to the distilled spirit from different grains, including Indian corn, wheat, rye, and barley. The whiskey of this country is generally made from corn or rye. The term,

* *Alcoholic Solution of Chloroform.* A preparation for inhalation, composed of one-third pure chloroform and two-thirds nearly absolute alcohol, was recommended by Dr. Warren, under the name of *strong chloric ether.* Dr. Snow has since employed a similar mixture, using equal parts of chloroform and alcohol. The mixture, made in the proportion adopted by Dr. Snow, is commended by M. Robert as the best anæsthetic agent yet proposed. As the name chloric ether was originally applied by the late Dr. T. Thomson, of Glasgow, to the Dutch liquid, it would be well to abandon the same appellation to designate chloroform, or its mixture with alcohol. A correct name for the latter would be *alcoholic solution of chloroform*, or *tincture of chloroform.* Dr. Warren used his preparation in fifty cases with success, and considered it safer than chloroform, and more agreeable than ether, but there is no reason for supposing that it has especial value. The preparation sold in London and elsewhere under the name of "*chloric ether*" is a weak tincture of chloroform of variable quality, containing at most but 16 or 18 per cent. of chloroform, and sometimes not more than 5 or 6 per cent.

however, is sometimes extended to other forms of ardent spirit; and that resulting from the distillation of cider is frequently, although incorrectly, designated as *apple whiskey*.

In the preparation of whiskey, the infusion of rye or other grain is first made to undergo fermentation, by which the saccharine matter and indirectly the starch are converted into alcohol. In this state the liquid is called the *mash*. This is submitted to distillation, and the product is denominated *low wines*. By a second distillation it becomes purer and stronger, and now takes the name of raw corn spirit or whiskey. Sometimes, we are informed, it is submitted to a third distillation, in order still further to purify it. By time certain chemical changes take place by which the natural impurities contained in the liquor are destroyed, and the whiskey becomes mellow, losing the disagreeable odor and taste which it is apt to have when first distilled.

There are volatile principles naturally existing in the grains, which accompany the liquor in all its changes and give their characteristic flavor to the resulting spirit. These can scarcely be considered as impurities. But there are others, produced during the process of fermentation, which serve seriously to contaminate the product. Among these is *fusel oil* or *grain oil* (amylic alcohol), which is offensive both to the smell and to the taste, and from which it is very desirable that the spirit should be freed as far as possible. As this oil has a considerably higher boiling point than ethylic or common alcohol, or even than water, it is mainly left behind if the distillation be not carried too far; yet portions still rise, and to a certain extent impregnate the spirit. Minute proportions of acetic and butyric acids are often present in whiskey, and valerianic acid has been detected. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 573.)* According to Dr. A. A. Hayes, of Boston, all new spirits prepared with copper stills are liable to be adulterated with that metal, which, however, is, he thinks, deposited in the process of ripening which they undergo by time. (*Am. Journ. Sci. and Arts*, July, 1861.)

Properties. Whiskey, when recently prepared, is nearly colorless; but when kept in casks it gradually acquires a brownish color, which deepens with time; and hence it may be found of various shades, from a slight yellowish brown tint to the dark brown of brandy. Its taste and smell, when mellow by age, though peculiar, are not disagreeable. According to the Pharmacopœia, whiskey is "an amber-colored liquid, having a distinctive odor and taste, and a slightly acid reaction. Its specific gravity should not be more than 0·930, nor less than 0·917, corresponding, approximately, to an alcoholic strength of 44 to 50 per cent. by weight, or 50 to 58 per cent. by volume. If 100 C.c. of Whiskey be very slowly evaporated in a tared capsule on a water-bath, the last portions volatilized should not have a harsh or disagreeable odor (absence of more than traces of *fusel oil from grain*); and the residue, when dried at 100° C. (212° F.), should not weigh more than 0·25 Gm. This residue should have no sweet nor distinctly spicy taste (absence of *added sugar*, *glycerin*, or *aromatic substances*). It should almost completely dissolve in 10 C.c. of cold water, forming a solution which is colored not deeper than light green by a few drops of dilute ferric chloride test-solution made by mixing the latter with 10 volumes of water (absence of more than traces of *oak tannin* from casks). To render 100 C.c. of Whiskey distinctly alkaline to litmus should not require more than 1·2 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (limit of *free acid*)." *U. S.*

Whiskey is an excellent alcoholic stimulant, which differs therapeutically from brandy in its having less tendency to cause constipation. Owing to its cheapness and its customary purity, it is usually preferable to brandy as a medicinal agent. It is also used as an antiseptic for wounds and ulcers.

SPIRITUS GAULTHERIÆ. U. S. Spirit of Gaultheria.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS GÂUL-THĒ'RĬ-Æ.)

"Oil of Gaultheria, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims]. To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This spirit, which was made official for the first time in the U. S. P. 1880, is simply a solution of the oil of gaultheria in alcohol in varying proportions: it has long been in use in many parts of our country, and authoritative recognition was needed. It is probably most largely used for imparting flavor to prescriptions. The dose is from ten to twenty minims (0·6°–1·25 C.c.).

* Fusel oil may be detected by agitating ether with the suspected liquor, adding water, and allowing to stand: the ether with the oil, if any be present, will rise to the top, and may be decanted, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously, when the oil will be left behind.

SPIRITUS GLONOINI. U. S. (Br.) Spirit of Glonoin. [Spirit of Nitroglycerin.]

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS GLŌ-NŌ-Ī'NĪ.)

Liquor Trinitrini, *Br.;* Solution of Trinitrin; Liquor Nitroglycerini; Solution of Nitroglycerine; Liquor Glonoini; Solution of Glonoin.

An alcoholic solution of Glonoin [Glyceryl (or Propenyl) trinitrate, or Nitroglycerin; $C_3H_5(NO_3)_3 = 226{\cdot}58$], containing 1 per cent., by weight, of the substance. Spirit of Glonoin should be kept and transported in well-stoppered tin cans, and should be stored in a cool place, remote from lights or fire. Great care should be exercised in handling, packing, transporting, or storing the Spirit, since a dangerous explosion may result if any considerable quantity of it be spilled and the alcohol be partly or wholly lost by evaporation." *U. S.*

"Pure Nitroglycerine *one part*, by weight; Rectified Spirit *sufficient to produce one hundred fluid parts.* Dissolve. Specific gravity, 0·844." *Br.*

This is a new official spirit. It has been introduced into the U. S. P. 1890 with the view of furnishing an eligible mode of administering nitroglycerin. The British Liquor Trinitrini is practically identical. Abundant precautions are included, which should on no account be neglected. The official description is as follows. "A clear, colorless liquid, possessing the odor and taste of alcohol. Caution should be exercised in tasting it, since even a small quantity of it is liable to produce a violent headache. The same effect is produced when it is freely applied to the skin. It is neutral to litmus paper. Specific gravity, 0·826 to 0·832 at 15° C. (59° F.). On diluting 10 C.c. of the Spirit with 15 C.c. of water,—both liquids, as well as the mixture, when measured, being brought to 15° C. (59° F.),—the liquid will exhibit at most a faint cloudiness, but the addition of a further portion of 5 C.c. of water should produce a white turbidity. If the specific gravity of the Spirit be higher than 0·840, or if 10 C.c. of it be rendered turbid by less than 10 C.c. of water, the Spirit should be rejected." *U. S.* On account of the importance of nitroglycerin as a therapeutic agent, we append the following.

Nitroglycerin. Trinitrine. Glonoin. Glyceryl Trinitrate. ($C_3H_5(NO_3)_3$.) When glycerin is gradually added in small portions at a time to a mixture of one part of strong nitric acid and three to four parts of concentrated sulphuric acid, and at a temperature kept low by artificial refrigeration, it is converted into a bright yellow liquid, which has remarkable explosive properties and has received the name at the head of this article. Nitroglycerin was discovered in the year 1847 by Professor Sobrero, of Turin. It was afterwards made a subject of study by Dr. de Vrij, of the Netherlands, Dr. Gladstone, and Dr. Kopp, but did not attract general attention until 1867, when Alfred Nobel, a Swedish engineer, suggested its use for explosive purposes. It is a yellow liquid (said to be colorless or slightly yellowish when pure); of a sp. gr. from 1·525 to 1·6; inodorous; of a sweet, pungent, aromatic taste; very slightly soluble in water, but readily soluble in ether, alcohol, and methylated spirit; not freezing above —15·5° C. (4° F.) when quite pure, according to J. R. Wagner, but, as it occurs in commerce, solidifying by continued exposure to a temperature of 8° C. (46·4° F.), and assuming the form of long needles, which it is dangerous to handle, as they explode violently when gently broken. In the liquid state the mere contact of flame does not inflame or explode it; but concussion, or touching it with a red-hot iron, explodes it with great vehemence. Detonating mixtures, or exploding gunpowder, in its near vicinity, produce the same effect. By keeping it undergoes partial decomposition; and in confined vessels the pressure of the accumulated gases which result is sometimes so great as to cause its explosion upon the slightest concussion. Its explosive force greatly exceeds that of gunpowder. According to Nobel, one measure of the fluid yields on explosion 10,384 measures of gas, while one measure of gunpowder yields only 800 measures. It has, therefore, been much employed in blasting rocks, in mining, quarrying, road-making, etc.; and its economical advantages have kept it in extensive use, notwithstanding the danger. From these facts the inference is evident that it should not be kept in large quantities, nor conveyed to any considerable distance: the most fearful consequences have followed a neglect of these precautions. Practical operators recommend that it should be made extemporaneously where wanted as an explosive agent.

Nitroglycerin is formed by the introduction of the nitro-group (NO_2) in place of the three replaceable hydrogen atoms of the glycerin formula, according to the reaction $C_3H_5(OH)_3 + 3(NO_2,OH) = C_3H_5(NO_3)_3 + 3(HOH)$. M. E. Kopp gives the following as his method of preparing nitroglycerin on the spot where it is needed. First, fuming nitric acid of the sp. gr. 1·51 to 1·53 is mixed with twice its weight of the strongest sulphuric acid. At the same time commercial glycerin, free from lead and lime, is evaporated in a pot to 30° or 31° Baumé, so that on cooling it shall have a syrupy consistence. Into 3300 grammes of the acid mixture,

contained in a glass or porcelain capsule placed in a trough of cold water, 500 grammes of the prepared glycerin are slowly poured with constant stirring, great care being taken to prevent any sensible heating of the mixture. The whole is then to be left for five or ten minutes, after which the mixture is to be poured into five or six times its volume of cold water to which a rotatory motion has been given. The nitroglycerin precipitates rapidly in the form of a heavy liquid, which is separated by decantation, then washed with a little water which is decanted, and lastly is put into bottles. In this state it still contains a little acid and water; but these do not interfere with its use as an explosive agent. Latterly it has also been prepared by mixing 3½ parts of sulphuric acid of 1·83 sp. gr. with 1 part of potassium nitrate, and cooling this, when potassium sulphate will crystallize out. The acid drained off from this is peculiarly adapted for the formation of nitroglycerin, which then takes place rapidly and without so much dangerous development of heat.

The present European manufacture of nitroglycerin exceeds 10,000 tons annually, and the American production nearly equals this.

Medical Properties and Uses. The action of nitroglycerin upon the human system is that of the nitrite. It differs in its influence from amyl nitrite solely in that its effects are not quite so prompt and are perceptible for a much longer time. The amount required to produce a sensible action is exceedingly small. Thus, Mr. J. M. Merrick experienced distinct effects from one-fortieth of a drop, and Mr. Field has recorded a temporary loss of consciousness and other alarming symptoms as produced by about one-forty-fifth of a drop. In the case of Mr. B. Schuchardt (*A. J. P.*, 1867), as much as ten drops are affirmed to have been swallowed, with the production of giddiness, violent, throbbing headache, weariness, and a semi-unconsciousness lasting several hours. According to Louis Kolipinski (*Med. News*, 1890), two drachms of the ordinary solution of nitroglycerin have been recovered from without very serious symptoms (amount taken doubtful). For a case in which death was legally decided to have been criminally produced by the poison, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 356. The inhalation of the vapors of nitroglycerin produces the same symptoms, so that care is recommended in its manufacture. As nitroglycerin may be considered a glyceryl nitrate, its action as a nitrite appears at first remarkable. It has been shown, however, by Hay that during its alkaline decomposition it yields nascent nitrous acid, and it can scarcely be questioned that this acid is developed in the blood and acts upon the system.

Spirit of glonoin, or an equivalent solution of *nitroglycerin*, is very much used in *angina pectoris*, *asthma*, *convulsions*, and other diseases in which amyl nitrite is employed. (See *Amyl Nitris.*) As a *cardiac stimulant*, in collapse, poisoning by illuminating gas, and other conditions, it may be used either by the mouth or by subcutaneous injections. Dose, from one to two minims (0·06–0·12 C.c.).

SPIRITUS JUNIPERI. U. S., Br. Spirit of Juniper.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS JŪ-NĬP'Ē-RĪ.)

Alcoolat (Esprit) de Genièvre, *Fr.*; Wachholderspiritus, *G.*

"Oil of Juniper, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Juniper *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

This spirit is used chiefly as an addition to diuretic infusions. It is about 33 per cent. stronger than the spirit formerly official. The dose is from thirty to sixty minims (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

SPIRITUS JUNIPERI COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Spirit of Juniper.

(SPĬR'Ĭ-TŬS JŪ-NĬP'Ē-RĪ CŌM-PŌS'Ĭ-TŬS.)

"Oil of Juniper, *eight cubic centimeters* [or 130 minims]; Oil of Caraway, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Oil of Fennel, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Alcohol, *fourteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 47 fluidounces, 163 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims]. Dissolve the Oils in the Alcohol, and gradually add enough Water to make the product measure *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims]." *U. S.*

This spirit is a useful addition to diuretic infusions and mixtures in debilitated cases of *dropsy*. It corresponds very closely to Holland gin. The dose is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.).

SPIRITUS LAVANDULÆ. U. S., Br. Spirit of Lavender.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS LẠ-VĂN'DŬ-LÆ.)

Alcoolat (Esprit, Eau) de Lavande, *Fr.;* Lavandelspiritus, *G.*

"Oil of Lavender Flowers, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Deodorized Alcohol, *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Lavender *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

Spirit of Lavender is used chiefly as a perfume, and as an ingredient in other preparations. The official spirit is about 33 per cent. stronger than the spirit of U. S. P. 1870. The perfume usually sold under the name of *lavender water* is not a distilled spirit, but an alcoholic solution of the oil, with the addition of other odorous substances. The following is given by Mr. Brande as one of the most approved recipes for preparing it. "Take of rectified spirit five gallons, essential oil of lavender twenty ounces, essential oil of bergamot five ounces, *essence of ambergris* [made by digesting one drachm of ambergris and eight grains of musk in half a pint of alcohol] half an ounce. Mix." The Br. spirit is of one-fifth the strength of the preparation of the Pharmacopœia of 1864. It is a grateful stimulant and carminative when administered in sweetened water. The dose may be from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

SPIRITUS LIMONIS. U. S. Spirit of Lemon. [Essence of Lemon.]

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS LĮ-MŌ'NĬS.)

Alcoolat (Esprit) de Citrons, *Fr.;* Citronenessenz, *G.*

"Oil of Lemon, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Lemon Peel, freshly grated, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Deodorized Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Oil of Lemon in *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Deodorized Alcohol, add the Lemon Peel, and macerate for twenty-four hours. Then filter through paper, and add, through the filter, enough Deodorized Alcohol to make the Spirit measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This spirit is used chiefly for flavoring mixtures.

SPIRITUS MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ. U. S., Br. Spirit of Peppermint.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS MĔN'THÆ PĬ-PẸ-RĪ'TÆ.)

Essence of Peppermint; Spiritus Menthæ Piperitæ Anglicus, *P. G.;* Alcoolat (Essence) de Menthe poivrée, *Fr.;* Englische Pfefferminzessenz, *G.*

"Oil of Peppermint, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Peppermint, bruised, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Oil of Peppermint in *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Alcohol, add the Peppermint, and macerate for twenty-four hours. Then filter through paper, and add, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Spirit measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Oil of Peppermint *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.* This spirit is of only one-fifth the strength of the Br. spirit of 1864, and contains about nine times as much Oil of Peppermint as the Spiritus Menthæ Piperitæ of the London Pharmacopœia.

Under the name of ESSENTIA MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ, or *Essence of Peppermint*, the present Br. Pharmacopœia contains a preparation much stronger than either of the above spirits, consisting of *one fluidounce* of Oil of Peppermint to *four fluidounces* of Rectified Spirit.

The distilled spirit has no advantage over a simple solution of the oil in alcohol, and this mode of preparing it has been adopted both in the U. S. and British Pharmacopœias. It has long been popularly used under the name of *essence of peppermint.* The spirit of peppermint affords a convenient method of administering a dose of the volatile oil, being of such a strength that when dropped on loaf-sugar it may be taken without inconvenience. The dose is from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.), given as just mentioned, or mixed with sweetened water. The dose of the British Spirit is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), that of the British Essence from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

SPIRITUS MENTHÆ VIRIDIS. U. S. Spirit of Spearmint.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS MĔN'THÆ VĬR'Ị-DĬS.)

Tinctura Olei Menthæ Viridis, *U. S.* 1850; Essence of Spearmint; Grüne Minzessenz, *G.*

"Oil of Spearmint, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Spearmint, bruised, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Oil of Spearmint in *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Alcohol, add the Spearmint, and macerate for twenty-four hours. Then filter through paper, and add, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Spirit measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U.S.*

The remarks made on the Spirit of Peppermint are equally applicable to this. Both are usually employed as carminatives. The Spirit of Spearmint may be given in the dose of thirty or forty drops (1·9–2·5 C.c.).

SPIRITUS MYRCIÆ. U. S. Spirit of Myrcia. [Bay-rum.]

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS MŸR'CỊ-Æ.)

"Oil of Myrcia, *sixteen cubic centimeters* [or 260 minims]; Oil of Orange Peel, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Oil of Pimenta, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Alcohol, *twelve hundred and twenty cubic centimeters* [or 41 fluidounces, 122 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims]. Mix the Oils with the Alcohol, and gradually add Water until the solution measures *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67 fluidounces, 302 minims]. Set the mixture aside, in a well-stoppered bottle, for eight days, then filter it through paper in a well-covered funnel." *U. S.*

The distilled spirit has been abandoned and a formula for its preparation substituted. It will in many cases be found that, even when complying strictly with the directions of the formula, simple filtration will not produce a transparent spirit. The addition to the filter of a small quantity of magnesium carbonate rubbed up with a little of the spirit to a smooth paste will accomplish the object of clarification.

This was a new official of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860, and was defined as obtained by distilling rum with the leaves of *Myrcia acris*. It had been long in use as a most agreeable and refreshing perfume; and many persons, on account of the name, believed it to be prepared by distilling spirit from the leaves of the bay-tree (*Laurus nobilis*). It appears, however, that this was an error. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1861.) A leaf was presented to the late Prof. Maisch, brought from the West Indies, with the information that it was from the tree the leaves of which were used in preparing this spirit. He observed that it had precisely the characteristic odor and taste of bay-rum, and on comparing it with the leaves of a twig in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of this city, brought by the late Dr. Griffiths from St. Croix, and labelled as the plant from which bay-rum was prepared, found that the two closely corresponded. From the characters of the leaf, Prof. Bridges suggested that it might belong to a plant of the family Myrtaceæ, most probably the *Myrcia acris* of De Candolle; and there is little room to doubt that *Myrcia acris* is the source of this very agreeable perfume.

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-parted, tube subglobose. *Petals* five. *Stamens* numerous, free. *Ovary* two- or three-celled. *Berry* one- or two-celled, one- to three-seeded. *Seed* subglobose, smooth; cotyledons foliaceous.

Myrcia acris. Swartz; De Cand. *Prodrom.* v. 243; Curtis's *Bot. Mag.*, 2d ser., vol. vi. pl. 3153.—*Myrtus acris.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* p. 973. The *bayberry*, as it is sometimes called, is a tree of considerable size, with a straight stem and a thick pyramidal summit. The young branches are green and sharply four-angled. The leaves are opposite, from 3 to 5 inches long, very coriaceous, lanceolate, obtuse, wavy, somewhat revolute at the edges, with numerous parallel nerves, reticulated on the upper surface, and sprinkled with pellucid dots. They have a very fragrant odor, and are somewhat astringent. The flowers, which are arranged in pedunculate, axillary panicles, longer than the leaves, are small, and white with a reddish tinge. The aromatic berries are round, about as large as a pea, with seven or eight seeds.

The tree is a native of Jamaica and other West India islands. The spirit is probably prepared by distilling rum from the leaves; but we are without precise information on the subject, and it is not impossible that the leaves of other species may also be used. Indeed, an odor of pimenta which it appears to us may be sometimes detected suggests the idea that the

leaves of this tree may be at least occasionally added to those of the bayberry. A *volatile oil* is also obtained from the leaves by distillation, and is now official. (See *Oleum Myrciæ.*)

Bay-rum is used chiefly as a refreshing perfume in cases of *nervous headache, faintness*, and other *nervous disorders*, either held to the nostrils, or applied on soft linen to the head and forehead. It is also grateful to the feeble and convalescent patient, by being sprinkled on the bed-covering or otherwise made to impregnate the air of the chamber.

SPIRITUS MYRISTICÆ. U. S., Br. Spirit of Nutmeg. [Essence of Nutmeg.]

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS MŸ-RĬS'TỊ-ÇÆ.)

Alcoole (Esprit) de Muscade, *Fr.;* Muskatspiritus, *G.*

"Oil of Nutmeg, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of Volatile Oil of Nutmeg *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

It is used chiefly for its flavor, as an addition to other medicines. Dose, one fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

SPIRITUS PHOSPHORI. U. S. Spirit of Phosphorus. [Tincture of Phosphorus.]

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS PHŎS'PHỌ-RĪ.)

"Phosphorus, *one and two-tenths grammes* [or 18½ grains]; Absolute Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Weigh the Phosphorus in a tared capsule containing water, then dry it carefully and quickly with blotting paper, and introduce it into a flask containing *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Absolute Alcohol. Connect the flask with an upright condenser supplied with cold water, and apply the heat of a water-bath, so that the Alcohol may be kept gently boiling, until the Phosphorus is dissolved. Then allow the liquid to become cold, and, if necessary, add to it enough Absolute Alcohol to make it measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Lastly, transfer the Spirit to small, dark amber-colored vials, which should be securely stoppered, and kept in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

This new official is the basis of the Elixir of Phosphorus, and is rarely directly used in medicine. Each fluidrachm contains about $\frac{1}{15}$ grain of phosphorus.

SPIRITUS RECTIFICATUS. Br. Rectified Spirit.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS RĔC-TỊ-FỊ-CĀ'TŬS.)

"Alcohol, C_2H_5HO, with sixteen per cent. of water; obtained by the distillation of fermented saccharine fluids." *Br.*

See *Alcohol* (page 121).

SPIRITUS ROSMARINI. Br. Spirit of Rosemary.

(SPĬR'Ị-TŬS RŎŞ-MẠ-RĪ'NĪ.)

Spiritus Anthos; Alcoolat (Esprit) de Romarin, *Fr.;* Rosmarin Spiritus, *G.*

"Take of Oil of Rosemary *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *forty-nine fluidounces.* Dissolve." *Br.*

This spirit has only one-fifth the strength of the Br. spirit of 1864, and contains about ten times as much Oil of Rosemary as the Spiritus Rosmarini of the London Pharmacopœia. The plant is no longer official.* It is a grateful perfume, and is used chiefly as an ingredient in lotions and liniments.

* *Rosmarinus. Rosemary.* (*Folia Rosmarini, s. Roris Marinis*, P. G.; *Folia Anthos; Feuilles de Romarin, Romarin*, Fr.; *Rosmarin, Rosmarinblätter*, G.; *Rosmarino*, It.; *Romero*, Sp.) "The leaves of Rosmarinus officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ)." *U. S.* 1880. *Gen. Ch. Corolla* unequal, with the upper lip two-parted. *Filaments* long, curved, simple, with a tooth. *Willd. Rosmarinus officinalis.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 126; *B. & T.* 207. Rosemary is an evergreen shrub, three or four feet high, with an erect stem, divided into many long, slender, ash-colored branches. The leaves are numerous, sessile, opposite, more than an inch long, about one-sixth of an inch broad, rigid, linear, entire, obtuse at the summit, folded backward at the edges, of a firm consistence, smooth and green on the upper surface, whitish, woolly, and glandular beneath. The flowers are pale blue or white, and disposed in opposite groups at the axils of the leaves, towards the ends of the branches. The naked seeds are four in number, oblong. The plant grows spontaneously in the countries which border on the Mediterranean, and is cultivated in the gardens of Europe and this country. The leaves, which have already been described, have a strong balsamic odor, which is possessed, but in a less degree, by all parts of the plant. Their taste is bitter and cam-

SPIRITUS TENUIOR. Br. Proof Spirit.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŪS TĔN-Ū′Ị-ŌR.)

See *Alcohol* (page 121).

SPIRITUS VINI GALLICI. U. S., Br. Brandy.

(SPĬR′Ị-TŪS VĪ′NĪ GĂL′LỊ-CĪ.)

"An alcoholic liquid obtained by the distillation of the fermented, unmodified juice of fresh grapes, and at least four years old." *U. S.* "Spirit distilled from French wine. It has a characteristic flavor, and a light sherry color derived from the cask in which it has been kept." *Br.*

Spirit of French Wine; Eau de Vie, Cognac, *Fr.;* Branntwein, Franzbranntwein, *G.;* Acquavite, *It.;* Agua ardiente, *Sp.*

All liquids which have undergone the alcoholic fermentation yield an ardent spirit by distillation. (See *Alcohol*, page 121.) When the alcoholic liquid is wine, the product of the distillation is brandy. This ardent spirit is subject to variation, according to the character of the wine from which it is distilled. The best brandy is obtained from French wines, and the kinds called Cognac and Armagnac are most esteemed. Cognac is probably the most profitable wine-producing region in the world, and has given its name to the most widely known brandy. Very large quantities of brandy are now made in California, but the taste is peculiar and easily distinguished from that of Cognac. Our Pharmacopœia formerly recognized French brandy exclusively; but since the revision of 1860 all spirits have been admitted under that name, when obtained from the juice of grapes and sufficiently strong and pure to meet the requirements below specified.

Properties. "A pale amber-colored liquid, having a distinctive odor and taste, and a slightly acid reaction. Its specific gravity should not be more than 0·941, nor less than 0·925, corresponding, approximately, to an alcoholic strength of 39 to 47 per cent. by weight, or 46 to 55 per cent. by volume. If 100 C.c. of Brandy be very slowly evaporated in a tared capsule on a water-bath, the last portions volatilized should have an agreeable odor free from harshness (absence of *fusel oil from grain* or *potato spirit*); and the residue, when dried at 100° C. (212° F.), should not weigh more than 1·5 Gm. This residue should have no sweet or distinctly spicy taste (absence of *added sugar*, *glycerin*, or *aromatic substances*). It should almost completely dissolve in 10 C.c. of cold water, forming a solution which is colored not deeper than light green by a few drops of dilute ferric chloride test-solution made by mixing the latter with 10 volumes of water (absence of more than traces of *oak tannin* from casks). To render 100 C.c. of Brandy distinctly alkaline to litmus should require not more than 1 C.c. of potassium hydrate volumetric solution (limit of *free acid*)." *U. S.* Besides alcohol, water, and volatile oil, it contains coloring matter, tannin, œnanthic ether described under *wine*, a little acetic ether, and a little aldehyde. Brandy is classed according to its color, as pale and high-colored. *Pale brandy* has a yellow color, derived from the cask in which it is kept. *High-colored* brandy has a deep-red color given to it, before importation, by burnt sugar (caramel), which is said to impart a more agreeable flavor. *Factitious brandy* is sometimes made from alcohol, deprived of fusel oil, and reduced to the proper proof by water, by adding to it acetic ether in the proportion of from half an ounce to an ounce to the gallon. The proper color is then given by burnt sugar. The spurious liquid may be known by its leaving on evaporation a residue, containing sugar and no tannin,—the absence of the latter being shown by its not striking a black color with ferric salts. It may also be detected by the absence of aldehyde. (*Magnes-Lahens.*) For modes of detecting impurities in brandy and other ardent spirits, see *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 118; also *Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1875, p. 127.

Medical Properties. Brandy is esteemed cordial and stomachic, and is frequently given, in the form of toddy or milk-punch, in the sinking stages of *low fevers*. In the late London Pharmacopœia there was an official preparation of it, called *Mistura Spiritus Vini Gallici*, consisting of brandy, cinnamon water, the yolks of eggs, sugar, and oil of cinnamon. This, though

phorous. These properties are imparted partially to water, completely to alcohol, and depend on a volatile oil. (See *Oleum Rosmarini*.) The tops lose a portion of their sensible properties by drying, and become inodorous by age. Rosemary is gently stimulant, and has been considered emmenagogue. In the practice of this country it is scarcely used; but in Europe, especially on the continent, it enters into the composition of several syrups, tinctures, etc., to which it imparts its agreeable odor and excitant property. It is sometimes added to sternutatory powders, and is used externally in connection with other aromatics in the form of fomentation. In some countries it is employed as a condiment; and its flowers, which are much sought after by the bees, impart their peculiar flavor to the honey of the districts in which the plant abounds. *U. S. D.*, 16th ed.

a convenient form for the administration of brandy, was omitted in the Br. Pharmacopœia. It has, however, been admitted into the new edition, and is now again official; but the oil has been omitted. If prepared with the U. S. cinnamon water, it would certainly be sufficiently flavored without the addition of the oil. Brandy is in general most conveniently exhibited, in low fevers, mixed with milk and flavored with sugar, the proportions being varied to meet the demands of the case.

STAPHISAGRIA. U. S. (Br.) Staphisagria. [Stavesacre.]

(STĂPH-I-SĀ'GRI-Ą.)

"The seed of Delphinium Staphisagria, Linné (nat. ord. Ranunculaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of Delphinium Staphisagria, Linn." *Br.*

Staphisagriæ Semina, *Br.;* Stavesacre Seeds.

Delphinium staphisagria, L., or stavesacre, is a handsome annual or biennial plant, one or two feet high, with a simple, erect, downy stem, and palmate, five- or seven-lobed leaves, supported on hairy footstalks. The flowers are bluish or purple, in terminal racemes, with pedicels twice as long as the flower, and bracteoles inserted at the base of the pedicel. The nectary is four-leaved and shorter than the petals, which are five in number, the uppermost projected backward so as to form a spur, which encloses two spurs of the upper leaflets of the nectary. The seeds are in straight oblong capsules. The plant is a native of the south of Europe.

Properties. The seeds of stavesacre are officially described as "about 5 Mm. long, 3 or 4 Mm. broad, flattish-tetrahedral, one side convex, brown or brownish-gray, with reticulate ridges, containing a whitish, oily albumen and a straight embryo; nearly inodorous; taste bitter and acrid." *U. S.* Their virtues are extracted by water and alcohol. Analyzed by MM. Lassaigne and Feneulle, they yielded a brown and a yellow bitter principle, a volatile oil, a fixed oil, albumen, a nitrogenous substance, a mucilaginous saccharine matter, mineral salts, and a peculiar alkaloid called *delphinine** or *delphinia*, which exists in the seeds combined with an excess of malic acid. It is white, pulverulent, inodorous, of a bitter acrid taste, fusible at 65·5° C. (150° F.) and becoming hard and brittle upon cooling, volatilizable at 148·8° C. (300° F.) (*Guy*), slightly soluble in cold water, very soluble in alcohol and ether, and capable of forming salts with the acids. It is obtained by boiling a decoction of the seeds with magnesia, collecting the precipitate, and treating it with alcohol, which dissolves the *delphinine*, and yields it upon evaporation. According to M. Couërbe, it is impure as thus obtained, consisting of three distinct principles: one of a resinous nature, separated from its solution in diluted sulphuric acid by the addition of nitric acid; another distinguished by its insolubility in ether, and named by M. Couërbe *staphisaine;* and the third soluble both in alcohol and in ether, and considered as pure delphinine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 519.) Marquis, in Dragendorff's laboratory in 1877, isolated the following four alkaloids: *delphinine*, $C_{28}H_{37}NO_5$, a crystallizable alkaloid, of bitter taste, weak alkaline reaction, soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform; *delphinoidine*, $C_{42}H_{68}N_2O_7$, amorphous, soluble in ether, alcohol, chloroform, reaction strongly alkaline, fusing point 110°–120° C.; *delphisine*, $C_{27}H_{46}N_2O_4$, crystallizing in warty aggregations, soluble in ether, alcohol, and chloroform; *staphisagrine*, $C_{32}H_{33}NO_5$, only obtained amorphous, difficultly soluble in water and ether, easily soluble in alcohol and chloroform, of bitter taste, fusing point 90° C., of alkaline reaction in alcoholic

* *Delphinine* is highly poisonous, exerting its effects chiefly on the nervous system. Experiments made by Drs. Falck and Rörig on the lower animals show that, introduced into the rectum, the cellular tissue, or the veins, it produces death by asphyxia, preceded by symptoms of local irritation, convulsive movements, and extreme anæsthesia, without apparent disturbance of the cerebral functions until the moment before death. Introduced into the stomach, it caused salivation, vomiting, and diarrhœa, without other signs of absorption. (*Arch. Gén.*, 4e sér., xxx. 482.) Similar results were subsequently obtained by Dr. Van Praag, who found also that the nerves of motion were paralyzed as well as those of sensation. After death, congestion of the cerebral membranes, heart, great veins, and liver was observed. Dr. Turnbull, in his work "*On the Medical Properties of the Ranunculaceæ*," states that pure delphinine may be given to the extent of three or four grains a day, in doses of half a grain each, without exciting vomiting, and without producing much intestinal irritation, though it sometimes purges. In most instances it proves diuretic, and gives rise to sensations of heat and tingling in various parts of the body. Externally, it acts like veratrine, but, according to Dr. Turnbull, produces more redness and burning and less tingling than that substance. He has employed it in neuralgia, rheumatism, and paralysis. It may be applied by friction, in the form of ointment or alcoholic solution, in proportions varying from ten to thirty grains of the alkaloid to an ounce of the vehicle; and the friction should be continued till a pungent sensation is produced. Dr. V. Gauthier (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Oct. 15, 1887) finds that delphinine kills by an arrest of respiration; that it first accelerates the heart's movement, and finally stops the organ in diastole; that it first augments and then paralyzes sensibility, and that in toxic doses it rapidly destroys the function of the motor nerves, but does not affect the muscle-fibres. It causes dilatation of the pupils, and is eliminated with all the excretions. Professor Kobert has found that the alkaloids of staphisagria resemble aconitine in their action, but that delphinoidine has some narcotic action.

solution. (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., 1884, p. 617.) The total amount of alkaloids is about 1 per cent. According to Charalampi Kara-Stojanow (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1890), delphinine and delphisine have the same composition, $C_{31}H_{49}NO_7$, crystallize from their solutions in ether and petroleum benzin in identical forms, and have their melting points at 191° C. and 189° C.

Medical Properties and Uses. The seeds were formerly used as an emetic and cathartic, but have been abandoned in consequence of their violence. A strong tincture has been employed as an embrocation in *rheumatism*. The ointment is used to destroy *lice* and the *itch-mite*. M. Bazin has used the extract internally in *eczema* in doses of a grain and a half (0·095 Gm.). (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1851.) But its internal employment should be abandoned, and when used externally care should be exercised not to apply it to an abraded scalp, and only upon the unbroken epidermis. In some countries the seeds are used like Cocculus Indicus to intoxicate fish.

STILLINGIA. U. S. Stillingia. [Queen's Root.]

(STĮL-LĬN′ĢĮ-Ą.)

"The root of Stillingia sylvatica, Linné (nat. ord. Euphorbiaceæ)." *U. S.*

Queen's Root, Silver Leaf, Queen's Delight; Stillingie, *Fr., G.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Involucre* hemispherical, many-flowered, or wanting. *Calyx* tubular, eroded. *Stamens* two and three, exserted. FEMALE. *Calyx* one-flowered, inferior. *Style* trifid. *Capsule* three-grained. *Nuttall.*

From the fruit of *Stillingia sebifera* the Chinese procure a *vegetable tallow* in large quantities, which is said to be almost pure stearin and is much used in making candles. It exists between the shell of the seeds and the outer husk; the kernel, contained within the shell, yielding a liquid fixed oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 73.)

Stillingia sylvatica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 588; *B. & T.* 241. This is an indigenous perennial plant, commonly called *Queen's delight*, with herbaceous stems, two or three feet high, and alternate, sessile, oblong or lanceolate-oblong, obtuse, serrulate leaves, tapering at the base, and accompanied with stipules. The male and female flowers are distinct upon the same plant. They are yellow, and arranged in the form of a spike, of which the upper part is occupied by the male, the lower by the female flowers. The male florets are scarcely longer than the bracteal scales. The plant grows in pine-barrens from Virginia to Florida, flowering in May and June. When wounded it emits a milky juice.

The root, which is the part used, is large, thick, and woody. It is officially described as "about 30 Cm. long, and nearly 5 Cm. thick, subcylindrical, slightly branched, compact, wrinkled, tough, grayish-brown, breaking with a fibrous fracture, showing a thick bark and porous wood, the inner bark and medullary rays having numerous yellowish-brown resin-cells; odor peculiar, unpleasant; taste bitter, acrid, and pungent." *U. S.* The odor is slight, peculiar, and somewhat oleaginous, but in the recent root is said to be strong and acrimonious. The taste is bitterish and pungent, leaving an impression of disagreeable acrimony in the mouth and fauces. It imparts its virtues to water and alcohol. Dr. H. R. Frost thinks that the active principle is somewhat volatile, and states that the root loses much of its activity when long kept. Mr. W. Saunders has obtained from the root a volatile oil, which he found to possess the odor, taste, and peculiar acrimony of the root in a high degree. He procured six and a quarter ounces from five pounds of the dried root. It had a thick consistence, and required the addition of alcohol to render it fit for manipulation. Wm. Bichy (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 529) found an alkaloid which he named *stillingine*. It was obtained as an amorphous powder, volatilizable on heating, forming a sulphate in fine scale-like crystals.

Medical Properties and Uses. In large doses stillingia is emetic and cathartic, in smaller doses alterative, with some influence over the secretions. It has been long popularly used in South Carolina, but was first introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Thomas Young Simons (*Amer. Med. Recorder*, 1828, vol. xiii. p. 312) as a valuable alterative remedy in *syphilitic affections* and other affections ordinarily requiring the use of mercury. From the reports in its favor there seems no reason to doubt the efficacy of this medicine in *secondary syphilis*, *scrofula*, *cutaneous diseases*, *chronic hepatic affections*, and other complaints ordinarily benefited by alterative medicines. It is best given in the form of the official fluid extract: dose, half a fluidrachm increased to a fluidrachm. Stillingia is sometimes advantageously combined with sarsaparilla and other alteratives.*

* *Syrupus Stillingiæ Compositus. Compound Syrup of Stillingia.* This syrup, notwithstanding its reputation as a model of polypharmaceutical skill, is largely used in the West and South. Dr. John King makes it as follows.

STRAMONII FOLIA. U. S., Br. Stramonium Leaves.

(STRĀ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī FŌ'LĮ-Ą.)

"The leaves of Datura Stramonium, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Datura Stramonium, Linn." *Br.*

Herba Stramonii; Thornapple Leaves; Feuilles de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Stechapfelblätter, *G.*

STRAMONII SEMEN. U. S. (Br.) Stramonium Seed.

(STRĀ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SĒ'MĘN.)

"The seed of Datura Stramonium, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried ripe seeds of Datura Stramonium." *Br.*

Stramonii Semina, *Br.;* Semen Stramonii, *P. G.;* Thornapple; Stramoine, Pomme épineuse, Semences (Graines) de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Stechapfel, Stechapfelsamen, *G.;* Stramonio, *It.;* Estramonio, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla funnel-shaped, plaited. *Calyx* tubular, angular, deciduous. *Capsule* four-valved. *Willd.*

Datura stramonium. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1008; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 17; *B. & T.* 192. The *thornapple* is an annual plant, of rank and vigorous growth, usually about three feet high, but in a rich soil sometimes six feet or more. The root is large, whitish, and furnished with numerous fibres. The stem is erect, round, smooth, somewhat shining, simple below, dichotomous above, with numerous spreading branches. The leaves, which stand on short round footstalks in the forks of the stem, are five or six inches long, of an ovate-triangular form, irregularly sinuated and toothed at the edges, unequal at the base, dark green on the upper surface, and pale beneath. The flowers are large, axillary, solitary, and peduncled, having a tubular, pentangular, five-toothed calyx, and a funnel-shaped corolla with a long tube, and a waved plaited border, terminating in five acuminate teeth. The upper portion of the calyx falls with the deciduous parts of the flower, leaving its base, which becomes reflexed and remains attached to the fruit. This is a large, fleshy, roundish-ovate, four-valved, four-celled capsule, thickly covered with sharp spines, and containing numerous seeds, attached to a longitudinal receptacle in the centre of each cell. It opens at the summit. There are two varieties of this species of Datura, one with a green stem and white flowers, the other with a dark-reddish stem minutely dotted with green, and purplish flowers striped with deep purple on the inside. The latter, however, is considered by some botanists as a distinct species, being the *D. tatula* of Linnæus. The properties of both are the same.*

It is doubtful to what country this plant originally belonged. Many European botanists refer it to North America, while we in return trace it to the old continent. Nuttall considers it as having originated in South America or Asia; and it is probable that its native country is to be found in some parts of the East. It is said to grow wild abundantly in Southern Russia, from the borders of the Black Sea eastward to Siberia. Its seeds, being retentive of life, are taken in the earth put on shipboard for ballast from one country to another, not unfrequently springing up upon the passage, and thus propagating the plant in all regions which have any commercial connection. In the United States it is found everywhere in the vicinity of cultivation, frequenting dung-heaps, the road-sides and commons, and other places where a rank soil is created by the deposited refuse of towns and villages. Its flowers appear from May to July or August, according to the latitude. Where the plant grows abundantly, its vicinity may be detected by the rank odor which it diffuses to some distance around. All parts of it

Take of Queen's Root (Stillingia) 2 lbs. [avoirdupois]; Turkey-corn Root (Corydalis) 2 lbs. [av.]; Blue-flag Root (Iris versicolor) 1 lb. [av.]; Elder Flowers 1 lb. [av.]; Pipsissewa Leaves (Chimaphila) 1 lb. [av.]; Coriander ½ lb. [av.]; Prickly Ash Berries (Xanthoxylum) ½ lb. [av.]; Sugar, Refined, 24 lbs. [av.]; Water q. s., Alcohol, 76 per cent., q. s. Grind and mix the vegetable drugs together, place them in a convenient vessel, cover them with alcohol of 76 per cent., and macerate for three days. Then transfer the whole to a percolator and gradually pour alcohol on top until 4 pints of tincture have been obtained, which retain and set aside. Then continue the percolation with water, and of this second percolate reserve so much as contains a sensible amount of alcohol, and distil or evaporate the latter from it. Continue the percolation by water until the solution obtained is almost tasteless, and boil down this weaker infusion until, when added to the second solution, after the evaporation of its alcohol, it will make 24 pints. To these two solutions combined add the sugar, and dissolve it by heat, carefully removing any scum which arises as it begins to boil; and if it exceeds 28 pints, evaporate to that quantity with constant stirring. Then remove from the fire, and, when nearly cold, add the 4 pints of reserved alcoholic tincture and make 4 gallons of syrup, each pint of which will be equal to 4 fluidounces of the ingredients. The 24 pounds of sugar, when added to the 24 pints of solution, will always make more than 28 pints. (*N. R.*, May, 1880; see, also, *National Formulary*, Part II.)

* M. Naudin maintains that they are distinct species, always retaining their distinctive characters, the one of green stems and pure white flowers, the other of dark-purple stems and violet-tinted flowers. The two species were crossed by M. Naudin, who obtained hybrids twice the size of their parents, but in other respects intermediate; and when these hybrids were cultivated they showed a constant tendency to revert to the original forms. (*A. J. P.*, 1865.)

are medicinal. The leaves and seeds only are now official, the root having been omitted in the former revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The leaves may be gathered at any time from the appearance of the flowers till the autumnal frost. In this country the plant is generally known by the name of *Jamestown* (*vulgo*, *Jimson*) *weed*, derived probably from its having been first observed in the neighborhood of that old settlement in Virginia. In India *Datura alba*, *D. ferox*, and *D. fastuosa* are used as intoxicants; *El Bethene*, a datura of the Sahara Desert, is capable of causing delirium, coma, and death; and it is probable that all the species of the genus are poisonous.

1. The *fresh leaves* when bruised emit a fetid narcotic odor, which they lose upon drying. Their taste is bitter and nauseous. These properties, together with their medical virtues, are imparted to water and alcohol. Water distilled from them, though possessed of their odor in a slight degree, is destitute of their active properties. They contain, according to Promnitz, 0·58 per cent. of gum, 0·6 of extractive, 0·64 of green starch, 0·15 of albumen, 0·12 of resin, 0·23 of saline matters, 5·15 of lignin, and 91·25 of water. The leaves, if carefully dried, retain their bitter taste. They are officially described as "about 15 Cm. long, petiolate, dark green, smooth, ovate, pointed, unequal, especially at the base, coarsely and sinuately toothed; thin, brittle, and nearly inodorous; taste unpleasant, bitter and nauseous." *U. S.*

2. The *seeds* are small, kidney-shaped, pitted and wrinkled, flattened on the sides, of a dark-brown almost black color, inodorous unless bruised, and of the bitter, nauseous taste of the leaves, with some degree of acrimony. The testa is dull brownish black, hard, and encloses a cylindrical, curved embryo, which is embedded in a whitish oily albumen. They are much more energetic in their action on the system than are the leaves. MM. Hirtz and Hopp inferred from their experiments that one part of an extract prepared from them was equal in strength to five parts of an extract prepared in precisely the same manner from the leaves. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1862, p. 22.) Geiger and Hesse succeeded in isolating an alkaloid, to which the name *daturine* was given, and which Trommsdorff has repeatedly procured by their process. Von Planta (*A. J. P.*, 23, p. 38) found that daturine was identical with atropine, and this result has since been confirmed; but Ladenburg (*Berichte d. Chem. Ges.*, 13, p. 909) found that *Datura stramonium* contains two alkaloids, which he designated as *heavy* and *light daturine*. The more difficultly soluble heavy daturine fuses at 113·5° to 114° C. (237° to 237·2° F.), and must be considered as a mixture of *atropine* and *hyoscyamine*. It yields a gold salt fusing between 135° and 150° C. (275° and 302° F.), out of which, by crystallization repeated six times and by rejection each time of the mother-liquor, is obtained hyoscyamine gold-chloride fusing at 158° to 160° C. (316·4° to 320° F.). From the mother-liquors by evaporation is obtained nearly pure atropine gold-chloride fusing at 135° to 140° C. (275° to 284° F.). If the heavy daturine be repeatedly crystallized out of dilute alcohol, pure atropine can be isolated from it, fusing at 113·5° to 114·5° C. (237° to 238° F.), and yielding a lustreless gold salt fusing at 135° to 139° C. (275° to 282·2° F.). The light daturine is the alkaloid which Ladenburg and Meyer in a previous study had shown to be identical with hyoscyamine. Hence *Datura stramonium* contains only the two alkaloids *atropine*, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$, and *hyoscyamine*, isomeric with the other, which *Atropa belladonna* contains. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 440.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Stramonium, when taken either in small or in large doses, produces symptoms which are precisely similar to those caused by belladonna. Poisoning by it is indistinguishable from that produced by the deadly nightshade, and the closest studies have shown that the minute physiological actions of the two drugs are identical. The reader is therefore referred to the article upon belladonna.

Though long known as a poisonous and intoxicating herb, stramonium was first introduced into regular practice by Baron Störck, of Vienna, who found some advantage from its use in *mania* and *epilepsy*. Subsequent observation has not confirmed his estimate of the remedy; but the drug is still occasionally employed in mania. Other diseases in which it has been found beneficial are *neuralgia* and *rheumatic affections*, *dysmenorrhœa*, *syphilitic pains*, *cancerous sores*, and *spasmodic asthma*. In the last complaint it has acquired considerable reputation. It is employed only during the paroxysm, which it very often greatly alleviates or altogether subverts. The practice was introduced into Great Britain from the East Indies, where the natives are in the habit of smoking the dried root and lower part of the stem of *Datura ferox*, in the paroxysms of this distressing complaint. The same parts of *D. stramonium* were substituted, and found equally effectual. To prepare the roots for use, they are quickly dried, cut into pieces, and beaten so as to loosen the texture. The dried leaves answer the same purpose. They are smoked by means of a common tobacco-pipe. These and other narcotic leaves have

also been used in the shape of cigars. The smoke produces a sense of heat in the lungs, followed by copious expectoration, and attended frequently with temporary vertigo or drowsiness, and sometimes with nausea. The remedy should not be used in plethoric cases, unless preceded by ample depletion, nor in any case where there is determination to the head. Dangerous and even fatal consequences have resulted from its incautious or improper use; and General Gent, who was instrumental in introducing the practice into England, is said to have finally fallen a victim to it.

Externally the medicine is used advantageously as an ointment or cataplasm in *irritable ulcers, inflamed tumors, swelling of the mammæ*, and *painful hemorrhoidals.*

Of the parts of the plant employed, the seeds are the most powerful. They may be given in the dose of a grain (0·065 Gm.) twice a day; an extract made by evaporating the decoction, in one-quarter or one-half the quantity. The dose of the powdered leaves is two or three grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.). The inspissated juice of the fresh leaves was formerly very commonly prescribed; but the alcoholic extract is now almost exclusively used, the dose being half a grain (0·03 Gm.). (See *Extractum Stramonii.*) A tincture and a fluid extract are also official, to which the reader is referred. The dose should be gradually increased till the narcotic operation becomes evident, or relief from the symptoms of the disease is obtained. Fifteen or twenty grains of the powdered leaves (1–1·3 Gm.), and a proportionate amount of the other preparations, have often been given daily without unpleasant effects.

STRONTIUM.

Sr; 87·3. (STRŎN'TI-ŪM—strŏn'shi-ŭm.)

Strontium belongs to the alkaline earth-group of metals, along with barium and calcium. It is a yellow metal, of the sp. gr. 2·5, somewhat harder than lead, and is sufficiently malleable to be hammered out into thin plates. It oxidizes quickly on exposure to air, and hence must be kept under naphtha, like the alkali metals. It has so far been prepared only in a small way by electrolysis from the chloride or the hydrate, the best procedure being that of Bunsen and Matthiessen.

For the preparation of pure salts, Barthe and Falières found that the following method permits the preparation of pure strontium salts with comparative ease, and has the advantages that no heat is necessary, and that the chemicals employed need not be pure.

Dissolve natural strontium carbonate (or the sulphide obtained by reduction of the sulphate) in just sufficient diluted hydrochloric acid (1 to 5); it will be an advantage if some of the carbonate or sulphide remains undissolved. The clear liquid, which contains calcium, barium, and strontium salts, besides small quantities of iron, alumina, and magnesia, is decanted from the deposit, and a small excess of ammonia added, which precipitates iron and alumina. To the filtrate is added an excess of sulphuric acid; the precipitate, consisting of strontium, barium, and calcium sulphates, is washed repeatedly by decantation with water containing from 1 to 2 per cent. of sulphuric acid, and finally with distilled water. This will remove all traces of magnesium and calcium sulphate. The precipitate is next treated in the cold with an excess of a solution of ammonium or potassium carbonate (1 to 10), stirring frequently for two days, and finally washing with distilled water by decantation. The mixture of carbonate and sulphate is treated with diluted hydrochloric acid, which dissolves strontium carbonate and traces of baryta. After allowing it to stand for twenty-four hours the clear liquid is decanted and filtered through a filter previously washed with diluted hydrochloric acid. To the perfectly clear filtrate are added 200 Gm. of hydrochloric acid per liter, and then from 2 to 3 Gm. of precipitated strontium sulphate, which may contain barium sulphate; stirring frequently for several hours. The strongly acid liquid dissolves a little strontium sulphate (about 0·25 per cent.), but in proportion as the strontium is dissolved the barium takes hold of the sulphuric acid, while an equivalent quantity of strontium chloride is formed. The strontium sulphate being in excess will insure the final elimination of all the barium. The filtrate is evaporated to dryness, the salt dissolved in three times its weight of distilled water, allowed to stand for twenty-four hours, filtered, evaporated to crystallization, and dried. The crystals showed in the spectroscope only the lines of strontium. (*Bull. Soc. Chim.*, 1892, 104.)

In 1890, Dr. J. V. Laborde demonstrated that the traditional belief in the toxicity of the salts of strontium is incorrect. He found that fifteen grains intravenously given to a medium-sized dog produced no effect whatever, and that large quantities of the strontium salts might be mixed with the food of the animal without disturbing the general nutrition, the strontium salts being less harmful than the corresponding salts of potassium. Indeed, he asserts that during

the administration of the strontium the animals gained in health and weight, and, further, that the eliminated strontium in the fecal and urinary discharges had a distinct beneficial antiseptic influence. It is stated that Vulpian in 1885 announced the value of strontium salts, but certainly to Laborde belongs the honor of first establishing their usefulness.

STRONTII BROMIDUM. U. S. Strontium Bromide.

$SrBr_2.6H_2O$; 354·58. (STRŎN'TI-Ī BRŌ'MI-DŬM—strŏn'shi-ī.)

"Strontium Bromide should be kept in glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This salt, made official in the U. S. P. 1890, may be made by burning strontium in bromine vapor, by dissolving strontium carbonate in hydrobromic acid, or by substituting hydrobromic acid for hydrochloric acid in the latter part of the process given for preparing strontium salts on page 1289. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, hexagonal crystals, odorless, and having a bitter, saline taste. Very deliquescent. Soluble in 1·05 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·5 part of boiling water. It is readily soluble in alcohol, and is precipitated from this solution upon the addition of an equal volume of ether, in which it is insoluble, When heated, the crystals at first melt, and then lose all their water (30·4 per cent.). The anhydrous salt fuses at 630° C. (1166° F.). To a non-luminous flame the salt communicates an intense, red color. The aqueous solution is neutral to litmus paper. With calcium sulphate test-solution the aqueous solution (1 in 20) slowly forms a white precipitate of strontium sulphate, insoluble in diluted acids; the same reaction occurs more quickly with diluted sulphuric acid, potassium sulphate test-solution, and other soluble sulphates. With potassium chromate test-solution it forms a yellow precipitate of strontium chromate, soluble in acetic acid. With ammonium carbonate test-solution, or sodium carbonate test-solution, it forms a white precipitate of strontium carbonate, soluble, with effervescence, in acetic acid. If a few drops of chloroform be added to 5 C.c. of the solution, then 1 C.c. of chlorine water, and the mixture shaken, the liberated bromine will dissolve in the chloroform, communicating to it a yellow or brownish-yellow color. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution either before or after acidulation with a drop of hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.); nor by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). It should form no precipitate with potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *barium*). If a few drops of starch test-solution be mixed with 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution, and then one or two drops of chlorine water added, no blue color should appear (absence of *iodine*). If 0·3 Gm. of Strontium Bromide, rendered anhydrous by thorough drying before being weighed, be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 3 drops of potassium dichromate test-solution be added, it should require not more than 24·6 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 98 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Strontium bromide has been strongly commended as a substitute for potassium bromide in the treatment of *epilepsy* and allied conditions. It depends for its action on the nervous system upon the presence of bromine in it, and appears to act upon the nervous centres in much the same manner as does the corresponding salt of potassium. Its influence upon the general nutrition is much more favorable than is that of the potassium salt, and it is much less apt to produce the disagreeable effects of bromism. Moreover, it is less irritating to the gastro-intestinal mucous membranes, on which, indeed, it often seems to exert a beneficial influence; and it probably acts as a powerful intestinal antiseptic. For these reasons many cases of epilepsy tolerate it much better than they do other bromides. In the clinical experience of Dr. H. C. Wood, however, it has seemed to be in its anticonvulsive influence among the least powerful and certain of its class. Possibly this result has been due to Dr. Wood's not having employed it in sufficient dose, he never having administered more than two drachms a day, whilst the French observers affirm that it may be given with great advantage in the daily dose of three drachms. Strontium bromide is further stated by Professor Sée to have an extraordinary influence in the reduction of the excretion of sugar in *diabetes*, and to be a valuble remedy in the treatment of *gastric dilatation* and *catarrh*.

STRONTII IODIDUM. U. S. Strontium Iodide.

$SrI_2.6H_2O$; 448·12. (STRŎN'TI-Ī Ī-ŎD'I-DŬM.)

"Strontium Iodide should be kept in dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

This new official salt may be made by evaporating a solution of hydriodic acid saturated with strontium hydrate. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, hexagonal plates,

odorless, and having a bitterish, saline taste. Deliquescent, and colored yellow by exposure to air and light. Soluble in 0·6 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·27 part of boiling water. Also soluble in alcohol, and slightly so in ether. When cautiously heated, the crystals melt and gradually lose their water (24·05 per cent.), becoming anhydrous. At a red heat, it is decomposed, losing iodine, and leaving a residue of strontium oxide. To a non-luminous flame it communicates an intense, red color. The aqueous solution is neutral, or very slightly acid, to litmus paper. With calcium sulphate test-solution it slowly forms a white precipitate of strontium sulphate, insoluble in diluted acids; the same reaction occurs more quickly with diluted sulphuric acid, potassium sulphate test-solution, or other soluble sulphates. With potassium chromate test-solution it forms a yellow precipitate of strontium chromate, soluble in acetic acid. With ammonium carbonate test-solution, or sodium carbonate test-solution, it forms a white precipitate of strontium carbonate, soluble, with effervescence, in acetic acid. If a few drops of starch test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the solution, and then 1 C.c. of chlorine water, a bluish-black color will appear. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after acidulation with a drop of hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.); nor by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). No turbidity should be produced in the aqueous solution by potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *barium*). If 0·3 Gm. of Strontium Iodide, rendered anhydrous by thorough drying before being weighed, be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water and 3 drops of potassium dichromate test-solution be added, it should require not more than 18 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to at least 98 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt has been brought forward as a means of obtaining the alterative influence of an iodide without irritating the intestinal tract or depressing the general nutrition. It contains about 56·5 per cent. of iodine, and, although its actual value has scarcely as yet been made out, may be substituted for potassium iodide in various diseases.

STRONTII LACTAS. U. S. Strontium Lactate.

$Sr(C_3H_5O_3)_2.3H_2O$; 318·76. (STRŎN'TI-Ī LĂC'TĂS.)

This new official salt may be prepared by the process of Thumann, who takes a certain quantity of finely powdered strontium nitrate which is thoroughly washed out on a funnel, closed with absorbent cotton, with strong alcohol; after drying, 44·84 Gm. of the strontium nitrate are dissolved in 1 liter of water and 10 Gm. of dilute sulphuric acid added, when all the barium present will be precipitated, together with a small quantity of strontium. The filtrate is treated with an excess of pure sodium carbonate (about 60 Gm. dissolved in 1 liter of water); the precipitated strontium carbonate is washed on a filter to free it from soda and sodium nitrate. To the strontium carbonate, contained in a tared beaker, are added 36 Gm. of absolute lactic acid diluted with 200 C.c. of water, and the mixture heated until solution is effected; then sufficient water is added to make the solution weigh 551 Gm., which will then represent 10 per cent. of pure, anhydrous strontium lactate. If the salt be desired, the solution may be evaporated, and the residue granulated. This is officially described as "a white, granular powder, or crystalline nodules, odorless, and having a slightly bitter, saline taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble in about 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in less than 0·5 part of boiling water. The solution saturated at a boiling heat remains liquid for many hours, even after being cooled to 0° C. (32° F.). Soluble in alcohol. When heated to 110° C. (230° F.), the salt loses its water (16·9 per cent.). At a higher temperature it first fuses, then is decomposed, giving off inflammable vapors, and leaves a residue of strontium carbonate and carbon, which, on the addition of hydrochloric acid, effervesces and communicates an intense, red color to a non-luminous flame. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) is slightly acid to litmus paper. With calcium sulphate test-solution the solution slowly forms a white precipitate of strontium sulphate, insoluble in diluted acids. The same reaction occurs more quickly with diluted sulphuric acid, potassium sulphate test-solution, or other soluble sulphates. With potassium chromate test-solution it forms a yellow precipitate of strontium chromate, soluble in acetic acid. With ammonium carbonate test solution, or sodium carbonate test-solution, it forms a white precipitate of strontium carbonate, soluble, with effervescence, in acetic acid. If to 5 C.c. of the solution (1 in 20) 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid be added, and then 1 C.c. of potassium permanganate decinormal volumetric solution, the red color will rapidly disappear, while the mixture will effervesce and give off the odor of aldehyde. If 1 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 19 C.c. of water, it should form a perfectly clear, colorless solution, leaving no insoluble residue (absence

of *carbonate*, *oxalate*, etc.). The aqueous solution should not be affected by hydrogen sulphide test-solution, either before or after acidulation with a drop of hydrochloric acid (absence of *arsenic*, *lead*, etc.); nor by ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, etc.). No turbidity should be produced in the solution by potassium dichromate test-solution (absence of *barium*). If 0·5 C.c. of silver nitrate test-solution be added to 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20), not more than a slight opalescence should be perceptible (limit of *chloride*, etc.). If 0·5 Gm. of the salt be placed upon a watch-glass, and 1 C.c. of sulphuric acid be carefully poured upon it, no effervescence should occur (absence of *carbonate*, *oxalate*, etc.); nor should any penetrating odor be perceptible, even after gentle heating (absence of *butyrate*, *propionate*, etc.); nor should the acid assume, within ten minutes, a deeper color than a pale straw-yellow (limit of *readily carbonizable*, *organic impurities*). If 1·33 Gm. of the salt, rendered anhydrous, before being weighed, by carefully drying at 110° C. (230° F.), be ignited, until most of the carbon has disappeared, and then distributed in 10 C.c. of water, it should require, for complete neutralization, not less than 9·9 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid (corresponding to at least 98·6 per cent. of the pure salt), methyl-orange being used as indicator." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Strontium lactate was originally brought forward by Dr. J. V. Laborde, who found it to have a distinct diuretic action. His researches led to clinical studies of the drug by Professors Germain Sée, Paul, Dujardin-Beaumetz, and others. It is asserted that strontium lactate, in doses of twenty grains, is an extremely successful remedy in the treatment of *nephritis* and chronic *albuminuria*, the urine being increased, the albumin lessened or entirely removed, and the general nutrition improved. It is stated that the action of this lactate upon the excretion of albumin is especially marked in epithelial and parenchymatous nephritis, but is much less pronounced in interstitial nephritis, and is not present when albuminuria is due to pulmonary congestion; also that it is not necessarily accompanied by an increased flow of urine, and is the result of an influence upon the tissues of the kidneys. Upon the intestinal canal the lactate is asserted to exert a very favorable influence. Strontium lactate has also been tried with alleged good results in the treatment of *rheumatism* and *gout*, it being affirmed that it increases the nitrogenous elimination and causes disappearance of the urates. Dose, from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.) three times a day in solution.

STROPHANTHUS. U. S., Br. Strophanthus.

(STRŌ-PHĂN'THŬS.)

"The seed of Strophanthus hispidus, De Candolle (nat. ord. Apocynaceæ), deprived of its long awn." *U. S.* "The mature ripe seeds of Strophanthus hispidus, D. C., var. Kombe, Oliver, freed from the awns." *Br.*

The genus Strophanthus contains about twenty species, natives of Africa and Asia. The seeds of probably more than one of the species of this genus are used for the preparation of arrow-poison in Africa, at Kombe in the Manganja country, in the Gaboon district, and in Guinea and Senegambia. In Gaboon this poison is called *inée*, *onaye*, or *onage*. The plant which yields the arrow-poison of Kombe was first supposed by Prof. Oliver, of Kew, to be a distinct species, *S. kombe;* but at present even Prof. Oliver believes that the plant is only a variety of *S. hispidus*, D. C., whose very wide distribution leads to much variation.

S. hispidus is a woody climber inhabiting the forests between the coasts and the centre of the continent. It reaches to the tops of the highest trees, coiling on the ground, and hanging in festoons from tree to tree. The stem is several inches in diameter. The flowers are cream-colored, yellow at the base, purplish-spotted above. They are grouped in terminal cymes. The lobes of their gamopetalous corollas are prolonged into very narrow tail-like ends, nine or more inches in length. They last but a short time during the months of October and November. The fruit, a pair of follicles from 10 to 17 inches long, is ripe in June, and is gathered by the natives, who scrape off the husks (epicarp and mesocarp) before drying, and preserve the more leathery internal inner covering (endocarp) with the enclosed seeds: hence the pods as they appear in commerce are smoothish and of a tawny color. The seeds themselves are covered with long comose hairs, which, being deciduous, are apt to be lost before the escape of the seed from the pod. In preparing the arrow-poison, the natives are said to pound the seeds deprived of their hairs to a pulp, add the adhesive sap of another plant, and simply smear the mixture for six inches along the point of the arrow. Game wounded by such an arrow is said to be rarely able to move a hundred yards, and the flesh is eaten without bad effect.

Strophanthus occurs in commerce either in pods or as clean seeds. Mr. Helbing states (*P.*

J. Tr., March, 1887) that he has found the seeds to constitute about 37 per cent., the pod (endocarp) 37 per cent., and the hairs about 25 per cent., and says that the quality of the pods may be determined by examining the colors of the pappus. If these are white and bright, the seeds and pods are in good condition. It has been asserted that there are in commerce two distinct kinds of seeds (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 749), true strophanthus seeds and white strophanthus, but it is probable that the latter are only immature seeds, in which the hairs, not being fully ripened, are very adherent. They differ from the first variety chiefly in being more densely covered with looser, longer, silky hairs, like a fur, so that the real shape of the seeds is not so apparent. The color of the hairs of the seeds is almost white. The typical seeds are from 1½ to 2½ centimeters long, and from 4 to 5 millimeters broad. They are more or less rounded off at the base, without, however, losing the distinctly pointed shape; towards the upper end they become suddenly very much narrower, and end in the stalk of the pappus. They are flattened at the sides, and have a much more prominent keel-shaped ridge on one side than on the other; the seed is twisted slightly in the form of a spiral from the base to the apex. The color of the seeds varies from a grayish green to a brown, they being more or less covered with numerous appressed silvery hairs of silky appearance. They are officially described as "about 15 Mm. long and 4 or 5 Mm. broad, oblong-lanceolate, flattened and obtusely edged, grayish green, covered with appressed, silky hairs, one side with a ridge extending into the attenuated, pointed end; kernel white and oily, consisting of a straight embryo, having two thin cotyledons, and surrounded by a thin layer of perisperm; nearly inodorous; taste very bitter. A decoction prepared with 1 part of the seed and 10 parts of water has a brownish color, and is not changed in appearance on the addition of iodine test-solution, ferric chloride test-solution, or potassium mercuric iodide test-solution." *U. S.*

The Qualitative Examination of Strophanthus Seeds. C. Hartwich (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1892) declares the usual course for the qualitative examination of strophanthus seeds—as the external appearance, the bitter taste, and the few chemical tests—insufficient, and recommends a microscopical test for strophanthin to supplement the usual tests. In the examination of a great variety of strophanthus seeds some were found to contain starch, which is contrary to the general opinion.

For the valuation of the seeds the presence of strophanthin should be ascertained in the following manner. A fine cross-section of the seed is placed on a glass slide and covered with a drop of concentrated sulphuric acid. The endosperm at least should assume an intense green color, which is easily seen with a hand-glass. Often the green is preceded momentarily by a blue color. The cotyledons are also colored green, but generally less intensely than the endosperm. Gradually the color changes through blue into red, and after ¼–1 hour it disappears. In seeds which contain but little strophanthin the endosperm alone is colored green, while the embryo is colored yellow and then red, or only the epidermis and the adjacent cells are colored in addition. Among the seeds examined by the author which failed to give the strophanthin reaction were the varieties Senegal and Lagos, and a number of others.

Tests for Tincture and Extract of Strophanthus. For testing the tincture three drops are taken, and for the extract a piece a little larger than a pin-head. In either case mix the drug with a half-drop of ferric chloride solution and three drops of sulphuric acid. A brown precipitate is formed which is distinctly green after one hour, and should retain the color for fully three hours.

MM. Hardy and Gallois have obtained from strophanthus two crystalline principles. One, which is a glucoside, they call *strophanthin;* the second, an alkaloid, they name *inæine.* The first-named appears to be the active principle of the poison. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxv. p. 176.) T. R. Fraser describes more fully the glucoside strophanthin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, July 23.) When heated with dilute sulphuric acid it yields glucose and *strophanthidin*, which is insoluble in water, is very soluble in alcohol, and has a strongly bitter taste. *Strophanthin* is a white crystalline powder, neutral in reaction, intensely bitter, freely soluble in water, less so in rectified spirit, and nearly insoluble in ether and chloroform. According to E. Merck, it fuses at 185° C. Dr. Fraser has since (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 532) further investigated strophanthin. He found it difficult to separate, but obtained it pure by a somewhat tedious process, depending upon the formation of a tannate and subsequent decomposition by lead oxide. It yielded upon analysis results corresponding to the formula $C_{16}H_{26}O_8$. Strophanthidin, the product of decomposition of the glucoside, is described as having an intensely bitter taste and a neutral reaction and as being very slightly soluble in water, moderately soluble in cold and freely in warm alcohol. It crystallizes with great readiness. No alkaloid was detected, but in the lead pre-

cipitate from an aqueous solution of the alcoholic extract a compound was found of strongly acid reaction and freely soluble in water, to which the name of *kombic acid* has been given. The experiments of Prof. Fraser have shown that the active principle of strophanthus is most abundant in the seeds, but that it is contained also in the follicles and the hairs. Pharmaceutical preparations of the drug should, therefore, be made from the separated seeds, whilst the pericarp and the hairs may be employed for the manufacture of strophanthin.

Medical Properties and Uses. The first experiments with the Kombe arrow-poison were those of Prof. Thomas R. Fraser. (*Journ. of Anat. and Phys.*, vii. 141.) One-twentieth of a grain of the extract of the seeds produced in the frog stiffness of the limbs, gradual loss of reflex sensibility, arrest of the heart in systole, and, after a time, complete loss of voluntary movement,—the respiration continuing for a length of time after the cessation of the heart's beat. The loss of voluntary movement and the cessation of respiration appear to be due to a direct action of the poison upon the muscles themselves. The first influence of the poison upon the muscular fibre is to increase its tonicity, and when the muscle dies it does not go into relaxation, but passes directly from life into post-mortem rigidity. The drug seemed to exert little or no influence upon the spinal cord or the nerve-trunks.

These experiments have been abundantly confirmed by subsequent observers, so that it is fairly established that the Kombe arrow-poison is essentially a muscle-poison, and that it acts upon the muscles of the heart as it acts upon other muscles, only more vigorously. In some cases, especially in mammals, death occurs through respiratory paralysis, and not through cardiac arrest,—the respiratory muscles in these cases feeling the influence of the poison more powerfully than the heart. The value of the drug in practical medicine depends chiefly upon its heart-action, moderate doses of it producing in both man and the lower animals pronounced rise of the blood-pressure. It is probable that the muscles in the arterioles feel the effect of the drug, and by their contraction help in the elevation of the arterial pressure, although this is not proved, and Professor Fraser believes to the contrary. In man, the effect of full therapeutic doses of the drug is to lower the pulse from ten to thirty beats, increasing at the same time its force and volume, usually without producing other symptoms, unless it be increased diuresis. The effect upon the pulse comes on much more quickly and is much less permanent than that of digitalis, lasting usually from four to eight hours. The diuretic action of the drug seems to depend not only on its effect upon the circulation, but also largely on a direct influence upon the secreting structure. Only one case of doubtful cumulative action has as yet been reported (see H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics*, 8th ed.), and it is probable that the active principle is both rapidly absorbed and rapidly and completely eliminated. Strophanthus is of great value in practical medicine in the same class of cases in which digitalis is employed. (See *Tinctura Strophanthi*.) It seems to be superior to digitalis as a diuretic, and therefore is especially indicated in cardiac dropsy. Strophanthus is locally irritating, and in some cases even therapeutic doses produce violent gastric pain and vomiting. Local anæsthetic properties have been claimed for strophanthin by Professor Panas, by M. Gley, by Hare and De Schweinitz, and by other observers. The irritating effects of strophanthin are, however, too great for its practical use, and it has been especially shown by Hare and De Schweinitz that the drug when placed in the eye is exceedingly prone to produce violent inflammation and even ulceration of the cornea.

Strophanthin has been used in medicine, but great caution is necessary in its employment, on account of its extreme activity (Prof. Fraser found that a solution of 1 part of strophanthin in 6,000,000 would stop the frog's heart) and the present absolute uncertainty as to the proper dose, growing out of its varying impurity. Rothziegel and Koralzewski maintain, however, that the active principle is more prompt and certain in its influence, and less apt to disturb the stomach, than are the ordinary preparations of the drug. They give the dose as from $\frac{1}{300}$ to $\frac{1}{200}$ of a grain (0·0002–0·0003 Gm.), and have in some cases administered as much as $\frac{1}{16}$ of a grain (0·004 Gm.) during twenty-four hours. When the alkaloid is given hypodermically the effect on the pulse is said to be manifest in five minutes.

STRYCHNINA. U. S., Br. Strychnine.

$C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$; **333·31.** (STRĬĢH-NĪ′NA.) $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$; 334.

"An alkaloid obtained from Nux Vomica, and also obtainable from other plants of the natural order Loganiaceæ." *U. S.* "An alkaloid prepared from Nux Vomica." *Br.*

Strychnia, *U. S.* 1870; Strychninum, *P. G.*; Strychnine, *Fr.*; Strychnin, *G.*

"Take of Nux Vomica *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Acetate of lead *one hundred and eighty*

grains; Solution of Ammonia, Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency.* Heat the previously split seeds to a temperature of 212° F. (100° C.) for three hours, and then reduce them to a fine powder. Digest the powder for twelve hours with two pints of the Spirit and one of the Water, gently heating; strain through linen, express strongly, and repeat the process twice. Distil off the Spirit from the mixed fluid, evaporate the watery residue to about sixteen ounces, and filter when cold. Add now the Acetate of Lead, previously dissolved in distilled water, so long as it occasions any precipitate; filter; wash the precipitate with ten ounces of cold water, adding the washings to the filtrate; evaporate the clear fluid to eight ounces, and when it has cooled add the Ammonia in slight excess, stirring thoroughly. Let the mixture stand at the ordinary temperature for twelve hours; collect the precipitate on a filter, wash it once with a few ounces of cold distilled water, dry it in a water-bath or hot-air chamber, and boil it with successive portions of rectified spirit, till the fluid scarcely tastes bitter. Distil off most of the Spirit, evaporate the residue to the bulk of about half an ounce, and set it aside to cool. Cautiously pour off the yellowish mother-liquor (which contains the brucine of the seeds) from the white crust of strychnine which adheres to the vessel. Throw the crust on a paper filter, wash it with a mixture of two parts of Rectified Spirit and one of Water, till the washings cease to become red on the addition of nitric acid; finally, dissolve it by boiling with an ounce of Rectified Spirit, and set it aside to crystallize. More crystals may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquor." *Br.*

The U. S. Pharmacopœia very properly omits a process for preparing this alkaloid, as it can be made profitably only by the manufacturing chemist on a large scale.*

In preparing strychnine, the first step is properly to comminute the nux vomica. This may be done by rasping the seeds, or, as directed in the British Pharmacopœia, by first softening them by steam, then slicing, drying, and grinding them. The next object is to extract the strychnine. For this purpose, in the U. S. process of 1870 water is employed acidulated with hydrochloric acid; in the British, rectified spirit diluted with half its bulk of water. In the latter, the native strychnine igasurate is taken up; in the former, the hydrochlorate, which is a very soluble salt. In the U. S. process, after a concentration of the infusion, the strychnine salt is decomposed by lime, which precipitates the strychnine along with the excess of lime employed and impurities. The strychnine is extracted from the precipitate by boiling alcohol, and may be obtained in crystals by the concentration of the solution. But in this state it is much colored and impure. To obviate these impurities in some degree, the British Pharmacopœia directs that the concentrated liquid should be treated with lead acetate, which precipitates much of the contaminating matter, and then that the liquor, previously filtered, should be treated with ammonia, by which the strychnine is thrown down less impure than in the U. S. process of 1870. At this stage of the proceedings the U. S. Pharmacopœia directed that the precipitate, which, besides strychnine, contains also brucine and various impurities, should be freed from the latter alkaloid by washing with cold diluted alcohol, in which brucine is much more soluble than strychnine. In the U. S. process of 1870 the impure strychnine was converted into a sulphate by the addition of sulphuric acid, and precipitated again by ammonia, being, while in the state of the sulphate, decolorized by means of animal charcoal. The Br. Pharmacopœia completes the process by washing the precipitate produced by ammonia with cold water, drying it, then exhausting it with alcohol, and concentrating the alcoholic solution. The strychnine now crystallizes, leaving most of the brucine in the mother-liquor. But, as some of the latter alkaloid still contaminates the product, the Pharmacopœia directs this to be washed with cold alcohol somewhat diluted, until the washings cease to give evidence of the presence of brucine by being reddened by nitric acid,—thus accomplishing at the

* *Strychnia,* U. S. 1870. "Take of Nux Vomica, rasped, *forty-eight troyounces;* Lime, in fine powder, *six troyounces;* Muriatic Acid, *three troyounces and a half;* Alcohol, Diluted Alcohol, Diluted Sulphuric Acid, Water of Ammonia, Purified Animal Charcoal, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Macerate the Nux Vomica for twenty-four hours in sixteen pints of water, acidulated with one-third of the Muriatic Acid; then boil for two hours, and strain with expression through a strong muslin bag. Boil the residue twice successively in the same quantity of acidulated Water, each time straining as before. Mix the decoctions and evaporate to the consistence of thin syrup; then add the lime previously mixed with a pint of Water, and boil for ten minutes, frequently stirring. Pour the whole into a double muslin bag, and, having thoroughly washed the precipitate, press, dry, and powder it. Treat the powder repeatedly with Diluted Alcohol, in order to remove the brucia, until the washings are but faintly reddened by nitric acid. Then boil it repeatedly with alcohol until deprived of its bitterness, mix the several tinctures, and distil off the Alcohol by means of a water-bath. Having washed the residue, mix it with a pint of Water, and, applying a gentle heat, drop in enough Diluted Sulphuric Acid to neutralize and dissolve the alkaloid. Then add Purified Animal Charcoal, and, having boiled the mixture for a few minutes, filter, evaporate, and set aside to crystallize. Dissolve the crystals in Water, and add sufficient Water of Ammonia to precipitate the Strychnia. Lastly, dry this on bibulous paper, and keep it in a well-stopped bottle."

end of the process what was done in the U. S. formula at an earlier stage. To free the strychnine entirely from brucine requires repeated crystallizations, and a little of the latter principle is consequently almost always retained; but it is not injurious, as the physiological effects of the alkaloids are very similar. The bean of St. Ignatius yields strychnine more easily and more largely than nux vomica.*

If thought desirable, brucine may be in great measure separated from the strychnine of commerce, by dissolving the latter in very dilute nitric acid, filtering, and concentrating. Brucine nitrate crystallizes in short, thick, dense prisms grouped together; strychnine nitrate in radiated tufts of long, light, capillary needles. By gentle agitation with the liquid, the latter salt is suspended and may be poured off, leaving the former. The alkaloids may be obtained by dissolving the salts in water, and precipitating with ammonia.

Properties. As usually found in commerce, strychnine is a white or grayish-white powder. When rapidly crystallized from its alcoholic solution, it has the form of a white, granular powder; when slowly crystallized, that of elongated octohedra, or rhombic prisms with pyramidal capping. It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, octohedral or prismatic crystals, or a white, crystalline powder, odorless, and having an intensely bitter taste perceptible even in highly diluted (1 in 700000) solution. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 6700 parts of water, and in 110 parts of alcohol; in 2500 parts of boiling water, and in 12 parts of boiling alcohol. Also soluble in 7 parts of chloroform, but almost insoluble in ether. When heated to 268° C. (514·4° F.), Strychnine melts. Upon ignition it is consumed, leaving no residue. Strychnine has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. If a minute quantity of Strychnine be dissolved in about 0·5 C.c. of concentrated sulphuric acid on a white porcelain surface, and a small crystal of potassium dichromate slowly drawn across the liquid with a glass rod, there will be produced at first, momentarily, a blue color, which quickly changes to purplish-blue, then gradually to violet, purplish-red, and cherry-red, and finally to orange or yellow. On dissolving 0·02 Gm. of Strychnine in 2 C.c. of nitric acid (specific gravity 1·300), in a small test-tube, the acid should not turn more than faintly yellow (limit of *brucine*)." *U. S.* It melts like a resin, is decomposed at a comparatively low temperature, and entirely dissipated at a red heat. Dr. Guy obtained a crystalline sublimate, at a heat but a few degrees below that at which it begins to change color and undergo decomposition. Its melting point is given as 284° C. (543° F.), but, according to Flückiger, in small portions it melts as low as 225° C. and can with care be sublimed without decomposition. According to Dr. Waddington, when heated to decomposition it emits a most suffocating odor, resembling the smell of asphaltum. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1868, p. 413.) Fused with an excess of potassium hydrate, it yields, according to Goldschmied (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 15, p. 1977), *indol*, C_8H_7N, and when distilled with zinc dust it yields a *dimethyl pyridine*, C_7H_9N, and *carbazol*, $C_{12}H_9N$. The volatile oils dissolve it freely. Benzin dissolves 0·607 per cent. of it, and amylic alcohol 0·55 per cent. (Dragendorff, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 473.) It has an alkaline reaction on test-paper, and forms salts with the acids. Nitric acid does not redden it if perfectly pure, but almost always reddens it as found in commerce, in consequence of the presence of brucine. M. Eugène Marchand proposes the following test by which a very minute proportion of strychnine may be detected. If a little of the alkaloid be rubbed with a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid containing one-hundredth of nitric acid, it will be dissolved without change of color; but if the least quantity of lead peroxide be added to the mixture, a magnificent blue color will be instantly developed, which will pass rapidly into violet, then gradually to red, and ultimately become yellow. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iv. 200.) Professor Otto recommended as a test a minute quantity of solution of potassium dichromate, which, added to the solution of strychnine in concentrated sulphuric acid, produces a splendid violet color. (*A. J. P.*, xix. 77.) A similar change of color is produced, according to Dr. E. W. Davy, by substituting a strong solution of potassium ferricyanide (red potassium prussiate) for that of potassium dichromate. (*Ibid.*, xxv. 414.) It appears that any substance capable of yielding nascent oxygen readily will serve to develop the characteristic violet color, when applied after the addition of sulphuric acid. Landerer has found that solid iodic acid or potassium iodate heated gently with strychnine gives rise to a beautiful violet color, gradually passing to red, which remains unchanged for many days. (*Ibid.*, March, 1861, p. 110.) According to Mr.

* M. J. F. Molyn proposes, previously to the extraction of strychnine, to subject nux vomica to fermentation, by which the saccharine and gummy matters of the seeds are decomposed, and lactic acid is formed, which decomposes the strychnine and brucine igasurates, producing with these bases very soluble lactates. For the particulars of this process see *A. J. P.* (xix. 99), and for other processes see U. S. D., 14th ed., p. 1456.

Wm. Copney, the least efficacious agent is potassium chlorate, a much better is lead dioxide, a still better is manganese dioxide, and the best of all is potassium dichromate; and the general result of numerous experiments, recently made, is that the last-mentioned agent is the most effective. The sulphuric acid must be of not less sp. gr. than 1·84. The play of colors, according to Mr. Copney, is first blue, then purple, then crimson, which is followed by red and green, the latter sometimes giving place to yellow. It is stated that the 1-500,000th part of a grain may be detected. (See *A. J. P.*, xxviii. 459.) On the other hand, some chemists have found difficulties with the potassium dichromate test. Thus, Brieger (*Jahresb.*, 1850, p. 617) found that, unless the substance was first moistened with sulphuric acid and the dichromate added to it subsequently, the reaction of strychnine was interfered with by quinine, morphine, and especially by sugar. Sonnenschein (*Fresenius's Zeitschrift*, 9, p. 495) found that ceroso-ceric oxide was much more sensitive as a reagent to use with sulphuric acid for strychnine than potassium dichromate. This fact we can confirm from experience. It gives a blue color lasting longer, which then becomes violet, and then a permanent cherry-red.*

Mr. Wm. T. Wenzell states that, when very minute quantities of the alkaloid are being dealt with, much the best plan is to prepare a reagent by dissolving in 2000 grains of sulphuric acid one grain of potassium permanganate. The alkaloid, during the evaporation of the fluid on the porcelain, as just described, collects in the margins of the film, and the

* To succeed in detecting the alkaloid when mixed in small proportion with organic matters, it is necessary first to disintegrate the organic matter, that the action of a solvent of the strychnine should not be impeded, and that the alkaloid should be completely separated from the foreign matter. The process of Messrs. Rogers and Girdwood, by which these objects are effected, is the following. Digest the substance supposed to contain the strychnine with a mixture of 1 part of hydrochloric acid and 10 of water, until it becomes apparently fluid. Filter, and evaporate the liquid to dryness by a water-bath. Treat the residue with alcohol as long as anything is dissolved, filter, and evaporate. Dissolve the residue in water, and filter. Add solution of ammonia in excess to the aqueous solution, and agitate in a bottle or long tube with half an ounce of chloroform. Upon repose the chloroform subsides, holding the alkaloid in solution. Draw it off by a pipette, and evaporate the chloroform over a water-bath. Moisten the dry residue with concentrated sulphuric acid, and expose the mixture for some hours to the temperature of a water-bath, by which means all the organic matter except the strychnine is decomposed. Treat the charred mass with water, filter, add excess of ammonia, and shake the mixture with a drachm of chloroform. Separate the chloroform as before; and, if the matter left after the evaporation of a small portion of it is charred by concentrated sulphuric acid, the whole of it must be treated in the same manner as the previous chloroform solution. The last chloroform solution obtained is then to be tested for strychnine. Take up a little of it in a capillary tube, and drop it on the smallest space of a warm porcelain capsule, so that each successive drop may be evaporated. When the capsule is quite cold, moisten the spot with concentrated sulphuric acid, and add a minute fragment of potassium dichromate. Should the characteristic color not be developed, it is said that, if there be the minutest quantity of strychnine present, the color will become visible on adding sulphuric acid rendered slightly yellow by chromic acid. In conducting the process, care must be taken not to stir the spot moistened by sulphuric acid with a rod before the addition of the dichromate, and not to expose the spot to a very strong light, which interferes with the chemical reactions. (*Lond. Med. Times and Gaz.*, June, 1857, p. 620.) The process of dialysis may be advantageously applied to the separation of strychnine from the organic matters containing it, when brought to the liquid state. (See *Dialysis*, Part II.) Diluted acetic acid may be used for extracting the alkaloid with other soluble substances from the contents of the stomach.

It is stated by Mr. C. W. Bingley that, if much tartar emetic be contained in a solution with a little strychnine, a pale greenish color is produced instead of the violet; and, in like manner, if antimony chloride be present, the sulphuric acid and potassium dichromate test fails altogether. (*Chem. Gaz.*, June 16, 1856, p. 229.) Mr. Richard Hagen, having been induced, by the assertion of Von Sicherer that this test fails when the strychnine is mixed with tartar emetic or other tartrates, or even tartaric acid, to investigate the subject, ascertained that this statement, as a rule, is erroneous; for the reaction takes place with strychnine or its hydrochlorate though mixed with 20 or 30 parts of antimony tartrate; yet when *strychnine nitrate* is used with 20 parts of the antimonial tartrate, the mass almost instantly acquires a green color with the reagents mentioned. But even with strychnine nitrate the test succeeds if lead peroxide is used instead of chromic acid as the oxidizing agent. (*Ibid.*, Oct. 15, 1857, p. 398.)

For a particular account of the results produced by the reaction of a large number of substances with strychnine, the reader is referred to a paper by T. G. Wormley, in the *Chemical News* for April 14 and 28, 1860 (pp. 218 and 242). Among other trials made by him was that of the action of this alkaloid on frogs, proposed as a test by the late Dr. Marshall Hall. The poison was injected into the stomachs of the animals through a pipette. A solution containing 1 per cent. of strychnine produced rigidity and violent tetanic spasms immediately, and death in 8 minutes. With 1 part of strychnine to 1000 of the menstruum, the spasmodic symptoms were induced in 3 or 4 minutes; with 1 in 10,000, in from 10 to 24 minutes; with 1 in 20,000, and 1 in 30,000, the symptoms were less unequivocal, though tetanic spasms were noticed in some of the animals.

Experiments by Mr. W. A. Guy on the effects of sulphuric and nitric acids on strychnine and many other alkaloids, published with tabulated results, show that in no one out of 66 proximate principles, chiefly alkaloids, was the same change of color produced as in strychnine by concentrated sulphuric acid, followed by a crystal of potassium dichromate. (See *A. J. P.*, Nov. 1861, p. 517.) In the same number of the same journal (p. 527) is a paper by Mr. T. E. Jenkins, giving the result of experiments with sulphuric acid and potassium dichromate on numerous alkaloids, all tending to prove the delicacy and certainty of this color-test of strychnine. Mr. A. Wynter Blyth distils the suspected alkaloid with a solution of potassium permanganate to dryness, condensing the vapor in a cold flask, and applying Nessler's test for ammonia to the liquid thus obtained. He finds that all the poisonous alkaloids differ, but are individually constant in the amount of ammonia yielded, and that the test is always competent to decide to which class the alkaloid belongs, and often what alkaloid it is. Strychnine yields half its nitrogen, or 5·09 per cent. of ammonia. For further particulars consult *Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1875, i. 387.

smallest possible dot of the reagent is to be placed so that its margin comes in contact with that of the film. In this way, Mr. Wenzell affirms, he was able to detect 1-900,000th part of strychnine. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 385.) Some doubt was thrown upon the value of this test by experiments which seemed to prove that the presence of morphine in excess, especially in connection with organic matter, so far modified or disguised the action of the test upon strychnine as to prevent the appearance of the characteristic color; but subsequent and carefully conducted experiments by the late Dr. Robert P. Thomas satisfactorily determined that the conclusions in relation to the effects of morphine were erroneous, and that whether alone or associated with organic matters, in small or in large quantity, it does not prevent the operation of this color-test if carefully applied. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1861, and April, 1862, p. 340.) Strychnine consists of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen, and has the formula $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$. The salts of strychnine are for the most part soluble and crystallizable. Their solution is decomposed by the alkalies and their carbonates, and by tannic but not by gallic acid, and is not affected by ferric salts. They are precipitated by the solution of iodine in potassium iodide, and the precipitate, though soluble in alcohol, is insoluble in the diluted acetic and hydrochloric acids of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. (Fairthorne, *A. J. P.*, xxvii. p. 212.)*

Strychnine is apt to contain impurities, of which the chief, besides brucine, are coloring matter and lime or magnesia. The two latter impurities are left behind when the adulterated alkaloid is incinerated in the open air. Pure strychnine leaves no ashes under these circumstances. Brucine is detected by the red color which it yields with nitric acid. Neither this nor sulphuric acid colors strychnine,—a test which serves to distinguish it from several other alkaloids.

Medical Properties and Uses. The effects of strychnine upon the system are identical in character with those of nux vomica, and it is employed for the same purposes as a medicine. In whatever way strychnine is introduced into the system, it acts, if in sufficient quantity, as a violent poison. The evidences of its slightest action are muscular twitchings and stiffness. After poisonous doses the symptoms usually come on not only speedily but very suddenly. They are convulsions, both tonic and clonic, affecting all the voluntary muscles, plainly reflex in character, and interrupted by periods of usually complete relaxation. Consciousness is undisturbed. The body is during the convulsion rigid, with the face drawn into the *risus sardonicus*, the limbs stiffly extended, and the whole person bowed backward in marked opisthotonos. The convulsions are accompanied with pain, and may be so severe as to cause death by locking the chest in a general respiratory spasm. This death during a convulsion may occur very early, and is accompanied by evident signs of asphyxia; if in any convulsion consciousness be affected, it is by approaching asphyxia, and is an evidence of imminent peril. In many instances the patient survives some hours and finally dies of exhaustion. The chief physiological action of strychnine is stimulation of the motor and vaso-motor centres of the cord: the peripheral nerves are affected only by very large toxic doses, which exert both a direct and an indirect sedative influence upon them. The diagnosis of strychnine poisoning from tetanus, hysteria, and other convulsive diseases is to be determined by the jaw being affected after the limbs and trunk, the relaxation between the convulsions, the universality of the latter, the retention of consciousness, the rapidity of the attack, and the history of the case.

There is no reliable chemical antidote to strychnine, but tannic acid or soluble iodine, or a soluble iodide, may be given as forming with the alkaloid compounds of difficult solubility. It must not, however, be forgotten that both strychnine tannate and strychnine iodide are capable of causing death: hence it is essential always to produce vomiting in strychnine poisoning when the patient is seen early. The further treatment consists in the maintenance of absolute quiet, and the use of such spinal sedatives as chloroform, amyl nitrite, opium, chloral, potassium

* When an aqueous solution of strychnine sulphate and potassium nitrite is boiled, an effervescence takes place, owing to the escape of nitrogen, and the solution becomes yellow. If ammonia is now added, a precipitate takes place, which has been found to consist of two alkaloids, resulting from the oxidation of the strychnine in different degrees. One of these the discoverer, P. Schutzenberger, proposes to name *oxystrychnine*, and the other *dioxystrychnine*. (See *A. J. P.*, March, 1859, p. 133.)

Methyl-strychnine. Methyl-brucine. These alkaloids are formed by replacing one of the atoms of hydrogen in strychnine by methyl (CH_3), which is effected by acting on the alkaloids by methyl iodide. A singular and, if verified, very important statement in relation to these modifications of strychnine and brucine, made by Stahlschmidt (*Ann. der Phys. und Chem.*), is that they are not poisonous. He gave to a rabbit five grains of methyl-strychnine without any bad symptoms, though the same animal was afterwards killed in five minutes by one-twentieth of a grain of strychnine placed upon its tongue. The important practical inference is that methyl iodide ought to be an antidote to strychnine. (See *A. J. P.*, May, 1860, p. 220.)

bromide; tobacco, aconite, and various similar sedative substances have been used, but no drug which acts powerfully as a cardiac depressant should be employed. Calabar bean is also less efficacious than the remedies first mentioned, as its influence is not upon the spinal centres, but upon the peripheral nerves. Chloroform and amyl nitrite act very promptly, but their impression is a fugacious one, and their use should be restricted to the arresting of convulsions so severe as to threaten life. Opium may be given in moderate doses, and very large doses of cannabis Indica have been employed in some cases with excellent result, but, as it exists in our markets, this drug is too uncertain for any reliance to be placed upon it. Potassium bromide and chloral are exceedingly valuable remedies. In any case of severe strychnine poisoning it would be advisable to begin the general medicinal treatment with the administration of half an ounce (15·5 Gm.) of potassium bromide. After this chloral may be given in twenty- to thirty-grain (1·3–1·95 Gm.) doses, at intervals of greater or less length, according to the severity of the symptoms, inhalations of chloroform, ether, and amyl nitrite being practised *pro re nata*, and the bromide also being repeated in much smaller dose if it seems advisable.

In an investigation of the members of the pyridine series of bases by C. Greville Williams and W. H. Waters (*Proc. Roy. Soc.*, xxxii. p. 162, 1881), they found that β lutidine (dimethyl pyridine, C_7H_9N) was antagonistic to strychnine and an apparent antidote. When injected into frogs already under the influence of strychnine, it arrested the convulsions; or if given first and then followed by a fatal dose of strychnine, it prevented the appearance of the tetanus. (Blyth, *Poisons, their Effects and Detection*, 1884, p. 319.)

Ether acts too slowly to be comparable in its effects to chloroform in this toxæmia, but it must not be forgotten that chloroform is alleged to have produced sudden cardiac death in strychnine poisoning, and in the latter stages, when exhaustion has set in, ether certainly is the safer remedy. Under the latter circumstances alcohol should be freely administered, as tending not only to quiet spasm, but also to sustain the heart's action. On account of its stimulant effect upon the gastric mucous membrane, and of its tendency to excite the vaso-motor and motor centres of the spinal cord and thereby increase the activity of the circulation and the general systemic tone, strychnine is a very valuable tonic, which may be given along with iron and simple bitters in *anæmia*, and especially in cases of general relaxation. Its striking convulsive influence early led to its use in palsies, and it is habitually so employed to-day. As, however, the loss of muscular power in these cases is very rarely due in chief part, if at all, to depression of the spinal centres, it is not common to see any very marked result from the use of the drug. In *infantile palsies* and other affections in which the nutrition of the muscles is largely at fault, the injection of strychnine into the affected muscles is sometimes productive of great good.

As a respiratory stimulant strychnine is very valuable in *subacute* and *chronic bronchitis*, especially in old and feeble subjects, in advanced *adynamic pneumonia*, in *chloral*, *opium*, and other *narcotic poisoning*, and in the accidents of *anæsthesia*, when death is threatened from respiratory failure. In these cases it must be given in large doses, and, when the symptoms are urgent, hypodermically.

Strychnine, owing to its tendency to increase the activity of non-striated as well as of striated muscular fibres, is a valuable addition to laxative medicines where there is reason to suspect relaxation of the muscular coat of the bowel. By the oculists strychnine is much used in *atrophy of the optic nerve*, and the late Dr. Isaac Hays (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, July, 1863, p. 266) ascribed to it a myotic power similar to that of Calabar bean. The ordinary dose of strychnine is $\frac{1}{20}$ of a grain (0·003 Gm.) by the mouth, or $\frac{1}{30}$ of a grain (0·0021 Gm.) used hypodermically.* There are few persons who will not bear these amounts well, and, by accustoming the patient gradually to the drug, very much larger doses may be used with safety.

STRYCHNINÆ SULPHAS. U. S. Strychnine Sulphate.

(STRĬCH-NĪ'NÆ SŬL'PHĂS.)

$(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4.5H_2O$; 854·24. $(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4.5H_2O$; 856.

"Strychnine Sulphate should be kept in well-stopped vials." *U. S.*

Strychniæ Sulphas, *Pharm.* 1870; Strychninum Sulphuricum; Sulfate de Strychnine, *Fr.;* Schwefelsaures Strychnin, *G.*

* Strychnine should never be prescribed in liquid form in combination with bromides, iodides, or chlorides, for fear of forming the insoluble strychnine hydrobromate, hydriodate, or hydrochlorate. Several cases of poisoning have occurred through neglect of this precaution. Dr. A. B. Lyons (*A. J. P.*, Oct. 1877) records a case of poisoning through the patient's receiving in the last dose the greater portion of the strychnine hydrobromate, which had crystallized out.

A process for this salt is no longer official. That of the U. S. P. 1870 will be found in the foot-note.* Two forms of strychnine sulphate are known, the acid sulphate, or commercial sulphate, and the official or neutral sulphate. Commercial strychnine sulphate, $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2.H_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$, crystallizes in needles. The water is expelled at 150° C. (302° F.). To prepare the neutral sulphate $(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)_2.H_2SO_4$, a solution of the acid sulphate is divided into two equal portions: one of these portions is precipitated by ammonia, and the precipitate is added to the other part of the solution and the mixture boiled. On cooling, the liquid deposits the neutral salt in transparent prisms containing 5 mols. of H_2O. The crystals become anhydrous at 200° C. (392° F.). By the spontaneous evaporation of an aqueous solution of the salt, transparent pyramids belonging to the quadratic system are obtained. According to Rammelsburg, these crystals contain 6 mols. of H_2O. (*Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1881, p. 1231; *N. R.*, Jan. 1882.)

This salt is in "colorless or white, prismatic crystals, odorless, and having an intensely bitter taste perceptible even in highly dilute (1 in 700000) solution. Efflorescent in dry air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 50 parts of water, and in 109 parts of alcohol; in 2 parts of boiling water, and in 8·5 parts of boiling alcohol. Almost insoluble in ether. When heated at 100° C. (212° F.), the salt slowly loses its water of crystallization (10·51 per cent.); more rapidly when heated at 110° C. (230° F.). When quickly heated to 200° C. (392° F.), the salt fuses. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. On adding potassium or sodium hydrate test-solution to an aqueous solution of the salt, a white precipitate is thrown down, which is insoluble in an excess of the alkali, and which should conform to the reactions and tests of strychnine (see *Strychnina*). Barium chloride test-solution added to the aqueous solution throws down a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. On dissolving 0·05 Gm. of Strychnine Sulphate in 2 C.c. of nitric acid (specific gravity 1·300), in a small test-tube, the acid should not turn more than faintly yellow (limit of *brucine*)." *U. S.* The chief advantage of this preparation over strychnine is its much greater solubility in water, by which it is better adapted to external use, as for application to blistered surfaces, or for hypodermic injection, or as an ingredient in collyria. These advantages may be easily gained, however, by adding a few drops of an acid, the acetic, for example, to strychnine, so that the value of this as a distinct official preparation is diminished. Owing to the presence of sulphuric acid and water of crystallization in this salt, it contains but about 75 per cent. of strychnine, and the dose would be therefore greater than that of the alkaloid. The maximum commencing dose of the sulphate is one-twentieth of a grain (0·0032 Gm.).†

* *Strychniæ Sulphas.* "Take of Strychnia *a troyounce;* Diluted Sulphuric Acid *nine fluidrachms*, or *a sufficient quantity;* Distilled Water *a pint*. Mix the Strychnia with the Distilled Water, heat the mixture gently, and gradually add Diluted Sulphuric Acid until the alkaloid is neutralized and dissolved. Filter the solution, and evaporate with a moderate heat, so that crystals may form on cooling. Lastly, having drained the crystals, dry them rapidly on bibulous paper, and keep them in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

† *Strychnine Arsenite* having been proposed as a remedy by Prof. Grimelli, of Modena, M. Chiappero, of Turin, undertook to prepare the salt. For this purpose he dissolved arsenous acid in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and neutralized the arsenous acid with strychnine. But, according to M. T. Ceresoli, of Paris, the result was a mixture of strychnine arsenite and hydrochlorate. The latter chemist prepares a pure strychnine arsenite in the following manner. He takes 3·12 grammes of caustic potassa, 3·30 of arsenous acid, and 40·00 of distilled water. Having dissolved the potassa in the water, boiling hot, he adds the arsenous acid, which is completely dissolved. He then dilutes 2·65 grammes of monohydrated sulphuric acid with 20 grammes of distilled water, and, having heated the mixture to ebullition, adds 12 grammes of pure crystallized strychnine, which is entirely dissolved. The two solutions being kept at about the temperature of 100° F., he pours the arsenical solution into that of strychnine. A gruinous mass is produced, much of which, however, is dissolved by heat. The liquid being filtered boiling hot from the undissolved mass, which consists almost exclusively of potassium sulphate, the filtered liquid is evaporated nearly to dryness, and the residue dissolved in absolute alcohol, by which the potassium sulphate is all left behind. The undissolved mass, after the first filtration, is repeatedly washed with alcohol; and the alcoholic solutions are mixed, concentrated, and set aside to crystallize. At the end of two days the arsenite separates in the form of cubic crystals.

Strychnine arsenite is in white cubic crystals, containing water, which they lose in contact with the air, becoming almost efflorescent. They are completely decomposed by heat, with an empyreumatic smell, and leave nothing but a black and porous charcoal. Towards the end of the vaporization, dense white vapors rise with the alliaceous smell of arsenic. The taste is bitter and metallic. Strychnine arsenite is soluble in 35 parts of cold and 10 of boiling water; is soluble also in alcohol, and less so in ether. Its formula is $(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)As_2O_3$. Though scarcely yet employed, at least to any considerable extent, as a medicine, it would seem, from its constituents, to be likely to fulfil important indications, and has the advantage of a uniform composition. Consisting of two ingredients, each of which is perhaps scarcely inferior, as a remedy in intermittent fever, to any other except cinchona and its derivatives, it probably possesses strong antiperiodic powers, and might very properly be the subject of trial in any intermittent disease which proves rebellious to quinine,—the prescriber, however, being always on his guard against its poisonous action. Its commencing dose should not be larger than the smallest dose of strychnine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 343.)

STYRAX. U. S. (Br.) Storax.

(STĪ'RĂX.)

"A balsam prepared from the inner bark of Liquidambar orientalis, Miller (nat. ord. Hamamelaceæ)." *U. S.* "A balsam prepared from the inner bark of Liquidambar orientalis, Miller. Purified by solution in spirit, filtration, and evaporation." *Br.*

Styrax Præparatus, *Br.;* Prepared Storax; Styrax Liquidus, *P. G.;* Balsamum Storacis; Liquid Storax; Storax, Styrax liquide, *Fr.;* Flüssiger Storax, *G.;* Storace, *It.;* Estoraque, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Amentum* conical, surrounded by a four-leaved involucre; *corolla* none; *filaments* numerous. FEMALE. *Amentum* globose, with a four-leaved involucre; *calyx* one-leafed, urceolate, two-flowered; *styles* two; *capsules* two, surrounded at the base by the calyx, one-celled, many-seeded.

Liquidambar orientalis. Miller, *Dict.* No. 2; *B. & T.* 107. The *oriental sweet-gum* is a tree from twenty to forty feet high. The palmate leaves have each of their divisions obscurely three-lobed, and are serrate, perfectly smooth, bright green and shining on the upper and pale on the under surface. The tree is a native of Asia Minor, in the southwestern parts of which it forms large forests. It yields the variety of the drug called *liquid storax.*

Accounts somewhat differ as to the mode of collecting the balsam. They agree, however, in the point that, the outer bark having been removed, the inner bark is scraped off and submitted to pressure. According to Mr. Maltass, the bark is first pressed cold in horse-hair bags, after which hot water is thrown over them and they are again pressed. Lieutenant Campbell states that the inner bark is first boiled with water, and, a portion of the balsam which rises having been skimmed off, is then pressed so as to extract the remainder. The residuary bark, after expression, is dried in the sun, and employed in various parts of Turkey for fumigation. It is the drug known in commerce as *Storax bark* or *Cortex Thymiamatis.* (Hanbury, *P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 463.) The balsam is sent in casks to Constantinople, Smyrna, and other ports of the Levant.

Several kinds of storax have been described. The purest was the *storax in grains,* which was in whitish, yellowish-white, or reddish-yellow tears, about the size of a pea, opaque, soft, adhesive, and capable of uniting so as to form a mass. Another variety, formerly called *styrax calamita,* from the circumstance, it is supposed, that it was brought wrapped in the leaves of a kind of reed, consisted of dry and brittle masses, formed of yellowish agglutinated tears, in the interstices of which was a brown or reddish matter. The French call it *storax amygdaloïde.* This and the preceding variety had a pleasant odor like that of vanilla. Neither of them, however, is now found in the markets. It is probable that one or both of these varieties may have been the product of *Styrax officinale.* A third variety, which is sometimes sold as the *styrax calamita,* is in brown or reddish-brown masses of various shapes, light, friable, yet possessing a certain degree of tenacity, and softening under the teeth. Upon exposure, it becomes covered upon the surface with a white efflorescence of styracin. It evidently consists of sawdust, united with a portion of the balsam. As found in commerce, it is usually in the state of a coarse, soft, dark-colored powder, mingled with occasional light friable lumps of various magnitude, and containing very little of the balsam. When good, it should yield, upon pressure between hot plates, a brown resinous fluid having the odor of storax. Mr. Hanbury states that some of this variety is prepared at Trieste, Venice, and Marseilles, by mixing the residue of the liquidambar bark remaining after expression, and reduced to coarse powder, with genuine liquid storax. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1863.)* A fourth variety, which, under the name of *liquid storax,* is the one commonly used, is a semi-fluid, adhesive substance, brown or almost black upon the surface exposed to the air, but of a slightly greenish-gray color within, and of an odor somewhat like that of Peruvian balsam, though less agreeable. It is kept in jars.

The storax used by pharmacists should correspond to the following official directions and tests. "A semi-liquid, gray, sticky, opaque mass, depositing, on standing, a heavier, dark-brown stratum; transparent in thin layers, and having an agreeable odor and a balsamic taste. Insoluble in water, but completely soluble (with the exception of accidental impurities) in an

* The *Liquidambar styraciflua,* or Sweet Gum of our Southern States, was at one time thought to be the source of storax. Its geographical range reaches into Mexico, and it yields a storax-like product in an abundance proportionate to the heat of the climate. A specimen from Guatemala is described by Flückiger and Hanbury as a yellow, opaque resin, of honey-like consistence, becoming transparent, amber-colored, and brittle by exposure to the air, and having a rather terebinthinous balsamic odor and but little taste. Sometimes it occurs as a thick golden-brown fluid. It contains cinnamic acid and styracin. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 161.) It is soluble in alcohol, and has been gathered to a considerable extent in the United States for the preparation of chewing-gum. The resins of *Liquidambar formosana* and *L. altingiana* are known in Eastern commerce.

equal weight of warm alcohol. If the alcoholic solution, which has an acid reaction, be cooled, filtered, and evaporated, it should leave not less than 70 per cent. of the original weight of the balsam, in the form of a brown, semi-liquid residue, almost completely soluble in ether and in carbon disulphide, but insoluble in benzin. When heated on a water-bath, Storax becomes more fluid, and if it be then agitated with warm benzin, the supernatant liquid, on being decanted and allowed to cool, will be colorless, and will deposit white crystals of cinnamic acid and cinnamic ethers." *U. S.*

As found in commerce, storax is usually so much adulterated as to require purification before it can be used; and in both Pharmacopœias processes were formerly given. Whenever not originally pure enough for use, it should be dissolved in alcohol, the solution strained, and the alcohol distilled off to a certain extent, and then completely evaporated at a gentle heat. Among the substances used in the adulteration of storax is turpentine. To detect it Dr. Hager employed the following method. He liquefied the resin, in a tube, by means of a water-bath, added half its volume of absolute alcohol, and hastened the solution by agitation; he then treated it with several volumes of benzin. This operation was repeated twice. The liquors obtained were then evaporated, in a tared vessel; and there was obtained, for pure storax, a colorless residue (45 to 55 per cent.), with a light-blue opalescence; for that mixed with turpentine, a residue more considerable, yellowish, and having the terebinthinate odor. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Fév. 1876, p. 161.)

General Properties. Storax has a fragrant odor and an aromatic taste. It melts with a moderate heat, and, when the temperature is raised, takes fire and burns with a white flame, leaving a light, spongy, carbonaceous residue. It imparts its odor to water, which it renders yellow and milky. Its active constituents are dissolved by alcohol and ether. Neumann obtained from 480 grains of storax 120 of aqueous extract, and from an equal quantity 360 grains of alcoholic extract. Containing volatile oil and resin, and yielding benzoic or cinnamic acid by distillation, it is entitled to rank as a balsam.

The most abundant constituent of storax is probably *storesin*, $C_{36}H_{55}(OH)_3$, discovered in 1877 by W. von Miller. This is present both free and in the form of a cinnamic ether. Storesin is an amorphous substance, melting at 168° C. (334·4° F.), readily soluble in benzin. *Cinnamic ethers of phenyl-propyl, cinnamic ether of ethyl, cinnamic ether of benzyl*, and especially *cinnamate of cinnamyl*, $C_9H_7O_2.C_9H_9$, the so-called *styracin* of Bonastre, have also been observed. This last compound can be removed by ether, benzol, or alcohol after the separation from the resin of the cinnamic acid; it is insoluble in water, and volatile only in superheated steam. It crystallizes in tufts of long rectangular prisms, which melt at 38° C. (100·4° F.), but frequently does not solidify readily. By concentrated solution of potash, it is resolved into a cinnamate and cinnamic alcohol (*styrone*), $C_9H_{10}O$, which latter is not present in liquid storax. The yield of *cinnamic acid** varies from 6 to 12 per cent., or even, according to Löwe, as much as 23 per cent. of crystallized cinnamic acid can be obtained. The acid dissolves abundantly in ether, alcohol, or hot water, slightly in cold water; it is inodorous, but has an acrid taste. It fuses at 133° C. (276·4° F.), and boils at 290° C. (554° F.). Another minor constituent of storax is a fragrant substance, apparently *vanillin*, which Rump (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1878, p. 1034) identified. Miller also shows that water removes from the drug a little free benzoic acid. There is further found in liquid storax a hydrocarbon, C_8H_8, first prepared by Simon in 1839, which exists in the resin as a liquid, and also in a polymeric form as a solid. The former, called *styrol* or *cinnamene*, has a sp. gr. of 0·924, and a boiling point of 146° C. (294·8° F.). It is a colorless, mobile liquid, possessing the odor and burning taste of liquid storax. It has since been formed synthetically, and has been recognized as *phenyl-ethylene*, $C_6H_5.CH=CH_2$. When heated for a considerable time to 100° C. (212° F.), or for a shorter period to 200° C. (392° F.), it is converted without change of composition into the colorless, transparent solid *metastyrol*, which, unlike styrol, is not soluble in alcohol or in ether.

* *Cinnamic acid* has recently attracted attention as a germicide. Classon recommends the following process for its preparation. Storax is boiled with solution of sodium carbonate, the mixture is allowed to cool, and hydrochloric acid is added to neutralize the greater portion of the excess of alkali, leaving the mixture faintly alkaline. It is then again boiled, allowed to cool, and filtered, the residue on the filter being washed with water. The filtrate and washings are concentrated, if necessary, and precipitated with excess of hydrochloric acid: the precipitate is collected on a filter, washed with a little water, and dried. The crude cinnamic acid so obtained is purified by crystallization from hot benzin. It is made more cheaply now synthetically, and is obtained as a by-product in the preparation of benzaldehyde. It is claimed for it that it is a non-poisonous antiseptic, and Landerer (*Die Behandlung der Tuberkulose*, etc., Leipzig, 1892) has found it in *phthisis* a very valuable, though not specific, medicament, which may be even used intravenously without injury. In *lupus* and other surgical forms of *tuberculosis* he injects it into the part.

Lastly, there has been found in liquid storax, by J. H. van t'Hoff (1876), about 0·4 per cent. of an essential oil, probably $C_{10}H_{16}O$. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., pp. 274 and 275.)

Medical Properties and Uses. This balsam is a stimulating expectorant, and was formerly recommended in *phthisis*, *chronic catarrh*, *asthma*, and *amenorrhœa;* but it is very seldom used at present, except as a constituent of the compound tincture of benzoin. Liquid storax has been recommended in *gonorrhœa* and *leucorrhœa* as equally effectual with copaiba, and less disagreeable. From ten to twenty grains (0·65–1·3 Gm.) may be given twice a day, and the dose gradually increased. The same variety of storax, mixed with olive oil, has been found by Dr. H. Schultze, of Magdeburg, effectual in the cure of *itch*, the death of the insect resulting from a single thorough rubbing of the surface in twenty-four hours. (*Am. Journ. of the Med. Sci.*, July, 1867.)

SUCCI. Juices.

(SŬC'CĪ—sūk'sī.)

Though introduced to professional notice by Mr. Squire so long since as in the year 1835, and subsequently used by many practitioners, the Juices were recognized but once by the U. S. Pharmacopœia (1870). They consist of the expressed juices of fresh plants, preserved by the addition of one-third of their bulk of alcohol. Considering the great inequality in strength, and of course the uncertainty in operation, of the fresh juices themselves, varying according to the soil, climate, mode of cultivation, season, and the age of the plant, it may be questioned whether they merit the prominence which has been given them in the British Pharmacopœia.

SUCCUS BELLADONNÆ. Br. Juice of Belladonna.

(SŬC'CŲS BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ.)

"Take of Fresh Leaves and Young Branches of Belladonna *seven pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Bruise the Belladonna in a stone mortar, press out the juice, and to every three measures of juice add one of the Spirit. Set aside for seven days, and filter. Keep it in a cool place." *Br.*

SUCCUS CONII. Br. Juice of Hemlock.

(SŬC'CŲS CŌ-NĪ'Ī.)

Suc de grande Ciguë, *Fr.;* Schierlingsaft, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Leaves and Young Branches of Hemlock *seven pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Bruise the Hemlock in a stone mortar, press out the juice, and to every three measures of juice add one of the Spirit. Set aside for seven days, and filter. Keep it in a cool place." *Br.*

The albumen is probably coagulated under the influence of the alcohol; and hence the propriety of directing filtration. The dose of this preparation is from thirty to sixty minims (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

The experiments of Dr. John Harley (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 363) seemed to indicate that the juice is the best preparation of conium. He found that one fluidounce of it contained 0·42 grain of the alkaloid, and that five and a half fluidrachms of it produced very severe and characteristic symptoms. Subsequent experience has shown, however, that Succus Conii, at least as it reaches Philadelphia, is even in the best brands a very uncertain preparation, distinctly inferior in every way to the U. S. fluid extract made from the green fruit. Half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.), may be given at a dose, and rapidly increased until some effects are produced.

SUCCUS HYOSCYAMI. Br. Juice of Henbane.

(SŬC'CŲS HĬ-ŌS-CĪ'Ą-MĪ.)

"Take of Fresh Leaves, Flowering Tops, and Young Branches of Henbane *seven pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Bruise the Henbane in a stone mortar, press out the juice, and to every three measures of juice add one of the Spirit. Set aside for seven days, and filter. Keep it in a cool place." *Br.*

The dose of this new official of the British Pharmacopœia is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

SUCCUS SCOPARII. Br. Juice of Broom.

(SŬC'CŲS SCŌ-PĀ'RĮ-Ī.)

Suc de Genêt à Balais, *Fr.;* Besenginstersaft, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Broom Tops *seven pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Bruise the Broom Tops in a stone mortar, press out the juice, and to every three measures of juice add one of the Spirit. Set aside for seven days, and filter. Keep it in a cool place." *Br.*

The dose of this preparation as a diuretic is from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.). In large doses it would be apt to disturb the stomach and bowels. It is more appropriately used as an adjuvant to other diuretics than alone.

SUCCUS TARAXACI. Br. Juice of Dandelion.

(SŬC'CŲS TĄ-RĂX'Ą-CĪ.)

Suc de Pissenlit, *Fr.;* Löwenzahnwurzelsaft, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Dandelion Root *seven pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Bruise the Dandelion Root in a stone mortar, press out the juice, and to every three measures of juice add one of the Spirit. Set aside for seven days, and filter. Keep it in a cool place." *Br.*

The dose of this juice is from two fluidrachms to half a fluidounce (7·5–15 C.c.).*

SULPHONAL. Br. Sulphonal.

$C_7 H_{16} S_2 O_4$. (SŬL'PHŌ-NĂL.) $(CH_3)_2 C (SO_2 C_2 H_5)_2$.

Diethylsulphon-dimethyl-methane.

Sulphonal was not introduced into the U. S. P. 1890, because its manufacture is limited by law to the firm that owns the process. Sulphonal belongs to the class of disulphons, to which belong also Trional and Tetronal. (See *Trional* and *Tetronal*, Part II.) It may be made by the following processes. When anhydrous mercaptan and anhydrous acetone are mixed and a stream of dry hydrochloric acid gas passed through, the liquid gradually becomes turbid and separates into two layers, the upper being mercaptol (dithioethyldimethylmethane), the lower, diluted hydrochloric acid. The mercaptol is separated, washed, and then oxidized with potassium permanganate, the liberated oxygen converting the mercaptol into sulphonal. It may also be prepared by the action of ethyl chloride on sodium thiosulphate, the resulting sodium ethyl thiosulphate being converted into ethyl mercaptan and acid sodium sulphate by the action of water. This conversion is made to take place in the presence of alcohol, hydrochloric acid, and acetone, the ethyl mercaptan being condensed to mercaptol, which is oxidized by potassium permanganate, sulphonal being the result. It forms heavy colorless prismatic crystals, melting at 125·5° C., which are not very soluble in cold water, but more readily in boiling water, and in alcohol and alcoholic ether. A characteristic test is to fuse the sulphonal in a small dry test-tube, heat to about 280° C., and to the clear liquid add pyrogallic (or gallic) acid. The liquid becomes brown and gives off the characteristic odor of mercaptan or sulphur alcohol. The British Pharmacopœia gives the following description. "Colourless, inodorous, nearly tasteless crystals; neutral to test-paper; melting at 258° F. (125·5° C.). Soluble in fifteen parts of boiling water and in about four hundred and fifty parts of cold water. Soluble in about fifty fluid parts of cold rectified spirit, and very soluble in boiling alcohol; soluble in ether. Ignited with free access of air, it burns without residue. If a mixture of a few grains with an equal weight of cyanide of potassium be heated, the odour of mercaptan is evolved, and when to the solution of the product in water excess of hydrochloric acid and a few drops of a solution of perchloride of iron are added, a reddish colour is developed." *Br.*

Medical Properties and Uses. In the lower animals sulphonal produces sleep, which, if the dose has been sufficiently large, deepens into coma accompanied by paresis, tremors, and convulsions. Occasionally loss of power in the hind legs notably precedes the cerebral symptoms. The action of the drug upon the circulation seems to be very feeble, although it

* *Procter's Preserved Juice of Taraxacum.* Of the fresh roots collected in September or October, twenty pounds avoirdupois are to be sliced transversely, reduced to a pulpy mass by grinding or contusion, then thoroughly incorporated with four pints of alcohol of 0·835, and set aside in stone-ware jars. After a week, or a longer time, the pulpy mass is to be subjected to strong pressure, and the liquor filtered and bottled for use. Even after six months the pulp thus treated preserves the sensible properties of the dandelion in a marked degree. Should the alcohol in the expressed liquor be objected to, it may be partially removed by evaporation by means of a water-bath until the bulk of the juice has been diminished one-sixth, and then adding eight ounces of sugar for every pint. (*A. J. P.*, xxv.)

has not been thoroughly made out. According to Schick, the nerves and the muscles are not altered, so that the symptoms must be centric in origin. Kast found that the blood is not changed, and, according to Dr. W. J. Smith, tissue-change is not influenced. When sulphonal is given to human beings in doses of from fifteen to thirty grains, sleep usually develops in from half an hour to an hour, in most cases gradually, sometimes with remarkable abruptness. It is usually quiet, and not followed by disagreeable after-effects, although sometimes mental confusion and lassitude remain. Over pain sulphonal exerts no influence. It was originally asserted by Prof. Kast that the drug would prove especially useful in *insomnia* from cardiac diseases, but further experience does not sustain this. Occasionally sulphonal produces nausea, vomiting, gastric pain, diarrhœa, languor, headache, depression, ataxic symptoms, especially loss of power in the legs, mental disturbance, etc. These disagreeable effects are, however, rare after the single dose, but are much more apt to follow the continuous use of the remedy, there being evidently some tendency for sulphonal to accumulate in the system, as noticed by Jastrowitz, Bresslauer, and others. (See, also, *Internat. Klin. Rundsch.*, Nov. 1891.)

It is usually after the continued use of the drug that the rubeolous or scarlatinous exanthem appears. A number of cases of poisoning by large doses or the continuous use of sulphonal have been reported. (*Lancet*, April, 1891; *Med. Rec.*, Dec. 1890; *Therap. Monatschr.*, Dec. 1888; *Deutsche Med. Wochenschr.*, May, 1891; *Med. News*, Aug. 1889, cause of death somewhat doubtful; *Brit. Med. Journ.*, Oct. 1890.) The symptoms in these cases have been extraordinarily prolonged sleep, lasting for a number of days, with comparatively little disturbance of the circulation or the breathing (unless the dose has been extraordinarily large and a late stage of the poisoning is considered); marked ataxic disturbance of speech and gait; a peculiar exanthem, which is prone to be symmetrical; ptosis, with normal or dilated and fixed pupils; paralysis of the sphincters; renal disturbance; fall of temperature.

Professor Kast found that under the influence of large doses of sulphonal there was no increase in the elimination of sulphur, and came to the conclusion that the sulphonal was eliminated in the form of a highly soluble organic compound, probably a sulphonic acid. Jaffe and Jolles have, however, each obtained unaltered sulphonal from the urine of persons poisoned by it; but it seems positive that only a small proportion of sulphonal escapes unchanged, and from the researches of Dr. W. J. Smith it would appear probable that the sulphonal splits up in the system so as to yield ethylsulphonic acid, which escapes unchanged in the urine.

Upon the kidneys sulphonal seems to act, when in sufficient amount, as an irritant, though after the ordinary therapeutic dose no pronounced renal symptoms are apparent. Aching pains in the loins and pronounced diuresis are not rarely present after overdoses, and in poisoning by the drug the urine frequently becomes of a dark port-wine color, staining the linen of the patient where it falls, and containing, according to the researches of the Swedish physiologist Hammarsteen, *hæmatoporphyrine*. Complete arrest of the renal secretion has occurred in some cases; the presence of this symptom makes the prognosis very grave. Whenever sulphonal is given largely or for a length of time, the urine should be carefully watched, and any smoky or dark appearance of the excretion should be the signal for the immediate withdrawal of the drug. That enormous doses of sulphonal may be recovered from is shown by the case reported by Neisser, in which over three ounces are said to have been taken, six hours elapsing before any medical treatment was instituted. In the case reported by Knaggs, four hundred and fifty grains produced death after unconsciousness lasting for three days, with complete anuria. The dose of sulphonal is from ten to forty grains (0·65–2·59 Gm.), which should always be given in fine powder, compressed pills frequently passing through the bowels unchanged.

SULPHURIS IODIDUM. U. S., Br. Sulphur Iodide.

(SŬL'PHŬ-RĬS Ī-ŌD'Ĭ-DŬM.)

Sulfur Iodatum, *P. G.;* Ioduretum Sulfuris, *F. P.;* Iodure de Soufre, *Fr.;* Jodschwefel, *G.*

"Washed Sulphur, *twenty grammes* [or 308 grains]; Iodine, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]. Mix the Washed Sulphur and Iodine thoroughly by trituration; introduce the mixture into a flask, close the orifice loosely, and, by means of a water-bath, gradually and with occasional agitation apply a heat not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), until the ingredients combine, and become of a uniformly dark color throughout. Then increase the heat to the boiling point of the water, so as to fuse the mass. Should any Iodine have sublimed and condensed on the glass, incline the flask so as to combine the Iodine with the fused mass, and then pour the latter out upon a porcelain plate or other suitable cold surface. After cooling break the product into pieces of suitable size, and keep them in a glass-stoppered bottle, in a cool place." *U. S.*

The British process is the same as the above, which was derived from the French Codex. Though formerly official with the London and Dublin Colleges, it was omitted in the first British Pharmacopœia, to be resumed in the present. It simply effects a combination of the two elements by melting them together.

Properties. Sulphur iodide is in "brittle masses of a crystalline fracture and a grayish-black, metallic lustre, having the odor of iodine, and a somewhat acrid taste. Almost insoluble in water; soluble in about 60 parts of glycerin; very soluble in carbon disulphide. Alcohol and ether dissolve out the iodine, leaving the sulphur. Continued boiling with water vaporizes all the iodine, leaving about 20 per cent. of sulphur as residue. On exposing Sulphur Iodide to the air, it gradually loses iodine. On heating it, some iodine sublimes at first; at a somewhat higher temperature a sublimate is formed, containing both iodine and sulphur. At a still higher temperature, the whole is volatilized, leaving only a trace of residue." *U. S.* This compound is chemically regarded as *iodine disulphide*, I_2S_2, or, as sometimes stated, *sulphur subiodide*. Its solution in glycerin would probably prove useful, in some cases, as a substitute for the ointment of this iodide. It is rapidly decomposed, when in a state of powder, upon the addition of several of the volatile oils, violet vapors of iodine being evolved, and the smell of sulphur perceived. (*Dr. G. W. Patterson.*) This result renders it doubtful whether the so-called sulphur iodide is really a distinct chemical compound formed according to the laws of chemical combination, or is a mere physical mixture. Sulphur iodide has been very usefully employed as an external remedy in various skin diseases, such as *tinea capitis*, *lupus*, *lepra*, etc., applied in the form of ointment. (See *Unguentum Sulphuris Iodidi.*) It has been used internally, associated with potassium iodide and senna, in the form of a syrup, in scrofulous and cutaneous diseases. (*E. Levrat.*) This syrup contains iodized potassium iodide, and free sulphur in consequence of the solvent action of potassium iodide upon iodine. In a case of *glanders* in the human subject, which terminated in recovery under the care of M. Bourdon, of Paris, sulphur iodide was used internally, and, it was thought, with advantage. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1858, p. 239.)

SULPHUR LOTUM. U. S. Washed Sulphur.

S; 31·98. (SŬL'FHŬR LŌ'TŬM.) S; 32.

Sulphur Depuratum, s. Flores Sulphuris Loti, *P. G.*; Soufre lavé, *Fr.*; Gereinigte Schwefelblumen, *G.*

"Sublimed Sulphur, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Ammonia Water, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Pass the Sublimed Sulphur through a No. 30 sieve, mix it thoroughly with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, add *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims] of Ammonia Water, and digest for three days, agitating occasionally. Then add *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, transfer the mixture to a muslin strainer, and wash the Sulphur with Water until the washings cease to impart a blue color to red litmus paper. Then allow it to drain, press the residue strongly, dry it rapidly at a moderate heat, and pass it through a No. 30 sieve." *U. S.*

Sublimed sulphur is frequently contaminated with small quantities of sulphuric acid and other impurities, and the object of the ammonia in the above process is to neutralize the acid, the salt being subsequently washed out. (See *Sulphur Sublimatum.*)

Properties. "A fine yellow powder, without odor or taste. Insoluble in water; slightly soluble in absolute alcohol; more readily soluble in benzin, benzol, oil of turpentine, and many other oils; also in ether, in chloroform, and in boiling, aqueous solutions of alkaline hydrates. Carbon disulphide promptly dissolves a portion of it, but leaves a residue of insoluble sulphur, which may be dissolved by a boiling solution of an alkaline hydrate. When heated to 115° C. (239° F.), Washed Sulphur melts, and at a higher temperature volatilizes, or, if air be admitted, burns to sulphur dioxide, which is identified by its characteristic odor, and by its blackening a strip of paper moistened with mercurous nitrate test-solution held in the gas. The amount of residue left after volatilizing or igniting a weighed portion of it should not exceed 0·5 per cent. If 0·5 Gm. of Washed Sulphur be boiled with 10 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution, it should be completely dissolved, leaving no residue (absence of *earthy* or *metallic impurities*). If 0·5 Gm. of Washed Sulphur be digested for several hours with 10 C.c. of ammonia water, the clear filtrate should not be colored yellow, nor be rendered turbid, by acidulation with hydrochloric acid, even after the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*). If 5 C.c. of water be agitated with 2 Gm. of Washed Sulphur, the liquid should not change the color of blue or red litmus paper (absence of *acid*, and of *ammonia*). If 0·5 Gm. of Washed Sulphur be boiled with a solution of 0·5

Gm. of potassium cyanide in 5 C.c. of water, and, after filtration, the clear liquid be acidulated with hydrochloric acid, it should not assume a reddish color, even after standing for an hour (absence of *selenium*)." *U. S.* The dose is from half a drachm to half an ounce (1·9–15·5 Gm.).

SULPHUR PRÆCIPITATUM. U. S., Br. Precipitated Sulphur.

S; 31·98. (SŬL'FHŬR PRÆ-CĬP-Ị-TĀ'TŬM.) S; 32.

Lac Sulphuris; Milk of Sulphur; Magisterium Sulphuris; Soufre précipité, Lait de Soufre, *Fr.;* Schwefelmilch, *G.*

"Sublimed Sulphur, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Lime, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Hydrochloric Acid, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Slake the Lime, and mix it uniformly with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water. Add the Sublimed Sulphur, previously sifted, and, after thorough mixing, add *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Water, and boil the mixture during one hour, stirring constantly, and replacing the Water lost by evaporation. Then cover the vessel, and permit the contents to cool and to become clear by subsidence. Carefully draw off the clear solution, and filter the remainder. To the united liquids add gradually, and with constant stirring, Hydrochloric Acid, previously diluted with an equal volume of Water, until the liquid is nearly neutralized, still retaining, however, an alkaline reaction and a yellow color. Collect the precipitate on a strainer, and wash it, until the washings are tasteless and cease to give an acid reaction with litmus paper. Then dry the product rapidly, at a moderate heat, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Sublimed Sulphur *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Slaked Lime *three ounces* [av.]; Hydrochloric Acid *eight fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Heat the Sulphur and Lime, previously well mixed, in a pint [Imperial measure] of the Water, stirring diligently with a wooden spatula; boil for fifteen minutes, and filter. Boil the residue again in half a pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water, and filter. Let the united filtrates cool, dilute with two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water, and, in an open place or under a chimney, add in successive quantities the Hydrochloric Acid previously diluted with a pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water, until effervescence ceases and the mixture acquires a slight acid reaction. Allow the precipitate to settle, decant the supernatant liquid, pour on fresh Distilled Water, and continue the purification by affusion of Distilled Water and subsidence, until the fluid ceases to have an acid reaction and to precipitate with oxalate of ammonium. Collect the precipitated sulphur on a calico filter, wash it once with Distilled Water, and dry it at a temperature not exceeding 120° F. (48°·9 C.)." *Br.*

The process for precipitated sulphur has not been much changed in the last revision: the quantity of lime has, however, been diminished, which is an improvement, as the excess of lime caused loss in filtration unless great care was taken to wash the precipitate well.

In the U. S. process three molecules of calcium oxide react with six atoms of sulphur to form two mols. of calcium disulphide and one of calcium thiosulphate (hyposulphite): $3CaO + (S_2)_3 = 2CaS_2 + CaS_2O_3$. On the addition of the hydrochloric acid, six atoms of sulphur are precipitated (four from the two mols. of calcium disulphide and two from the one mol. of calcium hyposulphite), and the calcium and oxygen unite with the hydrochloric acid, so as to form calcium chloride and water, according to the reaction $2CaS_2 + CaS_2O_3 + 6HCl = 3CaCl_2 + 3H_2O + (S_2)_3$. This rationale is not exactly applicable to the British process, in which the proportion of the sulphur to the lime employed is greater than in that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and on account of this greater excess of sulphur the reaction takes place as follows: $3CaO + (S_2)_6 = 2CaS_5 + CaS_2O_3$, a calcium pentasulphide being formed. Hydrochloric acid is the most eligible precipitant for the sulphur, as it gives rise to calcium chloride, which is a very soluble salt and is easily washed away. Sulphuric acid is wholly inadmissible, as it generates calcium sulphate, which, from its sparing solubility, becomes necessarily intermingled with the precipitated sulphur. According to Schweitzer, the best material from which to precipitate the sulphur is potassium sulphide, formed by boiling sulphur with caustic potassa. Dr. Otto, of Brunswick, finds that potassium sulphide is apt to contain copper sulphide, and therefore he prefers calcium sulphide.

Properties. Precipitated sulphur is in friable lumps, of a white color, with a pale yellowish-green tint, and consisting of finely divided particles slightly cohering, or, as officially described, is "a fine, amorphous powder, of a pale yellow color, without odor or taste. Insoluble in water; very slightly soluble in absolute alcohol; readily soluble in carbon disulphide;

also in benzin, benzol, oil of turpentine, and many other oils; also in ether, in chloroform, and in boiling, aqueous solutions of alkaline hydrates. At 115° C. (239° F.) Precipitated Sulphur melts, and at a higher temperature it volatilizes, or, if air be admitted, burns to sulphur dioxide, leaving no residue. If 0·5 Gm. of Precipitated Sulphur be boiled with 10 C.c. of sodium hydrate test-solution, it should be completely dissolved, leaving no residue (absence of *earthy* or *metallic impurities*). If 1 Gm. of Precipitated Sulphur be digested for several hours with 10 C.c. of ammonia water, a portion of the clear filtrate should not leave any residue on evaporation; nor should another portion be colored yellow, or rendered turbid, by acidulation with hydrochloric acid, even after the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*). If 5 C.c. of water be agitated with 2 Gm. of Precipitated Sulphur, the liquid should not change the color of blue or red litmus paper (absence of *acid* or *alkali*); nor should it leave any residue on evaporation (absence of *soluble impurities*). If 0·5 Gm. of Precipitated Sulphur be boiled with a solution of 0·5 Gm. of potassium cyanide in 5 C.c. of water, and, after filtration, the clear liquid be acidulated with hydrochloric acid, it should not assume a reddish color, even after standing for an hour (absence of *selenium*)." *U. S.* It is entirely dissipated by heat. Water boiled with it should not redden litmus. When recently prepared, it is devoid of taste, but possesses a peculiar smell. When long exposed, in a moist state, to the air, it becomes strongly contaminated with sulphuric acid. From its color it was formerly called *lac sulphuris*, or *milk of sulphur*. It is insoluble in water, but dissolves in a boiling solution of caustic potassa, and in oil of turpentine by the aid of heat. When of a brilliant white color, the presence of calcium sulphate may be suspected; in which case the preparation will not be wholly volatilized by heat. If pure, it communicates a harsh feel when rubbed between the fingers, owing to the friction of the particles. (*Dr. Bridges.*) We have seen a sample of so-called precipitated sulphur which consisted almost entirely of calcium sulphate. Precipitated sulphur differs from sublimed sulphur in being in a state of more minute division, and in presenting, after fusion, a softer and less brittle mass. Its peculiarities are supposed to depend upon the presence of water, which, however, is found in too small a quantity to constitute a regular *hydrate*. According to Rose, its white color is occasioned by the presence of a small proportion of hydrogen sulphide. Soubeiran states that it always contains some hydrogen sulphide, which causes it to differ as a therapeutic agent from sublimed sulphur.

Medical Properties and Uses. Precipitated sulphur possesses medical properties similar to those of sublimed sulphur. Its state of extreme division renders it more readily suspended in liquids. It is sometimes selected for forming sulphur ointments: these have the advantages of being lighter in color and smoother than those made with sublimed sulphur. The dose is from one to three drachms (3·9–11·65 Gm.).

SULPHUR SUBLIMATUM. U. S., Br. Sublimed Sulphur.

S; 31·98. (SŬL'FHŬR SŬB-LĮ-MĀ'TŬM.) S; 32.

"Sulphur prepared from crude or rough sulphur by sublimation." *Br.*

Flores Sulphuris; Flowers of Sulphur; Brimstone; Soufre, Fleurs (Crême) de Soufre, *Fr.;* Schwefel, Schwefelblumen, Schwefelblüthe, *G.;* Zolfo, *It.;* Azufre, *Sp.*

Natural States. Sulphur is very generally disseminated throughout the mineral kingdom, and is almost always present, in minute quantity, in animal and vegetable matter. Among vegetables, it is particularly abundant in mustard and other cruciform plants. It occurs in the earth either native or in combination. When native it is found in masses, translucent or opaque, or in the powdery form mixed with various earthy impurities. In combination it is usually united with certain metals, as iron, lead, mercury, antimony, copper, and zinc, forming compounds called sulphides. *Native sulphur* is most abundant in volcanic countries, and is hence called *volcanic sulphur*. The most productive mines of sulphur are found in Sicily (400 distinct sulphur workings existing there, with an annual production of 328,000 tons) and in the former Pontifical States. In 1869 or 1870 sulphur in large masses was discovered in the island of Saba, one of the Dutch West Indies, about 110 miles south of St. Thomas. The island is of volcanic origin, about 11 miles in circumference. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 431.) Sulphur exists as a mineral in widely separated localities and in enormous quantities in different parts of the Western United States. A large mine of native sulphur has been opened in California, about twenty miles from Santa Barbara, and seven from the sea-coast. Near the borax lake in California (see *Sodii Boras*) is an elevation, where the deposition of sulphur is constantly going on from vapors arising from innumerable crevices in a decomposed volcanic rock, the

surface of which is so far covered with the deposited matter as to give the mass the appearance of a bank of sulphur. It is called "Sulphur Banks," according to Whitney. In 1872 a great hill of almost pure sulphur was found about 900 miles west of Omaha and 30 miles south of the Union Pacific Railroad. Two hundred miles south of Salt Lake City there is a deposit of sulphur two thousand feet square and of unknown thickness, shafts having been sunk sixty feet without reaching the bottom. This sulphur is said to be free from arsenic and antimony, and is a surface deposit. Much sulphur has been found in Mount Humboldt, Nevada, and Sulphur Mountain, as it is called, in the Yellowstone National Park, is largely composed of the mineral. The only localities in the United States in which sulphur is actively mined, however, are the Cove Creek Mine, Utah (annual production, 2000 tons), and in Humboldt Co., Nevada (1000 tons). Sulphur exists in large quantities in various localities in Japan. It is estimated that at Atosanobori there are five million tons of superior ore. The total importations of sulphur from Sicily in 1890 amounted to 131,096 tons, valued at $2,147,481; in 1891 to 116,971 tons, valued at $2,675,192; in 1892 to 100,721 tons, valued at $2,189,307.

An estimate of the amount of sulphur consumed in the United States during 1892 is as follows:

	Tons.
From 100,721 tons imported brimstone (98 per cent.)	98,707
From 1,825 tons domestic brimstone (98 per cent.)	1,787
From 210,000 tons imported pyrites (43 per cent.)	90,300
From 119,000 tons domestic pyrites (44 per cent.)	52,360
Total tons sulphur consumed	243,154

Extraction, etc. Sulphur is obtained either from sulphur earths or from the native iron and copper sulphides, called iron and copper pyrites. The sulphur earths are placed in earthen pots set in oblong furnaces of brick-work. From the upper and lateral part of each pot a tube proceeds obliquely downwards, which communicates with the upper part of a similar pot, situated outside the furnace, and perforated near its bottom, to allow the melted sulphur to flow into a vessel containing water, conveniently placed to receive it. Fire being applied, the sulphur rises in vapor, leaving the impurities behind, and, being condensed again, flows from the perforated pot into the vessel containing the water. Sulphur as thus obtained is called *crude sulphur*, and contains about one-twelfth of its weight of earthy matter. For purification it is generally melted in a cast-iron vessel. When the fusion is complete, the impurities subside, and the purer sulphur is dipped out and poured into cylindrical wooden moulds, which give it the form of solid cylinders about an inch in diameter, called in commerce *roll sulphur* or *cane brimstone*. The dregs of this process, ground to powder, constitute a very impure kind of sulphur, of a gray color, called in commerce *sulphur vivum* or *horse brimstone*. The above process purifies the sulphur but imperfectly. At the same time it causes a considerable loss, as the dregs just mentioned contain a large proportion of sulphur. A more eligible mode of purification consists in distilling the crude sulphur from a large cast-iron still set in brick-work over a furnace, and furnished with an iron head. The head has two lateral communications, one with a chamber of brick-work, the other with an iron receiver immersed in water, which is constantly renewed to cool it sufficiently to cause the sulphur to condense in the liquid form. When the tube between the still and the receiver is shut, and that communicating with the chamber is open, the sulphur condenses on its walls in the form of an impalpable powder, and constitutes *sublimed sulphur*, or *flowers of sulphur*. If, on the other hand, the communication with the chamber be closed, and that with the receiver opened, the sulphur will condense in the latter in the fused state, and, when cast in cylindrical moulds, forms the *roll sulphur* of commerce.

The extraction of sulphur from iron bisulphide (iron pyrites) is performed by distilling it in stone-ware cylinders. Half the sulphur contained in the bisulphide is volatilized by the heat, and conducted, by means of an adapter, into vessels containing water, where it condenses. The residue of the mineral is employed for making ferrous sulphate. In the island of Anglesea, and at Swansea, Wales, large quantities of sulphur are obtained from imported Spanish copper pyrites in the process for extracting that metal. The furnaces in which the ore is roasted are connected with chambers in which the volatilized sulphur is condensed.

A process for separating pure sulphur from the residue of the manufacture of soda, proposed by Max Schaffner, has been put in operation in most of the soda-factories of Germany, and has been introduced, to a greater or less extent, in England, France, and Belgium. (See details, *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 545.) We shall confine ourselves to an outline. The

process is divided into three parts: *first*, the preparation of the *soda solution* by heaping up the soda residue in the air, whereby oxidation takes place, and polysulphides and hyposulphites are formed, which are extracted by lixiviation; *secondly*, the solution thus obtained is decomposed in close stone or iron vessels, by hydrochloric acid, which decomposes the polysulphides and hyposulphites, with precipitation of sulphur; and, *thirdly*, the sulphur is obtained pure by fusing it under water, with steam and a pressure of 1¾ atmospheres. Calcium chloride remains in solution, gypsum is suspended, and the addition of a little milk of lime neutralizes any free acid present, and with the sulphur forms calcium sulphide, which dissolves whatever arsenic sulphide may be present, leaving the sulphur free from impurities. This collects in the bottom of the kettle, and is drawn off into moulds. From 60 to 65 per cent. of pure sulphur is thus obtained from the soda residue. A. M. Chance (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Industry*, 1888, p. 162) has described a process which after several years of experiment has been perfected, and seems likely to solve definitely the problem of sulphur recovery, if, as stated, 95 per cent. of the sulphur can be recovered either as brimstone or burned in sulphur furnaces for the manufacture of sulphuric acid. Chance passes limekiln gases (carbon dioxide and nitrogen) into the vats of alkali waste, liberating thereby the sulphur as hydrogen sulphide. This mixed with nitrogen goes into another vessel of alkali waste, when H_2S and CaS unite to form $Ca(HS)_2$, a calcium sulphydrate, while the nitrogen is allowed to escape. The $Ca(HS)_2$ is now decomposed by a fresh quantity of CO_2, and thus liberates a double quantity of hydrogen sulphide. This is so pure that when mixed with the requisite quantity of air and passed over anhydrous ferric oxide at a dull red heat the hydrogen is burned, liberating the sulphur, according to the reaction $H_2S + O = H_2O + S$. The sulphur can be obtained either in the sublimed or in the fused form, according to the temperature of the chamber.

Crude sulphur comes to this country principally from Messina, in Sicily, and the ports of Italy. Roll sulphur and the flowers are usually brought from Marseilles. Good Sicilian sulphur does not contain more than 3 per cent. of impurity, consisting chiefly of earths. Crude sulphur is employed by the manufacturers of sulphuric acid; and, as it is very variable in quality, it becomes important to ascertain its value. This may be done by drying a given weight of it and submitting it to combustion. The weight of the incombustible residue, added to that lost in drying, gives the amount of impurity.

Properties. Sulphur is a non-metallic element, susceptible of several allotropic states. In its ordinary state it is a brittle solid, of a pale yellow color, permanent in the air, and exhibiting a crystalline texture and shining fracture. It has a slight taste, and a perceptible smell when rubbed. When pure its sp. gr. is about 2; but it varies a little in density in its different allotropic states. Occasionally, from impurity, its sp. gr. is as high as 2·35. Its atomic weight is 31·98, and its symbol S. It is a bad conductor of heat, and becomes negatively electric by friction. The melting point of sulphur varies with its allotropic state, which is readily altered by heat. Pure sulphur melts and sublimes at 114·5° C. (238° F.). If heated above its melting point, it undergoes, in proportion to the heat applied, a progressive change, which will cause it, upon slow cooling, to solidify at a temperature lower than that at which it was melted; and if it be remelted it will be found to have a higher melting point than before. Melted sulphur is perfectly limpid, and of a bright yellow color. When sulphur is melted, and, after partial cooling, the crust formed on its surface is pierced, and the fluid portion poured out, it may be obtained in slender monoclinic crystals, constituting an allotropic condition of the element. This variety, however, gradually passes back into the more permanent variety found in nature. When sulphur is heated above its melting point, it becomes deeper-colored and less fluid. At 200° C. (392° F.) it has a deep brown color, and is so viscid that it cannot be poured from the containing vessel. If the temperature be still further increased, the sulphur resumes its fluidity, but retains its brown color. Finally, when the temperature reaches 448·4° C. (839° F.), it boils, forming a yellow vapor, and may be distilled. If melted sulphur, heated above 200° C. (392° F.), is suddenly cooled by being poured out into water, it becomes a reddish-brown plastic mass, with alteration of properties, called *soft sulphur* (*viscid sulphur*), which constitutes another allotropic variety, and is employed in taking impressions of medals, etc. This form of sulphur resumes the hard state, but not its original color, after the lapse of a few days, or suddenly if heated to 100° C. (212° F.). Sulphur is insoluble in water, but soluble in alkaline solutions, petroleum, rectified coal naphtha, the fixed oils, oil of turpentine and other volatile oils, alcohol and ether, chloroform, and carbon disulphide. One of its best solvents is carbon disulphide, from solution in which it crystallizes generally in rhombic octohedra, forms belonging to a different system from the monoclinic prisms obtained by crystallizing melted sulphur by cooling.

Hence sulphur is said to be dimorphous. M. Eugène Pelouze has observed that the oils obtained by distilling the tar from gas-works dissolve most sulphur at a temperature near their boiling point, and, if a saturated solution at this heat were to be allowed to cool, it would deposit sulphur in a crystalline form; and M. C. Wiedmann has suggested the application of this property to extraction of sulphur from native sulphur earths and ores, and from the residue of coal-gas works. (*A. J. P.*, June, 1871, p. 267.)

The allotropic states of sulphur have been studied chiefly by Brodie, Magnus and Weber, and Berthelot. These states are induced, for the most part, by heat, and are distinguished by the crystalline form of the sulphur, and by its solubility or non-solubility in carbon disulphide. *Insoluble sulphur* is the name given to that part of the soft sulphur which is left undissolved by the disulphide, amounting to between one-third and nearly one-half of the former. Mr. Brodie was unable to determine the melting point of this sulphur, but found it considerably above 120° C. (248° F.), or the melting point of prismatic sulphur. Flowers of sulphur contain about one-third of their weight of insoluble sulphur.

The physical properties of sulphur are remarkably modified by heating it in contact with a minute proportion of certain other substances. MM. Moutier have ascertained that, heated with $\frac{1}{400}$ of iodine, it becomes, on cooling, soft, plastic, and in great measure insoluble in carbon disulphide. The same authors found that many other substances have a similar effect on sulphur, as naphtalin, paraffin, creosote, camphor, and oil of turpentine, the quantity of the substance required varying from $\frac{1}{400}$ to $\frac{1}{600}$, and the necessary temperature being different with the substances used, camphor requiring 230° C. (446° F.), and naphtalin and oil of turpentine much more. After cooling, a paste is obtained, black, soft, plastic, ductile, which passes very slowly into the hard and brittle state of ordinary sulphur. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. 288, 1865.)

According to M. Marès, sulphur mixed with calcium carbonate, in the presence of the organic matters of the soil, is converted at first into hydrogen sulphide, then, under the influence of air and porous bodies, into sulphuric acid, finally into calcium sulphate; but Prof. Egidio Pollacer, on the contrary, thinks that sulphur in contact with calcium carbonate passes very readily into sulphuric acid, and then to calcium sulphate, independently of organic matters, and without being preliminarily changed into hydrogen sulphide; and this opinion he supports by several experiments. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1874, p. 330.)

Sulphur takes fire at about the temperature of 148·8° C. (300° F.), and burns with a blue flame, combining with the oxygen of the air, and giving rise to sulphurous oxide, SO_2. The combinations of sulphur are numerous, and are among the most powerful chemical agents. It forms with oxygen two oxides, *sulphurous* oxide (sulphur dioxide), SO_2, and *sulphuric* oxide (sulphur trioxide), SO_3. These oxides, by their union with water, form *sulphurous acid*, H_2SO_3, and *sulphuric acid*, H_2SO_4. There are also known *hyposulphurous acid*, H_2SO_2, the corresponding oxide of which is not known, and in combination *thiosulphuric acid* (frequently spoken of as hyposulphurous acid), $H_2S_2O_3$, and a series of acids, $H_2S_2O_6$, $H_2S_3O_6$, $H_2S_4O_6$, and $H_2S_5O_6$, called the *thionic series*. It forms with hydrogen, hydrogen sulphide (*hydrosulphuric acid* or *sulphuretted hydrogen*); and with the metals, various *sulphides*.* Some of the sulphides are

* *Ferri Sulphidum*, FeS; 88. *Ferrous Sulphide.* "Protosulphide of Iron, prepared by melting together Iron, in small pieces, and Sublimed Sulphur." *U. S.* 1870.

This was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 as the material from which hydrogen sulphide may be obtained, which, though not official, is in constant use as a reagent, and is often employed with great advantage in processes for isolating the active principles of medicinal substances. Ferrous sulphide is best prepared by bringing iron and sulphur into contact at a red or white heat. The following are the processes of the late Dublin and Edinburgh Pharmacopœias.

"Take of rods of Iron, of the size employed in the manufacture of nails, *any convenient number*. Having raised them to a strong red or white heat, apply them in succession by their heated extremities to sticks of Sulphur, operating so that the melted Sulphide, as it is formed, may drop into a stone cistern filled with water, and be thus protected from oxidation. The water being poured off, let the product be separated from the Sulphur with which it is mixed, and, when dried, let it be enclosed in a well-stopped bottle." *Dub.*

"An inferior sort, good enough, however, for many purposes, is obtained by heating one part of Sublimed Sulphur and three of Iron Filings, in a crucible, in a common fire till the mixture begins to glow, and then removing the crucible, and covering it until the action, which at first increases considerably, shall come to an end." *Ed.*

Iron and sulphur form a number of sulphides, such as ferrous sulphide, FeS, ferric disulphide, FeS_2 (this occurs in nature as *common* or *cubic pyrites*), and ferric sesquisulphide, Fe_2S_3, which, while not found free in nature, occurs in magnetic pyrites, the formula of which is Fe_7S_8 or $5FeS + Fe_2S_3$. When the sulphide is obtained by the application of solid sulphur to white-hot iron, the product corresponds with magnetic pyrites; but when procured by heating flowers of sulphur with an excess of iron filings, as directed in the above Edinburgh process, a protosulphide is formed mixed with metallic iron. When sulphur is applied to white-hot iron over water, the metal appears to become hotter, burns with scintillations in the vapor of the sulphur, and changes instantly to sulphide, which, being comparatively fusible, melts into globules; these drop into the water, which serves to extinguish them.

analogous to acids, others to bases; and these different sulphides, by combining with one another, form compounds which, from their analogy to salts, are called by Berzelius *sulphosalts*.

Sulphur, when obtained by roasting the native sulphide, sometimes contains arsenic, and is thereby rendered poisonous. Sicilian sulphur, being volcanic, is not subject to this impurity. The common English roll sulphur is sometimes made from iron pyrites, and is then apt to contain orpiment (*arsenic tersulphide*). This impurity may be detected by heating the suspected sulphur with nitric acid. The arsenic, if present, will be converted into arsenic acid; and the nitric solution, diluted with water, neutralized with sodium carbonate, and acidulated with hydrochloric acid, will give a yellow precipitate of arsenic pentasulphide with a stream of hydrogen sulphide. A precipitate may be more readily obtained from the nitric solution if, after neutralization, sulphurous acid be added, which will convert the arsenic acid into the arsenous. This is more easily decomposed by the hydrogen sulphide; but the precipitate obtained will now be the tersulphide. Sulphur, when perfectly pure, is wholly volatilized by heat, and soluble without residue in oil of turpentine. According to Dr. Playfair, a solution of sodium nitro-prusside is a delicate test for the alkaline sulphides, producing with them a violet tint. The late Prof. Bailey, of West Point, employed the same test for detecting sulphur in any compound. The substance suspected to contain it is fused with sodium carbonate, with the addition of carbonaceous matter if necessary. If sulphur be present it will be converted into sodium sulphide; and upon the addition of a small portion of the fused mass to a drop of the nitro-prusside the characteristic violet tint will be produced.

Sublimed sulphur, usually called *flowers of sulphur* (*flores sulphuris*), is "a fine yellow powder, having a slight characteristic odor, and a faintly acid taste. Insoluble in water; slightly soluble in absolute alcohol; more readily soluble in benzin, benzol, oil of turpentine, and many other oils; also in ether, in chloroform, and in boiling, aqueous solutions of alkaline hydrates. Carbon disulphide promptly dissolves a portion of it, but leaves a residue of crystalline sulphur, which may be dissolved by a boiling solution of an alkaline hydrate. At 115° C. (239° F.) it melts, and at a higher temperature it volatilizes, or, if air be admitted, burns to sulphur dioxide, characterized by its odor, and by its blackening a strip of paper moistened with mercurous nitrate test-solution held in the gas. When agitated with water, the latter gives an acid reaction with litmus paper. The amount of residue left after volatilizing or burning a weighed portion of it should not exceed 0·5 per cent." *U. S.* It is always contaminated with a little sulphuric acid, which is formed at the expense of the oxygen of the air contained in the subliming chambers. Accordingly, it always reddens litmus, and, if the acid is present in considerable quantity, sometimes cakes. It may be freed from acidity by careful ablution with diluted water of ammonia, when it becomes the official washed sulphur. (See *Sulphur Lotum.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Sulphur is laxative, diaphoretic, and resolvent. It is supposed to be rendered soluble by the soda of the bile. M. Mialhe teaches that it is carried into the circulation by the fatty matters in the alimentary canal which dissolve it. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, June, 1868, p. 642.) It evidently passes off by the pores of the skin, as is shown by the fact that silver worn in the pockets of patients under a course of it becomes blackened with a coating of sulphide. The stools which it occasions are usually semi-solid, and it is gentle in its operation, unless it contain a good deal of acid, when it may cause griping: the liability of the sublimed sulphur to contain acid renders it less eligible for exhibition than the washed sulphur, from which all acidity is removed. The diseases in which sulphur is principally used are *hemorrhoids*, *atonic gout*, *chronic rheumatism*, *chronic catarrh*, and *asthma*. It has also been given as an antiperiodic, being considered particularly applicable to cases in which the apyrexia is incomplete. Applied locally, it is a specific in *scabies*. It is sometimes applied as an air-bath, in the form of sulphurous acid gas, the head being protected from its effects.* It has been used to a considerable extent in *diphtheria*, the flowers being blown by

Properties. Ferrous sulphide has a yellowish color and the metallic lustre. When obtained over water it is in the form of brownish-yellow globules having a somewhat crystalline texture. When pure it furnishes a yellow powder, and dissolves in dilute sulphuric or hydrochloric acid without leaving a residue of sulphur, and with the production of hydrogen sulphide free from admixture of hydrogen. As prepared, however, by the usual processes, it is not entirely soluble in dilute sulphuric acid, a portion of uncombined sulphur being left. The fused globules have the composition $5FeS + FeS_2$, or, according to some, $5FeS + Fe_2S_3$. This sulphide is employed solely as a pharmaceutical agent for the production of hydrosulphuric acid. It yields this gas by reaction with diluted sulphuric acid, $FeS + H_2SO_4 = H_2S + Fe.SO_4$. Sulphuretted hydrogen is a colorless gas, with a smell like that of putrid eggs. Its sp. gr. is 1·1782. It saturates bases, with which it forms salts called sulphides.

* *Sulphur candles* are now furnished by manufacturers, and are made by inserting wicks into melted sulphur contained in a can: as the sulphur cools, the wicks retain an upright position, and to obtain the effects of sulphurous acid gas it suffices to light the wicks and permit the fumes to come in contact with moist air. They are used for disinfecting apartments, etc.

means of a tube, or a little cone of paper like a lamp-lighter, upon the fauces from four to six times a day. The external use of sulphur is strongly recommended by Dr. O'Connor, of London, in *sciatica* and *chronic articular rheumatism*. The limb affected is covered with sulphur, and bandaged with new flannel, over which sheets of wadding are wrapped. The dressing should not be taken off for several days, as its earlier removal would interfere with the absorption of the sulphur, on which its curative effect depends. (*Lancet*, Am. ed., June, 1857, p. 507.) The dose of sulphur is from one to three drachms (3·9–11·65 Gm.), mixed with syrup or molasses, or taken in milk. It is often combined with potassium bitartrate, or with magnesia.

According to M. Hannon, of Brussels, *soft sulphur*, recently prepared, possesses valuable therapeutic properties, not as a laxative, but as a stimulant to the circulation, lungs, and skin, far more active than ordinary sulphur. The dose of soft sulphur is from twenty to fifty grains (1·3–3·25 Gm.), given in the form of pill. It has also been successfully employed for filling the hollows of *carious teeth*. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvii. 330.)

Much sulphur is consumed in the arts, principally in the manufacture of gunpowder and of sulphuric acid.

SUMBUL. U. S. (Br.) Sumbul.

(SŬM'BŬL.)

"The root of Ferula Sumbul (Kauffmann), Hooker filius (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried transverse sections of the root of Ferula Sumbul, Hook. fil. (Euryangium Sumbul, Kauffmann)." *Br.*

Sumbul Radix, *Br.;* **Racine de Sumbul,** *Fr.;* **Sumbulwurzel, Moschuswurzel,** *G.*

Under the name of *sumbul* or *jatamansi*, a root has long been used in India, Persia, and other parts of the East, as a perfume, an incense in religious ceremonies, and medicinally. It was the root of a then unknown plant, supposed to be umbelliferous, and, from the character of the root, to grow in low wet places. The plant is said to inhabit no part of British India, but the regions to the north and east of it, as Nepaul, Bootan, Bucharia, etc. The root is taken northward to Russia, and reaches the rest of Europe through St. Petersburg. The physicians of Moscow and St. Petersburg were the first to employ it on the continent of Europe. Dr. Granville first introduced it to the notice of the profession in Great Britain and in this country. It has also been imported into England from India, whither it was brought from a great distance.

Gen. Ch. See *Asafœtida*.

Ferula Sumbul. Hooker. *B. & T.* 131.—*Euryangium Sumbul.* Kauffmann. *Nouv. Mém. Soc. Imp. Nat. de Moscou*, xiii. t. 24, 25. The plant which yields sumbul was first discovered by the Russian Fedschenks in 1869, growing at an elevation of 3000 feet in the mountains which separate Russian Turkestan from Bucharia. In 1870 it was described by Kauffmann, who erected a new genus on characters dependent upon the enormous size of the vittæ in the immature fruit. The plant has been cultivated in the Moscow botanical gardens, and, less successfully, at Kew; and it has been found that the vittæ almost disappear in ripening, and do not afford a good generic character. The plant is described as an enormous umbellifer, reaching a height of 8 feet, and having a solid, cylindrical, slender stem, which in the upper part gives origin to about 12 slender divaricate branches. The root-leaves are two and a half feet long, with short, channelled, broadly dilated, completely clasping petioles. They are triangular in outline, tripinnate, with the alternate divisions fine. The stem-leaves rapidly decrease in size until they become above mere sheathing bracts. The flowers are polygamous, the fruit $\frac{3}{8}$–$\frac{1}{2}$ inch long by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide; the mericarps oblong-oval, dorsally much compressed, thin, with 3 faint, thread-like, dorsal ridges; no dorsal vittæ, and commissural ones collapsed.

Properties. Sumbul is officially described as "in transverse segments, varying in diameter from about 2 to 7 Cm., and in length from 15 to 30 Mm.; light, spongy, annulate or longitudinally wrinkled; bark thin, brown, more or less bristly fibrous; the interior whitish, with numerous brownish-yellow resin-dots and irregular, easily separated fibres; odor strong, musk-like; taste bitter and balsamic." *U. S.* The freshly-cut surface of a transverse section presents, within the epidermis, an exterior white and spotted layer, and an inner yellow substance which forms the greater part of the root. Examined by means of a microscope, it exhibits translucent points. Sumbul has a strong odor, much resembling that of musk, which it retains when long kept; and hence the name of *musk-root* sometimes attached to it. The taste, at first feebly sweetish, becomes after a time bitterish and balsamic, but not disagreeable; and a strong aroma is developed under mastication, diffusing itself with a sensation of warmth through the mouth and throat and rendering the breath fragrant. This effect, however, is

much diminished by time. That which was formerly brought from India differs somewhat from the Russian, being of closer texture, more dense and firm, and of a reddish tint. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 174.) The root has been analyzed by Reinsch and other German chemists, and found to contain volatile oil, two balsamic resins, one soluble in alcohol, the other in ether, wax, gum, starch, a bitter substance soluble in water and alcohol, and an acid which was named *sumbulic acid*, but which Riecker and Reinsch showed to be *angelic acid*, $C_5H_8O_2$, accompanied by a little valerianic acid, $C_5H_{10}O_2$. Solution of potash is said to convert the resin into the potassium salt of an acid called *sumbulamic*, but which has not been sufficiently investigated. The musk-like odor seems to be connected with the balsamic resins, and probably depends on some principle associated with them not yet isolated. The volatile oil, of which ½ of 1 per cent. is yielded by distillation, has a taste like that of peppermint. On dry distillation it yields a bluish oil which contains *umbelliferone*. Philip H. Utech (*A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 465) has extracted and purified the resin soluble in alcohol. He obtained it as a soft, whitish, translucent resin which, on drying at 110° C., yielded a clear, transparent, amber-colored product having a bitter taste and the aromatic odor of the root. It constituted 6·1 per cent. of the drug.

Medical Properties. Sumbul is a nervous stimulant, belonging to the class of antispasmodics, and was originally used by the Russian physicians as such, and also in asthenic cases of *dysentery* and *diarrhœa*. It has been employed to a considerable extent in this country in *amenorrhœa*, *hysteria*, *chlorosis*, and other allied diseases of the female sex, as an adjuvant to other remedies. The best preparations for use are the tincture and the fluid and solid extracts. There has been no great precision as to dose, but from one-half drachm to two drachms (1·95–7·8 Gm.) of the root or its equivalent may be given at a time.

Dr. Murawieff, of Russia, prepares the resin, which he considers to be the active principle, by macerating the root first in water, and then in a solution of sodium carbonate, washing it well with cold water, drying it, treating it with alcohol, filtering the tincture, adding a little lime and again filtering, separating the lime by sulphuric acid, agitating with animal charcoal, again filtering, distilling off nearly all the alcohol, mixing the residuum with water, driving off the remaining alcohol, and, finally, washing the precipitate with cold water, and drying it. The resin thus obtained is whitish, translucent, softening between the fingers, combustible without residue, of an acid taste, and an aromatic smell, like that of the root. Dr. Murawieff gives it in the dose of a grain or two (0·065 or 0·13 Gm.), in the form of pill, three or four times a day, with or without opium, and has found it useful in *chronic bronchitis* and *pneumonia slow of resolution*, in the *moist asthma* of old, *anæmic*, and *scorbutic patients*, in *atonic dysentery*, *leucorrhœa*, *hypochondriasis*, and *hysteria*. (*Dubl. Quart. Journ.*, Feb. 1855, p. 252.) Prof. Procter has published a formula for a fluid extract, of which the dose is from fifteen minims to a fluidrachm (0·9–3·75 C.c.). (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 233.) Half an ounce of a tincture produced narcotic symptoms, such as confusion of the head, a tendency to snore, even when awake, feelings of tingling, etc., with a strong odor of the medicine from the breath and skin, which continued for a day or two and gradually passed off. (*N. R.*, Oct. 1874, p. 309.)

SUPPOSITORIA. U. S. Suppositories.

(SŪP-PŎŞ-Ị-TŌ′RĮ-Ą.)

Suppositoires, *Fr.*; Stuhlzäpfchen, *G.*

Suppositories are solid bodies usually intended to be introduced into the rectum with a view either of evacuating the bowels by irritating the mucous membrane of the rectum, or of producing a specific effect on the neighboring parts or on the system at large. Suppositories are also made for vaginal or urethral administration. They fulfil the same indications as enemata, and are sometimes preferable from the facility of their application, and, when the object is to produce the peculiar effect of a medicine, from the smallness of their bulk, which facilitates retention. Their form may be cylindrical, conical, or spherical, the last being preferable when the bulk is small, or they may be in the shape of the modified cone with a tapering base, as recommended by H. S. Wellcome. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893, p. 103.) They should be of such a consistence as to retain their shape, but so soft as to incur no risk of wounding the rectum. For laxative purposes the suppository may be from one to three inches long, and about as thick as a common candle; with a view to the specific effects of medicines it should be considerably smaller, as in this case it is important that the medicines should be retained and the irritative influence of distention avoided. Soap is not unfrequently employed in this way as a laxative. A piece of solidified molasses (molasses candy) is sometimes preferred. To increase the purgative effect, and at the same time act on the uterine function, aloes may be

added to the soap. Mr. A. B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, in 1852 called attention to cacao butter as the best base for suppositories, having more exactly the requisite degree of consistence and fusibility than any combination of suet, spermaceti, wax, etc., that could be employed. (*A. J. P.*, 1852, p. 211.) Experience has proved the correctness of his views. It has been thought necessary to use wax, spermaceti, or some other substance having a comparatively high fusing point, in order to render the suppository sufficiently firm. Continued experience has, however, demonstrated that, except in the warmest weather, or in the case of camphor, carbolic acid, the essential oils, and similar medicinal substances, even the commercial cacao butter will suffice. It is stated that cacao butter is usually adulterated with some other fat which melts at a low temperature, and that if a pure article can be obtained any substance to increase its hardness is never required. When such a material is employed, wax is usually selected, although cetaceum is preferable. If not more than 10 per cent. of the spermaceti is added, the value of the suppository is not very materially affected, although it melts more slowly, and consequently requires a longer time to act, than when the butter of cacao is used alone. Suppositories containing a considerable percentage of wax melt so slowly in the rectum as to be comparatively useless, or they may fail altogether to soften down, and be finally passed from the anus unchanged. A very good method of mixing the oil of theobroma with the hardening material is by grating with an ordinary tin grater, such as used in kitchens, and mixing the coarse powders before melting; and Mr. W. G. Ewing has proposed rubbing the powders and the medicinal substance in a mortar together, dividing the plastic mass, and shaping it with the fingers. It is better to shape them with a spatula, and roll them upon a pill tile with a little lycopodium. This plan, although having its advantages, is, however, not equal to the official one of melting the ingredients and running them into moulds. Extemporaneous moulds, made by rolling paper into cones about an inch long, may be used, but are much less convenient than permanent metallic moulds. The tendency of the hardened suppositories to adhere to the moulds may be overcome more or less perfectly by dusting the moulds with lycopodium powder, or greasing them well with olive oil; but it is far better to rely upon the natural contraction of the mass, caused by thoroughly cooling the moulds. Mr. Wm. B. Addington (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 257) advises lining the moulds with tin-foil. The difficulty may also be met by the use of moulds that open lengthwise, which are now used almost exclusively in preference to individual moulds, and Mr. Chas. E. Dwight commends very highly the substitution of plaster-of-Paris moulds* for the metallic ones commonly employed. The mould must be very cold, so as to chill the melted liquid at once and prevent any separation of its ingredients by gravity. It has been proposed to condense the powdered ingredients of suppositories in a cold mould. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 79.) It has also been recommended to form the excipient into the required shape, and then, while it is still soft, make an excavation from the base upward, into which the medicine may be introduced, and afterwards enclosed by a little of the cacao butter. But, as one of the objects of the excipient is an equable diffusion of the medicine, to prevent irritation, this method would be inapplicable to substances in any degree locally irritant.

The weight—*i.e.*, the size—of suppositories should vary according to the purposes for which they are employed. When they are to be used for infants and children, they should weigh from five to ten grains. The Br. Pharm., in conformity with the recommendation of Mr. H. B. Brady (*P. J. Tr.*, 1866, p. 544, 1868, p. 321, and 1871, pp. 193, 488, 563),† adopts the weight of fifteen grains. Experience has shown this to be the most useful size, and the U. S. P. 1880 adopted it. The official directions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 are as follows. "Take of The Medicinal Ingredient, *the prescribed quantity*, Oil of Theobroma, *a sufficient quantity*. Having weighed out the medicinal ingredient or ingredients, and the quantity of

* Mr. Dwight makes these moulds in the following manner. Into a pasteboard box, about six inches long and two wide, pour liquid plaster about the consistence of thick cream until half full. Having prepared six well-moulded suppositories of wax, immerse them in the soft plaster half their diameters, with their large end close to the edge of the box, in a row, and at a uniform distance. When the plaster has set, gently remove the wax, and with a knife smooth off the surface and trim the edges of each mould sharp, and between each depression made by the wax suppository dig a small cavity about the size and shape of a small pen cut through the centre. When the face has become hard, grease it with linseed oil or lard, replace the wax suppositories, and raise the edges of the box by wrapping heavy paper around it, which will extend about another inch above the surface of the face; pour a portion of the plaster, equal to the first, gently over the greased surface until it is about one inch deep. When hard, separate the parts carefully, trim the edges, and boil for an hour in linseed oil, which will prevent the adhesion of the substance to be moulded. To be substantial, the plaster must be mixed thin and well stirred.

† The papers of Mr. Brady upon the subject of suppositories may be consulted with advantage; also a series of articles by several other authors in *A. J. P.*, 1871.

Oil of Theobroma required according to the kind of Suppository to be prepared (see below), mix the medicinal portion (previously brought to a proper consistence, if necessary) with a small quantity of the Oil of Theobroma, by rubbing them together, and add the mixture to the remainder of the Oil of Theobroma, previously melted and cooled to the temperature of 35° C. (95° F.). Then mix thoroughly, without applying more heat, and immediately pour the mixture into suitable moulds. The moulds must be kept cold by being placed on ice, or by immersion in ice-cold water before the melted mass is poured in. In the absence of suitable moulds, Suppositories may be formed by allowing the mixture, prepared as above, to cool, care being taken to keep the ingredients well mixed, and dividing the mass into parts, of a definite weight each, of the proper shape. Unless otherwise specified, Suppositories should have the following weights and shapes, corresponding to their several uses. *Rectal Suppositories* should be cone-shaped, and of a weight of about *one gramme* [or 15½ grains]. *Urethral Suppositories* should be pencil-shaped, and of a weight of about *one gramme* [or 15½ grains]. *Vaginal Suppositories* should be globular, and of a weight of about *three grammes* [or 46 grains]." *U. S.* The Pharmacopœia of 1890 gives no detailed formulæ for suppositories, except in one case, *Suppositoria Glycerini.* Opium, or some one of its preparations, is very advantageously administered in the form of a suppository, in cases of irritation of the rectum, urinary passages, or genital apparatus. The other narcotics may be used in the same way, and indeed almost any other medicine, in reference to its effects on the system, provided the quantity be not too large and the effects not too pronounced. Tannic acid or other local remedies may also be very appropriately employed in this way in cases of *prolapsus* or other affections of the rectum or anus. The dose may in general be one and a half times that of the medicine given by the mouth.*

The inventive genius of pharmacists has been industriously applied to the construction of suppository moulds, and there are now many varieties: the principle is much the same in all, however, but for convenience they may be classed as follows. 1. Individual moulds: these were among the first to be used. Half a dozen conical, hard-metal moulds are retained in an upright position in a tray containing ice-water, or made of paper, tin-foil, etc. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 5; 1863, p. 228; 1867, p. 121; 1868, p. 52; 1870, pp. 296, 392.) 2. Moulds which consist of two solid pieces of metal, hinged or temporarily joined, so that when the suppository is thoroughly cooled the parts may be separated and the suppository dropped out. (See *A. J. P.*, 1871, pp. 488, 563; 1874, pp. 192, 246; 1875, pp. 98, 202; 1877, p. 569; 1879, pp. 184, 277; and *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1893, p. 103.) 3. Moulds designed to be used through compression, more or less powerful. (*N. R.*, June, 1879, Jan. and March, 1880.)

SUPPOSITORIA ACIDI CARBOLICI CUM SAPONE. Br. Carbolic Acid Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎS-Ĭ-TŌ'RĬ-Ă ĂC'Ĭ-DĪ CĂR-BŎL'Ĭ-CĪ CŬM SĂ-PŌ'NĒ.)

"Take of Carbolic Acid *twelve grains;* Curd Soap, in powder, *one hundred and eighty grains;* Glycerine of Starch *forty grains*, or *a sufficiency.* Mix the ingredients so as to form a paste of suitable consistence. Divide the mass into twelve equal parts, each of which is to be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains one grain of Carbolic Acid." *Br.*

* *Medicated Pessaries*, which were recommended by Sir J. Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, so closely resemble suppositories, so far as pharmacy is concerned, as to justify a mention of them in this place. All that has been said of the materials out of which suppositories are made, and the mode of preparing them, is equally applicable to medicated pessaries. The latter, however, are considerably larger, generally weighing one or two drachms. They differ also from suppositories in the purposes to which they are applied, being used for local effect, in allaying pain, checking discharge, acting as alterative to contiguous parts, etc. For important pharmaceutical details, see an article in *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 223.

Urethral and Vaginal Suppositories. Medicated Bougies. These articles, which are exceedingly useful for the purpose of exerting a local action upon the urethra or the neck of the bladder in cases of inflammation, pain, or spasm, may be made in the same manner as ordinary suppositories, except in regard to size. The vaginal suppository should be about two to two and a half inches long, and three-quarters of an inch in diameter at the base. Urethral suppositories should be cylindrical, with a conical point, and about one-fourth of an inch in diameter; their length should vary according to circumstances. They should never contain wax or other substance which does not melt readily and certainly at the temperature of the body, and which might, by a possible mishap, become the nucleus of a calculus. When it is desired to reach any considerable length of the urethra, the requisite toughness may be obtained, as suggested by Mr. Jos. L. Lemberger (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 166), by using a mould like an old-fashioned candle-mould, with a candle-wick running through and projecting some distance from it. When a suppository so made is used, of course the free end of the wick should be secured with sticking-plaster or a drop of collodion externally, and after the requisite period of contact the whole be pulled out. These are now largely made from gelatin, water, and a little glycerin. (See C. L. Mitchell's paper, *A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 108.)

SUPPOSITORIA ACIDI TANNICI. Br. Tannic Acid Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą ĂÇ′Ĭ-DĪ TĂN′NĬ-CĪ.)

Suppositoires de Tannin, *Fr.;* Tannin-Stuhlzäpfchen, *G.*

"Take of Tannic Acid *thirty-six grains;* Oil of Theobroma *one hundred and forty-four grains.* Rub the Tannic Acid with forty-four grains of the Oil of Theobroma in a slightly warmed mortar, and add them to the remainder of the Oil of Theobroma previously melted at a low temperature; mix the whole thoroughly, and pour the mixture while it is fluid into suitable moulds of the capacity of fifteen grains; or the fluid mixture may be allowed to cool, and then be divided into twelve equal parts, each of which shall be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains three grains of Tannic Acid." *Br.*

As it is hardly conceivable that a rectal dose of less than five grains should be wanted for the adult, the U. S. preparation of 1870 was of the better strength (*i.e.*, five grains). The benzoated lard formerly added by the British authorities with a view of preventing rancidity has been omitted. The remedy is especially applicable to cases of *piles* and *prolapsus of the rectum* from relaxation.

SUPPOSITORIA ACIDI TANNICI CUM SAPONE. Br. Tannic Acid Suppositories with Soap.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą ĂÇ′Ĭ-DĪ TĂN′NĬ-CĪ CŬM SĄ-PŌ′NĒ.)

"Take of Tannic Acid *thirty-six grains;* Glycerine of Starch *thirty grains;* Curd Soap, in powder, *one hundred grains;* Starch, in powder, *a sufficiency.* Mix the Tannic Acid with the Glycerine of Starch and Soap, and add sufficient starch to form a paste of suitable consistence. Divide the mass into twelve equal parts, each of which is to be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains three grains of Tannic Acid." *Br.*

SUPPOSITORIA GLYCERINI. U. S., Br. Suppositories of Glycerin.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą GLĬŸÇ-Ē-RĪ′NĪ.)

"Glycerin, *sixty grammes* [or 1 fluidounce, 299 minims]; Sodium Carbonate, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Stearic Acid, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; To make *ten rectal suppositories.* Dissolve the Sodium Carbonate in the Glycerin in a capsule on a water-bath; then add the Stearic Acid, and heat carefully until this is dissolved, and the escape of carbonic acid gas has ceased. Then pour the melted mass into suitable moulds, remove the suppositories when they are cold, and wrap each in tin-foil. The suppositories should be freshly prepared when required." *U. S.*

"Take of Gelatine, cut small, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *two and a half ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Place the gelatine in a weighed evaporating dish with sufficient water to cover it; after allowing it to stand for a minute or two, pour away the excess of water; set aside until the gelatine is quite soft, then add the glycerine. Dissolve over a water-bath, and evaporate until the mixture weighs 1560 grains. Pour the product into suppository moulds holding thirty, sixty, or one hundred and twenty grain-measures, or having other capacities as required. Each suppository contains seventy per cent. by weight of glycerine." *Br.*

This is a new official suppository of the U. S. P. 1890. Glycerin suppositories have come into extensive use, the object being to introduce glycerin into the rectum with a minimum amount of other ingredients. Stearic acid was selected on account of its forming with sodium carbonate the hardest soap attainable, thus permitting the introduction of a suppository containing at least 90 per cent. of glycerin, some water from the sodium carbonate and glycerin being evaporated during the manipulation. This process was perfected by J. P. Remington. (See *Practice of Pharmacy*, 2d ed., p. 1213.) The British method, on account of the use of gelatin, permits the presence of only 70 per cent. of glycerin, the suppository not being firm enough for convenient application. Instead of wrapping the suppositories in tin-foil, it will be found more satisfactory to insert each one in a small glass tube of the proper size, corked at both ends. Some protection from the moisture in the air is necessary because of the hygroscopic character of glycerin.

Medical Properties. Glycerin suppositories are very much used to produce fecal discharges in *constipation.* They act by locally irritating the mucous membrane of the rectum,

and are often very efficient, though never really purgative. As an occasional remedy they are very safe and useful, but their habitual employment is probably injurious to the mucous membrane.

SUPPOSITORIA HYDRARGYRI. Br. Mercurial Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą HĪ-DRĂR′ĢĬ-RĪ.)

Suppositoires mercuriels, *Fr.;* Mercurial-Stuhlzäpfchen, *G.*

"Take of Ointment of Mercury *sixty grains;* Oil of Theobroma *one hundred and twenty grains.* Melt the Oil of Theobroma with sufficient heat, then add the Ointment of Mercury, and having mixed them thoroughly, without applying more heat, immediately pour the mixture, before it has congealed, into suitable moulds of the capacity of fifteen grains; or the fluid mixture may be allowed to cool, and then be divided into twelve equal parts, each of which shall be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains five grains of Ointment of Mercury." *Br.*

This is not a common method of employing mercury for affecting the system, but might be advantageously resorted to in cases of great irritability of stomach, and where objection exists to the use of the ointment by friction to the skin.

SUPPOSITORIA IODOFORMI. Br. Iodoform Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą Ī-ŎD-Ọ-FÖR′MĪ.)

"Take of Iodoform, in powder, *thirty-six grains;* Oil of Theobroma *one hundred and forty-four grains.* Rub the Iodoform with forty-four grains of the Oil of Theobroma in a slightly warmed mortar, and add this to the remainder of the Oil of Theobroma previously melted at a low temperature; mix the whole thoroughly, and pour the mixture while it is fluid into suitable moulds of the capacity of fifteen grains; or the fluid mixture may be allowed to cool, and then be divided into twelve equal parts, each of which shall be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains three grains of Iodoform." *Br.*

SUPPOSITORIA MORPHINÆ. Br. Morphine Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą MÖR-PHĪ′NÆ.)

Suppositoires morphinés, *Fr.;* Morphin-Stuhlzäpfchen, *G.*

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *six grains;* Oil of Theobroma *one hundred and seventy-four grains.* Rub the Hydrochlorate of Morphine with twenty-four grains of the Oil of Theobroma in a slightly warmed mortar, and add this to the remainder of the Oil of Theobroma previously melted at a low temperature; mix the whole thoroughly, and pour the mixture while it is fluid into suitable moulds of the capacity of fifteen grains; or the fluid mixture may be allowed to cool, and then be divided into twelve equal parts, each of which shall be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains half a grain of Hydrochlorate of Morphine." *Br.*

This is an excellent remedy in *strangury*, *tenesmus*, and other cases of *irritation in the lower bowels* and *urinary passages.* It may also be used to control *vomiting*, and to produce the general effects of opium on the system.

SUPPOSITORIA MORPHINÆ CUM SAPONE. Br. Morphine Suppositories with Soap.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą MÖR-PHĪ′NÆ CŬM SĄ-PŌ′NĒ.)

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *six grains;* Glycerine of Starch *thirty grains;* Curd Soap, in powder, *one hundred grains;* Starch, in powder, *a sufficiency.* Mix the Hydrochlorate of Morphine with the Glycerine of Starch and Soap, and add sufficient Starch to form a paste of suitable consistence. Divide the mass into twelve equal parts, each of which is to be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains half a grain of Hydrochlorate of Morphine." *Br.*

SUPPOSITORIA PLUMBI COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Lead Suppositories.

(SŬP-PŎŞ-Ĭ-TŌ′RĬ-Ą PLŬM′BĪ CŌM-PŎŞ′Ĭ-TĄ.)

Suppositoires de Plomb opiacés, *Fr.;* Stuhlzäpfchen von Opium und Bleizucker, *G.*

"Take of Acetate of Lead *thirty-six grains;* Opium, in powder, *twelve grains;* Oil of Theobroma *one hundred and thirty-two grains.* Rub the Acetate of Lead and Opium with forty-two

grains of the Oil of Theobroma in a slightly warmed mortar, and add them to the remainder of the Oil of Theobroma previously melted at a low temperature; mix the whole thoroughly, and pour the mixture while it is fluid into suitable moulds of the capacity of fifteen grains; or the fluid mixture may be allowed to cool, and then be divided into twelve equal parts, each of which shall be made into a conical or other convenient form for a suppository. Each suppository contains three grains [0·20 Gm.] of Acetate of Lead and one grain [0·065 Gm.] of Opium." *Br.*

An excellent remedy in some cases of *diarrhœa, dysenteric irritation of the rectum, piles,* and *hemorrhage.*

SYRUPI. Syrups.

(SY-RŪ'PĪ.)

Sirops, *Fr.;* Syrupe, *G.*

Syrups are concentrated solutions of sugar in aqueous fluids, either with or without medicinal impregnation. When the solution is made with pure water, it is named *syrup* or *simple syrup;* when made with water charged with one or more medicinal agents, it is called in general terms a *medicated syrup,* and receives its special designation from the substance or substances added.

Medicated syrups are usually prepared by incorporating sugar with vegetable infusions, vinegars, decoctions, expressed juices, fermented liquors, or simple aqueous solutions. When the active matter of the vegetable is not readily soluble in water, is associated with soluble matter which it is desirable to avoid, or is volatilized or decomposed by a heat of 100° C. (212° F.), it is sometimes extracted by diluted alcohol, the spirituous ingredient of which is subsequently driven off. Medicated syrups are also occasionally prepared by adding a tincture to simple syrup and evaporating the alcohol. Another and a better mode of effecting the same object, when aromatic or other volatile substances are concerned, is to mix the tincture with sugar in coarse powder, expose the mixture to a very gentle heat or to the sun till the alcohol has evaporated, and then prepare the syrup from the impregnated sugar by dissolving it in the requisite proportion of water. Since the introduction into use of the process of percolation, or filtration by displacement, it has been applied very advantageously to the preparation of various syrups, especially those made from vegetables of which the active principle is injured or dissipated by decoction. But, unless the operator be at once skilful and careful, there will be danger of imperfectly extracting the active matters, and thus making a feeble preparation. One important practical rule is, when the liquid obtained by percolation requires concentration, to set aside the first portions of filtered liquor, which are usually strongly impregnated, and to subject only the subsequent weaker portions to evaporation. For the mode of properly conducting this process the reader is referred to page 524.

The quality and quantity of the sugar employed are points of importance. Refined sugar should always be used, as it saves the necessity of clarification, and makes a clearer and better-flavored syrup than the impure kinds. The U. S. Pharmacopœia simply directs sugar, but explains that it is the purified or refined sugar which is indicated by that term. In relation to the quantity of sugar, if in too small proportion, fermentation is apt to occur; if too abundant, crystallization. The proper proportion is about two parts to one of the liquid. A somewhat smaller quantity will answer where an acid, such as lemon-juice or vinegar, is used.

As it is desirable, in many instances, that the active matters should be in as concentrated a state as possible in the syrup, it is often necessary to evaporate a large proportion of the aqueous fluid in which they are dissolved. This may be done either before the addition of the sugar or afterwards. In either case care is requisite not to apply a heat too great or too long continued, lest the active principles should be injured. When these are very volatile or easily decomposed by heat, it is expedient to dispense with concentration altogether. Some substances which are volatilized or decomposed at the temperature of boiling water remain fixed and unaltered at that which is necessary for the evaporation of alcohol. These, as before observed, may be dissolved in diluted alcohol, and the concentration effected by evaporating the spirituous part of the solvent. Independently of the injury which the medicinal ingredient of the syrup may sustain, the syrup itself is apt to become brown by a long-continued application of heat, even when the degree is not excessive. It is recommended, therefore, that syrups which admit of concentration should be boiled briskly over a lively fire, so as to accomplish the object as quickly as possible. It is important to be able to ascertain positively when syrups have attained the due consistence. An operator skilled in their preparation can judge with sufficient accuracy by various familiar signs,—such as the slowness with which the parts of a drop of syrup coalesce, when previously separated by the edge of a blunt instrument, and the

receding of the last portion of each drop, when the syrup, after being cooled, is poured out drop by drop. A pellicle forming upon the surface of the syrup when it cools indicates that it has been boiled too much. But these signs are not to be relied on, except by those who have acquired much experience. The proper point of concentration is best ascertained by the use of that variety of Baumé's hydrometer called a *saccharometer*,—an instrument useful to those making syrups upon the large scale. This should stand at 30° in boiling syrup (30½° in hot weather), and at 35° in the syrup when it is cool. Another very accurate, though less ready, method is to ascertain the sp. gr. by weighing a portion of the liquid. Syrup when boiling should have a sp. gr. of about 1·261; when cold, of about 1·317. Thomson and Duncan are in error in giving the proper sp. gr. of cold syrup as 1·385. We found that of a specimen of simple syrup, made with two pounds and a half of sugar to a pint of water, as directed in former editions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, to be 1·326 at 68° F.; but this strength is rather too great for practical convenience in cold weather. In the syrup now official it is only 1·317 at 15° C. (59° F.). A third method of ascertaining the proper point of concentration is by the thermometer, which, in boiling syrup of the proper consistence, stands at 105° C. (221° F.). This indication is founded on the fact that the boiling point of syrup rises with the increase of its density.

When carefully prepared with the best double-refined sugar, syrups usually require no other clarification than to remove any scum which may rise to their surface upon standing, and to pour them off from any dregs which may subside. But, as the sugar employed is seldom free from impurities, it may be best, as a rule, to remove the scum as it rises during the heating process, and to strain the syrup while hot through muslin or flannel. Should syrups at any time lack the due degree of transparency, they may be filtered through paper if a hot-water funnel is used, or, when likely to be injured by this treatment, may be clarified by means of the white of egg or animal charcoal, as mentioned under the head of *Syrupus*. But the active vegetable principles are so apt to be absorbed by the charcoal along with impurities that this agent should be used with caution.

The medicated syrups are liable to undergo various alterations, according to their nature and mode of preparation. The acid syrups, when too much boiled, often let fall a copious white deposit, which is a saccharine matter analogous to the sugar of grapes, produced by the reaction of the acid upon the sugar. Even at ordinary temperatures acids slowly convert common sugar into grape sugar, which, being less soluble than the former, is gradually deposited in the form of crystalline grains. Syrups containing too little sugar are subject to the vinous fermentation, in consequence of the presence of matters which act as a ferment. Those which contain too much deposit a portion in the crystalline state; and the crystals, attracting the sugar remaining in solution, gradually weaken the syrup, and render it liable to the same change as when originally made with too little sugar. The want of due proportion of saccharine matter frequently also gives rise to mouldiness, when air has access to the syrup. It is said that syrups enclosed while they are still hot in bottles which are not full are apt to ferment, because the watery vapor rising to the surface and there condensing diminishes the proportion of sugar, so as to produce a commencement of chemical action, which gradually extends through the whole mass; but if the bottles are filled, or are well shaken, this result is obviated; and the syrups will generally keep better when thus treated. When syrups undergo the vinous fermentation, they become covered at the surface with froth, produced by the disengagement of carbonic acid, and acquire a vinous odor from the presence of alcohol; while their consistence is diminished by the loss of a portion of the sugar, which has been converted into that liquid. When the quantity of alcohol has increased to a certain point, the fermentation ceases, or goes on more slowly, owing to the preservative influence of that principle; and, as the active ingredient of the syrup has frequently undergone no material change, the preparation may often be recovered by boiling, so as to drive off the alcohol and carbonic acid and concentrate the liquid sufficiently. A syrup thus revived is less liable afterwards to undergo change, because the principles which acted as ferments have been diminished or consumed. It is obvious that syrups which depend for their virtues upon a volatile ingredient, or one readily changeable by heat, cannot be restored to their original condition. A very convenient method of preparing syrups has come into use recently, called the "cold process." For some syrups it is to be preferred to the usual method of heating, and all syrups which contain a volatile principle, or one likely to be injured by heat, are preferably made by *percolation*. Mr. L. Orynski, *Druggists' Circular*, March, 1871, first drew attention to the subject, and R. Hunstock, in *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1875, and Sept. 1878, gave the results of his experience with the

process. Into the lower orifice of a percolator he introduces lightly a small piece of sponge; the sugar (granulated) is then poured in, and upon this the water, the apparatus being arranged as is usual in the process of percolation. The percolator may be covered loosely, and the operation will proceed without further attention, the syrup coming through drop by drop. If it should be necessary to use crushed sugar, the percolator must be corked at the lower orifice, and the sugar and water introduced and allowed to macerate until the former has dissolved down to *half its bulk*, when the cork may be removed and the liquid be allowed to drop. If, after the liquid has all passed, there remains a quantity of undissolved sugar in the percolator, after corking the end of the latter, enough percolate may be poured back to dissolve it, afterwards adding sufficient water to bring the whole up to the required measure.

To be successful in using the process, care in several particulars must be exercised. 1. The percolator used should be cylindrical or semi-cylindrical, and cone-shaped as it nears the lower orifice. 2. The sugar must be coarse, else it will form into a compact mass, which the liquid cannot permeate. 3. The moistened sponge must be introduced with care. If pressed too tightly in, it will effectually stop the process; if inserted too loosely, the liquid will pass too rapidly, and will, in consequence, be weak and turbid (not properly filtered). See also a practical paper on this subject in *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1881, by G. H. Chas. Klie.

"Rock Candy Syrup," the evaporated mother-liquor left after crystallizing sugar in the form of large crystals, called "rock candy," has come largely into use in America. It varies much in quality as made by various manufacturers, and often contains glucose. It should never be used indiscriminately or for making the official syrups, and it should always be carefully tested before being used for any purpose.

At best syrups are apt to change, and various measures have been proposed for their preservation; but the best plan is to make small quantities of syrups at a time, and to keep them, unless when wanted for immediate use, in bottles quite full and well stopped, which should be put in the cellar or other cool place.

The following Syrups were dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the 1890 revision: *Syrupus Ferri Bromidi, Syrupus Limonis.*

SYRUPUS. U. S., Br. Syrup.

(SY-RŪ'PUS.)

Simple Syrup; Syrupus Sacchari, s. Albus; Sirop de Sucre, Sirop simple, *Fr.;* Weisser Syrup, *G.*

"Sugar, in coarse powder, *eight hundred and fifty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 430 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Sugar, with the aid of heat, in *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Distilled Water, raise the temperature to the boiling point, strain the liquid, and pass enough Distilled Water through the strainer to make the product, when cold, measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Syrup* may also be prepared in the following manner: Press down into the neck of a percolator or funnel of suitable size a tapering piece of coarse, well-cleaned sponge,* not too tightly, and in such a manner that the whole sponge shall be within the neck of the percolator, its upper end being about half an inch below its commencement. Place the Sugar into the apparatus, make its surface level without shaking or jarring, then carefully pour on *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Distilled Water, and regulate the flow of the liquid, if necessary, so that it will pass out in rapid drops. Return the first portion of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Distilled Water, added in portions, so that all the Sugar may be dissolved, and the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Refined Sugar *five pounds* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Sugar in the Water with the aid of heat; and add, after cooling, as much Distilled Water as may be necessary to make the weight of the product seven pounds and a half [av.]. The sp. gr. should be 1·330." *Br.*

This syrup, when properly prepared, is inodorous, of a sweet taste without peculiar flavor, thick, viscid, nearly colorless, and perfectly transparent. If somewhat turbid, as it is apt to be when made with sugar not well refined, it may be clarified by beating the white of an egg

* The sponge should be thoroughly moistened with pure water, but any excess should be thoroughly pressed out before inserting it.

to a froth with three or four ounces of water, mixing this with the syrup, boiling the mixture for a short time that the albumen may coagulate, and taking off the scum which rises to the surface, or separating it by filtration through paper or flannel. Two gallons of the syrup may be thus clarified. Any color and peculiar flavor which it may possess may be removed by treating it at the same time with a small proportion (about 5 per cent.) of animal charcoal.

The white of egg is beaten to a froth in order that when it coagulates it may be rendered by the air which it contains specifically lighter than the syrup, and thus rise to the surface. If not thus treated, it floats, when coagulated in the syrup, or sinks to the bottom. Now, it is obvious that if the syrup and albumen be heated together the latter must be deprived of a portion of the air which it contains before the point of coagulation is attained, and thus become less disposed to rise to the surface. Guibourt, therefore, recommends that it should not be added till the syrup is boiling hot, and should then be poured in from a height, in order to increase the quantity of air entangled in it. M. Magnes-Lahens has found paper pulp to be of the greatest service in the clarification of syrup. He uses a white unsized paper of good quality, reducing it to a paste by agitation in a bottle with a portion of the menstruum to be used, heating it with the syrup during the whole process of solution, and finally filtering through a "swan's-down paper" filter. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1872, p. 825.)

From the observations of M. Maumené, it appears that a solution of pure cane sugar, when long kept, undergoes a molecular change analogous to that produced by the reaction of weak acids, the saccharine liquid becoming brown when boiled with potassa. But, as this phenomenon is exhibited alike by uncrystallizable sugar and by glucose, the experiment does not determine which of those forms of saccharine matter has been produced. (*Comptes-Rendus*, xxxix. 914.) Prof. Procter observed a similar change in simple syrup which had been kept in his cabinet for six years. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 430.) M. Schaeuffele, having noticed, on one occasion, in the preparation of simple syrup, that the foam exhibited a singular blue color, while a part of the cane sugar was rapidly transformed into the uncrystallizable variety, made investigations as to the cause, and was led to the conclusion that it was the presence of indigo in the loaves of sugar, introduced with the view of giving brilliancy and whiteness; but this conclusion was probably erroneous, as it is well known that *ultramarine*, and not indigo, is used for this purpose. The presence of a blue coloring matter in sugar has frequently been noticed in this country: syrup made from such sugar is not colorless, and in a short time deposits a dark-colored sediment.

Syrup is very useful in the formation of pills and mixtures, and in various other pharmaceutical operations in which sugar in solution is required.

The U. S. syrup is practically identical with that formerly official, being a trifle stronger, the sp. gr. being given as 1·317. That of the Br. syrup is 1·330, probably adapted to the climate of Great Britain, which is not so cold in winter as is ours, at least in the Northern and Middle States.

SYRUPUS ACACIÆ. U. S. Syrup of Acacia.

(SY-RŪ'PUS Ą-CĀ'CI-Æ.)

Syrupus Gummosus, *P. G.*; Sirop de Gomme, *Fr.*; Gummisyrup, *G.*

"Mucilage of Acacia, recently prepared, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims]; Syrup, *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims], To make *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Mix them. This syrup should be freshly prepared, when required." *U. S.*

We do not think that the direction to make this syrup from mucilage and syrup is an improvement. The greatest objection lies in the fact that mucilage of acacia will sometimes not keep a day in hot weather, and its introduction into syrup without heating will surely induce fermentation, which, when once started, increases with great rapidity in this syrup. We append in a foot-note the process of the U. S. P. 1870, as it is to be preferred.* This syrup is useful in the preparation of mixtures, pills, and troches, and is a good demulcent; but, unfortunately, the proportion of the gum to the sugar is too small to meet all the indications calling for the conjoint use of these two substances. To obviate fermentation, Mr. C. B. Mann commends the use of one fluidounce of glycerin and seven fluidounces of water as the solvent.

* *Syrupus Acaciæ, U. S.* 1870. "Take of Gum Arabic, in pieces, *two troyounces*; Sugar [refined], in coarse powder, *fourteen troyounces*; Water *eight fluidounces*. Dissolve the Gum Arabic in the Water, without heat, then, having added the Sugar, dissolve it with a gentle heat, and strain." The gum should be carefully selected; and, if its solution contain impurities, it should be strained before the addition of the sugar. On the whole, taking into consideration the great liability to the use of materials not quite pure, it might be advisable, in all cases, to heat momentarily to the boiling point, skim off what may rise to the surface, and then strain.

SYRUPUS ACIDI CITRICI. U. S. Syrup of Citric Acid.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĂÇ'I-DĪ CĬT'RI-CĪ.)

Sirop d'Acide citrique, *Fr.*; Citronensäuresyrup, *G.*

"Citric Acid, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Water, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Spirit of Lemon, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Citric Acid in the Water, and mix the solution with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Syrup. Then add the Spirit of Lemon, and, lastly, enough Syrup to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This is more uniform in its character, keeps better, and is more readily prepared than lemon syrup, but does not equal it in flavor, if the latter be well made. If long kept it is apt to acquire a musty taste, and to deposit grape sugar copiously, in consequence of the action of the acid on the cane sugar. It is much employed as an agreeable and refrigerant addition to drinks, especially carbonic acid water. Tartaric acid, on account of its greater cheapness, has not unfrequently been substituted for the citric acid; but the syrup made with it does not keep so well, and is more apt to irritate the stomach.

SYRUPUS ACIDI HYDRIODICI. U. S. Syrup of Hydriodic Acid.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĂÇ'I-DĪ HĪ-DRI-ŎD'I-CĪ.)

"A syrupy liquid containing about 1 per cent., by weight, of absolute Hydriodic Acid [HI = 127·53], or about 1·3 Gm. in 100 C.c." *U. S.*

"Potassium Iodide, *thirteen grammes* [or 200 grains]; Potassium Hypophosphite, *one gramme* [or 15 grains]; Tartaric Acid, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Water, *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, Syrup, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Dissolve the two Potassium salts in the Water, and the Tartaric Acid in *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims] of Diluted Alcohol. Mix the two solutions in a vial, shake it thoroughly, and place it in ice-water for half an hour, occasionally shaking. Then filter the mixture through a small, rapidly-acting, white filter, and carefully wash the vial and filter with Diluted Alcohol, until the filtrate ceases to produce more than a faint cloudiness when a drop or two is allowed to fall into silver nitrate test-solution. Reduce the filtrate, by evaporation in a tared capsule, on a water-bath, to *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains], and mix it, when cold, with enough Syrup to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]." *U. S.*

As an aqueous solution of hydriodic acid is unstable, the iodine being in time always liberated, rendering it irritant and unfit for internal administration (see *Hydriodic Acid*, in Part II.), and as it has been proved that syrup protects the acid efficiently, the 1880 Committee of Revision introduced the Syrup of Hydriodic Acid, with the view of furnishing a preparation which should remain, if carefully preserved, for a long time unchanged. The process for this syrup was changed at the last revision: the National Formulary method, having proved by experience very satisfactory, was incorporated into the U. S. P. 1890. The "Buchanan" method of producing hydriodic acid by the decomposition of potassium iodide with tartaric acid is employed, the resulting acid potassium tartrate being crystallized out by the use of diluted alcohol and a reduced temperature. Decomposition and the discoloration due to the separation of a trace of iodine are obviated by the use of a small quantity of potassium hypophosphite; this in contact with tartaric acid is decomposed, and the trace of hypophosphorous acid generated is sufficient to protect the solution of hydriodic acid from change, the very small quantity of acid potassium tartrate produced at the same time crystallizing out with the rest of the salt in the diluted alcohol.

Properties. Syrup of hydriodic acid is officially described as "a transparent, colorless, or not more than pale straw-colored liquid, odorless, and having a sweet and acidulous taste. Specific gravity, about 1·313 at 15° C. (59° F.). If a small portion of the Syrup be mixed with a little starch test-solution, and a few drops of chlorine water then added, the liquid will acquire a deep blue color. Not more than a faint bluish tint should be produced in the Syrup by starch test-solution alone (limit of *free iodine*). The addition of silver nitrate test-solution to a small portion of the Syrup produces a pale yellow precipitate, nearly insoluble in ammonia water. If 32 (31·88) Gm. of the Syrup be exactly neutralized by ammonia water, and then mixed with 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution, it should require about 25 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red tint (corresponding to about 1 per cent. of absolute Hydriodic Acid)." *U. S.*

Syrup of hydriodic acid has the general therapeutic properties of iodine and the alkaline iodides, and is used by various practitioners to obtain alterative effects in *scrofula* and similar disorders. (See, also, *Hydriodic Acid, Dilute*, Part II.) The dose is from twenty to forty minims (1·25–2·5 C.c.), well diluted.

SYRUPUS ALLII. U. S. Syrup of Garlic.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĂL'LI-Ī.)

Sirop d'Ail, *Fr.;* Knoblauchsyrup, *G.*

"Fresh Garlic, sliced and bruised, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Sugar, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Diluted Acetic Acid, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Macerate the Garlic with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Diluted Acetic Acid during four days, and express the liquid, avoiding the use of metallic utensils. Then mix the residue with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] more of Diluted Acetic Acid, and again express. Mix the expressed liquids, and filter. Pour the filtrate upon the Sugar, contained in a suitable vessel, and stir or agitate until the Sugar is dissolved. Lastly, add enough Diluted Acetic Acid to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and mix thoroughly. Keep the Syrup in well-stoppered, completely filled bottles, in a cool place. *Syrup of Garlic* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Diluted Acetic Acid, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This preparation is made upon correct principles, as vinegar is a better solvent of the active matter of garlic than water. The syrup is given in *chronic bronchitis* and the advanced stages of *acute bronchitis* of the lungs, and is particularly beneficial in infantile cases. A teaspoonful (3·75 C.c.) may be given for a dose to a child a year old.

SYRUPUS ALTHÆÆ. U. S. Syrup of Althæa.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĂL-THÆ'Æ.)

"Althæa, cut into small pieces, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Alcohol, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Wash the Althæa with cold Water, then macerate it with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water previously mixed with the Alcohol, during one hour, stirring frequently, and strain without expressing the residue. In the strained liquid dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, add the Glycerin, and enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. Keep the Syrup in well-stoppered, completely filled bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

This syrup is almost identical with that of the German Pharmacopœia. The use of alcohol and glycerin in the U. S. 1890 process will probably tend to delay fermentation somewhat. It is an agreeable demulcent, but not superior to syrup of acacia, which it equals in its tendency to ferment. Noffke states that syrup prepared in accordance with the following method will keep well. Ten parts of cut marshmallow root are washed with distilled water, then macerated for three hours in a mixture of five parts of alcohol and two hundred and fifty parts of distilled water, strained without pressure, and the strained liquid made up to four hundred parts with distilled water; three hundred parts of sugar are dissolved in this liquid by the aid of heat, a little paper pulp is added, the syrup is boiled a short time, strained, filtered while hot, and rapidly evaporated to five hundred parts, and at once filled in clean and *dry* vials of suitable size. The syrup so obtained has a light-yellow color. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1886, p. 761.) The dose of the official syrup is from a fluidrachm to half a fluidounce (3·75–15 C.c.).

SYRUPUS AMYGDALÆ. U. S. Syrup of Almond. [Syrup of Orgeat.]

(SY-RŪ'PUS Ă-MĬG'DĂ-LÆ.)

Syrupus Emulsivus; Sirop d'Orgeat (d'Amandes, émulsif), *Fr.;* Mandelsyrup, *G.*

"Sweet Almond, *one hundred and forty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 411 grains]; Bitter Almond, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Sugar, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces

av., 24 grains]; Orange Flower Water *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Water, *one hundred and thirty cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 190 minims]; Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Almonds, previously blanched, in a mortar with *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains] of the Sugar and *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce] of Water to a smooth paste. Mix this well with the Orange Flower Water and *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Syrup, and strain with strong expression. To the residue add *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, and express again. In the strained liquid dissolve the remainder of the Sugar, without heat, adding enough Syrup to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Keep the Syrup in well-stoppered, completely filled bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.**

This process corresponds to some extent with that of the French Codex. This is an elegant syrup, much employed in Europe and in this country. It is demulcent, nutritive, and, in consequence of the hydrocyanic acid of the bitter almonds, very slightly sedative. It is said to mask greatly the odor of musk and asafetida, when mixed with them. It may be added to cough mixtures, or used as an agreeable vehicle for administering strong remedies.

SYRUPUS AURANTII. U. S., Br. Syrup of Orange.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī—âw-răn'shę-ī.)

Syrup of Orange Peel; Sirop d'Ecorces d'Oranges, *Fr.;* **Orangenschalensyrup,** *G.*

"Sweet Orange Peel, taken from the fresh fruit, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Introduce the Sweet Orange Peel (which should be as free as possible from the white, inner layer, and cut into small shreds) into a flask, and add *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 338 minims] of Alcohol. Stopper the flask loosely with a notched cork, apply the heat of a water-bath until the Alcohol boils, and maintain it boiling during five minutes. Then stopper the flask well, and set it aside to cool. Filter off the liquid, and wash the filter and contents with Alcohol until the filtrate measures *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]. Mix the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, in a mortar, with *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains] of Sugar, and add the tincture with constant trituration. To the resulting, pasty mass add *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, triturating constantly, transfer the whole to a filter, and return the first portions of the filtrate, if necessary, until it runs through clear. In the filtrate dissolve the remainder of the Sugar, and add enough Water, through the filter, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Tincture of Orange Peel *one fluidounce;* Syrup *seven fluidounces.* Mix. The specific gravity should be about 1·282." *Br.*

The present U. S. formula is an improvement over that of 1870, in which evaporation was resorted to to deprive the tincture of orange peel of alcohol, for, although the temperature was limited to 120° F., even this was sufficient to affect the flavor of the concentrated tincture. In the U. S. P. 1880, by employing maceration and expression with a smaller quantity of alcohol, the use of heat was avoided. The proportion of alcohol directed to extract the oil from the orange peel was necessarily small; indeed, it was almost entirely absorbed by the orange peel, which should be grated. In the U. S. P. 1890 process an attempt has been made to save time by boiling the sweet orange peel in alcohol. In our opinion, a better plan would have been to use the proper proportion of tincture of sweet orange peel (see *Tinctura Aurantii Dulcis*), as this preparation keeps indefinitely, and could easily be strengthened by spontaneous evaporation so as to avoid volatilizing the oil of orange peel. The British preparation, which is a mere mixture of the tincture with syrup, is in all respects inferior. The use of magnesium carbonate was first suggested by Mr. John D. Finley. The syrup has an agreeable flavor, for which it is alone employed.

* *Orgeat Powder.* Dr. Enders, on account of the tendency of syrup of almond to spoil, prepares a powder by making an emulsion of twenty parts of sweet almonds with sufficient water, mixing it with seventy-two parts of sugar, rapidly evaporating with the steam bath and pulverizing the residue, and keeping it in well-corked bottles. To make one hundred parts of the syrup, sixty-eight parts of the powder are dissolved with heat in twenty-four parts of water, and five parts of orange flower water and three parts of bitter almond water are added. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 362.)

SYRUPUS AURANTII FLORUM. U. S. (Br.) Syrup of Orange Flowers.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī FLŌ'RŬM.)

Syrupus Aurantii Floris, *Br.;* Sirop de Fleurs d'Oranges, *Fr.;* Pomeranzenblüthensyrup, *G.*

"Sugar, *eight hundred and fifty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 430 grains]; Orange Flower Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Sugar in *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Orange Flower Water by agitation, without heat, add enough Orange Flower Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and mix thoroughly. *Syrup of Orange Flowers* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Orange Flower Water upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Orange Flower Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Orange-flower Water *eight fluidounces;* Refined Sugar *three pounds* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *sixteen fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Sugar in the Distilled Water, by means of heat, strain, and when nearly cold add the Orange-flower Water, with a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water, if necessary, to make the product four pounds and a half [av.]. The sp. gr. should be about 1·330." *Br.*

The second U. S. process, by percolation, will be preferable here. This syrup is used chiefly for flavoring mixtures. The dose is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.).

SYRUPUS CALCII LACTOPHOSPHATIS. U. S. Syrup of Calcium Lactophosphate.

(SY-RŪ'PUS CĂL'CI-Ī LĂC-TŌ-PHŎS-PHĀ'TĬS.)

"Precipitated Calcium Carbonate, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Lactic Acid, *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims]; Phosphoric Acid, *thirty-six cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 104 minims]; Orange Flower Water, *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. To the Lactic Acid mixed with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water, and contained in a capacious mortar, gradually add the Calcium Carbonate, in portions, until it is dissolved. Then add the Phosphoric Acid, and triturate until the precipitate at first formed is dissolved. Add *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Water, and filter, rinsing the mortar with *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims] of Water, and passing the rinsings through the filter. To the mixed filtrates add the Orange Flower Water, and, having added the Sugar, dissolve it by agitation, without heat, and strain. Lastly, pass enough Water through the strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

The U. S. P. 1880 syrup was almost identical with the preparation proposed by Mr. William Neergaard. Freshly precipitated calcium phosphate is soluble in lactic acid, and this preparation was such a solution protected from change and rendered more agreeable to the taste by the addition of sugar and orange flower water. As made by this formula it will usually be found to contain a precipitate of a gelatinous character, which gradually forms in the course of a few days or weeks: the means commonly used to prevent this precipitation is the addition of a fluidrachm of hydrochloric acid to a pint of the syrup,—hydrochloric acid being a better solvent for calcium phosphate than is lactic acid. The U. S. P. 1890 process* prepares calcium lactate by dissolving calcium carbonate in lactic acid and subsequently adding phosphoric acid: this should be an improvement, as it simplifies the process. Precipitation can be avoided by the addition of a trace of hydrochloric acid. The process of percolation to dissolve the sugar may be advantageously substituted here for that of agitation. The syrup is

* *Syrupus Calcii Lactophosphatis—Modified Formula.* Mr. Geo. Thos. Williams has modified the formula of R. Rother and adapted it to the strength of the official preparation. It is as follows: "Take of Precipitated Calcium Carbonate 13 parts; Lactic Acid 33 parts; Phosphoric Acid, U. S. P., 18 parts; Orange Flower Water 80 parts; Sugar in coarse powder 600 parts; Distilled Water sufficient to make 1000 parts. Mix the lactic acid with 136 parts of distilled water, and gradually add the calcium carbonate, warming gently, if necessary. Add the phosphoric acid, previously diluted with 120 parts of distilled water and with the orange-flower water. Filter, and pass enough distilled water through the filter to make the filtrate weigh 400 parts. Lastly, dissolve the sugar by cold percolation or by agitation, and strain.

sometimes prepared by dissolving two hundred grains of calcium lactophosphate (which is now furnished by the manufacturing chemists) in a pint of syrup flavored with orange flower water, a fluidrachm of hydrochloric acid being added to prevent precipitation. This syrup affords an excellent means of administering calcium phosphate. The dose is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.), representing from three to six grains of the lime salt.

SYRUPUS CALCIS. U.S. (Br.) Syrup of Lime.

(SY-RŪ'PUS CĂL'CIS.)

Liquor Calcis Saccharatus, *Br.;* Saccharated Solution of Lime; Sirop de Chaux, *Fr.;* Kalksyrup, *G.*

"Lime, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Sugar, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Triturate the Lime and Sugar thoroughly in a mortar, so as to form a homogeneous powder; then add the mixture to *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of boiling Water, contained in a bright copper or tinned iron vessel, boil for five minutes, constantly stirring, and then strain. Dilute the strained liquid with an equal volume of Water, and filter through white paper. Then evaporate the filtrate, in a tared capsule, to *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 302 grains], allow it to cool, add to it enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and mix thoroughly. Keep the Syrup in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Slaked Lime *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Mix the Lime and the Sugar by trituration in a mortar. Transfer the mixture to a bottle containing the Water, and, having closed this with a cork, shake it occasionally for a few hours. Finally separate the clear solution with a siphon, avoiding unnecessary exposure to air, and keep it in a well-stoppered bottle. The sp. gr. is 1·052. One fluidounce (460·2) requires for neutralization 254 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of oxalic acid*, which corresponds to 7·11 grains of lime in one fluidounce." *Br.*

The British Saccharated Solution of Lime differs from the U. S. Syrup only in containing a smaller proportion of sugar. This new official syrup is almost identical with that proposed by Dr. E. R. Squibb. (See 14th ed. U. S. D., page 1288.)

Sugar forms with lime certain definite compounds which may be looked upon as saccharates. According to M. S. Benedikt (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 96), there are at least four of these combinations. Some, if not all, of them are much more soluble than the lime itself, so that in this way a much stronger solution of lime can be obtained than by the instrumentality of water alone. The syrup remains perfectly transparent, and is in no degree disturbed by dilution with water. It has a decidedly alkaline and even caustic taste, and should always be largely diluted when administered. It was first prepared by M. Beral; and its practical use was originally suggested by Dr. Capitaine, of Paris.*

Medical Properties. Dr. Charles E. Buckingham, of Boston, says in relation to this syrup that it should not be taken either in pill or dissolved in water, as it will occasion nausea or produce a caustic effect. He gives it in milk, and considers thirty drops (1·25 C.c.) every three hours as a sufficient dose. He has never known it to cause alkaline urine. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, April 4, 1867, p. 186.) Dr. Buckingham and other clinicians have used the syrup of lime with success in *acute rheumatism.* (*Ibid.*, April 11, 1867.) Trousseau employed it in the *chronic diarrhœa of infants*, and recommends adding about eight minims of the syrup to each quart of milk taken. He gives the saturated syrup to a child in the quantity of from fifteen to thirty minims (0·92–1·85 C.c.) in the course of the day; to an adult, five times that quantity. Saccharated solution of lime may be used in *diarrhœa with acidity*, in *vomiting*, in *affections of the urinary organs* requiring antacid treatment, and for all other purposes to which lime is therapeutically applied. The dose equivalent to a fluidounce of lime water is twenty minims (1·25 C.c.).

SYRUPUS CHLORAL. Br. Syrup of Chloral.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĶHLŌ'RAL.)

"Take of Hydrate of Chloral *eighty grains;* Distilled Water *one and a half fluidrachms;* Syrup *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Hydrate of Chloral in the Water, and add the Syrup until the mixed product measures a fluidounce. Sp. gr. should be about 1·320." *Br.*

The adult dose, two fluidrachms (7·5 C.c.), contains twenty grains of chloral.

* *Liquid Glue.* It is stated that a very adhesive glue, remaining liquid at ordinary temperatures, may be prepared by dissolving glue in a solution of saccharate of lime. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 562.)

SYRUPUS FERRI IODIDI. U. S., Br. Syrup of Ferrous Iodide.

(SY-RŪ'PUS FĔR'RĪ Ī-ŎD'Ī-DĪ.)

"A syrupy liquid containing about 10 per cent., by weight, of Ferrous Iodide [FeI_2 = 308·94], or about 13·4 Gm. in 100 C.c." *U. S.*

Syrup of Iodide of Iron; Syrupus Ferri Iodati, *P. G.;* Sirop d'Iodure de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisenjodürsyrup, *G.*

"Iron, in the form of fine bright wire, and cut into small pieces, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Iodine, *eighty-three grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 406 grains]; Syrup, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Introduce the Iron into a flask of thin glass, having a capacity of about *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims], add to it *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Distilled Water, and afterwards the Iodine. Shake the mixture occasionally, checking the reaction, if necessary, by the affusion of cold water, and, when the solution has acquired a greenish color, and has lost the odor of Iodine, heat it to boiling. Then filter it through a strong, double, rapidly-acting filter placed in a funnel, the point of which dips below the surface of *six hundred grammes* [or 21 ounces av., 72 grains] of Syrup contained in a tared vessel. When the liquid has run through, wash the flask and filter with a mixture of *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims], each, of Syrup and Distilled Water, previously raised to near 100° C. (212° F.), then withdraw the funnel, add enough Syrup to make the product weigh *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains], and mix thoroughly. Keep the Syrup in small, well-stoppered, and completely filled bottles." *U. S.*

"Take of Iron *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Iodine *two ounces* [av.]; Refined Sugar *twenty-eight ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *thirteen fluidounces.* Prepare a syrup by dissolving the Sugar in ten [fluid]ounces of the Water with the aid of heat. Digest the Iodine and the Iron in a flask, with the remaining three [fluid]ounces of the Water, heating slightly and occasionally shaking, until the froth becomes white; add now two fluidounces of the syrup, and boil gently for ten minutes; then filter the liquid, while still hot, into the remainder of the warm syrup, and mix. The product should weigh two pounds eleven ounces [av.], and should have about the sp. gr. 1·385. It contains 4·3 grains of iodide of iron in a fluidrachm." *Br.*

These preparations furnish solutions of ferrous iodide rendered more permanent by sugar. The mode of making the iodide is precisely the same as that given under the head of *Ferri Iodidum.* The iodine should be dry; for, if moist, as commercial iodine often is, less ferrous iodide will be formed and the syrup will be proportionally weaker. In both processes a large excess of iron is taken, being greatest in the British. A moderate excess is useful in preventing the solution of ferrous iodide from undergoing any change from the absorption of oxygen during filtration, before it comes in contact with the sugar. The method adopted in the Pharmacopœia of 1880, of filtering the unprotected solution of ferrous iodide into the sugar contained in an open capsule, and afterward straining the syrup through linen, was directly opposed to the experience of many practical pharmacists, and to the views which had been hitherto held of the action of the air upon the solution of ferrous iodide, and although with care, in skilful hands, oxidation may have been avoided, nothing was gained in time. There can be no question as to the superiority of the process of the Pharmacopœia of 1890, which is practically identical with the U. S. 1870 process. An improvement in this, however, would be to heat the syrup to boiling immediately before filtering the solution of ferrous iodide into it. Assuming that the iodine without loss is all converted into ferrous iodide, it is easy to calculate the strength of the official solutions. Thus, it will be found that the U. S. syrup contains about 7·64 grains, and that of the British Pharmacopœia 4·30 grains, of the dry iodide to the fluidrachm. In both preparations there is sufficient sugar to constitute a syrup,—the present U. S. process differing in this respect from that of 1850, which was denominated a solution, because containing insufficient sugar to be entitled to the name of a syrup. Indeed, the proportion of sugar in the old formula was insufficient duly to protect the iodide, and was therefore increased. In the solution of 1850, a coil of iron wire, or a strip of bright iron, immersed in the solution, was found to assist in preserving it.

The plan of protecting the solution of ferrous iodide from change by saccharine matter originated with M. Frederking, of Riga, who published a formula for the purpose in *Buchner's Repertorium* in 1839. The same plan was proposed in a paper by Prof. Procter, contained in the *A. J. P.* for April, 1840. In the *Journal de Pharmacie* for March, 1841, Dr. Dupasquier, of Lyons, claims to have made a pure ferrous iodide, protected by syrup of gum, as early as 1838. In the *P. J. Tr.* for August, 1841, the late Dr. A. T. Thomson published a paper in which he confirmed the results of Frederking and Procter, and proposed a formula for a *strong*

syrup, which is the basis of that adopted by the British Pharmacopœia. For a practical process for making this syrup on a large scale, see *N. R.*, March, 1880.

Properties. The U. S. syrup of ferrous iodide is "a transparent, pale green liquid, having a sweet, strongly ferruginous taste, and a neutral reaction. Specific gravity, about 1·353 at 15° C. (59° F.). On adding a few drops of potassium ferricyanide test-solution to a small portion of the Syrup, a blue precipitate will be produced. If mixed with a little starch test-solution, and afterwards with a few drops of chlorine water, the Syrup will acquire a deep blue color. This color should not be produced in the Syrup by starch test-solution alone (absence of *free iodine*). If 1·55 Gm. (1·5447 Gm.) of the Syrup and 10 C.c. of water be introduced into a flask, and the liquid mixed, successively, with 11 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution, and 5 C.c., each, of diluted nitric acid and ferric ammonium sulphate test-solution, it should not require more than about 1 C.c. of potassium sulphocyanate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a reddish-brown tint which persists after shaking (corresponding to about 10 per cent. of Ferrous Iodide)." *U. S.* In regard to the former U. S. syrup, Prof. E. S. Wayne observed that, when kept for some time, it occasionally deposited grape sugar, into which the cane sugar was converted probably through the agency of hydriodic acid. According to Prof. J. M. Maisch, the solution was decomposed not only by light, but also by the action of atmospheric oxygen in bottles partly filled and frequently opened. The oxidation of the iron and the evolution of the iodine were accelerated by the action of light, when the solution was thus insecurely kept; but when the altered solution was transferred to air-tight bottles completely filled, and exposed to the direct light of the sun, it resumed its transparency, and its original color was restored, or its color rendered much lighter. After this restoration the solution could not be the same; and it is probable that it contained some ferric iodate. The removal of the apparent defects of a solution of ferrous iodide by the action of sunlight is, therefore, not an admissible expedient, because it changes the nature of the solution. The same may be said of the addition of tartaric or citric acid, which has been proposed for clearing the discolored syrup. Syrup of ferrous iodide is rendered brown by sulphuric acid, and emits violet vapors when heated.

Dr. Squibb states, in a communication to the *A. J. P.* (March, 1868, p. 99), that, after considerable experience with the U. S. preparation, he has known it to become discolored in only one instance: so that with care to avoid all injurious exposure it may be expected to keep well. But, in consequence of the facility with which it undergoes decomposition, with the liberation of iodine, it is very liable to become discolored with the least want of care. He therefore proposes, as a remedy for this inconvenience, to add to the discolored syrup a very small proportion of a solution of sodium hyposulphite, which, without injury to the preparation, removes the color and in a great degree restores the transparency. For this purpose fifteen or twenty grains of the crystallized hyposulphite may be dissolved in a fluidounce of water; and from fifteen to twenty mimims of the solution are sufficient for a pint of syrup, if not darker than brown sherry. The solution is simply added to the syrup, and shaken up with it in the bottle. If the discoloration be deeper, more will be required; and the quantity requisite for the effect is a measure of the amount of change that may have occurred. The objection to the use of this salt is that a precipitate of sulphur usually takes place which is so fine that it is very difficult to separate. Prof. J. F. Judge (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 159) recommended hypophosphorous acid in small proportions to restore the pale green color, and of all the additions that have been proposed this is unquestionably the least objectionable and the most effective. (See *Liquor Ferri Iodidi*, National Formulary, Part II.; also *Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1885, p. 484.) Charles Rice preserves syrup of ferrous iodide successfully on the large scale by storing it in vessels having a stopcock at the bottom and pouring a small quantity of pure olive oil upon the surface to protect from oxidation. A. G. Hammer proposes the addition of syrup to a boiling solution of ferrous iodide before filtering from the excess of iron, and attributes the success in preservation to the fact that a portion of the cane sugar is converted into grape sugar, which he believes has greater powers in preventing change. (*Pharmacist*, 1876, p. 99.) Glycerin has been proposed as a substitute for sugar in this preparation: it answers the same purpose, but it may be doubted whether more effectually.

When the syrup is concentrated it becomes brown, and when evaporated to dryness forms a mass which may be called *saccharine ferrous iodide*, and which is not entirely soluble again, a little ferric oxide being left. This saccharine iodide, being protected by the sugar it contains, is not liable to the objections which apply to the pure solid salt, and may be made into pills, but this preparation is inferior to the official Ferri Iodidum Saccharatum (see page 618).

Medical Properties. These have been detailed under the head of *Ferri Iodidum.* Dose, from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.), diluted with water. The dilution should be made at the moment it is taken; and, in order to guard against injury to the teeth, the mouth should be carefully washed after each dose.

SYRUPUS FERRI PHOSPHATIS. Br. Syrup of Phosphate of Iron.

(SY-RŪ'PUS FĔR'RĪ PHŌS-PHĀ'TĪS.)

Sirop de Phosphate de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisenphosphatsyrup, *G.*

"Take of Granulated Sulphate of Iron *two hundred and twenty-four grains;* Phosphate of Sodium *two hundred grains;* Bicarbonate of Sodium *fifty-six grains;* Concentrated Phosphoric Acid *one and one-fourth fluidounces;* Refined Sugar *eight ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *eight fluidounces.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in about four fluidounces of boiling water, and the Phosphate of Sodium in a similar quantity of cold water; mix the solutions, then add the Bicarbonate of Sodium dissolved in a little water, and, after careful stirring, transfer the precipitate to a calico filter, and wash it with Distilled Water, till the filtrate ceases to be affected by Chloride of Barium. Mix the residue on the filter, in a mortar, with the Phosphoric Acid. As soon as the precipitate is dissolved, filter the solution, add water and the sugar, and dissolve without heat. The product should measure exactly twelve fluidounces; any water which may be necessary, beyond that introduced with the precipitate or with the sugar, being added to form the stated bulk. Its specific gravity is about 1·305. It contains the equivalent of about one grain of anhydrous phosphate of iron, $Fe_3(PO_4)_2$, in one fluidrachm." *Br.*

The first part of this process is almost precisely a repetition of that of the Br. Pharmacopœia for ferric phosphate. (See *Ferri Phosphas.*) But after that salt has been prepared, instead of being dried, it is first strongly pressed, and then dissolved in the dilute phosphoric acid, and made into a syrup with sugar. As ferric phosphate is insoluble in water, it was necessary to have recourse to an acid to effect its solution, and phosphoric acid was selected as therapeutically indicated. The syrup sometimes acquires a sherry wine color and deposits a reddish-brown precipitate, which, according to Mr. T. B. Groves (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi. 138), is an insoluble phosphate; it may be separated by filtration. The same authority states that the color of the syrup is due to caramel, which may be removed by animal charcoal. The precipitated phosphate in the official process is exceedingly liable to oxidation during the protracted working required, and Mr. H. W. Jones (*Ibid.*, 3d ser., v. 541) proposes a formula in which the phosphate is made directly from metallic iron and phosphoric acid. For its properties and uses, see *Ferri Phosphas.* The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS FERRI QUININÆ ET STRYCHNINÆ PHOSPHATUM. U. S. Syrup of the Phosphates of Iron, Quinine, and Strychnine.

(SY-RŪ'PUS FĔR'RĪ QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ ĔT STRĬCH-NĪ'NÆ PHŌS-PHĀ'TŬM.)

"Soluble Ferric Phosphate, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Quinine Sulphate, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Strychnine, *two-tenths of a gramme* [or 3 grains]; Phosphoric Acid, *forty-eight cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 299 minims]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Water, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Heat the Soluble Ferric Phosphate with the Water, in a porcelain capsule, until it is dissolved. Then add the Phosphoric Acid, the Quinine Sulphate, and the Strychnine, and stir, until solution is effected. Filter the liquid into the Glycerin, contained in a graduated bottle, add enough Syrup to make up the volume to *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims], and mix thoroughly. Lastly, strain, if necessary." *U. S.*

The ferric phosphate used in this preparation is the scaled salt (see page 624), and the phosphoric acid the 85-per-cent. solution (see page 78). Glycerin has been added in the U. S. 1890 process to prevent precipitation. Each fluidrachm of the syrup contains about one grain of ferric phosphate, one grain and three-quarters of quinine, and $\frac{1}{90}$ of a grain of strychnine. An insoluble precipitate of basic ferric phosphate is apt to be produced when this syrup is kept. Percolation to dissolve the sugar, instead of agitation, will doubtless be preferred by many.

Medical Properties. This syrup has the medicinal activities of its ingredients, but is a very ineligible preparation, and has not even an agreeable taste to excuse its polypharmacy. It is known as *Easton's Syrup*, *Aitkin's Syrup*, *Syrup of the Three Phosphates*, and *Syrup of Triple Phosphates.* A teaspoonful (3·7 C.c.) may be considered to be the average dose.

SYRUPUS FERRI SUBCHLORIDI. Br. Syrup of Subchloride of Iron.

(SY-RŪ'PUS FĔR'RĪ SŬB-ĊHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

Syrup of Ferrous Chloride.

"Take of Iron Wire *three hundred grains;* Hydrochloric Acid *two fluidounces;* Citric Acid *ten grains;* Distilled Water *ten fluidrachms;* Syrup *a sufficiency.* Mix the Hydrochloric Acid with one ounce of the Water in a flask, add the Iron Wire, and apply heat gently until action ceases. Remove the flask from the source of heat, add the Citric Acid, and filter the solution through paper into ten fluidounces of the Syrup, then pass the remainder of the Water through the small filter into the Syrup. To the product add sufficient Syrup to form one pint of the thoroughly mixed fluid. Its specific gravity should be about 1·340." *Br.*

This syrup is one of the "additions" to the British Pharmacopœia. It is a solution of ferrous chloride, protected from change by admixture with syrup: precipitation is prevented by the use of citric acid. (See *Syrupus Ferri Protochloridi*, National Formulary, Part II.) Notwithstanding the precaution taken, however, it will be found that the syrup in time loses its pale-green color and becomes discolored. It should be made only in small quantities, and be kept in small, perfectly stoppered bottles. Dose, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

SYRUPUS HEMIDESMI. Br. Syrup of Hemidesmus.

(SY-RŪ'PUS HĔM-Į-DĔS'MĪ.)

Syrup of Indian Sarsaparilla; Sirop de Hemidesmus, *Fr.;* Hemidesmussyrup, *G.*

"Take of Hemidesmus Root, bruised, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar *twenty-eight ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Infuse the Hemidesmus in the Water, in a covered vessel, for four hours, and strain. Set it by till the sediment subsides; then decant the clear liquor, add the Sugar, and dissolve by means of a gentle heat. The product should weigh two pounds ten ounces [av.], and should have the specific gravity 1·335." *Br.*

This is a very weak preparation. The dose is stated at one fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.); but the syrup may be taken almost *ad libitum.* (See *Hemidesmus.*)

SYRUPUS HYPOPHOSPHITUM. U. S. Syrup of Hypophosphites.

(SY-RŪ'PUS HĪ-PŌ-PHŌS-PHĪ'TŬM.)

Sirop de Hypophosphites, *Fr.*

"Calcium Hypophosphite, *forty-five grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 257 grains]; Potassium Hypophosphite, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Sodium Hypophosphite, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Diluted Hypophosphorous Acid, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Sugar, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Spirit of Lemon, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Triturate the Hypophosphites with *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Water, until they are dissolved, add the Spirit of Lemon, and the Hypophosphorous Acid, and filter the liquid. In the filtrate dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, and add enough Water, through the filter, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Strain if necessary. *Syrup of Hypophosphites* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This syrup is a simple solution of calcium, sodium, and potassium hypophosphites, in water, protected by sugar, and flavored with spirit of lemon. The calcium hypophosphite will usually not entirely dissolve: hence the direction to use hypophosphorous acid to complete the solution. Percolation will no doubt be preferred by many to agitation, for dissolving the sugar. Each fluidrachm of the syrup contains about two and a half grains of calcium hypophosphite, and not quite one grain each of the sodium and potassium salts. This syrup affords an excellent means of administering the hypophosphites. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS HYPOPHOSPHITUM CUM FERRO. U. S. Syrup of Hypophosphites with Iron.

(SY-RŪ'PUS HĪ-PŌ-PHŌS-PHĪ'TŬM CŬM FĔR'RŌ.)

Sirop d'Hypophosphite avec Fer, *Fr.*

"Ferrous Lactate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Potassium Citrate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Syrup of Hypophosphites, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Ferrous Lactate and Potassium Citrate with a small quantity of the Syrup, gradually added, until they are dissolved. Then strain, and add enough Syrup of Hypophosphites to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. This preparation should be freshly made when wanted." *U. S.*

This syrup, which was made official in the U. S. P. 1880 for the first time, has been the subject of considerable pharmaceutical discussion because of the difficulty of selecting a salt of iron which would remain in solution and not form a precipitate with the other salts. The lactate has been selected as the least objectionable in this respect, and the combination with the alkaline citrate is with the view of retaining the salts in solution in the syrup. The syrup of hypophosphites with iron now contains in each fluidrachm about two and a half grains of calcium hypophosphite, with nearly one grain each of sodium and potassium hypophosphites, and three-fourths of a grain of ferrous lactate.* It unites the therapeutic powers of a chalybeate with those of the hypophosphites, and may be given in doses of from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS IPECACUANHÆ. U. S. Syrup of Ipecac.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ĬP-Ē-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ.)

Sirop d'Ipécacuanha, *Fr.;* Ipecacuanhasyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Ipecac, *seventy cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 176 minims]; Acetic Acid, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dilute the Fluid Extract of Ipecac with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, to which the Acetic Acid had previously been added, and mix them thoroughly by shaking. Then filter, and pass enough Water through the filter to obtain *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of filtrate. To this liquid add the Glycerin, dissolve the Sugar in the mixture, and add enough Water to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly, and strain, if necessary. *Syrup of Ipecac* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Mix the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula with the Glycerin, pour the mixture upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

By the U. S. process of 1850, a tincture of ipecac was first formed with diluted alcohol, then reduced by evaporation so as to drive off the alcohol, and afterwards diluted with water and made into a syrup with sugar. The French Codex dissolves the alcoholic extract of ipecac in water, and then mixes it with syrup; but it is obvious that the U. S. plan was preferable, as it spared the continued heat requisite to reduce the tincture to dryness. The present U. S. syrup, which is very slightly stronger than that of 1870, is made in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. Laidley, of Richmond, Va., who found the syrup, as ordinarily prepared, to

* *Syrup of Hypophosphites with Iron.* Owing to the liability to change of ferrous lactate in the presence of an excess of hypophosphites, Mr. C. D. Randall substitutes ferric citrate for it, with good results, and gives the following process: Take of Calcium Hypophosphite 554 parts [or 591 grains]; Sodium Bicarbonate 95 parts [or 101 grains]; Potassium Bicarbonate 115 parts [or 123 grains]; Ferric Citrate 85 parts [or 91 grains]; Sugar, powdered, 4050 parts [or 9 troyounces]; Water a sufficient quantity to make 10,000 parts [or 16 fluidounces]. Dissolve the calcium hypophosphite, previously reduced to a fine powder, in 3500 parts [or 8 fluidounces] of water with the aid of heat, and add to the solution the sodium bicarbonate, continuing the heat until action has entirely ceased. After removing the solution from the heat, add the potassium bicarbonate in small portions, waiting after each addition until effervescence has ceased before adding more. When action has entirely ceased, filter the liquid through paper. After the liquid has ceased to drop, add enough water through the filter to make the filtrate weigh 5850 parts [or measure 10 fluidounces]. In 1200 parts [or 2 fluidounces] of this liquid dissolve the ferric citrate with the aid of heat, and add the solution to the remainder of the liquid. In this solution dissolve the sugar with or without the aid of heat and filter through paper, adding through the filter enough water to make the completed syrup weigh 10,000 parts [or measure 16 fluidounces]. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 357.)

spoil by keeping. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 103, and July, 1879.) (See a practical paper on this subject by A. Robbins in *A. J. P.*, Aug. 1879.) The substitution of glycerin for a portion of the syrup in the U. S. 1890 process is an improvement; but the addition of the very small quantity of Acetic Acid is of questionable utility. For formulæ in which the drug ipecac is employed, the reader may consult *A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 127; 1871, p. 104; May, 1881.

If strictly official (1890) fluid extract of ipecac be used in making this syrup, and the process be carried out in all its details, the syrup will remain transparent; but if commercial fluid extract be used, or if the fluid extract have not been very carefully made, it will be necessary to modify the process somewhat to secure a transparent syrup. This may be effected by allowing the diluted fluid extract in the official process for making this syrup to remain for two or three days in a cool place before filtering.

One fluidounce of this syrup should contain the virtues of about thirty grains of ipecac. Dose, as an emetic, for an adult, from four fluidrachms to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.), for a child a year or two old, from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.), repeated every fifteen or twenty minutes till it acts. As an expectorant, the dose for an adult is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.), for a child from two to ten minims (0·12–0·6 C.c.).

SYRUPUS KRAMERIÆ. U. S. Syrup of Krameria.

(SY-RŪ'PUS KRĄ-MĒ'RI-Æ.)

Syrupus Ratanhæ; Sirop de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanhasyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Krameria, *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims]; Syrup, *five hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 18 fluidounces, 287 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This syrup is more conveniently made by the present process than by either of those of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1860,—in the first of which the powdered root was exhausted with water, the percolate evaporated, and the sugar dissolved in it by a gentle heat; while in the second process, extract of krameria was dissolved in syrup. As krameria yields a variable proportion of extract, it follows that the syrup resulting from these two modes of preparation must have differed. To obviate this evil as far as possible, care had to be taken, in following the first process, to select the best krameria, and preferably the small roots, as it was these only which would yield two ounces of good extract to the pound. We have found the syrup made from the official fluid extract perfectly transparent, and not a turbid mixture, as stated by some writers. This preparation affords a convenient mode of exhibiting krameria. The dose for an adult is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.), for a child a year or two old, from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·9 C.c.).

SYRUPUS LACTUCARII. U. S. Syrup of Lactucarium.

(SY-RŪ'PUS LĂC-TŪ-CĀ'RI-Ī.)

Sirop de Lactucarium, *Fr.;* Lactucariumsyrup, *G.*

"Tincture of Lactucarium, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sugar, *seven hundred and fifty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 199 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Triturate the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate and *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains] of the Sugar, in a mortar, with the Tincture of Lactucarium gradually added, and afterwards with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water, added in small portions at a time. Filter the mixture, dissolve the remainder of the Sugar in the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Syrup of Lactucarium* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

The formula of the U. S. P. 1870 was very objectionable, and the syrup was rarely used, on account of its want of transparency, and in some measure also because of its disagreeable taste. The former of these objections it was proposed to obviate by the use of magnesium carbonate, as in the former U. S. formula for Syrup of Tolu; the latter, by the addition of one of the aro-

matic Waters. The rubbing with magnesium carbonate enabled the menstruum to take up, as far as it was capable of doing, the matter that would otherwise have been deposited. The use of powdered pumice-stone instead of magnesium carbonate, and the rubbing of this and a little sugar with the tincture after evaporation instead of previously, were recommended by Mr. James Kenworthy. The result was a beautifully clear syrup, with the flavor and appearance of Aubergier's, and the virtues of that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1868, p. 113.)* But the present process, if official tincture of lactucarium be used, is far preferable, the only disadvantage being the slight petroleum-like taste which seems to be inseparable from lactucarium preparations made by extracting the resinous principles with benzin: the new tincture of lactucarium, notwithstanding all the care that can be given to the selection of the benzin, will still hold a trace of the benzin-residue flavor, which it communicates to the syrup. The recommendations made by various pharmaceutical writers to add a solution of an alkali to cloudy syrup of lactucarium, in order to make it transparent, are inadmissible, for Aubergier has conclusively shown that alkalies destroy the bitter principles of lactucarium. The dose is from two to three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 C.c.).

Mr. Jos. W. England and N. D. Streeter both prefer to make the syrup directly from the lactucarium. For processes, see *A. J. P.*, 1883, pp. 393, 593.

SYRUPUS LIMONIS. Br. Syrup of Lemon.

(SY-RŪ'PUS LI-MŌ'NIS.)

Syrupus Succus Citri, *P. G.;* Sirop de Limons (de Citrons), *Fr.;* Citronensaftsyrup, *G.*

"Take of fresh Lemon Peel *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Lemon Juice, strained, *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Refined Sugar *two pounds and a quarter* [av.]. Heat the Lemon Juice to the boiling point, and, having put it into a covered vessel with the Lemon Peel, let them stand until they are cold, then filter, and dissolve the Sugar in the filtered liquid with a gentle heat. The product should weigh three pounds and a half [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·34." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1880 syrup of lemon was dropped at the 1890 revision: as it is frequently used, the process will be found in the foot-note.† The addition of lemon peel to the preparation is an improvement, but the internal white portion of the peel should be carefully removed before adding to the hot lemon juice, or the finished syrup will have a bitter taste. (See *Limonis Cortex.*) As the syrup is used exclusively as a vehicle, and has no medical properties, the improvement of diluting the juice with an equal measure of water should have been retained. This syrup forms a cooling and grateful addition to beverages in *febrile complaints*, and serves to conceal the taste of saline purgatives in solution.

* *Aubergier's Syrup of Lactucarium.* Though probably inferior in efficacy to the U. S. syrup, that of Aubergier has a great reputation on the continent of Europe, and is occasionally prescribed here instead of the official. It differs so much from ours that, when it is prescribed, pharmacists who may not have it on hand should not substitute the official for it, unless with the full knowledge of the prescriber. In order to obviate this inconvenience, it is advisable that there should be a formula, readily accessible, by which a syrup may be prepared sufficiently representing Aubergier's for all practical purposes. Prof. Procter, therefore, did the profession good service by preparing and publishing such a process, which we copy here. "Take of Lactucarium (German) *half an ounce;* Granulated Sugar *an ounce;* Simple Syrup *four and a half pints;* Citric Acid, in powder, *sixty grains;* Orange Flower Water *four fluidounces;* Diluted Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Triturate the Lactucarium with the Sugar until reduced to powder, put it into a funnel-shaped percolator, pour on Diluted Alcohol until the Lactucarium is nearly exhausted, or until ten fluidounces have passed, evaporate to two fluidounces, and add it to the Syrup, previously heated by boiling, and mix. Continue the ebullition slowly until the whole measures four pints and six fluidounces. Then add the Citric Acid and strain, and, lastly, when nearly cool, the Orange Flower Water, and mix them. Each fluidounce represents three and one-third grains of lactucarium. The syrup is light brown and transparent." (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 290.)

The French Codex has a syrup, called *Opiated Syrup of Lactucarium* (*Sirop de Lactucarium opiacé*), in which an alcoholic extract is used in double the quantity of extract of opium. One would suppose that in such a proportion the action of the opium would entirely overwhelm that of the lactucarium; but Dr. Geo. B. Wood was assured by M. Deschamps, as the well-ascertained result of experiments of his own and the late M. Debout's, that lactucarium given with opium, even in small proportion, very decidedly opposes the unpleasant effects caused by opium, such as nausea, stomachic spasms, headache, etc. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1868, p. 17); and hence the advantage of a preparation in which the two narcotics are combined. But to gain all the good results of this experience it is unnecessary to add a new syrup to the official list, all that is requisite being the addition of a little of the simple syrup of lactucarium to any preparation of opium the anticipated unpleasant effects of which it is desirable to prevent.

† "Lemon Juice, recently expressed and strained, *forty parts* [or seventeen fluidounces]; Fresh Lemon Peel *two parts* [or one ounce av.]; Sugar, in coarse powder, *sixty parts* [or twenty-eight ounces av.]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or about two pints]. Heat the Lemon Juice to the boiling point; then add the Lemon Peel, and let the whole stand, closely covered, until cold. Filter, add enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate weigh *forty parts* [or measure seventeen fluidounces], dissolve the Sugar in the filtered liquid by agitation, without heat, and strain." *U. S.*

SYRUPUS MORI. Br. Syrup of Mulberries.

(SY-RŪ'PUS MŌ'RĪ.)

Syrupus Mororum; Sirop de Mûres, *Fr.*; Maulbeersaft, *G.*

"Take of Mulberry Juice *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Refined Sugar *two and a quarter pounds* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *two fluidounces and a half*. Heat the Mulberry Juice to the boiling point, and when it has cooled filter it. Dissolve the Sugar in the filtered liquid with a gentle heat, and add the Spirit. The product should weigh three pounds six ounces [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·33." *Br.*

This may be used for the same purposes as lemon syrup. In like manner syrups may be prepared from various succulent fruits, such as *strawberries*, *raspberries*, *blackberries*, *currants*, *pineapples*, etc. When the juice is thick, it may be diluted with from one-third of its bulk to an equal bulk of water previous to the addition of the sugar. In the preparation of *raspberry syrup*, which, as ordinarily made, is apt to gelatinize, M. Blondeau recommends that the strained juice be allowed to stand from eight to fifteen hours, according to the temperature, in order to ferment. The juice separates into two portions, the upper thick, the lower clear. The latter is to be separated by straining, and made into a syrup with the usual proportion of sugar. (See *Syrupus Rubi Idæi.*) The process of the London College for Syrupus Mori, retained in the first British Pharmacopœia, is in accordance with this recommendation. These syrups are much used to flavor drinks, and as grateful additions to carbonic acid water.*

SYRUPUS PAPAVERIS. Br. Syrup of Poppies.

(SY-RŪ'PUS PA-PĀ'VE-RĪS.)

Syrupus Capitum Papaveris, Syrupus Diacodii; Sirop de Pavot blanc, *Fr.*; Beruhigungssaft, *G.*

"Take of Poppy Capsules, freed from the seeds, and reduced to No. 20 powder, *thirty-six ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *sixteen fluidounces;* Refined Sugar *four pounds* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Mix the Poppy Capsules with four pints [Imperial measure] of the Water, and infuse for twenty-four hours, stirring frequently; then pack in a percolator, and, adding more of the Water, allow the liquor slowly to pass until about two gallons [Imp. meas.] have been collected, or the mass is exhausted. Evaporate the liquor by a water-bath until it is reduced to three pints [Imp. meas.]. When quite cold, add the Spirit, let the mixture stand for twelve hours, and filter. Distil off the Spirit, evaporate the remaining liquor to two pints [Imp. meas.], and then add the Sugar. The product should weigh six pounds and a half [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·330." *Br.*

As the capsules contain variable proportions of the narcotic principles, the syrup prepared from them is necessarily of variable strength. It was, moreover, as formerly prepared, very apt to spoil. It is, we presume, to correct this tendency that the direction is given in the Pharmacopœia to add alcohol to the infusion, by which coagulable matter may be separated, —the alcohol itself being subsequently removed by distillation. The place, however, of this syrup might with great propriety be supplied by a syrup prepared from one of the salts of

* *Fruit Syrups.* Some practical remarks in relation to these syrups, so much used with carbonic acid water, may prove useful to the inexperienced pharmacist. Care should be taken that the fruit employed be fully ripe, and free from all its natural attachments, as calyx, stem, etc., and from all other impurities. Without being previously crushed, it should be put into canvas or woollen bags, which should be about two-thirds full when placed under the press. The expressing force should be gradually increased, so as effectually to remove the juice with as little of the tissue of the fruit as possible. It is customary to make a pint of syrup from a pint measure of fruit, and, if the expressed juice is insufficient for the purpose, to dilute it with water; but this is obviously an arbitrary rule, which cannot be universally applied without injuriously affecting the character of the product. The rule in the text is better,—viz., to dilute the juice when too thick. In dissolving the sugar, as short an exposure to the heat as possible is desirable. Some dissolve the sugar in a portion of the juice with heat, and add the remainder a few minutes before removal from the fire. Some fruits contain so much pectin that their syrups are apt to gelatinize. This is particularly the case with currants and raspberries. A mode of preventing this result has been mentioned in the text. Another method is to add to the juice, after expression, one-tenth of its bulk of the juice of sour cherries, allow the mixture to stand for fifteen hours, and then separate the coagulated pectin by very gentle pressure in a cloth. *Pineapple* syrup may be made either in the ordinary mode, or by slicing the fruit, alternating the slices with layers of powdered sugar, permitting them to stand twenty-four hours, and then expressing the syrup formed. Each pound of the pared fruit, with thirty ounces of sugar, should yield with the requisite quantity of water two pints of syrup. For some further practical remarks on the preparation of particular syrups, see a paper by Mr. Ambrose Smith, in *A. J. P.* xxii. 212.

Cream Syrups. Under this name there has come into use a variety of syrups, given with carbonic acid water, to which they impart an agreeable richness of flavor. To prepare them, a gallon of fresh sweet cream is made to dissolve, without heat, 14 pounds (av.) of powdered sugar; and the solution, having been immediately bottled, is placed on ice, in a cold cellar. It will keep from three to eight days, according to circumstances. It is added to other syrups, given with carbonic acid water, equal measures being employed. The use of cream syrups is said to have originated with Mr. C. A. Smith, of Cincinnati. Mr. A. B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, prepares *cream vanilla syrup* by mixing three fluidrachms of strong fluid extract of vanilla, a pint of syrup, and a pint of cream syrup. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 407.)

morphine, which would keep well and have the advantage of uniform strength. Four grains of morphine sulphate dissolved in a pint of syrup would afford a preparation at least equal to the average strength of the syrup of poppies, and much more certain in its operation. Mr. Southall recommends that the syrup of poppies should be prepared with a cold infusion made by percolation, the same proportions being employed as directed by the late London Pharmacopœia. The virtues of the capsules are thus extracted without those principles which cause the syrup to ferment speedily. (See *A. J. P.*, xv. 140.) Mr. Southall, after preparing the infusion, evaporates it to the proper measure before adding the sugar. Mr. Stockton prefers adding the sugar before the concentration is completed, and afterwards evaporating to 32° of the saccharometer. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 299.)*

Syrup of poppies is employed, chiefly in infantile cases, to allay cough, quiet restlessness, relieve pain, and promote sleep. It is uncertain in its strength, and one fluidrachm of it has caused death in a babe eighteen weeks old. (*P. J. Tr.*, ii. 354.) The dose is from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.) for a child, from half a fluidounce to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.) for an adult.

SYRUPUS PICIS LIQUIDÆ. U. S. Syrup of Tar.

(SỲ-RŪ'PỤS PĪ'CĬS LĬQ'UỊ-DÆ—lĭk'wę-dē.)

Sirop de Goudron, *Fr.;* Theersyrup, *G.*

"Tar, *seventy-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 282 grains]; Water, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Boiling Distilled Water, *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Sugar, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Tar intimately with about *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains] of white sand, pour on the Water, and stir frequently during twelve hours; then pour off the Water and throw it away. Pour the Boiling Distilled Water upon the residue, stir well and frequently during fifteen minutes, add the Glycerin, and set the vessel aside for twenty-four hours, occasionally stirring. Decant the clear solution, and filter. Dissolve the Sugar in the filtrate with the aid of a gentle heat; allow the liquid to cool, then strain it, and pass enough Distilled Water through the strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This syrup will probably be found one of the most useful additions to the list of official syrups. In many sections of our country it has been largely used. The process of the U. S. P. 1890 is an improvement on the one formerly official: the sugar is now dissolved with the aid of a gentle heat, whilst the addition of glycerin prevents possible turbidity. The preliminary washing of the tar will doubtless be regarded by many as a useless refinement, but it should on no account be omitted, as otherwise a syrup which would be irritant rather than soothing might be produced, owing to the acid constituents always present in tar. (See *Pix Liquida.*) This syrup affords an excellent method of administering tar. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS PRUNI VIRGINIANÆ. U. S. Syrup of Wild Cherry.

(SỲ-RŪ'PỤS PRŪ'NĪ VĬR-ĢĬN-Ị-Ā'NÆ.)

Sirop d'Ecorce de Cerisier, *Fr.;* Wildkirschenrindensyrup, *G.*

"Wild Cherry, in No. 20 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water. Moisten the Wild Cherry with a sufficient quantity of the liquid, and macerate for twenty-four hours in a close vessel; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, follow it by Water, until the percolate measures *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims]. Dissolve

* *Syrup of Poppies.* "Take of Poppy Capsules, deprived of their seeds, and ground into coarse powder, *eight troyounces;* Sugar, *fifteen troyounces;* Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity.* Moisten the powder with four fluidounces of the Diluted Alcohol, pack it firmly in a percolator, and pour Diluted Alcohol upon it until three pints have slowly passed. Distil off the alcohol until the residual liquid is reduced to half a pint, and filter. Allow sufficient Distilled Water to pass through the filter to make the filtrate measure half a pint; then add the Sugar, dissolve with heat, and strain." (*Prof. Procter.*)

the Sugar in the percolate by agitation, without heat, strain, and pass enough Water through the strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Syrup of Wild Cherry* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the percolate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This process affords a handsome syrup, with the virtues of the bark unimpaired by the injurious effects of heat. It is based upon a formula proposed by Messrs. Procter and Turnpenny in *A. J. P.* (xiv. 27). The suggestion made in the 16th edition of this work to increase the quantity of glycerin has been adopted in the present process: the glycerin prevents precipitation. This syrup should never be made by adding fluid extract to simple syrup, as the fluid extract is apt to vary greatly in quality, and frequently precipitates when mixed with syrup. The syrup when made by the above process is far superior in flavor and active properties, and is largely used as a basis for cough mixtures. The dose for an adult is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.).

SYRUPUS RHEI. U. S., Br. Syrup of Rhubarb.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RHĒ'Ī.)

Sirop de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* Rhabarbersaft, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Rhubarb, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Spirit of Cinnamon, *four cubic centimeters* [or 65 minims]; Potassium Carbonate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Glycerin, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 332 minims]; Water, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 332 minims]; Syrup, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Spirit of Cinnamon with the Fluid Extract of Rhubarb, and add to it the Potassium Carbonate dissolved in the Water. Then add the Glycerin, and, lastly, enough Syrup to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in No. 20 powder, Coriander Fruit, in No. 20 powder, of each, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar *twenty-four ounces* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *eight fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *twenty-four fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Rhubarb and Coriander; pack them in a percolator; pass the Spirit and Water, previously mixed, slowly through them; evaporate the liquid that has thus passed until it is reduced to fourteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and in this, after it has been filtered, dissolve the Sugar with a gentle heat; the product should weigh two and a half pounds, and its specific gravity should be 1·31." *Br.* This is a troublesome and imperfect method.

This syrup differs from that formerly official in several particulars, and, in our opinion, it is greatly improved: the activity of the rhubarb and the corrigent effects of the cinnamon are both secured without impairing the appearance of the finished syrup, while the simplicity of the manipulation must commend the process to all. Mr. Otto Miller recommends its preparation by dissolving ninety grains of potassium carbonate in twelve fluidounces of cinnamon water, adding twenty-eight ounces of sugar, heating to the boiling point, and, when the sugar is dissolved, adding four fluidounces of fluid extract of rhubarb, straining, and bringing it to the measure of two pints with cinnamon water. A pleasant, clear, efficient, and permanent syrup results. (*West. Drug.*, 1887, p. 107.) The syrup is a mild cathartic, adapted to the cases of infants, to whom it may be given in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

SYRUPUS RHEI AROMATICUS. U. S. Aromatic Syrup of Rhubarb.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RHĒ'Ī ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT'Ī-CŬS.)

Sirop de Rhubarbe aromatique, *Fr.;* Gewürzter Rhabarbersaft, *G.*

"Aromatic Tincture of Rhubarb, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Syrup, *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This syrup is nearly identical with that official in the U. S. P. 1870. The aromatic tincture is identical with that formerly used in the preparation of this syrup. The addition of a small amount of alkali or filtration after the use of magnesium carbonate has been recommended, to prevent the syrup from becoming turbid. The substitution of glycerin for one-half of the syrup, as recommended in the 14th edition of this work, would be an improvement.

The aromatic syrup of rhubarb is a warm stomachic laxative, too feeble for adult cases, but well calculated for the bowel-complaints of infants which are so frequent in our cities during the summer season, and as a remedy for which this preparation, or one analogous to it, has been long in use, under the name of *spiced syrup of rhubarb*. The dose for an infant with *diarrhœa* is a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.), repeated every two hours till the passages indicate by their color that the medicine has operated. It should be borne in mind that the syrup, as prepared by the present formula, contains one-seventh of diluted alcohol, which, though not injurious in most of the cases in which this syrup is used, might render it too stimulating in some instances of diarrhœa in the very young infant.

SYRUPUS RHŒADOS. Br. Syrup of Red Poppy.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RHŒ'Ą-DŎS—rē'ą-dŏs.)

Sirop de Coquelicot de Pavot rouge, *Fr.;* Klatschrosensaft, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Red Poppy Petals *thirteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar *two pounds and a quarter* [av.]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Rectified Spirit *two fluidounces and a half.* Add the Petals gradually to the Water heated in a water-bath, frequently stirring, and afterwards, the vessel being removed, infuse for twelve hours. Then press out the liquor, strain, add the Sugar, and dissolve by means of heat. When nearly cold, add the Spirit, and as much Distilled Water as may be necessary to make up for loss in the process, so that the product shall weigh three pounds ten ounces [av.]. It should have the sp. gr. 1·330." *Br.*

The object of introducing the petals into water heated by a water-bath is that they may shrink by being scalded, as otherwise they could not be completely immersed in the quantity of water directed. After this has been accomplished, they should be immediately removed from the fire, lest the liquor become too thick and ropy. The fine red color of this syrup is its only recommendation. It is very liable to ferment: according to Dr. Enders, this can be obviated by evaporating the recently prepared syrup to dryness, keeping the powdered residue in well-stopped bottles, and dissolving it, as wanted, in four-fifths of its weight of water. The dose is stated in the Br. Pharmacopœia as a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

SYRUPUS ROSÆ. U. S. (Br.) Syrup of Rose.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RŌ'SÆ.)

Syrupus Rosæ Gallicæ, *Br.;* Syrupus Rosarum Rubrarum; Syrup of Red Rose; Sirop de Roses rouges, *Fr.;* Rosensyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Rose, *one hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 4 fluidounces, 109 minims]; Syrup, *eight hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 29 fluidounces, 282 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

"Take of dried Red Rose Petals *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar *thirty ounces* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Infuse the Petals in the Water for two hours, squeeze through calico, heat the liquor to the boiling point, and filter. Dissolve the Sugar in the liquor by means of heat. The product should weigh two pounds fourteen ounces [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·335." *Br.*

Syrup of rose is mildly astringent, but is valued most for its fine red color, on account of which it is occasionally added to mixtures. Dose, a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

SYRUPUS RUBI. U. S. Syrup of Rubus.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RŪ'BĪ.)

Syrup of Blackberry Root; Sirop d'Ecorce de Ronce noir, *Fr.;* Brombeerrindensyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Rubus, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Syrup, *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them." *U. S.*

This syrup is useful in *acute diarrhœa of relaxation* and in *chronic diarrhœa.* Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS RUBI IDÆI. U. S. Syrup of Raspberry.

(SY-RŪ'PUS RŪ'BĪ Ī-DÆ'Ī.)

"Fresh, Ripe Raspberries, *any convenient quantity;* Sugar, *a sufficient quantity.* Reduce the Raspberries to a pulp, and let this stand, at a temperature of about 20° C. (68° F.), until a small portion of the filtered juice mixes clear with half its volume of alcohol. Then sepa-

rate the juice by pressing, set it aside, in a cool place, until the liquid portion has become clear, and filter. To every *forty parts* by weight of the filtrate (which should not be allowed to remain, unprotected by sugar, more than about two hours) add *sixty parts* of Sugar, heat the mixture to boiling, avoiding the use of tinned vessels, and strain. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.*

This syrup has been introduced because of the large use of fruit syrups. A better selection could hardly have been made than that of the syrup of raspberry. The syrup found in the market is often artificial and colored with aniline, hence the official test. "On shaking separate portions of Syrup of Raspberries with ether, chloroform, or amylic alcohol, no color should be imparted to these liquids (absence of *foreign coloring matters*)." *U. S.* The previous fermentation of the juice frees it from albuminous and pectinous substances, which interfere with the transparency of the syrup, and, if not separated, would seriously increase the risk of its spoiling. The flavor of the juice is not injured, although the process must be carefully watched to keep the fermentation from passing from the vinous to the acetous form.

SYRUPUS SARSAPARILLÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla.

(SY-RŪ'PUS SĂR-SA-PA-RĬL'LÆ COM-PŌS'I-TŪS.)

Sirop de Salsepareille composé, Sirop sudorifique, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzter Sarsaparillsyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Fluid Extract of Glycyrrhiza, *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims]; Fluid Extract of Senna, *fifteen cubic centimeters* [or 243 minims]; Sugar, *six hundred and fifty grammes* [or 22 ounces av., 406 grains]; Oil of Sassafras, *one-tenth cubic centimeter* [or 1½ minims]; Oil of Anise, *one-tenth cubic centimeter* [or 1½ minims]; Oil of Gaultheria, *one-tenth cubic centimeter* [or 1½ minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Add the Oils (equivalent to about *two drops*, each) to the mixed Fluid Extracts, and shake the liquid thoroughly. Then add enough Water to make up the volume to *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims], and mix well. Set the mixture aside for one hour, then filter it. Dissolve the Sugar in the filtrate with the aid of a gentle heat, allow the liquid to cool, strain, and add enough Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.* An important change has been made in this compound syrup through the substitution of fluid extracts and volatile oils for the drugs used in the U. S. P. 1880 process. The new syrup is not perfectly transparent, but the U. S. P. 1880 syrup had the same fault. The simplicity of the present formula is a welcome improvement.

In the original edition of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, published in 1820, a process for a syrup of sarsaparilla was adopted, intended to represent the famous French *sirop de cuisinier.* This was very much improved in the revised edition published in 1830, and the amended process has been retained with little alteration in the subsequent editions, the process of percolation having been substituted in the U. S. 1880 Pharmacopœia for simple maceration directed in the first of the two formulas of 1850. In the original process the sarsaparilla was subjected to long decoction with water. It has been proved that diluted alcohol more thoroughly extracts the acrid principle of the root, upon which its activity probably depends, than water, and that this principle is either dissipated or destroyed by the long-continued application of a boiling heat. In the present formula, therefore, which employs diluted alcohol as the menstruum for the fluid extracts, the root is more completely exhausted of its active matter, while the heat applied to the concentration, being no higher than is requisite for the evaporation of the alcohol, is insufficient to injure the preparation. The spirituous menstruum has, moreover, the advantage of not dissolving the inert fecula, which encumbers the syrup prepared by decoction and renders it liable to spoil. Yet it must be remembered, in this connection, that the constituents which are dissolved out by the alcohol are in great part afterwards precipitated by water and filtered out, and thus do not enter into the preparation. In the Pharmacopœia of 1840 the pale or hundred-leaved roses were very properly substituted for the red, as their slightly laxative property accords better with the character of the preparation. The essential oils were intended solely to communicate an agreeable flavor, and were used in very small proportion. The only objection to the 1880 process was that a portion of the resin extracted by the alcohol from the guaiacum wood was deposited during the evaporation of the tincture: this was separated by the filtration directed in the U. S. P. 1880, and was therefore of no disadvantage to the preparation. In the present process guaiacum wood is omitted: its loss, however, will never be felt. But the

practitioner should be aware that much of the sarsaparilla as it exists in the market is nearly or quite inert, and should be prepared to meet with disappointment in the use of this or any other preparation, unless satisfied of the good quality of the drug from which it is made.

Corrosive sublimate, which is often given in connection with this syrup, is said to be completely decomposed by it, being converted into calomel. Dr. Samuel Kennedy (*Pharm. Record*, 1888, p. 201) showed that when corrosive sublimate was dissolved in this syrup precipitation invariably occurred; if an equal amount of sodium chloride was added, precipitation was greatly retarded. M. Lepage, of Gisors, proposes as a substitute potassium iodohydrargyrate, which he has found not to undergo decomposition. (See Part II., and *Sirop Gibert*, page 701.)

The dose of the syrup is half a fluidounce (15 C.c.), equivalent to somewhat less than a drachm (3·9 Gm.) of the root, to be taken three or four times a day. When a decided effect is desired, the fluid extract is much more efficient.

SYRUPUS SCILLÆ. U. S., Br. Syrup of Squill.

(SY-RŪ'PUS SĊĪL'LÆ.)

Sirop de Scille, *Fr.;* Meerzwiebelsyrup, *G.*

"Vinegar of Squill, *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims]; Sugar, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Heat the Vinegar of Squill to the boiling point, in a glass or porcelain vessel, and filter the liquid while it is hot. Dissolve the Sugar in the hot filtrate by agitation, without further heating, strain, and, when the strained liquid is cold, add enough Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Vinegar of Squill *one pint* [Imperial measure]; Refined Sugar *two pounds and a half* [avoirdupois]. Dissolve with the aid of a little heat. Specific gravity about 1·345." *Br.*

The present British formula is almost identical with the American, and differs from that of 1864 in taking the vinegar already formed, instead of preparing it as the first step of the process. The object of heating the vinegar to the boiling point is to coagulate albuminous matter, which is afterwards separated by filtration. The heating should be performed as quickly as possible, to prevent undue loss of acetic acid.

This syrup is much employed as an expectorant, especially in combination with a solution of tartarized antimony. It is incompatible with ammonium carbonate, but not with ammonium chloride. The dose is about a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.). In infantile *bronchitis* it is sometimes given, in the same dose, as an emetic.

SYRUPUS SCILLÆ COMPOSITUS. U. S. Compound Syrup of Squill.

(SY-RŪ'PUS SĊĪL'LÆ CŌM-PŌS'Ī-TŪS.)

Hive Syrup; Sirop de Scille composé, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzter Meerzwiebelsyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Squill, *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 338 minims]; Fluid Extract of Senega, *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 338 minims]; Antimony and Potassium Tartrate, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar, *seven hundred and fifty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 199 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Fluid Extracts, evaporate them, in a tared capsule, on a water-bath, to *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains], and mix the residue with *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 407 minims] of Water. When the mixture is cold, incorporate with it, intimately, the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, filter, pass enough Water through the filter to obtain *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of filtrate, and add to this the Antimony and Potassium Tartrate dissolved in *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims] of hot Water. Dissolve the Sugar in this liquid by agitation, without heat, strain, and add enough Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Compound Syrup of Squill* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula, and mixed with the solution of Antimony and Potassium Tartrate, upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This is intended as a substitute for the popular preparation called *Coxe's hive syrup*, from which it differs chiefly in containing sugar instead of honey. Prepared as originally directed in the Pharmacopœia, it invariably fermented from the want of sufficient concentration. This defect was corrected at the revision of 1840, when sugar was substituted for honey, in consequence of the uncertain consistence and constitution of the latter. In the Pharmacopœia of 1850 two formulas were given for this syrup, in the first of which the virtues of the squill and senega were extracted by long boiling with water, in the second by percolation with water to which a small portion of alcohol was added. The latter was preferable when skilfully performed, as it avoided in great measure the injurious influence of boiling upon the senega, exhausted both this and the squill more readily in consequence of the addition of alcohol to the menstruum, and afforded a solution of their active principles less embarrassed with inert matters calculated to favor fermentation. In this process the filtered liquor was raised to the boiling point in order to coagulate the albumen, after which the evaporation was conducted at a lower temperature. The present formula is a decided improvement upon the one just described; as, diluted alcohol being employed as the menstruum, less of the albuminous and mucilaginous matter is extracted, while any disadvantage from the spirituous addition is obviated by the subsequent evaporation of the alcohol and the addition of water, the provision being retained to boil the tincture for a short time to get rid of such albumen as has been taken up. Sometimes the amount of albuminous coagulum is so great as to render the process of filtration after the boiling very tedious. According to Mr. J. C. Wharton, this can be remedied by rubbing up the muddy liquid with magnesia (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 102), but to serve the same purpose precipitated calcium phosphate has been substituted in the official formula. Percolation we have found very well adapted for dissolving the sugar and producing a transparent syrup. The U. S. P. 1890 process has the merit of simplicity, but, unfortunately, the fluid extract of squill is never a wholly satisfactory preparation: if this were replaced by a corresponding quantity of vinegar of squill, reduced by evaporation if necessary, the formula would be unexceptionable.

Mr. C. A. Werckshagen proposes the following modification. Evaporate one pint of vinegar of squill to the consistence of a soft extract, to remove the acetic acid, then add eighteen fluidounces of simple syrup, and apply heat; when clear, add twenty-four grains of tartar emetic and stir until dissolved; then take off the fire and add sufficient syrup to make the whole measure twenty-two fluidounces; lastly, when cold, add two fluidounces of fluid extract of senega. If the fluid extract of senega be exactly neutralized with ammonia, no gelatinization can occur. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 591.)

Compound syrup of squill combines the virtues of senega, squill, and tartar emetic, of the last of which it contains about one grain in a fluidounce. It is emetic, diaphoretic, expectorant, and frequently cathartic, and may be given with advantage in mild cases of *croup*, also in the latter stages of severe cases when the object is to promote expectoration. In croup, however, a mineral emetic is much to be preferred. The dose of this syrup is, for children, from ten drops to a fluidrachm (0·6–3·7 C.c.), according to the age, and it may be repeated in cases of croup every fifteen or twenty minutes till it vomits. As an expectorant for adults the dose is from twenty to thirty drops (1·25–1·9 C.c.).

SYRUPUS SENEGÆ. U. S. Syrup of Senega.

(SY-RŪ'PUS SĔN'Ē-GÆ.)

Sirop de Polygale, *Fr.;* Senegasyrup, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Senega, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Ammonia Water, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Fluid Extract of Senega with *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water and with the Ammonia Water, and set the mixture aside for a few hours. Then filter, and pass enough Water through the filter to obtain *five hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 18 fluidounces, 287 minims]. In the filtrate dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, strain, and add enough Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Syrup of Senega* may also be prepared in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water,

until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

The syrup affords a very convenient mode of exhibiting senega in pectoral complaints. Owing to the pectinous principle present in senega, the syrup made directly from the root as in the process of 1870 was always turbid. It has been frequently pointed out that the addition of an alkali renders the syrup transparent, and the present process directs the use of a small quantity of ammonia water, although, if the official fluid extract of senega be used, this addition should be unnecessary, for ammonia water has been added to it for the purpose of rendering it transparent. This syrup may be given as a stimulant expectorant in the dose of one or two fluidrachms (3·7 or 7·5 C.c.).

SYRUPUS SENNÆ. U. S., Br. Syrup of Senna.

(SỲ-RŪ'PŬS SĔN'NÆ.)

Sirop de Séné, *Fr.;* Sennasyrup, *G.*

"Senna (Alexandria), bruised, *two hundred and fifty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 358 grains]; Oil of Coriander, *five cubic centimeters* [or 81 minims]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Sugar, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. To the Senna add *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of boiling Water, and digest, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), during twenty-four hours. Then express the liquid, and pass enough Water through the residue to obtain *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of liquid. Strain this, and, when it is cold, mix it with the Alcohol in which the Oil of Coriander had previously been dissolved. Set it aside until the precipitate has subsided, then pour off the clear liquid, filter the remainder, and pass enough Water through the filter to obtain *five hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 18 fluidounces, 287 minims]. In the filtrate dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, strain, and add enough Water, through the strainer, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Senna, broken small, *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Oil of Coriander *three minims;* Refined Sugar *twenty-four ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *five pints* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Rectified Spirit *three fluidounces.* Digest the Senna in seventy [fluid]ounces of the Water for twenty-four hours at a temperature of 120° F. (48°·9 C.); press out the liquor and strain it. Digest the marc in thirty [fluid]ounces of the Water for six hours at the same temperature; again press out the liquor and strain it. Evaporate the mixed liquors in a water-bath to ten fluidounces, and, when cold, add the Rectified Spirit, previously mixed with the Oil of Coriander. Clarify by filtration, and wash what remains on the filter with Distilled Water, until the washings make up the filtrate to sixteen fluidounces. Then add the Sugar, and dissolve by means of a gentle heat. The product should weigh two pounds ten ounces [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·310." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1890 syrup resembles that of the British Pharmacopœia except in the important matter of strength: it contains only one-half the quantity of senna ordered for the British syrup, and is about one-third weaker than the U. S. 1880 syrup. This is, however, not a disadvantage, as the former syrups were nearly of the strength of the fluid extract. The dose for an adult is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.); but for children, for whom it was originally intended, not more than from one-eighth to one-half of that quantity, according to the age.

SYRUPUS TOLUTANUS. U. S., Br. Syrup of Tolu.

(SỲ-RŪ'PŬS TŎL-Ū-TĀ'NŬS.)

Sirop de Baume de Tolu, Sirop balsamique, *Fr.;* Tolubalsamsyrup, *G.*

"Balsam of Tolu, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Sugar, *eight hundred and fifty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 430 grains]; Alcohol, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Balsam of Tolu in the Alcohol, in a small flask or bottle, with the aid of a gentle heat. Mix the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate with *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains] of the Sugar, in a mortar, thoroughly incorporate with it the solution of the Balsam, and set the mortar aside, in a moderately warm place, until the Alcohol has evaporated. Then triturate the residue well with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluid-

ounces av., 435 minims] of Water, gradually added, and filter the mixture through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear. To the filtrate, heated to a temperature of about 60° C. (140° F.), add the remainder of the Sugar, and dissolve it by agitation. Then allow the Syrup to cool, strain it, and pass enough Water through the filter and strainer to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly. *Syrup of Tolu* may also be made in the following manner: Prepare a percolator or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.**

"Take of Balsam of Tolu *one ounce and a quarter* [avoirdupois]; Refined Sugar *two pounds* [av.]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency*. Boil the Balsam in the Water for half an hour in a lightly covered vessel, stirring occasionally. Then remove from the fire, and add Distilled Water, if necessary, so that the liquid shall measure sixteen [fluid] ounces. Filter the solution when cold, add the Sugar, and dissolve with the aid of a steam- or water-bath. The product should weigh *three pounds* [av.], and should have the sp. gr. 1·330." *Br.*

The U. S. 1890 process for this syrup will be found more satisfactory than that formerly official. It is practically a return to the U. S. 1870 method (based on Finley's process), substituting precipitated calcium phosphate for magnesium carbonate, and improving on the latter method by using a freshly made strong tincture for the official tincture of tolu: this diminishes the quantity of alcohol left in the syrup, which had a tendency to cause the sugar to crystallize out. In the British process the soluble principles of the balsam are extracted by boiling it with water, but with great waste of the material, as the water dissolves but a small portion of the active matter. To obviate this waste, the same portion of balsam is, according to Mr. Brande, usually employed in successive operations; and it long continues to impart odor and taste to boiling water. Mr. W. H. Hostelley's modification is as follows: For making twenty-five ounces of syrup, take one ounce of balsam of tolu, one pound of granulated sugar, and water which has been previously filtered through animal charcoal, enough to make twenty-five ounces; rub the tolu to a fine powder, aided by some of the sugar, and mix this with the remainder of the granulated sugar; now prepare a percolator by placing a piece of cotton in the neck, pack the powder in it, pour in the filtered water, and receive twenty-five ounces of percolate. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 290.) Syrup of tolu is a feeble preparation, and is used chiefly to impart its agreeable flavor to mixtures. If a stronger syrup is desired, it is readily made by adding tincture of tolu in the desired quantity and directing the bottle to be shaken.

SYRUPUS ZINGIBERIS. U. S., Br. Syrup of Ginger.

(SY-RŪ'PUS ZIN-JĬB'E-RĬS.)

Sirop de Gingembre, *Fr.*; **Ingwersyrup**, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Ginger, *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Sugar, *eight hundred and fifty grammes* [or 29 ounces av., 430 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Triturate the Fluid Extract of Ginger with the Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, and expose the mixture in a warm place until the Alcohol has evaporated. Then triturate the residue with *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims] of Water, and filter. In the filtrate dissolve the Sugar by agitation, without heat, strain, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *Syrup of Ginger* may also be prepared in the following manner. Prepare a percolater or funnel in the manner described under Syrup (see *Syrupus*). Pour the filtrate obtained as directed in the preceding formula upon the Sugar, return the first portions of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when all the liquid has passed, follow it by Water, until the product measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

* *Syrupus Tolutanus*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Tincture of Tolu *two fluidounces*; Carbonate of Magnesium *one hundred and twenty grains*; Sugar [refined], in coarse powder, *twenty-six troyounces*; Water *a pint*. Rub the Tincture of Tolu first with the Carbonate of Magnesium and two troyounces of the Sugar, and then with the Water, gradually added, and filter. To the filtered liquid add the remainder of the Sugar, and, having dissolved it with the aid of a gentle heat, strain the solution while hot."

"Take of strong Tincture of Ginger *six fluidrachms;* Syrup sufficient to produce *twenty fluidounces.* Mix with agitation." *Br.*

This process has been improved by the addition of precipitated calcium phosphate as an aid in distributing the resinous fluid extract so as to facilitate its solution in water. It is practically a return to the U. S. 1870 method,* magnesium carbonate being replaced by calcium phosphate, the latter being less soluble than the magnesium salt.

The British syrup, being made by the simple incorporation of the tincture with syrup, has of course all the strength of the ginger, but is inferior to the U. S. preparation in appearance and flavor. The old plan of using water as the menstruum has been entirely abandoned, as the syrup thus made is encumbered with mucilage and starch, and consequently rendered more liable to decomposition. In order that the preparation may be of the proper strength, it is necessary that the fluid extract should have been made with the best Jamaica ginger. The syrup of ginger is much used as a warm stomachic addition to tonic and purgative infusions or mixtures, and to impart flavor particularly to carbonic acid water. The dose is a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.) or more.

TABACUM. U. S. (Br.) Tobacco.

(TĂB'Ą-CŬM.)

"The commercial, dried leaves of Nicotiana Tabacum, Linné (nat. ord. Solanaceæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried leaves of Nicotiana Tabacum." *Br.*

Tabaci Folia, *Br.;* Leaf Tobacco; Folia Nicotianæ, *P. G.;* Nicotiane, Tabac, *Fr.;* Tabak, Tabaksblätter, *G.;* Tabacco, *It.;* Tabaco, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Corolla funnel-shaped with the border plaited. *Stamens* inclined. *Capsules* two-valved, two-celled. *Willd.*

Nicotiana tabacum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1014; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* ii. 171; *B. & T.* 191. The tobacco is an annual plant, with a large fibrous root, and an erect, round, hairy, viscid stem, which branches near the top, and rises from three to six feet in height. The leaves are numerous, alternate, sessile, and somewhat decurrent, very large, ovate-lanceolate, pointed, entire, slightly viscid, and of a pale green color. The lowest are often two feet long and six inches broad. The flowers are disposed in loose terminal paniculæ, and are furnished with long, linear, pointed bracts at the divisions of the peduncle. The calyx is bell-shaped, hairy, somewhat viscid, and divided at its summit into five pointed segments. The tube of the corolla is twice as long as the calyx, of a greenish hue, swelling at top into an oblong cup, and ultimately expanding into a five-lobed, plaited, rose-colored border. The whole corolla is very viscid. The filaments incline to one side, and support oblong anthers. The pistil consists of an oval germ, a slender style longer than the stamens, and a cleft stigma. The fruit is an ovate, two-valved, two-celled capsule, containing numerous reniform seeds, and opening at the summit. The leaves are the part employed. The seeds, examined by F. M. Brandt, yielded no narcotic principle, though a protein-like substance contained in them was thought by its decomposition to produce nicotine. (*Neues Jahrb. für Pharm.*, xxi. 42.) Prof. Procter also failed to find nicotine in the seeds. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 296.)

There is good reason to believe that this plant is a native of tropical America, where it was found by the Spaniards upon their arrival. It is at present cultivated in most parts of the world, and nowhere more abundantly than within the limits of the United States. Virginia is, perhaps, the region most celebrated for its culture. The young shoots, produced from seeds thickly sown in beds, are transplanted into the fields during the month of May, and set in rows with an interval of three or four feet between the plants. Through the whole period of its growth the crop requires constant attention. The development of the leaves is promoted by removing the top of each plant and thus preventing it from running into flower and seed. The harvest is in August. The ripe plants, having been cut off above their roots, are dried under cover, and then stripped of their leaves, which are tied in bundles and packed in hogsheads. While hung up in the drying-houses, they undergo a curing process, consisting in exposure to a considerable degree of heat, through which they become moist, or, in other words, are said to sweat, after which they are dried for packing.

Two varieties of this species are mentioned by authors, one with narrow, the other with broad leaves; but they do not differ materially in properties. Great diversity in the quality

* *Syrupus Zingiberis*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Fluid Extract of Ginger *a fluidounce;* Carbonate of Magnesium *one hundred and sixty grains;* Sugar [refined], in coarse powder, *seventy-two troyounces;* Water *forty-two fluidounces.* Rub the Fluid Extract of Ginger first with the Carbonate of Magnesium and two troyounces of the Sugar, and then with the Water, gradually added, and filter. To the filtered liquid add the remainder of the Sugar, and, having dissolved it with the aid of a gentle heat, strain the solution while hot."

of tobacco is produced by difference of soil and mode of cultivation; and several varieties are recognized in commerce. Other species also of Nicotiana are said to be cultivated, especially *N. rustica* and *N. paniculata*, the former of which is said to have been the first introduced into Europe, and is thought to have been cultivated by the aborigines of this country, as it is naturalized near the borders of some of our small Northern lakes. The *N. quadrivalvis* of Pursh affords tobacco to the Indians of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers; and *N. fruticosa*, a native of China, was probably cultivated in Asia before the discovery of this continent by Columbus. The latter species is said by Mr. John Le Conte to be that from which the best Cuba tobacco is obtained.* (*A. J. P.*, 1859.)

The total annual production of tobacco throughout the world at present is estimated at 5,000,000 metric centners (500,000 tons). (König, *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 3e Aufl., vol. ii.) The exportations of unmanufactured tobacco from the United States were, in 1891, 249,232,605 pounds, valued at $21,033,759; in 1892, 255,432,077 pounds, valued at $20,670,045.

Properties. Tobacco, as it occurs in commerce, is of a yellowish-brown color, a strong narcotic penetrating odor which is wanting in the fresh leaves, and a bitter, nauseous, and acrid taste. These properties are imparted to water and alcohol. They are injured by long boiling; and the extract is, therefore, relatively feeble. Officially the leaves are described as "up to 50 Cm. [20 inches] long, oval or ovate-lanceolate, acute, entire, brown, friable, glandular-hairy, of a heavy, peculiar odor, and a nauseous, bitter, and acrid taste." *U. S.* An elaborate analysis of tobacco was made by Vauquelin, who discovered in it, among other ingredients, an acrid, volatile, colorless liquid, slightly soluble in water, very soluble in alcohol, and supposed to be the active principle. It was separated by a complicated process, of which, however, the most important step was the distillation of tobacco-juice with potassa. In the results of this distillation Vauquelin recognized alkaline properties, which he ascribed to ammonia, but which were, in part at least, dependent upon the acrid principle above mentioned. To this principle the name of *nicotine* was given; but its alkalinity was not ascertained till a subsequent period. Another substance was obtained by Hermbstädt by simply distilling water from tobacco and allowing the liquid to stand for several days. A white crystalline matter rose to the surface, which upon being removed was found to have the odor of tobacco, and to resemble it in effects. It was fusible, volatilizable, similar to the nicotine of Vauquelin in solubility, and without alkaline or acid properties. It was called *nicotianin* by Hermbstädt, and appears to partake of the nature of volatile oils. Flückiger, who made a study of this nicotianin, is of the opinion that it is simply a fatty acid contaminated with a little volatile oil. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 468.) According to Landerer, it occurs only in dried tobacco-leaves. It forms white crystalline scales of a delicate tobacco-like odor, a bitter taste, and a neutral reaction. It is only slightly soluble in water, soluble in ether and alcohol. According to an analysis of Barral (*Comptes-Rendus*, 21, p. 1376), it has the formula $C_{23}H_{32}N_2O_3$. Barral states, moreover, that when distilled with strong potash solution it yields nicotine.

Two German chemists, Posselt and Reimann, subsequently analyzed tobacco, and ascertained the alkaline nature of its active principle, which, however, neither they nor Vauquelin obtained in a state of purity. According to these chemists, 10,000 parts of the fresh leaves contain 6 parts of an alkaloid, which they call *nicotine*, 1 of the *nicotianin* of Hermbstädt, 287 of slightly bitter extractive, 174 of gum mixed with a little calcium malate, 26·7 of green resin, 26 of albumen, 104·8 of a substance analogous to gluten, 51 of malic acid, 12 of ammonium malate, 4·8 of potassium sulphate, 6·3 of potassium chloride, 9·5 of potassa, which was combined in the leaves with malic and nitric acids, 16·6 of calcium phosphate, 24·2 of lime which had been combined with malic acid, 8·8 of silica, 496·9 of lignin, traces of starch, and 8828 parts of water. (Berzelius, *Traité de Chimie.*) According to M. E. Goupet, tobacco contains also a little citric acid. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Aug. 1846, p. 319.) The nicotine obtained by Vauquelin and by Posselt and Reimann was a colorless, volatile liquid, and, as subsequently ascertained by Henry and Boutron, was in fact an aqueous solution of the alkaline principle in connection with ammonia. It was reserved for these chemists to obtain nicotine in a state of

* The latest researches indicate that the official species is a more exclusive source of the commercial tobacco than is indicated by the text, and also in the *Pharmacographia*, where it is stated that *N. rustica* furnishes *East India Tobacco* and the kinds known as *Latakia* and *Turkish Tobacco*, *N. persica* the tobacco of Shiraz, and *N. repanda* a much valued Havana tobacco. Latakia tobacco seems, however, to be the product of the official plant, and Senator Vidal asserts that *N. repanda* is not found in Cuba, *N. tabacum* being the only species there cultivated. (*P. J. Tr.*, viii. 710.) Again, the Persian and Turkish tobacco sold under the name of *tumbeki* of commerce, which has been variously attributed to *N. persica* and to *N. rustica*, is in all probability the product of *N. tabacum*. (*Kew Bulletin*, April, 1891.)

purity. It exists in tobacco combined with an acid in excess, and in this state is not volatile.* It is easily extracted from tobacco by means of alcohol or water as a malate, from which the alkaloid can be separated by shaking it with caustic lye and ether. The ether is then expelled by warming the liquid, which finally has to be mixed with slaked lime and distilled in a stream of hydrogen, when the nicotine begins to come over at about 200° C. (392° F.). For a mode of estimating the proportion of nicotine in tobacco, see *P. J. Tr.* (Dec. 1873, p. 442). For an analysis of the ashes of Virginia tobacco, by Messrs. McD. Firby, of New Orleans, and J. A. Cahill, of Virginia, see *Chem. News* (Sept. 4, 1874, p. 117).

Nicotine. (*Nicotina* or *Nicotia.*) This is a colorless or nearly colorless fluid; of the sp. gr. 1·027; boiling at 247° C. (476·6° F.), and not solidifying at —15° C. (14° F.); of little smell when cold; of an exceedingly acrid burning taste, even when largely diluted; entirely volatilizable, and, in the state of vapor, very irritant to the nostrils, with an odor recalling that of tobacco; inflammable; very soluble in water, alcohol, ether, the fixed oils, and oil of turpentine; strongly alkaline in its reaction; and capable of forming crystallizable salts with the acids. These salts are deliquescent, having a burning and acrid taste, and, like the salts of ammonia, lose a portion of their base by heat. Nicotine contains a much larger proportion of nitrogen than most of the other organic alkalies. Its formula is $C_{10}H_{14}N_2$, and it is recognized as a *hexahydrodipyridyl*, $C_{10}H_8(H_6)N_2$. While nicotine has not been prepared synthetically as yet, two isomeric bases, *isonicotine* and *nicotidine*, have been prepared. On treatment with oxidizing agents, nicotine yields *nicotinic* or *β-pyridinecarboxylic acid*, $C_5H_4N.COOH$. In its action on the animal system it is one of the most virulent poisons known. A drop of it, in the state of concentrated solution, is sufficient to destroy a dog; and small birds perish at the approach of a tube containing it. In man, it is said to destroy life, in poisonous doses, in from two to five minutes. Tannin forms with it a compound of but slight solubility, and might be employed as an antidote. It exists in tobacco in small proportion. It has been found in the seeds, and, in very small proportion, in the root. There can be little doubt that tobacco owes its activity to this alkaloid,† which has also been criminally employed as a poison. (*N. Y. Jour. of Med.*, N. S., ix.) Nicotine has the remarkable property of resisting decomposition amid the decaying tissues of the body, and was detected by Orfila in the bodies of animals destroyed by it two or three months after their death. Prof. F. F. Mayer, of New York, has concluded from his experiments that nicotine is the active principle in all parts of the plant both before and after curing. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1865.)

Vohl and Eulenberg (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1872, p. 567) made an interesting analysis of tobacco-smoke. The smoke analyzed was from strong tobacco, containing 4 per cent. of nicotine.

* M. Liecke determines the proportion of nicotine in any specimen of tobacco as follows. He treats the dry leaves three times successively with water acidulated with sulphuric acid, and evaporates the liquid to the consistence of an extract. The extract is agitated with its volume of alcohol, and the tincture is filtered through paper previously washed with alcohol. It contains all the nicotine in the state of sulphate. After evaporating the alcohol, he decomposes the sulphate by caustic potassa in a distillatory apparatus of glass, which is heated gradually, by means of an oil-bath, to 260° C., and saturates the nicotine received by dilute sulphuric acid. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, Déc. 1867, p. 451.)

† M. Schloesing determined the nicotine by the following process. Tobacco is exhausted by boiling water, and the semi-solid extract obtained by evaporation shaken with twice its volume of alcohol of 36° B. Two layers form, of which the upper contains all the nicotine. This is decanted, most of the alcohol evaporated, and alcohol anew added in order to precipitate certain matters. The extract is treated with a concentrated solution of potassa, and, after cooling, is shaken with ether, which dissolves the nicotine. To the ethereal solution powdered oxalic acid is added, which unites with the nicotine and separates in the form of a syrupy mass. This, being washed with ether, treated with potassa, taken up by water, and distilled in a water-bath, yields the nicotine, which may be obtained pure by rectification in a current of hydrogen. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xii. 157.) Orfila, in his memoir on nicotine, states that Havana tobacco yields 2 per cent. of this alkaloid, Maryland 2·3 per cent., and Virginia 6·9 per cent. Laiblin's modification of Schloesing's process is as follows: "Coarsely-cut tobacco is digested for a day with cold water, and the mixture subsequently boiled by injection of superheated steam, filtered, and the residue pressed. The same series of operations is repeated, and the mixed filtrates are evaporated to one-third of their volume. A quantity of lime, one-tenth of the weight of the tobacco used, is now added, and the mixture distilled by a current of steam as long as nicotine (recognized by its odor) comes over. The distillate is exactly neutralized by oxalic acid, the amount used being noted, and evaporated to a thin syrup. The exact amount of potash necessary to neutralize the oxalic acid is now added, and the crude nicotine which separates is collected. The remaining liquid is exhausted with ether, and the nicotine thus extracted added to that first obtained. That portion of the crude base which distils over below 250° C. (482° F.) is converted into oxalate by adding powdered oxalic acid to its ethereal solution; and the purified oxalate, which separates as a syrup, after being washed with ether, is dissolved in water and again decomposed with potash as above. The product is finally heated to 110° C. (230° F.) for six hours by a paraffin-bath, and a slow stream of dry hydrogen passed through it to remove ammonia, ether, and water. The temperature is then gradually raised to 210° C. (410° F.), to complete the removal of the water, and on fractionally distilling the residue, pure nicotine comes over between 240° and 242° C. (464° and 467·6° F.). It must be preserved in sealed tubes. One centner (112 lbs.) of tobacco thus treated yielded 600 grammes of pure nicotine (= 1½ per cent.), besides impure base." (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1880.) Kirchmann's process may be found in *N. R.*, 1876, p. 328.

Notwithstanding this large proportion of nicotine, none of it was found in the smoke, the authors differing in their results from most previous observers, Zeise alone having as early as 1843 declared its non-existence. The authors ascribe the mistake of others to the existence in the smoke of certain products closely resembling nicotine in sensible and physiological properties, namely, the pyridine bases, which have a high boiling point, such as *parvoline*.

When cigars were smoked, certain gases were given off, which, when collected and examined, proved to be oxygen, nitrogen, carbonic acid, and marsh-gas. The smoke was drawn first through a potassa solution to collect acids, and then through dilute sulphuric acid to collect bases. With the potassa solution, an oily substance appeared on the surface, having an almost intolerable odor of tobacco-smoke, and from this was obtained, by distillation at a gradually increasing temperature, at first a liquid and oily product, and, at the temperature of 300° C. (572° F.), a substance which on cooling became a laminated mass. This, on being repeatedly crystallized from ether, assumed the appearance of pearly white scales, melting between 94° and 95° C. (201·2° and 203° F.), and of a higher boiling point than mercury. From these characters, as well as its percentage composition, this substance appears to be identical with the hydrocarbon ($C_{19}H_{18}$) discovered by Kraut. The oily distillate before this, having been purified by repeated treatment with potassa and sulphuric acid, had a sp. gr. 0·8 to 0·87, and from its percentage composition (92 or 93 C. and 8 or 7 H) appears to be a mixture of different hydrocarbons belonging to the benzene or some analogous series. The potassa solution, after the separation of the oils, yielded, under appropriate treatment, a large amount of gas, consisting of carbon dioxide and hydrogen cyanide and sulphide: consequently the statement that tobacco-smoke contains no cyanogen is a mistake. Upon a distillation of the potassa solution after the addition of sulphuric acid, several acids were found in the distillate,—viz., acetic, propionic, butyric, valerianic, and carbolic, with a portion of creosote, more doubtfully caproic, caprylic, and succinic acids. Only the sulphuric acid solution now remained for examination. From this, which had become dark-colored and thick on standing, a *dark-brown resin* was separated. By treatment with potassa, *ammoniacal vapors* escaped, and a *brown oil* with the odor of tobacco-smoke floated on the surface. From the residuary liquid, after distillation, saturation with caustic potassa, and redistillation, vapors escaped which proved to be *ammonium chloride*. After further treatment, for which we refer to the original, the oily residue was divided by fractional distillation, and the whole series of picoline bases, analogous to the aniline bases, were obtained. The identity of the following was determined by their boiling point, percentage composition, and the composition of the double platinum salt: *pyridine*, C_5H_5N, boiling point 115° to 116° C. (239° to 240·8° F.); *picoline*, C_6H_7N, boiling point 134° to 135° C. (273·2° to 275° F.); *lutidine*, C_7H_9N, boiling point 155° C. (311° F.); *collidine*, $C_8H_{11}N$, boiling point 171·5° C. (341° F.) (isomeric with xylidine); *parvoline*, $C_9H_{13}N$, boiling point 187° to 188° C. (368·6° to 370·4° F.) (isomeric with cumudine); *coridine*, $C_{10}H_{15}N$, boiling point 211° C. (411·8° F.); *rubidine*, $C_{11}H_{17}N$; and probably *viridine*, $C_{12}H_{19}N$, boiling point 251° C. (483·8° F.). No trace of *nicotine* was to be found. The authors experimented physiologically with only a mixture, of those boiling below 160° C. (320° F.), and of those boiling between 160° and 250° C. (320° and 482° F.); and these were found, like nicotine, to cause contraction of the pupil, dyspnœa, general convulsions, and death.

When distilled at a temperature above that of boiling water, tobacco affords an empyreumatic oil, which Mr. Brodie proved to be a most virulent poison. A single drop, injected into the rectum of a cat, occasioned death in about five minutes, and double the quantity, administered in the same manner to a dog, was followed by the same result. This oil is of a dark-brown color and an acrid taste, and has a very disagreeable odor, exactly resembling that of tobacco-pipes which have been much used. It has been stated to contain nicotine. (*Ann. de Chim. et de Phys.*, 3e sér., ix. 465.)

It is quite certain that tobacco-leaves undergo considerable chemical changes during the processes of curing and preparation for use. Thus, the characteristic odor of ordinary tobacco is entirely different from that of the fresh leaves, and must be owing to the generation of a new volatile principle. It has also been asserted that the proportion of nicotine in prepared tobacco is greater than in the fresh. It has even been made a question whether nicotine exists at all in the fresh growing leaves; but this question has been experimentally decided in the affirmative by Prof. Procter (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 300); and Prof. Mayer, of New York, has experimentally determined that the nicotine exists as largely in the plant before as after curing; indeed, he believes that it is somewhat diminished in the process, probably in part if not altogether by volatilization. (*Ibid.*, 1865.)

The distinguishing character of tobacco, as given in the Br. Pharmacopœia, is that when distilled with solution of potassa it yields an alkaline fluid having the peculiar odor of nicotine and giving precipitates with platinic chloride and tincture of galls.

Medical Properties and Uses. Tobacco is a powerful sedative poison, which is locally irritant. Snuffed up the nostrils, it excites violent sneezing and a copious secretion of mucus; chewed, it irritates the mucous membrane of the mouth and increases the flow of saliva; when injected into the rectum, it sometimes operates as a cathartic; and the alkaloid nicotine injected into the cellular tissue of animals evidently produces much pain. Moderately taken, it quiets restlessness, calms mental and corporeal inquietude, and produces a state of general languor or repose which has great charms for those habituated to the impression. In larger quantities, it gives rise to confusion of the head, vertigo, stupor, faintness, nausea, vomiting, and general depression of the nervous and circulatory functions, which, if increased, eventuates in alarming and even fatal prostration. The symptoms of its excessive action are severe retching, with the most distressing and continued nausea, great feebleness of pulse, coolness of the skin, fainting, and sometimes convulsions. We are singularly deficient in exact knowledge as to how these various symptoms are produced. In accordance with the experimental evidence at hand, the convulsions are spinal; and it seems well determined that the paralysis is due to a depressant action upon the motor nerve-trunks, which immediately after death are found to be inexcitable. How the circulatory phenomena are brought about is not clear, but it would appear that the heart-muscle is not itself directly affected, as Benham found that the direct application of the poison to the viscus does not arrest its pulsations.

The use of tobacco was adopted by the Spaniards from the American Indians. In the year 1560 it was introduced into France by the ambassador of that country at the court of Lisbon, whose name—Nicot—has been perpetuated in the generic title of the plant. Sir Walter Raleigh is said to have introduced the practice of smoking into England. In the various modes of smoking, chewing, and snuffing, the drug is now largely consumed in every country on the globe. It must have properties peculiarly adapted to the propensities of our nature, to have thus surmounted the first repugnance to its odor and taste and to have become the passion of so many millions. When employed in excess, it enfeebles digestion, produces emaciation and general debility, and lays the foundation of serious nervous disorders. The most common of these is undoubtedly disturbance of the innervation of the heart, with consequent palpitations and cardiac distress. Amaurosis and even color-blindness are occasionally produced, and even insanity has been ascribed to chronic tobacco poisoning. In many cases of "nervous break-down" attributed to overwork, the excessive use of tobacco has certainly been an important etiological factor. In the form of snuff, tobacco is sometimes so much contaminated with lead, in consequence of being kept in leaden boxes, as to produce the poisonous effects of that metal. In different kinds of snuff Dr. A. Vogel found from 0·014 to 1·025 per cent. of lead. (See *A. J. P.*, 1864, p. 422.)

Formerly much used as a relaxant, tobacco has been superseded by safer and more efficacious remedies, so that it is at present never employed in medicine, unless it be internally in *chronic asthma* and locally in *hemorrhoids* and in various spasmodic or painful affections. It should always be borne in mind that its active principle is absorbed readily by the skin, and that serious or even fatal poisoning may result from its too free application to the surface of the body. A case of death is on record, occurring in a child eight years old, in consequence of the application of the expressed juice of the leaves to the head, for the cure of *tinea capitis*. Death has also been produced by the inhalation of the smoke.*

From five to six grains (0·33–0·4 Gm.) of powdered tobacco will generally act as an emetic; but the remedy ought never to be used for such purpose.

TABELLÆ NITROGLYCERINI. Br. Tablets of Nitroglycerine.

(TĂ-BĔL'LÆ NĪ-TRŌ-GLĬÇ-Ē-RĪ'NĪ.)

"Tablets of chocolate each weighing two and a half grains and containing one-hundredth of a grain of pure nitroglycerine." *Br.* Each of these tablets contains a dose of the remedy. For the properties of nitroglycerin, see *Spiritus Glonoini*; also Part II.

* *Enema Tabaci. Br.* 1867. *Enema of Tobacco.* This preparation, though no longer official, is still occasionally used. "Take of Leaf Tobacco *twenty grains*; Boiling Water *eight fluidounces*. Infuse in a covered vessel, for half an hour, and strain." *Br.* The whole quantity is to be given at once.

TAMARINDUS. U. S., Br. Tamarind.

(TĂM-Ą-RĬN'DUS.)

"The preserved pulp of the fruit of Tamarindus Indica, Linné (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "The preserved pulp of the fruit of Tamarindus Indica, Linn." *Br.*

Pulpa Tamarindorum Cruda, s. Fructus Tamarindorum, *P. G.;* Tamarin, Tamarins, *Fr.;* Tamarinden, *G.;* Tamarindi, *It.;* Tamarindos, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. *Calyx* four-parted. *Petals* three. *Nectary* with two short bristles under the filaments. *Legume* filled with pulp. *Willd.*

Tamarindus indica. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 577; *B. & T.* 92. The tamarind tree is the only species of this genus. It rises to a great height, sends off numerous spreading branches, and has a beautiful appearance. The trunk is erect, thick, and covered with a rough, ash-colored bark. The leaves are alternate and pinnate, composed of many pairs of opposite leaflets, which are almost sessile, entire, oblong, obtuse, unequal at their base, about half an inch long by a sixth of an inch broad, and of a yellowish-green color. The flowers, which are in small lateral racemes, have a yellowish calyx, and yellow petals beautifully variegated with red veins. The fruit is a broad, compressed, reddish ash-colored pod, much curved, from two to six inches long, with numerous brown, flat, quadrangular seeds, contained in cells formed by a tough membrane. Exterior to this membrane is a light-colored acid pulpy matter, between which and the shell are several somewhat branched tough ligneous strings, running from the stem to the extremity of the pod, the attachment of which they serve to strengthen. The shells are fragile and easily separated. The tree appears to be a native of the East and West Indies, Egypt, and Arabia, though believed by some to have been imported into America. Dr. Barth, the African traveller, found it abundant in the interior of Africa. De Candolle is doubtful whether the East and West India trees are of the same species. It is stated by writers that the pods of the former are much larger than those of the latter, and have a greater number of seeds, the East India tamarinds containing six or seven, those from the West Indies rarely more than three or four; but this seems not to be correct.

Tamarinds are brought to us chiefly from the West Indies, where they are prepared by placing the pods, previously deprived of their shell, in layers in a cask, and pouring boiling syrup over them. A better mode, sometimes practised, is to place them in stone jars, with alternate layers of powdered sugar. They are said to be occasionally prepared in copper boilers. In the East Indies tamarinds are often prepared for market by stripping off the outer shell and pressing the pulpy interiors into a mass; sometimes they are packed as in the West Indies.

Properties. Fresh tamarinds, which are sometimes, though rarely, brought to this country, have an agreeable sour taste, without any mixture of sweetness. As we usually find them, in the preserved state, they form a dark-colored adhesive mass, consisting of syrup mixed with the pulp, membrane, strong somewhat branching fibres or strings, and seeds of the pod, and having a sweet acidulous taste. The brown, flattish, quadrangular seeds, each enclosed in a tough membrane, should be hard, clean, and not swollen, the strings tough and entire, and the smell without mustiness. "A piece of bright iron, left for thirty minutes in contact with the pulp previously somewhat diluted with water, should not exhibit any reddish deposit of *copper*." *U. S.* From the analysis of Vauquelin, it appears that in 100 parts of the pulp of tamarinds, independently of the sugar added to them, there are 9·40 parts of citric acid, 1·55 of tartaric acid, 0·45 of malic acid, 3·25 of potassium bitartrate, 4·70 of gum, 6·25 of jelly, 34·35 of parenchymatous matter, and 27·55 of water. K. Müller (*Pharm. Centralh.*, 1882), after analyzing nine commercial varieties, states that only traces of citric and malic acids are present, but that tartaric acid and acid potassium tartrate are present in considerable amount. It is said that copper may sometimes be detected in preserved tamarinds, derived from the boilers in which they are occasionally prepared. Its presence may be ascertained by the reddish coat which it imparts to the blade of a knife immersed in the tamarinds.

Medical Properties and Uses. Tamarinds are laxative and refrigerant, and infused in water form a highly grateful drink in febrile diseases. Convalescents often find the pulp a pleasant addition to their diet, and useful by preserving the bowels in a loose condition. It is sometimes prescribed in connection with other mild cathartics, and is one of the ingredients in the confection of senna. Though frequently given with infusion of senna to cover its taste, it is said to weaken its purgative power; and the same observation has been made of its influence upon the resinous cathartics in general. From a drachm to an ounce (3·9–31·1 Gm.) or more may be taken at a dose.

TANACETUM. U.S. Tansy.

(TĂN-Ą-CĒ'TŬM.)

"The leaves and tops of Tanacetum vulgare, Linné (nat. ord. Compositæ)." *U. S.*

Summitates Tanaceti; Herbe aux Vers, Tanaisie, *Fr.;* Gemeiner Rainfarn, Wurmkraut, *G.;* Tanaceto, *It., Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Receptacle naked. *Pappus* somewhat emarginate. *Calyx* imbricate, hemispherical. *Corolla* rays obsolete, trifid. *Willd.*

Tanacetum vulgare. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1814; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 66, t. 27. This is a perennial herbaceous plant, rising two or three feet in height. The stems are strong, erect, obscurely hexagonal, striated, often reddish, branched towards the summit, and furnished with alternate, doubly pinnatifid leaves, the divisions of which are notched or deeply serrate. The flowers are yellow, and in dense terminal corymbs. Each flower is composed of numerous florets, of which those constituting the disk are perfect and five-cleft, those of the ray very few, pistillate, and trifid. The calyx consists of small, imbricated, lanceolate leaflets, having a dry scaly margin. The seeds are small, oblong, with five or six ribs, and crowned with a membranous pappus.

Tansy is cultivated in our gardens, and grows wild in the roads and in old fields, but was introduced from Europe, where it is indigenous. It is in flower from July to September. There is a variety of the plant with curled leaves, which is said to be more grateful to the stomach than that above described, but has less of the peculiar sensible properties of the herb, and is probably less active.

Properties. "Leaves about 15 Cm. [six inches] long; bipinnatifid, the segments oblong, obtuse, serrate or incised, smooth, dark green, and glandular; flower-heads corymbose, with an imbricated involucre, a convex, naked receptacle, and numerous yellow, tubular florets." *U. S.* The odor is strong, peculiar, and fragrant, but much diminished by drying; the taste is warm, bitter, somewhat acrid, and aromatic. These properties are imparted to water and alcohol. According to Leppig (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1882), both the flowers and the leaves contain the following constituents: *tanacetin*, tannic acid (*tanacetum-tannic acid*), traces of gallic acid, volatile oil, a wax-like substance, albuminoids, tartaric, citric, and malic acids, traces of oxalic acid, a lævogyrate sugar, resin, metarabic acid, pararabin, and woody fibre. Of these the most important are the bitter principle *tanacetin*, to which Leppig gives the formula $C_{11}H_{16}O_4$, a compound first discovered by Homolle (1845), the tannic acid, to which he gives the formula $C_{23}H_{29}O_{31}$, and the volatile oil, of which the flowers yielded 1·49 per cent. and the leaves 0·66 per cent. The *tanacetic acid* of Peschier he considers to be impure malic acid, an opinion shared by Husemann. (*Pflanzenstoffe*, 2d ed., 1884, p. 1531.) The bitter principle tanacetin forms a very hygroscopic brownish amorphous mass, easily soluble in alcohol and in water, insoluble in ether. It possesses a taste at first characteristically bitter like willow bark, and then cooling and caustic. The essential oil has been investigated by Bruylants (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xi. p. 449), who finds it to consist of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 155°–160° C., of which 1 per cent. only is present, an aldehyde, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, boiling at 195°–196° C., of which 70 per cent. was obtained, and an alcohol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, boiling at 203°–205° C., of which 26 per cent. was present. Semmler (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xxv. pp. 3343, 3352, 3513) has specially investigated the constituent boiling at 195° C. and having the composition $C_{10}H_{16}O$. He finds it to be not an aldehyde, but a ketone, and calls it *tanacetone*. It is identical with the ketone found in sage oil, wormwood oil, and thuja oil. As it was first identified in this last-named oil by Wallach and named by him *thujone*, this name is now applied to it to the exclusion of the other. (See, also, *Schimmel's Report*, April, 1893, pp. 63 and 64.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Tansy adds to the medical properties of the aromatic bitters those of an irritant narcotic. It has been recommended in *intermittents*, *hysteria*, and *amenorrhœa*, but in this country is little employed in regular practice. The seeds are said to be most effectual as a vermifuge. The dose of the powder is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.) two or three times a day; but the infusion is more frequently administered. Tansy has been used to a considerable extent as a domestic abortifacient, but is not only very uncertain but also very dangerous in its action, and has in various cases produced death. The symptoms caused by it have been abdominal pain, vomiting, violent epileptic convulsions often followed by profound coma, dilated pupils, great disturbances of respiration, frequent and feeble pulse, and death, which has been said to be from heart-failure, but is probably the outcome of a paralytic asphyxia. The minimum fatal dose can scarcely be considered to have been positively ascertained, but a drachm of the oil is said to have caused death, though half an ounce has been recovered from. Tansy tea has also caused death. (For cases, see *Amer. Jour. Med. Sci.*,

xvi., xxiii., xxiv.; *Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1870; also H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics.*) Post-mortems have been reported in which no inflammation of the gastro-intestinal mucous membranes could be discovered.

TARAXACUM. U. S. (Br.) Taraxacum. [Dandelion.]

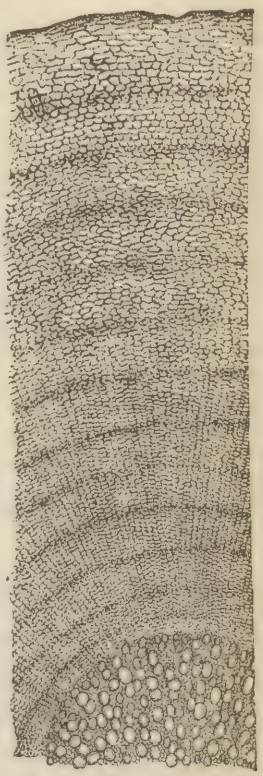
(TĂ-RĂX'Ă-CŬM.)

"The root of Taraxacum officinale, Weber (nat. ord. Compositæ), gathered in autumn." *U. S.* "The fresh and dried roots of Taraxacum officinale, Wiggers (Taraxacum Dens-leonis, Desf.). Collected in the autumn from indigenous plants." *Br.*

Taraxaci Radix, *Br.;* Dandelion Root; Pissenlit, Dent de Lion, *Fr.;* Löwenzahn, *G.;* Tarassaco, *It.;* Diente de Leon, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Receptacle naked. *Calyx* double. *Seed-down* stipitate, hairy. *Willd.*

Taraxacum taraxacum. Linné. *Leontodon taraxacum.* Linné, 1753.—*Taraxacum dens-leonis.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* vii. 145.—*Taraxacum officinale.* Wiggers. *B. & T.* 159. The dandelion is an herbaceous plant, with a perennial fusiform root. The leaves, which spring immediately from the root, are long, pinnatifid, generally runcinate, with the divisions toothed, smooth, and of a fine green color. The common name of the plant was derived from the fancied resemblance of its leaves to the teeth of a lion. The flower-stem rises from the midst of the leaves, six inches or more in height. It is erect, simple, naked, smooth, hollow, fragile, and terminated by a large golden-colored flower, which closes in the evening and expands with the returning light of the sun. The calyx is smooth and double, with the outer scales bent downwards. The florets are very numerous, ligulate, and toothed at their extremities. The receptacle is convex and punctured. The seed-down is stipitate, and at the period of maturity is disposed in a spherical form and is so light and feathery as to be easily borne away by the wind, with the seeds attached.



Section of Taraxacum root. (After Berg.)

This species of Leontodon grows spontaneously in widely-separated parts of the globe. It is abundant in this country, adorning our grass-plats and pasture-grounds with its bright yellow flowers, which, in moist places, show themselves with the first opening of spring and continue to appear till near the close of summer. In India the plant is cultivated in various parts of the country, and its root collected for use between the months of September and February. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1871, p. 523.) All parts of the plant contain a milky bitterish juice, which exudes when they are broken or wounded. The leaves, when very young and blanched by the absence of light during their growth, are tender and not unpleasant to the taste, and are sometimes used as a salad. When older and of their natural color, they are medicinal. The Pharmacopœias recognize only the root, which is by far the most efficacious part. It should be full grown when collected, and should be employed in the recent state, as it is then most active. It does not however, as stated by Duncan, lose nearly all its bitterness by drying; and the root dug up in the warmer seasons might, if dried with care, be employed with propriety in the succeeding winter. The juice of the root is thin and watery in the spring; milky, bitter, and spontaneously coagulable in the latter part of summer and autumn; and sweet and less bitter in the winter when affected by the frost. The months of July, August, and September are, therefore, the proper periods for collecting it.

Mr. Henry Barton, of Brighton, England, prepares the juice from the flower-stalks by crushing and pressure, adding 25 per cent. of spirit, and, after allowing it to stand for some weeks in glass bottles, filters to separate a very small quantity of deposit, and sets aside for use. According to Mr. Barton, it remains bright, and retains its characteristic taste. Though not so rich in solid constituents as the juice of the root, yet, having an equal bitterness, it is probably not less efficacious as a medicine, if it be true, as stated by Prof. Bentley, that the efficacy of the medicine does not depend solely on the amount of its solid constituents, but principally

if not entirely on the bitter principle it contains. Mr. Barton states that it is certainly one of the best preparations of taraxacum. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 509.)

The fresh full-grown root of the dandelion is several inches in length, as thick as the little finger or thicker, round and tapering, somewhat branched, of a light brown color externally, whitish within, having a yellowish ligneous cord running through its centre, and abounding in a milky juice. In the dried state it is dark brown, much shrunk, wrinkled longitudinally, brittle, and when broken presents a shining somewhat resinous fracture. A transverse section exhibits an exterior cortical portion, thick, spongy, whitish, and marked with concentric rings, and a smaller central portion, ligneous and yellow; though in very old roots the latter is sometimes wanting. It is without smell, but has a sweetish, mucilaginous, bitterish, herbaceous taste. It should be free from the root of *Cichorium intybus* (Linné), which closely resembles it, but is usually paler, more bitter, and has the milk-vessels in radiating lines. Contrary to the general statement, that taraxacum root contains a central wood-cylinder without any pith, Prof. Jos. Schrenk states that he has found a distinct pith in a very large number of roots taken from commercial samples of taraxacum. From ten to fifteen fibro-vascular bundles surrounded by parenchyma-tissue include the pith, the diameter of which in some instances exceeds the thickness of the woody zone several times. In other respects the structure of the root was normal, the concentric arrangement of the laticiferous ducts in particular excluding any possibility of mistaking the specimens for chicory, etc. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1887, p. 2.) Its active properties are yielded to water by boiling, and do not appear to be injured in the process. Dragendorff obtained from the root gathered in October and dried at 100° C. (212° F.) 24 per cent. of *inulin* and some sugar. The root gathered in March from the same place yielded 1·74 per cent. of inulin, 17 of uncrystallizable sugar, and 18·7 of *levulin*. This last-named substance, discovered by Dragendorff, has the same composition as inulin, but dissolves in cold water, and is devoid of any rotatory power. Mannite, which has been found in the infusion of the root, has been demonstrated by the Messrs. Smith, of Edinburgh, not to pre-exist in the root, but to be formed by spontaneous changes consequent on exposure. A crystallizable principle has been extracted from the juice of the root by M. Pollex, who has named it *taraxacin*. It is bitter and somewhat acrid, fusible but not volatile, sparingly soluble in cold water, but very soluble in boiling water, alcohol, and ether. It is obtained by boiling the milky juice in distilled water, filtering the concentrated liquor, and allowing it to evaporate spontaneously in a warm place. The taraxacin crystallizes, and may be purified by repeated solution and crystallization in alcohol or water. Kromayer (*Arch. d. Pharm.* (2), cv. 6) also obtained taraxacin, and, in addition, a second crystalline principle, *taraxacerin*, $C_8H_{16}O$, insoluble in water, but soluble in alcohol. According to Vogel, the intra-cellular substance of the root consists chiefly of pectose, which is the result of a metamorphosis of the substance constituting the membrane of the cells.

The roots of various plants have been largely substituted for dandelion in England and on the Continent by the herb-gatherers; and we are informed that fraudulent substitution is not unfrequent, in this country, of the root of *Cichorium intybus*, or *chicory*. It is rare to find chicory mixed with dandelion, the former being usually boldly substituted for the latter.

Medical Properties and Uses. Taraxacum is slightly tonic, diuretic, and aperient, and is thought to have a specific action upon the liver, exciting it when languid to secretion, and resolving its chronic engorgements. It has been much employed in Germany, and is a popular remedy with many practitioners in this country. The diseases to which it appears to be especially applicable are those connected with derangement of the hepatic apparatus and of the digestive organs generally. Professor George B. Wood had confidence in it in the treatment of *chronic congestion* and *inflammation of the liver and spleen*, provided that there was no irritation or inflammation of the gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. He was accustomed to combine with it potassium bitartrate and aromatics when an aperient effect was desired. The dried root is sometimes mixed, in powder, with ground coffee, the taste of which covers that of the dandelion. It is also used as a substitute for coffee, being powdered and roasted and then prepared in the same manner.

TEREBENUM. U. S. Terebene.

$C_{10}H_{16}$; 135·7. (TĔR-Ē-BĒ'NŬM.)

"A liquid consisting chiefly of Pinene, and containing not more than very small proportions of Terpinene and Dipentene. Terebene should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, protected from light." *U. S.*

This is a substance which is produced by the action of sulphuric acid upon oil of turpentine. The sulphuric acid must be added gradually to the cooled oil of turpentine, in the proportion of one part of acid to twenty parts of oil, and after a day's standing the mixture is heated to boiling. After cooling, the oily layer is removed, freed from acid by calcium carbonate, and rectified. The terebene so obtained boils at 156° C., is optically inactive and of rather pleasant odor. Some cymol is always produced at the same time, and by continued action of the acid the terebene is said to be entirely converted into cymol and colophene. Jayne and Chase, however, from a study of a number of samples of commercial terebenes (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 65), conclude that the boiling point of the true terebene is much higher, 173°–180° C. They found an inactive camphor, boiling at about 200° C. (probably *borneol*), to be formed also, and the residue left on rectifying was principally *colophene*. Terebene is officially described as "a colorless or slightly yellowish, thin liquid, having a rather agreeable, thyme-like odor, and an aromatic, somewhat terebinthinate taste. Specific gravity, about 0·862 at 15° C. (59° F.). Only slightly soluble in water, but soluble in an equal volume of alcohol, glacial acetic acid, or carbon disulphide. It boils at 156° to 160° C. (312·8° to 320° F.). On exposure to light and air, Terebene gradually becomes resinified, and acquires an acid reaction. In its chemical properties it resembles oil of turpentine. Terebene should possess its characteristic agreeable odor, should not redden moistened blue litmus paper (absence of *acids*), and should not have more than a very slight action on polarized light (limit of *unaltered oil of turpentine*). When evaporated, it should not leave more than a very slight residue (absence of more than traces of *resinous matters*)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Terebene is a valuable stimulant expectorant, first recommended by Dr. William Murrell (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Dec. 1885), in that form of *chronic bronchitis* often known as winter cough. It is very useful not only in cases of chronic bronchitis, but also in the *acute* disease, after the earlier stages have passed by. It is nearly equivalent to the oil of eucalyptus, but is a little more stimulating. It probably exerts upon other mucous membrane the same action that it does upon that of the lungs, and it has been employed with asserted good results in *dyspepsia*, especially in the flatulent intestinal variety, and may be used in chronic or subacute inflammation of the genito-urinary tract. Its action upon the general system has not been investigated, but probably resembles that of oil of turpentine. It may be given in emulsion, or, preferably, in capsules. From twenty to sixty minims (1·2–3·7 C.c.) of it may be given to the adult in the course of twenty-four hours, and increased, if necessary. It has also been used by atomization, with asserted good results. Dr. Murrell (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, July 24, 1884) states that terebene is an active antiseptic and germicide, one part in four hundred and fifty being able to keep in check the action of the yeast plant, and one part in five hundred having a very perceptible influence on the development of bacilli and paramœcia.

TEREBINTHINA. U. S. (Br.) Turpentine.

(TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĮ-NĄ.)

"A concrete oleoresin obtained from Pinus palustris, Miller, and from other species of Pinus (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "The concrete turpentine which is scraped off the trunks of Pinus australis, Mich. (Pinus palustris, Mill.), and Pinus Tæda, Linn." *Br.*

Thus Americanum, *Br.;* Common Frankincense; Terebinthina Communis; Crude Turpentine; Térébenthine commune, *Fr.;* Gemeiner Terpentin, *G.*

TEREBINTHINA CANADENSIS. U. S., Br. Canada Turpentine.

[Canada Balsam, Balsam of Fir.]

(TĔR-Ē-BĬN'THĮ-NĄ CĂN-Ą-DĔN'SĮS.)

"A liquid oleoresin obtained from Abies balsamea (Linné), Miller (nat. ord. Coniferæ)." *U. S.* "The turpentine obtained by puncturing or incising the bark of the trunk and branches of Pinus balsamea, Linn. (Abies balsamea, Mill.)." *Br.*

Balsamum Canadense; Térébenthine de Canada, Baume de Canada, Térébenthine, *Fr.;* Terpentin, Canadischer Terpentin, *G.;* Trementina, *It., Sp.*

The term *turpentine* is usually applied to certain vegetable juices, liquid or concrete, which consist of resin combined with a peculiar essential oil, called *oil of turpentine*. They are generally procured from different species of pine, fir, or larch, though other trees afford products which are known by the same general title, as, for instance, *Pistacia terebinthus*, which yields the Chian turpentine. Some French writers extend the name of turpentine to other juices consisting of resin and essential oil, without benzoic or cinnamic acid, as copaiba, balm of

Gilead, etc. We shall describe particularly, in this place, only the turpentines which are either now official or have but recently ceased to be so. A brief botanical view of the plants from which they are respectively derived will be in accordance with the plan of this work. It is proper first to observe that the original genus Pinus of Linnæus has been divided into the three genera Pinus, Abies, and Larix, which are now very generally recognized, though Lindley unites the two latter in his *Flora Medica.*

PINUS. *Gen. Ch. Flowers* monœcious. MALES. *Catkins* racemose, compact, and terminal; squamose; the scales staminiferous at the apex. *Stamens* two; the *anthers* one-celled. FEMALES. *Catkins* or *cones* simple, imbricated with acuminate scales. *Ovaries* two. *Stigmas* glandular. *Scales* of the cone oblong, club-shaped, woody; umbilicato-angular at the apex. *Seeds* in pairs, covered with a sharp-pointed membrane. *Cotyledons* digitate-partite. *Leaves* two or many in the same sheath. (*Pereira's Mat. Med.;* from *Bot. Gall.*)

1. *Pinus palustris.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 499.—*P. australis.* Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva,* iii. 133; *B. & T.* 258. "Leaves in threes, very long; stipules pinnatifid, ramentaceous, persistent; strobiles subcylindrical, armed with sharp prickles."

This is a very large indigenous tree, growing in dry, sandy soils, from the southern part of Virginia to the Gulf of Mexico. Its mean elevation is sixty or seventy feet, and the diameter of its trunk about fifteen or eighteen inches for two-thirds of this height. The leaves are about a foot in length, of a brilliant green color, and united in bunches at the ends of the branches. The names by which the tree is known in the Southern States are *long-leaved pine, yellow pine,* and *pitch pine;* but the first is the most appropriate, as the last two are applied also to other species. This tree furnishes by far the greater proportion of the turpentine, tar, etc., consumed in or exported from the United States. (See *Pix Liquida.*)

2. *Pinus tæda.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 498; Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva,* iii. 156; *B. & T.* 259. "Leaves in threes, elongated, with elongated sheaths; strobiles oblong conical, deflexed, shorter than the leaf; spines inflexed."

This is the *loblolly* or *old field pine* of the Southern States. It is abundant in Virginia, where it occupies the lands exhausted by cultivation. It exceeds eighty feet in height, has a trunk two or three feet in diameter, and expands into a wide spreading top. The leaves are about six inches long, and of a light green color. It yields turpentine in abundance, but less fluid than that which flows from the preceding species.

3. *Pinus sylvestris.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 494; Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva,* iii. p. 125; *B. & T.* 257. "Leaves in pairs, rigid; strobiles ovate-conical, of the length of the leaves; scales echinate."

This tree, when of full size, is eighty feet high, with a trunk four or five feet in diameter. It inhabits the northern and mountainous parts of Europe. In Great Britain it is called the *wild pine* or *Scotch fir,*—the latter name being due to its abundance on the mountains of Scotland. It yields a considerable proportion of the common European turpentine.

Besides the pines above described, various others yield medicinal products. *Pinus maritima* (*P. pinaster* of Aiton and Lambert), growing in the southern and maritime parts of Europe, yields much of the turpentine, pitch, and tar consumed in France, and is admitted among the official plants in the French Codex. From the branches of *Pinus pumilio,* which inhabits the mountains of eastern and southeastern Europe, a terebinthinate juice exudes spontaneously, called *Hungarian balsam. Pinus cembra,* or the *Siberian stone-pine* of the Alps and Carpathian Mountains, is said to afford the product called *Carpathian balsam;* and the seeds both of that species and of *Pinus pinea,* or *stone-pine* of the south of Europe and north of Africa, are used in Europe in desserts, under the name of *pine nuts. Pinus lambertiana,* of California, produces by exudation a saccharine matter which has been found to contain a peculiar sweet principle called *pinit.* (*Comptes-Rendus,* Sept. 1855.) Still another species, *Pinus sabiniana,* Dougl., indigenous in California, where it inhabits the sides of the foot-hills of the Sierra Nevada ranges, and known as the *nut-pine* or *digger pine,* because the fruit, which is an edible nut, is largely consumed by the Digger Indians, yields, on being notched, a terebinthinate exudation, which is largely distilled for the sake of its volatile oil, extensively used in California under the name of *abietene** and other less appropriate designations. The *Pinus rigida,* or *pitch pine* of this country, and probably others besides those mentioned, are sometimes employed in the preparation of tar.

* Commercial abietene resembles in appearance commercial oil of turpentine, but has a peculiar orange-like fragrance and a mild terebinthinate taste, probably due to traces in it of resin or other impurity. Its appearance suggests that its medical properties are similar to those of turpentine, but (see Part I., page 972) its chemical constituent is practically identical with that of petroleum oil of about 150° fire-test.

ABIES. See *Pix Burgundica.*

Abies balsamea. Lindley, *Flor. Med.* p. 554.—*A. balsamifera.* Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva*, iii. 191.—*Pinus balsamea.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 504. "Leaves solitary, flat, emarginate or entire, glaucose beneath, somewhat pectinate, sub-erect above, recurved spreading; cones cylindrical, erect; bracts abbreviate, obovate, conspicuously mucronate, sub-serrulate.

This is the *American silver fir*, or *balm of Gilead tree*, inhabiting Canada, Nova Scotia, Maine, and the mountainous regions farther south. It is an elegant tree, seldom rising more than forty feet, with a tapering trunk, and numerous branches, which diminish in length in proportion to their height and form an almost perfect pyramid. The leaves are six or eight lines long, inserted in rows on the sides and tops of the branches, narrow, flat, rigid, bright green on their upper surface, and of a silvery whiteness beneath. The cones are large, erect, nearly cylindrical, of a purplish color, and covered with a resinous exudation, which gives them a glossy, rich, and beautiful appearance. It is from this tree that the *Canada balsam* is obtained.

Several other species of Abies are official. *Abies excelsa* of Europe and *A. canadensis* of the United States have already been described as the sources respectively of Burgundy and Canada pitch. (See *Pix Burgundica* and *Pix Canadensis.*) The *A. picea* (*Abies pectinata* of De Candolle, *A. taxifolia* of the French Codex, *Pinus picea* of Linnæus), or *European silver fir*, growing in the mountainous regions of Switzerland, Germany, and Siberia, yields the *Strasburg turpentine*, which is much used in some parts of Europe. By the distillation of its cones with water it also affords a variety of oil of turpentine called in France *essence de terebenthine.* The *Abies nigra* (*Pinus nigra*), or *black spruce* of this country, yields a product which, though not recognized by the Pharmacopœia, is considerably employed. The substance alluded to is the *essence of spruce*, prepared from the young branches by boiling them in water and evaporating the decoction. It is a thick liquid, having the color and consistence of molasses, with a bitterish, acidulous, astringent taste. It is used in the preparation of the beverage commonly known by the name of *spruce beer*, which is a pleasant and wholesome drink in summer, and useful in long sea-voyages as a preventive of scurvy.*

LARIX. *Gen. Ch.* As in Abies, except that the *cotyledons* are simple, and never lobed; the *cones* lateral; the *leaves*, when first expanding, in tufted fascicles, becoming somewhat solitary by the elongation of the new branch.

Larix europæa. De Cand. *Flor. Fr.* 2064.—*Abies larix.* Lamb. *Illust.* t. 785, f. 2.—*Pinus larix.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 503; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 7, t. 4. "Leaves fascicled, deciduous; cones ovate-oblong; margins of the scales reflexed, lacerated; bracts panduriform."

The *European larch* is a large tree, inhabiting the mountains of Siberia, Switzerland, Germany, and the east of France. It yields the *Venice turpentine* of commerce, and a peculiar sweetish substance called in France *Briançon manna*, which exudes spontaneously and concretes upon its bark. When the larch forests of Russia take fire, a juice exudes from the trunk during their combustion, which concretes and is called *Orenburg gum.* It is wholly soluble in water.†

In Japan, the exudation from the *Pinus densiflora* and that from the *Pinus thunbergii* are used under the respective names of *akamatsu* and *kuromatsu.* They are said to contain about 18 per cent. of oil and 81 per cent. of resin. The distilled oil is bright and colorless, having an odor somewhat different from that of the European oil of turpentine. It boils at 155° to 156° C., and has a specific gravity of a little under 0·87. Its index of polarization is 55° to 61° (right). The resin cannot be distinguished from the European.

* The following is the formula. Take of essence of spruce *half a pint;* pimenta bruised, ginger bruised, hops, each, *four ounces;* water *three gallons.* Boil for five or ten minutes; then strain, and add of warm water *eleven gallons;* yeast *a pint;* molasses *six pints.* Mix, and allow the mixture to ferment for twenty-four hours.

† *Coniferin.* This name has been given to a principle discovered by M. Hartig in the cambium of several of the Coniferæ. The species in which it has been found are *Pinus strobus* and *P. cembra, Abies excelsa* and *A. pectinata,* and *Larix europæa;* and it probably exists in many others. It is obtained by removing the outer bark, scraping the cambium from the surface of the wood, subjecting this to pressure, boiling the viscid juice to coagulate the albumen, filtering, and evaporating the filtered liquid to one-fifth of its volume. The coniferin is deposited in crystals. The mother-water is very sweet, and contains a saccharine substance closely allied to cane sugar. The crystals are purified by dissolving them in water, decolorizing by animal charcoal, and finally crystallizing from weak alcohol. Coniferin was chemically examined by M. W. Kubel, and later by Tiemann and Haarmann, who proved that it is a glucoside and as crystallized from the juice has the composition $C_{16}H_{22}O_8 + 2H_2O$. When treated with dilute acids or ferments it is decomposed as follows: $C_{16}H_{22}O_8 + H_2O = C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_{10}H_{12}O_3$. When this latter compound is oxidized (or coniferin itself) by bichromate of potassium and sulphuric acid, *vanillin* is obtained, $C_6H_3(OH)\begin{cases} OCH_3 \\ CHO \end{cases}$. Vanillin has been thus made commercially, but is now made preferably from the eugenol of oil of cloves or from benzoin.

PISTACIA. See *Mastiche.*

Pistacia terebinthus. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 752; Woodv. *Med. Bot.* p. 29, t. 12. This is a small tree with numerous spreading branches, bearing alternate, pinnate leaves, which consist of three or four pairs of ovate-lanceolate, entire, acute, smooth, and shining leaflets, with an odd one at the end. The male and female flowers are diœcious, small, and in branching racemes. It is a native of Barbary and Greece, and flourishes in the islands of Cyprus and Chio, the latter of which has given its name to the *Chian turpentine* obtained from the tree. A gall produced upon this plant by the puncture of an insect has been used in Eastern Europe in pectoral affections.

We shall treat of the several varieties of turpentine under distinct heads.

1. WHITE TURPENTINE.

Terebinthina, *U. S.;* Thus Americanum, *Br.;* Common Frankincense; Térébenthine de Boston, *Fr.*

In former times, large quantities were collected in New England; but the turpentine trees of that section of the Union have long been entirely exhausted, and our commerce has been until recently almost exclusively supplied from North Carolina and the southeastern parts of Virginia. Within a few years, however, attention has been turned to the collection of this valuable product in Georgia and Florida; and there is no doubt that, in time, an abundant supply will be derived from the vast pine forests which occupy the southern portion of our country bordering on the Gulf of Mexico. During the winter, deep notches or excavations of the capacity of about three pints are made in the trunk of the tree three or four inches from the ground, and for about three feet above these so-called "boxes" the tree is deprived of its bark and some of the wood scraped off. Into these the juice or "crude" begins to flow about the middle of March, and continues to flow throughout the warm season, slowly at first, rapidly in the middle of summer, and more slowly again in the autumn, the tree being scraped every eight or ten days to prevent clogging. The liquid is removed from the "boxes" as they fill, and transferred into casks, where, if left, it gradually thickens, and ultimately acquires a soft solid consistence; but most of it is separated at once by distillation into the rosin and the volatile oil.

White turpentine, as found in commerce, is yellowish white, of a peculiar somewhat aromatic odor, and a warm, pungent, bitterish taste. It is somewhat translucent, and of a consistence varying with the temperature. In the middle of summer it is almost semi-fluid and very adhesive, though brittle; in the winter it is often so firm and hard as to be incapable of being made into pills without heat. "In yellowish, opaque, tough masses, brittle in the cold, crumbly-crystalline in the interior, of a terebinthinate odor and taste. The alcoholic solution has an acid reaction." *U. S.* Exposed to the air it ultimately becomes perfectly hard and dry. In the recent state it affords about 17 per cent. of volatile oil. It is apt to contain small pieces of bark, wood, or other impurity.

2. COMMON EUROPEAN TURPENTINE.

Térébenthine de Bordeaux, Térébenthine commune, *Fr.;* Gemeiner Terpentin, *G.;* Trementina commune, *It.;* Trementina comun, *Sp.*

This is the *Terebinthina vulgaris* of the former London Pharmacopœia. It is furnished by several species of pine, but chiefly by *P. sylvestris* and *P. maritima.* From the latter tree it is obtained largely in the maritime districts of the southwest of France, especially in the department of the Landes, and is exported from Bordeaux. Hence it is called in commerce *Bordeaux turpentine.* It is procured by making incisions into the trunk, or removing portions of the bark, and receiving the juice which flows out in small troughs, or in holes dug at the foot of the tree. It is purified by heating, and filtering it through straw, or by exposing it to the sun in a barrel, through holes in the bottom of which the melted turpentine escapes. Thus prepared, it is whitish, turbid, thickish, and separates, upon standing, into two parts, one liquid and transparent, the other of a consistence and appearance like that of thickened honey. As found in European commerce, it often consists wholly of this latter portion. It speedily hardens on exposure in thin layers to the air. The most liquid specimens are completely solidified by the addition of one part of magnesia to thirty-two parts of the turpentine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 499.) It is scarcely ever given internally, but furnishes large quantities of oil of turpentine and resin. We do not import it into this country. The substance which the French call *galipot*, or *barras*, is that portion of the turpentine which concretes upon the trunk of the tree when wounded, and is removed during the winter. (*Thénard.*) This, when purified by melting with water and straining, takes the name of *yellow* or *white pitch*, or

Burgundy pitch. When turpentine, whether the European or the American, has been deprived of its oil by distillation, the resin which remains is called *rosin*, and sometimes *colophony*, from the Ionian city of Colophon, where it was formerly prepared. It is the official resin (*resina*), and is sometimes called yellow resin (*resina flava*). White resin (*resina alba*) is prepared by incorporating this, while in fusion, with a certain proportion of water. (See *Resina.*) Tar (*pix liquida*) is the turpentine extracted from the wood by slow combustion and chemically altered by heat. Common pitch (*pix nigra*, or *resina nigra*) is the solid residue left after the evaporation by boiling of the liquid parts of tar.

3. Canada Turpentine.

Baume de Canada, *Fr.;* Canadischer Balsam, Canadischer Terpentin, *G.;* Trementina del Canada, *It.*

Terebinthina Canadensis, U. S., Br., is collected in Canada and the State of Maine from the *Abies balsamea*, by breaking the vesicles which naturally form upon the trunk and branches, and receiving their liquid contents in a bottle. "A yellowish or faintly greenish, transparent, viscid liquid, of an agreeable, terebinthinate odor, and a bitterish, slightly acrid taste. When exposed to the air, it gradually dries, forming a transparent mass. It is completely soluble in ether, chloroform, or benzol." *U. S.* By time and exposure it becomes thicker and more yellow, and finally solid. It is usually brought into market in bottles under the name of *Canada balsam*, or *balsam of fir.* Under the microscope the hard balsam is entirely free from any granular or crystalline structure. In Europe, it is sometimes called *balm of Gilead*, from its supposed resemblance to that celebrated medicine. The term *balsam*, as at present understood, is improperly applied to it, as it contains no benzoic or cinnamic acid, and is in fact a true turpentine, consisting chiefly of resin and volatile oil. Bonastre obtained from 100 parts of Canada turpentine 18·6 parts of volatile oil, 40·0 of resin easily dissolved by alcohol, 33·4 of sub-resin of difficult solubility in that fluid, 4·0 of caoutchouc similar to sub-resin, and 4·9 of bitter extractive and salts, besides traces of acetic acid. Flückiger found in 100 parts 24 parts of an essential oil, $C_{10}H_{16}$, with a very small proportion of an oxygenated oil, 60 parts of a resin soluble in boiling alcohol, and 16 parts of a resin soluble only in ether. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 614.) The chief distinction between it and *Strasburg turpentine*, which is sometimes sold for it in commerce, is to be found in the odor.

4. Venice Turpentine.

Térébenthine de Mélèze, Térébenthine de Venise, *Fr.;* Venetianischer Terpentin, *G.;* Trementina di Venezia, *It.;* Trementina de Venecia, *Sp.*

This turpentine was named from the circumstance that it was formerly an extensive article of Venetian commerce. It is procured in Switzerland, and in the French province of Dauphiny, from the *Larix europæa*, or larch, which grows abundantly upon the Alps and the Jura Mountains. The peasants bore holes into the trunk about two feet from the ground, and conduct the juice by means of wooden gutters into small tubs placed at a convenient distance. It is afterwards purified by filtration through a leather sieve. Genuine Venice turpentine is a viscid liquid, of the consistence of honey, flowing with difficulty, cloudy or imperfectly transparent, yellowish or slightly greenish, of a strong not disagreeable odor, and a warm, bitterish, and acrid taste. It does not readily concrete on exposure, is not solidified by one-sixteenth of magnesia, and is entirely soluble in alcohol. (Guibourt, *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 500.) It yields on an average 15 per cent. of essential oil, of the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$, which has been found to be nearly pure *pinene.* The residual resin is soluble in two parts of warm alcohol of 75 per cent., and more copiously in absolute alcohol. What is sold under the name of Venice turpentine, in commerce, is usually quite brown, and is a factitious substance, prepared by dissolving rosin in oil of turpentine. Dr. A. T. Thomson states that much of the Venice turpentine of London commerce is obtained from America. It is probably the same preparation as that which passes under the name in this country.

5. Chian Turpentine.

Térébenthine de Chio, *Fr.;* Cyprischer Terpentin, *G.;* Trementina Cipria, *It.*

This variety of turpentine is collected chiefly in the island of Chio, or Scio, from the *Pistacia terebinthus*, and it is said that the whole annual product of the island is only about two hundred and twenty-four pounds. During the summer the juice flowing spontaneously, or from incisions in the bark, falls upon smooth stones, or bundles of twigs, placed at the foot of the tree, from which it is procured by boiling and straining. After straining it is again boiled

with a little water until all the water is evaporated, when it is finally poured into a vessel of cold water and kneaded. At first it is of a dirty yellow color, but after kneading it becomes quite white. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 385.) The annual product of each tree is very small; and the turpentine, therefore, commands a high price even in the place where it is procured. Very little of it reaches this country. It is said to be frequently adulterated with the other turpentines. It is a thick, tenacious liquid, of a greenish-yellow color, or it occurs as a viscid opaque mass. The odor* is peculiar, penetrating, and more agreeable than that of the other substances of the same class. The taste is mild, without bitterness or acrimony. Flückiger found nearly 14½ per cent. of essential oil, which contained a small quantity of an oxygenated oil. It leaves a glutinous residue when treated with strong alcohol. (*Guibourt.*) Its alcoholic solution does not redden litmus paper. (*Martindale.*) On exposure, liquid Chian turpentine speedily thickens, and ultimately concretes into a translucent solid, yellowish or yellowish-brown when in small pieces, greenish-brown in mass.

Besides the turpentines mentioned, various others are noticed in books on Materia Medica, though not found in commerce in this country. There are the *Strasburg turpentine*, much used in France, and obtained from the *Abies picea* (*Abies pectinata* of De Candolle), or European silver fir, which grows on the mountains of Switzerland and Germany and bears a close resemblance, as well in its appearance as in its product, to *Abies balsamea* of Canada; the *Russian turpentine*, from *Pinus sylvestris*;† the *Damarra turpentine*, which speedily concretes into a very hard resin, and is derived from the *Pinus damarra* of Lambert, the *Agathis damarra* of Richard, growing in the East India islands; the *cowrie* or *cowdie* resin, procured by incision from another species of Damarra (*D. australis*), in New Zealand; and the *Dombeya turpentine*, a glutinous, milky-looking fluid, of a strong odor and taste, derived from *Dombeya excelsa*, the *Araucaria dombeyi* of Richard, which inhabits Chili, and is said to be identical with the Norfolk Island pine. These, with one or two other turpentines scarcely known, or having a doubtful claim to the title, are all that belong properly to this class of vegetable products, although their numbers are continually being increased.‡

General Properties. The turpentines resemble one another in odor and taste, though distinguished by shades of difference. Liquid at first, they become thick and gradually solid by exposure, in consequence partly of the volatilization, partly of the oxidation of their essential oil. They are rendered more liquid or softened by heat, and at a high temperature take fire, burning with a white flame and much smoke. Water extracts only a minute proportion of their volatile oil. They are almost wholly soluble in alcohol and ether, and readily unite with the fixed oils. They yield by distillation a volatile oil, called *oil of turpentine*, the composition of which is essentially uniform, it being composed of several terpenes (pinene, dipentene, and sylvestrene) of the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, the residue consisting exclusively of resin. (See *Oleum Terebinthinæ* and *Resina*.) A minute proportion of succinic or acetic acid passes over with the oil. From the experiments of M. Faure, of Bordeaux, it appears that some of the liquid turpentines, like copaiba, may be solidified by the addition of magnesia. (*Journ. de Chim. Méd.*, 1830, p. 94.) According to M. Thierry, the same result is obtained by the addition of one part of calcium hydrate to thirty-two parts of common European turpentine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., i. 315.)

* The odor of Chian turpentine is variously described. As the only tests we now have of the purity of the drug are its physical characteristics, and of these the odor is the most important, we give the following description by Mr. Wm. Martindale. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1880.) Chian turpentine "has when fresh a distinctive odor, slightly like the pinaceous turpentines, but much more agreeable and aromatic, according to some resembling citron and jasmine: but there is always a background smell like that of mastic, which becomes more developed and distinct with age, when it has lost the more volatile portion, the essential oil. According to Pereira, the turpentine-like odor is combined with the odor of fennel, and Guibourt says, when kept in a covered glass vessel the odor is strong and agreeable, analogous to that of fennel or the resin of elemi. It probably loses this rapidly. A specimen, bearing Guibourt's name, in the Society's Museum, has now no trace of it, but the mastic odor is very persistent. If the fennel odor be very evident in it I should fear the sample was not genuine, as in a statement made in the *Lancet* the writer says what is sold as Chian turpentine 'is either greatly adulterated or a wholly factitious article, manufactured from black resin, Canada balsam, and the essential oils of fennel and juniper.' The taste of genuine Chian turpentine resembles that of mastic; it is agreeable and free from the characteristic bitterness and acridity of the pinaceous turpentines."

† For details as to the varieties of European turpentine and the methods of procuring them, consult *A. J. P.*, 1878, 69, 479; *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxiv. 203; *P. J. Tr.*, viii. 283; x. 447.

‡ The product of *Abies picea*, referred to in the text as *Strasburg turpentine*, is, according to Guibourt, nearly as liquid as olive oil, at first turbid and whitish, but becoming by filtration or long standing transparent and almost colorless, of an agreeable odor, analogous to that of the citron, and of a taste moderately acrid and bitter. It dries quickly in the air, is solidified by a sixteenth of magnesia, and is not entirely soluble in alcohol. It is procured by incisions into the vesicles which form upon the surface of the tree, beneath the outer bark. Guibourt states that this is the true *Venice turpentine*, while that described in the text and generally recognized by authors as Venice turpentine is in fact the *Strasburg*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 487.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The effects of the turpentines upon the system are dependent entirely on their volatile oil. They are stimulant, diuretic, anthelmintic, and in large doses laxative. When taken internally or applied to the skin, they communicate a violet odor to the urine, and, if continued for some time, produce an irritation of the mucous membrane of the urinary passages, amounting frequently to strangury. The last effect is less apt to be experienced when they operate upon the bowels. Externally applied they act as rubefacients. Their medical virtues were known to the ancients. At present they are less used than formerly, having been superseded by their volatile oils. They are, however, occasionally prescribed in *leucorrhœa*, *gleet*, and other *chronic diseases of the urinary passages;* in *piles* and *chronic inflammation* or *ulceration of the bowels;* in *chronic catarrhal affections;* and in various forms of *rheumatism*, especially *sciatica* and *lumbago*. The white turpentine is usually employed in this country. It may be given in the shape of pill made with powdered liquorice root; in emulsion with gum arabic or yolk of egg, loaf-sugar, and water; or in electuary formed with sugar or honey. The dose is from twenty grains to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.). In the quantity of half an ounce or an ounce (15·5 or 31·1 Gm.), triturated with the yolk of an egg, and mixed with half a pint of mucilaginous liquid, it forms an excellent injection in cases of ascarides and of constipation with flatulence.

Paracelsus is said to have used *Chian turpentine* in the treatment of *cancer* (Tweedy, *London Lancet*, 1880, i. 582), and Mr. Clay, of London, has also commended it very highly. It should be given in emulsion in doses of five grains, increased as rapidly as the patient will bear it. The pill form is ineligible.* It may also be applied locally.

The vapor of turpentine, employed as a vapor-bath, has been highly recommended in obstinate *chronic rheumatism*. According to M. A. Chevandier, it is borne well for about twenty-five minutes, at a temperature of from 60° to 71·1° C. (140° to 160° F.), producing acceleration of the pulse, and copious sweating, sometimes accompanied with a confluent eruption. (*Arch. Gén.*, 4e sér., xxviii. 80.)

TERPINI HYDRAS. U. S. Terpin Hydrate.

$C_{10}H_{18}(OH)_2 . H_2O$; 189·58. (TĘR-PĪ′NĪ HĪ′DRĂS.)

"The hydrate of the diatomic alcohol Terpin. Terpin hydrate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

This new official may be made by the following process. A mixture of four parts of rectified oil of turpentine, three parts of alcohol (sp. gr. 0·863), and one part of nitric acid is put in large, shallow porcelain dishes and allowed to stand for three or four days. The crystals which have formed are then collected and allowed to drain thoroughly; they are then pressed between sheets of absorbent paper, and recrystallized in a cold solution of ninety-five per cent. of alcohol. The product is about twelve per cent. of the original turpentine oil. Terpin hydrate is officially described as in "colorless, lustrous, rhombic prisms, nearly odorless, and having a slightly aromatic and somewhat bitter taste. Permanent in the air. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 250 parts of water, and in 10 parts of alcohol; in 32 parts of boiling water, and in 2 parts of boiling alcohol; also soluble in about 100 parts of ether, 200 parts of chloroform, or 1 part of boiling glacial acetic acid. Terpin Hydrate melts at 116° to 117° C. (240·8° to 242·6° F.), with the loss of water, and, at the temperature of boiling water, sublimes in fine needles. When heated in a flask adapted for distillation, it first loses water. At 258° C. (496·4° F.) anhydrous terpin distils over without decomposition, soon solidifying to a crystalline, hygroscopic mass, which melts at 102° to 105° C. (215·6° to 221° F.). When strongly heated on platinum foil, it burns with a bright, smoky flame, leaving no residue. Terpin Hydrate is dissolved by sulphuric acid with an orange-yellow color. If to its hot, aqueous solution a few drops of sulphuric acid be added, the liquid will become turbid and develop a strongly aromatic odor. Terpin Hydrate should not have the odor of turpentine, and its hot, aqueous solution should not redden blue litmus paper (absence of *adhering acid*)." *U. S.* The anhydrous *terpin*, $C_{10}H_{18}(OH)_2$, obtained from it by the loss of water has the characters of a glycol. Dipentene dihydrochloride is its hydrochloric acid ether. By the loss of water the terpin then becomes *terpineol*, $C_{10}H_{17}(OH)$, and finally yields dipentene, terpinene, or terpinolene, according to the conditions of its treatment.

Medical Properties and Uses. Terpin was first physiologically investigated by Lépine,

* Mr. Clay uses pills containing each 3 grains of Chian turpentine and 2 grains of sulphur, but they are apt to lose their shape. Three grains of Chian turpentine and 1½ grains of light magnesia make a pill which retains its shape tolerably well, but it is perfectly insoluble, losing, according to Martindale, barely one-tenth of its weight in passing through the body. The pill made with lycopodium is also said to be indigestible.

in 1885, who found it to act both upon the mucous membranes and upon the nervous system in a manner similar to the oil of turpentine. It has since been used in *chronic bronchitis* and in the advanced stages of *acute bronchitis*, especially when the secretion is unusually free; also in *chronic cystitis* and *gonorrhœa*. Dose, from two to three grains (0·13–0·2 Gm.), from four to six times a day, in pill or in emulsion.

THERIACA. Br. Treacle.

(THĒ-RĪ'Ą-CĄ.)

"The uncrystallized residue of the refining of sugar." *Br.*

Syrupus Fuscus, *U. S.* 1870; Molasses; Sacchari Fæx, *Lond.;* Syrupus Communis, s. Hollandicus; Pyromel; Mélasse, *Fr.;* Zuckersatz, Zuckersyrup, Melasse, Brauner Syrup, *G.;* Melazzo, *It.;* Melaza, *Sp.*

For a description of this substance, see *Saccharum*, page 1181.

THYMOL. U. S., Br. Thymol.

$C_{10}H_{14}O$; 149·66. (THĪ'MŌL.) $C_{10}H_{13}OH$; 150.

"A phenol occurring in the volatile oils of Thymus vulgaris, Linné, Monarda punctata, Linné (nat. ord. Labiatæ), and Carum Ajowan (Roxburgh), Bentham et Hooker (nat. ord. Umbelliferæ). It should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.* "A stearoptene obtained from the volatile oils of Thymus vulgaris, Linn., Monarda punctata, Linn., and Carum Ajowan, Benth. and Hook. (Ptychotis Ajowan, D. C.), by saponifying with caustic soda and treating the separated soap with hydrochloric acid, or from a distilled fraction of the oil by exposure at a low temperature. It may be purified by recrystallization from alcohol." *Br.*

This substance has attracted considerable attention from its possession of antiseptic properties analogous to those of carbolic and salicylic acids and creosote, with which it is also analogous in composition. It may be obtained by submitting the volatile oils of several plants to a prolonged refrigeration, under the influence of which it crystallizes. Thus, it has been obtained from *Monarda didyma*, Linn., *M. punctata*, *Ammi copticum*, and *Ptychotis ajowan*. *Ocymum viride*, Willd., a plant used in Liberia as an antiperiodic, so closely resembles thyme in its odor that it has been thought to contain thymol. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 168.) Thymol is obtained from the oils of thyme by distilling off from these the larger part of the hydrocarbons and adding warm caustic soda solution to the residue, which combines with the thymol. The mixture is diluted after a time with hot water, which causes the unattacked oil to rise to the top. From the soda solution hydrochloric acid sets the thymol free. This collects as an oily layer, which on cooling will crystallize if a crystal of thymol be added.

Properties. Thymol melts at 44° C. (111·2° F.), but does not readily resolidify unless touched by a solid body or by a crystal of thymol. It boils at 220° to 230° C. (428° to 446° F.). It is very slightly soluble in water, but is very soluble in alcohol, and more freely in proportion to the concentration of the menstruum. It is dissolved by ether and the fixed oils, and has no rotatory power as regards polarized light. The alkalies unite with it to form soluble salts. Like creosote, it has the property of combining with animal tissues and thus protecting them against putrefaction. Its formula is $C_{10}H_{14}O$, or $C_6H_3\begin{cases}OH\\CH_3\\C_3H_7\end{cases}$; while *thymene*, with which it is associated in the oil, is a hydrocarbon, isomeric with the oil of turpentine, and having the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$. As its formula indicates, it is a *propyl-cresol;* and it has been made synthetically by Widmann from cuminol (isopropyl benzaldehyde). This is first nitrated, then by means of phosphorus pentachloride the oxygen of the aldehyde group replaced by chlorine, the nitro group reduced, the chlorine replaced by hydrogen, and the amide group replaced by hydroxyl. The successive changes are thus indicated: $C_6H_4\begin{cases}C_3H_7\\COH\end{cases}$; $C_6H_3\begin{cases}NO_2\\C_3H_7\\COH\end{cases}$; $C_6H_3\begin{cases}NO_2\\C_3H_7\\CHCl_2\end{cases}$; $C_6H_3\begin{cases}NH_2\\C_3H_7\\CHCl_2\end{cases}$; $C_6H_3\begin{cases}NH_2\\C_3H_7\\CH_3\end{cases}$; $C_6H_3\begin{cases}OH\\C_3H_7\\CH_3\end{cases}$. Thymol is officially described as in "large, colorless, translucent crystals of the hexagonal system, having an aromatic thyme-like odor, and a pungent, aromatic taste, with a very slight caustic effect upon the lips. Its specific gravity as a solid is 1·069 at 15° C. (59° F.), but when liquefied by fusion it is lighter than water. It melts at 50° to 51° C. (122° to 123·8° F.), remaining liquid at considerably lower temperatures. When triturated with about equal quantities of camphor, menthol, or chloral, it liquefies. Soluble in about 1200 parts of water at 15° C. (59°

F.), and in less than its own weight of alcohol, ether, or chloroform; also readily soluble in carbon disulphide, glacial acetic acid, and in fixed or volatile oils. Its alcoholic solution is optically inactive. If a very small crystal of Thymol be dissolved in 1 C.c. of glacial acetic acid, and then 6 drops of sulphuric acid and 1 drop of nitric acid be added, the liquid will assume a deep bluish-green color. If 1 Gm. of Thymol be heated in a test-tube, in a water-bath, with 5 C.c. of a 10-per-cent. solution of sodium hydrate, a clear, colorless, or very slightly reddish solution should be formed, which becomes darker on standing, but without the separation of oily drops (absence of *thymene* or lævogyrate *pinene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$). If to this solution a few drops of chloroform be added, and the mixture agitated, a violet color will be produced. When a crystal of Thymol is heated in an open capsule, or in a watch-glass, on a water-bath, it should gradually volatilize, leaving no residue (absence of *paraffin*, *spermaceti*, etc.)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. The disagreeable odor of carbolic acid induced M. Bouillon, a French pharmaceutist, to search for a substance with the important practical properties of carbolic acid without disagreeable smell. Such a substance he found in thymol. In a concentrated state it has caustic properties, which render it very useful for the cauterization of the dental nerves. Dissolved in water in the proportion of 1 to 1000, with the addition of a little alcohol, it is useful in the dressing of *unhealthy wounds*. Combined in the proportion of 4 parts of the acid with 4 of tannin, 2 of aniline, and 100 of glycerin, it has been used with great success by Dr. Paquet for the preservation of anatomical specimens. For the dressing of wounds, it may be used in the form of a lotion composed of 1 part of the acid, 4 parts of alcohol of 85°, and 995 parts of distilled water. In the form of ointment, it may be employed incorporated with lard in the proportion of from two to twenty grains to an ounce. It has been used by surgeons, but has been found less advantageous than salicylic acid. Its fragrant odor, whilst fitting it for use about the mouth, is often a great nuisance in the hospital ward, on account of attracting flies. It has been exhibited internally as antipyretic by Balz in the amount of thirty grains (1·95 Gm.) a day, causing ringing in the ears, deafness, sweating, and in some cases alarming collapse. Dr. F. P. Henry has found it a useful intestinal antiseptic, especially valuable in catarrh of the intestines, given in doses of two and a half grains (0·162 Gm.) every six hours, in pill or capsule. Injected into the veins of dogs, it produces death by failure of respiration, and its general physiological action is probably very similar to that of carbolic acid.

TINCTURÆ. U. S. Tinctures.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RÆ.)

Teintures, *Fr.*; Tinkturen, *G.*

Tinctures, in the pharmaceutical sense of the term, are alcoholic solutions of medicinal substances, prepared by maceration, digestion, or percolation. Solutions in spirit of ammonia and ethereal spirit are embraced under the same denomination, but are severally distinguished by the titles of *ammoniated tinctures* and *ethereal tinctures*. The advantages of alcohol as a menstruum are that it dissolves principles which are sparingly or not at all soluble in water, and contributes to their preservation when dissolved, while it leaves behind some inert substances which are dissolved by water. In no instance, however, is absolute alcohol employed. The U. S. Pharmacopœia directs it of the sp. gr. 0·820, the British, 0·838. When of these densities it contains water, and is capable of dissolving more or less of substances which are insoluble in anhydrous alcohol, while its solvent power in relation to bodies soluble in that fluid is sufficient for all practical purposes. Diluted alcohol or proof spirit is often preferable to official alcohol, as it is capable of extracting a larger proportion of those active principles of plants which require an aqueous menstruum, whilst at the same time it is strong enough to prevent spontaneous decomposition, and has the advantages of being cheaper and less stimulating, although a few tinctures when prepared with proof spirit or diluted alcohol undergo some deterioration in time, in consequence of acetous fermentation taking place in the alcoholic fluid. The tinctures most prone to this change are those of senna, rhubarb, calumba, digitalis, hops, bark, aloes, etc. The best preventive is to keep them in full and well-closed bottles, at a low temperature. The diluted alcohol of the different Pharmacopœias is not of the same strength; that of the United States consists of equal volumes of official alcohol and water, and has the sp. gr. 0·938, while that of the British, called *Spiritus Tenuior*, or Proof Spirit, has the sp. gr. 0·920. The difference, however, is not very material. Alcohol or rectified spirit is preferred as a solvent when the substance to be extracted or dissolved is nearly or quite insoluble in water, as in the instances of the resins, guaiac, camphor, and the essential

oils. The presence of water is here injurious, not only by diluting the menstruum, but also by exercising an affinity for the alcohol which interferes with its solvent power. Thus, water added to an alcoholic solution of one of these bodies produces a precipitate by abstracting the alcohol from it. Diluted alcohol or proof spirit is employed when the substance is soluble both in alcohol and in water; or when one or more of the ingredients are soluble in the one fluid, and one or more in the other, as in the case of those vegetables which contain extractive or tannin, or the native salts of the organic alkalies, or gum united with resin or essential oil. As these include the greater number of medicines from which tinctures are prepared, diluted alcohol is most frequently used. In the preparation of the tinctures, the medicine should be in the dry state, and properly comminuted by being bruised, sliced, or pulverized. It is usually better in the condition of a moderately fine than of a very fine powder: the proper degree of fineness depends, however, upon the ease with which the menstruum extracts the soluble principles.

Tinctures were at one time universally prepared by maceration or digestion. Our own Pharmacopœia formerly directed maceration at ordinary temperatures, and extended the period to two weeks. The latter plan was preferable, as it was more convenient and equally effectual, the lower temperature being compensated by the longer maceration. In several instances in which maceration is ordered in the Pharmacopœia, it is still continued for seven days; but the period is very properly altered to suit the character of the substance acted on, and sometimes continued no longer than is necessary for its solution, when it is wholly soluble, as in the tinctures of iodine and tolu. When circumstances require that the tincture should be speedily prepared, digestion may be resorted to. Care should always be taken to keep the vessels well stopped, in order to prevent the evaporation of the alcohol. The materials should be frequently shaken during the digestion or maceration; and this caution is especially necessary when the substance acted on is in the state of powder. The tincture should not be used till the maceration is completed; when it should be separated from the dregs either by simply filtering it through paper, or, when force is requisite, by first expressing it through linen, and subsequently filtering.

The plan of preparing tinctures by percolation has been extensively adopted, and has been found to answer well when skilfully executed. In the present edition of our Pharmacopœia, percolation has been adopted as the rule, maceration being directed in a few instances in which it was deemed preferable. The British Pharmacopœia, preferring maceration or digestion in several instances, has adopted percolation as a rule, but, as if unprepared to trust this process alone, has combined with it a preliminary maceration of forty-eight hours, and a final expression, so as to separate the last remains of the tincture from the dregs. Perhaps these modifications may be desirable in instances where the operator is not sufficiently skilful; but percolation, properly managed, is of itself adequate to all the desired purposes, even to the removal of almost the last drop of impregnated menstruum from the dregs; and in our Pharmacopœia it is taken for granted that the apothecary has acquired the requisite skill. Where the operator cannot trust himself in this respect, it would be better to recur to the old method of maceration for two weeks. The reader will find rules for the proper management of the process of percolation at page 524. It has been objected to this process that it yields tinctures of variable strength, according to the skill with which it is conducted; but, from numerous experiments performed, in reference to this point, by M. H. Buignet, of Paris, it appears that the tinctures made by percolation are quite as equable in strength as those prepared by maceration, while they uniformly contain more of the soluble matter of the drug in proportion to the quantity of menstruum. The same writer states that he has constantly found three parts of alcohol, used in this method, to one of the material acted on, sufficient to exhaust drugs almost wholly of their soluble matter. He has derived no advantage from the preliminary maceration usually practised. M. Personne, however, has inferred, from his own observation, that five parts of alcohol are required by most substances. Our own Pharmacopœia generally adopts this. Mr. R. F. Fairthorne (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 308), in the preparation of hydro-alcoholic tinctures, prefers to macerate the ingredients for twenty-four hours alone in the alcohol, then filter, and mix the filtrate with the required quantity of water and percolate the dregs with the mixture. This plan might be of service in the case of a few drugs which are difficult to exhaust of their activity, but it would involve a useless expenditure of labor and time if used in the majority of official tinctures, and precipitation would be more common. It has been contended in opposition to percolation, applied to the preparation of tinctures, that the menstruum is apt to load itself with substances which, after the preparation of the tincture, are

deposited, carrying down with them more or less of the active matter; but M. Vauflart asserts that more than twenty years of observation has demonstrated to him that tinctures by displacement, properly filtered, deposit no more at the end of a certain period than do those prepared by maceration. Besides, upon the same authority, this tendency to deposition may be easily obviated by mixing all the liquids proceeding from the percolation, and allowing the mixture to stand for a day before filtering. The tinctures thus obtained are, he states, richer than those furnished by ordinary maceration, and time produces in them only insignificant changes. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 411, 1866.) Finally, all agree that the percolated tinctures are apt to contain more of the soluble matter of the drug; and the objections resolve themselves altogether into a question of skill on the part of the operator.

Another mode of exhausting medicines by spirit has been proposed by Dr. H. Burton. It consists in suspending in the solvent, immediately under its surface, the solid matter contained loosely in a bag. The liquid in contact with the bag, becoming heavier by impregnation with the matters dissolved, sinks to the bottom; its place is supplied with a fresh portion, which in its turn sinks; and thus a current is established, which continues until the solid substance is exhausted or the liquid saturated. During the maceration the bag should be occasionally raised above the surface of the liquor in the bottle, allowed to drain, and then again immersed. It is asserted that the period of maceration is much shortened in this way. For this mode of preparing tinctures Mr. Samuel Gale has proposed the use of a cylindrical stone-ware vessel with a diaphragm capable of being supported at different heights by projections from the inner surface of the jar, with corresponding notches in the diaphragm, to permit its easy passage to the lower ledges. The material is to be placed upon the diaphragm and kept covered with the menstruum. (*A. J. P.*, xxii. 381.) The infusion jars described and figured on page 727 may be used also for preparing tinctures by maceration.

Tinctures prepared by adding alcohol to the expressed juices of plants have been long in use on the continent of Europe, and have been brought into notice in Great Britain. They are sometimes called in England *preserved vegetable juices*. The tinctures of some of the narcotic plants might no doubt be advantageously prepared in this way, as those of conium, hyoscyamus, and belladonna. Mr. Squire and Mr. Bentley have paid particular attention to these preparations. According to Mr. Squire, the leaves only of the plants should be used, and, in the case of biennial plants, those exclusively of the second year; and they should be preferably collected when the plant is in full flower. Mr. Bentley recommends the following mode of preparation. To the expressed juice, after it has stood for 24 hours and deposited its feculent matter, alcohol of 0·838 is to be added in the proportion of one part by measure to four parts of the juice; and after another period of 24 hours the liquor is to be filtered. This proportion of alcohol has been found sufficient for the preservation of the juice, while it causes the precipitation of the suspended mucilaginous matter. But, though these preserved juices are often energetic, yet it is obvious that tinctures prepared from the fresh plant must be still more so, as they contain necessarily not only the soluble active matter of the juice, but also that which, when the juice is expressed, is left in the solid residue of the plant.

Tinctures should be kept in bottles accurately stopped, in order to prevent evaporation, which might in some instances be attended with serious inconvenience, by increasing their strength beyond the official standard.

Medicines which act in small doses are most conveniently administered in tinctures, as the proportion of alcohol in which they are dissolved is insufficient to produce an appreciable effect. Those which must be given in large doses should be cautiously employed in this form, lest the injury done by the menstruum should more than counterbalance their beneficial operation. This remark is particularly applicable to chronic cases, in which the use of tinctures is apt to lead to the formation of habits of intemperance. The tinctures of the weaker medicines are more frequently given as adjuvants of other remedies than with the view of obtaining their own full effects upon the system.

In the revision of the Pharmacopœia of 1890, wherever practicable, the proportion of drug to finished tincture has been made either 20, 15, 10, or 5 per cent. by volume. In the case of very strong or poisonous tinctures it was not deemed advisable to make too great a change in strength, for fear of dangerous results; indeed, it may be questioned by many whether too much change has not been made in the tinctures which do not belong to the dangerous class. Yet progressive pharmacy demands greater uniformity and simplicity in the processes, and it is believed that eventually all the tinctures can be brought into two classes, 20 and 10 per cent.

TINCTURA ACONITI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Aconite.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĂC-Ǫ-NĪ'TĪ.)

Tinctura Aconiti Radicis, *U. S.* 1870; Tincture of Aconite Root; Tinctura Aconiti, *P. G.;* Teinture de Racine d'Aconit, *Fr.;* Eisenhuttinktur, *G.*

"Aconite, in No. 60 powder, *three hundred and fifty grammes* [or 12 ounces av., 151 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Aconite Root, from plants cultivated in Britain, in No. 40 powder, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Aconite Root for forty-eight hours, in *fifteen* [*fluid*]*ounces* of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five [fluid]ounces of Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The tincture of the U. S. Pharmacopœia has three times the strength of the British, and the title was changed from *Tinctura Aconiti Radicis* to *Tinctura Aconiti* in the U. S. 1880 revision. It is much stronger than the Tincture of Aconite Leaves, which is still used occasionally, and made of the strength of two troyounces of powdered aconite leaves in a pint of diluted alcohol; and too much caution cannot be observed to avoid mistaking one tincture for the other. In preparing it, each step of the process must be carefully attended to. The root should be thoroughly comminuted, and very carefully packed in the percolator, and the displacing menstruum very gradually added. As annoyance is often occasioned in powdering aconite by the irritating dust which is apt to rise, it is best prepared by grinding in a mill; and if powdered in a mortar, sufficient alcohol should be added to the root to prevent the rising of the dust. Tartaric acid used in accordance with the researches of Duquesnel in the U. S. 1880 tincture has been abandoned, as it was found to be unnecessary. The dose to begin with is from one to three drops (0·06–0·18 C.c.), repeated, and gradually increased, if necessary, until its peculiar effects are experienced. That of the British tincture is three times as much. The external use of the tincture requires care, as serious symptoms have followed its too free employment. (Case, *Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Feb. 1872, p. 74.)*

TINCTURA ALOES. U. S., Br. Tincture of Aloes.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĂL'Ǫ-ĒS.)

Teinture d'Aloès, *Fr.;* Aloetinktur, *G.*

"Purified Aloes, in moderately fine powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Liquorice Root, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powders, and, having moistened the mixture with *eighty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 338 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Socotrine Aloes, in coarse powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Extract of Liquorice *one ounce and a half* [av.]; Proof Spirit *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Aloes and Extract of Liquorice in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit for seven days, in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The original tincture of aloes of the U. S. Pharmacopœia was prepared with the official diluted alcohol, without the addition of water. The preparation of the U. S. P. 1870 was little more than an infusion, with the addition of sufficient alcohol to prevent spontaneous

* *Fleming's Tincture of Aconite.* This should always be expressly designated when prescribed. It is considerably stronger than the official; and several deaths have occurred from the use of it. The following is Fleming's formula. Take of the root, carefully dried and finely powdered, *sixteen* (*troy*)*ounces*: Alcohol, *sixteen fluidounces*. Macerate for four days, put into a percolator, and add alcohol until twenty-four fluidounces are obtained. Not more than two drops of this should be given as a commencing dose, to be increased till its peculiar effects are experienced.

decomposition. This change was made in the U. S. formula of 1870 so as to produce conformity with the British, but in the last British Pharmacopœia the old formula was abandoned, and the one forsaken by us was adopted. The formula of the present 1890 Pharmacopœia directs liquorice root instead of extract of liquorice, and this permits the use of percolation, which is far preferable to maceration. M. Ménière says of the tincture of aloes that it deposits crystals of aloin, which adhere to the sides of the bottle, and in the upper part of it a yellow resinous matter is seen. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1861, p. 289.) The dose as a purgative is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.), as a laxative from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.). Tincture of aloes is highly recommended by M. Delioux as a local remedy, applied on lint, in old *atonic ulcers*, *bed-sores*, and *suppurating wounds*. (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1864, p. 38.)

TINCTURA ALOES ET MYRRHÆ. U. S. Tincture of Aloes and Myrrh.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ ĂL′Ō-ĒŞ ĔT MĬR′RHÆ.)

Tinctura Aloes Composita, *Lond.;* Elixir Proprietatis Paracelsi, *P. G.;* Elixir de Propriété, *Fr.;* Aloëelixir, *G.*

"Purified Aloes *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Myrrh, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Liquorice Root, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Having mixed the Aloes, Myrrh, and Liquorice Root, reduce them to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Moisten the powder with *sixty cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 14 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture has been improved by the addition of liquorice root, which not only communicates an agreeable taste and obtunds the bitterness of the aloes, but also permits the use of percolation. The tincture is a modification of the *elixir proprietatis* of Paracelsus. It is practically identical with the tincture official in 1870. Saffron, which had long been retained in compliance with old-time prejudices, can add little to the efficacy of a preparation, and, being very expensive, was with great propriety omitted in the 1870 revision. It served, however, to impart a rich color to the tincture, the want of which some may consider a defect. The tincture is purgative, tonic, and emmenagogue, and is considerably employed in *chlorosis* and *amenorrhœa* when there is constipation. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA ARNICÆ FLORUM. U. S. Tincture of Arnica Flowers.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ ĂR′NĮ-ÇÆ FLŌ′RŬM.)

Tinctura Arnicæ, *Pharm.* 1870; Teinture d'Arnica, *Fr.;* Arnikatinktur, *G.*

"Arnica Flowers, in No. 20 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Pack the powder firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia gives directions for preparing this tincture from *an avoirdupois ounce* of Arnica Root, in coarse powder, and *an Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, precisely the same as those for preparing Tincture of Aconite Root.

There are two tinctures of arnica now official, and it is necessary to add to the title either "Florum" or "Radicis," to distinguish them. The tincture of arnica flowers differs from that official in 1870 in the menstruum selected, which is now diluted alcohol in place of alcohol. The change was advocated by numerous pharmaceutical writers, and there is no question of the ability of the menstruum to exhaust the arnica flowers, if they are tightly packed in the percolator. The principal objection to the change is the greater difficulty that will be experienced in mixing the tincture with liniments containing oily and alcoholic liquids.

In the article upon Arnica, it is stated that arnica is poisonous in overdoses. In the *Lancet* for Nov. 19, 1864 (page 570), Mr. H. Bertin details a case in which a middle-aged man, ten hours after having taken by mistake an ounce of tincture of arnica, was in a state approaching collapse, with sunken and glassy eyes, dilated and insensible pupils, pulse fluttering and over one hundred, skin cold but dry, low and wiry voice, and severe pain in the epigastrium, which

was the first striking symptom that he had experienced, and had come on upon awaking from sleep, about eight hours after he swallowed the poison. The mind was apparently clear. Though in great danger, he recovered, under the use of opium and brandy with external heat.

Either alone, or diluted with water, soap liniment, etc., tincture of arnica is often applied popularly to *bruises*, *sprains*, *tumors*, and local *rheumatic pains*, under the impression that it has extraordinary healing powers. It probably acts favorably in some instances as a general irritant. In some skins it produces a violent eczematous inflammation. If given internally, the dose would be from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.), increased until some effect was produced.

TINCTURA ARNICÆ RADICIS. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Arnica Root.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĂR'NĮ-ÇÆ RĄ-DĪ'CĮS.)

Tinctura Arnicæ, *Br.*

"Arnica Root, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Arnica Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Arnica for forty-eight hours in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and, when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five ounces of Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient rectified Spirit to make one pint." *Br.*

The British tincture has about one-half the strength of the U. S. preparation. Dose, from twenty minims to half a fluidrachm (1·25–1·9 C.c.).

TINCTURA ASAFŒTIDÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Asafetida.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĂS-Ą-FŒT'Į-DÆ.)

Teinture d'Asefétide, *Fr.;* Stinkasanttinktur, *G.*

"Asafetida, bruised, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Asafetida with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for seven days, in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Asafœtida, in small fragments, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Asafœtida in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, for seven days, in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then filter, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint [Imperial measure]." *Br.*

This tincture becomes milky on the addition of water, in consequence of the separation of the resin. It is somewhat stronger than the tincture official in 1870,—which is an improvement, particularly in view of the gradual decline in the quality of the drug. It possesses all the virtues of asafetida. The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.).

TINCTURA AURANTII AMARI. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Bitter Orange Peel.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ÂU-RĂN'TĮ-Ī Ą-MĀ'RĪ—âw-răn'shę-ī.)

Tinctura Aurantii, *Br.;* Teinture d'Ecorce d'Oranges amères, *Fr.;* Pomeranzenschalentinktur, *G.*

"Bitter Orange Peel, in No. 30 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 266 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Bitter Orange Peel, cut small and bruised, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, and filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

It is the peel of the Seville orange that is directed in this process; and the outer part only is active. The substitution of fresh for dried orange peel has been proposed in England, and its propriety considerably discussed. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 9, 1872, also April 4, 1874.) Indeed, it met with so much favor as to be introduced in the last revision of the British Pharmacopœia. The tincture from the fresh peel is less powerful as a bitter than this preparation, but is much superior in aroma and flavor. (See *Tinctura Aurantii Dulcis.*) Six ounces of the fresh peel have been found to yield only two ounces of the dried peel, and are, therefore, required to make a pint of the tincture. The tincture of orange peel is employed as a grateful addition to infusions, decoctions, and mixtures. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA AURANTII DULCIS. U. S. Tincture of Sweet Orange Peel.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ÂU-RĂN'TĮ-Ī DŬL'CĮS.)

"Sweet Orange Peel, taken from the fresh fruit, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Orange Peel (which should be as free as possible from the inner, white layer), previously cut into small pieces, with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a conical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture was introduced for the first time in the U. S. P. 1880, and was designed to furnish a highly flavored alcoholic preparation of orange. The peel should be *grated:* the official direction to *cut it into small pieces* is not definite enough if a successful percolation is desired. This tincture has no peculiar medicinal properties, but is used as a pleasant adjuvant.

TINCTURA AURANTII RECENTIS. Br. Tincture of Fresh Orange Peel.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ÂU-RĂN'TĮ-Ī RĘ-CĔN'TĮS.)

"Take of Bitter Orange, Rectified Spirit, of each, *a sufficiency.* Carefully cut from the orange the colored parts of the rind in thin slices, and macerate six ounces of this in eighteen fluidounces of the spirit for a week, with frequent agitation. Then pour off the liquid, press the dregs, mix the liquid products, and filter; finally, if necessary, add sufficient Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.* Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA BELLADONNÆ FOLIORUM. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Belladonna Leaves.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ BĔL'LĄ-DŎN'NÆ FŌ-LĮ-Ō'RŬM.)

Tinctura Belladonnæ, *Br., U. S. P.* 1880; Teinture de Belladone, *Fr.;* Belladonnatinktur, *G.*

"Belladonna Leaves, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

In the U. S. P. 1890 the name of this tincture has been changed to "Tinctura Belladonnæ Foliorum," for the sake of greater precision.

The British Pharmacopœia directs this tincture to be prepared from *one avoirdupois ounce* of Belladonna Leaves, in No. 20 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the same manner precisely as the Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

According to Ménière, this tincture deposits on standing a gray pulverulent substance, starch and gum, and cubical crystals of an undetermined character (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1861, p. 289.) The U. S. tincture is an efficient preparation when made from the recently-dried leaves; but the imported leaves are of very uncertain strength, and a tincture prepared from them is to be less relied upon than the extract. The dose is from fifteen to thirty drops (0·9–1·9 C.c.). That of the British tincture is at least twice as much.

TINCTURA BENZOINI. U. S. Tincture of Benzoin.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ BĔN-ZŌ-Ī'NĪ.)

Tinctura Benzoës, *P. G.;* **Teinture de Benjoin,** *Fr.;* **Benzoëtinktur,** *G.*

"Benzoin, in moderately coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powder with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for seven days, in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This tincture may be exhibited in doses of from twenty minims to half a fluidrachm (1·25–1·9 C.c.), but was, no doubt, introduced into the Pharmacopœia chiefly or solely for the purpose of adding to ointments to prevent rancidity.

TINCTURA BENZOINI COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Tincture of Benzoin.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ BĔN-ZŌ-Ī'NĪ CŌM-PŎŞ'Ī-TĄ.)

Tinctura Balsamica, Balsamum Commendatoris, Elixir Traumaticum; **Teinture balsamique, Baume du Commandeur de Permes,** *Fr.;* **Persischer Wundbalsam,** *G.*

"Benzoin, in coarse powder, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Purified Aloes, in coarse powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Storax, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]; Balsam of Tolu, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Benzoin, Aloes, Storax, and Balsam of Tolu with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and digest the mixture, at a temperature not exceeding 65° C. (149° F.), for two hours in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture, when cold, measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Benzoin, in coarse powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Prepared Storax *one ounce and a half* [av.]; Balsam of Tolu *half an ounce* [av.]; Socotrine Aloes *one hundred and sixty grains;* Rectified Spirit *seventeen fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then filter, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit, if required, to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture is a stimulating expectorant, occasionally used in *chronic catarrhal affections.* It has been recommended also in *chronic dysentery*, with a view to its alterative action on the ulcerated surface of the colon; but it is principally employed as a local application to *indolent ulcers, chapped nipples*, etc. It is the *balsamum traumaticum* of the older Pharmacopœias, and may be considered as a simplified form of certain complex compositions, such as *baume de commandeur, Wade's balsam, Friar's balsam, Jesuits' drops, Turlington's balsam,** etc., which were formerly in repute, and are still esteemed among the vulgar, as pectorals and vulneraries. The compound tincture of benzoin is decomposed by water. The dose is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.). A variety of *court plaster* is made by applying to black silk, by means of a brush, first a solution of isinglass, and afterwards an alcoholic solution of benzoin.

TINCTURA BRYONIÆ. U. S. Tincture of Bryonia.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ BRĬ-Ō'NĮ-Æ.)

Teinture de Bryone, *Fr.;* **Zaunrübetinktur,** *G.*

"Bryonia, recently dried, and in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture is used as a cathartic in doses of from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.).

* The following is the formula for *Turlington's balsam* adopted by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. "Take of Alcohol Oviij, Benzoin ℥xij, Liquid Storax ℥iv, Socotrine Aloes ℥j, Peruvian Balsam ℥ij, Myrrh ℥j, Angelica Root ℥ss, Balsam of Tolu ℥iv, Extract of Liquorice Root ℥iv. Digest for ten days, and strain. (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, v. 28.)

TINCTURA BUCHU. Br. Tincture of Buchu.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ BŪ'ĢHŪ.)

Teinture de Bucco, *Fr.;* Buchutinktur, *G.*

This tincture is directed, in the British Pharmacopœia, to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Buchu Leaves, in No. 20 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the same manner precisely as Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.) This tincture has the virtues of buchu leaves, and may be given in the dose of from one to four fluidrachms (3·7–15 C.c.), either simply diluted with water, or as an addition to the infusion of the leaves.

TINCTURA CALENDULÆ. U. S. Tincture of Calendula.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĄ-LĔN'DŬ-LÆ.)

Teinture de Fleurs de Tous-les-Mois, *Fr.;* Ringelblumetinktur, *G.*

"Calendula, in No. 20 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture has been improved in the 1890 revision by substituting alcohol as a menstruum for the diluted alcohol used in the 1880 process. It is employed externally for the same purposes as tincture of arnica flowers. When made with diluted alcohol, some precipitation takes place; alcohol is therefore preferable as a menstruum, and on account of the tincture being used externally makes it more efficient therapeutically.

TINCTURA CALUMBÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Calumba.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĄ-LŬM'BÆ.)

Tinctura Colombo; Teinture de Colombo, *Fr.;* Kolombotinktur, *G.*

"Calumba, in No. 20 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this tincture to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Calumba Root, cut small, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the same manner precisely as directed for the Tincture of Aconite Root.

Mr. Joseph Ince recommends that the tincture be prepared from the root as found in commerce, without further slicing or powdering it. Made as he proposes, the tincture is clear and bright; while if the powdered root is used it will be very turbid, even after filtration. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiv. 491.) No. 20 powder is now directed instead of the No. 50 powder used in the U. S. P. 1870.* Tincture of calumba may be added to tonic infusions or decoctions, to increase their stimulant power, but, like all the other bitter tinctures, should be used with caution. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·7–15 C.c.).

TINCTURA CANNABIS INDICÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Indian Cannabis.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂN'NĄ-BĬS ĬN'DĮ-ÇÆ.)

Tinctura Cannabis, *Pharm.* 1870; Tincture of Hemp; Tincture of Indian Hemp; Tinctura Cannabis Indicæ, *P. G.;* Teinture de Chanvre Indien, *Fr.;* Indischhanftinktur, *G.*

"Indian Cannabis, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces,

* *Tincture of Calumba.* J. B. Moore recommends the following process. Calumba, in powder No. 20, 4 troy oz.; alcohol, 22 fl.oz.; glycerin and water, each 5½ fl.oz.; dilute alcohol, q. s. Mix the alcohol, glycerin, and water, moisten the powdered calumba with the mixture, pack in a close vessel, and set aside to macerate for 6 hours; then pack in a glass funnel prepared for percolation, and gradually pour upon it the remainder of the menstruum, and, when this has passed from the surface, continue the percolation with dilute alcohol until 32 fluidounces of tincture are obtained. (*Druggists' Circular*, May, 1877.)

390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Extract of Indian Hemp *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Extract of Hemp in the Spirit." *Br.*

The American reader must take care not to confound the Indian Hemp here referred to with *Apocynum cannabinum*, known by the same name in this country. The term "Indian Hemp" should be dropped entirely, as its continued use has been the cause of at least one fatal mistake. The strength of the present tincture is about 5 per cent. less than that of the 1880 tincture. The dose is thirty minims (1·9 C.c.), or about fifty drops, to be gradually increased till its effects are experienced.

TINCTURA CANTHARIDIS. U. S., Br. Tincture of Cantharides.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĄN-THĂR'Ị-DĪS.)

Tincture of Spanish Flies; Tinctura Cantharidum, *P. G.;* Teinture de Cantharides, *Fr.;* Spanischfliegentinktur, *G.*

"Cantharides, in No. 60 powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *thirty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 7 minims] of Alcohol, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Cantharides, in coarse powder, *one quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois], Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

An improvement was made in this tincture in the 1880 revision by substituting alcohol for diluted alcohol. It is frequently used in mixtures of castor oil and alcohol in the so-called hair tonics, and when made with diluted alcohol turbidity results. The official tincture is slightly stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1870. It is the most convenient form for the internal use of Spanish flies, the virtues of which it possesses to their full extent. (See *Cantharis.*) If made with diluted alcohol, when long kept it deposits fatty matter, cantharidin in rhomboidal tables, and other crystals of a quite different form. (Ménière, *Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1861, p. 289.) It is occasionally employed externally as a rubefacient; but its liability to vesicate should be taken into consideration. The British tincture is too feeble, containing the virtues of only 0·68 of a grain of cantharides in a fluidrachm. The dose of the U. S. tincture is from three to ten drops (0·09–0·30 C.c.), repeated three or four times a day.

TINCTURA CAPSICI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Capsicum. [Tincture of Cayenne Pepper.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂP'SĮ-CĪ.)

Teinture de Piment des Jardins, *Fr.;* Spanischpfeffertinktur, *G.*

"Capsicum, in No. 30 powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims] of Alcohol to *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims] of the menstruum, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this tincture to be prepared from *three-quarters of an avoirdupois ounce* of Bruised Capsicum Fruit, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, in the same manner precisely as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture is slightly stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1870, and has been improved by the substitution of alcohol for diluted alcohol, as suggested by G. W. Kennedy (*A. J. P.*, March, 1876) and others. It is a useful stimulant in *very low states of the system* with gastric insensibility, as in *malignant scarlet* and *typhus fevers*, and in the cases of drunkards. It may also be used, diluted with water, as a gargle. (See *Capsicum.*) Applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil to the *relaxed uvula*, it sometimes produces contraction and relieves prolapsus of that part. The dose is from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA CARDAMOMI. U. S. Tincture of Cardamom.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂR-DĄ-MŌ'MĪ.)

Teinture de Cardamome, *Fr.;* Kardamomentinktur, *G.*

"Cardamom, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture is an agreeable but strong aromatic, and may be advantageously added to tonic and purgative infusions. The dose is one fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

TINCTURA CARDAMOMI COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Tincture of Cardamom.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂR-DĄ-MŌ'MĪ CǪM-PŎŞ'Ị-TĄ.)

Teinture de Cardamome composée, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzte Kardamomentinktur, *G.*

"Cardamom, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Cassia Cinnamon, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Caraway, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Cochineal, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Glycerin, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Cardamom, Cinnamon, Caraway, and Cochineal, and reduce them to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Having moistened the powder with *twenty-five cubic centimeters* [or 406 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *nine hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 32 fluidounces, 59 minims] of Tincture are obtained; then add the Glycerin, and mix them." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes of Cardamom Seeds, bruised, and Caraway Fruit, bruised, each *a quarter of an avoirdupois ounce;* Raisins, freed from their seeds, *two avoirdupois ounces;* Cinnamon Bark, bruised, *half an avoirdupois ounce;* Cochineal, in powder, *fifty-five grains;* and Proof Spirit, *one Imperial pint;* and directs that the tincture be prepared in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This is a very agreeable aromatic tincture, occasionally used as a carminative in the dose of one or two fluidrachms (3·7 or 7·5 C.c.), but more frequently as an addition to mixtures, infusions, etc., which it renders pleasant to the taste and acceptable to the stomach. The substitution of honey in the U. S. formula of 1870 for the raisins in that of 1850 was an improvement, as it facilitated the process and gave more precision to the result; but a still greater improvement was made in the process of 1880 in the substitution of glycerin, which increases the stability of the preparation and takes the place of a liquid which is usually found adulterated in commerce.

TINCTURA CASCARILLÆ. Br. Tincture of Cascarilla.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂS-CĄ-RĬL'LÆ.)

Teinture de Cascarille, *Fr.;* Kaskarilltinktur, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this tincture to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Cascarilla, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture has the properties of cascarilla, but is seldom if ever used in this country. The dose is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA CATECHU COMPOSITA. U. S. (Br.) Compound Tincture of Catechu.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĂT'Ę-ȻHŪ CǪM-PŎŞ'Ị-TĄ.)

Tinctura Catechu, *Br.;* Teinture de Cachou, *Fr.;* Katechutinktur, *G.*

"Catechu, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Cassia Cinnamon, in No. 40 powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powders, and, without moistening, pack the mixture firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Catechu, in coarse powder, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Cinnamon Bark,

bruised, *one ounce* [av.]; Proof Spirit, *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation; strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The name of this tincture was changed at the 1880 revision, so that it more accurately indicates its composition than did its former name. Cinnamon has been present in the tincture of catechu of former Pharmacopœias in the same relatively large proportion—2 parts of cinnamon to 3 parts of catechu—and this disproportion has been usually overlooked. The present tincture contains 2 parts of catechu to 1 part of cinnamon. This is a grateful astringent tincture, useful in all cases to which catechu is applicable and in which small quantities of spirit are not objectionable. It may often be advantageously added to cretaceous mixtures in *diarrhœa*. The dose is from thirty minims to three fluidrachms (1·9–11·25 C.c.), which may be given with sweetened water or some mucilaginous liquid, or in port wine when this is not contraindicated. It sometimes gelatinizes when kept, and becomes unfit for use.

TINCTURA CHIRATÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Chirata.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ȹHĮ-RĀ'TÆ.)

Tincture of Chiretta; Teinture de Chirette, *Fr.*; Chirettatinktur, *G.*

"Chirata, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Chiretta, cut small and bruised, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This is a tonic tincture which was introduced for the first time by the U. S. P. 1880, but which even before then had been largely used in some sections of our country. It is not quite so strong as the British tincture. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.), three or four times a day.

TINCTURA CHLOROFORMI COMPOSITA. Br. Compound Tincture of Chloroform.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ȹHLŌ-RǪ-FÖR'MĪ CǪM-PŎȘ'Į-TĄ.)

"Take of Chloroform *two fluidounces*; Rectified Spirit *eight fluidounces*; Compound Tincture of Cardamoms *ten fluidounces*. Mix." *Br.*

A convenient form for the internal use of chloroform. The dose is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.), diluted with water.

TINCTURA CHLOROFORMI ET MORPHINÆ. Br. Tincture of Chloroform and Morphine.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ȹHLŌ-RǪ-FÖR'MĪ ĚT MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ.)

"Take of Chloroform *one fluidounce*; Ether *two fluidrachms*; Rectified Spirit *one fluidounce*; Hydrochlorate of Morphine *eight grains*; Diluted Hydrocyanic Acid *one-half fluidounce*; Oil of Peppermint *four minims*; Liquid Extract of Liquorice *one fluidounce*; Treacle *one fluidounce*; Syrup *a sufficiency*. Diffuse the Hydrochlorate of Morphine and Oil of Peppermint in the Spirit, and add the Chloroform and Ether. Mix the Liquid Extract of Liquorice and Treacle with three fluidounces of Syrup, add this to the previously formed solution, mix them thoroughly, add the Hydrocyanic Acid, and increase the volume to eight fluidounces by further addition of Syrup." *Br.* Each dose of ten minims contains 1¼ minims of chloroform; ⅓ minim of ether; 1¼ minims of alcohol; $\frac{1}{48}$ grain of morphine hydrochlorate; § minim of diluted hydrocyanic acid; $\frac{1}{96}$ minim of oil of peppermint; 1¼ minims of liquid extract of liquorice.

This is the official substitute for chlorodyne, the well-known British nostrum. The dose is from five to ten minims (0·31–0·62 C.c.). (See, also, *Mistura Chloroformi et Opii*, National Formulary, Part II., and *Chlorodyne*, p. 378.)

TINCTURA CIMICIFUGÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Cimicifuga.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĬM-Į-CĬF'Ŭ-ĢÆ.)

Tinctura Actææ; Tincture of Actæa.

"Cimicifuga, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Cimicifuga, in No. 40 powder, *two and one-half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Cimicifuga for forty-eight hours in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and when the liquid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five ounces of Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture is inferior to the fluid extract, because the medical powers of the menstruum are almost equal to those of the drug, although dissimilar. The dose is from a fluidrachm to half a fluidounce (3·7–15 C.c.).

TINCTURA CINCHONÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Cinchona.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CĬN-ȹHŌ'NÆ.)

Tincture of Yellow Cinchona; Tincture of Peruvian Bark; Tinctura Chinæ, *P. G.;* Teinture de Quinquina, *Fr.;* Chinatinktur, *G.*

"Cinchona, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Glycerin, *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred and seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 22 fluidounces, 396 minims] of Alcohol and *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator, and pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour on more of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the same proportions as before, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *four avoirdupois ounces* of Red Cinchona Bark, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture is very properly made with a large proportion of bark, as in the bitter tinctures it is important that the alcohol should bear as small a proportion to the tonic principle as possible. Even when strongest, however, it cannot, in ordinary cases, be given in doses sufficiently large to obtain the full effect of the bark, without stimulating too highly. A deposit is apt to form in the tincture when kept, consisting chiefly of cinchonic red holding probably a portion of the alkaloids in combination. This was found by Mr. J. Adams to be perfectly dissolved by heat, though it uniformly reappeared on the cooling of the tincture. The addition of diluted sulphuric acid did not cause its solution; and, even though it was removed by filtering the tincture, the deposition was afterwards renewed. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1868, p. 470.) In reference to a mode of obviating in some measure this tendency to deposition, the reader is referred to the statements of M. Vauflart on the subject of deposition in the tinctures prepared by percolation. Mr. A. B. Taylor, in experimenting on this subject, prepared a tincture in which the menstruum consisted of two parts of alcohol, one part of water, and one part of glycerin, and which was kept three months without undergoing deposition. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1865, p. 50.) This suggested the addition of glycerin to the official formula, and there can be no doubt that the tincture has been thereby improved, experience having demonstrated the utility of glycerin in liquid preparations of cinchona. Tincture of cinchona is rarely employed, but may be used as a tonic in doses of from one to four fluidrachms (3·7–15 C.c.).

TINCTURA CINCHONÆ COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Tincture of Cinchona.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ CĬN-ĢHŌ′NÆ CǪM-PŌṢ′Ị-TĄ.)

Compound Tincture of Peruvian Bark; Tinctura Chinæ Composita, *P. G.;* Huxham's Tincture of Bark; Teinture de Quinquina composée, Elixir fébrifuge d'Huxam, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzte Chinatinktur, *G.*

"Red Cinchona, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Bitter Orange Peel, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains]; Serpentaria, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Glycerin, *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of Alcohol and *seventy-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 257 minims] of Water. Having mixed the Cinchona, Orange Peel, and Serpentaria, reduce them to a fine (No. 60) powder. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator, and gradually pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour on more of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the same proportions as before, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes of Red Cinchona Bark, in No. 40 powder, *two avoirdupois ounces*, Bitter Orange Peel, cut small and bruised, *one avoirdupois ounce*, Serpentary Rhizome, bruised, *half an avoirdupois ounce*, Saffron *fifty-five grains*, Cochineal, in powder, *twenty-eight grains*, and Proof Spirit *one Imperial pint;* and proceeds with these ingredients in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This is the preparation commonly known by the name of *Huxham's tincture of bark.* It differs from that official in the U. S. P. 1870 principally in the alcoholic strength of the menstruum, which is now about in the proportion of 11 volumes of alcohol to 1 volume of water; it was formerly 3 volumes of alcohol to 1 volume of water. The use of glycerin is an improvement, precipitation being thus largely prevented. It will be observed that the drugs are not directed in the powdered state, the intention being to mix the drugs together and then to reduce the mixture to a *uniform* powder; in this way the volatile principles in the Serpentaria and Orange Peel are retained, and thorough exhaustion by percolation is secured. Compound tincture of cinchona is an excellent stomachic cordial tonic, too feeble, however, in the principles of cinchona to serve as a substitute for the alkaloids when a full effect is required. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·7–15 C.c.).

TINCTURA CINNAMOMI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Cinnamon.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ CĬN-NĄ-MŌ′MĪ.)

Teinture de Cannelle, *Fr.;* Zimmttinktur, *G.*

"Ceylon Cinnamon, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Glycerin, *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol and *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 minims] of the menstruum, pack it in a conical percolator, gradually pour on the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards more of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the same proportions as before, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Cinnamon Bark, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture has the aromatic and astringent properties of cinnamon, and may be used as an adjuvant to cretaceous mixtures and astringent infusions or decoctions. By long keeping it is apt to gelatinize and become unfit for use. According to Mr. Greenish, this can be prevented by using a menstruum composed of six parts of alcohol and two parts of water. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1872, p. 641.) The dose is from one to three or four fluidrachms (3·7–11·25 or 15 C.c.). It forms an agreeable flavoring to other tinctures.

TINCTURA COCCI. Br. Tincture of Cochineal.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CŎC'ÇĪ.)

Teinture de Cochenille, *Fr.;* **Cochenilletinktur,** *G.*

"Take of Cochineal, in powder, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation; strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This is valued chiefly for imparting color to liquid preparations. It may, however, be given internally in nervous affections in doses of from twenty drops to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·7 C.c.).

TINCTURA COLCHICI SEMINIS. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Colchicum Seed.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CŎL'ÇHI-CĪ SĔM'I-NĬS.)

Tinctura Colchici Seminum, *Br.;* Tinctura Colchici, *U. S.* 1880; Tincture of Colchicum Seeds; Teinture de Semences de Colchique, *Fr.;* Zeitlosentinktur, *G.*

"Colchicum Seed, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol and *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of finely comminuted Colchicum Seeds, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

It was at one time supposed that the tincture was quite as effective made from the unbruised as from the bruised seeds; but the opinion has been shown to be erroneous. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 120.) See also a paper by Mr. N. Rosenwasser, *Ibid.*, 1877, p. 436. Subsequently Mr. L. I. Morris showed that if the whole seeds were *digested* with hot diluted alcohol they could be perfectly exhausted. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 6.) Prof. Maisch recommends, as a convenient method of comminuting the seeds, to macerate them for two or three days in a portion of the menstruum, then to remove them and bruise them in a clean iron mortar, taking care that none of the menstruum or of the seeds should be wasted. (*Ibid.*, xxviii. 514.)

This tincture possesses the properties of colchicum, and may be given whenever that medicine is indicated; but the wine, containing less alcohol, is generally preferred. The dose is from half a fluidrachm to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.), to be repeated with caution.

TINCTURA CONII. Br. Tincture of Hemlock.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CŌ-NĪ'Ī.)

Tinctura Conii Fructus, *Br.* 1874; Tincture of Hemlock Fruit; Teinture de Ciguë, *Fr.;* Schierlingstinktur, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of finely comminuted Hemlock Fruit, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture was not admitted to the U. S. P. 1890; the formula of the tincture official in 1880 is appended.* A strong odor of coniine should be emitted by the tincture upon the addition of potassa. M. Ménière states that it lets fall, on standing, a yellow miliary deposit, resembling drops of oil, the form of which is modified under pressure. According to the experiments of Dr. John Harley, of London (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1867, p. 414), the British tincture is an uncertain preparation, two fluidounces of it sometimes failing to produce any effect. The U. S. P. 1880 tincture is, however, about 30 per cent. stronger than the British, and cannot be considered inert if care be taken to select the conium fruit properly. The commencing dose is thirty minims (1·9 C.c.), to be increased if necessary.

* "Conium, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and fifty parts* [or four and three-quarter ounces av.]; Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, *four parts* [or one fluidrachm]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand parts* [or two pints]. Moisten the powder with *forty-five parts* [or two fluidounces] of Diluted Alcohol, previously mixed with the Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand parts* [or two pints] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

TINCTURA CROCI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Saffron.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CRŌ'CĪ.)

Teinture de Safran, *Fr.;* Safrantinktur, *G.*

"Saffron, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, to make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the Saffron with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *one avoirdupois ounce* of Saffron, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture possesses all the properties of saffron: it was first introduced into the U. S. P. in the revision of 1880, but is of little other use than to give color to mixtures. The dose is from one to three fluidrachms (3·7–11·25 C.c.).

TINCTURA CUBEBÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Cubeb.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ CŪ-BĒ'BÆ.)

Tincture of Cubebs; Teinture de Cubèbes, *Fr.;* Kubebentinktur, *G.*

"Cubeb, in No. 30 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Cubebs, in powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, and proceeds as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The old London tincture was nearly three times as strong as the Dublin; but the preparation on its introduction into the British Pharmacopœia was greatly reduced in strength. The U. S. P. 1880 tincture was about 25 per cent. weaker than that of the U. S. P. 1870, a change which was very unfortunate, almost destroying any therapeutic value the preparation may have had. The U. S. P. 1890 tincture, which is double the strength of the former tincture, undoubtedly represents cubeb. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·7–7·5 C.c.) or more.

TINCTURA DIGITALIS. U. S., Br. Tincture of Digitalis.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ DĬĢ-Ị-TĀ'LĬS.)

Tincture of Foxglove; Teinture de Digitale, *Fr.;* Fingerhuttinktur, *G.*

"Digitalis, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Foxglove Leaves, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

In preparing this tincture, great attention should be paid to the selection of the leaves, according to the rules laid down under the head of Digitalis. From a neglect of these it is apt to be weak or inefficient. The expressed juice of the leaves, preserved by means of alcohol, prepared as the British Succi, would probably be found a powerful preparation. (See page 1303.) Tincture of digitalis possesses all the virtues of that narcotic, and affords a convenient method of administering it, especially in mixtures. It is said by M. Ménière to deposit on standing a green oily matter, and some white lance-shaped crystals soluble in an excess of acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Avril, 1861, p. 289.) The present U. S. preparation is slightly stronger than that of 1870. The ordinary dose is from ten to twenty drops (0·6–1·25 C.c.), repeated two or three times a day, and increased if necessary, but with caution; a fluidrachm, representing about eight grains of digitalis, may be given on occasion as a single dose.

TINCTURA ERGOTÆ. Br. Tincture of Ergot.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĔR'GO-TÆ.)

Tinctura Secalis Cornuti, *P. G.;* Teinture de Seigle ergoté, *Fr.;* Mutterkorntinktur, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *five avoirdupois ounces* of Ergot, finely comminuted, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The dose of this tincture is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.). (Five to thirty minims. *Br.*)

TINCTURA FERRI ACETATIS. Br. Tincture of Acetate of Iron.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ FĔR'RĪ ĂC-Ē-TĀ'TĬS.)

Teinture d'Acétate de Fer, *Fr.;* Essigsaure Eisentinktur, *G.*

"Take of Strong Solution of Acetate of Iron *five fluidounces;* Acetic Acid *one fluidounce;* Rectified Spirit *five fluidounces;* Distilled Water *nine fluidounces.* Mix, and then add sufficient Distilled Water to make one pint [Imp. meas.]. Preserve in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1890 dropped this tincture because of its limited use and the difficulty of keeping it properly. The U. S. P. 1880 process will be found in the foot-note.* The British tincture is a transparent liquid, of a deep red color and a strong ferruginous taste. It is said to be an agreeable chalybeate, but is subject to the very weighty objection that it is unstable, commencing usually to undergo serious change† in from two to three weeks after its preparation. The best way of preventing this would be to have, as suggested by Messrs. Deane and Jefferson (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi. 196), a liquor from which the tincture should be prepared as wanted, by the addition of alcohol,—a plan which has been adopted in the German formula: for the process for *Rademacher's tincture of acetate of iron*, see foot-note.‡ The dose of the official tincture is from twenty drops to a teaspoonful (1·25–3·7 (C.c.), sufficiently diluted with water.

TINCTURA FERRI CHLORIDI. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Ferric Chloride.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ FĔR'RĪ ȻHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

"A hydro-alcoholic solution of Ferric Chloride [$Fe_2Cl_6 = 323·98$] containing about 13·6 per cent. of the anhydrous salt, and corresponding to about 4·7 (4·69) per cent. of metallic iron." *U. S.*

Tinctura Ferri Perchloridi, *Br.;* Tincture of Chloride of Iron; Tinctura Ferri Muriatis; Tincture of Perchloride of Iron; Tincture of Muriate of Iron; Tinctura Ferri Sesquichloridi; Teinture de Perchlorure de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisenchloridtinktur, *G.*

"Solution of Ferric Chloride, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Solution with enough Alcohol to make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Let the Tincture stand, in a closely-covered vessel, at least three months; then transfer it to glass-stoppered bottles, and keep it protected from light." *U. S.*

* "Solution of Acetate of Iron, *fifty parts* [or four fluidounces]; Alcohol, *thirty parts* [or three fluidounces and three fluidrachms]: Acetic Ether, *twenty parts* [or two fluidounces], To make *one hundred parts* [or about nine fluidounces]. Mix the Alcohol and Acetic Ether, and gradually add the Solution of Acetate of Iron, taking care that the mixture remains cool. Keep the tincture in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool and dark place." *U. S.* 1880.

The U. S. tincture is "a clear, dark reddish-brown liquid, transparent in thin layers, having the odor of acetic ether, an acidulous and astringent taste, and a slightly acid reaction. Sp. gr. about 0·950. It is miscible, in all proportions, with water, without becoming turbid. The Tincture, diluted with water, affords a brownish-red precipitate with water of ammonia, and a blue one with test-solution of ferrocyanide of potassium. When mixed with sulphuric acid, and gently warmed, it evolves acetous vapors. If the iron be completely precipitated from a portion of the diluted tincture by excess of water of ammonia, the filtrate should not yield either a white or a dark-colored precipitate with hydrosulphuric acid (abs. of zinc, copper). Another portion of the filtrate should not leave any fixed residue on evaporation and gentle ignition (abs. of fixed alkalies). A few drops added to freshly-prepared test-solution of ferricyanide of potassium should impart to the latter a pure greenish-brown color without a trace of blue (abs. of ferrous salt). 20 Gm. of the Tincture carefully evaporated and, after addition of a few drops of nitric acid, ignited, should yield a residue weighing 1·12 Gm."

† For elaborate experiments on the causes of these changes, see *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1874, p. 241.

‡ Triturate 23 parts of pure ferrous sulphate and 24 parts of lead acetate in a porcelain mortar until a thick magma results, then add gradually 48 parts of distilled water and 96 parts of vinegar, pour the whole into a flask, which is to be lightly closed, and digest for three days at a temperature of 30° to 40° C. (86° to 104° F.), repeatedly agitating. Filter, and let the filtrate stand for 30 days, occasionally shaking in a wide-mouthed flask only half filled and loosely covered with a plate of glass. Then add 80 parts of alcohol. Let it stand 10 days more in the same flask, and finally filter. The tincture is clear, has a reddish-brown color, and a sp. gr. between 0·960 and 0·970. (Wilms, *N. R.*, 1881, p. 273.)

"Take of Strong Solution of Perchloride of Iron *five fluidounces;* Rectified Spirit *five fluidounces;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imperial measure]. Mix, and then add sufficient Distilled Water to make one pint, and preserve in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

This tincture does not differ materially from that official in 1880, the change due to making one by weight and the other by volume, and the rounding of the figures, causing a difference in specific gravity,—the U. S. P. 1880 tincture having the sp. gr. 0·980 and the U. S. P. 1890 tincture that of 0·960, the latter thus being slightly weaker.

The U. S. formula of 1870 appeared, in respect to the precise method of proceeding, to be copied from that of Dr. Squibb, published in *A. J. P.* (1857, p. 290).* Iron wire was chosen as the form of iron to be used, because it is generally the purest. This, which was in very slight excess, was first treated with a portion of the hydrochloric acid, which formed with it ferrous chloride, with the escape of hydrogen, producing effervescence. The action was allowed to go on spontaneously until effervescence ceased, and was then aided by heat, which caused the saturation of the acid used. The solution being filtered, the remainder of the hydrochloric acid was added, and afterwards the nitric acid gradually, the liquid having been heated to the boiling point before the latter addition. The nitric acid was decomposed, with the escape of nitrous fumes producing effervescence, while, through the influence of a portion of its oxygen and the additional portion of hydrochloric acid, the ferrous chloride was converted into ferric chloride, the conversion being completed when the effervescence ceased and the previous green color had been changed to a reddish brown. The precise reactions by which these changes are effected have been explained elsewhere. (See *Ferri Chloridum*, page 605, and *Liquor Ferri Chloridi*, page 799.) In the revision of 1870 the process was divided into two parts, and a new preparation, *Liquor Ferri Chloridi*, introduced. When this is added to the alcohol, the latter reacts gradually with the acid, producing a small proportion of an ether which gives a peculiar flavor to the tincture and probably modifies in some degree its influence on the system. For this reason it is preferable to keep the tincture a year before dispensing, and the official direction is to keep it at least three months.

Properties. Tincture of ferric chloride is "a bright, brownish liquid, having a slightly ethereal odor, a very astringent, styptic taste, and an acid reaction. Specific gravity, about 0·960 at 15° C. (59° F.). The Tincture yields a brownish-red precipitate with ammonia water, a blue one with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and a white one, insoluble in nitric acid, with silver nitrate test-solution. After the Tincture has been exposed for some time to daylight, it yields a greenish or greenish-blue color with potassium ferricyanide test-solution, showing the presence of some ferrous salt, due to reduction. If the iron be completely precipitated from a portion of the Tincture by an excess of ammonia water, the filtrate should be colorless, and should not yield a white or dark-colored precipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *zinc* or *copper*), nor should it leave a fixed residue on evaporation and gentle ignition (absence of *salts of the fixed alkalies*). On adding a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate to a cooled mixture of equal volumes of concentrated sulphuric acid and a moderately dilute portion of the Tincture, the crystal should not become colored brown, nor should there be a brownish-black zone developed around it (absence of *nitric acid*). On diluting 1 C.c. of the Tincture with water to 12 C.c., and boiling, the liquid should remain clear (absence of *oxychloride*). If 1·12 (1·1176) Gm. of the Tincture be introduced into a glass-stoppered bottle (having a capacity of about 100 C.c.), together with 15 C.c. of water and 2 C.c. of hydrochloric acid, and, after the addition of 1 Gm. of potassium iodide, the mixture be kept for half an hour at a temperature of 40° C. (104° F.), then cooled, and mixed with a few drops of starch test-solution, it should require about 9·4 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution to discharge the blue or greenish color of the liquid (each C.c. of the volumetric solution indicating 0·5 per cent. of metallic iron)." *U. S.*† The tincture is decomposed by the alkalies, alkaline earths and their carbonates, astringent vegetable infusions, and mucilage of acacia, which produces with it a brown semi-transparent jelly. All these substances are, therefore, incompatible with it in prescriptions.‡

* This process of Dr. Squibb was given in a note in the eleventh edition of the U. S. Dispensatory, page 1052.

† Mr. J. C. Wharton has noticed in the tincture silky asbestos-like crystals, which he believes are due to an action of the acids upon the glass in which the drug is prepared. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 107.) Dr. Battey believes these crystals to be calcium sulphate. (*Ibid.*, xlii. 207.)

‡ *Bestuchef's tincture*, which is much used in Europe, is simply a solution of ferric chloride in a mixture of one measure of ether and three or four measures of alcohol. Fr. Mayer recommends that the ferric chloride should be prepared by passing chlorine through a solution of ferrous chloride, until a solution of potassium ferricyanide no longer produces a blue precipitate, and then evaporating by a water-bath. In this mode crystals of ferric chloride are obtained, one ounce of which is to be dissolved in twelve ounces of ether mixed with four times its bulk of alco-

Medical Properties and Uses. This is one of the most active and certain preparations of iron, usually acceptable to the stomach, and much employed for the purposes to which the chalybeates generally are applied. It has been particularly commended as a tonic in *scrofula*, in which it was formerly often given, jointly with the solution of calcium chloride or barium chloride. It is supposed to be diuretic, and to have a peculiar influence on the urinary passages. Hence it has been employed in *gleet*, *old gonorrhœa*, and *leucorrhœa*, and is said to be useful in *dysury* dependent on spasmodic stricture of the urethra, in the dose of ten drops repeated every ten minutes till some effect is experienced. In passive *hemorrhages from the uterus*, *kidneys*, and *bladder*, it is thought to act advantageously. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Bell, of Edinburgh, it has been much employed in *erysipelas*, often with great advantage; but in *scarlatina*, *diphtheria*, and *purulent infection of the blood*, experience has shown it to be of very little value. Externally it is sometimes used for the destruction of *venereal warts*, and as a styptic in *cancerous* and *fungous ulcers*. It has been employed, with asserted success, as an injection in *aneurismal tumors*. (See *Ranking's Abstract*, xviii. 120.) The dose of the U. S. tincture is from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.), which may be gradually increased to one or even two fluidrachms (3·7 or 7·5 C.c.), two or three times a day. In acute febrile diseases, as *erysipelas*, the dose should be repeated every two hours. It is given well diluted, and is very prone to injure the teeth.

TINCTURA GALLÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Nutgall.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ GĂL'LÆ.)

Tinctura Gallarum, *P. G.;* Tincture of Galls; Teinture de Noix de Galle, *Fr.;* Galläpfeltinktur, *G.*

"Nutgall, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Alcohol. Pack the powder, without moistening it, in a conical glass percolator; then gradually pour upon it the menstruum, and, afterwards, Alcohol, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Galls, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The tincture of galls is powerfully astringent, but is more used as a test than as a medicine. The present official tincture is about one-third stronger than that of the U. S. P. 1870. When long kept, it ceases to evince the reactions of tannic acid, in consequence of the conversion of this into gallic acid. The dose is from one to three fluidrachms (3·7–11·25 C.c.).

TINCTURA GELSEMII. U. S., Br. Tincture of Gelsemium.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ĢĔL-SĔM'Ị-Ī.)

"Gelsemium, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for

hol. The solution may be rendered colorless, if desired, by exposure to the direct rays of the sun. (*N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.*, i. 233.) This decolorization, however, is effected by a chemical change which somewhat alters the character of the preparation. The ferric chloride becomes ferrous chloride by the loss of a portion of its chlorine, which, by abstracting hydrogen from the alcohol, becomes hydrochloric acid; and this reacts with unaltered alcohol to form hydrochloric ether.

Mr. A. Cushman recommends the following process for the above tincture. He first prepares the crystals of the sesquichloride by dissolving two ounces of iron filings in a mixture of eight fluidounces of hydrochloric acid and four of distilled water, then adding four fluidrachms of nitric acid, evaporating to a pellicle, and setting aside to crystallize. The crystals, having been washed in alcohol, and afterwards redissolved and crystallized, are to be dissolved in a mixture of two parts of alcohol and one of ether; the proportion being an ounce of the crystals to twelve fluidounces of the mixture. After solution, the liquid is to be filtered, and exposed for 48 hours to the direct rays of the sun. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 461; from *Am. Med. Gaz.*)

Tasteless Tincture of Ferric Chloride. Mr. J. Creuse introduced this preparation. We have used the following formula for it. Solution of Ferric Chloride, U. S. P., 1 fluidounce; Citric Acid, 544 grains; Sodium Carbonate, 1000 grains, or q. s.; Water, distilled, 1 fluidounce; Alcohol, q. s. Dissolve the citric acid in the distilled water, and heat to the boiling point, gradually adding the sodium carbonate until the acid is saturated. Mix this with the iron solution, which will now assume a beautiful green color, and make up the measure to 4 fluidounces with alcohol.

twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Gelsemium, in No. 40 powder, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit, *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Gelsemium for forty-eight hours in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five ounces of Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture will prove a valuable addition, and will be preferred to the fluid extract for internal administration, as it is safer, and can be used more satisfactorily in extemporaneous combination. The menstruum of the U. S. P. 1890 process is weaker than that formerly official, alcohol having been replaced by alcohol diluted with water in the proportion of 65 to 35. The dose is from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.).

TINCTURA GENTIANÆ COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Tincture of Gentian.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ÇĒN-TĮ-Ā'NÆ CǪM-PǬŞ'Į-TĄ.)

"Gentian, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Bitter Orange Peel, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Cardamom, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Gentian, Orange Peel, and Cardamom, and reduce the mixture to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *one and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Gentian Root, cut small and bruised, *three-quarters of an avoirdupois ounce* of Bitter Orange Peel, cut small and bruised, *a quarter of an avoirdupois ounce* of Cardamom Seeds, bruised, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds with these ingredients in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

An improvement has been made in the process for this tincture, in directing the drugs to be mixed and powdered together: the pulverization is facilitated, and the odorous principles of the cardamom and orange peel are absorbed by the gentian. As compared with the U. S. P. 1880 tincture, the menstruum has been strengthened slightly, three volumes of alcohol and two of water being used in place of diluted alcohol, making a more permanent tincture; the proportion of cardamom has been reduced one-half, and that of gentian slightly increased. This is an elegant bitter, much used in *dyspepsia*, and as an addition to tonic mixtures in debilitated states of the digestive organs or of the system generally. There is, however, much danger of its abuse, especially in chronic cases. Dose, one or two fluidrachms (3·7 or 7·50 C.c.).

TINCTURA GUAIACI. U. S. Tincture of Guaiac.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ GUĀ'ĮĄ-CĪ—gwā'yą-sī.)

Tinctura Guajaci, *P. G.*; **Teinture de Résine de Gaïac**, *Fr.*; **Guajaktinktur**, *G.*

"Guaiac, in coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powder with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for seven days, in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

Although this tincture can be prepared by percolation if care and skill are used, maceration is doubtless preferable.

This tincture is given in *chronic rheumatism* and *gout*, in the dose of from one to three fluidrachms three or four times a day. As it is decomposed by water, it is most conveniently administered in mucilage, sweetened water, or milk, by which the separated guaiac is held in temporary suspension. The following is a form of tincture of guaiac which the late Dr. Dewees found very efficient in the cure of *suppression of the menses* and *dysmenorrhœa*. "Take of the

best Guaiac, in powder, *four ounces;* Carbonate of Soda or of Potassa *one drachm and a half;* Pimenta, in powder, *an ounce;* Diluted Alcohol *a pint.* Digest for a few days." Dr. Dewees directed a drachm or two of the spirit of ammonia to be added, *pro re nata*, to four fluidounces of the tincture. (*Treatise on Diseases of Females*, 1826, page 81.) The dose is a teaspoonful (3·7 C.c.) three times a day, to be gradually increased if necessary. The quantity of alkaline addition is too small to produce any other effect than to render the resin more soluble, whilst the pimenta can act only as a spice: so that the virtues of the tincture reside in the guaiac, and the official ammoniated tincture is probably equally effectual.

TINCTURA GUAIACI AMMONIATA. U. S., Br. Ammoniated Tincture of Guaiac.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ GUĀ'ĮĄ-CĪ ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'TĄ.)

Tinctura Guaiaci Composita; Teinture de Gaïac ammoniacale, *Fr.;* Ammoniakalische Guajaktinktur, *G.*

"Guaiac, in coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powder with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, and macerate for seven days in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, in a well-covered funnel, and add, through the filter, Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Guaiacum Resin, in powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia *a sufficiency*. Macerate the Guaiacum in fifteen fluidounces [Imperial measure] of the Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia for seven days in a well-closed vessel, with occasional agitation, and filter, then add sufficient Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture is celebrated in the treatment of *chronic rheumatism*, and is frequently also used in *amenorrhœa*. It is more stimulating, and is probably more effectual, than the preceding, on account of the presence of the alkali. It is precipitated by water, and should be administered emulsified with gum, so that the guaiac may be held in suspension. The dose is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA HAMAMELIDIS. Br. Tincture of Hamamelis.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ HĂM-Ą-MĔL'Į-DĬS.)

"Take of Hamamelis Bark, in No. 20 powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit a *sufficiency*. Moisten the powder with a suitable quantity of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; pack in a percolator, and gradually add proof spirit until one pint [Imperial measure] of tincture is obtained." *Br.*

This is a new addition to the British Pharmacopœia. The dose is from two to sixty minims (0·123–3·7 C.c.).

TINCTURÆ HERBARUM RECENTIUM. U. S. Tinctures of Fresh Herbs.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RÆ HĔR-BĀ'RŬM RĘ-CĒN'TĮ-ŬM.)

"These Tinctures, when not otherwise directed, are to be prepared by the following formula: Take of The Fresh Herb, bruised or crushed, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Alcohol, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Macerate the Herb with the Alcohol for fourteen days; then express the liquid and filter." *U. S.*

This is a general formula introduced for the guidance of the pharmacist in securing some degree of uniformity in this class of tinctures. Tinctures from fresh herbs are coming into use to some extent, and the fresh herb is to be preferred to the dried drug where a very volatile or easily dissociated substance is the active principle. It is evident that the relative strength must vary, however, with the degree of freshness of the drug and the amount of water contained in it, which depends upon the time of collection, the state of the weather when the herb was gathered, and the amount of subsequent exposure to the atmosphere: hence an absolutely uniform relation cannot be obtained. It is asserted that the fresh tinctures of thuja and gelsemium are more active than the tinctures from the dried drug. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1878, p. 755.) Dr. F. J. B. Quinlan preserves medicinal plants in a fresh state for a reasonable period in the following manner. The herbs in a perfectly fresh state are bruised to a pulp in a mortar, placed into a glass bottle, and well tamped down; the stopper is then forced in so

as to exclude every particle of air, and the top encased by beeswax softened by heat. The bottles are then buried in the ground at a depth of three feet. So treated, belladonna, conium, and other herbs have been kept for four months perfectly sweet and fit for pharmaceutical purposes; and it is probable that bottled herbs will keep in this manner for six or even eight months, and perhaps longer. (*Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1883, p. 491.)

TINCTURA HUMULI. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Hops.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ HŪ'MŬ-LĪ.)

Tinctura Lupuli, *Br.;* Teinture de Houblon, *Fr.;* Hopfentinktur, *G.*

"Hops, well dried and in No. 20 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Hops, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This is a tincture which might well have been omitted in the last revision of the Pharmacopœia: it has little to recommend it from either a therapeutical or a pharmaceutical point of view.

By thoroughly drying the hops and rubbing them between the hands, or by cutting and bruising them, they may be brought to a state of division which will in a great measure obviate the disadvantages due to their light and bulky character. Yet it is well known that the narcotic virtues of hops are injured by a thorough drying. As the virtues of hops depend chiefly on the lupulin, and as the quantity of this substance is different in different parcels, the tincture is necessarily unequal in strength; and the tincture of lupulin itself is preferable.* According to M. Ménière, tincture of hops deposits, on standing, a yellow precipitate, and a large quantity of a white crystalline substance, which he thinks may be calcium malate.

Tincture of hops is tonic and narcotic, but little reliance can be placed upon it. It is sometimes useful in the wakefulness, attended with tremors and general nervous derangement, to which habitual drunkards are liable, and which frequently precedes an attack of *delirium tremens*. The dose is from one to three fluidrachms (3·7–11·25 C.c.).

TINCTURA HYDRASTIS. U. S., Br. Tincture of Hydrastis.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ HĬ-DRĂS'TĬS.)

"Hydrastis, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Hydrastis Rhizome, in No. 60 powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit, *a sufficiency*. Moisten the powder with a suitable quantity of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; pack in a percolator, and gradually add proof spirit until one pint [Imperial measure] of tincture is obtained." *Br.*

This tincture will probably prove useful in combination with other tinctures, or as an addi-

* *Tinctura Lupulinæ. Tincture of Lupulin. Teinture de Lupuline*, Fr.; *Lupulintinktur*, G. "Take of Lupulin *four troyounces;* Alcohol *a sufficient quantity*. Pack the Lupulin in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it until two pints of tincture are obtained." *U. S.* 1870.

This is much superior to the tincture of hops of the first U. S. Pharmacopœia, in the place of which it was introduced into the second edition. In the original preparation, a certain quantity of hops was directed, from which the lupulin was to be separated by beating, and then digested in alcohol. As hops contain a variable proportion of lupulin, the tincture thus made must be of unequal strength,—an objection to which the tincture of hops, even as now prepared, is in some measure liable. Besides, the amount of lupulin contained in any quantity of hops upon which alcohol can conveniently act is too small in proportion to the alcohol to afford a tincture of the due strength. The tincture of lupulin is, therefore, greatly preferable. The dose is one or two fluidrachms (3·7 or 7·5 C.c.), to be given in sweetened water or some mucilaginous fluid. Under the name of *Ammoniated Tincture of Lupulin*, Dr. Dyce Duckworth proposes as the best preparation a tincture made by macerating for seven days two ounces of lupulin in a pint of aromatic spirit of ammonia, and then filtering. The dose is from half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·7 C.c.). (*A. J. P.*, xli. 416.)

tion to extemporaneous mixtures where the fluid extract would not be so eligible. Dose, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA HYOSCYAMI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Hyoscyamus.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ HĬ-ŌS-CĪ'Ą-MĪ.)

Tincture of Henbane; Teinture de Jusquiame, *Fr.;* Bilsenkrauttinktur, *G.*

"Hyoscyamus, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Henbane Leaves, or Flowering Tops, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture possesses the activities of hyoscyamus.* When it purges, as it sometimes does, it may be united with a very small proportion of laudanum. The dose is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.). The expressed juice preserved by means of alcohol may be used for the same purposes as the tincture.

TINCTURA IODI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Iodine.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ Ī-Ō'DĪ.)

Tinctura Iodinii, *Pharm.* 1870; Tinctura Iodi, *P. G.;* Teinture d'Iode, *Fr.;* Jodtinktur, *G.*

"Iodine, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Triturate the Iodine rapidly, in a mortar, to a coarse powder, and transfer it at once to a graduated bottle. Rinse the mortar with several successive portions of Alcohol, and pour the rinsings into the bottle. Then add Alcohol, shaking the bottle occasionally, until the Iodine is dissolved, and the finished Tincture measures *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodine *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Iodide of Potassium *half an ounce* [av.]; Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Iodine and the Iodide of Potassium in the Spirit." *Br.*

The process of the U. S. P. 1890 is an improvement in manipulation over that of the former pharmacopœias, where the saving of time is an object. The iodine in the quantity directed in the formula makes nearly a saturated solution, and by coarsely powdering it, as directed, the solution is greatly facilitated: when the operator has no necessity for dissolving the iodine rapidly, it may simply be placed in the bottle with the solvent and allowed to dissolve slowly. The British tincture contains potassium iodide, which is added to increase the solubility of the iodine, so that it shall not be precipitated when added to water; this result is only partially effected, and it was deemed best not to introduce potassium iodide into the simple tincture of iodine of the U. S. P. 1880, and to omit the compound tincture of iodine of the U. S. P. 1870,† as it was frequently mistaken for the compound solution, and there was no necessity for having both official. The compound solution of iodine is retained, and is most suitable for internal administration. (See *Liquor Iodi Compositus.*) It is best to prepare the tincture in small quantities at a time, as the iodine reacts with the alcohol, especially when exposed to solar light, giving rise to chemical changes. The iodine should be thoroughly dried before being weighed out. The tincture should be kept in well-stoppered bottles, in order to prevent the evaporation of the alcohol, and the consequent crystallization of the iodine.

Tincture of iodine has a deep-brown color. One grain of iodine is contained in about fifteen minims, or thirty drops. "If 6·3 C.c. of the Tincture be mixed with a solution of 2 Gm. of potassium iodide in 25 C.c. of water, and a little starch test-solution added, it should require, for complete decoloration, about 35 C.c. of sodium hyposulphite decinormal volumetric solution (corresponding to about 7 Gm. of iodine in 100 C.c.)." *U. S.* It is at present less used internally than it formerly was, in consequence of an impression that it is apt to irritate

* According to M. Donovan, the tincture when made of leaves of only one year's growth is inert. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 907.)

† *Tinctura Iodinii Composita.* U. S. 1870. *Compound Tincture of Iodine.* "Take of Iodine *half a troyounce;* Iodide of Potassium *a troyounce;* Alcohol *a pint.* Dissolve the Iodine and Iodide of Potassium in the Alcohol." The compound tincture of iodine may be given internally for all the purposes which iodine is capable of answering. The dose is from fifteen to thirty drops (0·9–1·9 C.c.), to be gradually increased if necessary.

the stomach. Water decomposes the tincture, and it is supposed that when this is swallowed the iodine is precipitated upon the mucous membrane. Besides, the tincture undergoes a gradual change when kept, owing, according to Guidourt, to a reaction between the alcohol and the iodine. A portion of the latter is supposed to take hydrogen from the former, producing hydriodic acid, which dissolves another portion of the iodine to form iodized hydriodic acid, while the place of the hydrogen in the alcohol is supplied by iodine, giving rise to ethyl iodide and similar products. The new products are soluble in water; and consequently the tincture gradually loses by time the property of being precipitated on dilution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 113.) Dr. A. Göpel found the change to be so slow, when the tincture is kept in the dark and at a low temperature, that in three months a specimen thus treated had lost but one per cent. of iodine. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, No. 13, 1850.) M. Commaille, in 1859, confirmed the labors of the last-mentioned investigator. Subsequent experiments have, however, given results somewhat at variance with those of Guibourt. M. Carles found that after exposure in a transparent glass flask to diffuse daylight for ten months, the tincture contained only one-twelfth per cent. of hydriodic acid. He was also unable to find any of the ethyl iodide which, according to Guibourt, is formed simultaneously with the acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., v. 88.) On account of its liability to precipitation in the stomach, the tincture of iodine is now employed locally almost exclusively. Locally used, if undiluted, it acts as a powerful irritant to the skin, producing inflammation, desquamation of the cuticle, etc. Nevertheless, it is much used in this state in *erysipelas*, *chilblains*, and other cases of *cutaneous and subcutaneous inflammation*, and with happy effects. But its application requires some caution; and in erysipelas it is better to surround the inflamed surface with a border of the tincture, embracing a portion of both the sound and the diseased skin, so as to prevent the progress of the inflammation, than to attempt a complete cure by covering the whole surface affected. It has been found useful in rendering the *variolous eruption* abortive. It is most conveniently applied by means of a camel's-hair pencil. Diluted with camphorated tincture of soap, or other alcoholic liquid, it is sometimes employed as an embrocation in *scrofulous tumors* and other affections requiring the use of iodine. It is much used in the radical cure of *hydrocele*, as an injection into the sac; and a similar employment of it has been extended to other serous cavities morbidly distended with fluid, as in *ovarian dropsy*, *ascites*, and *empyema;* but in these latter affections it should be resorted to, if at all, with great caution. In hydrocele, M. Velpeau employed it diluted with double its volume of water. In the other cases referred to, it has been variously diluted with from three to ten times its bulk of water or some demulcent liquid. The *Tinctura Iodi Decolorata* of the German Pharmacopœia is made by digesting at a gentle heat ten parts, each, of iodine, sodium hyposulphite, and distilled water until solution is effected, adding sixteen parts of spirit of ammonia, shaking for a few moments, then adding seventy-five parts of alcohol, allowing the mixture to stand for three days in a cool place, and filtering. This preparation, and all similar ones having this name, are calculated to mislead practitioners, for they contain no free iodine, but are variable mixtures, consisting principally of ammonium iodide: the official German tincture contains in addition some ethyl iodide, triethyl-ammonium iodide, and traces of sodium iodide and sulphate.* M. Luc has found the inhalation of the fumes from the slightly warmed tincture very useful in *coryza*. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 236.)

The dose of the tincture is from five to fifteen drops, but Lugol's solution is a much preferable preparation for the internal administration of iodine. M. Debauque, an apothecary of

* *Tinctura Iodi Decolorata. Colorless Tincture of Iodine.* Under this name a preparation is described by Dr. N. J. Aiken, of St. Louis, Mo., which is made by mixing equal measures of Compound Tincture of Iodine and Strong Water of Ammonia. The mixture in time becomes colorless, and, if not so at the end of 24 hours, more ammonia may be added, even to the extent of one-fourth if necessary. When wanted weak, it may be diluted to any desired extent by water or glycerin. In consequence of the chemical changes which take place, *it is no longer tincture of iodine*, but a hydro-alcoholic solution of potassium and ammonium iodides, with more or less ammonia and a trace of iodoform. It is recommended for external use whenever a discutient is required, and has been used for its revulsive effects in inflammatory diseases, as *pneumonia* and *rheumatism*. It is recommended also topically in *erysipelas*, *furuncles*, *sprains*, *bruises*, and *neuralgic affections*. (*Am. J. Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1865, p. 398.) It is stated that on the addition of ammonia some nitrogen iodide is generally precipitated; and, as this is an explosive compound, caution is necessary. The deposit, however, disappears upon the completion of the decolorization. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1869.) Dr. Chas. O. Curtman gives the following formula (*A. J. P.*, xli. 364). Take of Iodine *one ounce and a quarter;* Alcohol *thirteen fluidounces;* Strong Water of Ammonia *three fluidounces*. Dissolve the Iodine in the Alcohol, and add the Ammonia. Allow to stand for four weeks, with occasional agitation, so that the precipitate may dissolve. A rapid preparation may be made by using an excess of ammonia, and afterwards adding, cautiously, hydrochloric acid until the reaction is only feebly alkaline. Mr. Jos. L. Macmillan finds that 5·3 decigrammes of a solution of caustic soda of sp. gr. 1·07 at 15·55° C. will decolorize 3·6 grammes of the tincture (*B. P.*). (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 360.)

Mons, has ascertained that tannic acid has the property of rendering iodine soluble in water, and states that an ounce of syrup of orange-peel in four or six ounces of water will form a clear solution with a quantity of tincture of iodine containing five or six grains of the medicine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xx. 34.) Owing to the caustic effect of the iodine, and the coagulating action of the alcohol, where it is desired to get an absorption of iodine, as in the case of *enlarged glands*, a solution in glycerin or olive oil is preferable to the tincture. (See *Iodum*, page 746.)

TINCTURA IPECACUANHÆ ET OPII. U. S. Tincture of Ipecac and Opium.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ ĬP-Ę-CĂC-Ū-ĂN′HÆ ĔT Ō′PĮ-Ī.)

"Tincture of Deodorized Opium, *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]; Fluid Extract of Ipecac, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Evaporate the Tincture of Deodorized Opium, in a tared capsule, on a water-bath, until it weighs *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]. When it has become cold, add to it the Fluid Extract of Ipecac, filter the mixture, and pass enough Diluted Alcohol through the filter to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This tincture is intended to represent Dover's powder in a liquid form. Ten minims (0·6 C.c.), the adult dose, represent one grain of powdered opium and one grain of ipecac.

TINCTURA JABORANDI. Br. Tincture of Jaborandi.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ JĂB-Ǫ-RĂN′DĪ.)

"Take of Jaborandi, in No. 40 powder, *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit, *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Jaborandi for forty-eight hours in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five ounces of the Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquids, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint." *Br.*

This preparation possesses no advantages over the fluid extract, but is undoubtedly efficient. The Br. Pharm. gives the dose as from one-half to one fluidrachm; but, as one drachm represents only fifteen grains of the jaborandi, it is evident that from two to three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 Gm.) may not only be administered with safety, but in many cases will be necessary for any effect.

TINCTURA JALAPÆ. Br. Tincture of Jalap.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ JĄ-LĀ′PÆ.)

Teinture de Jalap, *Fr.;* Jalapentinktur, *G.*

This tincture is no longer official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The tincture of jalap of the U. S. P. 1870 was made by percolating six troyounces of powdered jalap with a mixture of two measures of alcohol and one of water until two pints of tincture were obtained.

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Jalap, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The tincture possesses the medical virtues of jalap, and is sometimes added to cathartic mixtures in the quantity of one or two fluidrachms (3·75 or 7·5 C.c.), to increase their activity.

TINCTURA KINO. U. S., Br. Tincture of Kino.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ KĪ′Nǫ.)

Teinture de Kino, *Fr.;* Kinotinktur, *G.*

"Kino, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 321 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Water, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Glycerin with the Water and *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol. Rub the Kino, in a mortar, adding gradually a sufficient quantity of the menstruum, until a smooth paste is produced. Transfer this to a bottle, add the remainder of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours, with occasional agitation. Then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390

minims]. Keep the Tincture in small, completely-filled and well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

"Take of Kino, in coarse powder, *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Glycerine *three fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]; Rectified Spirit *twelve fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, filter, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Much inconvenience is caused by the tendency of this tincture to gelatinize and gradually lose its astringency. The present official formula is believed to furnish a tincture free from objection: it is a slight modification of the process proposed by P. P. Fox (*A. J. P.*, June, 1877). A specimen in our possession made with the above menstruum successfully withstood exposure for three years, retaining its original limpid condition. It is probable that different specimens of kino vary in their tendency to gelatinize. Mr. Groves states that fresh kino will not gelatinize, and Mr. Martindale that the Australian kino is much more apt to do so than the East India drug. The character of the chemical reaction which takes place remains to be investigated. The air has some effect; for if this be entirely excluded the tincture will keep for a long time without undergoing the change. It should be introduced, when prepared, into very small bottles, which should be kept well corked and be opened only when wanted for use. Mr. J. D. Wood obtains a handsome preparation, which he believes to keep perfectly and not gelatinize, by using a menstruum of 2 parts of alcohol 0·835, and 1 part each of water and glycerin. L. Myers Connor gets rid of the gelatinizing property by using magnesium carbonate in making the tincture, but it is very probable that a large part of the kino-tannic acid is removed at the same time. (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 260.) Mr. P. F. Smith, of Louisville, furnishes the following formula. "Take of Kino *one ounce and a half;* Ground Logwood *half an ounce;* Diluted Alcohol *a sufficient quantity.* Moisten the Logwood with a portion of the Diluted Alcohol, and introduce it into a displacement apparatus. Dissolve the Kino by triturating with successive portions of Diluted Alcohol, and percolate the solution through the Logwood until a pint of tincture is obtained." We have used this process and have not noticed gelatinization to take place in any instance. Sugar added in equal proportion with the kino employed has been recommended as a preventive of gelatinization, and R. Rother claims permanence for the following formula. Powder one and a half troyounces of kino and half a troyounce of catechu, mix them, add ten fluidounces of water, heat for ten or fifteen minutes with constant stirring, and let the mixture cool. Add water to make the mixture twelve fluidounces, and then add four fluidounces of alcohol. Pour the mixture into a bottle containing sixty grains of filter-paper, shake the whole well at intervals, and strain the tincture after twenty-four hours. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, pp. 333–336.) The dose of tincture of kino is one or two fluidrachms (3·75 or 7·5 C.c.). It is used chiefly as an addition to chalk mixtures in *diarrhœa.*

TINCTURA KRAMERIÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Krameria.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Æ.)

Tinctura Ratanhæ, *P. G.;* Teinture de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanhatinktur, *G.*

"Krameria, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Rhatany Root, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The same precaution should be observed in keeping this tincture as is recommended for tincture of kino. It is a good preparation in cases which admit of the use of small quantities of alcohol. The dose is one or two fluidrachms (3·75 or 7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA LACTUCARII. U. S. Tincture of Lactucarium.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ LĂC-TŪ-CĀ'RĮ-Ī.)

"Lactucarium, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Glycerin, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Water, Alcohol, Benzin, Diluted Alcohol, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Beat the Lactucarium in an iron mortar, with clean sand, to a coarse powder, and introduce it into a bottle; add *two thousand cubic centimeters* [or 67

fluidounces, 5 fluidrachms] of Benzin, cork the bottle tightly, and set it aside for forty-eight hours, frequently agitating the mixture. Pour the mixture on a double filter, and allow it to drain. Wash the residue by gradually adding *fifteen hundred cubic centimeters* [or 50 fluidounces, 345 minims] of Benzin. Allow the Lactucarium to dry by exposing it to a current of air. When it is dry, and free from the odor of Benzin, reduce it to powder, using more sand, if necessary, and pack it moderately in a conical percolator. Mix the Glycerin with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Water, and *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol, and moisten the powder with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of the mixture. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for twenty-four hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed very slowly, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and then Diluted Alcohol, until the Lactucarium is exhausted. Reserve the first *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of the percolate, evaporate the remainder on a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 70° C. (158° F.), to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims], and mix this with the reserved portion. Filter, and add enough Diluted Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This is a new official tincture. It is based on the formula of J. L. Lemberger, who recommended the extraction of the resinous inert lactucerin by treatment with benzin. Great care must be observed in the selection of the benzin, as it is almost impossible to get rid of the odor and taste of petroleum in the finished preparation if the ordinary benzin be used. (See *Syrupus Lactucarii*, page 1333.)

TINCTURA LARICIS. Br. Tincture of Larch.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ LĄ-RĪ'CĬS.)

Teinture d'Ecorce de Mélèze, *Fr.;* Lärchenrindentinktur, *G.*

"Take of Larch Bark, in No. 40 powder, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Larch Bark for forty-eight hours in fifteen fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of the Spirit in a closed vessel, agitating occasionally; then transfer to a percolator, and when the fluid ceases to pass, continue the percolation with the remaining five ounces of Spirit. Afterwards subject the contents of the percolator to pressure, filter the product, mix the liquid, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.* The dose of this tincture is from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·90 C.c.).

TINCTURA LAVANDULÆ COMPOSITA. U. S., Br. Compound Tincture of Lavender. [Compound Spirit of Lavender.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ LĄ-VĂN'DŬ-LÆ CŌM-PŎŞ'Ĭ-TĄ.)

Spiritus Lavandulæ Compositus, *U. S.* 1870; Compound Spirit of Lavender, Lavender Drops; Teinture de Lavande composée, *Fr.;* Zusammengesetzte Lavendeltinktur, *G.*

"Oil of Lavender Flowers, *eight cubic centimeters* [or 130 minims]; Oil of Rosemary, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Cassia Cinnamon, in coarse powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Cloves, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Nutmeg, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Red Saunders, in coarse powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims]; Water, *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Oils in the Alcohol, and add the Water. Crush the Nutmeg in a mortar, mix it with the Cinnamon, Cloves, and Red Saunders, and reduce the mixture, by grinding, to a coarse (No. 20) powder. Moisten the mixture with a sufficient quantity of the alcoholic solution of the Oils, pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, gradually pour upon it the remainder of the alcoholic solution, and, afterwards, Diluted Alcohol, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *a fluidrachm and a half* of Oil of Lavender, *ten minims* of Oil of Rosemary, *one hundred and fifty grains* of Bruised Cinnamon, *one hundred and fifty grains* of Bruised Nutmeg, *three hundred grains* of Red Sandal-wood, and *two pints* [Imperial measure] of Rectified Spirit; macerates the solids in the Spirit for seven days; then expresses, filters, dissolves the Oils, and adds sufficient Rectified Spirit to make *two pints* [Imp. meas.].

This is the preparation so long known as Compound Spirit of Lavender, the title having been made to conform with that of the British Pharmacopœia. When properly prepared, it is a delightful compound of spices. It is much employed as an adjuvant and corrigent of other medicines, and as a remedy for *gastric uneasiness*, *nausea*, and *flatulence*. The dose is from thirty drops to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), and is most conveniently administered on a lump of sugar, or mixed with sugar and water in a wineglass.

TINCTURA LIMONIS. Br. Tincture of Lemon Peel.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ LĮ-MŌ′NĬS.)

Teinture de Zeste de Limon, *Fr.;* Citronenschalentinktur, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Lemon Peel, sliced thin, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation; strain, press, and filter; then add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture forms a grateful aromatic addition to tonic and purgative infusions, mixtures, etc. It may be used in the dose of from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA LOBELIÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Lobelia.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ LŌ-BĒ′LĮ-Æ.)

Teinture de Lobélie, *Fr.;* Lobeliatinktur, *G.*

"Lobelia, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia prepares this Tincture from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Lobelia, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the same manner as Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The strength of this tincture was increased one-third at the last revision: it possesses the emetic and narcotic properties of lobelia, and is much used in *asthma*, in the dose of from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), repeated every two or three hours till its effects are experienced. The emetic dose is two fluidrachms (7·5 C.c.), but it frequently acts dangerously. A saturated tincture is strongly recommended by Dr. A. Livezey as a local application in *erysipelas*, and in the *eczematous eruption of Rhus poisoning*. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lv. 262.)

TINCTURA LOBELIÆ ÆTHEREA. Br. Ethereal Tincture of Lobelia.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ LŌ-BĒ′LĮ-Æ Æ-THĒ′RĒ-Ą.)

"Take of Lobelia, in coarse powder, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Spirit of Ether *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation; then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Spirit of Ether to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The stimulant operation of the ether in this preparation can scarcely favor the relaxing and nauseating action for which lobelia is usually employed. The dose is the same as that of the alcoholic tincture.

TINCTURA MATICO. U. S. Tincture of Matico.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ MĂT′Į-CŌ.)

"Matico, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the Matico with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The tincture of matico is not so generally useful as the fluid extract, but is preferable in some cases when used in combination with other liquids. The dose is a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA MOSCHI. U. S. Tincture of Musk.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ MŎS'ÇHĪ.)

"Musk, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Alcohol, *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims]; Water, *four hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 15 fluidounces, 104 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the Musk in a mortar, first, with a little of the Water, until a smooth mixture is made, and then with the remainder of the Water. Transfer the whole to a bottle, add the Alcohol, and macerate the mixture for seven days, occasionally shaking the bottle. Then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This tincture has been reduced in strength about one-half, on account of the greatly increased cost of musk. This change, in our opinion, is ill-advised, and does not secure the main object, as the patient will now have to take double the dose, even if the alcohol be therapeutically contra-indicated. Musk will yield its virtues to the above menstruum if the process be followed; if wanted for its odor it will be economy to add a minim of solution of potassa to the water used to rub the musk into a smooth paste. Care should be especially taken to use pure grain musk in this preparation. Dose, from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA MYRRHÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Myrrh.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ MĬR'RHÆ.)

Teinture de Myrrhe, *Fr.;* Myrrhentinktur, *G.*

"Myrrh, in moderately coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the powder with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for seven days in a closed vessel; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Myrrh, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

Official alcohol is preferable to diluted alcohol as a solvent of myrrh, because it forms a perfectly clear tincture, which is not attainable with the latter menstruum. The addition of water to the tincture renders it turbid. According to E. B. Shuttleworth (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 369), the gum which is left behind in making the tincture may be utilized for making mucilage. The tincture of myrrh is scarcely ever used internally. As a local application it is employed to stimulate *indolent and foul ulcers* and promote the *exfoliation of bones*, and, diluted with water, is applied to *spongy gums*, *aphthous sore mouth*, and *ulcerations of the throat*. The dose, as a stimulant expectorant and emmenagogue, is from fifteen to thirty minims (0·9–1·9 C.c.).

TINCTURA NUCIS VOMICÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Nux Vomica.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ NŪ'CĮS VŎM'Į-ÇÆ.)

Tinctura Strychni, *P. G.;* Teinture de Noix-vomique, *Fr.;* Krähenaugentinktur, *G.*

"Extract of Nux Vomica, dried at 100° C. (212° F.), *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Extract of Nux Vomica (which should contain *fifteen per cent.* of alkaloids) in a sufficient quantity of a mixture of *three volumes* of Alcohol and *one volume* of Water, to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Extract of Nux Vomica *one hundred and thirty-three grains;* Distilled Water *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Mix sufficient of the Spirit with the Water to produce twenty fluidounces [Imp. meas.], and dissolve the extract in the mixture. One fluidounce [Imp. meas.] of this tincture will contain one grain of the alkaloids of nux vomica." *Br.*

The object of the U. S. 1890 process is to secure a more reliable and definite tincture than was possible under the old process; for this reason two per cent. of the standardized extract is directed to be dissolved in a mixture of 3 volumes of alcohol and 1 volume of water. On account

of the very tough structure of nux vomica, percolation is accomplished usually with varying results. The amount of extract present in the percolate is to some extent a measure of its activity: hence, if a weighed portion of the percolate is evaporated to dryness, and the percentage of dry extract is noted, it is easy to calculate the amount present in the whole quantity. The official test directs that "if 100 C.c. of Tincture of Nux Vomica be evaporated to dryness, and the residue tested by the process of assay given under *Extractum Nucis Vomicæ*, it should be found to contain 0·3 Gm. of alkaloids." *U. S.* The British Pharmacopœia standardizes the extract (see page 577), and makes its tincture from it of such strength that one fluidounce shall contain one grain of alkaloids. Mr. R. Rother (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1883), after experimenting with various substances, found that sodium chloride aided greatly in softening the bassorin-like substance in which the alkaloidal principles of nux vomica are embedded, and he proposes its use by adding it to the menstruum of diluted alcohol in the proportion of 120 grains to the pint. (See *U. S. D.*, 16th ed., p. 1527.) The alcoholic extract, or strychnine, is preferable to the tincture, when the pill form is practicable. Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy has noticed the crystallization of strychnine in the tincture, seemingly due to the formation of ammonia in it. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 299, 392.) The dose of the tincture is twenty minims (1·25 C.c.), to be increased if necessary.

TINCTURA OPII. U. S., Br. Tincture of Opium. [Laudanum.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Tinctura Opii Simplex, *P. G.;* Tinctura Thebaica, Tinctura Meconii; Teinture d'Opium, Teinture thébaïque, *Fr.;* Einfache Opiumtinktur, *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Water, *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims]; Alcohol, *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the powders in a mortar, with the Water previously heated to the temperature of 90° C. (194° F.), until a smooth mixture is made, and macerate for twelve hours; then add the Alcohol, mix thoroughly, and transfer the whole to a cylindrical percolator. Return to the percolator the first portion of the percolate, until it runs through clear, and, when the liquid ceases to drop, gradually pour on Diluted Alcohol, continuing the percolation slowly, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of the Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Opium, in powder, *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]. It contains the soluble matter of 33 grains of opium, nearly, in one fluidounce; or about 3·3 grains of morphine in one fluidounce, or about 0·75 per cent. of morphine, or about 1¼ per cent. of bimeconate of morphine, besides the other alkaloidal salts of opium." *Br.**

The proportion of opium in these formulas is not the same, the U. S. P. tincture containing about ten grains more of opium in the fluidounce than the British. The drying and powdering of the opium are clearly useful provisions, as they insure greater uniformity in the strength of the tincture. Crude opium contains variable proportions of water; and laudanum prepared from a moist specimen will be weaker than that prepared from an equal weight of the dried. The pulverization insures the previous drying of the drug, and is thus useful independently of the greater facility which it gives to the action of the menstruum: it is, however, often neglected. Deviation from the official strength in so important a preparation is certainly a great evil. There can be little doubt, we think, that the present U. S. formula insures a more complete exhaustion of the opium than the former simple procedure of maceration for six days, whilst the saving in time is apparent. Precipitated calcium phosphate has been added, and *finely* powdered opium directed in the U. S. 1890 process, because much trouble seems to have been experienced in procuring at all times in the market the *coarsely* powdered opium which was the only kind suitable for use in the U. S. 1880 process. Opium in fine powder cannot be readily percolated with diluted alcohol, but if it be mixed with half its weight of an insoluble powder like calcium phosphate there will be no difficulty: percolation will necessarily be slow, but this is just what is required to secure thorough exhaustion.

* *Tinctura Opii Muriatica.* Under this name is sometimes prescribed a preparation made by the following formula. Powdered Opium *one ounce;* Muriatic Acid *one fluidounce;* Distilled Water *fifteen fluidounces.* Macerate for 14 days, filter, and add sufficient water to make a pint.

In the United States and Great Britain this tincture is universally known by the name of *laudanum*. As this term was formerly applied to other preparations of opium, and still continues to be so applied on the continent of Europe, the tincture is sometimes distinguished by the epithet *liquidum*, which, however, is seldom used in this country. *Tinctura Thebaica* is another title by which the preparation is known.

About two-thirds of the opium used in the preparation of the tincture are dissolved, the residue consisting chiefly of inert matter. Allowing the opium to be wholly exhausted of its active principles, one grain would be represented by very nearly 10·5 minims, according to the U. S. formula of 1890; but a minute quantity of morphine has been detected in the residuary matter, so that the tincture is rather weaker than the proportion of opium employed would indicate. This difference, however, is too slight to be of any practical importance. In general practice, laudanum very rarely fully comes up to the official standard, and a large proportion of that in the market is far below it. This is especially the case with the cheap laudanums which are so extensively sold to country stores.

The official requirements are that "if 100 C.c. of Tincture of Opium be assayed by the process immediately following, it should yield from 1·3 to 1·5 Gm. of crystallized morphine.

"Assay of Tincture of Opium.

"Tincture of Opium, *one hundred cubic centimeters;* Ammonia Water, *three and five-tenths cubic centimeters;* Alcohol, Ether, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Evaporate the Tincture to about 20 C.c., add 40 C.c. of water, mix thoroughly, and set the liquid aside for an hour, occasionally stirring, and disintegrating the resinous flakes adhering to the capsule. Then filter, and wash the filter and residue with water, until all soluble matters are extracted, collecting the washings separately. Evaporate in a tared capsule, first, the washings to a small volume, then add the first filtrate, and evaporate the whole to a weight of 14 Gm. Rotate the concentrated solution about in the capsule until the rings of extract are redissolved, pour the liquid into a tared Erlenmeyer flask having a capacity of about 100 C.c., and rinse the capsule with a few drops of water at a time, until the entire solution weighs 20 Gm. Then add 10 Gm. (or 12·2 C.c.) of alcohol, shake well, add 25 C.c. of ether, and shake again. Now add the ammonia water from a graduated pipette or burette, stopper the flask with a sound cork, shake it thoroughly during ten minutes, and then set it aside, in a moderately cool place, for at least six hours, or over night. Remove the stopper carefully, and, should any crystals adhere to it, brush them into the flask. Place in a small funnel two rapidly-acting filters, of a diameter of 7 Cm., plainly folded, one within the other (the triple fold of the inner filter being laid against the single side of the outer filter), wet them well with ether, and decant the ethereal solution as completely as possible upon the inner filter. Add 10 C.c. of ether to the contents of the flask, rotate it, and again decant the ethereal layer upon the inner filter. Repeat this operation with another portion of 10 C.c. of ether. Then pour into the filter the liquid in the flask, in portions, in such a way as to transfer the greater portion of the crystals to the filter, and, when this has passed through, transfer the remaining crystals to the filter by washing the flask with several portions of water, using not more than about 10 C.c. in all. Allow the double filter to drain, then apply water to the crystals, drop by drop, until they are practically free from mother-water, and afterwards wash them, drop by drop, from a pipette, with alcohol previously saturated with powdered morphine. When this has passed through, displace the remaining alcohol by ether, using about 10 C.c., or more if necessary. Allow the filter to dry in a moderately warm place, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), until its weight remains constant, then carefully transfer the crystals to a tared watch-glass and weigh them. The weight found represents the amount of crystallized morphine obtained from 100 C.c. of the Tincture." *U. S.*

(See *Opium*, page 996.)

The tincture of opium is used for all the purposes to which opium itself is applied. (See *Opium*.) The dose, equivalent to a grain of opium, is about eleven minims (0·65 C.c.), or twenty-two drops. It should be recollected that a fluidrachm or teaspoonful of laudanum (60 minims) will yield, on an average, about 120 drops. Laudanum, when long kept, with occasional exposure to the air, becomes thick from the evaporation of a portion of the alcohol and the deposition of opium. If given in this state, it often acts with unexpected energy; and death has resulted in infants from doses which would have been entirely safe if the tincture had been clear. *Denarcotized laudanum* may be prepared by substituting the denarcotized opium for the opium itself.

TINCTURA OPII AMMONIATA. Br. Ammoniated Tincture of Opium.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ Ō′PĮ-Ī ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā′TĄ.)

Teinture d'Opium ammoniacale, *Fr.;* Ammoniakalischeopiumtinktur, *G.*

"Take of Opium, in coarse powder, *one hundred grains;* Saffron, cut small, Benzoic Acid, of each, *one hundred and eighty grains;* Oil of Anise *one fluidrachm;* Strong Solution of Ammonia *four fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Rectified Spirit *sixteen fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Macerate for seven days, in a well-closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint." *Br.*

This is an old preparation of the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, formerly used in Scotland under the name of Paregoric Elixir. It differs, however, both in composition and in strength, from the very popular preparation known as Paregoric in the United States. As ammonia precipitates morphine from its solutions, it was doubted whether the tincture contained any of that alkaloid; but if the ammonia be in sufficient excess it will redissolve the morphine. At best, however, the preparation is of doubtful propriety; for if the ammoniacal addition should not happen to have the requisite strength, or if the ammonia should escape or become carbonated by exposure, the strength of the tincture might be affected. Influenced, we presume, by considerations of this kind, the editors of the first British Pharmacopœia rejected the preparation altogether. But popular preference, although local, led to its readmission into the Br. Pharmacopœia, though in a slightly modified form, strong solution of ammonia and rectified spirit being substituted for the Edinburgh spirit of ammonia, which is not official in the Br. Pharmacopœia. The dose is stated at from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA OPII CAMPHORATA. U. S. (Br.) Camphorated Tincture of Opium. [Paregoric.]

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ Ō′PĮ-Ī CĂM-PHŌ-RĀ′TĄ.)

Tinctura Camphoræ Composita, *Br.;* Compound Tincture of Camphor, Paregoric Elixir; Tinctura Opii Benzoica, *P. G.;* Elixir Paregoricum; Elixir parégorique, *Fr.;* Benzoësaurehaltige Opiumtinktur, *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Benzoic Acid, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Camphor, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Oil of Anise, *four cubic centimeters* [or 65 minims]; Glycerin, *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Add *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Diluted Alcohol to the other ingredients, contained in a suitable vessel, and macerate for three days, shaking frequently; then filter through paper, in a well-covered funnel, and pass enough Diluted Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Opium, in coarse powder, Benzoic Acid, of each, *forty grains;* Camphor *thirty grains;* Oil of Anise *half a fluidrachm;* Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]. It contains the soluble matter of a quarter of a grain of opium in one fluidrachm." *Br.*

This is the well-known *paregoric.* It is a very pleasant anodyne, much used to allay *cough*, to relieve *nausea* and slight *pains in the stomach and bowels*, to check *diarrhœa*, and, in infantile cases, to *procure sleep.* Half a fluidounce of the U. S. or British tincture contains rather less than a grain of powdered opium. The substitution of glycerin for the honey of the U. S. P. 1870 is an improvement which aids in retaining the transparency of the filtered tincture. Liquorice was omitted in 1840, in consequence of giving the dark color of laudanum and thus leading to mistake. The dose for an infant is from five to twenty drops (0·3–1·25 C.c.), for an adult from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.).*

* The following formulas were adopted by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1833 for the preparation of the old compound tinctures of opium so much used under the names of *Bateman's drops* and *Godfrey's cordial.* So long as these nostrums are employed, it is important that they should be prepared in a uniform manner and of a certain strength, as serious consequences may happen from diversity in the formulas when so active a substance as opium is the chief ingredient. Such diversity has existed to a very great extent: so much so that in one formula for Bateman's drops the quantity of opium was seven and a half grains to the pint, while in another it exceeded one hundred grains. It was in order to remedy this evil that the College was induced to adopt the formulas here presented.

"*Bateman's Pectoral Drops.* Take of Diluted Alcohol Cong. iv, Red Saunders, rasped, ℥ij. Digest for twenty-four hours, filter, and add of Opium, in powder, ℥ij, Catechu, in powder, ℥ij, Camphor ℥ij, Oil of Anise f ℥iv.

TINCTURA OPII DEODORATI. U. S. Tincture of Deodorized Opium.

[Tinctura Opii Deodorata, Pharm. 1880.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ Ō'PĮ-Ī DĘ-Ō-DǪ-RĀ'TĪ.)

"Powdered Opium, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Precipitated Calcium Phosphate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Ether, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Alcohol, *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Rub the powders in a mortar with *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water previously heated to the temperature of 90° C. (194° F.), until a smooth mixture is made, and macerate for twelve hours; then pour the mixture on a filter, or transfer it to a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour on Water, until the Opium is practically exhausted. Reduce the percolate, by evaporation on a water-bath, to *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims], and, when it has cooled, shake it repeatedly with the Ether in a bottle. When the ethereal solution has separated by standing, pour it off, and evaporate the remaining liquid until all traces of Ether have disappeared. Mix the residue with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Water, and filter the mixture through paper. When the liquid has ceased to pass, add enough Water, through the filter, to make the filtered liquid measure *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims]. Lastly, add the Alcohol and mix them. If 100 C.c. of Tincture of Deodorized Opium be assayed by the process given under *Tinctura Opii*, it should yield from 1·3 to 1·5 Gm. of crystallized morphine." *U. S.*

This is an excellent preparation of opium, calculated to supersede various extra-official *elixirs* or *solutions*, which have had more or less use, based upon the real advantages they afforded, in offering liquid preparations of opium exempt from certain noxious ingredients in the crude drug and in the official tinctures which rendered them so offensive to some constitutions, and in some conditions of disease, as almost to forbid their use. A liquid extract is first made, in which are left behind all the ingredients of opium insoluble in water; and this, being well shaken with ether, is further deprived of all the principles soluble in this fluid, including narcotine and the noxious odorous matter which is probably one of the most offensive and least useful constituents of opium. The ether is then entirely separated, and, the residue having been dissolved in water, the solution is filtered, and mixed with enough alcohol to preserve it. It has been repeatedly recommended by several pharmacists to replace the ether with benzin, which removes the narcotine just as well as does ether, and has the merit of being much cheaper. The objection, however, is that benzin almost invariably leaves a trace of a taste and an odor like those of petroleum, and hence it is not fitted for use in a remedy used almost exclusively internally. The following simplified process was proposed by E. C. Federer as a substitute for the official one. Macerate the dried and powdered drug in twice its weight of water at about 138° F. (a mixture of 1 part of water at about from 50° to 75° F. with 1 part at about 210° F.) over night, or about 12 hours, in a moderately warm place not above 80° to 90° F., in a partially closed flask. Pour the mass into a wetted double precipitate filter: when the liquid ceases to pass, rinse out the flask with 1 part more of the water at about 138° F., and pass this through the mass. Repeat this once, and, if necessary, again repeat, so as to obtain from 4 to 5 parts of moderately concentrated liquor; the residue will under these circumstances become exhausted. Cool the percolate to as near 32° F. as possible, and filter, placing a piece of ice in the filter to keep the temperature down. If necessary, repass the first portion until the liquid comes through clear; when the last portion has passed, wash the filter with sufficient ice-water to obtain a filtrate of 8 parts; lastly, add alcohol 2 parts. Mr. Federer states that a permanent, bright, clear tincture results, practically free from narcotine and thoroughly deodorized. (*Drug. Circ.*, 1887, p. 77.)

This tincture may be used in all cases in which laudanum is indicated, and in the same dose.

Digest for ten days." This preparation is about equal in strength to the camphorated tincture of opium or paregoric elixir of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, containing about two grains of opium to the fluidounce.

"*Godfrey's Cordial.* Take of Tincture of Opium Oiss, Molasses (from the sugar refiners) Oxvj, Alcohol Oij, Water Oxxvj, Potassium Carbonate ℥iiss, Oil of Sassafras f ℥iv. Dissolve the Potassium Carbonate in the Water, add the Molasses, and heat over a gentle fire till they simmer; take off the scum which rises, and add the Laudanum, Alcohol, and Oil of Sassafras, having previously mixed them well together. This preparation contains the strength of rather more than one grain of opium in a fluidounce." (*Journ. of the Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, v. 26 and 27.) Death has been produced by it in the infant. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., i. 199.)

TINCTURA PHYSOSTIGMATIS. U. S. Tincture of Physostigma.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ PHĬ-SO-STĬG'MĄ-TĬS.)

"Physostigma, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This *tincture of Calabar Bean* is much weaker than that proposed by Dr. Fraser, which was nearly as strong as a fluid extract,—five minims representing three grains of the drug. (See page 1030.) The dose of the official tincture is from twenty to forty minims (1·25–2·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA PODOPHYLLI. Br. Tincture of Podophyllum.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ PŎD-O-PHĬL'LĪ.)

"Take of Resin of Podophyllum *one hundred and sixty grains;* Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve and filter. It contains one grain of the resin in one fluidrachm." *Br.*

The introduction of this tincture is of doubtful utility. It may be given in doses of from fifteen minims to one fluidrachm (0·9–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA PYRETHRI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Pyrethrum.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ PĬ-RĒ'THRĪ.)

Tincture of Pellitory; Teinture de Pyrèthre, *Fr.;* Bertramwurzeltinktur, *G.*

"Pyrethrum, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *four avoirdupois ounces* of Pellitory Root, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture is a powerful local irritant, and is an ingredient in several well-known mouth- and tooth-washes. For its uses, which are purely external, the reader is referred to the article on Pyrethrum.

TINCTURA QUASSIÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Quassia.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ QUAS'SĮ-Æ.)

Teinture de Quassie, *Fr.;* Quassiatinktur, *G.*

"Quassia, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 gr.]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Alcohol to *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Water. Having moistened the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Quassia Wood, in chips, *three-quarters of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Proof Spirit to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This tincture was omitted in the first British Pharmacopœia, but has been resumed in the present. The proportion of the quassia, though somewhat greater than in the old Edinburgh formula, is still much too small. In the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1840 the proportion of the drug to the menstruum was very judiciously doubled, and in the revision of 1880 it was nearly doubled again, so that the present U. S. tincture is of nearly three times the strength of the British preparation. A tonic tincture can scarcely contain too large a propor-

tion of the active ingredient. The tincture may be employed as an addition to tonic infusions or mixtures in the dose of one fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.). It is a pure and intense bitter.

TINCTURA QUILLAJÆ. U. S. Tincture of Quillaja.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ QUĬL-LĀ′JÆ—kwĭl-lā′yē.)

"Quillaja, coarsely ground, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Boil the Quillaja, placed in a suitable vessel, with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of Water for fifteen minutes, strain, and wash the residue on the strainer with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Water. Then boil the strained liquid down to *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims], allow it to cool, mix it with the Alcohol, and, when the insoluble matter has subsided, filter the liquid portion through paper, and add enough Water to make the tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

This tincture, official in the U. S. P. 1890 for the first time, is almost exclusively used as an emulsifying agent. Its use is limited, however, because it is not an inert substance. (See *Quillaja*, page 1132.)

TINCTURA QUININÆ. Br. Tincture of Quinine.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ QUĪ-NĪ′NÆ.)

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Quinine *one hundred and sixty grains;* Tincture of Orange Peel *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Quinine in the Tincture with the aid of a gentle heat; then allow the solution to remain for three days in a closed vessel, shaking it occasionally; and afterwards filter." *Br.*

Quinine sulphate has been replaced in this preparation by the hydrochlorate in the last Br. Pharmacopœia, because, as pointed out by Mr. Wright in the *Year-Book of Pharmacy*, 1884, p. 537, the sulphate was not always soluble in the proportion of tincture of orange peel ordered. A fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) of this preparation, containing a grain of quinine hydrochlorate, may be given for a tonic dose.

TINCTURA QUININÆ AMMONIATA. Br. Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ QUĪ-NĪ′NÆ ĂM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā′TĄ.)

"Take of Sulphate of Quinine *one hundred and sixty grains;* Solution of Ammonia *two and a half fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Proof Spirit, *seventeen and a half fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve the Sulphate of Quinine in the Spirit with the aid of a little heat, and add the Solution of Ammonia." *Br.*

A fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) represents one grain of quinine, and is the dose.

TINCTURA RHEI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Rhubarb.

(TĬNC-TŪ′RĄ RHĒ′Ī.)

Teinture de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* **Rhabarbertinktur**, *G.*

"Rhubarb, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Cardamom, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Rhubarb and Cardamom, and reduce the mixture to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Mix the Glycerin with *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol and *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 69 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour on more of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the same proportions as before, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes of Rhubarb Root, in No. 20 powder, *two avoirdupois ounces;* of Cardamom Seeds, bruised, Coriander Fruit, bruised, and Saffron, each, *a quarter of an avoirdupois ounce*, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit; and with these ingredients proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The tincture of rhubarb on standing lets fall a yellow deposit. This has been shown by Mr. James T. King (*A. J. P.*, xlii.) to be in most cases largely composed of chrysophanic acid. He proposed to remedy this by the use of a stronger alcohol, or, as recommended by Mr. J. B. Moore (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 306), by the substitution of glycerin for a portion of the alcohol. We have not found that either of these plans entirely prevents precipitation; although glycerin is an aid in this direction. Dose, from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA RHEI AROMATICA. U. S. Aromatic Tincture of Rhubarb.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ RHĒ'Ī ĂR-Ǫ-MĂT'Ī-CĄ.)

"Rhubarb, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Cassia Cinnamon, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Cloves, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Nutmeg, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, Diluted Alcohol, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Rhubarb, Cinnamon, Cloves, and Nutmeg, and reduce the mixture to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Mix the Glycerin with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol and *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This is the tincture which is used in making the aromatic syrup of rhubarb. It is preferable to separate the preparations, as it is occasionally desirable to prescribe the tincture without the admixture with syrup, whilst the pharmacist will always prefer to make the tincture in quantity and keep it on hand, since it is permanent, and add it to syrup to make the aromatic syrup when needed. Dose, for an adult, from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA RHEI DULCIS. U. S. Sweet Tincture of Rhubarb.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ RHĒ'Ī DŬL'CĮS.)

"Rhubarb, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Glycyrrhiza, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Anise, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Cardamom, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Glycerin, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, Water, Diluted Alcohol, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Rhubarb, Glycyrrhiza, Anise, and Cardamom, and reduce the mixture to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Mix the Glycerin with *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of Alcohol and *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour on the remainder of the menstruum. When the liquid has disappeared from the surface, gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This is a tincture which has been frequently used in Philadelphia and other sections of our country: it is preferable to the simple tincture for administration to children, on account of its more agreeable taste. The dose is from two to three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 C.c.).

TINCTURA SABINÆ. Br. Tincture of Savin.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SĄ-BĪ'NÆ.)

Teinture de Sabine, *Fr.*; Sadebaumtinktur, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this Tincture to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Savin Tops, dried and coarsely powdered, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture was introduced into the British Pharmacopœia in 1867. The dose is from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·25–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA SANGUINARIÆ. U. S. Tincture of Sanguinaria. [Tincture of Bloodroot.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SĂN-GUĮ-NĀ-RĮ-Æ.)

Teinture de Sanguinaire, *Fr.;* Blutwurzeltinktur, *G.*

"Sanguinaria, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Acetic Acid, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims] of Alcohol to *four hundred cubic centimeters* [or 13 fluidounces, 252 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the mixture to which the Acetic Acid had previously been added, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator, gradually pour on more of a mixture of Alcohol and Water, made in the same proportions as before, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

A precipitate will generally be found deposited upon the sides and bottoms of bottles containing this tincture. W. J. McConn (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 505) recommends the addition of an alkaline citrate, preferably potassium citrate, as a preventive. He found sanguinarine in the precipitate. The official menstruum now contains 20 per cent. of acetic acid, with a view of preventing precipitation. This tincture is emetic in the dose of from three to four fluidrachms (11·25–15 C.c.); but it is rather intended to act as an expectorant or an alterative, for which purpose from thirty to sixty drops (1·9–3·75 C.c.) may be given.

TINCTURA SCILLÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Squill.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SÇĬL'LÆ.)

Teinture de Scille, *Fr.;* Meerzwiebeltinktur, *G.*

"Squill, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it moderately in a conical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this Tincture to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of bruised Squill, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture yields a grayish, rose-colored, very bitter and acrid deposit, consisting of silky tufts (*Ménière*), possesses all the virtues of squill, and may be given for the same purposes, whenever the spirituous menstruum is not objectionable. The dose as an expectorant or a diuretic is from ten to twenty minims (0·6–1·25 C.c.) (from twenty to forty drops).

TINCTURA SENEGÆ. Br. Tincture of Senega.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SĔN'Ę-ÇÆ.)

Teinture de Polygale de Virginie, *Fr.;* Senegatinktur, *G.*

The British Pharmacopœia prepares this Tincture from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Senega Root, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The tincture of senega was introduced into the British Pharmacopœia of 1864. It is no doubt an efficient preparation, but it is hardly needed while recourse can be had to the fluid extract or the syrup. The dose is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.).

TINCTURA SENNÆ. Br. Tincture of Senna.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SĔN'NÆ.)

Tinctura Sennæ Composita; Elixir Salutis; Teinture de Séné aromatique, Elixir de Salut, *Fr.:* Sennatinktur, *G.*

"Take of Senna, broken small, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Raisins, freed from seeds, *two ounces* [av.]; Caraway Fruit, bruised, Coriander Fruit, bruised, of each, *half an ounce* [av.]; Proof Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure]." With the ingredients which are given above, the British Pharmacopœia prepares the tincture in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture is the *elixir salutis* of the old Pharmacopœias. It is a warm cordial purgative, useful in *costiveness* attended with flatulence, and in *atonic gout*, especially when occurring in intemperate persons. It is also added to cathartic infusions and mixtures. The dose is from two fluidrachms to a fluidounce (7·5–30 C.c.) or more. Tincture of senna gives a yellow deposit, disposed in plates, containing starch and white crystals of calcareous salts. (*Ménière.*)

TINCTURA SERPENTARIÆ. U. S., Br. Tincture of Serpentaria.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SĔR-PĘN-TĀ'RĮ-Æ.)

Tincture of Virginia Snakeroot; Teinture de Serpentaire, *Fr.;* Schlangenwurzeltinktur, *G.*

"Serpentaria, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Serpentary Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and prepares the tincture as directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture, the strength of which was injudiciously decreased one-third at the U. S. revision of 1880, possesses in some degree the properties of the root, but is now little other than an alcoholic stimulant, which may be added to tonic infusions in *low states of the system*. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.).

TINCTURA STRAMONII SEMINIS. U. S. (Br.) Tincture of Stramonium Seed. [Tinctura Stramonii, Pharm. 1880.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ STRĄ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī SĔM'Į-NĬS.)

Tinctura Stramonii, *Br.;* Teinture de Semences de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Stechapfelsamentinktur, *G.*

"Stramonium Seed, in No. 40 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of Diluted Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Diluted Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of bruised Stramonium Seeds, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and prepares the tincture as directed for the Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

This tincture may be used for all the purposes for which stramonium is given, in the dose of from twenty to thirty minims (1·25–1·9 C.c.), increased *pro re nata*.

TINCTURA STROPHANTHI. U. S., Br. Tincture of Strophanthus.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ STRŌ-PHĂN'THĪ.)

"Strophanthus, in No. 30 powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Digest the powder with *seventy cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 176 minims] of the menstruum for two days, then transfer it to a cylindrical percolator, gradually pour menstruum upon it, and continue the percolation very slowly, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Strophanthus, reduced to No. 30 powder, and dried at 110° F. (43°·3 C.), *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Pure Ether, Rectified Spirit, of each, *a sufficiency*. Pack the powder in a percolator, and moisten it with the ether. Macerate for twenty-four hours, then allow percolation to proceed, continuing the addition of the ether until the fluid passes through colorless. Remove the marc from the percolator and dry it, gradually heating it to 120° F. (48°·9 C.). Again reduce it to powder, repack in the percolator, and moisten with rectified spirit. Macerate for forty-eight hours, then pour on successive quantities of the spirit, percolating

slowly, until half a pint of tincture is obtained. Dilute with rectified spirit to one pint. *Note.* The strophanthus may be washed with 'commercial ether' free from alcohol and water." *Br.*

This is a new official tincture in both Pharmacopœias, having been introduced into the U. S. P. 1890, and appearing in the "Additions" to the last British Pharmacopœia. The processes differ, the U. S. formula doing away with the previous extraction of the fixed oil by percolation with ether used in the British method, employing instead a weaker alcoholic menstruum which leaves the greater part of the fixed oil in the residue. The British process is based on Prof. Fraser's formula, as improved by Wm. Martindale.* Strophanthus seeds are reduced to powder with great difficulty. Dr. Squibb bruises them (after drying perfectly) in an iron mortar with broken glass. (*Ephemeris*, vol. iii. p. 1252.) Made by either process, the tincture is usually slightly cloudy when first prepared, but on standing soon becomes of a bright amber color. Benzin has been used in place of ether for extracting the fixed oil, but it has only the advantage of economy, communicating a petroleum-like taste and odor to the tincture. The strength of the two tinctures is nearly the same, the U. S. tincture being very slightly stronger than the British.

Medical Properties. This is an efficient and popular preparation, which fully represents the crude drug. (See *Strophanthus.*) Dose, from five to fifteen minims (0·3–0·9 C.c.).

TINCTURA SUMBUL. U. S., Br. Tincture of Sumbul.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ SŬM'BŬL.)

Teinture de Sumbul, *Fr.;* Moschuswurzeltinktur, *G.*

"Sumbul, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia directs this Tincture to be prepared from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Sumbul Root, in No. 40 powder, and *an Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.]

This tincture is very little if at all employed in this country: for its medical properties, see *Sumbul.* Dose, from twenty minims to a fluidrachm (1·2–3·75 C.c.).

TINCTURA TOLUTANA. U. S., Br. Tincture of Tolu.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ TŌ-LŪ-TĀ'NĄ.)

Teinture de Baume de Tolu, *Fr.;* Tolubalsamtinktur, *G.*

"Balsam of Tolu, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Add the Balsam of Tolu to *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate until it is dissolved; then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Balsam of Tolu *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency.* Macerate the Balsam of Tolu in fifteen fluidounces of the Spirit, in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, for six hours, or until the Balsam is dissolved, then filter, and add sufficient Rectified Spirit to make one pint [Imperial measure]." *Br.*

The tincture of tolu has the properties of the balsam, and may be employed as an addition

* *Tincture of Strophanthus.* (Prof. Fraser's process.) Strophanthus Seeds, deprived of their comose appendices, reduced to powder, and dried, 1 ounce; Ether, freed from spirit and from water, 10 fluidounces; Rectified Spirit (alcohol), a sufficiency to obtain 1 pint, or 20 fluidounces. Remove entirely the stalks and comose appendices from the seeds, reduce the seeds to a moderately fine powder, dry the powder by exposing for twelve hours to a temperature of 100° or 120° F., and weigh. Pack in a percolator, add ether until the whole of the powder is saturated and a small quantity of the ether has dropped into the percolator; arrest the percolation for twenty-four hours, and then continue percolating slowly until the whole of the ether has been used. If the last ether percolate should not be almost colorless, use more ether. Remove the powder from the percolator, expose to the air, and break up any lumps after the ether has sufficiently evaporated: continue the exposure, heating the powder, if necessary, to 100° or 120° F., until all the ether has evaporated, when a uniform, nearly white, dry powder may be easily obtained. Repack the powder in the percolator, add enough of rectified spirit to moisten it thoroughly, arrest the further flow of the spirit, macerate for forty-eight hours, and pass rectified spirit slowly through until 20 fluidounces of tincture have been obtained.

to expectorant mixtures in *chronic bronchitis;* but the proportion of alcohol is too large to allow of its advantageous use in some cases. The dose is one or two fluidrachms (3·75 or 7·5 C.c.). In smaller quantities it is often employed to flavor cough mixtures. It is decomposed by water.

TINCTURA VALERIANÆ. U.S., Br. Tincture of Valerian.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā'NÆ.)

Teinture de Valériane, *Fr.;* Baldriantinktur, *G.*

"Valerian, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *seven hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 25 fluidounces, 173 minims] of Alcohol to *two hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 8 fluidounces, 218 minims] of Water. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Valerian Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Proof Spirit, and proceeds in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The proportion of alcohol was increased in the U. S. 1890 tincture, to prevent precipitation: the menstruum is now three parts of alcohol to one part of water. The tincture possesses the properties of valerian, but cannot be given in some cases, so as to produce the full effects of the root, without stimulating too highly, in consequence of the large proportion of spirit. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.). It deposits on standing a black, very cohesive precipitate, with starch, and a yellow extractive matter. (*Ménière.*)

TINCTURA VALERIANÆ AMMONIATA. U.S., Br. Ammoniated Tincture of Valerian.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ VĄ-LĒ-RĮ-Ā'NÆ ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'TĄ.)

Tinctura Valerianæ Composita; Teinture de Valériane ammoniacale, *Fr.:* Ammoniakalische Baldriantinktur, *G.*

"Valerian, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *two hundred cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 366 minims] of Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, and macerate for twenty-four hours, in a closed vessel; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical glass percolator, and gradually pour Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia upon it, keeping the percolator well covered, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

"Take of Valerian Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, *two ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate, for seven days, in a well-closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

The ammonia in this preparation is thought to assist the solvent powers of the alcohol, while it co-operates with the valerian in medical action. The quantity of valerian was very judiciously increased one-third in the U. S. revision of 1880. The tincture is employed as an antispasmodic in *hysteria* and other *nervous affections.* The dose is from thirty minims to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), and should be given in sweetened water, milk, or some mucilaginous fluid.

TINCTURA VANILLÆ. U.S. Tincture of Vanilla.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ VĄ-NĬL'LÆ.)

"Vanilla, cut into small pieces and bruised, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Sugar, in coarse powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *six hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 21 fluidounces, 470 minims] of Alcohol to *three hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 11 fluidounces, 401 minims] of Water. Macerate the Vanilla in *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of this mixture for twelve hours, then drain off the liquid, and set it aside. Transfer the Vanilla to a mortar, beat it with the Sugar into a uniform powder, then pack it in a percolator, and pour upon it the reserved liquid. When this has disappeared

from the surface, gradually pour on menstruum, and continue the percolation, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

This tincture will be easily recognized as the so-called *fluid extract of vanilla*. The object of the preliminary maceration of the cut vanilla is to soften it, so that it may be easily disintegrated when beaten up with the sugar; if the details of the above process be carefully carried out and the alcohol be deodorized, a very satisfactory preparation will result. It is used as a flavoring agent, also to make *vanilla syrup*, by adding one ounce of the tincture to sufficient syrup to make one pint.

TINCTURA VERATRI VIRIDIS. U. S., Br. Tincture of Veratrum Viride.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ VĘ-RĀ'TRĪ VĪR'Į-DĬS.)

Tincture of Green Hellebore; Tincture of American Hellebore.

"Veratrum Viride, in No. 60 powder, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the powder with *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia takes of Green Hellebore Rhizome, in No. 40 powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois], and of Rectified Spirit *one pint* [Imperial measure], and prepares the Tincture in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The U. S. tincture of American hellebore of 1870 was of the same strength as Dr. Norwood's tincture, which, when prepared by its author, was supposed to be saturated. This may be true of certain ingredients of the root, though probably not in reference to the active principle or principles which it may contain. The present tincture is about one-tenth weaker. The commencing dose should not exceed from three to eight minims (0·18–0·5 C.c.). The British tincture is much weaker,—the proportion of the root to the menstruum being in the American tincture about as one in two, in the British about as one in five.

TINCTURA ZINGIBERIS. U. S., Br. Tincture of Ginger.

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ZĮN-ĢĬB'Ę-RĬS.)

Teinture de Gingembre, *Fr.*; Ingwertinktur, *G.*

"Ginger, in No. 40 powder, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Moisten the Ginger with *fifty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 331 grains] of Alcohol, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour Alcohol upon it, until *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims] of Tincture are obtained." *U. S.*

The British Pharmacopœia prepares this Tincture from *two and a half avoirdupois ounces* of Ginger, in coarse powder, and *one Imperial pint* of Rectified Spirit, in the manner directed for Tincture of Aconite Root. (See *Tinctura Aconiti*, page 1364.)

The strength of this tincture was reduced at the 1880 revision one-third, to bring it into the 20-per cent. class: this is not a disadvantage, however, in view of the introduction of the fluid extract, and the dose is not now inconveniently large.

The tincture of the British Pharmacopœia, though more than twice as strong as was that of the London and Edinburgh Colleges, is still too weak in the proportion of ginger. In consequence of the mucilaginous matter contained in ginger, the tincture made with diluted alcohol or proof spirit is apt to be turbid. Alcohol or rectified spirit is, therefore, properly preferred. Official Jamaica ginger only should be used; for, whilst a darker-colored preparation is made when the inferior varieties are substituted, the apparent increase in strength is due to coloring matter, and not to the presence of a larger amount of volatile oil or resin.

The tincture of ginger is a useful carminative, and may often be beneficially added to tonic and purgative infusions or mixtures in debilitated states of the alimentary canal. The dose is from eight to forty minims (0·5–2·5 C.c.) It is in this country largely used for the preparation of a syrup of ginger, for which purpose, however, the fluid extract is official, and is better even than the strong tincture of the Br. Pharmacopœia.

TINCTURA ZINGIBERIS FORTIOR. Br. Strong Tincture of Ginger.

[Essence of Ginger.]

(TĬNC-TŪ'RĄ ZĬN-ĢĬB'Ę-RĬS FÖR'TĬ-ÖR.)

"Take of Ginger, in fine powder, *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit *a sufficiency*. Pack the Ginger tightly in a percolator, and pour over it carefully *half a pint* [Imperial measure] of the Spirit. At the expiration of two hours add more Spirit, and let it percolate slowly until one pint [Imp. meas.] has been collected." *Br.*

This is a new official of the Br. Pharmacopœia. The strengths of the three tinctures, the English, the American, and the strong English, are respectively 1 in 8, 1 in 6, and 1 in 2. The dose is from five to twenty minims (0·3–1·25 C.c.). It is, however, chiefly used in the preparation of the syrup.

TRAGACANTHA. U. S., Br. Tragacanth.

(TRĂG-Ą-CĂN'THĄ.)

"A gummy exudation from Astragalus gummifer, Labillardière, and from other species of Astragalus (nat. ord. Leguminosæ)." *U. S.* "A gummy exudation obtained by making incisions in the stem of Astragalus gummifer, Labill., and some other species of Astragalus, Linn." *Br.*

Gummi Tragacantha; Gomme Adraganthe, *Fr.*; Tragant, Traganth, *G.*; Dragante, *It.*; Gomo Tragacanto, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Legume two-celled, more or less gibbous, with the lower suture turned inwards. *Carina* blunt. *Loudon's Encyc. of Plants.*

Numerous species belonging to this genus yield a gummy matter having the properties of tragacanth. The drug known in commerce by that name was at first erroneously supposed to be obtained from *A. tragacantha* of Linnæus (*A. massiliensis* of Lamarck), which grows in the south of Europe and the north of Africa and is now said to yield no gum. It was afterwards ascribed, on the authority of Tournefort, to a species (*A. creticus* of Lamarck) which grows in Crete and Ionia, and on that of Olivier, to *A. verus*, which inhabits Asia Minor, Armenia, and Northern Persia. Labillardière described a species by the name of *A. gummifer* which he found growing on Mount Libanus in Syria, and from which tragacanth exudes, though not that of commerce. Sieber denies that any one of these species yields the official tragacanth, which he ascribes to *A. aristatus*, growing in Anatolia, especially upon Mount Ida, where the gum is most abundantly collected. This plant, however, is not the *A. aristatus* of Villars, which, according to Sibthorp, furnishes tragacanth in Greece. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) Professor Lindley received two specimens of plants, said to be those which furnish tragacanth in Turkestan, one of which proved to be *A. gummifer* of Labillardière, which was said to yield a white variety, and the other a new species, which he called *A. strobiliferus*, and which was said to yield a red and inferior product. The fact seems to be that the commercial drug is collected from various sources; and it is affirmed that all the species of Astragalus with thorny petioles are capable of producing it. These form a natural group, and so closely resemble one another that botanists have found some difficulty in distinguishing them. They are very abundant on the mountains of Asia Minor, and, according to information received by M. J. Léon Soubeiran from M. Balansa, a scientific traveller who derived his knowledge from personal observation, the gum-producing species are closely analogous to the *A. creticus* of Lamarck. It is in the Anti-Taurus range that the gum is chiefly collected. Transverse incisions are made, near the base of the stem, into the medullary part, which alone yields juice. This exudes very slowly, flowing at night, and ceasing during the day; and two weeks usually elapse before the pieces are large enough for collection. The shape of the pieces is influenced by the rapidity of the exudation, and the lines on their surface indicate the daily concretion. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Feb. 1856, p. 117, and Feb. 1857, p. 149.)

Properties. Tragacanth is either in flaky, leaf-like pieces, irregularly oblong or roundish, or in tortuous vermicular filaments, rounded or flattened, rolled up or extended, of a whitish, yellowish-white, or slightly reddish color, marked by parallel lines or ridges, somewhat translucent, and resembling horn in appearance. It is officially described as "in narrow or broad bands, more or less curved or contorted, marked by parallel lines or ridges, white or faintly yellowish, translucent, horn-like, tough, and rendered more easily pulverizable by a heat of 50° C. (122° F.). On treating Tragacanth with water, it swells and gradually forms a gelatinous mass, which is tinged blue by iodine test-solution, and the fluid portion of which is precipitated on the addition of alcohol, but is not colored blue by iodine test-solution." *U. S.* It is hard

and more or less fragile, but difficult of pulverization, unless exposed to a freezing temperature, or thoroughly dried, and powdered in a heated mortar at the temperature of 50° C. (122° F.). Tragacanth has no smell, and very little taste. Its sp. gr. is 1·384. Introduced into water, it absorbs a certain proportion of that liquid, swells very much, and forms a soft adhesive paste, but does not dissolve. If agitated with an additional quantity of water, this paste forms a uniform mixture; but in the course of one or two days the greater part separates, and is deposited, leaving a portion dissolved in the supernatant fluid. Tragacanth is wholly insoluble in alcohol. It appears to be composed of two different constituents, one soluble in water and resembling gum arabic, the other swelling in water, but not dissolving. The former is said to differ from gum arabic in affording no precipitate with potassium silicate or ferric chloride. The latter, which, according to Bucholz, constitutes 43 per cent. of tragacanth, is probably identical with *bassorin*.* It has the property of becoming blue with iodine, which is not the case with bassorin; but this property is ascribed to the presence of a small quantity of insoluble starch. According to M. Guérin, 100 parts of tragacanth contain 53·3 parts of arabin or pure gum, 33·1 of bassorin and insoluble starch, and 11·1 of water, and yield when burned 2·5 parts of ashes. To separate the soluble from the insoluble part requires agitation with separate portions of water; the solutions are to be decanted and filtered, and the process is to be continued till water ceases to dissolve anything. According to Giraud (*Arch. de Pharm.*, Déc. 1877; *A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 127), tragacanth does not contain arabin, but the principal constituent is a pectinous principle, which is apparently identical with Frémy's pectose, and has the following average composition: 60 parts of pectinous principle, 8 to 10 parts of soluble gum, 3 of cellulose, 2 or 3 of starch, 3 of mineral constituents, and 20 of water. On the other hand, Von Sandersleben found that when heated with dilute acids tragacanth acquired reducing properties, and formed, along with much syrup, *arabinose*, which crystallized. (Tollens, *Handbuch der Kohlenhydrate*, 1888, p. 218.) Examined by Dr. Kützing by means of the microscope, tragacanth was found to consist of organized cells. (See *A. J. P.*, xxv. 37.) In conformity with this statement is the remarkable fact, discovered by Hugo von Mohl and confirmed by Wigand, that tragacanth is not a secretion of the plant, but the result of the transformation of the cells of the pith and those of the medullary rays which traverse the ligneous part of the stem and older branches. (*Ibid.*, xxxi. 243.)

It is stated by Mr. S. H. Maltass that tragacanth is adulterated, in the Levant, with worthless gums brought from Armenia and Caramania, which, as they are originally of a dark color and destitute of the flaky form of the genuine gum, are broken into small fragments and whitened by means of lead carbonate before being mixed with the tragacanth. Mr. Hanbury states, in confirmation of this, that he has detected lead in the *small tragacanth* imported into London. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 20.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Tragacanth is demulcent, but, on account of its difficult solubility, is not often given internally. The great viscidity which it imparts to water renders it useful for the suspension of heavy insoluble powders; and it is also employed in pharmacy to impart consistence to troches, for which it answers better than does gum arabic.

TRITICUM. U. S. Triticum. [Couch-grass.]

(TRĬT'Ĭ-CŬM.)

"The rhizome of Agropyrum repens (Linné), Beauvois (nat. ord. Gramineæ), gathered in the spring and deprived of the roots." *U. S.*

Rhizoma Graminis, *P. G.*; Radix Graminis, Couch-grass, Quick-grass, Quitch, Dog-grass; Chiendent, Petit Chiendent, *Fr.*; Queckenwurzel, Grasswurzel, *G.*

* *Bassorin* is insoluble in water, alcohol, and ether, but softens and swells up in hot or cold water. Diluted nitric and hydrochloric acids, with the aid of heat, dissolve it almost entirely. The acidulous solution, concentrated by evaporation, and treated with alcohol, lets fall a flocculent precipitate which has all the characters of pure gum, into which the bassorin appears to have been converted by the action of the acid. This does not, however, constitute more than a tenth part of the bassorin dissolved. By gradually evaporating the alcoholic acidulous solution, a thick, bitterish liquid is obtained, which exhales a strong odor of ammonia when treated with potassa. Strong nitric acid converts bassorin into mucic and oxalic acids (22·5 per cent. of the former, calculated upon the weight of the bassorin); and treated with sulphuric acid it yields a sweet crystalline substance which is incapable of the vinous fermentation. (*Guérin.*) Vauquelin was the first to call attention to this principle, upon which he conferred its present name, from having first observed it in the Bassora gum. Bucholz afterwards discovered the same or a closely analogous principle in tragacanth; and John, a principle which was supposed to be the same, in the gum of the cherry-tree. Hence it has sometimes been called *tragacanthin* and *cerasin*. M. Guérin, however, has demonstrated that the insoluble principle of the cherry gum is essentially different from bassorin. Berzelius considered the latter as belonging to the class of substances which he associated under the name of mucilages, and of which the mucilages of flaxseed and quince-seed are examples. (See *Linum.*)

Gen. Ch. Spikelets three- to many-flowered, compressed, two-ranked, alternate on opposite sides of a solitary terminal spike, single at each joint (the lowermost, or all, rarely in pairs), and sessile with the side against the axis. *Glumes* transverse (*i.e.*, right and left), nearly equal and opposite, lanceolate, herbaceous, nerved. *Flowering glumes* rigid, convex on the back, five- to seven-nerved, pointed or awned from the tip; *palet* flattened, bristly-ciliate on the nerves, adherent to the groove of the grain. *Stamens* three. *Gray's Manual.*

The genus Triticum is naturally divided into two groups,—one composed of annual plants, of which wheat is the type, and the other of perennials, led by the official species.

Agropyrum repens. Linn. This grass, originally a native of Europe, now abounds in meadows and cultivated grounds in the Northern United States, where it is often very troublesome as a weed. It is specifically characterized by its creeping rootstock, by its awns being absent or not more than half the length of the flower, and by its rough flat leaves.

Properties. Couch-grass is officially described as follows. "Very long and creeping, about 2 Mm. thick; as met with in the shops, cut into sections about 1 Cm. long; smooth, but wrinkled; hollow in the centre, straw-yellow; inodorous; taste sweetish." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Triticum is never exhibited for the purpose of affecting the general system, but only for its influence upon the genito-urinary organs. It is much used by some surgeons in *irritable bladder*, and also in *cystitis*. It is one of the least stimulant of the remedies of its class, and may be employed very freely. In Europe its decoction is said to be used to a considerable extent as a diluent and slightly nutritious drink. It may be taken *ad libitum*, or the fluid extract may be given in doses of a fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) every three hours in five or six ounces of water.

TRITURATIONES. U. S. Triturations.

(TRĬT-Ū-RĀ-TĮ-Ō′NĒŞ—trĭt-yŭ-rā-shę-ō′nēz.)

"Unless otherwise directed, Triturations are to be prepared by the following formula. Take of The Substance, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar of Milk, in moderately fine powder, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Weigh the Substance and the Sugar of Milk, separately; then place the Substance, previously reduced, if necessary, to a moderately fine powder, in a mortar; add about an equal measure of Sugar of Milk, mix well by means of a spatula, and triturate them thoroughly together. Then add fresh portions of the Sugar of Milk, from time to time, until the whole is added, and continue the trituration until the Substance is intimately mixed with the Sugar of Milk and reduced to a fine powder." *U. S.*

This general formula has been introduced into the Pharmacopœia in order that a definite and uniform method be authorized of making a class of powders which has come into use in various sections of our country. Whilst the necessity of giving recognition to the class may be questioned by many, the importance of securing uniformity in composition is evident.

TRITURATIO ELATERINI. U. S. Trituration of Elaterin.

(TRĬT-Ū-RĀ′TĮ-Ō ĔL-Ą-TĘ-RĪ′NĪ.)

"Elaterin, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Sugar of Mik, in moderately fine powder, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix them thoroughly by trituration." *U. S.*

This is probably the best representative of the class of triturations that could be selected for introduction into the national authority. Elaterium is at the best a substance of variable quality, whilst the crystalline principle is a definite product, and accurate dosage can be secured more effectually through the use of this trituration than by the employment of commercial elaterium. The dose is from one-half to five-eighths of a grain (0·03–0·04 Gm.).

TROCHISCI. Troches.

(TRǪ-ȻHĬS′CĪ—trǫ-kĭs′sī.)

Tabellæ; Lozenges; Tablettes, Pastilles, *Fr.;* **Pastillen, Zeltchen,** *G.*

Troches or *lozenges* are small, dry, solid masses, usually of a flattened shape, consisting for the most part of powders incorporated with sugar and mucilage. They are designed to be held in the mouth and dissolved slowly in the saliva, and are, therefore, adapted for the administration of those medicines only which do not require to be given in large quantities and which are destitute of any very disagreeable flavor. They were formerly much more used and more skilfully prepared in Europe than in this country, but at present those manufactured here are

fully equal to the imported lozenges. Tragacanth, from the greater tenacity of its mucilage, is better suited for their formation than gum arabic. The following directions for preparing them are taken from the *Dictionnaire des Drogues*. A mucilage of tragacanth is first prepared with cold water and strained. With this the powders, including sugar, are thoroughly mixed by rubbing upon a marble slab, and are thus formed into a paste, which is spread out by means of a roller upon the surface of the marble, previously powdered over with a mixture of sugar and starch. The thickness of the mass is rendered uniform by a frame upon which the ends of the roller rest. The upper surface is now dusted with sugar and starch, and the mass is divided into small cakes by means of a punch. These cakes are placed upon paper, and, having been exposed to the air for twelve hours, are carried into a drying-room moderately heated. When perfectly dry, they are thrown upon a sieve to separate the sugar and starch, and are then enclosed in boxes. Lozenges may be prepared from almost any medicine which it is advisable to administer in this form. The following general formula may be found useful. Take of citric acid, in powder, a drachm; powdered sugar eight ounces; oil of lemon twelve minims; mucilage of tragacanth a sufficient quantity. Form them in the manner above directed into troches of twelve grains each. Lozenges are sometimes made by saturating blank lozenges with aromatic spirits. Currant paste or jelly has come into use of late years largely as a basis for troches.* Lozenges of a cylindrical shape are extensively used, having a basis of

* *Currant Paste Lozenges.* These lozenges have been largely employed. They were introduced by Dr. Morell Mackenzie, Senior Physician to the London Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, and differ from ordinary lozenges in the use as a basis of currant paste (or jelly), of which they contain from 70 to 80 per cent.; this may usually be obtained from wholesale confectioners or grocers.

Trochisci Acidi Benzoici. Benzoic Acid, in powder, 175 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Red Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Mix the dry ingredients; then add the Red Currant Paste until the whole mass weighs 1 pound; divide into 350 lozenges of 20 grains each, and dry them in a hot-air chamber at a moderate heat. Each lozenge contains about one-half grain of Benzoic Acid, and is marked B. A. Dose, one lozenge every four hours. If used as a "voice lozenge," one should be taken a quarter of an hour before using the voice.

Trochisci Acidi Carbolici. Pure Carbolic Acid, 350 grains; Gum Acacia, in powder, 220 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 5468 grains (12½ ounces); Mucilage of Gum Acacia, 1 ounce; Distilled Water, as much as is sufficient. Mix the Carbolic Acid with the powders, add the Mucilage and Water to form a mass weighing 1 pound, and divide into 350 lozenges and dry them in a hot-air chamber at a moderate heat. Each lozenge contains about one grain of Carbolic Acid, and is marked C. A. Dose, one lozenge four or five times daily. Use, antiseptic and stimulant.

Trochisci Acidi Tannici. Tannic Acid, in powder, 525 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 1½ grains of Tannic Acid, and is marked T. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours.

Trochisci Aconiti. Tincture of Aconite (B. P.), 175 minims; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici*). Each lozenge contains the equivalent of half a minim of Tincture of Aconite (B. P.) (or quarter of a minim, U. S. P.), and is marked A. C. Dose, one lozenge every half-hour or hour. Use, in tonsillitis and febrile affections of the throat.

Trochisci Althææ. Powdered decorticated Marshmallow Root, 400 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, ¾ pound; Gum Acacia, in powder, ½ pound; Orange Flower Water and White of Egg, as much as is sufficient to make into 350 soft lozenges. Macerate the Marshmallow Root in a sufficient quantity of Orange Flower Water for 12 hours, strain, then add the Gum Acacia and Sugar; dissolve, and evaporate to the consistence of honey with constant stirring; add gradually the White of Egg beaten up with more Orange Flower Water. Evaporate, with stirring, till the paste will not adhere to the hand; then divide into lozenges. Dose, one lozenge every half-hour or hour. Use, emollient. Valuable after excision of tonsils or uvula.

Trochisci Ammonii Chloridi. Ammonium Chloride, in powder, 700 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 140 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains about 2 grains of Ammonium Chloride, and is marked M. A. Dose, one lozenge every three hours.

Trochisci Boracis. Borax, in powder, 1050 grains: Tragacanth, in powder, 140 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 3 grains of Borax, and is marked B. O. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours.

Trochisci Catechu. Pale Catechu, 700 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 2 grains of Catechu, and is marked C. T. Dose, one lozenge every three hours. Use, astringent, but less powerful than the Tannin.

Trochisci Cubebæ. Cubebs, in powder, 200 grains; Extract of Liquorice, 1225 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, 200 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains about one-half grain of Cubebs, and is marked C. B. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, very serviceable in diminishing excessive secretion of mucus from pharynx, larynx, or trachea. These lozenges closely resemble the *Brown's Bronchial Troches*, but Black Currant Paste is employed, and less gum and sugar.

Trochisci Guaiaci. Guaiacum Resin, in powder, 700 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 2 grains of Guaiacum, and is marked G. Dose, one lozenge every two hours in acute inflammation; three times a day in chronic affections. Use, a specific for arresting crescent

liquorice, gum, and sugar, and the manufacture of these is now an important industry. Franklin C. Hill devised an improved machine for making Liquorice and Wistar's Lozenges. (See *A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 401.) For Slocum's and Harrison's improved forms of lozenge boards, rollers, etc., see *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 589; 1880, p. 255. Mr. A. D. Marcy figured an instrument for shaping troches in *N. R.*, Feb. 1882.

TROCHISCI ACIDI BENZOICI. Br. Benzoic Acid Lozenges.

(TRŌ-ȻHĪS'CĪ ĂÇ'Ị-DĪ BĔN-ZŌ'Ị-CĪ.)

"Take of Benzoic Acid *three hundred and sixty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Benzoic Acid, Sugar, and Gum, add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry them in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains half a grain of Benzoic Acid." *Br.*

TROCHISCI ACIDI TANNICI. U. S., Br. Troches of Tannic Acid.

[Tannin Lozenges.]

(TRŌ-ȻHĪS'CĪ ĂÇ'Ị-DĪ TĂN'NỊ-CĪ.)

Pastilles de Tannin, *Fr.;* Tanninpastillen, *G.*

"Tannic Acid, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Stronger Orange Flower Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Stronger Orange Flower Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Tannic Acid *three hundred and sixty grains;* Tincture of Tolu *half a fluidounce;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce.* Dissolve the Tannic Acid in the Water, add first the Tincture of Tolu, previously mixed with the mucilage, then the Gum and the Sugar, also previously well mixed. Form the whole into a proper mass; divide it into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber with a moderate heat. Each lozenge contains half a grain of Tannic Acid." *Br.*

inflammation of the tonsils, and useful both in acute and subacute inflammation of the pharynx, and in acute follicular disease of the tonsils, etc.

Trochisci Kino. Kino, in powder, 700 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 2 grains of Kino, and is marked K. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, astringent; rather less powerful than Rhatany.

Trochisci Krameriæ. Extract of Rhatany, in powder, 1050 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Red Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Mix and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 3 grains of Extract of Rhatany, and is marked R. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, a very useful astringent. Rhatany does not disagree with the stomach, as is often the case with Tannic Acid, nor does it cause constipation to the same extent as Kino or Catechu.

Trochisci Lactucæ. Extract of Lettuce, 350 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 100 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 1 grain of Extract of Lettuce, and is marked L. Dose, one lozenge every hour or two. Use, soothing and mildly sedative.

Trochisci Potassii Chloratis. Potassium Chlorate, in powder, 1050 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 140 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 3 grains of Potassium Chlorate, and is marked P. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, stimulant and antiseptic. Useful in thrush and aphthous ulceration.

Trochisci Potassii Citratis. Potassium Citrate, in powder, 1050 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 140 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Red Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 3 grains of Potassium Citrate, and is marked C. P. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, topical sialagogue.

Trochisci Potassii Tartratis Acidæ. Acid Potassium Tartrate, 1050 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 140 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Red Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 3 grains of Acid Potassium Tartrate, and is marked T. P. Dose, one lozenge every two or three hours. Use, topical sialagogue.

Trochisci Pyrethri. Pellitory Root, in powder, 350 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 70 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains 1 grain of Pellitory, and is marked P. Y. Dose, one lozenge every two or three hours. Use, a very valuable sialagogue.

Trochisci Sedativi. Extract of Opium, in powder, 35 grains; Tragacanth, in powder, 100 grains; Refined Sugar, in powder, 280 grains; Black Currant Paste, as much as is sufficient. Prepare and divide into 350 lozenges. (See *Trochisci Acidi Benzoici.*) Each lozenge contains one-tenth grain of Extract of Opium, and is marked S. Dose, one lozenge every three or four hours. Use, sedative, for irritative coughs and painful conditions of the pharynx. (From the *Pharmacopœia of the Hospital for the Diseases of the Throat,* 4th ed., 1881.)

These are useful in *relaxation of the uvula*, and in *chronic angina*, being allowed slowly to dissolve in the mouth. Each U. S. troche contains about one grain (0·06 Gm.) of the acid.

TROCHISCI AMMONII CHLORIDI. U. S. Troches of Ammonium Chloride.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ ĄM-MŌ'NI-Ī ϕHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

Pastilles de Chlorure d'Ammonium, *Fr.;* Chlorammoniumpastillen, *G.*

"Ammonium Chloride, in fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in fine powder, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Syrup of Tolu, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches*. Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Syrup of Tolu, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches*." *U. S.* Each troche contains about one and a half grains (0·10 Gm.) of ammonium chloride.

These troches are largely used in *congested conditions of the pharynx and larynx.*

TROCHISCI BISMUTHI. Br. Bismuth Lozenges.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ BĬȘ-MŪ'THĪ.)

Troches of Bismuth; Pastilles de Sous-nitrate de Bismuth, *Fr.;* Wismuthpastillen, *G.*

"Take of Subnitrate of Bismuth *fourteen hundred and forty grains;* Carbonate of Magnesium *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium *six ounces* [av.]; Refined Sugar *twenty-nine ounces* [av.]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Rose Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the dry ingredients, then add the Mucilage, and form the whole into a proper mass with Rose Water. Divide the mass into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains two grains of Subnitrate of Bismuth." *Br.*

These may be used to obtain the effects of bismuth subnitrate on the stomach, as well as of the magnesium and calcium carbonates as an antacid, two or more being administered for a dose. They may also be found useful in *chronic inflammation of the throat and œsophagus.*

TROCHISCI CATECHU. U. S., Br. Troches of Catechu.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ CĂT'Ę-ϕHŪ.)

Catechu Lozenges; Tabellæ cum Catechu, *F. P.;* Pastilles de Cachou, *Fr.;* Katechupastillen, *G.*

"Catechu, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Stronger Orange Flower Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Stronger Orange Flower Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Catechu, in powder, *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Catechu, Sugar, and Gum, and add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains one grain of Catechu." *Br.*

These, like the troches of tannic acid, are useful in *prolapsus of the uvula*, and in other forms of *relaxation of the fauces*, and may also be used, in the number of three or more at a dose, to obtain the effects of catechu on the *primæ viæ* and on the system. Each troche contains about one grain (0·06 Gm.) of catechu, and the taste is not disagreeable.

TROCHISCI CRETÆ. U. S. Troches of Chalk.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ CRĒ'TÆ.)

Pastilles de Craie préparée, *Fr.;* Kreidepastillen, *G.*

"Prepared Chalk, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *seven grammes* [or 108 grains]; Spirit of Nutmeg, *three cubic centimeters* [or 49 minims]; Sugar, in fine powder, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 180 grains]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders with the Spirit of Nutmeg until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

These troches contain each about four grains (0·25 Gm.) of chalk, and are used as a gentle, astringent antacid in *diarrhœa.* They deserve to be used more frequently than they have been, being well adapted for children.

TROCHISCI CUBEBÆ. U. S. Troches of Cubeb.

(TRŌ-ÇHĬS'CĪ CŪ-BĒ'BÆ.)

Pastilles de Cubèbe, *Fr.;* Kubebenpastillen, *G.*

"Oleoresin of Cubeb, *four grammes* [or 61 grains]; Oil of Sassafras, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in fine powder, *twenty-five grammes* [or 386 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Syrup of Tolu, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches*. Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then add the Oleoresin and the Oil, and incorporate them with the mixture. Lastly, with Syrup of Tolu, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches*." *U. S.*

Each lozenge contains half a minim (0·04 Gm.) of the oleoresin of cubeb, being about half the strength of the troche of 1870. The preparation is intended chiefly for effect upon the fauces and other parts of the upper alimentary passages, and may be used advantageously in some cases of *chronic cough*, and in *ulceration* or *chronic inflammation of the fauces*. The proportion of oleoresin of cubeb might be decreased again with great benefit.

TROCHISCI FERRI. U. S. Troches of Iron.

(TRŌ-ÇHĬS'CĪ FĔR'RĪ.)

Pastilles d'Oxide de Fer, *Fr.;* Eisenoxydpastillen, *G.*

"Ferric Hydrate, dried at a temperature not exceeding 80° C. (176° F.), *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Vanilla, cut into slices, *one gramme* [or 15 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Mucilage of Tragacanth, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches*. Rub the Vanilla, first, with a portion of the Sugar to a uniform powder, and afterwards with the Ferric Hydrate and the remainder of the Sugar, until they are thoroughly mixed. Then, with Mucilage of Tragacanth, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches*." *U. S.*

Each lozenge contains about five grains (0·3 Gm.) of ferric hydrate, and from one to six may be given, according to the effects desired. (See *Ferri Oxidum Hydratum*.)

TROCHISCI FERRI REDACTI. Br. Reduced Iron Lozenges.

(TRŌ-ÇHĬS'CĪ FĔR'RĪ RĒ-DĂC'TĪ.)

Pastilles de Fer, Tablettes chalybées, *Fr.;* Eisenpastillen, *G.*

"Take of Reduced Iron *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce*, or *a sufficiency*. Mix the Iron, Sugar, and Gum, and add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber with a moderate heat. Each lozenge contains one grain of Reduced Iron." *Br.*

From one to five of the lozenges may be taken for a dose.

TROCHISCI GLYCYRRHIZÆ ET OPII. U. S. (Br.) Troches of Glycyrrhiza and Opium.

(TRŌ-ÇHĬS'CĪ GLĬÇ-ŸR-RHĪ'ZÆ ĔT Ō'PĮ-Ī.)

Trochisci Opii, *Br.;* Opium Lozenges; Pastilles d'Opium, Pastilles de Réglisse opiacées, *Fr.;* Opiumpastillen, *G.*

"Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in fine powder, *fifteen grammes* [or 231 grains]; Powdered Opium, *one-half gramme* [or 8 grains]; Acacia, in fine powder, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Oil of Anise, *two-tenths of a cubic centimeter* [or 3 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches*. Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then add the Oil of Anise (equivalent to about 4 drops), and incorporate it with the mixture. Lastly, with Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches*." *U. S.*

"Take of Extract of Opium *seventy-two grains;* Tincture of Tolu *half a fluidounce;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *two ounces* [av.]; Extract of Liquorice *six ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Add the Extract of Opium, first softened by means of a little Water, and the Tincture of Tolu, to the Extract of Liquorice heated in a water-bath. When the mixture is reduced to a proper consistence, remove it to a slab, add the Sugar and Gum previously rubbed together, and mix thoroughly. Divide the mass into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber with a moderate heat. Each lozenge contains one-tenth of a grain of Extract of Opium, equivalent to one-fiftieth of a grain of morphine." *Br.*

A preparation similar to the above is much used in Philadelphia and elsewhere under the name of *Wistar's cough lozenges.* Sometimes morphine sulphate is substituted in equivalent proportion for the opium, and occasionally a little tartar emetic is added; but these modifications of the official formula are not admissible without a change of title. Each U. S. troche contains about one-twelfth of a grain of powdered opium, the English each one-tenth of a grain of extract of opium. These troches are demulcent and anodyne, and useful in allaying *cough.*

TROCHISCI IPECACUANHÆ. U. S., Br. Troches of Ipecac.

(TRŌ-ȻHĬS'CĪ ĬP-Ē-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ.)

Ipecacuanha Lozenges; Pastilles d'Ipécacuanha, *Fr.;* Brechwurzelpastillen, *G.*

"Ipecac, in No. 60 powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Syrup of Orange, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Syrup of Orange, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Ipecacuanha, in powder, *one hundred and eighty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce,* or *a sufficiency.* Mix the powders, and add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber with a moderate heat. Each powder contains one-fourth of a grain of Ipecacuanha." *Br.*

These are useful expectorant lozenges in *catarrhal complaints.* Each of the U. S. lozenges contains about one-third of a grain (0·021 Gm.) of ipecac.

TROCHISCI KRAMERIÆ. U. S. Troches of Krameria.

(TRŌ-ȻHĬS'CĪ KRĄ-MĒ'RĮ-Æ.)

Pastilles de Ratanhia, *Fr.;* Ratanhapastillen, *G.*

"Extract of Krameria, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *two grammes* [or 31 grains]; Stronger Orange Flower Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Stronger Orange Flower Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

These are astringent troches, which may be used in *chronic angina.*

TROCHISCI MENTHÆ PIPERITÆ. U. S. Troches of Peppermint.

(TRŌ-ȻHĬS'CĪ MĔN'THÆ PĪ-PĘ-RĪ'TÆ.)

Pastilles de Menthe anglaises, *Fr.;* Pfefferminzpastillen, *G.*

"Oil of Peppermint, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Sugar, in fine powder, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 minims]; Mucilage of Tragacanth, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the Oil of Peppermint and the Sugar together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Mucilage of Tragacanth, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

Useful in *slight gastric or intestinal pains, nausea,* and *flatulence.*

TROCHISCI MORPHINÆ. Br. Morphine Lozenges.

(TRŌ-ȻHĬS'CĪ MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ.)

Pastilles de Morphine, *Fr.;* Morphinpastillen, *G.*

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *twenty grains;* Tincture of Tolu *half a fluidounce;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *half a fluidounce.* Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in the Water; add this solution to the Tincture of Tolu, previously mixed with *two fluidounces* of the Mucilage; then add the Gum and the Sugar, previously mixed, and more Mucilage if necessary to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature." *Br.*

Useful for alleviating *cough,* and for other purposes which are answered by minute doses of morphine, of the hydrochlorate of which each lozenge contains about one-thirty-sixth of a grain (0·0018 Gm.).

TROCHISCI MORPHINÆ ET IPECACUANHÆ. U. S., Br. Troches of Morphine and Ipecac.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ MÖR-PHĪ'NÆ ĔT ĬP-Ē-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ.)

Morphine and Ipecacuanha Lozenges; Pastilles de Morphine et d'Ipécacuanha, *Fr.;* Morphinpastillen mit Brechwurzel, *G.*

"Morphine Sulphate, *sixteen centigrammes* [or 2½ grains]; Ipecac, in No. 60 powder, *fifty centigrammes* [or 8 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty-five grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 128 grains]; Oil of Gaultheria, *two-tenths of a cubic centimeter* [or 3 minims]; Mucilage of Tragacanth, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then add the Oil of Gaultheria (equivalent to about 4 drops), and incorporate it with the mixture. Lastly, with Mucilage of Tragacanth, form a mass to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Hydrochlorate of Morphine *twenty grains;* Ipecacuanha, in fine powder, *sixty grains;* Tincture of Tolu *half a fluidounce;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *half a fluidounce.* Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in the Water; add this solution to the Tincture of Tolu, previously mixed with two fluidounces of the Mucilage; then add the Ipecacuanha, Gum, and Sugar, previously mixed, and more Mucilage if necessary to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature." *Br.*

Expectorant and anodyne, useful especially in *allaying cough.* The U. S. and the Br. lozenges each contain respectively one-fortieth of a grain (0·0016 Gm.) and one-thirty-sixth of a grain (0·0018 Gm.) of morphine salt, and one-twelfth of a grain (0·005 Gm.) of ipecacuanha. From one to six may be given for a dose.

TROCHISCI POTASSII CHLORATIS. U. S., Br. Troches of Potassium Chlorate.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī ϕHLŌ-RĀ'TĮS.)

Chlorate of Potash Lozenges; Pastilles de Chlorate de Potasse, *Fr.;* Pastillen von Chlorsaurem Kali, *G.*

"Potassium Chlorate, in fine powder, *thirty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 25 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Spirit of Lemon, *one cubic centimeter* [or 16 minims]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Mix the Sugar with the Tragacanth and the Spirit of Lemon by trituration, in a mortar; then transfer the mixture to a sheet of paper, and, by means of a bone spatula, mix with it the Potassium Chlorate, being careful, by avoiding trituration or pressure, to prevent the mixture from igniting or exploding. Lastly, with Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Chlorate of Potassium *thirty-six hundred grains;* Refined Sugar, in Powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce*, or *a sufficiency.* Mix the powders, and add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains five grains of Chlorate of Potassium." *Br.*

These lozenges are very largely employed, and are locally useful in cases of *sore throat.* If dissolved slowly in the mouth they may be used almost continuously.

TROCHISCI SANTONINI. U. S., Br. Troches of Santonin.

(TRŌ-ϕHĬS'CĪ SĂN-TŌ-NĪ'NĪ.)

Pastilles de Santonine, *Fr.;* Santoninpastillen, *G.*

"Santonin, in fine powder, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *one hundred and ten grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 385 grains]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *three grammes* [or 46 grains]; Stronger Orange Flower Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Rub the powders together until they are thoroughly mixed; then, with Stronger Orange Flower Water, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.* Troches of Santonin should be kept in dark, amber-colored vials." *U. S.*

"Take of Santonin *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Mix the Santonin, Sugar, and Gum; add the Mucilage and Water to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-

air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains one grain of Santonin." *Br.* Each U. S. lozenge contains about half a grain (0·033 Gm.) of Santonin. (See *Santoninum*, page 1193.) Dose, from one to six lozenges.

TROCHISCI SODII BICARBONATIS. U. S., Br. Troches of Sodium Bicarbonate.

(TRŌ-ĶHĬS'CĪ SŌ'DĮ-Ī BĮ-CÄR-BŌ-NĀ'TĬS.)

Bicarbonate of Sodium Lozenges; Trochisci Natri Bicarbonici, *P. G.;* Pastilles de Bicarbonate de Soude, Pastilles de Vichy, Pastilles digestives, *Fr.;* Natronpastillen, *G.*

"Sodium Bicarbonate, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *sixty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 51 grains]; Nutmeg, bruised, *one gramme* [or 15 grains]; Mucilage of Tragacanth, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Triturate the Nutmeg with the Sugar, gradually added, until they are reduced to a fine powder, and mix this intimately with the Sodium Bicarbonate; then, with Mucilage of Tragacanth, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

"Take of Bicarbonate of Sodium, in powder, *thirty-six hundred grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *twenty-five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Gum Acacia, in powder, *one ounce* [av.]; Mucilage of Gum Acacia *two fluidounces;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce.* Mix the powders, and add the Mucilage and Water, to form a proper mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains five grains of Bicarbonate of Sodium." *Br.*

The U. S. troche contains three grains (0·20 Gm.) of the alkaline salt. Antacid and antilithic, useful in *heartburn* and in *uric acid gravel.* From one to six may be given for a dose.

TROCHISCI SULPHURIS. Br. Sulphur Lozenges.

(TRŌ-ĶHĬS'CĪ SŬL'PHŪ-RĬS.)

"Take of Precipitated Sulphur *thirty-six hundred grains;* Acid Tartrate of Potassium *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Refined Sugar, in powder, *fifty-seven hundred and sixty grains;* Gum Acacia, in powder, *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Tincture of Orange Peel *seven hundred and twenty minims;* Mucilage of Acacia *seven hundred and twenty minims.* Mix the Tincture of Orange with the powders, and add the Mucilage to form a suitable mass. Divide into 720 lozenges, and dry these in a hot-air chamber at a moderate temperature. Each lozenge contains five grains of sulphur." *Br.*

These lozenges have been introduced into the "Additions" to the British Pharmacopœia. The dose is from one to six lozenges. (See *Sulphur Præcipitatum*, page 1307.)

TROCHISCI ZINGIBERIS. U. S. Troches of Ginger.

(TRŌ-ĶHĬS'CĪ ZĮN-ĶĬB'Ę-RĬS.)

Pastilles de Gingembre, *Fr.;* Ingwerpastillen, *G.*

"Tincture of Ginger, *twenty cubic centimeters* [or 325 minims]; Tragacanth, in fine powder, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Sugar, in fine powder, *one hundred and thirty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 256 grains]; Syrup of Ginger, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred troches.* Mix the Tincture of Ginger with the Sugar, and, having exposed the mixture to the air until dry, reduce it to a fine powder. To this add the Tragacanth, and mix thoroughly. Lastly, with Syrup of Ginger, form a mass, to be divided into *one hundred troches.*" *U. S.*

Each lozenge contains three minims (0·2 C.c.) of the tincture, and they may be taken as required, being especially calculated to relieve *gastric pains* resulting from *flatulence.*

ULMUS. U. S. Elm. [Slippery Elm.]

(ŬL'MŲS.)

"The inner bark of Ulmus fulva, Michaux (nat. ord. Urticaceæ)." *U. S.*

Ulmi Cortex; Ecorce d'Orme, *Fr.;* Ulmenrinde, Rüsterrinde, *G.*

Ulmus fulva. Michaux, *Flor. Amer.* i. 172.—*Ulmus rubra.* F. André Michaux, *N. Am. Sylva*, iii. 89; *B. & T.* 233. The *slippery elm*, called also *red elm*, is a lofty tree, fifty or sixty feet in height, with a stem fifteen or twenty inches in diameter. The bark of the trunk is brown, that of the branches rough and whitish. The leaves are oblong ovate, acuminate, nearly equal at the base, unequally serrate, pubescent, and very rough on both sides, four or five inches in length by two or three in breadth, and supported on short footstalks. The buds, a fortnight before their development, are covered with a dense russet down. The

flowers, which appear before the leaves, are sessile, and in clusters at the extremities of the young shoots. The bunches of flowers are surrounded by scales, which are downy like the buds. The calyx also is downy. There is no corolla. The stamens are five, short, and of a pale rose color. The fruit is a membranaceous capsule or samara, enclosing in the middle one round seed, destitute of fringe.*

This species of elm is indigenous, growing in all parts of the United States north of the Carolinas, but most abundantly west of the Alleghany Mountains. It flourishes in open, elevated situations, and requires a firm, dry soil. From the *white elm* (*U. americana*) it is distinguished by its rough branches, its larger, thicker, and rougher leaves, its downy buds, and the character of its flowers and seeds. Its period of flowering is in April. The inner bark, separated from the epidermis, is the part used. Large quantities are collected in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

It is in long, nearly flat pieces, from one to two lines thick, of a fibrous texture, a tawny color which is reddish on the inner surface, a peculiar sweetish, not unpleasant odor, and a highly mucilaginous taste when chewed. "The inner surface finely ridged; fracture fibrous and mealy; the transverse section delicately checkered; odor slight, peculiar; taste mucilaginous, insipid." *U. S.* By grinding, it is reduced to a light, grayish fawn-colored powder. It abounds in mucilaginous matter, which it readily imparts to water. The mucilage is precipitated by solutions of lead acetate and subacetate, but not by alcohol. It contains a variety of tannin which colors iron solutions green, in amount about 6·5 per cent. according to Rink, or, according to Davy, a little less than 3 per cent.

Much of the bark brought into the market is of inferior quality, imparting comparatively little mucilage to water. It has the characteristic odor of the genuine bark, but is much less fibrous and more brittle, breaking abruptly when bent, instead of being capable, like the better kind, of being folded lengthwise without breaking. To what this inferiority is owing, whether to difference in the species or the age, or to circumstances in the growth of the tree producing it, we are unable to state. Ground slippery-elm bark is often adulterated, usually with substances containing starch. Pure slippery-elm bark should have no starch in it.†

Dr. C. W. Wright, of Cincinnati, in a communication to the *Western Lancet*, states that slippery-elm bark has the property of preserving fatty substances from rancidity, and that this fact was known to the Indians, who prepared bear's fat by melting it with the bark, in the proportion of a drachm of the latter to a pound of the former, keeping them heated together for a few minutes, and then straining off the fat. Dr. Wright tried the same process with butter and lard, and found them to remain perfectly sweet for a long time. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Slippery-elm bark is an excellent demulcent, applicable to all cases in which this class of medicines is employed. It is especially recommended in *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, and *diseases of the urinary passages*. Its mucilage is nutritious; and we are told that it has proved sufficient for the support of life in the absence of other food. The case of a lad of 15 is recorded, who, a day or two after eating a portion of this bark, became violently ill, and died. The stomach was examined, and found full of the bark twisted into balls. The death was no doubt owing to the large amount of indigestible matter in the stomach, and not to any poisonous property of the bark. (*Phila. Med. Times*, Feb. 7, 1874, p. 303.) Dr. J. R. Dowler, of Beardstown, Ill., reports two cases of *tape-worm*, one in a child, the other in an adult, in which the worm was discharged as a consequence of the patients' chewing and swallowing the bark of the elm. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, March 16, 1865, p. 132.) It is commonly used as a drink in the form of infusion. (See *Mucilago Ulmi.*) The powder may be used stirred in hot water, with which it forms a mucilage more or less thick according to the proportion added. The bark also serves as an emollient application in cases of *external inflammation*. For this purpose the powder may be formed into a poultice with hot water, or the bark itself may be applied, previously softened by boiling. Dr. McDowell, of Virginia, recommended slippery-elm bark for the dilatation of *fistulas* and *strictures* (*Med. Examiner*, i. 244); subsequently Dr. H. R. Storer, of Boston, used it advantageously for *dilating the os uteri* (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, liii. 300), and Dr. A. Abbe, of the same place, succeeded in curing with it a case of *stricture of the rectum* (*Ibid.*, liv. 349).

* *Fremontia californica*, Torr., or *California Slippery Elm*, is not botanically allied to *Ulmus fulva*: its bark is said, however, to have the same properties as slippery-elm bark, and to be used for a similar purpose.

† The following test, devised by Mr. Geo. M. Beringer, seems to have practical value. Ten grains of ground or pulverized elm bark, thoroughly shaken with one fluidounce of water, will, if pure and of good quality, in fifteen minutes form a thick jelly-like mass of a good fawn color.

UNGUENTA. Ointments.

(ŲN-GUĔN′TĄ—ųn-gwĕn′tą.)

Pommades, Onguents, *Fr.;* Salben, *G.*

These are fatty substances, softer than cerates, of a consistence like that of butter, and such that they may be readily applied to the skin by inunction. When ointments are prepared by merely mixing medicinal substances with *simple ointment*, *hydrous wool fat*, *lard*, or *petrolatum*, care should be taken, if the added substance be a powder, that it be brought to the finest possible state of division before being incorporated with the unctuous matter. If soluble in water or in alcohol, it may often be advantageously rubbed with a little of one of these liquids. Gritty matter should not be allowed to enter these preparations. When an extract is added, if not uniformly soft, it should be made so by trituration with a little water or alcohol, according to its nature. Many of the ointments become rancid if long kept, and should, therefore, be prepared in small quantities at a time, or only when wanted for use. The tendency to rancidity may be in a considerable degree counteracted by imbuing the unctuous vehicle with benzoin, or with poplar buds, as recommended by M. Deschamps (*A. J. P.*, xv. 260); but care should be taken that there be no therapeutic objection to the admixture.* Elm bark is said to have the same effect. (See page 1412.) According to Dr. Geisler, ten drops of spirit of nitrous ether, incorporated with an ounce of ointment, will overcome the disagreeable fatty odor. (*Pharm. Centralbl.*, 1847, p. 927.) Hydrous wool fat or lanolin, petrolatum, and glycerite of starch are now used as bases for ointments. (See *Adeps Lanæ Hydrosus*, *Petrolatum*, and *Glyceritum Amyli.*) *Glycelæum* is a compound of finely powdered almond meal 1 part, glycerin 2 parts, and olive oil 6 parts. It was proposed by T. B. Groves, *Chem. and Drug.*, Sept. 14, 1867, as a substitute for plasma and other fatty bodies, and has no doubt advantages, one of which is the facility with which it can be removed from the skin by a wet sponge. It has been proposed to substitute glycerin for oils and fats in the preparation of ointments, either wholly or in part; but ointments thus prepared are altogether unfit for application by inunction, as the glycerin remains upon the skin, producing a rough sensation of adhesiveness, very different from the softness caused by oleaginous matter under similar circumstances, and in some skin diseases the glycerin in the ointment would be positively injurious.

The Cerates having been abolished as a class in the British Pharmacopœia, a few of the individual articles have been transferred to the Ointments, making the definition of the latter class of preparations, as given above, not exactly applicable to all the individual substances at present included among them in that Pharmacopœia. We consider no substance to be strictly entitled to the name of ointment which is not of such a consistence as to adapt it to application to the skin by friction or inunction. Ointments should be dispensed in glass, porcelain, or queensware pots or jars, or, if for temporary use, in tight wooden boxes. We have used a very convenient method of dispensing soft ointments by introducing them into compressible tubes. These tubes are similar to those used for holding artists' colors, and have the advantage of shielding the ointment from the oxidizing action of the air whilst allowing of the use of the desired quantity.

UNGUENTUM. U. S. (Br.) Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN′TŲM.)

Unguentum Simplex, *Br.*, also U. S. 1850; Simple Ointment; Unguentum Adipis, *U. S.* 1860; Pommade simple, *Fr.;* Wachssalbe, *G.*

"Lard, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains]; Yellow Wax, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt the Yellow Wax, and gradually add to it the Lard; then stir the mixture constantly until it is cool." *U. S.*

"Take of White Wax *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Benzoated Lard *three ounces* [av.]; Almond Oil *three fluidounces.* Melt the Wax and Lard in the Oil on a water-bath; then remove the mixture, and stir constantly while it cools." *Br.*

This is emollient, and is occasionally employed as a mild dressing to blistered or excoriated surfaces, but more frequently as a vehicle, it being the basis of several official ointments.

* *Populinated Lard.* M. Emile Mouchon gives the following method of applying to lard the preservative influence of poplar buds and benzoin. Having prepared, by percolation, a *tincture of poplar buds* from one part of the dried buds in powder and four parts of alcohol, he adds by degrees to 1000 parts of melted lard 60 parts of the tincture, so that all the alcohol may be driven off, then strains, and agitates the mixture till it concretes on cooling. The same method is pursued with tincture of benzoin, in the same proportions; and tincture of guaiac will answer the same purpose. Lard thus prepared keeps perfectly well for a very long time. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxv. 458.) Mr. T. B. Groves has shown that oil of pimenta and balsam of Peru have in a powerful degree the same preservative influence on lard. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1864, p. 249.)

UNGUENTUM ACIDI BORICI. Br. Ointment of Boric Acid.

[Ointment of Boracic Acid.]

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĂÇ'Į-DĪ BŌ'RĮ-CĪ.)

"Take of Boric Acid, in fine powder, *two and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *ten ounces* [av.]; Hard Paraffin *five ounces* [av.]. Melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins together, and add the Boric Acid distributed over the surface of the liquid by passing it through a sieve, then stir them together constantly until cold." *Br.*

UNGUENTUM ACIDI CARBOLICI. U. S., Br. Ointment of Carbolic Acid.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĂÇ'Į-DĪ CĂR-BŎL'Į-CĪ.)

Pommade d'Acide phénique, *Fr.;* Phenolsalbe, *G.*

"Carbolic Acid, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Ointment, *ninety-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 154 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Mix them thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbolic Acid *sixty grains;* Soft Paraffin *seven hundred and twenty grains;* Hard Paraffin *three hundred and sixty grains.* Melt, and stir together constantly until cold." *Br.*

The quantity of carbolic acid in this ointment has been decreased from 10 per cent. in the U. S. P. 1880 to 5 per cent. in the 1890 revision. This is an improvement, for it is a very strong ointment, which for most purposes still requires dilution.

UNGUENTUM ACIDI SALICYLICI. Br. Ointment of Salicylic Acid.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĂÇ'Į-DĪ SĂL-Į-CŸL'Į-CĪ.)

"Take of Salicylic Acid *sixty grains;* Soft Paraffin *ten hundred and eighty grains;* Hard Paraffin *five hundred and forty grains.* Melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins together, add the Salicylic Acid, and stir the whole constantly until cold." *Br.*

UNGUENTUM ACIDI TANNICI. U. S. Ointment of Tannic Acid.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĂÇ'Į-DĪ TĂN'NĮ-CĪ.)

Pommade d'Acide tannique, *Fr.;* Tanninsalbe, *G.*

"Tannic Acid, in fine powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Tannic Acid with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed, avoiding the use of iron utensils." *U. S.*

Ointment of Tannic Acid was doubled in strength at the U. S. P. 1890 revision. It is an excellent application in many cases of *piles* and *prolapsus ani*, also in *flabby ulcers.*

UNGUENTUM ACONITINÆ. Br. Ointment of Aconitine.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĄC-ŎN-Į-TĪ'NÆ.)

Pommade d'Aconitine, *Fr.;* Aconitinsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Aconitine *eight grains;* Rectified Spirit *half a fluidrachm;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Dissolve the Aconitine in the Spirit, add the Lard, and mix thoroughly." *Br.*

For the uses of this preparation the reader is referred to the articles on *Aconitum* and *Aconitina.* Care must be taken not to apply it to an abraded or ulcerated surface, lest it produce serious constitutional effects.

UNGUENTUM ANTIMONII TARTARATI. Br. Ointment of Tartarated Antimony.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĂN-TĮ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī TĂR-TĄ-RĀ'TĪ.)

Antimonial Ointment, Tartar Emetic Ointment, Ointment of Tartarated Antimony; Unguentum Tartari Stibiati, *P. G.;* Unguentum Stibiatum; Pommade stibiée, Pommade d'Autenreith, *Fr.;* Pockensalbe, *G.*

"Take of Tartarated Antimony, in fine powder, *a quarter of an ounce;* Simple Ointment, *one ounce.* Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This ointment was omitted in the 1880 revision of the U. S. P.* It may be most conveniently prepared, as in the British process, with *simple ointment*, as lard is too soft to be spread on linen, and simple ointment is sufficiently so to be applied by inunction.

* *Unguentum Antimonii.* "Take of Tartrate of Antimony and Potassium, in very fine powder, *one hundred grains;* Lard *four hundred grains.* Rub the Tartrate of Antimony and Potassium with the Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.* 1870.

The peculiar eruptive effects of tartar emetic may be procured by means of a strong solution, or of the powder sprinkled upon the surface or incorporated in the substance of some adhesive plaster, or of the ointment as above directed. The last method is, perhaps, the most convenient, and the most generally resorted to. The proportion of tartar emetic may vary from one drachm to the ounce of lard to two drachms, or even to three drachms when a speedy effect is required or when the skin is not very susceptible to its action. A small portion of the ointment may be rubbed twice a day, or more frequently, upon the surface to be affected, or it may be applied spread on a piece of linen. Care should be taken that the cuticle be entire, and that the application be not too long continued, as otherwise severe inflammation, and even gangrenous ulceration, may result.

UNGUENTUM AQUÆ ROSÆ. U. S. Ointment of Rose Water. [Cold Cream.]

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM Ā'QUÆ RŌ'ŞÆ.)

Unguentum Leniens, *P. G.;* Cérat cosmétique, Crême froide, *Fr.*

"Spermaceti, *one hundred and twenty-five grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 179 grains]; White Wax, *one hundred and twenty grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 102 grains]; Expressed Oil of Almond, *six hundred cubic centimeters* [or 20 fluidounces, 138 minims]; Stronger Rose Water, *one hundred and ninety cubic centimeters* [or 6 fluidounces, 204 minims]; Sodium Borate, in fine powder, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]. Reduce the Spermaceti and the White Wax to fine shavings, and melt them at a moderate heat. Then add the expressed Oil of Almond, pour the mixture into a warmed, shallow Wedgwood mortar, carefully add, without stirring, the whole of the Stronger Rose Water in which the Sodium Borate had previously been dissolved, and stir rapidly and continuously, until the mixture becomes uniformly soft and creamy." *U. S.*

In the U. S. P. 1890 process the proportion of rose water has been greatly reduced,—*i.e.*, from 30 to 20 per cent.: this will make a more stable preparation, but in our opinion the usefulness of the ointment has been curtailed by the reduction, its soft consistence being one of its most valuable characteristics. Sodium borate has been added to increase its whiteness: its presence may, however, prove objectionable when the ointment is used as a basis in prescriptions, by reacting with some of the ingredients ordered by the physician.

This preparation is a white, very soft, and elegant ointment, deriving a grateful odor from the rose water, which remains incorporated with the other constituents if kept enclosed in glazed vessels. We have found it an improvement to add oil of rose in the proportion of one drop to eight ounces, and to use an instrument known as the "Dover egg-beater" for giving it the desired creamy appearance. It is a pleasant, cooling application to irritated and excoriated surfaces, and may be used with great advantage for chapped lips and hands, so frequent in cold weather. As the ointment is liable to become rancid when long kept, and the water to separate upon exposure, Mr. Joseph Laidley has proposed the substitution for the rose water of oil of rose and glycerin, the former in the proportion of two drops, the latter in that of four fluidrachms, the quantity of spermaceti being increased by two drachms. (*A. J. P.*, xii. 119.) For some purposes the substitution is useful; but the official preparation is preferable for *chapped hands*, as the glycerin frequently leaves an unpleasant sensation of stickiness on the skin.

UNGUENTUM ATROPINÆ. Br. Ointment of Atropine.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM ĂT-RŌ-PĪ'NÆ.)

Pommade d'Atropine, *Fr.;* Atropinsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Atropine *eight grains;* Rectified Spirit *half a fluidrachm;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Dissolve the Atropine in the Spirit, add the Lard, and mix thoroughly." *Br.*

For the uses of this ointment, see *Belladonna* and *Atropina.* Caution must be observed that the ointment shall not come in contact with abraded, ulcerated, or wounded surfaces, and that it be not applied too freely to sound skin.

UNGUENTUM BELLADONNÆ. U. S., Br. Belladonna Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM BĔL-LĄ-DŎN'NÆ.)

Pommade de Belladone, *Fr.;* Tollkirschensalbe, *G.*

"Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna Leaves, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *eighty-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av.], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Extract with the

Diluted Alcohol until it is uniformly soft, then gradually add the Lard, and mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna *fifty grains;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This is a convenient form for the external application of extract of belladonna. Care must be taken in preparing it that the extract employed have the due consistence; and, if dry and lumpy, it may be restored to the proper state by rubbing it with a little water in a heated mortar. The use of diluted alcohol, as now officially directed, is still better.

UNGUENTUM CALAMINÆ. Br. Ointment of Calamine.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM CĂL-Ą-MĪ'NÆ.)

"Take of Prepared Calamine *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Benzoated Lard *five ounces* [av.]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

UNGUENTUM CANTHARIDIS. Br. Ointment of Cantharides. [Ointment of Spanish Flies.]

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM CĄN-THĂR'Į-DĪS.)

Unguentum Cantharidum, *P. G.;* Unguentum Irritans, Unguentum ad Fonticulos; Onguent de Cantharides, *Fr.;* Spanischfliegensalbe, *G.*

"Take of Cantharides, Yellow Wax, each *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Olive Oil *six fluidounces.* Infuse the Cantharides in the Oil, in a covered vessel, for twelve hours, then place the vessel in boiling water for fifteen minutes, strain through muslin with strong pressure, add the product to the Wax previously melted, and stir constantly while the mixture cools." *Br.*

The British process is a better one than that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.* Olive oil is a good solvent of cantharidin. By its use the active matter of the flies is more uniformly diffused through the ointment than when they are directly incorporated in the state of powder, with the other ingredients. The preparation is thus better calculated to meet the end proposed of maintaining the discharge from blistered surfaces without producing undue irritation. It has been said that the virtues of the flies are impaired by boiling; but the contrary has been proved to be the case, the cantharidin being neither altered nor volatilized at 100° C. (212° F.) (See *Cantharis.*) It should be recollected that this ointment is intended as a dressing for blisters, not to produce vesication. The Committee of Revision wisely omitted the preparation from the U. S. P. 1880, as it was frequently prescribed under the impression that it was equal in strength to the cerate, in fact, identical with it, and disappointment resulted. Such a preparation should be left to extemporaneous prescription. *Dupuytren's ointment*, employed as a local application to *prevent the loss of hair*, was made by macerating a drachm of flies in a fluidounce of alcohol, and incorporating one part of the tincture thus formed with nine parts of lard.

UNGUENTUM CETACEI. Br. Ointment of Spermaceti.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM CĘ-TĀ'CĘ-Ī.)

Onguent blanc, *Fr.;* Walrathsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Spermaceti *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; White Wax *two ounces* [av.]; Almond Oil *one pint* [Imperial measure], or *a sufficiency;* Benzoin, in coarse powder, *one-half ounce* [av.]. Melt together the Spermaceti, Wax, and Almond Oil; add the Benzoin, and, frequently stirring the mixture, continue the application of heat for two hours; remove from the source of heat, take out the residual benzoin by straining, and stir constantly until quite cold." *Br.*

This ointment is employed as a mild dressing for *blisters, wounds,* and *excoriated surfaces.* It should be made in small quantities at a time, as it is apt to become rancid when long kept.

UNGUENTUM CHRYSAROBINI. U. S., Br. Chrysarobin Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM ȻHRĬS-Ą-RŌ-BĪ'NĪ.)

Pommade de Poudre de Goa, *Fr.;* Goapulversalbe, *G.*

"Chrysarobin, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 154 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Chrysarobin with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

* "Take of Cantharides Cerate *one hundred and twenty grains;* Resin Cerate *three hundred and sixty grains.* Mix them thoroughly." *U. S.* 1870.

"Take of Chrysarobin *twenty grains;* Benzoated Lard *four hundred and eighty grains.* Melt the Lard, add the Chrysarobin, and stir them together, maintaining a moderate temperature, so as to promote solution; then remove the heat, and stir until cold." *Br.*

This ointment was reduced one-half in strength at the U. S. P. 1890 revision,—which is an improvement: it is now very nearly identical with the British ointment. It was formerly used in *psoriasis, ringworm,* and other *diseases of the skin,* but its use has been to a great extent abandoned, on account of the permanent stain that it leaves upon the linen.* It is preferably made by dissolving the chrysarobin in a little hot benzol, mixing this rapidly with a portion of the melted lard, and subsequently stirring before adding the rest of the lard.

UNGUENTUM CONII. Br. Ointment of Hemlock.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM CŌ-NĪ'Ī.)

"Take of Juice of Hemlock *two fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Hydrous Wool Fat *three-quarters of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Boric Acid, in fine powder, *ten grains.* Evaporate the juice to two fluidrachms at a temperature not exceeding 140° F. (60° C.); add the Boric Acid and the Hydrous Wool Fat, and mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This new official ointment is one of the "Additions" to the British Pharmacopœia. It may be used carefully as a local application to cancerous or other painful ulcers, but has very little therapeutic value.

UNGUENTUM CREASOTI. Br. Ointment of Creasote.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM CRĒ-Ą-SŌ'TĪ.)

Pommade de Créosote, *Fr.;* Kreosotsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Creasote *one fluidrachm;* Simple Ointment *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

The British ointment is more than twice as strong as that official in the U. S. P. 1870, which was made by mixing half a fluidrachm of creosote with a troyounce of lard. For the use of this ointment, see *Creosotum.* It may sometimes be advantageously diluted with lard when found to irritate.

UNGUENTUM DIACHYLON. U. S. Diachylon Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM DĪ-ĂȻH'Ɏ-LŎN.)

Pommade de Diachylon, *Fr.;* Diachylonsalbe, *G.*

"Lead Plaster, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains]; Olive Oil, *four hundred and ninety grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 125 grains]; Oil of Lavender Flowers, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt together the Lead Plaster and the Olive Oil, on a water-bath; then, having allowed the mixture to become partly cool, add the Oil of Lavender Flowers, and stir constantly, until the Ointment is cold." *U. S.* The proportion of lead plaster has been reduced in the U. S. 1890 formula ten per cent.: this is an improvement.

This ointment has been largely used by dermatologists in *eczema* and other *skin diseases.* It is frequently called "*Unguentum Diachylon Hebræ,*" on account of its extensive use by the late Prof. Hebra, of Vienna. Vulpius states that the ointment used at Hebra's clinic, made according to the following formula, is very superior and will keep for weeks. Twenty parts of litharge are heated with sufficient water and eighty parts of olive oil until the reaction is completed, when one part of oil of lavender is added to the strained and cooling mass.

Our experience with the ointment made by the latter formula is that the tendency to rancidity constitutes its greatest objection, and in warm weather it is impossible to keep it longer than a few days. If even slightly rancid, it is unfit for use in most cases. A. Deringer (*Pharm. Zeitschr. für Russland,* 1880, p. 103; *A. J. P.,* Sept. 1880) recommends the following modification. Dissolve 200 grammes of lead acetate in 1 liter of distilled water and 300 grammes of white Marseilles soap in 1½ liters of distilled warm water, filter both solutions, mix, wash the resulting precipitate frequently with distilled water, and, after removing the moisture from it as much as possible, melt 1 part of it together with 1½ parts of the best olive

* The *ointment of pyrogallic acid,* of the strength of from ten to forty grains to the ounce, has been used to some extent as a substitute for chrysarobin ointment. It is slower in its action than the ointment of chrysarobin, and also stains the hair, skin, etc. It is said when used too freely to cause constitutional disturbance, with fever, greenish urine, etc.

oil on a steam evaporating apparatus, and triturate into a white, smooth ointment in a mortar, which then possesses all the excellent mild and healing properties of Hebra's ointment.

M. Eisner's modification, approved by Prof. L. A. Duhring, is as follows. One part of freshly-precipitated (from lead acetate) pure white lead hydroxide is rubbed with two parts of water, and mixed well with six parts of the best Lucca olive oil. It should be stirred for about two hours over a hot-water bath near the boiling point, and cooled with constant stirring until the proper consistence is obtained. While cooling, a drachm of oil of lavender is to be added to each half-pound of ointment. (*Med. Times*, May 7, 1881.)

UNGUENTUM ELEMI. Br. Ointment of Elemi.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM ĔL'Ę-MĪ.)

Unguentum (Balsamum) Arcæi; Onguent (Baume) d'Arcæus, *Fr.;* Elemisalbe, *G.*

"Take of Elemi *a quarter of an ounce;* Simple Ointment *one ounce.* Melt, strain through flannel, and stir constantly until the Ointment solidifies." *Br.*

This ointment is applied as a gentle stimulant to *ulcers*, and may be used for maintaining the discharge of issues and setons. It is the *linimentum arcæi* of ancient pharmacy.

UNGUENTUM EUCALYPTI. Br. Ointment of Eucalyptus.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM EŪ-CA-LĬP'TĪ.)

"Take of Oil of Eucalyptus, by weight, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin, Hard Paraffin, of each, *two ounces* [av.]. Melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins together, add the Oil, and stir until cold." *Br.*

This ointment is used as a stimulant to indolent *ulcers* and in *skin diseases.*

UNGUENTUM GALLÆ. U.S., Br. Nutgall Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM GĂL'LÆ.)

Ointment of Galls; Pommade de Noix de Galle, *Fr.;* Galläpfelsalbe, *G.*

"Nutgall, in No. 80 powder, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *eighty grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 360 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Nutgall with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Galls, in fine powder, *eighty grains;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

Care should be taken to have the nutgall in very fine powder and thoroughly sifted. This ointment is used chiefly in *piles* and *prolapsus ani*, and in *flabby* or *indolent ulcers.*

UNGUENTUM GALLÆ CUM OPIO. Br. Ointment of Galls and Opium.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM GĂL'LÆ CŬM Ō'PĮ-Ō.)

"Take of Ointment of Galls *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Opium, in powder, *thirty-two grains.* Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This combination of galls and opium is sometimes employed for *hemorrhoids.* From half a drachm to a drachm of camphor is sometimes added.

UNGUENTUM GLYCERINI PLUMBI SUBACETATIS. Br. Ointment of Glycerine of Subacetate of Lead.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM GLĬÇ-Ę-RĪ'NĪ PLŬM'BĪ SŬB-ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Glycerine of Subacetate of Lead *four and a half ounces* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *eighteen ounces* [av.]; Hard Paraffin *six ounces* [av.]. Melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins together; then add the Glycerine of Subacetate of Lead, and stir until the mixture has cooled." *Br.*

This ointment has therapeutic properties similar to those of Goulard's cerate.

UNGUENTUM HAMAMELIDIS. Br. Ointment of Hamamelis.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM HĂM-Ą-MĔL'Į-DĬS.)

"Take of Liquid Extract of Hamamelis *fifty minims;* Simple Ointment *four hundred and ten grains.* Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This is one of the "Additions" to the British Pharmacopœia. It is, in our opinion, of doubtful utility, but may be rubbed in over *sprains.*

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI. U. S., Br. Mercurial Ointment. [Blue Ointment.]

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ.)

Unguentum Hydrargyri Cinereum, *P. G.;* Unguentum Mercuriale, s. Neapolitanicum; Pommade (Onguent) mercurielle, Pommade napolitaine, *Fr.;* Graue Quecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Mercury, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 278 grains]; Lard, *two hundred and fifty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 358 grains]; Suet, *two hundred and thirty grammes* [or 8 ounces av., 49 grains]; Oleate of Mercury, *twenty grammes* [or 309 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Triturate the Oleate of Mercury with the Mercury, gradually added, in a mortar, until globules of the metal are no longer visible. Then add the Lard and Suet, previously melted together and partially cooled, and continue the trituration until globules of Mercury are no longer visible under a lens magnifying ten diameters." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury, Prepared Lard, each, *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Prepared Suet *one ounce* [av.]. Rub them together until metallic globules cease to be visible." *Br.*

The Pharmacopœias unite at present in recognizing but one mercurial ointment, which contains practically equal weights of mercury and fatty matter. When the physician wishes a weaker preparation, he may direct the ointment to be diluted with such a proportion of lard as may answer his purpose.

The U. S. official formula is particularly adapted to the extemporaneous preparation of this ointment, it having been shown that the extinguishment of the mercury is facilitated by the use of oleate of mercury, whilst its presence undoubtedly adds to the efficiency of the ointment. Oleic acid was suggested by Leo Eliel (see *Indiana Pharmacist*, 1888) in the proportion of one per cent. for the extinction of the mercury. The addition of four per cent. of compound tincture of benzoin aids in the preservation of the ointment. The trituration should not be accompanied with pressure, a light, rapid motion of the pestle being most effective. In the preparation of mercurial ointment, care is requisite that the mercury should be completely extinguished. The trituration is usually performed upon the large scale in a marble mortar, as it is difficult to keep iron so clean as not to impart more or less oxide to the ointment. The mercury is known to be extinguished when a portion of the mass, rubbed upon paper or the back of the hand, exhibits no metallic globes under a magnifying glass of ten diameters. The operation cannot be considered as satisfactorily accomplished when the globules are invisible merely to the naked eye. To facilitate the process, which is very tedious, the addition of various substances has been proposed, calculated to hasten the disappearance of the metal. Turpentine and sulphur have been employed, but are inadmissible,—the former because it renders the ointment too irritating, the latter because it forms with the mercury an active sulphide. Their presence in the ointment may be detected by the peculiar odor which they respectively emit when exposed to heat. Sulphur, moreover, gives the ointment a darker color. Rancidity in the lard facilitates the extinguishment of the mercury, but is liable to the same objection as turpentine, only to a greater degree. M. Guibourt recommends the addition of one-sixteenth of old mercurial ointment.* M. Simonin proposes the use of lard which has been exposed in thin layers to a damp air for fifteen days. This facilitates the extinguishment of the metal, but probably renders the preparation more irritant by the chemical alteration of the lard. The following plan of preparing the ointment was proposed by M. Chevallier. A pound of mercury, and half a pound of fresh lard, previously melted, are introduced into a stone or glass bottle, shaken till the mixture acquires the consistence of very thick syrup, then poured into a mortar, and incorporated, by constant stirring, with an additional half-pound of lard. In this manner, according to Chevallier, a perfect ointment may be made in half an hour. Dr. E. R. Squibb prepares this ointment by succussion in an apparatus which agitates the mixture of fats and mercury until the metal is extinguished. When prepared with lard alone, the ointment is apt, in hot weather, to become so soft as to allow the metal to separate. Hence the official use of suet; and even a larger

* It appears that Mr. J. Higginbottom made known, so long ago as the year 1814, this mode of extinguishing mercury. He recommends that equal weights of the old ointment and of mercury should be rubbed together, till the globules quite disappear, and the requisite proportion of lard then added. It is not necessary that the mercurial ointment should be rancid. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 215.) For a process recommended by Mr. J. M. Maisch, of which the peculiarity is the use of mercury passed through chamois leather, so as to be sprinkled in minute division over the fat, see *A. J. P.* (xxviii. 107); and for another by Mr. E. H. Hance, in which melted spermaceti is employed as the extinguishing material, and which is said to answer well for small quantities, see the same journal (xxix. 15). M. E. Mouchon uses wax or stearin to facilitate extinguishment, and recommends benzoinated lard as the vehicle. (*Journ. de Chim. Méd.*, Nov. 1856, p. 652.) Geo. Boyle uses a portion of old mercurial ointment and ether. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 561.) M. Melseur affirms that the addition of glycerin very materially hastens the process. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 339.)

proportion might be employed, during the summer season.* Dr. Christison states that the better plan is not to complete the process by a continuous trituration, but to operate for a short time every day and allow the ointment in the mean time to be exposed to the air. But so much time and labor are required in this process that the ointment is preferably made by machinery on the large scale. The fatty matters, kept in the fluid state by a heat of about 37·7° C. (100° F.), are triturated with the metal by means of two iron balls which are driven rapidly round in a circular trough by steam power. The extinguishment of the mercury is thus effected in about twelve hours. In buying from the manufacturer, great care should be exercised by the pharmacist, as much of the commercial ointment contains less than the official percentage of mercury. Indeed, it is sometimes found in the market without a trace of mercury, having been made by mixing up lampblack with rancid lard and suet until the proper tint is obtained. A method of preparing mercurial ointment proposed by Orosi is to precipitate metallic mercury, in the pulverulent form, from a solution of corrosive sublimate, by an excess of stannous chloride, with the addition of hydrochloric acid, and, having poured off the supernatant fluid, washed the precipitate with warm water, and dried it between bibulous paper, to incorporate it with the prescribed proportion of lard. To prevent the precipitated mercury from running into globules, it is recommended to cover with fat the interior of the vessel in which the precipitation takes place. For an account of many expedients that have been proposed to facilitate the extinguishment of the metal, see a paper by Dieterich (*A. J. P.*, 1880).

Mercurial ointment has when freshly prepared a bluish color, which becomes darker with age. It has been thought to contain the mercury in the state of mercurous oxide; but most of the metal can be separated by methods not calculated to reduce the oxide, and it is now generally admitted that by far the greater part of it exists in a state of minute division and not of chemical combination. It has been shown, however, that the metal is slightly oxidized; and the change of color which the ointment undergoes with age is attributable to further oxidation. If the ointment be kept long melted in a narrow vessel, metallic mercury subsides, and an oily liquid floats upon the surface. After this has been filtered so as to separate everything undissolved, it is blackened by hydrogen sulphide, and yields a trace of mercurial oxide to acetic acid. Dr. Christison states that he has examined various samples of the ointment, and never failed to detect mercurial oxides; and he has inferred from his observations that the oxide amounts to rather more than 1 per cent. (*Christison's Dispensatory.*) But the proportion is variable, according to the age and mode of preparation of the ointment. It scarcely admits of a doubt that the mercurial oxide formed enters into chemical combination with the lard or one of its fatty acids. Mr. Donovan advanced the idea that the medicinal activity of the ointment depended exclusively on this compound of the lard with the mercurial oxide. An ointment made by merely mixing lard and black mercurial oxide has not the same effect, however, because there is no chemical union between the ingredients. But upon exposing such a mixture to a temperature of 176·6° C. (350° F.), and continually agitating it for two hours, he found that every ounce of lard dissolved and combined with twenty-one grains of oxide, and the resulting compound was proved to be equally effectual with the common ointment, and capable of being introduced into the system in one-third of the time. It has been proposed to substitute an ointment thus prepared for that made according to the official directions, as being more manageable and of more uniform strength. Care, however, would be required in preparing it to avoid a temperature either too high or too low, as the former might decompose the oxide, and the latter would be insufficient to effect its union with the lard. There would be danger, also, that the lard might be rendered irritant by the influence of the heat. From experiments by a committee of the College of Pharmacy of New York, it appears that mercurial ointment in time becomes unequal in strength in consequence of the settling of the metallic ingredient. The inference is that, after long standing, the contents of the jar should be triturated, so as to restore an equable strength, before being dispensed. (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 2.)

Medical Uses. Mercurial ointment, when rubbed upon the surface of the body, produces, in consequence of its absorption, the general effects of mercury upon the system. It is resorted to either alone, when circumstances prevent or discourage the internal use of mercury, or conjointly with the internal use of the medicine, to produce a more speedy or powerful effect in urgent cases. It may also be advantageously employed as a resolvent in local affections, as in

* *Oleum Cinereum.* Oleum cinereum is a mercurial preparation used by Dr. E. Lang in syphilitic complaints. It is prepared by triturating, in a cool place, lard, oil, and mercury until the latter becomes uniformly suspended, the finished preparation to contain 20 per cent. of the metal. It is used as a local dressing, also as an injection to enlarged glands, 0·01 to 0·02 C.c. being given once a week or in a fortnight. For use it is melted by the warmth of the hand. (*Wien. Med. Wochenschr.*, 1886.)

the case of *venereal buboes*, and of *chronic glandular swellings*, upon which it may be made to operate directly by being applied in the course of the absorbents passing through the enlarged glands. The proper quantity to be employed at one time, with a view to salivation, is about a drachm, which should be applied night and morning, by means of friction, to the inner surface of the thighs, legs, or arms, and continued till the system is affected. (See *Oleatum Hydrargyri*, page 913.)

In urgent cases, or in local affections, it may also be rubbed on other parts of the body, or applied to blistered surfaces. The friction should on each occasion be continued till the whole of the ointment is absorbed. When frequently rubbed upon the same part, it is apt to produce a disagreeable eruption, which interferes with its continued application. Camphor is sometimes added, in order to render it more easy of absorption; but, without producing this effect, it increases the liability of the ointment to irritate the skin, and is of no other advantage than to soften its consistence when too firm from a large proportion of suet. Mercurial ointment has been employed, with some success, to prevent the maturation of the *small-pox pustule*, and the consequent pitting. For this purpose it may be applied to the face or other part, thickly spread on patent lint or muslin, care being taken to prevent the access of air to the covered part. To be successful it must be applied before the third or fourth day of the eruption. The ointment has been recommended also in *erysipelas* and in *chilblains*. Potassium iodide rubbed with mercurial ointment is said to promote the separation of the mercury in the form of globules (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 356); but the effect will not take place if the iodide have been thoroughly dried and well powdered and the ointment be added to it in small portions at a time. (*Ibid.*, x. 421.) The ointment, diluted with twice or three times its weight of lard, is sometimes applied to *ulcers*, and to certain *cutaneous eruptions*.

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI AMMONIATI. U. S., Br. Ointment of Ammoniated Mercury.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ ĄM-MŌ-NĮ-Ā'TĪ.)

Unguentum Præcipitati Albi; Ointment of White Precipitate; Unguentum Hydrargyri Præcipitati Albi, *P. G.*; Pommade de Précipité blanc, *Fr.*; Weisse Quecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Ammoniated Mercury, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Ammoniated Mercury with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Ammoniated Mercury *fifty grains*; Simple Ointment *four hundred and fifty grains*. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

Used chiefly in cutaneous eruptions, such as *psora*, *porrigo*, and *herpes*.

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI COMPOSITUM. Br. Compound Ointment of Mercury.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ CŌM-PŎŞ'Į-TŬM.)

Pommade mercurielle composée, *Fr.*; Kampfer Quecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Take of Ointment of Mercury *six ounces*; Yellow Wax, Olive Oil, of each, *three ounces*; Camphor *one ounce and a half*. Mix the Wax and Oil by the aid of heat, then incorporate the Ointment of Mercury, and, when the mixture is nearly cold, add the Camphor in powder. Stir the whole thoroughly together." *Br.*

The addition of camphor to mercurial ointment tends to soften it, and is thought by some to promote the absorption of the mercury. (See *Unguentum Hydrargyri*.)

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI IODIDI RUBRI. Br. Ointment of Red Iodide of Mercury.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ Ī-ŎD'Į-DĪ RŪ'BRĪ.)

Pommade de Deutoiodure de Mercure, *Fr.*; Jodquecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Take of Red Iodide of Mercury, in fine powder, *sixteen grains*; Simple Ointment *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This ointment, which is identical with that official in the U. S. P. 1870, with the exception that the troyounce instead of the avoirdupois ounce was used in the U. S. P. formula, is employed as a dressing to *scrofulous* and *syphilitic ulcers*, especially when they are very indolent.

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI NITRATIS. U. S., Br. Ointment of Mercuric Nitrate. [Citrine Ointment.]

(ŬN-GUĔN'TŬM HĪ-DRĂR'GĮ-RĪ NĪ-TRĀ'TĪS.)

Unguentum Citrinum; Unguentum Hydrargyri Citrinum; Pommade de Nitrate de Mercure, *Fr.*; Gelbe Quecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Mercury, *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 205 grains]; Nitric Acid, *one hundred and seventy-five grammes* [or 6 ounces av., 76 grains]; Lard Oil, *seven hundred and sixty grammes* [or 26 ounces av., 354 grains]. Heat the Lard Oil, in a glass or porcelain vessel, to a temperature of 100° C. (212° F.); then withdraw the heat, gradually add *seventy grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 208 grains] of Nitric Acid, and, when the reaction moderates, reapply the heat, until effervescence ceases. Then allow the mixture to cool to about 40° C. (104° F.). Having dissolved the Mercury in the remainder of the Nitric Acid with the aid of sufficient heat to prevent the solution from crystallizing, add this solution to the mixture. When the mass has become entirely cold, mix it thoroughly by trituration, avoiding the use of a metallic spatula." *U. S.*

"Take of Mercury, by weight, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid *twelve fluidounces;* Prepared Lard *fifteen ounces* [av.]; Olive Oil *thirty-two fluidounces.* Dissolve the Mercury in the Nitric Acid with the aid of a little heat; melt the Lard in the Oil, by a steam- or water-bath, in a porcelain vessel capable of holding six times the quantity; and, while the mixture is at about 212° F. (100° C.), add the Solution of Mercury, also at about the same temperature, mixing them thoroughly. If the mixture do not froth up, increase the heat till this occurs. Keep it stirred until it is cold." *Br.*

The chemical changes which take place in the preparation of this ointment are not precisely known. They differ somewhat according to the circumstances under which the operation is performed; for example, according to the proportion and strength of the acid, the nature of the fatty matter, and the degree of heat employed. In the British process and that of the U. S. P. 1870 the mercury, in the first step of the process, is converted into a mixture of mercuric and mercurous nitrate by the addition of nitric acid in excess, with the loss of some of the free nitric acid through deoxidation. When the acid mercurial solution is added to the fatty matter, a reaction takes place, which results in the fat being oxidized at the expense of the free nitric acid, nitrogen dioxide and nitrogen tetroxide being at the same time liberated, and the olein of the fat is converted into elaidin, which change is recognized by the beautiful orange color of the fat. But the degree to which these changes take place is influenced greatly by the temperature to which the mixture is exposed. If this be low, there is little or no escape of gas; if elevated, there is a copious evolution of nitrous fumes. In the former case the changes are obviously less considerable than in the latter.

As formerly prepared, this ointment, though at first beautifully yellow and of the proper consistence, soon began to change, acquiring in time a dirty-greenish and mottled color, and becoming so hard and friable as to be unfit for use unless mixed with lard. These results were ascribed to various causes, and many different modifications of the process were proposed in order to obviate them. The U. S. process of 1850 was based upon the fact that the olive oil of the former British process is hardened by nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate, while the same effect is not produced upon neat's-foot oil. As at first published, the process was defective in the direction to add the mercurial solution to the mixed oleaginous fluid when it begins to stiffen on cooling. When this direction was complied with, at least with the acid of the ordinary strength, the preparation had a brown color and a semi-liquid consistence; but with some modifications, such as were introduced into the revised formula of the Pharmacopœia of 1860, the process yielded an excellent ointment, which, though it sometimes assumed a greenish color on exposure, retained permanently a soft unctuous consistence. We have had specimens of the ointment in our possession for several years which have retained a uniform yellowish color and a perfectly good unctuous consistence. R. Rother, however, affirmed that the fault was not in the components, but in the processes of the official formula of 1870 (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 420), especially in the use of too high a heat;* and these views have been confirmed by ample experience. The

* R. Rother's formula is as follows. "Take of Mercury 1½ troyounces; Nitric Acid, sp. gr. 1·42, 3½ troyounces; Lard, pure, 16½ troyounces. Dissolve the Mercury in 900 grains of the Nitric Acid, with the aid of heat, and keep the solution gently warm to prevent crystallization before it is used. Melt the Lard in a suitable vessel, with a moderate heat; then add the remainder of the Nitric Acid, and continue the heat, *without* stirring the mixture, as long as moderate effervescence continues; but if this becomes too violent, remove the mixture from the fire, and replace it only when the action slackens too much. Finally, when effervescence ceases, and the liquid only boils even under an increased heat, remove the mixture from the fire altogether; and when it begins to stiffen, add the mer-

present official process is, as will be seen, based on Rother's formula, the principal modification being the substitution of lard oil, which obviates a tendency of the ointment to become too hard and of a granular consistence. The value of Rother's process lies principally in the fact that the olein of the oil is first converted into elaidin by the addition of nitric acid alone and the application of heat, and when the reaction has ceased and the basis of citrine ointment, as it might be called, is prepared, and nearly cold, the mercurial solution is added. In this way decomposition of the mercuric nitrate is avoided, as it is not subjected to heat, and the result is an ointment which will retain its color and consistence a long time. The drying vegetable oils appear, like olive oil, to be converted by nitrous acid or mercuric nitrate into elaidin; and it was a fair inference that they might be employed advantageously in the preparation of citrine ointment. Accordingly, Dr. Fessenden, of North Carolina, states, in an inaugural essay, that he substituted linseed oil for the neat's-foot oil of the U. S. process, and succeeded in obtaining a perfectly good and durable ointment. M. Falières has found the oil of the ground-nut (*Arachis hypogæa*) to answer very well. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1873, p. 1031.) Purified cotton-seed oil makes an excellent base. Washed butter is frequently used as the fat.

In the British process, when the fatty matter and the mercurial solution are mixed, care must be taken that the heat applied be not too great. Gas is extricated at 82·2° C. (180° F.), and at 100° C. (212° F.) escapes so abundantly that the mixture boils over unless the vessel is very large. (*Alsop.*) Besides, if the heat be too great, a portion of the mercury will be reduced, and the color of the ointment impaired. When large quantities of materials are operated upon, the reaction which occurs produces of itself a sufficient heat; but in ordinary cases the temperature should be kept at about 87·7° C. (190° F.) by means of a water-bath, and if it exceed 96·1° C. (205° F.) should be reduced. It should always be sufficient to produce a copious extrication of gas. The ointment should be prepared in a glass, porcelain, or well-glazed earthen vessel; and a glass rod or a wooden spatula should be employed for stirring the mixture. Under no circumstances should an iron or steel spatula or stirrer be used in its preparation, because of the discoloration due to the action of the acid upon the iron.

Medical Uses. This ointment is much and very advantageously employed, as a stimulant and alterative application, in *porrigo* or *tinea capitis*, *impetigo larvalis* or *crusta lactea*, *psoriasis* and *pityriasis*, certain forms of *chronic eczema*, *psorophthalmia* and *inflammation of the eye and eyelids* connected with porrigo of the face or scalp, and various other *ulcerative* and *eruptive affections*. It should be diluted with lard, unless in cases which require a very stimulant application. Some care is requisite in its use, to avoid the risk of salivation. When hard and friable, it must be rubbed up with fresh lard before it can be applied. An ointment prepared with lard and nitric acid, called *Alyon's ointment*, after the person who first prepared it, was formerly much used in cases similar to those in which the citrine ointment is now employed. The *ointment of nitric acid* of the former Edinburgh and Dublin Pharmacopœias was of this character.

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI NITRATIS DILUTUM. Br. Diluted Ointment of Nitrate of Mercury.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ NĪ-TRĀ'TĬS DĪ-LŪ'TŬM.)

"Take of Nitrate of Mercury Ointment *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *two ounces* [av.]. Mix." *Br.*

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI OXIDI FLAVI. U. S. Ointment of Yellow Mercuric Oxide.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ ŎX'Į-DĪ FLĀ'VĪ.)

Pommade d'Oxyde jaune de Mercure, *Fr.;* Gelbe Quecksilberoxydsalbe, *G.*

"Yellow Mercuric Oxide, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Ointment, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Yellow Mercuric Oxide with the Ointment, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

The unctuous vehicle of this ointment, without being so liquid as to allow the powder to subside, must yet melt at the heat of the body, and thus, when introduced into the eye, spread equably over the surface. It should, moreover, be as far as possible chemically indifferent to the oxide, and, while perfectly bland in its proper state, should not be liable to become irri-

curial solution and mix thoroughly." (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 420.) (For a formula in which neat's-foot oil is used, asserted by Mr. Thos. J. Covell to be superior to the official, and for a bibliography of the subject, see *A. J. P.*, xlii. 211.)

tating by rancidity. Simple ointment has been adopted by the revisers of the Pharmacopœia; but petrolatum, or a mixture of butter of cacao and almond oil, or of spermaceti, wax, and almond oil, without the rose water, would be more elegant. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vii. 324.) For medical properties, see *Unguentum Hydrargyri Oxidi Rubri.*

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI OXIDI RUBRI. U. S., Br. Ointment of Red Mercuric Oxide.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ ŎX'Į-DĪ RŪ'BRĪ.)

Unguentum Hydrargyri Rubrum, *P. G.;* Unguentum Præcipitatum Rubrum; Pommade de Précipité rouge, Baume ophthalmique rouge, *Fr.;* Rothe Quecksilbersalbe, *G.*

"Red Mercuric Oxide, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Castor Oil, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Ointment, *eighty-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av.], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Triturate the Red Mercuric Oxide with the Castor Oil, until a perfectly smooth mixture results; then gradually incorporate the Ointment, and mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Red Oxide of Mercury, in very fine powder, *sixty-two grains;* Hard Paraffin *one-quarter of an ounce;* Soft Paraffin *three-quarters of an ounce.* Melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins together, and when the mixture in cooling begins to thicken, add the Oxide of Mercury in a glass or porcelain mortar, and mix the whole thoroughly." *Br.*

A change has been made in this ointment by the addition of five per cent. of castor oil, to facilitate the fine division of the mercuric oxide.

The red mercuric oxide here referred to is that prepared from the nitrate and usually called *red precipitate.* It is important that the oxide should be thoroughly pulverized before being mixed with the lard, as otherwise it might prove injurious in cases of ophthalmia, in which it is sometimes used. When great care is taken to have the red oxide very finely pulverized, the color is more yellowish than is usual. This ointment loses its fine red color when long kept, probably in consequence of the conversion of the red oxide into the black, or its reduction to the metallic state. It is best to prepare it in small quantities at a time. We have been informed that if the preparation be made by mixing the red oxide with poplar-bud ointment it will keep a long time without change. According to R. H. Stabler, of Alexandria, Va., an equally effectual method is to mix two drops of liquor potassæ with each ounce of the ointment when prepared (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 123); but Mr. Julius Kalish states that this is not effectual. Mr. Emil Martin states that if a mixture of six parts of castor oil to two of wax be used as the basis of the ointment the red color will remain unchanged for years. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 202.) Mr. Kalish substitutes oil of sweet almond for the castor oil, on account of the unpleasant odor of the latter. (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 69.) Ointment of red mercuric oxide is a highly useful stimulating ointment, much employed in *indolent and foul ulcers*, in *porrigo* of the scalp, and in *psorophthalmia* and *chronic conjunctival ophthalmia*, especially when attended with thickening of the inner membrane of the eyelids, or with specks upon the cornea, but it is rapidly being supplanted by the ointment of yellow mercuric oxide. It may be diluted with lard if found too stimulating.

UNGUENTUM HYDRARGYRI SUBCHLORIDI. Br. Ointment of Subchloride of Mercury.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM HĬ-DRĂR'ĢĮ-RĪ SŬB-ØHLŌ'RĮ-DĪ.)

Unguentum Calomelanos, *Br.* 1864; Ointment of Calomel; Pommade de Calomélas, *Fr.;* Quecksilberchlorürsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Subchloride of Mercury *eighty grains;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

There is little occasion for such a preparation as this. Calomel is much inferior to the mercurial ointment for affecting the system by inunction; and as an application to ulcerated surfaces the form of cerate would be better. It may, however, be useful in certain *cutaneous eruptions.*

UNGUENTUM IODI. U. S., Br. Iodine Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM Ī-Ō'DĪ.)

Unguentum Iodinii, *U. S.* 1870; Pommade d'Iode, *Fr.;* Jodsalbe, *G.*

"Iodine, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Potassium Iodide, *one gramme* [or 15 grains]; Water, *two cubic centimeters* [or 32 minims]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety-three grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 123 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Iodine and the Potassium Iodide, first with the Water, and then with the Benzoinated Lard, grad-

ually added, until they are thoroughly mixed, avoiding the use of a metallic spatula. This preparation should be freshly made, when required." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodine, Iodide of Potassium, of each, *thirty-two grains;* Glycerine *one fluidrachm;* Prepared Lard *two ounces* [avoirdupois]. Rub the Iodine and Iodide of Potassium well together, with the Glycerine, in a glass or porcelain mortar, add the Lard gradually, and mix thoroughly." *Br.**

The object of the potassium iodide and water is simply to bring the iodine into a state in which it may be thoroughly and equably incorporated with the lard. They have been found to answer better in practice than the alcohol formerly used. Owing to the evaporation of the water, this ointment is said at times to contain sharp crystals of iodine. The use of glycerin instead of water would obviate this. When rubbed upon the skin it imparts to it an orange color, which, however, slowly disappears with the evaporation of the iodine. It is useful as a local application in *goitre*, *scrofulous swellings of the glands*, and other *chronic tumefactions*, internal or external, operating probably through the medium of absorption. When continued for some time it occasionally produces a pustular eruption upon the portion of skin to which it is applied. It has also been recommended in *chilblains*. The ointment should be prepared only when wanted for use; for it undergoes change if kept, losing its deep orange-brown color, and becoming pale upon its surface.

UNGUENTUM IODOFORMI. U. S. Iodoform Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM Ī-Ǫ-DǪ-FÔR'MĪ.)

"Iodoform, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Iodoform with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed. This preparation should be freshly made, when required." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodoform *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Benzoated Lard *nine ounces* [av.]. Melt the Lard at a low temperature, add the Iodoform, and stir together until dissolved and finally cooled." *Br.*

It is important to have the iodoform in very fine powder, as officially directed, and, owing to the powerful odor of iodoform, it is usual to add oil of bitter almond or one of the other volatile oils, balsam of Peru, or a similar substance, to render the odor more bearable.

UNGUENTUM PICIS LIQUIDÆ. U. S., Br. Tar Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM PĪ'CĬS LĬQ'UĮ-DÆ.)

Pommade de Goudron, *Fr.;* Theersalbe, *G.*

"Tar, *five hundred grammes* [or 17 ounces av., 279 grains]; Yellow Wax, *one hundred and twenty-five grammes* [or 4 ounces av., 179 grains]; Lard, *three hundred and seventy-five grammes* [or 13 ounces av., 100 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Melt together the Yellow Wax and the Lard at a moderate heat. Then incorporate the Tar, strain the mixture through muslin, and stir the Ointment constantly until it is cool." *U. S.*

"Take of Tar *five ounces* [avoirdupois]; Yellow Wax *two ounces* [av.]. Melt the Wax at a low temperature, add the Tar, and stir the mixture briskly while it cools." *Br.*

The formula for tar ointment in the U. S. P. 1890 differs from that formerly official in the use of yellow wax and lard in place of suet. This ointment is highly useful as a stimulant application in various *scaly* and *scabby eruptions*, particularly in *psoriasis* and *lepra*, and in that form of *porrigo* usually called *tinea capitis*, or *scald-head*. In the last-mentioned affection it should be applied night and morning; and in bad cases the patient should constantly wear a cap thickly coated internally with the ointment.

UNGUENTUM PLUMBI ACETATIS. Br. Ointment of Acetate of Lead.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM PLŬM'BĪ ĂÇ-Ę-TĀ'TĬS.)

"Take of Acetate of Lead, in fine powder, *twelve grains;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

An official of the Br. Pharmacopœia, used as a dressing for *inflamed and excoriated surfaces*, though inferior, we think, to the cerate of the subacetate.

* *Unguentum Iodinii Compositum.* U. S. 1870. "Take of Iodine *fifteen grains;* Iodide of Potassium *thirty grains;* Water *thirty minims;* Lard *a troyounce.* Rub the Iodine and Iodide of Potassium first with the Water, and then with the Lard, until they are thoroughly mixed."

UNGUENTUM PLUMBI CARBONATIS. U. S., Br. Ointment of Lead Carbonate.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM PLŬM'BĪ CĂR-BŌ-NĀ'TĪS.)

Unguentum Cerussæ, s. Unguentum Album Simplex, *P. G.;* Pommade de Carbonate de Plomb, Onguent blanc de Rhazis, *Fr.;* Bleiweissalbe, *G.*

"Lead Carbonate, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Lead Carbonate with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Carbonate of Lead, in fine powder, *sixty-two grains;* Simple Ointment *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

This ointment is used as a dressing to *blistered or excoriated surfaces*, *burns*, etc.

UNGUENTUM PLUMBI IODIDI. U. S., Br. Ointment of Lead Iodide.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM PLŬM'BĪ Ī-ŌD'Į-DĪ.)

Pommade d'Iodure de Plomb, *Fr.;* Jodbleisalbe, *G.*

"Lead Iodide, in very fine powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Lead Iodide with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodide of Lead, in fine powder, *sixty-two grains;* Simple Ointment *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

For the uses of this ointment, see *Plumbi Iodidum.*

UNGUENTUM POTASSÆ SULPHURATÆ. Br. Ointment of Sulphurated Potash.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM PŌ-TĂS'SÆ SŬL-PHŪ-RĀ'TÆ.)

Pommade de Foie de Soufre, *Fr.;* Schwefellebersalbe, *G.*

"Take of Sulphurated Potash *thirty grains;* Hard Paraffin *one-quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *three-quarters of an ounce* [av.]. Triturate the Sulphurated Potash in a glass or porcelain mortar, and gradually add the melted mixture of the Hard and Soft Paraffins, rubbing them together until the ointment is perfectly smooth and free from grittiness. This ointment should be recently prepared." *Br.*

This unstable ointment, considering its extreme simplicity of preparation and the expediency of making it only when wanted, might well have been left to extemporaneous prescription. It may be used as a local remedy in *scabies*, *favus*, and other *parasitic skin diseases.* Its offensive odor may be corrected by incorporation with a little oil of anise.

UNGUENTUM POTASSII IODIDI. U. S., Br. Ointment of Potassium Iodide.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM PŌ-TĂS'SĮ-Ī Ī-ŌD'Į-DĪ.)

Unguentum Kalii Iodati, *P. G.;* Pommade iodurée, *Fr.;* Jodkaliumsalbe, *G.*

"Potassium Iodide, *twelve grammes* [or 185 grains]; Sodium Hyposulphite, *one gramme* [or 15 grains]; Water, hot, *ten cubic centimeters* [or 162 minims]; Benzoinated Lard, *seventy-seven grammes* [or 2 ounces av., 313 grains], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Dissolve the Potassium Iodide and the Sodium Hyposulphite in the hot Water, then mix the solution with the Benzoinated Lard." *U. S.*

"Take of Iodide of Potassium *sixty-four grains;* Carbonate of Potassium *four grains;* Water *one fluidrachm;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Dissolve the Iodide of Potassium and Carbonate of Potassium in the Water, and mix thoroughly with the Lard." *Br.*

The U. S. preparation of 1870 was apt to become discolored by time in consequence of the liberation of iodine. This was due to rancidity in the lard, and the slightest change in the fat would produce some discoloration. It was prevented in the U. S. P. 1880 by the sodium hyposulphite, which also produces traces of sodium iodide and sulphur. It is said that the same object may be attained by mixing two drops of liquor potassæ with each ounce of the freshly-prepared ointment. (*A. J. P.*, xxiii. 123.) The addition of potassium carbonate by the present Br. Pharmacopœia is no doubt made with this object. Ointment of potassium iodide is employed for the discussion of *goitres*, *scrofulous tumors*, and other *indolent swellings*, and is sometimes preferred to the ointment of iodine, as it does not, like that, discolor the skin.

UNGUENTUM SABINÆ. Br. Ointment of Savin.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM SĄ-BĪ'NÆ.)

Ceratum Sabinæ; Savine Cerate; Unguentum Sabinæ, *P. G.;* Cérat de Sabine, *Fr.;* Sadebaumsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Fresh Savin Tops, bruised, *eight ounces;* Yellow Wax *three ounces;* Benzoated Lard *sixteen ounces.* Melt the Lard and Wax together on a water-bath, add the Savin, and digest for twenty minutes. Then remove the mixture, and express through calico." *Br.*

Savine cerate, as it is usually called in America, was omitted from the U. S. P. 1890; but, as it is used frequently in some parts of the country, the process of 1880 is appended.*

As the savine used in this country is generally brought from Europe in the dried state, we are compelled to resort to a mode of preparing the cerate different from that usually employed in Europe. In the Pharmacopœia of 1850 the dried savine was simply mixed, in powder, with resin cerate previously softened, and the proportion used was one part of the powder to six parts of the cerate. Nor did we find the preparation thus made to be "intolerably acrid and almost caustic," as Dr. Duncan described it. On the contrary, it answered very well the purpose for which it was used, that of maintaining the discharge from blistered surfaces. The process, however, of the 1880 edition of the Pharmacopœia is certainly more elegant than the former, and probably, if the fluid extract have been carefully made, will yield a more effective product. A cerate prepared in the same manner as the former cerate, from the leaves of the red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), is sometimes substituted for that of savine, but is less efficient. Prepared according to the process of the British Pharmacopœia, savine cerate has a fine deep green color, and the odor of the leaves. It should be kept in closely-covered vessels.

Savine cerate is preferable to the ointment of Spanish flies as a dressing for perpetual blisters, from the circumstance that it has no tendency to produce strangury. The white coating which forms upon the blistered surface during its use should be occasionally removed, as it prevents the contact of the cerate. It is sometimes applied to seton cords, to increase the discharge.

UNGUENTUM STAPHISAGRIÆ. Br. Ointment of Stavesacre.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM STĂPH-Į-SĀ'GRĮ-Æ.)

"Take of Stavesacre Seeds *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Benzoated Lard *eight ounces* [av.]. Crush the Seeds, and macerate them in the Lard kept melted over a water-bath for two hours. Strain through calico, and set aside to cool. This ointment contains about ten per cent. of oil of stavesacre." *Br.*

This ointment is said to be non-irritant, and is largely used in Great Britain for destroying body-lice, also in *scabies*, *prurigo*, and some other *cutaneous affections.*

UNGUENTUM STRAMONII. U. S. Stramonium Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM STRĄ-MŌ'NĮ-Ī.)

Pommade de Stramoine, *Fr.;* Stechapfelsalbe, *G.*

"Extract of Stramonium Seed, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Diluted Alcohol, *five grammes* [or 77 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *eighty-five grammes* [or 3 ounces av.], To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Extract with the Diluted Alcohol until it is uniformly soft; then gradually add the Benzoinated Lard, and mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

This is a more certain preparation than that of the former editions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, which was made by boiling the fresh leaves in lard. For remarks by Mr. A. P. Sharp, of Baltimore, on the preparation of this ointment, see *A. J. P.* (xxvii. 391). A useful anodyne application in *irritable ulcers*, *painful hemorrhoids*, and certain *cutaneous eruptions.*

UNGUENTUM SULPHURIS. U. S., Br. Sulphur Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM SŬL'PHŪ-RĪS.)

Unguentum Sulfuratum Simplex, *P. G.;* Pommade soufrée, *Fr.;* Schwefelsalbe, *G.*

"Washed Sulphur, *three hundred grammes* [or 10 ounces av., 255 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *seven hundred grammes* [or 24 ounces av., 303 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Rub the Washed Sulphur with the Benzoinated Lard, gradually added, until they are thoroughly mixed." *U. S.*

* "*Ceratum Sabinæ.* Fluid Extract of Savine, *twenty-five parts* [or five ounces av.]; Resin Cerate, *ninety parts* [or eighteen ounces av.]. Melt the Resin Cerate by means of a water-bath, add the Fluid Extract of Savine, and continue the heat until the alcohol has evaporated; then remove the heat, and stir constantly until cool." *U. S.* 1880.

"Take of Sublimed Sulphur *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Benzoated Lard *four ounces* [av.]. Mix thoroughly." *Br.*

Washed sulphur has been substituted in the U. S. P. 1890 for the sublimed sulphur of the former Pharmacopœia: the change is of questionable utility, as the products resulting from the slight decomposition in sublimed sulphur have value as parasiticides. Sulphur ointment is a specific for the *itch*. It should be applied every night over the whole surface till the complaint is cured. Four applications are generally sufficient to effect a cure. Sulphur ointment applied freely over the variolous eruption in its early stage is said to prevent the maturation of the pustules and the consequent pitting. Its disagreeable odor may be partially concealed by oil of lemon or oil of bergamot.

UNGUENTUM SULPHURIS IODIDI. Br. Ointment of Iodide of Sulphur.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM SŬL'PHŪ-RĬS Ī-ŎD'Į-DĪ.)

Pommade d'Iodure de Soufre, *Fr.;* Jodschwefelsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Iodide of Sulphur *thirty grains;* Hard Paraffin *one-quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *three-quarters of an ounce* [av.]. Triturate the Iodide of Sulphur in a glass or porcelain mortar, and gradually add the melted mixture of the Hard and Soft Paraffins, rubbing them together until the ointment is perfectly cold and free from grittiness." *Br.*

This ointment is no longer official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia: that of the U. S. P. 1870 was made by rubbing thirty grains of sulphur iodide with a troyounce of lard, gradually added, until thoroughly mixed.

This is admirably adapted, as a local remedy, to the treatment of *chronic cutaneous eruptions* unattended with inflammation, and is especially useful in *psoriasis*, *lepra*, *porrigo*, and the very advanced dry stages of *eczema* and *impetigo*.

UNGUENTUM TEREBINTHINÆ. Br. Ointment of Turpentine.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM TĔR-Ę-BĬN'THĮ-NÆ.)

Pommade térébenthinée, *Fr.;* Terpentinsalbe, *G.*

"Take of Oil of Turpentine *one fluidounce;* Resin, in coarse powder, *fifty-four grains;* Yellow Wax, Prepared Lard, of each, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]. Melt the ingredients together by the heat of a steam- or water-bath. Remove the vessel, and stir the mixture constantly while it cools." *Br.*

This is a somewhat stronger preparation than the British Linimentum Terebinthinæ, but is probably intended for the same purpose,—as a dressing, namely, for *burns*, for which it is more convenient on account of its firmer consistence.

UNGUENTUM VERATRINÆ. U. S., Br. Veratrine Ointment.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TUM VĔR-Ą-TRĪ'NÆ.)

Unguentum Veratriæ, *U. S.* 1870; Pommade de Vératrine, *Fr.;* Veratrinsalbe, *G.*

"Veratrine, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Olive Oil, *six grammes* [or 93 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *ninety grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 76 grains]. To make *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]. Rub the Veratrine with the Olive Oil, in a mortar; then gradually add the Benzoinated Lard, and mix thoroughly." *U. S.*

"Take of Veratrine *eight grains;* Hard Paraffin *one-quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *three-quarters of an ounce* [av.]; Olive Oil *one fluidrachm*. Rub the Veratrine and the Oil together; melt the Hard and Soft Paraffins, and when in cooling they begin to thicken, mix the whole thoroughly in a mortar until cold." *Br.*

For the uses of veratrine ointment, see *Veratrina* and *Oleatum Veratrinæ*. Notice should be taken of the fact that the U. S. ointment is more than twice as strong as the British. It should be employed with caution, especially in the case of children.

* *Unguentum Sulphuris Alkalinum.* U. S. 1880. *Alkaline Sulphur Ointment.* "Washed Sulphur, *twenty parts* [or ninety-six grains]; Carbonate of Potassium, *ten parts* [or forty-eight grains]; Water, *five parts* [or half a fluidrachm]; Benzoinated Lard, *sixty-five parts* [or three hundred and twelve grains], To make *one hundred parts* [or about one ounce]. Rub the Sulphur with the Carbonate of Potassium and the Water, gradually add the Benzoinated Lard, and mix thoroughly." This ointment, dropped at the U. S. P. 1890 revision, is useful in *scabies* and other *skin affections*.

UNGUENTUM ZINCI OLEATI. Br. Ointment of Oleate of Zinc.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM ZĬN'ÇĪ Ō-LĒ-Ā'TĪ.)

"Take of Oleate of Zinc *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Soft Paraffin *one ounce* [av.]. Mix by aid of a little heat, and stir until nearly cold." *Br.*

This preparation has therapeutic properties similar to those of the ointment of zinc oxide, but is a little more stimulant. It is especially useful in *chronic eczema* and similar *cutaneous eruptions.*

UNGUENTUM ZINCI OXIDI. U. S. (Br.) Ointment of Zinc Oxide.

(ŲN-GUĔN'TŲM ZĬN'ÇĪ ŎX'Ị-DĪ.)

Unguentum Zinci, *Br.;* Ointment of Zinc; Unguentum Zinci, *P. G.;* Unguentum de Nihilo Albo; Pommade d'Oxyde de Zinc, Cérat épulotique, *Fr.;* Zinksalbe, *G.*

"Zinc Oxide, *two hundred grammes* [or 7 ounces av., 24 grains]; Benzoinated Lard, *eight hundred grammes* [or 28 ounces av., 96 grains], To make *one thousand grammes* [or 35 ounces av., 120 grains]. Sift the Zinc Oxide, through a No. 20 sieve, upon the surface of the Benzoinated Lard, previously melted, and incorporate it by stirring, which is to be continued until the Ointment is cool." *U. S.*

"Take of Oxide of Zinc *eighty grains;* Benzoated Lard *one ounce* [avoirdupois]. Add the Oxide of Zinc to the Benzoated Lard, previously melted at a low temperature, and stir the mixture constantly while it cools." *Br.*

The proportion of zinc oxide has been increased from 16 per cent. to 20 per cent. in the present formula, and it is believed that the official formula is now free from objection. *Commercial* zinc oxide should not be used, as it is usually gritty, and it is difficult to make a smooth ointment with it; the many expedients that have been suggested by various writers, such as the use of a paint-mill or of a flatiron, or trituration with oil or with glycerin, are unnecessary if official or Hubbuck's zinc oxide is used and the official formula followed. Zinc oxide is a difficult powder to sift. Care should be used to employ a coarse sieve (No. 20) as officially directed. Cerate of zinc carbonate is no longer official.*

This ointment is employed as a mild astringent application in *chronic ophthalmia* with a relaxed state of the vessels, in *cutaneous eruptions,* and in *sore nipples* and other cases of *excoriation* or *ulceration.* It has taken the place of the discarded *unguentum tutiæ,* or *tutty ointment,* prepared from tutty, or impure zinc oxide, by mixing it with five parts of simple ointment.

UVÆ. Br. Raisins.

(Ū'VÆ.)

"The ripe fruit of Vitis vinifera, Linn., the Grape vine. Woodv. Med. Bot. plate 195. Dried by the heat of the sun or partly by the sun's heat and partly by artificial heat; imported from Spain." *Br.* Nat. ord. Vitaceæ.

Uva Passa, *U. S.* 1870; Passulæ; Raisins; Raisins secs, *Fr.;* Rosinen, *G.;* Uve passe, *It.;* Pasas, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Petals cohering at the apex, withering. *Berry* five-seeded, superior. *Willd.*

Vitis vinifera. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1180; *B. & T.* 66. The vine is too well known to require description. This particular species is distinguished by the character of its leaf, which is lobed, sinuated, and naked or downy. The leaves and tendrils are somewhat astringent, and were formerly used in diarrhœa, hemorrhages, and other morbid discharges. The juice which flows from the stem was also thought to be possessed of medicinal virtues, and the idea still lingers among the vulgar in some countries. The unripe fruit has a harsh sour taste, and yields by expression a very acid liquor, called *verjuice,* which was much esteemed by the ancients as a refreshing drink when diluted with water. It contains malic and tartaric acids, and an acid called *racemic acid,* a compound isomeric with tartaric acid, but differing from it in being optically inactive. M. A. Petit has ascertained that grape-leaves contain 2 or 3 per cent. of glucose, and a quantity of acid varying from 1·3 to 1·6 per cent. Of the acid, tartaric acid constituted one-third, and most of this was in the form of cream of tartar. In a

* *Ceratum Zinci Carbonatis.* U. S. 1870. *Cerate of Carbonate of Zinc.* "Take of Precipitated Carbonate of Zinc *two troyounces;* Ointment of Lard *ten troyounces.* Mix them." This preparation is an imitation of the cerate recommended by Turner, and is intended as a substitute for the former Ceratum Zinci Carbonatis and the still more ancient Ceratum Calaminæ of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, as being more reliable, in consequence of the frequent falsification of calamine. It is mildly astringent, and is used in *excoriations* and superficial *ulcerations* produced by the chafing of the skin, irritating secretions, burns, or other causes.

Ceratum Calaminæ. U. S. 1850. *Turner's Cerate.* The following is the old official process. "Take of Prepared Calamine, Yellow Wax, each, *three ounces;* Lard *a pound.* Melt the Lard and Wax together, and when on cooling they begin to thicken, add the Calamine, and stir the mixture constantly until cool." The uses of this cerate are the same as those mentioned above.

subsequent investigation, M. Petit found that, besides glucose, or sugar of grapes, the leaves contained a notable portion of common or cane sugar. In one instance he got 0·97 per cent. of cane sugar and 2·655 of glucose; in another, in which he operated so that the common sugar in the leaves had less opportunity to be converted into glucose, he got 1·58 per cent. of the former and 1·749 of the latter. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1874, p. 41.) The seeds afford 15 to 18 per cent. of a bland fixed oil, which is occasionally extracted. Fitz (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1871, p. 442) has shown that it consists of the glycerides of *erucic* acid, $C_{22}H_{42}O_2$, stearic and palmitic acids, the first-named acid largely prevailing. The seeds further contained 5 to 6 per cent. of tannic acid, which also exists in the skin of the fruit. The grape, when quite ripe, is among the most pleasant and grateful fruits brought upon the table, and is admirably adapted, by its refreshing properties, to febrile complaints. If largely taken, it proves diuretic and gently laxative. The ripe fruit differs from the unripe in containing more sugar and less acid, though never entirely destitute of the latter. The plant is supposed to have been derived originally from Asia; but it has been cultivated in Europe and Northern Africa from the remotest antiquity, and is now spread over all the temperate civilized regions of the globe. The fruit is exceedingly influenced by soil and climate, and the varieties of the plant which have resulted from culture or situation are innumerable. Those which yield the raisins of commerce are confined to the basin of the Mediterranean.

Several varieties of raisins are known in commerce. The best of the European fruit are the *Malaga raisins*, imported from Spain. They are large and fleshy, of a purplish-brown color and sweet agreeable taste. Those produced in Calabria are similar. The *Smyrna raisins* are also large, but of a yellowish-brown color, slightly musky odor, and less agreeable flavor. They are originally brought from the coast of Syria. The *Corinthian raisins*, or *currants* as they are commonly called in this country, are small, bluish black, of a fatty appearance, with a vinous odor, and a sweet, slightly tartish taste. Their name is derived from the city in the vicinity of which they were formerly cultivated. At present they are procured chiefly from Zante, Cephalonia, and the other Ionian Islands. In the older Pharmacopœias they are distinguished by the title of *uvæ passæ minores*. Within the last few years the production of raisins in California has become an industry of the highest importance, and, although success has not thus far crowned the efforts to secure European markets, the consumption in America suffices for present purposes. According to the report of Mr. De Barth Shorb, the raisin product of California in 1890 was 41,000,000 lbs.; in 1891, 50,000,000 lbs.; in 1892, 62,000,000 lbs. Raisins contain a larger proportion of sugar than do recent grapes. This principle, indeed, is often so abundant that it effloresces on the surface or concretes in separate masses within the substance of the raisin. The average composition of the raisin is given as 32·02 per cent. water, 2·42 nitrogenous material, 0·59 fat, 54·56 sugar, 7·48 other nitrogenous organic matter, 1·72 woody-fibre, and 1·21 ash. (König, *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 3e Aufl., ii. 815.) The *sugar of grapes* (*glucose*) differs from that of the cane, being less sweet, less soluble in cold water and much less so in alcohol, and forming a syrup of less consistence.

Medical Properties and Uses. The chief medical use of raisins is to flavor demulcent beverages. Taken in substance they are gently laxative, but are also flatulent and difficult of digestion, and, when largely eaten, sometimes produce unpleasant effects, especially in children.

* *Culture of Raisins.* As observed by Dr. Geo. B. Wood in 1861, near Malaga raisins are produced exclusively from the Muscatel grape. The district appropriated to this purpose consists of red-earth lands along the coast of the Mediterranean, extending for about 30 miles on each side of Malaga. The grounds planted with the vine are the shore plains and valleys, the smaller hills, and the lower declivities of the mountains. The vines are kept trimmed very low, and the earth between them is loosened by the spade, the plough not being used. The grapes are ripe in August, when the bunches are cut off, and carefully dried in the sun, upon a hard level earthen floor, prepared for the purpose, and protected by a shed when it rains. After one side of the bunch has become dry, the other is carefully turned to the sun. When dried, they are generally packed in wooden boxes, each containing about 25 lbs. The most valuable, called *bloom raisins*, from the preservation of the bloom unbroken on the surface, are packed in paper boxes and sent exclusively to the London market, where they are especially esteemed. The *Valencia raisin* is a different variety from the Malaga. The grape is thicker-skinned, and does not dry well unless with previous preparation. Hence, as soon as picked, they are dipped into a lye made from wood ashes, immediately removed, and then dried. The alkali causes the skin to crack in minute fissures, and thus facilitates drying. Dr. George B. Wood was assured that the Valencia raisins are not sent to the United States, but exclusively to England, where they are used in puddings. The Malaga grape, imported in the fresh state into this country, is a different variety from the raisin grape, and cultivated higher on the mountains. California is fast becoming the great raisin-producing country of the world. Three varieties of grapes, the Feher Zagos, the Muscatel, and the Muscat, are grown for this purpose. The bunches, when at the proper point of ripeness, are laid in wooden trays and exposed to the sun from six to eight days, until a certain stage of dryness has been reached, when they are packed into sweat-boxes for a week, that the moisture remaining in them may be equally distributed through the whole berry. Introduced as long ago as 1860, the raisin culture of California did not assume much importance until within a decade. In 1889, nearly thirty-three millions of pounds were produced.

UVA URSI. U.S. (Br.) Uva Ursi. [Bearberry.]

(Ū'VĄ ŬR'SĪ.)

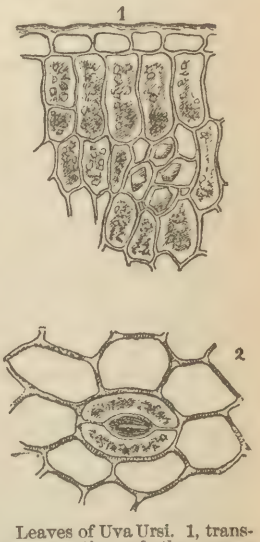
"The leaves of Arctostaphylos Uva Ursi (Linné), Sprengel (nat. ord. Ericaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried leaves of Arctostaphylos Uva Ursi (Arbutus Uva Ursi). From indigenous plants." *Br.*

Uvæ Ursi Folia, *Br.;* Feuilles de Busserole, Busserole, Raisin d'Ours, *Fr.;* Bärentraube, Bärentraubenblätter, *G.;* Corbezzolo, Uva Ursina, *It.;* Gayuba, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Drupe with five distinct, one-seeded stones. *Corolla* urceolate, with a revolute limb. *Stamens* included. *Anthers* with two spurs at the back. (Lindley, *Med. and Œcon. Bot.*)

Arctostaphylos uva ursi. Sprengel, *Syst.* ii. 287; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* i. 61, pl. 52; *B. & T.* 163.—*Arbutus uva ursi.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 618; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* i. 66. The *uva ursi*, or *bearberry*, is a low evergreen shrub, with trailing stems, the young branches of which rise obliquely upwards for a few inches. The leaves are scattered, upon short petioles, from half an inch to an inch long, obovate, or oblong-spatulate, acute at the base, obtuse at the apex, entire, with a rounded margin, thick, coriaceous, smooth, shining, deep green on their upper surface, paler and covered with a net-work of veins beneath; furnished especially near the margin or near the midrib with minute hairs, which are usually abundant in young leaves, but may be few or absent in old leaves, especially those which have been much handled. The flowers, which stand on short reflexed peduncles, are in small clusters at the ends of the branches. The calyx is small, five-parted, reddish, and persistent. The corolla is ovate or urceolate, reddish white, or white with a red lip, transparent at the base, contracted at the mouth, and divided at the margin into five short reflexed segments. The stamens are ten, with short filaments and bifid anthers; the germ round, with a style longer than the stamens, and a simple stigma. The fruit is a small, round, depressed, smooth, glossy red berry, with an insipid mealy pulp and five cohering seeds.

This humble but hardy shrub inhabits the northern latitudes and high mountains of Europe, Asia, and America. On the American continent it extends from Hudson's Bay as far southward as New Jersey, in some parts of which it grows in abundance. It prefers a barren soil, flourishing on gravelly hills and elevated sandy plains. The leaves are the only part used in medicine. They are imported from Europe, but are also collected within our own limits; and the market of Philadelphia is supplied to a considerable extent from New Jersey. They should be gathered in autumn, and only the green leaves selected. In Europe the uva ursi is adulterated with the inert leaves of the *Vaccinium vitis idæa:* these may be distinguished by their rounder shape, their revolute edges which are sometimes slightly toothed, and their dotted under surface. Leaves of the *Chimaphila umbellata*, sometimes found among the uva ursi, may be readily detected by their greater length, their cuneiform-lanceolate shape, and their serrate edges.



Leaves of Uva Ursi. 1, transverse section of the upper surface of the leaf, showing epithelial layer with parenchymatous cells and raphides; 2, epidermis of the under surface, showing stoma.

Another species of Arctostaphylos is *A. glauca*, a small tree or shrub indigenous in California, where it generally grows in dry and rocky places on the west of the mountain ranges. The leaves are highly esteemed as a remedy in *diarrhœa* and *gonorrhœa*, being used in the form of decoction. Chemically examined by Mr. John Henry Flint, they were found to contain 9·8 per cent. of tannin; and the ashes of the incinerated leaves, amounting to 0·6 per cent., contained potassium, calcium, magnesium, and iron. A crystalline principle has been discovered in the leaves, which Mr. Flint found to be arbutin. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1873, p. 197.)

Properties. Uva ursi is inodorous when fresh, but when dried and powdered acquires a smell not unlike that of hay. Its taste is bitterish, strongly astringent, and ultimately sweetish. It affords a light-brown, greenish-yellow powder. It is officially described as "very short-stalked, obovate or oblong-spatulate, coriaceous, from 15 to 20 Mm. long, and 5 to 8 Mm. broad, obtuse, slightly revolute on the margin, upper surface with depressed veins; lower surface distinctly reticulate; odor faint, hay-like; taste strongly astringent, and somewhat bitter." *U. S.* Water and official alcohol extract the active principles of uva ursi. Among its ingredients are tannic and gallic acids, bitter extractive,

resin, gum, fatty matter, a volatile oil, and salts of potassa and lime. The tannic acid is so abundant that the leaves are used for tanning in Russia. Neither tannic nor gallic acid exists in the leaves of the *Vaccinium vitis idæa.*

A crystallizable principle was extracted from uvi ursi by Mr. J. C. C. Hughes, to which he gave the name *ursin*, but Jungmann (*A. J. P.*, May, 1871, p. 205) afterwards showed it to be only impure arbutin. Kawalier (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1853, p. 61) obtained *arbutin*, $C_{12}H_{15}O_7$, by precipitating the decoction with lead acetate, filtering, treating the liquid with hydrogen sulphide, again filtering, evaporating to the consistence of syrup, and allowing the product to stand for several days. This gradually assumed the form of a crystalline jelly, which, being placed upon linen so as to allow the mother-liquor to drain off, and then pressed, yielded nearly colorless crystals, which were purified by solution in boiling water and treatment with animal charcoal. Arbutin thus obtained is in long, acicular, colorless crystals, united in tufts, and of a bitter taste. It is soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, unchanged apparently by a heat of 212° F., but fusible at 167° to 168° C., without action on vegetable colors, and not precipitated by ferric salts or by lead acetate or subacetate. It is a glucoside, being resolvable by emulsin, or more rapidly by boiling with sulphuric acid, into glucose and *hydroquinone*, $C_6H_6O_2$ (*arctuvine* of Kawalier). The occurrence of methylhydroquinone among the products of decomposition led Hlasiwetz and Habermann to give the formula $C_{25}H_{34}O_{14}$ to arbutin, but Schiff showed that this was because arbutin was almost always accompanied by *methylarbutin*, $C_{12}H_{15}(CH_3)O_7 + H_2O$. This compound has been made synthetically by Schiff (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1882, p. 1841) by acting upon arbutin with methyliodide and potassium hydrate in methylalcohol solution, and purely synthetically by Michael (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1885, p. 118) by the action of methylhydroquinone and acetochlorhydrose. It is decomposed by dilute acids into glucose and methylhydroquinone. Upon heating 1 part of arbutin with 8 parts of manganese oxide, 2 parts of sulphuric acid, and 1 part of water, it gives off the penetrating odor of quinone. The watery solution is rendered blue by a small quantity of solution of ferric chloride, and green by a larger quantity. No precipitate is produced by either acids or alkalies. It blackens ammoniacal solution of silver nitrate after boiling with dilute sulphuric acid, and throws down cuprous oxide from alkaline copper solutions upon heating. It dissolves in sulphuric acid, forming a colorless solution, turning red after a short time; a trace of nitric acid turns this solution yellow-brown. An aqueous solution (1 in 20) is not changed by hydrogen sulphide. A good test for arbutin is that of Julius Jungmann, as follows. When phosphomolybdic acid is added to a solution of arbutin previously rendered alkaline by ammonia or other alkali, a blue color is produced, which is deep when the solutions are strong, but observable even when they are very dilute. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1871, p. 204.)* After the extraction of arbutin, there is obtained from the mother-liquor *ericolin*, $C_{34}H_{56}O_{21}$.† Another crystallizable principle has been discovered by Trommsdorff, who calls it *ursone*, $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$. It appears to be of a resinous character, although it can be obtained in silky needles, being tasteless and inodorous, insoluble in water, difficultly soluble in alcohol and ether, fusible, at a higher temperature volatilizable, and inflammable in the air. It is obtained by treating uva ursi with a very small quantity of ether by percolation, allowing the ether to evaporate, washing the crystalline extract with ether, and re-crystallizing from alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 334.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Uva ursi is astringent and tonic, and is thought to have a specific direction to the urinary organs, for the complaints of which it is chiefly used.

* *Arbutin.* Besides being a constituent of the two species of Arctostaphylos above mentioned, this principle is somewhat widely diffused in other plants. It is especially found in those belonging to the natural order Ericaceæ, as, *Chimaphila umbellata*, *Chimaphila maculata*, *Epigæa repens*, and *Gaultheria procumbens*. In some others it has been supposed to exist because among the products of the dry distillation of their extract a principle has been found denominated *hydroquinone*, which is one of the products of the destructive distillation of arbutin; but, as kinic acid yields the same substance in the same way, the inference in relation to the existence of arbutin in the plants is somewhat uncertain. Nevertheless, as kinic acid yields *pyrocatechin* along with hydroquinone, while arbutin gives only the latter, a method of distinguishing the two is afforded: the plants from which only hydroquinone is obtained probably contain arbutin; while, if both principles are obtained, kinic acid is probably in the plant. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 314.)

Analysis of Vaccinium vitis idæa, or *Red whortleberry*, by Dr. Gräger. The berries contain 10·185 per cent. of soluble matter, 4·204 of insoluble matter (cellulose, pectin, etc.), and 85·611 of water. The expressed juice yielded 1·975 per cent. of free organic acid (citric and malic), 5·185 of sugar, 0·476 of tannin, 2·333 of albuminous and pectinaceous substances, suspended fat, etc., 0·216 of inorganic bases (potassa, lime, magnesia, iron), and 89·815 of water. The insoluble residue yielded 0·102 per cent. of ashes containing calcium sulphate and phosphate, silicic acid, and ferric oxide. (*A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 543.)

† *Ericolin* is a wide-spread constituent of ericaceous plants, having been found in *Ledum palustre*, *Calluna vulgaris*, *Rhododendron ferrugineum*, *Arctostaphylos officinalis*, etc. For an elaborate chemical discussion of it, see R. Thal, *Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1883.

It alters the color of the urine, and its astringent principle has been detected in that secretion. Though known to the ancients, it had passed into almost entire neglect, till its use was revived by De Haen about the middle of the last century. It has acquired some reputation as an antilithic, and has undoubtedly been serviceable in *gravel*, partly, perhaps, by a direct action on the kidneys and bladder, partly by giving tone to the digestive organs. In *chronic nephritis* it is also a popular remedy, and is particularly recommended when there is reason to conjecture the existence of *ulceration in the kidneys, bladder, or urinary passages*. *Catarrh of the bladder*, *incontinence of urine*, *gleet*, *leucorrhœa*, and *menorrhagia* are also among the diseases in which it has occasionally proved serviceable. The dose of the powder is from a scruple to a drachm (1·3–3·9 Gm.), to be repeated three or four times a day; but the fluid extract is always preferred. According to Mr. Hues, arbutin in the dose of one grain is a powerful diuretic: that it is free from poisonous properties was shown by Jolonowski, who took in forty-eight hours over two hundred grains of it without discomfort. After large doses the urine varies in color from pale greenish to dark greenish brown. The discoloration is due to the breaking up of the arbutin in the body into glucose and hydroquinone, the change probably occurring in the kidneys. There is considerable clinical testimony to show that arbutin is a useful remedy in *cystitis* when given in doses of ten to fifteen grains a day. The influence of the drug has been supposed to be due to its conversion into hydroquinone, which, as is well known, is a powerful disinfectant and antiferment. H. Paschkis states that only the smaller portion of the arbutin is changed into hydroquinone, and this is confirmed by Laurentz. The extract of uva ursi contains only three and a half per cent. of arbutin to sixteen per cent. of tannic acid; there is also a volatile oil, so that arbutin cannot be considered fully to represent the drug. One grain of the extract ought to represent about four grains of the crude leaves, and from half a drachm to a drachm of it may be given three or four times a day.

VALERIANA. U. S. (Br.) Valerian.

(VĂ-LĒ-RĬ-Ā'NĂ.)

"The rhizome and roots of Valeriana officinalis, Linné (nat. ord. Valerianeæ)." *U. S.*
"The dried rhizome and rootlets of Valeriana officinalis, Linn. Collected in autumn from plants growing wild or cultivated in Britain." *Br.*

Valerianæ Rhizoma, *Br.;* Valerian Root; Radix Valerianæ Minoris; Racine de Valériane, Valériane, *Fr.;* Wilde Baldrianwurzel, Baldrianwurzel, *G.;* Valeriana silvestre, *It.;* Valerian silvestre, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx very small, finally enlarged into a feathery pappus. *Corolla* monopetalous, five-lobed, regular, gibbous at the base. *Capsule* one-celled. (*Loudon's Encyc. of Pl.*) *Stamens* exserted, one, two, three, and four. (*Nuttall.*)

Valeriana officinalis. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 177; *B. & T.* 146. The *official* or *great wild valerian* is a large, handsome, herbaceous plant, with a perennial root, and an erect, round, channelled stem, from two to four feet high, furnished with opposite pinnate leaves, and terminating in flowering branches. The leaves of the stems are attached by short, broad sheaths; the radical leaves are larger and stand on long footstalks. In the former the leaflets are lanceolate and partially dentate, in the latter elliptical and deeply serrate. The flowers are small, white or rose-colored, agreeably odorous, and disposed in terminal corymbs interspersed with pear shaped pointed bracts. The number of the stamens is three. The fruit is a capsule containing one oblong-ovate, compressed seed. The plant is a native of Europe, where it grows either in damp woods and meadows or on dry elevated grounds. As found in these different situations, it presents characters so distinct as to have induced some botanists to make two varieties. Dufresne makes four, of which three prefer marshy situations. The variety which affects a dry soil (*sylvestris*, L. Ph.) is not more than two feet high, and is distinguished by its narrow leaves. It has been generally believed to be superior to the others in medicinal virtue; but from experiments of A. Buchner it appears that the dried roots of the variety which grows in low moist grounds are in no respect inferior, and that the general opinion to the contrary is a prejudice. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, June, 1852, p. 429.)*

The root should be collected in spring, before the stem begins to shoot, or in the autumn,

* *Valeriana mexicana.* D. C. According to the *Nueva Farmacopea Mexicana*, the roots of this plant contain a large percentage of valerianic acid, which they yield readily and economically. In Mexican commerce they are said to occur in slices or fleshy disks about four centimeters or more in diameter, or in voluminous tubercles. Externally the color is grayish-yellow, internally yellow; the odor is strong and disagreeable, the taste bitter. R. McLaughlin (*A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 329) found 3·3 per cent. of oil in the Mexican valerian root.

Japanese Valerian. Kesso root. This, formerly believed to be the product of *Patrina scabiosæfolia*, is now thought to be obtained from a variety of *V. officinalis.* It yields a volatile oil. (*P. J. Tr.*, xx. 837, xxi. 1069.)

when the leaves decay. It should be dried quickly, and kept in a dry place. It consists of numerous long, slender, brittle, cylindrical, thick-barked rootlets, issuing from a tuberculated head or rhizome, which is "from 2 to 4 Cm. long, and 1 to 2 Cm. thick, upright, subglobular or obconical, truncate at both ends, brown or yellowish-brown, internally whitish or pale brownish, with a narrow circle of white wood under the thin bark. Roots numerous, slender, brittle, brown, with a thick bark, and slender, ligneous cord. Odor peculiar, becoming stronger and unpleasant on keeping; taste camphoraceous and somewhat bitter." *U. S.* As brought to this country, it frequently has portions of the stem attached. The English is superior to that from the continent of Europe. Valerian of good quality has been produced by the Shakers at Enfield, New Hampshire, also in Northern Vermont and New York. Mr. Thomas Doliber obtained from the American root 28·97 per cent. of alcoholic extract, and from the English 17·59 per cent., and states that the native drug has, in our market, almost superseded the European. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 70.)

Properties. The color of the root is externally yellowish or brown, internally white. The powder is yellowish gray. The odor, which in the fresh root is slight, in the dried is strong and highly characteristic, and, though rather pleasant to many persons, is very disagreeable to others. Cats are strongly attracted by it. The taste is at first sweetish, afterwards bitter and aromatic. Valerian yields its active properties to water and alcohol. Trommsdorff found it to consist of 1·2 parts of volatile oil, 12·5 of a peculiar extractive matter, soluble in water, insoluble in ether and alcohol, and precipitated by metallic solutions, 18·75 of gum, 6·25 of a soft odorous resin, and 63 of lignin. Runge found in it a peculiar fixed acid, which produced with bases white salts, becoming green on exposure to the air. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 170, p. 452.) Of these constituents the most important is the *volatile oil*.* It is of a pale greenish color, of the sp. gr. 0·934, with the pungent odor of valerian, and an aromatic taste. It becomes yellow and viscid by exposure. Bruylants (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1878, p. 449) has obtained from oil of valerian, 1st, a hydrocarbon or terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 157° C.; 2d, a liquid compound, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, which by means of chromic acid affords common camphor, and formic, acetic, and valerianic acids, which are met with in old valerian root, owing no doubt to the slow oxidation of the compound $C_{10}H_{18}O$; 3d, a crystalline compound of the same composition, which in the root is probably combined with the three organic acids mentioned, constituting with them compound ethers; 4th, at from 285° to 290° C., a greenish, syrupy oil, which when rectified is colorless, and seems to have the composition of a *borneol oxide*, $(C_{10}H_{17})_2O$. Schimmel & Co. (*Semi-annual Report*, Oct. 1893) summarize the most recent researches upon valerian oil from different sources. In the oil from Dutch and Thuringian roots, the amount varying from 0·5 to 1 per cent., they find pinene, borneol, bornyl formiate, bornyl acetate, and bornyl isovalerianate. In the oil from Japanese roots (amounting to from 6 to 6·5 per cent.) (Kesso oil), they find pinene, dipentene, terpineol, borneol, bornyl acetate, bornyl isovalerianate, and kessyl acetate. Trommsdorff ascertained the existence in the oil of a peculiar volatile acid, upon which the name of *valerianic acid* has been conferred. This, when separated from the oil, is a colorless liquid, of an oleaginous consistence, having an odor analogous to that of valerian, and a very strong, sour, disagreeable taste. It is soluble in thirty parts of water, and in all proportions in ether and alcohol. It combines with salifiable bases, forming soluble salts, which retain, in a diminished degree, the odor of the acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 316.) The results of Bruylants just given show that the acid does not exist free in the oil, but is produced by the decomposition of its borneol ether. Valerianic acid is obtained by distilling the impure oil from magnesium carbonate, decomposing by sulphuric acid the valerianate of magnesium which remains, and again distilling. M. Rabourdin, of Orleans, believing that a large proportion of the valerianic acid remains fixed in the root by union with a base, and does not come over by distillation alone, procures it by adding sulphuric acid to the root with a sufficient quantity of water, distilling, separating the oil, saturating the liquor with sodium carbonate, evaporating, adding a slight excess of sulphuric acid, and again distilling. (*Ibid.*, vi. 310.) The following process by Messrs. T. and H. Smith, of Edinburgh, avoids the incon-

* *Oleum Valerianæ.* U. S. 1880. *Oil of Valerian.* (*Essence de Valériane*, Fr.; *Baldrianöl*, G.) This volatile oil is obtained from the root of *Valeriana officinalis* by the usual process of distillation with water. According to Zeller, the dried root of the best quality yields 1·64 per cent. of the oil. Very good oil has been distilled from the root cultivated in this country. As first procured, it is of a pale greenish color, of the sp. gr. 0·934, with a pungent odor of valerian, and an aromatic taste. Upon exposure it becomes yellow and viscid. "A slightly acid reaction. Sp. gr. about 0·950. It is readily soluble in alcohol." The oil of valerian exercises the same influence as does the root on the nervous system, and is frequently administered as a substitute for it, in the dose of four or five drops (0·24–0·3 C.c.).

venience of distilling so bulky a root as valerian, while it answers the same purpose as that of M. Rabourdin. Boil the root for three or four hours with rather more than its bulk of water in which an ounce of sodium carbonate is dissolved for every pound of the root, replacing the water as it evaporates. Express strongly, and boil the residuum twice with the same quantity of water, expressing each time as before. Mix the liquids, add two fluidrachms of strong sulphuric acid for every pound of the root, and distil till three-fourths of the liquid have passed over. Neutralize this with sodium carbonate, concentrate the liquid, decompose the sodium valerianate contained in it by sulphuric acid, and separate the valerianic acid set free by a separatory funnel, or by distillation. (*A. J. P.*, xvii. 253.) M. Lefort obtains the acid by the rapid oxidation of the volatile oil. He distils 100 parts of the root with 500 of water, 10 of sulphuric acid, and 6 of potassium dichromate, and has thus procured a larger proportion of acid than by any other process. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 194.)

The roots of *Valeriana phu* and *V. dioica* are said to be sometimes mingled with those of the official plant; but the adulteration is attended with no serious consequences, as, though much weaker than the genuine valerian, they possess similar properties. The same cannot be said of the roots of several of the Ranunculaceæ, which, according to Ebermayer, are sometimes fraudulently substituted in Germany. They may be readily detected by their want of the peculiar odor of the official root. According to M. O. Raveil, the valerian in the markets of Paris is largely adulterated with the roots of *scabious* (*Scabiosa succisa* and *S. arvensis*, Linn.). They are shorter than the genuine root, with larger radicles, less rough, little or not at all striated, very brittle, with a white amylaceous fracture. The roots are inodorous in themselves, but are very apt to acquire smell from contact with the valerian. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 209.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Valerian is gently stimulant, with an especial direction to the nervous system, but without narcotic effects. In large doses it produces a sense of heaviness and dull pain in the head, with various other effects indicating nervous disturbance. The oil, largely taken, is said by M. Barailer, from his own observation, to produce dulness of intellect, drowsiness ending in deep sleep, reduced frequency of pulse, and increased flow of urine. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 239.) It is useful in cases of irregular nervous action, when not connected with inflammation or an excited condition of the system. Among the complaints in which it has been particularly recommended are *hysteria*, *hypochondriasis*, *hemicrania*, and *low forms of fever*, attended with restlessness, morbid vigilance, or other nervous disorder. As the virtues of valerian reside chiefly in the volatile oil, the medicine should not be given in decoction or extract. The distilled water is used on the continent of Europe; and the volatile oil is occasionally substituted with advantage for the root. The dose of the oil is four or five drops (0·24–0·3 C.c.). Valerianic acid also has been used internally. (See *Acidum Valerianicum*.) Landerer says that, in his experience, the acid prepared from the root is preferable therapeutically to the artificial acid: this preference may be due to the presence of impurities, having medicinal properties, which are found in the acid from the root.

VANILLA. U. S. Vanilla.*

(VĄ-NĬL'LĄ.)

"The fruit of Vanilla planifolia, Andrews (nat. ord. Orchideæ)." *U. S.*

Fructus (s. Silique) Vanille, *P. G.*; Vanille, *Fr.*, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Sepals spreading or erect, distinct. *Petals* of a similar form and texture. *Labellum* connate with the columna, crested, membranous, convolute, undivided. *Anther* terminal, opercular; pollen granular. *Fruit* a fleshy *pod*; seeds round, destitute of loose tunic. *Lindley.*

Vanilla planifolia. Andrews, *Bot. Repository*, t. 538 (1808); *B. & T.* 272.—*V. claviculata*, Swartz. This is a fleshy, dark-green, perennial climbing plant, with a very long, smooth, dark-green stem, much branched, and furnished at the nodes with aerial roots, which cling to the tree or the wooden framework supporting the plant. The dark-green, tough leaves are alternate, oval, sessile, attenuate at the apex, fleshy, and veinless. The pale greenish-yellow, sessile flowers are about two inches in diameter, and occur in loose, axillary racemes of eight of

* *Vanillons*, said to be uncultivated or wild vanillas, are chiefly used by manufacturers of tobacco, sachet powders, etc. They are from 4 to 5 inches in length, from ⅜ to ½ or even 1 inch in diameter, frequently sharply angled, exhibiting almost a triangular shape on cross-sectioning. They are of nearly the same diameter for the greater portion of their length, being attenuated at both ends. They are brown to red-brown in color, and longitudinally ridged. The transverse markings due to their being wrapped with twine during the process of curing give them a curious twisted appearance. They are generally split open and lack almost entirely the odor of vanillin, their odor being compared to a cross between a fermented sugar and a heliotrope odor. They are devoid of any crystalline efflorescence.

ten. The fruit is a slender pod, seven or eight inches long, filled with an oily mass containing numerous small, black, shining seeds. The plant is a native of the West Indies, Mexico, and South America, and is widely cultivated. It is stated to be grown under glass in England and France, and at Liège, with commercial success. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 419.) Doubts, however, exist whether commercial vanilla is entirely derived from this species, and the United States Pharmacopœia formerly ascribed it to *V. aromatica*, Swartz, which is specifically characterized by its ovate, oblong, nerved, opposite leaves, its wavy sepals, its acute lip, and its very long cylindrical capsules. *V. guayanensis* and *V. palmarum* are said to yield an aromatic fruit. (See also below.)

In Mexico the vanilla plant flourishes on the eastern coast, in the States of Vera Cruz and Oaxaca. It begins to bear fruit in three years, and continues to bear for thirty or forty years. The vanilla of commerce is chiefly derived from plants artificially grown by a very simple method of cultivation. All that is necessary is to attach a slip taken from the lower part of the stem to the trunk or branch of a tree, or to some other support. The plant immediately fastens upon the bark of the tree, and sends out aerial roots which fix themselves upon the ground. It does not, however, derive food from the tree: in some places where cultivated it is planted on trellises. The vanilla bean is gathered in the late autumn, when nearly matured, in the form of a large green pod, and immediately submitted to the process of drying and curing, which is said to reduce its weight eighty per cent. and to require three or four months for completion. During this process the beans are placed in rows on mats or planks in the air during the day, and in the evening put into caldrons and covered with blankets, so as to undergo a kind of sweating process, during which an oil is said to ooze from them, and to be collected, so that when the beans are dried and ready for bundling each of them may be rubbed with it. When thoroughly cured, the pods are assorted, tied into bundles which are surrounded with sheet lead or placed in small metallic boxes, and sent into market.

The cultivation of the vanilla has extended from South America almost over the whole of the tropics. Holland is supplied from the Java plantations; France from Tahiti, Madagascar, Réunion, Guadeloupe, and other of her colonies. From Mauritius and the Seychelles the product goes to London. North America is chiefly supplied from Mexico and South America, —about one hundred and thirty-six thousand pounds having been imported into the United States, chiefly through New York, in 1891.

Of *Mexican vanilla*,* the first quality occurs in pods eight to ten inches long, flattened, two-eighths to three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with the lower end slightly attenuated, the upper end gradually tapering for about a quarter of the length of the pod, usually curved and slightly twisted near the point. The color is dark brown, the pods fairly plump, the surface ridged longitudinally, and with an incrustation of fine crystals beginning at the ends, gradually extending; when fresh somewhat viscid, but always roughish to the feel. For an interesting account of the Mexican vanilla plant by Charles E. Hires, see *A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 576.

Bourbon vanilla, produced in the Isle of Réunion to the amount of 200,000 pounds a year, resembles Mexican vanilla, but is scarcely so long in the tapering portions, is of a dark-brown almost black color, is not so firm as the Mexican, has the surface smooth and waxy, and soon becomes covered with a coating of acicular crystals known as "frost." The odor of this vanilla is said to resemble that of Tonka bean rather than that of Mexican vanilla.

The *Seychelles* and *Mauritius vanilla* (*inferior Bourbon* of the trade) has the pods about six inches in length, not over a quarter of an inch in width, and characterized by the pale color, the faint odor, and a smooth but not waxy surface.

South American vanilla, which is introduced chiefly for the purpose of adulterating Mexican cut beans, is usually recognizable, when the bean is entire, by the latter being broad and

* Of the Mexican vanillas the most valuable variety, called *ley*, or *vainilla mansa*, by the Spaniards, consists of cylindrical, somewhat flattened pods, six or eight inches long, three or four lines thick, nearly straight, narrowing towards the extremities, bent at the base, shining and dark brown externally, wrinkled longitudinally, soft and flexible, and containing within their tough shell a soft black pulp, in which numerous minute, black, glossy seeds are embedded. It has a peculiar, strong, agreeable odor, and a warm, aromatic, sweetish taste. The interior pulpy portion is most aromatic. In it are more or less numerous, minute crystals. Another variety, called *vainilla simarona* by the Spaniards, is smaller, of a lighter color, and less aromatic. The pods are said to be very dry and to contain no vanillin. (*Nueva Farmacopea Mexicana.*) According to Schiede, it is yielded by a distinct species, the *Vanilla sylvestris* (Schiede). A third variety is the *vainilla pompona* of the Spaniards (*boba vainilla*, or *plátano vainilla*). In this, the pods are from five to seven inches long, from six to nine lines broad, shaped somewhat like a plantain, almost always open, very dark brown or nearly black, soft, viscid, and of a strong, not very pleasant, anise-like odor. Schiede states that it is the product of the *Vanilla pompona* (Schiede). The variety *vainilla rezacate* is said to be derived from pods gathered long before maturity. (*Nueva Farmacopea Mexicana.*)

flattened, usually half an inch or more wide, slightly tapering at the lower end, and at the upper sharply attenuated an inch or so at the point. It has a reddish-brown color, and is of a rank odor. It is very pulpy, with a surface intermediate in feel between the Bourbon and the Mexican, and having but few crystals.

Tahiti vanilla, "*transplanted Mexican vanilla*," has its pods from six to seven inches long, flat, from three-eighths to half an inch wide, with a reddish-brown color, and a rank odor.

According to Bucholz, vanilla does not yield volatile oil when distilled with water; and the aroma appears to depend on chemical changes which may take place during and after the curing of the fruit. Many years since, vanilla was analyzed by Bucholz and Vogel, the former of whom found in it a disagreeable-smelling fixed oil, a soft resin smelling feebly of vanilla when heated, a bitterish extractive resembling tannin, sugar, starch, and benzoic acid. But the characteristic odorous principle was not isolated. This object was accomplished by M. Gobley, who, by exhausting vanilla with 85-per-cent. alcohol, evaporating the resulting tincture to an extract, softening this with water, and agitating in a flask with ether so long as it gave color to that fluid, then evaporating the ethereal liquid and treating the residue with boiling water, obtained on the evaporation of the water a crop of crystals having the odor of vanilla. Purified by treatment with animal charcoal and recrystallization, the new principle appeared in the form of colorless, long, four-sided needles terminated by two faces. It has a strong odor of vanilla, with a hot, biting taste, and is frequently seen in acicular crystals upon the external surface of the bean. This compound, for which M. Gobley proposed the name *vanillin*, is now recognized as the methyl-ether of protocatechuic aldehyde, $C_6H_3\begin{cases}OCH_3\\OH\\COH,\end{cases}$ or $C_8H_8O_3$, and is known to occur somewhat diffused in the vegetable kingdom, being found in the sugar-beet and in the wood-tissue of many plants. It forms crystalline needles fusing at 80°–81° C., difficultly soluble in cold water, readily soluble in hot water, easily soluble in alcohol and ether, chloroform and carbon disulphide. It oxidizes slowly in damp air to *vanillic acid*, $C_8H_8O_4$; when heated with dilute hydrochloric acid to 200° C., it breaks up into methyl chloride and protocatechuic acid. Tiemann and Haarmann (*Ber. Ch. Ges.*, 1874), who first ascertained the true character of vanillin, also found that it could be made synthetically from *coniferin*, a glucoside contained in the cambium layer of the pine. This coniferin, $C_{16}H_{22}O_8 + 2H_2O$, or the compound $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$, which with glucose results from its decomposition, is oxidized by sulphuric acid and potassium bichromate with the production of vanillin. Artificial vanillin was made in this way from coniferin under Tiemann and Haarmann's patents, and was made by Reimer and Tiemann from guaiacol by heating it with caustic soda and chloroform, but it is now made from *eugenol*, $C_{10}H_{12}O_2$, which is oxidized with alkaline solution of potassium permanganate. Eugenol can also be changed into *aceteugenol*, which with weak acid solution of potassium permanganate is oxidized to *acetvanillic* acid, and this by boiling with weak caustic potash is changed into vanillin. Oil of cloves is therefore used as a basis for the manufacture of artificial vanillin. Although the latter substance has been largely manufactured, it does not take the place of the preparations of vanilla, the flavor and odor of the latter being greatly preferred. It passes with water in distillation. If vanilla finely divided be distilled with water, a turbid liquid passes, which becomes clear by agitation with ether, and the ether on evaporation yields crystals of vanillin. Messrs. Tiemann and Haarmann obtained from Mexican vanilla 1·69 per cent. of vanillin, from Réunion vanilla 2·48 per cent., from Java vanilla 2·75 per cent. Mr. Stokeby found in vanilla, resin, wax, a fixed oil, a brown resinous matter, tannic acid changing the salts of iron to green, gum, sugar, phosphates, and sulphates; and hydrochloric acid separated from it oxalic acid, and potassa, humic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 76, 1866; see, also, paper by Clay W. Holmes, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887, p. 526.)

Medical Properties and Uses. According to Dr. Grasset, vanillin produces in frogs spinal convulsions, followed by paralysis affecting both spinal cord and motor nerves. It is said to be locally irritant, and has been suggested as a stomachic and an excito-motor remedy in doses of three-fourths of a grain. (*Archives de Pharm.*, Août, 1886.) Vanilla has been recommended in *hysteria*, but is in fact used only as a flavoring agent.*

* *Vanilla Poisoning.* Twenty years ago, Orfila recorded cases of poisoning by the eating of vanilla ices, and recently many cases have occurred both in Europe and in this country. The symptoms are those of intense gastro-intestinal irritation, and closely resemble those of cholerine. That the attacks have not simply been cholera morbus induced by the ingestion of cold ices is shown by the fact that many of the flavored dishes were pies and even simple farinaceous puddings. Elaborate chemical investigations have proved the absence of metallic poisons in the ingesta. Schroff believes the poison to be cardol derived from the oil of cashew nut placed upon the vanilla pod to

VAPORES. Vapors. [Inhalations.]

(VĄ-PŌ'RĒŞ.)

This is a class of preparations introduced into the British Pharmacopœia, the expediency of which in a pharmaceutical code is, to say the least, doubtful. There is no such complexity in the preparations as to require peculiar skill, and the whole process, in each case, is more appropriate to the duties of a nurse in the sick-chamber than to those of the pharmacist.

VAPOR ACIDI HYDROCYANICI. Br. Inhalation of Hydrocyanic Acid.

(VĀ'PŌR ĂÇ'Į-DĪ HĪ-DRŌ-CĪ-ĂN'Į-CĪ.)

"Take of Diluted Hydrocyanic Acid *ten to fifteen minims;* Water (cold) *one fluidrachm.* Mix in a suitable apparatus, and let the vapor that arises be inhaled." *Br.*

VAPOR CHLORI. Br. Inhalation of Chlorine.

(VĀ'PŌR ȻHLŌ'RĪ.)

"Take of Chlorinated Lime *two ounces;* Water (cold) *a sufficiency.* Put the powder into a suitable apparatus, moisten it with the Water, and let the vapor that arises be inhaled." *Br.*

VAPOR CONINÆ. Br. Inhalation of Conine.

(VĀ'PŌR CŌ-NĪ'NÆ.)

"Take of Juice of Hemlock *one-half fluidounce;* Solution of Potash *one fluidrachm;* Distilled Water *one fluidounce.* Mix. Put 20 minims of the mixture on a sponge, in a suitable apparatus, so that the vapor of hot water passing over it may be inhaled." *Br.*

The object of the potassa is to decompose the salt of conine in the extract, so as to liberate the volatile alkaloid. The genuineness of the vapor may be known by its strong mouse-like odor.

VAPOR CREASOTI. Br. Inhalation of Creasote.

(VĀ'PŌR CRĒ-Ą-SŌ'TĪ.)

"Take of Creasote *twelve minims;* Boiling Water *eight fluidounces.* Mix the Creasote and Water in an apparatus so arranged that air may be made to pass through the solution, and may afterwards be inhaled." *Br.*

VAPOR IODI. Br. Inhalation of Iodine.

(VĀ'PŌR Ī-Ō'DĪ.)

"Take of Tincture of Iodine *one fluidrachm;* Water *one fluidounce.* Mix in a suitable apparatus, which can be gently heated; let the vapor that arises be inhaled." *Br.*

VAPOR OLEI PINI SYLVESTRIS. Br. Inhalation of Fir-wool Oil.

(VĀ'PŌR Ō'LĘ-Ī PĪ'NĪ SĬL-VĔS'TRIS.)

"Take of Fir-wool Oil *forty minims;* Light Carbonate of Magnesium *twenty grains;* Water *a sufficiency.* Rub the Fir-wool Oil with the Carbonate of Magnesium, and gradually add sufficient water to produce *one fluidounce.* Put *one fluidrachm* of this mixture with half a pint [Imperial measure] of cold water and half a pint of boiling water into an apparatus

preserve it, but there does not seem to be any proof of this; and it is stated that cardol could not be found in the vanilla pods obtained from the Vienna café at Berlin, where poisoning had occurred. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1874, p. 853.) Again, it has been believed that the poisoning was the result of copper derived from vessels in which the ice-cream had been preserved; but chemical analysis has disproved this. Certain chemists have been inclined to suppose that the poisoning was caused by ptomaines or other products of decomposition of the cream before freezing. Dr. Layot (*Journ. Pharm. Chem.*, x.) believes that the poisoning is really due to the vanilla, and especially to an inferior variety of bean known as "vanillon," the pods of which are free from rime, soft, viscous, and nearly always open. If, however, it be correct, as asserted (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 241), that the poisoning has been caused by ice-cream flavored with artificial vanillin, it is almost certain that the symptoms are due to alterations in the cream itself. This is confirmed by the studies of V. C. Vaughan, who, in 1885, succeeded in isolating from cheese a peculiar poisonous ptomaine, *tyrotoxicon.* (See *A. J. P.*, 342, 1886.) Subsequently, Prof. Vaughan obtained the same poison from milk; and in June, 1886, melted ice-cream taken from a mass which had produced serious poisoning in eighteen persons, with some of the vanilla which had been used in flavoring the cream, was submitted to him for analysis. (See *A. J. P.*, xvi. 452). The ingestion of the vanilla in doses of thirty drops of an extract failed to develop in Prof. Vaughan or his assistants any symptoms, and he was able to separate the tyrotoxicon from the ice-cream itself and to poison animals with it. Dr. H. C. Wood has seen violent poisoning, with gastro-intestinal irritation and symptoms resembling those of the so-called vanilla poisoning, produced by the ingestion of stale cream puffs in which no vanilla had been put, and it is more than probable that in most cases of the so-called vanilla poisoning tyrotoxicon or some allied substance is the cause of the symptoms. If the case reported by Dr. Rosenthal be accurately stated (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 24), it must be allowed, however, that in some instances the vanilla itself is at fault.

so arranged that air may be made to pass through the solution and may afterwards be inhaled." *Br.*

VERATRINA. U. S., Br. Veratrine.

(VĔR-Ą-TRĪ'NĄ.)

"A mixture of alkaloids obtained from the seed of Asagræa officinalis (Schlechtendal et Chamisso) Lindley (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.* "An alkaloid or mixture of alkaloids obtained from cevadilla." *Br.*

Veratria, *U. S.* 1870; Veratria, *Br.;* Veratrium, *P. G.;* Vératrine, *Fr.;* Veratrin, *G.*

"Take of Cevadilla *two pounds* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water, Rectified Spirit, Solution of Ammonia, Hydrochloric Acid, of each, *a sufficiency;* Purified Animal Charcoal *sixty grains.* Macerate the Cevadilla with half its weight of boiling Distilled Water, in a covered vessel, for twenty-four hours. Remove the Cevadilla, squeeze it, and dry it thoroughly with a gentle heat. Beat it now in a mortar, and separate the seeds from the capsules by brisk agitation in a deep narrow vessel, or by winnowing it gently on a table with a sheet of paper. Grind the seeds in a coffee-mill, and form them into a thick paste with Rectified Spirit. Pack this firmly in a percolator, and pass Rectified Spirit through it till the Spirit ceases to be colored. Concentrate the spirituous solution by distillation, so long as no deposit forms; and pour the residue, while hot, into twelve times its volume of cold Distilled Water. Filter through calico, and wash the residue on the filter with Distilled Water, till the fluid ceases to precipitate with Ammonia. To the united filtered liquids add the Ammonia in slight excess, let the precipitate completely subside, pour off the supernatant fluid, collect the precipitate on a filter, and wash it with Distilled Water till the fluid passes colorless. Diffuse the moist precipitate through twelve fluidounces of Distilled Water, and add gradually with diligent stirring sufficient Hydrochloric acid to make the fluid feebly but persistently acid. Then add the Animal Charcoal; digest at a gentle heat for twenty minutes, filter, and allow the liquid to cool. Add Ammonia in slight excess, and, when the precipitate has completely subsided, pour off the supernatant liquid, collect the precipitate on a filter, and wash it with cold Distilled Water till the washings cease to be affected by nitrate of silver acidulated with nitric acid. Lastly, dry the precipitate first by imbibition with filtering paper, and then by the application of a gentle heat." *Br.*

The U. S. P. 1880 very properly does not give a process for this alkaloid, as it cannot be made profitably by the pharmacist.

In the U. S. process of 1870 the first step is to obtain a tincture of cevadilla. In the British process, which is mainly that of the late Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, the use of alcohol is preceded by measures calculated to bring the seeds into a proper state for its action. This is not satisfactorily effected by mere bruising. The seeds are not thus separated from the capsules; and, on account of their elasticity, they cannot be conveniently comminuted in a mortar. The mode of proceeding given in the British Pharmacopœia was suggested by Christison, and is said by him to answer the purpose. In the U. S. process of 1870 the tincture, when made, is evaporated to the consistence of an extract. This contains the veratrine combined with a vegetable acid, probably gallic, as it exists in the seeds. From the extract the alkaloid is dissolved by the acidulated water, which at the same time converts it in great measure into a sulphate, a small portion possibly remaining in the solution combined with an excess of the natural acid. The magnesia combines with the acids and throws down the veratrine, which is then taken up by alcohol and again yielded in a purer state by evaporation. To purify it still further, it is redissolved in water by the agency of sulphuric acid, is submitted to the action of animal charcoal, and is finally precipitated by ammonia. In the British process, the tincture is concentrated until it begins to let fall a precipitate, and is then poured into water, which throws down the resin and oil with a portion of the coloring matter and retains the salt of veratrine. This is then decomposed by ammonia, and the precipitated veratrine is slightly washed with cold water to free it from adhering impurities. If much water be employed in the washing, a considerable portion of the veratrine will be lost, in consequence of impure veratrine being in some degree soluble in water. The remaining steps of the British process consist in the purification of the veratrine by forming a hydrochlorate in solution, decolorizing this by animal charcoal, and again precipitating by ammonia.*

* Mr. James Beatson, manufacturing chemist of the U. S. Naval Laboratory at New York, recommends the following method of preparing veratrine as less complicated and troublesome than the official, and quite satisfactory in its results. Take 73 pounds (avoirdupois) of cevadilla, rub it upon a coarse wire sieve so as to separate the seeds from the capsules, and reduce the former to a coarse powder by a Swift's drug-mill. Pass the capsules also through the mill, separate the finer portion, and mix it with the ground seeds. Moisten the mixture with alcohol, and allow

The U. S. process of 1870* is essentially that of M. Couërbe. The veratrine obtained by it, though not pure, is sufficiently so for medical use. A drachm of it, in this state, may be procured from a pound of cevadilla. Meissner, in 1819, applied the term *sabadilline* to an alkaloid extracted by him. Pelletier and Caventou had probably produced the same preparation when they announced the discovery of veratrine in the same year. This substance is the veratrine described as prepared by Couërbe's process. Couërbe, in 1834, announced the discovery of an additional alkaloid, to which he gave Meissner's old name of sabadilline, and Weigelin, in 1871, announced the discovery of a third alkaloid, which he called *sabatrine*. G. Merck, in 1855, obtained veratrine in a crystallized state by solution and separation from strong alcohol.

Wright and Luff (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 33, p. 338) have brought order from this confusion by a careful study of the whole subject. They find three alkaloids in sabadilla seeds: *cevadine*, $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9$ (the alkaloid hitherto known as the veratrine of Merck); *veratrine*, $C_{37}H_{53}NO_{11}$; and *cevadilline*, $C_{34}H_{53}NO_8$. Of these, the cevadine (formerly veratrine) forms, when crystallized from alcohol, needles or compact crystals which fuse at 205° C. (401° F.), effloresce rapidly in the air, and become opaque, are insoluble in water, easily soluble in alcohol and ether, and dissolve in warm concentrated hydrochloric acid with a dark violet color, which on boiling becomes intensely red. When heated with alcoholic potash they are decomposed into *methyl-crotonic* (*tiglinic*) *acid* and *cevine*, $C_{27}H_{43}NO_8$. The veratrine of Wright and Luff is obtained from the mother-liquor of the cevadine by extraction with ether. It forms an uncrystallizable resinous mass, fusing at 180° C., but yields crystallized salts. Boiled with caustic soda it is decomposed into *dimethyl-protocatechuic* (*veratric*) *acid* and *verine*, $C_{28}H_{45}NO_8$. Cevadilline remains after the extraction of the veratrine, insoluble in ether. It is also uncrystallizable, nearly insoluble in ether and in boiling benzol, but easily soluble in fusel oil.

Flückiger recognizes only two of these alkaloids, and makes them both of the composition $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9$. The first, which he calls *cevadine*, he states is decomposed by boiling with barium hydrate when in alcoholic solution, and yields products as follows: $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9 + 2H_2O = C_5H_8O_2 + C_{27}H_{45}NO_9$. The first of these products is *methyl-crotonic acid*, and the second is *cevine*. The other alkaloid he calls *veratridine*, and gives its decomposition as follows: $2C_{32}H_{49}NO_9 + 4H_2O = C_9H_{10}O_4 + C_{55}H_{92}N_2O_{16} + 2H_2O$. The first of these products is *dimethyl-protocatechuic acid*, and the second he calls *veratroïn*. (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, 1888, ii. p. 532.) Merck still terms the cevadine of Wright and Luff veratrine, and prepares it in white crystals of the formula $C_{32}H_{49}NO_9$, fusing at 202° C.

Two acids have also been found in sabadilla,—the *sabadillic* or *cevadic acid* of Pelletier and Caventou, forming needle-like crystals fusing at 20° C., and the *veratric acid* of Merck, which Koerner showed to be dimethyl-protocatechuic acid.

Properties. Veratrine is officially described as "a white or grayish-white, amorphous or semi-crystalline powder, odorless, but causing intense irritation and sneezing when even a minute quantity reaches the nasal mucous membrane; having an acrid taste, and leaving a sensation of tingling and numbness on the tongue; permanent in the air. Very slightly soluble in cold or hot water; soluble in 3 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), and very soluble in

it to stand 12 hours; then introduce it into a displacement apparatus, and pour upon it 30 gallons of alcohol. When a convenient quantity of the liquid has passed, submit it to distillation, and return the distilled alcohol to the displacement apparatus; and proceed in the same way until the cevadilla is thoroughly exhausted. Collect all the alcoholic liquor from the exhausted seeds, and continue the distillation until the tincture has a syrupy consistence. Pour this while hot into eight times its volume of cold water, throw the whole on a calico filter, and wash until the washings cease to indicate the presence of the veratrine. Mix the washings with what first passed through the filter, and add aqua ammoniæ in excess (about 4 pounds). Wash the precipitated veratrine with cold water, and dry it with a very gentle heat. Mr. Beatson obtained by this process eleven and a quarter ounces of veratrine but faintly tinged with coloring matter. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 5.)

* *Veratria*, U. S. 1870. "Take of Cevadilla, in moderately fine powder, *twenty-four troyounces;* Alcohol, Sulphuric Acid, Magnesia, Water of Ammonia, Purified Animal Charcoal, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. Digest the Cevadilla with eight pints of Alcohol, for four hours, in a distillatory apparatus, with a heat approaching to boiling, and pour off the liquid. To the residue add eight pints more of Alcohol mixed with the portion distilled, and, having digested for an hour, pour off the liquid as before. Digest for a third time with the same quantity of Alcohol, together with the portion last distilled, and again pour off. Press the remains of the Cevadilla, mix and strain the liquids, and, by means of a water-bath, distil off the Alcohol. Boil the residue three or four times in Water acidulated with Sulphuric Acid, mix and strain the liquids, and evaporate to the consistence of syrup. Add Magnesia in slight excess, shake the mixture frequently, then express, and wash what remains. Repeat the expression and washing two or three times, and, having dried the residue, digest it with a gentle heat several times in Alcohol, and strain after each digestion. Distil off the Alcohol from the mixed liquids, boil the residue for fifteen minutes in water mixed with a little Sulphuric Acid and Purified Animal Charcoal, and strain. Having thoroughly washed what remains, mix the washings with the strained liquid, evaporate with a moderate heat to the consistence of thin syrup, and drop in sufficient Water of Ammonia to precipitate the Veratria. Lastly, wash the alkaloid with Water, and dry it with a gentle heat."

boiling alcohol; also soluble in 6 parts of ether, and in 2 parts of chloroform. When heated to 175° C. (347° F.) Veratrine melts, forming a light-brown liquid. Upon ignition, it is consumed, leaving no residue. An alcoholic solution of Veratrine has an alkaline reaction upon litmus paper. With nitric acid, Veratrine forms a yellow solution. On triturating Veratrine with concentrated sulphuric acid, in a glass mortar, the yellow or orange-red solution exhibits, by reflected light, a greenish fluorescence, which becomes more intense upon the addition of more acid, while the liquid is deep red by transmitted light. On heating a small portion of Veratrine with a few C.c. of hydrochloric acid, the liquid will acquire a deep red color." *U. S.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Veratrine is locally irritant, and exercises a peculiar influence on the nervous system. Rubbed upon the skin it excites a sensation of warmth and a peculiar tingling. Sometimes an evanescent blush is produced, and still more rarely an eruption upon the skin; but, in general, no decided signs of inflammation are evinced. Upon the denuded cutis, however, veratrine and its salts are powerfully irritating; in the mouth and fauces they produce an almost insupportable sense of acrimony, and snuffed up the nostrils excite violent sneezing. Magendie states that when taken internally in the dose of a quarter of a grain they promptly produce abundant alvine evacuations, and in larger doses provoke more or less violent vomiting. Other experimenters have observed similar effects. Dr. Turnbull, on the contrary, says that he has very seldom found them to purge, even when largely administered. According to this author, their first effect, when given in moderate doses, is a feeling of warmth in the stomach, gradually extending itself over the abdomen and lower part of the chest, and ultimately to the head and extremities. If the medicine be continued, this feeling of warmth will be followed by a sense of tingling, similar to that produced by the external use of the medicine, which manifests itself in different parts of the body and sometimes over the whole surface, and is frequently accompanied by perspiration and some feelings of oppression. Occasionally also diuresis is produced. When taken in toxic doses veratrine causes violent vomiting, serous purging, often with intense burning in the mouth and throat, and general muscular weakness. No fatal case of poisoning is on record; but in the experiments of Esche on himself a half-grain of the acetate produced collapse, with a pale, cold, wet skin, pinched features, a rapid, thready, irregular pulse, violent vomiting, and marked muscular tremblings. The phenomena of veratrine poisoning in dogs, rabbits, etc., are failure of muscular power, along with violent muscular twitchings and convulsions, which are often plainly excited by external irritants, severe vomiting, generally but not always accompanied by purging, and disturbance of motion, respiration, and circulation. The pulse is at first, if the dose be not too large, quickened and strengthened, but in a very short time it becomes slower and weaker, and finally very frequent, thready, and irregular. When very large doses are given, the animal often dies at once of a universal paralysis. After death from a very large dose, the muscles are found to have lost more or less completely their irritability. This loss of irritability is preceded by a stage of excessive irritability, and there can be no doubt that the alkaloid acts directly and powerfully upon the muscle. The poison appears also to affect the motor peripheral nerves. The centre of respiration is profoundly depressed by the alkaloid, which is also a direct paralyzant to the heart-muscle.

Veratrine has been chiefly employed in *gout*, *rheumatism*, and *neuralgia*, and has also been praised in *epilepsy* and various other nervous diseases. Its remedial value is very doubtful; and in this country it is very rarely administered. One-thirtieth of a grain (0·002 Gm.) may be given in the form of pill, and repeated every three or four hours till the effects of the medicine are experienced. Some prefer the salts for internal use. Any one of these salts may be prepared by treating veratrine with water acidulated with the acid to perfect neutralization, and then carefully evaporating to dryness. It is employed to some extent as an alterative counter-irritant, locally applied in *chronic swellings*, *stiffening*, and *induration of the joints*, whether from *rheumatism*, from *scrofula*, or simply from *local injuries*, as *sprains*. It may be used either dissolved in alcohol, or rubbed up with lard or other unctuous substance in the proportion of from five to twenty grains to the ounce. It is advisable that the alkaloid should be dissolved in a little alcohol or oleic acid before being mixed with the lard. Of the ointment thus prepared, a portion of the size of a filbert may be rubbed upon the skin over the part affected, night and morning, from five to fifteen minutes, or until the more urgent symptoms are relieved. Veratrine may be used in this way to the amount of from two to four grains in the day. Care must be taken to see that the cuticle to which the ointment is applied is sound. When the skin is irritable, smaller quantities than those above mentioned must be used.

VERATRUM VIRIDE. U. S. (Br.) Veratrum Viride. [American Hellebore.]

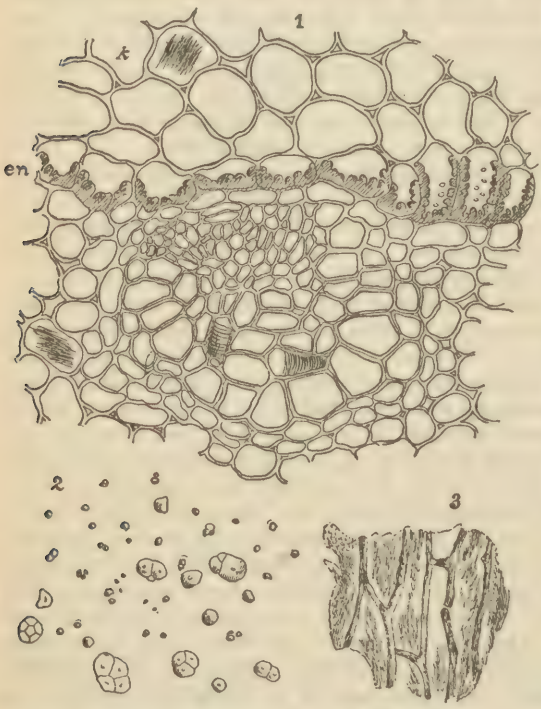
(VĘ-RĀ'TRUM VĬR'Į-DĒ.)

"The rhizome and roots of Veratrum viride, Solander (nat. ord. Liliaceæ)." *U. S.* "The dried rhizome and rootlets of Veratrum viride." *Br.*

Veratri Viridis Rhizoma, *Br.*; Green Hellebore Rhizome; Vératre vert, *Fr.*; Grüner Germer, *G.*

Gen. Ch. Flowers monœciously polygamous. *Perianth* of six spreading and separate obovate, oblong (greenish or brownish) sepals, more or less contracted at base, entirely free from the ovary, not gland-bearing. *Filaments* free from the sepals, and shorter than they, recurving. *Gray.*

Veratrum viride. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 896; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.*, ii. 121; *B. & T.* 286. The American hellebore,* known also by the names of *Indian poke*, *poke root*, and *swamp hellebore*, has a perennial, thick, fleshy root or rhizome, the upper portion of which is tunicated, the lower solid, and beset with numerous whitish fibres or radicles. The stem is annual, round, striated, pubescent, and solid, from three to six feet in height, furnished with bright-green leaves, and terminating in a panicle of greenish-yellow flowers. The leaves gradually decrease in size as they ascend. The lower are from six inches to a foot long, oval, acuminate, plaited, nerved, and pubescent, and embrace the stem at their base, thus affording it a sheath for a considerable portion of its length. Those on the upper part of the stem, at the origin of the flowering branches, are oblong-lanceolate. The panicle consists of numerous flowers, distributed in racemes with downy peduncles. Each flower is accompanied with a downy, pointed bract, much longer than its pedicel. There is no calyx, and the corolla is divided into six oval acute segments, thickened on the inside at their base, with the three alternate segments longer than the others. The six stamens have recurved filaments and roundish two-lobed anthers. The germs are three, with recurved styles as long as the stamens. Some of the flowers have only the rudiments of pistils. Those on the upper end of the branchlets are barren, those below fruitful. The fruit consists of three cohering capsules, separating at top, opening on the inner side, and containing flat imbricated seeds. This indigenous species of Veratrum inhabits swamps, wet meadows, and the banks of mountain streamlets. It is more abundant northward, but reaches as far south as the Carolinas. From May to July is the season for flowering. It is doubtful whether the root should be collected in autumn or just before flowering. It should not be kept longer than one year, as it deteriorates by time.



Rhizome of Veratrum album. 1. Transverse section: *k*, raphides; *en*, sheath of the medulla. 2. Starch. 3. The brown parenchymatous tissue of the rind.

Properties. As found in commerce, veratrum viride is usually in small pieces or fragments; but sometimes it comes whole or sliced, so that its characteristic form may be observed. In this condition it is seen to consist of a rhizome one to three inches in length by somewhat less than an inch in thickness where broadest, tapering to a very obtuse or truncated extremity, simple or divided, compact but light, of a dark-brown color externally, and either closely invested with numerous yellowish rootlets often several inches long, or exhibiting marks on the surface whence they have been removed. When sliced, the cut surface is of a dingy-white color. The rootlets are from three to six inches long, about as thick as a large knitting-needle, or somewhat thicker, obviously much shrunk in drying, and marked by numerous close-set indentations,

* The specific distinctness of the American plant from the European is very doubtful. Certain Alpine forms of *Veratrum album* are said to resemble exactly the *Veratrum viride.*

which give them a characteristic appearance. Not unfrequently portions of the dried stem or leafstalks remain attached to the rhizome, which should always be rejected, as they were ascertained by Prof. Procter to be inert. (*A. J. P.*, 1864, p. 99.) The root has a bitter, acrid taste, leaving a permanent impression in the mouth and fauces; it is inodorous, but its powder produces sneezing when snuffed. In sensible properties it closely resembles white hellebore.

The chemical composition of *Veratrum viride* is closely analogous to that of *Veratrum album*, so that a brief review of the chemical history of the two will be given.

Pelletier and Caventou, in 1819, found in the rhizome of *Veratrum album* a substance which they regarded as identical with the veratrine just announced by Meissner as contained in sabadilla seeds. Simon (*Ann. Ch. und Ph.*, 24, p. 214), in 1837, found the alkaloid *jervine* also in *Veratrum album*. Worthington (*A. J. P.*, 1839, p. 89) found an alkaloid in *Veratrum viride* which he considered to be the veratrine then known from other sources. Richardson, in 1857, and Percy, in 1864, confirmed his results. Bullock (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 321) shortly after found, on examination of *Veratrum viride*, that while it contained at least two characteristic alkaloids, neither of these was veratrine. The alkaloids noted by Bullock were named in a former edition of this work *viridine* and *veratroidine*. Peugnet (*N. Y. Med. Record*, 1872, p. 120), in 1872, showed the identity of the first of these with jervine, and this was confirmed by Mitchell (*A. J. P.*, 1874), who also made out a distinct alkaloid in *Veratrum album*, to which he applied the name of *veratralbine*. The veratroidine discovered by Bullock in *Veratrum viride* in 1865 was also found in *Veratrum album* by Tobien in 1877. In a paper published in the *A. J. P.*, April, 1876, Bullock expressed his doubt as to the existence of veratroidine as a distinct alkaloid, considering that it might have been only jervine admixed with resin. Here the matter rested until the elaborate researches of Wright and Luff (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 35, pp. 405, 421), who found in *Veratrum album*, *jervine*, $C_{26}H_{43}NO_2 + 2H_2O$, *rubijervine*, $C_{26}H_{43}NO_2$, *pseudojervine*, $C_{29}H_{43}NO_7$, and *veratralbine*, $C_{28}H_{43}NO_5$(?), and also traces of an alkaloid having sternutatory power (possibly *cevadine*). In *Veratrum viride* they found jervine, pseudojervine, cevadine, very little rubijervine, and traces of veratrine and veratralbine. Of these, rubijervine probably agrees with Bullock's veratroidine, although as prepared by Bullock in his earlier experiments it was undoubtedly mixed with resin, as the fusing point given (270° to 275° F.) is much lower than that given by Wright and Luff for their pure crystals, which fused at 236° C. (456·8° F.). Pseudojervine forms crystals very similar to those of jervine, but it fuses at 299° C. (570·2° F.), instead of 231° to 237° C. (447·8° to 458·6° F.). Pehkschen (*A. J. P.*, 1891) finds *jervine* in both the Veratrum species. Obtained by recrystallization from absolute alcohol it forms snow-white crystals of the formula $C_{14}H_{22}NO_2$ (determined by the analysis of the base and of its hydrochlorate and sulphate). It melts at 237·7° C., and is slightly lævogyre. He finds *veratroidine* (rubijervine of Wright and Luff), and gives it the formula $C_{32}H_{53}NO_9$ (determined both by analysis and by molecular weight determination). It melts at 149·2° C., and is optically inactive. He obtained, thirdly, an alkaloid in rhombic crystals, which is probably a purer form of Wright and Luff's *pseudojervine*. Its formula is $C_{29}H_{49}NO_{12}$. It melts at 259·1° C., and is optically inactive. No color reactions could be obtained with this base, but if the slightest quantity of veratroidine or jervine is added, color reactions agreeing with Wright and Luff's pseudojervine are obtained. A very small quantity of a fourth alkaloid (Wright and Luff's veratralbine) was obtained, but not enough to allow of present investigation. Salzberger (*A. J. P.*, 1891) obtained the three bases *jervine*, *rubijervine*, and *pseudojervine*, and the new ones *protoveratrine** and *protoveratridine*, from the rhizome of *Veratrum album*. The first of the new bases has the formula $C_{32}H_{51}NO_{11}$, and crystallizes in microscopic four-sided plates, which melt with charring at 245° to 250° C. The base is exceedingly poisonous and violently sternutatory. It is insoluble in water, benzene, and light petroleum, slightly soluble in chloroform, boiling 96-per-cent. alcohol, and ether. Dilute acids, with the exception of acetic acid, dissolve it. *Protoveratridine*, $C_{26}H_{45}NO_8$, occurs as colorless four-sided plates, which melt at 265° C. It is not poisonous, and does not cause sneezing. It is almost insoluble in the common solvents, but is soluble in dilute acids. Worthington has pointed out the presence of gallic acid and sugar in *Veratrum viride*.

Medical Properties and Uses. When taken in small doses by man, veratrum viride first reduces the force without much lessening the frequency of the pulse, but after a time the

* According to the experiments of Watts Eden (*Arch. f. Exper. Pathol. u. Pharmakol.*, xxix.), protoveratrine is in mammals twenty times more poisonous than crystallized veratrine, paralyzing the vagus, affecting the muscles, at first increasing but soon markedly depressing their excitability and power, and causing death by a centric disturbance of respiration. The alkaloid also affects the heart, and is a powerful local anæsthetic.

pulse-rate falls very much. If any exertion be made during this stage of depression, the slow pulse will be suddenly converted into an exceedingly rapid one. The slow pulse is sometimes moderately full, but is always very soft and compressible; the rapid pulse is exceedingly feeble and small, often thready, and may become imperceptible. Severe nausea and vomiting accompany or follow the reduction of the pulse-rate. That the latter is not due to gastric disturbance is, however, shown by the fact that it often precedes the stomachic symptoms, and may exist without them. During the stage of depression there is always decided muscular weakness and relaxation. After a poisonous dose the symptoms above noted are increased in intensity and become very alarming. A running, almost imperceptible pulse, a cold, clammy skin, intense nausea and incessant attempts at vomiting, or retching, or hiccough, absolute muscular prostration, faintness, vertigo, loss of vision, and semi-unconsciousness, make up the group of extreme symptoms. For full details as to the method in which these symptoms are produced, the reader is referred to H. C. Wood's Treatise on Therapeutics; the allotted space here will allow us only to state that veratrum viride is a powerful spinal and arterial depressant, exerting little or no direct influence upon the cerebral centres; it lowers the pulse-rate by a direct action on the muscle (jervine) and by stimulating the inhibitory nerves (veratroidine); it diminishes the force of the heart-beat by a direct influence on the cardiac muscle (jervine), and produces a general vaso-motor paralysis (jervine) more or less complete according to the size of the dose. By the action especially of the jervine the spinal motor centres are directly depressed. Neither the sensory centres nor the motor or sensory nerves are distinctly affected. Veratrum viride is used in practical medicine to reduce *arterial excitement* and to quiet *spinal spasms*. In *adynamic fevers* it should never be administered; but in the first stage of *frank pneumonia*, or in any disease when true sthenic arterial excitement is to be combated, except it be in *gastritis* or *peritonitis*, it may be employed as a prompt, efficient, and very safe remedy,—very safe, since it is almost incapable of producing death in the robust adult unless used with great recklessness and in repeated doses. In chronic *cardiac diseases* it may be employed in precisely those cases in which digitalis is contra-indicated,—*i.e.*, where there is excessive hypertrophy.

In poisoning, vomiting should be encouraged by large draughts of warm water until the stomach is well washed out. Then the patient should be forced to lie flat upon the back, with the head lower than the feet, and the efforts at vomiting should be restrained. If they cannot be checked, and if the prostration be severe, on no account should the patient be allowed to rise up, but must be made to vomit into a towel. A full dose of laudanum should be given by the rectum, and brandy or whiskey administered by the mouth. Spirits will sometimes be retained only when given undiluted, and in such form they will often quiet the stomach at once. If the stomach refuse alcohol in any shape, the rectum should be made use of. Ammonia may be employed as an adjuvant to alcohol, and in extreme cases should be injected hypodermically, or even into a vein. Strychnine and digitalis should in all severe cases be used hypodermically. The use of external heat is important, and mild flagellations, rubbing with coarse towels, sinapisms, etc., may be used to keep up the external capillary circulation. The drug should always be administered in the form of the *fluid extract*, dose, one to three drops (0·05–0·15 C.c.); or of the *tincture*, dose, three to six drops (0·15–0·30 C.c.), to be given every hour or two, and closely watched. The occurrence of nausea should be the signal for the suspension of the remedy.

VIBURNUM OPULUS. U.S. Viburnum Opulus. [Cramp Bark.]

(VĪ-BŬR'NUM ŎP'Ū-LŬS.)

"The bark of Viburnum Opulus, Linné (nat. ord. Caprifoliaceæ)." *U. S.*

Gen. Ch. Calyx five-toothed. *Corolla* spreading, deeply five-lobed. *Stamens* five. *Stigmas* one to three. *Fruit* a one-celled, one-seeded drupe, with thin pulp and a crustaceous, flattened stone. *Gray's Manual.*

Besides the official species of this genus, the *V. obovatum*, a tree shrub growing from Virginia southward, which is botanically very closely allied to *V. prunifolium*, is stated to be used in the Southern United States as an antiperiodic. (*A. J. P.*, 1878.) *V. lantana*, a European species, probably shares the therapeutic properties of the official species. *Viburnum opulus, cranberry-tree* or *high bush cranberry*, belongs to the section of the genus which has peduncled cymes, light-red, acid, roundish drupes, with very flat orbicular not sulcate stones, palmately veined leaves, and scaly winter buds. It is a large bush, reaching the height of ten feet, growing in low grounds from New Brunswick far westward, and southward to Pennsylvania. The leaves are three- to five-ribbed, strongly three-lobed, broadly wedge-shaped or truncate at the base, with

the spreading pointed lobes mostly toothed in the sides and entire in the sinuses. The petioles bear two glands at the apex. The *snow-ball tree*, or *Guelder rose*, is a variety in which by cultivation the whole inflorescence has been turned into a mass of showy sterile flowers.

Properties. The bark is officially described as "in flattish or curved bands, or occasionally in quills, sometimes 30 Cm. long, and from 1 to 1·5 Mm. thick; outer surface ash-gray, marked with scattered somewhat transversely elongated warts of a brownish color, due to abrasion, and more or less marked with blackish dots, and chiefly in a longitudinal direction with black, irregular lines or thin ridges; underneath the easily-removed corky layer of a pale brownish or somewhat reddish-brown color; the inner surface dingy white or brownish; fracture tough, the tissue separating in layers; inodorous; taste somewhat astringent and bitter." *U. S.*

Medical Action and Uses. This bark has been so little employed in medicine that we are at a loss to understand the reason of its introduction into the Pharmacopœia. Its berries are used to a considerable extent as a substitute for the ordinary cranberry in the making of jellies, and are certainly antiscorbutic. It may be that the bark shares the medical properties of the prunifolium, but this has not been demonstrated.

VIBURNUM PRUNIFOLIUM. U. S. Black Haw.

(VĪ-BŪR'NUM PRŪ-NĮ-FŌ'LĮ-ŬM.)

"The bark of Viburnum prunifolium, Linné (nat. ord. Caprifoliaceæ)." *U. S.*

Viburnum, *U. S.* 1880; Sloe; Stagbush.

V. prunifolium. L. This is a tall, very handsome shrub, which is quite common in the Middle and Southern United States, east of the Mississippi, flowering in May and ripening in the early autumn its ovoid or oblong blackish fruit. It is specifically distinguished by all its flowers being perfect, by its opposite leaves being broadly oval, obtuse at each end, finely and sharply serrate, smooth, shiny above, situated on naked petioles, and by its cymes being sessile.

Properties. The bark is officially described as "in thin pieces or quills, glossy purplish-brown, with scattered warts, and minute black dots; when collected from old wood, grayish-brown; the thin, corky layer easily removed from the green layer; inner surface whitish, smooth; fracture short; inodorous, somewhat astringent and bitter." *U. S.* Mr. Herman Van Allen found the following constituents in viburnum: 1, a brown resinous body, of a very bitter taste, from which it was found impossible to separate the sugar; 2, a greenish-yellow resin or neutral principle of a bitter taste, slightly soluble in water, freely so in alcohol, called by Krämer *viburnin;* 3, valerianic acid; 4, a tannic acid giving a greenish-black color with ferric salts; 5, oxalic acid; 6, citric acid; 7, malic acid; 8, sulphates; 9, calcium, magnesium, potassium, and iron chlorides. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 443.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Dr. D. L. Phares, who first called the attention of the profession to this drug, affirms that it is nervine, antispasmodic, astringent, diuretic, and tonic, and is especially useful in the *nervous diseases of pregnancy* and in the prevention of *miscarriage.* Prof. R. L. Payne, Jr., has found that when given in toxic amount to the lower animals viburnum produces progressive muscular weakness, ending in complete paralysis with loss of reflex action, which he believes to be due to an influence upon the motor side of the spinal cord. In warm-blooded animals there is also marked lowering of the arterial pressure, believed by Dr. Payne to be the result of a direct action of the drug upon the heart. The statement made by Dr. Phares, that viburnum has a special relation to the uterine system, has received considerable confirmation, and black haw is esteemed by various physicians as especially valuable in those cases in which there is constant disposition to miscarriage; and as useful in *dysmenorrhœa*, in *after-pains*, in *ovarian irritation*, and in *menorrhagia.* In the latter difficulty the administration of the remedy should be begun several days before the expected excessive flow, and continued until after the flow has ceased. The solid extract (five times the strength of the bark, dose three to ten grains) appears not to represent the drug completely, so that the fluid extract should be preferred, in doses of one to two fluidrachms (4 to 8 C.c.).

VINUM ALBUM. U. S. White Wine.

(VĪ'NUM ĂL'BUM.)

"An alcoholic liquid, made by fermenting the juice of fresh grapes, the fruit of Vitis vinifera (nat. ord. Vitaceæ), freed from seeds, stems, and skins. When White Wine is prescribed without further specification, it is recommended that a dry White Wine of domestic production (such as California Riesling, Ohio Catawba, etc.) be employed. White Wine should be preserved in well-closed casks filled as full as possible, or in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

VINUM RUBRUM. U. S. Red Wine.

(VĪ'NUM RŪ'BRUM.)

"An alcoholic liquid, made by fermenting the juice of fresh colored grapes, the fruit of Vitis vinifera (nat. ord. Vitaceæ), in presence of their skins. When Red Wine is prescribed without further specification, it is recommended that a dry Red Wine of domestic production (such as a native Claret, Burgundy, etc.) be employed. Red Wine should be preserved in well-closed casks filled as full as possible, or in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place." *U. S.*

Wine is the fermented juice of the grape, the fruit of the *Vitis vinifera* of botanists. The juice of sweet grapes consists of a considerable quantity of grape sugar, certain nitrogenized principles, which act as ferments when the proper conditions are developed, and a small portion of extractive, tannic acid, potassium bitartrate, calcium tartrate, common salt, and potassium sulphate, the whole dissolved or suspended in a large quantity of water. Sour grapes contain, in addition, a peculiar acid isomeric with the tartaric, called *racemic acid.* (See page 105.) Grape juice, therefore, embraces all the ingredients essential to the production of the vinous fermentation, and requires only the influence of the atmosphere and a proper temperature to convert it into wine.

Owing to the growing excellence in quality of American wines, the Committee of Revision of the U. S. P. 1880 decided to abandon the former titles *Vinum Xericum* and *Vinum Portense*, to adopt the old titles *Vinum Album* and *Vinum Rubrum*, and to permit any wine to be used, whether American or foreign, provided it complies with the requirements of alcoholic strength and purity.

Preparation. The juice expressed from the ripe grapes by various methods runs into vats and constitutes the "*must.*" The temperature of the air being about 15·5° C. (60° F.), fermentation gradually takes place in the must, and becomes fully established after a longer or shorter period. In the mean time, the must becomes sensibly warmer, and emits a large quantity of carbonic acid, which causes the more solid parts to be thrown to the surface in a mass of froth having a hemispherical shape called the *head.* The liquor from being sweet becomes vinous, owing to the conversion of the grape sugar into alcohol. After a while the fermentation slackens, when it becomes necessary to accelerate it by thoroughly mixing the contents of the vat. When the liquor has acquired a strong vinous taste and become perfectly clear, the wine is considered formed, and is racked off into casks. But even at this stage of the process the fermentation continues for several months longer. During the whole of this period a frothy matter is formed, which for the first few days collects round the bung, but afterwards precipitates along with coloring matter and tartar, forming a deposit which constitutes the wine-lees.*

Division and Nomenclature. Wines, according to their color, are divided into the red and the white, and, according to their taste and other qualities, are either spirituous, sweet, dry, light, sparkling, still, rough, or acidulous. *Red wines* are derived from the must of black grapes, fermented with their skins and seeds, or what is collectively called the *marc; white wines*, from white grapes, or from the juice of black grapes fermented apart from the marc. The coloring matter of the grape is almost insoluble in water, and hence the juice of the red grape is nearly colorless, and will produce a white wine if fermented alone; but when fermented with the presence of the grape the alcohol generated dissolves the coloring matter, which is soluble in that liquid, and thus the wine becomes red. The other qualities of wines depend on the relative proportions of the constituents of the must, and on the mode in which the fermentation is conducted. The essential ingredients of the must, as a fermentable liquid, are water, sugar, and a ferment. The exact composition of the must is shown by the following analysis of must obtained from different sources and ranging through a number of years:

* In certain parts of France the wine-makers are in the habit, during the fermentation of the wines upon the marc, of adding plaster of Paris, under the impression that it improves the color and insures the stability of the wines. The process is called by the French *plâtrage.* The chemistry of the process has recently been investigated by M. Chancel and MM. Bussy and Buignet, who coincide in the conclusion that, through the agency of the calcium sulphate, a portion of the potassium bitartrate in the grape, which is but partially dissolved by the wine, in consequence of its limited solvent power, is introduced into the wine, increasing its acidity, and contributing to its stability. But these chemists differ as to the precise nature of the change. Thus, while M. Chancel thinks that the reaction between calcium sulphate and potassium bitartrate results in the production of free tartaric acid and potassium sulphate which dissolve, and calcium tartrate which remains in the marc, MM. Bussy and Buignet, agreeing with the former that tartaric acid, sulphuric acid, and potassa are imparted to the wine, each in the proportion of a single molecule, yet believe them to be so combined as to form potassium bitartrate and potassium bisulphate, the increased acidity being ascribable to the bisulphate; and, considering the peculiar affinities brought into play, this is, we think, the correct view. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., i. pp. 347 and 351.) For means of detecting plastered wine, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1875.

	Sp. Gr.	Water, Per Cent.	Nitrogenous Material.	Sugar.	Acid.	Other Non-nitrogenous Material.	Ash.
Minimum	1·0690	51·53	0·11	12·89	0·20	1·68	0·20
Maximum	1·2075	82·10	0·57	35·45	1·18	11·62	0·63
Mean	1·1024	74·49	0·28	19·71	0·64	4·48	0·40

(König's *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, vol. ii. p. 436.)

If the juice be very saccharine, and contain sufficient ferment to sustain the fermentation, the conversion of the sugar into alcohol will proceed until checked by the production of a certain amount of the latter, and there will be formed a *spirituous* or *generous* wine. If, while the juice is highly saccharine, the ferment be deficient in quantity, the production of alcohol will be less, and the redundancy of sugar proportionately greater, and a sweet wine will be formed. It is stated by M. G. Fleury that levulose undergoes the vinous fermentation much less readily than glucose, and that the sugar of sweet wines is chiefly levulose. Whether a grape yields a sweet or a dry wine seems, then, to depend, to some extent, upon the character of its sugar. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., viii. p. 323.) When the sugar and ferment are in considerable amount, and in the proper relative proportions for mutual decomposition, the wine will be strong-bodied and sound, without marked sweetness or acidity, and of the kind called *dry*. A small proportion of sugar can give rise only to a small proportion of alcohol, and consequently the less saccharine grapes will generate a comparatively weak or *light wine*, which will be sound and stable in its constitution in case the ferment is not in excess, but otherwise liable to pass into the acetous fermentation and become sharp. In case the wine is bottled before the fermentation is fully completed, the process will go on slowly in the bottles, and the carbonic acid generated, not having vent, will impregnate the wine and render it effervescing and *sparkling*. The *rough* or *astringent* wines owe their flavor to a portion of tannic acid derived from the marc of the grape; and the *acidulous* wines to the presence of carbonic acid, or of an unusual proportion of tartar. Several of the above qualities often coexist. Thus, a wine may be spirituous and rough, sweet and rough, light and sparkling, etc. Wines are made in many countries, and are known in commerce by various names, according to their source. Thus, *Portugal* produces Port and Lisbon; *Spain*, Sherry, San Lucar, Malaga, and Tent; *France*, Champagne, Burgundy, Hermitage, Vin de Grave, Sauterne, and Claret; *Germany*, Hock and Moselle; *Hungary*, Tokay; *Sicily*, Marsala or Sicily Madeira, and Lisa; the *Cape of Good Hope*, Constantia; *Madeira* and *the Canaries*, Madeira and Teneriffe.

In the United States the first attempt to manufacture wine, on an extended scale, was made towards the close of the last century, at Spring Mill, near Philadelphia, by Peter Legaux, agent of the Pennsylvania Vine Company, and proved unsuccessful. The native grape found most suitable by the Company, after the foreign had failed on account of the climate, was the *Schuylkill muscatel grape*. The next attempt was made by the Swiss at Vevay, Indiana, with the Schuylkill grape, and was partially successful, a rough red wine being manufactured which met with a ready sale in the neighboring States. In a few years the manufacture of this wine languished, foreign wines superseding it. The foreign grape, after numerous trials, not succeeding as a wine grape, investigations were undertaken to determine the adaptation of our various native grapes for making wine. Among these the *Catawba grape*, a native of North Carolina, introduced to public notice by Major Adlum, of Washington City, about the year 1825, has been largely cultivated in Southern Ohio as a wine grape. The chief objection to it is its liability to the rot. Within a few years various other varieties of grape have come into vogue, and native wines are constantly improving in quality. The climate of Texas is peculiarly favorable to the growth of the grape-vine. The *El Paso grape* is found in the vicinity of the falls of the Rio Grande; and the *great mustang* grows luxuriantly in every part of the State, and yields a superior red wine. California produces an immense amount of wine, which is now coming into general use. Considering its advantages of soil and climate, there is good reason to believe that it may at no very distant time rank among the most productive wine regions of the globe. According to the report of the State Viticultural Commission, the California product in 1890 was 18,000,000 gallons; in 1891, 20,000,000; in 1892, 10,000,000; in 1893, 20,000,000.* The smallness of the amount in 1892 was due largely to the frosts in Napa

* There can be no doubt that the California wines are steadily advancing in quality, and that many of them now rival the European wines of high class. At the late French Exposition, a California wine made from the Carbenet Sauvignon grape of the Château-Lafitte type received the highest award for excellence over all other wines

and Sonoma counties, and to other temporary causes. Besides these wines, about 2,000,000 gallons of brandy are produced yearly. The average annual production of wine in Europe for the last decade is given as follows: France, 681,181,000 gallons; Italy, 630,000,000; Spain, 563,500,000; Austria-Hungary, 144,200,000; Germany, 83,250,000; Portugal, 78,750,000; Russia, 72,300,000; Servia, 60,750,000; Bulgaria, 56,250,000; Turkey, 45,000,000; Roumania, 40,500,000; Greece, 31,550,000; Switzerland, 22,500,000.

The French wine vintage for 1893 was exceptionally large, amounting to 1,125,000,000 gallons, or nearly double the average of recent years.

Properties. Wine, considered as the name of a class, may be characterized as a spirituous liquid, resulting from the fermentation of a fruit juice, or, in its more restricted use, of a grape juice, and containing coloring matter, and other substances, either combined or intimately blended with the spirit. It always contains a small proportion of aldehyde. All its other qualities vary with the nature of each particular wine. The principal varieties of foreign wines are briefly characterized below. *American* wines are classed as Sherries, Ports, Dry Red, Dry White, Champagnes, Sweet Catawbas, and special brands.

Sherry (Vinum Xericum, Br., U. S. 1870) ("A Spanish wine." *Br.*) is of a deep amber color, and when good possesses a dry aromatic flavor and fragrance, with very little acidity. It is officially described as "a pale yellowish-brown liquid containing 17 per cent. of alcohol." *Br.* (See *Vinum Album*, page 1445.) It is prepared in the vicinity of Xeres, in Spain, whence its English name *sherry*. This wine is supposed to have been the *sack* of Shakespeare, so called from the word *sec* (dry). Mr. Henry Long has found about a grain of sulphuric acid in an ounce and a half of sherry wine, and supposes it to be free; but in the light of the experiments of MM. Bussy and Buignet (see note, page 1445) it is, we think, more likely to be in the state of potassium bisulphate, resulting from the reaction between potassium bitartrate and calcium sulphate used in preparing the wine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1867, p. 732.)

Port (Vinum Portense, U. S. P. 1870) is of a deep purple color, and in its new state is a rough, strong, and moderately sweet wine. When kept a certain time in bottles, it deposits a considerable portion of its astringent matter, loses the greater part of its sweetness, acquires more flavor, and retains its strength. If too long kept, it deposits the whole of its astringent and coloring matter, and becomes deteriorated. Considerable quantities of brandy are usually added to it, which causes its heating quality on the palate. It is one of the strongest wines in common use. According to Dr. Muspratt, of Liverpool, the alcohol in genuine port never exceeds 19 per cent. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1856, p. 355.)

Madeira was the strongest of the white wines formerly in use. It was somewhat acid, and, when of proper age and in good condition, had a rich, nutty, aromatic flavor. It rarely occurs in the market, however, and is of very variable quality, on account of the adulterations and admixtures to which it is subjected after importation.

Teneriffe is a white wine, of a somewhat acid taste, and, when of good quality, of a fine aromatic flavor. Its average strength is about the same as that of sherry. It is made from the same grape as madeira, to which it bears a close resemblance.

Claret, called in France *vin de Bordeaux*, from its being produced near that city, in the district of Médoc, is a red wine, and from its moderate strength is ranked as a light wine. It has a deep purple color, and, when good, a delicate taste, in which the vinous flavor is blended

offered in competition, including the finest vintage of France; whilst the second award for brandies was also given to a California product. Mr. J. De Barth Shorb, late President of the California State Viticultural Commission, has informed us, as the results of numerous analyses made under the auspices of the Commission, that the California red wines or clarets average from 10 to 14 per cent. of alcohol, the white wines 8 to 12 per cent., the ports 18 to 22 per cent., the sherries 17 per cent. The grapes of which these wines are made are not native to California, as is often thought, but are the offspring of cuttings originally introduced from France, Germany, Spain, and Italy. The so-called "Mission grape," of California, is evidently of Spanish origin, having been brought over by the Catholic missionaries in the early history of the country. It varies so much in different localities that it probably comes from various original stocks. Mr. Shorb states that whilst there are really some hundreds of varieties of grapes recognized by the viticulturists of California, the following are most esteemed. All are foreign grapes except the Lenoir, an American grape, which has been introduced into France, where it is known as Le Jacque:

Red Wines, Clarets.	White Wines, Hocks.	Ports and Sherries.	Brandies.
Carbenet Sauvignon.	Sauvignon Vert.	Old Mission.	Follé Blanche (Cognac grape).
Burgundy Varieties.	Riesling.	Trousseau.	"West's Prolific" (and numerous other hybrids).
Carignan.	Golden Chasselas.	Charbonneau	All the white varieties.
Mataro.	Bergher.	Black Burgundy.	
Grenache.		Pedro Ximenes.	
Zinfandel.			
Black Malvoisie.			
Lenoir.			

For *raisins*: Muscat of Alexandria and Gordo Blanco.

with some acidity and astringency. The most esteemed kinds are the clarets called *Château-Margaux*, *Château-Lafitte*, and *Château-Latour*. Another celebrated variety is the *Château-Haut-Brion* of the Pays de Grave. Claret is the French wine most extensively consumed in the United States.

Pharmacopœial Requirements. The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 does not recognize any special variety of wine, but only the general classes of white and red. (See page 1446.) In selecting wines for pharmaceutical purposes the apothecary should see that it conforms to the following description and tests of the Pharmacopœia. *White Wine* is a "pale amber-colored or straw-colored liquid, having a pleasant odor free from yeastiness, and a fruity, agreeable, slightly spirituous taste, without excessive sweetness or acidity. The specific gravity, at 15·6° C. (60° F.), should not be less than 0·990, nor more than 1·010. If a portion of White Wine be evaporated, the residue, when dried during twelve hours on a water-bath, should not amount to less than 1·5 nor more than 3 per cent. To neutralize 50 C.c. of White Wine should require not less than 3 nor more than 5·2 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution (limit of *free acid*), phenolphtalein being used as indicator. If 10 C.c. of White Wine be diluted with an equal volume of water, and treated with 5 drops of ferric chloride test-solution, only a faint, greenish-brown color may make its appearance (absence of more than traces of *tannic acid*). Tested by the following method, White Wine should be found to contain not less than 10 nor more than 14 per cent., by weight (equivalent to 12·4 to 17·3 per cent. by volume), of absolute alcohol: Take the specific gravity (to four decimals) of a sufficient portion of the White Wine carefully measured at the temperature of 15·6° C. (60° F.), evaporate the Wine in a tared capsule to one-third of its original weight, cool, and add water until the liquid measures its original volume at 15·6° C. (60° F.); then take the specific gravity (to four decimals) again. The difference between the two specific gravities deducted from 1·0000 corresponds to the specific gravity of an alcohol containing the same percentage of absolute alcohol, by weight or volume, as the Wine under examination, the corresponding percentage being ascertained by referring to the alcoholometric tables." *U. S.* (See Part III.)* *Red Wine* is "a deep red liquid, having a pleasant odor free from yeastiness, and a fruity, moderately astringent, pleasant, and slightly acidulous taste, without excessive sweetness or acidity. The specific gravity, at 15·6° C. (60° F.), should not be less than 0·989, nor more than 1·010. If a portion of Red Wine be evaporated, the residue, when dried during twelve hours on a water-bath, should not amount to less than 1·6 per cent., nor more than 3·5 per cent. To neutralize 50 C.c. of Red Wine should require not less than 3 nor more than 5·2 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal test-solution (limit of *free acid*), eosin or fluorescein being used as indicator. If 10 C.c. of Red Wine be diluted with an equal volume of water, and treated with 5 drops of ferric chloride volumetric solution, the liquid should acquire a brownish-green color (due to *tannic acid*). With lead acetate test-solution, Red Wine forms a heavy precipitate which may vary in color from bluish-green to green. If 2 C.c. of Red Wine be mixed, in a test-tube, with 2 drops of chloroform and 4 C.c. of potassium hydrate normal volumetric solution, and the mixture carefully heated, the disagreeable odor of isonitril should not become perceptible (absence of *various aniline colors*). If 50 C.c. of Red Wine be treated with a slight excess of ammonia water, the liquid should acquire a green or brownish-green color; if it be then well shaken with 25 C.c. of ether, the greater portion of the ethereal layer removed, and evaporated in a porcelain capsule with an excess of acetic acid and a few fibres of uncolored silk, the latter should not acquire a crimson or violet color (absence of *fuchsine*). If 25 C.c. of Red Wine, heated to about 45° C. (113° F.), be well agitated with 25 Gm. of manganese dioxide, the liquid filtered off and acidulated with hydrochloric acid, it should not acquire a red color (absence of *sulpho-fuchsine*). Tested by the following method, Red Wine should be found to contain not less than 10 nor more than 14 per cent., by weight (equivalent to 12·4 to 17·3 per cent. by volume), of absolute alcohol: Take the specific gravity (to four decimals) of a sufficient portion of the Red Wine accurately measured at the temperature of 15·6° C. (60° F.), evaporate the Wine in a tared capsule to one-third of its original weight, cool, and add water until the liquid measures its original volume at 15·6° C. (60° F.); then take the specific gravity (to four decimals) again. The difference between the two specific gravities deducted from 1·0000 corresponds to the specific gravity of an alcohol containing the same percentage of

* This method of ascertaining the amount of alcohol in wine was devised by Mr. H. B. Parsons, and, though subject to a trifling deviation from strict accuracy where the wine contains acetic acid or other volatile constituents, it is far preferable for pharmacists' use to the method of distillation, which requires special apparatus and great care in condensation. The error from the presence of acetic acid could be prevented by neutralizing the wine with a few drops of solution of soda before testing.

absolute alcohol, by weight or volume, as the Wine under examination, the corresponding percentage being ascertained by referring to the alcoholometric tables." *U. S.* (See Part III.)

The official method of ascertaining the alcoholic strength is based upon the following plan of Horsley's. Note the specific gravity of the wine. Then take 5 fluidounces of it, boil it down in a flask to 2 fluidounces, and allow it to cool. All the alcohol is thus driven off. Add to the residuary liquid sufficient distilled water to bring it to the original measure of 5 fluidounces, and ascertain the specific gravity of the mixture. Deduct the excess of its specific gravity over 1·000, which is the specific gravity of distilled water, from the specific gravity of the wine as at first noted, and the difference will be the specific gravity of the alcohol and water in the wine. Then by consulting the tables giving the percentage in alcohol of liquids containing alcohol and water the percentage of alcohol in the wine will be obtained. Thus, suppose the specific gravity of the wine to be 0·997, and that of the liquid, after treatment as directed, 1·020. Then 0·020, the excess of the latter specific gravity over that of water or 1·000, deducted from 0·997, gives 0·977 as the specific gravity of the mixed alcohol and water in the wine, which, by referring to the table in Part III., will be found to indicate a percentage by weight of 15·67 of absolute alcohol.

The intoxicating ingredient in all wines is the alcohol which they contain; and hence their relative strength depends upon the quantity of that substance entering into their composition. The alcohol, however, naturally in wine is so blended with its other constituents as to be in a modified state, which renders it less intoxicating and injurious than the same quantity of alcohol separated by distillation and diluted with water. This is hardly true of the alcohol which is usually added to wines by manufacturers. The following table, taken in part from Girardin's *Chimie appliquée aux Arts industriels*, 5th ed., and in part from König's *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 1880, shows the percentage of alcohol in the best-known European wines:

European Wines.	Percentage of Alcohol by Vol.	Percentage by Weight.	Percentage of Sugar.
Lisa (G.)	23·47	. .	. .
Madeira, 1870 (K.)	19·11	15·54	. .
" 1868 (K.)	18·81	15·34	. .
Sherry, 1870 (K.)	22·90	18·66	. .
" Amontillado, 1870 (K.)	20·06	16·34	. .
Port, white, 1860 (K.)	20·03	16·28	. .
" red, 1863 (K.)	19·46	15·82	. .
" red, 1865 (K.)	21·91	17·93	. .
Marsala (Ingham) (K.)	20·44	16·73	. .
" (Woodhouse) (K.)	19·09	15·52	. .
Malaga, 1872 (K.)	16·14	13·23	16·57
Muscat wine, 1872 (K.)	12·35	10·02	15·52
Tokay, 1868 (K.)	12·13	9·80	22·11
" (Ausbruch), 1866 (K.)	12·74	10·29	14·99
Ruster (Ausbruch), 1872 (K.)	11·08	8·96	21·74
Samos wine, 1872 (K.)	13·55	10·97	11·82
Champagne (Carte Blanche) (K.)	11·75	9·51	11·53
" (not effervescing) (G.)	12·69	. .	. .
Hock (effervescing) (K.)	12·14	9·80	8·49
Sherry (Lachryma Christi) (G.)	17·00	. .	. .
Moselle wine (K.)	12·06	. .	. .
Rhine wine (Hesse), red (K.)	9·55	. .	. .
" " white (K.)	11·07	. .	. .
German wine (Riesling) (K.)	11·30	. .	. .
" (Traminer) (K.)	11·80	. .	. .
" (Gutedel) (K.)	10·30	. .	. .
Claret (Saint-Estèphe) (G.)	9·70	. .	. .
" (Château-Latour (G.)	9·30	. .	. .
" (Château-Lafitte) (G.)	8·77	. .	. .
" (Château-Margaux) (G.)	8·07	. .	. .
Chablis, white (G.)	7·33	. .	. .

Dr. H. Bence Jones has ascertained the acidity of equal bulks of foreign wines, except Teneriffe, expressed in grains of caustic soda. The bulk taken was that of 1000 grains of water at 60° F., and the numbers express the extremes of acid: sherry, 1·95–2·85; port, 2·10–2·55; madeira, 2·70–3·60; claret, 2·55–3·45. The same authority has determined the proportion of sugar to the ounce in sherry, port, and madeira, expressed in grains: sherry, 4–18; port, 16–34; madeira, 6–20. Claret contains no sugar. Assuming that the sugar becomes acid in the

system, the order of acidity of these wines, beginning with the least acid, is claret, sherry, madeira, port. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Jan. 16, 1854, p. 35.)

In view of the important position accorded to American wines at present, the following valuable table, embodying the results of an official inquiry by the late Prof. H. B. Parsons, will be interesting:

Analysis of American Wines. (H. B. Parsons, *Report of Department of Agriculture*, 1880.)

Wines.	Specific Gravity.	Percent. Alcohol by Weight.	Percent. Alcohol by Vol.	Percent. Total Residue.	Percent. Total Ash.	Percent. Glucose.	Percent. Total Acid as Tartaric.	Percent. Fixed Acid as Tartaric.	Percent. Vol. Acid as Acetic.
I. Dry Red Wines.									
Norton's Virginia, 1879	·9937	10·21	12·77	2·88	·298	trace.	·680	·498	·146
" " 1880	·9941	8·99	11·26	2·38	·222	0·12	·662	·308	·283
Concord, 1880	·9933	8·72	10·91	2·38	·185	0·45	·619	·332	·230
Ives, 1880	·9925	8·65	10·82	2·17	·152	0·20	·680	·363	·254
Ives and Clinton, 1880	·9920	9·62	12·05	2·17	·183	trace.	·635	·372	·210
Clinton, 1880	·9920	10·90	13·62	2·49	·165	0·30	·620	·302	·254
Cynthiana, 1880	·9952	9·26	11·61	2·66	·343	trace.	·561	·289	·218
Sonoma Red Mission, 1879	·9968	7·99	10·03	2·42	·428	none.	·722	301	·337
Zinfandel, 1878	·9957	8·21	10·30	2·45	·213	trace.	·825	·437	·310
California Claret	·9964	8·41	10·56	2·43	·326	"	·903	·331	·458
Prince William	·9945	10·20	12·77	3·16	·297	"	·699	·317	·306
II. Dry White Wines.									
California Muscatel	·9913	10·67	13·34	1·41	·190	0·12	·767	·272	·396
California Sonoma Hock	·9845	9·66	12·05	1·18	·190	0·13	·422	·213	·167
Pleasant Valley Catawba	·9903	10·99	13·71	2·10	·135	trace.	·833	·480	·282
Brocton Catawba	·9890	12·28	15·30	2·09	·121	0·26	·789	·385	·323
Missouri Catawba	·9911	8·88	11·08	1·67	·129	trace.	·772	·387	·308
Sonoma Riesling, 1879	·9906	10·54	13·15	1·70	·194	"	·575	·257	·254
Sonoma Mission, 1879	·9935	8·30	10·38	1·67	·193	"	·619	·317	·242
Sonoma Gutedel, 1879	·9921	9·50	11·87	1·71	·197	"	·589	·287	·242
White Zinfandel, 1878	·9928	9·56	11·96	1·96	·211	"	·761	·393	·324
Iona, 1870	·9892	12·05	15·02	1·62	·090	"	·810	·561	·199
White Concord, 1880	1·0105	8·02	10·21	1·34	·183	"	·481	·252	·183
III. Sweet Wines.									
Port Wines:									
Brocton Port, N.Y.	1·0508	10·00	13·24	17·04	·139	11·80	·828	·600	·182
California Port	1·0297	16·10	20·89	12·37	·285	5·78	·510	·320	·152
Speer's Port, N.J.	1·0213	13·67	17·59	10·69	·309	7·44	·705	·347	·286
Los Angeles, California	1·0339	12·68	16·52	14·18	·345	11·39	·508	·348	·128
Sherry Wines:									
California Sherry	·9873	14·42	17·92	1·95	·197	0·61	·532	·231	·241
New York Sherry	·9944	20·09	25·17	5·17	·479	2·97	·694	·332	·290
Marsala	1·0052	16·06	20·33	6·42	·428	3·53	·626	·418	·166
Speer's Sherry	·9949	17·62	22·09	4·89	·219	3·33	·476	·271	·164
Champagnes:									
"Dry Sillery"	1·0293	9·22	11·96	10·70	·104	7·34	·685	·438	·198
"Grand Prize," medium dry	1·0228	9·75	12·49	9·15	·134	8·21	·821	·323	·398
"Eclipse," extra dry	1·0174	9·26	11·87	7·78	·149	6·51	·885	·295	·472
"Gold Seal"	1·0402	8·26	10·82	13·31	·110	12·02	·880	·447	·346
Cook's Imperial	1·0207	8·41	10·82	8·47	·130	7·23	·779	·470	·247
Sweet Catawbas:									
Bass Island	1·0338	11·68	15·21	14·49	·152	11·00	·595	·296	·239
Iowa, 1871	1·0101	9·89	12·58	7·23	·211	4·01	·668	·318	·280
Brocton, N.Y.	1·0512	10·71	14·18	16·71	·113	15·22	·714	·471	·194
Miscellaneous:									
Sweet Muscatel	1·1022	13·51	18·58	31·34	·371	25·37	·753	·421	·266
Los Angeles Muscatel	1·0418	12·81	17·08	15·61	·173	13·44	·533	·360	·138
Los Angeles Angelica	1·0493	14·77	18·78	18·04	·177	16·20	·466	·314	·122
Brocton Sweet Regina	1·0515	9·71	12·87	16·52	·101	15·31	·628	·465	·130
Scuppernong, 1880	1·0100	8·50	10·82	5·71	·111	1·78	·653	·252	·321
Sweet Scuppernong, 1878	1·0404	9·06	11·87	14·13	·132	11·56	·758	·323	·348
Dry Scuppernong, 1879	·9948	10·72	13·43	3·39	·108	1·31	·925	·346	·463
Brandies:									
Pure Grape, 1878	·9272	46·00	53·70	0·12	. .	. .	. .	. .	·111
Brandy, 1876	·9399	43·81	51·58	. .	. .	trace.	. .	. .	·075

An examination of this table reveals the fact that wines of great diversity of flavor, acidity, and alcoholic strength are produced in America: there seems to be no difficulty in procuring wines in the market of assured purity and freedom from dangerous adulteration, yet nearly all of them contain alcohol and sugar, which have been added for the purpose of either preserving the wine or improving its taste. Glycerin and glucose are frequently added to wines when they naturally lack body. Additional analyses of American wines, made in the U. S. Government Laboratory in 1884 and 1888, will be found in *Bulletin No. 13*, Part 3, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Christison considers it a mistake to suppose that wines become stronger by being kept a long time in casks. His experiments appear to prove the reverse. While wine is not rendered more alcoholic by age for some time, its flavor is improved, and its value thus increased. It becomes less acid, partly by the deposition of tartar, and probably also by the reaction between the acids and the alcohol resulting in the production of ether. Most light wines, if not fortified, finally spoil even when well bottled.

Composition. Wines consist mainly of water and alcohol. They contain also volatile oil, œnanthic ether, grape sugar, sometimes glycerin in minute proportion (*Journ. de Pharm*, Oct. 1859, p. 292), gum,* extractive, coloring matter, tannic, malic, phosphoric, carbonic, and acetic acids, potassium bitartrate (tartar),† and calcium tartrate. The volatile oil has never been isolated, but is supposed to be the cause of the delicate flavor and odor of wine, called the *bouquet*. According to Dr. F. L. Winckler, the bouquet depends upon the presence of a nitrogenous compound of a volatile organic acid with a volatile base, which has a different smell in different wines. *Œnanthic ether* (ethyl acetate, caproate, and pelargonate) was discovered in wine by Pelouze and Liebig. It is obtained towards the end of the distillation of wine on the great scale for making brandy. It forms only about one part in ten thousand of the wine. It is a colorless liquid, having a peculiar vinous odor, and a taste at first slight, but afterwards acrid. It is considered to be identical with *pelargonic ether*, under which head, in Part II., it is more fully described. Œnanthic ether must not be confounded with the substance which gives rise to the bouquet of wine. The other ingredients of wine, just enumerated, are sometimes present and sometimes absent. Thus, sugar is present in sweet wines, tannic acid in rough wines, and carbonic acid in those that effervesce. The different kinds of wine derive their various qualities from the mode of fermentation, the nature of the grape, and the soil and climate in which it may have grown. The alcohol in pure wine is that which results from the vinous fermentation, and is intimately united with the other ingredients of the liquid; but with almost all the wines of commerce a portion of brandy is mixed, the state of union of which is probably different from that of the natural alcohol of the wine. By the British custom-house regulations, 10 per cent. of brandy may be added to wines after importation; but to good wines not more than 4 or 5 per cent. is added.

Most wines on being kept form deposits, whether in the cask or in bottles. M. L. Pasteur divides these deposits into three kinds. 1. One consists of crystals of potassium bitartrate, of neutral calcium tartrate, or of a mixture of the two salts. This does not adhere to the sides of the vessel, but has sufficient weight to collect in a small bulk on repose. It is productive of little inconvenience physically, and has no injurious chemical effect on the wine. 2. A second deposit, often confounded with the first, but altogether distinct, is formed of the coloring substances which adhere to the sides of the bottles, especially the most dependent. It is owing to the oxidation, through the air, of the soluble coloring matters of the wine, which thus become insoluble. In consequence of its adhesion to the bottle, it allows the wine to be poured off quite clear. Its formation is generally coincident with improvement in the wine, which becomes at the same time lighter-colored, so that after many years the red wines, like port, will be almost as light as madeira. 3. The third kind of deposit is the most troublesome and injurious. It consists of cryptogamic vegetations, which, in the opinion of M. Pasteur, give rise to all the alterations in wines commonly known as maladies. These never adhere to the sides of the bottle, unless confined by the coloring matter, which occurs very rarely. They are little bodies so light that the least movement of the bottle disturbs them and the

* For a paper on the effect of gum upon the determination of the amount of glucose in wine, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1875, p. 274.

† M. Phipson has recognized in some wines, especially a red wine of Meudon and some clarets from Bordeaux, *acid potassium racemate* or *paratartrate*, which he distinguished by the shape of its crystals floating in the wine, and afterwards separated and examined chemically. The crystals are in octagonal tables, partially colored by the red matter of the wine. He considers its presence an evidence of good quality in the wine. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., iii. 274, 1866.)

liquid becomes turbid to a considerable extent. In a mere physical point of view, therefore, they are very inconvenient, by interfering with the decanting of the wine; while, acting as ferments, they cause great mischief not only by the change of the principles of the wine, but also by adding to it new products, the direct result of their own action. As most wines are under their influence, the injury they produce in destroying the better qualities of wine is incalculable. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., 1865, ii. 40.) The remedy for this disorder in wines, suggested by M. Pasteur, is to destroy the cryptogams by the aid of heat. All that is necessary is, by means of a water-bath, to expose the wine, in bottles, to a heat of 140°. to 160° F. Experience has shown that in this way the wine soon clarifies itself, and keeps well afterwards, with an improved flavor. The process of heating their wines was to some extent employed by the ancients. Appert was the first in modern times to try it; and in fact it is nothing more nor less than his own peculiar process for preserving vegetable liquids. M. de Vergnette-Lamotte also experimented with wines with the same effect; but the theory of the change was first made known by Pasteur. (*Ibid.*, 1866, iii. 118.)

Adulterations. Wines are very frequently adulterated, and counterfeit mixtures are often palmed upon the public as genuine wine. Free sulphuric acid in red wines cannot be detected by barium salts; for all wines contain a small quantity of the soluble sulphates. It may be discovered, however, by dropping the suspected red wine on a piece of common glazed paper containing starch. If the wine be pure, the spot, when dry, will be violet blue, and the paper unaltered in texture; but if the wine contain even a thousandth part of sulphuric acid, the paper will be spotted rose-red, and prove brittle and friable when slightly rubbed between the fingers. (*Lassaigne*, *O. Henri*, and *Bayard.*) Formerly the wine-dealers were in the habit of putting litharge into wines that had become acescent. The lead oxide formed with the acetic acid lead acetate, which, being sweet, corrected the defect of the wine, but at the same time rendered it poisonous. At the present day this criminal practice is wholly abandoned. The adulteration is readily detected by hydrogen sulphide, which causes a black and flocculent precipitate. Mr. Brande, among the numerous samples of wine of suspected purity which he examined, did not find one containing any poisonous ingredient fraudulently introduced. Lead, in minute quantity, may sometimes be detected; but it is derived invariably from shot in the bottle, or from some analogous source. Rhenish wines, when acid from the presence of free tartaric or acetic acid, may be restored by the addition of neutral potassium tartrate, which gives rise to the formation of cream of tartar. (*Andrew Ure.*) Spurious mixtures, frequently containing very little of the fermented juice of the grape, and which are sold as particular wines, may not be poisonous; but they are, notwithstanding, highly pernicious in their effects upon the stomach, and always produce mischief and disappointment when depended on as therapeutic agents. The wines most frequently imitated are port and madeira; cider is often the chief ingredient in the spurious mixtures. *English port* is sometimes made of a small portion of real port, mixed with cider, juice of elderberries, and brandy, and rendered astringent with logwood and alum. According to Stracke, genuine wines do not contain salts of potassa in quantity sufficient to yield a precipitate with platinic chloride. If, therefore, a suspected wine be evaporated to dryness, and the extract, after being washed with alcohol so long as this is colored by it, and then dissolved in water, give a precipitate with platinic chloride, the presence of cider may be suspected. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1862, p. 442.) By most dealers in wine, coloring is employed, made usually of elderberries and alum. The practice of coloring wines is very reprehensible. In France coloring is openly sold with impunity, and extensively employed, although the wine-dealer who uses it is liable to fine and imprisonment.*

The weaker wines often spoil by keeping. In this case they are apt to dissolve any tartar that may have been deposited, and have been found to contain propionic acid. The result is

* *The Detection of Coloring Matter in Wine.* Alum may be detected in red wine by boiling it for a few minutes. If alum be present, even in $\frac{1}{3000}$ part, the wine gradually becomes turbid, and furnishes a flocculent precipitate; while a pure red wine is not rendered turbid, even by long boiling. (*J. L. Lassaigne.*) M. Lapeyrère states (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xi. 291) that logwood may be detected by means of bibulous paper which has been saturated with a neutral copper acetate: a strip of this, if dipped for a moment into natural wine, takes a gray or grayish rose color, but if logwood be present the tint will be a violaceous blue. M. de Cherville dissolves a piece of potash in the wine; if no sediment appear, and the wine become greenish, it is uncolored; if a precipitate fall, it has been colored: a violet sediment indicates elder or mulberries; red, beet root or Pernambuco wood; violet red, logwood; yellow, "phytolac" berries; violet blue, privet berries; pale violet, sunflower. (*Phila. Med. Times*, iv. 639.) A. Dupré recommends that a small cube of jelly (prepared by dissolving 5 grammes of gelatin in 100 C.c. of warm water, and allowing to cool) be placed in the wine. After from 24 to 48 hours the jelly is removed and washed. If the coloring matter be artificial, it will have penetrated the whole cube: if it be natural, only the surface. *Nessler's reagent for wine* consists of 7 parts of alum and 10 parts of sodium acetate in 100 parts of water. Natural-colored wines are not affected by this; artificial colors are altered to a dingy blue. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvii. 213.)

ascribed by M. Nicklés to a fermentative decomposition of the tartar. Of course in this state the wine contains potassa, and would not respond favorably to the test of platinic chloride before given. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1862, p. 90.) Lactic acid is one of the products of the changes which take place in the spontaneous deterioration of wine; and M. Balard has succeeded in discovering the peculiar lactic acid ferment in spoiled wines. The appearance of this is preceded by that of globules similar to those of yeast; and after the completion of the lactic acid fermentation, and the commencement of the putrefactive, a throng of vibriones is observable. After the cessation of the vinous fermentation, and during the progress of that of lactic acid, all disengagement of gas ceases. (*Ibid.*, Juillet, 1862, p. 9.)

Besides the grape, a number of other fruits yield juices susceptible of the vinous fermentation.* These are all wines: thus, *cider* is the wine obtained by fermenting the juice of the apple, *perry* is the fermented juice of the pear. The infusion of malt, also, is capable of undergoing this process; and by its fermentation are produced the so-called *malt liquors*,—*i.e.*, *ale*, *porter*, *brown stout*, and *lager beer*. Of these malt liquors lager beer is produced by a slow fermentation at a low temperature; porter, brown stout, and ale, by a rapid fermentation at a high temperature. Porter and brown stout differ from ale in that some of the *malt* out of which they have been made has been partially charred, the torrefaction being carried further in the manufacture of porter, whence the dark color of the latter. Mr. Brande gives the following percentages of alcohol in certain wines and malt liquors: currant wine, 20·55; gooseberry wine, 11·84; orange wine, 11·26; elder wine, 8·79; cider, from 5·21 to 9·87; perry, 7·26; mead, 7·32; Burton ale, 8·88; Edinburgh ale, 6·20; brown stout, 6·80; London porter, 4·20; small beer, 1·28. In the manufacture of these minor wines sugar is often freely added to the liquor before fermentation, and it is evident that in this way has been obtained the excessive alcoholic strength of some of the wines examined by Mr. Brande. Dr. H. Bence Jones gives the following percentages of alcohol in the undernamed liquors: cider, from 5·4 to 7·5; bitter ale, from 6·6 to 12·3; porter, from 6·5 to 7·0; brown stout, from 6·5 to 7·9. According to L. Hoffmann, Burton ale consists, in the 100 parts, of carbonic acid 0·04, absolute alcohol 6·62, extract of malt 14·97, and water 78·37; and pale ale, of carbonic acid 0·07, absolute alcohol 5·57, extract of malt 4·62, and water 89·74. All malt liquors contain, besides water and alcohol, solid substances, which together constitute the so-called extract,—*i.e.*, that which is left behind when the alcohol and water are evaporated. The most important of these solids are dextrin, grape sugar, glycerin, succinic, acetic, lactic, propionic, glucic, and carbonic acids, albumin and albuminous principles, bitter and resinous matters and essential oil from the hop, alkaline and earthy salts. The following table is believed to represent the strength of various beers at the present time (1894), and also to give a fairly accurate idea of the range of the malt liquors of the market:

Kinds.	Percentages.		Contents per Imperial pint.	
	Alcohol.	Extract.	Alcohol. Fluidounces.	Extract. Ounces.
Burton ale (Allsopp's)	8·25	13·32	2·16	2·77
Bass's barley wine	8·41	11·75	2·18	2·42
Edinburgh ale	4·41	3·58	1·12	0·72
Guinness's stout	6·81	6·17	1·74	1·25
Truman, Hanbury & Co.'s porter	4·02	5·12	1·03	1·01
Whitbread's porter	4·28	5·15	1·09	1·03
Hoare's porter	4·18	5·04	1·06	1·03
Perry's ale	3·87	3·65	0·98	0·73
Munich lager	4·70	6·10	1·19	1·22
New York lager	5·86	4·32	1·48	0·88
Munich schenk	3·90	5·70	1·00	1·16
Munich bock	4·60	9·20	1·17	1·90

Medical Properties and Uses. Wine is consumed in most civilized countries; but in a state of health it is at least useless, if not absolutely pernicious. The degree of mischief which it produces depends on the character of the wine. Thus, the light wines of France are

* It is stated that fruit wines contain calcium phosphate, whilst grape wines contain magnesium phosphate, and that the two can thus be distinguished. It is, however, very doubtful whether this is universal, and it is most likely that it applies only to the products of certain neighborhoods. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 105.)

comparatively harmless; while the habitual use of the stronger wines, such as sherry, port, madeira, etc., even though taken in moderation, is always injurious, as having a tendency to induce gout, apoplexy, and other diseases dependent on plethora and over-stimulation. All wines, however, when used habitually in excess, are productive of bad consequences. They weaken the stomach, produce disease of the liver, and give rise to gout, dropsy, apoplexy, tremors, and not unfrequently mania. Nevertheless wine is an important medicine, productive of the best effects in certain diseases. As an article of the Materia Medica, it ranks as a stimulant and antispasmodic. In the convalescence from protracted fever it is frequently the best remedy that can be employed. In certain stages of *fever*, and in extensive *ulceration* and *gangrene*, this remedy, either alone, or conjoined with bark and opium, is often our main dependence. According to Dr. Stokes, of Dublin, the weakness or absence of the first sound of the heart is an indication for the use of wine in *typhus fever*. When given in low *febrile affections*, if it increase the fulness and lessen the frequency of the pulse, mitigate delirium, and produce a tendency to sleep, its further use may be deemed proper; but if it render the pulse quicker, augment the heat and thirst, produce restlessness, or increase delirium, it should be immediately laid aside as injurious. In some convulsive diseases, as, for example, *tetanus*, wine, liberally given, has often proved useful.

Wine, when used medicinally, should be good of its kind; for otherwise it will disagree with the stomach and prove detrimental rather than useful. The individual wine selected for internal exhibition must be determined by the nature of the disease and the particular object in view. Sherry, when in good condition, is a fine wine, and, as it contains very little acid, is to be preferred whenever the stomach is delicate or has a tendency to dyspeptic acidity. Port is generally used in cases of *pure debility*, especially when attended with a loose state of the bowels, unaccompanied with inflammation. In such cases it often acts as a powerful tonic as well as stimulant, giving increased activity to all the functions, especially digestion. Claret is much less heating, and is often useful on account of its aperient and diuretic qualities. Champagne is applicable to the sinking stage of *low fevers* with *irritable stomach*, and is often useful in the *debility of the aged*. All the acidulous wines are contra-indicated in the gouty and uric acid diathesis, as they are apt to convert the existing predisposition into disease.

The quantity of wine which may be given with advantage in disease is very variable. In low fevers it may be administered to the extent of a bottle or more in twenty-four hours, either pure, or in the form of *wine whey*. This is made by adding to a pint of boiling milk, removed from the fire, from a gill to half a pint of white wine, straining without pressure to separate the curd, and sweetening the clear whey with loaf-sugar.

VINA MEDICATA. Medicated Wines.

(VĪ'NĄ MĔD-Ị-CĀ'TĄ.)

Vins médicinaux, *Fr.;* Medicinische Weine, *G.*

The advantages of wine as a pharmaceutical menstruum are that, in consequence of the alcohol it contains, it dissolves substances insoluble in water, and, to a certain extent, resists their tendency to spontaneous change, while at the same time it is less stimulant than rectified or proof spirit, from its smaller proportion of alcohol. The acid which it usually contains serves in some instances to increase its solvent power. But most wines, particularly the light varieties, are liable to undergo decomposition, and even the strongest acquire such a liability from the principles which they extract from vegetable substances: so that medicated wines, though they keep much better than infusions or decoctions, are inferior in this respect to the tinctures. The proportion of alcohol, moreover, is not constant; and the preparations, therefore, made with them were formerly of unequal strength. From these causes, few medicated wines are at present retained. In the choice of wine, the purest and most generous should be selected. The medicated wines, in consequence of their liability to change, should be prepared in small quantities, from wine of proper strength, and should be kept in a cool place.

VINUM ALOES. Br. Wine of Aloes.

(VĪ'NŲM ĂL'Ọ-ĒṢ.)

Vinum Aloeticum; Vin aloétique, *Fr.;* Aloewein, *G.*

"Take of Socotrine Aloes *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Cardamom Seeds, bruised, Ginger, in coarse powder, of each, *eighty grains;* Sherry *two pints* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation; filter the liquor, and add sufficient Sherry to make two pints [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Wine of aloes is no longer official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia: the process of the U. S. P. 1880 will be found in the foot-note.*

Wine of aloes is a warm stomachic purgative, useful in *constipation* dependent on a want of due irritability of the alimentary canal, and in complaints connected with this state of the bowels, and has long been used in *chlorosis*, *amenorrhœa*, *dyspepsia*, *gout*, *paralysis*, etc. It is said to leave behind it a more lax condition of the bowels than most other cathartics. The dose as a stomachic is from one to two fluidrachms (3·75–7·5 C.c.), as a purgative from half a fluidounce to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.).

VINUM ANTIMONII. U. S. (Br.) Wine of Antimony.

(VĪ'NUM ĂN-TĬ-MŌ'NĬ-Ī.)

Vinum Antimoniale, *Br.;* Antimonial Wine; Vinum Stibiatum, s. Emeticum, *P. G.;* Vin antimonié, Vin stibié, *Fr.;* Brechwein, *G.*

"Antimony and Potassium Tartrate, *four grammes* [or 62 grains]; Boiling Distilled Water, *sixty-five cubic centimeters* [or 2 fluidounces, 95 minims]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Alcohol with *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims] of White Wine. Dissolve the Antimony and Potassium Tartrate in the Boiling Distilled Water, and add the solution to the mixture. When the liquid is cold, filter it through paper, and add enough White Wine, through the filter, to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Tartarated Antimony *forty grains;* Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve and filter if necessary." *Br.*

In the first edition of the United States Pharmacopœia the proportion of tartar emetic was four grains to the fluidounce of wine. In the revision of 1830 the quantity was reduced to two grains, and, as this was very nearly the proportion directed by the British Colleges, the highly important object of uniformity in the strength of this very popular preparation was attained. The seeming discrepancy between the British formula and that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 disappeared when it was considered that the Imperial pint, employed in the former, contains twenty fluidounces, each very nearly equal to the fluidounce of the ordinary apothecaries' measure. The U. S. official name was adopted as most convenient, sufficiently expressive, and in accordance with the nomenclature of several other metallic preparations, such as *Emplastrum Ferri*, *Mistura Ferri Composita*, etc. The proportion of tartar emetic has been slightly decreased in the formula of the U. S. P. 1890. It is now about 1·8 gr. in a fluidounce. It was 2 gr. in a fluidounce in the U. S. P. 1870.

Difficulty is often experienced in effecting a solution of tartar emetic in wine; and precipitation is apt to occur after the solution has been effected. These results are attributable either to impurity in the antimonial salt, which frequently contains potassium bitartrate and various insoluble substances, or to inferiority in the character of the wine, which holds in solution vegetable principles that form insoluble compounds with the antimony. Dr. Paris stated that he had seen the decomposition of the tartar emetic so complete that no traces of the salt could be detected in the supernatant liquid. The difficulty is not avoided by the plan adopted in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of first dissolving the antimonial in water and then adding the wine; for, even allowing that the solution may be accomplished, the same ingredients are present, and their mutual reaction must ultimately result in the same effects. The proper course is to select perfectly pure crystallized tartar emetic, and sound wine, which make a permanent solution. To obviate the risk of decomposition, the Dublin College directed water and rectified spirit in about the proportion in which these exist in the wines just mentioned. The only objection to this menstruum is the want of color, which renders the preparation liable to be confounded with less active liquids.

The advantages of antimonial wine are that it affords the means of administering minute doses of tartar emetic, and that it is more permanent than an aqueous solution of that salt, which is liable to spontaneous decomposition. It is usually administered in small doses as a diaphoretic

* "Purified Aloes, *six parts* [or two ounces avoirdupois]: Cardamom, *one part* [or one hundred and forty-six grains]; Ginger, *one part* [or one hundred and forty-six grains]; Stronger White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*. To make *one hundred parts* [or two pints]. Mix the Aloes, Cardamom, and Ginger, and reduce them to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder. Macerate the powder with *ninety parts* [or twenty-six fluidounces] of Stronger White Wine for seven days, with occasional agitation, and filter through paper, adding, through the filter, enough Stronger White Wine to make the filtered liquid weigh *one hundred parts* [or measure two pints]." *U. S.* 1880.

or an expectorant, or as an emetic in infantile cases. When a considerable quantity of tartar emetic is requisite, it should always be given in extemporaneous aqueous solution. The dose of the wine, as an expectorant or a diaphoretic, is from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.), given frequently; as an emetic for children, from thirty drops to a fluidrachm (1·9–3·75 C.c.), repeated every fifteen minutes till it operates.

VINUM AURANTII. Br. Orange Wine.

(VĪ'NUM ÂU-RĂN'TI-Ī—âw-răn'shē-ī.)

"Wine made in Britain, by the fermentation of a saccharine solution to which the fresh peel of the bitter orange has been added." *Br.*

This is officially described as "a vinous liquid, having a golden sherry color, and a taste and aroma derived from the bitter orange peel. It contains 10 to 12 per cent. of alcohol, and is but slightly acid to test-paper." *Br.*

VINUM COLCHICI RADICIS. U. S. (Br.) Wine of Colchicum Root.

(VĪ'NUM CŎL'CHI-CĪ RA-DĪ'CĪS.)

Vinum Colchici, *Br.;* Vin de Bulbes de Colchique, *Fr.;* Zeitlosenknollenwein, *G.*

"Colchicum Root, in No. 30 powder, *four hundred grammes* [or 14 ounces av., 48 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Alcohol with *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of White Wine. Moisten the powder with *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims] of the menstruum, pack it moderately in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour upon it, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

"Take of Colchicum Corm, sliced, dried, and reduced to No. 20 powder, *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Colchicum in the Wine for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, press and strain through calico; then add sufficient Sherry to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

This is intended to be a saturated vinous tincture of colchicum. As the colchicum bulb imported into the United States is of variable strength, the only method by which an active preparation can be insured is to employ a large quantity of it in proportion to that of the menstruum. If the former should happen to be in excess, no other injury could result than a slight pecuniary loss; while a deficiency in the strength of the preparation would frequently be of serious detriment in urgent cases of disease. A wine made from the fresh bulb is occasionally imported from England, and is thought by some to be more efficacious than our official preparation; but we have seldom been disappointed in obtaining the effects of colchicum from the wine prepared according to the directions of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The dose of the official wine is from ten minims to a fluidrachm (0·6–3·75 C.c.), repeated three or four times a day, or more frequently in severe cases, till its effects are experienced. In *gout* it is frequently given in connection with magnesia and its sulphate; and in *neuralgic cases* we have found much advantage from combining it with the solution of morphine sulphate, especially when it has been desired to give it a direction rather to the skin than to the bowels. It has been employed externally with asserted advantage in *rheumatism.* In overdoses it may produce fatal effects. Death is said to have occurred in one instance from two drachms and a half (9·3 C.c.) of the wine; but much more would probably in general be requisite to produce this result.

VINUM COLCHICI SEMINIS. U. S. Wine of Colchicum Seed.

(VĪ'NUM CŎL'CHI-CĪ SĔM'I-NĪS.)

Vinum Colchici, *P. G.;* Vin de Semences de Colchique, *Fr.;* Zeitlosensamenwein, *G.*

"Colchicum Seed, in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Alcohol with *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of White Wine. Macerate the powder with *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the mixture during seven days, in a closed vessel, with occa-

sional agitation. Then filter through paper, adding, through the filter, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

As the seeds of colchicum are less liable to injury than the bulb, and are, therefore, of more uniform strength, there is not the same necessity for preparing a saturated tincture. Dr. Williams, who introduced the seeds into use, supposed that their active properties resided in their coating, and that it was, therefore, not advisable to bruise them in preparing the wine or tincture. But this has been shown to be an error by the experiments of Mr. Bonnewyn, who found a larger portion of colchicine in a tincture of the bruised than in a tincture of the unbruised seeds. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 120.) Mr. L. I. Morris has shown, however, that by *digesting* instead of macerating the whole seeds the colchicine can be all extracted. (See *Tinctura Colchici.*) In order that the seeds may be properly comminuted, Prof. Maisch recommends that they be macerated for two or three days in a portion of the wine, before being bruised. (*Ibid.*, xxviii. 514.) It is stated that sometimes this tincture becomes turbid from the development of the yeast fungus in it. (Vulpius, *A. J. P.*, xliv. 212.) The dose is from thirty minims to two fluidrachms (1·9–7·5 C.c.). Two fluidounces (60 C.c.) have proved fatal.

VINUM ERGOTÆ. U. S. Wine of Ergot.

(VĪ'NŬM ÉR'GO-TÆ.)

Vin de Seigle, *Fr.;* Mutterkornwein, *G.*

"Ergot, recently ground, and in No. 30 powder, *one hundred and fifty grammes* [or 5 ounces av., 127 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Alcohol with *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of White Wine. Moisten the powder with *forty cubic centimeters* [or 1 fluidounce, 169 minims] of the mixture, pack it moderately in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour upon it, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]." *U. S.*

The large proportion of fixed oil in ergot interferes with the solvent action of the menstruum, unless the grains are properly comminuted. They should not be bruised so as to "raise" the oil, but ground in a mill, which cuts them in minute pieces. The use of such ground ergot, and of fortified white wine, will insure a more reliable preparation than that formerly directed, which was a diluted fluid extract. The strength has also been increased from twelve and a half per cent. to fifteen per cent. of active ingredient. The dose of this wine is for a woman *in labor* from two to three fluidrachms (7·5–11·25 C.c.); for other purposes, from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.), to be repeated several times a day, and gradually increased if necessary.

VINUM FERRI. Br. Wine of Iron.

(VĪ'NŬM FĚR'RĪ.)

Vinum Chalybeatum, s. Martiatum; Vin chalybé, *Fr.;* Eisenwein, Stahlwein, *G.*

"Take of Iron Wire *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for thirty days in a closed vessel, the Iron being almost but not quite wholly immersed in the Wine, and the vessel frequently shaken, and the stopper removed; then filter." *Br.* (See *Vinum Ferri Citratis.*)

When wine is made to react on metallic iron with presence of air, the metal is oxidized, and then unites with the excess of acid of the potassium bitartrate, which is the characteristic salt of wines. The ferruginous salt, therefore, formed is iron and potassium tartrate, or the tartarated iron of the Br. Pharmacopœia; and this was the old method of preparing the Wine of Iron. But it is obvious that the strength in iron cannot be entirely uniform, as the quantity dissolved must depend on the proportion of the bitartrate in the wine, which is variable, and on various circumstances of the manipulation. In consideration of these objections, it was thought best, in the Br. formula of 1864, to substitute a simple solution in the wine of the iron and potassium tartrate already formed, and to abandon the old tedious formula. But it is obvious that a solution of the ferruginous salt in wine is not exactly the same as the wine of iron prepared with the metal, as it contains the potassium bitartrate unaltered. For this and other reasons, the Br. Pharmacopœia has returned to the old method. The dose of the wine of iron is from one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.).

VINUM FERRI AMARUM. U. S. Bitter Wine of Iron.

(VĪ'NUM FĔR'RĪ Ą-MĀ'RUM.)

Vin Quinquina ferrugineux, *Fr.;* Bitter Eisenwein, *G.*

"Soluble Iron and Quinine Citrate, *fifty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Tincture of Sweet Orange Peel, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Syrup, *three hundred cubic centimeters* [or 10 fluidounces, 70 minims]; White Wine, a *sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Soluble Iron and Quinine Citrate in *five hundred cubic centimeters* [or 16 fluidounces, 435 minims] of White Wine. Add to this the Tincture of Sweet Orange Peel and the Syrup, and, lastly, enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Set the mixture aside for several days, then filter, and pass enough White Wine through the filter to restore the original volume." *U. S.*

Bitter wine of iron, made official in the U. S. P. 1880, has been very largely used in this country, although the objections to the introduction of elixirs into the Pharmacopœia might be made with equal force to its acceptance. It is a mild ferruginous tonic, a fluidounce representing twenty-two grains of iron and quinine citrate of official strength.* The dose is from two to four fluidrachms (7·5–15 C.c.).

VINUM FERRI CITRATIS. U. S., Br. Wine of Ferric Citrate.

(VĪ'NUM FĔR'RĪ CĪ-TRĀ'TĬS.)

Vin ferrugineux, *Fr.;* Eisenwein, *G.*

"Iron and Ammonium Citrate, *forty grammes* [or 1 ounce av., 334 grains]; Tincture of Sweet Orange Peel, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; Syrup, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Dissolve the Iron and Ammonium Citrate in *seven hundred cubic centimeters* [or 23 fluidounces, 321 minims] of White Wine. Add to this Tincture of Sweet Orange Peel, and the Syrup, and, lastly, enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Set the mixture aside for several days, then filter, and pass enough White Wine through the filter to restore the original volume." *U. S.*

"Take of Citrate of Iron and Ammonium *one hundred and sixty grains;* Orange Wine *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve, and let the solution remain for three days in a closed vessel, shaking it occasionally; afterwards filter." *Br.* Dose, one to four fluidrachms (3·75–15 C.c.).

This chalybeate preparation was made official by the U. S. P. 1880: previous to that time it had varied much in composition, from the lack of an authoritative formula. A fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.), the average dose, contains about two and a quarter grains of the iron salt.

VINUM IPECACUANHÆ. U. S., Br. Wine of Ipecac.

(VĪ'NUM ĬP-Ę-CĂC-Ū-ĂN'HÆ—ĭp-ę-kăk-ū-ăn'ē.)

Vin d'Ipécacuanha, *Fr.;* Brechwurzelwein, *G.*

"Fluid Extract of Ipecac, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; Alcohol, *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or 3 fluidounces, 183 minims]; White Wine, *eight hundred cubic centimeters* [or 27 fluidounces, 24 minims], To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix them. Set the mixture aside for a few days, then filter." *U. S.*

"Take of Ipecacuanha, coarsely powdered, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *one fluidounce;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency;* Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate the Ipecacuanha in the Acetic Acid for twenty-four hours. Transfer to a percolator, and pass sufficient distilled water through to produce one pint of liquor. Evaporate the product to dryness over a water-bath. Powder the residue and macerate it in the sherry for forty-eight hours, with occasional agitation, and filter." *Br.*

* *Bitter Wine of Iron.* The following formula, in which Calisaya bark and gentian are used, is said by Dr. Chas. L. Mitchell to yield an elegant preparation:

Take of ground Calisaya Bark 192 grains; ground Gentian Root 128 grains; Soluble Ferric Citrate 192 grains; Sherry Wine 13 fluidounces; Brandy 1 fluidounce; Alcohol 1 fluidounce; Oil of Orange 12 minims; Sugar 2 ounces; Solution of Iron Tersulphate 2 fluidounces; Ammonia Water q. s. Dissolve the Oil in the Alcohol and mix with the Sherry Wine and Brandy. Percolate with this the ground drugs, recover 15 fluidounces of tincture by pouring on water. Dilute the iron solution with twice its bulk of water, and add Ammonia in slight excess. Wash and drain the precipitate thoroughly. Mix this with the tincture, and agitate occasionally until a filtered portion has a light yellow color and does not precipitate with tincture of Ferric Chloride. Filter, dissolve the Ferric Citrate and Sugar, and bring up the measure with a little water to 16 fluidounces; a fluidounce represents 12 grains of Calisaya Bark, 8 grains of Gentian Root, and 12 grains of Ferric Citrate. Dose, from one to three fluidrachms.

The preparations of the two Pharmacopœias are not of the same strength,—the U. S. wine containing the virtue of about 42 grains, the British of only somewhat more than 20 grains, in a fluidounce. In the preparation of the British Pharmacopœia, acetic acid is used to aid in the extraction of the active principle emetine by forming a soluble salt, and the direction to evaporate the percolate to dryness and then macerate the extract in sherry is with the view of getting rid of pectinous and albuminous matters, which interfere with the transparency and permanency of the wine. The wine should be detannated, however, and it is doubtful whether this manipulation is effective. Wine of ipecac possesses all the medical properties of the root, and may be used as a substitute when it is desirable to administer the medicine in a liquid form. As it is milder, without being less efficacious, than antimonial wine, it is preferable as an emetic. It is also much used as an expectorant and a diaphoretic; and the effects of the Dover's powder may be obtained by combining it with laudanum or other liquid preparation of opium. The dose as an emetic for an adult is a fluidounce (30 C.c.); as an expectorant and a diaphoretic, from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.). A fluidrachm (3·75 C.c.) may be given as an emetic to a child one or two years old, and repeated every fifteen minutes till it operates.

VINUM OPII. U. S., Br. Wine of Opium.

(VĪ'NUM Ō'PI-Ī.)

Sydenham's Laudanum; Tinctura Opii Crocata, *P. G.;* Vin d'Opium composé, *Fr.;* Safranhaltige Opiumtinktur, *G.*

"Powdered Opium, *one hundred grammes* [or 3 ounces av., 231 grains]; Cassia Cinnamon, in No. 60 powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Cloves, in No. 30 powder, *ten grammes* [or 154 grains]; Alcohol, *one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 5 fluidounces, 35 minims]; White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. Mix the Alcohol with *eight hundred and fifty cubic centimeters* [or 28 fluidounces, 356 minims] of White Wine. To the mixed powders add *nine hundred cubic centimeters* [or 30 fluidounces, 208 minims] of the menstruum, and macerate during seven days, with occasional agitation. Then transfer the mixture to a filter, and, when the liquid has drained off, gradually pass through the filter, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterwards enough White Wine to make the product measure *one thousand cubic centimeters* [or 33 fluidounces, 390 minims]. If 100 C.c. of Wine of Opium be assayed by the process given under *Tinctura Opii*, it should yield from 1·3 to 1·5 Gm. of crystallized morphine." *U. S.*

"Take of Extract of Opium *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Cinnamon Bark, bruised, Cloves, bruised, of each, *seventy-five grains;* Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, and filter." *Br.*

Wine of opium now contains the virtues of one grain of powdered opium in about 10 minims. The British wine of opium contains 22 grains of extract of opium, nearly, in 1 fluidounce, and each fluidrachm contains about half a grain of morphine.

The wine made according to the directions of the U. S. Pharm. of 1890 is a vinous tincture of opium. The aromatic additions are thought to adapt it to certain states of the stomach or system in which laudanum is found to produce unpleasant effects. On being long kept it deposits insoluble matter, a sample of which M. Bihot, of Malines, has shown to consist mainly of narcotine, with possibly a little codeine, without any discoverable trace of morphine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx. 200.) Mr. Ware recommended it as a local application to the eye in the latter stages of *ophthalmia*, when the vessels of the conjunctiva still remain turgid with blood. Two or three drops are introduced into the eye every morning till the redness disappears. The dose of wine of opium is from fifteen to twenty drops (0·9–1·25 C.c.).*

VINUM QUININÆ. Br. Wine of Quinine.

(VĪ'NUM QUĪ-NĪ'NÆ.)

Vin de Quinine, *F.;* Chininwein, *G.*

"Take of Sulphate of Quinine *twenty grains;* Citric Acid *thirty grains;* Orange Wine *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve first the Citric Acid and then the Sulphate of Quinine in the Wine; allow the solution to remain for three days in a closed vessel, shaking it occasion-

* *Rousseau's laudanum* is a tincture of opium made with very weak alcohol, according to the following formula: "Take of White Honey *twelve ounces;* Warm Water *three pounds.* Having dissolved the honey, set the solution aside in a warm place; and, as soon as fermentation begins, add of selected opium *four ounces*, previously dissolved in *twelve ounces* of water. Allow the mixture to stand for a month at the temperature of 24° Réaumur (86° F.); then strain, filter, and evaporate to *ten ounces;* finally strain, and add *four ounces and a half* of alcohol of 20° B. Seven drops contain about a grain of opium." (*Pharm. Univ.*, ii. 265.)

ally; and afterwards filter. The dose is from half a fluidounce to a fluidounce (15–30 C.c.)." *Br.* Each fluidounce contains one grain of quinine sulphate.

VINUM RHEI. Br. Wine of Rhubarb.

(VĪ'NUM RHĒ'Ī.)

Tinctura Rhei Vinosa, Tinctura Rhei Darelii, *P. G.;* Vin de Rhubarbe, *Fr.;* Weinige Rhabarbertinktur, *G.*

"Take of Rhubarb Root, in coarse powder, *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Canella Bark, in coarse powder, *sixty grains;* Sherry *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Macerate for seven days in a closed vessel, with occasional agitation, then strain, press, filter, and add sufficient Sherry to make one pint [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Wine of rhubarb has been dismissed from the U. S. Pharmacopœia.* It is a warm cordial laxative. The dose is from one to four fluidrachms (3·7–15 C.c.) or more.

VITELLUS. U. S. Yolk of Egg.

(VĪ-TĔL'LŬS.)

"The yolk of the egg of Gallus Bankiva, var. domesticus, Temminck (class, Aves; order, Gallinæ)." *U. S.*

The yolk of egg has been made official because of its use in the glycerite of yolk of egg. (See *Ovi Vitellus*, page 1005, and *Glyceritum Vitelli*, page 659.)

XANTHOXYLUM. U. S. Xanthoxylum. [Prickly Ash.]

(XĂN-THŎX'Ĭ-LŬM.)

"The bark of Xanthoxylum americanum, Miller, and of Xanthoxylum Clava-Herculis, Linné (nat. ord. Rutaceæ)." *U. S.*

Toothache Tree, Angelica Tree, Suterberry, Pepper Wood, Tea Ash; Clavalier, Frêne épineux, *Fr.;* Zahnwehholz, *G.*

Gen. Ch. MALE. *Calyx* five-parted. *Corolla* none. FEMALE. *Calyx* five-parted. *Corolla* none. *Pistils* five. *Capsules* five, one-seeded. *Willd.* There has been much confusion in regard to the nomenclature of the prickly ashes. We give in a foot-note the synonymes of the two official species as worked out by Prof. C. S. Sargent.† *Aralia spinosa*, or angelica tree, which grows in the Southern States, is occasionally confounded with *X. fraxineum*, in consequence partly of being sometimes called, like the latter, *prickly ash.* Its bark is nearly smooth externally, is beset with slender prickles in transverse rows, and has a taste different from that of *X. fraxineum.* Besides the official trees, the bark of an *X. caribæum*, Lamarck, the *satinwood* of semi-tropical Florida and the West Indies, has appeared in commerce, under the name of *yellow Hercules club*, or *yellow-thorn.* Its bark is thin, with an odor like that of Angustura bark, a bitter, disagreeable, acrid taste, and of a canary-yellow color, which it imparts to the saliva when chewed. It would seem, also, that under the name of *prickly yellow-wood*, or *yellow-wood*, or *fustic*, the products of other West Indian Xanthoxylums and allied plants find their way into commerce.

Xanthoxylum fraxineum. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 757; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.* iii. 156.—*X. americanum*, Miller; Torrey and Gray, *Fl. of N. Am.* i. 214. The prickly ash is a shrub from five to ten feet in height, with alternate branches, which are covered with strong, sharp, scattered prickles. The leaves are alternate and pinnate, consisting of four or five pairs of leaflets, and an odd terminal one, with a common footstalk, which is sometimes prickly on the back, and sometimes unarmed. The leaflets are nearly sessile, ovate, acute, slightly serrate, and somewhat downy on their under surface. The flowers, which are small and greenish, are disposed in sessile umbels near the origin of the young shoots. The plant is polygamous, some shrubs bearing both male and perfect flowers, others only female. The number of stamens

* "Rhubarb, in No. 30 powder, *ten parts* [or three and a quarter ounces av.]; Calamus, in No. 30 powder, *one part* [or one hundred and forty grains]; Stronger White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or two pints]. Moisten the mixed powders with *five parts* [or one and a half fluidounces] of Stronger White Wine, pack the mixture in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour enough Stronger White Wine upon it to make the filtered liquid weigh *one hundred parts* [or measure two pints]." *U. S.* 1880.

† *X. americanum*, Miller, is the Northern prickly ash, *X. clava-Herculis*, Lamarck (not Linné); *X. fraxinifolium*, Marshall; *X. fraxineum*, Willdenow; *X. mite*, Willdenow; *X. ramiflorum*, Michaux; *X. tricarpum*, Hooker; and *Thylax fraxineum*, Rafinesque.

X. clava-Herculis, Linné, the Southern prickly ash. *X. fraxinifolium*, Walter (not Marshall); *Fagara fraxinifolia*, Lamarck; *X. carolinianum*, Lamarck; *X. aromaticum*, Willdenow; *X. tricarpum*, Michaux; *Kampmannia fraxinifolia*, *Pseudopetalon glandulosum*, *P. tricarpum*, and *X. catesbianum*, the last four names being used by Rafinesque in his different writings.

is five, of the pistils three or four in the perfect flowers, about five in the pistillate. Each fruitful flower is followed by as many capsules as it had germs. These capsules are stipitate, oval, punctate, of a greenish-red color, with two valves, and one oval blackish seed. This species of Xanthoxylum is indigenous, growing in woods and in moist shady places throughout the Northern, Middle, and Western States. The flowers appear in April and May, before the foliage. The leaves and capsules have an aromatic odor, recalling that of oil of lemon.

X. clava-Herculis, Chapman (*Flora of the Southern United States*, 2d ed., p. 66), varies in size from a large bush to a small tree. Its bark is armed with warty prickles, and large prickles occur on the branches and the petioles. The alternate leaves have from seven to nine ovate-lanceolate, crenate-serrulate, unequal-sided leaflets, smooth and shining on the upper surface. It grows on dry soil westward as far as Western Texas, and perhaps into Mexico, eastward to the Atlantic coast, and northward to Southern Virginia,—especially affecting the coast region.

Chemistry. *Xanthoxylum fraxineum*, now known as *X. americanum*, was first investigated by Dr. Edward Staples in 1829, and a crystalline principle extracted, to which he gave the name *xanthoxylin*. It was again examined by J. U. Lloyd in 1876, who obtained the same crystalline principle. Edward T. Moffet (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 417) also analyzed *X. fraxineum*, and obtained what he considered to be an alkaloid in yellow crystals, soluble in alcohol and chloroform, insoluble in benzin, ether, and benzene. Meanwhile, G. H. Colton (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 191) examined the southern prickly ash, now known as *X. clava-Herculis*, and obtained crystals forming tasteless, colorless, silky needles, soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, less soluble in benzene, and insoluble in water. The identity of all these principles was assumed until E. G. Eberhardt (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 231) reinvestigated the *X. carolinianum* (*X. clava-Herculis*) and obtained a colorless crystalline principle agreeing in solubilities with that obtained by Colton. On analysis it gave figures indicating the formula $C_{20}H_{19}O_6$ or $C_{30}H_{28}O_9$. At the same time he analyzed a sample of Lloyd's crystalline principle (from *X. fraxineum*) which had been preserved in the cabinet of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and found for it the formula $C_{29}H_{27}O_8$. Numerous reactions also indicated that the two principles were different. Thus, Lloyd's crystals dissolve in concentrated sulphuric acid with light-red color, and on the addition of an excess of water produce a whitish precipitate which is taken up by chloroform; the crystals from the *X. carolinianum* dissolve in concentrated sulphuric acid with dark-red color, and on dilution separate a purplish precipitate, which is not taken up by chloroform. Lloyd's principle melts, moreover, at 129·5° C., while Eberhardt's melts at 119° C. The Caribbean *Xanthoxylum clava-Herculis* was investigated by J. D. Perrin in 1863, and yielded an alkaloid which he considered to be *berberine*. This had also been described as early as 1826 by Chevallier and Pelletan under the name of *xanthopicrite*. *X. senegalense* (*artar root*) has been analyzed by Giacosa and Soave (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 500), who find a fixed oil, a neutral crystalline substance, melting at 120° C., and two alkaloids. The first of these they call *artarine*, and give to it the formula $C_{20}H_{17}NO_4$ (in which case it agrees with *berberine*), or $C_{21}H_{23}NO_4$, in which case they consider that it may be *methylhydroberberine*. The second alkaloid, crystallizing in blood-red needles, they did not analyze.

Properties. Although the bark of the Southern prickly ash was not recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia until the revision of 1880, as long ago as 1864 Professor Bridges pointed out that it had entered commerce, and gave the physical characteristics separating it. (*Proc. A. P. A.*) The characteristics of the two barks are very well given in the following official description. "*Xanthoxylum Americanum* (Northern Prickly Ash) is in curved or quilled fragments, about 1 Mm. thick; outer surface brownish-gray, with whitish patches, and minute, black dots, faintly furrowed, with some brown, glossy, straight, two-edged spines, linear at the base, and about 5 Mm. long; inner surface whitish, smooth; fracture short, non-fibrous, green in the outer and yellowish in the inner layer; inodorous; taste bitterish, very pungent. *Xanthoxylum clava-Herculis* (Southern Prickly Ash) resembles the preceding, but is about 2 Mm. thick, and is marked by many conical, corky projections, sometimes 2 Cm. high, and by stout, brown spines, rising from a corky base. Xanthoxylum should not be confounded with the bark of *Aralia spinosa* Linné (nat. ord. *Araliaceæ*), which is nearly smooth externally, and beset with slender prickles in transverse rows." *U. S.* The bark is very light, brittle, nearly or quite inodorous, and of a taste which is at first sweetish and lightly aromatic, then bitterish, and ultimately acrid. The acrimony is imparted to boiling water and alcohol, which extract the virtues of the bark.

Medical Properties and Uses. Xanthoxylum is stimulant, producing, when swallowed, a sense of heat in the stomach, with more or less general arterial excitement, and a tendency

to diaphoresis. It is thought to resemble mezereum and guaiac in its remedial action, and is given in the same complaints. As a remedy in *chronic rheumatism*, it enjoys some reputation in this country. The dose of the powder is from ten grains to half a drachm (0·65–1·95 Gm.), to be repeated three or four times a day. A decoction, prepared by boiling an ounce in three pints of water down to a quarter, may be given in the quantity of a pint (473 C.c.), in divided doses, during the twenty-four hours. The bark, used as a masticatory, is a popular remedy for *toothache*. Xanthoxylum is capable of being used as a counter-irritant, and great relief is sometimes afforded in various forms of chronic pelvic disease in women by means of a hot pack, applied to the lower part of the trunk, of two to four ounces of fluid extract of xanthoxylum and an ounce of tincture of cayenne pepper to two quarts of hot water.

ZEA. U. S. Zea. [Corn Silk.]

(ZĒ'Ą.)

"The styles and stigmas of Zea Mays, Linné (nat. ord. Gramineæ)." *U. S.*

The ordinary Indian corn of our fields is too well known to need description. The portion which is used in medicine is that which is commonly known as the "silk" of the "ear," being the elongated styles and stigmas of the female flower. It is officially described as "thread-like; about 15 Cm. long, and 0·5 Mm. broad, yellowish or greenish, soft-silky, finely hairy, and delicately veined longitudinally; inodorous; taste sweetish." *U. S.*

Rademaker and Fischer (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 369) determined the presence of 2·25 per cent. of *maizenic acid* in dried corn-silk. It was first described, however, by Dr. Vautier. It is freely soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, but insoluble in benzin. Rademaker and Fischer found, in addition to the acid, fixed oil, resin, chlorophyll, sugar, gum, extractive, albuminoids, phlobaphene, salt, cellulose, and water.

Medical Properties and Uses. Zea has been highly recommended by various surgeons as a mild stimulant diuretic, useful in *acute* and *chronic cystitis*, and in the bladder irritation of *uric acid and phosphatic gravel*. It has also been employed in *gonorrhœa*, and has been affirmed by M. Landreux to be a useful diuretic and even cardiac stimulant in the *dropsy of heart disease*. It has been commonly used in the form of infusion, two ounces to the pint of boiling water, taken almost *ad libitum;* but the fluid extract, dose one to two fluidrachms every two or three hours, is an excellent preparation. A solid aqueous extract would probably represent all the activity of the drug, and may be given in doses of five to ten grains three to six times a day. Maizenic acid has been used in doses of one-eighth of a grain (0·008 Gm.).

ZINCUM. U. S., Br. Zinc.

Zn; 65·1. (ZĬN'CŲM.) Zn; 64·9.

"Metallic Zinc in the form of thin sheets, or in irregular, granulated pieces, or moulded into thin pencils, or in a state of fine powder." *U. S.* "Zinc of commerce." *Br.*

Speltrum; Speltre, Zinc, *Fr.;* Zink, *G.;* Zinco, *It., Sp.*

Zinc occurs native in two principal states,—as a sulphide, called *blende*, and as a carbonate and silicate, to which the name of *calamine* is applied indiscriminately. In this country there are two additional ores that are worked for zinc. They both occur at Franklin and Mine Hill, New Jersey, and are characteristic of those localities. They are the native oxide, called *red oxide* or *zincite*, and a mixture of zinc oxide with manganese and iron oxide, known as *franklinite*. Zinc has been detected in the vegetable kingdom in a peculiar violet, *Viola calamina*, growing on the calamine hills of Rhenish Prussia. It is largely produced in Belgium, Germany, and this country, the chief American localities being the southwestern section of Missouri, together with the neighboring counties of Kansas, the New Jersey localities before mentioned, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The metal is extracted generally from blende or calamine. This is roasted and mixed with charcoal powder, and the mixture heated in iron cylinders placed horizontally over a furnace. When the reduction of the zinc commences, iron receivers are adapted to the opening of the cylinder to condense the volatilized metal. The metal is then melted and run into moulds, and forms *spelter*, or the zinc of commerce. In this state it contains iron, and traces of lead, cadmium, arsenic, copper, sulphur, and charcoal. To purify it from these substances, it must be subjected to a second distillation in a crucible, furnished with a tube passing through its bottom and open at both ends, its upper extremity reaching a little more than half-way up the interior of the crucible, and its lower end terminating above a vessel of water. The impure zinc being placed in the crucible, the cover

luted on, and the fire applied, the pure zinc is volatilized, and, passing down the tube by a descending distillation, condenses in the water below. In the arts, zinc is purified sufficiently for commercial purposes without volatilization.

The production of spelter in the United States for the year 1890 was 67,342 short tons; for 1891, 80,262 tons; for 1892, 83,300 tons, which latter amount was furnished as follows: Illinois, 30,300 tons; Kansas, 23,088 tons; Missouri, 16,161 tons; Eastern and Southern States, 13,751 tons. The world's production of zinc in 1892 amounted to about 367,200 metric tons, of which the contribution of the United States was 75,594 metric tons, or about 26 per cent.

Properties. Zinc has a bluish-white color, a peculiar taste, and a perceptible smell when rubbed. Its texture is laminated, and its fracture crystalline. Its malleability and ductility are not very great. When perfectly pure, it may be reduced to thin leaves at ordinary temperatures; but the zinc of commerce requires to be heated to a temperature between 100° C. and 148·8° C. (212° F. and 300° F.) to render it sufficiently malleable to be rolled into sheets. The softness of zinc is peculiar, as is shown by the circumstance that it clogs the file when the attempt is made to reduce it to filings; and hence to have it in the divided form it is necessary to melt it, and triturate it at the moment of solidification. Subjected to heat it fuses at 398° C. (773° F.). According to Dr. A. von Riemsdyk, it volatilizes to some extent before fusion at a temperature of 268·3° C. (515° F.). (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 424.) At full redness it boils, and in close vessels may be distilled over; but in open vessels it takes fire, and burns with a dazzling white flame, giving off dense white fumes. It dissolves in most of the acids with disengagement of hydrogen, and precipitates all the metals either in the metallic state or in that of oxide. It forms but one oxide (a monoxide) and but one sulphide. The monoxide is official, and will be described under another head. (See *Zinci Oxidum.*)

The official zinc is described as "a bluish-white metal, showing a crystalline fracture, and having a specific gravity ranging from 6·9 when it is cast, to 7·2 after it is rolled. Soluble in diluted sulphuric or hydrochloric acid with evolution of hydrogen gas. When heated above 100° C. (212° F.), and not above 150° C. (302° F.), the metal becomes malleable and ductile; above 200° C. (392° F.), it becomes sufficiently brittle to be powdered in an iron mortar; at 412° to 415° C. (773·6° to 779° F.), it melts, and at 940° C. (1724° F.) it boils and may be readily distilled. When zinc is dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid, the hydrogen gas which is evolved should not have any disagreeable odor, nor should it color a strip of paper moistened with lead acetate test-solution (absence of *sulphur*), or with silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *antimony*, *phosphorus*). The solution should be clear and colorless, and should yield a pure white precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, and with ammonium sulphide test-solution. If an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added to the solution, neither color nor turbidity should be perceptible (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). If ammonia water be added to the solution, a white precipitate should form, which should redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent, yielding a clear, colorless solution (absence of more than traces of *iron*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.)." *U. S.*

Zinc of good quality dissolves in dilute sulphuric acid, with the exception of a scanty grayish-black residue. If absolutely pure, it would be wholly dissolved. The solution is colorless, and yields white precipitates with potassium ferrocyanide and ammonium sulphydrate. Ammonia throws down from this solution a white precipitate, which is wholly dissolved when the alkali is added in excess.

Zinc is extensively employed in the arts. It is the best metal that can be used, in conjunction with copper or carbon, for galvanic combinations. Its solution in dilute sulphuric acid furnishes the readiest method for obtaining hydrogen. With copper it forms *brass*, and, in the form of *sheet zinc*, it is employed to cover the roofs of houses, and for other purposes. It is also applied to the covering of iron, to protect it from oxidation, in the same manner as tin, forming what is known commercially as *galvanized iron*. A fine powder, known as *zinc dust*, obtained by the condensation of zinc vapor in the distillation of zinc from its ores, is much used in chemical laboratories as a convenient reducing agent in many reactions. Zinc should never be used for culinary vessels, as it is soluble in the weakest acids. Zinc and its oxide are dissolved to a certain extent by water containing common salt, a double zinc and sodium chloride being produced in solution. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1867, p. 397.)

The compounds of zinc are poisonous, but not to the same extent as those of lead. The zinc oxide, used in painting as a substitute for white lead, is said to be capable of producing a colic resembling that caused by lead, and called *zinc colic*. It attacks workmen exposed to the dust of the oxide while engaged in packing it in barrels, and yields to the reme-

dies appropriate to the treatment of lead colic. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, Sept. 16, 1850.) This latter statement, however, is, to say the least, very questionable.

Pharmaceutical Uses. Zinc is never used as a medicine in the metallic state, but is employed in this state to prepare zinc sulphate and zinc chloride, and the Reduced Iron of the Br. Pharmacopœia. In combination it forms a number of important preparations.*

ZINCUM GRANULATUM. Br. Granulated Zinc.

(ZĬN'CŬM GRĂN-Ŭ-LĀ'TŬM.)

"Take of Zinc of commerce *one pound*. Heat it in an earthen crucible, and immediately the metal is fused remove the crucible from the fire and pour the fluid in a thin stream into a vessel containing about two gallons of cold water. Drain off the water and dry the granulated zinc." *Br.*

ZINCI ACETAS. U. S., Br. Zinc Acetate.

$Zn(C_2H_3O_2)_2.2H_2O$; 218·74. (ZĬN'CĪ Ą-CĒ'TĂS.) $Zn(C_2H_3O_2)_2.2H_2O$; 218·9.

"Zinc Acetate should be kept in well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Zinci Aceticum, *P. G.;* Acetas Zincicus; Acétate de Zinc, *Fr.;* Essigsaures Zinkoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Carbonate of Zinc *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *five fluidounces*, or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *six fluidounces*. Add the Carbonate of Zinc in successive portions to three [fluid]ounces of the Acetic Acid, previously mixed with the Water in a flask; heat gently, add by degrees the remainder of the Acid till the carbonate is dissolved; boil for a few minutes, filter while hot, and set it aside for two days to crystallize. Decant the mother-liquor; evaporate to one-half, and again set it aside for two days to crystallize. Place the crystals in a funnel to drain, then spread them on filtering paper on a porous tile, and dry them by exposure to the air at ordinary temperatures." *Br.*

In the U. S. process of 1870† the zinc oxide is acted upon directly by the acetic acid. Formerly the salt was prepared by precipitating lead acetate with zinc. The crystals of zinc acetate, as thus obtained, were apt to be colored with iron. Should this be the case, a boiling solution of them in distilled water is to be treated by the addition of successive portions of precipitated zinc carbonate, until a small quantity of the liquid, being filtered, passes colorless. The zinc of the zinc carbonate precipitates the iron, and takes its place in the solution; and the iron is known to be all removed when a portion of the solution is found, upon trial, to filter colorless. This mode of purifying the zinc acetate from iron was suggested by Professor Procter, and was adopted in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1850, in place of the mode by means of a solution of chlorinated lime, which he found to separate the iron imperfectly. The necessary zinc carbonate may be obtained extemporaneously, by converting one-thirtieth of the

* *Zinc Nitrate* is sometimes used as a caustic either in the form of *paste* or in *pencils*. M. Lefort prepares it by dissolving commercial zinc with heat in equal volumes of nitric acid and water, maintaining an excess of zinc, and concentrating until a slight basic precipitate is formed, which carries down any iron present. Boiling water is then added, and, when cool, the solution is filtered, and evaporated at a gentle heat until slight ebullition takes place; if then left to cool, it forms a cake, which should be broken up and drained in a glass funnel. Of the zinc nitrate so prepared, 100 grammes are dissolved in 50 grammes of water, and afterwards incorporated with 50 grammes of wheaten flour. This forms a homogeneous paste, which remains soft, spreads easily over surfaces without afterwards contracting, and does not spread at the edges through absorption of moisture. When made into cylinders, it should not be dried by heat, as it slightly decomposes and becomes yellow and friable; it may be kept dry by placing it in a tin box with some pieces of quicklime, but not in contact with them. (*London Medical Record*, June 18, 1873; *A. J. P.*, Dec. 1873.) Dr. Chas. Rice prepares pencils by pouring fused zinc nitrate into paper cylinders which are made by rolling paper around a lead-pencil and sealing with wax. (See *N. R.*, 1876, p. 44; also *Hydrargyri et Zinci Cyanidum*, Part II.) The mixed *mercury and zinc cyanide* was originally suggested as a practical antiseptic by Prof. Lister, who claimed for it the advantages of being non-volatile, unirritating, insoluble in water, and soluble only in three thousand parts of blood serum; so that it is not easily washed off the gauze by discharge from wounds. Its germicidal value is said to be very slight, but its inhibitory power to be such that a one-twelve-hundredth solution will permanently prevent putrefaction in animal fluids. *Cyanide gauze* may be made actively germicidal by impregnation with a solution of one to four thousand of corrosive sublimate. One great objection to the preparation is the difficulty of making gauze with it. The statements of Lister in regard to the best method of preparing the gauze are devoid of the accuracy essential to pharmaceutical success. His method is by "mixing a pretty strong solution of starch with the double cyanide powder, and adding to this a quantity of ground potassium sulphate. The resultant precipitate is dried, and when used is diffused in water in a trough, at the bottom of which the absorbed gauze is placed in layers; when soaked the gauze is drawn out and dried, or if to be used immediately is folded for a moment or two in a towel. When used the gauze may be wet with the corrosive sublimate solution, one to four thousand." (See *Brit. Med. Journ.*, ii. 1889; also *Annals of Surgery*, Jan. 1891.)

† Take of Commercial Zinc Oxide *two troyounces;* Acetic Acid *eight fluidounces and a half;* Distilled Water *five fluidounces*. Mix the Acid and Water, and digest the Zinc Oxide in the mixture for half an hour, then heat to the boiling point, filter while hot, and set aside to crystallize. Drain the crystals in a funnel, and dry them upon bibulous paper. An additional quantity of crystals may be obtained by evaporating the mother-liquor to one-half, slightly acidulating with acetic acid, and crystallizing." *U. S.* 1870.

colored solution of the acetate into carbonate by precipitating it with potassium carbonate in slight excess, as originally proposed by Prof. Procter. The precipitated carbonate, first washed from potassium acetate, is added in the state of magma to the colored solution, boiling hot. During the evaporation of the solution of the zinc acetate, a small portion of the acetic acid is lost; and hence the necessity of acidulating with a few drops of acetic acid before crystallizing. In the *British* process there is simply a decomposition of the zinc carbonate by acetic acid, with the formation of zinc acetate in solution, and the escape of carbonic acid. Though not economical, these processes have the recommendation of being easily performed, and of yielding a pure product. In relation to the zinc acetate, see a paper by Mr. Ambrose Smith, *A. J. P.* (vii. 14.).

The Br. Pharmacopœia gives in its formula for zinc acetate but two molecules of water.

Properties. Zinc acetate is in "soft, white, six-sided, monoclinic plates, of a pearly lustre, having a faintly acetous odor, and an astringent, metallic taste. Exposed to the air, the salt gradually effloresces, and loses some of its acid. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in 2·7 parts of water, and in 36 parts of alcohol; in 1·5 parts of boiling water, and in somewhat less than 3 parts of boiling alcohol. Protracted boiling with water renders the salt less soluble, acid being lost and a basic salt formed. When heated, the salt is partially fused, losing water and acid. At a higher temperature it is decomposed, evolving acetone and other combustible vapors, and leaving a residue of zinc oxide. The aqueous solution reddens litmus paper. In the aqueous solution (1 in 20) of the salt hydrogen sulphide test-solution, as well as ammonium sulphide test solution, produces a pure white precipitate; potassium ferrocyanide test solution also causes a white precipitate. Potassium hydrate test-solution, or ammonium carbonate test-solution, when added in small quantity, produces a white precipitate, which dissolves upon the addition of an excess of the reagent. The addition of a little ferric chloride test-solution produces a red color. The aqueous solution (1 in 20), acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not be colored or rendered turbid by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). If the aqueous solution be completely precipitated by hydrogen sulphide test solution (without having been acidulated), the filtrate should, after evaporation, leave no fixed residue (absence of *aluminum*, *iron*, *alkalies*, *alkaline earths*, etc.). The aqueous solution should remain perfectly clear after the addition of either barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*), or silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*)." *U. S.*

Although the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 adopted the formula giving to zinc acetate three molecules of water, Dibbit states that it contains but two molecules. Franchimont has confirmed this, and proved that both of these two molecules are lost at the temperature of 100° C. (212° F.). (*Ber. d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1879, p. 11; *A. J. P.*, May, 1879.) The U. S. P. 1890 has adopted this view, and recognizes two molecules. The precipitate thrown down by ammonia from the pure salt is entirely redissolved by an excess of the precipitant; but if ferric oxide be present it will be left undissolved. Zinc acetate is decomposed by the mineral acids, with the escape of acetous vapors.

Medical Properties. Zinc acetate is used almost exclusively as a local remedy. It is employed principally as an astringent collyrium in *ophthalmia*, and as an injection in *gonorrhœa*, after the acute stage in these affections has passed. The strength of the solution usually prescribed is one or two grains to a fluidounce (0·065–0·13 Gm. to 30 C.c.) of distilled water.

ZINCI BROMIDUM. U. S. Bromide of Zinc.

$ZnBr_2$; 224·62. (ZĬN'CĪ BRŌ'MĮ-DŬM.) $ZnBr_2$; 224·5.

"Zinc Bromide should be kept in small, glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Bromure de Zinc, *Fr.*; Bromzink, *G.*

Bromide of Zinc may be made either by the direct combination of zinc and bromine, or by dissolving zinc in a solution of hydrobromic acid. Mr. L. Lyons proposes to make this salt by dissolving potassium bromide and crystallized zinc sulphate, each, in the smallest quantity of hot water, and mixing while hot. When the mixture has cooled, twice its bulk of alcohol is added, and the whole filtered through asbestos to separate the potassium sulphate. The filtrate is then evaporated to dryness.

Properties. It is officially described as "a white, granular powder, odorless, and having a sharp, saline, and metallic taste. Very deliquescent. Readily soluble in water and alcohol. When heated to 394° C. (741·2° F.), the salt fuses, and, with careful increase of heat, may be sublimed in the form of needle-shaped prisms. The aqueous solution gives a slightly acid reaction with litmus paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields a pure white pre-

cipitate with hydrogen sulphide test-solution, ammonium sulphide test-solution, or potassium ferrocyanide test-solution. Silver nitrate test-solution produces a yellowish-white precipitate insoluble in ammonia water. If a few drops of copper sulphate test-solution be mixed with 5 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) of Zinc Bromide, and then some sulphuric acid be carefully poured into the mixture so as to form a separate layer, a deep brownish-red color will appear at the line of contact, and will disappear when the mixture is shaken. If to the aqueous solution (1 in 20) a little starch test-solution be added, and then some chlorine water, drop by drop, the liquid should assume a pure yellow color, free from any shade of blue (absence of *iodine*). After acidulation with hydrochloric acid, the aqueous solution should not be colored or rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). On adding ammonium carbonate test-solution to the aqueous solution of Zinc Bromide, a white precipitate is produced which should completely redissolve in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). If from this solution in ammonium carbonate test-solution all the zinc be precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the filtrate should leave no fixed residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). If 0·3 Gm. of the dry salt be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should require 26·7 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to not less than 99·95 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Zinc bromide is capable in excessive doses of acting as an irritant poison. It has been commended in *epilepsy*, but its value is very problematical. Dose, from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.).

ZINCI CARBONAS PRÆCIPITATUS. U. S. (Br.) Precipitated Zinc Carbonate.

(ZĬN'CĪ CĂR'BŌ-NĂS PRÆ-CĬP-Ĭ-TĀ'TŬS.)

Zinci Carbonas, *Br.;* Zinci Carbonas Præcipitata, *U. S.* 1870; Carbonate of Zinc; Zincum Carbonicum, Carbonas Zincicus; Carbonate de Zinc, *Fr.;* Kohlensaures Zinkoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Sulphate of Zinc *ten ounces* [avoirdupois]; Carbonate of Sodium *ten ounces and a half* [av.]; Boiling Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Carbonate of Sodium in a pint [Imperial measure] of the Water in a capacious porcelain vessel, and pour into it the Sulphate of Zinc also dissolved in a pint [Imp. meas.] of the Water, stirring diligently. Boil for fifteen minutes after effervescence has ceased; and let the precipitate subside. Decant the supernatant liquor, pour on the precipitate three pints of boiling Distilled Water, agitating briskly; let the precipitate again subside; and repeat the process of affusion of hot Distilled Water and subsidence, till the washings are no longer precipitated by chloride of barium. Collect the precipitate on calico, let it drain, and dry it with a gentle heat." *Br.*

Calamina, U. S. 1850, was dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia in 1860 on account of its impurities, and in the 1880 revision the formula for its substitute was also omitted. In the U. S. formula of 1870* a double decomposition takes place between the salts employed, resulting in the formation of sodium sulphate in solution, and basic zinc carbonate which precipitated. Sodium carbonate is preferable to potassium carbonate for decomposing the sulphate, since the former gives rise to sodium sulphate, which is more easily washed away than the potassium sulphate derived from the latter. Boiling water is properly used in the process, in order to obtain a pulverulent precipitate, which is readily washed. If cold solutions are used, a gelatinous precipitate is formed, which is washed with difficulty. When a solution of zinc sulphate is precipitated by an excess of acid potassium carbonate, a normal zinc carbonate is obtained. With normal sodium carbonate, on the other hand, taken as a precipitant, a basic salt results. The present British formula is essentially that of the U. S. P. 1870, having superseded the Dublin process, in which the reacting salts were zinc chloride and sodium carbonate.

Properties. It is officially described as "an impalpable, white powder, of somewhat variable chemical composition, without odor or taste. Permanent in the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol; soluble in diluted acids with copious effervescence; also soluble in ammonia water, and in ammonium carbonate test-solution. When strongly heated, the salt loses water and carbon dioxide, and leaves a residue of zinc oxide, which is yellow while hot, but becomes white on cooling. When a small portion of the salt is moistened with a drop of cobaltous

* "Take of Sulphate of Zinc, Carbonate of Sodium, each, *twelve troyounces;* Water, *eight pints*. Dissolve the salts separately, with the aid of heat, each in four pints of the Water. Then mix the solutions, and, having stirred the mixture, set it by that the powder may subside. Lastly, having poured off the supernatant liquid, wash the precipitate with hot water until the washings are nearly tasteless, and dry it with a gentle heat." *U. S.* 1870.

nitrate test-solution, and heated before the blowpipe, it will assume a vivid green color. For making tests of identity and purity, add 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid and 10 C.c. of water to 1·25 Gm. of the salt, and, after effervescence has ceased, remove the undissolved excess by filtration. In a portion of the filtrate a pure white precipitate is produced by potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, or by ammonium sulphide test-solution. In another portion of the filtrate, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, no color or turbidity should be produced by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). Another portion of the filtrate should yield, with ammonium carbonate test-solution, a white precipitate, which should redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). No insoluble residue should be left, if 0·5 Gm. of Zinc Carbonate be dissolved in 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid (absence of *lead*). If 1 Gm. of the salt be placed in a flask with 10 C.c. of boiling water and 2 drops of phenolphtalein test solution be added, not more than 1 C.c. of oxalic acid decinormal volumetric solution should be required to discharge the red color (limit of *alkali*)." *U. S.* If adulterated with chalk it will be only partly soluble in oxalic acid solution. Precipitated zinc carbonate is often sold under the incorrect name of *flowers of zinc*, a name which properly belongs only to the oxide, as obtained by combustion. When obtained from solutions of zinc sulphate and sodium carbonate it has a variable composition, as different hydrated basic carbonates are formed, according to the temperature used, etc.: the higher the temperature and the larger the quantity of water used, the more basic the carbonate becomes. According to the Br. Pharmacopœia, it consists, as thus prepared, of one mol. of zinc carbonate and two mols. of zinc oxide, with three mols. of water ($ZnCO_3 + 2ZnO + 3H_2O$). Its composition is sometimes stated as $(ZnCO_3)_2 3Zn(HO)_2$; 546·96. The basic character of the salt official in the U. S. P. 1870 is explained by the fact that effervescence of carbonic acid takes place on mixing the solutions. It is employed for the same purposes as prepared calamine, and is gradually superseding the spurious article usually sold under that name. The U. S. P. 1870 ordered a cerate made from it as a substitute for calamine cerate.

ZINCI CHLORIDUM. U. S., Br. Zinc Chloride.

$ZnCl_2$; 135·84. (ZĪN'CĪ ȻHLŌ'RĮ-DŬM.) $ZnCl_2$; 135·7.

"Zinc Chloride should be kept in small, glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Butter of Zinc; Zincum Chloratum, *P. G.;* Chloruretum Zincicum; Chlorure de Zinc, *Fr.;* Chlorzink, *G.*

"Take of Granulated Zinc *one pound* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *forty-four fluid-ounces* [Imperial measure]; Solution of Chlorine *a sufficiency;* Carbonate of Zinc *half an ounce* [av.], or *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Put the Zinc into a porcelain basin, add by degrees the Hydrochloric Acid previously mixed with the water, and aid the action by gently warming it on a sand-bath until gas is no longer evolved. Boil for half an hour, supplying the water lost by evaporation, and allow it to stand on a cool part of a sand-bath for twenty-four hours, stirring frequently. Test a few drops of the resulting liquid for iron or lead by adding excess of ammonia and then sulphydrate of ammonium, when a black precipitate will be produced if iron or lead be present.

"In the latter case, filter the remainder of the product into a gallon bottle, and pour in the solution of chlorine by degrees, with frequent agitation, until the fluid acquires a permanent odor of chlorine. Add the carbonate of zinc, in small quantities at a time, and with renewed agitation, until a brown sediment appears, and the whole of the iron or lead is thus precipitated. Filter through paper into a porcelain basin, and evaporate until a portion of the liquid, withdrawn on the end of a glass rod and cooled, forms an opaque white solid. Pour it out now into proper moulds, and when the salt has solidified, but before it has cooled, place it in closely-stoppered bottles. If no iron or lead be present, filter and evaporate, etc., at once." *Br.*

In the U. S. process of 1870* the zinc chloride is obtained by evaporating the previously formed solution. The British first prepares the zinc chloride in solution, and in order to get rid of the iron uses chlorine, which combines with the iron to form ferric chloride; and, the zinc carbonate being added, the zinc combines with the chlorine to increase the product of zinc chloride, whilst ferric oxide is deposited and carbonic acid is set free. As this preparation is used chiefly as a caustic, it is melted and cast into moulds as the last step in the Br. process. In relation to this chloride, the reader is referred to a paper by Mr. B. J. Crew in

* "Take of Solution of Chloride of Zinc *a convenient quantity*. Evaporate the Solution to dryness in an evaporating dish, fuse the dry mass, pour the liquid on a flat stone, and when it has congealed, break the mass in pieces, and keep the fragments in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

A. J. P., 1853. M. Rhighini prepares this chloride by double decomposition between solutions of barium chloride and zinc sulphate. Barium sulphate is precipitated, and zinc chloride remains in solution, from which it is obtained in white flaky crystals by due evaporation.

Properties. It is officially described as "a white, granular powder, or porcelain-like masses, irregular, or moulded into pencils, odorless, of such intensely caustic properties as to make tasting dangerous, unless the salt be dissolved in much water, when it has an astringent, metallic taste. Very deliquescent. Soluble in about 0·3 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), forming a clear solution, which, on protracted boiling, deposits a basic salt; very soluble in alcohol. When heated to 115° C. (239° F.), Zinc Chloride fuses to a clear liquid. At a higher temperature it is partly volatilized in dense, white fumes, and partly decomposed, leaving a residue of zinc oxide. The aqueous solution reddens blue litmus paper. A 5-percent. aqueous solution of the salt yields with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution a pure white precipitate, and with ammonium carbonate test-solution a white precipitate, which redissolves in an excess of the reagent. Silver nitrate test-solution produces a white precipitate insoluble in nitric acid. The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should be clear, or at most only very slightly opalescent; and, if it be mixed with an equal volume of alcohol, a single drop of hydrochloric acid should suffice to render 10 C.c. of the mixture perfectly clear (limit of *oxychloride*). If to the aqueous solution, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution be added, it should not become colored or turbid (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). If ammonium carbonate test-solution be added to the solution, the precipitate should be of a pure white color, and redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). If from this solution in ammonium carbonate test-solution the zinc be completely precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the filtrate should leave no fixed residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). The aqueous solution should not be rendered turbid by the addition of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If 0·3 Gm. of dry Zinc Chloride be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, it should require 44·1 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution to produce a permanent red color (corresponding to not less than 99·84 per cent. of the pure salt)." *U. S.*

When pure, it is wholly soluble in water, alcohol, and ether; but as prepared by the U. S. formula it contains some oxychloride, which is left undissolved by water. According to M. Lassaigne, commercial zinc chloride sometimes contains as much as 12 per cent. of zinc arsenate, which, being insoluble in solution of zinc chloride, will be left undissolved when the chloride is treated with water. By filtration, however, it may be entirely separated. It yields with ammonia and potassa a white precipitate, soluble in those reagents when added in excess. It tends to form basic insoluble compounds, the so-called *oxychlorides*, of which Sorel's mass, $Zn\begin{cases}OH\\Cl\end{cases}$, is an example. These are used for cements and as a filling for teeth. The potassium and sodium carbonates also throw down white precipitates, which are not dissolved by an excess of the precipitants. Zinc chloride has a strong tendency to combine with organic bases, forming crystallizable compounds, as with strychnine, morphine, quinine, cinchonine, etc., in this respect resembling certain other metallic chlorides, as platinum, palladium, gold, and mercury chlorides. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 56.) When exposed to heat, zinc chloride first melts and then sublimes. It has been obtained in small deliquescent octohedrons of the formula $ZnCl_2 + H_2O$, by evaporating its hydrochloric acid solution to a syrup, and then adding a little concentrated hydrochloric acid. It consists of one atom of zinc and two of chlorine.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Zinc chloride was introduced into medicine by Dr. Papenguth, of St. Petersburg, and subsequently recommended by Prof. Hancke, of Breslau, and Dr. Canquoin, of Paris. Internally it has been given as an alterative and antispasmodic in *scrofula*, *epilepsy*, *chorea*, and other nervous diseases, but is of little or no value. Its chief use has been as an escharotic in *cancerous affections*. As a caustic it has the advantage of not causing constitutional disorder from absorption. Dr. Canquoin prepares zinc chloride as an escharotic by thoroughly and quickly mixing it with wheat flour and water into a paste of four different strengths, containing severally an ounce of the chloride incorporated with two, three, four, and five ounces of flour, fifteen drops of water being added for every ounce of flour, or sufficient to form the paste.† According to the French Codex, *Pâte de*

* For the chemistry of its influence on camphor, see *Chem. News*, xx., 1869, p. 229.

† *Dr. Felix's Caustic Paste* (*Lancet*, vol. ii., 1887) is made according to the following formula: Starch, 37 grammes; Wheat Flour, 112 grammes; Mercuric Chloride, 1 gramme; Dry Zinc Chloride, 110 grammes; pure Iodol, 10 grammes;

*Canquoin** (*Canquoin's Paste*) is prepared by triturating an equal weight of flour with the chloride dissolved in a very little water. It is applied in cakes from a twelfth to a third of an inch in thickness, and produces an eschar more or less deep (from a line to an inch and a half), according to the thickness and strength of the paste, the length of the application, and the nature of the part acted on. The strongest paste is applied to lardaceous and fibro-cartilaginous structures; the second, to *carcinomatous tumors*, and very painful *cancers* which have not much thickness; and the third, to *cancerous affections* in persons who have a dread of the use of the knife. These preparations, applied to the skin denuded of its cuticle by means of a blister, excite in a few minutes a sensation of heat, and afterwards violent burning pain. The eschar, which is white, thick, and very hard, falls off, with the aid of an emollient poultice, between the eighth and twelfth days. To destroy thick cancerous tumors having an uneven surface and situated in fleshy parts, Dr. Canquoin uses a caustic formed of one part of zinc chloride, half a part of antimony chloride, and two and a half parts of flour, made into a paste with water. In all cases the caustic is to be reapplied, after the falling off of the eschar, until the whole morbid structure is destroyed. When the skin is unbroken, it is usual to destroy not merely the cuticle, but the true skin also, by means of acid mercuric nitrate, to the extent to which the chloride is desired to operate. This is applied spread on lint, and the dressing is covered with a portion of cotton wadding, to absorb any discharge and to preserve a uniform temperature. The surrounding skin should be protected from the caustic by a thickly-spread dressing of simple cerate. M. Bonnet has applied the paste of zinc chloride to the treatment of *aneurism*. He has reported the complete cure of one case of *subclavian aneurism* from a penetrating wound by a continued series of applications of the paste. Every two or three days the superficial layers of the slough were removed by a bistoury. At the end of the second month the eschar began to detach itself without any hemorrhage, and the clot came away with the eschar. Zinc chloride has also been used successfully by MM. Bonnet and Gensoul in the treatment of aneurism by anastomosis. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, July 23, 1853.) Instead of flour, Dr. Alex. Ure, of Glasgow, mixes the chloride with pure anhydrous calcium sulphate in impalpable powder. He states that this has the advantages of furnishing a porous medium from which the escharotic gradually exudes into the morbid structure, and of forming afterwards, by acquiring a firmer consistence, an impervious case for the eschar. Mr. Cock, of Guy's Hospital, has imitated this mode of preparing the chloride, so as to form a caustic which may be limited in its action and does not run. It may be prepared as a caustic seton by thickly covering a waxed cotton wick with Dr. Canquoin's caustic paste, and then rolling it out in the form of a cylinder, according to the plan of M. Ancrénis, of Lyons. A thread is wound spirally round the cylinder to give it firmness. Mr. Calloway, of Guy's Hospital, has employed zinc chloride with considerable success in the treatment of *nævi materni*. He rubs it, at intervals, on the part until the skin becomes slightly discolored. The late Mr. Guthrie used it with advantage for penetrating the hard case of new bone which forms over a sequestrum, in order to expose the latter and permit its convenient extraction.

For internal exhibition, the most convenient form is a solution in the spirit of ether, in the proportion of half an ounce to three fluidounces. Of this from four to eight drops (0·24–0·5 C.c.) may be given twice a day. Dr. Lloyd, of London, has found zinc chloride useful as an injection in the acute stage of *gonorrhœa*, made of the strength of about two grains to three fluidounces of distilled water, and employed once in five or six hours. A solution of one grain to the fluidounce is used by Mr. Critchett, of the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, London, as a collyrium in *vascular and thickened conjunctiva*, forming a sort of gleet of the eye.

In overdoses, zinc chloride acts as a corrosive poison, producing burning pain in the gullet and stomach, nausea and vomiting, cold sweats, depression of the pulse, and cramps of the legs. The antidotes are alkalies, or their carbonates, and, if these be not immediately at hand, soap. Dr. Letheby reports a fatal case of poisoning in a child by this chloride. The form of chloride swallowed was Burnett's disinfecting fluid. (See *Liquor Zinci Chloridi.*) Its local effect was that of a corrosive on the lips, mouth, and fauces. Among the constitutional

Croton Chloral, 10 grammes; Camphor Bromide, 10 grammes; Crystallized Carbolic Acid, 10 grammes; Distilled Water, sufficient to form a stiff homogeneous paste. The hand should be wetted when applying it. The paste is allowed to remain on from six to twenty-four hours, according to the amount of eschar it is desired to form.

* P. Carles states that the official paste is too hygroscopic: he triturates in a mortar 10 grammes of fused zinc chloride with 2 grammes of 60-per-cent. alcohol, and incorporates, with constant trituration, 15 grammes of wheat flour. This mass may be formed into cylinders of suitable size, and when once dry is but little affected by atmospheric humidity. (*L'Union Pharm.*, Avril, p. 100.)

effects were paralysis of the voluntary muscles, coldness of the surface, dilated pupils, and coma.*

ZINCI IODIDUM. U. S. Iodide of Zinc.

ZnI_2; 318·16. (ZĬN'CĪ Ī-ŌD'Ī-DŬM.) ZnI_2; 318·1.

Iodure de Zinc, *Fr.*; Jodzink, *G.*

This iodide may be formed by digesting an excess of zinc, in small pieces, with iodine diffused in water. Combination takes place, and, by evaporation, a deliquescent, very soluble saline mass is obtained, having a metallic styptic taste, resembling that of zinc sulphate. It may also be obtained by heating in a flask a mixture of 20 parts of zinc and 170 of iodine, and subliming into a vial. Thus prepared, it is in the form of white needles. This salt is very liable to spontaneous decomposition. "Zinc Iodide should be kept in small, glass-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 describes it as "a white, granular powder, odorless, and having a sharp, saline and metallic taste. Very deliquescent, and liable to absorb oxygen from the air, and to become brown from liberated iodine. Readily soluble in water, alcohol, or ether. When heated to about 446° C. (834·8° F.), the salt fuses to a colorless liquid, and at a higher temperature sublimes, forming quadratic needles, while a small part is decomposed and leaves a residue of zinc oxide. The aqueous solution reddens blue litmus paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution of the salt yields a pure white precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, or with ammonium sulphide test-solution. With silver nitrate test-solution it yields a pale yellow precipitate, insoluble in ammonia water; with mercuric chloride test-solution a scarlet-red precipitate, soluble in potassium iodide test-solution. The aqueous solution, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not be colored or rendered turbid by hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.); nor by barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*). If ammonium carbonate test-solution be added to the aqueous solution, a pure white precipitate will form, which should redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). If from the solution in ammonium carbonate test-solution all the zinc be precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the filtrate should leave no fixed residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). If 0·5 Gm. of dry Zinc Iodide be dissolved in 10 C.c. of water, and 2 drops of potassium chromate test-solution be added, not more than 31·4 C.c. nor less than 31·0 C.c. of silver nitrate decinormal volumetric solution should be required to produce a permanent red color (31·4 C.c. corresponding to 100 (99·9) per cent., and 31·0 C.c. to 98·62 per cent., of pure Zinc Iodide)." *U. S.*

Medical Properties. Zinc iodide was proposed by Dr. Barlow as an alterative remedy in *chorea*, *scrofula*, and *hysteria* (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Nov. 1853), but has failed to come into general use. The best form of administration is in *syrup*, to protect it from change. The dose is from one-half to two grains (0·03–0·13 Gm.).† Zinc iodide has been used for many years as an external application. Dr. J. J. Ross, of Scotland, employed a solution containing from ten to thirty grains to the fluidounce of water, with great advantage, in *enlarged tonsils*, applied by means of a piece of sponge tied to a quill. After the use of the solution for some time, he applied the iodide, rendered liquid by deliquescence, by means of a camel's-hair brush. A solution containing from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.) to the fluidounce (30 C.c.) of water has been used as an astringent injection in *gonorrhœa*. An ointment made with a drachm (3·9 Gm.) of the iodide to an ounce (31·1 Gm.) of lard has been commended by Dr. Ure in the treatment of *tumors*, applied in the quantity of a drachm twice a day.

* *Solution of Zinc Hypochlorite.* This may be prepared by the process of R. F. Fairthorne, as follows. "Take of Chlorinated Lime, 12 troyounces; Zinc Sulphate, 24 troyounces; Water, 12 pints. Dissolve the zinc sulphate in three pints of water. Triturate the chlorinated lime, a little at a time, with portions of the water added slowly, and mix thoroughly with the remainder of the water. Allow it to stand until the lime has subsided. Pour off the clear liquid. Transfer the sediment to a muslin strainer, and allow it to drain until sufficient liquid has passed to measure 8 pints with the decanted portion of the solution. Mix this with the solution of zinc sulphate, and, having set it aside for twelve hours, pour off the clear portion of the liquid and place the remaining portion on a piece of muslin to drain. Mix these liquids, and pour more water on the precipitate, if necessary, so as to make 11 pints and a half of the finished product." (*A. J. P.*, March, 1881.) This solution is recommended as having advantages over solution of chlorinated soda, in not being alkaline, and as combining astringent and antiseptic properties, and thus useful as an ingredient in gargles, injections, or lotions.

† Mr. A. B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, prepares a syrup of zinc iodide by gently heating, in an evaporating dish, *twelve drachms and two scruples* of iodine, and *an ounce* of finely granulated zinc, with *nine fluidounces* of water, until they unite, filtering the solution, while hot, on *a pound* (av.) of sugar, contained in a wide-mouthed bottle holding a little more than a pint, and adding, through the filter, sufficient water to make the whole measure a pint. This syrup is perfectly clear and colorless, is styptic to the taste, and contains a drachm of zinc iodide in each fluidounce. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1852, p. 33.) The dose of this syrup is from twenty to fifty drops (1·25–3·12 C.c.), sufficiently diluted with water, three times a day.

ZINCI OXIDUM. U. S., Br. Zinc Oxide.

ZnO; 81·06. (ZĬN'CĪ ŎX'Ĭ-DŬM.) ZnO; 80·9.

Zincum Oxydatum Purum, *P. G.;* Oxydum Zincicum; Oxyde de Zinc, *Fr.;* Philosophenwolle Zinkblumen, Zinkoxyd, *G.*

"Take of Carbonate of Zinc *six ounces.* Place the Carbonate of Zinc in a loosely covered Hessian crucible, and expose it to a dull red heat until a portion, taken from the centre of the contents of the crucible and cooled, no longer effervesces when moistened with water and dropped into diluted sulphuric acid. Let the crucible cool, and transfer the product to stoppered bottles." *Br.*

The British Pharmacopœia and the U. S. P. 1870* prepared the zinc oxide from the carbonate already formed. By referring to the article on Precipitated Zinc Carbonate, it will be found that it is obtained in the process from zinc sulphate, by the decomposing influence of sodium carbonate. Other methods of obtaining the zinc carbonate are by the mutual decomposition of the sodium chloride and carbonate and the ammonium sulphate and carbonate; but the official plan is to be preferred. M. Lefort found it to furnish a carbonate which is washed with facility and is convertible by calcination into a pure oxide, readily reduced to an impalpable and very light powder. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xi. 329.) It is, besides, more economical. The zinc carbonate, in whatever way obtained, is exposed to heat to drive off the carbonic acid and water, in order to obtain the oxide. According to Mohr, a full red heat is not necessary, a temperature between 280° and 300° C. (536° and 572° F.) being sufficient. It is probable that an unnecessarily high heat injures the oxide as a therapeutic agent.

Zinc oxide may be obtained by the combustion of the metal; and in this way it was formerly prepared by the Dublin College. Zinc melts at 433° C. (801·4° F.), and immediately becomes covered with a film of gray oxide. When the temperature reaches nearly to redness, it takes fire and burns with an intense white light, generating the oxide in the form of very light and white flocculi, resembling carded wool, which quickly fill the crucible, and are in part driven into the atmosphere by the current of air. The late Mr. G. D. Midgely, of London, several years ago, called attention to the production of zinc oxide by combustion, and gave a description of the apparatus by which he was enabled to prepare from one to two hundred-weight of the oxide at one operation. It consisted of a large muffle, heated to redness in a suitable furnace, and supplied with zinc from time to time as the combustion proceeded. The necessary draught of air was conveyed from the muffle by a tube passing through the top of the furnace and terminating in a vessel of water, in which the portion of oxide carried up by the current was retained. The resulting oxide was freed from particles of metallic zinc by being passed through a sieve. Zinc oxide has been very largely produced from calamine by the so-called "furnace and bag" process, at Bethlehem, Pa., by the Lehigh Zinc Company. The process is as follows. The ore is first ground fine by a stone crusher, and then carefully mixed with coal known as "buckwheat," next in grade to "pea." It is then transferred to the furnaces, of which there are fifty-four, with 1390 feet of grate-surface. Within these the mixed coal and ore are reduced by the direct action of heat and the cold blast upon a furnace-bed having a multiplicity of small holes, each producing the reducing flame of the blow-pipe. The zinc oxide rises, and passes through a huge combustion-flue to a large circular tower, 50 feet high, in which the oxide and ashes separate. The ashes being heavier than the oxide, the velocity of the fans which impel the product forward lifts the oxide to the top, and the ashes drop to the bottom. The oxide is forced onward through a cooling-room, size 80 by 40 feet, and heated to from 400° to 700° F. Thence the oxide is blown through large flues into the "bag" room. This is a large building, devoid of furniture, except bags of muslin, 45 feet long, in which the oxide is deposited. It is now very white, and, after being kiln-dried and bolted, is by heavy pressure reduced in bulk and barrelled, ready for shipment.

Properties. The official zinc oxide is "an amorphous, white powder, without odor or taste. It gradually absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. Insoluble in water or alcohol. Soluble, without effervescence, in diluted acids; also in ammonia water, and in ammonium carbonate test-solution. When heated, it assumes a yellow color, which disappears again on cooling. If a small portion of the Oxide be moistened with a drop of cobaltous nitrate test-solution, and heated before the blow-pipe, it will assume a vivid green color. For making tests of identity and purity digest 1 Gm. of Zinc Oxide, during one hour, with occasional agitation, in a mixture of 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid and 10 C.c. of water; then remove the undissolved zinc oxide by filtration. In

* "Take of Precipitated Carbonate of Zinc *twelve troyounces.* Expose it, in a shallow vessel, to a low red heat until the water and carbonic acid are wholly expelled." *U. S.* 1870.

a portion of the filtrate a pure white precipitate is produced by potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, or by ammonium sulphide test-solution. In another portion of the filtrate, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, no color or turbidity should be produced by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). Another portion of the filtrate should yield, with ammonium carbonate test-solution, a pure white precipitate, which should redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). If from this solution in ammonium carbonate test-solution the zinc be completely precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the filtrate should, on evaporation, leave no fixed residue (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). In another portion of the filtrate silver nitrate test-solution should not produce a turbidity (absence of *chloride*). If Zinc Oxide be agitated for some time with water, and a drop of phenolphtalein test-solution be added, no red color should appear (absence of *alkaline carbonate*, etc.). If 10 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid be added to 0·5 Gm. of Zinc Oxide, no effervescence should occur (absence of *carbonate*), and a perfectly clear solution should result (absence of *lead*, *silicate*, etc.). If Zinc Oxide be dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid, the solution should remain perfectly clear after the addition of barium chloride test-solution (absence of *sulphate*)." *U. S.* As obtained by combustion, it is perfectly white. It dissolves in potassa and soda, but not in their carbonates. Being anhydrous, it is insoluble in ammonia; but the impure oxide found in commerce, being generally hydrated, is soluble in that alkali. At a low white heat it fuses, and at full whiteness sublimes. When prepared by combustion it was formerly called *pompholix*, *nihil album*, *lana philosophica*, and *flowers of zinc*. Prepared by the old official process, namely, by precipitating zinc sulphate with ammonia, it contains the subsulphate, the acid of which may be detected by dissolving the oxide in nitric acid and precipitating by barium nitrate. Sometimes it is obtained by precipitating zinc chloride with ammonia, in which case the oxide contains subchloride, easily detected by silver nitrate. If it contain white lead or chalk, it will not be entirely soluble in dilute sulphuric acid, but an insoluble lead or calcium sulphate will be left. If iron be present, brownish-red flocks of ferric oxide will remain undissolved when the hydrochloric acid solution of the oxide is treated with ammonia in excess.

The powder sold in commerce as zinc oxide is often very impure. Sometimes the carbonate is substituted for it, showing that the exposure to a red heat has been omitted. In this case the preparation will effervesce with acids. Some samples contain a large proportion of subsulphate, showing that the discarded but productive process of precipitating the solution of zinc sulphate by ammonia has been employed. Again, other samples contain oxychloride. These impure oxides are pointed out by Mr. Redwood, of London, as occurring in the English market, and no doubt are sold in the United States. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1855, p. 301.) A sample of commercial zinc oxide is noticed in *N. R.*, Aug. 1878, which proved to be powdered gypsum. Unfortunately, a white oxide is preferred by purchasers, though whiteness is generally a sign of impurity: the yellowish-white official oxide should be exclusively used by pharmacists.

Medical Properties and Uses. This oxide is antispasmodic and astringent. It has been given in *chorea*, *epilepsy*, *whooping-cough*, and *gastric* and *intestinal catarrhs*. Externally it is employed as an exsiccant to excoriated surfaces, sometimes by sprinkling it on the affected part, but generally in the form of ointment. (See *Unguentum Zinci Oxidi.*) It has also been used in *gonorrhœa*. (*N. R.*, July, 1874.) The dose is from two to eight grains (0·13–0·52 Gm.) or more, repeated several times a day, and given in the form of pill. As a cosmetic it has the great advantage over the preparations of lead of not being poisonous.

Zinc oxide, prepared by combustion, called commercial zinc oxide, is extensively used in painting as a substitute for white lead, over which it has the advantage of not being discolored by hydrogen sulphide. It is stated that it has greater covering power as a color than white lead, 10 parts being equal to 13 of white lead. It is, however, dearer, so that the pure oxide has not replaced white lead. The oxide thus prepared, even though pure, should not be substituted for the official, as it has not the smoothness and freedom from gritty particles possessed by the latter. There is an English preparation known as *Griffith's zinc-white*, or *zincolith*, made by precipitating zinc sulphate by barium sulphide: it is, therefore, a mixture of zinc sulphide and barium sulphate. If this be roasted in a current of superheated steam the zinc sulphide will be converted into zinc oxide. This process has been patented in Germany by Meissner. (Wagner's *Chem. Technol.*, 11th ed., p. 159.) It has, moreover, the merit of not producing injurious effects on the workmen at all comparable to those caused by white lead. It is, indeed, usually considered innocuous; but a case of chronic poisoning by it has been reported by Prof. Botkin. (*Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, ii., 1873.)

ZINCI PHOSPHIDUM. U. S. Zinc Phosphide.

Zn_3P_2; 257·22. (ZĬN'CĪ PHŌS'PHĮ-DŬM.) Zn_3P_2; 256·7.

Phosphure de Zinc, *Fr.*; Phosphorzink, *G.*

According to Hager, zinc phosphide was first prepared by Marggraf in 1740. It was formerly made by fusing, in a bath of iron filings, 74 parts of pure zinc, and adding gradually, in small pieces, 26 parts of dry phosphorus. This process gives good results only in small quantities (10 to 20 Gm.). A more recent process is to pass vapors of phosphorus in a current of dry hydrogen over fused zinc. The product is a spongy, gray mass, of metallic appearance, containing rhomboidal crystals, and when powdered resembling somewhat reduced iron. The metallic particles of zinc should be separated. Its sp. gr. is 4·72. "Zinc Phosphide should be kept in small, glass-stoppered vials." *U. S.*

Properties. It is thus described in the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890. "A gritty powder of a dark gray color, or crystalline fragments of a dark, metallic lustre, and having a faint odor and taste of phosphorus. In contact with the air it slowly emits phosphorous vapor. Insoluble in water or alcohol. Soluble in diluted hydrochloric or sulphuric acid with evolution of hydrogen phosphide. When strongly heated with exclusion of air, it melts, and finally sublimes. When heated it air, it becomes oxidized to zinc phosphate. If 0·5 Gm. of Zinc Phosphide be dissolved in 15 C.c. of diluted hydrochloric acid, heat being applied to expel all of the hydrogen phosphide gas, a clear solution should result, leaving no residue (absence of *insoluble impurities*). A portion of this solution should yield a pure, white precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution (absence of *iron* or *copper*); or with ammonium sulphide test-solution (absence of *lead* or *copper*). If another portion of this solution be mixed with an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution, no color or turbidity should appear (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.)." *U. S.* For a method of assay of zinc phosphide, see *N. R.*, June, 1879.

Medical Properties. It has been proved by direct experiment upon animals, as well as by clinical experience, that zinc phosphide affects the system physiologically and therapeutically in exactly the same manner as does phosphorus, and it is now very frequently employed in medicine as a substitute for that element. Theoretically, each grain of the phosphide contains nearly a quarter of a grain of phosphorus. It is asserted in the journals to have been administered in doses of one or even two grains; but of the pure salt such amounts would be extremely dangerous: the commencing dose is one-twentieth of a grain (0·003 Gm.).

ZINCI SULPHAS. U. S., Br. Zinc Sulphate.

$ZnSO_4.7H_2O$; 286·64. (ZĬN'CĪ SŬL'PHĂS.) $ZnSO_4.7H_2O$; 286·9.

Zincum Sulfuricum, *P. G.*: Sulfas Zincicus, Vitriolum Album; Sulfate de Zinc, Vitriol blanc, *Fr.*; Schwefelsaures Zinkoxyd, Weisser Vitriol, Galitzenstein, *G.*

"Take of Granulated Zinc *sixteen ounces* [avoirdupois]; Sulphuric Acid *twelve fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *four pints* [Imp. meas.]; Solution of Chlorine *a sufficiency*; Carbonate of Zinc *half an ounce* [av.], or *a sufficiency*. Pour the sulphuric acid previously mixed with the water on the zinc contained in a porcelain basin, and, when effervescence has nearly ceased, aid the action by heat. Test a few drops of the resulting liquid for iron by adding excess of ammonia and then sulphydrate of ammonium, when a black precipitate will be produced if iron be present. In the latter case filter the remainder of the fluid into a gallon bottle, and add gradually with constant agitation the solution of chlorine until the fluid acquires a permanent odor of chlorine. Add now with continued agitation the carbonate of zinc until a brown precipitate appears and the whole of the iron is thus precipitated. Let the precipitate subside, filter the solution, evaporate till a pellicle forms on the surface, and set aside to crystallize. Dry the crystals by exposure to the air on filtering paper placed on porous tiles. More crystals may be obtained by again evaporating the mother-liquor. If no iron be present, filter, and evaporate, etc., at once." *Br.*

Strong sulphuric acid is very little acted upon by zinc, some hydrogen sulphide being evolved by the reduction of the acid; but when it is *diluted*, water is instantly decomposed, and, while hydrogen escapes with rapid effervescence, oxygen combines with the zinc and the acid, generating zinc sulphate. From this it will be perceived that *hydrogen* is a collateral product of the process. The proportion of the zinc to the strong acid in the process is as 4 to 5·53. The molecular weights give the ratio of 4 to 6 almost exactly,—which indicates that the metal is somewhat in excess. If the materials are mixed at once, without any precaution, the effer-

vescence of hydrogen is apt to be excessive, and to cause the overflowing of the liquid. This may be avoided by commencing the solution of zinc with a very dilute acid, which, as the action slackens, is made by degrees stronger and stronger by the addition, at intervals, of small portions of fresh acid. As the zinc of commerce generally contains iron, this would contaminate the product, unless precautions were taken to prevent it. Hence the addition of chlorine, which reacts with ferrous sulphate to form ferric sulphate and ferric chloride, which, upon the addition of zinc carbonate, yield sulphuric acid and chlorine to the zinc, ferric oxide being deposited and carbonic acid set free. The former is separated by filtration, the latter escapes during the evaporation, the additional zinc sulphate crystallizes with that first formed, and the zinc chloride remains in the mother-waters.

Preparation on the Large Scale. Impure zinc sulphate, as it occurs in commerce, is called *white vitriol.* It is manufactured by roasting *blende* (native zinc sulphide) in a reverberatory furnace. This mineral, besides zinc sulphide, contains small quantities of iron, copper, and lead sulphides, and by roasting is converted, in consequence of the oxidation of its constituents, into zinc sulphate, mixed with iron, copper, and lead sulphates. The roasted matter is then lixiviated; and the solution obtained, after having been allowed to settle, is concentrated by evaporation, so that, on cooling, it may concrete into a white crystalline mass. In this state it always contains ferrous sulphate, and sometimes a small proportion of copper sulphate. It may be purified from these metals by dissolving it in water and boiling the solution with zinc oxide, which converts the iron and copper sulphates, by precipitating their bases, into zinc sulphate. The purified solution is then decanted or filtered, and, after due evaporation, allowed to crystallize. It has generally been proposed to purify the white vitriol of commerce by digesting its solution with metallic zinc, under the impression that this is capable of precipitating all the foreign metals; but, according to Berzelius, though it will precipitate copper readily, it has no action on iron. Prof. F. Stolba recommends a process which has been used successfully for the purification of zinc sulphate by the use of zinc carbonate and zinc permanganate. (See *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 72.)

Properties. Zinc sulphate is in "colorless, transparent, rhombic crystals, without odor, and having an astringent, metallic taste. Efflorescent in dry air. Soluble in 0·6 part of water at 15° C. (59° F.), and in 0·2 part of boiling water; also soluble in about 3 parts of glycerin; insoluble in alcohol. When rapidly heated, the salt melts. At a higher temperature it is partly decomposed, losing both water and sulphuric acid. When very gradually heated to 50° C. (122° F.), it loses 5 molecules of its water (31·3 per cent.), without melting. At 100° C. (212° F.), a sixth molecule is lost, while the last may be removed by a current of dry air at 110° C. (230° F.). The aqueous solution gives an acid reaction with litmus paper. A 5-per-cent. aqueous solution yields a pure white precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide test-solution, also with ammonium sulphide test-solution, and with barium chloride test-solution. If a small portion of the salt be moistened with a drop of cobaltous nitrate test-solution, and heated before the blowpipe, it will assume a vivid green color. No residue should be left on dissolving 1 Gm. of the salt in 20 C.c. of water (absence of *lead* and *other insoluble matters*). The aqueous solution (1 in 20), after being acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not be colored or rendered turbid by an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *copper*, etc.). The aqueous solution should yield with ammonium carbonate test-solution a pure white precipitate, which should redissolve completely in an excess of the reagent (absence of *iron*, *aluminum*, *calcium*, etc.). If from this solution in ammonium carbonate test-solution the zinc be completely precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the filtrate should leave no fixed residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). The aqueous solution (1 in 20) should not be rendered turbid by silver nitrate test-solution (absence of *chloride*). If 1 Gm. of Zinc Sulphate, in small fragments, be agitated for some time with 10 C.c. of alcohol, the filtrate should not redden moistened blue litmus paper (absence of *free acid*)." *U. S.* Its crystals have considerable resemblance to those of magnesium sulphate. It effloresces slightly in dry air, and, though neutral in composition, reddens vegetable blues. When heated it dissolves in its water of crystallization, which gradually evaporates; and by a prolonged ignition the whole of the acid is expelled, and the zinc oxide left. The alkaline carbonates precipitate the metal in the state of white carbonate. Pure zinc sulphate is precipitated white by potassium ferrocyanide and ammonium sulphydrate. What is thrown down by barium chloride or lead acetate (barium sulphate or lead sulphate) is not dissolved by nitric acid. If copper be present, ammonia will produce a blue tinge; if iron, the potassium ferrocyanide will cause a bluish-white precipitate

instead of a white one, and tincture of galls a purple color. Cadmium and arsenic may be detected by acidulating the solution with sulphuric acid and passing a stream of hydrogen sulphide through it; when, if either of these metals be present, it will be thrown down as a yellow sulphide. Zinc sulphate is incompatible with alkalies and alkaline carbonates, sulphides, lime water, the soluble lead salts, and astringent infusions.

The impure commercial variety of zinc sulphate is in the form of irregular white masses having some resemblance to lump sugar. The lumps usually exhibit, here and there on the surface, yellow stains, produced by ferric oxide. It is less soluble than the pure salt, on account of its containing less water of crystallization.

Composition. Crystallized zinc sulphate consists of one sulphuric acid group SO_4, one atom of zinc, and seven molecules of water. The white vitriol of commerce contains but three molecules of water.

Medical Properties and Uses. This salt is tonic, astringent, and, in large doses, a prompt emetic, producing very little depression, and much used when it is desired simply to evacuate the stomach. In *gastric catarrh* it is sometimes useful, in the dose of one-quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.) before meals, in pill. It was formerly used in *night sweats*, *epilepsy*, *chorea*, and other nervous diseases, but has now entirely passed out of vogue as a remedy in such affections. As an astringent it is chiefly employed externally. Its solution constitutes a good styptic to bleeding surfaces, and is frequently resorted to as an injection in *fluor albus* and *gonorrhœa*, and as a collyrium in *ophthalmia*, also as a stimulant application to *ulcers* both of the mucous membrane and of the skin. Dose, from one-quarter to one-half grain (0·018–0·037 Gm.); as an emetic, from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.). When used as a collyrium, an injection, or a gargle, or as a wash for indolent ulcers, from one to three grains (0·065–0·2 Gm.) or more may be dissolved in a fluidounce (30 C.c.) of water. For medicinal purposes the crystallized salt only should be used. Prof. Simpson, of Edinburgh, employed dried zinc sulphate in the form of powder, paste, or ointment, as a powerful, rapid, manageable, and safe caustic in indurated inflammatory ulcers of the cervix uteri; in *lupus;* in *ulcerous forms of skin diseases;* and in removing *urethral caruncles*, *condylomata*, *warty excrescences*, etc. The dried salt should be finely levigated. The caustic paste is made by incorporating an ounce of the powder with a drachm of glycerin; and the caustic ointment, by thoroughly mixing the same quantity of the powder with two drachms of lard. (See *Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, April, 1857, p. 485.)

Zinc sulphate, in an overdose, acts as an irritant poison. Besides vomiting and incessant retching, it produces anxiety, distressing restlessness, and extreme prostration. Few cases are on record of fatal poisoning by this salt, the patient being generally relieved by its prompt expulsion in vomiting. Death is said to have been caused, however, by an ounce and a half. The treatment consists in the free administration of bland drinks, the use of opium to allay irritation, and the employment of the usual antiphlogistic remedies should symptoms of inflammation arise.

ZINCI SULPHOCARBOLAS. Br. Sulphocarbolate of Zinc.

$Zn(C_6H_5SO_4)_2, H_2O$. (ZĬN'CĪ SŬL-PHQ-CĂR'BQ-LĂS.)

"May be obtained by heating a mixture of carbolic acid and sulphuric acid, saturating the product with oxide of zinc, evaporating and crystallizing." *Br.*

It is officially described as in "colorless, transparent, tabular, efflorescent crystals; soluble in about twice their weight of rectified spirit or of water. The aqueous solution is colored violet by perchloride of iron, and affords a white precipitate with sulphydrate of ammonium: it is not at once rendered turbid, or is only rendered faintly turbid, by chloride of barium, and is not precipitated by oxalate of ammonium." *Br.*

Medical Properties. Sulphocarbolate of zinc is not used internally, but has been employed as an antiseptic astringent stimulant to indolent or foul *ulcers*, and in subacute inflammations of the mucous membrane. The solutions used may be a little stronger than those of zinc sulphate employed for similar purposes.

ZINCI VALERIANAS. U. S., Br. Zinc Valerianate.

$Zn(C_5H_9O_2)_2.2H_2O$; 302·56. (ZĬN'CĪ VĂ-LĒ-RĬ-Ā'NĂS.) $Zn(C_5H_9O_2)_2.2H_2O$; 302·9.

"Zinc Valerianate should be kept in small, well-stoppered bottles." *U. S.*

Zincum Valerianicum, *P. G.;* Valerianas Zincicus; Valérianate de Zinc, *Fr.;* Baldriansaures Zinkoxyd, *G.*

Zinc valerianate was formerly included among the preparations of the U. S. Pharmacopœia,

but at the revision of 1880 no process was inserted. The British Pharmacopœia still gives a formula for its preparation: this, with the old U. S. formula and remarks upon both contained in the 14th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory, is given in the foot-note.*

Properties. This salt is in "white, pearly scales, having the odor of valerianic acid, and a sweetish, astringent, and metallic taste. On exposure to the air, it slowly loses valerianic acid. Soluble, at 15° C. (59° F.), in about 100 parts of water, and in 40 parts of alcohol; somewhat more soluble in absolute alcohol. Boiling renders the solution turbid from loss of acid and formation of a basic salt. When heated, the salt melts. At a higher temperature it is decomposed, giving off inflammable vapors, and finally leaving a residue of zinc oxide. The aqueous solution reddens blue litmus paper. If 0·5 Gm. of Zinc Valerianate be dissolved in a mixture of 0·5 C.c. of hydrochloric acid and 4·5 C.c. of water, the valerianic (isovalerianic) acid will be liberated, and float as an oily layer on the surface of the liquid. After its removal, the clear solution should be neither colored nor rendered turbid by the addition of an equal volume of hydrogen sulphide test-solution (absence of *arsenic*, *cadmium*, *lead*, *copper*, etc.). Zinc Valerianate should dissolve without residue in ammonia water (absence of *iron*, etc.). If from this solution the zinc be completely precipitated by ammonium sulphide test-solution, the precipitate should have a pure white color, and the filtrate should leave no fixed residue on evaporation (absence of *alkalies*, *magnesium*, etc.). If 0·5 Gm. of Zinc Valerianate be triturated with 2 C.c. of water and 0·2 C.c. of ferric chloride test-solution added, the filtrate should not show a red color (absence of *acetate*). If a concentrated solution of copper acetate in water be added to a concentrated, aqueous solution of Zinc Valerianate, the mixture should remain perfectly clear (absence of *butyrate*)." *U. S.* The salt, as obtained by the British and U. S. P. 1870 formulas, contained one mol. of water; but when formed by saturating zinc carbonate, made into a paste with water, with valerianic acid, it contains six mols. of water, and, when dried at 50° C. (122° F.), perfectly resembles the official salt. (*Wittstein.*) Other authorities (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, and Roscoe and Schorlemmer's *Chem.* vol. iii. part i.) give the formula of the stable crystallized salt as $Zn(C_5H_9O_2)_2 + 2H_2O$. Zinc acetate impregnated with oil of valerian has been substituted for this salt; but at present, from the relative costliness of the oil, there is no inducement to this fraud. Zinc butyrate has been sold in Paris for the valerianate, and is so like it as not to be distinguished by its physical properties. The two salts, however, may be discriminated by adding a concentrated solution of the acid of the suspected salt, obtained by distillation with sulphuric acid, to a concentrated solution of copper acetate. If the acid be the butyric, its addition to the solution of the acetate will disturb the transparency of the latter, by the formation of a bluish-white precipitate; if it be the valerianic, no change will be produced. (Larocque and Huraut, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ix. 430.)

Medical Properties. Zinc valerianate was proposed as a remedy, on theoretical grounds, by Prince Louis-Lucien Bonaparte. Upon trial it was found to possess antispasmodic properties, and has been used in *diabetes insipidus*. By some of the Italian physicians it has been extolled as a remedy in *neuralgia*. Dr. F. Devay, of Lyons, found it useful in *epilepsy*, and in the nervous affections which accompany *chlorosis*. The dose is from one to two grains (0·065–0·13 Gm.), repeated several times a day, and given in the form of pill.

* "Take of Valerianate of Soda *two troyounces and a half*; Sulphate of Zinc *two troyounces and four hundred and twenty grains*; Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Dissolve the salts separately, each in twenty fluidounces of Distilled Water, and, having heated the solutions to 212° F., mix them, and set the mixture aside to crystallize. Decant the mother-water from the crystals, and put them upon a filter in a funnel to drain. Mix the mother-water and the drainings, evaporate at a heat not exceeding 200° F. to four fluidounces, and again set aside to crystallize. Add the crystals, thus obtained, to those in the funnel, wash the whole with a little Distilled Water, and, having removed them with the filter, spread them on bibulous paper, and dry them with a heat not exceeding 200° F." *U. S.* 1870.

"Take of Sulphate of Zinc *five ounces and a half* [avoirdupois]; Valerianate of Sodium *five ounces* [av.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dissolve the Sulphate of Zinc and the Valerianate of Sodium, each, in two pints [Imperial measure] of the Water; heat both solutions to near the boiling point, mix them, cool, and skim off the crystals which are produced. Evaporate the mother-liquor at a heat not exceeding 200° F., till it is reduced to four [fluid]ounces; cool again, remove the crystals which have formed, and add them to those which have been already obtained. Drain the crystals on a paper filter, and wash them with a small quantity of cold Distilled Water, till the washings give but a very feeble precipitate with chloride of barium. Let them now be again drained, and dried on filtering paper at ordinary temperatures." *Br.*

These formulas are essentially the same as the formula of the late Dublin Pharmacopœia. In the formation of the salt a double decomposition takes place between the reacting salts, resulting in the production of zinc valerianate and sodium sulphate. Upon mixing the hot solutions, crystals of the sparingly soluble zinc valerianate form on the surface of the liquid; and during the progress of its concentration to one-tenth, more of them are successively produced. These are then washed with cold distilled water to separate adhering sodium sulphate, drained on a filter, and dried.

ZINGIBER. U. S., Br. Ginger.

(ZĬN'ĢI-BĘR.)

"The rhizome of Zingiber officinale, Roscoe (nat. ord. Scitamineæ)." *U. S.* "The scraped and dried rhizome of Zingiber officinale."* *Br.*

Rhizoma Zingiberis, *P. G.;* Gingembre, *Fr.;* Ingwer, *G.;* Zenzero, *It.;* Gengibre, *Sp.*

Gen. Ch. Flowers spathaceous. Inner limb of the *corolla* with one lip. *Anther* double, with a simple recurved horn at the end. *Germen* inferior. *Style* enclosed in the furrow formed by the anther. *Loudon's Encyc. of Plants.*

Zingiber officinale. Roscoe, *Trans. Linn. Soc.* viii. 348; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 55, pl. 98.—*Amomum zingiber.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 6; *B. & T.* 270. The ginger plant has a biennial or perennial, creeping, tuberous root or rhizome, and an annual stem, which rises two or three feet in height, is solid, round, erect, and enclosed in an imbricated membranous sheathing. The leaves are lanceolate, acute, smooth, five or six inches long by about an inch in breadth, and stand alternately on the sheaths of the stem. The flower-stalk rises by the side of the stem from six inches to a foot, and like it is clothed with oval, acuminate sheaths; but it is without leaves, and terminates in an oval, obtuse, bracteal, imbricated spike. The flowers are of a dingy yellow color, and appear two or three at a time between the bracteal scales.

The plant is a native of Hindostan, and is cultivated in all parts of India. It is also cultivated in the West Indies, whither it was transplanted from the East, and at Sierra Leone in Africa. The flowers have an aromatic smell, and the stems when bruised are slightly fragrant; but the root is the portion in which the virtues of the plant reside. This is fit to be dug up when a year old. In the West Indies, the ginger crop is gathered in January and February, after the stems have withered. After having been properly cleansed, the root is scalded in boiling water, in order to prevent germination, and is then rapidly dried. Thus prepared, it constitutes the ordinary ginger of commerce, or *black ginger*, as it is sometimes called from the darkish color acquired in the process. It is imported chiefly from Calcutta, and is known to the druggists by the name of East India ginger; but recently considerable quantities have been brought from Africa, and some probably reaches us from the West Indies. In Jamaica another variety is prepared by selecting the best roots, depriving them of their epidermis, and drying them separately and carefully in the sun. This is called in the books *white ginger*, and is most highly valued. It reaches us from England, where it is said to undergo some further preparation, by which its appearance is improved. It is usually called in our markets *Jamaica ginger.* The root is also at present imported from the East Indies deprived of the epidermis. Considerable quantities are brought immediately from the West Indies in a recent state, and sold by the confectioners. A preserve is made from ginger by selecting the roots while young and tender, depriving them of their cortical covering, and boiling them in syrup. This is occasionally imported from the East and West Indies. This *preserved ginger*, when good, is translucent and tender.

The *recent root* is from one to four inches long, somewhat flattened on its upper and under surface, knotty, obtusely and irregularly branched or lobed, externally of a light ash color with circular rugæ, internally yellowish white and fleshy. It sometimes germinates when kept in a damp atmosphere. The *common* or *black ginger* is of the same general shape, but has a dark ash-colored wrinkled epidermis, which, being removed in some places, exhibits patches of an almost black color, apparently the result of exposure. Beneath the epidermis is a brownish, resinous, almost horny cortical portion. The interior parenchyma is whitish and somewhat farinaceous. The powder is of a light yellowish-brown color. This variety is most extensively used. The *Jamaica* or *white ginger* differs in being entirely deprived of epidermis, and white or yellowish white on the outside. The pieces are rounder and thinner, in consequence of the loss of substance in their preparation. They afford when pulverized a beautiful yellowish-white powder, which is brought from Liverpool in jars. This variety is firm and resinous, and has more of the sensible qualities of ginger than the black. The uncoated ginger of the East Indies resembles the Jamaica, but is darker, being gray rather than white. As the Jamaica commands a much higher price than even the uncoated East India production, the latter is occasionally

* A ginger-like root occurs in Siam, which was supposed in 1887, by Sir J. Hooker, to be yielded by a new species of Alpinia, *A. zingiberina.* According to Mr. J. G. Baker, however, this plant is not distinct from *A. galanga*, which yields the greater or Java galangal root of commerce. It was long ago pointed out that ordinary so-called preserved ginger from China has larger rhizomes than are common with *Zingiber officinale*; and Mr. C. Ford, Director of the Botanical Garden at Hong-Kong, has finally succeeded in getting the ginger plant of China to flower, and in identifying it as *Alpinia galanga.* (See *Kew Bulletin*, 1891.)

altered to simulate the former. This is sometimes done by coating the exterior with calcium sulphate or carbonate, sometimes by bleaching, by which not only the exterior but also the internal parts are rendered whiter than in the unprepared root. Trommsdorff found, in a specimen which he examined, evidences of the presence of chlorides, sulphates, and calcium, and concluded that the bleaching was effected by chlorine, or by calcium chloride and sulphuric acid. Having macerated some black ginger in water, deprived it of the cortical portion, treated it for twenty-four hours with sulphuric acid diluted with nine times its weight of water, and finally placed it in a mixture of calcium chloride and water, in which it was allowed to remain for two days, he found it, upon being washed and dried, to present an appearance closely resembling that of the finest white ginger, both on the surface and internally. (*Ann. der Pharm.*, xvii. 98.) According to Brande, ginger is often washed in whiting and water; and Pereira states that it is sometimes bleached by exposure to the fumes of burning sulphur.*

General Properties. The U. S. Pharmacopœia describes ginger as "about 5 to 10 Cm. long, 10 to 15 Mm. broad, and 4 to 8 Mm. thick, flattish, on one side lobed or clavately branched; deprived of the corky layer; pale buff-colored, striate, breaking with a mealy, rather fibrous fracture, showing numerous small, scattered resin-cells and fibro-vascular bundles, the latter enclosed by a nucleus sheath; agreeably aromatic, and of a pungent and warm taste." *U. S.* The odor of ginger is aromatic and penetrating, the taste spicy, pungent, hot, and biting. These properties gradually diminish, and are ultimately lost, by exposure. The virtues of ginger are extracted by water and alcohol.

The peculiar flavor of the root appears to depend on the volatile oil, its pungency partly on the resinous or resino-extractive principle. A considerable quantity of pure white starch may be obtained from it. The volatile oil, examined by A. Papousek, was yellow, of the odor of ginger, and of a hot aromatic taste. Its sp. gr. was 0·893, and its boiling point 246·1° C. (475° F.). Deprived of water by distillation over phosphoric oxide, it consisted of carbon and hydrogen, with the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, and therefore belongs to the terpenes. Thresh considers that the essential oil is mainly made up of a hydrocarbon, $C_{15}H_{24}$, or isomers of it, which boil at from 245° to 270° C. (*Pharm. Journ. Trans.*, No. 586, 1881.) Schimmel & Co., in a recent report (Oct. 1893), state that the essential oil contains *camphene* and *phellandrene*, and hence the terpenes have the formula $C_{10}H_{16}$, as first stated. Flückiger obtained from one hundred and twelve pounds of Jamaica ginger four and a half ounces of the oil, or about one-quarter of one per cent. He states, however, that Messrs. Schimmel & Co., of Leipsic, informed him that they obtained as much as 2·2 per cent. from good ginger. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 637.) Those pieces of ginger which are very fibrous, light and friable, or worm-eaten, should be rejected. The commercial powder of ginger is very frequently adulterated, rice starch, pow-

* Clifford Richardson has published in *Bulletin No. 13*, Part 2, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1887, some accurate analyses of whole ginger root from various sources, which are here given:

Source.	Water.	Ash.	Volatile Oil.	Fixed Oil and Resin.	Starch.	Crude Fibre.	Albuminoids.	Undetermined.	Total.
Calcutta	9·60	7·02	2·27	4·58	49·34	7·45	6·30	13·44	100·00
Cochin	9·41	3·39	1·84	4·07	53·33	2·05	7·00	18·91	100·00
Unbleached Jamaica	10·49	3·44	2·03	2·29	50·58	4·74	10·85	15·58	100·00
Bleached Jamaica, London	11·00	4·54	1·89	3·04	49·34	1·70	9·28	19·21	100·00
Bleached Jamaica, American	10·11	5·58	2·54	2·69	50·67	7·65	9·10	11·66	100·00
Bleached Jamaica	9·10	4·36	0·96	3·09	46·16	3·15	5·25	27·93	100·00

African and Indian gingers are stronger than Jamaica ginger. In an assay by Mr. Frank M. Siggins (*A. J. P.*, June, 1888), various commercial varieties yielded resin as below:

I. Jamaica, unbleached . . . . . 5·0 per cent.
II. Jamaica, bleached . . . . . 4·8 per cent.
III. East India . . . . . 6·65 per cent.
IV. East India . . . . . 6·57 per cent.
V. African . . . . . 6·17 per cent.
VI. African . . . . . 7·0 per cent.

The yield of resin forms a fair basis for estimating the strength of the varieties.

dered ginger which has been exhausted in making preparations, and even brick-dust and chalk, being used, and the loss of pungency made good by the addition of capsicum or mustard.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ginger is a grateful stimulant and carminative, and is often given in *dyspepsia*, *flatulent colic*, and the feeble state of the alimentary canal attendant upon *atonic gout*. It is an excellent addition to bitter infusions and tonic powders, imparting to them an agreeable, warming, and cordial operation upon the stomach. When chewed it produces much irritation of the mouth, and a copious flow of saliva; and when snuffed up the nostrils in powder it excites violent sneezing. Externally it is rubefacient. It may be given in powder or in infusion. The dose of the former is from ten grains to a scruple (0·65–1·3 Gm.) or more. The infusion may be prepared by adding half an ounce of the powdered or bruised root to a pint of boiling water, and may be given in the dose of one or two fluid-ounces (30–60 C.c.). A fluid extract and an oleoresin of ginger are now official, and are very convenient preparations. (See *Extractum Zingiberis Fluidum* and *Oleoresina Zingiberis*.) The dose of the former may be from ten to thirty minims (0·6–1·9 C.c.), that of the latter from two to five minims (0·12–0·3 C.c.). There is also an official tincture, the dose of which is about a fluidrachm (3·7 C.c.).

PART II.

SECTION I.

NATIONAL FORMULARY OF UNOFFICINAL PREPARATIONS.

THE American Pharmaceutical Association, realizing the necessity for greater uniformity in the formulas of many well-known and largely-used preparations, have issued a formulary, which is here reproduced, in the hope that it will be universally accepted by pharmacists and physicians, and a much-needed reform thus inaugurated. In prescriptions these formulas should be designated **N. F.** to distinguish them.

1. Acetum Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Vinegar.

Oil of Lavender	4 min.
Oil of Rosemary	4 min.
Oil of Juniper	4 min.
Oil of Peppermint	4 min.
Oil of Cinnamon (Cassia)	4 min.
Oil of Lemon	8 min.
Oil of Cloves	8 min.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	4 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Oils in the Alcohol, add the Acetic Acid, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Warm the turbid mixture, during several hours, at a temperature not exceeding 70° C. (158° F.), taking care that it shall not suffer loss by evaporation. Then set it aside for a few days, occasionally agitating, and filter.

2. Acidum Carbolicum Iodatum. *N. F.*

Iodized Carbolic Acid.

Phenol Iodatum. Iodized Phenol.

Iodine, reduced to powder	20 parts.
Carbolic Acid	76 parts.
Glycerin	4 parts.

Introduce the Iodine into a flask, add the Carbolic Acid, previously melted, and the Glycerin, and digest the mixture at a gentle heat, frequently agitating, until the Iodine is dissolved.

Keep the product in glass-stoppered vials, in a dark place.

3. Acidum Hypophosphorosum Dilutum. *N. F.*

Diluted Hypophosphorous Acid.

Hypophosphite of Potassium	208 parts.
Tartaric Acid	300 parts.
Distilled Water	588 parts.
Diluted Alcohol	600 parts.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Potassium in the Distilled Water, and the Tartaric Acid in the Diluted Alcohol. Mix the two solutions in a flask, cork the latter well, and put it aside in a cold place during twelve hours. Then carefully decant the liquid into a funnel, the neck of which contains a pellet of absorbent cotton, or, if necessary, pass the liquid through a filter, care being taken that it shall not suffer loss by evaporation. Weigh the filtrate, which contains *ten* (10) *per cent.* of hypophosphorous acid, in a tared capsule, and evaporate the alcohol by means of a water-bath, at a temperature not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.). Then allow the liquid to cool, and add enough Distilled Water to restore the original weight of the filtrate. Preserve the product in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—Hypophosphorous Acid thus prepared contains 10 per cent. of absolute hypophosphorous acid (H_3PO_2), and has a specific gravity of 1·060 at 15° C. (59° F.). If the acid is required for immediate use, and the presence of alcohol is not objectionable, the mixture of the two solutions need be cooled only a short time, and the filtrate may be used at once. If a 50 per cent. acid is required, the concentration may be cautiously continued until the desired percentage has been attained. A 50 per cent. acid has a specific gravity of about 1·406 at 15° C. (59° F.). (See *Acidum Hypophosphorosum Dilutum*, Part I.)

4. Acidum Metaphosphoricum Dilutum. *N. F.*

Diluted Metaphosphoric Acid.

Acidum Phosphoricum Glaciale Dilutum. Diluted Glacial Phosphoric Acid.

Glacial Phosphoric Acid	780 gr.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acid in the Water, without heat.

This preparation should be kept in a cool and dark place, and should not be prepared in larger quantity than may be consumed within a few months.

Note.—The resulting product contains about 10 per cent. of metaphosphoric acid, provided the glacial acid was free from impurities. That which is sold in form of glassy lumps is usually of sufficient purity. The variety in form of round sticks is more or less impure, containing generally more than 15 per cent. of phosphate of sodium. If this variety is alone

available, a proportionately larger quantity must be taken, to be determined, if time permits, by an assay of the free acid present. If no special accuracy is required, about 900 grains of this variety of the acid may be reckoned to be equivalent to the quantity directed in the above given formula.

Whenever Pyrophosphate of Iron (U. S. P.) forms one of the ingredients of a mixture containing Diluted Phosphoric Acid, the officinal tribasic acid is unsuitable, as it produces with the salt a gelatinous precipitate. If a clear mixture is required, the above preparation is to be used in place of the officinal. The same may be done when Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P.) is prescribed, though the precipitate caused by the officinal acid in this case is not as bulky, and under certain conditions may not form at all.

5. Aqua Chloroformi. *N. F.*

Chloroform Water.

Purified Chloroform	30 min.
Distilled Water	10 fl. oz.

Shake them together in a capacious bottle, until the Chloroform is dissolved, or until only a small quantity remains which cannot be dissolved by further agitation. Then filter in a covered funnel. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—Chloroform Water, aside from its medicinal properties, is an efficient preservative agent, and forms a good solvent, in place of water, for preparing solutions which require to be kept free from micro-organisms. (See *Aqua Chloroformi*, Part I.)

6. Aqua Hamamelidis. *N. F.*

Hamamelis Water.

Witchhazel Water. Witchhazel Extract.

Hamamelis, shoots and twigs	10 pounds.
Water	20 pints.
Alcohol	1½ pints.

Place the Hamamelis in a still, add the Water and Alcohol, and allow the mixture to macerate during twenty-four hours. Distil *ten* (10) *pints* by applying direct heat, or, preferably, by means of steam.

Note.—This preparation should be made only from the fresh young twigs of Hamamelis, which are collected for this purpose, preferably, when the plant is in flower, in the late autumn of the year.

7. Aqua Sedativa. *N. F.*

Sedative Water.

Lotio Ammoniacalis Camphorata (*Codex*). Eau Sédative de Raspail.

Water of Ammonia	2 fl. oz.
Spirit of Camphor	90 min.
Chloride of Sodium	1 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Chloride of Sodium in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, add the Water of Ammonia and Spirit of Camphor, and finally enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Shake the liquid when it is to be dispensed.

8. Balsamum Traumaticum. *N. F.*

Traumatic Balsam.

Turlington's Balsam. Friar's Balsam.

Benzoin, in coarse powder	1½ tr. oz.
Storax	½ tr. oz.
Balsam of Tolu	½ tr. oz.
Balsam of Peru	120 gr.
Aloes, in coarse powder	60 gr.
Myrrh, in coarse powder	60 gr.
Angelica Root, in moderately coarse powder	30 gr.
Alcohol	16 fl. oz.

Macerate the substances with the Alcohol during ten days, frequently agitating; then filter.

Note.—The officinal *Tinctura Benzoini Composita* is a simplified preparation intended to replace the above compound.

9. Bismuthi Oxidum Hydratum. *N. F.*

Hydrated Oxide of Bismuth.

Subnitrate of Bismuth	6 tr. oz.
Nitric Acid	10 tr. oz.
Water of Ammonia	12 tr. oz.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	1 tr. oz.
Distilled Water	a sufficient quantity.

Mix the Subnitrate of Bismuth with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water in a quart flask, add *nine* (9) *troyounces* of Nitric Acid, and promote the solution of the salt by agitation, and, if necessary, by a gentle heat. Pour the solution into *one* (1) *gallon* of Distilled Water previously acidulated with *one* (1) *troyounce* of Nitric Acid, and filter the liquid through absorbent cotton. Mix the Water of Ammonia with *two* (2) *gallons* of Distilled Water in a glazed vessel of double that capacity, and pour into it, slowly and with constant stirring, the bismuth solution. Let the mixture stand during four hours so that the precipitate may subside, then pour off the supernatant liquid, and wash the precipitate four times more by decantation with Distilled Water, the Bicarbonate of Sodium being dissolved in the last wash-water. Pour the precipitate upon a wetted muslin strainer, and wash it with Distilled Water, until the washings run off tasteless. Transfer the strainer to a warm place, so that the precipitate may dry. Then rub the latter to powder and keep it in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—Hydrated Oxide of Bismuth is sometimes demanded in the form of a creamy mixture with water, under the name of *Cremor Bismuthi* or *Cream of Bismuth*. This may be prepared by triturating 20 parts of the Oxide with 80 parts of Water.

10. Boroglycerinum. *N. F.*

Boroglycerin.

Glyceryl Borate. Boroglyceride.

Boric Acid, in powder	62 parts.
Glycerin	92 parts.

Heat the Glycerin in a tared porcelain capsule to a temperature not exceeding 150° C. (302° F.), and add the Boric Acid in portions, constantly stirring. When all is added and dissolved, continue the heat at the same temperature, frequently stirring, and breaking up the film which forms on the surface. When the mixture has become reduced to a weight of *one hundred* (100) *parts*, pour it out on a flat surface previously coated with a very small quantity of petrolatum, let it cool, cut it into pieces and transfer them immediately to bottles or jars, which should be well stoppered.

Note.—When a solution of Boroglycerin is required, it is preferable to prescribe or to dispense the Glycerite of Boroglycerin. (See *Glyceritum Boroglycerini*, No. 184; also Part I.)

11. Caffeinæ Citras Effervescens. *N. F.*

Effervescent Citrate of Caffeine.

Caffeine	20 parts.
Citric Acid	20 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	620 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled

colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains* (*or about a heaped teaspoonful*) *of the above compound represent* 1 *grain of Caffeine.*

12. Caffeinæ Sodio-Benzoas. *N. F.*

Sodio-Benzoate of Caffeine.

Caffeine	50 parts.
Benzoate of Sodium	50 parts.
Alcohol	a sufficient quantity.

Triturate the Caffeine with the Benzoate of Sodium and a sufficient quantity of Alcohol to a smooth paste, and dry this by exposure in a moderately warm place. Rub the dry mass to powder, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—The product contains 50 per cent. of Caffeine and is soluble in 2 parts of water.

13. Caffeinæ Sodio-Salicylas. *N. F.*

Sodio-Salicylate of Caffeine.

Caffeine	50 parts.
Salicylate of Sodium	50 parts.
Alcohol	a sufficient quantity.

Triturate the Caffeine with the Salicylate of Sodium and a sufficient quantity of Alcohol to a smooth paste, and dry this by exposure in a moderately warm place. Rub the dry mass to powder, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—The product contains 50 per cent. of Caffeine and is soluble in 2 parts of water.

14. Carbasus Carbolata. *N. F.*

Carbolized Gauze.

Resin, in coarse powder	40 parts.
Castor Oil	5 parts.
Carbolic Acid	10 parts.
Alcohol	225 parts.
Gauze Muslin	a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Resin, Castor Oil, and Carbolic Acid in the Alcohol. Then immerse in the mixture loosely-folded pieces of Gauze Muslin, allow them to become thoroughly saturated, then take them out and press out the excess of liquid, until the weight of the impregnated Gauze amounts to *one hundred and seventy* (170) *parts*, for every *one hundred* (100) *parts* of the original fabric. Spread out the pieces horizontally, and as soon as the Alcohol has nearly all evaporated, fold and wrap the pieces in paraffin paper, and preserve them in air-tight receptacles.

The impregnated Gauze, when dry, contains about 2·5 per cent. of Carbolic Acid.

Note.—The most suitable brands of Gauze Muslin for making carbolized or other antiseptic gauze are those known in the market as "Stillwater," or "Lehigh E."

15. Carbasus Iodoformata. *N. F.*

Iodoform Gauze.

Iodoform	10 parts.
Stronger Ether	40 parts.
Alcohol	40 parts.
Tincture of Benzoin	5 parts.
Glycerin	5 parts.
Gauze Muslin	a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Iodoform in the Stronger Ether, then add the Alcohol, Tincture of Benzoin, and Glycerin. Immerse in a weighed quantity of this solution, contained in a suitable vessel, the exact amount of Gauze Muslin required to absorb the whole of it, to produce a product of a prescribed percentage of iodoform, work it about with a pestle so as to impregnate it uniformly; then take it out, and hang it up to dry, in a horizontal position, and in a dark place. Lastly, wrap it in paraffin paper and preserve it in air-tight receptacles.

Note.—To calculate the amount of muslin and of iodoform solution required to obtain a product approximately of any required percentage of iodoform, let x denote this required percentage. Then take of the above Iodoform Solution *ten* (10) *times* this quantity (or $10\,x$). Also multiply the required percentage (x) by *three* (3), divide the resulting product by *two* (2), and subtract the quotient from *one hundred* (100). The remainder represents the number of parts by weight of Gauze Muslin to be used. Regarding the most suitable kind of Gauze Muslin, see note to *Carbasus Carbolata.*

16. Ceratum Camphoræ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Camphor Cerate.

Ceratum Camphoratum. Camphor Ice.

Camphor, in coarse powder	1½ tr. oz.
White Wax	2 tr. oz.
Castor Oil	4 tr. oz.
Spermaceti	7 tr. oz.
Carbolic Acid, liquefied by warming	10 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	6 min.
Benzoic Acid	60 gr.

Melt the White Wax and Spermaceti on a water-bath, add the Castor Oil, and afterwards the Camphor, and continue heating and stirring until the Camphor is dissolved. Then withdraw the heat, cover the vessel, and when the mixture has somewhat cooled, add the remaining ingredients, and thoroughly incorporate them by stirring. Lastly, pour the Cerate into suitable moulds.

17. Chloral Camphoratum. *N. F.*

Camphorated Chloral.

Chloral et Camphora. Chloral and Camphor.

Chloral	50 parts.
Camphor	50 parts.

Mix them by agitation in a bottle, or by trituration in a warm mortar, until they are liquefied and combined.

18. Collodium Iodatum. *N. F.*

Iodized Collodion.

Iodine, reduced to powder	5 parts.
Flexible Collodion	95 parts.

Introduce the Iodine into a bottle, add the Flexible Collodion, and agitate until the Iodine is dissolved.

19. Collodium Iodoformatum. *N. F.*

Iodoform Collodion.

Iodoform	5 parts.
Flexible Collodion	95 parts.

Dissolve the Iodoform in the Flexible Collodion by agitation.

20. Collodium Tiglii. *N. F.*

Croton Oil Collodion.

Croton Oil	10 parts.
Flexible Collodion	90 parts.

Mix them.

21. Collodium Salicylatum Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Salicylated Collodion.

Corn Collodion.

Salicylic Acid	11 parts.
Extract of Indian Cannabis	2 parts.
Alcohol	10 parts.
Flexible Collodion	enough to make 100 parts.

Dissolve the Extract of Indian Cannabis in the Alcohol, and the Salicylic Acid in about *fifty* (50) *parts* of Flexible Collodion contained in a tared bottle. Then add the former solution to the latter, and finally add enough Flexible Collodion to make *one hundred* (100) *parts*.

22. Cordiale Rubi Fructus. *N. F.*

Blackberry Cordial.

Blackberry Juice	8 pints.
Cinnamon, in coarse powder	2 tr. oz.
Cloves, in coarse powder	½ tr. oz.
Nutmeg, in coarse powder	½ tr. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	2 pints.
Syrup	8 pints.

Percolate the powdered spices with Diluted Alcohol to obtain *two* (2) *pints* of tincture, and add to this *three* (3) *pints* of Blackberry Juice. Then add *one hundred and twenty* (120) *grains* of Purified Talcum. Set the mixture aside for twelve hours, or longer, if convenient, occasionally shaking, and filter. To the filtrate add the Syrup.

Note.—This formula differs in manipulation from that given in the text of the *National Formulary*, but is in accord with the corrected formula given in the *Errata* of the *Formulary* (page 10).

23. Decoctum Aloes Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Decoction of Aloes.

Aqueous Extract of Aloes	120 gr.
Myrrh	90 gr.
Saffron	90 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	60 gr.
Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in powder	1 tr. oz.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	8 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 30 fl. oz.

Reduce the Myrrh and Extract of Aloes to a coarse powder, mix this with the Carbonate of Potassium and Extract of Glycyrrhiza in a suitably covered vessel, and pour on *twenty* (20) *fluidounces* of Water; boil for five minutes, and add the Saffron. When cool, add the Compound Tincture of Cardamom, and allow the mixture to macerate for two hours; then filter through flannel, and add enough Water to make the product measure *thirty* (30) *fluidounces*.

This preparation should be freshly made when wanted for use.

24. Elixir Acidi Salicylici. *N. F.*

Elixir of Salicylic Acid.

Salicylic Acid	640 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	2 tr. oz.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Potassium in the Glycerin with the aid of a gentle heat. Add the Salicylic Acid, and continue the heat until it is dissolved. Then add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

This Elixir should be freshly made when wanted.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 grains of Salicylic Acid.

25. Elixir Adjuvans. *N. F.*

Adjuvant Elixir.

Sweet Orange Peel, recently dried	2 tr. oz.
Wild Cherry	4 tr. oz.
Glycyrrhiza, Russian, peeled	8 tr. oz.
Coriander	1 tr. oz.
Caraway	1 tr. oz.
Alcohol, Water	each, a sufficient quantity.
Syrup	enough to make 1 gal.

Grind the Wild Cherry to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, moisten it with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water, and set it aside for twelve hours. Reduce the other solids also to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, mix this intimately with the Wild Cherry, and, having mixed *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol with *two* (2) *volumes* of Water, moisten the powder with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of the mixture, and pack tightly in a percolator. Then gradually pour menstruum on top until *ninety-six* (96) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. Mix this with *thirty-two* (32) *fluidounces* of Syrup, and filter.

Note.—This preparation is chiefly intended as a vehicle, particularly for acrid or saline remedies.

26. Elixir Ammonii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bromide of Ammonium.

Bromide of Ammonium	640 gr.
Citric Acid	80 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Ammonium and the Citric Acid in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 grains of Bromide of Ammonium.

27. Elixir Ammonii Valerianatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Valerianate of Ammonium.

Valerianate of Ammonium	256 gr.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Chloroform	6 min.
Tincture of Vanilla	120 min.
Compound Tincture of Cudbear	120 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Valerianate of Ammonium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, in a graduated vessel, and add enough Water of Ammonia, in drops, until a faint excess of it is perceptible in the liquid. Then add the Chloroform, Tincture of Vanilla, and Compound Tincture of Cudbear, and, finally, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 grains of Valerianate of Ammonium.

Note.—Should the odor of valerianic acid become perceptible after the Elixir has been kept for some time, it may be overcome by slightly supersaturating with Water of Ammonia.

28. Elixir Ammonii Valerianatis et Quininæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Valerianate of Ammonium and of Quinine.

Hydrochlorate of Quinine	32 gr.
Elixir of Valerianate of Ammonium	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Quinine in the Elixir by agitation, and, if necessary, by occasionally immersing the bottle containing the ingredients in hot water, until solution has been effected. Finally, filter.

Each fluidrachm contains ¼ grain of Hydrochlorate of Quinine and 2 grains of Valerianate of Ammonium.

29. Elixir Anisi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Anise.

Aniseed Cordial.

Anethol	25 min.
Oil of Fennel	5 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	1 drop.
Deodorized Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Syrup	10 fl. oz.
Water	2 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.

Mix the Anethol and the Oils with the Deodorized Alcohol, add the Syrup and Water, and set the mixture aside for twelve hours. Then mix it intimately with the Purified Talcum, and filter it through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear.

Note.—This Elixir is liable to become cloudy, from separation of essential oils, when it is exposed to a temperature lower than that at which it has been filtered. In general, it is recommended that it be cooled to, and filtered at, a temperature of about 15° C. (59° F.). In the northern sections of this country, or in winter time, it should be cooled to a proportionately lower temperature, previous to filtration.

Anethol is the stearopten of oil of anise, and possesses a finer and purer aroma and taste than any commercial variety of oil of anise. If it cannot be readily obtained, the so-called Saxon oil of anise may be substituted for it. Oil of star-anise, which is usually supplied by dealers when "oil of anise" without specification is ordered, does not answer well for this purpose. The oil of fennel should be that from the seed ("sweet"), and not that from the chaff.

30. Elixir Apii Graveolentis Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Celery.

Fluid Extract of Celery Root	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Erythroxylon	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Kola	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Viburnum Prunifolium	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Alcohol with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir. To this add the Fluid Extract of Celery Root in several portions (shaking after each addition), and afterwards the other Fluid Extracts. Finally, add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces;* allow the mixture to stand twenty-four hours, and filter.

Note.—If this preparation is prescribed or quoted under its Latin title, it is recommended that the full title be given, so that the word "Apii" may not be mistaken for "Opii."

31. Elixir Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Elixir.

Aromatic Spirit	16 fl. oz.
Syrup	24 fl. oz.
Water	24 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	1 tr. oz.

Mix the Aromatic Spirit with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Syrup, and add the Water. Incorporate the Purified Talcum thoroughly with the mixture, set the latter aside during a few days, if possible, occasionally agitating, then stir it well, and filter it through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear. Finally, mix the filtrate with the remainder of the Syrup.

Note.—When this Elixir is to be used in preparations containing *iron*, the Aromatic Spirit to be used in its preparation should be that made from the essential oils. (See *Spiritus Aromaticus.*)

If it is desired to color this Elixir, this may be effected by the addition of *two* (2) *fluidrachms* of Compound Tincture of Cudbear to each pint.

32. Elixir Bismuthi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bismuth.

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	256 gr.
Water, hot	1 fl. oz.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium in the hot Water, allow the solution to stand until any undissolved matter has subsided; then decant the clear liquid, and add to the residue just enough Water of Ammonia to dissolve it. Then mix it with the decanted portion and add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 grains of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.

33. Elixir Buchu. *N. F.*

Elixir of Buchu.

Fluid Extract of Buchu	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	1 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract of Buchu with the Alcohol, then add *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, and the Syrup. Incorporate with it the Purified Talcum, and filter. Finally, pass enough Adjuvant Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents about 7½ *grains of Buchu.*

34. Elixir Buchu Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Buchu.

Compound Fluid Extract of Buchu	4 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	1 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the compound Fluid Extract of Buchu with the Alcohol, then add *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, and the Syrup. Incorporate with it the Purified Talcum, and filter. Finally, pass enough Adjuvant Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *minims of Compound Fluid Extract of Buchu.*

Note.—It is advisable to allow the mixture of liquids with the Purified Talcum to remain at rest for several days before filtering.

35. Elixir Buchu et Potassii Acetatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Buchu and Acetate of Potassium.

Acetate of Potassium	640 gr.
Elixir of Buchu	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acetate of Potassium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Elixir of Buchu, filter, if necessary, and add enough Elixir of Buchu to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents 5 grains of Acetate of Potassium and about 7 grains of Buchu.

36. Elixir Caffeinæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Caffeine.

Caffeine	128 gr.
Diluted Hydrobromic Acid (U. S. P.)	32 gr.
Syrup of Coffee	4 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Rub the Caffeine, in a mortar, with the Diluted Hydrobromic Acid and about *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, until solution is effected. Then add the Syrup of Coffee, and, lastly, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Caffeine.*

37. Elixir Calcii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bromide of Calcium.

Bromide of Calcium	640 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Calcium and the Citric Acid in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 *grains of Bromide of Calcium.*

38. Elixir Calcii Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Hypophosphite of Calcium.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	256 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Calcium in *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, and filter. Dissolve the Citric Acid in the filtrate and pass enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Hypophosphite of Calcium.*

39. Elixir Calcii Lactophosphatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Lactophosphate of Calcium.

Lactate of Calcium	128 gr.
Phosphoric Acid (U. S. P. 50 per cent.)	128 min.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Lactate of Calcium with the Phosphoric Acid, the Water, and the Syrup, until the salt is dissolved. Then add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents one grain of Lactate of Calcium, or about 1½ *grains of so-called Lactophosphate of Calcium.*

40. Elixir Catharticum Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Cathartic Elixir.

Fluid Extract of Senna	2 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Podophyllum	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Leptandra	360 min.
Fluid Extract of Jalap	360 min.
Tartrate of Potassium and Sodium	2 tr. oz.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	120 gr.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	4 fl. oz.
Elixir of Glycyrrhiza	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the liquids, add the salts, and dissolve them by agitation.

The product should not be filtered, and should be shaken up whenever any of it is dispensed.

The average dose for an adult is 2 *fluidrachms.*

41. Elixir Chloroformi Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Chloroform.

Chloroform	3 fl. oz.
Tincture of Opium	3 fl. oz.
Spirit of Camphor	3 fl. oz.
Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia	3 fl. oz.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Oil of Cinnamon (Cassia)	40 min.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Chloroform with the Alcohol, then add the Oil of Cinnamon, Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, Spirit of Camphor, Tincture of Opium, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to stand a few hours, and filter in a well-covered funnel.

Each fluidrachm represents about 1 *grain of Opium and* 11 *minims of Chloroform.*

Note.—This preparation is called Chloroform Paregoric in some sections of the country. It is recommended that this title be abandoned, to prevent confusion with the officinal Paregoric or *Tinctura Opii Camphorata.*

42. Elixir Cinchonæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona.

Elixir of Calisaya.

Tincture of Cinchona (U. S. P. 1880)	2½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Spirit	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	6 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the liquids, allow the mixture to stand for twenty-four hours or longer, if convenient, then incorporate the Purified Talcum, and filter through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate, until it runs through clear.

Each fluidounce represents about 14 *grains of Yellow Cinchona.*

Note.—When Elixir of Cinchona is directed in combination with preparations of iron, the *Elixir Cinchonæ Detannatum* should be used in place of the above preparation.

43. Elixir Cinchonæ et Hypophosphitum. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona and Hypophosphites.

Elixir of Calisaya and Hypophosphites.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	128 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	128 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Water	2 fl. oz.
Elixir of Cinchona	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphites and the Citric Acid in the Water, add enough Elixir of Cinchona to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain, each, of the Hypophosphites of Calcium and Sodium.*

44. Elixir Cinchonæ Detannatum. *N. F.*

Detannated Elixir of Cinchona.

Detannated Elixir of Calisaya.

Detannated Tincture of Cinchona	2½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Spirit	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	6 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the liquids, allow the mixture to stand twenty-four hours or longer, if convenient, then incorporate the Purified Talcum, and filter through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate, until it runs through clear.

Each fluidounce represents about 14 *grains of Yellow Cinchona.*

Note.—This preparation is to be used when *Elixir Cinchonæ* is directed in combination with preparations of *iron.*

When Detannated Elixir of Cinchona is not available, and the preparation, of which it forms a constituent, is required at once, an equivalent quantity of Compound Elixir of Quinine, colored by the addition of 120 minims of Compound Tincture of Cudbear to each pint, may be substituted for it.

45. Elixir Cinchonæ et Ferri. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona and Iron.

Elixir of Calisaya and Iron. Ferrated Elixir of Calisaya.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	256 gr.
Water, boiling	1 fl. oz.
Detannated Elixir of Cinchona, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron in the boiling Water, then add enough Detannated Elixir of Cinchona to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

46. Elixir Cinchonæ, Ferri, Bismuthi, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Iron, Bismuth, and Strychnine.

Elixir of Calisaya, Iron, Bismuth, and Strychnine.

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	128 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Water, hot	a sufficient quantity.
Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium in *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of hot Water; allow the solution to stand until any undissolved matter has subsided; then decant the clear liquid, and add to the residue enough Water of Ammonia to dissolve it, carefully avoiding an excess. Dissolve the Sulphate of Strychnine in *one* (1) *fluidrachm* of hot Water, and, having mixed the two solutions, add enough Elixir of Cinchona and Iron to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand twenty-four hours, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium,* $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine, and nearly* 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

47. Elixir Cinchonæ, Ferri, et Bismuthi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Iron, and Bismuth.

Elixir of Calisaya, Iron, and Bismuth.

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	128 gr.
Water, hot	½ fl. oz.
Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium in the hot Water, allow the solution to stand until any undissolved matter has subsided; then decant the clear liquid, and add to the residue enough Water of Ammonia to dissolve it, carefully avoiding an excess. Then mix the solution with enough Elixir of Cinchona and Iron to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand twenty-four hours, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium and nearly* 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

48. Elixir Cinchonæ, Ferri, et Calcii Lactophosphatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Iron, and Lactophosphate of Calcium.

Elixir of Calisaya, Iron, and Lactophosphate of Lime.

Lactate of Calcium	64 gr.
Phosphoric Acid (50 per cent.)	64 min.
Water of Ammonia	½ fl. oz.
Citric Acid	120 gr.
Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Lactate of Calcium in *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, with the aid of the Phosphoric Acid. Then add the Citric Acid, and when this is dissolved, the Water of Ammonia. Finally, add enough Elixir of Cinchona and Iron to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains ½ *grain of Lactate of Calcium (or about* ¾ *grain of so-called Lactophosphate of Calcium) and nearly* 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

49. Elixir Cinchonæ, Ferri, et Pepsini. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Iron, and Pepsin.

Elixir of Calisaya, Iron, and Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Hydrochloric Acid	30 min.
Water	3 fl. oz.
Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Pepsin in the Water mixed with the Hydrochloric Acid; then add enough Elixir of Cinchona and Iron to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand a few days, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pepsin (N. F.) and about* 1½ *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

50. Elixir Cinchonæ, Ferri, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Iron, and Strychnine.

Elixir of Calisaya, Iron, and Strychnine.

Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Water	120 min.
Elixir of Cinchona and Iron, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Strychnine in the Water, and add enough Elixir of Cinchona and Iron to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm contains $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine and about* 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

51. Elixir Cinchonæ, Pepsini, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Cinchona, Pepsin, and Strychnine.

Elixir of Calisaya, Pepsin, and Strychnine.

Sulphate of Quinine	16 gr.
Sulphate of Cinchonine	8 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Elixir of Pepsin	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the alkaloidal salts in the Elixir, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents small quantities of Cinchona Alkaloids, $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine, and* 1 *grain of Pepsin (N. F.).*

52. Elixir Corydalis Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Corydalis.

Fluid Extract of Corydalis	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Stillingia	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Xanthoxylum	½ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Iris	1½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Iodide of Potassium	384 gr.
Aromatic Elixir . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Alcohol with the Fluid Extracts, dissolve the Iodide of Potassium in the mixture, and add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand a few days, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 3 *grains of Iodide of Potassium and small quantities of the several Fluid Extracts.*

53. Elixir Curassao. *N. F.*

Elixir of Curaçao.

Curaçao Cordial.

Spirit of Curaçao	120 min.
Orris Root, in fine powder	30 gr.
Deodorized Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Citric Acid	50 gr.
Syrup	8 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Spirit of Curaçao with the Alcohol, add the Orris Root, the Purified Talcum, and *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Water. Allow the mixture to stand twelve hours, occasionally agitating; then pour it on a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*. In this dissolve the Citric Acid, and finally add the Syrup.

54. Elixir Eriodictyi Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Elixir of Eriodictyon.

Aromatic Elixir of Yerba Santa; Elixir Corrigens.

Fluid Extract of Eriodictyon	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	8 fl. oz.
Pumice, in fine powder	½ tr. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	80 gr.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum, enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Compound Elixir of Taraxacum with the Syrup and Pumice, then add the Fluid Extract, and mix the whole thoroughly by agitation. Shake the mixture occasionally during two hours, then allow it to settle, and carefully decant the liquid into a funnel, the neck of which contains a small pellet of absorbent cotton. Afterwards add the dregs and allow them to drain. To the filtrate add the Carbonate of Magnesium and shake occasionally during several hours. Let the mixture stand at rest during twelve hours, if convenient, then decant the liquid and filter it through paper. To the filtrate add enough Compound Elixir of Taraxacum, if necessary, to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is chiefly intended as a vehicle for Quinine and other bitter remedies.

55. Elixir Erythroxyli. *N. F.*

Elixir of Erythroxylon.

Elixir of Coca.

Fluid Extract of Erythroxylon	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	2 fl. oz.
Tincture of Vanilla	120 min.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Aromatic Elixir . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract with the Alcohol, the Syrup, and *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, add the Purified Talcum and incorporate the latter thoroughly. Let the mixture stand during forty-eight hours, if convenient, shaking occasionally; then filter, add the Tincture of Vanilla to the filtrate, and pass enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ *grains of Erythroxylon* (*Coca*).

56. Elixir Erythroxyli et Guaranæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Erythroxylon and Guarana.

Elixir of Coca and Guarana.

Fluid Extract of Erythroxylon	2 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Guarana	2 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	12 fl. oz.

Mix the liquids, and thoroughly incorporate the Purified Talcum with the mixture. Let it stand during forty-eight hours, if convenient, occasionally agitating, then filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ *grains each of Erythroxylon* (*Coca*) *and Guarana.*

57. Elixir Eucalypti. *N. F.*

Elixir of Eucalyptus.

Fluid Extract of Eucalyptus	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	120 gr.
Syrup of Coffee	6 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	6 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract with the Alcohol, then add the other ingredients, shake the mixture occasionally during forty-eight hours, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ *grains of Eucalyptus.*

58. Elixir Euonymi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Euonymus.

Elixir of Wahoo.

Fluid Extract of Euonymus	2½ fl. oz.
Water	2 fl. oz.
Syrup of Coffee	2 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	9½ fl. oz.

Mix them, let the mixture stand forty-eight hours, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents about 9½ *grains of Euonymus.*

59. Elixir Ferri Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Hypophosphite of Iron.

Solution of Hypophosphite of Iron	768 min.
Aromatic Elixir . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Solution of Hypophosphite of Iron with enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to stand a few days in a cool place, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Hypophosphite of Iron* (*ferric*).

60. Elixir Ferri Lactatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Lactate of Iron.

Lactate of Iron, in crusts	128 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	384 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Lactate of Iron with the Citrate of Potassium and about *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, gradually added, until solution has been effected. Then add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Lactate of Iron.*

61. Elixir Ferri Phosphatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Phosphate of Iron.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	256 gr.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron in the Water with the aid of heat; then mix the solution with a sufficient quantity of Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

62. Elixir Ferri Phosphatis, Cinchonidinæ, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Phosphate of Iron, Cinchonidine, and Strychnine.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	256 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	32 gr.
Sulphate of Cinchonidine	128 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Water	360 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron and Citrate of Potassium in the Water, using heat, if necessary. To *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, contained in a bottle, add the Alcohol, and afterwards the alkaloidal salts, and agitate until the latter are dissolved, or nearly so. Then mix the two solutions, and, having shaken the mixture, add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Finally, filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron,* 1 *grain of Sulphate of Cinchonidine, and* $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine.*

Note.—When this Elixir is mixed with water, it will become cloudy or opaque through the separation of some of its constituents.

63. Elixir Ferri Phosphatis, Quininæ, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Phosphate of Iron, Quinine, and Strychnine.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	256 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	32 gr.
Hydrochlorate of Quinine	128 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Water	360 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron and Citrate of Potassium in the Water, using heat, if necessary. To *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, contained in a bottle, add the Alcohol, and afterwards the alkaloidal salts, and agitate until the latter are dissolved, or nearly so. Then mix the two solutions, and, having shaken the mixture, add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Finally, filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron,* 1 *grain of Hydrochlorate of Quinine, and* $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine.*

Note.—When this Elixir is mixed with water, it will become cloudy or opaque through the separation of some of its constituents.

64. Elixir Ferri Pyrophosphatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pyrophosphate of Iron.

Pyrophosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	256 gr.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Pyrophosphate of Iron in the Water, and add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Pyrophosphate of Iron.*

65. Elixir Ferri, Quininæ, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Iron, Quinine, and Strychnine.

Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	2 fl. oz.
Sulphate of Quinine	128 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Alcohol	½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the alkaloidal salts in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, then add the Tincture and the Alcohol, and, finally, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents about 1 *grain of Ferric Chloride,* 1 *grain of Sulphate of Quinine, and* $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine.*

66. Elixir Frangulæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Frangula.

Elixir of Buckthorn.

Fluid Extract of Frangula (U. S. P.)	4 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	4 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	7 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand during forty-eight hours, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *grains of Frangula.*

67. Elixir Gentianæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Gentian.

Extract of Gentian (U. S. P.)	70 gr.
Aromatic Spirit	180 min.
Tincture of Vanilla	120 min.
Syrup	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Extract of Gentian in about *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, next add the Syrup, Aromatic Spirit, and Tincture of Vanilla, and, lastly, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents about 2 *grains of Gentian.*

Note.—This Elixir will be more likely to remain clear if, after the liquids are mixed together, 360 grains of Purified Talcum are added, the whole allowed to stand a few days, and then filtered.

68. Elixir Gentianæ et Ferri Phosphatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Gentian and Phosphate of Iron.

Elixir Gentianæ Ferratum. Ferrated Elixir of Gentian. Ferrophosphated Elixir of Gentian.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	128 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Elixir of Gentian	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron in the Water with the aid of heat, and add enough Elixir of Gentian to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Phosphate of Iron and nearly* 2 *grains of Gentian.*

69. Elixir Gentianæ cum Tinctura Ferri Chloridi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Gentian with Tincture of Chloride of Iron.

Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	640 min.
Elixir of Gentian	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron with enough Elixir of Gentian to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents about ⅔ *grain of Ferric Chloride and nearly* 2 *grains of Gentian.*

70. Elixir Glycyrrhizæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Glycyrrhiza.

Elixir of Liquorice.

Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza	1 tr. oz.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir gradually added. To *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of this mixture add Water of Ammonia in drops, until it is in slight excess. Mix this with the reserved portion, and, finally, add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

71. Elixir Glycyrrhizæ Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Elixir of Glycyrrhiza.

Aromatic Elixir of Liquorice.

Fluid Extract of Glycyrrhiza	2 fl. oz.
Oil of Cloves	6 min.
Oil of Cinnamon (Ceylon)	6 min.
Oil of Nutmeg	4 min.
Oil of Fennel	12 min.
Purified Talcum	360 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Oils with the Purified Talcum and the Fluid Extract, then add *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, filter, and pass enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

72. Elixir Grindeliæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Grindelia.

Fluid Extract of Grindelia	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Spirit	2 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	13 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand a few days, if convenient, then filter.

Each fluidounce represents 30 *grains of Grindelia.*

73. Elixir Guaranæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Guarana.

Fluid Extract of Guarana (U. S. P.)	3 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	3 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	10 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand during forty-eight hours, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents about 11 *grains of Guarana.*

74. Elixir Humuli. *N. F.*

Elixir of Humulus.

Elixir of Hops.

Fluid Extract of Hops (N. F.)	2 fl. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	120 gr.
Tincture of Vanilla	240 min.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	2 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Fluid Extract of Hops with the Carbonate of Magnesium, then gradually add the Compound Elixir of Taraxacum, Tincture of Vanilla, and enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to stand several days, if convenient, occasionally agitating; then filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ *grains of Humulus* (*Hops*).

75. Elixir Hypophosphitum. *N. F.*

Elixir of Hypophosphites.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	384 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	128 gr.
Hypophosphite of Potassium	128 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Water	4 fl. oz.
Glycerin	½ fl. oz.
Compound Spirit of Cardamom	½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphites and the Citric Acid in the Water; then add the Glycerin, Compound Spirit of Cardamom, and enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 3 *grains of Hypophosphite of Calcium and* 1 *grain, each, of the Hypophosphites of Sodium and Potassium.*

76. Elixir Hypophosphitum cum Ferro. *N. F.*

Elixir of Hypophosphites with Iron.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	188 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	128 gr.
Hypophosphite of Potassium	64 gr.
Sulphate of Iron, in clear crystals	96 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Water	4 fl. oz.
Syrup	4 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphites in *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Water, and add the Syrup. Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in the remainder of the Water, and mix this with the other solution. Then add *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, set the mixture aside, in a cold place, for twelve hours, and filter from the deposited sulphate of calcium. Finally, dissolve the Citric Acid in the filtrate, and pass enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about ½ *grain of Hypophosphite of Iron* (*ferrous*), *about* 1 *grain, each, of the Hypophosphites of Calcium and Sodium, and* ½ *grain of Hypophosphite of Potassium.*

77. Elixir Lithii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bromide of Lithium.

Bromide of Lithium	640 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Lithium and the Citric Acid in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 *grains of Bromide of Lithium.*

78. Elixir Lithii Citratis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Citrate of Lithium.

Citrate of Lithium	640 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Lithium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 *grains of Citrate of Lithium.*

79. Elixir Lithii Salicylatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Salicylate of Lithium.

Salicylate of Lithium	640 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Salicylate of Lithium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 *grains of Salicylate of Lithium.*

80. Elixir Malti et Ferri. *N. F.*

Elixir of Malt and Iron.

Extract of Malt	4 fl. oz.
Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	128 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron in the Water by the aid of heat, mix the solution with the Extract of Malt previously introduced into a graduated bottle, and add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Set the mixture aside for twenty-four hours, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Phosphate of Iron and* 15 *minims of Extract of Malt.*

Note.—Extract of Malt, most suitable for this preparation, should have about the consistence of Balsam of Peru, at a temperature of about 15° C. (59° F.). The filtration of this preparation will be greatly facilitated by allowing the mixture to stand a few days before pouring it on the filter.

81. Elixir Pepsini. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Hydrochloric Acid	30 min.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Sugar	4 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Pepsin with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water, add the Glycerin and Acid, and agitate until solution has been effected. Then add the Compound Elixir of Taraxacum, Alcohol, and the Purified Talcum, and mix thoroughly. Set the mixture aside for a few hours, occasionally agitating. Then filter it through a wetted filter, dissolve the Sugar in the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the whole product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

Note.—The filtration of this preparation will be greatly facilitated by allowing the mixture to stand a few days before pouring it on the filter.

82. Elixir Pepsini, Bismuthi, et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pepsin, Bismuth, and Strychnine.

Sulphate of Strychnine	1½ gr.
Elixir of Pepsin and Bismuth	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Strychnine in the Elixir.

Each fluidrachm represents $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine*, 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*), *and* 2 *grains of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.*

83. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pepsin and Bismuth.

Pepsin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	256 gr.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Syrup	3 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	1 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Pepsin in *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water. Dissolve the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium in *one* (1) *fluidounce* of warm Water, allow the solution to stand until clear, if necessary; then decant the clear liquid, and add to the residue just enough Water of Ammonia to dissolve it, carefully avoiding an excess. Then mix the two solutions, and add the Glycerin, Compound Elixir of Taraxacum, and Alcohol. Thoroughly incorporate the Purified Talcum with the mixture, filter it through a wetted filter, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *thirteen* (13) *fluidounces.* To this add the Syrup.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*) *and* 2 *grains of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.*

84. Elixir Pepsini et Ferri. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pepsin and Iron.

Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	512 min.
Elixir of Pepsin	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron with a sufficient quantity of Elixir of Pepsin to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm represents about ½ *grain of Chloride of Iron* (*ferric*) *and nearly* 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

85. Elixir Phosphori. *N. F.*

Elixir of Phosphorus.

Spirit of Phosphorus	3¾ fl. oz.
Oil of Star-anise	16 min.
Glycerin	9 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Spirit of Phosphorus add the Oil of Star-anise and Glycerin, and shake gently until they form a clear liquid. Then add the Aromatic Elixir, in small portions at a time, gently agitating after each addition, until a clear mixture results.

Keep the product in dark amber-colored vials, in a cool and dark place. It should not be prepared in quantities larger than will be consumed within a few months.

Each fluidrachm contains $\frac{1}{50}$ *grain of Phosphorus.*

86. Elixir Phosphori et Nucis Vomicæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Phosphorus and Nux Vomica.

Tincture of Nux Vomica	256 min.
Elixir of Phosphorus	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix them. This preparation should be freshly made, when wanted for use.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 minims of Tincture of Nux Vomica and nearly $\frac{1}{50}$ grain of Phosphorus.

87. Elixir Picis Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Tar.

Syrup of Wild Cherry	3 fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	3 fl. oz.
Sulphate of Morphine	2½ gr.
Methylic Alcohol	360 min.
Water	a sufficient quantity.
Wine of Tar	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Morphine in about *one* (1) *fluidrachm* of hot Water, and add the solution to the two Syrups previously mixed. Then add the Methylic Alcohol and enough Wine of Tar to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about $\frac{1}{50}$ grain of Sulphate of Morphine.

Note.—Much of the commercial "Wood Spirit" or "Wood Naphtha" is unfit for medicinal purposes. Refined Wood Naphtha or Methylic Alcohol should be colorless and freely miscible to a clear liquid with water, alcohol, and ether. Its odor, which is characteristic, should be free from empyreuma. It should contain at least 90 per cent. of absolute Methylic Alcohol which corresponds to a specific gravity of 0·846 at 15° C. (59° F.). On mixing methylic alcohol cautiously with one-fourth its volume of sulphuric acid, the liquid should remain colorless or acquire not more than a very pale yellowish-red tint; and on gently heating methylic alcohol with an equal volume of a 10 per cent. solution of potassa, the mixture should not acquire a brown color.

88. Elixir Pilocarpi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Pilocarpus.

Elixir of Jaborandi.

Fluid Extract of Pilocarpus	1 fl. oz.
Syrup of Coffee	3 fl. oz.
Tincture of Vanilla	½ fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum,	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand during four days, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 3¾ grains of Pilocarpus.

89. Elixir Potassii Acetatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Acetate of Potassium.

Acetate of Potassium	640 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acetate of Potassium in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, then add enough of the latter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 grains of Acetate of Potassium.

90. Elixir Potassii Acetatis et Juniperi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Acetate of Potassium and Juniper.

Acetate of Potassium	640 gr.
Fluid Extract of Juniper	2 fl. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	120 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Fluid Extract of Juniper with the Carbonate of Magnesium, then add *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir in which the Acetate of Potassium had previously been dissolved. Filter, and add enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 5 grains of Acetate of Potassium and 7½ grains of Juniper.

91. Elixir Potassii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bromide of Potassium.

Bromide of Potassium	1280 gr.
Citric Acid	80 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Potassium and the Citric Acid in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 10 grains of Bromide of Potassium.

92. Elixir Quininæ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Quinine.

Sulphate of Quinine	16 gr.
Sulphate of Cinchonidine	8 gr.
Sulphate of Cinchonine	8 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	16 fl. oz.

Add the Alkaloidal Salts to the Aromatic Elixir, and dissolve them by agitation. Finally, filter.

Each fluidounce contains 1 grain of Sulphate of Quinine and ¼ grain, each, of the Sulphates of Cinchonidine and Cinchonine.

Note.—This preparation is chiefly intended as a substitute for Elixir of Cinchona in certain cases, when the presence of other constituents of Cinchona is deemed unnecessary, or where the Elixir is intended rather as a vehicle than a medicine.

If it is desired to impart a color to this Elixir, this may be effected by the addition of 120 minims of Compound Tincture of Cudbear to each pint.

93. Elixir Quininæ et Phosphatum Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Quinine and Phosphates.

Sulphate of Quinine	32 gr.
Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	128 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	128 gr.
Syrup of Lactophosphate of Calcium	4 fl. oz.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Quinine in *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, if necessary with the aid of a gentle heat. Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron and the Citrate of Potassium in the Water, and add the solution to that first prepared. Then add the Syrup of Lactophosphate of Calcium, and, lastly, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains ¼ grain of Sulphate of Quinine, 1 grain of Phosphate of Iron, and about ¾ grain of so-called Lactophosphate of Calcium.

94. Elixir Quininæ Valerianatis et Strychninæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Valerianate of Quinine and Strychnine.

Valerianate of Quinine	128 gr.
Sulphate of Strychnine	1½ gr.
Compound Tincture of Cudbear	120 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Valerianate of Quinine and the Sulphate of Strychnine with about *eight* (8) *fluidounces*

of Aromatic Elixir, until they are dissolved. Then add the Compound Tincture of Cudbear, and, lastly, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Valerianate of Quinine and* $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Sulphate of Strychnine.*

95. Elixir Rhamni Purshianæ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Rhamnus Purshiana.

Elixir of Cascara Sagrada.

Fluid Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana	4 fl. oz.
Elixir of Glycyrrhiza	4 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	8 fl. oz.

Mix them. Allow the mixture to stand a few days, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *grains of Rhamnus Purshiana.*

96. Elixir Rhamni Purshianæ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Rhamnus Purshiana.

Compound Elixir of Cascara Sagrada. Elixir Laxativum; Elixir Purgans; Laxative Elixir.

Fluid Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana	2 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Senna	1½ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Juglans	1 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Glycyrrhiza	½ fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Spirit	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	6 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extracts with the Compound Tincture of Cardamom and the Aromatic Spirit; then add the Syrup, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Incorporate the Purified Talcum thoroughly with the mixture, and filter.

The average dose of this preparation for an adult is 1 *to* 2 *teaspoonfuls.*

97. Elixir Rhei. *N. F.*

Elixir of Rhubarb.

Sweet Tincture of Rhubarb (U. S. P.)	8 fl. oz.
Deodorized Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Water	3 fl. oz.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	2 fl. oz.

Mix them, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents about 2¼ *grains of Rhubarb.*

98. Elixir Rhei et Magnesii Acetatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Rhubarb and Acetate of Magnesium.

Elixir Rhei et Magnesiæ. Elixir of Rhubarb and Magnesia.

Magnesia, calcined	144 gr.
Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	a sufficient quantity.
Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	2 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Magnesia in *two and one-half* (2½) *fluidounces* of Acetic Acid, with the aid of a gentle heat, adding, if necessary, a little more Acetic Acid, drop by drop, until the solution is neutral to test-paper. Then add the Fluid Extract and enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents about 4 *grains of Acetate of Magnesium and* 7½ *grains of Rhubarb.*

99. Elixir Rubi Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Blackberry.

Blackberry Root	2 tr. oz.
Galls	2 tr. oz.
Cinnamon, Saigon	2 tr. oz.
Cloves	½ tr. oz.
Mace	¼ tr. oz.
Ginger	¼ tr. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	a sufficient quantity.
Blackberry Juice, recently expressed	3 pints.
Syrup	3 pints.

Reduce the solids to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, moisten it with Diluted Alcohol, and percolate it with this menstruum in the usual manner, until *two* (2) *pints* of percolate are obtained. To this add the Blackberry Juice and Syrup, and mix thoroughly.

100. Elixir Sodii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Elixir of Bromide of Sodium.

Bromide of Sodium	1280 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Adjuvant Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Sodium and the Citric Acid in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Adjuvant Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Adjuvant Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 10 *grains of Bromide of Sodium.*

101. Elixir Sodii Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Hypophosphite of Sodium.

Hypophosphite of Sodium	256 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Sodium and the Citric Acid in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Hypophosphite of Sodium.*

102. Elixir Sodii Salicylatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Salicylate of Sodium.

Salicylate of Sodium	640 gr.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Salicylate of Sodium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir, by agitation. Then add enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter, if necessary.

This preparation should be freshly prepared when required for use.

Each fluidrachm contains 5 *grains of Salicylate of Sodium.*

103. Elixir Stillingiæ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Stillingia.

Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia	4 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	12 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand a few days, or longer, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *minims of Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia.*

104. Elixir Strychninæ Valerianatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Valerianate of Strychnine.

Valerianate of Strychnine	1¼ gr.
Acetic Acid	a sufficient quantity.
Tincture of Vanilla	120 min.
Compound Tincture of Cudbear	120 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Valerianate of Strychnine with about *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Aromatic Elixir, gradually added, and effect complete solution by the addition of one or more drops of Acetic Acid, avoiding an excess. Then add the Tinctures, and, lastly, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Valerianate of Strychnine.*

105. Elixir Taraxaci Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Taraxacum.

Taraxacum	1 tr. oz.
Wild Cherry	1 tr. oz.
Sweet Orange Peel, recently dried	1 tr. oz.
Glycyrrhiza, Russian, peeled	3 tr. oz.
Cinnamon, Saigon	120 gr.
Cardamom	120 gr.
Canada Snake Root	120 gr.
Caraway	120 gr.
Cloves	40 gr.
Alcohol, Water	each, a sufficient quantity.
Syrup	32 fl. oz.

Reduce the solid substances to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and percolate, in the usual manner, with a mixture of *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol and *two* (2) *volumes* of Water, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. Lastly, add the Syrup, let the mixture stand a few days, if possible, and filter.

Note.—If a precipitate should make its appearance in this preparation on standing, it ought to be removed by filtration. This Elixir is chiefly intended as a vehicle or corrigent, to cover the bitter taste of quinine and similar substances.

106. Elixir Turneræ. *N. F.*

Elixir of Turnera.

Elixir of Damiana.

Fluid Extract of Turnera	2½ fl. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	240 gr.
Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Glycerin	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract with the Alcohol, Glycerin, and *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir. Incorporate the Carbonate of Magnesium thoroughly with the mixture by trituration. Then filter through a wetted filter, and pass enough Aromatic Elixir through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about 9½ grains of Turnera.

107. Elixir Viburni Opuli Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Elixir of Viburnum Opulus.

Compound Elixir of Crampbark.

Fluid Extract of Viburnum Opulus	1¼ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Trillium	2½ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Aletris	1½ fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	11 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand a few days, and filter.

108. Elixir Viburni Prunifolii. *N. F.*

Elixir of Viburnum Prunifolium.

Elixir of Black Haw.

Fluid Extract of Viburnum Prunifolium	2 fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	1 fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	13 fl. oz.

Mix them, allow the mixture to stand a few days, and filter.

Each fluidrachm represents about 7½ grains of Viburnum Prunifolium.

109. Elixir Zinci Valerianatis. *N. F.*

Elixir of Valerianate of Zinc.

Valerianate of Zinc	128 gr.
Stronger Solution of Citrate of Ammonium	1½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Oil of Bitter Almond	1 drop.
Compound Tincture of Cudbear	120 min.
Aromatic Elixir	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Stronger Solution of Citrate of Ammonium with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Aromatic Elixir and the Alcohol, and triturate the Valerianate of Zinc with this mixture, added gradually and in portions, until solution has been effected. Then add the Oil of Bitter Almond, the Compound Tincture of Cudbear, and, finally, enough Aromatic Elixir to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to stand a few days, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Valerianate of Zinc.*

110. Emplastrum Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Plaster.

Spice Plaster.

Cloves	10 parts.
Cinnamon, Saigon	10 parts.
Ginger	10 parts.
Capsicum	5 parts.
Camphor	5 parts.
Cotton-Seed Oil	35 parts.
Lead Plaster	25 parts.

Melt together the Lead Plaster and Cotton-Seed Oil, with the aid of heat. Cool the mixture and, while it is still soft, thoroughly incorporate with it the aromatic ingredients, previously reduced to a very fine powder.

111. Emplastrum Fuscum Camphoratum. *N. F.*

Camphorated Brown Plaster.

Emplastrum Matris Camphoratum; Camphorated Mother's Plaster.

Red Oxide of Lead	80 parts.
Olive Oil	60 parts.
Yellow Wax	15 parts.
Camphor	1 part.

Triturate the Red Oxide of Lead with a portion of the Oil in a capacious copper kettle until a smooth paste results. Then add the remainder of the Oil, excepting a small quantity required for trituration with the Camphor, and boil the whole over a naked fire, under constant stirring, until gas bubbles rise, or until the red color of the mixture begins to turn brown. Then moderate the heat, but keep up the stirring until the mixture has acquired a dark-brown color, and from time to time allow some drops of it to fall into cold water to test its consistence. When this is satisfactory, remove the vessel from the fire, add the Wax in small pieces, and finally the Cam-

phor, previously rubbed to a smooth paste with a little Olive Oil. Mix thoroughly, allow the mixture to become somewhat cool, and while it is still warm, pour the plaster into paper moulds previously coated with mucilage containing about five per cent. of glycerin, and dried.

Note.—This preparation is officinal in the *German Pharmacopœia.*

112. Emplastrum Picis Liquidæ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Tar Plaster.

Resin	25 parts.
Tar	20 parts.
Podophyllum, in No. 60 powder	5 parts.
Phytolacca Root, in No. 60 powder	5 parts.
Sanguinaria, in No. 60 powder	5 parts.

Melt the Resin and Tar together, then stir in the mixed powders, and as the mass cools, mould it into rolls, or pour it into boxes.

113. Emulsio Chloroformi. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Chloroform.

Chloroform	40 min.
Tincture of Quillaja	30 min.
Acacia, in fine powder	12 gr.
Water	enough to make 2 fl. oz.

Put the Chloroform and the Tincture of Quillaja into a two-ounce vial, add the Powdered Acacia, shake, and afterwards add the Water. Shake the mixture before using.

Each fluidrachm contains 2½ minims of Chloroform.

114. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil.

I. Irish Moss Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	2 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Pour the Mucilage of Chondrus into a suitable bottle, add the Cod-Liver Oil in divided portions, shaking well after each addition, and, when a perfect emulsion is formed, add the Syrup of Tolu and the Flavoring, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* Finally, mix the whole thoroughly together.

This emulsion may also be prepared by mixing the Mucilage of Chondrus with the Oil and other ingredients in a mortar, or, when larger quantities are to be prepared, it may be mixed by some mechanical contrivance.

Note.—When Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil, particularly that made with Chondrus, is to be kept for some time, its deterioration may be prevented or retarded by the addition of *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Alcohol in place of the same quantity of Water, after the oil has been emulsified.

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil may also be prepared by any other method capable of emulsifying the oil, the following being given as examples:

II. Acacia Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil. *N. F.*

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Acacia, in fine powder	1½ tr. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	2 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Acacia with *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Water to a smooth paste; then add the Cod-Liver Oil and the Syrup of Tolu, alternately, and in divided portions, triturating well until the last-added portion of the Oil is thoroughly emulsified. Next add the Flavoring, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* Finally, mix the whole thoroughly together.

III. Glyconin Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil. *N. F.*

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Glycerite of Yolk of Egg (U. S. P.)	2½ fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	2 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Glycerite of Yolk of Egg (Glyconin) in a mortar with the Oil, added in small portions at a time, and thoroughly incorporate each portion before adding the next. Then, continuing the trituration, gradually add the Syrup of Tolu, and the Flavoring. Finally, add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and mix the whole thoroughly together.

IV. Quillaja Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil. *N. F.*

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Tincture of Quillaja (N. F.)	1 fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	2 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Pour the Tincture into a suitable bottle, then add the Cod-Liver Oil in portions of about *two* (2) *fluidounces* each, and shake after each addition until a perfect emulsion results. Next add the Syrup of Tolu, and the Flavoring, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* Finally, mix the whole thoroughly together.

An 85 per cent. Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil may be prepared by mixing in the manner just described:

Cod-Liver Oil	8½ fl. oz.
Tincture of Quillaja (N. F.)	1 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Syrup of Tolu	enough to make 10 fl. oz.

Note.—Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil made with Quillaja should not be dispensed without the direction or consent of the prescriber.

V. Dextrin Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil. *N. F.*

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Dextrin (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	2 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Dextrin, contained in a suitable bottle, add the Cod-Liver Oil, first in small portions, agitating each time, until the last-added portion is emulsified. Then add the Flavoring, the Syrup of Tolu, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and mix the whole thoroughly together.

Flavoring.—Since no single or compound aromatic can be devised which would be acceptable under all circumstances as a flavoring for Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil, the selection of the most suitable aromatic must be left to the prescriber or dispenser. Among those which are found to be most generally serviceable are the following, the quantities given below being intended for *one* (1) *pint* of finished emulsion, though in some cases a smaller or a larger quantity, in the same proportions, may be preferable:

1. Oil of Gaultheria	30 min.
2. Oil of Gaultheria	15 min.
Oil of Sassafras	15 min.
3. Aromatic Spirit (N. F.)	120 min.
4. Oil of Gaultheria	15 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	2 min.
Oil of Coriander	2 min.

5. Oil of Gaultheria	10 min.
Oil of Sassafras	10 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	2 min.
6. Oil of Gaultheria	20 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	20 min.
7. Oil of Neroli	12 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	12 min.
Oil of Cloves	2 min.

115. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Calcii et Sodii Phosphatibus. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Phosphates of Calcium and Sodium.

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Phosphates of Lime and Soda.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Phosphate of Calcium	128 gr.
Phosphate of Sodium	128 gr.
Syrup of Tolu	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphate of Sodium in the Mucilage of Chondrus, and emulsify the Cod-Liver Oil, with the latter, as directed under *Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ*. Then triturate the Phosphate of Calcium with the Syrup of Tolu, add the mixture to the emulsion, afterwards add the Alcohol and Flavoring, and, finally, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Mix the whole thoroughly together.

Note.—If another method of emulsifying the oil is adopted, the Phosphate of Sodium should be dissolved in the aqueous portion of the mixture, and the Phosphate of Calcium incorporated mechanically. A very good emulsion can be made by using mucilage of dextrin.

116. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Calcii Lactophosphate. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Lactophosphate of Calcium.

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Lactophosphate of Lime.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Lactate of Calcium	256 gr.
Phosphoric Acid (50 per cent.)	256 min.
Syrup of Tolu	1 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Chondrus, contained in a suitable bottle, gradually add the Cod-Liver Oil, and emulsify the latter as directed under *Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ*. Dissolve the Lactate of Calcium in *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Water with the aid of the Phosphoric Acid, add the solution gradually to the emulsion, then the Syrup of Tolu, the flavoring, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Mix the whole thoroughly together.

This emulsion should be freshly prepared when wanted for use.

Note.—If any other method of emulsifying the oil is adopted, the solution of Lactophosphate of Calcium should be made to replace an equivalent volume of the aqueous portion of the emulsion. A very good emulsion can be made by using mucilage of dextrin.

117. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Calcii Phosphate. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Phosphate of Calcium.

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Phosphate of Lime.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Phosphate of Calcium	256 gr.
Syrup of Tolu	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Chondrus, contained in a suitable vessel, gradually add the Cod-Liver Oil, and prepare an emulsion as directed under *Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ*. Triturate the Phosphate of Calcium with the Syrup of Tolu and add this to the emulsion; then add the Alcohol, Flavoring, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Mix the whole thoroughly together.

Note.—If any other method of emulsifying the oil is adopted, the Phosphate of Calcium should be triturated with Water, or some other of the liquid constituents, which are added last. A very good emulsion can be made by using mucilage of dextrin.

118. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Extracto Malti. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Extract of Malt.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Dextrin (N. F.)	2 fl. oz.
Extract of Malt	6 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Dextrin, contained in a suitable bottle, add the Extract of Malt, and mix them thoroughly by agitation. Then gradually add the Cod-Liver Oil, first in small portions, agitating each time until the last-added portion is perfectly incorporated.

Note.—Extract of Malt, most suitable for this preparation, should have about the same consistence as Balsam of Peru, at a temperature of 15° C. (59° F.).

119. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Hypophosphite. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphite.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Any Soluble Hypophosphite	128 gr.
Syrup of Tolu	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite in the Mucilage of Chondrus, and emulsify the Cod-Liver Oil with the latter as directed under *Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ*. Then add the Syrup of Tolu, Alcohol, and Flavoring, and, finally, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Mix the whole thoroughly together.

Note.—If another method of emulsifying the oil is adopted, the Hypophosphite should be dissolved in the aqueous portion of the mixture.

If more than one Hypophosphite is directed in combination with Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil, no definite quantities of the salts are prescribed; equal parts of the several Hypophosphites may be taken, amounting altogether to 128 grains for every pint of emulsion.

120. Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ cum Pruno Virginiana. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Wild Cherry.

Cod-Liver Oil	8 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Wild Cherry	1 fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	½ fl. oz.
Flavoring	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Chondrus, contained in a suitable bottle, gradually add the Cod-Liver Oil, and

prepare an emulsion as directed under *Emulsio Olei Morrhuæ*. Next add the Fluid Extract of Wild Cherry, then the Syrup of Tolu, Alcohol, Flavoring, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—If another method of emulsifying the oil is adopted, the Fluid Extract of Wild Cherry is to be added after the emulsion of the oil is accomplished, if necessary, with omission of a corresponding volume of one of the secondary constituents.

121. Emulsio Olei Ricini. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Castor Oil.

I. Irish Moss Emulsion of Castor Oil.

Castor Oil	5 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Chondrus (N. F.)	5 fl. oz.
Tincture of Vanilla	180 min.
Syrup	3 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Mucilage of Chondrus, contained in a suitable bottle, add the Castor Oil in divided portions, agitating each time until the last-added portion has been emulsified. Then add the Tincture of Vanilla, the Syrup, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Finally, mix the whole thoroughly together.

This emulsion should not be prepared in larger quantity than may be consumed within a short time.

Emulsion of Castor Oil may also be prepared by other methods capable of emulsifying the oil, provided the vehicles and ingredients are compatible with the therapeutic employment of the preparation. In absence of any specific directions of the prescriber, it is recommended that Castor Oil Emulsion be prepared only either by means of Chondrus or by means of Acacia.

II. Acacia Emulsion of Castor Oil. *N. F.*

Castor Oil	5 fl. oz.
Acacia, in fine powder	1¼ tr. oz.
Tincture of Vanilla	180 min.
Syrup	3 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Syrup with *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Water, and triturate the Acacia with the mixture to a smooth paste. Then gradually incorporate with it the Castor Oil. Transfer the mixture to a bottle, add the Tincture of Vanilla, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Finally, mix the whole thoroughly together.

This emulsion should not be prepared in larger quantity than may be consumed within a short time.

122. Emulsio Olei Terebinthinæ. *N. F.*

Emulsion of Oil of Turpentine.

Oil of Turpentine	½ fl. oz.
Acacia, in fine powder	30 gr.
Yolk of Egg	one.
Aromatic Elixir	½ fl. oz.
Cinnamon Water	enough to make 4 fl. oz.

Triturate the Acacia with the Yolk of Egg, then add the Oil of Turpentine very slowly, continuing the trituration, and, finally, add the Water and Aromatic Elixir in the same manner.

Emulsion of Oil of Turpentine, or of any *Volatile Oil*, may also be prepared according to the following general formula:

Volatile Oil	½ fl. oz.
Acacia, in fine powder	120 gr.
Syrup	1 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 4 fl. oz.

Pour the Volatile Oil into a dry four-ounce bottle, and, having corked the latter, agitate it so that the inner surface may be completely wetted by the Oil. Then add the Acacia, and shake again. Finally, add the Syrup, and add enough Water to make *four* (4) *fluidounces*, and mix thoroughly by shaking.

Note.—If this general formula is applied to Emulsion of Oil of Turpentine, and a product similar to that obtained by the first formula is desired, the Syrup should be replaced by Aromatic Elixir, and the Water by Cinnamon Water.

If a so-called "emulsion" of a Volatile Oil is to be made more permanent, this may be accomplished by incorporating with it a small proportion of some bland fixed oil, such as Expressed Oil of Almond. Usually, 1 volume of the fixed oil will be sufficient for 2 volumes of the volatile oil.

In this case, the mixture should be made in a mortar, by trituration.

123. Emulsio Phosphatica. *N. F.*

Phosphatic Emulsion.

Mistura Phosphatica.

Cod-Liver Oil	4 fl. oz.
Glycerite of Yolk of Egg (U. S. P.)	2½ tr. oz.
Diluted Phosphoric Acid	360 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	10 min.
Rum, Jamaica	4 fl. oz.
Orange Flower Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Glycerite of Yolk of Egg (Glyconin), contained in a suitable bottle, gradually add the Cod-Liver Oil, in small portions at a time, shaking after each addition, until the added portion is emulsified. Then gradually add the Phosphoric Acid, Rum, and Oil of Bitter Almond, incorporating them thoroughly. Finally, add enough Orange Flower Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and mix the whole thoroughly together.

124. Extracta Fluida. *N. F.*

Fluid Extracts.

The Fluid Extracts for which formulæ are given in this *Formulary* are intended to be of such a strength that *one* (1) *minim* shall represent *one* (1) *grain* of the air-dry, powdered drug.

Note.—The U. S. Pharm. directs that 100 cubic centimeters of fluid extract shall be obtained from 100 grammes of drug. Fluid extracts prepared in this ratio are 5 per cent. weaker than those which are made minim for grain. The difference between the two kinds is not regarded as being of material importance.

General Processes. The Fluid Extracts of this *Formulary* are to be prepared according to one of the following two general processes, the particular one to be employed being designated in each case.

Process A. The Menstruum contains no Glycerin.

Moisten *sixteen* (16) *troyounces* of the drug with a sufficient quantity of the prescribed menstruum to render it distinctly damp and to maintain it so after several hours' maceration in a well-covered vessel. When the drug has ceased to swell, pack it in a suitable percolator, pour a sufficient quantity of the menstruum on top, and, when the percolate begins to drop from the orifice, close the latter, cover the percolator, and allow the contents to macerate for twenty-four hours. Then permit the percolation to proceed. Receive the first *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of the percolate separately and set it aside. Then continue the percolation with the same menstruum until the drug is practically exhausted. Evaporate the second portion—at a temperature sufficiently low to prevent the loss of any important volatile constituent—to a soft extract, and dissolve this in a sufficient quantity of the menstruum so that when this is added to the reserved portion the product will measure *sixteen*

(16) *fluidounces.* Allow the Fluid Extract to stand a few days, or longer, if convenient, and filter, if necessary.

Process B. The Menstruum contains Glycerin.

Moisten *sixteen* (16) *troyounces* of the drug with a sufficient quantity of Menstruum I (see note) to render it distinctly damp and to maintain it so after several hours' maceration in a well-covered vessel. When the drug has ceased to swell, pack it in a suitable percolator and pour the remainder of Menstruum I on top. When this has just disappeared from the surface, follow it by a sufficient quantity of Menstruum II. As soon as the percolate begins to drop from the orifice, close the latter, cover the percolator, and allow the contents to macerate during twenty-four hours, then permit the percolation to proceed. Receive the first *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of the percolate separately and set it aside. Then continue the percolation with Menstruum II, until the drug is practically exhausted. Evaporate this second portion—at a temperature sufficiently low to prevent the loss of any important volatile constituent—to a soft extract, and dissolve this in a sufficient quantity of Menstruum II, so that when this is added to the reserved portion the product will measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* Allow the Fluid Extract to stand a few days, or longer, if convenient, and filter, if necessary.

Note.—"Menstruum I" and "Menstruum II" denote the several liquids which will be directed for preparing certain Fluid Extracts. Compare, for instance, Nos. 138, 140, 141.

When it is desired to avoid the use of heat in the preparation of any Fluid Extract, a method of *Fractional Percolation* may be employed, for which directions are given below.

This method involves the use of only *one* kind of menstruum, even in the case of drugs for which two different successive menstrua (I and II) are prescribed in this *Formulary.* In the case of the latter, a sufficient quantity of Menstruum I should be prepared to serve throughout the process.

Fractional Percolation.—Take of the drug, in powder of the prescribed fineness, *sixteen* (16) *troyounces,* and divide this into three portions, of *eight* (8), *five* (5), and *three* (3) *troyounces,* respectively.

Moisten the *first portion* (8 troyounces) with the menstruum and percolate in the usual manner. Set aside the first *three* (3) *fluidounces* of the percolate, and continue until *twenty-four* (24) *fluidounces* more of percolate have passed, which should be received in several portions, so that the more concentrated will be separate from the last, weak percolate.

Then moisten the *second portion* of the drug (5 troyounces) with the most concentrated of the percolates received during the preceding operation after the first 3 fluidounces had passed, and percolate again in the usual manner, using the several reserved percolates, successively, as menstrua. Set aside the first *five* (5) *fluidounces,* and continue the percolation until *ten* (10) *fluidounces* more have passed, which should also be received in several portions.

Finally, moisten the *third portion* of the drug (3 troyounces) with the most concentrated of the last reserved percolates, and proceed as directed for the second portion. Collect the first *eight* (8) *fluidounces* separately, and mix them with the two portions previously set aside so as to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Fluid Extract.

125. Extractum Adonidis Fluidum, *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Adonis.

From the root of *Adonis vernalis* Linné (Bird's Eye).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol.

126. Extractum Aletridis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Aletris.

From the rhizome of *Aletris farinosa* Linné (Star-grass).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

127. Extractum Angelicæ Radicis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Angelica Root.

From the root of *Angelica Archangelica* Linné (Angelica).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

128. Extractum Apii Graveolentis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Celery.

From the seed of *Apium graveolens* Linné (Celery).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

129. Extractum Apocyni Cannabini Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Apocynum Cannabinum.

From the root of *Apocynum cannabinum* Linné (Canadian Hemp).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

130. Extractum Araliæ Racemosæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Aralia Racemosa.

From the root of *Aralia racemosa* Linné (American Spikenard).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

131. Extractum Arnicæ Florum Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Arnica Flowers.

From the flower-heads of *Arnica montana* Linné (Arnica).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

132. Extractum Asclepiadis Tuberosæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Asclepias Tuberosa.

From the root of *Asclepias tuberosa* Linné (Pleurisy Root).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

133. Extractum Aspidospermatis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Aspidosperma.

From the bark of *Aspidosperma Quebracho* Schlechtendal (Quebracho).

Process B (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 9 fl. oz.
Water, 5 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 2 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Alcohol, 9 fl. oz.
Water, 7 fl. oz.

Note.—This formula has been corrected so as to correspond with the revision noticed under the head of *Errata* in the *National Formulary.*

134. Extractum Berberidis Vulgaris Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Berberis Vulgaris.

From the bark of the root of *Berberis vulgaris* Linné (Barberry).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

135. Extractum Boldi Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Boldo.

From the leaves of *Peumus Boldus* Molina (Boldo).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

136. Extractum Buchu Fluidum Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Fluid Extract of Buchu.

Buchu	10 tr. oz.
Cubeb	2 tr. oz.
Juniper	2 tr. oz.
Uva Ursi	2 tr. oz.

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

137. Extractum Calendulæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Calendula.

From the flowering herb of *Calendula officinalis* Linné (Marigold).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

138. Extractum Camelliæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Camellia.

From the commercial dried leaves of *Camellia Thea* Link (Tea).

Process B (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 4 fl. oz.
Water, 11 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 1 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Alcohol, 1 volume.
Water, 3 volumes.

Note.—It is recommended that the best quality of commercial black tea, preferably "Formosa Oolong," be employed for this preparation.

139. Extractum Caulophylli Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Caulophyllum.

From the rhizome and rootlets of *Caulophyllum thalictroides* Michaux (Blue Cohosh).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

140. Extractum Coffeæ Viridis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Green Coffee.

From the commercial, unroasted seeds of *Coffea arabica* Linné (Coffee).

Process B (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 4 fl. oz.
Water, 11 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 1 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Alcohol, 1 volume.
Water, 3 volumes.

Note.—It is recommended that the best quality of either of the commercial varieties known as "Java" or "Mocha" Coffee be employed for this preparation.

141. Extractum Coffeæ Tostæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Roasted Coffee.

From the commercial, roasted seeds of *Coffea arabica* Linné (Coffee).

Process B (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 4 fl. oz.
Water, 11 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 1 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Alcohol, 1 volume.
Water, 3 volumes.

Note.—See the note to the preceding.

142. Extractum Convallariæ Florum Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Convallaria Flowers.

From the flowers of *Convallaria majalis* Linné (Lily of the Valley).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

143. Extractum Convallariæ Radicis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Convallaria Root.

From the rhizome of *Convallaria majalis* Linné (Lily of the Valley).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

144. Extractum Coptis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Coptis.

From the rhizome and rootlets of *Coptis trifolia* Salisbury (Goldthread).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

145. Extractum Cornus Circinatæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Cornus Circinata.

From the bark of *Cornus circinata* L'Héritier (Green Osier).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

146. Extractum Corydalis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Corydalis.

From the tubers of *Dicentra canadensis* De Candolle (Turkey Corn).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

147. Extractum Coto Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Coto.

From Coto bark, derived from an undetermined tree, native of tropical South America.

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 9 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

148. Extractum Eriodictyi Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Eriodictyon.

From the leaves of *Eriodictyon californicum* Bentham (Mountain Balm; Yerba Santa).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

149. Extractum Ferri Pomatum. *N. F.*

Ferrated Extract of Apples.

Ferri Malas Crudus. Crude Malate of Iron.

Iron, in the form of fine, bright wire, and cut . . . . . 1 part.
Ripe Sour Apples . . . . . 50 parts.
Water . . . . . a sufficient quantity.

Convert the Sour Apples into a homogeneous pulp by pounding or grinding, and express the liquid portion. Then mix the latter with the Iron in an enamelled or porcelain vessel, macerate for forty-eight hours, and then apply the heat of a water-bath, until no more bubbles of gas are given off, adding a little water from time to time to make up any loss by evaporation. Dilute the liquid with Water to make it weigh *fifty* (50) *parts*, and set it aside for a few days. Then filter, and evaporate the filtrate in the before-mentioned vessel to a thick extract, which should be greenish-black, and should yield a clear solution with water.

Note.—This preparation is inserted here with the title under which it is contained in the German Pharmacopœia. In some others it is called, more correctly, *Extractum Pomi* (or *Pomorum*) *Ferratum.*

150. Extractum Fuci Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Fucus.

From the thallus of *Fucus vesiculosus* Linné (Bladder-wrack).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

151. Extractum Glycyrrhizæ Depuratum. *N. F.*

Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza.

Purified Extract of Liquorice.

Extract of Glycyrrhiza, in sticks,
Water, each . . . . . a sufficient quantity.

Put a layer of well-washed rye-straw over the bottom of a keg or other suitable tall vessel. Then put a single layer of sticks of Extract of Glycyrrhiza, broken into coarse pieces, over it. Continue to put in alternate layers of straw and Extract of Glycyrrhiza until the vessel is full or the whole of the Extract has been disposed of. Fill the vessel with cold Water, and allow it to remain for three days. Then draw off the solution which has formed, by means of a faucet, or siphon, or otherwise, refill the vessel with cold Water, and proceed as before. Mix the several solutions obtained, allow any suspended matter to subside, decant the clear solution, and strain the remainder without pressure. Finally, evaporate the liquid on a water-bath to the consistence of a pilular extract.

Note.—Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza should not be confounded with the officinal Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza (*Extractum Glycyrrhizæ Purum*).

152. Extractum Helianthemi Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Helianthemum.

From the herb of *Helianthemum canadense* Michaux (Frost-wort).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

153. Extractum Humuli Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Hops.

From the strobiles of *Humulus Lupulus* Linné (Hops).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 5 volumes.
Water, 3 volumes.

154. Extractum Hydrangeæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Hydrangea.

From the root of *Hydrangea arborescens* Linné (Seven Barks).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

155. Extractum Jalapæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Jalap.

From the tuberous root of *Exogonium Purga* Bentham (Jalap).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol.

156. Extractum Juglandis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Juglans.

From the inner bark of the root of *Juglans cinerea* Linné (Butternut).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

157. Extractum Juniperi Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Juniper.

From the fruit of *Juniperus communis* Linné (Juniper).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 10 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

158. Extractum Kavæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Kava.

From the root of *Piper methysticum* Forster (Kava; Kava-kava; Ava).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

159. Extractum Lappæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Lappa.

From the root of *Lappa officinalis* Albioni (Burdock).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

160. Extractum Malti Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Malt.

Malt . . . . . 16 tr. oz.
Alcohol,
Water, each . . . . . a sufficient quantity.

Reduce the Malt to a coarse powder, not finer than No. 20. Moisten it with *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of a mixture of *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol and *three* (3) *volumes* of Water, and set it aside, well covered, until it has ceased to swell. Then mix it with as much of the menstruum as it will take up without dripping, pack it uniformly, but without pressure, in a percolator, and add enough of the before-mentioned menstruum to cover it. When the liquid begins to drop from the orifice, close the latter, and allow the contents to macerate during twenty-four hours, adding from time to time more menstruum, if necessary, to keep the malt just covered. Then remove the cork and allow the percolation to pro-

ceed until the percolate weighs *twelve* (12) *troyounces*. Set this aside, well corked, until any suspended matters have been deposited. Then decant the clear liquid and preserve it for use.

Note.—The product thus obtained may be regarded as being practically equivalent to the drug in the proportion of minim for grain, the apparent excess of dissolved matters present in the first portions of the percolate being about offset by the soluble matters still remaining in the drug when the percolation is interrupted.

Care should be exercised to keep this preparation in well-stoppered bottles in a cool, dark place.

161. Extractum Menyanthis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Menyanthes.

From the leaves of *Menyanthes trifoliata* Linné (Buckbean.—Trifolium fibrinum *Germ. Ph.*).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

162. Extractum Petroselini Radicis Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Parsley Root.

From the root of *Petroselinum sativum* Hoffmann (Parsley).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

163. Extractum Phytolaccæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Phytolacca.

From the root of *Phytolacca decandra* Linné (Poke Root).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 60 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

164. Extractum Quillajæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Quillaja.

From the bark of *Quillaja Saponaria* Molina (Soap-Bark).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

165. Extractum Rhamni Purshianæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana.

From the bark of *Rhamnus Purshiana* De Candolle (Cascara Sagrada).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

166. Extractum Rhei Fluidum Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Fluid Extract of Rhubarb.

Rhubarb	12 tr. oz.
Cinnamon	2½ tr. oz.
Cloves	2½ tr. oz.
Nutmeg	1⅛ tr. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and prepare a Fluid Extract as below.

Process A (see No. 124).
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

Note.—If 1 fl. oz. of this preparation is mixed with 15 fl. oz. of syrup, the product will be practically identical with the officinal Syrupus Rhei Aromaticus.

167. Extractum Scoparii Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Scoparius.

From the tops of *Sarothamnus Scoparius* Koch (Broom).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

168. Extractum Sennæ Fluidum Deodoratum. *N. F.*

Deodorized Fluid Extract of Senna.

Senna, in No. 60 powder . . . . . 16 tr. oz.
Alcohol,
Water, each . . . . . a sufficient quantity.

Moisten the Senna with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, pack it firmly in a percolator, and percolate it with Alcohol until it is practically exhausted by this menstruum. The alcoholic percolate thus obtained is rejected, and the Alcohol may be recovered therefrom by distillation. Then take out the moist powder, dry it, and prepare a Fluid Extract by the Process and Menstruum below mentioned:

Process A (see No. 124).
Menstruum: Alcohol, 1 volume.
Water, 1 volume.

169. Extractum Sterculiæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Sterculia.

From the seeds of *Sterculia acuminata* R. Brown (Cola; Kola).

Process B (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 4 fl. oz.
Water, 11 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 1 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Alcohol, 1 volume.
Water, 3 volumes.

170. Extractum Stillingiæ Fluidum Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia.

Stillingia	4 tr. oz.
Corydalis (root)	4 tr. oz.
Iris	2 tr. oz.
Sambucus	2 tr. oz.
Chimaphila	2 tr. oz.
Coriander	1 tr. oz.
Xanthoxylum Berries	1 tr. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and prepare a Fluid Extract in the usual manner by the Process and Menstrua below mentioned.

Process B (see No. 124).
Menstruum I: Alcohol, 8 fl. oz.
Glycerin, 4 fl. oz.
Water, 4 fl. oz.
Menstruum II: Diluted Alcohol.

171. Extractum Trillii Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Trillium.

From the rhizome of *Trillium erectum* Linné and other species of *Trillium* (Bethroot).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 3 volumes.
Water, 2 volumes.

172. Extractum Turneræ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Turnera.

From the leaves of *Turnera microphylla* De Candolle and other species of *Turnera* (Damiana).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

173. Extractum Urticæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Urtica.

From the root of *Urtica dioica* Linné (Nettle).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

174. Extractum Verbasci Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Verbascum.

From the leaves and flowers of *Verbascum Thapsus* Linné (Mullein).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 20 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

175. Extractum Verbenæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Verbena.

From the root of *Verbena hastata* Linné (Vervain).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

176. Extractum Viburni Opuli Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Viburnum Opulus.

From the bark of *Viburnum Opulus* Linné (Cramp Bark).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Alcohol, 2 volumes.
Water, 1 volume.

177. Extractum Zeæ Fluidum. *N. F.*

Fluid Extract of Zea.

Extractum Stigmatum Maydis Fluidum. Fluid Extract of Corn Silk.

From the stigmata of *Zea Mays* Linné (Indian Corn).

Process A (see No. 124).—No. 40 powder.
Menstruum: Diluted Alcohol.

178. Ferri et Quininæ Citras Effervescens. *N. F.*

Effervescent Citrate of Iron and Quinine.

Citrate of Iron and Quinine	20 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	640 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains (or about a heaped teaspoonful) of the above compound represent* 1 *grain of Citrate of Iron and Quinine.*

179. Ferri Hypophosphis. *N. F.*

Hypophosphite of Iron.

Ferric Hypophosphite.

Sulphate of Iron and Ammonium (U. S. P.), in perfect crystals	77 parts.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	51 parts.
Distilled Water	a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron and Ammonium in *three hundred* (300) *parts*, and the Hypophosphite of Sodium in *one hundred* (100) *parts* of Distilled Water, and, if necessary, filter each solution. Then mix them, and stir thoroughly; after a short time transfer the mixture to a close linen or muslin strainer, and wash the precipitate with Distilled Water, until the washings run off tasteless. Transfer the strainer to a warm place and, when the contents are dry, preserve them for use.

Hypophosphite of Iron (ferric) may also be prepared in the following manner:

Hypophosphite of Calcium	1 part.
Solution of Chloride of Iron (U. S. P.), Distilled Water, each	a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Calcium in *twelve* (12) *parts* of Distilled Water, and filter the solution. To this add Solution of Chloride of Iron, in small portions, stirring well each time and allowing the precipitate to subside before adding a fresh portion. Toward the end, remove a small quantity of the clear supernatant liquid, add to it some Solution of Chloride of Iron diluted with about *ten* (10) *times* its volume of Water, and observe whether any turbidity occurs either at once or after a few minutes. If it remains clear, the precipitation may be regarded as complete. Then transfer the mixture to a close linen or muslin strainer, and wash the precipitate with Distilled Water, until the washings run off tasteless. Transfer the strainer to a warm place and, when the contents are dry, preserve them for use.

Note.—Hypophosphite of Iron is rendered soluble in water by mixing it with about an equal weight of citrate of potassium, or some other alkaline citrate. Theoretically, 100 parts of Sulphate of Iron and Ammonium will yield 51·9 parts, and 100 parts of Hypophosphite of Calcium will yield 85·3 parts of dry Hypophosphite of Iron (ferric).

180. Ferri Phosphas Effervescens. *N. F.*

Effervescent Phosphate of Iron.

Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	40 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	620 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains (or about a heaped teaspoonful) of the above compound represent* 2 *grains of Phosphate of Iron.*

181. Gelatinum Chondri. *N. F.*

Chondrus Gelatin.

Chondrus	1 part.
Water	a sufficient quantity.

Wash the Chondrus with cold Water, then place it in a suitable vessel, add *fifty* (50) *parts* of hot Water, and heat it on a boiling water-bath for fifteen minutes, frequently stirring. Strain the decoction, while hot, through a strong muslin strainer; return the strained, mucilaginous liquid to the water-bath, evaporate it to a semi-fluid consistence, then transfer it to shallow, flat-bottomed trays, and evaporate it at a temperature not exceeding 90° C. (194° F.), so that the Gelatin may become detached in scales.

Note.—Chondrus Gelatin thus prepared furnishes a Mucilage of Chondrus which is opaque, like that made directly from the Chondrus itself. It may be prepared so as to yield a transparent mucilage by following the plan pointed out in the *Note* to *Mucilago Chondri.*

182. Glyceritum Acidi Tannici. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Tannic Acid.

Tannic Acid	1 part.
Glycerin	5 parts.

Mix them in a porcelain or enamelled capsule, avoiding contact with metallic utensils, and apply the heat of a water-bath, until complete solution has taken place. Then transfer the solution to bottles.

Note.—The product will be practically identical in strength with the preparation officinal in the U. S. P. of 1870, which was directed to be made from 1 troyounce of Tannic Acid and 4 fluidounces of Glycerin.

183. Glyceritum Bismuthi. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Bismuth.

Liquor Bismuthi Concentratus. Concentrated Solution of Bismuth.

Subnitrate of Bismuth	1480 gr.
Nitric Acid	4 tr. oz.
Citric Acid	1200 gr.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Subnitrate of Bismuth in the Nitric Acid mixed with an equal volume of Water. Add the Citric Acid previously dissolved in *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water. Divide the solution into two equal portions. To one portion add Water of Ammonia until the precipitate first formed is redissolved, and then dilute with Water to *eight* (8) *pints*. To this add the reserved portion, stirring constantly. Let the mixture stand about six hours, then transfer it to a paper filter, inside of a muslin strainer, both being folded together. Wash the precipitate with Water, until it is free from Nitric Acid, and by gentle pressure remove as much of the Water as possible. Dissolve the precipitate in a sufficient quantity of Water of Ammonia, evaporate the solution on the water-bath, in a tared capsule, to *eight* (8) *troyounces*, then transfer it to a graduate, allow it to cool, and wash the capsule with a little Water so as to make the whole volume of liquid measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*. Finally, add the Glycerin, and filter, if necessary.

Glycerite of Bismuth, when required for immediate use, may also be prepared as follows:

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	2048 gr.
Stronger Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water and *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Glycerin, and add to it gradually just enough Stronger Water of Ammonia to dissolve the salt and to produce a neutral solution. Then add the remainder of the Glycerin and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 16 *grains of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.*

Note.—When this preparation is directed as an ingredient in other preparations, which are required to be filtered when completed, it may be added to them without previous filtration.

If Glycerite of Bismuth should at any time deposit a precipitate, this may be redissolved by the addition of just sufficient Stronger Water of Ammonia.

184. Glyceritum Boroglycerini. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Boroglycerin.

Glycerite of Glyceryl Borate. Solution of Boroglyceride.

Boric Acid, in powder	62 parts.
Glycerin	enough to make 200 parts.

Heat *ninety-two* (92) *parts* of Glycerin in a tared porcelain capsule to a temperature not exceeding 150° C. (302° F.), and add the Boric Acid, in portions, constantly stirring. When all is added and dissolved, continue the heat at the same temperature, frequently stirring, and breaking up the film which forms on the surface. When the mixture has been reduced to the weight of *one hundred* (100) *parts*, add to it *one hundred* (100) *parts* of Glycerin, mix thoroughly, and transfer it to suitable vessels.

Two parts, by weight, of this preparation represent 1 *part of solid Boroglycerin.*

Note.—The product, which is a clear, viscid liquid, is more readily soluble in and miscible with other liquids than the solid Boroglycerin. (See *Boroglycerinum.*)

It may be found more convenient, if the glycerite is needed immediately, to place one ounce (av.) of boroglyceride in a dish and add one ounce (av.) of glycerin, heating gently and stirring until it is dissolved.

185. Glyceritum Hydrastis. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Hydrastis.

Hydrastis, in fine powder	16 tr. oz.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Alcohol	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Moisten the Hydrastis with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, pack it firmly in a percolator, and percolate with Alcohol until the Hydrastis is practically exhausted. To the percolate add *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water, and then remove the Alcohol by evaporation or distillation. After the alcohol is driven off, add enough Water to the residue to make it measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*, set it aside for twenty-four hours, then filter, pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*, and, lastly, add the Glycerin.

186. Glyceritum Pepsini. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	640 gr.
Hydrochloric Acid	80 min.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Pepsin with *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Water and the Hydrochloric Acid, and agitate until solution has been effected. Then incorporate the Purified Talcum with the liquid, filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*. To this add the Glycerin, and mix.

Each fluidrachm represents 5 *grains of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

Note.—For filtering the aqueous solution of Pepsin first obtained by the above formula, as well as for filtering other liquids of a viscid character, a filter paper of loose texture (preferably that known as "Textile Filtering Paper"), or a layer of absorbent cotton placed in a funnel, or percolator, should be employed.

187. Glyceritum Picis Liquidæ. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Tar.

Tar	1 tr. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	2 tr. oz.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Upon the Tar, contained in a mortar, pour *three* (3) *fluidounces* of cold Water, stir them thoroughly together and pour off the Water. Repeat this once

or twice, until the Water only feebly reddens blue litmus-paper. Now triturate the washed Tar with the Alcohol, gradually incorporate the Carbonate of Magnesium and Glycerin, and, lastly, *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water. Pour the mixture upon a filter of loose texture spread over a piece of straining muslin, and, after the liquid portion has passed through, wash the residue on the filter with Water, until the whole filtrate measures *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—Regarding filters of loose texture, see the Note to 186.

188. Glyceritum Tragacanthæ. *N. F.*

Glycerite of Tragacanth.

Tragacanth, in fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Glycerin	12½ fl. oz.
Water	3 fl. oz.

Triturate the Tragacanth with the Glycerin in a mortar, add the Water, and continue the trituration, until a homogeneous, thick paste results.

Note.—The *Glycerinum Tragacanthæ* of the British Pharm. is prepared by mixing 3 troyounces of Tragacanth with 12 fluidounces of Glycerin in a mortar, adding 2 fluidounces of Water, and triturating until a translucent, homogeneous jelly is formed.

Mucilago Tragacanthæ of the U. S. Pharm. (1880) is made by mixing 18 parts of Glycerin with 76 parts of Water, heating the mixture to boiling, adding 6 parts of Tragacanth, macerating for twenty-four hours, then adding Water to make 100 parts, beating it to a uniform consistence, and straining.

Unguentum Glycerini of the German Pharm. is prepared by triturating 1 part of powdered Tragacanth with 5 parts (by weight) of Alcohol (of about 91 per cent.), then adding 50 parts of Glycerin, and heating on a steam-bath.

189. Gossypium Stypticum. *N. F.*

Styptic Cotton.

Purified Cotton,	
Solution of Chloride of Iron,	
Glycerin,	
Water, each	a sufficient quantity.

Mix the liquids in the proportion of *five* (5) *parts* of the Iron Solution, *one* (1) *part* of Glycerin, and *four* (4) *parts* of Water, in such quantities that the Purified Cotton shall be completely immersed in the liquid when gently pressed. Allow the Cotton to remain in the liquid one hour, then remove it, press it, until it has been brought to *twice* its original weight, spread it out in thin layers, in a warm place, protected from dust and light, and when it is sufficiently dry, transfer it to well-closed receptacles.

190. Infusum Gentianæ Compositum Fortius. *N. F.*

Stronger Compound Infusion of Gentian.

Gentian	2 tr. oz.
Coriander	½ tr. oz.
Bitter Orange Peel	½ tr. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, moisten it with Diluted Alcohol, pack it in a percolator, and percolate with Diluted Alcohol, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* are obtained.

Note.—When *Infusum Gentianæ Compositum* is prescribed, mix 1 volume of this preparation with 3 volumes of water.

191. Infusum Rosæ Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Infusion of Rose.

Red Rose	96 gr.
Diluted Sulphuric Acid	70 min.
Sugar	300 gr.
Boiling Water	16 fl. oz.

Pour the Boiling Water upon the Rose in a glass or porcelain vessel, add the Acid, cover the vessel, and macerate for an hour. Then dissolve the Sugar in the liquid, and strain.

192. Iodoformum Aromatisatum. *N. F.*

Aromatized Iodoform.

Deodorized Iodoform.

Iodoform	25 parts.
Cumarin	1 part.

Mix them intimately by trituration.

Note.—Should Cumarin not be available, or should it be objectionable to the patient, the odor of Iodoform may also be more or less masked by many essential oils, for instance, those of peppermint, cloves, cinnamon, citronella, bergamot, sassafras, eucalyptus, etc. Another efficient covering agent is freshly-roasted and powdered coffee.

The odor of Iodoform may be removed from the hands or any utensils which it has come in contact with, by washing them with an aqueous solution of tannic acid.

193. Lac Fermentatum. *N. F.*

Fermented Milk.

Kumyss.

Cow's Milk, fresh	32 fl. oz.
Yeast, semi-liquid	60 min.
Sugar	1 tr. oz.

Dissolve the Sugar in the milk, contained in a strong bottle, add the Yeast, cork the bottle securely, and keep it at a temperature between 28° and 32° C. (75° to 90° F.) for six hours; then transfer it to a cold place.

194. Linimentum Aconiti et Chloroformi. *N. F.*

Liniment of Aconite and Chloroform.

Tincture of Aconite	2 fl. oz.
Chloroform	2 fl. oz.
Soap Liniment	12 fl. oz.

Mix them.

195. Linimentum Ammonii Iodidi. *N. F.*

Liniment of Iodide of Ammonium.

Iodine	30 gr.
Oil of Rosemary	110 min.
Oil of Lavender	110 min.
Camphor	220 gr.
Water of Ammonia	1¾ fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Iodine, the Oils, and the Camphor in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, then add the Water of Ammonia, and, lastly, enough Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—On standing, the liquid will become colorless, and there will, usually, be a slight precipitate, which may be separated by filtration.

196. Linimentum Iodi. *N. F.*

Iodine Liniment.

Iodine	900 gr.
Iodide of Potassium	360 gr.
Glycerin	½ fl. oz.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *thirteen* (13) *fluidounces* of Alcohol with the other ingredients, and dissolve the solids by agitation. Then add enough Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—The proportion of the ingredients above given yields a product practically identical with that prescribed by the Br. Pharm.

197. Linimentum Opii Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Liniment of Opium.

Canada Liniment.

Tincture of Opium	1½ fl. oz.
Camphor	120 gr.
Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Oil of Peppermint	180 min.
Water of Ammonia	6 fl. oz.
Oil of Turpentine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Camphor and the Oil of Peppermint in the Alcohol, then add the Tincture of Opium, Water of Ammonia, and Oil of Turpentine. Shake the mixture whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

Note.—This Liniment will separate a short time after it has been mixed. It may be made somewhat more permanent by adding 180 minims of Tincture of Quillaja (N. F.) to the Water of Ammonia, before adding it to the mixture.

198. Linimentum Saponato-Camphoratum. *N. F.*

Camphorated Soap Liniment.

Opodeldoc. Solid Opodeldoc.

White Castile Soap, dried and powdered	1½ tr. oz.
Camphor	½ tr. oz.
Alcohol	20 fl. oz.
Oil of Thyme	30 min.
Oil of Rosemary	60 min.
Stronger Water of Ammonia (U. S. P.)	1 fl. oz.

Introduce the Castile Soap, Camphor, and Alcohol into a flask or suitable bottle, and apply a gentle heat until solution is effected, taking care that no loss of Alcohol be incurred by evaporation. Filter the liquid, while hot, into another flask or bottle; warm again, if necessary, to render the contents liquid, add the Oils and Stronger Water of Ammonia, and when the whole has been thoroughly mixed, pour it into small dry vials, which should have been previously warmed, and should immediately be corked and cooled.

Note.—The quantities above given are usually divided into 12 vials. Solid Opodeldoc is directed by the German Pharm. to be prepared with soap made from animal fats; but pure, white Castile Soap may be used, provided it has been previously deprived of water. The stronger Water of Ammonia should be of the full strength prescribed by the U. S. Pharm.

199. Linimentum Terebinthinæ Aceticum. *N. F.*

Acetic Turpentine Liniment.

Linimentum Album. Stokes's Liniment. St. John Long's Liniment.

Oil of Turpentine	3 fl. oz.
Fresh Egg, albumen and yolk	1
Oil of Lemon	60 min.
Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	300 min.
Rose Water	2½ fl. oz.

Triturate or beat the contents of the Fresh Egg with the Oil of Turpentine and the Oil of Lemon in a mortar until they are thoroughly mixed. Then incorporate the Acetic Acid and Rose Water. Shake the mixture whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

200. Linimentum Tiglii. *N. F.*

Liniment of Croton Oil.

Linimentum Crotonis (Brit. Ph.).

Croton Oil	2 fl. dr.
Oil of Cajuput	7 fl. dr.
Alcohol	7 fl. dr.

Mix them.

201. Linimentum Tiglii Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Croton Oil Liniment.

Croton Oil	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Sassafras	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Turpentine	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Olive	2 fl. oz.

Mix them.

202. Liquor Acidi Phosphorici Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Solution of Phosphoric Acid.

Solution of Acid Phosphates.

Bone Ash, in fine powder	100 parts.
Sulphuric Acid	78 parts.
Water	400 parts.

Mix the Bone Ash with *one hundred* (100) *parts* of Water, add the Sulphuric Acid, diluted with *two hundred* (200) *parts* of Water, and mix thoroughly with a porcelain or glass stirrer. Now add the remainder of the Water and set the mixture aside for twenty-four hours, stirring occasionally. Then transfer the mixture to a strong muslin strainer, and subject this to a gradual pressure (avoiding contact with metals), so as to express as much of the liquid as possible. Lastly, filter this through paper.

The specific gravity of this solution is about 1·113 at 15° C. (59° F.).

Note.—The quantity of product obtained depends on the degree of force used in pressing. By strong pressure, about 350 parts may be obtained. If desired, the magma may also be poured in a glass percolator, the neck of which contains a layer of fine quartz sand or asbestos, previously deprived of matters soluble in sulphuric or phosphoric acid. On cautiously pouring water on top, so as not to mix it with the magma, the acid solution will be displaced. But the percolation must be interrupted as soon as the specific gravity of the percolate begins to fall below 1·113. The Sulphuric Acid used in this preparation may be the commercial variety, provided it is free from arsenic, and of a specific gravity not less than 1·830.

203. Liquor Aluminii Acetatis. *N. F.*

Solution of Acetate of Aluminium.

Sulphate of Aluminium, crystallized	30 parts.
Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	30 parts.
Carbonate of Calcium	13 parts.
Water	100 parts.

Dissolve the Carbonate of Calcium in the Acetic Acid mixed with *twenty* (20) *parts* of Water, and the Sulphate of Aluminium in *eighty* (80) *parts* of Water. Mix the two solutions, and allow the mixture to stand for twenty-four hours, agitating occasionally. Then pour off the clear solution, and filter.

The Solution contains from 7·5 to 8 per cent. of Basic Acetate of Aluminium.

Note.—Practically identical with the *Liquor Aluminii Acetici* of the German Pharm.

204. Liquor Aluminii Acetico-Tartratis. *N. F.*

Solution of Acetico-Tartrate of Aluminium.

Alum (U. S. P.)	150 parts.
Carbonate of Sodium	140 parts.
Glacial Acetic Acid	30 parts.
Tartaric Acid	27 parts.
Water	enough to make 200 parts.

Dissolve the Alum and the Carbonate of Sodium, each, in *two thousand* (2000) *parts* of Water, mix the solutions, and wash the precipitate, first by decantation, and afterwards on a strainer, until the washings run off tasteless. Allow the precipitate to drain and to shrink in volume by exposure on the strainer. Then transfer it to a tared capsule, add

the Glacial Acetic and the Tartaric Acids, and apply heat until solution has been effected. Finally, evaporate the liquid to *two hundred* (200) parts.

The product contains about 50 *per cent. of dry, so-called, Acetico-Tartrate of Aluminium.*

Note.—The dry salt may be obtained by evaporating the solution.

205. Liquor Ammonii Acetatis Concentratus. *N. F.*

Concentrated Solution of Acetate of Ammonium.

Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	16 fl. oz.
Carbonate of Ammonium	a sufficient quantity.
Water	enough to make 32 fl. oz.

Neutralize the Acetic Acid with a sufficient quantity of Carbonate of Ammonium, carefully avoiding an excess. Then add enough Water to make the product measure *thirty-two* (32) *fluidounces.*

Note.—It is not recommended to keep this solution on hand for the preparation of the officinal *Liquor Ammonii Acetatis*, as this is preferably made freshly when wanted for use. When it is, however, required, or deemed of advantage, to dispense the concentrated solution, it is suggested that it be diluted with Carbonic Acid Water, or be directed to be diluted with this at the time of administration.

The product is about four times the strength of the officinal *Liquor Ammonii Acetatis.*

206. Liquor Ammonii Citratis Fortior. *N. F.*

Stronger Solution of Citrate of Ammonium.

Citric Acid	9 tr. oz.
Stronger Water of Ammonia,	
Water, each	a sufficient quantity.

Neutralize the Citric Acid with the Stronger Water of Ammonia, and add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.* The solution should be kept in bottles free from lead.

Each fluidrachm contains about 40 *grains of Citrate of Ammonium.*

Note.—This Solution is apt to take up notable quantities of lead, if kept in bottles made of flint glass.

Liquor Ammonii Citratis (Brit. Pharm.) may be prepared from this Solution by mixing 1 volume of it with 4 volumes of Water.

207. Liquor Bismuthi. *N. F.*

Solution of Bismuth.

Liquid Bismuth.

Glycerite of Bismuth	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Distilled Water	12 fl. oz.

Mix the Glycerite of Bismuth with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water, then add the Alcohol.

Solution of Bismuth may also be prepared in the following manner:

Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium	128 gr.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Water of Ammonia	a sufficient quantity.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium in *thirteen* (13) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water, and allow the solution to stand a short time. Should any insoluble matter have deposited, pour off the clear liquid and add just enough Water of Ammonia to the residue to dissolve it, or to cause it to retain a faint odor of Ammonia. Then filter the united liquids, add the Alcohol, and enough Distilled Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

This preparation should be freshly made when wanted for use.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Citrate of Bismuth and Ammonium.*

208. Liquor Bromi. *N. F.*

Solution of Bromine.

Smith's Solution of Bromine.

Bromine	1 tr. oz.
Bromide of Potassium	½ tr. oz.
Water	4 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bromide of Potassium in the Water contained in a bottle, add the Bromine, and shake the mixture until this is dissolved. Keep the solution in glass-stoppered vials in a dark place.

Note.—As bromine vapor is very injurious to the respiratory passages and destructive to balances, it is often preferable to take the contents of an original bottle of Bromine—weighing the bottle, both before opening it and after emptying it, in order to ascertain the exact weight of the Bromine contained therein—and then to use a quantity of Bromide of Potassium and of Water proportionate to the quantities above given.

209. Liquor Calcis Sulphuratæ. *N. F.*

Solution of Sulphurated Lime.

Solution of Oxysulphuret of Calcium. Vleminckx's Solution (*or* Lotion).

Lime, freshly slaked	2 parts.
Sublimed Sulphur	3 parts.
Water	enough to make 12 parts.

Mix the slaked Lime with the Sulphur, and add the mixture gradually to *twenty* (20) *parts* of boiling Water. Then boil the whole, under constant stirring, until it is reduced to *twelve* (12) *parts*, strain, and having allowed the solution to become clear by standing in a well-stoppered bottle, decant the clear brown liquid, and keep it in completely-filled and well-stoppered bottles.

210. Liquor Carmini. *N. F.*

Solution of Carmine.

Carmine	1 tr. oz.
Water of Ammonia	6 fl. oz.
Glycerin	6 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Carmine to a fine powder in a Wedgwood mortar, gradually add the Water of Ammonia, and afterwards the Glycerin, under constant trituration. Transfer the mixture to a porcelain capsule, and heat it upon a water-bath, constantly stirring, until the liquid is entirely free from ammoniacal odor. Then cool, and add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Note.—The best quality of Carmine, known in commerce as "No. 40," should be used for this preparation.

211. Liquor Coccineus. *N. F.*

Cochineal Color.

Cochineal, in No. 50 powder	1 tr. oz.
Carbonate of Potassium	½ tr. oz.
Alum	½ tr. oz.
Bitartrate of Potassium	1 tr. oz.
Glycerin	8 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Cochineal intimately with the Carbonate of Potassium and *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water. Then add the Alum and Bitartrate of Potassium successively, heat the mixture to boiling in a capacious vessel, then set it aside to cool, add to it the Glycerin and Alcohol, filter, and pass enough Water through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

212. Liquor Cupri Alkalinus. *N. F.*

Alkaline Solution of Copper.

Fehling's Solution.

I. The Copper Solution.

Sulphate of Copper, pure	34·639 Gm.	505 gr.
Distilled Water, enough to make	500 C.c.	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Copper, which before being weighed should have been reduced to powder and pressed between blotting-paper, in a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water to produce the volume required by the corresponding formula above given.

II. The Alkaline Solution.

Tartrate of Potassium and Sodium	173 Gm.	2520 gr.
Soda (U. S. P. 1880)	60 Gm.	2 tr. oz.
Distilled Water, enough to make	500 C.c.	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Tartrate of Potassium and Sodium and the Soda in a sufficient quantity of Distilled Water to produce the volume required by the corresponding formula above given. Set the mixture aside until the suspended impurities have been deposited; then remove the clear solution with a siphon.

Keep both solutions, separately, in small well-stoppered vials, in a cool and dark place. For use, mix exactly equal volumes of both solutions, by pouring the copper solution into the alkaline solution.

Note.—The two Solutions should be prepared with cold distilled water, and should be made up to their respective volumes at one and the same temperature. They should also be at the same temperatures at the time of mixing. On diluting a small quantity of the mixed Reagent with about three volumes of Distilled Water, and heating the liquid in a test-tube to boiling, it should remain entirely clear, without any trace of discoloration or precipitate.

After the Solutions have been mixed for use, and assuming that they have been prepared and mixed at the average indoor temperature, 10 C.c. of the mixture prepared by metric weight and measure correspond to 0·05 Gm. of glucose. Of the mixture prepared by apothecaries' weight and measure, 210 minims correspond to 1 grain of glucose.

213. Liquor Electropoeicus. *N. F.*

Battery Fluid.

A. For the Carbon and Zinc Battery.

I. For ordinary use.

Bichromate of Sodium, in coarse powder	6 tr. oz.
Sulphuric Acid, commercial	6 fl. oz.
Water, cold	48 fl. oz.

Pour the Sulphuric Acid upon the powdered Bichromate, and stir the mixture occasionally during one hour. Then slowly add the Water.

II. For use with the Galvano-Cautery.

Bichromate of Sodium, in coarse powder	6½ tr. oz.
Sulphuric Acid, commercial	14 fl. oz.
Water, cold	48 fl. oz.

Proceed in the same manner as directed under No. 1.

Note.—Bichromate of Sodium is more soluble than the potassium salt, and its products of decomposition, in the battery, are also more soluble. As it is also much cheaper, it is now preferred in all large electric laboratories. When it cannot be obtained, Bichromate of Potassium may be used in place of it, as heretofore. The two salts may be substituted for each other, weight for weight.

B. For the Leclanché Battery.

Chloride of Ammonium	6 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 20 fl. oz.

Dissolve the salt in the Water.

214. Liquor Extracti Glycyrrhizæ. *N. F.*

Solution of Extract of Glycyrrhiza.

Solution of Extract of Liquorice.

Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza,	a sufficient quantity.
Alcohol	2 fl. oz.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

In a small portion of Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza, weighed into a tared capsule, determine the amount of water, by drying it to a constant weight. Then take of the Purified Extract a quantity equivalent to *four* (4) *troyounces* of dry extract, dissolve this, on a water-bath, in *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water, add the Glycerin, and allow the liquid to cool. Lastly, add the Alcohol, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *grains of dry Extract of Glycyrrhiza.*

215. Liquor Ferri Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Solution of Hypophosphite of Iron.

Solution of Ferric Hypophosphite.

Sulphate of Iron and Ammonium (U. S. P.), in perfect crystals	2464 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	1622 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	1600 gr.
Glycerin	2½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron and Ammonium, and the Hypophosphite of Sodium, each, in *twenty-four* (24) *fluidounces* of Water, and, if necessary, filter each solution. Then mix them, and stir thoroughly; after a few minutes transfer the resulting magma to a close linen or muslin strainer, and wash the precipitate with about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water. Allow it to drain, and then press it forcibly in the strainer, so as to remove as much of the liquid as possible. Transfer the precipitate from the strainer to a mortar, add to it the Citrate of Potassium, and triturate until a perfectly smooth paste results. Then add the Glycerin, and gradually, while stirring, enough Water to make the solution measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Place it for several days in a cold place, if convenient; then pour off the clear solution from any precipitate or crystals that may have formed, and keep the solution in small, completely-filled, and well-corked bottles.

Solution of Hypophosphite of Iron (ferric) may also be prepared in the following manner:

Hypophosphite of Iron	1280 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	1622 gr.
Glycerin	2½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Hypophosphite of Iron with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water to a perfectly smooth mixture, then add the Citrate of Potassium and Glycerin, and apply a gentle heat, until solution has been effected. Allow the liquid to cool, and add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Place the solution for several days in a cold place, if convenient; then pour off the clear solution from any precipitate or crystals that may have formed, and keep the solution in small, completely-filled, well-corked bottles.

About 6 *minims of this Solution represent* 1 *grain of Hypophosphite of Iron* (*ferric*).

216. Liquor Ferri Iodidi. *N. F.*

Solution of Iodide of Iron.

Iron, in the form of fine, bright, and finely-cut wire	3 tr. oz.
Iodine	4718 gr.
Hypophosphorous Acid (N. F.)	180 min.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Iron with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water in a flask, add about one-half of the Iodine, and agitate continuously until the liquid becomes hot. Then moderate the reaction by placing the flask in cold water, or by allowing cold water to flow over it, meanwhile keeping up the agitation. When the reaction has moderated, add one-half of the remaining Iodine at a time, and carefully moderate the reaction each time, in the manner above directed. Finally, raise the contents of the flask to boiling and filter immediately through moistened pure filtering paper (the point of the filter being supported by a pellet of absorbent cotton) into a bottle containing the Hypophosphorous Acid. When all the liquid has passed, rinse the flask with *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of boiling Distilled Water, and pass this through the filter. Cork the bottle and set it aside to cool. Finally, add enough Distilled Water to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm contains about 45 *grains of Iodide of Iron* (*ferrous*).

Note.—On mixing 1 volume of this Solution of Iodide of Iron with 5 volumes of Syrup, the product will contain about 60 grains of Iodide of Iron (ferrous) in each fluidounce, and will be practically identical, measure for measure, but not weight for weight, with the officinal Syrup of Iodide of Iron.

217. Liquor Ferri Oxysulphatis. *N. F.*

Solution of Oxysulphate of Iron.

Sulphate of Iron	1200 gr.
Nitric Acid	1200 gr.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in *fifteen* (15) *fluidounces* of boiling Distilled Water, in a flask, gradually add the Nitric Acid, and continue the heat, until the escaping vapors cease to have a nitrous odor. When the reaction is completed, allow the liquid to cool, and add enough Distilled Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

218. Liquor Ferri Protochloridi. *N. F.*

Solution of Protochloride of Iron.

Solution of Ferrous Chloride.

Iron, in the form of fine, bright, and finely-cut wire	1130 gr.
Hydrochloric Acid	10 tr. oz.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Hypophosphorous Acid (N. F.)	60 min.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

To the Iron, contained in a flask, add *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water, and the Hydrochloric Acid, and apply a gentle heat, until effervescence ceases. Then raise the liquid to boiling, keep it at this temperature for a short time so that the Iron may be brought into solution as far as possible, filter the solution through a pellet of absorbent cotton placed in the neck of a funnel, and wash the cotton with a little Distilled Water. Evaporate the filtrate, over a boiling water-bath, until crystals begin to form, and the escaping vapors cease to redden, or only slightly affect, moistened blue litmus paper. Now add the Glycerin and the Hypophosphorous Acid; continue the heat, if necessary, until a perfect solution is obtained; then transfer the liquid to a graduated bottle, allow it to cool, and add enough Distilled Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents about 20 *grains of Protochloride of Iron* (*ferrous chloride*).

219. Liquor Hydrargyri et Potassii Iodidi. *N. F.*

Solution of Iodide of Mercury and Potassium.

Solution of Iodohydrargyrate of Potassium. Channing's Solution.

Red Iodide of Mercury	72 gr.
Iodide of Potassium	56 gr.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the salts in the Distilled Water.

220. Liquor Hypophosphitum. *N. F.*

Solution of Hypophosphites.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	256 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	160 gr.
Hypophosphite of Potassium	128 gr.
Citric Acid	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the salts and the Citric Acid in Water so as to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces;* filter, if necessary, and pass enough Water through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Hypophosphite of Calcium,* 1¼ *grain of Hypophosphite of Sodium, and* 1 *grain of Hypophosphite of Potassium.*

221. Liquor Iodi Carbolatus. *N. F.*

Carbolized Solution of Iodine.

Boulton's Solution. French Mixture.

Compound Solution of Iodine	110 min.
Carbolic Acid, liquefied by a gentle heat	40 min.
Glycerin	2½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Glycerin with the Carbolic Acid and Compound Solution of Iodine, add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces,* and expose the mixture to sunlight until it has become colorless.

222. Liquor Iodi Causticus. *N. F.*

Caustic Solution of Iodine.

Iodine Caustic. Churchill's Iodine Caustic.

Iodine	1 tr. oz.
Iodide of Potassium	2 tr. oz.
Water	4 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Iodide of Potassium and the Iodine in the Water.

223. Liquor Magnesii Bromidi. *N. F.*

Solution of Bromide of Magnesium.

Diluted Hydrobromic Acid (U. S. P.)	16 fl. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	a sufficient quantity.

Saturate the Diluted Hydrobromic Acid with a sufficient quantity (about *one* (1) *troyounce*) of Carbonate of Magnesium. When effervescence has ceased, filter.

Each fluidrachm contains about 7 *grains of Bromide of Magnesium.*

224. Liquor Morphinæ Citratis. *N. F.*

Solution of Citrate of Morphine.

Morphine (alkaloid)	16 gr.
Citric Acid	12 gr.
Cochineal	½ gr.
Alcohol	60 min.
Distilled Water	enough to make 1 fl. oz.

Triturate the solids with the Alcohol and *seven* (7) *fluidrachms* of Water; filter and pass enough Distilled Water through the filter to make *one* (1) *fluidounce*.

This solution should not be kept on hand, but prepared only when required.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 grains of Morphine in the form of Citrate.

225. Liquor Morphinæ Hypodermicus. *N. F.*

Hypodermic Solution of Morphine.

Magendie's Solution of Morphine.

Sulphate of Morphine	16 gr.
Distilled Water, warm	1 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Morphine in the warm Distilled Water, and filter the solution through a small pellet of absorbent cotton. When the solution is cold, pass a little Distilled Water through the cotton, if necessary, to make the filtrate measure *one* (1) *fluidounce*. Keep the solution in well-stoppered vials, in a dark place.

Note.—Particular care should be taken in dispensing and labelling this solution, so that it may not be mistaken for the so-called United States Solution of Morphine (*Liquor Morphiæ Sulphatis*, U. S. P. 1870), containing only 1 grain of Sulphate of Morphine in each fluidounce, which is still used in some parts of this country.

The development of fungoid growths or micro-organisms in this and similar solutions used hypodermically may be prevented, or at least greatly retarded, by using Chloroform Water instead of plain Distilled Water as a solvent. This should, however, be done only with the knowledge, or by the direction, of the physician.

Another efficient method to preserve such solutions is to sprinkle a little Benzoic Acid on the surface of the absorbent cotton through which the solutions are filtered. Or, about 5 grains of Boric Acid may be added to each fluidounce.

226. Liquor Pancreaticus. *N. F.*

Pancreatic Solution.

Pancreatin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	384 gr.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Compound Spirit of Cardamom (N. F.)	½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	½ fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Pancreatin and the Bicarbonate of Sodium gradually with *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water; add the Alcohol, Compound Spirit of Cardamom, and Purified Talcum; mix them thoroughly by shaking, and pour the mixture upon a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate, until it runs off clear. Wash the filter with enough Water to obtain *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of filtrate. To this add the Glycerin.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pancreatin* (*N. F.*).

227. Liquor Pepsini Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Solution of Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Oil of Cinnamon	2 drops.
Oil of Pimenta	2 drops.
Oil of Cloves	4 drops.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Alcohol	½ fl. oz.
Hydrochloric Acid	75 min.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Pepsin with *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water and the Hydrochloric Acid, and shake the mixture frequently until the Pepsin is dissolved. Then add the Purified Talcum and the Oils, previously dissolved in the Alcohol; mix the whole thoroughly, by agitation, and filter it through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the liquid, until it runs through clear. Pass enough Water through the filter to make the filtrate measure *twelve* (12) *fluidounces*. To this add the Glycerin.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

228. Liquor Phosphori. *N. F.*

Solution of Phosphorus.

Thompson's Solution of Phosphorus.

Phosphorus	1 gr.
Absolute Alcohol	450 min.
Spirit of Peppermint	10 min.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Phosphorus in *four hundred* (400) *minims* of Absolute Alcohol, in a stoppered vial or test-tube, by immersion in a water-bath and frequent agitation, taking care that any loss of Alcohol, by evaporation, be made up from time to time. Allow the solution to become nearly cold, and then add to it the remainder of the Absolute Alcohol and the Glycerin, previously mixed and slightly warmed. Finally, add the Spirit of Peppermint. Keep the solution in a well-stoppered bottle, in the dark.

Each fluidrachm contains about $\frac{1}{24}$ *grain of Phosphorus.*

Note.—This solution must not be confounded with the *Spiritus Phosphori* (No. 344), which is not intended to be administered as such, but is only to be used in compounding the Elixir or other preparations of phosphorus.

The Phosphorus should be perfectly translucent, cut and weighed under water, and quickly dried with filtering paper before being dropped into the alcohol.

229. Liquor Picis Alkalinus. *N. F.*

Alkaline Solution of Tar.

Tar	4 tr. oz.
Potassa	2 tr. oz.
Water	10 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Potassa in the Water. Shake the solution with the Tar so that the latter may be dissolved, and strain the solution through muslin.

230. Liquor Potassæ Chloratæ. *N. F.*

Solution of Chlorinated Potassa.

Liquor Potassæ Chlorinatæ. Javelle Water.

Carbonate of Potassium	58 parts.
Chlorinated Lime (U. S. P.)	80 parts.
Water	enough to make 1000 parts.

Mix the Chlorinated Lime, contained in a tared flask, with *four hundred* (400) *parts* of Water. Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in *three hundred* (300) *parts* of boiling Water, and pour the hot solution into the mixture first prepared. Shake the flask well, stopper it, set it aside to cool, and then add enough Water to make the contents weigh *one thousand* (1000) *parts*. Allow the suspended matters to subside, and remove the clear solution by means

of a siphon, or by straining through muslin. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—The Chlorinated Lime should contain not less than 25 per cent. of available chlorine.

231. Liquor Potassii Arseniatis et Bromidi. *N. F.*

Solution of Arseniate and Bromide of Potassium.

Liquor Arsenii Bromidi. Solution of Bromide of Arsenic. Clemens' Solution.

Arsenious Acid	73 gr.
Bicarbonate of Potassium	73 gr.
Bromine	117 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Boil the Arsenious Acid with the Bicarbonate of Potassium and *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Water until solution is effected. Allow this to cool, add *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water, then the Bromine, and afterwards enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand a few hours, agitating it occasionally, then filter.

This solution contains an amount of Arsenic in combination, corresponding to about 1 *per cent. of Arsenious Acid.*

Note.—The title "Solution of Bromide of Arsenic" (*Liquor Arsenii Bromidi*), which is often applied to Clemens' Solution or similar preparations, is a misnomer, since bromide of arsenic cannot exist, as such, in presence of water, but is split up into hydrobromic and arsenious acids. The proportions of the ingredients, in the formula above given, have been adjusted, as closely as practicable, so as to yield definite compounds, viz., arseniate and bromide of potassium.

In order to prevent injury to the balances by weighing a definite amount of Bromine, the plan suggested in the Note to No. 208 may be applied to this preparation, viz., to prepare such a quantity of the latter at one time as will be commensurate to the actual contents of an original vial of Bromine.

232. Liquor Saccharini. *N. F.*

Solution of Saccharin.

Saccharin	512 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	240 gr.
Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Saccharin and the Bicarbonate of Sodium in *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water, filter the solution, add the Alcohol to the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 4 *grains of Saccharin.*

Note.—The Saccharin directed in the above formula is, properly speaking, "anhydro-orthosulphamine-benzoic acid," an artificially prepared member of the so-called aromatic series of organic chemicals. It is a body having feebly acid properties, soluble in about 333 parts of water and in 33 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.). When neutralized by an alkali, it is quite soluble in water.

The Solution of Saccharin is intended to be used for sweetening liquids or solids, when the use of sugar is objectionable, or when a sweet taste is to be imparted to a liquid without increasing its density.

233. Liquor Seriparus. *N. F.*

Liquid Rennet.

Calves' Rennet, fresh	2 tr. oz.
Chloride of Sodium	360 gr.
Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Water	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Chloride of Sodium in the Water, add the Alcohol, and macerate in this mixture the Rennet (or the washed mucous membrane of the fresh stomach of a suckling calf), during three days, under frequent agitation. Then filter.

Note.—If this liquid is to be used merely for curdling the milk, without separating the whey as a distinct layer, it should be added to the milk, previously warmed to a temperature of about 35° C. (95° F.), and the mixture should then be set aside, undisturbed, until it coagulates. If the whey is to be separated, the Liquid Rennet should be added to the milk while cold, and the mixture heated to about 35° C. (95° F.), but not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.). One part of the liquid should coagulate between 200 and 300 parts of cow's milk.

234. Liquor Sodii Arseniatis, Pearson. *N. F.*

Pearson's Solution of Arseniate of Sodium.

Arseniate of Sodium, in perfect crystals	1 part.
Distilled Water	enough to make 600 parts.

Dissolve the Arseniate of Sodium in enough Distilled Water to make *six hundred* (600) *parts*, and filter, if necessary.

Pearson's Solution of Arseniate of Sodium may also be prepared as follows:

Solution of Arseniate of Sodium (U. S. P. 1880)	1 part.
Distilled Water	enough to make 10 parts.

Mix the Solution of Arseniate of Sodium with enough Distilled Water to make *ten* (10) *parts*, and filter, if necessary.

This solution contains about $\frac{1}{10}$ *per cent. of anhydrous Arseniate of Sodium.*

Note.—This preparation should not be confounded with the *Liquor Sodii Arseniatis* of U. S. P., which is ten times stronger than the above preparation. Pearson's Solution is officinal in the French Pharm., under the title *Soluté d'Arseniate de Soude* (or *Solution Arsenicale de Pearson*). It is recommended that Pearson's Solution be dispensed only when expressly designated as "Pearson's."

235. Liquor Sodii Boratis Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Solution of Borate of Sodium.

Dobell's Solution.

Borate of Sodium	120 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	120 gr.
Carbolic Acid, crystallized	24 gr.
Glycerin	½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Salts in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, then add the Glycerin and the Carbolic Acid previously liquefied by warming, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Finally, filter.

236. Liquor Sodii Carbolatis. *N. F.*

Solution of Carbolate of Sodium.

Phénol Sodique.

Carbolic Acid, crystallized	30 parts.
Soda	2 parts.
Water	28 parts.

Dissolve the Soda in the Water, add the Carbolic Acid, and warm gently until it is dissolved.

This preparation should be made freshly when wanted for use.

Note.—The formula is based upon that of the Germ. Pharm. (I., 1872).

237. Liquor Sodii Citratis. *N. F.*

Solution of Citrate of Sodium.

Mistura Sodii Citratis. Saturatio. Potio Riveri (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Citric Acid	150 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	190 gr.
Water	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citric Acid in the Water contained in a bottle, add the Bicarbonate of Sodium in divided portions, dissolve it by agitation, and immediately stopper the bottle securely.

This preparation should be freshly prepared when wanted for use.

Note.—The German Pharm. directs that, when "Saturatio" is prescribed, without any specification of the ingredients or strength, *Potio Riveri*, represented here by *Liquor Sodii Citratis*, be dispensed.

238. Liquor Sodii Citro-Tartratis. *N. F.*

Solution of Citro-Tartrate of Sodium.

Bicarbonate of Sodium	390 gr.
Tartaric Acid	360 gr.
Citric Acid	30 gr.
Syrup	1½ fl. oz.
Water	10½ fl. oz.

Dissolve *three hundred and sixty* (360) *grains* of the Bicarbonate of Sodium in the Water and add the Tartaric Acid. When this is dissolved, filter the solution, add the Syrup to the filtrate, then the remainder of the Bicarbonate of Sodium, and, lastly, the Citric Acid, in crystals. Close the bottle at once with a stopper, which should be securely tied.

239. Liquor Sodii Oleatis. *N. F.*

Solution of Oleate of Sodium.

White Castile Soap, dry and powdered	16 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 pints.

Mix the Castile Soap with *four* (4) *pints* of Water so as to produce a uniform and gelatinous mixture. Then add *ten* (10) *pints* more of Water, apply heat until the Soap is dissolved, allow the liquid to cool, and add enough Water to make it measure *sixteen* (16) *pints*.

Note.—This preparation is intended to be used in the preparation of Oleates.

240. Liquor Strychninæ Acetatis. *N. F.*

Solution of Acetate of Strychnine.

Hall's Solution of Strychnine.

Acetate of Strychnine	16 gr.
Diluted Acetic Acid	½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	4 fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	60 min.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acetate of Strychnine in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water mixed with the Diluted Acetic Acid, then add the Alcohol, Compound Tincture of Cardamom, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to stand a few days, if convenient, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains ⅛ grain of Acetate of Strychnine.

Note.—The Brit. Pharm. directs a *Liquor Strychninæ Hydrochloratis* (with synonyme: *Liquor Strychniæ*) which is much stronger, and should not be confounded with the above preparation. It should never be dispensed, unless expressly designated. It may be prepared by dissolving 1 grain of crystallized Strychnine (alkaloid) in 80 minims of Water with the aid of 2 drops of Diluted Hydrochloric Acid, and then adding 20 minims of Alcohol. The product contains ⅛ grain of Strychnine in each fluidrachm.

241. Liquor Zinci et Ferri Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Solution of Zinc and Iron.

Deodorant Solution.

Sulphate of Zinc	16 tr. oz.
Sulphate of Iron	16 tr. oz.
Naphthol	20 gr.
Oil of Thyme	60 min.
Hypophosphorous Acid	120 min.
Water	enough to make 5 pints.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Zinc and Sulphate of Iron in *five* (5) *pints* of boiling Water, add the Naphthol and Oil of Thyme, and shake the mixture occasionally, in a stoppered bottle, until it is cold. Then add the Hypophosphorous Acid, filter the liquid through a wetted filter, and, lastly, pass enough Water through the latter to make *five* (5) *pints*.

Note.—This solution is used as a simple deodorant and antiseptic for common domestic use, when it is unnecessary or impracticable to employ more powerful agents.

When a deodorant solution is required for purposes where *iron* is objectionable, as, for instance, when woven fabrics are to be steeped in it, the following preparation may be employed:

2. *Liquor Zinci et Aluminii Compositus.*

Sulphate of Zinc	16 tr. oz.
Sulphate of Aluminium	16 tr. oz.
Naphthol	20 gr.
Oil of Thyme	60 min.
Water	enough to make 5 pints.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Zinc and the Sulphate of Aluminium in *five* (5) *pints* of Water, by the aid of heat, add the Naphthol and Oil of Thyme, and shake the mixture occasionally, in a stoppered bottle, until it cools. Set it aside for a few days, if convenient, and then pass it through a wetted filter, following it with enough Water to make *five* (5) *pints*.

The commercial Sulphate of Aluminium (*not* Alum) may be used for this preparation. This generally contains a trace of iron, but by allowing the liquid to stand, this will be gradually precipitated.

242. Liquor Zingiberis. *N. F.*

Solution of Ginger.

Soluble Essence of Ginger.

Fluid Extract of Ginger	4 fl. oz.
Pumice, in moderately fine powder	1 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 12 fl. oz.

Pour the Fluid Extract of Ginger into a bottle, add to it the Pumice, and shake the mixture thoroughly and repeatedly in the course of several hours. Then add the Water in portions of about *two* (2) *fluidounces*, shaking well and frequently after each addition. When all is added, repeat the agitation occasionally during twenty-four hours, then filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate, until it runs through clear, and, if necessary, pass enough Water through the filter to make *twelve* (12) *fluidounces*.

243. Lotio Adstringens. *N. F.*

Adstringent Lotion.

Warren's Styptic.

Sulphuric Acid	5 fl. dr.
Oil of Turpentine	4 fl. dr.
Alcohol	4 fl. dr.

To the Sulphuric Acid, contained in a Wedgwood mortar, slowly add the Oil of Turpentine, in small portions at a time, constantly stirring. Allow the mixture to cool, then add the Alcohol cautiously, in the same manner, and continue stirring until no more fumes arise. When the liquid is cold, pour it into a glass-stoppered bottle.

Note.—In preparing this mixture, caution should be used, so that the temperature may not rise too high. Particular care is to be observed if a larger quantity of this mixture is to be prepared. In this case it is preferable to prepare it in several portions.

244. Lotio Flava. *N. F.*

Yellow Lotion.

Yellow Wash. Lotio Hydrargyri Flava (*Brit. Pharm.*). Aqua Phagedænica Flava (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Corrosive Chloride of Mercury	24 gr.
Water	a sufficient quantity.
Solution of Lime	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Corrosive Chloride of Mercury in *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of boiling Water, and add the solution to a sufficient quantity of Solution of Lime to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

245. Lotio Nigra. *N. F.*

Black Lotion.

Black Wash. Lotio Hydrargyri Nigra (*Brit. Pharm.*). Aqua Phagedænica Nigra (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Mild Chloride of Mercury	64 gr.
Water	a sufficient quantity.
Solution of Lime	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Mild Chloride of Mercury with *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of Water, and gradually add a sufficient quantity of Solution of Lime to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

246. Lotio Plumbi et Opii. *N. F.*

Lotion of Lead and Opium.

Lead and Opium Wash.

Acetate of Lead	120 gr.
Tincture of Opium	½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acetate of Lead in about *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water, add the Tincture of Opium, and enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

247. Mistura Acaciæ. *N. F.*

Mixture of Acacia.

Mixtura Gummosa (*Germ. Pharm.*, I.).

Acacia, in fine powder	1 tr. oz.
Sugar	1 tr. oz.
Water	12 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Acacia and Sugar in the Water.

This preparation should be freshly made when wanted for use.

248. Mistura Adstringens et Escharotica. *N. F.*

Adstringent and Escharotic Mixture.

Villate's Solution.

Solution of Subacetate of Lead	1½ fl. oz.
Sulphate of Copper	1 tr. oz.
Sulphate of Zinc	1 tr. oz.
Diluted Acetic Acid (U. S. P.)	13 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Copper and Sulphate of Zinc in the Diluted Acetic Acid, add the Solution of Subacetate of Lead, and agitate thoroughly. Set the mixture aside, so that the precipitate may subside. Then decant, or siphon off, the clear liquid and preserve it for use.

Note.—In attempting to pass the liquid through a filter, it will usually be found that the finely-divided precipitate of sulphate of lead will partially pass along with it. This may be prevented (in this and many similar cases) by adding to the mixture a small quantity of starch, thoroughly incorporating this by agitation, and pouring the mixture on the previously wetted filter. The first portions of the filtrate are poured back until it runs through clear.

249. Mistura Ammonii Chloridi. *N. F.*

Mixture of Chloride of Ammonium.

Mistura (or Mixtura) Solvens Simplex.

Chloride of Ammonium	180 gr.
Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza	180 gr.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the solids in a sufficient quantity of Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

Note.—Sometimes a *Mistura* (or *Mixtura*) *Solvens Stibiata* is prescribed. This may be prepared by dissolving 2 grains of Tartrate of Antimony and Potassium in each pint of *Mistura Ammonii Chloridi.*

250. Mistura Camphoræ Acida. *N. F.*

Acid Camphor Mixture.

Mistura Antidysenterica. Hope's Mixture.

Nitric Acid	120 min.
Tincture of Opium	80 min.
Camphor Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Nitric Acid with about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Camphor Water, add the Tincture of Opium, and, lastly, enough Camphor Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

251. Mistura Camphoræ Aromatica. *N. F.*

Aromatic Camphor Mixture.

Parrish's Camphor Mixture.

Compound Tincture of Lavender	4 fl. oz.
Sugar	½ tr. oz.
Camphor Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Compound Tincture of Lavender with about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Camphor Water, dissolve the Sugar in the mixture, and add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

252. Mistura Carminativa. *N. F.*

Carminative Mixture.

Dalby's Carminative.

Carbonate of Magnesium	1 tr. oz.
Carbonate of Potassium	20 gr.
Tincture of Opium	180 min.
Oil of Caraway	4 drops.
Oil of Fennel	4 drops.
Oil of Peppermint	4 drops.
Syrup	2½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Oils with about *sixty* (60) *grains* of Carbonate of Magnesium, and *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Water, gradually added. Then add the remainder of the Carbonate of Magnesium and the other ingredients, and, lastly, add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

This preparation should be freshly made when wanted for use.

Each fluidounce represents about 1 *grain of Opium.*

253. Mistura Chloral et Potassii Bromidi Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Mixture of Chloral and Bromide of Potassium.

Chloral	4 tr. oz.
Bromide of Potassium	4 tr. oz.
Extract of Indian Cannabis	16 gr.
Extract of Hyoscyamus	16 gr.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Tincture of Quillaja (N. F.)	1 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Chloral and Bromide of Potassium in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Water, dissolve in this solution the Extract of Hyoscyamus, and add the Tincture of Quillaja. Then dissolve the Extract of Indian Cannabis in the Alcohol, and add this solution gradually to that first prepared, agitating it during the addition. Finally, add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

This preparation should be shaken whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

Each fluidrachm contains 15 grains, each, of Chloral and of Bromide of Potassium, and ½ grain, each, of Extract of Indian Cannabis and of Extract of Hyoscyamus.

Note.—The resinous Extract of Indian Cannabis is merely held in suspension by means of the Tincture of Quillaja, as it is practically insoluble in the liquid. If the mixture is filtered, the resin will remain on the filter.

254. Mistura Chloroformi et Opii. *N. F.*

Mixture of Chloroform and Opium.

Chloroform Anodyne.

Purified Chloroform	2 fl. oz.
Oil of Peppermint	16 min.
Tincture of Indian Cannabis	2 fl. oz.
Tincture of Quillaja (N. F.)	2 fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Belladonna	128 min.
Deodorized Tincture of Opium	2¾ fl. oz.
Tincture of Capsicum	1 fl. oz.
Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza	240 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza with the Water and *one* (1) *fluidounce* of the Syrup until it is dissolved. Mix the Fluid Extract of Belladonna, Deodorized Tincture of Opium, and Tincture of Capsicum, and add them to the solution first prepared. Then mix the Chloroform, Oil of Peppermint, Tincture of Indian Cannabis, and Tincture of Quillaja, and add them to the mixture. Finally, add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* and mix the whole thoroughly together.

This mixture should be shaken whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ minims of Chloroform, 7½ minims of Tincture of Indian Cannabis, 3¾ minims of Tincture of Capsicum, 1 minim of Fluid Extract of Belladonna, and about 1 grain of Opium.

Note.—This preparation is intended to fulfil the same purposes as the *Tinctura Chloroformi et Morphinæ* of the British Pharm., though the composition of the latter differs materially from that of the mixture above given.

255. Mistura Contra Diarrhœam. *N. F.*

Diarrhœa Mixture.

Cholera Mixture.

1. Tincture of Opium,
Tincture of Capsicum,
Tincture of Rhubarb,
Spirit of Camphor,
Spirit of Peppermint, each . . . equal volumes.

Mix them, and filter.

Note.—The formula above given, which appears to be that in most general use, is also known under the name of "Sun Mixture."

Of other similar preparations, in more or less general use, the following may be mentioned here:

2. *Loomis's Diarrhœa Mixture.*

Tincture of Opium	½ fl. oz.
Tincture of Rhubarb	½ fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Catechu (U. S. P.)	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Sassafras	20 min.
Compound Tincture of Lavender,	enough to make 4 fl. oz.

3. *Squibb's Diarrhœa Mixture.*

Tincture of Opium	1 fl. oz.
Tincture of Capsicum	1 fl. oz.
Spirit of Camphor	1 fl. oz.
Purified Chloroform	180 min.
Alcohol	enough to make 5 fl. oz.

4. *Thielemann's Diarrhœa Mixture.*

Wine of Opium	1 fl. oz.
Tincture of Valerian	1½ fl. oz.
Ether	½ fl. oz.
Oil of Peppermint	60 min.
Fluid Extract of Ipecac	15 min.
Alcohol	enough to make 4 fl. oz.

This preparation is practically identical with the *Mixtura Thielemanni* of the Swedish Pharm.

5. *Velpeau's Diarrhœa Mixture.*
Tincture of Opium,
Compound Tincture of Catechu (U. S. P.),
Spirit of Camphor, each . . . . . equal volumes.

256. Mistura Copaibæ Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Copaiba Mixture.

1. *Lafayette Mixture.*

Copaiba	2 fl. oz.
Spirit of Nitrous Ether	2 fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Lavender	2 fl. oz.
Solution of Potassa	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	5 fl. oz.
Mucilage of Dextrin (N. F.),	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Copaiba with the Solution of Potassa and the Spirit of Nitrous Ether. Then add the Compound Tincture of Lavender, and, lastly, the Syrup and Mucilage of Dextrin. Mix the whole thoroughly by shaking.

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

Each fluidrachm contains 7½ minims of Copaiba.

Note.—The above mixture has usually been prepared with Mucilage of Acacia; but if Mucilage of Dextrin (N. F.) be used, it will keep for a longer time without separating.

A mixture of somewhat similar composition, in considerable use in some parts of the country, is the following:

2. *Chapman's Mixture.*

Copaiba	4 fl. oz.
Spirit of Nitrous Ether	4 fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Lavender	½ fl. oz.
Tincture of Opium	½ fl. oz.
Mucilage of Acacia	1½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Note.—The original formula of Prof. Chapman varies somewhat from these proportions. See Formulary in *Remington's Practice of Pharmacy.*

257. Mistura Expectorans, Stokes. *N. F.*

Stokes's Expectorant Mixture.

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Carbonate of Ammonium	128 gr.
Fluid Extract of Senega	½ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Squill	½ fl. oz.
Camphorated Tincture of Opium	8 fl. oz.
Water	1½ fl. oz.
Syrup of Tolu	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Carbonate of Ammonium in the Water, add the Fluid Extracts and Tincture, and, lastly, enough Syrup of Tolu to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

258. Mistura Guaiaci. *N. F.*

Mixture of Guaiac.

Resin of Guaiac	190 gr.
Sugar	190 gr.
Acacia, in fine powder	100 gr.
Cinnamon Water	16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Resin of Guaiac with the Sugar and Acacia, then gradually add the Cinnamon Water, and mix thoroughly.

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with the *Mistura Guaiaci* of the Brit. Pharm.

259. Mistura Oleo-Balsamica. *N. F.*

Oleo-Balsamic Mixture.

Mixtura Oleoso-Balsamica (*Germ. Pharm.*). Balsamum Vitæ Hoffmanni.

Oil of Lavender	30 min.
Oil of Thyme	30 min.
Oil of Lemon	30 min.
Oil of Mace	30 min.
Oil of Orange Flowers	30 min.
Oil of Cloves	25 min.
Oil of Cinnamon	25 min.
Balsam of Peru	80 min.
Alcohol . . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Oils and the Balsam of Peru in the Alcohol, let the solution stand a few days, and then filter.

260. Mistura Olei Picis. *N. F.*

Mixture of Oil of Tar.

Mistura Picis Liquidæ. Tar Mixture.

Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza	1 tr. oz.
Oil of Tar	½ fl. oz.
Sugar	4 tr. oz.
Chloroform	75 min.
Oil of Peppermint	20 min.
Alcohol	2½ fl. oz.
Water . . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Add the Purified Extract of Glycyrrhiza and the Sugar to *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Water, contained in a covered vessel, and heat the mixture to boiling until the Extract and Sugar are dissolved. Then add the Oil of Tar, cover the vessel, and allow the contents to cool, stirring occasionally. Next add the Chloroform and Oil of Peppermint, previously dissolved in the Alcohol, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

This mixture should be well agitated whenever any of it is to be dispensed.

261. Mistura Rhei Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Mixture of Rhubarb.

Squibb's Rhubarb Mixture.

Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	86 min.
Fluid Extract of Ipecac	16 min.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	172 gr.
Glycerin	4 fl. oz.
Peppermint Water . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bicarbonate of Sodium in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Peppermint Water, then add the Fluid Extracts and Glycerin, and, lastly, enough Peppermint Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

262. Mistura Sassafras et Opii. *N. F.*

Mixture of Sassafras and Opium.

Mistura Opii Alkalina. Godfrey's Cordial.

Oil of Sassafras	6 min.
Tincture of Opium	256 min.
Alcohol	360 min.
Carbonate of Potassium	60 gr.
Molasses	5 fl. oz.
Water . . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Tincture of Opium with the Alcohol, in which the Oil of Sassafras had previously been dissolved. Dissolve the Carbonate of Potassium in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, mix this with the Molasses, then add the mixture first prepared, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Allow the mixture to become clear by standing, then pour off the liquid portion and preserve it for use.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 minims of Tincture of Opium, corresponding to about ⅛ grain of Opium.

263. Mistura Sodæ et Menthæ. *N. F.*

Mixture of Soda and Spearmint.

Soda Mint.

Bicarbonate of Sodium	320 gr.
Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia	60 min.
Spearmint Water . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Bicarbonate of Sodium in about *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Spearmint Water, add the Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, and enough Spearmint Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

264. Mistura Splenetica. *N. F.*

Splenetic Mixture.

Spleen Mixture. Gadberry's Mixture.

Sulphate of Iron	100 gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	100 gr.
Nitric Acid	100 min.
Nitrate of Potassium	300 gr.
Water . . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Sulphate of Iron, reduced to powder, with the Nitric Acid, previously mixed with an equal volume of Water. When effervescence has ceased, warm the mixture gently, until it no longer evolves visible vapors of a yellowish tint. Then add to it the Sulphate of Quinine, the Nitrate of Potassium, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. When solution has been effected, filter.

265. Mistura Sulphurica Acida. *N. F.*

Sulphuric Acid Mixture.

Mixtura Sulphurica Acida (*Germ. Pharm.*). Haller's Acid Elixir.

Sulphuric Acid	1 part.
Alcohol . . . . . enough to make	4 parts.

Add the Acid very gradually to *three* (3) *parts* of Alcohol, contained in a flask, agitating after each addition, and taking care that the temperature of the mixture be not allowed to rise above 50° C. (122° F.). When the mixture is cold, add enough Alcohol, if necessary, to make *four* (4) *parts*.

Note.—The same product may be obtained, approximately, by carefully and slowly adding 1 volume of Sulphuric Acid to 7 volumes of Alcohol, and this method may be used when small quantities are required for immediate use in a prescription.

266. Mucilago Chondri. *N. F.*

Mucilage of Chondrus.

Chondrus	360 gr.
Water . . . . . enough to make	30 fl. oz.

Wash the Chondrus with cold Water, then place it in a suitable vessel, add *thirty* (30) *fluidounces* of Water, and heat it, on a boiling water-bath, for fifteen minutes, frequently stirring. Then strain it through muslin, and pass enough Water through the strainer to make the liquid, when cold, measure *thirty* (30) *fluidounces*.

Mucilage of Chondrus may also be prepared in the following manner:

Chondrus Gelatin	240 gr.
Water . . . . . enough to make	30 fl. oz.

Heat the Chondrus Gelatin with *thirty* (30) *fluidounces* of Water, at a boiling temperature, until it is completely dissolved. Then allow the solution to cool, and add enough Water, if necessary, to make up the volume to *thirty* (30) *fluidounces*.

Note.—Mucilage of Chondrus, thus prepared, is well adapted for the preparation of emulsions of fixed oils. If it is, however, required for admixture with *clear* liquids, it should be diluted, when freshly made, and while still hot, with about 3 volumes of boiling water, filtered, and the filtrate evaporated to the volume corresponding to the proportions above given. The filtration may be greatly facilitated by filling the filter loosely with absorbent cotton, and pouring the liquid upon the latter.

Mucilage of Chondrus may be preserved for some time by transferring it, while hot, into bottles, which should be filled to the neck, then pouring a layer of Olive Oil on top, securely stoppering the bottles, and keeping them, in an upright position, in a cool place. When the Mucilage is wanted for use, the layer of oil may be removed by means of absorbent cotton.

267. Mucilago Dextrini. *N. F.*

Mucilage of Dextrin.

Dextrin	1 part.
Water	enough to make 3 parts.

Mix them in a tared vessel, and heat the mixture, under constant stirring, to near boiling, until the Dextrin is dissolved and a limpid liquid results. Then restore any loss of water by evaporation, strain the liquid through muslin, and allow it to cool short of gelatinizing, when it will be ready for immediate use.

Note.—If the Mucilage is not at once to be used for preparing emulsions or other mixtures, transfer it, while hot, to bottles, which should be filled to the neck. Then pour into each bottle a sufficient quantity of Olive Oil to form a protecting layer, and when the mucilage has gelatinized, securely cork the bottles, and keep them in a cool place, in an upright position.

When gelatinized Mucilage of Dextrin is to be used for the preparation of emulsions or for other mixtures, pour off the protecting layer of oil from the surface, remove the remainder of the oil by a pellet of absorbent cotton, and warm the bottle gently until the Mucilage is liquefied. Then allow it to cool short of gelatinizing.

The kind of Dextrin suitable for this preparation is the commercial, *white* variety, provided it still contains some unaltered or only partially altered starch, and forms a jelly on cooling, when made into a mucilage after the formula above given. The yellow variety, which is completely soluble in about 2 parts of cold water, will not answer the purpose.

268. Mucilago Salep. *N. F.*

Mucilage of Salep.

Salep, in fine powder	70 gr.
Cold Water	1½ fl. oz.
Boiling Water	14½ fl. oz.

Place the Powdered Salep into a flask containing the Cold Water, and shake until the powder is divided. Then add the Boiling Water, and shake the mixture continuously until it has cooled to 25° C. (77° F.), or below this temperature. The cooling may be hastened by frequent and brief immersion of the flask in cold water.

Mucilage of Salep should be freshly made when wanted for use.

Note.—If Sugar or Syrup is prescribed in the same mixture with Mucilage of Salep, it is preferable to triturate the required quantity of powdered Salep with either of the former, as the case may be, and then to add rapidly the proportionate amount of Boiling Water.

269. Olea Infusa. *N. F.*

Infused Oils.

The Dry Herb, in moderately coarse (No. 40) powder	100 parts.
Alcohol	75 parts.
Water of Ammonia	2 parts.
Lard Oil	250 parts.
Cotton-Seed Oil	250 parts.

Moisten the powdered Herb with a sufficient quantity of the Alcohol and Water of Ammonia, previously mixed, then pack it tightly into a stone or enamelled iron vessel of suitable capacity, pour on the remainder of the ammoniated Alcohol, cover it well, and allow the mixture to macerate for twenty-four hours. Then add *sixty* (60) *parts* of the mixed Oils, digest, under frequent agitation, during twelve hours, at a temperature between 50° and 60° C. (122° to 140° F.), transfer the mixture to a strainer, and express strongly. To the residue, returned to the vessel, add the remainder of the Oils, digest and express in the same manner, and unite the expressed portions.

Note.—This process is a modification of that prescribed by the Germ. Pharm. The alcohol and free ammonia are dissipated during the digestion. Infused Oils are usually prepared only from so-called narcotic plants, but it is known that only a portion of their active constituents is taken up by the oil. The above process is to be used for the preparation of *Oleum Hyoscyami* of the Germ. Pharm., and similar infused oils.

270. Oleatum Aconitinæ. *N. F.*

Oleate of Aconitine.

Aconitine, alkaloid	2 parts.
Oleic Acid	98 parts.

Triturate the Aconitine with a small portion of the Oleic Acid in a mortar, then incorporate the remainder of the Oleic Acid, and stir the mixture frequently until the alkaloid is dissolved.

Note.—The market affords a variety of Aconitines made by different processes, by different manufacturers, and of greatly different potency. Only the pure crystallized or crystallizable alkaloid, prepared by Duquesnel's method, or at least one equal to it in strength, should be used for this preparation.

271. Oleatum Plumbi. *N. F.*

Oleate of Lead.

Acetate of Lead	3 tr. oz.
Solution of Oleate of Sodium (N. F.)	5 pints.
Acetic Acid, Water	each, a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Acetate of Lead in *ten* (10) *pints* of Water. Should the solution be turbid or opalescent, add to it Acetic Acid, in drops, until it has become clear. Then filter it, if necessary, through a pellet of absorbent cotton placed in the neck of a funnel, and mix it slowly, and under constant stirring, with the Solution of Oleate of Sodium. Heat the mixture to boiling, transfer it to a strainer, and when the liquid has drained off, wash the residue with *ten* (10) *pints* of boiling Water. Lastly, take the mass from the strainer, remove any occluded Water by pressure, and transfer it, while warm and soft, to suitable vessels.

The product contains an amount of Lead corresponding to about 28 per cent. of Oxide of Lead.

Note.—The theoretical yield of Oleate of Lead obtainable from 3 troyounces of acetate of lead is 2839 grains; in practice, about 5 troyounces will be obtained. Oleate of Lead prepared by the above process is of about the consistence of lead-plaster, and may be converted into an ointment by mixing with it such a proportion of oleic acid as may be required.

272. Oleatum Quininæ. *N. F.*

Oleate of Quinine.

Quinine (U. S. P. 1880), dried at 100° C. (212° F.) until it ceases to lose weight	25 parts.
Oleic Acid	75 parts.

Triturate the Quinine with the Oleic Acid, gradually added, then apply a gentle heat, and stir frequently, until the Quinine is dissolved.

The product contains 25 per cent. of dry Quinine (U. S. P. 1880).

Note.—When the officinal Quinine ($C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2.3H_2O$) is not available, the quantity corresponding to 25 parts of dry Quinine may be prepared as follows: Take 34 parts of officinal Sulphate of Quinine, dissolve it in 200 parts of Water with the aid of a sufficient quantity of Diluted Sulphuric Acid, then precipitate the Quinine by means of Water of Ammonia, adding, under constant stirring, until it is in slight excess. Transfer the magma to a close muslin strainer, previously wetted, allow the liquid to drain off, and wash the precipitate with ice-cold Water until the washings are practically tasteless, but using not more than about 200 parts of Water. Lastly, dry the precipitate.

The theoretical quantity of dry quinine obtainable from 34 parts of the sulphate is 25·27 parts. In practice, approximately 25 parts will be obtained.

273. Oleatum Zinci. *N. F.*

Oleate of Zinc.

Acetate of Zinc, crystallized . . . . . 8 tr. oz.
Solution of Oleate of Sodium (N. F.) . . 8 pints.
Water . . . . . a sufficient quantity.

Dissolve the Acetate of Zinc in *sixteen* (16) *pints* of cold Water, filter the solution, if necessary, through a pellet of absorbent cotton placed in the neck of a funnel, and then mix it slowly, and under constant stirring, with the Solution of Oleate of Sodium. Transfer the mixture to a wetted muslin strainer, and when the liquid has drained off, wash the precipitate with Water until the washings are practically tasteless. Lastly, dry the precipitate, spread on paper, by exposure to dust-free air, without heat.

The product contains an amount of Zinc corresponding to about 13 per cent. of Oxide of Zinc.

Note.—The theoretical yield of Oleate of Zinc obtainable from 3 troyounces of acetate of zinc is 3600 grains; in practice, about 7 troyounces will be obtained. Oleate of Zinc, prepared by the above process, is in the form of a soft, white powder, and may be converted into a plaster or ointment by mixing it with such a proportion of oleic acid as may be required.

274. Oleosacchara. *N. F.*

Oil-Sugars.

Elæosacchara (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Any Volatile Oil . . . . . 1 drop.
Sugar . . . . . 30 gr.

Triturate the Sugar with the Volatile Oil to a fine powder.

This preparation should be freshly made when wanted for use.

Note.—When *Elæosaccharum Anisi, E. Fœniculi, E. Menthæ Piperitæ*, etc., are prescribed, these are to be prepared from the corresponding essential oils, according to the above formula.

275. Oleum Carbolatum. *N. F.*

Carbolized Oil.

Carbolic Acid . . . . . 5 parts.
Cotton-Seed Oil . . . . . 95 parts.

Melt the Carbolic Acid with a gentle heat, and mix it with the Cotton-Seed Oil.

276. Oleum Hyoscyami Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Oil of Hyoscyamus.

Balsamum Tranquillans.

Oil of Absinthe . . . . . 3 drops.
Oil of Lavender . . . . . 3 drops.
Oil of Rosemary . . . . . 3 drops.
Oil of Sage . . . . . 3 drops.
Oil of Thyme . . . . . 3 drops.
Infused Oil of Hyoscyamus . . . . . 5 fl. oz.

Mix them.

Note.—Oil of Absinthe is the volatile oil of *Artemisia Absinthium* Linné (Wormwood), and Oil of Sage is the volatile oil of *Salvia officinalis* Linné. Infused Oil of Hyoscyamus is the *Oleum Hyoscyami* of the Germ. Pharm.; see under No. 269. The *Baume Tranquille* (*Balsamum tranquillans*) of the Codex is a more complex preparation, not identical with the above, but possessing about the same properties.

277. Oxymel Scillæ. *N. F.*

Oxymel of Squill.

Vinegar of Squill . . . . . 5 parts.
Honey . . . . . 10 parts.

Mix them in a tared porcelain capsule or enamelled iron vessel, and apply the heat of a water-bath until the mixture has been reduced to the weight of *ten* (10) *parts*. Then strain, allow it to cool, and transfer it to bottles, which should be well corked.

Note.—This very old preparation differs but slightly in proportions from that officinal under the same name in the British Pharmacopœia.

278. Pancreatinum. *N. F.*

Pancreatin.

Pancreas of the Hog, fresh,
Water,
Alcohol . . . . . each, a sufficient quantity.

Reduce the fresh Pancreas of the Hog, freed as much as possible from fat and membranes, to a fine paste by means of a suitable chopping machine. Mix it with half its weight of cold Water, and knead it thoroughly and frequently during one hour; then transfer the mass to a strainer, express it forcibly, filter the liquid as quickly as possible through flannel, and add to the filtrate an equal volume of Alcohol. Collect the precipitate, drain it, and free it by pressure from as much of the adherent liquid as possible. Then spread it on shallow trays, dry it by exposure to warm air, at a temperature not exceeding 40° C. (104° F.). Triturate the dry product in a mortar with *four times* its weight of pure benzin; transfer the mass to a dry filter, and when the liquid has passed below the surface of the powder, follow it with enough fresh benzin to displace the retained portion. Lastly, dry the powder between bibulous paper.

Note.—If larger quantities of Pancreas are operated upon, and there is risk of its decomposition in presence of the water, it is advisable to saturate the latter with chloroform, which will retard decomposition for a long time.

If there be added to 4 fluidounces of tepid water, contained in a suitable flask or bottle, first, 5 grains of Pancreatin and 20 grains of bicarbonate of sodium, and afterwards 1 pint of fresh cow's milk, previously heated to 38° C. (100·4° F.), and if this mixture be maintained at the same temperature for thirty minutes, the milk should be so completely peptonized that, on adding to a small portion of it, transferred to a test-tube, a slight excess of nitric acid, coagulation should not occur.

Peptonized milk as prepared by the above process, or when the process is allowed to go on to the development of a very distinct bitter flavor, should not have an odor at all suggestive of rancidity. Milk has simply a marked bitter taste when thoroughly peptonized.

279. Pepsinum. *N. F.*

Pepsin.

The digestive principle of the gastric juice, obtained from the mucous membrane of the stomach of the hog, prepared in a dry and undiluted form, and capable of dissolving not less than *five hundred* (500) *times* its own weight of hard-boiled egg-albumen, under the conditions prescribed for the process of assay below given.

Assay of Pepsin.

1. *Preliminary Assay.*—Prepare an Acidulated Water by mixing 1 litre of Distilled Water with 5 Gm. of Hydrochloric Acid. Mix 0·1 Gm. of the dry and undiluted Pepsin with 0·9 Gm. of Sugar of Milk, by thorough trituration in a Wedgwood mortar. Weigh of this mixture four portions, of 0·05 Gm. (*A*), 0·06 Gm. (*B*), 0·1 Gm. (*C*), and 0·2 Gm. (*D*), respectively, place each portion into a wide-mouthed flask or bottle of the capacity of about 200 C.c., together with 80 C.c. of the Acidulated Water, previously warmed, and set the flasks in a water-bath, the temperature of which is maintained constantly at 51·6° C. (125° F.). After twenty minutes, add to the contents of each flask 10 Gm. of hard-boiled egg-albumen, prepared by boiling fresh eggs for fifteen minutes, then separating the whites and rubbing this through a clean hair sieve having 30 meshes to the linear inch. Each portion of 10 Gm. of egg-albumen is to be put into a small warmed mortar, triturated with a portion of the fluid from one of the flasks, the mixture then transferred to the latter, and the mortar rinsed with 20 C.c. of warmed Acidulated Water, which is added to the contents of the flask. Keep the flasks in the water-bath for sixty minutes, shaking well at intervals of five minutes, and at the end of that time note the condition of the egg-albumen in the several flasks. If the Pepsin is of good quality, not more than a few undissolved flakes should remain in any but the first flask (*A*). If more than this remains in the fourth flask (*D*), the Pepsin should be rejected, as being below the requisite standard.

2. *Actual Assay.*—Having thus ascertained the approximate digestive power of the Pepsin, and having found this to be of satisfactory strength, make at least two assays, in precisely the same manner as just described, but using such a proportion of egg-albumen that about one-fourth of it will remain undissolved at the close of the experiment.

Then add to the contents of the flask 3 Gm. of finely scraped and purified asbestos, previously dried to a constant weight, and afterwards add 100 C.c. of cold distilled water. Shake the flask strongly, until the asbestos has clarified the liquid as far as possible, then transfer the contents of the flask to a tared filter (deprived of matters soluble in hydrochloric acid), wash the residue with distilled water, until the washings cease to affect test-solution of nitrate of silver acidulated with nitric acid, and dry the filter with contents at a temperature of 105° C. (221° F.), to a constant weight. From this deduct the weight of the filter and asbestos. Multiply the remainder (representing the undigested and dried albumen) by 7·5, to find the quantity of moist egg-albumen to which it corresponds, and deduct the product from the amount originally used to ascertain the proportion dissolved by the Pepsin.

Note.—Finely-scraped asbestos has been found to be the best medium for clarifying liquids containing peptones. Pure, white, fibrous asbestos should be scraped with a knife so as to obtain a fine feathery mass, which is boiled with diluted hydrochloric acid, then thoroughly washed with water, and dried. If it is to be used in quantitative determinations requiring its subsequent ignition, it should be ignited before its tare is taken.

280. Pepsinum Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Pepsin.

Saccharated Pepsin	1 tr. oz.
Aromatic Fluid Extract (U. S. P.)	30 min.
Tartaric Acid	8 gr.
Chloride of Sodium	8 gr.

Mix the ingredients by trituration, dry the product by exposure to warm air, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles.

281. Pepsinum Saccharatum. *N. F.*

Saccharated Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.) . . . . . a sufficient quantity.
Sugar of Milk . . . . enough to make 100 parts.

Triturate as many parts of the Pepsin as may be found to be capable of dissolving *five thousand* (5000) *parts* of egg-albumen by the process of assay given under *Pepsinum*, with enough Sugar of Milk to make *one hundred* (100) *parts*.

Note.—The process of assay given under *Pepsinum* (see No. 279) is also applicable to this preparation.

Pepsinum Saccharatum is officinal in the U. S. P., but no process is there given for its preparation. The product obtained by the above formula corresponds, in strength, to that intended by the U. S. P.

282. Pilulæ. *N. F.*

Pills.

Note.—In stating the quantities of the several ingredients for each single pill, in the formulæ hereafter given, it was often necessary to choose the nearest simple fraction approximating the true value. When a larger number of pills is to be prepared in accordance with the given proportions, and the quantities of the ingredients are to be determined by multiplying with the number of pills required, it is recommended that the nearest whole number, or nearest convenient fraction, in each case, be chosen.

283. Pilulæ ad Prandium. *N. F.*

Dinner Pills.

1. When "Dinner Pills," under this or some other equivalent name, are prescribed without further specification, it is recommended that the *Pilulæ Aloes et Mastiches* of the U. S. P., also called Lady Webster's Dinner Pills, be dispensed.

Note.—Of other combinations, bearing similar names, or used for similar purposes, the following appear to be those most commonly in use;

2. *Chapman's Dinner Pill.*

	Each pill contains:
Aloes	1½ gr.
Mastic	1½ gr.
Ipecac, in fine powder	1 gr.
Oil of Fennel, about	¼ min.

3. *Cole's Dinner Pill.*

	Each pill contains:
Aloes	1½ gr.
Mass of Mercury	1½ gr.
Jalap, in fine powder	1½ gr.
Tartrate of Antimony and Potassium	$\frac{1}{50}$ gr.

4. *Hall's Dinner Pill.*

	Each pill contains:
Aloes	1 gr.
Extract of Glycyrrhiza	1 gr.
Soap, in powder	1 gr.
Molasses	1 gr.

284. Pilulæ Aloes et Podophylli Compositæ. *N. F.*

Compound Pills of Aloes and Podophyllum.

Janeway's Pills.

	Each pill contains:
Aloes	1 gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	½ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	¼ gr.
Extract of Nux Vomica	¼ gr.

285. Pilulæ Aloini Compositæ. *N. F.*

Compound Pills of Aloin.

	Each pill contains:
Aloin	½ gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	⅛ gr.
Extract of Belladonna	¼ gr.

286. Pilulæ Aloini, Strychninæ, et Belladonnæ. *N. F.*

Pills of Aloin, Strychnine, and Belladonna.

	Each pill contains:
Aloin	⅛ gr.
Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{120}$ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	⅛ gr.

Note.—These pills are also prepared with double the amount of Strychnine. It is recommended that the stronger pills be dispensed only when specially demanded.

287. Pilulæ Aloini, Strychninæ, et Belladonnæ Compositæ. *N. F.*

Compound Pills of Aloin, Strychnine, and Belladonna.

	Each pill contains:
Aloin	⅛ gr.
Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{120}$ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	⅛ gr.
Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana	½ gr.

Note.—If Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana is not available, take Fluid Extract of Rhamnus Purshiana, prepared without Glycerin (see No. 165), and evaporate it, on a water-bath, to a pilular consistence.

These pills are also prepared with double the amount of Strychnine. It is recommended that the stronger pills be dispensed only when specially demanded.

288. Pilulæ Antidyspepticæ. *N. F.*

Antidyspeptic Pills.

Each pill contains:

Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{60}$ gr.
Ipecac, in fine powder	$\frac{1}{10}$ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	$\frac{1}{10}$ gr.
Mass of Mercury	2 gr.
Compound Extract of Colocynth	2 gr.

289. Pilulæ Antineuralgicæ. *N. F.*

Antineuralgic Pills.

1. *Gross's Antineuralgic Pills.*

Each pill contains:

Sulphate of Quinine	2 gr.
Sulphate of Morphine	$\frac{1}{10}$ gr.
Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{30}$ gr.
Arsenious Acid	$\frac{1}{20}$ gr.
Extract of Aconite Leaves (U. S. P. 1870)	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

Note.—When "Antineuralgic Pills," or "Neuralgia Pills," without other specification, are prescribed, it is recommended that the above preparation be dispensed. Sometimes the Sulphate of Morphine is directed to be omitted.

2. *Brown-Séquard's Antineuralgic* (or *Neuralgia*) *Pills* have the following composition:

Each pill contains:

Extract of Hyoscyamus	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Conium	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Ignatia	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Opium	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Aconite Leaves (U. S. P. 1870)	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Indian Cannabis	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Stramonium	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.

290. Pilulæ Antiperiodicæ. *N. F.*

Antiperiodic Pills.

Warburg's Pills.

1. *With Aloes:*

Each pill contains:

Aqueous Extract of Aloes	1 gr.
Rhubarb	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Angelica Seed	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Elecampane	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Saffron	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Fennel	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Zedoary, root	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.
Cubebs	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.
Myrrh	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.
White Agaric	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.
Camphor	$\frac{1}{8}$ gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Extract of Gentian	a sufficient quantity.

Reduce the drugs to a fine, uniform powder, and make this into pills, by means of Extract of Gentian, in accordance with the formula above given.

2. *Without Aloes:*

Prepare the pills in the same manner as directed in the previous formula, but omit the Aqueous Extract of Aloes.

Note.—These pills have been introduced for the purpose of facilitating the administration of Warburg's Tincture in a solid form. When "Warburg's Pills," or "Pills of Warburg's Tincture," are prescribed, without further specification, those containing Aloes should be dispensed. Those without Aloes should be furnished only when they are expressly demanded.

Each Warburg's Pill represents about 1 fluidrachm of Warburg's Tincture, with or without aloes, respectively. (See *Tinctura Antiperiodica.*)

291. Pilulæ Catharticæ Vegetabiles. *N. F.*

Vegetable Cathartic Pills.

"Improved" Vegetable Cathartic Pills.

Each pill contains:

Compound Extract of Colocynth	1 gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Leptandra	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Abstract of Jalap, in fine powder	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Extract of Hyoscyamus	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Extract of Gentian	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Oil of Peppermint	$\frac{1}{8}$ min.

Note.—Extract of Leptandra (U. S. P.) is preferable to the so-called Leptandrin, or Resin of Leptandra, as this is of very uncertain and varying composition.

292. Pilulæ Colocynthidis Compositæ. *N. F.*

Compound Pills of Colocynth.

Pilulæ Cocciæ. Cochia Pills.

Each pill contains:

Extract of Colocynth	$\frac{1}{6}$ gr.
Aloes	2 gr.
Resin of Scammony	2 gr.
Oil of Cloves	$\frac{1}{4}$ min.

Note.—The *Pilula Colocynthidis Composita* of the Brit. Pharm., for which the above is an equivalent, is prepared with Colocynth Pulp, and contains Sulphate of Potassium, which was originally added as an aid to reduce the ingredients to powder. With the use of Extract of Colocynth this becomes unnecessary.

The Brit. Pharm. directs the above to be kept as a pill-mass, to be made into pills of such weight as may be prescribed. When such specification is omitted, it is recommended to dispense pills containing the quantities above directed.

293. Pilulæ Colocynthidis et Hyoscyami. *N. F.*

Pills of Colocynth and Hyoscyamus.

Each pill contains:

Extract of Colocynth	$\frac{1}{10}$ gr.
Aloes	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Resin of Scammony	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Oil of Cloves	$\frac{1}{8}$ min.
Extract of Hyoscyamus	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

Note.—The *Pilula Colocynthidis et Hyoscyami* of the Brit. Pharm. is directed to be made by mixing 2 parts of Compound Pill of Colocynth (see No. 292) with 1 part of Extract of Hyoscyamus, and is directed to be kept as a pill-mass, to be made into pills of such weight as may be directed. When such specification is omitted, it is recommended to dispense pills containing the quantities above directed.

294. Pilulæ Colocynthidis et Podophylli. *N. F.*

Pills of Colocynth and Podophyllum.

Each pill contains:

Compound Extract of Colocynth	$2\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.

295. Pilulæ Ferri Carbonatis. *N. F.*

Pills of Carbonate of Iron.

Ferruginous Pills. Blaud's Pills. Chalybeate Pills.

Sulphate of Iron, in clear crystals	240 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	140 gr.
Sugar	48 gr.
Tragacanth, in fine powder	16 gr.
Glycerin	10 min.
Water	a sufficient quantity.

Triturate the Sulphate of Iron with the Sugar to a uniform powder. In another mortar triturate the Carbonate of Potassium with the Glycerin and *ten* (10) *minims* of Water. Add to this mixture the previously prepared powder, and beat the mass thoroughly until it assumes a greenish color. When the reaction appears to have terminated, incorporate

the Tragacanth, and, if necessary, add a little more Water, so as to obtain a mass of a pilular consistence. Divide this into *ninety-six* (96) *pills.*

Each pill represents about 1 *grain of Carbonate of Iron* (*ferrous*).

Note.—Sometimes so-called "3-grain" Blaud's Pills (*Pilulæ Blaudii minores*) are prescribed or demanded. These may be prepared by using the quantities given in the above formula, and dividing the mass into *one hundred and sixty-eight* (168) *pills.*

296. Pilulæ Glonoini. *N. F.*

Pills of Glonoin.

Pills of Nitroglycerin.

Spirit of Glonoin (N. F., 1 per cent.)	200 gr.
Althæa, in fine powder	198 gr.
Confection of Rose	a sufficient quantity.

Mix the Spirit of Glonoin intimately with the powdered Althæa, expose the mixture for a short time to the air, so that the alcohol may evaporate, then make a pill-mass by means of Confection of Rose, and divide it into *two hundred* (200) *pills.*

Each pill contains $\frac{1}{100}$ *grain of Glonoin* (*Nitroglycerin*).

297. Pilulæ Laxativæ Post Partum. *N. F.*

Laxative Pills after Confinement.

Barker's Post-Partum Pills.

Each pill contains:

Compound Extract of Colocynth	$1\frac{2}{3}$ gr.
Aloes	$\frac{5}{6}$ gr.
Extract of Nux Vomica	$\frac{5}{12}$ gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	$\frac{1}{12}$ gr.
Ipecac, in fine powder	$\frac{1}{12}$ gr.
Extract of Hyoscyamus	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

Note.—This is the formula generally employed by Dr. Fordyce Barker, except where special circumstances render modification necessary. The formula usually quoted in manufacturers' lists and some formularies is not correct.

298. Pilulæ Metallorum. *N. F.*

Metallic Pills.

Pilulæ Metallorum Amaræ. Bitter Metallic Pills.

Each pill contains:

Reduced Iron	1 gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	1 gr.
Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{20}$ gr.
Arsenious Acid	$\frac{1}{20}$ gr.

Note.—A similar combination is known under the name of *Aitken's Tonic Pills:*

Each pill contains:

Reduced Iron	$\frac{3}{4}$ gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	1 gr.
Strychnine, alkaloid	$\frac{1}{30}$ gr.
Arsenious Acid	$\frac{1}{30}$ gr.

299. Pilulæ Opii et Camphoræ. *N. F.*

Pills of Opium and Camphor.

Each pill contains:

Powdered Opium	1 gr.
Camphor	2 gr.

300. Pilulæ Opii et Plumbi. *N. F.*

Pills of Opium and Lead.

Each pill contains:

Powdered Opium	1 gr.
Acetate of Lead	1 gr.

301. Pilulæ Podophylli, Belladonnæ, et Capsici. *N. F.*

Pills of Podophyllum, Belladonna, and Capsicum.

Squibb's Podophyllum Pills.

Each pill contains:

Resin of Podophyllum	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Capsicum, in moderately fine powder	$\frac{1}{2}$ gr.
Sugar of Milk, in fine powder	1 gr.
Acacia, in fine powder	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Glycerin,	
Syrup, each	a sufficient quantity.

302. Pilulæ Quadruplices. *N. F.*

Quadruplex Pills.

Quatuor Pills. Pilulæ Ferri et Quininæ Compositæ.

Each pill contains:

Dried Sulphate of Iron	1 gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	1 gr.
Aloes	1 gr.
Extract of Nux Vomica	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.
Extract of Gentian	a sufficient quantity.

303. Pilulæ Triplices. *N. F.*

Triplex Pills.

Pilula Triplex.

Each pill contains:

1. Aloes	2 gr.
Mass of Mercury	1 gr.
Resin of Podophyllum	$\frac{1}{4}$ gr.

Note.—When *Pilula Triplex*, under this name or some equivalent, is prescribed without further specification, it is recommended that the above preparation be dispensed. A formula devised by Dr. John W. Francis is also in use:

2. *Francis's Triplex Pill.*

Aloes	$\frac{5}{6}$ gr.
Scammony	$\frac{5}{6}$ gr.
Mass of Mercury	$\frac{5}{6}$ gr.
Croton Oil	$\frac{1}{10}$ min.
Oil of Caraway	$\frac{1}{4}$ min.
Tincture of Aloes and Myrrh	a sufficient quantity.

304. Potassii Bromidum Effervescens. *N. F.*

Effervescent Bromide of Potassium.

Bromide of Potassium	400 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	260 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains* (*or about a heaped teaspoonful*) *of the above compound represent* 20 *grains of Bromide of Potassium.*

305. Potassii Bromidum Effervescens cum Caffeina. *N. F.*

Effervescent Bromide of Potassium with Caffeine.

Bromide of Potassium	200 parts.
Caffeine	20 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	440 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub

this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains* (*or about a heaped teaspoonful*) *of the above compound represent* 10 *grains of Bromide of Potassium and* 1 *grain of Caffeine.*

306. Potassii Citras Effervescens. *N. F.*

Effervescent Citrate of Potassium.

Citrate of Potassium	200 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	600 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	460 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) *grains* (*or about a heaped teaspoonful*) *of the above compound represent* 10 *grains of Citrate of Potassium.*

307. Pulvis Acaciæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Acacia.

Pulvis Gummosus (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Acacia, in fine powder	15 parts.
Glycyrrhiza, in fine powder	10 parts.
Sugar, in fine powder	5 parts.

Mix them intimately.

308. Pulvis Aloes et Canellæ. *N. F.*

Powder of Aloes and Canella.

Hiera Picra.

Aloes, in fine powder	4 parts.
Canella, in fine powder	1 part.

Mix them intimately.

309. Pulvis Amygdalæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Almond.

Sweet Almonds	6 parts.
Sugar, in fine powder	3 parts.
Acacia, in fine powder	1 part.

Blanch the Sweet Almonds, then dry them thoroughly with a soft cloth, and rub them lightly in a mortar, until they form a mass of a smooth consistence. Mix the Acacia and Sugar, add them to the mass previously prepared, and rub the whole to a coarse powder, which is to be preserved in a lightly-covered jar.

Note.—If 820 grains of this preparation be thoroughly triturated with 17 fluidounces of Water, gradually added, and the mixture finally strained, the product will be about 16 fluidounces of *Mistura Amygdalæ* (U. S. P.).

310. Pulvis Anticatarrhalis. *N. F.*

Catarrh Powder.

Catarrh Snuff.

Hydrochlorate of Morphine	1 part.
Acacia, in fine powder	60 parts.
Subnitrate of Bismuth	180 parts.

Mix them intimately by trituration.

311. Pulvis Catechu Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Catechu.

Catechu, in fine powder	4 parts.
Kino, in fine powder	2 parts.
Krameria, in fine powder	2 parts.
Cinnamon, in fine powder	1 part.
Nutmeg, in fine powder	1 part.

Mix them intimately, pass the powder through a fine sieve, and afterwards rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle.

Note.—This preparation is officinal in the Brit. Pharm.

312. Pulvis Cretæ Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Powder of Chalk.

Cinnamon	4 parts.
Saffron	3 parts.
Nutmeg	3 parts.
Cloves	1½ parts.
Cardamom	1 part.
Prepared Chalk	11 parts.
Sugar	25 parts.

Mix the ingredients and reduce them to a fine powder. Pass this through a fine sieve, and afterwards rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle.

Note.—This preparation is equivalent to the *Pulvis Cretæ Aromaticus* of the Brit. Pharm. This authority adds the following note: "If a product of bright color be desired, the saffron may previously be moistened and triturated with a little water or alcohol, or the fresh and faintly damp mixture may be subjected to considerable pressure in the triturating process."

313. Pulvis Cretæ Aromaticus cum Opio. *N. F.*

Aromatic Powder of Chalk with Opium.

Aromatic Powder of Chalk	39 parts.
Powdered Opium	1 part.

Mix them intimately.

Every 40 *grains of this preparation contain* 1 *grain of Powdered Opium.*

Note.—This preparation is officinal in the Brit. Pharm.

314. Pulvis Hydrargyri Chloridi Mitis et Jalapæ. *N. F.*

Powder of Mild Chloride of Mercury and Jalap.

Calomel and Jalap.

Mild Chloride of Mercury	10 gr.
Jalap, in fine powder	20 gr.

Mix them intimately.

Note.—When "Calomel and Jalap" is prescribed for an adult, without any specification of quantities, it is recommended that the above mixture be dispensed as one dose.

315. Pulvis Iodoformi Dilutus. *N. F.*

Diluted Powder of Iodoform.

Iodoform and Naphthalin.

Iodoform, in fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Boric Acid, in fine powder	3 tr. oz.
Naphthalin	5 tr. oz.
Oil of Bergamot	120 min.

Triturate the Naphthalin with the Oil of Bergamot, then mix it with the Iodoform and Boric Acid, and triturate until a homogeneous powder is produced.

Note.—This powder is used in many cases where a *diluted* preparation of Iodoform, for external purposes, is desired. The odor of the Iodoform is masked both by the Oil of Bergamot and by the Naphthalin.

316. Pulvis Kino Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Kino.

Kino, in fine powder	15 parts.
Powdered Opium	1 part.
Cinnamon, in fine powder	4 parts.

Mix them intimately, pass the mixed powder through a moderately fine sieve, and afterwards rub it lightly in a mortar. Keep it in a stoppered bottle.

Every 20 grains of this preparation contain 1 grain of Powdered Opium.

Note.—This preparation is officinal in the Brit. Pharm.

317. Pulvis Myricæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Bayberry.

Composition Powder.

Bayberry, bark of the root	12 parts.
Ginger	6 parts.
Capsicum	1 part.
Cloves	1 part.

Reduce the substances to a moderately fine powder.

Note.—Bayberry root bark is derived from *Myrica cerifera* Linné (Waxmyrtle; Candleberry).

318. Pulvis Pancreaticus Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Pancreatic Powder.

Peptonizing Powder.

Pancreatin (N. F.)	5 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	20 gr.

Mix them by trituration.

Note.—If Pancreatin of proper strength (see No. 278) is not available, any other commercial preparation of the pancreas, as, for instance, the extract, may be used in place of it, provided it attains the required standard.

The quantities above given are sufficient to peptonize 1 pint of fresh cow's milk, by proceeding in the following manner:

Add the Compound Pancreatic Powder to 4 fluidounces of tepid Water, contained in a suitable flask, and afterwards add 1 pint of fresh cow's Milk, previously heated to 38° C. (100·4° F.). Maintain the mixture at this temperature during thirty minutes, then transfer the flask to a cold place.

Milk thus peptonized should not be used when it has been kept over twenty-four hours or when it has developed a rancid taste.

319. Pulvis Pepsini Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Powder of Pepsin.

Pulvis Digestivus.

Saccharated Pepsin	150 gr.
Pancreatin (N. F.)	150 gr.
Diastase	10 gr.
Lactic Acid	10 min.
Hydrochloric Acid	20 min.
Sugar of Milk	enough to make 1000 gr.

Add the Acids gradually to the Sugar of Milk, and triturate until they are thoroughly mixed. Mix the Pepsin, Pancreatin, and Diastase, and then incorporate this mixture, by trituration, with the Sugar of Milk. Finally, rub the mixture through a hair-sieve, and preserve the powder in bottles.

Note.—The best commercial variety of Diastase, capable of converting the largest comparative amount of starch into dextrin and glucose, should be used for this preparation.

320. Pulvis Rhei et Magnesiæ Anisatus. *N. F.*

Anisated Powder of Rhubarb and Magnesia.

Compound Anise Powder.

Rhubarb, in fine powder	1 tr. oz.
Heavy Magnesia, calcined	2 tr. oz.
Oil of Anise	110 min.
Alcohol	160 min.

Mix the powders, add the Oil of Anise, previously dissolved in the Alcohol, and triturate until a uniform mixture results.

321. Pulvis Talci Salicylicus. *N. F.*

Salicylated Powder of Talcum.

Salicylic Acid	3 parts.
Boric Acid, in fine powder	10 parts.
Talcum, in fine powder	87 parts.

Mix them intimately.

Note.—The corresponding preparation of the Germ. Pharm. has the title *Pulvis Salicylicus cum Talco*, and contains 10 parts of Wheat Starch in place of Boric Acid.

322. Sal Carolinum Factitium. *N. F.*

Artificial Carlsbad Salt.

I. *In a dry, amorphous form* (Germ. Pharm.).

Sulphate of Potassium	2 parts.
Chloride of Sodium	18 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	36 parts.
Sulphate of Sodium, dried	44 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

Note.—The dried Sulphate of Sodium is prepared by slowly drying the crystalline salt until it has lost one-half of its weight.

II. *In a crystalline form.*

Sulphate of Potassium	2 parts.
Chloride of Sodium	18 parts.
Carbonate of Sodium, in clear crystals	61 parts.
Sulphate of Sodium, crystallized	88 parts.
Distilled Water	50 parts.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Potassium and Chloride of Sodium in the Distilled Water, and add this solution to the other two salts, previously melted in a tared capsule and at a gentle heat in their own water of crystallization. Evaporate the mixture to about *one hundred and eighty* (180) *parts*, set it aside in a cool place, and stir frequently, so as to prevent the formation of large crystals, taking care, however, that none of the salts separate in a pulverulent form. Distribute any remaining water of crystallization uniformly over the crystals, and dry the whole mixture sufficiently by exposure to air, but so that it will retain its crystalline character.

A solution of about 16 grains of the dry, or about 27 grains of the crystalline, salt, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Carlsbad Water (Sprudel) in its essential constituents.

Note.—The salts employed in the preparation of the crystalline form must have been purified by recrystallization.

323. Sal Carolinum Factitium Effervescens. *N. F.*

Artificial Effervescent Carlsbad Salt.

Artificial Carlsbad Salt, in form of dry powder	320 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	630 parts.
Tartaric Acid	560 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	290 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in the form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

A solution of about 87 grains of this preparation, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Carlsbad Water (Sprudel) in its essential constituents.

324. Sal Kissingense Factitium. *N. F.*

Artificial Kissingen Salt.

Chloride of Potassium	17 parts.
Chloride of Sodium	357 parts.
Sulphate of Magnesium, anhydrous	59 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	107 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

A solution of about 24 grains of this preparation, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Kissingen Water (Rakoczi Spring) in its essential constituents.

325. Sal Kissingense Factitium Effervescens. *N. F.*

Artificial Effervescent Kissingen Salt.

Artificial Kissingen Salt	540 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	540 parts.
Tartaric Acid	480 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	240 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in the form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

A solution of about 80 grains of this preparation, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Kissingen Water (Rakoczi Spring) in its essential constituents.

326. Sal Vichyanum Factitium. *N. F.*

Artificial Vichy Salt.

Bicarbonate of Sodium	352 parts.
Carbonate of Potassium	16 parts.
Sulphate of Magnesium, anhydrous	16 parts.
Chloride of Sodium	32 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

A solution of about 14 grains of this preparation, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Vichy Water (Grande Grille Spring) in its essential constituents.

327. Sal Vichyanum Factitium Effervescens. *N. F.*

Artificial Effervescent Vichy Salt.

Artificial Vichy Salt	430 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	570 parts.
Tartaric Acid	510 parts.
Sugar, in very fine powder	240 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in the form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

A solution of about 57 grains of this preparation, in 6 fluidounces of water, represents an equal volume of Vichy Water (Grande Grille Spring) in its essential constituents.

328. Sal Vichyanum Factitium Effervescens cum Lithio. *N. F.*

Artificial Effervescent Vichy Salt with Lithium.

Artificial Vichy Salt	280 parts.
Citrate of Lithium	100 parts.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	610 parts.
Tartaric Acid	540 parts.
Sugar	270 parts.

Triturate the ingredients, previously well dried, to a fine, uniform powder.

If the compound is required in the form of a granular powder, mix it with Alcohol to a soft paste, and rub this through a No. 20 tinned-iron sieve, or enamelled colander. Then dry it, and reduce it to a coarse, granular powder.

Ninety (90) grains (or about a heaped teaspoonful) of this preparation represent 14 grains of Artificial Vichy Salt and 5 grains of Citrate of Lithium.

329. Sapo Viridis. *N. F.*

Green Soap.

Potassa	8 parts.
Water	12 parts.
Cotton-Seed Oil	24 parts.

Dissolve the Potassa in the Water and, while stirring the solution, add the Cotton-seed Oil. Stir it occasionally during forty-eight hours, then transfer the product to suitable vessels.

Note.—If refined Cotton-Seed Oil is used for this preparation, the product will have a yellowish color, free from greenish tint, but will answer the same purpose.

330. Soda cum Calce. *N. F.*

Soda with Lime.

London Paste.

Soda,
Lime, each . . . . . equal parts.

Reduce them to powder in a clean iron mortar, previously warmed, and mix them intimately. Keep the powder in small well-stoppered vials.

331. Sodii Boro-Benzoas. *N. F.*

Boro-Benzoate of Sodium.

Borate of Sodium, in fine powder	3 parts.
Benzoate of Sodium	4 parts.

Mix them intimately.

332. Species Emollientes. *N. F.*

Emollient Species.

Emollient Cataplasm (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Althæa Leaves,
Mallow Leaves,
Melilot Tops,
Matricaria,
Flaxseed, each . . . . . equal parts.

Reduce them to a coarse powder, and mix uniformly.

Note.—Mallow Leaves are derived from *Malva vulgaris* Fries and *Malva sylvestris* Linné. Melilot Tops are the leaves and flowering branches of *Melilotus officinalis* Desrousseaux, and *Melilotus altissimus* Thuilliers.

333. Species Laxantes. *N. F.*

Laxative Species.

St. Germain Tea (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Senna, cut	16 parts.
Elder Flowers	10 parts.
Fennel, bruised	5 parts.
Anise, bruised	5 parts.
Bitartrate of Potassium, in fine powder	4 parts.

Moisten the Senna with a small quantity of water; then sprinkle over it, as uniformly as possible, the Bitartrate of Potassium. When it has become dry, mix it lightly and uniformly with the other ingredients.

334. Species Pectorales. *N. F.*

Pectoral Species.

Species ad Infusum Pectorale. Breast Tea (*Germ. Pharm.*).

Althæa, peeled	8 parts.
Coltsfoot Leaves	4 parts.
Glycyrrhiza, Russian, peeled	3 parts.
Anise	2 parts.
Mullein Flowers	2 parts.
Orris Root	1 part.

Cut, bruise, and mix them.

Note.—Coltsfoot Leaves are derived from *Tussilago Farfara* Linné. Mullein Flowers are from *Verbascum Thapsus* G. Meyer.

Infusum pectorale (Pectoral Infusion, or Infusion of Pectoral Species) is made by infusing 1 troyounce of the above preparation, in the usual manner, so as to obtain 10 fluidounces of strained product.

335. Spiritus Acidi Formici. *N. F.*

Spirit of Formic Acid.

Spiritus Formicarum (*Germ. Pharm.*). Spirit of Ants.

Formic Acid	250 min.
Distilled Water	3½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Formic Acid with the Distilled Water, and add enough Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—Formic Acid is required by the Germ. Pharm. to have a specific gravity of 1·060 to 1·063.

336. Spiritus Amygdalæ Amaræ. *N. F.*

Spirit of Bitter Almond.

Essence of Bitter Almond.

Oil of Bitter Almond	160 min.
Alcohol	14 fl. oz.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Oil in the Alcohol, and add enough Distilled Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

337. Spiritus Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Spirit.

Compound Spirit of Orange (N. F.)	8 fl. oz.
Deodorized Alcohol	7½ pts.

Mix them. Preserve the product, if it is to be kept in stock, in completely-filled and well-stoppered vials or bottles, and stored in a cool and dark place.

Aromatic Spirit may also be prepared in the following manner:

Sweet Orange Peel, fresh, and deprived of the white, inner portion	16 tr. oz.
Lemon Peel, fresh	2 tr. oz.
Coriander, bruised	2 tr. oz.
Oil of Star Anise	16 min.
Deodorized Alcohol	enough to make 1 gal.

Macerate the solids during four days with 1 gallon of Deodorized Alcohol; then add the Oil of Star Anise, filter, and pass enough Deodorized Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *one* (1) *gallon*.

Note.—When good, fresh essential oils cannot be readily obtained for preparing the Compound Spirit of Orange, the second formula may be used. But the product obtained by it should not be employed in mixtures containing *iron*, as the latter would cause a darkening of the mixture.

338. Spiritus Aurantii Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Spirit of Orange.

Oil of Bitter Orange Peel	4 fl. oz.
Oil of Lemon	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Coriander	160 min.
Oil of Star Anise	40 min.
Deodorized Alcohol	enough to make 20 fl. oz.

Mix them.

Note.—One fluidounce of this Spirit and 15 fluidounces of Deodorized Alcohol make 1 pint of Aromatic Spirit. (See No. 337.)

The essential oils used in this preparation, particularly those of orange and lemon, must be as fresh as possible, and *absolutely free* from any terebinthinate odor or taste. They should be diluted as soon as received, with a definite quantity of Deodorized Alcohol, which will retard deterioration. They should not be kept in stock, undiluted, for any length of time, or should at least be kept in bottles completely filled, and in a dark place. The alcoholic solution should be kept in the same manner. If Oil of Curaçao Orange of good quality can be obtained, it is advisable to use this, in place of ordinary oil of orange, as it imparts to the Spirit a finer flavor than the latter.

339. Spiritus Cardamomi Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Spirit of Cardamom.

Oil of Cardamom*	12 min.
Oil of Caraway	4 min.
Oil of Cinnamon, Cassia	2 min.
Alcohol	8 fl. oz.
Glycerin	1 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Oils in the Alcohol, add the Glycerin, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is intended as a flavoring ingredient, being equivalent to the officinal *Tinctura Cardamomi Composita*, without the coloring matter.

340. Spiritus Curassao. *N. F.*

Spirit of Curaçao.

Oil of Curaçao Orange	2 fl. oz.
Oil of Fennel	15 min.
Oil of Bitter Almond	3 min.
Deodorized Alcohol	10 fl. oz.

Mix the Oils with the Deodorized Alcohol, and keep the Spirit in completely-filled and well-corked bottles, and stored in a cool and dark place.

Note.—The essential oils used in this case must be as fresh as possible, and *absolutely free* from any terebinthinate odor or taste. Oil of Curaçao Orange may be obtained without difficulty in the market, but it should be carefully examined as to its quality, immediately upon receipt, and should not be kept in stock, for any length of time, without special precautions (see Note to No. 338). A still finer quality of Oil of Orange is that derived from Citrus nobilis, which is known in the market as Oil of Mandarin.

341. Spiritus Glonoini. *N. F.*

Spirit of Glonoin.

Spirit of Nitroglycerin. Solution of Nitroglycerin.

A solution of Glonoin (or Nitroglycerin) in officinal Alcohol, containing *one* (1) *per cent.*, by weight, of the former.

Note.—The specific gravity of this Spirit, at 15° C. (59° F.), is 0·828. On mixing 10 C.c. of the Solution with Distilled Water, in a test-tube having a diameter of ¾ inch, both liquids being at the temperature of 15° C. (59° F.), it will require about 16 C.c. of the Water to render the liquid faintly turbid (when compared with the undiluted Solution); and about 4 C.c. more of Water will be required to render it so opalescent that the eye cannot distinguish print placed behind the tube.

Glonoin (or Nitroglycerin), for medical purposes, is usually

* The oil of cardamom may be replaced by 180 grains of freshly-bruised cardamom, and macerating for two days in the alcoholic solution of the oils.

procured by wholesale dealers in drugs directly from the factory where it is made, in form of a 10 per cent. solution in alcohol. Such a solution is non-explosive, and may be diluted, as occasion requires, to the strength of 1 per cent. The specific gravity of the 10 per cent. solution is 0·863 at 15° C. (59° F.). Ten C.c. of it require about 2·5 C.c. of Distilled Water to render it so opalescent that print cannot be distinguished through it under the conditions just described in the case of the 1 per cent. solution.

Solutions of Glonoin, particularly the stronger (10 per cent.), should always be transported or kept in tin cans, and *never in glass* or other fragile vessels. Should the container of a Solution of Glonoin be broken, and the contents be soaked up by wood, or packing material, the latter may become dangerously explosive when the alcohol has evaporated. Should the proportion of Glonoin to porous material be not more than 70 parts of the former, and not less than 30 parts of the latter, the compound will be non-explosive (except by a detonator); and if the proportions are not more than 52 parts of the former, and not less than 48 parts of the latter, the compound cannot even be detonated. But, in presence of substances readily yielding oxygen, such as nitrates, chlorates, etc., so small a proportion as 5 per cent. of Glonoin will produce a dangerously explosive combination.

When handling an alcoholic solution of Glonoin, care should be taken that it be not brought in prolonged or extended contact with the skin, as it is readily absorbed, and will then cause its characteristic physiological effects (distressing headache, nausea, etc.).

342. Spiritus Olei Volatilis. *N. F.*

Spirit of a Volatile Oil.

Any Spirit or alcoholic solution of a Volatile Oil, for which no formula is given by the U. S. Pharm. or by this *Formulary*, should be prepared in accordance with the following general formula:

Any Volatile Oil	400 min.
Deodorized Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Volatile Oil in the Deodorized Alcohol.

Note.—The strength of the Spirit thus prepared is approximately 5 per cent. by weight, provided the specific gravity of the Oil is about 0·900.

343. Spiritus Ophthalmicus. *N. F.*

Ophthalmic Spirit.

Alcoholic Eye-Wash.

Oil of Lavender	10 min.
Oil of Rosemary	30 min.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.

Mix them by agitation, and, if necessary, filter the liquid through paper.

344. Spiritus Phosphori. *N. F.*

Spirit of Phosphorus.

Tincture of Phosphorus.

Phosphorus	10 gr.
Absolute Alcohol	enough to make 15 fl. oz.

To the Absolute Alcohol, contained in a flask, add the Phosphorus, cut into small pieces, and apply a moderate heat, by means of a water-bath, taking care to prevent, as much as possible, any loss of alcohol by evaporation, or making up any loss by adding, from time to time, a little more Absolute Alcohol. When the Phosphorus is dissolved, allow the liquid to become cold, and add enough Absolute Alcohol, if necessary, to make *fifteen* (15) *fluidounces*. Then transfer the Spirit to small, dark amber-colored vials, stopper them securely, and keep them in a cool and dark place.

Each fluidrachm contains $\frac{1}{12}$ grain of Phosphorus; or, 14·4 *minims contain $\frac{1}{50}$ grain of Phosphorus.*

Note.—The Phosphorus should be perfectly translucent, cut and weighed under water, and quickly dried with filtering paper before being dropped into the Alcohol. The loss of alcohol, during the heating, may be avoided, and solution effected more expeditiously, by attaching to the flask a well-cooled upright condenser, which will cause the vapor of the alcohol to be condensed, and to flow back into the flask. In the absence of a condenser, a long glass tube, inserted through a tight-fitting cork into the neck of the flask, and maintained in an upright position, will nearly answer the same purpose.

This preparation is intended for preparing the Elixir of Phosphorus (see No. 85). It is unsuited for internal administration without corrigents. Care should be taken that it be not confounded with Thompson's Solution of Phosphorus. (See *Liquor Phosphori*, No. 228.)

345. Spiritus Saponatus. *N. F.*

Spirit of Soap.

Castile Soap, in shavings	2½ tr. oz.
Alcohol	9 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Introduce the Soap into a bottle, add the Alcohol and *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Water, cork the bottle, and immerse it in hot Water, frequently shaking. When the Soap is dissolved, allow the bottle and contents to become cold, then add enough Water to make ~~*sixteen*~~ (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Note.—The *Spiritus Saponatus* of the Germ. Pharm. is prepared by saponifying Olive Oil with Potassa, and then adding Alcohol and Water.

If time permits, the Spirit ought to be set aside, in a moderately cold place, for about twelve hours, before it is filtered.

346. Spiritus Sinapis. *N. F.*

Spirit of Mustard.

Volatile Oil of Mustard	190 min.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix them.

Note.—This preparation is officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

347. Spongia Compressa. *N. F.*

Compressed Sponge.

Sponge Tent.

Sponge	a sufficient quantity.
Mucilage of Acacia	1 volume.
Water	9 volumes.

Mix a sufficient quantity of Mucilage of Acacia and of Water, in the proportion of *one* (1) *volume* of the former to *nine* (9) *volumes* of the latter, and immerse in the liquid the Sponge, previously freed from sand and other obvious impurities, and cut into suitable pieces. When the Sponge has been thoroughly impregnated, firmly wrap twine around it so as to bring it to the desired shape, and then dry it.

Note.—Sponge thus prepared is best preserved with the twine wrapped around it. If the twine is removed, special care must be taken to protect the Sponge against damp air.

348. Spongia Decolorata. *N. F.*

Decolorized Sponge.

Bleached Sponge.

Sponge,	
Permanganate of Potassium,	
Hyposulphite of Sodium,	
Hydrochloric Acid,	
Water, each	a sufficient quantity.

Free the Sponge from sand and any other obvious impurities or damaged portions by beating, washing, and trimming, then soak it for about fifteen minutes in a sufficient quantity of solution of Permanganate of Potassium, containing *one hundred and twenty* (120) *grains* to the *pint*, wringing the sponge out occasionally and replacing it in the liquid. Then remove it and wash it with Water, until the latter runs off colorless. Wring out the Water, and then place the sponge into a solution of Hyposulphite of Sodium containing *one* (1) *troyounce* to the *pint*. Next add for every *pint* of the last-named solution

used, *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Hydrochloric Acid diluted with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water. Macerate the Sponge in the liquid for about fifteen minutes, expressing it frequently, and replacing it in the liquid. Then remove it, wash it thoroughly with Water, and dry it. In the case of large and dark-colored sponges, this treatment may be repeated until the color has been removed as far as possible.

Note.—If it is desired to keep the Sponge soft, and to prevent it from shrinking when dry, it may be dipped, after having been finally washed, into a mixture of 1 volume of Glycerin and 5 volumes of Water, after which it is to be wrung out and allowed to dry.

349. Succus Limonis cum Pepsino. *N. F.*

Lime Juice and Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	256 gr.
Water	3 fl. oz.
Glycerin	3 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1½ fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Lime Juice	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Pepsin in the Water, mixed with about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Lime Juice. Then add the Glycerin and Alcohol, and, lastly, enough Lime Juice to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Incorporate the Purified Talcum with the liquid, let it stand a few days in a cold place, if convenient, occasionally agitating, then filter it through a wetted filter, and, finally, pass enough Lime Juice through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 *grains of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

350. Syrupus Acidi Hydriodici Decolor. *N. F.*

Colorless Syrup of Hydriodic Acid.

Iodide of Potassium	123 gr.
Hypophosphite of Potassium	3 gr.
Tartaric Acid	112 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Iodide and Hypophosphite of Potassium in *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of Water, and the Tartaric Acid in *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of Diluted Alcohol. Mix the two solutions in a vial, cork and shake it well, and then place it in ice-water for about half an hour, or longer, if convenient; again shake it thoroughly, and then pour the mixture upon a small white filter contained in a funnel, the stem of which dips below the surface of *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of Syrup contained in a bottle. When the liquid has run through, wash the vial and filter with *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of Diluted Alcohol, added in several portions. Then add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—This preparation is of about the same strength, volume for volume, but not weight for weight, as the officinal *Syrupus Acidi Hydriodici.*

351. Syrupus Actææ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Actæa.

Syrupus Cimicifugæ Compositus.* Compound Syrup of Cimicifuga (*or* Black Cohosh).

Fluid Extract of Cimicifuga	300 min.
Fluid Extract of Glycyrrhiza	150 min.
Fluid Extract of Senega	150 min.
Fluid Extract of Ipecac	75 min.
Wild Cherry, in moderately fine powder	300 gr.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Sugar	10 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Wild Cherry with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water, and allow it to macerate during one hour. Then add to it the Fluid Extracts and the Talcum, and stir or agitate the mixture frequently and thoroughly during about fifteen minutes. Transfer it to a wetted filter and, when the liquid ceases to drop from the funnel, wash the contents of the filter with Water to obtain *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of filtrate. In this dissolve the Sugar by agitation, and add enough Water, previously passed through the filter, to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces.*

* Through an oversight of the committee, this preparation was entitled "Syrupus Actææ Compositus," instead of "Syrupus Cimicifugæ Compositus," which it should have been: the present title should be the synonyme.

352. Syrupus Asari Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Asarum.

Compound Syrup of Canada Snake-Root.

Asarum Root, in moderately coarse (No. 40) powder	448 gr.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Cochineal, in fine powder	10 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	20 gr.
Wine of Ipecac	220 min.
Sugar	11 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Asarum intimately with the Cochineal and Carbonate of Potassium, previously triturated together. Moisten the powder with a sufficient quantity of a menstruum prepared by mixing the Alcohol with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water, and allow it to macerate, in a covered vessel, for twenty-four hours, then transfer it to a small percolator, and pour on the remainder of the menstruum. Allow the percolation to proceed slowly, and then follow up the menstruum by Water, until *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. To this add the Wine of Ipecac, and afterwards the Sugar, and dissolve the latter by agitation. Finally, add enough Water, previously passed through the percolator, to make *sixtven* (16) *fluidounces.*

Each fluidrachm represents about 3½ *grains of Asarum.*

353. Syrupus Coffeæ.

Syrup of Coffee.

Coffee, roasted	8 tr. oz.
Sugar	24 tr. oz.
Water	a sufficient quantity.

Introduce the Coffee, reduced to a moderately coarse powder, into a suitable vessel; pour upon it *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of boiling Water, then cover it well, and boil for five minutes. Allow it to become cold, keeping the vessel well covered; strain off the liquid and pass enough Water through the strainer to make the strained liquid, when cold, measure sixteen (16) *fluidounces.* In this dissolve the Sugar, by agitation, without heat, and strain through muslin.

Note.—It is recommended that a mixture of equal parts of the commercial varieties of Coffee, known as "Java" and "Mocha," be employed for this purpose. The coffee may also be exhausted by percolation, but special arrangements are then necessary to maintain the menstruum at the proper temperature.

354. Syrupus Calcii Chlorhydrophosphatis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Chlorhydrophosphate of Calcium.

Syrup of Chlorhydrophosphate of Lime.

Precipitated Phosphate of Calcium	128 gr.
Hydrochloric Acid,	
Water, each,	a sufficient quantity.
Spirit of Lemon	140 min.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Precipitated Phosphate of Calcium with *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Water, and dissolve it with the aid of Hydrochloric Acid, avoiding an excess. Then add the Spirit of Lemon, filter the liquid, and wash the filter with a mixture of *one* (1) *fluidounce*, each, of Water and Syrup. Lastly, add enough Syrup to the filtrate to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Phosphate of Calcium.*

355. Syrupus Calcii et Sodii Hypophosphitum. *N. F.*

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Calcium and Sodium.

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Lime and Soda.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	256 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	256 gr.
Citric Acid	10 gr.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the two Hypophosphites and the Citric Acid in *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, filter the solution, add the Sugar to the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product, after the Sugar has been dissolved by agitation, measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains, each, of Hypophosphite of Calcium and Hypophosphite of Sodium.*

356. Syrupus Calcii Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Calcium.

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Lime.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	256 gr.
Citric Acid	10 gr.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Calcium and the Citric Acid in *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, filter the solution, add the Sugar to the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product, after the Sugar has been dissolved by agitation, measure (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Hypophosphite of Calcium.*

357. Syrupus Calcii Iodidi. *N. F.*

Syrup of Iodide of Calcium.

Iodine	552 gr.
Iron Wire, fine, bright, and finely cut	200 gr.
Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium	250 gr.
Distilled Water	a sufficient quantity.
Sugar	11 tr. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Iron Wire with *four hundred and fourteen* (414) *grains* of the Iodine and *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water, and apply a gentle heat, until the Iodine is combined and the liquid has acquired a greenish color. Filter the liquid through a small filter into a flask containing the remainder of the Iodine, wash the filter with *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Distilled Water, and heat the solution gently, taking care that no Iodine is lost by evaporation. Heat *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water in a capacious capsule to boiling, and add to it small alternate portions, first of the Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium, and then of the solution of Iodide of Iron, in small portions at a time, stirring briskly and waiting until the violence of the reaction moderates before adding a fresh portion. From time to time add a little Distilled Water, to replace that lost by evaporation. When all the Iron solution has been added, continue heating the mixture until it is quietly boiling, then filter it through a wetted filter, and wash the latter with enough Distilled Water to make the product, when cold, measure *eight* (8) *fluidounces*. In this dissolve the Sugar by agitation, then make up the volume with Syrup to *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and strain, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains about 5 *grains of Iodide of Calcium.*

358. Syrupus Calcii Lactophosphatis cum Ferro. *N. F.*

Syrup of Lactophosphate of Calcium with Iron.

Syrup of Lactophosphate of Lime with Iron.

Lactate of Iron	64 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	64 gr.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Syrup of Lactophosphate of Calcium (U. S. P.)	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Lactate of Iron and Citrate of Potassium in the Water with the aid of heat, and add enough Syrup of Lactophosphate of Calcium to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains $\frac{1}{4}$ *grain of Lactate of Iron and about* $\frac{1}{4}$ *grain of Lactate of Calcium (or about* $\frac{3}{8}$ *grain of so-called Lactophosphate of Calcium).*

359. Syrupus Chondri Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Chondrus.

Compound Syrup of Irish Moss.

Chondrus	8 gr.
Fluid Extract of Ipecac	8 min.
Fluid Extract of Squill	120 min.
Fluid Extract of Senega	120 min.
Camphorated Tincture of Opium	210 min.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Sugar	10 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Macerate the Chondrus in *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Water until it is softened, then heat it on a boiling water-bath for fifteen minutes, strain it through flannel, without pressure, and wash the flannel and contents with *one* (1) *fluidounce* of hot Water. Mix the Fluid Extracts and Tincture with the Purified Talcum and *five* (5) *fluidounces* of Water, shake the mixture frequently and thoroughly during half an hour, and then filter it through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate, until it runs through clear. Mix the mucilage of Chondrus with the filtrate, then add the Sugar, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product, after the Sugar has been dissolved by agitation, measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

360. Syrupus Cinnamomi. *N. F.*

Syrup of Cinnamon.

Cinnamon (Cassia), in moderately coarse powder	1½ tr. oz.
Alcohol	360 min.
Sugar	11 tr. oz.
Cinnamon Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Alcohol with *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Cinnamon Water, moisten the Cinnamon with a sufficient quantity of this menstruum and allow it to macerate for about two hours. Then transfer it to a small percolator and percolate in the usual manner, using first the remainder of the menstruum above directed and afterwards Cinnamon Water. Collect the first *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of the percolate separately and dissolve in it the Sugar. Then collect an additional quantity of percolate and add it to the Syrup, so as to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with that officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

361. Syrupus Eriodictyi Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Syrup of Eriodictyon.

Aromatic Syrup of Yerba Santa. Syrupus Corrigens.

Fluid Extract of Eriodictyon	½ fl. oz.
Solution of Potassa	180 min.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	1 fl. oz.
Oil of Sassafras	4 drops.
Oil of Lemon	4 drops.
Oil of Cloves	8 drops.
Alcohol	½ fl. oz.
Sugar	13 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract of Eriodictyon and Solution of Potassa, then add *one and one-half* (1½) *fluidounces* of Water previously mixed with the Compound Tincture of Cardamom, and afterwards add the Oils dissolved in the Alcohol. Shake the mixture thoroughly, then filter it, and pour enough Water through the filter to obtain *six* (6) *fluidounces* of filtrate. Pour this upon the Sugar contained in a bottle, and dissolve it by placing the bottle in hot water, frequently agitating. Lastly, cool the product and add enough Water, passed through the filter previously used, to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is chiefly intended as a vehicle for disguising the taste of quinine or of other bitter substances. See No. 54.

362. Syrupus Ferri Arseniatis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Arseniate of Iron.

Arseniate of Sodium (U. S. P.), dried to a constant weight at 100° C. (212° F.)	3 grains.
Citrate of Iron (U. S. P.)	2½ grains.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Arseniate of Sodium and Citrate of Iron in the Water, contained in a test-tube, by the aid of heat. Then mix the solution with enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about $\frac{1}{60}$ *grain of Arseniate of Iron* (*ferric*).

Note.—Care should be taken to select perfectly-formed crystals of Arseniate of Sodium, which must then be dried completely at 100° C. (212° F.), and the 3 grains required for the above formula must be weighed from the *dried* salt. It is advisable to dry a fresh quantity of the salt each time the above Syrup is to be prepared.

363. Syrupus Ferri Citro-Iodidi. *N. F.*

Syrup of Citro-Iodide of Iron.

Tasteless Syrup of Iodide of Iron.

Iodine	400 gr.
Iron Wire, fine, bright, and finely cut	200 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	620 gr.
Sugar	10 tr. oz.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Iron with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water in a flask, add *two hundred and sixty-seven* (267) *grains* of the Iodine, and apply a gentle heat until the Iodine is combined and the solution has acquired a greenish color. Then heat the contents of the flask to boiling, filter the liquid, and wash the filter with *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of hot Distilled Water. To the hot filtrate add the Citrate of Potassium, and afterwards the remainder of the Iodine, and agitate until the liquid has assumed a greenish color. Pour this upon the Sugar contained in a bottle, agitate until solution has been effected, and when the liquid is cold, add enough Distilled Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains an amount of Iron corresponding to about 3·6 grains of Ferric Iodide.

Note.—The officinal *Syrupus Ferri Iodidi* contains about 8 grains of *ferrous iodide* (protiodide of iron) in each fluidrachm. The above preparation contains the iron in the *ferric* condition.

364. Syrupus Ferri et Mangani Iodidi. *N. F.*

Syrup of Iodide of Iron and Manganese.

Iodine	595 gr.
Iron Wire, fine, bright, and finely cut	192 gr.
Sulphate of Manganese	192 gr.
Iodide of Potassium	230 gr.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Distilled Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the iron with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water in a flask, add the Iodine, and prepare a solution of ferrous iodide, in the usual manner, aiding the process, if necessary, by heating the contents of the flask, at first gently, and, finally, to boiling. Filter the liquid, through a small filter, directly upon the Sugar, contained in a suitable bottle. Dissolve the Sulphate of Manganese in *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Distilled Water, and the Iodide of Potassium in *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Diluted Alcohol, mix the two solutions and filter into the same bottle which contains the Sugar and the Iron solution. Wash the filter with *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of cold Distilled Water, receiving the washings in the same bottle. Agitate until the Sugar is dissolved, and, if necessary, strain. Finally, make up the volume with Distilled Water to *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about 6 grains of Iodide of Iron (*ferrous*) *and 3 grains of Iodide of Manganese.*

365. Syrupus Ferri Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Iron.

Hypophosphite of Iron	128 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	160 gr.
Orange-Flower Water	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Iron, with the aid of the Citrate of Potassium, in the Orange-Flower Water, and add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Hypophosphite of Iron* (*ferric*).

366. Syrupus Ferri Lactophosphatis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Lactophosphate of Iron.

Lactate of Iron	128 gr.
Phosphoric Acid (50 per cent.)	a sufficient quantity.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Lactate of Iron in the Water with the aid of a sufficient quantity of Phosphoric Acid, avoiding an excess, and add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 1 *grain of Lactate of Iron, or about* 1½ *grains of so-called Lactophosphate of Iron.*

367. Syrupus Ferri Protochloridi. *N. F.*

Syrup of Protochloride of Iron.

Syrup of Ferrous Chloride.

Solution of Protochloride of Iron	384 min.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Orange-Flower Water	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the solution of Protochloride of Iron with the Glycerin and Orange-Flower Water, and add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about 1 *grain of Protochloride of Iron (ferrous chloride).*

Note.—This Syrup requires care in its preservation, notwithstanding the pains taken in preparing the Solution of Protochloride of Iron, to protect it from oxidation.

It should be kept in small, well-stoppered bottles.

368. Syrupus Ferri Saccharati Solubilis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Soluble Saccharated Iron.

Syrupus Ferri Oxydati Solubilis (*Germ. Pharm.*). Syrup of Saccharated Oxide of Iron. Syrup of Soluble Oxide of Iron.

1. Solution of Chloride of Iron (U. S. P.)	8 parts.
Soda,	
Distilled Water, each	a sufficient quantity.
Sugar	30 parts.
Syrup	enough to make 100 parts.

Prepare a sufficient quantity of a solution of Soda, of the specific gravity 1·160; gradually add, under stirring, *twenty-three* (23) *parts* of this to the Solution of Chloride of Iron, previously mixed with *seven* (7) *parts* of Syrup, and set the mixture aside, during twenty-four hours, in a dark place. Then pour the clear liquid slowly into *one hundred and sixty* (160) *parts* of boiling Distilled Water, continue the boiling for a few minutes, and then set the mixture aside during one day, in a dark place, so that it may become clear by settling. Withdraw the supernatant liquid by means of a siphon, then wash the residue again with *one hundred and sixty* (160) *parts* of boiling Distilled Water, by decantation. Transfer the magma to a wetted strainer, and wash it with hot Distilled Water until this runs off colorless, but so that the mass on the strainer still retains a moderately strong alkaline reaction. Then allow the excess of liquid to drain off, transfer the moist magma to a tared porcelain capsule, add the Sugar, and heat it on a water-bath, with exclusion of daylight, during two hours, replacing from time to time any Water lost by evaporation, and cautiously adding small portions of the Soda solution, until the magma is entirely dissolved. Lastly, add enough Syrup to make the product weigh *one hundred* (100) *parts*, and transfer the product to bottles, which should be completely filled and stored in a cool and dark place.

One hundred grains, or about 75 *minims, of this Syrup represent approximately* 1 *grain of metallic Iron.*

Note.—The above process is based upon that of the Germ. Pharm. (1st edition). The formula given by the second edition of this work presupposes the keeping in stock of a dry "Ferrum Oxydatum Saccharatum Solubile" (Saccharated Oxide of Iron), representing 3 per cent. of metallic iron. When this is available, the *Syrup of Soluble Saccharated Iron* may also be prepared by the following formula:

Syrupus Ferri Saccharati Solubilis.

Syrup of Soluble Saccharated Iron.

(Second Formula.)

Saccharated Oxide of Iron,	
Syrup,	
Water, each	equal parts.

Dissolve the Saccharated Oxide of Iron in the mixed liquids.

369. Syrupus Glycyrrhizæ. *N. F.*

Syrup of Glycyrrhiza.

Syrup of Liquorice.

Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza (U. S. P.)	2 tr. oz.
Glycerin	2 tr. oz.
Sugar	10 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Pure Extract of Glycyrrhiza in *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, add the Sugar, dissolve it by agitation, and strain. Then add the Glycerin, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about 30 *grains of Glycyrrhiza.*

370. Syrupus Hypophosphitum Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites.

Compound Hypophosphites.

Hypophosphite of Calcium	256 gr.
Hypophosphite of Potassium	128 gr.
Hypophosphite of Sodium	128 gr.
Hypophosphite of Iron	16 gr.
Hypophosphite of Manganese	16 gr.
Citrate of Potassium	40 gr.
Citric Acid	15 gr.
Hydrochlorate of Quinine	8 gr.
Tincture of Nux Vomica (U. S. P.)	160 min.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Rub the Hypophosphites of Iron and of Manganese with the Citrate of Potassium and Citric Acid to powder, add *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Water, and warm the mixture a few minutes until a clear greenish solution is obtained. Introduce the other Hypophosphites and the Hydrochlorate of Quinine, previously triturated together, into a graduated bottle, next add the Sugar, the Iron and Manganese solution first prepared, the Tincture of Nux Vomica, and, lastly, enough Water to make up the volume, as soon as the Sugar is saturated by the liquid, to *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Agitate until solution has been effected, and strain, if necessary.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 *grains of Hypophosphite of Calcium,* 1 *grain, each, of the Hypophosphites of Potassium and Sodium,* ½ *grain, each, of the Hypophosphites of Iron and of Manganese,* $\frac{1}{16}$ *grain of Hydrochlorate of Quinine, and* 1¼ *minims of Tincture of Nux Vomica.*

Note.—This Syrup should not be confounded with the officinal *Syrupus Hypophosphitum* (Syrup of the Hypophosphites).

371. Syrupus Ipecacuanhæ et Opii. *N. F.*

Syrup of Ipecac and Opium.

Syrup of Dover's Powder.

Fluid Extract of Ipecac	64 min.
Deodorized Tincture of Opium (U. S. P.)	670 min.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Cinnamon Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extract and Tincture with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Cinnamon Water, and filter the liquid; to this add the Sugar, and enough Cinnamon Water to make the product, after the Sugar has been dissolved by agitation, measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 5 grains of Dover's Powder, or ½ grain, each, of Ipecac and Opium.

Note.—In place of the above-directed quantities of Fluid Extract of Ipecac and Deodorized Tincture of Opium, 640 minims of the officinal *Tinctura Ipecacuanhæ et Opii* may be taken.

372. Syrupus Mannæ. *N. F.*

Syrup of Manna.

Manna, in flakes	2 tr. oz.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Manna in *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of hot water, add the Alcohol, set the liquid aside for twelve hours in a moderately warm place, and filter. Dissolve the Sugar in the filtrate, with the aid of a gentle heat, allow the Syrup to cool, and add enough Water, passed through the filter previously used, to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—The product is approximately of the same strength as that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

373. Syrupus Morphinæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Morphine.

Fluid Extract of Ipecac	15 min.
Fluid Extract of Senega	1½ fl. oz.
Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	120 min.
Sulphate of Morphine	4 gr.
Oil of Sassafras	8 min.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Morphine in about *one* (1) *fluidounce* of Syrup, then add the Fluid Extracts and the Oil of Sassafras, and, lastly, enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Mix the whole thoroughly by shaking.

Note.—In some sections of the country this preparation is dispensed when Pectoral Syrup or Jackson's Cough Syrup is demanded or ordered. As the formula differs too much from that originally used by Dr. Jackson (see *Note* to No. 376), it is recommended that the above preparation be dispensed only when it is designated by the title above given.

374. Syrupus Morphinæ Sulphatis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Sulphate of Morphine.

Syrupus Morphinæ. Syrup of Morphine.

1. Sulphate of Morphine	16 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sulphate of Morphine in the hot Water, and add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains ⅛ grain of Sulphate of Morphine.

Note.—This preparation is in considerable use in the Southern States. It should, however, never be dispensed in prescriptions, unless it is known to be the preparation intended, or unless it is designated as that of the *National Formulary* (N. F.).

When *Syrup of Morphine* is prescribed without any such specific designation or knowledge, it is recommended that the corresponding but weaker preparation of the French Pharm. be dispensed. The officinal title of this is *Sirop de Chlorhydrate de Morphine* (or *Sirop de Morphine*).

This may be prepared approximately of the strength required by the Codex, as follows:

2. Hydrochlorate of Morphine	5 gr.
Water	½ fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in the Water, and add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about ⅛ grain of Hydrochlorate of Morphine.

375. Syrupus Papaveris. *N. F.*

Syrup of Poppy.

1. Tincture of Poppy (N. F.)	14 fl. oz.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Evaporate the Tincture of Poppy, on a water-bath, at a gentle heat, until its volume is reduced to *seven* (7) *fluidounces*. In this dissolve the Sugar with a gentle heat, strain, and when the Syrup is cold, add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—The product is practically identical with the *Syrupus Papaveris* of the Brit. Pharm. The corresponding preparation of the Germ. Pharm. (*Syrupus Papaveris* or *Syrupus Diacodii*) is much weaker, and may be prepared as follows:

2. Tincture of Poppy (N. F.)	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	14 fl. oz.

Mix them.

376. Syrupus Pectoralis. *N. F.*

Pectoral Syrup.

Jackson's Pectoral (*or* Cough) Syrup.

Hydrochlorate of Morphine	4 gr.
Oil of Sassafras	4 min.
Syrup of Acacia	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hydrochlorate of Morphine in about *one* (1) *fluidounce* of the Syrup, add the Oil of Sassafras, and enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains ⅛ grain of Hydrochlorate of Morphine.

Note.—The original formula of Dr. Samuel Jackson's Cough Syrup was as follows: Sassafras Pith, 60 grains; Acacia, 1 ounce; Sugar, 28 av. ounces; Muriate of Morphine, 8 grains; Water, enough to make 32 fluidounces. The Sassafras Pith was afterwards uniformly replaced by Oil of Sassafras, and the other constituents of the Syrup have been more or less altered, so that a number of different formulæ are in vogue in different sections of the country. It is recommended that the above be followed, if possible, for the sake of uniformity. (See *Note* to No. 373.)

377. Syrupus Phosphatum Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of the Phosphates.

Chemical Food.

Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium	256 gr.
Phosphate of Iron (U. S. P. 1880)	128 gr.
Phosphate of Ammonium	128 gr.
Bicarbonate of Potassium	32 gr.
Bicarbonate of Sodium	32 gr.
Citric Acid	1 tr. oz.
Glycerin	1 fl. oz.
Phosphoric Acid (50 per cent.)	2 fl. oz.
Orange-Flower Water	2 fl. oz.
Tincture of Cudbear (N. F.)	120 min.
Sugar	8 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium with the Bicarbonates of Potassium and Sodium, the

Citric Acid, Glycerin, and Orange-Flower Water, and gradually add the Phosphoric Acid, stirring until solution has been effected. Dissolve the Phosphate of Iron and the Phosphate of Ammonium in *four* (4) *fluidounces* of hot Water, cool, and add the solution to that previously prepared. Filter the whole through a pellet of absorbent cotton placed in the neck of a funnel, and receive the filtrate in a graduated bottle containing the Sugar. Agitate until the latter is dissolved, then add the Tincture of Cudbear, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about 2 grains of Phosphate of Calcium, 1 grain, each, of the Phosphates of Iron and of Ammonium, and smaller quantities of the Phosphates of Potassium and Sodium.

378. Syrupus Rhamni Catharticæ. *N. F.*

Syrup of Rhamnus Cathartica.

Syrup of Buckthorn Berries. Syrupus Spinæ Cervinæ.

Sugar	13 tr. oz.
Fermented Juice of Buckthorn Berries	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sugar in *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of the Juice, with the aid of a gentle heat, allow the Syrup to cool, then add enough of the Juice to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and strain, if necessary.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with that officinal in the Germ. Pharm. The species of Buckthorn to be used is the *Rhamnus cathartica* Linné, native of Europe, and naturalized, to some extent, in the U. S. If the fresh berries cannot be obtained, the imported fermented juice may be used in preparing the Syrup.

379. Syrupus Rubi Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Syrup of Blackberry.

Rubus (U. S. P.)	2 tr. oz.
Cinnamon	120 gr.
Nutmeg	120 gr.
Cloves	60 gr.
Allspice	60 gr.
Diluted Alcohol	a sufficient quantity.
Sugar	10 tr. oz.
Blackberry Juice	a sufficient quantity.

Reduce the Rubus (Blackberry Root) and the Aromatics to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and percolate it, in the usual manner, with the Diluted Alcohol, until *four* (4) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. To this add *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Blackberry Juice, and dissolve the Sugar in the liquid by agitation. Lastly, add enough Blackberry Juice to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

380. Syrupus Sanguinariæ. *N. F.*

Syrup of Sanguinaria.

Syrup of Bloodroot.

Sanguinaria, in No. 20 powder	3½ tr. oz.
Acetic Acid	2 fl. oz.
Sugar	13 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Acetic Acid with *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water, moisten the Sanguinaria with a sufficient quantity of this menstruum, and allow it to macerate for two hours. Then pack it in a glass percolator, and percolate in the usual manner, first with the remainder of the menstruum previously prepared, and afterwards with Water until *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained, or until the Sanguinaria is practically exhausted. Evaporate the percolate, at a moderate heat, to *seven* (7) *fluidounces*. In this dissolve the Sugar with a gentle heat, if necessary, and add enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about 13 grains of Sanguinaria.

381. Syrupus Sennæ Aromaticus. *N. F.*

Aromatic Syrup of Senna.

Senna	2 tr. oz.
Jalap	384 gr.
Rhubarb	128 gr.
Cinnamon	30 gr.
Cloves	30 gr.
Nutmeg	15 gr.
Oil of Lemon	10 min.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately fine (No. 50) powder, add to it the Oil of Lemon, and percolate it, in the usual manner, with Diluted Alcohol. Remove the first *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of the percolate, and dissolve in this the Sugar, with the aid of a gentle heat, if necessary, but avoiding loss of alcohol by evaporation. Allow the solution to cool, collect a further portion of percolate, and add it to the Syrup, so as to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ grains of Senna, 3 grains of Jalap, and 1 grain of Rhubarb, with aromatics.

382. Syrupus Sennæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Senna.

Fluid Extract of Senna	1024 min.
Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	256 min.
Fluid Extract of Frangula	256 min.
Oil of Gaultheria	30 min.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Syrup	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Oil of Gaultheria in the Alcohol, and add this to the mixed Fluid Extracts. Then add enough Syrup to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and mix by agitation.

Each fluidrachm represents 8 grains of Senna, 2 grains of Rhubarb, and 2 grains of Frangula.

383. Syrupus Sodii Hypophosphitis. *N. F.*

Syrup of Hypophosphite of Sodium.

Hypophosphite of Sodium	256 gr.
Citric Acid	10 gr.
Sugar	12 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Hypophosphite of Sodium and the Citric Acid in *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water, and filter the solution. In this dissolve the Sugar by agitation, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains 2 grains of Hypophosphite of Sodium.

384. Syrupus Stillingiæ Compositus. *N. F.*

Compound Syrup of Stillingia.

Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia (N. F.)	4 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Sugar	11 tr. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia with the Purified Talcum, and afterwards with *four*

and one-half (4½) *fluidounces* of Water, and shake them together thoroughly. Then pour the mixture upon a wetted filter, add the Sugar to the filtrate, and pass enough Water through the filter to make the product, after the Sugar has been dissolved by agitation, measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *minims of Compound Fluid Extract of Stillingia.* (See No. 170.)

385. Talcum Purificatum. *N. F.*

Purified Talcum.

Talcum, in fine powder	100 parts.
Hydrochloric Acid	15 parts.
Water	a sufficient quantity.

Mix *five hundred* (500) *parts* of boiling Water with the Talcum, gradually add *ten* (10) *parts* of the Hydrochloric Acid, and boil the mixture during fifteen minutes. Then allow the suspended Talcum to subside, pour off the supernatant liquid, and boil the residue again with *five hundred* (500) *parts* of Water mixed with the remainder of the Hydrochloric Acid. Again allow the mixture to become clear by settling, pour off the supernatant liquid, and wash the residue with Water, by repeated decantation, until a portion of the wash-water, filtered and placed in a test-tube, ceases to produce a precipitate with test-solution of nitrate of silver acidified with nitric acid. Then transfer the magma to a close linen or muslin strainer, allow it to drain, and dry it by heat.

Note.—Purified Talcum is used as an aid in filtering turbid liquids containing finely-divided matters in suspension, which are apt to pass through the filter, or to stop up its pores.

386. Tincturæ. *N. F.*

Tinctures.

General Process.—All Tinctures, for which no working formula is provided by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, the *National Formulary*, or some other work of authority, and the strength of which is not otherwise specified by the prescriber, should be prepared in the following proportions:

The Drug, properly comminuted	2 tr. oz.
The Menstruum	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Note.—The choice of the menstruum will depend upon the nature of the drug, and in some cases upon the uses to which the Tincture is to be applied. In general, it may be stated that, if the useful constituents are soluble in alcohol and but slightly, or not at all, soluble in water, strong alcohol should be used as a menstruum. Whenever it is possible and consistent with the intended use of the preparation, the alcoholic strength of the menstruum should be made to approach that of diluted alcohol, the object being not only to exhaust the drug of all its useful constituents, but also to retain them in solution.

If the drug is fibrous and can be dried and powdered without injury or loss of useful constituents, percolation is preferable. If the drug is resinous and partly, or almost wholly, soluble in the menstruum, or if it is fibrous, and cannot well be powdered without undergoing injury, maceration should be resorted to. In the latter case, the drug, comminuted as much as possible, should be kept in contact with the full quantity of the menstruum for two weeks, or until the soluble matters are extracted, the liquid portion strained off, and the remainder of the tincture contained in the residue on the strainer carefully displaced by washing with a fresh portion of the menstruum until 16 fluidounces of tincture are obtained for every 2 troyounces of drug used in the operation.

The preparation of Tinctures from Fluid Extracts, instead of from the original drugs themselves, is not recommended. In some special cases, however, when the crude drug is not accessible, or when a tincture, which is not at hand and otherwise unobtainable, is required for immediate use, it may be prepared, extemporaneously, from the corresponding fluid extract, provided that the latter is known to fully represent the active constituents of the drug which are intended to be contained in the tincture. (See formulas 387, 411, 412.)

387. Tinctura Aconiti, Fleming. *N. F.*

Fleming's Tincture of Aconite.

1. Aconite (root), in fine powder	10 tr. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 15 fl. oz.

Moisten the Aconite with enough Alcohol to render it distinctly damp and to maintain it so after twenty-four hours' maceration in a well-covered vessel. Then pack it tightly in a percolator, and percolate it slowly, in the usual manner, with Alcohol, until *fifteen* (15) *fluidounces* of tincture are obtained.

Note.—This preparation is still prescribed by many physicians. It is recommended that their attention be directed to the officinal Fluid Extract and Tincture of Aconite, so that the above preparation may be gradually abandoned.

When this preparation is required for immediate use, and it is not otherwise available, it may be prepared in the following manner (see *Note* to No. 386):

2. Fluid Extract of Aconite	10 fl. oz.
Alcohol	5 fl. oz.

Mix them.

388. Tinctura Amara. *N. F.*

Bitter Tincture.

Stomachic Tincture. Bitter Stomachic Drops. Stomach Drops.	
Gentian	384 gr.
Centaury (herb)	384 gr.
Bitter Orange Peel	256 gr.
Orange Berries	128 gr.
Zedoary (root)	128 gr.
Alcohol, Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and percolate it, in the usual manner, with a mixture of *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol and *one* (1) *volume* of water, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained.

Note.—Centaury is the herb of *Erythræa Centaurium* Persoon. Orange Berries are the unripe fruit of the *Citrus vulgaris* Risso, collected while small. Zedoary is the rhizome of *Curcuma Zedoaria* Roscoe. The product obtained by the above formula is practically identical with that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

389. Tinctura Antacrida. *N. F.*

Antacrid Tincture.

Dysmenorrhœa Mixture. Fenner's Guaiac Mixture.

Corrosive Chloride of Mercury	40 gr.
Resin of Guaiac, in fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Canada Turpentine	2 tr. oz.
Oil of Sassafras	½ fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Introduce the Resin of Guaiac and the Canada Turpentine into a flask, together with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, cork the flask loosely, and heat the contents, on a water-bath, slowly to boiling. Then cool the flask, and filter the contents through a small filter. Dissolve the Corrosive Chloride of Mercury in *one-half* (½) *fluidounce* of Alcohol, and add this solution, as well as the Oil of Sassafras, to the filtrate. Lastly, pass enough Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm contains about ⅛ *grain of Corrosive Chloride of Mercury.*

Note.—The dose of this preparation is about 10 to 20 minims.

390. Tinctura Antiperiodica. *N. F.*

Antiperiodic Tincture.

Warburg's Tincture.

1. *Without Aloes.*

Rhubarb	448 gr.
Angelica (seed)	448 gr.
Elecampane	224 gr.
Saffron	224 gr.
Fennel	224 gr.
Gentian	112 gr.
Zedoary (root)	112 gr.
Cubeb	112 gr.
Myrrh	112 gr.
White Agaric	112 gr.
Camphor	112 gr.
Sulphate of Quinine	1280 gr.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 8 pints.

Reduce the fibrous vegetable drugs to a coarse (No. 20) powder, mix this with the Myrrh and Camphor, previously powdered, and digest the whole, during twelve hours, in a suitable, well-covered vessel, with *seven* (7) *pints* of Diluted Alcohol, on a water-bath, avoiding, as much as possible, any loss of Alcohol by evaporation. Then strain off the liquid with pressure, dissolve the Sulphate of Quinine in the strained liquid, with a gentle heat, if necessary, filter, and pass enough Diluted Alcohol, first through the strainer and then through the filter, to make the product measure *eight* (8) *pints*.

Each fluidounce contains 10 *grains of Sulphate of Quinine.*

Note.—This preparation, made *without Aloes*, is intended to serve as a stock-tincture, from which the regular "Warburg's Tincture" is to be made, when required. "Warburg's Tincture without Aloes" is also often prescribed or asked for, and in this case the above preparation is to be dispensed.

The original formula directed by Dr. Warburg contained the old *Confectio Damocratis* as one of the ingredients. This is a very complex preparation, many of the constituents of which are unobtainable at the present day. It has, therefore been omitted.

2. *With Aloes.*

Aqueous Extract of Aloes	28 gr.
Antiperiodic Tincture, without Aloes	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Extract in the Tincture.

Note.—When "Warburg's Tincture," without any further specification, is ordered, this preparation (containing Aloes) is to be dispensed.

391. Tinctura Aromatica. *N. F.*

Aromatic Tincture.

Cinnamon (Cassia)	650 gr.
Ginger	260 gr.
Galangal (root)	130 gr.
Cloves	130 gr.
Cardamom	130 gr.
Alcohol, Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and percolate it, in the usual manner, with a mixture of *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol and *one* (1) *volume* of Water, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm. Galangal is the root of *Alpinia officinarum* Hance.

392. Tinctura Capsici et Myrrhæ. *N. F.*

Tincture of Capsicum and Myrrh.

Hot Drops.

Capsicum, in No. 20 powder	½ tr. oz.
Myrrh, in moderately coarse powder	2 tr. oz.
Alcohol, Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the powders with an equal bulk of clean, fine sand, and percolate them, in the usual manner, with a mixture of *nine* (9) *volumes* of Alcohol, and *one* (1) *volume* of Water, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained.

Note.—This preparation is known in some parts of this country by the old Thomsonian name "Number six."

393. Tinctura Cinchonæ Detannata. *N. F.*

Detannated Tincture of Cinchona.

Fluid Extract of Cinchona (U. S. P.)	3 fl. oz.
Alcohol	8 fl. oz.
Solution of Tersulphate of Iron	6 fl. oz.
Water of Ammonia	6 fl. oz.
Water, Diluted Alcohol, each	a sufficient quantity.

To the Water of Ammonia, diluted with *twenty-four* (24) *fluidounces* of Water, gradually add the Solution of Tersulphate of Iron, previously diluted with *forty* (40) *fluidounces* of Water, under constant stirring. Pour this mixture, containing Ferric Hydrate as a precipitate, upon a wet muslin strainer (which has been tared, after having been wetted and deprived of the excess of water by moderate pressure), and when the liquid has drained off, return the precipitate to the vessel, and mix it intimately with about *sixty-four* (64) *fluidounces* of Water. Again drain it on the strainer, transfer it once more to the vessel, and treat it as before. Finally, drain and press the precipitate on the strainer until it weighs *eight* (8) *troyounces*.

Mix the Fluid Extract of Cinchona with *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, and add the Ferric Hydrate previously prepared. Agitate the mixture frequently until the tincture is deprived of tannin, which may be known by the absence of a blackish-green color when a small portion of the clear tincture is treated with a drop or two of tincture of chloride of iron. Insert a plug of absorbent cotton into a suitable percolator, and introduce the mixture. As soon as the liquid has disappeared from the surface, pour on enough Diluted Alcohol to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical, in strength of Cinchona (without the tannin), with the officinal *Tinctura Cinchonæ*.

394. Tinctura Coto. *N. F.*

Tincture of Coto.

Coto Bark, bruised	2 tr. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Macerate the Coto with *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of Alcohol during seven days; then pour off the liquid, press the residue, and filter the united liquids through paper. Lastly, wash the residue transferred to the filter with enough Alcohol to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—Coto bark is derived from an undetermined tree, probably belonging to the natural order Lauraceæ, and is obtained from Bolivia. There are two varieties known, one as "Coto" and the other as "Paracoto" bark. True Coto bark is, at times, difficult to obtain in the market, and the Paracoto bark is then frequently substituted for it. While

they possess some useful properties in common, yet they differ materially in other respects. Hence the Paracoto bark should not be substituted for the true Coto bark.

395. Tincturæ Æthereæ. *N. F.*

Ethereal Tinctures.

General Formula.

The Drug, properly comminuted	2 tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Stronger Ether, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Percolate the Drug in the usual manner, but with proper precautions to avoid loss of menstruum by evaporation, with a mixture of *one* (1) *volume* of Stronger Ether, and *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained.

Note.—This formula is to be used when Ethereal Tinctures of Belladonna, Castor, Digitalis, Lobelia, Valerian, or of other drugs, are to be prepared.

396. Tinctura Ferri Chloridi Ætherea. *N. F.*

Ethereal Tincture of Chloride of Iron.

Bestucheff's Tincture. Lamotte's Drops.

Solution of Chloride of Iron (U. S. P.)	350 min.
Stronger Ether	4 fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Solution of Chloride of Iron with *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, add the Stronger Ether, and, lastly, enough Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Introduce the Tincture into bottles made of white (flint) glass, which should not be entirely filled. Cork them tightly and expose them to the rays of the sun until the Tincture has been completely decolorized. Then remove the bottles to a shady place, and open them occasionally, until the contents have again assumed a yellow color. Lastly, transfer the Tincture to bottles, which should be well stoppered and kept in a cool and dark place.

Each fluidrachm represents about ½ grain of metallic Iron.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

397. Tinctura Ferri Citro-Chloridi. *N. F.*

Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron.

Tasteless Tincture of Chloride of Iron. Tasteless Tincture of Iron.

Solution of Chloride of Iron (U. S. P.)	4 fl. oz.
Citrate of Sodium	7 tr. oz.
Alcohol	2½ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Solution of Chloride of Iron with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Water, and dissolve in this mixture the Citrate of Sodium with the aid of a gentle heat. Then add the Alcohol, and when the solution has become cold, make up the volume with water to *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Set the product aside in a cold place for a few days, if convenient, so that the excess of saline matter may separate. Then filter, and pass enough cold Water through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidrachm contains an amount of Iron equivalent to about 7½ grains of dry Chloride of Iron (*ferric*).

Note.—This preparation is practically identical in the strength of iron, but not in the quantity of alcohol, with the officinal *Tinctura Ferri Chloridi.*

398. Tinctura Ferri Pomata. *N. F.*

Tincture of Ferrated Extract of Apples.

Tinctura Ferri Malatis Crudi. Tincture of Crude Malate of Iron.

Ferrated Extract of Apples	800 gr.
Alcohol	1½ fl. oz.
Cinnamon Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Ferrated Extract of Apples in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Cinnamon Water, add the Alcohol, filter, and pass enough Cinnamon Water through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about ⅜ grain of metallic Iron.

Note.—This preparation is practically identical with that officinal in the Germ. Pharm. Ferrated Extract of Apples is the *Extractum Ferri Pomatum.* See No. 149.

399. Tinctura Guaiaci Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Guaiac.

Dewees's Tincture of Guaiac.

Resin of Guaiac	2 tr. oz.
Carbonate of Potassium	45 gr.
Pimenta, in moderately fine powder	240 gr.
Pumice, in fine powder	1 tr. oz.
Alcohol	7 fl. oz.
Water	8 fl. oz.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Resin of Guaiac and Carbonate of Potassium with the Pimenta and the Pumice, and afterwards gradually with the Alcohol. Next add slowly *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of cold Water, and triturate the mixture thoroughly. Then filter, and pass enough Diluted Alcohol through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 7½ grains of Resin of Guaiac.

400. Tinctura Iodi, Churchill. *N. F.*

Churchill's Tincture of Iodine.

Iodine	2½ tr. oz.
Iodide of Potassium	½ tr. oz.
Water	4 fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Iodide of Potassium in the Water, then add the Iodine, and, lastly, enough Alcohol to make the Tincture, when completed, measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—Churchill's Tincture of Iodine should not be confounded with Churchill's Iodine Caustic (*Liquor Iodi Causticus,* No. 222).

401. Tinctura Iodi Decolorata. *N. F.*

Decolorized Tincture of Iodine.

Iodine	610 gr.
Hyposulphite of Sodium	610 gr.
Water	1½ fl. oz.
Stronger Water of Ammonia (U. S. P.)	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Digest the Iodine, Hyposulphite of Sodium, and Water, at a gentle heat, until a perfect solution, of a dark reddish-brown color, is produced. Then add *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, and afterwards the Stronger Water of Ammonia. Shake a few minutes until no more bubbles of gas escape and the liquid has become colorless, with a whitish precipitate (of sulphur) suspended in it. Cool it, if necessary, and add enough Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Place the bottle containing it in a refrigerator for a

few hours, or longer, if convenient, then filter, in a covered funnel, and preserve the liquid for use.

Note.—On prolonged standing a crystalline precipitate of tetrathionate of sodium will usually form in the liquid. This may be removed by filtration.

402. Tinctura Jalapæ. *N. F.*

Tincture of Jalap.

Jalap, in fine powder	3 tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol with *one* (1) *volume* of Water, percolate the Jalap with this mixture, in the usual manner, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Tincture are obtained.

Note.—This preparation was officinal in the U. S. P. of 1870.

403. Tinctura Jalapæ Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Jalap.

Jalap, in fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Scammony, in powder	½ tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol with *one* (1) *volume* of Water. Mix the powders with half their weight of sand; moisten the mixture with a sufficient quantity of the menstruum, pack it in a percolator, and percolate it with the menstruum, in the usual manner, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Tincture are obtained.

404. Tinctura Kino Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Kino.

Tincture of Kino	1½ fl. oz.
Tincture of Opium	1½ fl. oz.
Spirit of Camphor	520 min.
Oil of Cloves	10 min.
Cochineal, in powder	64 gr.
Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia	60 min.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Cochineal with the Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, and gradually add *eleven* (11) *fluidounces* of Diluted Alcohol. Then add the two Tinctures, the Spirit of Camphor, and the Oil of Cloves, and filter the mixture through paper. Lastly, pass enough Diluted Alcohol through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about ½ grain, each, of Kino and of Powdered Opium.

405. Tinctura Papaveris. *N. F.*

Tincture of Poppy.

Poppy capsules, freed from seeds, and in coarse powder	8 tr. oz.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Digest the Poppy capsules with *three* (3) *pints* of boiling Water during two hours, then express and strain. Evaporate the strained liquid to *eight* (8) *fluidounces*, mix it with *four* (4) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, and set the mixture aside, well covered, until it is quite cold. Then filter, add the Glycerin to the filtrate, and pass enough of a mixture of *two* (2) *volumes* of Water and *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 30 grains of Poppy capsules freed from seeds.

406. Tinctura Pectoralis. *N. F.*

Pectoral Tincture.

Guttæ Pectorales. Pectoral Drops. Bateman's Pectoral Drops.

Tincture of Opium	320 min.
Compound Tincture of Catechu	240 min.
Spirit of Camphor	300 min.
Oil of Anise	8 min.
Caramel	120 min.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the first five ingredients with enough Diluted Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Each fluidrachm contains 2½ minims of Tincture of Opium.

407. Tinctura Persionis. *N. F.*

Tincture of Cudbear.

Cudbear, in fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Pack the Cudbear in a suitable percolator, and percolate it with a mixture of *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol and *two* (2) *volumes* of Water, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Tincture are obtained.

Note.—This preparation is intended as a coloring agent when a bright-red tint or color is to be produced, particularly in acid liquids.

408. Tinctura Persionis Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Cudbear.

Cudbear	120 gr.
Caramel	1½ tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol with *two* (2) *volumes* of Water. Macerate the Cudbear with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of the menstruum during twelve hours, agitating occasionally, and then filter through paper, and add the Caramel, previously dissolved in *two* (2) *fluidounces* of Water. Then pass enough of the before-mentioned menstruum through the filter to make the whole measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation is intended as a coloring agent when a brownish-red tint or color is to be produced.

409. Tinctura Pimpinellæ. *N. F.*

Tincture of Pimpinella.

Pimpinella Root	2½ tr. oz.
Alcohol,	
Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol with *one* (1) *volume* of Water. Macerate the Pimpinella, reduced to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, with enough of the menstruum to keep it distinctly damp during twelve hours. Then percolate it with the same menstruum, in the usual manner, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Tincture are obtained.

Note.—This preparation is approximately of the same strength as that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm. Pimpinella root is derived from *Pimpinella Saxifraga* Linné, and *Pimpinella magna* Linné.

410. Tinctura Quillajæ. *N. F.*

Tincture of Quillaja.

Quillaja, in fine chips	8 tr. oz.
Alcohol	1 pint.
Water	enough to make 3 pints.

Place the Quillaja in a suitable vessel with *two* (2) *pints* of Water, and boil it for fifteen minutes, then strain, and add enough Water through the strainer to make the strained decoction, when cold, measure *two* (2) *pints*. Pour this into a bottle containing the Alcohol, let the mixture stand twelve hours, then filter it through paper, and add enough Water to the filtrate to make it measure *three* (3) *pints*.

Each fluidrachm represents 10 *grains of Quillaja.*

Note.—This preparation, aside from its therapeutic use, may be employed as an emulsifying agent for oils, balsams, resins. See *Note* to No. 114, IV., "Quillaja Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil."

411. Tinctura Rhei Aquosa. *N. F.*

Aqueous Tincture of Rhubarb.

1. Rhubarb (cut into thin slices and carefully freed from any adhering fine powder)	720 gr.
Borate of Sodium	72 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	72 gr.
Cinnamon Water	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1¾ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Borate of Sodium and the Carbonate of Potassium in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Water, and macerate in this solution, during twenty-four hours, the Rhubarb. Then strain it through muslin, heat the strained liquid to boiling, add the Cinnamon Water and Alcohol, stir it well, and filter, while warm, in a covered funnel. To the cold filtrate add enough Water to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents about 5⅔ *grains of Rhubarb.*

Note.—The product is practically identical with that obtained by the process of the Germ. Pharm., in which this preparation is officinal. It is liable to deteriorate when kept too long, and should not be prepared in larger quantity than may be consumed within a short time.

When this preparation is required for immediate use, and it is not otherwise obtainable, it may be prepared in the following manner:

2. Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	720 min.
Borate of Sodium	72 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	72 gr.
Cinnamon Water	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1¾ fl. oz.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Borate of Sodium and the Carbonate of Potassium in about *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Water. Add the Cinnamon Water, Alcohol, and Fluid Extract of Rhubarb, and, lastly, enough Water to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Filter, if necessary.

412. Tinctura Rhei et Gentianæ. *N. F.*

Tinctura of Rhubarb and Gentian.

1. Rhubarb	512 gr.
Gentian	128 gr.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the solids to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, and percolate it, in the usual manner, with Diluted Alcohol, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained.

Each fluidrachm represents 4 *grains of Rhubarb and* 1 *grain of Gentian.*

Note.—When this preparation is required for immediate use, and it is not otherwise obtainable, it may be prepared in the following manner:

2. Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	512 min.
Fluid Extract of Gentian	128 min.
Diluted Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extracts with enough Diluted Alcohol to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

413. Tinctura Rhei Vinosa. *N. F.*

Vinous Tincture of Rhubarb.

Fluid Extract of Rhubarb	600 min.
Fluid Extract of Bitter Orange Peel	150 min.
Tincture of Cardamom	600 min.
Sugar	2 tr. oz.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the Fluid Extracts and the Tincture with *eight* (8) *fluidounces* of Sherry Wine. In this dissolve the Sugar by agitation, then add enough Sherry Wine to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

Note.—This preparation corresponds, in strength, to that which is officinal in the Germ. Pharm.

414. Tinctura Saponis Viridis Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Green Soap.

Green Soap	2½ tr. oz.
Oil of Cade	140 min.
Alcohol	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Green Soap in *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Alcohol, add the Oil of Cade, and then enough Alcohol to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, and filter.

415. Tinctura Strophanthi. *N. F.*

Tincture of Strophanthus.

Strophanthus (seeds), freed from their comose appendage, reduced to No. 30 powder, and dried at 50° C. (122° F.)	1 tr. oz.
Stronger Ether	a sufficient quantity.
Alcohol	enough to make 20 fl. oz.

Pack the Strophanthus in a suitable percolator, pour on enough Stronger Ether to saturate the powder thoroughly, cover the percolator, and macerate during twenty-four hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually pouring on Stronger Ether, until the liquid passes through colorless. This ethereal percolate is to be rejected. Remove the marc from the percolator, and dry it, first by exposure to air, and then at a temperature of 50° C. (122° F.). Again reduce it to powder, moisten it with Alcohol, repack it in the percolator, and macerate during forty-eight hours. Then percolate it with Alcohol, in the usual manner, until *twenty* (20) *fluidounces* of Tincture are obtained.

Each fluidrachm represents 3 *grains of Strophanthus. The dose is about* 2 *to* 10 *minims.*

Note.—Strophanthus seeds are obtained from one or more species of *Strophanthus* growing in Eastern Africa, and are usually referred to *Strophanthus Kombe* Oliver.

416. Tinctura Tolutana Solubilis. *N. F.*

Soluble Tincture of Tolu.

Balsam of Tolu	1½ tr. oz.
Carbonate of Magnesium	60 gr.
Glycerin	6 fl. oz.
Water, Alcohol, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix *three* (3) *fluidounces* of Alcohol with the Glycerin, and dissolve the Balsam of Tolu in the mixture with the aid of heat, avoiding loss by evaporation. Next add *six* (6) *fluidounces* of Water, and allow the mixture to become cold. Pour off the milky liquid from the resinous precipitate (which latter is to be rejected), mix it with the Carbonate of Magnesium by trituration, and filter. Lastly, pass enough of a mixture of *one* (1) *volume* of Alcohol and *two* (2) *volumes* of Water through the

filter to make the whole filtrate measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Note.—This preparation may be added to Syrup or Water without producing cloudiness. A mixture of 1 fluidounce of this preparation with 15 fluidounces of Syrup yields a product which may be used as Syrup of Tolu in all cases where the officinal preparation is not required.

417. Tinctura Vanillini Composita. *N. F.*

Compound Tincture of Vanillin.

Compound Essence of Vanillin.

Vanillin	45 gr.
Cumarin	3 gr.
Alcohol	3 fl. oz.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Syrup	2 fl. oz.
Compound Tincture of Cudbear (N. F.)	120 min.
Water	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Vanillin and Cumarin in the Alcohol, add the Glycerin, Syrup, and Compound Tincture of Cudbear, and, lastly, enough Water to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

418. Tinctura Zedoariæ Amara. *N. F.*

Bitter Tincture of Zedoary.

Compound Tincture of Zedoary.

Zedoary (root)	4 tr. oz.
Aloes	2 tr. oz.
Rhubarb	1 tr. oz.
Gentian	1 tr. oz.
White Agaric	1 tr. oz.
Saffron	1 tr. oz.
Glycerin	2 fl. oz.
Alcohol, Water, each	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the solids to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, moisten this with a sufficient quantity of a mixture of *two* (2) *volumes* of Alcohol and *one* (1) *volume* of Water, and percolate it in the usual manner, with this menstruum, until *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. Add to this the Glycerin and set it aside. Then continue the percolation until the drugs are practically exhausted, evaporate the new percolate to *two* (2) *fluidounces* and add it to the reserved portion.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *grains of Zedoary*, 7½ *grains of Aloes*, *and* 3¾ *grains*, *each*, *of the other drugs*.

Note.—The above preparation is not identical with the *Tinctura Zedoariæ Composita* (also known as *Tinctura Carminativa*, *Tinctura Wedelii*) which was formerly officinal in some continental pharmacopœias.

419. Unguentum Calaminæ. *N. F.*

Calamine Ointment.

Unguentum Zinci Carbonatis (Impuri). Unguentum Calaminare. Turner's Cerate.

Prepared Calamine	1 part.
Ointment (U. S. P.)	5 parts.

Mix them intimately, by trituration, so as to produce a smooth and homogeneous ointment.

420. Unguentum Camphoræ. *N. F.*

Camphor Ointment.

Unguentum Camphoratum.

Camphor, in coarse powder	2 parts.
White Wax	1 part.
Lard	6 parts.

Melt the White Wax and Lard with a gentle heat, then add the Camphor, and stir the Ointment until it is cold.

421. Unguentum Fuscum. *N. F.*

Brown Ointment.

Unguentum Matris. Mother's Salve.

Camphorated Brown Plaster (N. F.)	2 parts.
Olive Oil	1 part.
Suet	1 part.

Melt them together, and stir the mass until it is cold.

422. Unguentum Picis Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Tar Ointment.

Oil of Tar	4 parts.
Tincture of Benzoin	2 parts.
Oxide of Zinc	3 parts.
Yellow Wax	26 parts.
Lard	32 parts.
Cotton-Seed Oil	35 parts.

Melt the Yellow Wax and Lard with the Cotton-Seed Oil at a gentle heat. Add the Tincture of Benzoin, and continue heating until all the Alcohol has evaporated. Then withdraw the heat, add the Oil of Tar, and, finally, the Oxide of Zinc, incorporating the latter thoroughly, so that, on cooling, a smooth, homogeneous ointment may result.

423. Unguentum Sulphuris Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Sulphur Ointment.

Wilkinson's Ointment. Hebra's Itch Ointment.

Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium	10 parts.
Sublimed Sulphur	15 parts.
Oil of Cade	15 parts.
Green Soap	30 parts.
Lard	30 parts.

Mix the Lard with the Green Soap and Oil of Cade. Then gradually incorporate the Sublimed Sulphur and Precipitated Carbonate of Calcium.

424. Vinum Aurantii. *N. F.*

Wine of Orange.

Oil of Bitter Orange	6 min.
Alcohol	60 min.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Triturate the Purified Talcum, first with the Alcohol, in which the Oil of Bitter Orange had previously been dissolved, and afterwards with *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Sherry Wine, gradually added. Filter the mixture through a wetted filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear, and, lastly, pass enough Sherry Wine through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

425. Vinum Aurantii Compositum. *N. F.*

Compound Wine of Orange.

Elixir Aurantiorum Compositum (*Germ. Pharm.*). Compound Elixir of Orange.

Bitter Orange Peel	1600 gr.
Absinthium	480 gr.
Menyanthes (leaves)	480 gr.
Cascarilla	480 gr.
Cinnamon (Cassia)	320 gr.
Gentian	320 gr.
Carbonate of Potassium	80 gr.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Reduce the six first-named drugs to a moderately coarse (No. 40) powder, mix with this the Carbonate of Potassium, moisten the mixture with Sherry Wine, and let it macerate during twenty-four hours. Then pack it in a percolator, and percolate with

Sherry Wine, in the usual manner, until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of product are obtained.

Note.—The Germ. Pharm. directs to macerate the Orange Peel, Cinnamon, and Carbonate of Potassium with the Sherry Wine, and then to add the other drugs in form of extracts. The proportions above given produce a product practically identical with that of the Germ. Pharm.

426. Vinum Carnis. *N. F.*

Wine of Beef.

Beef and Wine.

Extract of Beef	256 gr.
Hot Water	1 fl. oz.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Pour the Hot Water upon the Extract of Beef contained in a mortar or other suitable vessel, and triturate until a smooth mixture results. Then gradually add, while stirring, *fourteen* (14) *fluidounces* of Sherry Wine. Transfer the mixture to a bottle, set this aside for a few days in a cool place, if convenient, then filter, and pass enough Sherry Wine through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 *grains of Extract of Beef.*

Note.—The Extract of Beef suitable for this or similar preparations is that which is prepared by Liebig's method.

427. Vinum Carnis et Ferri. *N. F.*

Wine of Beef and Iron.

Beef, Wine, and Iron.

Extract of Beef	256 gr.
Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	256 min.
Hot Water	1 fl. oz.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Pour the Hot Water upon the Extract of Beef contained in a mortar or other suitable vessel, and triturate until a smooth mixture results. Then gradually add, while stirring, *twelve* (12) *fluidounces* of Sherry Wine. Next add the Tincture and enough Sherry Wine to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Transfer the mixture to a bottle, set this aside for a few days in a cold place, if convenient, filter, and pass enough Sherry Wine through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 *grains of Extract of Beef and* 2 *minims of Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron.*

Note.—Regarding Extract of Beef, see *Note* to No. 426.

428. Vinum Carnis, Ferri, et Cinchonæ. *N. F.*

Wine of Beef, Iron, and Cinchona.

Beef, Wine, Iron, and Cinchona.

Extract of Beef	256 gr.
Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	256 min.
Sulphate of Quinine	16 gr.
Sulphate of Cinchonidine	8 gr.
Citric Acid	6 gr.
Syrup	1½ fl. oz.
Hot Water	1 fl. oz.
Angelica Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Citric Acid and the Sulphates of Quinine and Cinchonidine in the Hot Water, and pour the solution upon the Extract of Beef contained in a mortar or other suitable vessel. Triturate the liquid with the Extract until they form a smooth mixture, then gradually add, while stirring, the Syrup previously mixed with *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Angelica Wine, and afterwards the Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron. Transfer the mixture to a bottle, set this aside for a few days in a cold place, if convenient, filter, and pass enough Angelica Wine through the filter to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 2 *grains of Extract of Beef,* 2 *minims of Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron, and small quantities of Cinchona alkaloids.*

Note.—Regarding Extract of Beef, see *Note* to No. 426. Angelica Wine is a variety of sweet California wine.

429. Vinum Erythroxyli. *N. F.*

Wine of Erythroxylon.

Wine of Coca.

Fluid Extract of Erythroxylon	1 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Sugar	1 tr. oz.
Claret Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sugar in about *ten* (10) *fluidounces* of Claret Wine, add the Alcohol and Fluid Extract, and enough Claret Wine to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*. Let the mixture stand a few days in a cold place, if convenient, then filter, and pass enough Claret Wine through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidounce represents 30 *grains of Erythroxylon* (*Coca*).

Note.—In place of Claret Wine, any other palatable wine may be used, according to the demand or preference of the prescriber or consumer.

430. Vinum Erythroxyli Aromaticum. *N. F.*

Aromatic Wine of Erythroxylon.

Aromatic Wine of Coca.

Fluid Extract of Erythroxylon	1 fl. oz.
Compound Elixir of Taraxacum	60 min.
Syrup of Coffee	180 min.
Port Wine	2½ fl. oz.
Aromatic Elixir	4½ fl. oz.
Sherry Wine	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Mix the five first-named ingredients with *seven* (7) *fluidounces* of Sherry Wine. Let the mixture stand several days in a cold place, if convenient, then filter, and pass enough Sherry Wine through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidounce represents 30 *grains of Erythroxylon* (*Coca*).

431. Vinum Fraxini Americanæ. *N. F.*

Wine of White Ash.

Fraxinus (bark), in No. 40 powder	8 tr. oz.
Stronger White Wine (U. S. P.),	enough to make 16 fl. oz.

Moisten the powdered Fraxinus with *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Stronger White Wine, macerate it during three days in a well-covered vessel, then pack it in a percolator, and gradually pour on Stronger White Wine until *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of percolate are obtained. Keep the product in well-stoppered bottles, which should be completely filled and stored in a cool place.

Each fluidrachm represents 30 *grains of Fraxinus* (*bark*).

432. Vinum Pepsini. *N. F.*

Wine of Pepsin.

Pepsin (N. F.)	128 gr.
Glycerin	360 min.
Hydrochloric Acid	30 min.
Water	1 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Stronger White Wine (U. S. P.), enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Water, Glycerin, and Hydrochloric Acid, and agitate the Pepsin with the mixture until it is completely disintegrated and apparently dissolved. Then add enough Stronger White Wine to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*, mix the liquid intimately with the Purified Talcum, allow it to stand for a week, if convenient, frequently shaking, then filter, and pass enough Stronger White Wine through the filter to restore the original volume.

Each fluidrachm represents 1 *grain of Pepsin* (*N. F.*).

433. Vinum Picis. *N. F.*

Wine of Tar.

Tar	1½ tr. oz.
Water	4 fl. oz.
Pumice, in moderately fine powder	2 tr. oz.
Stronger White Wine . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Upon the Tar contained in a suitable vessel pour *four* (4) *fluidounces* of cold Water, and triturate the mixture thoroughly; then pour off the Water and throw it away. Mix the remaining Tar thoroughly with the powdered Pumice, and add *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces* of Stronger White Wine. Stir frequently during four hours, then transfer the mixture to a wetted filter, and, after the liquid has passed, pour on enough Stronger White Wine to make the filtrate measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

434. Vinum Pruni Virginianæ. *N. F.*

Wine of Wild Cherry.

Wild Cherry, in No. 40 powder	4 tr. oz.
Sugar	2½ tr. oz.
Water	3 fl. oz.
Alcohol	1 fl. oz.
Purified Talcum	120 gr.
Angelica Wine . . . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Dissolve the Sugar in the Water. Moisten the Wild Cherry with a sufficient quantity of this solution, and allow it to macerate during one hour. Then transfer it to a percolator, pour upon it the remainder of the solution, and afterwards enough Angelica Wine to make *fifteen* (15) *fluidounces* of percolate. Add to this the Alcohol, mix the Purified Talcum intimately with the liquid, then filter, returning the first portions of the filtrate until it runs through clear, and, finally, pass enough Angelica Wine through the filter to make the product measure *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 15 *grains of Wild Cherry.*

435. Vinum Pruni Virginianæ Ferratum. *N. F.*

Ferrated Wine of Wild Cherry.

Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron	640 min.
Wine of Wild Cherry . . enough to make	16 fl. oz.

Mix the Tincture with enough Wine of Wild Cherry to make *sixteen* (16) *fluidounces*.

Each fluidrachm represents 5 *minims of Tincture of Citro-Chloride of Iron and* 13¾ *grains of Wild Cherry.*

PART II.

SECTION II.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES NOT OFFICIAL.*

In the present section it is proposed to consider remedies which are not recognized in the United States or British Pharmacopœias, but which, on account of their use in domestic or professional medicine, their toxic properties, their history, or the probability that they may prove in the future remedies of power, or valuable products, require notice in an encyclopedic work like the United States Dispensatory. The limit of the present volume forbids a complete description of all of these substances, but the attempt is made to give at least the information where to look for an account of almost everything used in medicine.

ABROMA AUGUSTUM. A viscid white fluid found in the fleshy bark of the root of this Indian plant is said to be of great service in *dysmenorrhœa.* A half-drachm of the fresh root is given at a dose. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, July, 1873.)

ABRUS PRECATORIUS. *Jequirity. Kunch. Ratti.* The seeds of this plant, which grows in India and also in Brazil, are employed in India as a standard weight, and also for criminal poisoning. They are said to be inert when taken whole into the stomach. They contain *abric acid*, $C_{12}H_{24}N_3O$, and according to the researches of Sidney Martin (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1887; *Proc. Roy. Soc.*, vol. xlvi., 1889), two proteid poisons, a paraglobulin and an albumose, which are almost identical in their physiological and toxic properties with the similar principles found in snake venom, although less powerful. (Consult *The Non-Bacillous Nature of Abrus Poisoning*, J. H. Warden and L. A. Waddel, Calcutta, 1884; Bufalini, *Ann. di Chim. e di Farm.*, No. 2, 1886; Kobert, *Wien. Med. Blätter*, Nov. 1889.) The cold infusion, one part to twenty, has been used in chronic granular *conjunctivitis;* but, according to L. de Wecker, this is much too strong, and is liable to set up violent conjunctivitis or even keratitis. *Pannus* and *trachoma* are said to have yielded to the remedy. Two drops of a solution of the fluid extract (one part to ten) may be put in the eye once or twice a day. The solution should always be freshly made. The root of the plant is official in the India Pharmacopœia as a substitute for liquorice.

ACERATES DECUMBENS, of New Mexico, is stated by Dr. Wm. J. Wilson to be used as a specific in snake-bite. (*Phila. Med. Times*, v. 183.)

ACER DASYCARPUM. Ehrhart. Emil Weschcke believes that there is an alkaloid in the ordinary *white* or *silver maple.* (*Contrib. Dep. Phar. Univ. Wisc.*, 1886.)

ACETAL. $C_6H_{14}O_2$, or $CH_3CH(OEt)_2$. *Ethylidene Diethylic Ether,* a limpid liquid, sparingly soluble in water, readily soluble in alcohol, is stated to be narcotic in dose of one drachm.

ACETONE. *Dimethyl-ketone* (formerly called *Pyroacetic Spirit*) (C_3H_6O or $CH_3.CO.CH_3$) is found in small amount in normal urine, in blood, etc., and in larger amount in certain pathological conditions. It is produced by the dry distillation of sugar, gum, cellulose, etc., and therefore is always contained in crude wood naphtha. Prepared commercially by the dry distillation of calcium acetate, it boils at 56° C., and has a peculiar ethereal odor and sharp, burning taste. Its sp. gr. is 0·7920 at 16·4° C.

Distilled with water and lime hypochlorite, it yields nearly 200 per cent. of its weight in chloroform, and is hence largely used in the manufacture of this substance, both in this country and in Germany. In the presence of an alkali, iodine converts it into iodoform, so that a trace of acetone in methyl alcohol can be detected by the iodoform formation (*Kraemer's test*).

It is used largely as a solvent for fats, resins, and camphors. It mixes in all proportions with water, alcohol, and ether. Schlagdenhauffen asserts that commercial acetone contains an alkaloidal substance. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 163.) For a method of detecting acetone in urine see *A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 175.

ACETO-ORTHO-TOLUID. $C_7H_7.NH.C_2H_3O$. This occurs in colorless needles, easily

* By the term official medicines, here as well as elsewhere in this work, are meant such as are embraced in the United States and British Pharmacopœias.

soluble in hot water, alcohol, and ether. According to the experiments of E. Barbarini (*Terap. mod.*, 1892, p. 532) upon the lower animals, this substance is a powerful depressant of temperature and but slightly poisonous.

ACETOPHENONE. *Hypnone. Phenyl-methyl-ketone* (C_8H_8O or $C_6H_5CO.CH_3$). A colorless liquid, boiling at 200° C., having a very tenacious, persistent odor, recalling that of bitter almonds, not inflammable, not soluble in water or in glycerin, but very soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzin, and also certain oils, especially that of sweet almonds. It is made by distilling a mixture of calcium acetate and benzoate, just as acetone is made by distilling the former salt alone. Hypnone was first proposed as an hypnotic by Dujardin-Beaumetz, who affirms that it produces in the lower animals deep sleep. The more recent researches of Laborde, of Grasset, of Mairet and Combemale, however, are concordant in showing that unless in toxic dose it does not act as a certain hypnotic in the lower animals; after a fatal dose, coma, general muscular paralysis, and death from asphyxia result. Further, according to Regnier, the effect of hypnone upon nutrition is extraordinarily active, a few days' use of it notably lowering the quantity of hæmoglobin in the blood, and causing appreciable loss of weight. Somewhat similar results have been arrived at by Kamensky. The general verdict of clinicians is that it acts in man as a very uncertain hypnotic, and, according to W. H. Flint, when it is used the system rapidly becomes tolerant of it, so that the dose has to be largely increased. It would seem, therefore, that hypnone is of little practical value, although Norman claims excellent results from hypodermic injections of from 5 to 12 minims in *insanity* (*Journ. Ment. Sci.*, xxxiii.). Dose, from three to ten grains (0·194 to 0·648 Gm.), although Rey has given as much as twenty-three grains (1·5 Gm.) without producing sleep.

ACETYLPHENYLHYDRAZIN. $C_6H_5NH,NH.CH_3CO$. This substance, first introduced into medicine in an impure form, under the name of *pyrodin*, has since been used in an alleged pure condition under the name of *hydracetin*. It is chemically closely allied to acetanilid, differing solely in the possession of one imido-group (NH); it is, as indicated by its name, hydrazin in which the hydrogen atoms are replaced by phenyl and acetyl. It is made by heating together phenylhydrazin and glacial acetic acid, and purifying the product by recrystallization. Dr. Guttmann (*Prager Med. Wochensch.*, 1889) found this substance to be a powerful poison, seven and a half grains being sufficient to kill a rabbit, with a remarkable destruction of the red blood-cells. He found it a powerful antipyretic, in doses of one and a half to two and a half grains, but believes it to be a very dangerous remedy on account of its action on the blood. Externally he considered it to be safe, and allied to pyrogallic acid in its influence upon *skin-diseases;* but Dr. Basch (*Lancet*, 1890) has seen very violent poisoning from the use of a ten per cent. ointment, without benefit to the *psoriasis*. On the other hand, Dr. George Lemoine (*Bull. Méd.*, 1889) finds it, in doses of three-quarters of a grain, a valuable remedy in the treatment of *hectic fever of phthisis*, reducing the temperature and checking night-sweats. When the dose of two and a half grains (0·16 Gm.) per day is exceeded, violent symptoms are apt to be produced.

ACHILLEA. *U. S.* 1870. *Herbe aux Charpentiers, Millefeuille*, Fr. *Schafgarbe, Schafrippe*, G. *Millefoglie*, It. *Cientoenrama, Yerba de San Juan*, Sp. *Achillea Millefolium. Milfoil* or *yarrow* is a perennial herb, very common both in Europe and America. It is from a foot to eighteen inches high, and is specifically distinguished by its doubly pinnate, downy, minutely divided leaves, with linear, dentate, mucronate divisions, from which it derived the name of milfoil, by its furrowed stem and calyx, and by its dense corymb of whitish flowers, which appear throughout the summer, from June to September. The whole herb is medicinal. *Achillea Moschata* or *Iva* of Europe is sometimes used as a substitute for *A. Millefolium*. Von Planta-Reichenau found in it a bitter, aromatic, bluish-green volatile oil, *Ivaol* ($C_{12}H_{20}O$), and a peculiar nitrogenous principle, *Moschatin* ($C_{21}H_{27}NO_7$). (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, clv. 145, 1870.) For further particulars see *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1871. *Ivaïn*, $C_{24}H_{42}O_5$, has also been isolated; it occurs as a dark-yellow resinous mass, insoluble in water, readily soluble in alcohol, and producing an intensely bitter solution.

Both the flowers and leaves of *A. Millefolium* have an agreeable, though feeble aromatic odor, which continues after drying, and a bitterish, astringent, pungent taste. The aromatic properties are strongest in the flowers, the astringency in the leaves. The plant contains besides a volatile oil and tannin a peculiar principle, *Achillein*, which was discovered by Zanon. (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, lviii. 21.) As analyzed by Von Planta (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, clv., 1870) its formula is $C_{20}H_{38}N_2O_{15}$. It occurs in a brownish-red mass of a strongly bitter taste, soluble in water, more feebly in alcohol, not at all in ether. It has been surmised to be an alkaloid, but this is very doubtful. *Achilleic acid*, also discovered by Zanon, is affirmed by Hlasiwetz to be identical with aconitic acid. The oil, which may be obtained separately by distillation with water, has a beautiful azure-blue color, and the peculiar flavor of milfoil. The active principles are extracted both by water and alcohol. *A. Millefolium* is a mild aromatic sudorific tonic and astringent, which is sometimes used in acute *suppression of the menses*, in the form of a hot infusion (℥i to Oi). Dose, four to six ounces; the volatile oil has been used in doses of twenty or thirty drops. Pappi states that *achillein* given in divided doses up to thirty to seventy-five grains (1·9 to 4·8 Gm.) causes marked irregularity of the pulse.

ACIDUM BUTYRICUM. (See *Fruit Essences.*)

ACIDUM ORTHOAMIDOSALICYLICUM. This is a grayish, amorphous, almost odorless, slightly sweetish powder, insoluble in water, alcohol, and ether; which has been used by R. Neisser (*Inaug. Dissert.*, Bern, 1892) in subacute *rheumatism*, with alleged good results.

ACIDUM PHENYLO-BORICUM. *Phenylo-boric Acid.* A white powder, soluble with difficulty in cold water, which was found by G. Molinari (*Chem. Centralb.*, 1892, ii. 224) to be a powerful germicide, checking putrefaction in 0·75 per cent. solution, and being very poisonous to the *cholera* and other pathogenetic bacilli. It is said to act especially well locally upon *venereal ulcers*, and to be less poisonous than carbolic acid. The fatal dose for the rabbit is fixed at 23 grains (1·5 Gm.).

ACIDUM PHENYLO-SALICYLICUM. A whitish powder, soluble in water with difficulty, easily soluble in alcohol, ether, and glycerin; which, according to F. Bock (*Inaug. Diss.*, Berlin, 1892),

is about equivalent in germicidal properties to salicylic acid. Its salts are said to be less poisonous than those of salicylic acid.

ACTÆA SPICATA. *Baneberry. Herb Christopher. Radix Christophorianæ. Racine de Saint Christophe*, Fr. *Christophswurz, Wolfswurz*, G. This is a perennial, herbaceous, European plant, growing in the woods of mountainous regions, and attaining a height of two feet or more. The root is of a dark-brown color, and bears some resemblance to that of *Helleborus niger*, for which it is said to be occasionally substituted. Its odor, in the recent state, is sweetish and rather nauseous, but is in great measure dissipated by drying. The taste is bitterish and somewhat acrid. In its operation on the system, the root is purgative and sometimes emetic, and is capable, in overdoses, of producing dangerous effects. It is unknown in this country. We have, however, a native species of Actæa, *A. Americana* of Pursh, of which there are two varieties—*alba* and *rubra*—distinguished by the color of their berries, which in the former are white, and in the latter red. They are sometimes called *white* and *red cohosh*, a name derived from the language of the aborigines. By some botanists they are treated of as distinct species, under the names of *Actæa alba* and *Actæa rubra*. They grow in the rich deep mould of rocky woods, from Canada to Virginia. They are said to have been much esteemed by the Indians. Their medical properties are probably similar to those of *A. spicata*. The name *baneberry*, given to different species of Actæa, was derived from the reputed poisonous properties of their berries. Mr. Frederick Stearns, in his account of the medical plants of Michigan, speaks of the rhizome of *Actæa alba* as being violently purgative. (*Proc. of the Am. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1858.)

ACTINOMERIS HELIANTHOIDES. *Gravel Weed. Diabetes Weed.* The root of this plant is said to be largely used in Upper Georgia in *dropsy* and *chronic cystitis*. The dose of infusion (ounce to a pint) is said to be one fluidounce (31 C.c.).

ADANSONIA DIGITATA. *Baobab.* A tree of enormous magnitude, belonging to the Sterculiaceæ (*Lindley*). It is a native of Africa, extending quite through that continent from Senegal to Abyssinia, and has been introduced into the West Indies. The leaves and bark of this tree abound in mucilage, and have little smell or taste. By the Africans the leaves are used as a diaphoretic, and the subacid pulp of the fruit in *dysentery*. Under the name of *cream-of-tartar tree* various trees whose fruit contains or has been supposed to contain cream of tartar are spoken of in books. The most important of these is the *Adansonia Gregorii* of North Australia. Another cream-of-tartar fruit is yielded by a tree of South Africa, which, according to Mr. E. M. Holmes, is probably the *Adansonia Madagascariensis*, Baillon. This fruit has been examined by E. J. Millard (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1890), who found that it contains no cream of tartar at all. It is probably identical with a cream-of-tartar fruit examined by F. L. Slocum. (*A. J. P.*, 1880.) It is worthy of remark that Messrs. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen (*Nouv. Rem.*, xxi. p. 487) have found in the fruit of the *Adansonia digitata*, or the baobab tree, as much as two per cent. of free tartaric acid and twelve per cent. of potassium bitartrate. Dr. Duchassaing, of Guadeloupe, West Indies, and M. Pierre, of France, commend the bark of *A. digitata* highly as an antiperiodic. (*Arch. Gén.*, 3e sér., xxiii. 535.) It is said to be acceptable to the stomach, and to produce no other observable physiological effect than increase of appetite, increased perspiration, and perhaps diminished frequency of pulse. An ounce may be boiled in a pint and a half of water to a pint, and the whole taken in a day. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xiii. 412 and 421.)

ADENIA VENENATA. This is a climbing passion-flower of Africa, said by the traveller Schweinfurth to be used as a vesicant. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1874.)

ADHATODA VASICA. This Indian plant is asserted to contain an alkaloid, *vasicine*, in combination with *adhatodic acid*. The very improbable claim is made for it that it exerts a powerful toxic influence upon microbes and is not poisonous to the higher animals.

ADIANTUM PEDATUM. *Maidenhair. Herba Capillorum Veneris. Capillaire*, Fr. *Frauenhaar, Venushaar*, G. An indigenous fern, the leaves of which are bitterish and aromatic, and have been supposed to be useful in chronic catarrhs and other pectoral affections. A European species, known by the same vulgar name, is the *A. Capillus Veneris*, which has similar properties, though feebler, and has been much used as a pectoral, on the continent of Europe, from very early times. It is also said by Professor Landerer to be employed as an emmenagogue, and termed *polytrichi, polytrichon*, or *kalliphyllon*, and is given in the form of infusion, sweetened with sugar or honey; and a syrup prepared from it is popular in France, under the name of *sirop de capillaire*. The name of maidenhair has also been given to *Asplenium Trichomanes*, the leaves of which have a mucilaginous, sweetish, somewhat astringent taste, and have been used for the same purposes with those of the plants above mentioned. Another species of Asplenium, *A. Adiantum nigrum*, has been substituted for the genuine maidenhair; but neither of them has the aromatic flavor of that fern. In India, according to Mr. E. M. Holmes, *Adiantum lunulatum* is used as a substitute for the European maidenhair.

ADONIS VERNALIS. This plant belongs to the family of Ranunculaceæ, and inhabits the northern portion of Europe and Asia, in some parts of which it has long been used as an abortifacient, whilst its rhizome sometimes occurs in commercial black hellebore as an adulteration. Linderos examined the leaves and found in them 10 per cent. of *aconitic acid*. (*Liebig's Annalen d. Chem.*, N. R., 1876, p. 340.) Dr. Cervello, in 1882, obtained from the plant a glucoside, to which he gave the name of *adonidin*. (For improved method of preparation, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. p. 145, and *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 609.) This glucoside occurs in the form of a somewhat hygroscopic, canary-yellow powder of an intensely bitter taste; soluble in water, alcohol, and amylic alcohol; insoluble in anhydrous ether, chloroform, oil of turpentine, and benzin. Its reaction is neutral. It reduces Fehling's solution, if a few drops of hydrochloric acid have been added before heating. It exists in small quantities in all portions of the plant. (For further details as to reaction, see *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 145.) Podwyssotzki found commercial samples of adonidin to be mixtures of the active principle with other constituents of the plant. He gives the name of *picroadonidin* to the active principle, which he describes as an amorphous glucoside having an excessively bitter taste, possessing the properties of a cardiac poison in the highest degree, and being easily soluble in water and alcohol and

entirely soluble in ether. (*P. J. Tr.*, xix., 1888, p. 346.) According to Cervello (*Archiv f. Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, xv.), adonidin exists also in the *Adonis cupaniana* of Southern Europe, and F. Borgiotti affirms the value of *A. æstivalis* in heart affections (*Deutsch. Med. Zeit.*, Aug. 1888), whilst Dr. Y. Inoko (*Arch. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xxviii.) has found in the *A. amurensis* of Japan a glucoside, *adonin*, $C_{20}H_{40}O_9$, allied to adonidin, but much less powerful.

Merck has described an additional crystalline principle, which fuses at 102° C., is very soluble in water and warm alcohol, and crystallizes in clear needle-like prisms. It has a neutral reaction, does not reduce Fehling's solution, and is not colored brown by alkalies. Its analysis seems to indicate a formula $C_5H_{12}O_5$, and Merck considers that it is a hitherto undescribed pentatomic alcohol, and calls it *adonite*. Whether it be identical with the *adonidulcite* announced in a preliminary communication by Podwyssotzki shortly before his death, Merck is not able to state, as no details of fusing-point, formula, or chemical reactions were given by the former. (*Merck's Bulletin*, Jan. 1893.)

According to Dr. Cervello and Dr. H. A. Hare, adonidin at first slows the action of the frog's heart, increasing at the same time the force of the systole, and finally produces arrest. Dr. Hare states that this arrest is diastolic; Dr. Cervello, that it is systolic. Both experimenters found that in mammals adonidin increases very markedly the arterial pressure whilst decreasing the pulse-rate, and that after toxic doses the primary rise is followed by a marked fall of arterial pressure, with irregularity of the heart's action. The primary rise of the pressure appears to be chiefly cardiac, although there is some reason for supposing that the drug does exert some influence upon the vaso-motor system. The first slowing of the pulse was found by Dr. Hare to be due to stimulation of the inhibitory nerves, as it was prevented by their previous section, whilst finally the fall of pressure was at least in great part owing to the vaso-motor palsy. In 1879 the *Adonis vernalis* was introduced to the medical world as a cardiac stimulant by Bubnow, a pupil of Professor Botkin. Since then it has been tested by a number of physicians with fairly concordant results. The general testimony is that its action in disease resembles that of digitalis, and that it is useful in the same class of cases. It is much more prompt than digitalis, and it is affirmed by Durand to have no cumulative tendency. There have been some differences of opinion in regard to its diuretic action. Any such influence it may have must be attributed to the effect upon the circulation in the kidneys rather than to any marked direct power over the secreting structure. Durand asserts that it never produces disturbances of the alimentary canal, but Lublinski and Huchard have both seen it cause so much vomiting or diarrhœa as to require its withdrawal. In a case reported by Durand, in which by mistake three grains of adonidin were given every half-hour, violent vomiting and diarrhœa were the most troublesome symptoms. Bubnow employed the infusion made from the whole herb, 4 to 8 parts in 180 parts of water, and of this he administered a tablespoonful every two hours. Durand put the dose of adonidin as two centigrammes (one-third of a grain) repeated at intervals of three or four hours.

ÆSCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM. *Horse-chestnut. Cortex Hippocastani. Cortex Castaneæ Equinæ. Ecorce de Marronnier (Châtaignier) d'Inde*, Fr. *Rosskastanienrinde*, G. The horsechestnut is a native of Asia, and was introduced about the middle of the sixteenth century into Europe, where, as well as in this country, it is now extensively cultivated as an ornamental tree. Quercitrin has been found by Rochleder in very small proportion in the leaves. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1859, p. 393.) *Fraxin*, a peculiar principle of the bark of Fraxinus excelsior, has been detected also, by Mr. Stokes, in the bark of the horsechestnut; and Rochleder has discovered in the capsules of the fruit a peculiar acid, which he names *capsulæsic acid.* (*Ibid.*, Août, 1860, p. 151.) The fruit and bark have been used in medicine. The *fruit* abounds in starch, but has a rough, disagreeable, bitter taste, of which it may in great measure be deprived by maceration in an alkaline solution. The starch has been prepared in France for use; the nut being reduced to pulp, washed, and treated like the potato. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, Sept. 1856, p. 264.) The bitter principle is denominated *esculin*, and, according to Rochleder, may be obtained by precipitating with lead acetate a decoction of the rind, then filtering, treating the filtered liquor with hydrogen sulphide and again filtering, evaporating to the consistence of syrup, and setting the residue aside in a cool place. In a few days, the liquid is converted into a mass of crystals, which are to be expressed, and purified by repeated crystallization from alcohol, and afterwards from boiling water. If now washed on a filter with cold water till they have lost one-third of their weight, they are rendered as pure as it is possible to obtain them. (For another process of preparing it, see *A. J. P.*, xliv. 400.) Esculin is in shining white, prismatic crystals, inodorous, bitter, but slightly soluble in cold water, more soluble in boiling water, and very readily so in boiling alcohol, and in alkaline solutions. Its solution is precipitated by lead subacetate, and its formula, according to Schiff, is $C_{15}H_{16}O_9$. When treated with dilute sulphuric acid, it is converted into grape sugar and a substance called *esculetin*, $C_9H_6O_4$, which is now known to be a *dioxycoumarin*, $C_6H_2(OH)_2<\begin{matrix}O-CO\\CH=CH\end{matrix}$.

Tannin is found in all parts of the tree, including the *leaves* as well as the bark and fruit. According to Rochleder, when pure, it is white and soluble in water, alcohol, and ether; becomes red by the absorption of oxygen; colors ferric salts *green*, but *violet* on the addition of a little alkali; precipitates gelatin but not tartar emetic; in concentrated solution is precipitated, at least partially, by sulphuric, hydrochloric, and metaphosphoric acids, while acetic acid is opposed to this result; and forms also, with potassium and sodium sulphites and ammonium sulphide, precipitates which are readily dissolved by dilute acetic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1868, p. 72.) The powdered kernel of the nut is a sternutatory. The extract of the wood is said to be used in dyeing silk black. The fixed oil, extracted from the kernels by ether, has been employed in France as a topical remedy in *rheumatism;* and the bark as an antiperiodic in doses of half an ounce in the twenty-four hours, given in the form of decoction. In the United States a decoction of the leaves is popularly employed for *whooping-cough*, and to the seeds themselves, when "carried in the pocket of the patient," is attributed the marvellous property of curing *hemorrhoids.* Esculin has also been successfully ad-

ministered in *malarial disorders*, in fifteen-grain (0·97 Gm.) doses repeated once during the intermissions. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1859, 1860.)

The fruit of the *Æsculus Pavia*, or the *Red Buckeye* of the Southern United States, is said to be an active convulsant. Mr. E. C. Batchelor (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 144) found in the cotyledons of the seeds about 2½ per cent. of a peculiar glucoside. *Æsculus glabra*, the *Ohio Buckeye*, is asserted to be useful in portal congestion. (*New Preparations*, ii. 21.)

AGARIC. *Touchwood. Spunk. Tinder. Fungus laricis. Purging Agaric. Agaric blanc, Agaric purgatif*, Fr. *Larchenschwamm*, G. This is the product of different species of a genus of mushrooms denominated *Boletus*. Several species are used as food, several are poisonous, and two at least have been ranked among official medicines in Europe. *Boletus laricis, Polyporus officinalis*, Fries, which grows upon the larch of the old world, is the *white agaric* or *purging agaric* of medical writers. It is of various sizes, from that of the fist to that of a child's head, or even larger, hard and spongy, externally brownish or reddish; but, as found in commerce, it is deprived of its exterior coat, and consists of a light, white, spongy, somewhat farinaceous, friable mass, which, though capable of being rubbed into powder upon a sieve, is not easily pulverized in the ordinary mode, as it flattens under the pestle. That which is most esteemed is said to be brought from Siberia; but it is probably produced wherever the European larch grows. Dr. Wm. M. McPheeters (*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Journ.*, x. 421) found a specimen brought from the Rocky Mountains decidedly cathartic in doses of 25 grains. An agaric growing on the *Larix leptolepis*, and used in Japan as a sacred medicine under the name of *Toboshi* or *Eburiko*, has been found by Dr. Y. Inoko to contain agaric acid. (*Sei-I-Kwai*, April, 1891.) Agaric has a sweetish very bitter taste. *Agaric acid*, as described by Hofmeister, has the formula $C_{14}H_{27}OH{<}\begin{matrix}COOH\\COOH\end{matrix} + H_2O$. The pure acid forms a white, silky, lustrous powder, only slightly soluble in cold water, but moderately soluble in hot water. From this hot solution the acid separates out on cooling in a finely crystalline state. It fuses at 138° C. Masing (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1875, 111) obtained from agaric two distinct resins: one insoluble in chloroform, being a white, crystalline powder, without odor or taste; the other soluble in chloroform and alcohol, and of an intensely bitter taste.

Medical Properties. The physiological properties of agaric are not well known. In overdose it is said to cause purging. Under the name of *agaricin* an impure alcoholic extract of agaric has been much used, in doses of one to three grains (0·065 to 0·195 Gm.) three times a day, against *colliquative sweats*. It is certainly a valuable remedy, free from danger, and effective, although it has some tendency to produce purging. *Agaric* or *agaricinic acid* was found by Hofmeister to act upon the lower animals as an anidrotic, and unless in enormous doses to have little other influence except as an irritant to the gastro-intestinal canal. Doses of one-sixteenth to one-third of a grain (0·004 to 0·02 Gm.) were well borne by phthisical patients, and promptly controlled the *night-sweats*. (*Arch. Exper. Pharm.*, xxv.) Köhler, Combemale, Klemperer, and other clinicians have confirmed these results, and it would seem that the acid is one of the most certain remedies of its class, and may be used almost indefinitely without affecting the general system. Dose, one-third to three-quarters of a grain (0·02 to 0·05 Gm.), given in pill three times a day. A tincture of the agaric of the Canadian larch has been used successfully in *rheumatism* by Dr. J. A. Grant. (*British-Am. Journ.*, April, 1862.) For an elaborate examination of the precipitate found in tincture of *Boletus laricis*, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1889, p. 194.

Thoerner obtained from *Agaricus atramentosus* crystalline, dark-brown scales, which he believed to be *dioxykinon*. (*Ber. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 1878, p. 533.)

According to T. L. Phipson, *Agaricus ruber* contains a rose-red coloring matter, *ruberin*, which appears bright blue by transmitted light; being soluble in water, it is washed out of the head of the fungus by a heavy fall of rain. Ether extracts from the fungus a yellowish-white alkaloid, *agarythrine*, which has a bitter, afterwards burning taste, somewhat like aconitine; its chloride is soluble, but the sulphate insoluble in water, the latter dissolving in alcohol; it dissolves in nitric acid with red color, and is colored red by chlorinated lime and afterwards bleached. On agitating the solution of the alkaloid with ether, it is oxidized by the air to a red coloring matter, which is probably the cause of the red color of the surface of the fungus. (*Chem. News*, 1882, p. 199.)

Boletus igniarius, or *agaric of the oak* (*Fungus chirurgorum*, P.G.; *Boletus chirurgorum, Wundschwamm*, G.), like the species just described, is compared in shape to the horse's hoof. Its diameter is from six to ten inches. It is soft like velvet when young, but afterwards becomes hard and ligneous. It usually rests immediately upon the bark of the tree, without any supporting footstalk. On the upper surface it is smooth, but marked with circular ridges of different colors, more or less brown or blackish; on the under, it is whitish or yellowish, and full of small pores; internally it is fibrous, tough, and of a tawny-brown color. It is composed of short tubular fibres compactly arranged in layers, one of which is added every year. The best is that which grows on the oak, and the season for collecting it is August or September. It has neither taste nor smell. Among its constituents, according to Bouillon-Lagrange, are extractive, resin in very small proportion, nitrogenous matter also in small quantity, potassium chloride, and calcium sulphate; and in its ashes are found iron, and calcium and magnesium phosphate. It is prepared for use by removing the exterior rind or bark, cutting the inner part into thin slices, and beating these with a hammer until they become soft, pliable, and easily torn by the fingers. In this state it was formerly much used by surgeons for arresting *hemorrhage*, being applied immediately, with pressure.

When prepared agaric is steeped in a solution of nitre, and afterwards dried, it constitutes *spunk*, or *tinder*, the *amadou* of the French, which occurs in flat pieces, of a consistence somewhat like that of very soft, rotten buckskin leather, of a brownish-yellow color, capable of absorbing liquids, and inflammable by the slightest spark. It is said to be prepared also from various other species of Boletus, as *B. ungulatus, B. fomentarius, B. ribis*, etc.

AGATHIN. $C_6H_4(OH).CH{=}N.N(CH_3).C_6H_5$. *Salicyl-a-methyl-phenyl-hydrazone.* This is obtained by the reaction of salicylic aldehyde upon *a*-methyl-phenyl-hydrazin. It is a greenish-white crystalline substance, without odor or taste, is insoluble in

water, soluble in alcohol and ether, and melts at 74° C. It was proposed as a remedy by Dr. Israel Roos, and is said by Dr. E. Rosenbaum to act like salicylic acid. Although excellent results (see *Deutsch. Med. Zeit.*, 1892, Nos. 50, 93) have been claimed for it in *neuralgia* and *rheumatism*, without other unpleasant effects than headache, in trials by Dr. H. C. Wood it did not seem serviceable. Dose, eight to ten grains (0·52 to 0·65 Gm.).

AGAVE AMERICANA. *American Agave. American Aloe. Maguey.* An evergreen succulent plant, indigenous in Florida, Mexico, and other parts of tropical America, and largely cultivated, chiefly for hedges, in the South of Europe, especially in Spain. This and other species of Agave bear a considerable resemblance, in appearance, to the plants of the genus Aloe, with which they are sometimes confounded. From the root and leaves of the American agave, when cut, a saccharine juice flows out, which may be converted by evaporation into syrup and even sugar, and by fermentation into a vinous liquor. According to M. Lenoble, this juice when fresh has an herbaceous somewhat nauseous odor and acrid taste, and reddens litmus paper. It is said to be laxative, diuretic, and emmenagogue, and in doses of two fluidounces, three times a day, has been found very useful in *scurvy*. (Dr. G. Perin, U.S.A., *N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, N. S., vii. 181.) According to M. Bazire, however, it is not the *A. Americana* which produces the sweet juice from which the intoxicating *pulque* of the Mexicans is obtained, but another species, bearing considerable resemblance to the Americana. The latter plant, he informs us, yields a very bitter, viscid, and astringent juice, while it is from the *Agave pulque* that the sweet fermentable juice is procured. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 103–4.) The expressed juice, evaporated to the consistence of a soft extract, forms a lather with water, and is employed as a substitute for soap. The fibres of the old leaves, separated by bruising and maceration in water, are used for thread. M. Lenoble found in the leaves an acrid volatile oil, a gum-resinous principle, lignin, salts of potassa and lime, and silica; and thinks that a vinegar or ointment of the leaves might be advantageously used as an epispastic. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, xv. 350.) It is said that a gum exudes and hardens on the leaves of the Maguey, which has been compared to gum arabic, but in fact differs from it in containing a much larger proportion of lime, and in being only partially soluble in water; the soluble portions resembling pure gum, but the larger insoluble portions having all the characteristics of bassorin. (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., iv. 104.) *Agave Virginica*, which grows in our Southern States, and is known in South Carolina by the name of *rattlesnake's master*, has a very bitter root, which is used, in the form of tincture, in *flatulent colic*. (Robert King Reid, *Inaug. Thes.*, 1849.)

AGERATUM CONYZOIDES, a Brazilian plant said by Mr. Barker Smith (*Chemist and Druggist*, May 15, 1876) to be used as an emmenagogue.

AGRIMONIA EUPATORIA. *Common Agrimony. Herba Agrimoniæ. Aigremoine, Eupatoire des Grecs*, Fr. *Odermennig, Leberklette*, G. This species of agrimony is a perennial herb, inhabiting Asia, Europe, and North America, and, in this country, found in fields and on the borders of woods, and flowering during the summer months. Its stem, which rises from one to three feet in height, is hairy, furnished with interruptedly pinnate leaves, and terminated by a long simple spike of yellow flowers. Both the herb and root have been employed. The former has a weak but agreeable aromatic odor, and a rough, bitterish, somewhat aromatic taste. The fragrance is strongest in the flowers. The root has similar properties; but its taste is more bitter and astringent. A volatile oil may be obtained from the plant by distillation. Agrimony is a mild corroborant and astringent, given in doses of a drachm (3·8 Gm.) or more. (For further therapeutic details, see 16th ed. U. S. D.)

AILANTUS GLANDULOSA. *Tree of Heaven. Chinese Sumach. Götterbaum*, G. This well-known shade-tree, belonging to the natural order of Rutaceæ, in its general aspect and the character of its foliage appears like a gigantic sumach, and it was at one time considered to be a Rhus. In France it is cultivated for the sake of its leaves, upon which the Chinese silk-worm is fed, and is known by the name of *Japan varnish* (*vernis du Japon*), from its having been mistaken for the true Japan varnish tree, which is a species of Sumach. (*P. J. Tr.*, vii. 370.) According to Prof. Hetet, the bark is an active vermifuge. When in powder it is of a greenish-yellow color, a strong, narcotic, nauseating odor, in its recent state, and of a strongly bitter taste. When chewed, besides the bitterness, it appears, through its influence on the gustatory nerves, to produce in a few moments a general uneasiness, a sense of increasing weakness, dazzling, cold sweats, with shivering and nauseous sensations, which are very remarkable, but seem to be well attested. The inference from these effects is that it has probably a powerful depressing agency on the nervous system, similar to that of tobacco. Examined chemically, the bark has been found to contain lignin, chlorophyll, a yellow coloring principle, a gelatinous substance (pectin), a bitter substance, an odorous resin, traces of a volatile oil, a nitrogenous fatty matter, and several salts. Mr. F. H. Davis examined the bark chemically, but, whilst finding traces of a crystallizable organic acid, failed to detect an alkaloid or glucoside. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 600.) By the action of alcohol, there is obtained from the bark an *oleoresin* which has the consistence of tar, a very dark greenish-brown color, and in a high degree the smell and taste of the bark. M. Hetet experimented upon dogs with the powdered bark, powdered leaves, and various preparations of the bark. As a general result, they were found to produce a purgative effect, with copious stools and the discharge of worms. The resin purged, but rarely acted as an anthelmintic. The depressing effects on the nervous system in man were found to depend on the volatile oil, as the resin alone had no such influence. The oil is so powerful that persons exposed to the vapors, in preparing the extract, are liable to be seized with vertigo, cold sweats, and vomiting. The powdered bark has been given in several cases of *tape-worm* in the human subject, and proved remarkably successful in causing its expulsion, at the same time operating on the bowels. Dose, seven to thirty grains (0·460 to 1·95 Gm.). The oleoresin produced the same effect in a somewhat smaller dose, and has the advantage that it keeps better than the bark, which loses its powers with age. A fact worthy of remark is that neither the bark nor its preparations, taken internally, produce vomiting in man; while this effect is determined by the inhalation of its vapors, when it is boiled. The cathartic operation is not violent. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1859, p. 163.)

In China the bark is very popular as a remedy in *dysenteric* and other *bowel complaints.* (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 276; *P. J. Tr.*, vii. p. 372.)

In India the bark of the *Ailantus excelsa* is used as a bitter tonic. It is said to occur in rough, dirty-green pieces, originally large, but of so friable a character that in handling they become very much broken up. Mr. Narayan Daji found in it a peculiar bitter uncrystallizable principle and a bitter nitrogenous acid, *Ailantic Acid*, to which he attributes medical virtues. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1870, Oct. 1876, June, 1877.)

AJUGA CHAMÆPITYS. *Ground Pine. Chamæpitys. Ivette*, Fr. *Günsel, Feldcypresse*, G. A low, creeping, annual, labiate plant, a native of Europe and of the United States. The leaves have a strong, peculiar, resinous, not disagreeable odor, and a bitter, balsamic taste. They contain a small proportion of volatile oil, and are said to be stimulant, diuretic, and aperient. They have been given in *rheumatism*, *gout*, *palsy*, and *amenorrhœa;* dose, from one to two drachms (3·88 to 7·77 Gm.).

Ajuga reptans, *mountain bugle* or *common bugle*, and *A. pyramidalis*, perennial plants of Europe, have also been used in medicine. Their virtues are probably those of a mild astringent and tonic.

AKAZGA. *Boundou. Quai. Ikaga. Icaya.* An ordeal poison, largely used in a district on the West Coast of Africa, extending far into the interior, north and south of the equator. It comes in bundles consisting usually of long, slender, crooked stems, with the root generally attached, sometimes of the branches, but seldom of the whole plant. This is about six feet high, with a yellowish-orange bark, in some parts light red, and covered by a gray efflorescence. The leaves are opposite, oval-acuminate, with a linear prolongation at the end more than an inch long. The precise botanical character of the plant is not known, but it is thought to be a Loganiacea. Dr. Thomas R. Fraser found in the plant an alkaloid, *akazgine*. It is colorless, crystallizable with difficulty, soluble in 60 parts of cold absolute alcohol, 16 parts of official alcohol, 130 parts of anhydrous ether, and in 13,000 parts of water at 15·5° C. (60° F.). It is freely soluble in chloroform, carbon disulphide, benzene, and ether of sp. gr. 0·735. The alcoholic extract or the alkaloid acts on the system similarly to nux vomica. (*Chem. News*, Oct. 18, 1867, p. 203; see also *A. J. P.*, March, 1867, p. 124.)

ALCHEMILLA VULGARIS. *Ladies' Mantle.* This astringent, bitterish perennial European herb was formerly employed in *diarrhœa*. By the ancients it was highly esteemed; and extraordinary powers were ascribed to it by the alchemists. (See also *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 791.)

ALCORNOQUE. For an account of this bark, which has long since fallen into entire neglect, see 16th edition U. S. Dispensatory.

ALDEHYDE. (C_2H_4O.) *Acetic Aldehyde. Acetaldehyde. Aldéhyde acétique (vinique)*, Fr. Aldehyde is a generic term understood by chemists to apply to a class of bodies holding an intermediate position between the alcohols and the acids derived from them by oxidation. And, as with alcohol, when the kind is not mentioned, ethylic alcohol is always understood, so acetic aldehyde is always meant when the term aldehyde is used. The word means alcohol deprived of hydrogen (*alcohol dehydrogenatum*). (Liebig.) Aldehyde may be prepared in many ways: usually, however, by the oxidation of alcohol in some form. W. and R. Rodgers (*J. P. Chem.*, 40, 248) give the following. 1 part of alcohol sp. gr. 842, and 1 part of potassium bichromate, are introduced in a large tubulated retort, and 1½ parts of sulphuric acid dropped in through the tubulure. Sufficient heat is evolved to start the distillation, but heat must be applied towards the end. The distillate is slightly contaminated with acetic acid. If the aldehyde be desired pure, the distillate is to be mixed with twice its volume of ether, surrounded with cold water, and dry ammoniacal gas passed in to saturation. Aldehyde-ammonia crystallizes out. This is to be decomposed in a retort by a mixture of 3 parts sulphuric acid and 4 parts of water, and the distillate rectified and dried by contact with calcium chloride. Aldehyde is a colorless, mobile, inflammable liquid, having a decidedly pungent, ethereal, and suffocating odor. Its sp. gr. is 0·790, and boiling point 22° C. (71·6° F.). It mixes in all proportions with water, alcohol, and ether, and is rapidly converted into acetic acid on exposure to the air, through absorption of oxygen. It possesses very marked antiputrescent properties, meat being preserved for months by its two per cent. aqueous solution. The intoxication caused by it in animals is characterized by a very great loss of sensibility. It appears to paralyze the vagi, although its cardiac action is comparatively feeble. Upon the respiration it exerts a most powerful influence, in small doses quickening it, in large doses depressing it. The temperature is very much diminished. Locally it is very irritating. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Sept. 1875, p. 340.)

Iodaldehyde may be made by mixing iodine, iodic acid, and a solution of aldehyde together, and separating by adding water. (See paper by P. Chautard, *P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 224.)

ALETRIS. *Star Grass. Alétris farineux*, Fr. *Mehlige Aletris*, G. *Aletris Farinosa. Blazing Star. Mealy Starwort. Colic Root.* An indigenous perennial plant, the leaves of which spring immediately from the root, and spread on the ground in the form of a star. The root, which was formerly included in the U. S. secondary list, is small, crooked, branched, blackish externally, brown within, and intensely bitter. The bitterness is extracted by alcohol, and the tincture becomes turbid upon the addition of water. The decoction is moderately bitter; but much less so than the tincture. It affords no precipitate with the salts of iron. (*Bigelow.*) In small doses (ten grains, or 0·647 Gm.) it appears to be a simple bitter tonic. In very large doses, it is said to be cathartic and emetic. It has been employed, with asserted benefit, in *colic*, *dropsy*, and *chronic rheumatism*. See *Extractum Aletridis Fluid.*, N. F.

ALEURITES TRILOBA, OIL OF. The *Aleurites triloba* is a small tree belonging to the Euphorbiaceæ. It is widely diffused through the tropics, being indigenous in the East Indies and islands of the Pacific, and naturalized in the West Indies. The fruit is a nut nearly as large as a walnut, consisting of a thick shell enclosing a kernel containing much azotized matter and rich in oil, of which it is said to yield nearly one-half its weight by expression. The nuts, strung together on the fibres of the palm-leaf, are used in the South Pacific islands as a substitute for candles. The oil has been long known in the various countries inhabited by the plant, being called in Jamaica *Spanish walnut oil*, in India *Belgaum walnut oil*, in Ceylon *kekune oil*, and in the Sandwich Islands *kukui oil*. It may be obtained by boiling with water the kernels previously beaten in a

mortar, or by expression. Sixteen pints of kernels yield about three pints of oil. The yearly product of the Sandwich Islands is said to be 10,000 gallons. (M. C. Cooke, *P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1860, p. 282.) The oil is very fluid, of an amber color, without smell, congealing at 32° F., insoluble in alcohol, readily saponifiable, "and very strongly drying." It is said to be a mild cathartic, acting upon the intestines in the same manner as castor oil, but causing no nausea or griping, and having the further advantages of a nutty flavor and of being more prompt in its effects. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiv. p. 228.) The dose is from one-half to one ounce (14·78 to 29·57 C.c.), the smaller quantity generally answering. The cake left after the expression of the oil, given to a dog in the dose of about half an ounce (15·5 C.c.), produced no vomiting, but acted strongly as a purgative.

The oil of the *Tung Tree*, *Aleurites cordata* (the synonymes being *Elæococca cordata*, *Elæococca vernicia*, *Dryandra cordata*, and *Dryandra vernicia*), is enormously used in the arts in China, under the name of *wood oil*. It has a brown color and a disagreeable odor, is rather more fluid than castor oil, and on exposure dries rapidly. According to R. H. Davies, its spec. grav. at 60° F. is 0·94015; it remains liquid at —13·3° C. (8° F.). 100 Gm. of the oil require 0·39 Gm. caustic potash for neutralization, and 21·1 Gm. for complete saponification. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 636.)

E. M. Holmes believes that this dark-colored oil is made by boiling the kernels previous to expression, the cold-drawn oil being colorless, inodorous, and nearly tasteless. The latter, according to Cloëz (*Compt.-Rend.*, 1875, vol. lxxxi. p. 469), has the spec. grav. 0·9362, congeals at —18° C. to a transparent mass, solidifies rapidly when exposed to light in a closed vessel, and is the most drying oil known. It is used in *skin diseases*, and for *ulcerated wounds* and *carbuncles*, but principally for varnishing.

ALGAROBILLA, the pod of *Balsamocarpum brevifolium* (nat. ord. Leguminosæ), a drug containing over 60 per cent. of tannin and a large quantity of *ellagic acid*, is obtained from Chili. (Gehe's Report, *N. R.*, 1878, p. 332.)

ALISMA PLANTAGO. *Water Plantain. Plantain d'Eau*, *Pain de Grenouilles*, Fr. *Froschlöffel*, *Wasserwegerich*, G. A perennial herbaceous plant, common to Europe and the United States, and growing in streams, pools, ditches, and other standing waters. The *root* has when fresh an odor like that of Florentine orris, but loses it when dried. Its taste is acrid and nauseous. It contains a pungent volatile oil and an acrid resin, to which all its virtues must be ascribed. The Calmucks in Russia are said to use it for food. The *leaves* are rubefacient, and will sometimes even blister. They have been recommended in *gravel* and *complaints of the bladder*, in the dose of a drachm (3·88 Gm.).

ALKANET. *Alkanna. Orcanette*, Fr. *Alkannawurzel*, G. This is the root of *Anchusa tinctoria*, or *dyers' alkanet*, an herbaceous perennial plant, growing in the Grecian Archipelago and the South of Europe. It is said in some medical works to be cultivated abundantly in the South of France; but another plant is probably referred to—*Lithospermum tinctorium* of Linnæus and De Candolle, *Anchusa tinctoria* of Lamarck—which is a native of that country, and the root of which is considered as the true alkanet by the French writers. Others regard *Lawsonia inermis* as the source of true alkanet. Alkanet, as found in the shops, is in pieces three or four inches long, from the thickness of a quill to that of the little finger, somewhat twisted, consisting of a dark-red, easily separable bark, and an internal ligneous portion, which is reddish externally, whitish near the centre, and composed of numerous distinct, slender, cohering fibres. As it comes to us it is usually much decayed internally, very light, and of a loose, almost spongy texture. The fresh root has a faint odor, and a bitterish, astringent taste; but when dried it is nearly inodorous and insipid. Its coloring principle, which abounds mostly in the cortical part, is soluble in alcohol, ether, and the oils, to which it imparts a fine deep red; but is insoluble in water. It may be obtained by first exhausting the root with water, and then treating it with a weak solution of potassium or sodium carbonate, from which the coloring principle may be precipitated by an acid. According to Pelletier, by whom it was discovered, it possesses acid properties, forming with the alkalies and earths neutral compounds, which are of a blue color, and soluble in alcohol and ether. Its weak acid character resembles that of alizarin. Indeed, it is chemically related, as when distilled with zinc-dust it yields methyl-anthracen. It has also received the names of *anchusin* and *alkannin*. The *anchusin* has been recently extracted and studied by C. J. S. Thompson. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 409.) He finds it to vary in amount between 5·25 and 6·02 per cent. It is red, resin-like, insoluble in water, soluble in oils, alcohol, chloroform, and ether, and with a rich deep-blue color in alkali hydrates, the color changing again to crimson on addition of an acid. The author recommends its use in place of litmus as an indicator. The extract obtained by evaporating the tincture is dark brown. Alkanet is somewhat astringent, and was formerly used in several diseases; but it is now employed exclusively for coloring oils, ointments, and plasters, which are beautifully reddened by one-fortieth of their weight of the root. The best way to use it with this object in view is to suspend the alkanet, after tying it in a piece of flannel, in the melted fat. It is said also to be used in the preparation of spurious *port wine*.

ALLAMANDA CATHARTICA is a shrub growing in Porto Rico, the extract of whose bark is said to be an excellent hydragogue cathartic, in doses of one to two grains (0.065 to 0·13 Gm.).

ALLIARIA OFFICINALIS. *Erysimum Alliaria.* Linn. *Hedge Garlic.* A perennial European herb, having an alliaceous odor when rubbed, and a bitterish, somewhat acrid taste. When eaten it communicates its smell to the breath. Mr. Wertheim obtained from the root a volatile oil, apparently identical with that of mustard. (*Ann. der Chem. und Pharm.*, liii. 52.) The herb and seeds are esteemed diuretic, diaphoretic, and expectorant, and as an external application in *gangrenous affections*, and to promote *suppuration*.

ALLYL TRIBROMIDE. ($C_3H_5Br_3$.) *Tribromhydrin.* This incorrectly-named substance is a colorless or faintly yellowish liquid at the ordinary temperature, but solidifying when cooled below 10° C. (50° F.) to a mass resembling a stearopten, and having a specific gravity of 2·430, which has been used with alleged good results in *hysteria* and *asthma*, given in capsules containing each five drops. (*Pharm. Post*, Dec. 1888.)

ALNUS GLUTINOSA. *Common European Alder. Black Alder. Aune noir*, Fr. *Erlenrinde*,

Schwarzerle, *Eller*, G. A European tree twenty-five feet or more in height, growing in swamps, on the sides of streams, and in other damp places. The bark and leaves are very astringent, and somewhat bitter. The former has been used in *intermittent fever*, the latter as a topical remedy in *wounds* and *ulcers*. The bruised leaves are sometimes applied to the breast for the purpose of repelling the milk. The cones also are astringent, and form a useful gargle in complaints of the throat. All these parts of the tree are used in dyeing, and the leaves and bark in tanning. According to Eitner, the bark contains from 16 to 20 per cent. of tannic acid. (*Gerber*, 1878, pp. 85 and 124.) The tannic acid, however, appears to differ from that of galls and oak bark, as, according to Dr. Stenhouse, it does not yield glucose when acted on by sulphuric acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1861.) F. Dreykorn and E. Reichardt, however, state that it is resolved by sulphuric acid into *alnine red* and sugar. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. p. 403.) *Alnus serrulata*, or common *American alder*, and *Alnus urcana*, or *Tag alder*, appear to have analogous properties. The latter has been strongly commended as a hæmostatic. (*N. R.*, Jan. 1872.)

ALSTONIA CONSTRICTA. *Bitter Bark. Australian Fever Bark.* An apocynaceous tree of New South Wales and Queensland, whose yellowish-brown, thick, deeply-fissured bark is said to be used by English brewers. F. V. Müller and A. Rummel obtained from it a proximate principle supposed to be an alkaloid, which they named *alstonine*. Oberlin and Schlagdenhauffen found in 1879 another alkaloid, *alstonicine*. Hesse subsequently analyzed the bark and found *alstonine*, the *chlorogenine* of a former investigation, which has the composition $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_4$, *porphyrine*, $C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2$, and *alstonidine*. The alkaloids and their salts in acidulated solutions show decided blue fluorescence. The bark has been successfully used in intermittent fevers. (See *Dita Bark*.)

ALUMINUM ACETATE. This salt may be obtained by the direct combination of hydrated alumina with acetic acid, or by reaction between aluminum sulphate and lead acetate, $Al_2(SO_4)_3 + 3Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 = 3PbSO_4 + Al_2(C_2H_3O_2)_6$. It is deliquescent. Aluminum acetate has been employed as a substitute for the sulphate. (See *Alumini Sulphas*.) *Aluminum subacetate* has been used in solution as a local astringent. (See *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 104.)

ALUMINUM CHLORIDE. This substance, which has been proposed, and to some extent used, in England as a disinfectant, may be prepared by double decomposition between aluminum sulphate and calcium chloride in solution; the resulting calcium sulphate being separated by filtration and the chloride obtained in crystals by evaporation at a very gentle heat. Under the name of *chloralum* and *chloralum powders* various mixtures have been put upon the market, all feeble and uncertain disinfectants. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 398.)

ALUMINUM TANNATE. *Alumini Tannas.* Mr. Rogers Harrison claims to have obtained very good results in *gonorrhœa* from an aqueous solution of this substance; but as the aluminum tannate is nearly insoluble in water, the nature of the material employed by Mr. Harrison is doubtful. (*London Med. Gaz.*, xiii.; also *A. J. P.*, xxv.)

ALUMNOL. A whitish, not hygroscopic powder, easily soluble in cold water and glycerin, slightly soluble in alcohol, which has been locally used as a powerful astringent, desiccant, and antiseptic. Though it coagulates albumen, it is said to be dissolved in an excess of albumen, and, therefore, to be able to reach deep recesses of wounds. The strength of the solution employed varies from one per cent. in *gonorrhœa* to ten per cent. in *abscesses*. (See *Berl. Klin. Wochensch.*, 1892; *Dermatologen-Congress zu Wien*, 1892; *Therap. Monatsch.*, 1892, p. 644.) It is probably an *aluminum naphthol-sulphonate*.

AMANITA MUSCARIA. *Agaricus Muscarius. Fly Fungus.* This fungus has been used to kill flies, and from time immemorial by the Tartars as a means of producing intoxication. According to R. Modlen it grows chiefly in woods and under trees, and is variable in color, being found scarlet, carmine, orange, greenish-yellow, pale brown, and even white in hue. The pileus, which is often seven or eight inches in diameter, is covered with whitish, angular warts or spongy scales, which when moist are viscid. When growing it is convex, but becomes flat or depressed when it has attained its full size; the stem is not so solid as that of the mushroom, and is bulbous below, and covered at the base with scales. The gills are white and broad. In some parts of Russia it is said to be eaten with impunity when steeped in vinegar. It is said also to become, at least partially, innocuous by heat, the poisonous principle being removed or destroyed. According to Langsdorff, these fungi are collected during hot weather, and dried on strings or picked up already dried on the ground, in which case they are more narcotic than when artificially dried. The fungus appears to be more virulent when grown in Europe, especially in England, than elsewhere. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 731.) *A. muscaria* is found in Japan, but, as a fly poison, is considered much inferior to *A. pantherina*. From the latter, Dr. Inoko obtained about one per cent. of a mixture of alkaloids, the greater part of which was *choline* and the rest *muscarine*. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. 441.) The first of these, choline (from $\chi o\lambda\eta$, gall), is found in the gall, in the brain, etc., combined with fatty acids and glycerine-phosphoric acid, as *lecithine*. Choline is also found in herring-brine, in hops, and in beer. It is non-poisonous. The second, muscarine, $C_5H_{15}NO_3$, was first obtained by MM. Schmiedeberg and Koppe in a state of purity. The physiological as well as the chemical relations of this poisonous principle have been very fully investigated by its discoverers. (*Das Muscarin*, Leipzig, 1869.) The alkaloid may be produced artificially by gently heating choline platinochloride with strong nitric acid. Potassium chloride is used to decompose the muscarine platinochloride and produce muscarine hydrochloride; treatment with moist silver oxide yields the muscarine as a hydrate ($C_5H_{13}NO_3H_2O$). We have room for only a few prominent facts concerning muscarine. It resembles Calabar bean somewhat in its action, and is antagonistic to atropine, producing free salivation and weeping, vomiting, diminution of the force and frequency of the pulse, dyspnœa, great muscular weakness deepening into paralysis and finally death, usually by arrest of respiration. The pupil is intensely contracted, but dilates before death. The diastole of the heart is very much prolonged, and after very large doses diastolic arrest occurs. This is due to an action upon the inhibitory nerves, and if atropine be given so as to paralyze them the cardiac movements reoccur. The vaso-motor nerves are said to be

paralyzed. The action on the abdominal viscera is very marked. The muscles of the intestines, bladder, and spleen are tetanically contracted. Thus the intestines are transformed into hard white cords, or afterwards, becoming somewhat relaxed, exhibit a tumultuous peristalsis. The abdominal secretions are greatly increased. Most of the physiological results obtained by Schmiedeberg and Koppe have been confirmed by M. J. L. Prevost. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 385; *Congrès Méd. Internat., Comptes-Rendus*, Geneva, 1878.)

AMARANTHUS HYPOCHONDRIACUS. *Prince's Feather.* An annual plant, growing spontaneously though sparingly in the Middle States. It is said to be astringent.

AMBERGRIS. *Ambra Grisea* (*cinerea*). *Ambre, Ambregris*, Fr. *Amber, Graue Ambra*, G. This substance, which is found floating on the sea, or thrown by the waves upon the shores of various countries, particularly in the southern hemisphere, is now generally believed to be produced in the intestines of the *Physeter macrocephalus*, or spermaceti whale, and perhaps in those of some other fish. It is in roundish or amorphous pieces, usually small, but sometimes weighing as much as 50, 100, or even 200 pounds. These pieces are often composed of concentric layers. They are of various colors, usually gray, with brownish, yellow, and white streaks, often dark-brown or blackish on the external surface. They are opaque, lighter than water, and of a consistence like that of wax. Ambergris has a peculiar aromatic agreeable odor, is almost tasteless, softens with the warmth of the hand, melts under 100° C. (212° F.), is almost completely volatilizable by heat, and is inflammable. It is insoluble in water, but is readily dissolved, with the aid of heat, by alcohol, ether, and the volatile and fixed oils. It consists chiefly of a peculiar fatty matter analogous to cholesterin, and denominated by Pelletier and Caventou *ambrein*. This may be obtained by treating ambergris with heated alcohol, filtering the solution, and allowing it to stand. Crystals of ambrein are deposited. It is incapable of forming soaps with the alkalies. When pure it has little or no odor. Ambergris is often adulterated, but does not then exhibit its ordinary fusibility and volatility. It was long regarded as a cordial and antispasmodic, somewhat analogous to musk; useful in *typhoid fevers*, and various nervous diseases. It formerly entered into many official preparations, and is still retained in some European Pharmacopœias. The French Codex directs a tincture to be prepared by macerating, for ten days, 100 parts of powdered ambergris with 1000 parts of alcohol at sp. gr. 0·864, expressing and filtering. M. Stan. Martin assures us that the tincture will keep better, deposit nothing, and have a more agreeable odor, if the ambergris, instead of being merely powdered in a mortar, be subjected to porphyrization, especially with the addition of washed sand. Heat, he says, should never be used in its preparation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 448.) It is, however, feeble as a remedy, and is much more used in perfumery than in medicine. The dose is from five grains to a drachm (0·324 to 3·88 Gm.).

AMBROSIA TRIFIDA. *Ragweed. Ambrosie*, Fr. *Traubenkraut*, G. (*Gray's Manual*, p. 212.) This and another indigenous annual, *A. artemisiæfolia*, have found a place in the Materia Medica of the eclectics, by whom they are deemed astringent and somewhat stimulant, and are given in low forms of fever. Dr. J. Hill (*N. Carolina Med. Journ.*, 1885, 16) affirms that the decoction is a powerful hæmostatic in *epistaxis* and *internal hemorrhages*. L. W. Schwab has found in *A. artemisiæfolia* a bitter glucoside. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

AMIDOACETAL. $H_2N.CH_2CH(O.C_2H_5)_2$. According to the experiments of A. Mallèvre (*Arch. f. Physiol.*, xlix.), this substance is an active poison, causing death in mammals by paralysis of the respiratory centre.

AMMI VISNAGA. The fruit of this umbelliferous plant, indigenous in the countries around the Mediterranean, contains a crystalline principle, *kellin* (*Compt.-Rend.*, Aug. 25, 1879), which is asserted in *Union Méd.*, April, 1886, to act upon the heart and spinal cord. Mild antipyretic and antilithic properties have been attributed to the fruit.

AMMONIATED IRON. *Ferrum Ammoniatum. Ammoniated Iron. Ammonio-chloride of Iron. Ammonii et Ferri Chloridum. Ammonium Chloratum Ferratum. Sel Ammoniac Martial*, Fr. *Eisensalmiak*, G. This drug was formerly recognized both by the U. S. and London Pharmacopœias, which contained formulas for its preparation. (See U. S. Dispensatory, 15th edition, p. 1568.) There is no reason to believe that the ferric chloride and ammonium chloride are chemically combined in the preparation. According to Mr. Phillips, they are in the proportion of 15 parts of the iron to 85 of the ammonium salt.

Ammoniated iron is in crystalline grains, of a fine reddish-orange color, and a sharp, styptic, saline taste. It is entirely soluble in water and diluted alcohol, is deliquescent, and should be kept in well-stoppered bottles. As procured by sublimation (*Flores martiales, Ens martis*), it is of a yellow color and feeble odor. It unites aperient with chalybeate properties, and is said to have been used with advantage in *amenorrhœa, epilepsy, scrofula, rickets*, etc.; but it is at best uncertain, and is now very seldom prescribed. The dose is from four to twelve grains (0·259 to 0·775 Gm.).

AMMONII SULPHAS. *U. S.* 1880. *Sulphate of Ammonium.* $(NH_4)_2SO_4$; 132. *Ammonium Sulphuricum. Sal Ammonium Secretum Glauberi. Sulfate d'Ammoniaque, Sel secret de Glauber*, Fr. *Schwefelsaures Ammon, Ammonium, Ammoniak*, G. Gas liquor is distilled with lime and the gas received in sulphuric acid, which yields a purer product. Most of the ammoniacal liquor is worked up into the ammonium sulphate at present. According to Lunge (*Coal-Tar and Ammonia*, 2d ed., 1887, p. 667), the annual production of Great Britain and Ireland is 100,000 tons; of Germany, 10,000 tons; of France, 12,500 tons; of Holland and Belgium, about 3000 tons; and of the United States, 11,000 tons. Later official figures give the production of Great Britain and Ireland for 1891 as 143,000 tons. "Colorless, transparent, rhombic prisms, permanent in the air, odorless, having a sharp, saline taste and a neutral reaction. Soluble in 1·3 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.) and in 1 part of boiling water; insoluble in absolute alcohol, but slightly soluble in alcohol of sp. gr. 0·817; when heated to about 140° C. (284° F.), the salt fuses, is gradually decomposed, and on ignition is wholly dissipated. The aqueous solution of the salt, when heated with potassa, evolves vapor of ammonia. With test-solution of chloride of barium it yields a white precipitate insoluble in hydrochloric acid. A one per cent. solution of the salt should not be blackened by test-solution of sulphide of ammonium (lead and iron),

nor, when acidulated with nitric acid, should it be rendered more than opalescent by test-solution of nitrate of silver (limit of chloride)." *U. S.* 1880. It is not used as a medicine, but enters into the composition of ammonia-alum and the sulphate of iron and ammonium.

AMMONII URAS. *Ammonium Urate.* $C_5H_3(NH_4)N_4O_3$. This is an acid salt, and may be formed by digesting uric acid in solution of ammonia, or by adding sal ammoniac to the solution of other urates. Uric acid is generally obtained from the dried and powdered excrement of the boa serpent, and of other large snakes, by dissolving it in a weak solution of potassa with the aid of heat, and precipitating the uric acid from the filtered solution by hydrochloric acid, added in excess. Ammonium urate is a white, amorphous, very sparingly soluble salt. It is a constituent of some varieties of guano. It has been used with asserted good effects externally in chronic eczema, in the form of an ointment (twenty grains to the ounce). See 16th edition U. S. D. Dr. Neubauer found that when given internally to rabbits it causes increase in the urea, uric acid, and oxalates of the urine. (*Ranking's Abstract*, 1857.)

AMMONIUM ARSENATE. *Ammonii Arsenas.* $(NH_4)_2HAsO_4$. This salt is obtained in crystals by saturating a concentrated solution of arsenic acid with ammonia or ammonium carbonate, and allowing it to evaporate spontaneously. The crystals, which belong to the trimetric system, effloresce on exposure to the air, and lose half their ammonia. Its solution is alkaline. It has been used with advantage by Biett in several inveterate *diseases of the skin*. It is administered in solution, one grain of the salt in a fluidounce of distilled water. Of this the dose is from twenty to twenty-five drops, given in divided portions in the course of the day, and gradually increased.

AMMONIUM BICARBONATE. *Acid Carbonate of Ammonium.* $H(NH_4)CO_3$. This salt has been brought into notice by Prof. Wm. Procter, in reference to its antacid properties. It is formed by exposure of the ordinary carbonate to the air, and is found in considerable quantities on the sides of casks in which that salt is imported, and less largely even in the bottles in which it is kept in the shops. Crystals of this salt are sometimes found in Patagonian guano and in the purifiers of gas-works. When pure, the ammonium bicarbonate is white, having the same crystalline form as potassium bicarbonate, of a saline slightly ammoniacal taste, and a feeble odor of ammonia, ascribable to a very slow volatilization. On exposure to heat, it gives off carbonic acid. It is soluble in eight parts of water at 15·6° C. (60° F.), is nearly insoluble in official alcohol, but soluble in diluted alcohol; and its solution has an alkaline reaction with syrup of violets. It may be prepared by treating commercial ammonium carbonate (ammonium sesquicarbonate) with official alcohol, whereby the neutral carbonate is dissolved, and the bicarbonate left. To render this still purer it should be washed with alcohol and dried. It is obtained as a crystalline precipitate by adding alcohol to a saturated solution of the ordinary carbonate, or by passing carbonic acid through the same solution. It may be used as an antacid in the same manner and the same doses as sodium bicarbonate, being preferable to that salt when a stimulant impression on the stomach is desired. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1869, p. 294.)

AMMONIUM BORATE. *Ammonium Biborate.* $2(NH_4HB_2O_4)3H_2O$. Only acid salts are known. The salt usually formed by dissolving boric acid in ammonia solution and heating until the excess of ammonia is driven off is, according to Gmelin, confirmed by Rammelsberg, $BO_2NH_4 + 3HBO_2 + 1\frac{1}{2}H_2O$. By dissolving one part of boric acid in excess, in three parts heated water of ammonia, sp. gr. 960, and allowing the solution to cool slowly, this salt is obtained in crystals. These are rhombic octohedrons, with truncated summits, and often truncated edges, and are semitransparent. The taste of the salt is alkaline, and it has an alkaline reaction. On exposure, it effloresces, losing ammonia, and becoming in time the quadriborate. It is soluble in about twelve parts of water. (*Gmelin*, ii. 435.) Attention has been called to this salt by M. Beeker, who has used it in *stone in the bladder* and *renal colic*, and, as he believes, almost constantly with an amelioration of the symptoms. Under its influence the urine becomes loaded with uric acid and the earthy phosphates. It is said also to be an excellent remedy in *chronic catarrh of the bladder*. It is believed by M. Beeker to be the *ludus* of Paracelsus, which had a great reputation in the treatment of urinary calculi. It may be given in the dose of from ten to twenty grains (0·648 to 1·29 Gm.) every hour, in water sweetened with liquorice. (*Journ. de Thérap. Méd.-Chir.*, Sept. 1, 1866.)

AMMONIUM EMBELICUM. According to the experiments of G. Coronedi (*Sperimentale*, 1892, fasc. 2), this substance is a practical anthelmintic in *tapeworm*. Dose, one-fifteenth of a grain (0·005 Gm.), in pill, three times a day for a child, seven times a day for an adult.

AMYL VALERIANATE. The *valerianate of amyl* is said by Dr. W. F. Wade, of Birmingham, to act similarly to valerian, and to afford a most elegant remedy. He dissolves one part of it in nineteen parts of alcohol and two per cent. of a spirit of amyl acetate (one part to twenty). The dose of this mixture is from six to eight drops.

AMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORATE, *Amylamine Chloride*, $C_5H_{13}N,HCl$, crystallizes either in efflorescent scales or in quadratic octohedrons. The physiological action of this salt has been investigated by M. Dujardin-Beaumetz. (*Comptes-Rendus*, lxxvii. 1247.) In small doses (1 to 5 centigrammes to a rabbit) it lowered the temperature and also the force and frequency of the pulse. In larger amounts it produced profound nervous disturbance, with tonic and clonic convulsions, ending often in death. In man, doses of from 7 to 15 grains (0·460 to 0·972 Gm.) diminished the pulse and temperature.

AMYLENE. *Valerene. Pentene.* C_5H_{10}. This compound was alluded to under amylic alcohol. The name is given to the isomeric hydrocarbons of the *olefin* series, having the formula C_5H_{10}, of which five are possible. Amylene is prepared by distilling amylic alcohol with a concentrated solution of zinc chloride, which acts by dehydrating and withdrawing a molecule of water. The product is redistilled, and that which comes over first, constituting the more volatile part, is separately collected, and agitated with concentrated sulphuric acid, when the amylene, freed from water, will rise to the surface. Amylene is a colorless, very mobile liquid, having the density 0·655 at 10° C. (50° F.). Its boiling point is 34° C. (93·2° F.). Its smell is peculiar and disagreeable. It is soluble in alcohol

and ether in all proportions, but very sparingly so in water. When pure it does not act on potassium, and is not colored by a prolonged contact with caustic potassa.

Medical Properties. In 1857, Dr. Snow, of London, proposed amylene as a new anæsthetic, claiming for it certain advantages over the older remedies. It was soon shown, however, to be too dangerous for use. Two deaths resulted from it, and the French Academy of Medicine formally condemned it.

AMYLENE HYDRATE. *Tertiary Amyl Alcohol. Dimethylethylcarbinol* ($C_5H_{12}O$ or $(CH_3)_2C_2H_5COH$) is a clear, colorless liquid, of a strong, penetrating odor, soluble in eight parts of water, and miscible with alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzin, glycerin, and fixed oils in almost all proportions; sp. gr. 0·812 at 53·6° F. It is made by shaking together at 0° C., or under, 300 C.c. of amylene (C_5H_{10}) and 600 C.c. of sulphuric acid (equal volumes of H_2SO_4 and H_2O). The *amylensulphuric acid* is separated, diluted with iced water, filtered, neutralized with calcium carbonate, and distilled; the product is redistilled fractionally, the portion passing over between 100° C. and 102·5° C. (212° and 216·5° F.) being retained.

Medical Properties. In 1887, Von Mering proposed the use of amylene hydrate as a soporific, stating that it stood midway between chloral and paraldehyde, one drachm of chloral, two drachms of amylene hydrate, and three drachms of paraldehyde being about equivalent in power. In cases of poisoning, as reported by C. Dietz, by the amylene hydrate, the symptoms were deep narcosis, dilated pupils, loss of corneal reflexes, slow, deep, irregular breathing, small, slow pulse, and fall of temperature. The general clinical reports show that amylene hydrate is a safe, rapidly acting, and occasionally useful but not analgesic hypnotic, in doses of thirty to forty minims (1·84 to 2·46 C.c.).

Pental. Trimethylethylene. β-isoamylene, $(CH_3)_2C{=}CH.CH_3$, or C_5H_{10}, is obtained from crude amylene, which consists of pentane (C_5H_{12}), pental (C_5H_{10}), and *α*- and *γ*-amylene. If the mixture be shaken with diluted sulphuric acid at a low temperature, —20° C. (—4° F.), the trimethylethylene and *γ*-amylene will be decomposed and amylsulphuric acid produced, which after dilution with water yields tertiary amyl alcohol and pure trimethylethylene; by fractional distillation the pental is obtained in a pure state.

Pental is a colorless, highly inflammable liquid, having a specific gravity of 0·678 and a boiling point of 100·4° F. (38° C.). It was highly commended by Dr. W. Lombardino as a practical anæsthetic of extraordinary rapidity of action and freedom from the production of disagreeable symptoms, the anæsthesia lasting longer than that produced by the bromide of ethyl. Experiments made by Dr. David Cerna and H. C. Wood have, however, shown that pental acts upon the lower animals as a powerful cardiac depressant, and is probably a dangerous anæsthetic. The more recent clinical trials of the drug have proved that this danger is real, there having been, according to the statistics of Gurlt, in six hundred pental narcoses, six deaths. Moreover, N. Kleindienst found that very frequently in man severe albuminuria, and not infrequently hæmaturia and hæmoglobinuria, occurred three or four days after pental narcosis.

Pentane. Amyl hydride, $CH_3.CH_2.CH_2.CH_2.CH_3$, was discovered by Dr. E. Frankland, of Manchester. It is a saturated hydrocarbon, and has been proved to be one of the light products in American petroleum, being the portion boiling at 37°–39° C. (98·6°–102° F.) (*Schorlemmer*). Amyl hydride is a colorless, volatile, mobile liquid, possessing a grateful fruity odor, having no taste. It is one of the lightest liquids known, having the sp. gr. 0·626 at 17° C. (62·6° F.) It boils at 37·7° C. (100° F.), and the sp. gr. of its vapor is 2·5. It is very inflammable, and burns with a brilliant white flame. It is readily soluble in alcohol and ether, but insoluble in water. Belonging to the paraffin or saturated series of hydrocarbons, it is a very stable compound, resisting the action of fuming sulphuric acid and the most powerful oxidizing agents.

Medical Properties. This substance was proposed by Prof. Simpson as an anæsthetic, but has not sustained the claims made for it.

ANACAHUITE WOOD. In the year 1860 considerable quantities of this wood were imported from Mexico, into Germany, as a supposed remedy in *phthisis*, but it failed to sustain its first reputation. It is the product of *Cordia Boissieri*, De Cand. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1862, p. 272, with figure.)

ANACARDIUM OCCIDENTALE. Linn. *Cassuvium pomiferum.* Lam. *Acajou à Pommes*, Fr. *Caschunuss*, G. *Cashew-nut.* A small and elegant tree, growing in the West Indies and other parts of tropical America. A gum exudes from the bark, which bears some resemblance to gum arabic, but is only in part soluble in water, and consists of true gum and bassorin. It is the *gomme d'acajou* of the French writers. The fruit is a fleshy, pear-shaped receptacle, supporting at its summit a hard, shining, ash-colored, kidney-shaped nut, an inch or more in length and three-quarters of an inch broad, consisting of two shells, with a black juice between them, and of a sweet oily kernel. The receptacle is red or yellow, and of an agreeable subacid flavor with some astringency. It is edible, and affords a juice which has been recommended in *uterine complaints* and *dropsy*. This juice is converted by fermentation into a vinous liquor, which yields a spirit by distillation, used in making punch, and said to be powerfully diuretic. The nuts are well known under the name of *cashew-nuts*. The black juice contained between their outer and inner shell is extremely acrid and corrosive, producing, when applied to the skin, severe inflammation, followed by blisters or desquamation. It has been examined chemically by Staedeler, who found in it two peculiar principles, one having acid properties, which he calls *anacardic acid*, and the other a yellow, oleaginous liquid, named *cardol*. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xiii. 459.) The juice is used in the West Indies for the cure of *corns*, *warts*, *ringworms*, and obstinate *ulcers*, and even of *elephantiasis*. It is said to be sometimes applied to the face by females, in order to remove the cuticle, and produce a fresher and more youthful aspect. In a case of external poisoning which came under our notice, in a lady who was exposed to the fumes of the roasting nuts, the face was so much swollen that for some time not a feature was discernible. A similar case, occurring in a boy who had cut open one of the nuts, eaten a small portion raw, and by handling it had spread the juice over different parts of the body, is recorded by Dr. Monkur in the *N. J. Med. Reporter* (April, 1855, p. 187). The tongue, face, neck, hands, forearms, scrotum, etc., were red and enormously swollen, and very painful. The tinc-

ture of iodine was found useful as a local application. The kernel has a sweet, agreeable taste, and is eaten like chestnuts, either raw or roasted. It is also used as an ingredient of puddings, etc., and forms an excellent chocolate when ground with cocoa. By age it becomes rancid. The black juice of the nut and a milky juice which flows from the tree after incision are sometimes used for marking linen, which they stain almost indelibly.

ANAGALLIS ARVENSIS. *Scarlet Pimpernel. Red Chickenweed. Weather-glass. Mouron rouge*, Fr. *Gauchheil, Rothemiere*, G. An annual plant, growing in Europe and this country, with small, delicate, procumbent stems, furnished with opposite branches, opposite ovate leaves, and small scarlet flowers, which are supported upon axillary, solitary peduncles, and appear in June and July. It has little smell, but a bitterish, somewhat acrid taste. The ancients esteemed it a counter-poison, and Orfila found three drachms of its extract to cause fatal gastro-enteritis in a dog. It has been recommended as a local application to old and ill-conditioned *ulcers*, and has been given internally in *visceral obstructions, consumption, dropsy*, etc. Mr. J. A. Heintzelman obtained from it a volatile oil of a strong peculiar odor, a pungent and somewhat acrid taste, and the sp. gr. 0·987. Four drops of it produced intense headache and nausea, lasting for twenty-four hours, with pains throughout the body. According to Professors Daccomo and Tommasoli, it contains an active ferment, which rapidly digests raw meat. (*Rassegna di Sci. Med.*, 1892, No. 4.) *A. cærulea* is probably only a variety of *A. arvensis*, and shares its medical properties.

ANAGYRIS FŒTIDA. Messrs. Hardy and Gallois have separated from the *Anagyris fœtida* an alkaloid, *anagyrine*, which is a respiratory poison.

ANALGEN. *Ortho-ethoxy-anamonobenzoylamido-chinoline.* $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2$. The name analgen was first given to the acetyl derivative, but it was found that the benzoyl radical gave a more desirable product, and this is now made exclusively and the name analgen applied to it. The compound is in colorless crystals, insoluble in water, soluble in hot alcohol, melting point 208° C. (406·4° F.). It is a derivative of *chinoline;* has been proposed as an antipyretic, analgesic, and antirheumatic in doses of 7·5–15 grains (0·5–0·97 Gm.), repeated if necessary to 75 grains (4·86 Gm.) a day. The urine is colored red by its being eliminated in the form of *oxyethyl-amidochenolin urate.*

ANCHUSA OFFICINALIS. *Bugloss. Ox-tongue.* This is a European biennial plant, from one to three feet high, whose root, leaves, and flowers were official. These are inodorous and nearly tasteless. The root is mucilaginous and slightly sweetish, and the flowers very feebly bitter. The plant has no claim whatever to the credit, formerly attached to it, of possessing cordial and exhilarating properties. In France, the *Anchusa Italica*, which is there known as *buglosse*, is substituted for *A. officinalis.*

ANDROMEDA. *Sour Wood.* The *Andromeda arborea*, or *Sorrel-tree*, grows in the valleys of the Alleghanies, from Pennsylvania to Florida. The leaves have a pleasant acid taste, and are used by hunters to allay thirst, and form in decoction a grateful refrigerant drink in fevers. Dr. Barton, in his "Collections," states that a decoction of *A. Mariana* is employed in the Southern States as a wash in a disagreeable ulceration of the feet to which the negroes are liable. The powder upon the leaves and buds of *A. speciosa* is said to be a powerful errhine. Prof. J. F. Eykman, of Japan, found a poisonous glucoside, *asebotoxin*, in *A. japonica.* (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 290.) In 1883, Prof. Plugge separated from *Andromeda japonica* a colorless crystallizable poisonous principle, *andrometoxin.* Subsequently he found that various ericaceous plants contain it, though others are free (*Arch. Pharm.*, xxvi.; also *A. J. P.*, 1889); also in the *Azalea Indica* and *Rhododendron maximum.* It has also been found by De Zaayer (*Chem. Zeit.*, July, 1887) in the *Rhododendron ponticum*, and in *Kalmia angustifolia* and *latifolia*, also in *Monotropa uniflora* by A. J. M. Lasché. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, Sept. 1889.) It is in acicular crystals, melting at 228° to 229° C., soluble in alcohol, amylic alcohol, chloroform, ether, benzol, much more soluble in cold than in boiling water, yielding solutions of an alkaline reaction, but not precipitated by ordinary alkaloidal reagents nor by solutions of metallic salts. (For further tests see reference; also *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xviii. 171.) The *poisonous honey* of Xenophon, derived from the flowers of *R. ponticum*, probably owed its toxic properties to andrometoxin. (See, also, *Pharm. Zeits. f. Russland*, 1883, xxii.) The oil of *A. Leschenaultii*, of India, was found by Mr. J. Broughton to be methyl salicylate. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1871.)

ANGELICA. *Racine d'Angélique*, Fr. *Engelwurzel*, G. *Angelica atropurpurea*, sometimes called *masterwort*, has a perennial purplish root, and a smooth herbaceous stem, the dark color of which has given rise to its specific name. The leaves are ternate, and supported by very large inflated petioles. The partitions of the leaf are nearly quinate, with ovate, acute, deeply serrate, somewhat lobed leaflets, of which the three terminal are confluent. The flowers are greenish-white. The purple angelica extends throughout the United States from Canada to Carolina, growing in meadows and marshy woods, and flowering in June and July. It is smaller than *A. Archangelica*, with a less succulent stem. The whole plant was formerly official. It has a strong odor and a warm aromatic taste. The juice of the recent root is acrid, and is said to be poisonous; but the acrimony is dissipated by drying. The medical virtues of the plant are similar to those of the garden angelica of Europe, for which it has been proposed as a substitute. It is, however, little employed. An infusion is occasionally used in flatulent *colic*, and we are told that the stems are sometimes candied by the country people.

Angelica Archangelica. Garden angelica has a long, thick, fleshy, biennial root, furnished with many fibres, and sending up annually a hollow, jointed, round, channelled, smooth, purplish stem, which rises five feet or more in height, and divides into numerous branches. The leaves, which stand upon round fistulous footstalks, are very large, doubly pinnate, with ovate-lanceolate, pointed, acutely serrate leaflets, the terminal being three-lobed. The flowers are small, greenish-white, and disposed in very large, many-rayed terminal umbels, composed of numerous dense, hemispherical umbellets. This plant is a native of the north of Europe, and is found in the high mountainous regions in the southern section of that continent, as in Switzerland and among the Pyrenees. It is cultivated in various parts of Europe, and may be occasionally met with in the gardens of this country. It flowers during the summer. The whole plant has a fragrant odor

and aromatic properties, but the root and the fruit only were official. The *root* should be dug up in the autumn of the first year, as it is then least liable to become mouldy and worm-eaten. It is spindle-shaped, an inch or more thick at top, and beset with long descending radicles. The fresh root has a yellowish-gray epidermis, a fleshy yellow parenchyma, and when wounded yields a honey-colored juice, having all the aromatic properties of the plant. The dried root is grayish-brown and much wrinkled externally, whitish and spongy within, and breaks with a starchy fracture, exhibiting shining resinous points. It is very apt to be attacked by worms, and is said to keep best, in the state of powder, in full and well-closed vessels. The smell is strong and fragrant, and the taste at first sweetish, afterwards warm, aromatic, bitterish, and somewhat musky. These properties are extracted by alcohol, and less perfectly by water. The constituents of the root, according to the younger Buchner, are volatile oil, a volatile acid which he calls *angelicic acid*, a wax-like substance, a crystallizable sub-resin, a brittle amorphous resin, a bitter principle, tannic acid, malic acid, sugar, starch, albumen, pectic acid, fibrin, and various salts. Five hundred parts yield nearly four parts of the volatile oil. Schimmel & Co. (*Berichte*, April, 1889) report the results of an examination of *Japanese angelica*, believed to be roots of *A. refracta* or *A. anomala*. It contained a small quantity of volatile oil, which had an intensely persistent odor. The *angelicic acid* of Buchner is now known as *angelic acid*, $C_5H_8O_2$, a monatomic acid of the acrylic acid series. Valerianic acid, $C_5H_{10}O_2$, has also been recognized as occurring in the root. The volatile oil has been examined by Beilstein and Wiegand, who found three terpenes: one boiling at 158° C., forming no crystallizable hydrochloride; the second boiling at 175° C. and forming a crystalline hydrochloride having the properties of artificial camphor; this second terpene forming the main body of the oil; and a third, boiling at 250° C. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1882, p. 1741.) The hydrocarbon forming the bulk of the oil has been called *terebangelene*. Naudin (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1883, pp. 1382 and 1503) considers that only one hydrocarbon exists, which he calls β terebangelene, and that this oil, which boils at 166° C., polymerizes very easily, producing more viscid higher-boiling oils. The *seeds*, as the fruit is commonly called, are two or three lines long, oval, obtuse or somewhat notched at the ends, flat, with a longitudinal furrow on one side, convex with three angular ridges on the other. They are ash-colored, and have the smell and taste of the root. They are said to keep well.

Garden angelica is an elegant aromatic tonic. The Laplanders, in whose country it flourishes, esteem it highly as a condiment and medicine. In Europe the stems are frequently made into a preserve and used in desserts in order to excite the stomach. The dose of the root or seeds is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·94 to 3·88 Gm.).

ANGRÆCUM FRAGRANS. This is an orchidaceous plant, indigenous in the Isle of Réunion and Mauritius, where the leaves have been long used, under the name of *faham*, for the same purposes as Chinese tea. (For description see *P. J. Tr.*, 1881, p. 913.) They have a somewhat pungent aromatic taste, and a strong and highly agreeable odor, scenting the whole apartment with a delicious perfume. Given in infusion, they appear to have an effect on the system somewhat similar to that of Chinese tea, and have been introduced into Paris as a rival of that popular beverage. The drink is made by putting the leaves and stalks, in the proportion of 15 grains to a teacupful, into cold water, boiling for about ten minutes, and then pouring into a closed vessel, and sweetening it when used. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 441.)

ANHALONIUM LEWINI. *Henning. Mammillaria Lewini. Muscale Buttons.* A Mexican cactus, which is described as being half an inch (1¼ Cm.) high and an inch to an inch and a half (2½ to 3¾ Cm.) broad, with knotty protuberances placed spirally, and each covered with a felt-like cap of a yellowish color. The top of the plant is covered with a hairy cushion of a dirty-white color, half an inch to an inch (1½ to 2½ Cm.) wide, from which protrude small bell-shaped blossoms, with eight outer and twelve inner segments; the former are dark-green on the back; each has a long triangular transparent point, and is three-sixteenths of an inch (5 Mm.) long. The petaloid segments are spatulate, blunt, smooth-edged, and about three-sixteenths of an inch (5 Mm.) long. The fruit is an oblong berry, a quarter of an inch (6 Mm.) long, and contains about fourteen seeds of the size of a mustard-seed.

It has been chemically examined by Dr. L. Lewin (*T. G.*, 1888, p. 235), who found in it an alkaloid, *anhalonine*, but believes that it contains more active principles. Dr. Lewin also found that the aqueous extract of the drug is a violent convulsant, increasing reflex activity. Death seems to have been produced by respiratory failure. The drug has been used to a slight extent in practical medicine, as a remedy for *angina pectoris* and *asthmatic dyspnœa*. S. F. Landry (*T. G.*, 1888) states that four drops of the fluid extract first reduced markedly the force and rate of the pulse, slowed the respiration, and caused coolness of the surface; this being followed by a period of increasing warmth, full tense pulse, and regular natural breathing, with an increase in the capillary circulation of the extremities. He believes it to be a very powerful cardiac and respiratory stimulant, especially useful in cases of *asthma*.

ANILINA. *Aniline. Amidobenzene. Phenylamine.* ($C_6H_5.NH_2$.) This is an organic base obtained from coal tar or more immediately from nitrobenzene. It was first discovered by Unverdorben, in 1826, among the products of the dry distillation of indigo, and was named by him *crystalline*. Fritzsche, who obtained it afterwards from indigo by another process, seems to have been the first to give it the name of aniline, from the Portuguese word *anil* (indigo). In 1837, Runge obtained three volatile principles from coal tar, which he named *kyanol*, *leucol*, and *pyrrhol*. Of these, kyanol was afterwards found by Hofmann to be identical with aniline, and leucol has been ascertained to be the same as quinoline (chinoline). Nitrobenzene is now the source whence most of the aniline of commerce is derived. Nitrobenzene, hydrochloric acid, and iron turnings, in equal weights, are introduced into a cast-iron vessel, care being taken that the heat produced does not rise too high, when the following reactions take place: $C_6H_5.NO_2 + H_6 = C_6H_5.NH_2 + (H_2O)_2$; $C_6H_5NH_2 + HCl = C_6H_5NH_2.HCl$. The semi-solid mass which soon forms consists principally of ferrous chloride and aniline hydrochlorate. This is distilled in a large cast-iron cylinder, and the distillate redistilled, the portion coming over between 175° C. (347° F.) and 190° C. (374° F.) being collected, and considered sufficiently pure for manufacturing purposes.

Properties. Pure aniline is a thin colorless fluid, of an oily appearance; but as found in commerce it is generally more or less colored, and sometimes of a deep reddish brown. It has a peculiar, not disagreeable odor, and a pungent, aromatic, burning taste, and the sp. gr. 1·020 (*Hofmann*), 1·028 (*Fritzsche*). It is not solidified at —20° C. (—4° F.), boils at 182° C. (360° F.), and its vapors are condensed unchanged. It is slightly soluble in water, but dissolves in all proportions in ether, alcohol, wood-spirit, acetone, carbon disulphide, and the oils, fixed and volatile. Though possessed of strong basic powers, it does not restore the color of reddened litmus, nor does it change turmeric. It changes, however, the violet color of dahlias to green. With the acids it forms soluble and readily crystallizable salts. It is inflammable, and absorbs oxygen from the air, becoming at first yellowish, afterwards reddish, and ultimately brown. A characteristic property is that it produces instantly a deep-blue or purple color when brought into contact with chlorinated lime or other hypochlorite. Dr. Letheby has described a very delicate test for this base. If a drop of a very weak solution of the sulphate be placed on a piece of clean platinum foil, and touched with the negative pole of a galvanic battery, the solution acquires a bluish, then a violet, and ultimately a pink color. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1862, p. 128.) It is a derived ammonia, having the group C_6H_5 in place of a hydrogen atom of the NH_3 molecule. It is hence often called *phenyl-amine.* The chief value of aniline at present is for the coloring matters derived from it, or rather from its derivative, *rosaniline*, contained in commercial aniline oil. Beautiful reds, purples, yellows, and blues, and various other tints, are obtained from it, some of them truly magnificent. Some of these colors are advantageously used in the preparation of inks. For the mode of making these, see *Roscoe & Schorlemmer's Chemistry*, vol. iii., part 3, pp. 318, etc. The following table shows the solubilities of aniline colors in water and alcohol:

Aniline color.	Per cent. soluble in water.	Per cent. soluble in alcohol.
Aurin	nearly insoluble.	40·00
Bismarck-brown	3·00	0·35
Corallin	2·00	0·50
Dahlia-blue	4·00	1·00
Eosin	2·00	1·00
Ethyl-orange	0·02	nearly insoluble.
Fuchsin	0·30	10·00
Gentian-violet	1·50	3·00
Luteolin	0·25	0·60
Magenta-red	0·20	2·50
Malachite-green	4·00	5·00
Manchester-yellow	2·00	0·15
Methylene-blue	3·00	1·50
Methyl-green	7·00	0·25
Methyl-violet	2·00	1·50
Safranin	0·60	0·40
Tropæolin OO	0·05	0·10
Vesuvin	2·00	0·20

—*Pharm. Centralh.*, 1887, p. 385.

Aniline-black or *nigrosin* was discovered by Wolff in 1863. As it occurs in commerce it is a salt having the composition $C_{36}H_{29}N_3HCl$; if prepared from pure aniline it is of a deep-blue color; if toluidine is present, it approaches a black in direct proportion to the amount of toluidine in it; it is very soluble in water, and ten grains dissolved in one fluidounce of water make a good *nigrosin ink*, which, however, should not be exposed to too strong a light, as all aniline inks fade in time. Böttger uses aniline-red in detecting cotton in any fabric with which it is mixed. He dips a portion of the texture in an alcoholic solution of this coloring matter, then washes it with water till the washings are colorless, and puts it into a watery solution of ammonia. If cotton be present, its threads will be deprived of color, while the linen will continue of a bright rose-color. (See *A. J. P.*, Jan. 1866, p. 86.) Under the name of *aniline oil* a liquid is to be found in commerce which consists of a mixture of aniline, toluidine, xylidine, cumidine, and varying quantities of by-products found in the "tailings;" the boiling point ranges between 180° C. (356° F.) and 210° C. (410° F.), and the sp. gr. is also variable; it is used as a solvent for rubber, copal, etc.

Methyl-violet or *pyoktanin*, according to Liebreich, is a mixture of aniline compounds. *Apyonin*, introduced by Pettitas as an antiseptic similar to pyoktanin, is a yellow crystalline powder slightly soluble in hot and cold water, soluble in alcohol.

Medical Properties. Aniline was said by Wöhler and Frerichs to be devoid of poisonous action, but the experiments of Dr. Letheby and the numerous cases of poisoning which have occurred from the use of aniline in the arts, demonstrate that it is a powerful toxic agent. The symptoms which are produced by its inhalation or ingestion are great prostration, heaviness in the head, giddiness, vomiting, violent neuralgic pains, and, if the dose have been large enough, cyanosis, coma with dilatation of the pupils, excessive perspiration, loss of reflexes and of voluntary movement, hurried weak pulse, rapid or irregular respiration, hæmoglobinuria, a peculiar discoloration of the skin, and, if the patient survive sufficiently long, jaundice with great increase in the biliary pigment of the urine. At the autopsy reported by Muller (*A. J. P.*, 1887), in a woman killed by the swallowing of about a fluidounce (29 C.c.) of aniline, the blood was chocolate brown, and gave the spectrum of methæmoglobin; the urine was free from sugar, albumen, or blood, but contained paramidophenol, and its distillations gave aniline reactions. The hæmoglobinuria is evidently connected with an extraordinary destruction of the red blood-corpuscles, for in the case reported by Dr. Dehio (*A. J. P.*, 1888), in a woman who had taken one hundred and fifty grains (9·77 Gm.) of aniline, the red blood-corpuscles fell from normal 5,000,000 per C.c. to 2,700,000 on the seventh, and 1,400,000 on the eleventh day. The globules were replaced slowly; on the eighteenth day their number was about one-third of the normal quantity.

The violent local effects which have been noticed as produced by some aniline dyes have probably been due to the presence of arsenic, which is used in the production of aniline and may remain as a contamination. Dr. Letheby originally claimed that the salts of aniline are destitute of the poisonous properties of the pure alkaloid, if given in sufficient quantity to produce discoloration of the tissues. Professors Sée and Morau (*La Méd. Mod.*, 1890) believe that *safranin* and *methyl-violet* are practically free from poisonous properties; and Professor Penzoldt, in a series of experiments, found that methyl-violet (0·05 per kilo) caused only local alterations,—viz., extensive gangrene of the skin; *malachite-green* (0·1 per kilo) caused motor paralysis and cramps, fatal on the ninth day; *trimethyl-rosaniline* (0·02 per kilo) caused similar symptoms; *Bengal-rose* (0·25 per kilo), phenyl-blue (0·1 per kilo), and

methylene-blue (0·075 per kilo) caused no special symptoms.

In an elaborate research published in the *Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Avril, 1891, Professor Combemale determined that in the guinea-pig the fatal dose of methyl-blue, hypodermically given, is three decigrammes per kilo in weight; and that the symptoms produced are great prostration, loss of responding to external irritants, anuria, and chocolate discoloration of the blood. For a physiological study of *fuchsine* and of *pararosaniline*, see *Lyons Thesis*, 1892, L. Dupays.

According to Professor J. Stilling the aniline dyes are possessed of active germicidal properties; the most active of them being the methyl-blue or violet, to which he has given the name of *pyoktanin;* certain auramines being next in rank. In Professor Stilling's experiments, two parts of methyl-violet per thousand indefinitely prevented flour-paste, milk, butter, lard, etc., from turning sour or rancid; whilst the solution of the strength of one to four thousand was sufficient to prevent the development of bacteria of putrefaction; the staphylococcus pyogenes aureus was found to be very susceptible to the germicidal power of the methyl-violet. Professor Penzoldt also found that contact for one month with a concentrated solution of methyl-violet, malachite-green, trimethyl-rosaniline, and phenyl-blue was sufficient to kill the anthrax-bacilli. Sée and Morau found that one part to twenty-five hundred of safranin and cynanin would destroy the organisms of diphtheria and of pus. Janicke, experimenting with the pathognomonic organisms of pus, of anthrax, of cholera, of typhus, and of pneumonia, found the activity of pyoktanin even greater than asserted by Stilling, and noticed a very remarkable difference in the susceptibility of different species of bacteria; making the further important observation that those bacteria that were most readily stained by the methyl-violet were most readily influenced by it. On the other hand, M. Valude states (*Intern. Med. Congress*, 1890) that a contact for at least one hour in a one per cent. solution of pyoktanin was required to effect the same result on pathognomonic bacteria as was caused in ten minutes by one to four thousand corrosive sublimate. The practical value in surgery of pyoktanin has been asserted by Stilling, by Sée and Morau, by Patterson, and by numerous other surgeons, and there would seem to be no doubt as to the value of the remedy. It has even been used with alleged success superficially and parenchymatously in *epithelioma* and *cancer*, but the majority of the reports are in these affections unfavorable. In *gonorrhœa*, the strength used has varied from one in five hundred to two per cent.; in *ulcers*, *carbuncles*, and *cancers* it may be employed pure after free incision, or be parenchymatously injected. Professor Stilling uses the following preparations, insisting at the same time on the great necessity of having the methyl-blue absolutely pure: 1. *Pure methyl-violet.*—To be used as powder for large wounds and ulcers. 2. *Large pencils.*—For small wounds, burns, etc. For purulent cases the blue pencil is better than the yellow, on account of its greater antiseptic property. 3. *Small pencils.*—For application to the eye, in cases of corneal ulcer, etc. 4. *Powders.*—Of 1 in 1000 strength for mild cases of conjunctivitis, and for more severe cases (blennorrhœa) of 2 per cent. strength. These can also be used as a snuff in affections of the nasal mucous membrane. 5. *Ointments.*—In strength varying from 2 per cent. to 1 in 10. 6. *Solutions.*—Used in strengths of 1 in 1000 to 1 per cent. The 1 in 1000 solution is to be employed for ordinary cases of *conjunctivitis*, *keratitis*, etc. The solutions should be filtered and kept in dark glass bottles, and changed every eight days. E. Vonder Goltz has proposed to substitute for methyl-violet a ten per cent. alcoholic solution of aniline-red to be diluted according to needs of surgeon. (*Med. Monatschrift*, July, 1890.)

The fact that *methylene-blue* will stain, during life, the axis-cylinders of both sensory and motor nerve fibres, led Ehrlich and Leppmann (*Deutsche Med. Wochensch.*, June, 1890) to experiment with it as an analgesic in doses of from two to four grains (0·130 to 0·260 Gm.) internally (fifteen grains, or 0·972 Gm., a day) and one grain (0·065 Gm.) hypodermically. The urine rapidly became bluish-green; or if no change in the color of the urine was apparent, warming it developed the color; the saliva and fæces were also stained. They found the analgesic properties very pronounced, but not coming on until two hours after the administration of the remedy. They also stated that they saw coloration of the nerves after the hypodermic injection. Combemale (*La Semaine Méd.*, May, 1891) denies the coloration of the nerves, and believes that any analgesic effects are due to the methæmoglobinization of the blood. Gaillard and Piotrowski also deny the existence of analgesic properties in methylene-blue, and consider it of no value as an internal medicine. On the other hand, Pilliet (*La Tribune Méd.*, Oct. 1890) affirms the correctness of the observations of Ehrlich and Leppmann, both as to the action of the drug in staining the nerves and of relieving pain; and Professor Combemale affirms that in doses of three grains (0·195 Gm.) a day the remedy is useful in *neuralgia* and *ataxic* pains. It would appear probable that methylene-blue has local analgesic effects; but that it is capable of acting as a practical analgesic when given by the mouth remains doubtful. Ehrlich and Leppmann also employed methylene-blue in *malaria*, because they had found it to stain the plasmodia, and the practice has found imitators, especially Professor Osler, who finds that methylene-blue has a distinct action upon the specific organisms in malarial fever, but is markedly inferior to quinine.*

Aniline sulphate was employed as a nervine by Drs. Fraser and Davis many years ago (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, Aug. 1865), with success especially in the treatment of *chorea*, the dose being five grains (0·324 Gm.) three times a day, and the immediate results some headache and giddiness and staining of the mouth and nails. The practice was followed to some extent, but never gained the confidence of the profession.

ANILINE CAMPHORATE. This is a compound which has been used by Tomaselli in doses of eight to twelve grains (0·52 to 0·77 Gm.) a day as an antispasmodic. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1887.)

ANIMÉ. *Gum Animé.* The substance known at present by the name of animé is a resin supposed to be derived from the *Hymenæa Courbaril*, a tree of South America; though this origin is denied by Hayne. According to Dr. W. Hamilton, the resin exudes from wounds in the bark, and is found also underneath the surface of the ground, between the principal roots. (*P. J. Tr.*, vi. 522.) It is in small irregular pieces, of a pale lemon-yellow color,

* For an article upon the methods of detecting aniline in the body, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 341, 417.

sometimes inclining to reddish, more or less transparent, covered with a whitish powder, brittle and pulverizable, with a shining fracture, a weak but agreeable odor, and a mild, resinous taste. It softens in the mouth, adheres to the fingers when in powder, and readily melts with heat, diffusing its agreeable odor in an increased degree. It consists of two resins, one soluble, the other insoluble in cold alcohol, and of a small proportion of volatile oil. There is a variety of a darker color, less transparent, and with small cavities in the interior; in other respects resembling the preceding. Another variety is the East Indian, supposed to be derived from *Vateria Indica;* but this never reaches American commerce. According to Dr. W. C. Ondaatje, the bark of this plant is in daily use by the natives of Ceylon to arrest the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of the Jaggery palm, *Caryota urens*, a favorite beverage. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 818.) Animé formerly entered into the composition of various ointments and plasters; but is now used only as incense, or in the preparation of varnishes. The Brazilians employ it internally in *diseases of the lungs.*

ANISE BARK OIL. There has recently appeared in the European markets a bark, closely resembling Massoi bark, derived from an unknown source in Madagascar, which yields fully three and a half per cent. of a light-yellow oil, the odor of which slightly resembles safrol. It has a spicy taste, but is only slightly sweet. Its specific gravity is 0·969 at 15° C. Optical rotation —0° 46′ in a 100-Mm. tube. Refraction equivalent for the sodium line at 16° 1·52510. It contains a small quantity of ordinary anethol, but consists principally of the isomeric fluid anethol, the *methyl-chavicol* of Eykman, $CH_3O.C_6H_4.CH_2.CH:CH_2$.

ANISODUS LURIDUS. This is a Himalayan solanaceous plant in which Dr. Siebert has found *atropine* and *hyoscyamine.* (*Archiv der Pharm.*, Feb. 1890. *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1890.)

ANNATTO. *Orleana. Annotta. Arnotta. Terre de la Nouvelle-Orléans*, Fr. *Orellana, Orlean*, G. The coloring substance called *annatto, arnatta*, or *roucou*, is the reddish pulp surrounding the seeds in the fruit of *Bixa Orellana*, a middling-sized tree, growing in Guiana and other parts of South America. For a paper on the cultivation of this tree and the mode of preparing the annatto, by Mr. Th. Peckolt, see *A. J. P.*, July, 1859, p. 360. The pulp is separated by bruising the fruit, mixing it with water, then straining through a sieve, and allowing the liquid to stand till the undissolved portion subsides. The water is then poured off, and the mass which remains, having been sufficiently dried, is formed into flat cakes or cylindrical rolls, and sent into the market. Another mode is to bruise the seeds, mix them with water, and allow the mixture to ferment. The coloring matter is deposited during the fermentation, after which it is removed and dried. In commerce there are two kinds of annatto, the Spanish or Brazilian, and French; the former coming in baskets from Brazil, the latter in casks from French Guiana. The French, which is also called *flag annatto*, has a disagreeable smell, probably from having been prepared by the fermenting process; but is superior, as a dye-stuff, to the Spanish, which is without any disagreeable odor. Annatto is of a brownish-red color, usually rather soft, but hard and brittle when dry, of a dull fracture, of a sweetish peculiar odor, and a rough, saline, bitterish taste. It is inflammable, but does not melt with heat. It softens in water, to which it imparts a yellow color, but does not dissolve. Alcohol, ether, the oils, and alkaline solutions dissolve the greater part of it. It contains a peculiar coloring principle, to which M. Preisser, its discoverer, gave the name of *bixin.* This has the formula $C_{15}H_{18}O_4$, and when pure is an amorphous resinous cinnabar-red substance. It is accompanied by a yellow coloring matter, *orellin*, which has been but little studied. (Wynter Blyth, *Foods: Composition and Analysis*, p. 507, London, 1882.) The chief uses to which annatto is applied are for dyeing silk and cotton orange-yellow, and for coloring cheese and butter. The color, however, which it imparts to cloth is fugitive. It has been given internally as a medicine; but is not now used, and probably exercises little influence upon the system. In pharmacy it is used to color plasters, and has occasionally been substituted for saffron. It is frequently adulterated with red ochre, powdered bricks, colcothar, farinaceous substances, chalk, calcium sulphate, turmeric, etc. The mineral substances, if present, will be left behind when the annatto is burned. (See, in reference to its adulteration, *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 199, 299, and 323; also xvi. 646.)

ANNIDALIN. This substance was proposed by Messinger and Nortmann as a substitute for iodoform. *Aristol* was originally called annidalin; the latter is probably a combination of two molecules of thymol with three atoms of iodine; in other words, a *dithymol triiodide*, whereas aristol is supposed to be *dithymol diiodide.* As a substitute for the proprietary aristol, the pure dithymol diiodide ($C_{20}H_{24}I_2O_2 2H_2O$) has been put upon the market under the name of *Thymol Iodide.* It appears to have the same physiological and therapeutic properties as the proprietary remedy. Annidalin is a reddish-brown powder, which may be kept for several months, at least with proper care. It is decomposed by the action of light and moisture, giving off iodine and turning yellow. It is insoluble in water, slightly soluble in alcohol, readily so in chloroform and ether. (*Journ. de Méd. de Paris*, Fév. 1890.) (See *Aristol.*)

ANTENNARIA MARGARITACEA. *Life Everlasting.* This indigenous plant has the credit, with the "eclectics," of being somewhat astringent and expectorant. (See *Gnaphalium Margaritaceum.*)

ANTHRAKOKALI. For an account of this preparation, which was introduced by Dr. Polya, see 16th edition U. S. D., page 1711.

ANTHRAROBIN. *Anthro-arobin.* $C_6H_4\left\{\begin{matrix}C(OH)\\ \\ CH\end{matrix}\right\}C_6H_2(OH)_2$. This substance, which is produced from commercial alizarin by reduction, was first described by Liebermann (*Berichte d. Chem. Ges.*, 1888), and proposed as a substitute for chrysarobin. It is a yellowish-white granular powder, almost insoluble in water and acidulated solutions, sparingly soluble in chloroform and ether, and readily soluble in alcohol and weak alkaline solutions. It mixes readily with fats to form ointments. It is a powerful deoxidizing agent, which seems to be less toxic than chrysarobin, and probably equally effective in the treatment of *diseases of the skin*, it having been used by Drs. G. Behrend and E. B. Bronson, Professor Köbner, and other clinicians, with asserted advantage in those diseases for which chrysarobin is employed. Mr. Behrend recommends the following. *Solution of anthrarobin:* an-

thrarobin, 10 parts; borax, 8 parts; water, 80 parts. *Glycerite of anthrarobin:* anthrarobin, 10 parts; glycerin, 80 parts. (*Therap. Monatshefte*, 1888.) As a topical application, the ointment or the alcoholic solution (each 10 per cent.) may be used.

ANTHRISCUS CEREFOLIUM. De Cand. *Chærophyllum Sativum.* Lam. *Scandix Cerefolium.* Linn. *Chervil.* An annual European plant, cultivated in gardens as a pot-herb. It has a strong agreeable odor, especially when rubbed, and a pungent, slightly bitterish taste. These properties it owes to a volatile oil. It is said to be deobstruent, diuretic, and emmenagogue, and has been recommended by different authors in *consumption*, *scrofula*, *dropsy*, *cutaneous* and *scorbutic affections*, and as an external application to *swollen breasts*, *bruises*, and other local complaints or injuries. It is very feeble, and is used chiefly as an addition to broths.

ANTIHYDROPIN. *Pulvis Taracanæ.* The powdered Russian cockroach (*Blatta lapponica*, *Blatta orientalis*) is asserted, in the dose of ten to fifteen grains (0·648 to 0·972 Gm.), to be actively diuretic and useful in *dropsy*. Bogomolow (*Ph. Centralb.*, July, 1879) found in them a crystalline principle, *antihydropin*, or *taracanin*. L. Reuter (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 868–873) affirms that the discredit into which cockroaches have fallen is due to the indifferent quality of the powdered insects in the market, and gives tests.

ANTIMONIATED HYDROGEN. H_3Sb. This is a gaseous substance, and, being taken by inhalation, is prepared at the moment of administration. For process, see Bouchardat's *Annuaire*, 1860, p. 143; also *Med. Times and Gaz.*, Oct. 1865.

ANTIMONY ARSENATE. This is a heavy snow-white powder, containing 56 per cent. antimony oxide, and 44 per cent. arsenic acid. It is stated that it is used in Russia in doses of one-fiftieth of a grain (0·0013 Gm.) four times a day. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 301.)

ANTIMONY IODIDE. *Antimonii Iodidum. Teriodide of Antimony.* (SbI_3.) According to Mr. W. Copney, of London, this iodide may be conveniently prepared by gently heating, in a Florence flask, metallic antimony and iodine, in the proportion of one atom to three. The elements combine with sudden heat and liquefaction, and, upon the withdrawal of the heat, the iodide formed solidifies, and is removed from the flask by breaking it. Antimony iodide, as thus prepared, forms a somewhat crystalline, foliated mass, which, when pulverized, yields a deep orange-red powder. By the action of water it is decomposed. It has been tried as an alterative in dose varying from a quarter of a grain to a grain (0·016 to 0·065 Gm.), given in pill.

ANTINERVIN. *Salicyl-bromanilid. Salbromalid.* This substance is said to be a mixture of ammonium bromide and salicylic acid, one part of each, with two parts of acetanilid. It has been especially commended by Maragliano as an antipyretic and antirheumatic in doses of about fifteen grains (1 Gm.) three or four times a day.

ANTIRRHINUM LINARIA. Linn. *Linaria Vulgaris.* Lindley. *Common Toadflax. Butter and Eggs. Ramsted. Snapdragon. Linaire commune*, Fr. *Leinkraut, Flachskraut, Löwenmaul*, G. This is a perennial herbaceous plant very common in both America and Europe. It should be collected when in flower, dried quickly, and kept excluded from the air. When fresh it has a peculiar, heavy, rather disagreeable odor, which is in a great measure dissipated by drying. The taste is herbaceous, weakly saline, bitter, and slightly acrid. This plant is said to be diuretic and cathartic, and has been used in *dropsy*, *jaundice*, and *cutaneous eruptions*. It is most conveniently employed in infusion. The fresh plant is sometimes applied, in the shape of poultice or fomentation, to *hemorrhoids;* and an ointment of the flowers has been employed for the same purpose, and also locally in diseases of the skin. The flowers are used in Germany as a yellow dye.

ANTISEPSIN. *Asepsin. Monobromacetanilid. Parabromacetanilid.* $C_6H_4Br.NH(C_2H_3O)$. This substance has been used by Cattani as an antipyretic and analgesic (*Gaz. Méd.*, Paris, 1890), but as such seems to be dangerous. Cattani affirms it to be a valuable antiseptic. Dose, six to seven grains (0·40 to 0·46 Gm.)

ANTISEPTOL. Under this name Yvon has lauded the cinchonine iodsulphate as a substitute for iodoform. It contains fifty per cent. of iodine. Yvon prepares it as follows: Twenty-five grammes of the cinchonine sulphate are dissolved in two thousand grammes of water; to this solution is added sufficient of the solution of iodine to cause a precipitate, avoiding an excess; this solution is made by dissolving ten grammes each of iodine and potassium iodide in one thousand grammes of water. The precipitate is placed on a filter and well washed with water until the washings are free from iodine, and it is then air-dried. (*Nouv. Rem.*, July, 1890.)

ANTISPASMIN. *Narcein Sodium. Sodium Salicylate. Narceinnatrium. Natrium Salicylicum.* In this compound 1 molecule of narcein sodium is considered to have united with 3 molecules of sodium salicylate. This white, slightly hygroscopic powder contains about 50 per cent. of narcein, and is said to have the advantage over the other narcein preparations of readily forming with water a somewhat permanent solution. According to Prof. Demme, it is a valuable hypnotic and analgesic, especially advantageous in painful *cramps*. Dose, one-half to one grain (0·032 to 0·065 Gm.).

ANTITHERMIN. *Phenylhydrazin-Lævulinic acid.* $C_6H_5.N_2H{=}C(CH_3).C_3H_5O_2$. This substance, which is obtained by the action of phenylhydrazin upon acetopropionic acid, occurs in colorless crystals, insoluble in cold water, soluble in ether and hot alcohol, melting point 108° C. It was first proposed in 1887 by Nicot as an antipyretic; and it has been especially experimented upon by Drobner (*Wien. Med. Presse*, 1892, 540), who finds it very active in doses of 7·5 to 10 grains (0·48 to 0·647 Gm.). It produces, however, pallor, cephalic distress, excessive sweating, and other evidences of vaso-motor depression, which require great caution in its use; and not more than three grains (0·2 Gm.) should be given when there is any weakness.

APIUM GRAVEOLENS. *Ache, Céleri*, Fr. *Sellerie, Eppich*, G. The ordinary *celery* of the gardens is believed by some persons to possess antispasmodic properties, and has been used as a nerve stimulant. It contains apiol, although in much less quantity than does parsley.

APIUM PETROSELINUM. *Petroselinum. U. S.* 1870. *Persil*, Fr. *Petersilie*, G. *Prezzemolo*, It. *Petroselinum sativum.* Hoffman, *Umb.* i. t. 1, f. 2. Parsley is an umbelliferous plant having a biennial root, with an annual, round, furrowed, jointed, erect, branching stem, about two feet in height. The radical leaves are compound, pinnated in ternaries, with the leaflets smooth, divided into

three lobes, and notched at the margin. In the cauline leaves, the segments of the leaflets are linear and entire. The flowers are small, pale yellow, and disposed in terminal compound umbels, with a one- or two-leaved general involucre, and partial ones composed of six or eight leaflets. The petals are five, roundish, and inflexed at their apex. The seeds (half fruits) are small, ovate, flat on one side, convex on the other, dark green, and marked with five longitudinal ridges. They have a strong terebinthinate odor, and a warm aromatic taste.

The plant is a native of Sardinia and other parts of Southern Europe, and is cultivated everywhere in gardens. All parts of it contain a volatile oil, to which it owes its odor and mainly its taste, as well as its use in seasoning. This oil consists of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a camphor, $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$, crystallizing in white silky needles, which fuse at 30° C. (86° F.), and boil at about 300° C. (572° F.), subliming with partial decomposition. Braconnot obtained from the herb a peculiar substance, resembling pectic acid in appearance, which he named *apiin*. It is procured by boiling the herb in water, straining the liquor, and allowing it to cool. The apiin then forms a gelatinous mass, which requires only to be washed with cold water. V. Gerichten (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1876, p. 1121) found that by repeated dissolving of this gelatinous mass in alcohol and precipitation by water it could be purified and then obtained from concentrated alcoholic solution in silky needles of the formula $C_{27}H_{32}O_{16}$. Though the root is the part directed by the Pharmacopœia, the fruit is at least equally efficient. Examined by MM. Joret and Homolle, the seeds were found to contain a volatile oil, a crystallizable fatty matter, pectin, what they believe to be the apiin of Braconnot, chlorophyll, tannin, a coloring matter, extractive, lignin, various salts, and, in addition to these, a peculiar substance to which they gave the name of *apiol*. This is a yellowish oily liquid, not volatile, heavier than water, of a peculiar and tenacious odor distinct from that of the plant, and an acrid pungent taste. It is inflammable, insoluble in water hot or cold, very soluble in alcohol, and dissolved in all proportions by ether and chloroform. It is analogous to the fixed oils, but is not chemically modified by the alkalies. It contains no nitrogen.

According to Dr. L. Wolff (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 2), commercial apiol is merely the oleoresin: he proposes a very simple process for true apiol. Powdered parsley seed is exhausted with benzin, and the liquid is spontaneously evaporated; the residue is a mixture of fixed oil, wax, and apiol; the apiol alone being soluble in alcohol can easily be separated by repeated washings with strong alcohol; the washings evaporated over a water-bath at a gentle heat leave as a residue "true apiol."

Ciamician and Silber (*Pharm. Post*, 1888, p. 391) have investigated apiol, and state that the pure substance is obtained in white crystals having the composition of $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$, melting at 30° C. (86° F.), and boiling at 294° C. (561·2° F.). *Isapiol*, *Apiolic acid*, *Apiolaldehyde*, and *Apion* are decomposition products. They state that Isapiol has physiological properties resembling pure apiol.

Mr. H. C. Whitney (*N. R.*, January, 1880) proposes to change the name of commercial apiol, and call it oil of parsley seed. He believes that the volatile oil of parsley seed is the active and emmenagogue principle, and obtains it by distilling the freshly-powdered seed with salt water. The yield was 4·27 per cent. of an oil which corresponded closely with Joret and Homolle's apiol. Gerichten (*Berichte d. Deutsch. Chem. Ges.*, 16, 17) obtained besides the peculiar terpene, *parsley camphor*, which he thinks is alone entitled to the name of apiol. He gives its melting point at 30° C. (86° F.), boiling point 300° C. (572° F.), and sp. gr. 1·015.

The root is spindle-shaped, about as thick as the finger, externally white, and marked with close annular wrinkles, internally fleshy and white, with a yellowish central portion. It has a pleasant smell, and a sweetish, slightly aromatic taste, but loses these properties by long boiling, and by time. Parsley *root* in the recent state is said to be aperient and diuretic, and is occasionally used in *nephritic* and *dropsical affections*. The *juice* of the fresh herb has been employed as a substitute for quinine in *intermittents;* and the *seeds*, as well as their supposed active principle, have been given with great asserted success in the same complaint. According to MM. Joret and Homolle, *apiol* produces, in the dose of about 15 grains (1 Gm.), a slight cerebral excitation without unpleasant effects of any kind, and, in double or quadruple the quantity, a species of intoxication, with giddiness, morbid sights and sounds, and frontal headache. They found it to cure *intermittents;* but subsequent observations have shown that it has very little antiperiodic power. MM. Joret and Baillot commend it in *amenorrhœa* and *dysmenorrhœa*, in the dose of about four grains morning and evening; in the former affection in anticipation of the menstrual period, in the latter during its continuance. Experience has confirmed its value as an emmenagogue, but it is best used in a single dose of fifteen grains (0·972 Gm.), given in capsules, at the time of the molimen. Isapiol is said to produce headache and temporary intoxication, and to have no practical advantages over apiol.

AQUILEGIA VULGARIS. *Columbine.* A perennial herbaceous plant, indigenous to Europe, but cultivated in our gardens as an ornamental flower. All parts of it have been medicinally employed. The root, leaves, and flowers have a disagreeable odor, and a bitterish, acrid taste. The seeds are small, black, shining, inodorous, and of an oleaginous sweetish taste, followed by a sense of acrimony. Columbine has been considered diuretic, diaphoretic, and antiscorbutic, and has been employed in *jaundice* and in *scurvy*. It is not used at present, and probably possesses dangerous properties.

ARALIA (*Racine d'aralie nude*, Fr.; *Nackte Aralienwurzel*, G.). *Aralia Nudicaulis*, *False Sarsaparilla*, *Wild Sarsaparilla*, *Shotbush*, *Small Spikenard*, *Wild Liquorice*. (*Racine d'aralie à tige nue*, *Petit-nard*, Fr.) This useful plant is an indigenous perennial, belonging to the natural order Araliaceæ, having one leaf and one flower-stem, springing together from the root, or from a very short smooth stalk, and seldom rising two feet in height. The leaf, which stands upon a long footstalk, is twice ternate, or once and quinate, with oblong-oval, acuminate leaflets, rounded at the base, serrate on the margin, and smooth on both surfaces. The scape or flower-stem is naked, shorter than the leaf, and terminated by three small umbels, each consisting of from twelve to thirty small yellowish or greenish flowers. The fruit consists of small round berries, about as large as those of the common elder. The plant grows throughout the United States, from Canada to the Carolinas, inhabiting shady and rocky woods, and delighting in a rich soil. It flowers in May and

June. The root is horizontal, creeping, sometimes several feet in length, about as thick as the little finger, more or less twisted, of a yellowish-brown color externally, of a fragrant odor, and a warm, aromatic, sweetish taste. It has not been analyzed. *Aralia racemosa* (*American Spikenard*) is distinguished by its herbaceous widely branched stem, which is furnished with leaves, whose leaflets are heart-ovate, pointed, doubly serrate, slightly downy, and also by its blackish or dark-purple fruit being in very numerous umbels, and so clustered as to make a large compound panicle. Its rhizome is short, two or more inches thick, furnished with closely placed, large, nodose stem-scars, and numerous roots one to two feet long, which are much branched below. In odor and taste it resembles *A. nudicaulis*, but is more spicy. *Aralia hispida* (*Bristly Sarsaparilla*, *Dwarf Elder*) closely resembles *A. nudicaulis*, but is distinguished by its larger stem, which is also bristly and leafy. Its root has been used as a diuretic in *dropsy*. (*Am. J. Med. Sci.*, xix. 117.) For microscopic description with illustrations of the root of *A. nudicaulis*, by Prof. E. S. Bastin, see *Western Druggist*, 1885, p. 314.

Aralia racemosa and *A. nudicaulis* have been used especially in domestic practice as a gentle stimulant diaphoretic and alterative, chiefly in *rheumatic*, *syphilitic*, and *cutaneous affections*, in the same manner and dose as genuine sarsaparilla. A strong decoction has proved useful as a stimulant to old *ulcers*.

ARALIA SPINOSA. *Angelica-tree. Hercules' Club. Toothache-tree. Prickly Elder. Prickly Ash.* The name *prickly ash* should be dropped; as it belongs properly to *Xanthoxylum fraxineum*, and if retained might lead to confusion. The stem of this indigenous arborescent shrub is erect, simple, from eight to twelve feet high, armed with numerous prickles, and furnished near the top with very large bipinnate or tripinnate leaves, which are also prickly, and are composed of oval, pointed, slightly serrate leaflets. It terminates in an ample panicle, very much branched, and bearing numerous small hemispherical umbels, in each of which are about thirty white flowers. This species of Aralia is found most abundantly and of the largest growth in the Southern States, where it is said to sometimes attain a height of from thirty to sixty feet. It grows also in the Western States, and as far north as New York. It is sometimes cultivated in the gardens of the North as a curious or ornamental plant. It flourishes in low, fertile woods, and flowers in August and September. The bark, root, and berries are medicinal.

The bark (*Ecorce d'aralie épineuse*, Fr.; *Dornige Aralienrinde*, G.), as in the shops, is usually in small quills or half quills, from two or three lines to half an inch in diameter, thin, fibrous, grayish externally, and armed with prickles or the remains of them, yellowish within, of an odor somewhat aromatic, and a bitterish taste, which becomes slightly acrid on chewing, and leaves a lasting sense of pungency upon the tongue. It yields its virtues to boiling water. C. W. Elkins found in the bark, starch, glucose, gum, pectin, two acrid resins, volatile oil in small quantity, and what he believed to be an uncrystallizable alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1880.) L. H. Holden (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 390) found along with tannin and other ingredients a glucoside, *araliin*. J. K. Lilly (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 433) obtained the glucoside by adding ether to the alcoholic extract. The glucoside is thrown out, then dissolved in water, precipitated first with neutral lead acetate and then the filtrate with basic acetate. This precipitate decomposed with hydrogen sulphide yields the glucoside, which is recrystallized out of alcohol. Decomposed by boiling with dilute hydrochloric acid, it yields sugar and *araliretin*. The virtues of *Aralia spinosa* are those of a stimulant diaphoretic. According to Elliot, an infusion of the recent bark of the root is emetic and cathartic. The remedy is used in *chronic rheumatism* and *cutaneous eruptions;* and in some parts of the South has been employed in *syphilis*. Pursh states that a vinous or spirituous infusion of the berries is remarkable for relieving rheumatic pains; and a similar tincture is said to be employed in Virginia with advantage in violent *colic*. The pungency of this tincture has also been found useful in relieving *toothache*. The bark is most conveniently administered in decoction.

ARECA NUT. *Semen Arecæ. Betel Nut*, E. *Noix d'Arec*, Fr. *Arekanüsse*, *Betelnüsse*, G. This is the product of *Areca Catechu*, an East India tree belonging to the family of palms. The fruit, which is about the size and shape of a small egg, and of an orange-yellow color, contains the nut embedded in a fibrous, fleshy envelope, and invested with a brittle shell which adheres to the exterior flesh. The kernel, the betel nut of commerce, is of a roundish-conical shape, rather larger than a chestnut, externally of a deep brown, diversified with a fawn color, so as to present a reticular appearance, internally brownish red with whitish veins, very hard, of a feeble odor when broken, and of an astringent, somewhat acrid taste. It abounds in tannin, and contains also gallic acid, a fixed oil, gum, a little volatile oil, lignin, and various saline substances. Flückiger found that the tannic acid yielded a green color turning to brown with ferric salts. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 671.) It yields its astringency to water; and in some parts of Hindostan an extract is prepared from it having the appearance and properties of catechu. A red coloring matter known as *Areca red* is extracted, probably resulting from the decomposition of a tannin. It is insoluble in cold water and ether, soluble in boiling water and alkaline liquids, out of which it is precipitated by acids. E. Bombalon obtained from the betel nut a volatile alkaloid, resembling nicotine, which he named *arekane*. It is left from an ethereal solution in the form of a colorless oily liquid, smelling like weak meat-broth, and having a strong alkaline reaction. With tartaric, citric, hydriodic, and salicylic acids it forms varnish-like salts, the salicylate having a tobacco-like odor. The taste of the alkaloid as well as of its salts is at first imperceptible, but afterwards becomes acrid. It increases the secretion of saliva, lessens the pulse, and has a purgative action. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1886, p. 838.) E. Jahns (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, 1888, p. 3404) has found three alkaloids in areca nut: 1. *Arecoline*, $C_8H_{13}NO_2$, identical with the *arekane* of Bombalon. 2. *Arecaine*, $C_7H_{11}NO_2$, $+ H_2O$, which occurs in permanent, colorless crystals, soluble in water, insoluble in absolute alcohol, ether, chloroform, and benzol. 3. An alkaloid which exists in such small quantities that sufficient was not obtainable for close examination. *Betel leaves* from *Piper Betel*, according to D. S. Kemp (*P. J. Tr.*, xx. p. 759), contain two volatile oils, one heavy, sp. gr. 1·046, and the other light, sp. gr. 0·9404. Immense quantities of the nut are consumed in the East, mixed with the leaves of the Piper Betel and with lime, forming the masticatory so well known

by the name of *Betel*. The red color which this mixture imparts to the saliva and the excrements is owing to the areca nut, which is also powerfully astringent, and, by its internal use, tends to counteract the relaxation of bowels to which the heat of the climate so strongly predisposes. (See *N. R.*, 1876, p. 71.) According to Jahns (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, 1889), *arecaine* is the active principle of the areca nut, and a powerful *tænicide*, resembling in its action pelletierine. It is an active poison, half a grain (0·032 Gm.) sufficing to kill a rabbit in a few moments. Its general action seems to be like that of muscarine, but it influences the respiration as well as the heart, causes tetanic convulsions, and has an extraordinary influence in increasing intestinal peristalsis. Locally applied, or when given internally, it contracts the pupils. It is believed that it will prove a valuable remedy on account of its tænicidal and vermifugal properties, and its action upon peristalsis. (*Pharm. Zeitung*, Feb. 1889.) *Arecaine* is said to resemble in its physiological action methylnicotinic acid. In India the areca nut has long been used as a vermifuge, the dose being a teaspoonful of the freshly-grated nut. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1874.) In 1862, Dr. Edw. Morris commended the remedy highly in *tapeworm*, given in doses of four to six drachms (15·5 to 23·3 Gm.) (*Am. J. Med. Sci.*, April, 1862), and recently its destructive power has been confirmed by various practitioners, the usual dose being one to two drachms (3·9 to 7·8 Gm.). In this country the nut has also been used for the making of a hard charcoal, employed as a basis of tooth-powder.

ARGEMONE MEXICANA. *Prickly Poppy. Argémone*, Fr. *Stachelmohn*, G. An annual plant, belonging to the Papaveraceæ, growing in our Southern and Western States, Mexico, the West Indies, Brazil, and in many parts of Africa and Southern Asia. The whole plant abounds in a milky, viscid juice, which becomes yellow on exposure to the air. M. Charbonnier obtained from the plant an alkaloid, which he believes to be morphine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1868, p. 352.) (For description of plant, see 16th ed. U. S. D.) The plant is emetic and purgative, and possesses also narcotic properties. The milky, yellowish juice, which is acrid, has been used internally in obstinate *cutaneous eruptions*, and as a local application to *warts* and *chancres*, and in *diseases of the eyes*. The flowers are stated by De Candolle to have been employed as a soporific. The seeds, which are small, round, black, and roughish, are emetic in dose of two drachms infused in a pint of water; in smaller doses they are purgative. The expressed oil has the cathartic property of the seeds, and, according to M. Lépine, might be advantageously used in the arts. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1861, p. 16.) It may be separated by means of carbon disulphide, and it is described by M. Charbonnier as of a light-yellow color, limpid, transparent, retaining its fluidity at 5° C. (41° F.), of a somewhat nauseous odor, and of a slightly acrid taste, which, however, is not very disagreeable. It is a drying oil, and is entirely soluble in 5 or 6 measures of alcohol at 32·2° C. (90° F.). According to Flückiger, it has a sp. gr. of 0·919 and dries slowly, and is not soluble in 6 parts of alcohol. The volatile fatty acids, acetic, butyric, and valerianic acids, were found by Froelich to be present. It is thought applicable to various purposes in the arts, especially to painting; and the cultivation of the plant with a view to its production is suggested as a promising enterprise. M. Charbonnier found it gently cathartic in the dose of 15 to 25 drops, and emeto-cathartic in larger doses. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1868, p. 348.) According to Dr. W. Hamilton, the seeds unite an anodyne and soporific with the cathartic property; and, in the hands of Dr. Affleck, of Jamaica, have proved useful in flatulent *colic*, given in emulsion, in the dose of about eight grains (0·518 Gm.), repeated every half-hour till three doses are taken. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 642.) Dr. Bonavia also found it useful in *colic* with constipation, and, following a practice common in Upper India, applied it very successfully, as a local remedy, in a troublesome cutaneous affection about the waist, called the *dhad*, which is apt to occur in those regions.

ARGENTI CHLORIDUM. *Silver Chloride.* (AgCl.) This is readily prepared by adding a solution of common salt to one of silver nitrate, as long as it produces a precipitate. As first thrown down, it is a white, curdy substance, but it soon becomes discolored when exposed to the light. It is decomposed by solutions of the caustic alkalies, which convert it into oxide, but not by their carbonates. After the formation of the oxide in this way, the addition of sugar reduces it, and revives the silver. (*Levol.*) Silver chloride has been used in *syphilis*, *epilepsy*, *chronic dysentery* and *diarrhœa*, and other diseases in which silver nitrate has been given. The dose is from one to three grains or more, four or five times a day. The crystallized *silver ammonio-chloride* has been given in *syphilitic affections*, in the dose of the fourteenth of a grain (0·005 Gm.). It is formed by saturating solution of ammonia, by the aid of heat, with silver chloride, and allowing the liquid to cool in a stoppered bottle. It crystallizes in cubes.

ARISTOL. *Dithymoldiiodide.* $C_{20}H_{24}O_2I_2$ or $\left.\begin{matrix} C_3H_7 \\ CH_3 \end{matrix}\right\} C_6H_2(OI)$ / $\left.\begin{matrix} CH_3 \\ C_3H_7 \end{matrix}\right\} C_6H_2(OI)$. This substance contains about 46 per cent. of iodine; it is believed to be the product of the condensation of two molecules of thymol and the substitution of the hydrogen in the hydroxyl group in each by iodine. It may be prepared by decomposing a solution of iodine in potassium iodide by an alcoholic solution of thymol. For a process, see a paper by Geo. M. Beringer in *Amer. Journ. Pharm.*, April, 1891, p. 175. Aristol is a red-brown powder, insoluble in water and glycerin, slightly soluble in alcohol, and freely so in ether, chloroform, and in fixed oils. It is precipitated from ethereal solutions by alcohol. Warmth must not be used in making the solution; and light decomposes aristol, which must therefore be protected from its effects. (See *Annidalin.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. The therapeutic properties of aristol were first brought to the notice of the profession by Eichhoff (*Monat. für Prak. Dermat.*, 1890), who claimed that it is a non-toxic and non-irritant application, having similar local properties to iodoform, and useful in the treatment of superficial *ulcerations*, *eczema*, *psoriasis*, and various other *skin affections*. The non-poisonous properties of it have been confirmed by Neisser, Quinquaud, and Fournioux. The mode of its elimination from the system has not been thoroughly worked out, but it appears to be partially decomposed, as iodine has been found in the urine after its ingestion. Neisser found that the powder has no effect upon the lower organisms, although its ethereal

solution is germicidal, probably through decomposition of the aristol. It may be used as a substitute for iodoform, but the general trend of the reports is that it is not equal in antiseptic surgery to iodoform. Asserted good results have been especially claimed for it in affections of the mucous membranes of the nose and larynx, and it has been used by suppository in chronic *dysentery*, in doses of three grains three times a day, with alleged excellent results. Nadaud claims great success in *pulmonary tuberculosis*, from the hypodermic injection of from one to three C.c. daily of its 1 per cent. solution in sweet almond oil.

ARMERIA VULGARIS. *Maiden Pink.* This European plant is said to be an active diuretic. (*Pharmaceut. Post*, May, 1890.)

ARROW POISONS. Some of the poisonous extracts used by barbarous tribes as arrow poisons are of such importance as to be considered elsewhere in distinct articles. At present we desire to note several together. The arrow poison used by the Pygmies of Central Africa has been obtained by Surgeon Parke, and is described in the *P. J. Tr.*, April, 1891. It has been found to contain two active alkaloids, *erythrophlœine* and *strychnine*. The Malays of South Asia use an arrow poison under the name of *ipoh*, which has been shown to be obtained from *Derris elliptica*, or the *tuba root*, much used in Java as a fish poison. It contains an active acid resin, to which the name of *derrid* has been given. Derrid appears to be one of the most powerful fish poisons known, as one five-millionth part stupefied gold-fish in a few moments, and killed them within half an hour. The physiological action of the principle does not seem to have been studied. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi., 1890.) Later researches seem to throw doubt upon the distinctness of Ipoh poison from *Upas antiar*. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1892.) An arrow poison of Borneo, known as *Dajaksh*, was found by Dr. Braidwood to act as a cardiac paralyzant. (*Edinb. Med. Journ.*, 1864.) Another arrow poison is that of the Sakayes and Wakamba in East Africa. Dr. H. Paschkis has examined this and finds a crystalline body to which he gives the name *Ukambine*. This is soluble in water, difficultly soluble in alcohol, insoluble in ether and chloroform. Its reactions resemble those of digitalis and strophanthin.

Exuja. Echugin. This is a blackish-brown, crumby, odorless, and intensely bitter arrow poison, used by the Ovambos of Southwest Africa, said to be yielded by an apocynaceous shrub, *Adenium Boehmianum*, which has been chemically examined by R. Böhm (*Centralb. f. d. Med. Wissensch.*, 1889), who isolated the crystalline glucoside ($C_5H_8O_2$), *echugin*, and a resinous body, *echugon*. The glucoside crystallizes in small, colorless, satiny, rhombic plates, easily soluble in water and alcohol and insoluble in ether. It is present to about ten per cent. in the crude substance, and is said to very closely resemble strophanthin in its physiological properties.

Hippo and *Vakamba* are arrow poisons used by the African tribes the Sakayes and the Somangs. According to Prof. Laborde, hippo causes vomiting, then tetanic convulsions, and a simultaneous arrest of the respiration and cardiac action, followed by death. The "vakamba" produces similar effects; but its tetanic action is less violent, though it seems to cause muscular contraction more rapidly than the hippo. (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1887.)

Ukambin is an African arrow poison, closely related to Kombe, if it be not identical with it; H. Paschkis having found its active principle a crystalline body, which, physiologically, belongs to the digitalis group; causing elevated blood-pressure, fibrillary contractions of the muscles, and systolic cardiac arrest. (*Centralb. Med. Wissen.*, 1892, No. 10.)

Onobaio is an arrow poison used by the natives of Obok, on the Gulf of Aden, which occurs in the form of small, hard, resinous, brown balls. MM. Varigny and Langlois found that one-twelfth of a grain was sufficient to kill rabbits and guinea-pigs very quickly. After large doses, arrest occurred of both heart and lungs, but after small doses death occurred by failure of respiration; the heart continuing to beat after the respiratory movements had ceased. (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, June, 1888.)

Ouabaio. The Somalis of the east coast of Africa prepare this poison from the root of a tree, said to be the *Carissa Schimperi*. Arnaud, Hardy, and Galois have, however, obtained from the *Strophanthus glaber* an active principle believed to be identical with that previously isolated from ouabaio by Arnaud. The glucoside "ouabaïn" has the formula $C_{30}H_{46}O_{12}$, and chemically resembles very closely strophanthin. For the method of isolation, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, May, 1889. Introduced into the stomach, ouabain is said not to be poisonous, but when taken into the blood directly it is asserted to be a most deadly substance, the one-sixty-fifth of a grain (0.00101 Gm.) being sufficient to kill a man. It acts both upon the heart and upon the respiratory centres. According to Gley, it is a local anæsthetic, having ten times the power of cocaine. It has also been recommended in *whooping-cough*. The proper dose of the remedy is uncertain, but it would hardly be safe to commence with more than one-five-hundredth of a grain (0.00013 Gm.).

Under the names of *Upas antiar* and *Upas tieute*, two arrow poisons have long been used by the natives of Java and other East India islands. The *Upas antiar* is a gum-resinous exudation obtained from the *Antiaris toxicaria*, a large tree, belonging to the Urticaceæ, growing in Java, Celebes, and the neighboring islands, and described in *Lindley's Flora Medica* (p. 301). Like certain species of Rhus, this plant exhales an aëriform matter, which very unpleasantly affects many of those who approach it, causing eruptions upon the skin and exterior swelling, while others seem altogether insensible to its influence. Hence the fable of the deadly *upas tree*. The juice is mixed with various substances, which probably have little other effect than to give a due consistence to the poison. This, whether taken internally or introduced into the system through a wound, acts with extreme violence, producing vomiting, with great prostration, a feeble irregular pulse, involuntary evacuations, and convulsive movements, which are soon followed by death, which Brodie ascertained to be due to cardiac paralysis. Maurice Doyon found Upas antiar to be a powerful cardiac poison, causing in small doses rise of the arterial pressure, largely by an action upon the vaso-motor centres. Death was produced by arrest of the heart. (*Archiv. de Physiologie*, 1892.) Pelletier and Caventou found in it a glucoside, *antiarin*, crystallizable, soluble in water and alcohol, but scarcely so in ether, and of the formula $C_{14}H_{20}O_{50}$. Antiarin appears to act directly as a paralyzant on the cardiac muscle, to diminish the irritability of the peripheral vagus, and to stimulate the vaso-motor centres. (*N. R.*, 1875, p. 308.) H. W. Bettink

claims (*Ned. Tijdschr. v. Pharm.*) that besides antiarin there are present in the poison two other active principles, for which he proposes the names of *oepain* and *toxicarine*.

The *upas tieute* is said to be obtained from a climbing woody plant growing exclusively in Java, the *Strychnos Tieute* of Leschenault. This author states that a decoction of the bark of the root is concentrated to the consistence of a thin syrup, then mixed with onions, garlic, pepper, etc., and allowed to stand till it becomes clear. This poison produces death in violent convulsion, and strychnine is said to have been found in it. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1860; *Chemist and Druggist*, 1863.) A poisonous substance brought by Dr. Ruschenberger from Singapore was found by Dr. W. A. Hammond to unite the physiological properties of *upas antiar* and *upas tieute*, but was believed by Dr. Hammond to be a distinct poison. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1860.)

ARTAR ROOT. This is a drug coming from the west coast of Africa, possibly the product of *Xanthoxylum senegalense*, the leaves of which have been found in commercial specimens. Two alkaloids have been discovered in it by Giacosa and Nionari, one of which is said to resemble somewhat in its action veratrine, and to be a stimulant to the heart. (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, No. xxv., 1887.)

ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA. Willdenow. *Sierra Salvia. Colorado Mountain Sage.* This Rocky Mountain plant, which is found growing in immense quantities in Western America, is said to be much used in that region as a diuretic, antiperiodic, and mildly cathartic remedy. F. A. Weiss (*A. J. P.*, 1890) found indications of a glucoside. The dose of cold infusion (℥ii to Oi) is a wineglassful three times a day. One or two drachms (3·96 to 7·8 Gm.) of the powdered leaves, or one or two fluidrachms (3·75 to 7·5 C.c.) of the fluid extract, may be administered in hot infusion every half-hour until perspiration has set in.

ARUM. The root or cormus of *Arum maculatum* is occasionally used as a medicine in Europe, and formerly held a place in the Dublin Pharmacopœia. Its properties closely resemble those of our *A. triphyllum*. Its constituents, according to Enz, are a neutral acrid volatile principle soluble in ether, starch, gum, mucilage, sugar, lignin, albumen, saponin, fixed oil, resin, and phosphate of calcium; the fresh cormus containing 58·4 per cent of water, 5·2 of lignin, and 27·2 of starch. (*A. J. P.*, xxxi.)

Arum Triphyllum, Willd. *Arisæma Triphyllum*, Torr. *Gouet à trois Feuilles*, Fr. *Dreiblättriger Aron*, G. The *dragon-root*, *Indian turnip*, or *wake-robin*, as this plant is variously called, has a perennial root or cormus, which, early in spring, sends up a large, ovate, acuminate, variously colored spathe, convoluted at bottom, flattened and bent over at top like a hood, and supported by an erect, round, green, or purplish scape. Within the spathe is a club-shaped spadix, green, purple, black, or variegated, rounded at the end, and contracted near the base, where it is surrounded by the stamens or germs in the diœcious plants, and by both in the monœcious, the female organs being below the male. The spathe and upper portions of the spadix gradually decay, while the germs are converted into a compact bunch of shining scarlet berries. The leaves, usually one or two in number, and upon long sheathing footstalks, are composed of three ovate acuminate leaflets, paler on their under than their upper surface, and becoming glaucous as the plant advances. There are three varieties of this species, distinguished by the color of the spathe, which in one is green, in another dark-purple, and in a third white. The plant is a native of North and South America, and is common in all parts of the United States, growing in damp woods, in swamps, along ditches, and in other moist shady places. The corm was formerly official. This is roundish, flattened, an inch or two in diameter, covered with a brown, loose, wrinkled epidermis, and internally white, fleshy, and solid. In the recent state it has a peculiar odor, and is violently acrid. It was found by Mr. D. S. Jones, besides the acrid principle and from 10 to 17 per cent. of starch, to contain albumen, gum, sugar, extractive, lignin, and salts of potassa and lime. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 83.) The Indian turnip may be preserved fresh for a year, if buried in sand.

Both the European and American arum are, in their fresh state, violent irritants to the mucous membranes, producing when chewed insupportable burning in the mouth and throat; although, according to Dr. Bigelow, the application of the freshly-bruised root to the skin, of the American species at least, does not produce local inflammation. Taken internally, this plant causes violent gastro-enteritis, and one death is recorded from the European species. (*Annuaire Thérapeut.*, 1862.)

The fresh, partially-dried root has been used internally as a stimulant to the secretions, especially in *asthma*, *whooping-cough*, *chronic catarrh*, and *rheumatism*. Dose, ten grains (0·648 Gm.), two or three times a day, increased to half a drachm (1·95 Gm.). The perfectly fresh root should not be used, and the fully dried root is inactive. The corm of the arum contains much starch, and a farina is prepared from it, in small quantities, in the Isle of Portland, on the south coast of England, and called *Portland arrow-root*, or *Portland sago*. The root of *A. esculentum*, which abounds in starch, is much used by the natives of the Sandwich and other islands of the Pacific, as an article of food, having been previously deprived of its acrimony by heat.

ASAPROL (*Calcium α-monosulphonate of β-naphtol*, $C_{10}H_6\begin{cases}OH\\SO_3\end{cases}>Ca$ $C_{10}H_6\begin{cases}SO_3\\OH\end{cases}$) is a white powder, easily soluble in water and alcohol. This substance has been proposed by A. Stackler as a germicide, antipyretic, and anti-rheumatic. It is said to be neutral in reaction, readily soluble in alcohol and water, and not altered by heat, non-irritant, slightly toxic, well borne by the digestive tract, and rapidly eliminated by the kidneys. M. Stackler commends it in doses of from 15 to 60 grains (0·971 to 3·88 Gm.) in *rheumatism*, *typhoid fever*, etc. (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, 1892.)

ASARABACCA. *Asarum Europæum* is an acrid, herbaceous perennial plant, growing in Europe, between 37° and 60° north latitude, in woods and shady places. The root is about as thick as a goose-quill, of a grayish color, quadrangular, knotted and twisted, and sometimes furnished with radicles at each joint. It has a smell analogous to that of pepper, an acrid taste, and affords a grayish powder. The leaves, which have long footstalks, are kidney-shaped, entire, somewhat hairy, of a shining deep-green color when fresh, nearly inodorous, with a taste slightly aromatic, bitter, acrid, and nauseous. According to MM. Feneulle and Lassaigne, the

root contains a concrete volatile oil, a very acrid fixed oil, a yellow substance analogous to *cytisin*, starch, albumen, mucilage, citric acrid, and saline matters. Gräger found in the *root* a liquid volatile oil, two concrete volatile substances called respectively *asarum-camphor* or *asaron*, and *asarite*, a peculiar bitter principle called *asarin*, tannin, extractive, resin, starch, gluten, albumen, lignin, citric acid, and various salts; in the *leaves*, asarin, tannin, extractive, chlorophyll, albumen, citric acid, and lignin. Rizza and Butlerow give to *asaron* the formula $C_{12}H_{16}O_3$, and state that it melts at 59° C., boils at 296° C., has the sp. gr. 1·165 at 18° C., is inodorous, has a faintly pungent taste, is somewhat soluble in boiling water, and crystallizes on cooling in delicate needles and scales. Gräger's *asarite* is merely asaron crystallized in fine needles. (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1884, p. 1159.) Poleck (*Ibid.*, p. 1415) gives the fusing point of asaron as 61° C., and its formula as $C_8H_{10}O_2$. The active principles appear to be the volatile oil, which is lighter than water, glutinous, yellow, of an acrid and burning taste, and a smell like that of valerian, and the asarin, which is soluble in alcohol and very bitter, and is probably the same as the *cytisin* of Feneulle and Lassaigne. (See *Cytisus Laburnum.*) The volatile oil has been examined by Petersen: it consists of an oil which has the composition of $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$ and is identical with the methyl ether of eugenol, and a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling between 162° C. (323·6° F.) and 165° C. (329° F.). (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1888–89, 123.) The root and leaves of asarabacca are powerfully emetic and cathartic, in doses of from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95 to 3·9 Gm.), but are used almost exclusively as an errhine in *headache*, and *rheumatic affections* of the face, mouth, and throat. One or two grains (0·065 to 0·13 Gm.), snuffed up the nostrils, produce much irritation, and a copious, persistent flow of mucus.

ASARUM. *Wild Ginger*, or *Canada Snake-root. Asaret du Canada*, Fr. *Canadische Haselwurzel*, G. Under this name the U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized the root of the indigenous *A. Canadense*. This plant has a short stem, which divides before it emerges from the ground into two hairy leaf-stalks, each bearing a broad, kidney-shaped, pubescent leaf. A single flower is attached to the fork of the stem by a pubescent, pendulous peduncle; it has a deep brownish-purple, woolly, three-segmented calyx, with petals reduced to nectaries, and a six-celled capsule in fruit. It has in all its parts an aromatic odor and an aromatic slightly bitter taste, which it imparts to alcohol and hot water. The rhizome occurs in long, more or less contorted pieces, from the thickness of a straw to that of a goose-quill, brownish and wrinkled externally, whitish within, hard and brittle, and frequently furnished with short fibres. The chief constituent is the volatile oil, now largely used in perfumery. Prof. F. B. Power found in the rhizome, volatile oil, resin, fat, amorphous yellow coloring matter (asarin of Gräger), uncrystallizable sugar, and a small quantity of a feebly basic principle. The volatile oil consisted of, 1, a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, called *asarene;* 2, an isomer of borneol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, *asarol;* 3, a neutral substance, $C_{12}H_{18}O_2$, *asarin*, which should not be confounded with asarum-camphor; 4, a small amount of *cærulene*. Petersen made a study of the oils of *Asarum Europæum* and *Asarum Canadense* in the pharmaceutical laboratory of the University of Breslau, and found the oils are composed in the main of one compound, which is identical with the methyl ether of eugenol, $C_6H_3(OCH_3)_2.C_3H_5$, a compound which had been made synthetically but not previously found in nature. Dr. Power (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1888, p. 101) asserts that the oils differ in at least two respects, the oil of *A. Canadense* containing no *asarone*, *asarol*, a very fragrant body, taking its place; there are also present acetic and valerianic acids. For formulas for fluid extract, syrup, and oleoresin, see *A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 155. Mr. F. P. Streeper (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 6) proved that strong alcohol was the proper menstruum for the fluid extract.

The medical properties of this drug are feeble. It does not appear to be even in large doses emetic or cathartic, but is useful as an aromatic adjuvant to tonic mixtures and infusions, added in such amounts that each dose of the liquid will represent half a drachm to a drachm of the rhizome. It is said in very large doses to possess some diuretic properties. As an aromatic, the dose is thirty grains (1·95 Gm.).

ASBESTOS. This term is applied to several mineral substances which occur in long capillary crystals placed side by side, the whole producing a fibrous mass which possesses qualities that render asbestos very valuable in the arts. Asbestos is incombustible, insoluble, and a poor conductor of heat. It is usually *magnesium silicate*, or a compound of silicon, lime, and magnesium, and is found in Italy, in the Tyrol, Corsica, Savoy, in the Pyrenees, in Cornwall, Scotland, and elsewhere in Europe. Beautiful specimens occur in Canada and the United States, North Carolina and Staten Island having furnished asbestos having very long fibres. For its general properties and uses, see *Pharm. Record*, 1885, p. 232. In the laboratory it is used for filters, for which it is admirably adapted. (See *A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 37; *Pharm. Rundschau*, 1885, p. 252.)

ASCLEPIAS CURASSAVICA. *Bastard Ipecacuanha. Redhead. Blood Weed.* This is a native of the West Indies, abounding especially in Nevis and St. Kitts, where it is considerably used as a medicine. Both the root and expressed juice are emetic, the former in the dose of one or two scruples (1·3 or 2·6 Gm.), the latter in that of a fluidounce (30 C.c.) or more. They are also cathartic and vermifuge in somewhat smaller doses. (*A. J. P.*, xix. 19.) For analysis, see *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 347.

ASIMINA TRILOBA. J. U. and C. G. Lloyd have found in the common *pawpaw* an alkaloid *asimine*, besides a volatile oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1886.)

ASPARAGUS OFFICINALIS. *Asparagus. Asperge*, Fr. *Spargel*, G. This well-known garden vegetable is a native of Europe. It is perennial and herbaceous. The *root*, which is inodorous, and of a weak, sweetish taste, is used in France as a diuretic, aperient, and purifier, in the form of decoction, made in the proportion of one or two ounces of the root to a quart of water. Hayne asserts that, in the dried state, it is wholly inert. In the *berries* H. Reinsch has found a large proportion of glucose and a yellowish-red coloring matter, *Spargin*. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 371.) From the juice of the young shoots Robiquet and Vauquelin obtained a peculiar crystallizable principle, called *asparagin*, $C_4H_8N_2O_3$, which has since been found in a number of plants. (See *Althæa.*) Asparagin is said to be obtained with facility by the process of dialysis. If the thick viscid mucilage of the marshmallow (*Althæa officinalis*) be put into a dialyser, with distilled water outside, the asparagin passes into the water, and may be obtained in crystals by evaporating the solu-

tion. (See *P. J. Tr.*, May, 1862, p. 572.) It might probably be obtained in the same way from an infusion of asparagus.

Medical Properties and Uses. The sprouts of asparagus afford in the early spring an excellent article of diet; and have been asserted to have, especially by the older writers upon materia medica, various medical properties (see 16th ed. of the U. S. D.), but there is at present no sufficient reason for believing that they are of value in practical medicine, nor is it more than conjecture that they have an effect upon the heart, or even are actively diuretic, as has been alleged. The peculiar heavy odor which they impart to the urine has been the chief foundation for the belief in their diuretic properties; but Professor Nencki (*Provincial Med. Journ.*, March, 1891) appears to have demonstrated that this odor is due to the presence in the urine of *methyl-mercaptan*, a gas which is frequently produced in minute quantities in the intestines by the decomposition of proteids. Dr. A. Dedrick affirms that eight grains of asparagin caused marked reduction and irregularity of the pulse, frontal headache, and muscular weakness, lasting less than two hours. Dr. I. Munk has found that asparagin given to dogs in the amount of one drachm per kilogram of weight has no effect upon tissue-change. (*Virchow's Archiv*, Bd. xciv. and xcviii.) Dr. Justin D. Lyle (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, July, 1892) has found that eating asparagus causes the urine to answer Trommer's, Fehling's, and Böttger's glycosuria tests, although sugar is not present. The effect of asparagin upon tissue-change has been studied by several physiologists, with somewhat diverse results. Weiske and his students are in accord with Zuntz in the conclusion that in herbivorous animals it reduces the destruction of albuminous material; whilst Munk, Politis, and Mauthner, experimenting upon dogs and rats, have reached the conclusion that asparagin has no influence, at least in carnivora, upon tissue-change. (*Zeitsch. f. Biologie*, x., 1892.) Asparagus may be administered internally in the form of the syrup produced from the fresh juice or from the tincture. Dr. S. J. Jefferson, of England, tried a tincture made from the dried tops (5 ounces to 2 pints, proof spirit), dose one to two drachms (3·7 to 7·4 C.c.).

ASPHODELUS BULBOSUS. Under the name of "*Tsinisse*," the corm of this plant is used in the East for mucilage and the adulteration of salep powder.

ASPLENIUM FILIX FŒMINA. R. Brown. *Female Fern.* This is the *Polypodium filix fœmina* of Linn., the *Aspidium filix fœmina* of Swartz, and the *Athyrium filix fœmina* of Roth. It has a root analogous in character to that of the male fern (*Aspidium filix mas*), and has been supposed to possess similar vermifuge properties. At present, however, it is not used. The vulgar name of *female fern* is also given to the *Pteris aquilina*, or *common brake*, which is said by some authors to have the property of destroying the *tape-worm*. The leaves of two species of Asplenium, *A. trichomanes*, or *common spleenwort*, and *A. adiantum-nigrum*, or *black spleenwort*, are mucilaginous, and have been used as substitutes for the *maidenhairs* (*Adiantum capillus veneris* and *A. pedatum*) as pectorals, though destitute of their aromatic flavor.

ASTER PUNICEUS. The aromatic astringent rootlets of this indigenous plant have been employed as a stimulating diaphoretic, in *rheumatic* and *catarrhal affections*.

ASTERACANTHA LONGIFOLIA. *Ik Kirit.* This Indian plant is said by Dr. A. Jayesingba to be an energetic hydragogue diuretic. (*Pharm. Zeitsch. f. Russland*, Sept. 1887.)

ATHEROSPERMA MOSCHATA. *Australian Sassafras.* The bark of this tree contains a volatile oil which is obtained by distillation, and has some reputation in Australia as a remedy. It is said to be diaphoretic, diuretic, and sedative to the heart. The dose is a drop every six or eight hours. An alkaloid called *athero-spermine*, $C_{30}H_{20}NO_5$, has been extracted from the bark by M. Zeyer, of Munich. Tannic acid has also been detected. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1863, p. 447; also, *Wittstein's Organic Constituents of Plants*, p. 20.)

AVA, KAVA. This is an intoxicating liquor, made in the Sandwich Islands from the large, fibrous, spongy root of the *Piper methysticum* (*Macropiper methysticum*, Miquel.). The root is grayish-brown; bark very thin, internally yellowish-white. A transverse section shows a number of narrow lines (woody bundles) radiating from near the centre towards the circumference, the interstitial tissue being much wider than the lines themselves. The central portion of the root is soft and cellular, with a few woody bundles anastomosing with each other, and proceeding at right angles to the radiating bundles, so as to form a net-work in the centre of the transverse section. Its odor resembles that of the meadow-sweet; its taste is slightly pungent, scarcely perceptibly bitter, and causes an increased flow of saliva. M. Gobley isolated from kava root a crystalline principle (analogous to piperin), *methysticin*, or *kavahin*, which is without odor and taste, and is probably inert. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Jan. 1860.) It possesses the formula $C_{16}H_{18}O_5$. It may be obtained in acicular crystals from a concentrated tincture. Kavahin differs from piperin and cubebin in being colored red by hydrochloric acid, the red color fading on exposure to air into a bright yellow, and in being colored by strong sulphuric acid a purplish violet, which passes into green. In 1844, Mr. Morson, of London, discovered an active principle, *kawine*. This is a greenish-yellow, strongly aromatic and acrid resin. It was again studied by Cuzaut in 1860, and by Lewin in 1886. This latter investigator separates it into two resins, of which the β resin is greasy and of a reddish-brown color, appearing in mass almost black. This is less active than the α resin, which is yellowish brown, has the characteristic odor of the drug, is freely soluble in alcohol, and placed upon the tongue produces a burning sensation followed by local anæsthesia. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 450.) A volatile oil has also been found in the root. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, March, 1862.) M. Lavialle (*L'Union Pharm.*, Jan. 1889) claims to have obtained an alkaloid, *kavaine*, whose sulphate occurs in slightly deliquescent prismatic crystals, which are soluble in an equal part of water and sparingly soluble in alcohol.

The liqueur "kava" is a stimulant, which when in sufficient dose produces an intoxication said to differ from that ordinarily caused by alcohol, in being of a silent and drowsy nature, accompanied by incoherent dreams (the drinker not being quarrelsome or excited), and great loss of muscular power, which is due probably to the action of the kava resin upon the spinal cord. The physiological action of kava root and its resin have been especially investigated by Dr. L. Lewin (*Piper Methysticum*, Berlin, 1886), and Dr. David Cerna (*T. G.*, 1891). The

phenomena which follow the hypodermic injection of the fluid extract of a solution of kava resin are, anæsthesia at the point of injection, followed after absorption by general paralysis, due to a direct paralysis of the motor side of the spinal cord, the motor nerves and the muscles remaining intact. The local anæsthesia is due to a paralysis of the sensory nerve filaments, and when the resin is brought in contact with the mucous membranes there is a burning pain, followed in time by a complete loss of sensibility, which is remarkably permanent, since Lewin found that 6 to 7 minims of a solution of kava injected beneath the skin produced a complete loss of sensibility in the surrounding area, which did not pass away for eight days. (*Deutsche Med. Zeitung*, Feb. 1886.) The action of the drug upon the circulation is subordinate to its nervous influence, but according to the experiments of Cerna it does stimulate the heart, although it decreases the number of pulsations by stimulating the inhibitory nerve centres. The same investigator found that at first it stimulates, afterwards depresses, and finally paralyzes the respiration, by an action upon the centres.

The insolubility and irritant action of kava resin prevent its use as a practical local anæsthetic. As long ago as 1857, kava root was employed in the treatment of *gonorrhœa*, and there is much testimony to its value both in the acute and chronic form of the disease, as well as in *vaginitis*, *leucorrhœa*, in *nocturnal incontinence*, and similar conditions of the genito-urinary tract. Dose of the fluid extract, fifteen to sixty minims (0·92 to 3·70 C.c.) three times a day.

AZEDARACH. *U. S.*, 1880. *Pride of India. Pride of China. Common Bead Tree. Ecorce d'Azédarach*, *Ecorce de Margousier*, Fr. *Zedrachrinde*, G. This is the bark of the root of the *Melia azedarach*, a beautiful tree, thirty or forty feet high, with a trunk fifteen or twenty inches in diameter. When alone, it attains less elevation, and spreads out into a capacious summit. Its leaves are large and doubly pinnate, consisting of smooth, acuminate, denticulate, dark-green leaflets, disposed in pairs with an odd one at the end. The flowers are of a lilac color, delightfully fragrant, and in beautiful axillary clusters near the ends of the branches. The fruit is a round drupe, about as large as a cherry, and yellowish when ripe. This species of Melia is a native of Syria, Persia, and the north of India, and is cultivated as an ornament in different parts of the world. It is abundant in our Southern States, and has even become naturalized. North of Virginia it does not flourish, though small trees may sometimes be seen in sheltered situations. It flowers early in the spring. "The bark is in curved pieces or quills of variable size and thickness; outer surface red-brown, with irregular, blackish, longitudinal ridges; inner surface whitish or brownish, longitudinally striate; fracture more or less fibrous; upon transverse section tangentially striate, with yellowish bast-fibres; inodorous, sweetish, afterwards bitter and nauseous. If collected from old roots, the bark should be freed from the thick, rust-brown, nearly tasteless, corky layer." (*U. S.*, 1880.) Jacobs (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 444) believes that the active principle is a yellowish-white resin, and that the activity of the bark resides in the liber. Hanausek (1878) states that two kinds of oil of azedarach are used in Eastern Asia,—one from the fruit and the other from the seeds; the former is used medicinally, the latter only for burning. (For characters of oil, see *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1888.) The closely related *Azadirachta Indica*, or *Nim Tree*, according to Broughton (*P. J. Tr.*, 1873, p. 992), contains a bitter amorphous resin, $C_{36}H_{50}O_{11}$, which fuses at 92° C. (197·6° F.), and a crystallized principle, melting at 175° C. (347° F.).

Cornish (*Indian Annals of Med. Sc.*, 4, p. 104) had previously announced the presence of a bitter alkaloid, to which he gave the name *margosine*, from the Portuguese name for the tree, *Margosa*. The decoction of this bark is cathartic and emetic, and in large doses is said to produce narcotic effects similar to those of spigelia, especially if gathered at the season when the sap is mounting; but in a number of experiments made by Dr. H. C. Wood with extracts from the dried bark and fruit, it was found impossible to produce toxic symptoms in frogs or rabbits. Robins eating of the sweetish fruit, of which they are very fond, are often rendered so far insensible as to be picked up under the tree; though they usually recover in a few hours. It has been suggested that sufficient alcohol is produced by the spontaneous fermentation of the berries to cause intoxication. Children are said to eat the fruit without inconvenience, and possibly the robins simply choke themselves with the large berries. The bark is considered in the Southern States an efficient anthelmintic, and appears to enjoy, in some places, an equal degree of confidence with the pinkroot. The form of decoction is usually preferred. A quart of water is boiled with four ounces of the fresh bark to a pint, of which the dose for a child is a tablespoonful every two or three hours, till it affects the stomach or bowels. Another plan is to give a dose morning and evening for several successive days, and then to administer an active cathartic. The *fresh* bark and the fruit are said to be superior as vermifuges, but are not to be found in our Northern drug-stores. A fluid extract and syrup of azedarach are proposed by J. J. Miles (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1874), the former made in the usual way with diluted alcohol, except that 6 troyounces of white sugar are added. The syrup is made by taking 4 fluidounces of the fluid extract, 8 fluidounces of vanilla syrup, and sufficient simple syrup to make a pint.

BACCHARIS CORIDIFOLIA. *Mio Mio.* This composite plant of Southeastern South America is notorious from its deadly effect upon sheep and cattle. Mr. Pedro N. Arata has isolated from it an alkaloid, *baccharine*. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 6.)

BALATA. *Gum Chicle. Chicle. Tuno Gum. Leche de Popa. Zapota Gum.* This is the dried milky juice of the *Sapota Muelleri*, or *Bully Tree*, a native of Guiana. It is an oxidized hydrocarbon, containing a little resin, and is said to be midway between caoutchouc and gutta-percha in its physical properties. It is more plastic and more easily kneaded than caoutchouc, however, and it is more elastic than gutta-percha. At ordinary temperatures it is solid and horny, but softens at 49° C., and can then be moulded. Towards solvents it behaves like gutta-percha. It is used largely in England as a substitute for and adulterant of gutta-percha, and in the United States in making chewing gum. When bleached it is very white.

BALM OF GILEAD. *Balsam of Gilead. Mecca Balsam. Balsamum Gileadense. Baume de la Mecque.* Fr. The genuine balm of Gilead is the resinous juice of the *Amyris Gileadensis* of Linn., the *Balsamodendron Gileadense* of Kunth, a small evergreen tree, growing on the Asiatic and African shores of

the Red Sea. It was in high repute with the ancients, and is still esteemed by the Eastern nations as a medicine and cosmetic. In Western Europe, and in this country, it is seldom found in a state of purity, and its use has been entirely abandoned. It is described as a turbid, whitish, thick, gray, odorous liquid, becoming solid by exposure. It possesses no medical properties which do not exist in other balsamic or terebinthinate juices. It was formerly known as *opobalsamum;* while the dried twigs of the tree were called *xylobalsamum*, and the dried fruit, *carpobalsamum*.

BALSAM OF SULPHUR. *Oleum lini sulfuratum.* This name was formerly given to a substance recognized by the old Edinburgh Pharmacopœia under the name of *Oleum Sulphuratum.* The directions of the College were to boil *eight parts* of olive oil and *one part* of sublimed sulphur together, with a gentle fire, in a large iron pot, stirring them constantly till they united. The iron pot was directed to be large enough to hold three times the quantity of the materials employed, as the mixture might otherwise boil over. As the vapors which rose were apt to take fire, a lid was to be at hand to cover the pot, and thus extinguish the flame if necessary. Sulphur is soluble to a considerable extent in heated oil, from which, if the solution be saturated, it will be deposited in a crystalline state on cooling. But it is not a mere solution which this process was intended to effect. The oil was partly decomposed, and the resulting preparation was an extremely fetid, acrid, viscid, reddish-brown fluid. In order that it might be obtained, it was necessary to heat the oil to the boiling point. *Sulphurated oil*, or balsam of sulphur, was formerly thought useful in *chronic catarrh, consumption*, and other *pectoral complaints;* but inconvenience arose from its acrid properties, and its internal use was abandoned. It is sometimes applied as a stimulant to *foul ulcers.* The dose is from five to thirty drops.

BALSAM WOOD. *Palo Balsamo.* This is a South American wood, derived from an unknown tree, which is believed to contain guaiacin, and which yields to distillation nearly six parts of a thick viscous aromatic oil. This contains as its chief constituent a crystalline solid of alcoholic character melting at 91° C., and corresponding closely to the formula $C_{14}H_{24}O$. It has found employment in perfumery. See Schimmel & Co., semi-annual reports, April and Oct. 1892.

BALSAMODENDRON BERRYI. *Mulu Kilivary.* This Indian thorn yields an abundant gum resin. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1889.)

BALSAMUM ANTARTHRITICUM INDICUM. This oily product is said to be obtained from the wood of *Eperva falcata.* (*Proc. Am. Pharm. Assoc.*, xxvii. 253; *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 168.) Mr. Carl Mezger found in it free butyric acid and an acid resin. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1884, p. 889.)

BALSAMUM TRANQUILLANS. *Baume Tranquille.* This is a preparation of some note, directed by the French Codex, and consisting essentially of olive oil holding in solution the active matters of certain narcotic and aromatic plants. The fresh plants are boiled with the oil until all their water is driven off; the oil is then expressed and poured upon the dried plants properly comminuted; and the mixture, having been allowed to stand for a month, is strained, and the oil decanted. The preparation is used externally by friction as an anodyne in local pains, but especially to relieve *earache*, a few drops being placed in the ear on a pledget of cotton. A formula for it is contained in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (Août, 1862, p. 121). An improved process is proposed by W. C. Bakes. (*A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 22.) We have still further modified this, and the formula is as follows. Take of Alcoholic Extract of Belladonna, Conium, Hyoscyamus, and Stramonium, each 30 grains; Aqueous Extract of Opium, 12 grains. Soften the extracts with one fluidounce of Boiling Water, and add four fluidounces of Olive Oil. Digest this mixture with a gentle heat until the water has been evaporated, and then strain or filter. To this add 10 minims of each of the following volatile oils, Sage, Wormwood, Lavender, Thyme, Peppermint, Rue. It should be used with care.

BAPTISIA TINCTORIA. *Sophora tinctoria.* Linn. *Podalyria tinctoria.* Michaux. *Wild Indigo. Indigo sauvage*, Fr. *Baptisie*, G. This is an indigenous perennial plant, abundant throughout the Eastern United States, in woods and dry barren uplands. It is from one to three feet high, with a smooth, very branching stem, small, ternate, cuneate-obovate, bluish-green leaves, and yellow flowers, which appear in July and August, and, like the whole plant, become black when dried. The root, which is the part most highly recommended, is of a dark-brown color, of a slight peculiar odor in the dried state, and of a nauseous, bitter, somewhat acrid taste. Its virtues appear to reside chiefly in the cortical portion. Mr. B. L. Smedley thought that he had found in it a peculiar alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1862, p. 311.) Mr. Jno. A. Weaver has shown this to be a salt of lime. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 251.) Dr. F. V. Greene, U.S.N., proved the presence of an alkaloid, and obtained its chloride in a crystalline condition. (*A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 577.) Von Schroeder (*Pharm. Post*, Oct. 1885) affirms that there are in baptisia root three active principles: a glucoside, *baptisin*, insoluble in water; a glucoside, *baptin*, soluble in water; and an alkaloid, *baptitoxine.* Of these, baptisin is an indifferent, bitter substance, baptin a feeble laxative, and baptitoxine an active poison, causing at first acceleration of respiration and increase of reflex activity, and afterwards death from central paralytic asphyxia. In large doses wild indigo is said to operate violently as an emetic and cathartic; in smaller, to produce only a mild laxative effect. It is said to have proved useful in *scarlatina, typhus fever*, and in that state of system which attends *gangrene* or *mortification*, applied locally and given internally in decoction (℥i to Oi), half a fluidounce every four or eight hours, any tendency to operate on the bowels being checked with laudanum. Dr. Stevens has employed a decoction of the root advantageously in *epidemic dysentery.* (*N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, iv. 358.) A pale-blue coloring substance has been prepared from the plant as a substitute for indigo, but is greatly inferior. Another species, *B. alba*, or *prairie indigo*, which is abundant in our N. W. prairies, is said to have similar properties, and to be sometimes used as a substitute for *B. tinctoria.*

BARBADOES NUTS. *Purging Nuts. Physic Nuts. Semen Ricini Majoris. Pignon d'Inde (des Barbades); Semence du Médicinier*, Fr. *Purgirnuss, Schwarze Brechnuss*, G. These are the seeds of the *Curcas purgans* of Adanson (*Jatropha Curcas* of Linnæus), growing in Brazil, the West Indies, and on the western coast of Africa. The fruit is a three-celled capsule, containing one seed in each cell, and

is about the size of a walnut. The seeds are blackish, oval, about eight lines long, flat on one side, convex on the other, and the two sides present a slight longitudinal prominence. They yielded to Soubeiran, fixed oil, an acrid resin, sugar, gum, a fatty acid, gluten, a free acid, and salts. The oil may be separated by expression. When fresh it is without smell or color, but becomes yellowish and slightly odorous by time. When cold it deposits a white substance, which is probably palmitin. Alcohol does not readily dissolve it. Some call it *jatropha oil.* It is colorless, odorless, of sp. gr. 0·91 at 19° C., solidifies to buttery consistence at —8° C. Bouis believed it to be the glyceride of a peculiar acid, *isocetic acid*, but it is now considered to be a mixture of palmitin and myristin. Its purging quality is, however, undoubtedly due to the presence of *ricinoleic acid.* From three to five of the *seeds*, slightly roasted and deprived of their envelope, operate actively as a cathartic, and not unfrequently produce nausea and vomiting, with a sense of burning in the stomach. The *oil* purges in the dose of twelve or fifteen drops, and is analogous in its action to croton oil, though less powerful. The cake left after the expression of the oil is an acrid emeto-cathartic, operating in the dose of a few grains. Either of these substances may produce serious consequences in overdoses. The leaves of the plants are rubefacient, and the juice is said to have been usefully employed as a local remedy in piles.

The seeds of *Curcas multifidus* (*Jatropha multifida*, Linn.) have similar properties, and yield a similar oil. This species also grows in Brazil and the West Indies. For an account by Mr. Peckolt of the use of the latex and seeds, see *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 415. *Jatropha urens* must be excessively poisonous, as accidental contact of the wrist of a gardener in Kew with a young plant produced such symptoms that for five minutes the man was thought to be dead. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1872, p. 868.)

BARII CHLORIDUM. *U. S.* 1870. *Barium Chloride. Baryum Chloratum. Baryta Muriatica. Chlorure de Baryum*, Fr. *Chlorbarium, Chlorbaryum*, G. $BaCl_2,2H_2O$. "Take of Carbonate of Barium, in small pieces, Muriatic Acid, each, *four troyounces;* Water *a pint.* Mix the Acid with the Water, and gradually add the Carbonate of Barium. Towards the close of the effervescence apply a gentle heat, and, when chemical action has ceased, filter the liquor, and evaporate so that crystals may form when it cools." *U. S.* 1870. When barium carbonate is employed for obtaining barium chloride, as in the above process, the reactions are very simple. The hydrochloric acid displaces the carbonic acid with effervescence, and forms barium chloride and water. The solution of barium chloride, thus obtained, yields crystals of the chloride by concentration and cooling. Another plan is that which procures it from the sulphate, as directed in the late Edinburgh Pharmacopœia. In this the sulphate, previously ignited and powdered, is mixed with charcoal and exposed to a low white heat, by which its constituents are deoxidized, and barium sulphide produced; the oxygen escaping in combination with the carbon as carbonic oxide and acid. The barium sulphide, after having been dissolved in water, is decomposed by the addition of hydrochloric acid; hydrogen sulphide being evolved, and barium chloride formed in solution, from which, in the usual manner, the solid salt is obtained. The reactions for these two processes are: 1. $BaCO_3 + 2HCl = BaCl_2 + H_2O + CO_2$. 2. $BaSO_4 + C_4 = BaS + (CO)_4$. 3. $BaS + 2HCl = BaCl_2 + H_2S$. Of these processes, that in which the native carbonate is used is the simplest and most convenient; but the carbonate is comparatively a rare mineral, and, as the sulphate in fine powder is a cheap article of commerce, being extensively employed for mixing with white lead, it is almost always used for obtaining barium chloride and the other barium compounds.

Barium chloride is a permanent white salt, possessing a bitter and disagreeable taste. It crystallizes in rhombic tables with bevelled edges. It dissolves in about two and a half times its weight of cold water, and in a little more than its own weight at 106° C. (222° F.), the boiling point of a saturated solution. It is scarcely soluble in absolute alcohol, but dissolves in rectified spirit. Alcohol impregnated with it burns with a yellow flame. When exposed to heat, it decrepitates and loses its water of crystallization, and at a red heat fuses. It is decomposed by the sulphates, oxalates, and tartrates, and the alkaline phosphates, borates, and carbonates; also by silver nitrate, mercuric acetate and phosphate, and lead acetate. When pure it does not deliquesce. Its solution is not affected by ammonia, which proves the absence of alumina and ferric oxide, or by hydrogen sulphide, which shows that neither copper nor lead is present.

After the whole of the barium has been precipitated by an excess of sulphuric acid, the supernatant liquid is shown to be free from lime by the non-action of sodium carbonate. Lime may be separated by the process of Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, which consists in adding to the solution of the chloride a small portion of the solution of barium hydrate, and then passing through it a current of carbonic acid, when the whole of the lime will be thrown down as a carbonate. (Wurtz, *N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.*, i. 164.) If strontium be present, an alcoholic solution of the salt will burn with a red flame.

Medical Properties. Rabuteau found that the intravenous injection of the barium chloride produces in the dog a sudden cry, convulsions, and death, with remarkable fibrillary muscular contractions, continuing after death. M. Laborde (*Bull. de l'Acad. de Méd.*, July, 1891) has shown that when the chloride is very slowly injected, the heart-beats become slower, the pupils dilate, the animal gives a shriek, and death occurs from centric arrest of the respiration; the blood and the muscles, after death, remaining of a bright-red color. Given by the mouth, it produced in the dog vomiting, choleraic diarrhœa, paresis, collapse, and death. After small doses, barium has been found by Krahmer and by J. Neumann in the liver, kidney, spleen, lungs, and nerve-centres, and especially abundant in the bones. (*Pflüger's Archiv*, Bd. xxxvi.) In a case reported by MM. Ogier and Socquet (*Annales d'Hygiène Publ.*, May, 1891) death followed in five hours the ingestion of 300 grains (19·4 Gm.) Bardet (*La Semaine Méd.*, Dec. 1891) reports recovery after 60 grains (3·8 Gm.). Barium chloride has been employed as a remedy against *sclerosis* of the nervous system, but there is not sufficient reason for believing that it is of any value. On the other hand, it is possible that the barium chloride may prove to be a useful remedy as a heart stimulant, since it is asserted by Dr. Lauder Brunton, confirmed by Dr. Hobart A. Hare, that in small doses it is a rapidly-acting stimulant to the heart, steadying its rhythm and increasing the volume and force of the blood thrown

out by the systole. (*London Pract.*, June, 1889.) *Liquor Barii Chloridi*, U. S. P. 1870, a troyounce in three fluidounces of water, is given in five-drop (0·3 C.c.) doses.

BARII IODIDUM. *Barium Iodide. Iodure de Baryum*, Fr. *Jodbarium*, G. (BaI_2.) This compound may be formed by double decomposition, by adding native barium carbonate in powder to a boiling solution of ferrous iodide. M. Henry, jun., obtained it by decomposing a solution of barium sulphide by a concentrated alcoholic solution of iodine. Sulphur is precipitated, which is separated by filtration, and barium iodide formed in solution, from which it is obtained in the solid state by rapid evaporation to dryness. Barium iodide crystallizes in small, colorless needles, which deliquesce slightly, and are very soluble in water. The solution promptly undergoes decomposition by exposure to the air, barium carbonate being precipitated, and iodine set free, which colors the solution. It has been used with advantage by Jahn, as an alterative, in *scrofulous affections* and morbid growths. Lugol employed it in scrofulous enlargements. The dose is the eighth of a grain three times a day, gradually increased to three grains. Biett applied it to scrofulous swellings in the form of ointment, made with four grains of the iodide to an ounce of lard.

BARII SULPHAS. *Barium Sulphate.* ($BaSO_4$.) (See *Barii Chloridum.*) Barium sulphate is a heavy, lamellar, brittle mineral, varying in sp. gr. from 4·4 to 4·6. It is generally translucent, but sometimes transparent or opaque, and its usual color is white or flesh-red. When crystallized, it is usually in very flat rhombic prisms. Before the blowpipe it strongly decrepitates, and melts into a white enamel, which, in the course of ten or twelve hours, falls to powder. It is thus partially converted into barium sulphide, and, if applied to the tongue, will give a taste like that of putrid eggs, from the formation of hydrogen sulphide. This salt, on account of its great insolubility, is not poisonous. It is, however, soluble in a great excess of dilute hydrochloric acid. (*Chem. News*, 1871, p. 69.) Ground to fine powder it is sometimes mixed with white lead, but impairs the quality of that pigment. The artificial barium sulphate, under the name of *permanent white* or *blanc-fixe*, is much used in the arts as a water-color. It is made from both the native sulphate and carbonate. It forms a dazzling white color, unalterable by light, heat, air, or hydrogen sulphide. It is used by the manufacturers of paper hangings, and for mixing with other colors, the tone of which it does not impair.

BASSORA GALLS are cultivated in Persia and Asia Minor, and are exported by way of Smyrna for tanning-purposes. They come into commerce ground and pressed into the form of bricks. They contain, on an average, 27 per cent. of tannin.

BASSORA GUM. *Caramania Gum. Hog Gum Tragacanth. Kutera Gum.* This substance came into commerce originally from the neighborhood of Bassora, on the Gulf of Persia; but is often found mixed with gum brought from other countries, and is said to be the product of the almond and plum trees. It is in irregular pieces, of various sizes, never very large, brown or yellow, intermediate in the degree of its transparency between gum arabic and tragacanth, inodorous, tasteless, and possessed of the property of yielding a slight sound when broken under the teeth. But a small portion of it is soluble in water, whether hot or cold. The remainder swells up considerably, though less than tragacanth, and does not, like that substance, form a gelatinous mass, as it consists of independent granules which have little cohesion. The soluble portion is pure gum or *arabin*, and, according to M. Guérin, constitutes 11·2 per cent. The insoluble portion consists of *bassorin*, associated with a small proportion of saline substances, which yield, when the gum is burnt, 5·6 per cent. of ashes. The gum is employed only to adulterate tragacanth, and for this purpose is sometimes whitened by means of white lead.

BATIATOR ROOT. The root of the *Vernonia Nigritiana*, S. and H., a widely distributed plant of West Africa, is said to be largely used in Senegal as a febrifuge, emetic, and anti-dysenteric, resembling ipecacuanha somewhat in its therapeutic application. The plant is a composite which climbs to the height of a foot and a half, and yields a root composed of numerous fibres 20 to 30 centimeters long, slender and grayish-yellow externally, a number of which are united to form an irregular knotty rhizome, unequally spherical at the neck or crown, and covered at this point with silky hairs. The active constituent is a glucoside, for which its discoverers, Messrs. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen (*Archiv. de Physiolog. Norm. et Path.*, Aug. 1888), propose the name of *vernonin* ($C_{10}H_{24}O_7$). As obtained, it is a hygroscopic whitish powder, forming a pale-yellow solution with water, and only slightly soluble in ether and in chloroform. By the absorption of 2 mol. of water, the new glucoside is split into a resinous body and into glucose. Physiological experiments made upon frogs show vernonin to be a cardiac poison comparable to digitalin, but about twenty-four times less active; it is also said to act as a paralyzant to the motor nerve-trunks. (*P. J. Tr.*, June 30, 1888.)

BAYACURA ROOT. This is the root of a Brazilian plant, probably the *Statice Brasiliensis*, which is used by the natives as a discutient in glandular swellings, and as an astringent gargle. F. A. Dalpe (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 361) believes that he has found in it an alkaloid, *baycurine*, besides volatile oil, gum, glucose, etc. Dr. C. Symes found in it 12·5 per cent. tannic acid. (*Newer Mat. Med.*, p. 51.)

BDELLIUM. This name has been given to two different gum-resins, distinguished as *Indian* and *African bdellium*. Dr. Royle was informed that the former was obtained from the *Amyris Commiphora* of Roxburgh, growing in India and Madagascar. The latter is said to be the product of *Heudelotia Africana*, which grows in Senegal. Bdellium sometimes comes mixed with gum arabic and gum senegal. It is either in small roundish pieces, of a reddish color, semi-transparent, and brittle, with a wax-like fracture, or in large irregular lumps, of a dark brownish-red color, less transparent, somewhat tenacious, and adhering to the teeth when chewed. It has an odor and taste like those of myrrh, but weaker. It is infusible and inflammable, diffusing while it burns a balsamic odor. According to Pelletier, it consists of 59 per cent. of resin, 9·2 of gum, 30·6 of bassorin, and 1·2 of volatile oil, including loss. In medical properties it is analogous to myrrh, and was formerly used for the same purposes. In Europe it is still occasionally employed in plasters. The dose is from ten to forty grains (0·648 to 2·59 Gm.).

BEDEGUAR. *Fungus Rosarum.* An excrescence upon the *sweetbrier* or *eglantine*, and other species of *Rosa*, produced by the puncture of insects, especially by one or more species of *Cynips*. It is of irregular shape, usually roundish, about an inch

in diameter, with numerous cells internally, in each of which is the larva of an insect. It has little smell, and a slightly astringent taste, and was formerly considered diuretic, anthelmintic, and lithontriptic: dose, ten to forty grains (0·648 to 2·59 Grm.).

BENZ-ANILID, $C_6H_5.NH(C_7H_5O)$, is closely related to acetanilid, containing the benzoyl radical C_7H_5O instead of the acetyl radical C_2H_3O. White, crystalline, odorless powder, practically insoluble in water.

BENZOIN ODORIFERUM. Nees. *Laurus Benzoin.* Linn. *Spice-wood. Spice-bush. Fever-bush. Wild Allspice. Laurier Benzoin,* Fr. *Benzoelorbeer,* G. An indigenous shrub, all parts of which have a spicy, agreeable flavor, strongest in the bark and berries. By warming and expression Dr. A. W. Miller obtained from the berries 50 per cent. of oily material, which, on distillation, yielded about two per cent. of volatile oil. The latter had a sp. gr. of 0·850, was thin, bright green, of a warm aromatic taste, and a fragrant odor. Mr. J. M. Jones found it to be of the cinnamyl series. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 772; also *A. J. P.*, xlv. 300; xlvii. 246.) The small branches are said to be employed, in the form of infusion or decoction, by the country-people, as a vermifuge, and an agreeable drink in *low fevers;* and the bark has been used in *intermittents.* The berries, dried and powdered, were sometimes substituted, during the Revolutionary War, for allspice. The oil is feebly aromatic. (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 300; *Ibid.*, xlvii. 246.)

BENZOL. (C_6H_6.) *Benzene. Benzole. Phenyl Hydride.* This substance must not be confounded with the commercial article sold as *benzin,* which is a mixture of various hydrocarbons of light specific gravity, obtained in the distillation of coal-gas tar and petroleum. (See *Benzinum.*) Originally the two names benzol and benzin were applied to the same substance, but after the discovery of petroleum it was found that the liquid from coal tar made artificially was quite different from that obtained from petroleum. Little by little in the United States it has become the custom to call the liquid obtained by the fractional distillation of petroleum having the sp. gr. 62° to 65° Baumé *benzin.* It is unfortunate that in Europe, and on the Continent especially, the term benzin is used for both liquids. The two substances are essentially different, although resembling each other in their solvent powers. Benzol is a definite hydrocarbon of fixed constitution; benzin a complex body of varying constitution. Benzol can be frozen; benzin has never yet been congealed. Benzin boils at from 54° C. (129·2° F.) to 56° C. (132·8° F.). Benzol can be converted into nitrobenzol, and by further treatment into anilin colors; benzin cannot. When benzin is shaken in the cold with one-third of its volume of fused crystals of absolute carbolic acid, the latter remains undissolved, whilst benzol is miscible with absolute carbolic acid in all proportions. (Allen.) According to Pusch, benzol can be distinguished from benzin by dissolving iodine, benzol forming a violet red and benzin a raspberry-colored solution. (*A. J. P.*, xlvii. 268.) Although the term *Benzene* is given above as one of the synonymes of *Benzol,* its use abroad is gradually becoming limited to the pure hydrocarbon C_6H_6, whilst *Benzol* is applied to the mixture of benzene with its homologues *Toluene, Paraxylene, Metaxylene, Mesitylene, Pseudo-cumene,* etc.

Benzol was discovered by Faraday in the condensed liquid from oil gas, and was next obtained by Mitscherlich by distilling benzoic acid with lime. It was afterwards discovered by Hofmann as a constituent of coal-gas tar. This tar, when distilled, furnishes *coal-naphtha* or light oil of tar, a complex substance, containing a number of hydrocarbons, among which is benzol. Upon distilling this naphtha from a metallic still, surmounted by an open vessel filled with water, and containing a worm terminating in a refrigerated receiver, the benzol will pass over and condense in the receiver; while the other substances associated with it, having higher boiling points, will condense in the worm and fall back into the still. The benzol is then purified by distillation at a heat between 80° C. (176° F.) and 90° C. (194° F.), and by subjecting the product to a new distillation from one-fourth of its volume of sulphuric acid. M. E. Kopp purifies benzol by taking advantage of its high congealing point. He exposes the impure mixture containing it to a degree of cold sufficient to solidify it (—15° C. or 5° F.), presses the congealed mass to separate the liquid hydrocarbons, allows it to become fluid, then again freezes and presses it, and thus obtains it almost entirely pure. He obtains the impure mixture containing the benzol by decomposing the heavier tar oils by a high degree of heat. (*Chem. News,* May 14, 1864, p. 229.)

Prof. Calvert, of Manchester, purifies coal-naphtha, so as to render it a sufficiently pure benzol to be usefully applied to the purpose of removing fatty and oily matters from animal and vegetable substances, by subjecting it to the action of sulphuric acid, added in small quantities, so long as coloration is produced, then washing it with pure water, and afterwards subjecting it to distillation in an ordinary still. The sulphuric acid combines with the less volatile hydrocarbons present, which interfere with the solvent power of the benzol.

Prolonged treatment with sulphuric acid is also necessary to free the benzol from *thiophene,* C_4H_4S, an impurity which to the extent of about 0·6 per cent. is always present in commercial benzol. Its complete removal from the benzol is to be tested for by the indophenin reaction (blue coloration in presence of concentrated sulphuric acid and a small quantity of isatine).

In consequence of the great volatility and extreme inflammability of benzol and its attendant hydrocarbons, much care is necessary both in their preparation and in their subsequent use to avoid any possible exposure to flame. Very serious results have taken place from want of caution in this respect.

Benzol is a colorless limpid liquid, possessing an agreeable odor. Its sp. gr. is 0·85, congealing point 0° C. (32° F.), and boiling point 80° C. (176° F.). Its powers as a solvent are very extensive. Among the substances soluble in it are sulphur, phosphorus, and iodine, and most resins and fats. It dissolves quinine, but not cinchonine, with which it forms a bulky gelatinous mass. Morphine and strychnine are sparingly soluble. Its solvent power over some of the organic alkaloids led Mr. John Williams, of London, to employ it in extracting them from the vegetables in which they are found; and he succeeded in obtaining them in several instances on a small scale. In this way he extracted quinine, quinidine, and amorphous quinine, together, from cinchona bark, but not cinchonine. In like manner he separated strychnine and brucine from nux vomica, and handsome crystals of cantharidine from

cantharides. Mr. Williams supposes that benzol might form a good test of the value of Peruvian barks. Benzol is also a solvent of many of the resins, of mastic, camphor, wax, fatty and oily substances, essential oils, caoutchouc, and gutta-percha. The last two substances may be obtained, without alteration of properties, in tough sheets of any desired tenuity, by spreading their benzol solutions on glass or other polished surface, and allowing the solvent to evaporate. The same solutions, brushed over the skin, form artificial cuticles, which have been found useful as coverings to wounds and burns. The vapor of benzol, when inhaled, acts as an anæsthetic. As benzol is often mixed, sometimes in but small proportion, with other hydrocarbons associated with it in coal tar and petroleum, it becomes desirable to be able to detect it in such an association. It often becomes a matter of great importance commercially to test the purity of commercial benzol, and a very thorough method of assay based on fractional distillation is proposed by A. H. Allen, in his *Commercial Organic Analysis*, 1882. The following method, originating with Schorlemmer, is based on the conversion of this hydrocarbon into aniline, and of that into one of the characteristic colors derived from it. That part of the mixture which volatilizes at 150° C. (302° F.) is operated on. This is treated with fuming nitric acid, which, if benzol be present, gives rise to a nitrobenzol with its bitter-almond odor. The nitrobenzol is then converted by the action of granulated tin and hydrochloric acid into aniline, which is isolated by distilling the product with potassa. The aniline floats on the top of the liquid that passes. A little of this gives with sodium hypochlorite a fine purple color; and a drop of it, if heated with a little corrosive sublimate, will yield the beautiful color of rosaniline. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 177.) According to Balls, magnesium ribbon, with the addition of a few drops of solution of platinic chloride, rapidly and completely reduces nitrobenzene in alcoholic solution to aniline, giving a solution which can be at once decanted and tested with bleaching powder. (Allen, *Commerc. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., ii. p. 477.)

M. Reynal, of the Veterinary School at Alfort, has long been in the habit of destroying parasites on domestic animals by benzol, and proposes its employment in the parasitic diseases of man. It has the advantage of not affecting the skin. For this purpose a mixture may be used, consisting of 10 parts of benzol, 5 of soap, and 85 of water.

M. Dragendorff proposes further to utilize benzol by substituting it for amylic alcohol in the search for strychnine and brucine, which it dissolves more freely, without affecting the sense of smell so strongly. The sulphates of these alkaloids, however, are insoluble in benzol. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., v. 473.)

Dr. Guyot described, in the *Brit. Med. Journ.* (1879, ii.), chronic poisoning occurring in workmen exposed to fumes of benzol. The symptoms were uncertainty of gait, mental disturbance, with a sort of wandering delirium, loss of sexual power, and epileptiform convulsions. A case is on record showing that, taken internally in a considerable quantity, it has a decided narcotic action, apparently intermediate between that of ardent spirit and opium. Swallowed accidentally, to the amount probably of one or two fluidounces, it produced vertigo with a sensation as of intoxication, followed by sleep for two hours, from which the patient awoke with a gay delirium, attended with bursts of laughter, and some impediment of speech, continuing for four hours. The pulse was slightly quickened, the surface warm, and the expression of face animated. Sleep then came on, from which the patient awoke next day, still feeling some dizziness. The breath had a strong smell of benzol. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Mars, 1861, p. 222.) Benzol has been used in *trichiniasis* (see 16th ed. U. S. D.) and in *whooping-cough*, but has failed to command professional confidence. Dr. Rudolph gave as much as two fluidrachms (7·4 C.c.) a day without bad effect, but in the uncertain state of our knowledge not more than ten minims (0·62 C.c.) should be administered as the commencing dose.

Nitrobenzol. Nitrobenzene. ($C_6H_5NO_2$.) Benzol, by the action of strong fuming nitric acid, is converted into *nitrobenzol*, $C_6H_6 + HNO_3 = C_6H_5NO_2 + H_2O$. The product, after having been washed with water, forms an oily, yellowish, intensely sweet liquid, with an odor like that of oil of bitter almond. Its density is 1·186, and boiling point 213° C. (415° F.). It has become of commercial importance, being produced as an intermediate product in the manufacture of aniline oil, and, under the name of *artificial oil of bitter almonds*, or *oil of mirbane*, being employed in confectionery, for scenting soaps, and for flavoring articles of diet. For method of detecting nitrobenzol in oil of bitter almond, see *Oleum Amygdalæ Amaræ*.

In manufactories where nitrobenzol is made, headaches, with sleepiness, are not infrequently produced by inhalation of the fumes; much more serious poisoning is liable to occur, and there have been a number of deaths produced by nitrobenzol. The symptoms may come on almost immediately, or they may be delayed for some hours. According to Filehne (*Arch. f. Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, vol. ix.), the slowness of action is chiefly dependent on the fact that nitrobenzol, when mixed with the contents of the stomach and intestines, is absorbed with very great slowness; for if the drug be injected directly into the blood of the rabbit, it produces death in convulsions in less than a minute. The first symptoms of poisoning are headache, with muscular weakness, and a peculiar bluish color of the face, and disturbance of consciousness. In the fully developed poisoning, the whole surface of the body is of a deep bluish color, and the mucous membranes a bluish gray; the pupils are dilated; the muscular relaxation is complete, except that sometimes the jaw is rigidly set; the consciousness is lost; the respiration is rapid, but shallow and irregular; the pulse rapid and thready, or entirely absent. The urine contains urobilin, indican, and acetone. Recovery may occur, as in a case reported by Dr. Stevenson (*Guy's Hos. Rep.*, vol. xxi., 1876), after many hours of unconsciousness; the bluishness of the skin and headache remaining for several hours longer. After death, the blood is of a deep chocolate brown, and, according to Filehne, has lost the power of absorbing oxygen. Lewin has seen the blood so changed that, after five weeks' standing, the oxyhæmoglobin lines could still be made out; and its spectrum is altered. (See *Archiv für Physiologie*, 1879.)

In poisoning of the lower animals, convulsions are frequent phenomena; and, according to Letheby, *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1863, after small doses the animal sometimes for days will have more or less uncon-

sciousness, with epileptic attacks, and at length die of exhaustion, or gradually recover. In the guinea-pig, but not in the dog, Dr. Ewald has found nitrobenzol to produce glycosuria. (*Phila. Med. Times*, vol. iv. p. 312.)

The cause of death appears to be paralysis of the central motor nervous centres. Letheby states that nitrobenzol is partly converted in the body into aniline, but this is denied by Filehne, who asserts that the aniline was produced by the processes used by Letheby. According to Caspar, death from prussic acid and nitrobenzol may be distinguished by the fact that when the body is left open for some hours, the odor of prussic acid leaves, while that of nitrobenzol persists. The minimum fatal dose is not known; according to Taylor, fifteen drops, taken by the mouth, have proved fatal, and in Stevenson's case, twenty-three minims (1·42 C.c.), taken in seven doses, in forty-eight hours, produced complete unconsciousness and the abolition of respiration, so that death would probably have occurred if treatment had not been instant.

The proper treatment would appear to be, emetics, the early use of artificial respiration, maintenance of the bodily temperature, and the stimulation of the circulation by hypodermic injection of atropine, strychnine, and digitalis, and the administration by the mouth of alcohol. In a case reported by Dr. Werner (*Berlin. Klin. Wochensch.*, 1884, xxi.), life was apparently saved by bleeding sixteen fluid-ounces (473.2 C.c.) and transfusing twelve fluid-ounces (354.8 C.c.) of defibrinated blood.

BENZO-NAPHTOL. *Benzoyl-Naphtol. Benzoate of Naphtol.* $C_{10}H_7.O(C_7H_5O)$. A compound of β-naphtol and benzoic acid, made by the action of benzoyl chloride upon β-naphtol. It is a whitish crystalline powder, without taste or smell, melting at 110° C. (230° F.). It occurs in microscopical crystals, almost odorless and tasteless, nearly insoluble in water at ordinary temperatures, more soluble in alcohol, the solubility rising rapidly with the temperature, but most soluble in chloroform. This substance, which was proposed by Messrs. Yvon and Berlioz (*Pract.*, Dec. 1891) as especially efficacious as an intestinal antiseptic, has been reported upon by Gilbert (*La Semaine Médicale*, May, 1892), who affirms that it is of little value in *gastric fermentation*, but very valuable in *intestinal* fermentation. It is best administered in small doses of 4 to 8 grains (0·260 to 0·518 Gm.), repeated frequently, in capsule; as much as 75 grains (4·86 Gm.) daily may be safely given to an adult.

BENZO-PHENONEID. *Tetra-methyl-diapsido-benzo-phenoid.* This substance, which is soluble in 100 parts of water, has been proposed by M. Galezowski as a non-irritant and efficient germicide, and local application in ulcerative diseases of mucous membranes or skin. (*Lancet*, Jan. 1891.)

BENZOSOL. *Benzoyl. Guaiacol.* A colorless crystalline powder, almost free from smell and taste. It melts at 50° C. (122° F.). It is prepared from guaiacol, $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\OCH_3,\end{cases}$ and benzoyl chloride or benzoic acid, and has the formula $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OCH_3\ (1)\\OCO.C_6H_5\ (2).\end{cases}$ The compound is insoluble in water, difficultly soluble in hot glacial acetic acid, readily so in chloroform, ether, and hot alcohol. In the digestive tract, it soon splits up into guaiacol and benzoic acid; this decomposition occurs partially in the stomach, but chiefly in the small intestine. This substance, which was first made by Apothecary Bougartz, has been employed by Drs. Walzer and Hughes (*Deutsch. Med. Woch.*, Nov. and Dec. 1891), as a substitute in *phthisis* for creosote, to which they claim it is superior because it contains no cresol. For a week, the patient takes three tablets, seven and a half grains (0·50 gm.) each, daily; during the next three weeks, six are taken daily; during the fifth week, three are again taken daily; finally, during the sixth week, none are taken; then the same course is followed over again.

BENZOYL ECGONINE. This substance is made by heating cocaine in aqueous solution to decomposition. (For details, see Paul, *Pharm. Journ. and Trans.*, Oct. 17, 1885, March 27, 1886; also, Skraup, *Sitzungsb. Wiener Akad.*, 1885.) The reaction is $C_{16}(CH_3)H_{18}NO_4$ = cocaine; one methyl molecule, CH_3, being replaced by one atom of hydrogen, there results $C_{16}(H).H_{18}NO_4$ or C_9H_{14}-$(C_7H_5O)NO_3$ = benzoyl ecgonine; while $CH_3.OH$ (methyl alcohol) is formed at the same time.

The physiological action of this substance has been investigated by M. R. Stockman (*Journ. Anat. and Physiology*, vol. xxi.), who finds that it acts very much as does caffeine, but less powerfully. It does not paralyze the sensory nerves.

BENZOYL TROPEINE ($C_{15}H_{19}NO_2 + 2H_2O$) is formed by heating tropine with benzoic and dilute hydrochloric acids to 100° C., when the benzoyl radical, C_7H_5O, derived from benzoic acid, $C_6H_5CO.OH$, replaces a hydrogen atom of the tropine, $C_8H_{15}NO$, and $C_8H_{14}(C_6H_5CO)NO$ is produced. It forms silky needles, fusing at 58° C. When deprived of water, the anhydrous base fuses at 41°–42° C., and can be sublimed without decomposition. It has a strong basic reaction, and its salts are not very soluble.

Professor Filehne (*Berlin. Klin. Wochen.*, vii. 1887) has found that benzoyl tropeine is a powerful local anæsthetic, also affecting the pupil and accommodation like other tropeines. He also found other benzoyl compounds to be local anæsthetics, *benzoyl methyl-triacetonalkamine* being the most powerful, *benzoyl quinine* next, *benzoyl morphine* the least.

BERBERIS. This genus belonging to the natural order Berberidaceæ, comprises various shrubs having a yellow inner bark and wood, probably most of which are more or less medicinal. The bark of the root of *B. vulgaris* was formerly included in the secondary list of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, under the name of *Berberis*.

Lycium, or λυκιον of the ancients, highly valued as a local application in affections of the eye and eyelids, and used for various other purposes, is supposed to be the medicine still used in India for the same affections, under the name of *rusot* or *ruswut*. This, according to Dr. Royle, is an extract from the wood or roots of different species of Berberis, as *B. Lycium*, *B. aristata*, etc., growing in Upper India, especially near Lahore. Combined with opium and alum, it is much used, and with great asserted benefit, in both *incipient* and *chronic ophthalmia*. It has been employed also by European practitioners for the same purpose, and especially by Mr. Walker, of Edinburgh, who found it very efficient. The preparation used by him consisted of equal parts of lycium and burnt alum, with half the quantity of opium, and was applied, mixed with lemon-juice to the consistence of cream, over the eyelids and eyebrows. (J. V. Simpson, *P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 415.) The

remedy has also been used by Mr. L. W. Stewart, with highly favorable results, in the treatment of *intermittent*, *remittent*, and *typhoid fevers*, *diarrhœa*, and *dyspepsia*. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1865.)

B. aquifolium, *Oregon Grape Root*, is used in the mountainous parts of Oregon, Utah, California, Colorado, Nevada, etc. The root occurs in pieces about a foot long, one-fourth of an inch thick, of a brownish exterior, but yellowish within, yielding a bright lemon-colored bitter powder. Mr. H. B. Parsons (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 83), found in it *berberine* and *oxyacanthine*. The percentage of the former is said to be 2·35 and of the latter 2·82. (Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., vol. iii., part 2.) Both the berries and the roots of the *Berberis aquifolium* have been very strongly recommended by various clinicians as an alterative, laxative, tonic, and diuretic; very useful in chronic *syphilitic* and *scrofulous cachexia*, in *chronic skin diseases*, especially of the scaly type, in the convalescence from *malarial* and other *fevers*, and in *chronic uterine disease*. By some it is believed to have a distinct action upon the liver, and to be very valuable in *chronic hepatitis*. The dose of the fluid extract is ten to thirty minims (0·62 to 1·85 Gm.), three or four times a day.

Barberry. Berberis Vulgaris. Epinevinette, *Vinettier*, *Ecorce de Racine de Berbérides*, Fr. *Fauerach*, *gemeiner Sauerdorn*, *Berberitze*, *Berberitzen-(Saurach) Wurzelrinde*, G. *Berbero*, It., Sp. This is a native of Europe, but grows wild in waste grounds in the eastern parts of New England, and is sometimes cultivated in gardens on account of its berries. It is a spreading shrub, from four to six feet or more in height, with thorny branches, a light-gray bark, and a fine yellow wood. The leaves are somewhat obovate, with ciliated teeth on their edges, and upon the young shoots three-parted and spiny. The flowers, which are in drooping many-flowered racemes, have yellow entire petals, and are succeeded by oblong scarlet berries. It is a vulgar error to suppose that the vicinity of this plant is injurious to wheat. Under the name of *Berberis canadensis*, Pursh described an American plant, which grows in hilly districts, from the borders of Canada to the Carolinas, and which is characterized, according to Gray, by its repandly-toothed leaves, with the teeth less bristly-pointed, by its few-flowered racemes, its petals notched at the apex, and its oval berries. By Dr. Hooker, however, it is considered a variety of *B. vulgaris*, from which it differs only in the points mentioned. It is from one to three feet high.

The *berries* of *B. vulgaris*, which grow in loose bunches, are oblong and of a red color, have a grateful, sour, astringent taste, and contain malic and citric acids. They are refrigerant, astringent, and antiscorbutic, and are used in Europe, in the form of drink, in *febrile diseases* and *diarrhœas*. An agreeable syrup is prepared from the juice; and the berries are sometimes preserved for the table. Dr. Graeger found in the ripe fruit 15·58 per cent. of integuments and seeds, 17·20 of soluble solid constituents, and 67·22 of water. The constituents of the juice in 100 parts of fresh berries were 5·92 parts of malic acid, 4·67 of sugar, 6·61 of gum, 67·16 of water, and 0·06 salts of potassa and lime. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1, 1873, p. 14.) The *root* and *inner bark* have been used for dyeing yellow. The bark of the root is grayish on the outside, yellow within, very bitter, and stains the saliva when chewed. Brandes found in 100 parts of the root 6·63 of bitter, yellow extractive (impure berberine), 1·55 of brown coloring matter, 0·35 of gum, 0·20 of starch, 0·10 of cerin, 0·07 of stearin, 0·03 of chlorophyll, 0·55 of a subresin, 55·40 of lignin, and 35·00 of water.

Dr. O. Hesse has found in barberry root four alkaloids besides berberine. The mother-liquor from berberine hydrochloride when precipitated with soda yielded to ether, besides oxyacanthine, two other alkaloids, and a fourth, which is amorphous, remaining undissolved. One of the two alkaloids in the ethereal solution crystallizes from alcohol in small tabular crystals, and is named by the author *berbamine*. It has the composition $C_{18}H_{19}NO_3 + 2H_2O$. (*Ber. d. Ch. Ges.*, 19, 3190.) To a second alkaloid the name of *oxyacanthine* has been applied. It can be obtained from the mother-liquor from which the berberine hydrochloride has been separated. The liquid is treated with caustic soda, when a dark-colored precipitate is thrown down, from which ether dissolves oxyacanthine, berbamine, and an unnamed alkaloid, while another brown-colored amorphous base remains dissolved. The ethereal solution is treated with acetic acid, and the resultant acetate decomposed by sodium sulphate, when oxyacanthine sulphate is precipitated, berbamine remaining in solution. On decomposing the solution of oxyacanthine sulphate with ammonia the free alkaloid is precipitated in flocks, which, after drying at 100° C., melt at 138°–150° C., but when crystallized from alcohol or ether it forms anhydrous needles, melting at 208°–214° C. Its formula is given as $C_{18}H_{19}NO_3$. It is readily soluble in chloroform and benzene, but only sparingly in petroleum spirit. (*Allen*, 2d ed., vol. iii., part 2, p. 466.) Schmidt and Schilbach have made some interesting studies upon the salts and decomposition products of berberine. (See *Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 141.)

Barberry is in small doses tonic, in larger ones cathartic, and was formerly given in jaundice, in which, though probably originally employed on account of its yellow color, it may be useful, when the influence of a gentle tonic and laxative is required. It may be used in the form of decoction.

BETAINE. This is a new alkaloid of weak basic properties which Scheibler discovered in the juice of the sugar beet. (*A. J. P.*, xli. 559.) Husemann showed it to be identical with *lycine*, and to have the composition $C_5H_{11}NO_2$. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, 209.) Liebreich also obtained it by the oxidation of choline and called it *oxyneurine*. (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, iv. p. 735.) It has been made synthetically and its relations to choline and similar compounds established. It is now known to be *trimethyl glycoll*,

$$\begin{matrix} CH_2.N(CH_3)_3 \\ | \quad / \\ COO. \end{matrix}$$

BETOL NAPHTHALOL. *Salicylate of β-naphtol.* $C_6H_4OH.COO.C_{10}H_7$. Betol occurs in white, shining crystals, is odorless and tasteless, melts at 203° F., and is insoluble in cold or hot water, soluble in cold alcohol with difficulty, but readily dissolves in hot alcohol (1 : 3), in ether, and in benzol. It is not decomposed by acids or alkalies in the cold, but the alkaline pancreatic fluid has the power to decompose it into β-naphtol and salicylic acid.

Betol was proposed by Sahli as a substitute for salol, on the ground of its being less disagreeable and yielding in the intestines naphtol instead of the more poisonous phenol. It contains, however, ten per cent. less salicylic acid than does salol, and, having a much higher melting point, splits up much

less readily in the intestines; a fact which gains importance from the observation that frequently salicylic acid cannot be found in the urine after its ingestion. Sahli has given as much as 180 grains (11·6 Gm.) in twenty-four hours. Betol may be used in *rheumatism*, and is especially commended by Kobert in ammoniacal *cystitis*. Butter of cacao will dissolve one-quarter of its weight of betol, so that suppositories or bougies are readily made.

BETONICA OFFICINALIS. *Wood Betony.* A perennial European labiate herb, feebly aromatic and astringent. Its root has been considered emetic and purgative.

BETULA ALBA. *Common European Birch. Bouleau*, Fr. *Birke*, G. Various parts of this tree have been applied to medical uses. The young shoots and leaves secrete a resinous substance, having acid properties, which, combined with soda, is said to produce the effects of a tonic laxative. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvi. 208.) The *inner bark*, which is bitterish and astringent, has been employed in *intermittent fever*. The epidermis is separable into thin layers, which may be employed as a substitute for paper, and are applied to various economical uses. The bark contains *betulin*, or betula camphor, which Hausmann (*Ann. Ch. und Pharm.*, 182, p. 368) has shown to be a diatomic alcohol, as it forms a diacetate. Its formula is $C_{36}H_{60}O_3$, fusing point 258° C. When oxidized it yields *betulinic acid*, $C_{36}H_{54}O_6$, and *betulinamaric acid*, $C_{36}H_{52}O_{16}$. Submitted to dry distillation it yields an oily body of characteristic Russia leather smell. When the bark is distilled, it yields an empyreumatic oil, *Oleum Rusci*, *Betulinum*, or *Muscoviticum;* a thick, brownish-black liquid, sp. gr. 0·955, having the peculiar odor of Russia leather, in the preparation of which it is employed. This oil has been found very useful as a local application in *chronic eczema* and other *skin diseases*. Its medical properties closely resemble, if they be not identical with, those of oil of cade. Dutch and German oil of birch are quite different from the Russian oil. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 769.) The *leaves* of birch, which have a peculiar aromatic, agreeable odor, and a bitter taste, have been employed, in the form of infusion, in *gout*, *rheumatism*, *dropsy*, and *cutaneous diseases*. When the stem of the tree is wounded, a saccharine *juice* flows out which is considered useful in complaints of the kidneys and bladder, and is susceptible, with yeast, of the vinous fermentation. A beer, wine, spirit, and vinegar are prepared from it in some parts of Europe. *Tinctura Rusci* is made, according to Hager, as follows. Olei Rusci 10, Alcoholis, Ætheris, āā 15, Olei Lavandulæ, Rosmarini, Rutæ, āā 0·4 parts; filter. (*A. J. P.*, 1881.)

BETULA LENTA, one of the American species of birch, variously called *sweet birch*, *black birch*, *cherry birch*, and *mountain mahogany*, is remarkable for the aromatic flavor of its bark and leaves, due to a volatile oil, which does not pre-exist in the dried bark of the birch, but is formed by reaction between water and a neutral principle in the bark, analogous to amygdalin, to which Prof. Procter has given the name of *gaultherin*. (*A. J. P.*, xv. 243 and 246.) According to Mr. George W. Kennedy, oil of birch has the sp. gr. 1·178, and boiling point of 228° C. (442·4° F.). The oil seems to be sold as oil of teaberry or wintergreen, and shipped to New York, the manufacturer labelling his product the same, whether obtained from gaultheria or birch, or a mixture of the two. (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 49.) Mr. Pettigrew (*A. J. P.*, 1883) and George W. Kennedy (*A. J. P.*, 1884) find it to be a nearly pure salicylate of methyl. The so-called "light oil" of distillers, according to Mr. Kennedy, is simply the oil with water and dirt. (See *Oleum Betulæ Volatile*, *Oleum Gaultheriæ*, and *Methyl Salicylas*, in Part I.).

BEZOAR. This name has been given to concretions formed in the stomach or intestines of animals, which were formerly thought to possess extraordinary medical virtues. Many varieties have been noticed; but they were all arranged in two classes, the *oriental bezoar* (*lapis bezoar orientalis*), and *western bezoar* (*lapis bezoar occidentalis*), of which the former was most esteemed.

BIDENS BIPINNATA. *Spanish Needles.* An indigenous composite plant, of which the root and seeds are popularly used as emmenagogues, and by the "eclectics" in laryngeal and bronchial diseases as expectorants.

BIRD-LIME. *Bird-glue. Vogelleim*, G. A viscid substance, existing in various plants, particularly in the bark of *Viscum album* and *Ilex aquifolium* or *European holly*, from the latter of which it is usually procured. The process for preparing it consists in boiling the middle bark for some hours in water, then separating it from the liquid, and placing it in proper vessels in a cool situation, where it is allowed to remain till it becomes viscous. It is then washed to separate impurities, and constitutes the substance in question. Bird-lime thus prepared is greenish, tenacious, glutinous, bitterish, and of an odor analogous to that of flaxseed oil. Exposed to the air in thin layers it becomes dry, brown, and pulverizable, but reacquires its viscidity upon the addition of water. It is a complex body, but is thought to owe its characteristic properties to a proximate principle, identical with that which exudes spontaneously from certain plants, and is called *glu* by the French chemists. This principle is without odor or taste, extremely adhesive, fusible by heat, inflammable, insoluble in water, nearly insoluble in alcohol, but dissolved freely by ether and oil of turpentine. According to M. Macaire, it is insoluble in the fixed oils, either hot or cold; a property which distinguishes it from the resins. M. Macaire proposes for it the name of *viscin*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xx. 18.) Its analysis corresponds to the formula $C_{20}H_{48}O_8$ (or possibly $C_{20}H_{32} + 8H_2O$). After the extraction of the viscin by ether, Reinsch found a substance soluble in oil of turpentine which he called *viscaoutchin*, because of its elastic caoutchouc-like character. He gives it the formula $C_8H_{16}O$. Bird-lime is so tenacious that it may be employed to catch small birds, which, when they alight on a stick thickly covered with it, are unable to escape.

BISMUTH AND POTASSIUM IODIDE. This salt has been proposed as a test for the alkaloids, but it seems to offer few advantages; the reader is referred to the *A. J. P.*, xlvii. 374, for the method of its preparation and use.

BISMUTH-CERIUM SALICYLATE is a reddish-white powder, insoluble in water and alcohol. This salt has been highly commended in *diarrhœa*, *enteritis*, and *dysentery* by Salaya. Dose, 5 grains (0·32 Gm.).

BISMUTHI BENZOAS. *Bismuth Benzoate.* This is a white powder, insoluble in water, which has been proposed by M. P. Vigier as a substitute for the bismuth salicylate; like that salt, being decomposed in the system, benzoic acid is set free.

It may be made by adding a solution (prepared with heat) of 76 parts of sodium benzoate in 200 parts of distilled water to a solution of 100 parts of bismuth nitrate in 20 parts of glycerin and 60 parts of distilled water. It contains 27 per cent. of benzoic acid.

BISMUTHI GALLAS. *Bismuthi Gallicum Basicum. Dermatol.* $C_6H_2(OH)_3{\cdot}COOBi(OH)_2$. *Bismuth subgallate* is a dry, fine powder, without odor, of a yellowish saffron color, which has been proposed by Drs. Heintz and Liebreich (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, June, 1891) as a substitute for iodoform. They have given internally as high as thirty-grain (1·94-Gm.) doses without the production of any disagreeable symptoms. Glaeser, after trial, condemns the remedy. (*Centralb. f. Gynaekolog.*, Oct. 1891.) On the other hand, dermatol has been strongly commended by Stierlin (*Corr.-Blatt f. Schweizer Aerzte*, April 1, 1892), by Doernberger (*T. G.*, May, 1892), by Werther, Rosenthal, Barber and König, and other clinicians, so that there would seem to be no doubt of its value in the local treatment of *eczemas*, *superficial ulcerations*, *wounds*, and other affections in which iodoform has been employed. It would seem, however, not to be a true substitute for iodoform, but a distinct astringent sedative dressing, more like other bismuth preparations. The laboratory experiments of Bluhn and of Colasanti would seem to show that it is a feeble germicide, and to confirm the assertion of some surgeons that it cannot be relied upon in infected wounds, though useful in aseptic wounds and skin affections. According to Rosenthal, it is entirely free from toxic properties, but dermatol intoxication has occurred. (*Deutsch. Med. Wochensch.*, xxv., 1892.) In laboratory experiments, Colasanti found that the dried dermatol had no influence upon the growth of disease bacilli, but that in the wet state it was not inferior to iodoform.

BISMUTHI LACTAS. *Bismuth Lactate.* This salt may be made as follows. Take of bismuth subnitrate, *sixty-one parts;* ammonia water, *fifty parts;* lactic acid, *fifty-five parts;* distilled water, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix the bismuth subnitrate, in a flask, with the ammonia water previously diluted with *seventy-five parts* of distilled water. Let the mixture stand for one hour, pour off the supernatant liquid, and wash the residue thoroughly with distilled water. To the moist residue add the lactic acid, and evaporate the mixture to dryness on the water-bath. The product is a white powder, slowly soluble in water, and insoluble in alcohol.

BISMUTHI OXYIODUM. Bi.OI. This compound, sometimes termed *Bismuthi Subiodum*, may be made by F. X. Moerk's process, as follows. Take of iodine, 4·6 Gm.; bismuth subnitrate, 10 Gm.; nitric acid, 1·42, 10 C.c.; solution of soda, U. S. P., 150 C.c.; water, a sufficient quantity. The iodine is covered with 50 C.c. of water, and converted into hydriodic acid by passing hydrogen sulphide through the mixture, boiling to remove excess of hydrogen sulphide, and filtering. The subnitrate is dissolved in the nitric acid, diluted with 10 C.c. of water, and then enough water added to produce a slight permanent opalescence; this mixture is then slowly poured into the solution of soda, taking the precaution to stir constantly. The precipitate is washed by decantation until the washings cease to blue red litmus-paper; 50 C.c. of water are added to it, and the hydriodic acid gradually poured in, until after stirring and allowing to settle the supernatant liquid has a yellow color. The oxyiodide is washed by decantation, removed to a filter, allowed to drain, and, finally, dried at a temperature not exceeding 100° C. The oxyiodide has a light yellowish-red color, and contains no water of crystallization. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 273.) In 1877 the bismuth oxyiodide was recommended as a local antiseptic and substitute for iodoform, by Dr. A. Sidney Reynolds, and in the *Medical News*, Oct. 1886, he reaffirmed its value. It has been used to a considerable extent with success in the Philadelphia Hospital, but its high price interferes with its general adoption. It has also been given internally in *gastric ulcer* and other gastric affections for which bismuth is usually employed. The dose is from five to ten grains (0·32 to 0·64 Gm.).

BISMUTHI SALICYLAS. *Salicylate of Bismuth.* This salt may be made by Wolff's process, by diluting a glycerin solution of crystallized bismuthous nitrate with one or two parts of water, and decomposing this with a concentrated aqueous solution of sodium salicylate; the precipitate is well washed with hot water and carefully dried. Another method for its preparation will be found in *A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 401. It is a soft, white powder, insoluble in water, glycerin, ether, and alcohol, but soluble in acids. According to Schlumberger, it is a valuable local antiseptic. (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, Avril, 1892.) Dr. Solger (*Journ. Soc. Scient.*, May, 1886) found this salt to be very useful in chronic *intestinal catarrh* when given in doses of ten to twenty grains (0·648 to 1·3 Gm.) every eight hours. Professor Wagner (*A. J. P.*, May, 1886) found *bismuth nitrosalicylate* to be very valuable as a cardiac stimulant.

BISMUTHI VALERIANAS. *Bismuth Valerianate. Valerianas Bismuthicus. Valérianate de Bismuth*, Fr. *Wismuthvalerianat*, G. $Bi(C_5H_9O_2)_3$. This salt is formed by double decomposition between solutions of bismuth ternitrate and sodium valerianate. Bismuth valerianate precipitates as a white powder, which is washed with water, and dried with a gentle heat. It has been recommended by Righini in *neuralgia*, and in *gastrodynia*. The dose is from half a grain to two grains (0·032 to 0·13 Gm.), repeated several times a day, and given in the form of pill.

BISTORT. *Snakeweed. Bistorte, Couleuvrine*, Fr. *Weissenknöterich, Natterwurz*, G. This is the root of *Polygonum Bistorta*, a perennial herbaceous plant, growing in Europe and the north of Asia. The root is cylindrical, somewhat flattened, about as thick as the little finger, marked with annular or transverse wrinkles, furnished with numerous fibres, and folded or bent upon itself, so as to give it the tortuous appearance from which its name was derived. When dried, it is solid, brittle, of a deep-brown color externally, reddish within, inodorous, and of a rough, astringent taste. It contains much tannin, some gallic acid and gum, and a large proportion of starch. It resembles the other vegetable astringents in medical properties, and is applicable to the same complaints; but is less efficient than catechu or kino, and in this country is seldom used. H. K. Bowman found 21 per cent. of tannin in bistort root. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 193.) It may be employed in powder, decoction, or extract. The dose of the powder is 20 or 30 grains (1·29 or 1·94 Gm.).

Besides the bistort, some other plants belonging to the genus Polygonum have been used as medicines. Among those are *P. aviculare*, or *knot grass*, a mild

astringent, formerly employed as a vulnerary and styptic; *P. Persicaria* (*Persicaria mitis*), of a feebly astringent saline taste, and at one time considered antiseptic; and *P. Hydropiper*, or water-pepper (*Persicaria urens*), the leaves of which have a burning and biting taste, inflame the skin when rubbed upon it, and are esteemed diuretic, and have been used with asserted success in *amenorrhœa* and other *uterine disorders*. Its irritant and also medicinal properties are due to an acid, *polygonic acid*, discovered by C. J. Rademaker. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 490.) The *water-pepper* or *smart-weed* of this country—*P. punctatum* (Elliott), *P. hydropiperoides* (Michaux)—which grows abundantly in moist places, possesses properties similar to those of the European water-pepper, and is occasionally used as a detergent in chronic *ulcers*, and internally in *gravel*. Dr. B. Woodward finds that the dried plant contains 18 per cent. of tannin, and uses a saturated tincture with great advantage in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery*, in doses of 20 to 60 minims (1·23 to 3·69 C.c.). Dr. Eberle very strongly recommended a fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.) of the saturated tincture, or from four to six grains (0·25 to 0·38 Gm.) of the extract, three or four times a day, in *amenorrhœa*. (*Eberle's Mat. Med.*, 4th ed., i. 441.) Prof. Aughey finds that *P. amphibium* is readily cultivated, with a yield of from three to six tons to the acre, that the roots contain 21·75 per cent., the stems 17·1 per cent. of tannic acid, and urges the growth of it for tanning-purposes. (*N. R.*, 1876, 75.) *P. Fagopyrum* is common *buckwheat*. The leaves of this plant have been found by Mr. Ed. Schunck to contain a crystallizable coloring principle, identical with the *rutin* or *rutic acid* previously discovered by Weiss in the leaves of the common rue, and probably with the *ilixanthin* of Moldenhaus, existing in the leaves of *Ilex aquifolium* or common holly. Buckwheat leaves yielded to Mr. Schunck somewhat more than one part of rutin in a thousand. (*Chem. Gaz.*, No. 399, p. 201.)

BLACK WAX. This appears to be a product of animal life, which has found its way to England from India and the Pacific Islands. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., x. 11, 219.)

BLOOD OF BULLOCKS. As long ago as 1852, Professor Jackson, of Philadelphia, employed as a tonic the blood of bullocks carefully dried in vacuo, giving 5 to 10 grains of it as a dose. Recently it has been used considerably in Europe, and even drinking fresh bullock's blood has come to some extent into fashion. Under the name of *Sanguis Bovinus Exsiccatus*, Dr. F. E. Stewart has introduced defibrinated dried bullock's blood, claiming for it that, by the simple addition of water, bullock's blood can be reproduced minus a small quantity of fibrin. There is no reason for believing that dried blood is more valuable than the more usual ferruginous tonics, if indeed it be of equal value.

BLUMEA LACERA. From this plant, which is used in India as an insect powder, Prof. Dymock has obtained a light-yellow volatile oil. It has a sp. gr. of 0·9144 at 80° F., and an extraordinary rotating power, 1 mm. turning the ray 66° to the left.

BOCCONIA. Several South American species of this genus are said by Professor H. H. Rusby to be used as local irritants, as abortifacients, and as purgatives, by the natives. (*Bull. of Pharm.*, Aug. 1891.)

BOLDO. *Boldus.* This plant is an evergreen shrub, frequenting the meadows of the Andes, in Chili, where its yellowish-green fruit is eaten, its bark used in tanning, and its wood in charcoal-making. It is the *Peumus Boldo* of Molina (1782); *Peumus fragrans*, Pers.; *Boldoa fragrans*, Gay; *Boldea fragrans*, Sul. The leaves, which contain a large amount of an aromatic volatile oil in especial cells, are the parts used in medicine. They are entire, reddish brown when dry, coriaceous, with a prominent midrib and very numerous small glands upon their surface. A peculiar alkaloid, *Boldine*, has been found in them by MM. Bourgoin and Verne (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvi. 191), and a glucoside, *Boldoglucin*, by P. Chapoteaut. (*Compt.-Rend.*, xcviii. 1052.) Boldoglucin is said to act on the lower animals as a narcotic, and has been given by Dr. René Juranviller, with alleged success, as a hypnotic and calmative remedy in *insanity*. The dose is 20 to 60 grains enclosed in capsules. (*Paris Thèse*, 1885, 346.) Fifteen minims of the oil cause in man some warmth in the epigastrium; half a drachm, much gastric irritation, with pain and vomiting, and passage of urine smelling strongly of the oil. Dujardin-Beaumetz finds it useful in *genito-urinary inflammations* in doses of 5 drops (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Mars, 1875), in diseases of which character the drug has long been employed in South America. (*Ibid.*, lxxxvi. 165.) In France the remedy has been employed as a tonic in *chronic hepatic torpor* and in *hepatitis*. (*Etude sur le Boldo*, C. Verne, Paris, 1883.) Eight minims (0·5 C.c.) of a tincture (1 to 5) or four minims (0·24 C.c.) of a fluid extract may be considered as the commencing dose, increased *pro re nata*. Large doses are apt to vomit and purge.

BOLE ARMENIAN. *Bolus Armena. Bolus Rubra. Argilla Ferruginea.* The term *bolus* or *bole* was formerly applied to various forms of argillaceous earth, differing in color or in place of origin. Such were the *Armenian*, *Lemnian*, and *French boles*, and the *red* and *white boles*. Some of these substances were so highly valued as to be formed into small masses and impressed with a seal, and hence received the name of *terræ sigillatæ*. They were all similar in effect, though the small proportion of oxide of iron contained in the colored boles may have given them greater activity. The only one at present kept in the shops is that called *bole Armenian*, from its resemblance to the substance originally brought from Armenia. It is prepared, by trituration and elutriation, from certain native earths existing in different parts of Europe. It is in pieces of various sizes, reddish, soft, and unctuous, adhesive to the tongue, and capable of forming a paste with water. It consists chiefly of a hydrated aluminum silicate with ferric hydrate. The boles were formerly employed as absorbents and astringents in *acidity of the stomach* and in *relaxed bowels*. Bole Armenian is used chiefly as a coloring ingredient in tooth-powders.

BONDUC SEEDS. These are seeds derived from several species of the genus *Guilandina*, which are used in India as febrifuges, tonics, and antiperiodics. Messrs. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen have discovered in them a bitter principle (*Compt.-Rend.*, 103, 89), probably identical with that previously isolated by Professor Flückiger. (*Pharmacographia*, 2d ed., p. 212.)

BORAGO OFFICINALIS. *Borage. Bourrache*, Fr. *Borasch, Boretsch*, G. This European annual abounds in mucilage, and the stem and leaves contain potassium nitrate with other salts. To these

constituents the plant owes all its virtues. It is much used in France. An infusion of the leaves and flowers, sweetened with honey or syrup, is employed as a demulcent, refrigerant, and gently diaphoretic drink in *catarrhal affections*, *rheumatism*, *diseases of the skin*, etc. The expressed juice of the stem and leaves is also given in the dose of from two to four ounces. The flowers are sometimes applied externally as an emollient.

BOROGLYCERIDE. *Boroglycerinum. Glycerylborate.* This substance has been largely employed as a convenient form of obtaining boric acid in a soluble condition. It is made by heating boric acid and glycerin together so as to effect a combination without discoloring the product by overheating. (See *Boroglycerinum*, National Formulary, p. 1482; also *Glyceritum Boroglycerini*, Part I.) Mr. James Kennedy (*Nat. Druggist*, 1887, p. 46) maintains that it is a chemical compound, and not a mere mechanical mixture, as has been supposed; he gives it the formula $C_3H_5BO_3$, and expresses the reaction in its formation thus: $C_3H_5(OH)_3 + H_3BO_3 = C_3H_5BO_3 + 3H_2O$. The metallic boroglycerides, such as sodium and calcium boroglyceride, are not explained, however, in this case. Aqueous solutions of boroglyceride are used for preserving milk, meat, fruit-juices, etc. Under the name of *glacialin* a substance has been largely sold in England which is simply boroglyceride.

BORO-PHENOL is a new disinfectant, a combination of borax and carbolic acid. It has an agreeable odor, is completely soluble in water, and can be used for all the purposes for which carbolic acid disinfectants are used.

BOWDICHIA MAJOR. Under the name of *Sucupira*, the hard, yellow, very bitter bark yielded by this tree is employed in Brazil in *fevers* and *rheumatism*. Mr. Petit has found in it a mydriatic alkaloid. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1885.)

BRASSICA. In China the oil of *Brassica sinensis*, or *petsai*, is used for lighting, and is said also to be purgative, and useful in *skin diseases*, whilst the Japanese employ the yellow oil of *B. campestris*, under the name of *aburana*, for culinary and lighting purposes. (*A. J. P.*, June, 1885.)

BRAZIL NUTS. *Cream Nuts. Para Nuts. Châtaigne du Brésil*, Fr. *Paranuss*, G. These are edible nuts imported from Brazil, and sometimes employed in making cream syrups for giving flavor to carbonic acid water. In Brazil an expressed oil is obtained from them, which is said to be used for burning, making ointments, and adulterating copaiba. Dr. Edward Donnelly, of Philadelphia, states (*Proceedings Am. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1858, p. 327) that the nuts are the product of the *Bertholletia excelsa* (Humboldt and Bonpland), a large and beautiful tree, growing over extensive regions in South America. Corenwinder has found in the kernel of the nut 65·60 per cent. of oil, and 15·31 per cent. of nitrogenous matter. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1873.)

BRAZIL WOOD. A red dye-wood, the product of different species of Cæsalpinia, growing in the West Indies and South America. Two varieties are known in commerce,—1, the proper Brazil wood, said to be derived from *Cæsalpinia echinata*, and sometimes called *Pernambuco* or *Fernambuco wood*, from the province of Brazil where it is collected; 2, the *brasiletto*, produced by *C. Brasiliensis* and *C. crista*, which grow in Jamaica and other parts of the West Indies. The former is the most highly valued. The *sappan* or *samfen wood* may be referred to the same head, being obtained from the *Cæsalpinia sappan*, and possessing properties analogous to those of the brasiletto. The *Nicaragua* or *peach wood* is also analogous to the brasiletto, and is said by Bancroft to be derived from a species of Cæsalpinia. It is produced in the East Indies. Brazil wood is nearly inodorous, has a slightly sweetish taste, stains the saliva red, and imparts its coloring matter to water. It was formerly used in medicine; but has been abandoned as inert. In pharmacy it serves to color tinctures, etc.; but its chief use is in dyeing. A red lake is prepared from it, and it is an ingredient in a red ink. Its dyeing properties are owing to a crystallizable coloring principle, named *brazilin* or *brasilin*, $C_{16}H_{14}O_5$. This, as usually obtained, is of a sulphur-yellow color, which it preserves in the dark, but soon loses in the sunlight, to which it is remarkably sensitive, changing to a reddish hue after a few minutes' exposure, and undergoing a similar alteration in diffused daylight, though more slowly. The principle should, therefore, be kept in perfectly opaque vessels. It is now stated that when absolutely pure it is colorless, and becomes red on exposure to the air. The change is due to the formation of *brasilein*, $C_{16}H_{12}O_5$, which can be prepared from the brasilin by a variety of methods, such as oxidation by nitrous acid, by alcoholic iodine solution, etc. Brasilin is sparingly soluble in water, yielding a sweet and almost colorless solution which is not changed by acids, but is deeply reddened by alkalies. In alcohol and ether it is somewhat more soluble than in water, giving a light-yellow solution. The colorless aqueous solution soon becomes reddish in the air, afterwards yellowish red, and acquires the curious property of phosphorescing in a golden-yellow light. (C. F. Schönbein, *Neues Repertor.*, 1868, vol. xvii., part vii., p. 390; *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 88.)

BROMAL. C_2HBr_3O. This substance resembles chloral in its chemical properties, like it existing as an oily colorless liquid, or, when united with water or alcohol, as a crystalline hydrate or alcoholate. It boils at about 172° C. (342° F.), and distils without decomposition. It is prepared by adding, little by little, 3 to 4 parts of bromine to refrigerated alcohol. After fifteen hours of contact the mixture is distilled. The bromine and other very volatile products come over first, and afterwards, at a temperature of 160° C. (320° F.) to 180° C. (356° F.), the bromal, with an oily substance insoluble in water. Water being added, the bromal hydrate (C_2HBr_3O,H_2O) is formed in rhombic scales fusing at 53·5° C. (128° F.). By the action of an alkali, bromoform is produced from the bromal hydrate. Its physiological action has been investigated by Dr. S. Steinauer. (*Virchow's Archiv*, May 19, 1870.) In frogs it produced at first great restlessness, followed by sleep of moderate intensity, accompanied by an almost complete analgesia. In warm-blooded animals similar symptoms were developed. Dyspnœa was usually very marked, and death sometimes occurred in convulsions. The cardiac ventricles after death were relaxed or tetanized, according as the dose had been large or small. Dr. Steinauer believes the succession of symptoms is due to the first action being that of the bromal, and the subsequent, that of bromoform and nascent bromides generated in the blood from the bromal hydrate. Dr. Steinauer administered the drug to several patients, in doses of three grains (0·194 Gm.) at bedtime, with the effect of relieving pain or producing sleep. In *epilepsy* it seemed to avert the paroxysms.

BROMAMIDE. $C_6H_2Br_3NH.HBr$. This substance, which is said to contain 75 per cent. of bromine, and to be very stable, occurs in odorless, tasteless, colorless, needle-shaped crystals, insoluble in water, but soluble in sixteen parts of boiling alcohol, in chloroform, ether, and the fixed oils. It melts at 243° F., and volatilizes at 310° F. without change. It has been proposed by Dr. A. Caillé (*New York Med. Journ.*, 1892) as an antipyretic, antirheumatic, and analgesic. Dose, 10 to 15 grains (0·65 to 0·97 Gm.).

BROMINE CHLORIDE. *Brominii Chloridum.* BrCl. This chloride is prepared by passing chlorine gas through bromine, and condensing the vapors which form by a freezing mixture. It is a reddish-yellow, very mobile and volatile liquid, emitting dark-yellow fumes, which have a very powerful odor, and cause a flow of tears. Its taste is hot and unpleasant. Bromine chloride is used by Prof. Landolfi, of Naples, in the treatment of *cancer* internally and as an ingredient in his caustic.

BROMOFORM ($CHBr_3$) is produced by the action of bromine upon alcohol in the presence of an alkali. In practice, milk of lime is saturated with bromine, alcohol added, and the mixture distilled. It is also prepared now by the action of sodium hypobromite upon acetone by a reaction analogous to that used in the manufacture of chloroform. It is a colorless liquid, boiling at 151° C. and solidifying at 2·5° C. Sp. gr. 2·83 at 0° C. In 1849, Nunneley and Schuchard called attention to bromoform as a possible agreeable anæsthetic, and in 1869, Rabuteau (*Gaz. Hebdom. de Méd.*) brought the drug forward as a new anæsthetic. Given to the lower animals by inhalation or hypodermic injection, bromoform produces rapid narcosis, in which, according to the researches of Von Horoch (*Wien. Medizin. Jahrb.*, 1883), the breathing is not distinctly lessened, and the pulse remains full, regular, and strong, although the blood-pressure is distinctly reduced; the heart itself is said not to suffer from the influence of the drug, and the peripheral vagi are not affected; further, as powerful irritation of a sensory nerve has no influence upon the blood-pressure, it is probable that the fall is the result of vasomotor paralysis, which is confirmed by the rapid sinking of the temperature. The excitability of the cerebral psycho-motor centres and the general reflexes are entirely destroyed. Von Horoch has used the bromoform as an anæsthetic in several cases in man. The most marked symptom was excessive cyanosis of the face. The urine passed after recovery contained bromine. Binz has also found bromine in the urine of animals poisoned with bromoform. Elimination of the drug would seem, however, to take place very slowly, as unless the animal survived several days no bromine could be detected. (*Deutsch. Med. Zeitung*, 1891.) A number of cases of poisoning by bromoform have been recorded. (*L'Union Méd.*, Sept. 1891.) The symptoms have been pallor, titubation, dilatation of the pupil, coma, heart failure, collapse. Bromoform has been strongly recommended in *whooping-cough* by Stepp and other clinicians, and is said to act as a local anæsthetic upon the pharyngo-laryngeal mucous membranes. Stepp's dose, administered in a teaspoonful of water, is, for children three or four weeks old, 1 drop three or four times daily; in older, nursing children, 3 drops, according to the intensity of the attack; in children from two to four years of age, 4 to 5 drops three or four times daily; up to seven years of age, 6 to 7 drops three or four times daily. Three drops, however, are reported to have produced very serious symptoms in a child four years old, and 2 drops in one fifteen months old.

BROMOL. *Tribromophenol. Tribromphenol.* $C_6H_2Br_3OH$. Bromol is obtained as a white flocculent and gradually crystallizing sediment when bromine water is added to an aqueous solution of carbolic acid. Pure tribromophenol occurs as a white crystalline substance which melts at a temperature of 208° F., and is nearly insoluble in water, but readily so in alcohol, ether, chloroform, glycerin, and in fatty and ethereal oils; the odor is disagreeable, like that of bromine, but more penetrating; the taste is sweet and astringent. According to Grimm and Rademacher, tribromophenol is a powerful antiseptic and disinfectant, which, when in concentrated form, acts as a caustic, and is especially valuable in the treatment of *tuberculous ulcers* and *gangrene*. Grimm considered the remedy too caustic to be used upon the mucous membranes of the upper air-passages, but Rademacher has used it in the solution of olive oil (one to thirty) with asserted excellent results in *diphtheria*. It is said to be very slowly acted upon by the intestinal juices, and has been used as an intestinal disinfectant in doses of from three to seven and one-half grains (0·19 to 0·48 Gm.) a day. That it is absorbed in some form is shown by the fact of its excretion in the urine in the form of tribromophenol-sulphonic acid.

BROMOPYRIN. *Monobromantipyrin.* $C_{11}H_{11}BrN_2O$. This occurs in white crystalline needles, almost insoluble in cold water, scarcely soluble in hot water, easily soluble in alcohol and chloroform. Its melting point is 114° C. Its influence upon the system seems not to have been investigated.

BURRA GOOKEROO. Under this name, in India, the fruit and sometimes the whole plant of the *Tribulus lanuginosus* is used as a diuretic and aphrodisiac. The carpels have been recently (1891) commended in London as a remedy in *nocturnal emissions;* dose of fluid extract, twenty minims to one drachm (1·23 C.c. to 3·7 C.c.).

BUTEA FRONDOSA. This is a plant which grows in Western India. (See *The Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India*, by W. Dimock, Bombay and London.) The leaves are said to be astringent and stimulating to the sexual organs, and the seeds anthelmintic. The resin has reached Europe in small pieces of a deep-red color, usually opaque, and of a pure astringent taste. N. Waeber (*Pharmac. Zeitschrift für Russland*, 1886) failed to find an alkaloid in the seeds.

BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS. *Box.* This evergreen shrub is too well known to require description. Though much cultivated in this country as an ornamental plant, it is a native of Europe and Western Asia. The wood is considered diaphoretic in its native countries, and is used in decoction in *rheumatism*, *secondary syphilis*, etc. The leaves, which have a peculiar odor and a bitter and disagreeable taste, are said to be purgative in the dose of a drachm. A volatile oil distilled from the wood has been given in *epilepsy*. A tincture formerly enjoyed some reputation as an antiperiodic. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) In 1860 it was determined by Walz that *buxine*, an alkaloid which had been discovered in the leaves of this tree, is identical with the bebeerine of the bebeeru or nectandra bark. (See *Nectandra;* also, *P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1869, p. 194.) Pavia obtained a second alkaloid from *Buxus sempervirens*,

which was investigated by Pavesi and Rotondi. (*Jahresberichte*, 1874, 903.) They name it *parabuxine*, and ascribe to it the formula $C_{24}H_{48}N_2O$. Barbaglia (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 145) describes still another alkaloid, *parabuxinidine*. It crystallizes in thin, colorless prisms, is insoluble in water, soluble in ether, freely soluble in alcohol, and colors turmeric paper deep red.

BYTTERA FEBRIFUGA. *Bitter Ash.* The name *Byttera febrifuga* was given by M. Bélanger to a tree growing in Martinique, in the West Indies, which is now believed to be the *Quassia excelsa* of Linn. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.)

CABBAGE LEAVES. The leaves of ordinary cabbage have been highly praised by Dr. Blanc (*N. R.*, 1873, p. 407) as a stimulant application to foul, indolent *ulcers*.

CABBAGE-TREE BARK. *Ecorce de Geoffrée*, Fr. *Kohlbaumrinde, Wurmrinde*, G. The bark of *Andira inermis* (De Cand.), *Geoffroya inermis* (Willd.), *Woodv. Med. Bot.*, p. 416, t. 151. This is a leguminous tree, with a stem rising to a considerable height, branched towards the top, and covered with a smooth gray bark. The leaves are pinnate, consisting of six or seven pairs of ovate-lanceolate, pointed, veined, smooth, petiolate leaflets, with an odd one at the end. The flowers are rose-colored, and in terminal panicles, with very short pedicels. The tree is a native of Jamaica and other West India Islands. The bark, which is the part used, is in long pieces, thick, fibrous, externally of a brownish-ash color, scaly, and covered with lichens, internally yellowish, of a resinous fracture, a disagreeable smell, and a sweetish, mucilaginous bitterish taste. Its powder resembles that of jalap. Huttenschmidt obtained from it a crystallizable, very bitter substance, having the composition and neutralizing properties of the vegetable alkaloids, and named it *jamaicine*. Two grains of it produced violent purging in pigeons.

Theodore Peckolt says of the wood of the tree, which he calls *Andira anthelmintica*, that the workmen engaged in sawing it are apt to be affected with inflammation of the eyes, constriction of the throat, excessive thirst, a bitter, burning taste, a troublesome itching over the body, and sometimes eruptions on the skin. By treating a concentrated decoction of the wood with lime hydrate, then filtering after 48 hours, evaporating to the consistence of syrup, and exhausting the residue with alcohol, Peckolt obtained a yellowish-brown coloring matter which he called *andirin*. (This name has also been given to a glucoside said to have been found in *Andira inermis*. See *A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 558.) He also obtained a peculiar resin by treating the wood with alcohol, filtering, distilling off most of the alcohol, and then precipitating by water. The resin is inodorous, of a bitter, acrid taste, soluble in alcohol, and but partially soluble in ether. This resin, and especially the portion soluble in ether, gives its irritating properties to the sawdust. (*Chem. Centralbl.*, Nov. 17, 1858.)

On the continent of Europe the bark of *Andira retusa* (*Geoffroya Surinamensis*), which grows in Surinam, has also been used. It is considered more powerfully vermifuge and less liable to produce injurious effects. It has a grayish epidermis, beneath which it is reddish brown, laminated, compact, and very tenacious, and, when cut transversely, exhibits a shining and variegated surface. In the dried state it is inodorous, but has an austere bitter taste. The powder is of a pale cinnamon color.

Cabbage-tree bark is cathartic, and, in large doses, apt to occasion vomiting, fever, and delirium. It is said that these effects are more liable to result if cold water be drunk during its operation, and may be relieved by the use of warm water, castor oil, or a vegetable acid. In the West Indies it is esteemed a powerful vermifuge, and is much employed for expelling *lumbrici*; but it is dangerous if incautiously administered, and instances of death from its use have occurred. It is almost unknown in this country. The usual form of administration is that of decoction, though the medicine is also given in powder, syrup, and extract. The dose of the powder is from twenty grains (1·29 to 1·95 Gm.) to half a drachm, of the extract three grains, of the decoction two fluidounces (59·1 C.c.).

CACTUS BONPLANDIA. This plant is asserted to have the properties of *C. grandiflora*. (See *Newer Mat. Med.*)

CACTUS GRANDIFLORA. *Night-blooming Cereus. Cierge à grandes Fleurs*, Fr. *Königin der Nacht*, G. This plant, a native of tropical America, has a branching, fleshy, green stem, with five or six angles; beset with clusters, with five or six short radiating spines. The numerous imbricated calyx lobes are linear, acute, brownish, the inner ones yellow. The flowers, which open in the night, are very fragrant, and produce an orange-colored, internally white berry, the size of an egg. It has been chemically examined by F. W. Sultan, who finds in it *cactine*, a supposed alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 424.)

The cactus grandiflora has long had a reputation among the natives of those countries in which it grows as a cure for *dropsy*, but appears to have been first brought into notice by Dr. Rubini, of Naples, as a cardiac remedy. The active principle has been physiologically studied by Dr. O. M. Myers (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, June, 1891), who finds that in therapeutic dose it, 1. Increases the musculo-motor energy of the heart, probably through its influence upon the intracardiac motor and accelerator ganglia, in consequence of which the cardiac impulses become regular and much stronger. 2. Elevates the arterial tension, increasing correspondingly the height and force of the pulse wave: this is produced by, *a*, increased cardiac action; *b*, stimulation of the vaso-motor centre at the base of the brain. 3. Stimulates the spinal motor centres, increasing the activity of the centres and the general nerve-tone.

The results of Myers have been partially confirmed by MM. Boy-Teissier and Boinet. (*Marseille Méd.*, 1891.) According to Dr. Myers, cactine is not irritating, but the crude drug is said to be used as a counter-irritant, and to produce pustulation.

Cactus has been favorably reported upon as a cardiac stimulant by a number of practitioners as a partial substitute for digitalis. It is affirmed to be especially valuable in the functional disorders of the heart connected with *dyspepsia*, *neurasthenia*, *anæmia*, *Graves's disease*, *tobacco toxæmia*, *sexual exhaustion*, and allied affections. It has also been used with asserted good results as a stimulant to the heart in low *fevers*, and even in *angina pectoris*. Dr. P. W. Williams, of London, however, states that whilst of great value in *pseudo-angina*, it has little power over the true disease. It appears not to prolong the diastole, as does digitalis, and on this account has been especially recommended in complicated aortic regurgitation. According to Williams, the maximum dose of the tincture, four ounces of the fresh stems to a pint of strong alcohol,

is thirty minims (1·85 C.c.) every four hours, and of the fluid extract twelve minims (0·74 C.c.). The dose of cactine seems not to have been determined.

CACUR. This is a small gourd which while still unripe is used by the Caffirs as an emetic, and which, according to Professor Oliver, is yielded by the *Cucumis myriocarpus*. Dr. G. A. Atkinson (*A. J. P.*, 1887) obtained from it a neutral resinous body, *myriocarpin*, and found that twenty grains (1·29 Gm.) of the fresh pulp produced in man nausea and slight purgation. (*Edin. Med. Journ.*, July, 1886.)

CADMII IODIDUM. *Cadmium Iodide.* (CdI_2. Mol. wt. 365.) *Cadmium Iodatum. Iodidum Cadmium. Iodure de Cadmium*, Fr. *Iodcadmium, Kadmiumjodür*, G. Cadmium iodide may be prepared by mixing iodine and filings of cadmium in a moist state, or by dissolving the metal in hydriodic acid, or by double decomposition between potassium iodide and cadmium sulphate. It is soluble in water and alcohol, and may be crystallized from either solution, in large, white, transparent crystals, in the form of six-sided tables, of a pearly lustre. These are permanent in the air, melt at about 315·6° C. (600° F.), forming an amber-colored liquid, and give off violet vapors at a dull red heat. The salt is freely soluble in water and in alcohol, and the solution has an acid reaction. The Br. Pharmacopœia of 1867 gives the following tests. The aqueous solution gives a yellow precipitate with hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphide, insoluble in excess of the sulphide; and a white gelatinous precipitate with excess of solution of potash, the filtrate from which is unaffected by ammonium sulphide. Ten grains dissolved in water give with an excess of silver nitrate a precipitate which, washed with water and afterwards with half an ounce of water of ammonia and dried, weighs 12·5 grains.

Cadmium iodide was introduced as an external remedy by Dr. A. B. Garrod, of London. He has employed it, with good effects, in the form of ointment, made of one part of the iodide to eight of lard, as a local application by friction to enlarged *scrofulous glands*, *nodes*, *chronic inflammations of joints*, certain *cutaneous diseases*, and *chilblains*. The ointment is soft and white, readily yields its iodine for absorption, and is preferable to the corresponding ointment of iodide of lead, the use of which endangers lead poisoning. It was formerly official in the British Pharmacopœia under the name of *Unguentum Cadmii Iodidi*, and was made by rubbing up sixty-two grains of cadmium iodide with one ounce of simple ointment.

CADMII SULPHAS. *Cadmium Sulphate. Cadmium Sulfuricum. Sulfas Cadmicus. Sulfate de Cadmium*, Fr. *Schwefelsaures Cadmiumoxyd, Kadmiumsulfat*, G. $CdSO_4,4H_2O$. "Take of Cadmium, in small pieces, *a troyounce;* Nitric Acid *two troyounces;* Sodium Carbonate *three troyounces;* Sulphuric Acid *four hundred and twenty grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. To the Cadmium and two fluidounces of Distilled Water, contained in a glass vessel, add by degrees the Nitric Acid, and, when the action slackens, apply a gentle heat until the metal is dissolved. Filter the solution, and, having dissolved the Sodium Carbonate in six fluidounces of Distilled Water, mix the solutions thoroughly. Wash the precipitate obtained until the water passes tasteless, and dissolve it in the Sulphuric Acid, diluted with four fluidounces of Distilled Water. Then evaporate the solution to one-third, and set it aside to crystallize. Lastly, dry the crystals on bibulous paper." *U. S.* 1870.

A cadmium nitrate is formed first, in consequence of the greater facility with which nitric acid acts upon that metal than sulphuric acid. The cadmium is oxidized at the expense of a part of the acid, with the production of fumes of nitrogen tetroxide, and the resulting oxide unites with the undecomposed part of the acid to form the nitrate. This is then decomposed in solution by sodium carbonate with a mutual interchange of principles; the nitric acid of the cadmium nitrate taking the soda of the carbonate, and forming sodium nitrate which is retained in solution, while the insoluble carbonate of the metal is deposited. This, having been washed, is treated with diluted sulphuric acid, by which the carbonic acid is expelled, and the cadmium sulphate remains in solution, from which it is obtained by concentration and crystallization; or the cadmium is dissolved in dilute sulphuric acid in the presence of nitric acid, according to the reaction: $3Cd_2 + 6H_2SO_4 + 4HNO_3 = 6CdSO_4 + 8H_2O + 4NO$.

Properties. Cadmium sulphate crystallizes in oblique prisms with rhomboidal bases, which are transparent and colorless, and said to resemble those of the zinc sulphate. They have an astringent, slightly acidulous, and austere taste, effloresce on exposure to the air, and are very soluble in water. The solution, even though acidulated, gives with hydrogen sulphide a yellow precipitate, becoming orange yellow, of cadmium sulphide, which is dissolved by strong hydrochloric acid, but is insoluble in solutions of potassa or ammonia, and is thus readily distinguished from the arsenic sulphide. With ammonium sulphide it gives a yellow precipitate insoluble in an excess of the sulphide. Ammonia produces a white precipitate, soluble in an excess of the precipitant; ammonium carbonate a white one insoluble in an excess; potassium ferrocyanide a white precipitate not dissolved by hydrochloric acid; and the ferricyanide a brownish-yellow one soluble in a large excess of that acid. (*Brande and Taylor.*) By these tests cadmium sulphate is distinguished as a salt of that metal. As a sulphate it is known by yielding a precipitate with barium chloride not soluble in nitric acid. Zinc precipitates cadmium in the metallic state from the solution. Cadmium suspended in a solution of copper sulphate precipitates that metal, leaving cadmium sulphate in solution; and this has been proposed as a method of obtaining the salt.

Medical Uses. Cadmium sulphate is said to resemble but to exceed in power zinc sulphate as an astringent and emetic. Besides these properties, it possesses, according to M. Grimaud, valuable powers as a remedy in *syphilis*, *rheumatism*, and *gout*, but it has been used almost exclusively as an astringent and stimulating remedy in *diseases of the eyes* and in *gonorrhœa*. In *specks* and *opacities of the cornea* it has been employed successfully by both American and European surgeons. It is used either in solution, half a grain to four grains to the fluidounce of distilled water, or in ointment, made by mixing two grains with four scruples of fresh lard.

CADMIUM. *Cadmium. Cadmium*, Fr., G. *Kadmium*, G. This metal was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 because used in the preparation of cadmium sulphate. It is associated with zinc in its ores, occurring principally as *greenockite* (CdS), a yellowish incrustation upon zinc *blende* (ZnS), and, being more volatile than that

metal, comes over with the first portions of it distilled in the process for obtaining it. (See *Zincum.*) The cadmium is separated by dissolving the mixed metal in dilute sulphuric acid, precipitating the sulphate by hydrogen sulphide, treating the precipitate with hydrochloric acid, and again precipitating with ammonium carbonate. The cadmium carbonate thus obtained, after being washed and dried, is mixed with charcoal, and exposed to a dull red heat in an earthen retort, when the reduced metal distils over.

Properties. Cadmium is a white metal, resembling tin, but somewhat heavier and more tenacious. Like that metal, it crackles when bent. Its sp. gr. is 8·7, melting point 316° C. to 320° C. (601°–608° F.). It begins to volatilize at a temperature slightly above this, but under the boiling point of mercury, while it boils only at 860° C. (1580° F.). It is little affected by the air, but, when heated, combines with an atom of oxygen, forming a reddish-brown or orange-colored oxide, CdO, which combines with the acids to form salts. From its saline solutions the oxide is precipitated by the alkalies in the form of a white hydrate. Cadmium also combines with chlorine, iodine, bromine, and sulphur. It is distinguished by forming a colorless solution with nitric acid, from which hydrogen sulphide or ammonium sulphydrate precipitates a lemon-yellow sulphide insoluble in an excess of the reagent or in potassa or ammonia, and not volatilized at a red heat. Potassa produces a white precipitate insoluble in an excess, and ammonia a similar precipitate soluble in an excess of the precipitant. Zinc precipitates cadmium in the metallic state. "A neutral solution of the metal in nitric acid, after having been fully precipitated by carbonate of sodium in slight excess, yields a filtrate which is not affected by ammonium sulphide." *U. S.* 1870. This proves the absence of arsenic.

Medical Uses. According to Professor Simpson, of Edinburgh, cadmium resembles antimony in its effects on the system. Dr. Garrod considers the metal, in this respect, more closely allied to zinc. In overdoses its salts appear to act as corrosive poisons. Three cases are recorded in which serious consequences resulted from inhaling the powdered carbonate, while used in polishing silver. The chief symptoms were constriction of the throat, embarrassed respiration, vomiting and purging, giddiness, and painful spasms. (*Annuaire de Thérap.*, 1859, p. 229.) Experiments by Dr. Wilh. Marmé demonstrate that the cadmium sulphide is not poisonous, but that all compounds of the metal soluble in water or in diluted acids at the heat of the body are powerful irritants, and internally produce giddiness, vomiting, purging, slowness of pulse and respiration, prostration, loss of consciousness, and spasms. (*Neues Repertorium*, 1867, xvi. 303.) The iodide and sulphate are the salts chiefly employed, almost exclusively as local applications. For a case of poisoning by the *bromide* see *Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Oct. 1876.

CÆSIUM. The physiological effect of the cæsium chloride has been investigated by S. Botkin. (*Inaug. Diss.*, St. Petersburg, 1888.) He finds that it increases the blood pressure and retards the heart movement to a slight extent. Prof. Laufenauer (*Therap. Monatsch.*, 1889, and *Pester Med. Chirurg. Presse*, 1889) claims that the cæsium bromide theoretically ought to, and practically does, control *epilepsy* better than do the ordinary bromides. The physiological and medical properties of *Rubidium* have also been studied by these investigators and found to resemble those of cæsium. This has led to the putting upon the market, by Merck, of the following preparations:

Rubidium and Ammonium Bromide ($RbBr + 3NH_4Br$). A white or slightly yellowish, crystalline powder, readily soluble in water. Its taste is somewhat cooling at first, and pungently saline afterwards. This salt, one hundred parts of which contain thirty-six parts of rubidium bromide and sixty-four of ammonium bromide (NH_4Br), was especially used by Prof. Laufenauer in doses of from one to two drachms (3·88 to 7·77 Gm.).

Cæsium and Ammonium Bromide ($CsBr + 3NH_4Br$). A white, crystalline powder, readily soluble in water.

Cæsium Carbonate (Cs_2CO_3). Sand-like, white; melting at red heat; very hygroscopic; very soluble in water; soluble also in alcohol.

Cæsium Hydroxide (CsOH). A grayish-white mass melting below red heat; rather deliquescent, behaving towards water or alcohol as potassium hydroxide does.

Cæsium Sulphate (Cs_2SO_4). Anhydrous, colorless prisms, permanent in the atmosphere; extremely soluble in water; insoluble in alcohol.

Also the triple *Cæsium, Rubidium, and Ammonium Bromide.*

CAFFEA. *Coffee. Semen Caffeæ. Café*, Fr. *Kaffee*, G. *Caffè*, It. *Café*, Sp. *Bun*, Ar. *Copi Cotta*, Cingalese. *Kaeva*, Malay. The coffee plant (*Coffea Arabica*, Linn.) is a small tree from fifteen to thirty feet in height. The branches are opposite, the lower spreading, the upper somewhat declining, and gradually diminishing in length, as they ascend, so as to form a pyramidal summit, which is covered with green foliage throughout the year. The leaves are opposite, upon short footstalks, oblong-ovate, acuminate, entire, wavy, four or five inches long, smooth and shining, of a dark-green color on their upper surface, paler beneath, and accompanied with a pair of small pointed stipules. The flowers are white, with an odor not unlike that of the jasmine, and stand in groups in the axils of the upper leaves. The calyx is very small, the corolla salver-form, with a nearly cylindrical tube, and a flat border divided into five lanceolate, pointed segments. The stamens project above the tube. The fruit, which is inferior, is a roundish berry, umbilicate at top, at first green, then red, and ultimately dark purple. It is about as large as a cherry, and contains two seeds surrounded by a paper-like membrane, and enclosed in a yellowish purple matter. These seeds, divested of their coverings, constitute coffee.

This tree is a native of Southern Arabia and Abyssinia, and probably pervades Africa about the same parallel of latitude, as it is found growing wild in Liberia, on the western coast of the continent. It is cultivated in various parts of the world where the temperature is sufficiently elevated and uniform. Considerable attention has long been paid to its culture in its native country, particularly in Yemen, in the vicinity of Mocha, from which the demands of commerce were at first almost exclusively supplied. About the year 1690, it was introduced by the Dutch into Java, and in 1718, into their colony of Surinam. Soon after this latter period, the French succeeded in introducing it into their West India Islands, Cayenne, and the Isles of France and Bourbon; and it has subsequently made its way into the other West India Islands, various parts of tropical America, Hindostan, and Ceylon.

The tree is raised from the seeds, which are sown in a soil properly prepared, and, germinating in less than a month, produce plants which, at the end of the year, are large enough to be transplanted. These are then set out in rows at suitable distances, and in three or four years begin to bear fruit. It is customary to top the trees at this age, in order to prevent their attaining an inconvenient height, and to increase the number of the fruit-bearing branches. It is said that they continue productive for thirty to forty years. Though almost always covered with flowers and fruit, they yield most largely at two seasons, and thus afford two harvests during the year. Various methods are employed for freeing the seeds from their coverings; but that considered the best is, by means of machinery, to remove the fleshy portion of the fruit, leaving the seeds surrounded only by their papyraceous envelope, from which they are separated by peeling and winnowing mills.

The character of coffee varies considerably with the climate and mode of culture. Consequently, several varieties exist in commerce, named usually from the sources from which they are derived. The *Mocha Coffee*, which is in small roundish grains, takes precedence of all others. The *Java Coffee* is highly esteemed in this country; but our chief supplies are derived from the West Indies and South America. Some good coffee has been brought from Liberia.* Coffee improves by age, losing a portion of its strength and acquiring a more agreeable flavor. It is said to be much better when allowed to ripen perfectly on the tree than as usually collected. The grains should be hard, and should readily sink in water. When soft, light, black or dark colored, or musty, they are inferior.

Mussaenda Coffee, so called, is not a true coffee, but, according to Lapeyrère, is the seeds of the *Mussaenda borbonica*, or "*wild orange*" of the Island of Réunion, and contains from 0·3 to 0·5 per cent. of caffeine. Prof. Dunstan, however, found no alkaloid in the seeds of *M. borbonica;* whilst, according to the botanists of Kew Gardens, the seeds which Lapeyrère examined were really derived from *Gaertnera vaginata.* (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1889.)

Properties. Coffee has a faint, peculiar odor, and a slightly sweetish, somewhat austere taste. An analysis by M. Payen gives for its constituents, in 100 parts, 34 of cellulose, 12 of hygroscopic water, 10 to 13 of fatty matter, 15·5 of glucose, with dextrin and a vegetable acid, 10 of legumin, 3·5 of *potassium and caffeine chlorogenate*, 3 of a nitrogenous body, 0·8 of free caffeine (see article *Caffeina*), 0·001 of concrete volatile oil, 0·002 of fluid volatile oil, and 6·697 of mineral substances. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 266.) Pfaff recognized, in the precipitate produced by lead acetate with the decoction of coffee, two peculiar principles, one resembling tannin, called *caffe-tannic acid*, and the other an acid, called by him *caffeic acid*. The latter is thought to be identical with the *chlorogenic acid* of Payen. When strongly heated, it emits the odor of roasted coffee, and it is supposed to be the principle to which the flavor of coffee as a drink is owing. A remarkable property of caffeic acid is that, when acted on by sulphuric acid and manganese dioxide, it is converted into quinone, being in this respect analogous to quinic acid. The *sugar* of coffee is probably neither glucose as supposed by Payen, nor cane-sugar as stated by Rochleder, but peculiar; for, when the coffee is roasted, it does not answer to Trommer's test for glucose. Caffe-tannic acid has been ascertained by Hlasiwetz to be a glucoside with the formula $C_{14}H_8O_7$, and resolvable into glucose and a peculiar crystallizable acid, $C_8H_8O_4$, named by him caffeic acid (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1867, p. 307), and which may be obtained from coffee, by boiling a solution of the extract with caustic potassa, treating the resulting liquid with sulphuric acid in excess, and extracting the caffeic acid with ether, which yields it somewhat impure by evaporation. (*Ibid.*, January, 1868, p. 75.) Caffeic acid has the constitution of a dihydroxy-cinnamic acid, and on fusion with caustic potash yields protocatechuic and acetic acids. The coffee fat, which ranges in different varieties from 14 to 21 per cent., is, when purified, white, without odor, of a buttery consistence, melting at 37·5° C., and becomes rancid on exposure. According to Rochleder (*Wien. Akad. Ber.*, xxiv. 40), it contains glycerides of palmitic acid and of an acid of the composition $C_{12}H_{24}O_2$.

Coffee undergoes considerable change during the roasting process. It swells up very much, acquiring almost double its original volume, while it loses from 15 to 23 per cent. of its weight. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, 1850, p. 687.) It acquires, at the same time, a peculiar odor entirely different from that of the unroasted grains, and a decidedly bitter taste. An active empyreumatic oil (*caffeol*, $C_8H_{10}O_2$) is developed during the process, probably at the expense of a portion of the caffeine. Much of the alkaloid, however, escapes change, and a portion of it is volatilized. The excellence of the flavor of roasted coffee depends much upon the manner in which the process is conducted, and the extent to which it is carried. It should be performed in a covered vessel, over a moderate fire, and the grains should be kept in constant motion. When they have acquired a chestnut-brown color, the process should cease. If too long continued, it renders the coffee bitter and acrid, or, by reducing it to charcoal, deprives it entirely of flavor. During a severe roasting it loses a portion of caffeine, which sublimes; while in a slight roasting it loses none: yet ordinary coffee for drinking, prepared by percolation, contains rather more caffeine when prepared from strongly roasted than from slightly roasted coffee, because the caffeine is more easily extracted from the former. (Herman Aubert. See *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 121.) The coffee should not be roasted long before it is used, and should not be kept in the ground state. Paul and Cownley found in preparing "low and medium roasted" coffee no perceptible loss of alkaloid, whilst in "over-roasted" coffee the loss amounted to one-third. The average amount of caffeine in moderately roasted coffee they fix at 1·3 per cent. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1887, p. 822.)

The *leaves* of the coffee plant possess properties analogous to those of the fruit, and are extensively used by the Malays. Dr. Stenhouse found them to contain caffeine in larger proportion than the coffee-bean, and also caffeic acid. The leaves are prepared for use by drying over a clear fire and then powdering by rubbing in the hands. The powder is made into an infusion like common tea. The taste is said to be like that of tea and coffee combined. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 443, xiii. 207 and 382, and xvi. 1067.)

For its activity coffee depends chiefly upon the

* Julian E. Walter gives the following results of the analyses of several kinds of unroasted coffee: Java, 0·89 per cent. caffeine; Liberian Java, 1·08 per cent. caffeine; Costa Rica, 1·24 per cent. caffeine; Mocha, 0.54 per cent. caffeine; Peaberry or Fenroll, 0.77; Rio, 1·12 per cent. caffeine. (*Pharm. Rec.*, May 5, 1890, 176.)

presence in it of caffeine, for the physiological and therapeutic action of which, see page 278. According to Paul and Cownley, a cup of coffee (f℥iii), prepared by percolation through half an ounce of coffee, contains a little less than two and a half grains of caffeine. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1887.) The ordinary effects of coffee taken into the stomach are too well known to require description; as an exhilarant and cerebral stimulant it is one of the most efficacious of the caffeinic drinks. It differs from many of these drinks, however, in having a tendency to derange digestion and to act upon the bowels, so that in cases of chronic or acute diarrhœa its use frequently has to be forbidden. Its habitual excessive use may give rise to troublesome dyspepsia, to cardiac irritability, or to headache, and even to vertigo. The caffeinic headache is well recognized by the profession, and is only to be cured by abstinence from its cause. These disagreeable symptoms are much more apt to be produced by coffee than by tea; indeed, although the active principle of these drinks is probably the same, their action upon the human system, although very similar, is not identical. The reason of the difference is not evident. It has been supposed to be due to the empyreumatic oil of coffee, *caffeol* or *caffeone*, but the recent researches of Prof. E. T. Reichert seem to lead to a different conclusion. (*Med. News*, lvi. 1890.) It is probable that some active principle, volatile or otherwise, is formed during the process of roasting, or caffeic acid may be active. Coffee has been used in times past in various diseases, but as a medicine it has been replaced by caffeine. Roasted coffee, especially in the form of powder, has long been known to have some disinfecting and deodorizing power. Leuderitz has found that this is based upon a feeble though positive influence exerted upon bacteria; this influence being probably dependent upon the presence of the empyreumatic substances formed during the roasting.

Coffee is usually prepared in this country by boiling the roasted grains, previously ground into a coarse powder, in water for a short time, and then clarifying by the white of an egg. Some prefer the infusion, made by a process similar to that of percolation. It has more of the aroma of the coffee than the decoction, with less of its bitterness. The proper proportion for forming the infusion for medical use is an ounce to a pint of boiling water, of which a cupful may be given warm for a dose, and repeated, if necessary. A *syrup of coffee* is prepared by Dorvault in the following manner. Treat a pound of ground roasted coffee by percolation with boiling water until two pints have passed. Evaporate eight pounds of simple syrup to six, add the infusion, and strain. Two tablespoonfuls of this syrup may be added to a cup of hot water or milk. It is also used with carbonic-acid water.

CAHINCA. *Radix Caincæ. Radix Cainanæ. Cainça*, Fr. *Caincawurzel*, G. This medicine attracted at one time considerable attention. The name of *cahinca* or *cainca* was adopted from the language of the Brazilian Indians. The Portuguese of Brazil call the medicine *raiz pretta*, or *black root.* When first noticed in Europe, it was supposed to be derived from the *Chiococca racemosa* of Linnæus, which was known to botanists as an inhabitant of the West Indies. But Martius, in his "Specimen Materiæ Medicæ Brasiliensis," describes two other species of Chiococca, *C. anguifuga* and *C. densifolia*, which afford roots having the properties of the root ascribed to *C. racemosa;* and, as the medicine was brought from Brazil, there seemed to be good reason for referring it to one or both of the plants named by that botanist. A. Richard, however, received from Brazil specimens of *C. racemosa* as the cahinca plant.

A specimen brought into this market consisted of cylindrical pieces, varying in size from the thickness of a straw to that of the little finger, somewhat bent or contorted, slightly wrinkled longitudinally, with occasional small asperities, internally ligneous, externally covered with a thin, brittle, reddish-brown bark, having a light-brown or brownish ash-colored epidermis. The cortical portion, which was of a resinous character, had a bitter disagreeable taste, somewhat acrid and astringent; the ligneous part was quite tasteless. The virtues of the root reside almost exclusively in its bark. They are extracted by water and alcohol. Cahinca has been analyzed by several chemists. Four distinct principles were discovered in it by Pelletier and Caventou,—1, a crystallizable bitter substance, believed to be the active principle, and called *cahincic acid*, $C_{30}H_{34}O_{18}$; 2, a green fatty matter of a nauseous odor; 3, a yellow coloring matter; and 4, a colored viscid substance. Rochleder and Hlasiwetz found also caffe-tannic acid. By these chemists a tincture, obtained by boiling the bark in alcohol, was precipitated first with a spirituous solution of lead acetate, and afterwards, having been previously filtered, with the tribasic lead acetate. The first precipitate consisted chiefly of lead caffe-tannate and a portion of lead cahincate, the second of lead cahincate exclusively. Cahincic acid is white, without smell, of a taste at first scarcely perceptible, but afterwards extremely bitter and slightly astringent, of difficult solubility in water, but readily soluble in alcohol, permanent in the air, and unaltered at 100° C. (212° F.). It reddens vegetable blues, and unites with the alkalies, but does not form crystallizable salts. It is thought to exist in the root as calcium subcahincate. When treated with diluted hydrochloric acid it is decomposed into glucose and other products, of which is obtained at first *chiococcaic acid* (thought by some to be identical with *quinovic acid*), and later, by prolonged boiling with alcoholic hydrochloric acid, *caincetin*, $C_{22}H_{34}O_3$.

Medical Properties. Cahinca is tonic, diuretic, purgative, and emetic. In moderate doses, it gently excites the circulation, increases the discharge of urine, and produces evacuations from the bowels; but is rather slow in its operation. It may be made to act also as a diaphoretic, by keeping the skin warm, using warm drinks, and counteracting its purgative tendency. In some patients it occasions nausea and griping, and in very large doses always acts powerfully both as an emetic and cathartic. In Brazil it has long been used by the natives as a remedy for the *bites of serpents;* and its Indian name is said to have been derived from this property. According to Martius, the bark of the fresh root is rubbed with water till the latter becomes charged with all its active matters; and the liquid, while yet turbid, is taken in such quantities as to produce the most violent vomiting and purging, preceded by severe spasmodic pains. Patrick Brown speaks of the root of *C. racemosa* as very useful in obstinate *rheumatism.* But the virtues of cahinca in *dropsy*, though well known in Brazil, were first made known to the European public in the year 1826, by M. Langsdorf, Russian Consul at

Rio Janeiro. Achille Richard afterwards published a few observations in relation to it in the *Journ. de Chimie Médicale;* and its properties were subsequently investigated by numerous practitioners. M. François, of Paris, considered it superior to all other remedies in *dropsy*, but, it having been found at least equally uncertain with other diuretics, the medicine is now little used. The powdered bark of the root was given as a diuretic and purgative, in a dose varying from twenty grains to a drachm (1·29 to 3·88 Gm.); but the aqueous or spirituous extract was preferred. The dose of either of these is from ten to twenty grains (0·648 to 1·29 Gm.).

CALAMINA. *Calamine. Lapis Calaminaris.* Calamine is the old name of the native zinc carbonate, although, strictly speaking, the name of the mineral *Calamine* is now applied to zinc silicate, while the name *Smithsonite* is given to the carbonate. It is found in the United States, as well as in Belgium, Germany, and England. It occurs in compact or earthy masses, or concretions, of a dull appearance, readily scratched by the knife, and breaking with an earthy fracture, or it occurs crystallized in rhombic forms. Its color is very variable; being, in different specimens, grayish, grayish yellow, reddish yellow, and, when very impure, brown or brownish yellow. Its sp. gr. varies from 3·4 to 4·4. Before the blowpipe it does not melt, but becomes yellow and sublimes. When of good quality, it is almost entirely soluble in the dilute mineral acids; and, unless it has been previously calcined, emits a few bubbles of carbonic acid. If soluble in sulphuric acid, it can contain but little calcium carbonate and no barium sulphate.

Prepared Calamine. Calamina Præparata. Calamine must be impalpable before being used in medicine. The following is the U. S. formula of 1850. "Take of Calamine a convenient quantity. Heat it to redness, and afterwards pulverize it; then reduce it to a very fine powder in the manner directed for Prepared Chalk." The object of this process is to reduce the native zinc carbonate, or calamine, to the state of an impalpable powder. Calamine, as sold in England and the United States, was formerly almost always spurious, consisting wholly or principally of barium sulphate, colored with ferric oxide. Of the six samples analyzed by Ferris Bringhurst, of Wilmington, Del., five were totally devoid of zinc, and the sixth contained only 2 per cent. of the oxide. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1857.) But more recently (*P. J. Tr.*, 1866), Mr. R. H. Davis has found that most of the calamine sold as such in Great Britain is genuine. Prepared calamine is in the form of a pinkish or flesh-colored powder, of an earthy appearance. Sometimes it is made up into small masses. It is used only as an external application, being employed as a mild astringent and desiccant in *excoriations* and *superficial ulcerations*. For this purpose it is usually dusted on the part, and hence the necessity for its being in very fine powder. It is often employed in the form of cerate.

CALCII BENZOAS. *Benzoate of Calcium.* $Ca(C_7H_5O_2)_2 + 3H_2O$. This salt may be made by adding calcium carbonate to a hot aqueous solution of benzoic acid, filtering, and evaporating the solution, and collecting and drying the crystals, which usually form in beautiful radiating tufts. It is soluble in 18 parts of cold water and 6 parts of boiling water. *Calcium Hippurate*, $Ca(C_9H_8NO_5)_2 + 3H_2O$, is made in a similar manner, and is identical in appearance and uses. Poulet recommends the latter highly in the *uric acid diathesis*, for *scrofula*, incipient *cirrhosis of the liver*, and in *struma*. Dose, ten grains (0·648 Gm.).

CALCII IODIDUM. *Calcium Iodide. Calcium Iodatum. Iodure de Calcium*, Fr. *Jodcalcium*, *Calcium Jodid*, G. CaI_2. This has been brought into notice by M. Malem, in a memoir published in the *Bulletin Thérapeutique* (Avril 30, 1868), as preferable to any other iodic compound in *phthisis*. He prepares it in the following manner. Treat a solution of ferrous iodide with milk of lime. The liquor thus obtained, being filtered and evaporated, yields crystals of calcium iodide. It may also be made by dissolving lime or its carbonate in hydriodic acid. Pure calcium iodide is white, and crystallizes in large plates of a pearly lustre. Procured as recommended, it is yellowish, probably in consequence of the presence of iodine in excess. It is deliquescent, and very soluble in water, and its solution is capable of dissolving iodine added to it. Calcium iodide is much more unstable than potassium iodide. When taken, it is rapidly decomposed into hydriodic acid and salts of lime, which are almost immediately absorbed. Most patients bear it very well; and M. Malem had administered it without inconvenience for a year or more. From excessive doses M. Malem has seen symptoms of active irritation. From one to three or four grains may be given after each meal. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1869, p. 194.) To make the syrup of calcium iodide the following formula has been proposed by Mr. O. Eberbach (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., i. 364). Take of iodine 4 oz.; iron (in form of wire) 7½ dr.; distilled water q.s.; milk of lime (fresh) q.s.; sugar 28 oz.; simple syrup q.s.; mix 3 oz. of the iodine with the iron and 4 oz. of water, in a thin flask with long neck; shake occasionally until the reaction has ceased and the solution assumes a pale-green color; filter the solution and add the remainder of the iodine; heat to the boiling point, and add milk of lime until all of the iron is precipitated. Filter, and wash the precipitate with hot water until all the iodide is washed out, and then bring the whole to the measure of 20 fl.oz.; add the sugar, and dissolve by a gentle heat; to the solution, add enough simple syrup to make it measure 40 fl. oz.; mix thoroughly, and fill into 2-oz. bottles well corked. Stanislaus Martin prepares the syrup by triturating 5 parts of calcium hydrate in a mortar with 30 parts of sugar, adding 100 parts of water in small portions at a time, allowing it to stand several hours; filtering, adding 2 parts of iodine, and when this is dissolved, 170 parts more of sugar, and flavoring with orange-flower water. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 299.)

CALCII SALICYLAS. $CaC_7H_4O_3 + H_2O$. This compound is the basic calcium salt. It is a sandy, white powder, almost insoluble in water. It is formed when an excess of milk of lime is used. The neutral salt is also known and is quite soluble in water. *Calcium salicylate* has been used in Austria in doses of seven to twenty grains (0·453 to 1·29 Gm.), for *diarrhœa* and *gastroenteritis*. For method of preparation see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxii., 1891.

CALCIUM HYPOSULPHITE. *Calcium Sulpho-sulphate* or *Thio-sulphate. Calcii Hyposulphis.* $CaS_2O_3 6H_2O$. The following mode of preparing this salt is recommended by M. J. Laneau, of Paris. Take 1000 parts of sulphur, 400 of lime, and 4000

of rain-water; slake the lime with sufficient of the water, add the sulphur and the residue of the water, and boil for an hour and a half, adding water to keep up the measure; when cool filter the liquid through linen covered with filtering paper; and wash the residue with 1000 parts of water. A solution is thus obtained of calcium polysulphide of the sp. gr. 1·141. Into this pass a current of washed sulphurous acid gas until the solution becomes colorless; separate the precipitated sulphur (which may be used for the official *Precipitated Sulphur*); and evaporate the clear solution at a heat not exceeding 60° C. (140° F.), until it begins to crystallize, when it is to be set aside. The product is 700 parts of calcium hyposulphite. This is in six-sided crystals, which effloresce in a dry air. M. Laneau prepares a syrup of the hyposulphite by dissolving 10 parts of the crystallized salt in 20 parts of distilled water, and mixing with the solution 170 parts of syrup of orange flowers. (See *A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 223.) The dose of the salt is from ten to twenty grains three times a day, of the syrup from two to four fluidrachms.

Of the *hyposulphites*, generally, it may be said that they closely resemble the sulphites in medical properties, and may be employed as substitutes for those salts, over which they have the advantage of greater stability, passing less readily into sulphates on contact with the air. They may be prepared by boiling a sulphite or bisulphite for some time with sulphur. They are very soluble in water, and are recognized by the precipitation of sulphur when decomposed by an acid.

CALCIUM IODATE. $Ca(IO_3)_2 5H_2O$. *Iodate de Chaux*, Fr. *Iodsaurer Kalk*, G. This salt has been brought forward by E. Sonstadt as a valuable antiseptic, to be used in the preservation of food. (*Chem. News*, xxviii. 297; confirmed in *Provincial Med. Journ.*, March, 1890.) S. W. Moore states that it is a useful antipyretic. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, lxx. 190.) It exists in sea-water, but may be prepared by acting upon iodine with chlorinated lime. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 558.)

CALI NUTS. These nuts, which come from the west coast of Africa, are the seeds of a papilionaceous plant, and have a more circular shape than Calabar beans, but otherwise agree with the latter in all essential external characters. They contain an alkaloid which is said to be chemically and physiologically closely allied to physostigmine. (Merck, *Chem. Centralb.*, 1887.)

CALLITRICHE VERNA. *Water Starwort.* This is an indigenous water-plant, and is given in decoction in *dropsical* and *urinary affections*.

CALOTROPIS GIGANTEA. Brown. *Asclepias gigantea.* Linn. *Madar* or *Mudar*, of the East Indies, is the bark of the root of a species of Calotropis, generally considered as *C. gigantea*, but asserted by Dr. Casanova to be a distinct species, and named by him *C. Madarii Indico-orientalis. C. gigantea* is a native of Hindostan, but is naturalized in the West Indies. The bark, as employed, is without epidermis, of a whitish color, nearly or quite inodorous, and of a bitter somewhat nauseous taste. C. J. H. Warden and L. A. Waddel chemically examined madar, and found it to contain an acid resin, a crystalline colorless substance, *madaralban*, an amber-colored viscid body, *madarfluavil*, and caoutchouc. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 165.) It appears to have the general properties of many other acrid medicines; in small doses increasing the secretions, and in larger, producing nausea and vomiting. According to Dr. Casanova, it is especially directed to the skin, the capillaries and absorbents of which it stimulates to increased action. It is chiefly recommended as a remedy in *elephantiasis* and *leprosy*. It has been employed also in *syphilis*, *dropsy*, *rheumatism*, and *hectic fever;* and Mr. J. J. Durant states that he has found it an excellent substitute for ipecacuanha in acute *dysentery*, giving it in the same dose. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, Oct. 1866, p. 526.) Dose of powder, from three to twelve grains (0·194 to 0·775 Gm.), three times a day, gradually increased till it affects the system.

The root of the *Calotropis procera* closely resembles that of the *C. gigantea*, and probably has similar medicinal properties. The milky juice of both of these plants is said to be habitually used in India for killing female infants. (See *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 166.) The plant has of late years been applied to various economical purposes in India. The most important of these is the manufacture of cords, ropes, etc., from the fibres of its branches, which are said to possess many of the properties of flax. (*Chem. News*, No. 167, p. 76.)

CALYCANTHUS GLAUCUS. This is a shrub, six to eight feet high; with rather rigid ovate or ovate-lanceolate, acuminated leaves, four to seven inches long; with purplish-brown or chocolate-colored flowers, nearly two inches in diameter, and having lanceolate and abruptly sharp-pointed sepals and petals; which inhabits the low, shady woods along the mountains of Georgia and North Carolina, and also Tennessee, where it is known as "*sweet shrub or bubby.*" The seeds contain a fixed oil, and an alkaloid, to which its discoverer, Dr. R. G. Eccles, gave the name of "*calycanthine*," whose physiological properties have not been investigated. Dr. H. W. Wiley has investigated the composition of the seeds still farther. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 96.) He finds over 47 per cent. of oil in the seeds, and notable quantities of sugars (dextrose, sucrose, and dextrin). He obtained as much as 4·25 per cent. of alkaloid. This latter crystallizes from ether in feathery crystals. The whole plant is aromatic, having when crushed the odor of strawberries.

CAM WOOD. A red dye-wood, procured from the *Baphia nitida* of De Candolle, a leguminous tree, growing on the western coast of Africa. The wood is usually kept in the shops in the ground state. It yields its coloring matter scarcely at all to cold water, slightly to boiling water, and readily to alcohol and alkaline solutions. The coloring matter is thought to be identical with santalin, $C_{15}H_{14}O_5$.

CANARY SEED. *Fructus* (*Semen*) *Canariense. Semence de Canarie*, Fr. *Kanariensamen*, G. The seeds of *Phalaris Canariensis*, an annual grass originally from the Canary Islands, but now growing wild in Europe and the United States. The seeds are ovate, somewhat compressed, about two lines long, shining, and of a light yellowish-gray color externally, and brownish within. Their chief constituent is starch, and they are now used in medicine only for emollient cataplasms. They are nutritive, and their meal is said to be mixed, in some places, with wheat flour, and made into bread. They are used as food for canary birds.

CANCHALAGUA. This plant, *Erythræa venusta*, found on our Pacific coast, is a valuable bitter tonic and stomachic. (*Pharm. Record*, 1887, p. 363.) *Erythræa australis* is said to be similarly used in Australia (*P. J. Tr.*, xix.).

CANGOURA. An evergreen creeper, from the seeds of which the natives of Salvador are said to produce a paste which is a violent nerve poison, producing in some cases delirium lasting as long as eight days. (*Les Nouv. Remèd.*, April, 1892.)

CAOUTCHOUC, ARTIFICIAL. Prof. Sonnenschein has discovered that an elastic mass resembling caoutchouc may be obtained by combining sodium tungstate with certain organic substances. If tungstic acid or the sodium tungstate be added to a solution of glue and afterwards hydrochloric acid, a compound of tungstic acid glue is precipitated, which is so elastic at 29·4° C. (85° F.) to 40·5° C. (105° F.) that it can be drawn out into very thin fibres. On cooling, the mass becomes very solid and brittle. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 471.)

CAOUTCHOUC, MINERAL. Large tracts of ground in Australia are said to be covered by this substance, in many places to a foot in depth. It is stated to resemble caoutchouc closely, and not to be like petroleum products. It has not been determined whether it is of mineral or vegetable origin. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., ii. 763.)

CAPPARIS SPINOSA. *Caper-bush.* A low, trailing shrub, growing in the South of Europe and North of Africa. The buds or unexpanded flowers, treated with salt and vinegar, form a highly esteemed pickle, which has an acid, burning taste, and is considered useful in scurvy. The dried bark of the root was formerly official. It is in pieces partially or wholly quilled, about one-third of an inch in mean diameter, transversely wrinkled, grayish externally, whitish within, inodorous, and of a bitterish, somewhat acrid, and aromatic taste. It contains *rutic acid* and a volatile substance of garlic-like odor. It is considered diuretic, and was formerly used in *amenorrhœa* and *chronic rheumatism*.

CAPSELLA BURSA-PASTORIS. *Shepherd's Purse. Thlaspi Bursa-Pastoris.* Linn. *Bourse à Pasteur, Molette*, Fr. *Hirtenäschlein*, G. This very common weed is bitter and pungent, yields on distillation a volatile oil identical with oil of mustard, and, according to E. Bombelon, contains an alkaloid, *bursine*. (See *A. J. P.*, 1888; also *Provincial Med. Journ.*, 1858.) It has been used as an antiscorbutic, also in *hæmaturia* and other *hemorrhages*, and in *amenorrhœa* and *dropsy*. Two to four fluidounces (59·14 C.c. to 118·2 C.c.) of the fresh expressed juice may be given at a dose; or a quarter to a half fluidrachm (0·92 to 1·85 C.c.) of the fluid extract of the dried plant.

CARANNA. *Gum Caranna.* A resinous substance, in pieces of a blackish-gray color, externally dark brown, internally somewhat shining and translucent, brittle and pulverizable when dry, but, in the recent state, soft and adhesive, like pitch, easily fusible, of an agreeable balsamic odor when heated, and of bitterish resinous taste. (*Geiger.*) It is said to be derived from the *Amyris Caranna* of Humboldt, a tree growing in Mexico and South America. Geiger refers it also to *Bursera gummifera* of the West India Islands; but the resin obtained from this tree is described by the French writers under the name of *resine de Gomari* or *resine de chibou* or *cachibou*, and is said to bear a close resemblance to the resin *tacamahac*. It is probable that in different parts of South America the name Caranna is applied to the products of different trees. (*A. J. P.*, xli. 233.)

CARDAMINE PRATENSIS. *Cuckoo-flower. Herba Nasturtii Pratensis. Cresson des Prés*, Fr. *Wiesenkresse, Kukukskraut*, G. This is a perennial herbaceous plant, with a simple, smooth, erect stem, about a foot in height. The leaves are pinnate, the radical composed of roundish irregularly toothed leaflets, those of the stem alternate, with leaflets which become narrower, more entire, and pointed as they ascend. The flowers are purplish white or rose-colored, and terminate the stem in a raceme approaching the character of a corymb. The plant is a native of Europe, and is found in the northern parts of our continent, about Hudson's Bay. It is a very handsome plant, abounding in moist meadows, which it adorns with its flowers in the months of April and May. The leaves are bitterish and slightly pungent, resembling in some measure those of watercresses, and like them supposed to be possessed of antiscorbutic properties. The seeds are said to contain *myronic acid*, and to yield on decomposition an oil analogous to oil of mustard. In Europe they are sometimes added to the salads. The flowers have the same taste as the leaves, and, when fresh, a somewhat pungent odor. When dried they become inodorous and nearly insipid. They formerly possessed the reputation of being diuretic, and of being a valuable antispasmodic in various nervous diseases, such as *chorea* and *asthma*.

CARNALLITE. This mineral, found in Stassfurt, Prussia, is very extensively used in the preparation of potassium salts. It is a double magnesium and potassium chloride, associated with rock salt. (See *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1872, p. 787.) The amount of carnallite mined reached a maximum in 1882, when it was 1,059,300 tons. In 1890 it amounted to 810,530 tons.

CARNAUBA ROOT. This root, the product of *Corypha cerifera*, a wax palm of Brazil, is several feet in length, about three-eighths of an inch thick, with a thick friable cortex of a mixed grayish and reddish-brown color. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 349.) Mr. E. L. Cleaver found in it tannic acid, an acrid resinous body, a red coloring matter, and a minute portion of volatile oil and of an alkaloid. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 965.) It is said to act like sarsaparilla.

CAROTA. *U. S.* 1870. *Daucus Carota. Carotte*, Fr. *Gemeine Mohre, Gelbe Rübe*, G. *Carota*, It. *Lanahoria*, Sp. The *wild carrot* has a biennial, spindle-shaped root, and an annual, round, furrowed, hairy stem, which divides into long, erect, flower-bearing branches, and rises two or three feet in height. The leaves are hairy, and stand on footstalks nerved on their under side. The lower are large and tripinnate; the upper, smaller and less compound; in both, the leaflets are divided into narrow pointed segments. The flowers are small, white, and disposed in many-rayed compound umbels, which are at first flat on the top and spreading, but, when the seeds are formed, contract so as to present a concave cup-like surface. A sterile flower, of a deep-purple color, is often observable in the centre of the umbel. The general involucrum is composed of several leaves, divided into long narrow segments; the partial is more simple. The petals are five, unequal, and cordate. The fruit consists of two plano-convex hispid portions, connected by their flat surfaces. *Daucus carota* is exceedingly common in this country, growing along fences, and in neglected fields, which, in the months of June and July, are sometimes white over their whole surface with its flowers. It grows wild also in Europe, from which it is supposed by some botanists to have been introduced into the United States. The well-known garden carrot is the same

plant, somewhat altered by cultivation. The seeds or fruits are very light, of a brownish color, an oval shape, flat on one side, and convex on the other, and on their convex surface present four longitudinal ridges, to which stiff, whitish hairs or bristles are attached. They have an aromatic odor, and a warm, pungent, and bitterish taste. By distillation they yield a pale-yellow volatile oil, upon which their virtues chiefly depend. Boiling water extracts their active properties. The root of the wild plant may be substituted for the seeds. The root of the wild carrot is whitish, hard, coriaceous, branched, of a strong smell, and an acrid, disagreeable taste; that of the cultivated is reddish, fleshy, thick, conical, rarely branched, of a pleasant odor, and a peculiar, sweet, mucilaginous taste. The constituents of the root are crystallizable and uncrystallizable sugar, a little starch, extractive, gluten, albumen, volatile oil, vegetable jelly or *pectin*, malic acid, saline matters, lignin, and a peculiar crystallizable, ruby-red, neutral principle, without odor or taste, called *carotin*. This latter principle has been well studied by Husemann, who gives it the formula $C_{26}H_{38}$. It forms reddish-brown, golden-green, lustrous quadratic crystals, fusing at 167·8° C., easily soluble in carbon disulphide, difficultly soluble in alcohol and ether; dissolving in concentrated sulphuric acid with violet or blue color; colored by sulphurous oxide blue. Husemann has also described a colorless compound, *hydrocarotin*, $C_{16}H_{30}O$, which exists with carotin in the juice of the carrot, and is probably changed into the latter by oxidation as the plant develops in growth. According to MM. Frorde and Sœauer, carotin, as well as the modification which has been named *hydrocarotin*, is in fact *cholesterin* colored by a red pigment (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 505), but Husemann seems to have disproved this assertion. Arnaud (*Compt.-Rend.*, cii. 1319), however, has recently isolated cholesterin from carrots, which, after repeated purifying with alcohol, was obtained crystallized in leaflets with 1 mol. of water. It melts at 136·5° C., losing the 1 mol. of water. It seems to be identical with the cholesterin obtained by Hesse from Calabar beans and from peas, and differs only very slightly from animal cholesterin. The substance called *vegetable jelly* was by some considered a modification of gum or mucilage, combined with a vegetable acid. Braconnot found it to be a peculiar principle, and named it *pectin*, from the Greek (πηκτις), expressive of its characteristic property of gelatinizing. It exists more or less in all vegetables, and is abundant in certain fruits and roots from which jellies are prepared. It may be separated from the juice of fruits by alcohol, which precipitates it in the form of a jelly. This, being washed with weak alcohol and dried, yields a semi-transparent substance bearing some resemblance to ichthyocolla. Immersed in 100 parts of cold water, it swells like bassorin, and ultimately forms a homogeneous jelly. With a larger proportion it exhibits a mucilaginous consistence. It is less acted on by boiling than by cold water. When perfectly pure it is tasteless, and has no effect on vegetable blues. A striking peculiarity is that, by the agency of a fixed alkali or alkaline earthy base, it is instantly converted into pectic acid, which unites with the base to form a pectate. This may be decomposed by the addition of an acid, which unites with the base, and separates the pectic acid. *Pectic acid* thus obtained is in the form of a colorless jelly, slightly acidulous, with the property of reddening litmus paper, scarcely soluble in cold water, more soluble in boiling water, and forming with the latter a solution, which, though it does not become solid on cooling, is coagulated by alcohol, lime water, acids, or salts, and even by sugar if allowed to stand for some time. With the alkalies it forms salts, capable of gelatinizing; with the earths and metallic oxides, insoluble salts. Braconnot thinks that pectic acid exists in many plants already formed. M. Frémy found that pectin results, in fruits, from the reaction of acids upon a peculiar insoluble substance they contain when immature, called by him *pectose;* and that pectin is changed into pectic acid not only by alkalies, but also by vegetable albumen. Carrot seeds are moderately excitant and diuretic, and are employed in *chronic nephritic affections* and in *dropsy*. As they possess the cordial properties of the aromatics, they are especially adapted to cases in which the stomach is enfeebled. They are said to afford relief in the *strangury* from blisters. From thirty grains to a drachm (1·94 to 3·88 Gm.) of the bruised seeds may be given at a dose, or a pint of the infusion, containing the virtues of half an ounce or an ounce of the seeds, may be taken during the day. The whole umbel is often used instead of the seeds alone. The root of the garden plant has acquired much reputation as a stimulant application to phagedenic, sloughing, ill-conditioned, and even *cancerous ulcers*. The root is brought to the proper consistence by scraping. In this state it retains a portion of the active principles of the plant, which render it somewhat stimulant. Boiled and mashed, as usually recommended, the root is perfectly mild, and fit only to form emollient cataplasms. An ointment was prepared by the late Prof. Procter as follows. Take of grated carrot root half a pound, lard a pound, wax four ounces. Melt the lard and wax, add the carrot root, evaporate with a moderate heat the moisture of the root, and strain.

CARTHAMUS. *Carthamus Tinctorius.* Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iii. 1706. The *African, false, American,* or *dyers' saffron* or *safflower* is an annual plant, with a smooth, erect stem, somewhat branched at top, and a foot or two in height. The leaves are alternate, sessile, ovate, acute, entire, and furnished with spiny teeth. The flowers are compound, in large terminal, solitary heads. The florets are of an orange-red color, with a funnel-shaped corolla, of which the tube is long, slender, and cylindrical, and the border divided into five equal, lanceolate, narrow segments. The plant is a native of India, the Levant, and Egypt, and is cultivated in those countries, as well as in various parts of Europe and America. The florets are brought to us chiefly from the ports of the Mediterranean. Safflower (*Flores Carthame; Fleurs de carthame, Safran bâtard*, Fr.; *Safflor*, G.; *Cartamo*, It., Sp.) in mass is of a red color, diversified by the yellowness of the filaments contained within the floret. It has a peculiar slightly aromatic odor, and a scarcely perceptible bitterness. It contains two coloring substances,—one red, insoluble in water, slightly soluble in alcohol, very soluble in alkaline liquids, and called *carthamin* or *carthamic acid* by Döbereiner, who found it to possess weak acid properties; the other yellow, and soluble in water. Carthamin, $C_{14}H_{16}O_7$, exists to the amount of 0·3 to 0·6 per cent. only in the safflower, while the safflower-yellow, to which Malin gives the formula $C_{24}H_{30}O_{15}$, is present to the amount of 24 to 30 per cent. It is the former which renders safflower useful as a dye-stuff. These flowers are sometimes fraudulently mixed with saffron, which they resemble

in color, but from which they may be distinguished by their tubular form, and the yellowish style and filaments which they enclose. In large doses carthamus is said to be laxative; and, administered in warm infusion, diaphoretic. It is used in domestic practice, as a substitute for saffron, in *measles*, *scarlatina*, and other *exanthematous diseases*, to promote the eruption. An infusion, made in the proportion of two drachms to a pint of boiling water, is usually employed *pro re nata*.

CARUBA DI GUIDEN. Under this name are largely used, for the relief of *asthma*, certain gall-like bodies, formed on various species of Pistacia (especially *P. terebinthina*), as the result of the stings of an hemipterous insect. According to Ignaz Hoffmann, they are used by smoking and fumigation. For this purpose they are coarsely pulverized and burnt in the bowl of a pipe, or in a dish, with some arrangement by which the fumes may be inhaled. Preparations should be made beforehand, so that the smoke may be inhaled at the commencement of the attack. They appear to act by exciting free secretion, probably through the turpentine with which they are saturated. They are also said to be very useful in *chronic bronchitis*. (*Schmidt's Jahrb.*, Jan. 1872.)

CARVACROL. $C_{18}H_{14}O$. A phenol-like body existing in the essential oils of *Origanum* species. It forms a thick oil which does not solidify at 25° C., boils at 233°–235° C., and possesses powerful antiseptic properties.

CARYA. *Hickory. Juglans.* Linn. Several species of the genus Carya, of Nuttall, separated by that botanist from the *Juglans* of Linnæus, grow within the limits of the United States, of which *C. olivæformis* bears the *pecan-nut* of the South-West, *C. alba*, the fruit so well known by the name of *shell-bark*, derived probably from the ragged state of the bark of the stem, *C. sulcata*, another variety of shell-bark, and *C. tomentosa*, the common thick-shelled hickory-nut. Other indigenous species are *C. amara*, *C. glabra*, and *C. microcarpa*. The leaves of most if not all of these trees are somewhat aromatic and astringent, and the bark astringent and bitter. In the bark of *C. tomentosa* Mr. F. R. Smith found a crystalline principle, *caryin*, which he believes to be identical with *quercitrin*. Mr. Caffinbury, of Michigan, commends the inner bark of the hickory in *dyspepsia* and in *intermittent fever*. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1859, p. 249.)

CASCARA AMARGA. For an elaborate discussion of the microscopic and chemical characters of *Honduras bark* of commerce and its alkaloid *picramnine*, by Dr. F. A. Thompson, see *A. J. P.*, June, 1884.

CASEARIA ESCULENTA. This Indian plant is said to be a valuable remedy in *hepatic torpor*, and to contain an organic acid allied to cathartic acid. (*Year-Book of Pharm.*, 1889; *P. J. Tr.*, xx.)

CASEIN. This substance is one of the important constituents of milk and cheese, and is alluded to under *Lac*. It has been proposed by Mr. Seger as an emulsifying agent in pharmacy. One gallon of milk is treated with two and a half fluidounces of water of ammonia for twenty-four hours, and, after removing the saponaceous matter from the surface of the mixture, the serum is precipitated with acetic acid. The magma of casein, strongly pressed, is treated with sodium bicarbonate, and with a sufficient quantity of sugar to make the dried product contain one-tenth of its weight of casein. The powdered substance dissolves easily in water, and, mixed with its weight of gum, may be used for almost all of the emulsions. Resinous matters and balsams previously dissolved in alcohol, essences, and oils, may be mixed with it in the bottle itself without using the mortar. The only defect in this casein saccharate is its slight odor. (*L'Union Pharm.*, May, 1887.)

CASSIA MARILANDICA. *Séné Américain*, Fr. *Amerikanische Senna*, G. *American Senna* is an indigenous perennial plant of vigorous growth, sending up annually numerous round, erect, nearly smooth stems, which are usually simple, and rise from three to six feet in height. The leaves are alternate, and composed of from eight to ten pairs of oblong-lanceolate, smooth, mucronate leaflets, green on their upper surface, pale beneath, and connected by short petioles with the common footstalk, which is compressed, channelled above, and furnished near its base with an ovate, stipitate gland. The flowers, which are of a beautiful golden-yellow color, grow in short axillary racemes at the upper part of the stem. The calyx is composed of five oval, obtuse, unequal yellow leaves; the corolla of the same number of spatulate, concave petals, of which three are ascending, and two descending and larger than the others. The stamens are ten, with yellow filaments and brown anthers, which open by a terminal pore. The three upper stamens bear short abortive anthers; the three lowermost are long, curved, and tapering into a beak. The germ, which descends with the latter, bears an erect style terminating in a hairy stigma. The fruit is a pendulous legume, from two to four inches long, linear, curved, swelling at the seeds, somewhat hairy, and of a blackish color. The *American senna*, or *wild senna*, is very common in all parts of the United States south of New York, and grows as far northward as the southern boundary of Massachusetts. It prefers a low, moist, rich soil, in the vicinity of water, and, though frequently found in dryer and more elevated places, is most abundant and luxuriant in the flat ground on the borders of rivers and ponds. The leaves, which should be collected in August or the beginning of September, are sometimes brought into the market, compressed into oblong cakes, like those prepared by the Shakers from most herbaceous medicinal plants. The leaflets are from an inch and a half to two inches long, from one-quarter to half an inch in breadth, thin, pliable, and of a pale-green color. They have a feeble odor, and a nauseous taste, somewhat analogous to that of senna. Water and alcohol extract their virtues. They were analyzed by Mr. Martin, of Philadelphia, and found to contain a principle analogous to *cathartin*, albumen, mucilage, starch, chlorophyll, yellow coloring matter, volatile oil, fatty matter, resin, and lignin, besides salts of potassa and lime. (*A. J. P.*, i. 22.) Hermann J. M. Schroeter has since (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 231) given the drug a fuller examination, and finds a yellow coloring matter which he believes to be identical with the *chrysophanic acid* found in Alexandria senna. He also isolated the active principle and found it to correspond in all respects, both physiological and chemical, with *cathartic acid*. American senna is an efficient and safe cathartic, closely resembling the imported senna in its action, but less active, and, to produce an equal effect, must be administered in a dose at least one-third larger. Like senna, it is most conveniently given in the form of infusion, and should be similarly combined in order to prevent its griping.

Cassia nictitans was investigated by Gallaher (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 280), who failed to find any glucoside or alkaloid. The amount of volatile oil found was very small, and cathartic acid could not be prepared from it, although the powder produced griping. The leaves of *Cassia alata* are recommended by Conillebault in *ringworm;* they are moistened and the parts affected rubbed with them. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 266.)

CASTANEA PUMILA. *Chinquapin.* The chinquapin is a shrub or small tree, which in the Middle States rarely much exceeds seven or eight feet in height, but in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Louisiana sometimes attains an elevation of thirty or forty feet, with a diameter of trunk equal to twelve or fifteen inches. The leaves are oblong, acute, mucronately serrate, and distinguished from those of the chestnut, which belongs to the same genus, by their whitish and downy under surface. The barren flowers are grouped upon axillary peduncles, three or four inches long; the fertile aments are similarly disposed, but less conspicuous. The fruit is spherical, covered with short prickles, and incloses a brown nut, which is sweet and edible, but differs from the chestnut in being much smaller, and convex on both sides. The tree extends from the banks of the Delaware southward to the Gulf of Mexico and southwestward to the Mississippi. The bark is the part used. It is astringent and tonic, and has been employed in *intermittents*.

CASTELLA NICHOLSONI. This plant is reputed to have antiseptic properties, probably due to a resinous principle discovered by J. L. Putegnat and named by him "*amargosin.*" (See *N. R.*, April, 1883.)

CASTOREUM. *Castor. Castoréum*, Fr. *Bibergeil*, G. *Castoro*, It. *Castoreo*, Sp. In the beaver, *Castor fiber*, between the anus and external genitals of both sexes, are two pairs of membranous follicles, of which the lower and larger are pear-shaped, and contain an oily, viscid, highly-odorous substance, secreted by glands which lie externally to the sac. This substance is called castor. After the death of the animal, the follicles containing it are removed, and dried either by smoke or in the sun, and brought into the market.

This drug is derived either from the northern and northwestern parts of America, or from Russia, and is distinguished, according to its source, into the Canadian or American and Russian castor. It is supposed by some that the American and Russian beavers are distinct species, the former being a building, the latter a burrowing animal; and additional ground for the supposition is afforded by the fact that the products of the two differ considerably. Of the Russian but a very small portion reaches this country; large quantities were formerly collected in the northwestern regions of British America.

Castor comes to us in the form of solid unctuous masses, contained in sacs about two inches in length, larger at one end than at the other, much flattened and wrinkled, of a brown or blackish color externally, and united in pairs by the excretory ducts which connect them in the living animal. In each pair one sac is generally larger than the other. They are divided internally into numerous cells, containing the castor, which, when the sacs are cut or torn open, is exhibited of a brown or reddish-brown color, intermingled more or less with the whitish membrane forming the cells. Those brought from Russia are larger, fuller, heavier, and less tenacious than the American; and their contents, which are of a rusty or liver color, have a stronger taste and smell, and are considered more valuable as a medicine. A variety of Russian castor, described by Pereira under the name of *chalky Russian castor*, is in smaller and rounder sacs than the American, has a peculiar empyreumatic odor very different from that of the other varieties, breaks like starch under the teeth, and is characterized by effervescing with dilute hydrochloric acid. In a specimen examined by Müller, 40·646 per cent. of calcium carbonate was found. In the castor from Missouri, the contents of the sac are sometimes almost white, and evidently inferior. According to Jannarch, castor varies with the time of year at which it is collected, being lighter colored, more fluid, and less copious in the follicles from February to July than in the remainder of the year. (*Pharm. Centralb.*, Mai, 1847, p. 318.) It is said by M. Kohli that the Canadian castor, treated with distilled water and ammonia, affords an orange precipitate, while the matter thrown down from the Russian under similar treatment is white.

Properties. Good castor has a strong, fetid, peculiar odor; a bitter, acrid, and nauseous taste; and a color more or less tinged with red. It is of a softer or harder consistence according as it is more or less thoroughly dried. When perfectly desiccated, though still somewhat unctuous, it is hard, brittle, and of a resinous fracture. Its chemical constituents, according to Brandes, are volatile oil; a resinous matter; albumen; a substance resembling *osmazome;* mucus; calcium urate, carbonate, benzoate, phosphate, and sulphate; sodium acetate and chloride; potassium chloride, sulphate, and benzoate; ammonium carbonate; membranous matter; and a peculiar proximate principle discovered by M. Bizio, an Italian chemist, and called by him *castorin*. This principle crystallizes in long, diaphanous, fasciculated prisms, has the smell of castor, and a copperish taste. It is insoluble in cold water and cold alcohol; but is dissolved in 100 parts of the latter liquid at the boiling temperature, and by the essential oils. It possesses neither alkaline nor acid properties. It may be obtained by treating castor, minutely divided, with six times its weight of boiling alcohol, filtering the liquor while hot, and allowing it to cool. The *castorin* is slowly deposited, and may be purified by means of cold alcohol. M. Valenciennes, who could not obtain the crystals white and pure by simple treatment with alcohol, succeeded by first boiling a mixture of equal parts of castor and hydrated lime with water, and acting upon the residue, separated and dried, with boiling alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·823. Canadian castor is said to yield 1·98 per cent., and Russian castor 4·60 per cent. of castorin. This, together with the volatile oil and the peculiar resin, are said to constitute the medicinal principles. (Pennetier, *Matières Premières Organiques*, p. 783.) The *volatile oil* may be obtained by repeated distillation with the same portion of water. It is pale yellow, and has the smell and taste of castor.

F. Wöhler ascertained the existence of salicin in a specimen of castor; also that it contained a small quantity of *carbolic acid*, to which he ascribes its odor. Dr. Pereira found that a portion of water distilled from American castor gradually lost its peculiar odor, and acquired that of the flowers of *Spiræa ulmaria*, and afterwards presented no trace of the presence of oil of castor. Upon testing it, he ascertained the existence in it of *salicylic aldehyde*

(*oil of Spiræa ulmaria*), and concluded that the oil of castor had been converted into that principle. He further inferred that the oil is probably a volatile product of the salicin of the castor, and ascribes the carbolic acid, found by Wöhler, to the same source. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 200.) The salicin of the castor probably proceeds from the willow and poplar on which the beaver feeds.

Alcohol and ether extract the virtues of castor. An infusion made with boiling water has its sensible properties in a slight degree; but the odorous principle of the drug is dissipated by decoction. The virtues of castor are impaired by age. Warmth, and especially moisture, promote its decomposition. In a dry cool place it may be kept for a long time without material deterioration. When quite black, with little taste or smell, it is unfit for use. The castor follicles are sometimes partly deprived of the castor, and its place supplied with sawdust. A factitious preparation has been sold, consisting of a mixture of various drugs, scented with genuine castor, intermingled with membrane, and stuffed into the scrotum of a goat. The fraud may be detected by the comparatively feeble odor, the absence of other characteristic sensible properties, and the want of the smaller follicles containing fatty matter, often attached to the bags of castor.

Medical Properties and Uses. Castor is moderately stimulant and antispasmodic. The experiments of Thouvenel prove that, in large doses, it quickens the pulse, increases the heat of the skin, and produces other symptoms of general excitement; but its force is directed chiefly to the nervous system, and in small doses it scarcely disturbs the circulation. It has also enjoyed a high reputation as an emmenagogue. It was employed by the ancients. Pliny and Dioscorides speak of it as useful in *hysteria* and *amenorrhœa*. In Europe, especially on the continent, it is still frequently prescribed in low forms of *fever* attended with nervous symptoms, in spasmodic diseases, such as *hysteria* and *epilepsy*, and in many anomalous nervous affections. It is less used in this country. The dose in substance is from ten to thirty grains (0·65–1·95 Gm.), which may be given in bolus or emulsion. *Tincture of Castor*, made by macerating one ounce of bruised castor for seven days in one imperial pint of alcohol, was formerly official in the British Pharmacopœia.

CATALPA BIGNONIOIDES. Walt. *Bignonia Catalpa.* Linn. *Catalpa-tree*, or *Catawba-tree.* This is a beautiful indigenous flowering tree, the seeds of which have been employed in *asthma*. Mr. Eugene O. Rau obtained from them tannin and a bitter crystalline principle. (*A. J. P.*, xlii. 204.) F. K. Brown obtained from the seeds resin, fixed oil, tannin, sugar, and two crystalline bodies, their exact nature not being determined. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 230.) I. Schneck states that large doses cause nausea, vomiting, and slow, weak, intermittent pulse. He gave two drachms of tincture (℥i to Oi) every one to three hours. M. Antomarchi recommends a decoction, made by boiling twelve ounces of water with three or four ounces of the seeds down to six ounces, the whole to be given morning and night; but some caution seems necessary in our present state of knowledge until the effects of the medicine on the system are ascertained.

CATARIA. *Nepeta Cataria. Catnep* or *Catmint* (*Cataire*, Fr.; *Katzenmünze*, G.; *Cattara*, It.; *Gatera*, Sp.) is a perennial labiate plant, with a quadrangular, branching, somewhat hoary stem, from one to three feet high, and furnished with opposite, petiolate, cordate, dentate, pubescent leaves, which are green above and whitish on their under surface. The flowers are whitish or slightly purple, are arranged in whorled spikes, and appear in July and August. The plant is abundant in the United States, but is supposed to have been introduced from Europe. The whole herb is used: it has a strong, peculiar, rather disagreeable odor, and a pungent, aromatic, bitterish, camphorous taste. The active constituents are volatile oil, and tannin of the kind which produces a greenish color with the salts of iron. In its operation upon the system, catnep is tonic and excitant, bearing considerable resemblance to the mints. It has had the reputation also of being antispasmodic and emmenagogue. Cats are very fond of it, and it has been asserted to act as an aphrodisiac in these animals. It is employed as a domestic remedy, in the form of infusion, in *amenorrhœa*, *chlorosis*, *hysteria*, the flatulent *colic* of infants, etc., but is little known in regular practice. Dose, two drachms (7·77 Gm.), in infusion.

CATRAMINE. A terebinthinate, essential oil, strongly recommended by Vincenzo Gauthier (*Gazz. degli Ospitali*, Feb. 1892) as a stimulant, expectorant, and diuretic, resembling the oil of turpentine, though more advantageous in its action.

CAYAPONIA GLOBULOSA. This is a cucurbitaceous plant of Brazil, from which Prof. Gubler has extracted the alkaloid "*Cayaponine*," said to purge without griping. Dose, one grain (0·06 Gm.). (*Rép. de Pharm.*, 1879, p. 193.)

CEANOTHUS AMERICANUS. *New Jersey Tea. Red-root. Céanothe*, Fr. *Seckelblumen-wurzel*, G. A small indigenous shrub, growing throughout the United States. The root is astringent, and imparts a red color to water. H. K. Bowman found in it 9·21 per cent. of tannin. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, 195.) F. C. Gerlach has again examined the root. (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 332.) He finds 6·48 per cent. of tannin and 0·52 per cent. of an alkaloid to which he gives the name *ceanothine*. J. H. M. Clinch has found in the leaves a resin and a volatile oil. (*A. J. P.*, xiv., 1884.) J. A. Buckner (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 428) found 9·45 per cent. of tannin in the leaves. It is said to be useful in *syphilis*. Schoepf states that it is purgative. The leaves were used during the Revolutionary War as a substitute for tea. Dr. Hubbard recommends a strong infusion of the dried leaves and seeds, as a local application in *aphthous affections* of the mouth and fauces, and the sore throat of *scarlatina*, and as an internal remedy in *dysentery*. (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*, Sept. 30, 1835.)

CEBUR or **JAGULAWAY BALSAM** is prepared in the Philippine Islands by boiling the root and twigs of *Paraya vulneraria* (Radl) in cocoa-nut oil, so as to form a yellowish-white, oily liquid, which is used with asserted excellent results for *skin diseases* and *wounds*. (*Archiv. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1885.)

CEDAR GUM. This, the product from *Cedrela Australis*, or *Red Cedar* of Queensland, is a very pale yellow gum, occurring in tears about an inch long, feeling leathery between the teeth, swelling and, finally, almost dissolving in water. It contains about 68 per cent. of arabin, and 6 per cent. of metarabin, but no resin. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xx., 1890.)

CEDRON. The seeds of the *Simaba cedron*, a tree growing in Colombia and Central America, belonging to the Simarubaceæ. For description of the tree and its botanical and medicinal history, see 16th ed. U. S. D. The fruit is a large solitary drupe,

containing a single seed. A specimen of the dried fruit, sent to Dr. G. B. Wood from Cartago, in Costa Rica, by Dr. Guier, formerly of Philadelphia, was light, of a yellowish ash color, flattish-ovate, with one edge convex and the other nearly straight, the convex outline terminating at each end in an obtuse point, of which that at the apex was most prominent. It was about two inches long and sixteen lines in its greatest breadth. Within, the seed was loose and movable. Cedron seed is about an inch and a half long, ten lines broad, and half an inch thick, convex on one side, flat or slightly concave on the other, and presenting an oval scar near one extremity of the flat surface. It is often yellowish, hard and compact, but readily cut with a knife, is inodorous, but of a pure and intensely bitter taste, not unlike that of quassia. It yields its virtues to water and alcohol. M. Lowry obtained from it a crystalline substance, intensely bitter, freely soluble in boiling water, and neutral to test-paper, which he supposes to be the active principle, and named *cedrin*. He first exhausted the cedron with ether, then treated it with alcohol, and crystallized from the tincture. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xix. 335.) Cedrin is now an article of commerce in form of yellowish transparent crystals, easily soluble in water, less so in alcohol.

This medicine has long had, and still has, great reputation in Colombia and Central America, as a remedy for the *bite of serpents*, being mentioned in the *History of the Buccaneers*, published in 1699, as useful for this purpose. It has also been alleged that cedron-seed will cure *hydrophobia*, and Dr. S. S. Purple, of New York, affirms it to have valuable antiperiodic properties when given in doses of ten to thirty grains (0·647 to 1·94 Gm.) every four hours. In very large dose, Dr. Purple found it to gripe and purge. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, N. S., xiii.)

CELASTRUS. Various species of the Celastraceæ have medicinal properties. In the East Indies the oil obtained from the seeds of the *Celastrus paniculata* is used as a powerful stimulant and diaphoretic in *rheumatism*, *gout*, and various *fevers*. The oil is said to be deep reddish yellow, and to become thick and honey-like on keeping. It is sometimes known as *oleum nigrum*. In Abyssinia, according to Prof. Dragendorff, the leaves of the *C. obscurus* are used as an antiperiodic under the name of *Add-add*. Dragendorff found in them tannic acid, a volatile oil, and a bitter principle, *celastrine*. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi.) The leaves of *C. edulis* (*Catha edulis*), under the name of *Gat*, *Kat*, or *Kafta*, are said to be very largely used in Africa as a stimulant. (See *Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, Sept. 1890.) Flückiger and Gersh obtained from them an alkaloid in the pure state, to which the name of *katrine* has been given. Prof. U. Mosso has isolated this alkaloid under the name of *celastrine* (*Med. Bull.*, vol. xiii., No. 8): he finds it to be an active poison, resembling physiologically cocaine, though more energetic and essentially different from it. In North America the bark of the *Celastrus scandens* (*Climbing staff-tree*, *False bittersweet*, *Fever-twig*) has been used in chronic affections of the *liver* and in *secondary syphilis;* and is said to be emetic, diaphoretic, and alterative. C. H. Bernhard found in the bark acid and neutral resin, starch, glucose, gum, a caoutchouc-like body, coloring matter, and volatile oil. It yields its virtues best to alcohol of 80 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 1.) Prof. Wayne states that he has isolated from C. scandens white minute crystals, to which he gave the name of *celastrine*.

CELLULOID. *Zylonite.* This material, which has been manufactured into so many useful forms, furnishes an excellent substitute for ivory, tortoise-shell, amber, and vulcanite. It is a nitro-cellulose, which is made capable of moulding into any desired form by the admixture of a small amount of camphor. At the temperature at which the camphor melts, it acts as a solvent for the nitro-cellulose and forms a uniform plastic mass with it. This mass may be used directly in the manufacture of various articles, or it may be admixed with mineral coloring matters so as to imitate the various natural stones. The stratified appearance of ivory and the mottled appearance of tortoise-shell and amber are obtained by passing between heated rolls plain and colored or clouded celluloid in alternating layers. The material is combustible when ignited, and in thin pieces burns rapidly with a bright light.

CELTIS RETICULOSA. Prof. W. R. Dunstan has isolated *skatole*, the substance to which the odor of the human fæces is due, from the wood of this East Indian tree. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1889.)

CENTAUREA BENEDICTA. *Blessed Thistle. Carduus Benedictus. Cnicus Benedictus. Herba Cardui Benedicti*, P.G. *Chardon bénit*, Fr. *Benedicten Distel*, G. This is an annual herbaceous plant common in Europe and the United States. For description see 16th ed. U. S. D. The period of flowering is June, when its medicinal virtues are in greatest perfection. The leaves were the official portion. They should be gathered when the plant is in flower, quickly dried, and kept in a dry place. The herb has a feeble, unpleasant odor, and an intensely bitter taste, more disagreeable in the fresh than in the dried plant. Water and alcohol extract its virtues. The infusion with cold water is a grateful bitter; the decoction is nauseous, and offensive to the stomach. The bitterness remains in the extract. The active constituents are volatile oil and a peculiar principle for which the name of *cnicin* has been proposed. This is crystallizable, inodorous, very bitter, neutral, scarcely soluble in cold water, more soluble in boiling water, and soluble in all proportions in alcohol. Its formula is $C_{42}H_{56}O_{15}$, and it is analogous to salicin in composition. In the dose of four or five grains, it is said often to vomit, and in that of eight grains, to be useful in *intermittent fevers*. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1843, p. 206.) In cold infusion this drug is tonic; when taken in hot infusion in large quantities it is diaphoretic, or in larger quantities, emetic. Tonic dose, of the infusion (ounce to a pint), two fluidounces (60 C.c.); of the powder, half a drachm to one drachm (1·94 to 3·88 Gm.).

Carduus or *Cnicus marianus* was of old used for the same purpose as the *C. benedictus*. Rademacher attributed great value to the seeds in *hemorrhages*, particularly when connected with diseased liver or spleen. Dr. Lobach found the decoction (two ounces to the pint of water), in doses of a tablespoonful (15 C.c.) every hour, useful in *amenorrhœa* and *menorrhagia*. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, April, 1859.)

CENTAURY. *Common European Centaury. Centaurium.* The *Erythræa Centaurium* (Persoon), *Chironia Centaurium* (Willd. *Sp. Plant.* i. 1068), *Herba Centaurii* (P.G.), is a small, annual herbaceous plant which grows wild in most parts of Europe. It rises about a foot in height, with a branching stem, which divides above into a dichotomous panicle, and bears opposite, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, smooth, and obtusely pointed leaves. The flowers are of a rose color, sessile in the axils of the stems, with their

calyx about half as long as the tube of the corolla.

The herb, though without odor, has a strong bitter taste, which it imparts to water and alcohol. The flowering summits were formerly official in the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia. The fresh herb yields by distillation an odorous watery product, of pungent taste (*Geiger*, ii. 482), in which M. Méhu, a French pharmacist, has detected valerianic acid. The same chemist claims to have discovered a peculiar colorless, crystallizable, non-nitrogenous substance, which he names *erythrocentaurin* ($C_{27}H_{24}O_8$). He obtained it by exhausting the tops with water, evaporating a portion of the water, allowing the residue to stand, separating the precipitated matter or apotheme, adding alcohol to the remaining liquid, which now deposited a bitter substance, and, after the separation of this by decantation, evaporating the liquid to the consistence of syrup, and treating the residue with ether. The ethereal solution, upon evaporation, yielded the erythrocentaurin in crystals. These are needle-shaped, fusing at 136° C., and crystallizing easily on cooling again. They are possessed of the remarkable property of being strongly reddened by exposure to solar light, and reacquiring their colorless character upon being again dissolved and crystallized, or mere heating to 130° C. will decolorize them. They are almost insoluble in cold water, more readily soluble in boiling water, alcohol, ether, and chloroform. Carbon disulphide, benzol, volatile and fatty oils dissolve them easily. The bitter substance before mentioned may be separated by menstrua into two portions, one soft and the other dry, the former of which it is that gives its strong smell to the distilled water. J. F. Huneker believes that erythrocentaurin exists also in American centaury. (See *Sabbatia.*) Besides these principles, M. Méhu found also in centaury a *wax-like substance*, and saline matter. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xliii. 38.) Leuderich has since studied this *erythrocentaurin*, and gives it the formula $C_9H_{14}O_5$. He states that in its decomposition a dextro-rotatory carbohydrate was produced. (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 311.)

Medical Properties and Uses. The common centaury of Europe has tonic properties very closely resembling those of gentian, with which it is associated in the same natural family. It is employed on the other side of the Atlantic in *dyspeptic complaints*, and formerly had considerable reputation in the treatment of *fever*. It was one of the ingredients of the *Portland powder*. The dose of the powder is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·94 to 3·88 Gm.). Another species of Erythræa (*E. Chilensis*) possesses similar properties, and is employed to a considerable extent in Chili as a mild tonic. For details see *Journal de Pharmacie* (3e sér., xxv. 434). *E. acaulis*, which grows in great abundance in the territory of French Algiers bordering on the Sahara, yields a root, which, under the name of *rejagnou*, is much employed by the natives for dyeing yellow. (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., v. 87.)

CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS. *Button-bush. Buttonwood. Crane-willow. Swamp Dogwood.* (*Gray's Manual*, p. 172.) A common indigenous shrub which grows in moist places, as along streams or on the borders of swamps. Its bark is bitter, is said to be laxative as well as tonic, and has been given in periodical fevers, in decoction or infusion. Mr. E. M. Hattan found in it a crystallizable fluorescent acid, a bitter uncrystallizable principle, a principle resembling saponin, tannin, two resins, fatty matter, gum, glucose, and starch. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 314.) According to Claasen (*Pharmaceut. Rundschau*, Bd. 7, 1889), the fluorescent acid of Hattan is composed of two substances, *Cephalin* and *Cephaletin*. Carl Mohrberg has separated from the bark a substance which he knows as *Cephalanthin;* and also a toxic saponin-like substance, which, like its allied poisons, has the power of dissolving the blood-corpuscles. Cephalanthin he finds to be a distinct poison to both cold and warm blooded animals, causing destruction of the blood-corpuscles (with conversion of oxyhæmoglobin into methæmoglobin), violent vomiting, convulsions, and paralysis. (See *Kobert's Arbeiten*, viii., 1892.)

CERATOPETALUM. The New South Wales species of this genus yield considerable quantities of a kino-like gum. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xxi. 742.)

CERCIS CANADENSIS. *Judas Tree. Redbud.* The bark of this beautiful leguminous tree, indigenous and well known throughout the Eastern United States on account of its brilliant red-purple flowers, which appear before the leaves, has been highly recommended by Dr. Wm. R. Smith as a mild but very active astringent in the treatment of *chronic diarrhœa* and *dysentery*. Dose of the fluid extract, half to one fluidrachm (1·85 to 3·7 C.c.).

CERESIN. Under this name there has been introduced into commerce, as a substitute for wax, a substance which closely resembles white wax, but which is a natural mineral product. It is found most abundantly in Galicia, on the slopes of the Carpathian Mountains, and also on the Wallachian side of the range, under the name of *ozokerite* (earth-wax), but in smaller deposits it is found on the Caspian under the name *neft-gil*. A valuable deposit has also been discovered in Southern Utah. It consists of a mixture of solid paraffin with some oxygenated bodies present. The crude ozokerite is melted to allow earthy impurities to settle out, is treated with sulphuric acid and alkali, as in the treatment of paraffin, is clarified by bone-black, or, better, the black from the manufacture of yellow prussiate of potash. The refined ozokerite or ceresin melts between 61° and 78° C., is quite odorless and colorless, and has the appearance of beeswax. It may be distinguished from the latter by its lower specific gravity (0·753 at 98° C. against 0·822) and its absolute resistance against alcoholic potash, no trace of saponifiable matter being present. The production of Galician ozokerite in 1886 amounted to 13,925 tons, but had fallen in 1890 to 6170 tons. The production of Utah ozokerite in 1890 amounted to 350,000 pounds. The Galician product is worked chiefly in Vienna and in London, where ozokerite candles are manufactured. (See Prof. J. P. Remington, *A. J. P.*, xlv. 11.) In this country ceresin bottles have been used for hydrofluoric acid, and seem to be superior to the common gutta-percha bottles.

CERIUM BROMIDE. Ce_2Br_6. This salt is prepared by Mr. Charles Bullock by calcining the oxalate in a porcelain capsule until it becomes converted into the yellowish-brown sesquioxide, dissolving this in hydrochloric acid, precipitating with sodium carbonate, and dissolving in hydrobromic acid, then evaporating at a low temperature to dryness. The salt is of a light chocolate color, and of a very styptic sweetish taste, soluble in 95 per cent. alcohol, partially soluble in water. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 345.)

CHAMÆLIRIUM LUTEUM. *Helonias Lutea. Helonias Dioica. Starwort. False Unicorn Root. Devil's Bit. Blazing Star.* This plant is indigenous

to the United States. The rhizome is the part employed in medicine. Dr. F. V. Greene obtained a bitter principle, *chamælirin*, from it in 1878. He states that it is a cardiac poison. *Helonin* is a term used by the eclectics to define the alcoholic extract found in commerce. Chamælirium, or starwort, is said to be diuretic, tonic, and anthelmintic. It is usually given in aqueous infusion, one ounce in a pint, in the dose of a wineglassful.

CHAMPACA - CAMPHOR. *Champacol.* $C_{17}H_{30}O$. This is a new camphor separated by Merck from *champaca-wood*. For account of its properties, see *Merck's Annual*, 1893.

CHELONE GLABRA. *Snake-head. Turtle-head. Balmony. Shellflower. Chelone*, Fr., G. The leaves of this very common indigenous, perennial, herbaceous plant have a bitter taste, and are said to be tonic and aperient, with a supposed peculiar action on the liver. The decoction (two ounces of the fresh herb to the pint) may be given in the dose of one or two fluidounces (29·5 or 59 C.c.).

CHELTENHAM SALT, ARTIFICIAL. Several artificial mixtures have been prepared as imitations of the salts of the chalybeate Cheltenham water. One frequently used is equal parts of magnesium sulphate, sodium sulphate, and common salt.

Robert Alsop's artificial mixture is in the form of a powder, nearly white, possessing a saline and slightly ferruginous taste. It forms a good combination, in which the aperient property of the salts present is combined with the tonic virtue of the iron. It is considered to be useful in *glandular obstructions*, especially of the *liver*, and in *scrofulous affections*, attended with feeble digestion, sluggish bowels, and pallidness of skin. It is employed, also, with advantage in *sick-headache*, *habitual costiveness*, and *hemorrhoids*. The dose is a teaspoonful, quickly dissolved by brisk stirring in half a pint of cold water, and swallowed immediately, before the iron has time to separate in an insoluble state. This quantity may be taken in the morning, fasting, and repeated once or twice after an interval of twenty minutes, or in the course of the day. To obtain its full tonic and alterative effects, it should be persevered with for a month or six weeks.

CHINA MORADA. Under this name there appear to be used in Bolivia several barks. One of these has been ascertained by Messrs. Arati and Canzoneri (*L'Orosi*, Feb. 1889) to be the product of a rubiaceous tree, *Pogonobus febrifugus*, and to contain an alkaloid, *moradeine*, besides a fluorescent substance allied to scolopetin to which they give the name *moradin*. For description of the bark and its principles, see *P. J. Tr.*, xix.

CHINOIDINUM. *U. S.* 1880. *Chinoidin. Quinoidin. Chinoidine. Quinoidine. Precipitated Extract of Bark. Amorphous Quinine. Quinine brute ou amorphe*, Fr. The term chinoidine was first applied to all of the amorphous alkaloids found in and existing naturally in cinchona bark, but it is now used to define a complex body consisting not only of the natural amorphous alkaloids, but those which are artificial and accidental in the derivative products resulting from the application of heat. Upon the evaporation of the mother-liquor left after the crystallization of the quinine sulphate in the preparation of that salt, a dark-colored substance is obtained, having the appearance of an extract. Sertürner supposed that he had discovered a new alkaline principle in this product; but his conclusions were invalidated by the experiments of MM. Henry and Delondre, which went to prove that the alkaline matter contained in it consisted of quinine and cinchonine, obscured by admixture with a yellowish substance that interfered with their crystallization. Nevertheless, under the name of *quinoidine* or *chinoidine*, given to the supposed new alkaloid by Sertürner, there has been long employed in Europe a substance precipitated from the mother-liquor of quinine sulphate by means of an alkaline carbonate, having a yellowish-white or brownish color, and, when moderately heated, agglutinating into a mass of resinous appearance. This substance was found by Dr. F. L. Winckler to contain an uncrystallizable alkaline principle, having the same molecular weight as quinine, and differing from that alkaloid only in the want of the property of crystallization, and in forming uncrystallizable salts with the acids. (*Pharm. Centralb.*, May, 1847, p. 310.) Liebig afterwards proved it to be identical in composition with ordinary quinine, to which he considered it as bearing the same relation that uncrystallizable sugar bears to the crystallizable. Pasteur has found that ordinary quinoidine, or amorphous quinine, consists of two alkaloids, derivatives from quinine and cinchonine, with which they are respectively isomeric, though differing in being uncrystallizable, and named, in view of their origin, *quinicine* and *cinchonicine*. The pure amorphous quinine of Liebig is the former of these alkaloids. The *amorphous quinine*, as Liebig calls it, is entirely soluble in diluted sulphuric acid and in alcohol; and, if its solution in a diluted acid yield upon the addition of ammonia exactly as much precipitate as there was of the original substance dissolved, it may be considered pure. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 181.) We have been informed that, in an extensive chemical manufacturing establishment in Philadelphia, the loss by quinoidine in the preparation of quinine sulphate has much diminished since the introduction of steam heat, showing the agency of heat in converting the crystallizable into the uncrystallizable salt; by the use of vacuum apparatus this loss is still further diminished.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 described chinoidine as "a brownish-black or almost black solid, breaking, when cold, with a resinous, shining fracture, becoming plastic when warmed, odorless, having a bitter taste and an alkaline reaction. Almost insoluble in water, freely soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and diluted acids; partially soluble in ether and in benzol The solutions have a very bitter taste. If Chinoidin be triturated with boiling water, the liquid, after filtration, should be clear and colorless, and should remain so on the addition of an alkali (abs. of alkaloidal salts). On ignition, Chinoidin should not leave more than 0·7 per cent. of ash."

A simple method of purification consists in dissolving the chinoidine in diluted hydrochloric acid, adding water and precipitating with an alkali, washing and drying.*

* The following process has been adopted by the Dutch Society for the Advancement of Pharmacy. Digest one part of chinoidine with two parts of benzol on a water-bath. Pour off the clear solution and wash the residue with one part of benzol. Agitate the united clear liquids with a small excess of diluted hydrochloric acid, allow the mixture to subside, remove the acid liquid, and add solution of soda until fairly alkaline. A portion of the filtered solution is now tested by adding a few drops of concentrated solution of sodium hyposulphite; if a precipitate occurs which does not disappear on further dilution with water, the solution has not been sufficiently purified; then the whole solution must be purified by adding hyposulphite until a permanent precipitate is no longer produced. The liquid is then heated

Tinctura Chinoidini is made, by the German Pharmacopœia, by simply dissolving 2 parts of chinoidine in one of hydrochloric acid and 17 of alcohol, sp. gr. ·894.

Chinoidine Hydrochloride is made by heating 1 part of the purified chinoidine with 4 parts of distilled water, adding sufficient diluted hydrochloric acid to complete the solution, filtering, evaporating, and powdering the residue. Zimmer furnishes the German market with the purified hydrochloride, under the name of *Chininum amorphum muriaticum purum.* It has been largely used medicinally. For formulas for various salts of chinoidine, see *N. R.*, 1882, p. 11, or *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1882, p. 417.

Chinoidine is undoubtedly possessed of decided antiperiodic properties, but in these it is inferior to the cinchona alkaloids. It is, moreover, much more apt to disagree with the stomach, and is uncertain in its dose, so that, notwithstanding its great cheapness, it is but rarely used. From thirty grains to a drachm (1·9–3·9 Gm.) may be given in the interparoxysmal periods of *an intermittent*, and its action closely watched.

CHINOL. *Chinoline mono-hypochlorite.* $C_9H_6N.Cl.O$. A white crystalline powder, odorless, having a pungent but not disagreeable taste. It is almost insoluble in cold and hot water, but quite soluble in alcohol. This substance is said to be actively antipyretic and analgesic, useful for the purposes for which antipyrin is employed. Dose, three to five grains (0·19 to 0·32 Gm.).

CHINOLINE. *Quinoline. Leucoline. Chinoline*, Fr. *Chinolin*, G. (C_9H_7N.) This is an artificial alkaloid prepared by the destructive distillation of quinine or cinchonine with potassium hydrate, and also synthetically by König's and Skraup's processes by the action of sulphuric acid and glycerin upon nitrobenzol and aniline, or a mixture of these two latter substances. In 1839, Runge obtained a base from coal tar which he called *leucol.* Gerhardt in 1842 obtained a product, called *quinoline*, by distilling quinine and other bases with potash. Hofmann believed that leucol and quinoline were identical, but Greville Williams subsequently pointed out some differences between them, and proved that the quinoline was not pure. Quinoline from cinchonine gives with potassium bichromate a yellow crystalline precipitate, and with amyl iodide and potassium hydrate a blue color (cyanine); whilst quinoline from coal tar gives neither of these reactions. The German quinoline, which is that usually sold, differs considerably in its properties as sent out by different manufacturers. Quinoline is a colorless, strongly refractive oily liquid, having a specific gravity of 1·081 at 10° C. (50° F.) (*Hofmann*), boiling at 235·6° C. (456·8° F.) without decomposition; the oily stain left on bibulous paper disappearing readily on exposure. Its odor is aromatic, resembling that of oil of bitter almond. It is sparingly soluble in cold water, more so in hot water, soluble in alcohol, and mixes in all proportions with ether, carbon disulphide, methylic alcohol, etc. It easily dissolves camphor and resin. It gradually turns reddish brown in color on exposure to the air. It forms readily crystallizable salts with acids, the tartrate now being a commercial article; these salts are decomposed by contact with fixed alkalies and the peculiar odor of chinoline developed. Ekin (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 11, 1882) found a sample of commercial German quinoline to consist largely of a mixture of aniline and nitrobenzol, although labelled pure. *Quinoline tartrate* is in the form of a whitish, micaceous, crystalline powder, melting at 125° C. It dissolves in 80 parts of cold water, in about 150 parts of alcohol, and in 300 parts of ether, having a peculiar pungent odor and a rather sharp though not unpleasant taste. *Quinoline Hydrochlorate* melts at 94° and sublimes unchanged. It dissolves in water, alcohol, and chloroform. *Quinoline Salicylate* is a white crystalline powder, soluble in water and in glycerin, very soluble in alcohol, ether, vaseline, and fatty oils.

Quinoline was first brought forward as a substitute for quinine by Dr. Julius Donath, of Hungary, who (*Ber. Deutsch. Chem. Gesell.*, xiv. p. 1769) arrived at the conclusion that it is a powerful antipyretic and a stronger antiseptic even than carbolic acid. A one per cent. solution completely destroys the coagulability of the blood. Quinoline, as first brought forward, was used by various Continental physicians with alleged excellent results in *malarial fevers*, but subsequent experience showed that the opinion first formed was not correct, and that the drug is only feebly, if at all, antiperiodic, and very apt to disagree with the stomach. The tartrate was given in doses of 15 grains (0·97 Gm.). It has been highly commended as a preservative for anatomical specimens. The formula adopted in the Erlangen physiological institution is: Quinoline, 5 grammes; sodium chloride, 6 grammes; glycerin, 100 grammes; water, 900 grammes. The ordinary tar quinoline can be used. The liquid is said to have the advantage of preserving all the tissues in their natural condition, except that it removes from them all coloring matter.

CHINOTOXINE. *Dichinolindimethylsulphate.* This new synthetic compound is said to possess properties similar to those of curare.

CHIONANTHUS VIRGINICA. *Fringe Tree.* In the bark of this indigenous plant Mr. R. S. Justice has found *saponin.* (*A. J. P.*, xlvii. 195.) The fluid extract has been recommended, in doses of from one-half to one fluidrachm (1·84 to 3·69 C.c.) two or three times a day, as an aperient and a diuretic.

CHLORAL-AMMONIUM. $CCl_3.CH(NH_2)$-OH. *Trichloramido-ethylic alcohol.* This substance is said by Dr. W. B. Nesbit to act as chloral, but to be stimulant to the circulation in doses of five to twenty grains (0·323 to 1·3 Gm.). For method of preparation see *T. G.*, 1888.

CHLORAL-CAMPHOR. *Camphorated Chloral.* This is a thick, oily liquid, obtained by rubbing up equal parts of camphor and chloral. It distils slowly without change, and dissolves in 60 per cent. alco-

on a water-bath, mixed with solution of soda in excess, the precipitate washed with water, and dried. (*N. R.*, 1882, p. 11.)

The objection to the above process is, that it is sometimes difficult to entirely get rid of the odor of benzol. Dr. J. E. De Vrij proposes the following improvement. One hundred parts of chinoidine are boiled during ten minutes with a diluted solution of soda, with constant stirring. When cold, the alkaline liquid is poured off, and the remaining chinoidine washed with a little water. Three hundred parts of water are now added to the washed chinoidine, the whole heated to boiling, and then mixed very slowly with the *least necessary quantity of nitric acid* to obtain a homogeneous dark-colored solution; great care must be observed not to add one drop too much of nitric acid. The still alkaline liquid is set aside for twelve hours to separate. The upper layer is poured off as clear as possible, and the lower layer washed with water until a brownish-black insoluble mass remains, which is worthless. The united liquids are filtered, water added, and if turbidity results, still more water until the addition ceases to produce cloudiness. The liquid is then filtered, and an excess of soda added, which precipitates the chinoidine. This is washed with water, and the mass heated carefully until free from water. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1884, p. 134.)

hol, from which it is precipitated by the addition of water. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 282.) Chloral-camphor is used in *neuralgia* as a counter-irritant and local anæsthetic. Conflicting opinions have been expressed about the character of this liquid; the fact that both substances could be obtained unchanged by precipitating its alcoholic solution with water being regarded as proof of its being simply a mechanical mixture. Cazeneuve and Joubert have shown, however, that chemical combination has been effected, and point to its optical behavior as proof. (See *Chloral Camphoratum, N. F.*)

CHLORAL CARBAMIDE. When 165·5 parts of the hydrate of trichloraldehyde are mixed in a porcelain mortar with 60 parts of carbamide (urea), the mixture liquefies. On dissolving this substance in three times its quantity of water warmed to 60°, and then allowing the mixture to cool, a crystalline mass, chloral carbamide, is obtained. This substance dissolves readily in warm water and in alcohol, and less readily in warm alcohol. According to Prof. Kobert it acts like chloral, but is too slow and uncertain to be of practical value.

CHLORAL-CARBOL. *Carbolated Chloral.* According to M. Boureiz, when chloral hydrate and carbolic acid are rubbed up in the proportion not exceeding one to one and four-tenths parts, a liquid is obtained which has the sp. gr. of about 1·5, and is soluble in all proportions in water, alcohol, and ether. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. p. 188.) When applied locally it is a counter-irritant and local anæsthetic.

CHLORAL CYANHYDRATE. This is a compound first prepared by Messrs. Pinner and Bischoff, and recommended by Mr. Hermes (*Pharm. Centralh.*, Aug. 1887) as a substitute for hydrocyanic acid, whose physiological action it is stated to share. Chloral cyanhydrate is represented by the formula $CCl_3 - CH - \begin{cases} OH \\ CN \end{cases}$, and is described as a crystalline powder, consisting partly of colorless prisms and partly of rhombic tables, fusing at 61° C., easily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. With the vapor of water it volatilizes in small quantity, and breaks up into its components, chloral and hydrocyanic acid. It is also decomposed by alkalies, with the reformation of hydrocyanic acid. Its aqueous solutions remain unaltered for a long time. Six and a half parts by weight of chloral cyanhydrate correspond with one part of anhydrous hydrocyanic acid.

CHLORAL-MENTHOL. *Mentholated Chloral.* This is obtained by triturating together equal weights of chloral and menthol, and heating gently in a water-bath until liquefied. It is an oily, colorless liquid, with a distinct mint-like odor and warm taste, having a specific gravity of 1·1984. It is freely soluble in alcohol, chloroform, and benzin. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, 283.) Chloral-menthol has been used as a counter-irritant and local anæsthetic in facial and other *neuralgias*.

CHLORAL-URETHANE (*Uralium*), $CCl_3 \cdot CH \begin{cases} OH \\ NHCO_2C_2H_5 \end{cases}$, is a compound of chloral and urethane. It is insoluble in cold water, and is decomposed by boiling water; it is soluble in alcohol and ether, and melts at 103° C. According to G. Poppi (*Riforma Medica*, 1889), this substance as an hypnotic is equal to chloral, and has the superiority of not acting on the heart and of being tolerated better. It has, however, been experimentally investigated by J. Schmitt (*Revue Méd. de l'Est*, May, 1890), who finds that it does act upon the heart, arresting it in diastole, and resembling very closely chloral in its physiological action, and having the inconvenience of great insolubility. It has been also studied clinically by J. Schmitt and P. Parisot (*Revue Méd. de l'Est*, Dec. 1890), who find that unless given in doses of 15½ grains (1 Gm.) it is very uncertain in its action, and is apt to disagree with the stomach, being on the whole inferior to chloral.

CHLORALAMIDE (*Chloral formamide*), $CCl_3 \cdot CH \begin{cases} OH \\ CONH_2 \end{cases}$, is formed by the action of formamide upon chloral. Lustrous, colorless crystals, with somewhat bitter taste; melting point, 115° C.; decomposed at a somewhat higher temperature. Soluble in about 20 parts of cold water or in 1½ parts of 96 per cent. alcohol. Is decomposed by water at 60° C. or by alkalies, but not by dilute acids.

Medical Properties. When given to the lower animals, chloralamide produces lethargy, sleep, muscular relaxation, arrested respiration; followed by coma, failing respiration, and, if the dose have been sufficient, death by paralysis of the respiratory centres. In the experiments of Drs. H. C. Wood and Cerna, which have since been confirmed by various observers, it was found that the influence of chloralamide upon the circulation is very feeble, no distinct effect being produced except after the largest toxic dose. The action of the drug upon the spinal cord was also very feeble, and no perceptible influence could be made out upon the nerves and muscles. On the other hand, the effect of the drug upon the cerebral cortex was very pronounced. As an hypnotic in man, chloralamide resembles chloral closely, but is somewhat slower and less certain in its action than is chloral. It usually does not produce any unpleasant after-effects, though confusion, giddiness, headaches, have been occasioned in some cases. It does not seem to be more irritating than is chloral. The assertion of various clinicians that it is safer than chloral in cases in which there is cardiac weakness, is borne out by studies of its physiological action. When *insomnia* is produced by pain it is of little use. It has been found successful in quieting *hysteria*. The toxic dose of chloralamide depresses the heart, the spinal cord, and, according to Dr. John Gordon, the motor nerve-trunks and the muscles. No severe cases of poisoning are as yet reported from it in man. It is eliminated in the form of uro-chloralic acid. Dose, half to one drachm (1·9 to 3·88 Gm.), administered in aqueous solution or capsules, half an hour before the expected time of sleep.

CHLORALIMIDE. $CCl_3.CH{=}NH$. Chloralimide should not be confounded with the so-called "Chloralamide," which is, properly, Chloral formamide: $CCl_3.CH < \begin{matrix} OH \\ NH.CHO \end{matrix}$. Chloralimide is in colorless, inodorous, and insipid, long crystalline needles; melting at about 166° C. (330·8° F.); insoluble in water; readily soluble in alcohol, in ether, in chloroform, and in oils. M. Choa reports (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1890) that in doses of three to seven grains (0·19 to 0·45 Gm.) chloralimide is powerfully antipyretic and analgesic.

CHLORALOSE. Under this name Hanriot and Richet have proposed a new compound which occurs in fine crystals, and has the formula $C_8H_{11}Cl_3O_6$, as a more active and less dangerous hypnotic than chloral. It is slightly soluble in cold water, freely so in warm water and in alcohol, but is best administered in capsules. Dose, 12 grains (0·8 Gm.).

CHLORALOXIMES. A new series of compounds, whose strong physiological activities are asserted to be due to their splitting up in the system into chloral hydrate and their respective oximes. They are *chloralacetoxime* (melting point, 72° C.); *chloralcenophoroxime* (melting point, 98°C.); *chloral-nitroso β-naphtol* (melting point, 100° C.); *chloral-acetaldoxime* (melting point, 74° C.); *chloral-benzaldoxime* (melting point, 62° C.). The compounds are easily soluble in alcohol and ether, and are readily recrystallized from petroleum ether. Water dissolves them with difficulty, and when applied hot is apt to cause decomposition and the re-formation of chloral hydrate. (*Deut. Chem. Zeit.*, 1892.)

CHLORINATED ANÆSTHETIC COMPOUNDS. *Bichloride of Ethylene. Ethene Dichloride. Dutch Liquid. Æthyleni Bichloridum. Æthylenum Chloratum. Elaylum Chloratum. Liquor Hollandicus. Liqueur des Hollandais, Huile du Gas oléfiant*, Fr. *Aethylenchlorid, Elaylchlorid*, G. $C_2H_4Cl_2$. By the mutual action of chlorine and olefiant gas, an oily liquid is obtained, discovered by four associated Dutch chemists, and called *Dutch liquid*. The Dutch liquid has been tried as an anæsthetic by Prof. Simpson and Mr. Nunneley. Prof. Simpson was not satisfied with its effects; but Mr. Nunneley, having administered it frequently in practice, found it perfectly agreeable in every respect. Its use, he alleges, is not attended by the troublesome excitement produced by ether, or by the tendency to collapse caused by chloroform. Two forms of the Dutch liquid have been experimented with by Dr. Aran, of Paris; and one of them furnished very satisfactory clinical results. The liquid which gave the favorable results has been ascertained by Mialhe and Flourens to be the monochlorinated Dutch liquid (*monochlor-ethylene chloride*, $CH_2Cl,CHCl_2$), but its cost proved to be too high to allow of its general use at that time as a therapeutic agent. In consequence of this objection to the monochlorinated liquid, Mialhe and Flourens were induced to search for a substitute in the corresponding compound of a parallel series of ethers, formed by the action of chlorine on hydrochloric ether. When ethyl chloride (hydrochloric ether, C_2H_5Cl) is acted on by successive portions of chlorine, the hydrogen is replaced by the latter, atom for atom, and there are formed the five following compounds: $C_2H_4Cl_2$ — $C_2H_3Cl_3$ — $C_2H_2Cl_4$ — C_2HCl_5 — C_2Cl_6. Of this series, the first member is isomeric with the Dutch liquid; the second, third, and fourth with the mono-, bi-, and trichlorinated Dutch liquid, and the fifth is a chloride of carbon, frequently called the "sesquichloride of carbon." The first member, though identical with the Dutch liquid in elementary composition and having a vapor of the same density, has, nevertheless, a lower boiling point,—60°–64° C. (148° F.), while the Dutch liquid boils at 84·9° C. (185° F.),—and is different in chemical properties. Thus, it is not decomposed by an alcoholic solution of potassa, as the Dutch liquid is, and is not acted on by potassium, while the Dutch liquid is immediately attacked by it. The explanation of these facts is that the two compounds, while *isomeric*, or having the same empirical formula, are differently constituted molecularly. Thus, Dutch liquid is known chemically as *ethene dichloride*, CH_2Cl,CH_2Cl, while the chlorinated ethyl chloride is known as *ethylidene chloride*, $CH_3,CHCl_2$. This difference of molecular structure, of course, runs all through their derivatives until the final product C_2Cl_6 is reached in both cases, and here there is identity of product.

The conclusion arrived at by Mialhe and Flourens appears to be that the four chlorinated hydrochloric ethers all possess anæsthetic properties; and, as it would be difficult to separate them, they propose the use of the mixed ethers, consisting principally of the tri- and quadrichlorinated compounds, as an anæsthetic, under the indefinite name of *chlorinated muriatic ether*. Since the time of Mialhe and Flourens' experiments, the matter has been taken up again, and Dr. Taube (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 603, and 1881, p. 119) has proved the availability as anæsthetics of monochlorethylidene chloride, CH_3,CCl_3, and of monochlorethylene chloride, $CH_2Cl,CHCl_2$.

The precise action of the various ethers upon the organism is at present unknown. The committee of the British Association found (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, i., 1879) the ethene dichloride ("formerly named *ethylene* dichloride, or Dutch liquid, $C_2H_4Cl_2$") to cause convulsions in the lower animals; whilst Dr. E. T. Reichert, of the University of Pennsylvania (*Philadelphia Med. Times*, xi. 518), has found that the "ethylene dichloride" produces anæsthesia marked by the usual stages, and that, like chloroform, it depresses the heart and steadily lowers the arterial pressure. His experiments seem to show, however, that its action upon the heart is much less powerful than that of chloroform, and in all of his trials the animal died of centric respiratory paralysis whilst the heart was still maintaining some degree of circulation. He believes, therefore, that it is a much safer agent than chloroform, ranking it between the latter and ether. It is evident that Dr. Reichert was not using the same agent as the English committee were, but exactly what he did have is uncertain.

The above bodies are produced sometimes on a considerable scale in the manufacture of chloral. A very variable mixture of the middle members of the series is at present an article of commerce under the name of *Liquor anæstheticus*. Another similar mixture containing the less chlorinated bodies is the *Æther anæstheticus Aranii*, boiling between 84° C. (183·2° F.) and 103° C. (217·4° F.). The *Æther anæstheticus Wiggers* contains the more highly chlorinated products.

ETHYLIDENE CHLORIDE, *Chlorinated muriatic ether*, *Ethydene chloride* ($CH_3,CHCl_2$), is a colorless, very mobile, neutral liquid, having an aromatic ethereal odor, and hot, saccharine taste. It is sparingly soluble in water, but readily soluble in alcohol, ether, and most of the fixed and volatile oils. It is not inflammable, in which respect it agrees with chloroform. When purified it is a liquid somewhat resembling chloroform, of sp. gr. 1·174 at 17° C., boiling at 60° C., and not miscible with water. It can be distinguished from chloroform in that it combines with chlorine even in the dark, liberating hydrochloric acid. According to Flourens, its action is similar to that of chloroform. It has been studied to some extent by the British Association Committee (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, 1879, i.), who believe it to be a most valuable anæsthetic, exerting little or no depressing effect upon the heart; but the work of the committee was not sufficiently thorough to be conclusive. Many years ago, Dr. Snow used it on man, and gave judgment in its favor, and recently Prof. Binz has produced anæsthesia with it in the same way satisfactorily, and thinks it increases the circulation (*Lond. Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1879, i.); but

Dr. Reeve finds (*N. R.*, 1880, 334) that in animals it lowers the arterial pressure, but does not suddenly paralyze the heart, as does chloroform. It is extremely probable that the liquid used by Dr. Reichert was this substance, and not the ethylene dichloride, as he thought. (See *Ethylene Dichloride.*)

Within a very short time various other chlorinated compounds have been brought forward as having anæsthetic virtues, of which those most deserving of attention are probably *methylene dichloride* and *carbon tetrachloride.* It will be more convenient to consider these under the general name at the head of this article, than to scatter them here and there according to the position of their titles in an alphabetical catalogue.

Methylene Dichloride. *Dichloro-methane. Bichloride of Methylene.* CH_2Cl_2. This was introduced by Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London. It may be prepared by exposing to sunshine, in a glass globe, pure chlorine and gaseous methyl chloride. The globe has two lateral apertures for the admission of the gases, and below an open neck, which communicates with one of the tubulures of a Woulfe's bottle, of which the other tubulure communicates by a bent tube with a second Woulfe's bottle, and this by another bent tube with a flask. The second bottle is surrounded with ice, and the flask immersed in a freezing mixture, to condense the volatile products. The dichloride condenses in the flask in a pure state, while the contents of the two Woulfe's bottles consist chiefly of chloroform. (*Gmelin*, vii. 288.)

The methyl chloride may be made for this purpose by heating together 1 part of wood-spirit, 2 parts of common salt, and 3 of sulphuric acid, and collecting the evolved gas over water, which retains the impurities. Methyl chloride is a colorless gas, having an ethereal odor and a sweetish taste. (*Gmelin.*) Dr. Richardson found it to possess anæsthetic properties, but to be less manageable than the methylene dichloride. It has been since made more practically by reducing chloroform (trichlormethane) in alcoholic solution by zinc and by hydrochloric acid, the product being mixed with water; the specifically heavier liquid separates and is purified by successive treatment with soda solution, sulphuric acid, water, calcium chloride, and fractional distillation.

Methylene dichloride is a colorless liquid, of an odor analogous to that of chloroform, of the sp. gr. 1·344, and the boiling point 40° C. (104° F.). The density of its vapor is 3·012 (*Gmelin*), 2·937 (*Richardson*). In its preparation the chlorine replaces one atom of hydrogen in the methyl chloride; thus converting the CH_3Cl (methyl chloride) into CH_2Cl_2 (methylene dichloride). The vapor of the dichloride does not, like that of chloroform, extinguish the flame of a taper, but itself takes fire, burning with a brilliant flame, and yielding, as the result of its combustion, carbonic and hydrochloric acids. Methylene dichloride mixes readily with absolute ether, and, as the boiling points of the two approach nearly, they volatilize evenly and equably. It is neutral to test paper; and an acid reaction in any specimen would be an evidence of the presence of hydrochloric acid, and should preclude its use as a respiratory anæsthetic. To prevent the generation of the acid, the liquid should be kept carefully secluded from the sunlight, and the addition of a small quantity of absolute alcohol is recommended.

In his experiments upon the lower animals, Dr. Richardson found that methylene dichloride was a powerful anæsthetic, in which he believed he had discovered certain advantageous properties, making it practically more powerful than chloroform. He claimed that the narcotism is produced more rapidly and continued longer than when caused by other anæsthetics, passing off, however, with great suddenness; and that general muscular irritability is affected less by the dichloride than by other anæsthetics; also that its influence upon the respiration and circulation is more uniform and more equal than other anæsthetics. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1867.) As the result of the paper of Dr. Richardson, the dichloride was used as an anæsthetic by various English surgeons, also in Germany and America.

Judging from its chemical constitution, methylene dichloride, containing less chlorine than chloroform, should be the safer of the two agents. It may very well be that the deaths which have occurred from it have been due to the commercial drug being something else than it purported to be. Some years ago Dr. H. C. Wood had examined in the chemical laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania methylene dichloride, supplied by one of the most reputable of the English manufacturing chemical firms, and sold as first quality. It contained, however, little or none of the methylene dichloride, and was largely chloroform. Professor Gutzart states, as the result of examination of German specimens of the drug, that they are mixtures of alcohol, methylene dichloride, and chloroform in varying proportions. It seems even probable that Dr. Richardson did not have the pure article. Geuther and Eichholz, in a series of comparative experiments with pure methylene dichloride and with chloroform, found the effects upon the guinea-pig of the two agents very similar, except that cardiac arrest and death occurred much more quickly with chloroform than with methylene dichloride. It is possible that methylene dichloride has advantages over chloroform, but the high price of the pure drug must interfere with its use. Any commercial article offered below price may be relied upon as impure. The quantity used by Richardson averaged a drachm (3·88 Gm.) every five minutes. Experience has shown the fallaciousness of the first estimates of its safety, as several deaths have been produced by it. (See *British Med. Journ.*, Oct. 1869; *Dublin Quarterly Journ.*, Aug. 1870; *P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 875.) Even the mixture of methylene dichloride and absolute ether, which Dr. Richardson has introduced under the name of *methylene ether* (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, ii. 1872; i. 1873), has caused death. (*Phila. Med. Times*, iii. 718; *Med. Times and Gaz.*, July, 1873.)

The methylene dichloride may be given internally in the dose of from ten to thirty minims (0·62 to 1·85 Gm.) or be given in dilute spirit.

Carbon Tetrachloride. *Tetrachlor-methane. Carbonei Tetrachloridum. Carboneum Chloratum. Chlorocarbon. Tétrachlorure de Carbone, Formène Perchloré*, F. *Chlorkohlenstoff*, G. This substance, though discovered by Regnault so early as 1839, did not come into general notice until December, 1865, when it was suggested as an anæsthetic by Prof. Simpson, of Edinburgh, in a paper published in the *Med. Times and Gaz.* (Dec. 1865). It appears, however, that it had been previously used as an anæsthetic by Dr. A. E. Sansom and Dr. John Harley, who experimented with it in 1864, and recorded their experience in Dr. Sansom's work on Chloroform, published in May, 1865. (*B. and F.*

Med.-Chir. Rev., 1867, p. 551.) To procure it, dry chlorine is passed first through a bottle containing carbon disulphide, and then through a porcelain tube filled with pieces of porcelain and kept at a bright-red heat. The vapors are condensed in a well-cooled receiver, forming a yellowish-red liquid, which is a mixture of carbon tetrachloride and sulphur chloride. The sulphur chloride is removed by slowly adding the liquid to an excess of potash lye or milk of lime; the mixture being set aside, and agitated from time to time till the sulphur compound is decomposed, and then distilled. Carbon tetrachloride passes over, sometimes mixed with a portion of carbon disulphide which has escaped decomposition, but which may be separated by occasionally bringing the mixture into contact with potash lye. There are other modes of preparing it, which will be found in *Gmelin's Handbook* (vii. 356). By one of these, chloroform is made to yield it by the substitution of an atom of chlorine for one of hydrogen; thus $CHCl_3$ (chloroform) becomes CCl_4 (carbon tetrachloride).

Carbon tetrachloride is a transparent colorless liquid, of the sp. gr. 1·599 (Regnault), boiling at 77° C. (170·6° F.), with a vapor density 5·33, and an agreeable aromatic flavor. At 30° C. it solidifies to a crystalline mass.

Its formula is CCl_4, and its derivation from methane or marsh gas is expressed in the term *tetrachlormethane*. Dr. P. Smith describes its effects as follows. About half a drachm (1·85 Gm.) on a handkerchief was inhaled. The vapors had an agreeable odor, not unlike that of the quince; a sense of coolness in the fauces was experienced similar to that caused by oil of peppermint; and this was followed by a feeling of warmth on the surface of the body generally. A feeling of calmness and comfort succeeded, which continued until the end of the day; and the sleep at night was sounder than usual. Similar effects were afterwards obtained in greater degree upon a repetition of the experiment with an increased dose. Rapid anæsthetic effects were produced, followed, in about two minutes, by calm sleep, and in about a minute longer, by a complete return of consciousness. The carbon tetrachloride was then tried on animals, with the result, in small doses, of causing entire loss of power and consciousness, from which they soon recovered entirely; but larger doses occasioned death; the animal becoming first unconscious, then gradually ceasing to respire, and dying in eight minutes. The heart was not felt to beat after the breath had ceased. Similar experiments were performed by Dr. John Harley with essentially similar results. From numerous trials afterwards made on human subjects, the conclusion was arrived at, that the carbon tetrachloride may be usefully employed, by inhalation, for the relief of pain, especially *headache*, *tic douloureux*, *toothache*, *dysmenorrhœa*, etc., that it will be a valuable agent for mitigating the pains of labor, and that its local use may prove serviceable for similar purposes. In the majority of instances there was no supervening nausea or vomiting, and no unpleasant effect on the skin or mucous membrane. It is pleasanter to inhale than chloroform, and produces anæsthesia with less previous muscular spasm. Though slower in escaping from the system, yet its effects on perception are more evanescent, and consciousness usually returns in a few moments after the cessation of inhalation. Pain, however, and voluntary muscular power, may be suspended without the complete loss of consciousness. Like all anæsthetics, it may destroy life if recklessly used. (*Lancet*, June 1, 8, and 29, 1867.)

Sir J. Y. Simpson says, of this anæsthetic, that the effects of its vapor approach nearer to those of chloroform than any other similar agent. Its primary effects are very analogous to those of chloroform, but it takes a longer time to produce the same degree of anæsthesia, and generally longer to recover from it. Its depressing influence, however, on the heart, he observes, is far greater, and, consequently, its employment far more dangerous. It is less irritant to the skin, and, therefore, may sometimes be preferable as a local anæsthetic. The injection of its vapor into the rectum is also less irritating. Its vapor, applied to the eye by sprinkling a few drops on the hand, is asserted to be an effectual means of relieving some forms of *conjunctivitis*, *ulceration of the cornea*, *photophobia*, etc. Injected subcutaneously, in the dose of 10 to 20 drops, it relieved pains in the walls of the chest and abdomen, without subsequent nausea. Internally, Sir James tried it only in small doses in *gastrodynia*, in which it had the same effects as chloroform. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1865, p. 651.)

CHLORINATED MAGNESIA, SOLUTION OF. Mr. Robert E. Fairthorne has suggested this solution as a substitute for solution of chlorinated soda or chlorinated lime, in internal medicine, on account of its being less irritant. He proposes the following formula. "Dissolve eight ounces of magnesia sulphate in two pints of water. Triturate in a mortar four ounces and one drachm of chlorinated lime with an equal amount of the same fluid. Mix the solution, and agitate occasionally. After standing twelve hours, pour off the supernatant liquid." Mr. Fairthorne found that each ounce of the solution contains somewhat less than nine grains of magnesia. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 70.)

CHLORINATED POTASSA, SOLUTION OF. *Liquor Potassæ Chlorinatæ. Chlorure de Potasse*, Fr. *Chlorkalilösung*, G. *Javelle's Water. Eau de Javelle.* This is prepared from potassium carbonate precisely as the solution of chlorinated soda from sodium carbonate, and probably has an analogous composition. (See *Liquor Sodæ Chloratæ.*) It is employed for taking out fruit-stains, etc., from linen.

CHLORPHENOL. *Chlorophenol. Monochlorphenol.* $C_6H_4Cl.OH$. By the chlorination of phenol is obtained a mixture of ortho and para chlorphenol, together with some dichlorphenol and trichlorphenol. All of these appear to have germicide properties.

This substance has been brought forward by Passerini as a valuable agent for the purpose of destroying the tubercular bacilli in *phthisis*. It is used by means of an inhaling apparatus, in which fifteen drops are placed on a piece of cotton; the patient inhaling with slow and deep inhalations from five to ten minutes daily. Usually at first some pulmonic irritation, and even for a day or two temporary exacerbation, occur, but the final results are said to be remarkable. The remedy is also said to have been successfully employed against *bronchitis*, *ozæna*, *laryngitis*, and as an antiseptic local application in the treatment of foul *ulcers*, especially when *tubercular*.

CHROME YELLOW. *Chromate of Lead. Lemon Yellow. Leipsic Yellow. Paris Yellow.* $PbCrO_4$. This is the neutral lead chromate prepared by precipitating a solution of lead nitrate with potassium chromate. It is of a beautiful lemon-

yellow color. The basic lead chromate ($PbO,PbCrO_4$) possesses a red color, and is sometimes used as a pigment. *Chrome green* is either the chromium sesquioxide or a mixture of chrome yellow and Prussian blue. The chromates are often adulterated with lead sulphate. M. Duviller (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1873, p. 114) detects this by heating one part of the suspected pigment with a mixture of two to three parts nitric acid, sp. gr. 1·420, one to two parts of water, and one-fourth part of alcohol. The chromate is all dissolved, but any sulphate present remains unaffected. Lead chromate has been used by bakers for giving a rich yellow coloring to buns; but although its insolubility has led to a denial of this, there can be no doubt of its having produced fatal poisoning in a number of cases. Prof. John Marshall has shown that its exhibition in animals is followed by an absorption, which takes place very slowly and probably for great part in the intestinal tract, where the chromate enters the blood as sodium chromate; the lead, probably, as an albuminate.

CHROMIUM. As it has been customary, in this work, to notice more or less fully the metals of which one or more compounds are official, even though the metal may not hold the same position, it is proper to give a brief notice in this place of the metal chromium, of which two compounds, chromic acid and potassium bichromate, are official in our Pharmacopœia. Chromium was discovered by Vauquelin in 1797. Its most common ore is the chrome iron, consisting of ferrous oxide and chromium sesquioxide. This is not an abundant mineral; and one of the most copious sources of it is in the chrome mines of southeastern Pennsylvania. Chromium is obtained by igniting its oxide intensely in contact with charcoal. It is a brittle metal, of a grayish-white color like platinum, with some lustre, and very hard, so that it scratches glass. Its sp. gr. is 5·9, atomic weight 52·4, and symbol Cr. It does not change by exposure to the air, and is with difficulty attacked by the acids. It forms with oxygen five compounds: 1, the monoxide (CrO), 2, the sesquioxide (Cr_2O_3), 3, the trioxide or chromic acid (CrO_3). Of the two others, one may be considered as a compound of the monoxide and sesquioxide (CrO,Cr_2O_3), and the other, called *perchromic acid*, is said to consist of two atoms of chromium and seven of oxygen (Cr_2O_7). Chromium combines with chlorine in two proportions, forming the dichloride and sesquichloride. The chief value of chromium in the arts is as the source of potassium bichromate and of pigments.

CICHORIUM INTYBUS. *Chicory. Succory.* A perennial herbaceous plant, indigenous in Europe, but naturalized in this country, where it grows in fields, and in roads along the fences, in neighborhoods which have been long settled. It is one or two feet high, with large, compound, beautifully blue flowers, which appear in July and August, and serve to distinguish the plant at first sight. The whole plant has a bitter taste, without acrimony or any very peculiar flavor. The taste is strongest in the root, and weakest in the flowers. The leaves, when young and tender, are said to be sometimes eaten as salad in Europe. Chicory is gently tonic without being irritating, and is considered by some authors as aperient and deobstruent. It is said to be useful, if freely taken, in *hepatic congestion*, *jaundice*, and even in *pulmonary consumption*. The usual form of administration is that of decoction, which is prepared by boiling one or two ounces of the root, or a handful of the herb, in a pint of water. The root, dried and roasted, is much used in Europe as a substitute for or adulterant of coffee.

In preparing it for coffee, Dausse recommends that the dried root should be cut into rather large and equal pieces, which are to be roasted until they lose 140 out of 500 parts. The pieces are then easily ground in a mill, and afford a yellowish-brown powder. (*Pharm. Centralb.*, 1850, p. 688.) The plant is now largely cultivated both in England and on the Continent, to supply the demand for its root, which has grown out of its use for admixture with coffee, or as a substitute. In France alone the annual consumption is said to be sixteen million pounds. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1860, p. 125.) An instrument by means of which it may readily be detected when used to adulterate coffee will be found described and figured in the *P. J. Tr.*, 1867, p. 141. Several qualitative tests for the detection of chicory in coffee will be found in Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., vol. iii., part 2, p. 540. Mr. J. R. Leebody gives (*Chem. News*, 1874, p. 243) the following method of estimating the percentage of chicory in adulterated coffee. "Take one gramme of the unknown mixture and one gramme of a standard mixture of equal parts chicory and coffee, and remove all the coloring matter from each sample by repeated extraction with boiling water. Make the cooled extract from each up to the same volume (actual volume of no consequence, about 700 C.c. a convenient amount), and filter off a portion for the assay. Put 50 C.c. of the filtered extract from the unknown mixture in a Nessler cylinder, and determine by trial how many C.c. of the extract from the standard mixture, together with sufficient distilled water to make up to 50 C.c., will give the same color. Let a C.c. be required: then, assuming the tinctorial power of chicory to be m times that of coffee, the percentage (x) of chicory in the sample is given by the formula: $x = a\frac{m+1}{m-1} - \frac{100}{m-1}$." A glucoside has been obtained from the blossoms of the *Cichorium Intybus* by Nietzki (*Arch. Pharm.*, (3) 8, p. 327), to which the formula $C_{32}H_{34}O_{19}$ is given. On boiling with dilute acids it yields glucose and a compound, $C_{20}H_{14}O_9$. This decomposition product seems to exist in the blossoms ready formed along with the glucoside. The *garden endive* is a species of Cichorium, denominated *C. Endivia*.

CICUTA VIROSA. *Water Hemlock. Cowbane. Ciguë Vireuse*, Fr. *Wasserschierling*, G. A perennial, umbelliferous European plant, growing on the borders of pools and streams. It is very poisonous, proving fatal to most animals which feed upon it, though said to be eaten with impunity by goats and sheep. According to the researches of Dr. Wikszemski, it acts upon frogs in the same manner as picrotoxin, at first stimulating the convulsive centres in the medulla and producing violent general spasms, and later causing general centric paralysis. (Dragendorff, *Jahresbericht*, 1875, 494.) Upon man it operates as an acrid narcotic, producing inflammation of the stomach,* vertigo, intoxication, and convulsions, followed by general paralysis and death. Infusion of galls is recommended as an antidote, but should not be relied on to the exclusion of emetics. When the plant causes vomiting, as it frequently does, fatal effects are less apt to ensue.

* It is denied that the poison causes gastroenteritis. (Dragendorff, *Jahresbericht*, 1875, 495.)

It is said to be less poisonous dried than fresh; Van Ankum (*Journ. Pract. Chem.*, 1868, 105, 151) showed that the active principle was a resinous, chemically indifferent substance, to which the name *cicutoxin* has been given. Böhm (*Archiv f. Exper. Path.*, v. 281) has since obtained this principle pure as a thick, tenacious, amorphous substance, of acid reaction, of slight odor but disagreeable taste. The dry root gives about 3·5 per cent., the fresh 0·2 per cent., of cicutoxin. The presence of a volatile alkaloid resembling *coniine*, and termed *cicutine*, has been observed by Wittstein and Buignet. But the volatile oil, obtained by distillation, was found by Simon, of Berlin, not to be poisonous. Indeed, from the experiments of M. Julius Trapp, of St. Petersburg, it appears to be identical with the volatile oil of cumin seeds (*Cuminum Cyminum*), which rank among the aromatics. (*Chem. Centralblatt*, 1858, p. 414.) On the other hand, the alcoholic extract of the dried root operated as a violent poison upon animals. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxxi. 258.) At present the plant is never used internally, and rarely externally as an anodyne poultice in local pains.

Cicuta maculata, *American water hemlock*, *Musquash root*, *Beaver poison*, *Spotted cowbane*, which grows in meadows and on the borders of streams throughout the United States, is closely analogous, in botanical character and in effects, to the European species. In several instances, children have been fatally poisoned by eating its root. This consists of several oblong, fleshy tubers, sometimes as long as the finger, spreading out from the base of the stem, and having a smell and taste not unlike those of parsnep. For microscopic examination of plant see *A. J. P.*, July, 1891. It has been strongly lauded as a specific in nervous and sick *headache* (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 253), but is rarely if ever used. Mr. J. E. Young found in the seeds an organic alkaloid supposed to be identical with *coniine*. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 294, confirmed by R. Glenk, *A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 328.)

In cases of poisoning by either of these species of Cicuta, vomiting should be induced as speedily as possible, and maintained till the stomach is thoroughly evacuated, after which the system must be supported.

CINCHONIDINÆ SALICYLAS. *Salicylate of Cinchonidine.* $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O.C_7H_6O_3$. It occurs in needles soluble at 18° C. in 766 parts of water. This salt is capable of producing physiologically the action of the quinine salts, and no doubt is a powerful antiperiodic, inferior, however, to the ordinary preparations of the alkaloid. It has been recommended and considerably used as a specific in *chronic* and *subacute rheumatism*, in doses of fifteen to twenty grains a day (0·971 to 1·29 Gm.), best given in pill.

CIVET. *Zibethum. Civette*, Fr. *Zibeth*, G. This is an odorous substance, obtained from two animals of the genus Viverra; the *V. Civetta* or civet cat of Africa, and the *V. Zibetha*, which inhabits the East Indies. It is secreted in a cavity opening between the anus and external genitals, and is collected from animals confined for the purpose. It is semi-liquid, unctuous, yellowish, becoming brown and thicker by exposure to the air, of a very strong, peculiar odor, similar to that of musk, though less agreeable and less diffusible, and of a bitterish, subacrid, disagreeable fatty taste. When heated it becomes quite fluid, and at a higher temperature takes fire, and burns with a clear flame, leaving little residue. It is insoluble in water, and only slightly soluble in ether and cold alcohol; but heated alcohol dissolves it almost entirely, depositing it again upon cooling. It contains, among other ingredients, a volatile oil, fat, and free ammonia. In medicine it was formerly employed in lieu of castor and musk; it is now used exclusively as a perfume.

CLEMATIS ERECTA. *Upright Virgin's Bower. Clématite*, Fr. *Waldrebe*, G. A perennial European plant. The leaves and flowers have an acrid, burning taste. When bruised in a mortar they irritate the eyes and throat, giving rise to a flow of tears and to coughing; and applied to the skin they produce inflammation and vesication; hence their old name of *flammula Jovis*. The acrimony is greatly diminished by drying. Störck found this clematis to be diuretic and diaphoretic, in doses of one to two grains (0·064 to 0·129 Gm.) of the extract a day, or thirty to forty grains (1.94 to 2·59 Gm.) of the leaves given in infusion three times a day; and to be useful, locally and internally, in *syphilitic*, *cancerous*, and other *foul ulcers*.

Other species of Clematis have the same acrid properties; among these *C. flammula* or *sweet-scented virgin's bower*, which, though a native of Europe, is cultivated in our gardens, *C. vitalba* or *traveller's joy*, also a native of Europe, and several indigenous species, of which *C. virginica* or *common virgin's bower*, *C. viorna* or *leather flower*, and *C. crispa* have been used as substitutes for *C. erecta*. All these are climbing plants. The oil obtained by first bruising the roots and stems of *C. vitalba*, boiling them for a few moments in water to diminish their acrimony, and then digesting them in sweet oil for a little while, has been used as a local application in Europe for the *itch*. Twelve or fifteen applications were usually sufficient. M. Gaube has found in this species an alkaloid, which he names *clematine*, and which forms with sulphuric acid a salt crystallizable in six-sided needles; also, an acrid volatile oil analogous to mezereon in its properties, tannic acid, mucilage, and earthy salts. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Août, 1869.)

COAL TAR. When bituminous coal is subjected to dry distillation, besides the incondensible gases which serve for lighting, and the charcoal left behind as *coke*, which is a valuable fuel, there are formed, through the reactions between the disengaged principles of the coal, numerous other products, necessarily more or less varying in character and amount, not only according to the kind of coal used, but also with the varying circumstances of the decomposing process. Most of these newly-formed bodies, all of which are volatile, are condensed into a dark thick liquid or semi-liquid substance called coal tar. Formerly this was considered as refuse matter, and the most embarrassing problem for the manufacturer was how to get rid of it most conveniently. But science and industry have combined to wrest from this seemingly useless mass many substances of great value in the arts, and several which have entered into the catalogue of remedies. In an excellent paper by M. E. Kopp, an abridgment of which is published in *A. J. P.*, vol. xxxiii., pp. 39, 129, and 245, a general view is given of the constituents of coal tar. Our purpose is to give a condensed view of these substances, and when found of importance in their therapeutical relations, to treat of them more fully, should they not have been already commented on under distinct heads. The composition of coal tar varies considerably with the temperature at which the distillation of the coal is

effected, the yield of solid bodies and of gases being larger when the temperature is higher, while at a lower temperature the liquid portion of the tar is in increased amount. When coal tar is submitted to distillation and rectification, it yields the following products, solids, liquids, and gases, in variable proportion:

1. *Solids.* Naphtalin, $C_{10}H_8$, methyl-naphtalin, $C_{11}H_{10}$, acetyl-naphtalin and diphenyl, $C_{12}H_{10}$, fluorene, $C_{13}H_{10}$, anthracene and phenanthrene, $C_{14}H_{10}$, fluoranthene, $C_{15}H_{10}$, methyl-anthracene, $C_{15}H_{12}$, retene, $C_{18}H_{12}$, chrysene, $C_{18}H_{12}$, pyrene, $C_{16}H_{10}$, picene, $C_{22}H_{14}$, and carbazol, $C_{18}H_{11}N$.

2. *Liquids.* These may be neutral hydrocarbons, acids, and ethers of the same, or bases. The *neutral hydrocarbons* are benzene, C_6H_6, toluene, C_7H_8, methyl-toluene, and iso-xylene, C_8H_{10}, pseudocumene, and mesitylene, C_9H_{12}, cymene, $C_{10}H_{14}$. The *acid constituents* are phenol, C_6H_6O, ortho-cresol, paracresol, and metacresol, C_7H_8O, phlorol, $C_8H_{10}O$, rosolic acid, $C_{20}H_{16}O_3$, pyrocatechin, $C_6H_6O_2$, and creosote, consisting of the methyl ethers of pyrocatechin and its homologues, $C_7H_8O_2$, $C_8H_{10}O_2$, and $C_9H_{12}O_2$. There are also present, probably in combination with the ammonia of the ammoniacal liquor, acetic, butyric, carbonic, hydrocyanic, sulphocyanic, and hydrosulphuric acids. The *bases* are ammonia, NH_3, methylamine, CH_3,NH_2, ethylamine, C_2H_5,NH_2, phenylamine, C_6H_5,NH_2, pyridine, C_5H_5N, picoline, C_6H_7N, lutidine, C_7H_9N, collidine, $C_8H_{11}N$, leucoline, C_9H_7N, iridoline, $C_{10}H_9N$, cryptidine, $C_{11}H_{11}N$, acridine, $C_{12}H_9N$, coridine, $C_{10}H_{15}N$, rubidine, $C_{11}H_{17}N$, and viridine, $C_{12}H_{19}N$.

3. *Gases.* (1.) *Illuminating gases.* Acetylene, C_2H_2, ethylene, C_2H_4, propylene, C_3H_6, butylene, C_4H_8, allylene, C_3H_4, crotonylene, C_4H_6, terene, C_5H_8, and vapors of benzene, C_6H_6, styrolene, C_8H_8, naphtalin, $C_{10}H_8$, methyl-naphtalin, $C_{11}H_{10}$, fluorene, $C_{13}H_{10}$, fluoranthene, $C_{15}H_{10}$, hexane, C_6H_{14}, heptane, C_7H_{16}, and octane, C_8H_{18}.

(2.) *Heating and diluting gases.* Hydrogen, H_2, marsh-gas (methane), CH_4, carbon monoxide, CO.

(3.) *Impurities.* Carbon dioxide, CO_2, ammonia, NH_3, cyanogen $(CN)_2$, methyl cyanide, CH_3,CN, sulphocyanic acid, CN,SH, hydrogen sulphide, H_2S, carbon disulphide, CS_2, carbon oxysulphide, COS, and nitrogen, N_2.

Valuable researches have also been made in this field by Mr. C. M. Warren, which are contained in the *Memoirs of the American Academy* (N. S., ix. 135), and in the *Amer. Journ. of Sci. and Arts* (1865, vol. xl. p. 89); the fullest information, however, is to be had from Lunge's treatise. (Lunge, *Coal-Tar and Ammonia*, 2d ed., London, 1887.)

COBALT. (Co. 58·6.) This not very abundant metal is usually found associated with arsenic, and is rarely used in its pure condition in medicine or pharmacy. It occurs as *smaltine* or *tin-white cobalt*, *cobalt glance*, or *sulpharsenate*; *cobalt bloom*, *erythrine*, or *arsenate*; *earthy cobalt* or *wad*, a mixture of cobaltous oxide and black manganese oxide, and *spiess cobalt*, $(Co,Ni,Fe)As_2$.

Spiess cobalt is frequently employed as the source of cobalt salts, and the substance called in commerce *zaffre* is an impure cobalt arsenate, made by simply roasting the crude cobalt ores or calcining them, with access of air, and is used to give a blue color to glass, enamels, and pottery glaze. The native ore is frequently found in commerce under the name of *fly-stone*, and is used for poisoning flies, by roughly grinding it and putting a small quantity in a saucer with sweetened water. *Smalt* is the common name used for glass colored by fusing with oxide of cobalt, producing a blue pigment, for coloring glass, etc. The soluble salts of cobalt, particularly the *chloride* and *sulphocyanate*, have been used to impregnate paper, etc., giving it ordinarily a pink tint, indicative of the presence of moisture, while on elevation of temperature the color changes to blue. Advantage has been taken of this fact to produce the so-called *barometer paper*.

COBALT BLUE. This beautiful pigment is a compound of cobalt oxide and alumina, obtained by precipitating the mixed solution of a salt of alumina and of cobalt by means of an alkali, and washing, drying, and strongly calcining the precipitate. (*Berzelius.*) The cobalt blue of Thénard is made by heating together the hydrated cobalt subphosphate and alumina hydrate. It is used in painting. A cobalt oxide, prepared by precipitating the chloride with potassa, has been employed in *rheumatism*. It is emetic in the dose of 10 or 20 grains (0·647 or 1·3 Gm.). The salts of the metal are irritant poisons.

COBWEB. *Spiders' Web. Tela Araneæ.* Spiders' webs were formerly much used in *headache*, *hectic fever*, *asthma*, *hysteria*, and *nervous irritation*, but probably acted solely through the imagination. Dose, ten to twenty grains *pro re nata*. (See *Lancet*, 1867.) Spiders' web is useful as a styptic, especially after extraction of teeth, the socket being stuffed full of the web.

COCCULUS. *Cocculus Indicus. Anamirta Cocculus. Coque du Levant*, Fr. *Kokkelskörner*, *Fischkörner*, G. *Indian Berries. Fish Berries.* Wight and Arnott, *Flor. Penins. Ind. Orient.*, i. 446; Lindley, *Flor. Med.* 371.—*Menispermum Cocculus.* Linn. —*Cocculus suberosus.* De Cand. *Prodrom.* i. 97. This is a climbing shrub, with a suberose or corky bark; thick, coriaceous, smooth, shining, roundish or cordate leaves, sometimes truncate at the base; and the flowers in lateral compound racemes. It is a native of the Malabar Coast, and of Eastern Insular and Continental India. The fruit was the official portion.

This plant was proved to be the source of Cocculus indicus by Roxburgh, who raised it from genuine seeds which he had received from Malabar. It is believed that other allied plants, bearing similar fruit, contribute to furnish the drug; and the *Cocculus Plukenetii* of Malabar, and *C. lacunosus* of Celebes and the Moluccas, are particularly designated by authors. It was known to the Arabian physicians, and for a long time was imported into Europe from the Levant, from which circumstance it was called *Cocculus levanticus*. It is now brought exclusively from the East Indies.

Properties, etc. Cocculus indicus, as found in the shops, is roundish, somewhat kidney-shaped, about as large as a pea; having a thin, dry, blackish, wrinkled exterior coat, within which is a ligneous bivalvular shell, enclosing a whitish, oily, very bitter kernel. It is without smell, but has an intensely and permanently bitter taste. It bears some resemblance to the bayberry, but is not quite so large, and may be distinguished by the fact that in the Cocculus indicus the kernel never wholly fills the shell. When the fruit is kept long, the shell is sometimes almost empty. The Edinburgh College directed that "the kernels should fill at least two-thirds of the fruit." M. Boullay discovered in the kernel a

peculiar bitter principle which he denominated *picrotoxin*. See *Picrotoxinum*, Part I.

A *tincture of Cocculus indicus* is sometimes used, made by macerating the ground fruit in diluted alcohol two weeks, in the proportion of four ounces in a pint. Prof. Procter prepared the *Fluid Extract of Cocculus* by moistening a moderately coarse powder, obtained from 16 troyounces of the fruit, with 6 ounces of a menstruum composed of two parts of alcohol and one of water; packing the mixture, after two hours, in a conical percolator; pouring upon it a similar menstruum till twelve fluidounces have passed; digesting the coatings, from which the powder was sifted, in two pints of diluted alcohol; pouring the whole, when cool, into the percolator; after the liquid has disappeared, pouring on diluted alcohol until two pints of filtered liquor are obtained; evaporating this to four fluidounces; mixing the residue with the reserved tincture; and, after 24 hours, filtering through paper. (*A. J. P.*, 1863.)

Medical Properties, etc. Cocculus indicus is used in India and elsewhere to stupefy fishes. It is asserted that the fish thus taken are not poisonous. The powdered fruit, mixed with oil, is locally employed in the East Indies in *obstinate cutaneous affections*. An ointment made with the powder has been used in *tinea capitis*, and to destroy vermin in the hair. Death in a child six years old, preceded by tetanic spasms, and extremely contracted pupil, resulted from the application of a strong tincture of the fruit to the scalp. (*Med. Exam.*, N. S., viii. 227.) It should be used with great caution when the surface is abraded. A case of fatal poisoning is reported by Dr. Sozinsky (*Phila. Med. News*, Nov. 3, 1886), another one by Prof. Mitchell (*Therapeutics*, Philadelphia, 1850), and several cases of non-fatal poisoning by Dr. T. F. Haynes (*Phila. Med. Times*, vol. xiv. p. 748). Moderate doses produce vertigo, weakness, and headache; after large doses there is violent headache, vomiting, and furious epileptiform convulsions. (See *Picrotoxinum*, Part I.)

COCHLEARIA OFFICINALIS. *Common Scurvy-grass. Herba Cochleariæ*, P.G. *Herbe au Scorbut*, Fr. *Löffelkraut*, G. *Spoonwort*. This is an annual or biennial plant, sending up early in the spring a tuft of radical leaves, which are heart-shaped, roundish, of a deep shining green color, and supported on long footstalks. The leaves of the stem are alternate, oblong, somewhat sinuate, the lower petiolate, the upper sessile. The stem is erect, branched, angular, six or eight inches high, and bears, at the extremity of the branches, numerous white cruciform peduncled flowers in thick clusters. The fruit is a roundish two-celled pod, containing numerous seeds. The whole plant is smooth and succulent. It is a native of the northern countries of Europe, where, as well as in the United States, it is occasionally cultivated in gardens. The whole herb is official. It has, when fresh, a pungent, unpleasant odor if bruised, and a warm, acrid, bitter taste. These properties are lost by drying. They are imparted to water and alcohol by maceration, are retained by the expressed juice, and probably depend on a peculiar volatile oil, which is separable in very small quantity by distillation with water. Dr. Geiseler has shown that, when the dried herb is mixed with water and a little myrosin (see *Sinapis*), the taste and smell of the fresh plant are developed; proving that, as in black mustard, the volatile oil is produced by reaction between a fixed principle in the plant and water, under the influence of myrosin acting as a ferment. (*Chem. Centralb.*, 1856, p. 124.) The oil was at first supposed to be identical with the oil of mustard, and, later, Geiseler gave its formula $(C_3H_5)_2OS$. (See *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 416.) The boiling point, according to Dr. A. W. Hofmann, is about 160° C. (320° F.); while that of mustard is 147° C. (296·6° F.). (*Chem. News*, 1869, p. 286.) According to the researches of Dr. Hofmann, it is shown to be a mustard oil of the butylic series, having the formula $C_5H_9NS = C_4H_9,CSN$. Dr. Hofmann has also made it synthetically.

Common scurvy-grass is gently stimulant, aperient, and diuretic. It is highly celebrated as a remedy in *sea-scurvy*, and has been recommended in *chronic rheumatism*. The fresh plant may be eaten as a salad, or used in the form of infusion in water or wine; the expressed juice has also been used.

COCILLAINA BARK. *Sycocarpus Rusbyi*. The bark of this large Bolivian tree, which was discovered by Prof. Rusby, is believed by him (*T. G.*, 1888) to contain an alkaloid; but by Dr. John W. Eckfeldt (*Med. Bull.*, 1891) its active principle is thought to be a glucoside. The physiological action of the bark has not as yet been properly studied, but in doses of twenty to fifty grains (1·29 to 3·2 Gm.) it produces vomiting, with prostration and some purging; also, it is said, much sneezing, dull frontal headache, and discharge from the nasal mucous membrane. The clinical study of the drug seems to show that its action closely resembles that of ipecacuanha, although as an expectorant it is somewhat more stimulant. (See *N. Y. Med. Journ.*, Dec. 1889, and April, 1890.) It has been used in *acute* and *subacute bronchitis*, *bronchial pneumonia*, *phthisis*, etc., with alleged success. Dose of the fluid extract, ten to twenty-five drops (0·49 to 1·23 Gm.) every three or four hours.

COCO-NUT OIL. *Cocoa-nut Oil. Cocoa-nut Butter. Oleum Cocos*, P.G. *Oleum Cocois. Beurre de Coco*, Fr. *Kokosnussöl*, G. This must not be confounded with the fixed oil of the chocolate nut, which is often called *cocoa-butter*. (See Part I.) The substance here considered is the fixed oil of the coco-nut, which is the fruit of a species of palm, denominated botanically *Cocos nucifera*, and universally known by the name of *coco-nut tree*, or, as it is frequently spelled, *cocoa-nut tree*. The oil is obtained either by expression or decoction. It is of a fine white color, of the consistence of lard at ordinary temperatures, becoming solid, like suet, between 40° F. and 50° F., and liquid at about 80° F., of a bland taste, and a peculiar, not disagreeable odor. It is readily dissolved by alcohol. It consists mainly of a peculiar fatty principle, called *cocinin*, with small amounts of olein. The cocinin when saponified with alkalies yields glycerin and *cocinic acid* (*coco-stearic* acid), $C_{13}H_{26}O_2$. Allen (*Commerc. Org. Analysis*, 2d ed., ii. p. 136) states that the main constituent is the glyceride of lauric acid, $C_{12}H_{24}O_2$, and that the glycerides of myristic, palmitic, and stearic acids are also present in notable quantities. It has also been found to contain several volatile acids, as caproic, caprylic, and capric acids. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xv. 69.)

The oil has been used for various purposes in medicine and pharmacy. Dr. Theophilus Thomson has found it to possess virtues similar to those of cod-liver oil, and has used it with advantage in *consumption*. In some instances it appeared to arrest the progress of *phthisis* as decisively as that oil, over which it has the advantages of being cheaper, more

palatable, and less apt to produce nausea. (*Clin. Lect. on Pulmonary Consumption*, Am. ed., p. 128.) Dr. J. H. Warren, of Boston, gives similar testimony in its favor. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lii. 377.) In Germany it has been used in pharmacy, to a considerable extent, as a substitute for lard, to which, according to Pettenkofer, it is preferable on account of its less tendency to rancidity, its more ready absorption when rubbed on the surface of the body, and its less liability to produce chemical changes in the substances with which it is associated. Thus, the ointment of potassium iodide, when it is made with lard, becomes yellow in a few days; while, if made with coco-nut oil, it remains unchanged for two months or more. Vegetable substances also keep better in ointment prepared with this oil than with lard. Besides, it takes up one-third more water, which is a useful quality when it is desirable to apply saline solutions externally. To prepare it for use, nothing more is ordinarily necessary than to melt it at a moderate heat, and strain it through linen. If colored, it may be digested with powdered animal charcoal, and subsequently filtered through paper. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 331.) Coco-nut oil is used in the manufacture of soap, particularly of the transparent varieties, and the so-called "marine soaps" and filled soaps, for which purpose it is largely used abroad for giving firmness to the ordinary soap; this property also permits of the addition of a large quantity of water, an advantage likely to be adopted by all, but unfortunately coco-nut oil soap is very apt to contain free caprylic acid; and the persistent rancid odor, resembling that of infants' vomit, left upon the skin after washing with such soap, is an effectual bar to its very extended use. A preparation has been shown to us, said to be the liquid part of coco-nut oil, prepared in London, and, under the name of *coco-olein*, used, instead of the oil itself, as a substitute for cod-liver oil. The dose of this, as well as of the oil, is half a fluid-ounce three times a day. The exportations of coco-nut oil from Ceylon amount to 15,000 tons annually, from British India to 4000 to 6000 tons, and from the Dutch Indies to 1300 tons per annum. Besides the oil itself, the dried pulp of the coco-nut is sent to European markets in large amounts under the name of *copra*. The export of copra from Ceylon amounts to 5000 tons annually, from Tahiti to 4000 tons, from Samoa to 3000 tons, and from Singapore to 4000 tons.

According to Dr. Parisi, the endocarp or meat of the coco-nut is a powerful tænicide. The patient should drink the milk and then eat the flesh of the nut. The coco-nut is said to be largely used in India as a vermifuge, and the matter appears to have practical importance.

CŒLOCLINE POLYCARPA (Alphonse De Candolle). *Unona polycarpa* (De Cand.). *Berberin Tree. Yellow-dye Tree of Soudan.* This small tree, growing in Soudan, Sierra Leone, and certain parts of Western Africa, was described by Dr. Wm. F. Daniell. (*P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1857.) When wounded, the tree exudes a juice which produces a yellow stain upon linen, that cannot be washed out. The epidermis of the bark is greenish gray, interrupted by occasional blackish patches; the inner layers are of a golden yellow, and very fibrous, so that they can be separated in ribbon-like bands. The bark is moderately but disagreeably bitter, and stains the saliva yellow. Water extracts its color and bitterness. Dr. Stenhouse has ascertained that it contains *berberine*. The bark is much used in Africa for dyeing yellow. In Sierra Leone it is employed topically, in powder or decoction, for *obstinate ulcers*.

COIX LACHRYMA. *Job's Tears.* A graminaceous plant, whose very hard fruit is used as beads.

COLLINSONIA CANADENSIS. *Horse-weed. Horse-balm. Richweed. Heal-all. Stone-root. Knot-root. Knob-weed. Guérit tout, Baume de Cheval*, Fr. *Collinsonie*, G. An indigenous plant, with a perennial, knotty root, and an herbaceous simple stem, about two feet high, furnished with two or three pairs of broad cordate-ovate, smooth leaves, and terminating in a panicle of yellow flowers in branched racemes. The flowers are diandrous and monogynous, with a labiate calyx and corolla, the latter of which has the lower lip fringed. The plant grows in woods from Canada to the Carolinas, and flowers from July to September. The whole plant has a strong disagreeable odor, and a warm pungent taste, due to the presence of a volatile oil. C. N. Lochman (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 228) found in the root a resin, tannin, starch, mucilage, and wax; in the leaves resin, tannin, wax, and volatile oil. It is considered tonic, astringent, diaphoretic, and diuretic; and the root, in substance, is said to irritate the stomach, and produce vomiting, even in small doses. A decoction of the fresh root has been used in *catarrh of the bladder*, *leucorrhœa*, *gravel*, *dropsy*, and other complaints; and the leaves are applied by the country-people, as cataplasm or fomentation, to wounds and bruises, and in internal abdominal pains.

COLUBRINA. "*Mabee bark*," yielded by the *Colubrina Reclinata* of South America, has been analyzed by Messrs. Elborne & Wilson, who find in it a glucoside. It is used in the West Indies as a stomachic. (See *P. J. Tr.*, April 11, 1885.)

COLUTEA ARBORESCENS. *Bladder Senna. Baguenaudier, Séné Indigène*, Fr. *Falsche Senna*, G. A shrub growing spontaneously in the southern and eastern parts of Europe, and cultivated in gardens as an ornamental plant. Its leaves are pinnate, consisting of from three to five pairs of leaflets, with an odd one at the end. The leaflets are obovate, slightly emarginate, smooth, and of a deep-green color on the upper surface, grayish green and somewhat pubescent beneath. The flowers are yellow, and the fruit vesicular, whence the plant derived its vulgar name. The leaflets are purgative, and in some parts of Europe are used as a substitute for senna, which is said to be sometimes adulterated with them. Bladder senna is comparatively very feeble. It is administered in infusion or decoction, of which the dose is about half a pint, containing the virtues of from one to three ounces of the leaves.

COLZA OIL. This is an oil expressed from the seed of the *Brassica campestris*, or *field cabbage*, a cruciferous plant which grows wild through the greater part of Europe, and is largely cultivated in France and Germany, where the fields, at its period of flowering, are beautiful with its bright yellow blossoms. It is cultivated for the sake of the oil, obtained by expression from its seeds. Colza oil is used in Europe as a burning oil, as a lubricating oil, and, after purification by heating with starch, as a table oil. The raw oil has a sp. gr. of 0·915, and the refined oil 0·9136. Chilled to —4° C., stearin separates out, and at —6° C. it becomes a yellowish buttery mass. The oil contains the glycerides of stearic, *erucic* (or *brassic acid*, $C_{22}H_{42}O_2$), and an oleic acid differing in some respects from ordinary oleic acid. It also contains a small amount of some

sulphur compound not as yet investigated. The total consumption of rape and colza oil in Europe is estimated at 280,000 to 300,000 tons per annum.

COMPTONIA ASPLENIFOLIA. *Sweet Fern. Ferngale. Meadow-fern.* A shrubby, indigenous plant, named from the resemblance of its leaves to the spleenwort fern. It grows in thin sandy or stony woods, from New England to Virginia. All parts of it possess a resinous spicy odor, which is increased when the plant is rubbed. Mr. R. T. Chiles has found in it tannic and gallic acids, volatile oil, extractive, gum, resin, and a substance resembling saponin. (*A. J. P.*, xlv. 306.) H. K. Bowman found it to contain 8·20 per cent. of tannin. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 193.) It is said to be tonic and astringent; its decoction is occasionally used in *diarrhœa.*

CONDURANGO. *Cundurango. Cortex Condurango*, P.G. This drug some years ago attracted a great deal of attention as a reputed remedy in *cancerous disease*, but further experience has demonstrated its uselessness. It appears, however, to be used largely in South America as an alterative in *chronic syphilis*, has been recognized by the German Pharmacopœia, and merits a brief notice here. According to an official investigation (*A Report on the Origin and Therapeutic Properties of Cundurango.* By Dr. Ruschenberger, Washington, 1873) made by Passed Assistant Surgeon Jos. G. Ayers, U. S. N., there are at least ten different plants known in the republic of Colombia as condurango. For a description of them the reader is referred to the report of Dr. Ruschenberger. The variety which has been used in *cancer*, and may be considered as genuine condurango, is the *condurango blanco.* The plant which yields it is a vine from ten to thirty feet in length, and from one to two inches in diameter. It is stated to belong to a previously undescribed genus of Asclepiadaceæ, and the name *Pseusmagenuetus equatorium* has been proposed for it, but the plant is now believed to be the *Gonolobus condurango*, Triana. The bark is prepared by pounding the stem with a mallet, to separate it, and then drying it in the sun. It is from one-sixteenth to one-sixth of an inch thick, with a smooth external surface of an ash-gray color, diversified with greenish and blackish lichens. When dried on the stem the bark has a darker color. Dr. Thomas Antisell (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 289) found in it tannin, extractive matter, and a yellow resin, to which he attributes whatever of virtue the plant may contain. Dr. Vulpius (*P. J. Tr.*, 1066) has found in it a substance very closely allied to vincetoxin of Tanret, and, like it, converted by warming when in concentrated solution into a tolerably stiff jelly. It was not positively determined whether the substance is absolutely identical with vincetoxin or not. In *Merck's Bulletin of New Preparations*, No. 3, Feb. 1888, is enumerated *condurangin*, a glucoside from condurango bark, and it is referred to as an amorphous powder soluble in water, alcohol, or chloroform. Carrara (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 640) has obtained from the so-called condurangin two principles: one insoluble in water, soluble in benzene, a light, almost white, powder, melting at 60°–61° C., and of the composition $C_{20}H_{32}O_6$; the other soluble in water, of yellowish color, melting at 134° C., and of the formula $C_{18}H_{28}O_7$. Both compounds are decomposed by acids, yielding a brown pitchy substance, insoluble in water. Condurango blanco seems to have little or no positive physiological action. Gianuzzi and Bufalini, indeed, affirm that it is a convulsant, like strychnine, but Dr. Lauder Brunton has shown (*Journ. of Physiol.*, vol. v.) that it has no action upon frogs or rabbits unless the unfiltered solution be injected into the jugular vein, and it would seem probable that the convulsions seen by the Italian observers were the result of cerebral embolisms. Nevertheless, Prof. Kobert found condurangin to be a violent poison, causing convulsions followed by paralysis; he believes it to be a mixture of several principles. (*Schmidt's Jahrb.*, 1889, No. 9.) Dr. H. Chiriboga states that two or three drachms of it taken by himself in the form of decoction produced considerable activity of the circulation, copious diaphoresis, increased secretion of urine, and even some vertigo and disturbance of vision. Under the name of *Guayaquil condurango* a drug has appeared in the European markets composed of the pieces of bark and fragments of woody branches, believed to be derived from an asclepiadaceous plant closely related to the genus Gonolobus. *Mexican condurango* is composed of split stems or thin adherent bark, and is thought to be yielded by an Aristolochia. For full description, see *Pharm. Rundschau*, May, 1888.

CONIOSELINUM CANADENSE. *Hemlock Parsley.* (*Gray's Manual*, p. 154.) This plant grows in swamps in the northern parts of the United States and in Canada. (See *Edin. Med. Journ.*, 1865, p. 1106.) It is occasionally used in *dysentery.*

CONTRAYERVA. *Contrayerva. Contrayerve*, Fr. *Bezoarwurzel, Giftwurzel*, G. This is the root of *Dorstenia Contrayerva*, of the natural order Urticaceæ. The following is its generic character: "*Receptacle* common, one-leafed, fleshy, in which solitary *seeds* are nestled." (*Willd.*) This plant has a perennial, fusiform, branching, rough, compact root or rhizome, which sends up several leaves of an irregular shape, about four inches in length, lobed, serrated, pointed, and placed upon long radical footstalks, which are winged towards the leaves. The scapes or flower-stems are also radical, rise several inches in height, and support irregular quadrangular receptacles, which contain male and female flowers, the former having two stamens, the latter a single style. The capsule, when ripe, possesses an elastic power, by which the seeds are thrown out with considerable force. The plant grows in Mexico, the West Indies, and Peru. The root (rhizome) is the official portion. According to Pereira and Dr. Martius, however, the contrayerva of the shops is the product of *D. Brasiliensis*, and is brought from Brazil. The term contrayerba, in the language of the Spanish Americans, signifies *counterpoison* or *antidote*, and was applied to this root under the impression that it had the property of counteracting all kinds of poison. The probability is that the root sold as *contrayerva* is derived from several species of Dorstenia, among which, besides *D. Contrayerva*, two others are mentioned by Dr. Houston, *D. Houstonia* and *D. Drakena*, the former growing near Campeachy, the latter near Vera Cruz.

The root, as found in our shops, is oblong, an inch or two in length, of varying thickness, very hard, rough, and solid, of a reddish-brown color externally, and pale within; and has numerous, long, slender, yellowish fibres attached to its inferior part. The odor is aromatic; the taste warm, slightly bitterish, and pungent. The fibres have less taste and smell than the tuberous portion. The sensible properties are extracted by alcohol and boiling water. The decoction is highly mucilaginous. The tincture

reddens infusion of litmus, and lets fall a precipitate on the addition of water. The root has not yet been analyzed fully, but Geiger found resin, starch, and a volatile oil. Contrayerva is a stimulant tonic and diaphoretic, and has been given in *low fevers*, *typhoid dysentery*, and *diarrhœa*, and other diseases requiring gentle stimulation. Dose, of powdered root, half a drachm (1·94 Gm.).

CONVALLARIA POLYGONATUM. Linn. *Polygonatum Uniflorum.* Desfontaines. *Solomon's Seal. Sceau de Salomon*, *Genouillet*, Fr. *Weisswurzel*, *Salomon's Siegel*, G. A perennial, herbaceous European plant, the root of which is horizontal, jointed, white, and marked at short intervals with small circular impressions, which bear a remote resemblance to those made by a seal, and have served to give a name to the plant. The root is inodorous, and of a sweetish mucilaginous taste, followed by a slight degree of bitterness and acrimony. It is said to be emetic. In former times it was used externally in *bruises*, especially those about the eyes, in *tumors*, *wounds*, and *cutaneous eruptions*, and was highly esteemed as a cosmetic. At present it is not employed, though recommended by Hermann as a good remedy in *gout* and *rheumatism*. The berries and flowers are said to be acrid and poisonous. *C. multiflora* (*Polygonatum multiflorum*, Desf.), which grows both in this country and in Europe, is analogous to the preceding in properties. Dr. John H. Rauch found two fluidounces of a decoction, made by boiling two ounces of the root in a pint of milk, to produce nausea, a cathartic effect, and either diaphoresis or diuresis. (*Inaug. Essay*, 1849.)

CONVOLVULUS PANDURATUS. *Wild Potato. Man-root. Man of the Earth. Wild Jalap.* The wild potato plant (for a figure of which see *Barton's Med. Bot.*, i. 249) has a perennial root, and a round, purplish, procumbent or climbing stem, which twines around neighboring objects, and grows sometimes twelve feet in length. The leaves, which stand alternately on long petioles, are broad, heart-shaped at the base, entire or lobed on the sides like a guitar or violin, somewhat acuminate, deep green on the upper surface, and paler beneath. The flowers are in fascicles, upon long axillary peduncles. The calyx is smooth and awnless; the corolla tubular, campanulate, very large, white at the border, but purplish red at the base. The plant is indigenous, growing throughout the United States in sandy fields and along fences, and flowering from June to August. A variety with double flowers is cultivated in the gardens for the sake of ornament. The root, which was the official part, is very large, two or three feet in length, about three inches thick, branched at the bottom, externally of a brownish-yellow color, and full of longitudinal fissures, internally whitish and milky, and of a somewhat acrid taste. The wild potato is feebly cathartic and diuretic (*N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, x. 375), useful in *strangury* and *calculous complaints*. Forty grains (2·59 Gm.) of the dried root are said to purge gently.

COPAL. A resinous substance, brought from the East Indies, South America, and the eastern and western coasts of Africa, but most abundantly from the first mentioned source. It is the concrete juice of different trees, and is furnished by exudation. The East India copal has been ascribed to the *Vateria Indica* of Linnæus, the *Elæocarpus copaliferus* of Retzius; and the Brazilian, by Martius and Hayne, probably with reason, to different species of Hymenæa. There are some grounds for believing that the East India copal is also the product of a Hymenæa; at least a specimen of this resin was collected by M. Perottet from the *Hymenæa verrucosa*, which he found growing in the Isle of Bourbon. This tree is a native of Madagascar, and probably of the neighboring parts of Africa; and M. Perottet was informed that the copal of India is taken thither by the Arabs of Muscat, who obtain it from the east coast of Africa. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., i. 406.) It is stated by Mr. James Vaughan, who was stationed as army surgeon at Aden in Arabia, that copal is taken to that port from the African coast opposite the island of Zanzibar, where it is said to be dug up from the earth. (*Pharm. Journ.*, xii. 385.) Col. Playfair, British Consul at Zanzibar, has sent to the Kew Museum specimens of the bark of a tree, with the resin *in situ*, and specimens of the collected resin, and of the fruit of the tree, which leave little doubt that the Zanzibar copal is obtained from the *Hymenæa Mozambicensis*. In a communication from Dr. John Kirk, dated Zanzibar, March 20, 1865, it is stated that the smooth copal, exported from that region, is obtained from the *Trachylobium Mozambicense*, Kl., a small tree or bush, distinguished by its rounded head of glossy leaves, with groups of white flowers at the ends of the branches. The trunk and limbs are covered with a clear resinous exudation, portions of which, after solidifying, drop to the ground and are collected, while other portions are broken from the tree. This kind of resin is always smooth, and is exported to India. Another variety, with an indented goose-flesh surface, known in the English market as *animé*, is dug from the earth, and, though the product of forests now extinct, originated probably from the same tree, as specimens of the recent gum, which had dropped from the tree and been some time buried in the sand, present similar surface-marking, and in other respects exhibit similar physical properties. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1869, p. 654.) In papers contained in the *P. J. Tr.* (xvi. 369 and 423), Dr. W. F. Daniell has given an account of several varieties of copal produced on the coast and interior parts of Western Africa, from Sierra Leone to Angola and Benguela, and exported in large quantities. Those from Sierra Leone, which are most highly valued for their superior hardness and transparency, are said by Dr. Daniell to be derived from the *Guibourtia copallifera* of Bennett, a large tree, growing preferably in mountainous regions, and very nearly related, botanically, to the *Hymenæa* which produce copal in other regions. The drug is mostly collected, not from the tree itself, but from the beds and borders of streams, into which it is washed down, during the rains, from the hill-sides, in the soil of which it had been deposited. Copal varies in appearance and properties as procured from different sources. It is in roundish, irregular, or flattish pieces, often rough over the surface, probably from the impression of sand in its soft state, colorless, yellowish, or brownish yellow, more or less transparent, very hard, with a shining, conchoidal fracture, inodorous and tasteless, of a sp. gr. varying from 1·045 to 1·139, insoluble in alcohol, partially soluble in ether and slightly so in oil of turpentine. Some varieties unite with alcohol, if suspended in its vapor while boiling. By heat it melts and emits gases, loses from 15 to 20 per cent. of weight, and is altered so as to become soluble in ether, alcohol, and oil of turpentine, and in this way copal varnishes are usually made. It is not a proximate principle, but consists of various resins

united in different proportions. According to Unverdorben and Filhol, some five different resins can be obtained by the successive action of solvents. On the distillation of copal, an oil is obtained of the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 160°–165° C., and sp. gr. 0·965, together with an oxygenated oil, showing it to have arisen from the oxidation of various terpenes, $C_{10}H_{16}$. The East India or African copal is described by Mr. Schindler as of a globular form, softer and more transparent than the other varieties, with a surface always clear, and having an agreeable smell when heated. It is readily and freely dissolved by the oils of turpentine and rosemary when pure, but not by these fluids when rendered resinous by age. It is more readily fusible than the others, and makes the best varnish. The West India copal is in flat pieces, seldom weighing more than three ounces, rarely containing insects, very hard, of a rough appearance, of a yellowish color, and without smell or taste. It is much less readily dissolved by oil of turpentine than the East India variety, swells but does not dissolve in oil of rosemary, and is slightly soluble in absolute alcohol. A third kind, probably also American, is in convex or concave pieces about a pound in weight, often containing insects and other impurities. In solubility it resembles the last-mentioned variety, in fusibility is intermediate between it and the East Indian, and is altogether inferior. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1850.) The African or Sierra Leone copal is described by Dr. Daniell as occurring "in small round tears, or irregular conical and smooth nodulated masses, seldom exceeding in size an ordinary duck egg. They are covered, to a greater or less extent, by a peculiar white efflorescence, which increases by age. Their color graduates from a pale green to a lemon or dull yellow." (*Ibid.*, xvi. 369.) Dr. Welwitsch, in "Notes and Observations" on the subject of copal, made during his travels in West Africa, states that this drug is mostly found in sandy soil, in the hilly districts, along the whole coast of Angola, where its prevalence coincides with that of *Adansonia digitata*. It is dug from the earth, or found in spots where it has been collected by the washing of the rains, or laid bare by earth-falls; and the quantity annually collected in this region, and exported from Benguela, from 1850 to 1860, was 1,600,000 pounds. The surface, like that described by Dr. Daniell, is covered with a whitish earthy crust, sometimes exhibiting veins or net-work, probably produced by attrition in their conveyance by floods. (*A. J. P.*, 1866.)

Inhabane copal has been shown to be the product of *Copaifera Gorshiana*, and seeds sent to Kew Gardens in 1886 germinated, and the plant has been widely introduced into both the East and West Indies, and into Australia. (*P. J. Tr.*, xix. 508.)

Crude and *scraped* copal are known in the market; the former of a dull opaque appearance externally, the latter much clearer and more transparent, in consequence of being deprived of its outer coat. The process of *scraping* is said to consist in the removal of the exterior portion by means of an alkaline solution, which readily dissolves copal. This resin is used chiefly in making varnishes. For a paper by M. H. Violette on the preparation of *copal varnish*, see the *A. J. P.* (1863, p. 140). M. Violette states that certain varieties of copal used for varnish, which are not naturally soluble in ether, oil of turpentine, benzin, petroleum, etc., become soluble in these menstrua, whether cold or hot, by being heated in close vessels to the temperature of 350° to 400° F., and thus yield excellent varnishes without loss of matter; and the same resin, heated as above with one-third of linseed oil and three-fourths of oil of turpentine, gives directly a clear, limpid, slightly yellowish varnish, fit for the most delicate uses. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv. 284.) Edison found aniline oil a good solvent for copal.

COPPER, BLACK OXIDE OF. *Cuprum Oxydatum*, P.G. *Oxyde de Cuivre, Safran de Vénus*, Fr. *Kupferoxyd*, G. Cupric oxide, CuO, is obtained most conveniently by heating to redness the nitrate. This oxide, in the form of ointment, made by mixing four parts with thirty of lard, has been locally used twice a day to remove *chronic indurations of the glands*. (Hoppe, *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1855.)

COPTIS. *Goldthread. Coptide*, Fr. *Gelbe* (*Kleinste*) *Niesswurz*, G. The slender, bright-yellow root of the indigenous creeping plant *Coptis trifolia* was formerly official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The plant belongs to the Ranunculaceæ; the leaves, which stand on long slender footstalks, are ternate, with firm, rounded or obovate, sessile leaflets, having an acute base, a lobed and acuminately crenate margin, and a smooth veined surface. The flower-stem is slender, round, rather longer than the leaves, and surmounted by one small white flower, with a minute mucronate bract beneath it. The five or six caducous petals are oblong, concave, and white; the nectaries inversely conical, hollow, and yellow at the top. The stamens have capillary filaments and globose anthers. The germs are from five to eight, stipitate, oblong, compressed, and support short recurved styles, with acute stigmas. The capsules, which diverge in a star-like form, are pedicelled, compressed, beaked, and contain numerous black seeds attached to the inner side. The goldthread inhabits the northern region of this continent and of Asia, and is found in Greenland and Iceland. It delights in the dark shady swamps and cold morasses of northern latitudes and alpine regions, and abounds in Canada, and in the hilly districts of the Northern United States. Its blossoms appear in May. All parts of the plant possess more or less bitterness; but this property is most intense in the root.

Dried goldthread, as brought into the market, is in loosely-matted masses, consisting of the long, thread-like, orange-yellow roots, frequently interlaced, and mingled with the leaves and stems of the plant. It is without smell, and has a purely bitter taste, unattended with aroma or astringency. It imparts a bitterness and yellow color to water and alcohol, but most perfectly to the latter, with which it forms a bright yellow tincture. The infusion is precipitated by silver nitrate and lead acetate. (*Bigelow.*) It affords no evidence of containing either resin, gum, or tannin. The plant undoubtedly contains *berberine*, which, according to Prof. F. F. Mayer (*A. J. P.*, 1863) and Mr. E. Z. Gross (*Ibid.*, 1873), is associated with another alkaloid. Mr. Gross states that *coptine* differs from berberine in its colorless crystals, and by forming with potassium iodohydrargyrate a crystalline instead of flocculent precipitate. (See, also, paper by John J. Schulz, *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 261.) Mr. C. W. Burr detected starch in *Coptis trifolia*. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 31.) Goldthread is a simple tonic bitter, bearing a close resemblance to quassia in its mode of action, and applicable to all cases in which that medicine is prescribed, though, from its higher price, not likely to come into general use as a substitute. In New Eng-

land it is employed as a local application in *aphthous ulcerations* of the mouth; but it probably has no other virtues in this complaint than such as are common to the simple bitters. It may be given in substance, infusion, or tincture. The dose of the powder is from ten to thirty grains, of a tincture made with an ounce of the root to a pint of diluted alcohol, one fluidrachm.

The *Coptis teeta* of Dr. Wallich, which grows in the mountainous regions bordering on Assam, is much used as a tonic by the natives and by the Chinese. It is analogous in properties to *C. trifolia*, and is said to contain 8½ per cent. of berberine. It has been introduced into use in British India. It is highly commended by Mr. Twining as a stomachic tonic. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1870, p. 161.) *Coptis anemonæfolia* is said to contain berberine, and has been used in Japan in *intestinal catarrh.* (*Sei-i-Kwai*, 1892.)

CORAL. *Corail*, Fr. *Koralle*, G. The solid mesodermal calcareous skeletons of the coral polyps, *anthozoa*, were formerly largely used in medicine, but have entirely passed out of vogue. Their chief constituent is calcium carbonate, which is colored by ferric oxide, and united, as in similar calcareous products, with more or less animal matter.

CORALLIN. *Pœonin.* A coloring or dyeing material, derived from *rosolic acid* or *aurin* ($C_{19}H_{14}O_3$), which is itself derived from *carbolic acid* or *phenol* by the joint action of sulphuric and oxalic acids upon it. It is formed by exposing together rosolic acid and alcoholic ammonia to a heat of 149° C. (300° F.), and is considered to be an intermediate product between pararosaniline and pararosolic acid. A solid substance is thus obtained, in scales of a peony redness, with reflected green or dull yellow rays, almost insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and the fixed oils. Dr. Ambrose Tardieu, having met with some extraordinary cases of a severe vesicular eruption upon the feet, attended with violent inflammation and swelling, and with general febrile symptoms, and having been disposed to ascribe the affection to the poisonous properties of the coloring matter contained in a red silk, out of which socks, slippers, stockings, etc., worn by the sufferers, had been made, resolved to determine the accuracy of his impressions by experiment. He first satisfied himself that the suspected material contained no mineral substance, and then, aided by a chemist, M. Z. Roussin, proceeded to search for some organic principle to which the effects might be traced. The red silk socks, to which the eruption in the first case that occurred to him was ascribed, were first treated by water in different states, cold, hot, feebly acidulated, and alkaline, but yielded nothing to the solvent. They were then immersed in boiling alcohol of 85°, which quickly dissolved the red coloring matter. By evaporating the alcoholic solution thus made, an extract was obtained, which, on being injected in alcoholic solution into the areolar tissue of a dog, rabbit, and frog, produced death in all, in the frog in 4 hours, in the dog after 36 hours, and in the rabbit later; the two latter animals having been copiously and almost incessantly purged. The coloring matter was thus shown to be very poisonous. To determine whether the poisonous coloring material was corallin, as they suspected, some of this substance was obtained from M. Persoz. Three varieties of corallin were presented: one pure, the other the corallin red of commerce, and the third corallin yellow. It was with the pure corallin that they operated. An alcoholic solution was injected into animals as before, with the same result. A dog was killed by 20 centigrammes (about 3 grains), a rabbit by half the quantity, and a frog by 5 centigrammes, or less than a grain. In the dog and rabbit there was violent purgation, with intense fever and progressive prostration, and the leg of the side in which the injection had been made was very painful. After death the neighborhood of the wound was found suppurating, the stomach sound, and the intestines distended, with signs of violent inflammation of the mucous membrane; the liver presented evidences of fatty degeneration; and the lungs appeared as if dyed by the coloring matter, exhibiting a very beautiful scarlet hue throughout their whole extent, and over their whole surface. M. Roussin succeeded in extracting a portion of the coloring matter from the lungs and liver, and dyeing with it a skein of silk. These experiments are very interesting from a medico-legal point of view; as corallin might be readily detected in this way, if at any time, accidentally or otherwise, the cause of fatal results. Hitherto the effects on the human subject have been confined to the painful cutaneous affection, which has been so satisfactorily traced to contact of the skin with the silk fabrics dyed with it; but even in these cases there were serious constitutional symptoms, as fever, headache, giddiness, and nausea. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1859, p. 262.)

From a late communication by M. Tardieu, it appears that corallin is not the only coloring material capable of producing local poisoning; as red socks or stockings dyed with aniline red have given rise to accidents. These two colors may be distinguished in tissues. *Aniline red* disappears very rapidly by contact with ammonia; but the color reappears by the addition of an acid, or by the evaporation of the alkali. *Corallin red* is not dissolved by cold water, yields a slight color to boiling water, but rapidly disappears from the tissue under the action of boiling alcohol. Alkalies brighten the color without changing it; acids precipitate the coloring matter in yellow flakes. (*Ibid.*, 1869, p. 371.) Other cases of local poisoning from the wearing next the skin of silks dyed with corallin, or other similar matter, have been recorded. There is reason for believing that pure corallin is not poisonous, and that the symptoms have been produced by arsenic or other contaminating substances. (See *Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1869, p. 421; *P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., xi. 360; also, *New York Med. Journ.*, 1870, p. 599; *N. R.*, i. 288.)

CORALLORHIZA ODONTORHIZA. *Coralroot.* (*Gray's Manual.*) This is a parasitic leafless herb, sending up from a coral-like rhizome a simple scape or flower-stem, from 6 to 16 inches high, furnished with sheaths instead of leaves, of a light-brown or purplish color, and bearing small, greenish-brown flowers in a long spike. The plant grows throughout the United States east of the Mississippi. The root or rhizome is the part used. It is much branched and toothed, and of a brown color, and from its resemblance to coral in appearance gave name to the plant. It has a strong peculiar odor, and an astringent bitterish taste. It is much valued by the "eclectics" as an energetic diaphoretic, destitute of general stimulant properties. It is given in *fevers;* dose of powder, thirty grains (1·94 Gm.) every two hours.

CORIARIA MYRTIFOLIA. *Currier's Sumach. Redoul, Sumach des Corroyeurs*, Fr. *Gerberstrauch*, G. This is a shrub growing wild in Southern Europe, which is sometimes cultivated in gardens

on account of its handsome foliage. The leaves, which are used for dyeing black, were at one time employed to a considerable extent in France in the adulteration of senna. The fruit, resembling berries in form, are black, and about the size of a pea. Both these and the leaves are poisonous in large doses, and several instances of death are on record from eating the fruit. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) M. Riban has discovered in the fruit *coriamyrtin*. This is in the form of white crystals, inodorous, excessively bitter, and extremely poisonous. It fuses at 220° C., and crystallizes again on cooling. It is but slightly soluble in water, hot or cold, but freely so in alcohol, ether, chloroform, and benzol. Its composition is represented by the formula $C_{30}H_{36}O_{10}$. It ranks with the glucosides, as when boiled with diluted hydrochloric acid at least three decomposition products are formed, of which one separates in yellow flocks, while the solution reduces alkaline copper solutions. About three grains caused in a dog vomiting, severe convulsions, and death in an hour and a quarter. M. Riban obtained it by treating the juice of the fresh or an infusion of the dried fruit and leaves at first with lead acetate, then with hydrogen sulphide to throw down the lead, concentrating the filtered liquid to a syrupy consistence, and agitating this with ether, which extracted the poison, and yielded it on evaporation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1864, p. 487.)

Toot-poison. Tu-tu. In New Zealand a poisonous plant, known as the *toot-plant*, has proved very destructive to the domestic animals. Dr. W. Lauder Lindsay found it to be the *Coriaria ruscifolia* of Linnæus (*C. sarmentosa*, Forst.), and in its action on the system to be an irritant narcotic. For an elaborate account of the *toot-plant*, and its poisonous effects, see *Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.* (1865, p. 153, and 1868, p. 465). From these it appears that more than one species of Coriaria inhabit New Zealand, *C. thymifolia*, and *C. angustissima*, besides the *ruscifolia;* though Dr. Lindsay appears to think that the two former may be merely varieties of the third. It is not only cattle that are poisoned by the plant; but not unfrequently also, children, and occasionally even an adult. The cattle are probably, in general, poisoned by eating the young shoots. It has been conjectured that the same narcotic principle found in *C. myrtifolia* (*coriamyrtin*) is that which renders the New Zealand species poisonous. Mr. W. S. Key has found an oil in it, to which he attributes the poisonous qualities. (*Chem. News*, 1870, xxii. 315.) It is affirmed by Mr. T. H. Hustwick (*P. J. Tr.*, p. 22, vol. xv.) that goats are not poisoned by the tu-tu, and have even been used to eradicate the plant by browsing; also that the berries when ripe are not only not poisonous to man, but, if care is taken to reject the seeds, are a grateful and refreshing fruit. The prominent symptoms of the poisoning in man are giddiness, stupor, and coma, with or without delirium or convulsions. Occasionally the delirium resembles that of alcoholic intoxication, in other instances approaches that of acute mania, and is attended with violent muscular action. The loss of memory is one of the characteristics of convalescence.

CORK. *Suber*, Lat. *Liége*, Fr. The great use made of this substance in pharmacy and the arts justifies a brief notice of it. Though in general ascribed exclusively to the *Quercus Suber*, a large oak growing in Spain, the south of France, north of Italy, Algeria, and some of the Mediterranean islands, it is said by M. Casimir de Candolle to be obtained also for commercial purposes from another species, the *Q. occidentalis*, growing in the southwest of France and in Portugal. It consists of the exterior layers of the bark beneath the epidermis, which acquire in these species an extraordinary development, becoming thick, and of that peculiar spongy consistence which characterizes cork. The tree begins to yield cork when fifteen or sixteen years old, and every six or eight years furnishes a fresh supply, even for a century and a half, before it perishes; that interval of time being required for the renewal of the suberose layers by the living portions of the bark beneath. There are four constituent layers of the bark, the epidermis, within this the cork, next the cellular envelope, and lastly the liber which lies upon the wood. Each of these increases year by year; but the cork thus naturally produced is not valued. The commercial product is obtained by an artificial process. The exterior layers are removed, and the liber exposed. In the interior of this, at a variable distance from the surface, a layer of the proper cork is now formed, apparently by a change in the substance of the liber, the outer portions of which perish, while annually a new layer is added to the cork already existing, until it acquires a thickness which will justify its removal. Incisions are made in such a way that the cork is removed in large concave plates, which are then flattened under pressure, and dried.

In selecting cork for use, those parts should be preferred which are soft and of uniform consistence; and in the choice of the larger plates those should be selected which are thick, flexible, elastic, finely porous, and of a reddish color. (*Guibourt.*) Boiling hot alcohol extracts from rasped cork tissue some 10 per cent. of soluble principles. From the hot alcoholic solution a substance crystallizes then which was first noticed by Chevreul under the name of *cerin*, but which Siewert (*Journ. f. Chem.*, 104, p. 118) says is *phellyl alcohol*, $C_{17}H_{28}O$. After this *dekacrylic acid*, $C_{10}H_{18}O_2$, separates out, a yellowish-white mass fusing at 86° C. On evaporating the residue to dryness and taking up with water, *eulysin*, $C_{24}H_{36}O_8$, a yellowish fatty mass, is obtained. From this residue, a cinnamon-colored precipitate, *corticinic acid*, $C_{12}H_{10}O_6$, is obtained. The aqueous mother liquor from the corticinic acid yields on evaporation the acid calcium salt of a *tannic acid*, $C_{27}H_{22}O_{17}$, which precipitates gelatin and reduces ammoniacal silver solution even in the cold. According to Kugler (*Dissertation on Suberin*, Halle, 1884), besides cellulose and lignin, cork contains two constituents, *cerin*, to which he gives the formula $C_{30}H_{32}O$, and *suberin*, which is a fat, and contains stearic acid and *phellonic acid*, $C_{22}H_{42}O_3$. This constituent, suberin, prevents the penetration of liquid into the cork, and is only completely extracted by alcoholic potash. When treated with nitric acid, cork yields a peculiar acid, which has been denominated *suberic acid*. This is a dibasic acid homologous with oxalic acid, and has the formula $C_8H_{14}O_4$. It is formed by the oxidation of many other substances, such as the oils from linseed, castor bean, cocoa-nut, and almond, spermaceti, etc.

M. Stanislaus Martin has called attention in France to the use of refuse corks in Paris, where they are collected by the scavengers, and sold to persons whose business it is to revive them; recutting such as are of unsuitable shape, filling up the vacuities with mastic, and covering them over with some powder which may give them a fresh and

proper appearance. In consequence of the high price of cork, those which are thus prepared over again are said to be used in the bottling of beverages. Corks are sometimes bleached with sulphurous acid, and the odor of hydrogen sulphide has been noticed in prescriptions which have been compounded, when such corks have been used in the dispensing bottle. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1881, p. 1080.) Mohr has found that old corks may be regenerated by allowing them to soak for twenty-four hours in hot water, washing well several times, allowing to stand for a few hours in a mixture of one part of hydrochloric acid and fifteen parts of hot water, and finally washing well in pure water. (See also *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 467.) It is easy to conceive that a cork at one time used to enclose arsenical or other deadly solution may become saturated with the poison, and afterwards impart enough of it to another liquid, if not to produce dangerous effects on the health, at least to give to tests evidence of its presence, and thus lead to serious suspicions. No cork, therefore, which has been used in a bottle containing a poisonous substance should be employed a second time.

CORNUS. *Dogwood. Écorce de Cornouiller à grandes Fleurs*, Fr. *Grossblüthige Cornelrinde*, G. Under the name of cornus, the U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized the bark of the root of the *Cornus florida*. This is the only American species of the genus which attains the size of a tree, reaching at times the height of 35 feet. It is especially characterized by its greenish flowers, which are collected in a head or close cluster, and surrounded by a large, showy, four-leaved, corolla-like, white involucre; and by its bright-red fruit. These flower-clusters are extraordinarily showy in the months of May and June, and are commonly spoken of as "flowers." The fruit, an oval drupe of a vivid glossy redness, usually ripens in September.

The bark of two other indigenous dogwoods is sometimes substituted for that of *C. florida*. Each of these is a shrub with opposite leaves, the flowers in flat spreading cymes, and the fruit globular and blue. *C. circinata* is further distinguished by its branches being greenish and warty; its leaves round-oval, abruptly pointed, and woolly underneath. *C. sericea* is to be recognized by its purplish branches; and the branchlets, stalks, and lower surface of the elliptical pointed leaves being silky and downy.

These dogwoods are found in all portions of the United States east of the Mississippi, being most abundant in the Middle States, and finally disappearing southward and northward.

Dogwood bark was used many years ago as an antiperiodic in *intermittent fever*, but it is only a feeble, astringent tonic. Formerly one to two ounces of the powder were given in the interval between the paroxysms of intermittent fever, and the U. S. Pharmacopœia recognized the fluid extract, and gave in the edition of 1880 the following formula for its production: "Cornus, in No. 60 powder, *one hundred grammes* [or fifty ounces av.]; Glycerin, *twenty grammes* [or seven and a half fluidounces]; Diluted Alcohol, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or three pints]. Mix the Glycerin with *eighty grammes* [or forty-one fluidounces] of Diluted Alcohol. Moisten the powder with *thirty grammes* [or fifteen fluidounces] of the mixture, and pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough of the menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding, first, the remainder of the menstruum, and afterward, Diluted Alcohol, until the Cornus is exhausted. Reserve the first *eighty-five cubic centimeters* [or forty fluidounces] of the percolate, and evaporate the remainder to a soft extract; dissolve this in the reserved portion, and add enough Diluted Alcohol to make the Fluid Extract measure *one hundred cubic centimeters* [or three pints]." *U.S.* The dose of this fluid extract was half a fluidrachm to a fluidrachm (1·85 to 3·7 C.c.).

CORONILLA SCORPIOIDES. In 1886 (*Nancy Thesis*), Dr. Cardot announced that the *Coronilla Scorpioides*, a papilionaceous plant of South France, is an active cardiac poison. In 1889, Schlagdenhauffen and Reeb (*Revue Gén. Clin. Thérap.*, July, 1889) isolated a glucoside, *coronillin*, to which they assigned the formula $C_{11}H_{12}O_5$. It was a yellowish powder, soluble in water, acetone, and amylic alcohol; slightly soluble in chloroform and ether. Heated with diluted hydrochloric acid an amorphous resin was separated, *coronillein*. This also occurs as a yellow powder, but is not bitter to taste. It is insoluble in water, but dissolves in alcohol, acetone, and chloroform. This drug is said to act powerfully upon the heart muscle, increasing the power of contraction, and, when given to man, to increase the size of the pulse without markedly affecting the number or rhythm of the cardiac pulsations. It is also said to be an active diuretic, and to be valuable in the treatment of *cardiac dropsy*. The dose of the remedy, however, seems uncertain, since, according to Schlagdenhauffen, three-fourths of a grain is the toxic dose for the adult; whilst Dr. Spillemann recommends the administration of from three to five grains (0·194 to 0·324 Gm.).

V. Poulet (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, 1891) has found that *Coronilla varia* of Europe is a powerful remedy, resembling in its action digitalis. It probably contains coronillin.

CORTEX CARYOPHYLLATA. *Cassia Caryophyllata. Clove Bark.* These names have been given to a bark, brought from the West Indies, and derived from a tree belonging to the family of Myrtaceæ, supposed to be the *Myrtus acris* of Swartz. It is usually in cylinders from one to two feet long by an inch in diameter, composed of numerous separate pieces rolled around one another, having a dark-brown color, a pungent taste, and an odor similar to that of cloves. It is sometimes in fragments, of a similar color, taste, and smell, but softer and lighter, and supposed to be derived from older branches. A similar bark is said to be derived from the *Myrtus caryophyllata* of Linn., which grows in Ceylon. The clove bark has aromatic properties not unlike those of the spice from which it derived its name; but it is much inferior, and is not used in this country. Some authors have confounded with it a different bark, produced in the Moluccas, and known by the Indian name of culilawan. (See *Culilawan.*) A false clove bark which has appeared in commerce is elaborately described in the *A. J. P.*, vol. xv.

CORYDALIS FORMOSA. Pursh. Tubers of *Dicentra Canadensis*, De C. *Turkey Corn. Turkey Pea. Squirrel Corn.* This little indigenous plant, growing in the Middle and Western States, is highly esteemed by the "eclectics." The root is used. It is a small roundish tuber, having a

slight peculiar smell, and a bitterish somewhat pungent and persistent taste. It is said to yield its active properties to water and alcohol. According to Mr. W. T. Wenzell (*A. J. P.*, 1855, p. 205), it contains an alkaloid denominated *corydaline*, fumaric acid, bitter extractive, an acrid resin with volative oil, a tasteless resin, brown coloring matter, starch, albumen, arabin, bassorin, cellulose, and various inorganic salts. The alkaloid was obtained by making a hydro-alcoholic tincture, distilling off the alcohol, filtering, precipitating with ammonia in slight excess, washing the precipitate, treating it with boiling alcohol, evaporating the solution to dryness, treating the residue with dilute hydrochloric acid, precipitating with ammonia, dissolving the precipitate in boiling alcohol, concentrating the tincture, and allowing it to stand. The corydaline was deposited in crystals, and was purified by repeated solution in alcohol and crystallization. The crystals, which are slender four-sided prisms, are inodorous, tasteless, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, reddened by nitric acid, and capable of forming soluble salts with the acids. It appears to be identical with the alkaloid found in European species of Corydalis, whose formula, according to H. Wicke, is $C_{18}H_{19}NO_4$. (*Chemistry, P. J. Tr.*, xix. 990.)

Merck has published (*Berichte über das Jahr* 1892) the results of an investigation upon *Corydalis cava*. He finds four alkaloids, two of which (*corydaline* and *corycavine*) he designates as weak bases, and two of which (*bulbocapnine* and *corydine*) he terms strong bases. *Corydaline* he obtained crystallized in large prisms, fusing at 135° C., and easily soluble in alcohol and ether. *Corycavine* is difficultly soluble in all solvents, crystallizes in small matted needles, and fuses at 218° C. with partial decomposition. *Bulbocapnine* is a crystallizable base, melting at 199° C., and soluble in excess of caustic potash. This alkaloid is the one present in largest amount, and was first called corydaline; but Merck accepts the name bulbocapnine, proposed for it by Freund and Josephy. (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 25, p. 2411.) *Corydine* is obtained from the mother-liquors of the bulbocapnine, and is also a strong base. It is insoluble in water, very readily soluble in alcohol and ether, but cannot be obtained in crystallized form. The alkaloids of *Corydalis nobilis* have been studied by Birsmann. (*A. J. P.*, 1893, p. 135.) Benzene extracts an amorphous white base of the composition $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$, resembling the amorphous base (corydine?) of *C. cava*. On making the mother-liquor alkaline, a brown resinous mass separates, from which benzene separates a base crystallizing from boiling water, with the formula $C_{22}H_{25}NO_5$, to which he gives the name *corydalnobiline*. Several other alkaloids were obtained, and indications of hydroberberine and berberine.

The root of *C. formosa* is supposed to be tonic, diuretic, and alterative, and is given in *syphilitic, scrofulous*, and *cutaneous affections*, in the dose of from ten to thirty grains. It is also used in the form of tincture and decoction. The "eclectics" use a preparation which they call *corydalin* or *corydalia*, made by precipitating a tincture of the root with water, in the dose of half a grain or a grain (0·032 or 0·064 Gm.). It is, of course, not the active principle, and therefore has no claim to the title; yet it no doubt contains more or less of the proper alkaloid.

CORYLUS ROSTRATA. *Beaked Hazel.* This is a small indigenous shrub, growing especially in mountainous districts. The nut is invested with a scaly involucre, projecting beyond it like a beak, and thickly covered with short spicula like those of *Mucuna pruriens*. These spicula have been employed by Dr. Huebener, of Bethlehem, Pa., as an anthelmintic, and found to be efficacious. They operate in the same way as cowhage, and may be administered in the same manner and dose. (See a communication by Mr. Duhamel, in *A. J. P.*, xiv. 280.)

COTO BARK. In the years 1873 and 1874 a bark bearing this name appeared in the London drug market, coming from Bolivia. Its botanical origin still remains unknown. Under the name of *coto-coto*, the bark of a rubiaceous plant (*Palicurea densiflora*) is employed in Brazil in rheumatism. Whether this be the Bolivian plant or not is uncertain. Beyond this point there has been much of surmise by writers, but no clear evidence.

It occurs in pieces a foot or more long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and ½ to ¾ inch thick. The outer surface is irregular, often looking as though it had been shaved or split off, its other parts are covered with a fine adherent epidermis free from lichens; the inner surface also is irregular, with numerous rather closely placed, longitudinal projecting bark bundles. The general color approaches cinnamon-brown; upon fresh cross-section the bark is seen to be filled with yellowish spots, except in the outer portions. The odor is aromatic, and much more apparent if bruised; the taste hot, and somewhat aromatic; the powder is very pungent to the nostrils. The microscope shows the outer bark to be composed of thin-walled, colorless, parenchymatous cells, containing starch granules, with numerous yellowish sclerenchymatous cells joined into groups. The inner bark contains numerous yellow bark cells, mostly joined into bundles of 20 to 50. (For an elaborate account of its microscopic structure, see *P. J. Tr.*, vi. 301, also *Pharm. Era*, May, 1888.) The coto bark which we have seen in the American market conforms with the original description, but other barks are said to pass under the name. The most important of these is the so-called *Paracoto bark*, which is stated to resemble closely the true coto bark, but to differ in its having a less pungent odor and taste, and being marked with deep whitish furrows upon its surface. Wittstein found in coto bark a volatile alkaloid, volatile oil having a pungent aromatic taste, yellowish-brown soft resin, brown hard resin, starch, gum, sugar, calcium oxalate, tannin, and formic, butyric, and acetic acids. (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, iii. 4, 219.) Jobst and Hesse have obtained a crystallizable body from coto bark (true), which they have named *Cotoin*. It is prepared by making an ethereal extract from the powdered bark, treating this with warm benzin, and allowing the mixture to stand until clear. The clear liquid yields cotoin in crystals on spontaneous evaporation. The oily resinous residue contains considerable cotoin, which may be obtained by boiling with milk of lime and adding to the solution hydrochloric acid. After twenty-four hours the clear liquid will be found studded with large, glistening, laminated crystals of cotoin, of a pale-yellow color. Cotoin, $C_{22}H_{18}O_6$, is sparingly soluble in cold water, more soluble in hot water, insoluble in benzin, very soluble in alcohol, chloroform, benzol, aceton, carbon disulphide. Nitric acid becomes blood-red in contact with cotoin, sulphuric acid is colored brownish yellow, and ferric chloride blackens a dilute solution of cotoin. *Paracotoin*, $C_{19}H_{12}O_6$, is extracted from paracoto bark, in which it exists

associated with *oxyleucotin*, $C_{34}H_{32}O_{12}$, *leucotin*, $C_{34}H_{32}O_{10}$, *hydrocotin*, $C_{15}H_{14}O_4$, and *dibenzoylhydrocotin*, $C_{32}H_{32}O_8$. Paracotoin may be distinguished from cotoin by giving no reaction with ferric chloride. *Piperonylic* acid (*methyleneprotocatechuic* acid), $C_8H_6O_4$, is present in both barks. Coto bark is decidedly irritating; its powder, rubbed upon the skin, is said to produce heat and redness; and, according to Dr. Burkart, 15 grains (0·971 Gm.) taken into the stomach produce persistent burning pain, followed by repeated vomiting. The remedy was first introduced as serviceable in *diarrhœa*, and seems to have established its reputation. Although observers are not explicit upon this point, it is evident that when there is a tendency to acute inflammation it must be used with great caution. The *paracoto* bark is said to resemble it in its action, but to be much less powerful. The fluid extract and tincture are very eligible preparations, the former made with alcohol in the usual way, and the tincture 1 part in 10 of alcohol, which may be given in 5 to 15 minim (0·31 to 0·92 C.c.) doses every two or three hours. The alkaloid cotoin is given by Dr. Burkart in doses of ¾ grain (0·048 Gm.) every two or three hours. He states that he could detect it in the urine 4 to 6 hours after the ingestion of the dose. Prof. Balz (Tokio, Japan) is said to have treated *Asiatic cholera* successfully by hypodermic injections of three grains (0·194 Gm.) of paracotoin. Oxyleucotin, leucotin, and hydrocotin are very feeble. The value of *cotoin* in the treatment of *diarrhœa* has been confirmed by various clinicians. It has been used in catarrhal diarrhœas and the *diarrhœas* of *tubercular ulceration*, of *typhoid fever*, and of other conditions. (See *Bull. de Thérap.*, vol. xi. p. 167.) It does appear to have some especial effect upon the alimentary canal, as, according to Pribram (*Prager Med. Wochens.*, 1880) and Albertoni (*Arch. f. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xvii. 293), it markedly lessens the excretion of indican. Albertoni also believes that it actively dilates the abdominal vessels and thereby hastens absorption; and Bibrana, that it is an antiseptic. It is not probable that cotoin has any general action upon the system, and Jobst found that even 15 grains (0·971 Gm.) injected hypodermically into the rabbit produced no other than local symptoms. Dose of cotoin, one to three grains (0·064 to 0·194 Gm.); of fluid extract, five to twenty minims (0·3 to 1·3 C.c.), four to six times a day.

COTULA. *U. S.* 1870. *Mayweed.* (*Camomille puante*, *Maroute*, Fr.; *Hunds-Kamille*, *Stinkende-Kamille*, G.; *Camomilla fetida*, *Cotula*, It.; *Manzanilla loca*, Sp.) *Anthemis Cotula.* *Maruta Cotula.* De Cand. *Herba Chamomillæ Fœtidæ.* *Wild Chamomile.* *Dog Chamomile.* *Herbe de Camomille Puante*, *Herbe de Maroute*, Fr. *Hunds-Kamillenkraut*, G. The mayweed is an annual plant, with a fibrous root, and an erect, striated stem, very much branched even to the bottom, from one to two feet in height, and supporting alternate, sessile, flat, doubly pinnated, somewhat hairy leaves, with pointed linear leaflets. The flowers stand singly upon the summits of the branches, and consist of a central, convex, golden-yellow disk, with white radial florets, which spread horizontally during the day, but are reflexed, or bent towards the stem, at night. The calyx, which is common to all the florets, is hemispherical, and composed of imbricated hairy scales. The receptacle is conical or nearly cylindrical, and surmounted by rigid, bristle-shaped paleæ, shorter than the florets. The seeds are naked. This plant grows abundantly both in the United States and in Europe. In this country it is found in the vicinity of inhabited places, growing among rubbish, along the sides of roads, and in waste grounds. Notwithstanding its extensive diffusion, it is generally believed to be a naturalized and not an indigenous plant. It is frequently called *wild chamomile*. It flowers from the middle of summer till late in autumn. Mr. W. H. Warner, from a chemical examination of the flowers, concluded that they contain volatile oil, oxalic, valerianic, and tannic acids, coloring matter, acrid fatty matter, bitter extractive, and salts of potassa, lime, magnesia, and iron. (*A. J. P.*, 1858, 390.) Pattone (1859) claimed to have found an alkaloid, *anthemidine*, and a crystallizable bitter acid, *anthemidic acid*, but his results have not been confirmed. The whole plant has a strong, disagreeable smell, and a warm, bitter taste, and imparts these properties to water.

The medical properties of this species of Anthemis are essentially the same as those of chamomile, for which it may be substituted; but its disagreeable odor is an obstacle to its general use. On the continent of Europe, it has been given in nervous diseases, especially in *hysteria*, under the impression, probably derived from its peculiar smell, that it possesses antispasmodic powers. It has also been thought to be emmenagogue. It is said to have the property of vesicating, if applied to the surface fresh and bruised. In this country it is scarcely employed, except as a domestic remedy. The whole plant is active; but the flowers, being less disagreeable than the leaves, are preferred for internal use. The remedy is best administered in the state of infusion.

COTYLEDON UMBILICUS. *Navel-wort. Penny-wort. Cotylet*, *Nombril de Vénus*, Fr. *Nabelkraut*, G. This is a perennial, herbaceous, succulent plant, belonging to the natural family of Grapulaceæ. It is about six inches high, with fleshy, peltate, crenate leaves, and a flower-stem bearing, in the form of a spike, pale-yellow, bell-shaped, pendulous flowers, which appear in June and July. The plant is a native of England, where it grows upon old walls and rocks, and dry sandy banks. It has been highly lauded in *epilepsy* (for references see 16th ed. U. S. D.), but it has very feeble and uncertain therapeutic properties. Dose, of fresh juice, from one-half to one fluidounce, twice or three times a day; of fluid extract, one fluidrachm; of dry extract, five grains; to be increased and given steadily for months.

According to M. Flétet, it contains *trimethylamine*, combined with an unknown acid. When the powder of the plant is exposed to the air, it attracts moisture, and exhales a disagreeable smell strikingly analogous to that of fish; and an extract treated with a fixed alkali disengages, even in the cold, an odor which, at first ammoniacal, soon acquires the fishy character referred to. The presence of this ammoniacal compound concurrently with that of a salt of ammonia, together with a notable portion of nitre, is sufficient to prove that the plant is not entirely inert, as it has generally been thought to be. We might expect in it virtues somewhat analogous to those of ergot, which owes a similar odor to trimethylamine. Besides this salt of trimethylamine, which, with an ammoniacal salt, constitutes 2 parts in 1000 of the plant, it contains cellulose, starch, glucose, mucilage, chlorophyll, yellow coloring matter, a volatile oil smelling like sandarac, tannin, iron, and salts of potassa, soda, lime, and oxide of

iron, with 0·9 per cent. of nitre, and 95 of water. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 125.)

COW TREE. *Palo de Vaca. Palo de Leche.* The milky juice of the *Brosimum Galactodendron* is much used in South America instead of cream in tea and coffee, etc. It is obtained by making incisions in the tree, is white and viscous, turns sour on exposure to the air, and deposits a caseous substance. According to the analysis of M. Boussingault, its composition varies very much, but it always contains a large percentage of fatty matters (32·2 per cent.), and much less casein, albumen, sugar, and phosphates. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 679.)

CRAB ORCHARD SALT. A mild, saline purgative, obtained by evaporating the waters of springs at Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky. Its principal active ingredients are the magnesium, sodium, and potassium sulphates; it contains, also, a little iron and lithium. In its crude form it is not wholly soluble, and sometimes it is purified by dissolving and straining through flannel, and evaporating. As thus prepared, it is white, and as a purgative is about 20 per cent. stronger than the crude salt. It, however, lacks the tonic properties of the latter. According to Dr. R. Peter, the composition of the dry salt is: magnesium sulphate, 63·19 per cent.; sodium chloride, 4·77; sodium sulphate, 4·20; potassium sulphate, 1·80; calcium sulphate, 2·54; calcium, magnesium, and iron carbonates, and silica, 0·89; water of crystallization and loss, 22·61; total, 100·00. Dose from one to two teaspoonfuls. (See Dr. Mattison, *A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 5.)

CRABS' CLAWS. *Chelæ Cancrorum.* These, finely powdered, were formerly official. In the 100 parts are 60 parts of calcium carbonate and 14 of calcium phosphate, with 26 of animal matter. They were formerly used as an absorbent and antacid.

CRABSTONES. *Lapilli Cancrorum. Crabs' Eyes. Oculi* (*Calculi*) *Cancrorum. Yeux* (*Pierres*) *d'Ecrevisses*, Fr. *Krebsaugen, Krebssteine*, G. Concretions found in the stomach, one on each side, of the European crawfish, at the time the animal is about to change its shell; chiefly procured in the province of Astrakhan, in European Russia. The crawfish are bruised with wooden mallets and laid up in heaps to putrefy. The animal remains are then washed away, and the stones picked out. They are inodorous, insipid bodies, somewhat hemispherical in shape, of a whitish or reddish color, hard and stony consistence, and laminated texture. They are very variable in size, weighing from one to twelve grains each. They effervesce with acids, and, without dissolving, become converted, owing to the animal matter which they contain, into a soft transparent mass, retaining the original shape of the stone. By this character they are distinguished from counterfeit stones, which are sometimes fabricated of chalk, mixed with mucilaginous substances. They consist of calcium carbonate and phosphate, cemented together by animal matter. Crabstones have been used as an absorbent and antacid, given in the same dose with prepared chalk.

CRANBERRIES. Fruit of *Vaccinium Macrocarpon*, Aiton. These familiar berries, so well known as an article of diet, have come into notice as a source of citric acid. For method, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 439. Mr. Edo Claassen announced in 1870 the existence of a bitter principle, *vaccinin*, in the *Vaccinium vitis idæa*, or *cowberry*. He subsequently (1885) proved its identity with *arbutin*. He failed to find arbutin in the fruit of the cranberry, but states that the bitter principle here is uncrystallizable and a glucoside, and proposes the name *oxycoccin* for it. (*A. J. P.*, 1886.)

CREOSOTUM CARBONICUM. Under this name there is in the market a honey-like, yellowish-brown, clear substance, insoluble in water, soluble in fatty oils, odorless, and having only a weak bitter taste. By alkalies it is decomposed into creosote and carbonic acid. This change is said to occur within the human organism. It has been especially commended as a method of giving creosote in the treatment of *phthisis*. Chaumier has given as much as seventy-five grains (4·85 Gm.) of it a day, with good results. (See *Sem. Méd.*, 1892.)

CRESCENTIA CUJETE. The fruit of this South American plant has been found by Mr. Gustav Peckolt to contain *crescentinic acid* and a blue coloring matter allied to indigo. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, Aug. 1884.)

CRESOLS. *Cresylic Acid.* $C_6H_4(CH_3)OH$. These compounds are the first homologues of phenol or carbolic acid. (See *Acidum Carbolicum.*) There are three isomeric cresols: *orthocresol*, melting at 31° C. and boiling at 188° C.; *metacresol*, a liquid boiling at 201° C., but not solidifying even at —80° C.; and *paracresol*, forming colorless prisms, melting at 36° C. and boiling at 198° C. These cresols are all obtainable by fractional distillation from that portion of coal-tar boiling between 200° and 210° C. Although Fraenkel long since established the germicidal activity of the cresols, their insolubility prevented their practical use. Recently, however, attempts have been made to overcome this difficulty, and various preparations have been brought forward. The most important of these are Creolin and Lysol, Solveol, Solutol, Paracresol, and Cresolsalicylates.

Creolin is said to be an emulsion of cresol, obtained by means of resin soap. There are in the market at least two sets of preparations, the one of German the other of English origin. An analysis of Creolin-Pearson, published by Pfrenger (*Archiv der Pharm.*, 1890, p. 701), gives: phenols, 2·67; hydrocarbons, 44·94; organic bases, 2·76; sodium, 1·45; resin, 32·45; sulphur, 0·248; chlorine, 0·14; water (by difference), 5·34. The phenols consisted of ortho- and meta-cresol, with traces of carbolic acid and the oxyleucols; the hydrocarbons, of the higher homologues of benzene, with naphthalene and anthracene; the bases belonged to the quinoline group. Creolin forms a milky emulsion or mixture with water; with chloroform, ether, and absolute alcohol it mixes in all proportions.

Medical Properties. According to Dr. Jessner, the first report upon creolin was that of Dr. F. von Esmarch (*Centralb. für Bacteriologie*, vol. ii., Nos. 10 and 11), who stated, as the result of experiments made with creolin and carbolic acid upon putrefactive bacteria and upon the bacteria of *Asiatic cholera*, *typhoid fever*, and *anthrax*, that it was much more powerful than carbolic acid as a germicide, except in the case of the anthrax bacillus. It is claimed for creolin that it is not poisonous. Dr. Jessner (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Aug. 1889) gave eight ounces (250 Gm.) to a cow without any effect; and daily doses of 120 grains (7·77 Gm.) were given to a man without any bad general symptoms, or any noticeable effect except decrease of intestinal gases and limitation of the putrefactive processes in the intestine. The urine also required longer than usual for ammoniacal fermentation. In a case reported by Dr. Kortüm,

900 grains (60 Gm.) are said to have been taken without bad effects. It is true that Neudörfer (*Internat. Klinisch. Rundsch.*, April, 1888) has shown that injection of creolin into the venous circulation of dogs produces a marked effect, but this may be mechanical, connected with the insolubility of the remedy. Fatal human poisoning by creolin has, however, occurred. Dr. Bitter (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, 1890) has seen restlessness, anxiety, nausea, amblyopia, and a tendency to syncope, with a peculiar strong taste of tea or smoke, produced by the drug. The urine in some of these cases was dark and strongly albuminous, evidently acute nephritis having set in. And Dr. Fliesburg (*Northwestern Lancet*, Dec. 1891) details a case of a three-weeks-old babe who was killed by 30 drops of undiluted creolin, the chief symptoms being those of violent irritation of the mouth and upper respiratory and digestive tracts. Death occurred chiefly through inflammation of the glottis.

Compared with other antiseptics, creolin seems to be innocuous. Externally, according to Neudörfer, the solution of 1 to 5 per 1000 is non-poisonous and very antiseptic. He claims that it does not affect the hands or instruments of the surgeon, and is the best of the antiseptics for practical purposes. *Creolin gauze*, as usually sold, contains from five to ten per cent. of the creolin; Neudörfer believes that the one per cent. is sufficiently strong. He recommends, especially for local use, the creolin in a powder combined with asbestos, in the proportion of five to one hundred; and for the disinfection of catheters and other instruments, a thirty-three per cent. solution with olive oil.

Internally, creolin is probably a very important remedy when it is desired to check fermentation in the alimentary canal. Locally applied, it has been largely used with great success in the treatment of *scabies*, in the form of a five-per-cent. ointment with vaseline. In *ammoniacal cystitis*, washing out the bladder with a half-per-cent. solution of creolin has yielded excellent results. It also seems to be a very effective local application in the treatment of *acute* and *chronic dysentery*, and also in the *cholera morbus of children*. In the case of adults, large enemas of a one-half of one per cent. solution may be used; in the case of infants the strength should be about one-half of this. As a local application in *gonorrhœa*, creolin has been used with alleged most excellent results, both in the form of bougies containing half a grain of creolin, and the injection of creolin dissolved in olive oil (1 in 3). For washing out the uterus after *labor*, the strength of the creolin solution should be one per cent.

Creolin is recommended by Jaksch as a deodorant to iodoform; a mixture of one to two per cent. of creolin with iodoform produces a compound *creolin-iodoform* of a faint aromatic odor, soluble in alcohol and ether, and believed to possess the therapeutic properties of iodoform. Water removes from it the creolin and leaves the iodoform.

Lysol is made by dissolving the fraction of tar oil which boils between 190° and 200° C. in fat, and subsequently saponifying with the addition of alcohol; it is a brown, oily-looking, clear liquid, with a feebly aromatic, creosote-like odor. It is described as containing 50 per cent. of cresols, miscible with water (forming a clear, saponaceous, frothing liquid), also with alcohol, petroleum spirit or benzin, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and glycerin. To the aqueous solution of the saponified cresols and fat, may be added any desired quantity of the higher phenols.

Lysol was introduced as a disinfectant by Dr. V. Gerlach (*Zeit. für Hygiene*, June, 1891), who, as the result of an elaborate research, found that both in pure cultures and in mixed masses of pathogenetic bacteria, it is more powerful as a germicide than is carbolic acid or creolin; that its one per cent. solution has a soapy feeling, and can be used for the purpose of disinfecting the hands without the use of soap; that for the purposes of disinfecting sputa and stools it is by far the most powerful of the germicides; that it is free from irritating properties, unless in strong solution, so that wounds may be sprayed with a three per cent. solution and absolutely disinfected; and that comparatively it is much less poisonous than carbolic acid, corrosive sublimate, or even creolin. One or two per cent. solutions were said to produce some slight transient burning when brought in contact with the mucous membranes. According to Lemke and Straube, 0·3 per cent. solution will, in fifteen minutes, completely arrest the development of pus organisms, and a 0·5 per cent. solution even remove the odor of putrefying flesh. The value of lysol as an antiseptic has been confirmed by Vulpius, by Michelsen, and other surgeons, and there can be little doubt as to its applicability to the needs of antisepsis, although various surgeons seem to find it a little more irritating than at first stated, and some condemn it as not superior to the older antiseptics. Szuman (*Nowiny Lekarskie*, June, 1891) affirms that a stronger than one per cent. solution produces irritation, and that even two parts to a thousand are irritating to the bladder. It does not injure the surgeon's hands or his metallic or rubber instruments; but celluloid articles are said to become friable and useless under its action. It is not free from poisonous properties, and may produce fall of temperature, and depression with nephritis.

Solveol and *Solutol* are said to be respectively solutions of sodium cresotate in excess of cresol, and of cresol in excess of sodium cresotate. They are affirmed to be about as poisonous as carbolic acid. Solveol has been especially praised, it being affirmed to be distinctly more powerful than carbolic acid as a germicide, and in a one-half to five per cent. solution a very valuable antiseptic, especially in major gynæcological operations. (See *Deutsch. Med. Wochen.*, Sept. 1892; *Journ. Méd. de Paris*, 1892.)

Paracresol is a patented disinfectant, to which the formula $C_6H_4 \begin{cases} CH_3\ (1) \\ OH\ (4) \end{cases}$ is ascribed. It is said to give with water in every proportion a pure, neutral, non-caustic, almost odorless solution, similar to that of carbolic acid, but more active and safer. It is evidently not paracresol, before described, as that has odor and is difficultly soluble in water.

CRESOL IODIDE. (Losophan.) $C_6HI_3(CH_3)OH$. A fine, yellowish powder, with a rather strong, not altogether disagreeable smell; insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, exceedingly so in oil. Merck (*Jahresbericht*, 1892, p. 77) describes it as obtained in colorless needles, fusing at 121·5° C. It contains 80 per cent. of iodine. A specimen prepared by Friedrich Baeyer & Co. was studied by Dr. Petersen. (*Münch. Med. Wochensch.*, July, 1891.) It was found to yield its iodine with difficulty, passing through the alimentary canal almost without absorption. Applied to the mucous membrane of the nose in *acute inflam-*

mation, it was found to act very well in checking secretion and lessening inflammatory action.

CRESOL-NAPHTOL. A brown, viscous, tar-like liquid, insoluble in, but emulsifying with, water. Guinard states that it is a very active germicide, and that it is impossible to produce poisoning in the lower animals by giving it by the mouth, largely on account of its inducing vomiting at once. Its aqueous solution, like that of other creolin products, has the disadvantage of depositing in wounds.

CRESOL SALICYLATES. *Cresalols.* $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\COC_6H_4.CH_3\end{cases}$. Salicylates may be prepared from ortho-, meta-, or para-cresol by a process similar to that used in the making of salol. They are insoluble in water, slightly soluble in cold alcohol, and are easily crystallized. Mr. Nencki states that they decompose in the alimentary canal, and are efficient substitutes for salol, and less poisonous. (*Compt.-Rend.*, Feb. 1889.)

CRESOTINIC ACID, or *Cresotic Acid*, $C_6H_3\begin{cases}CH_3\\OH\\COOH\end{cases}$, may exist as ortho, meta, or para modification, and is the homologue of salicylic acid, bearing the same relation to cresol that salicylic acid does to phenol. The cresotic acids may be made artificially from the cresols by a reaction analogous to that used in the manufacture of salicylic acid.

Only the para compound is used in medicine. It crystallizes in white needles, melting at 151° C. As long ago as 1876, *sodium cresotate* was proposed as an antipyretic, but the commercial drug furnished was proved to be a mixture of varying composition, and has been replaced by the pure sodium paracresotate, a white, finely crystallized powder, having a somewhat bitter taste, forming a permanent solution in twenty-four parts of hot water. It is made as stated by the Kolbe process of heating the sodium paracresol with carbon dioxide under pressure. M. Charteris (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, March, 1891) found that ortho- and para-cresotic acids act upon rabbits as poisons, the lethal dose being less than half a grain (0·032 Gm.) of the ortho, and one grain (0·064 Gm.) of the para, acid per pound. According to the experiments of Demme (*Wiener Med. Blätter*, Feb. 1870), sixty grains (3·88 Gm.) of the sodium paracresotate may be taken by man without producing very distinct symptoms, except an antipyretic action in cases of fever. The same authority used the drug with asserted good results in *acute articular rheumatism*. In some of the cases marked collapse occurred, in others erythematous eruption.

CROCUS OF ANTIMONY. *Saffron of Antimony.* This compound is formed during the deflagration of a mixture of equal weights of antimony tersulphide and potassium nitrate, to which one-twelfth of hydrochloric acid has been added. Fused crocus of antimony is in masses of a liver-brown color; the unfused is a saffron-brown insoluble powder, containing about four-fifths of teroxide, one-fifth of tersulphide. It was formerly used in making tartar emetic. (*Lond. Pharm.*, 1836.)

CRYPTOCARPA AUSTRALIS. Bentham. From the bark of this Queensland tree, Dr. T. L. Bancroft (*Austral. Journ. Phar.*, March, 1887) has separated an alkaloid which is said to be a powerful respiratory poison.

CUCUMBER OINTMENT. An emollient ointment, prepared from the common cucumber (fruit of *Cucumis sativus*), has been considerably employed in *irritated states of the skin*. The following is the mode of preparing it, recommended by Prof. Procter. Take of green cucumbers 7 pounds avoirdupois, pure lard 24 ounces, veal suet 15 ounces. Grate the washed cucumbers to a pulp, express, and strain the juice. Cut the suet into small pieces, heat it over a water-bath till the fat is melted out from the membrane; then add the lard, and, when melted, strain through muslin into an earthen vessel capable of holding a gallon, and stir until thickening commences, when one-third of the juice is to be added, and the whole beaten with a spatula till the odor has been almost wholly extracted. The portion which separates is to be decanted, and the remaining two-thirds of the juice are to be consecutively incorporated and decanted in the same manner. The jar is then closely covered and placed in a water-bath, until the fatty matter entirely separates from the juice. The green coagulum floating on the surface is now removed, and the jar put in a cool place that the ointment may solidify. The crude ointment is then separated from the watery liquid on which it floats, melted and strained, and placed in glass jars, which must be kept closely sealed. A layer of rose-water upon its surface will favor its preservation. A portion may be triturated with a little rose-water until white and creamy, and put into a separate jar for present use. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 409.)

M. Emile Mouchon prepares the ointment by obtaining the juice mixed with a little alcohol, and incorporating this with benzoinated lard and stearin. He directs 16 parts of the cucumber to be reduced to a pulp, 1 part of alcohol of 36° B. to be added, and the mixture to be placed on the diaphragm of a percolator. Twenty-four hours afterwards 10 parts of the liquid are obtained of 19° B. Of this liquid 6 parts are to be incorporated with 37·5 parts of benzoinated lard and 12·5 of stearin; the fatty matters having been previously melted together by means of a water-bath, and beaten vigorously on cooling. The liquid is to be added before the completion of the beating, which should then be continued until the whole becomes as light and white as possible. The benzoin and alcohol enable the ointment to keep a long time. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Juillet, 1854, p. 41.) We prefer to make this ointment by incorporating one part of distilled *spirit of cucumbers* with seven parts of benzoinated ointment. The spirit is made by distilling a mixture of one part of grated cucumbers with three parts of diluted alcohol, retaining the first two parts or distillate which come over. This spirit is permanent, and ointment or cream made from it keeps well.

CUCURBITA CITRULLUS. *Watermelon.* The seeds of the watermelon are employed, to a considerable extent, as a domestic remedy in *strangury* and other affections of the urinary passages. They have similar properties with the seeds of the other Cucurbitaceæ, of which four different kinds were formerly official under the name of the *greater cold seeds*,—viz., those of the *Cucurbita pepo* or pumpkin, the *Cucurbita lagenaria* or gourd, the *Cucumis melo* or muskmelon, and the *Cucumis sativus* or cucumber. These when bruised and rubbed up with water form an emulsion, which was formerly thought to possess considerable virtues, and was much used in *catarrhal affections*, *disorders* of the *bowels* and *urinary passages*, *fever*, etc., but they have been superseded by other more agreeable demulcents. Watermelon-seeds are also esteemed by

some as a diuretic. They are given in infusion, made with one or two ounces of the bruised seeds to a pint of water, and taken *ad libitum*. The melon itself is undoubtedly diuretic, and in the form of *Arbooznyi miod*, or *watermelon honey*, or as a freshly expressed juice, the Russian peasants are said to employ watermelon in the treatment of *dropsy*, *urinogenital affections*, *chronic hepatic congestion*, and *chronic intestinal catarrh*. Prof. Manassein (*Vrach*, Nov. 1881) found that the melon honey acts upon the lower animals as a very powerful diuretic. When it is injected intravenously, excessive urinary secretion begins immediately, and continues for from ten minutes to an hour. If the dose be sufficiently large, the arterial pressure will fall, the pulse become very rapid, and death occur from cardiac paralysis. Melon honey was found also to act as a paralyzant to the frog's heart.

The pulp of the root of *Cucurbita Lagenaria*, or gourd, is said by Dr. Chapin to be a powerful and even drastic purgative, and to be used by the natives of the Sandwich Islands successfully in dropsy. (See *N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, 1855, p. 203.)

CULILAWAN. *Cortex Culilaban.* An aromatic bark, produced by *Cinnamomum Culilawan* (*Laurus Culilawan*, Linn.), a tree of considerable size, growing in the Molucca Islands, Cochin-China, and other parts of the East. It is usually in flat or slightly rolled pieces, several inches long, an inch or more in breadth, and one or two lines thick. Sometimes the bark is thinner and more quilled, bearing considerable resemblance to cinnamon. The epidermis is for the most part removed, but when present is of a light brownish-gray color, soft to the touch, and somewhat spongy. The color of the bark itself is a dull, dark, cinnamon-brown, the odor highly fragrant, the taste agreeably aromatic, and not unlike that of cloves. The active constituent is a volatile oil, smelling like a mixture of the oils of cajuput and cloves. Culilawan has the medical properties of the aromatics, but is scarcely used at present. (See *Cortex Caryophyllata.*)

CUMIN SEED. Cyminum, *Lond.* Cuminum, *Ed.* *Cumin*, Fr. *Kreuzkümmel*, *Mutterkümmel*, *Römischer* (*langer*, *scharfer*) *Kümmel*, G. Cumin seeds are the fruit of the *Cuminum Cyminum*, an annual umbelliferous plant, about six or eight inches high, having a round, slender, branching stem, with numerous narrow, linear, pointed, smooth, grass-like leaves, of a deep-green color. The white or purple flowers are in numerous terminal umbels, which have very few rays, and are attended with general and partial involucres, consisting of three or four linear leaflets. The plant is a native of Egypt, but is cultivated for its fruit in Sicily, Malta, and other parts of Europe.

The cumin fruits (*seeds*) are elliptical, flat on one side, convex, furrowed, and rough on the other, about one-sixth of an inch in length, and of a light-brown color. Each has seven longitudinal ridges. Two fruits are sometimes seen united together. Their odor is peculiar, strong, and heavy; their taste warm, bitterish, aromatic, and disagreeable. They contain much essential oil, which is lighter than water, yellowish, and has the sensible properties of the seeds. It consists of three distinct oils, one a hydrocarbon, *cymene*, $C_{10}H_{14}$, recognized now as *methyl-propyl-benzene*, another *cuminol*, consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, $C_{10}H_{12}O$, which may be regarded as *cumin aldehyde*, $C_{10}H_{11}OH$, and the third a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$. Dumas, a long time since, obtained a cymene identical with that of oil of cumin seeds, by dehydrating camphor, and M. Paternó prepared it in a similar way from oil of turpentine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 409.) In his discovery M. Paternó seems, however, to have been preceded by several chemists, Mr. C. R. A. Wright apparently having the priority. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 117.) For details in regard to the question of priority and the method of preparing the cymene, the reader is referred to the papers just quoted, and to the *A. J. P.*, xliv. 452. Cumin aldehyde has also, together with cymene, been obtained from the seeds of *Cicuta virosa*. (Trapp, *Ann. Ch. Pharm.*, cviii. 386.) In medical properties cumin seeds resemble the other aromatic umbelliferous fruits, but are more stimulating. Dose, from fifteen grains to half a drachm (0·971 to 1·944 Gm.).

CUNILA MARIANA. *American Dittany.* A small indigenous perennial herb, growing on dry, shady hills, from New England to Georgia, and flowering in June and July. The whole herb has a warm pungent taste, and a fragrant odor, dependent on an essential oil, which, according to Mr. Philip Milleman, of Chicago, is of reddish-amber color, becoming light yellow by exposure to light, of a delicate, fragrant odor, very similar to that of oil of monarda, of a warm, pungent taste, and of the sp. gr. 0·920. It is readily soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform. On spontaneous evaporation, it leaves a small crystalline residue. Iodine decomposes it, producing white vapors; by sulphuric acid it is reddened and decomposed, by nitric acid resinified, and by hydrochloric acid decolorized, though its color returns on exposure. It is slightly rubefacient; in the dose of five or ten drops it is carminative, and of fifteen to twenty drops diaphoretic. The same author found in the dried herb tannic acid, a trace of glucose, gum, bitter extractive, resin, and salts of potassa, lime, magnesia, and iron. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1866, p. 495.) American dittany is a gently stimulant aromatic, analogous to the mints.

CUPRI ACETAS. *U. S.* 1880. *Acetate of Copper.* $Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2.H_2O$; 199·2. *Crystallized Verdigris. Crystals of Venus. Verdet, Cristaux de Vénus*, Fr. *Essigsaures Kupfer*, G. This salt may be prepared by dissolving verdigris in acetic acid, or by precipitating a concentrated solution of lead acetate with copper sulphate. It is the normal cupric acetate, as distinguished from the basic salts.

Properties. "Deep-green, prismatic crystals, yielding a bright-green powder, efflorescent on exposure to air, odorless, having a nauseating, metallic taste and an acid reaction. Soluble in 15 parts of water and in 135 parts of alcohol at 15° C. (59° F.), in five parts of boiling water and in 14 parts of boiling alcohol. When heated above 100° C. (212° F.), the salt loses its water of crystallization, and at a temperature above 200° C. (392° F.), it is gradually decomposed. The aqueous solution of the salt has a bluish-green color, which is rendered deep blue by an excess of ammonia. On heating the salt with sulphuric acid, acetous vapors are evolved. If the aqueous solution of the salt be treated with hydrosulphuric acid until all the copper is precipitated, the filtrate should leave no residue on evaporation (alkalies, alkaline earths, and iron). If the aqueous solution be heated to boiling with solution of soda in excess, it will yield a filtrate which should not be clouded by hydrosulphuric acid (abs. of lead, zinc)." *U. S.* 1880.

Verdigris (*Impure Subacetate of Copper*, U.S.

1870; *Aeruga*, P.G.; *Viride Æris, Subacetas Cupricus, Verdigris, Ærugo*, Lat.; *Acétate de Cuivre brut, Vert-de-gris, Acétate basique de Cuivre, Verdet-gris*, Fr.; *Grünspan, Spangrün, Basisches Essigsaures Kupfer* (*Kupferoxyd*), G.; *Verde Rame*, It.; *Cardenillo*, Sp.) is prepared in large quantities in the south of France, more particularly in the neighborhood of Montpellier. It is also manufactured in Great Britain and Sweden. In France the process is conducted in the following manner. Sheets of copper are stratified with the residue of the grape after the expression of the juice in making wine, and are allowed to remain in this state for a month or six weeks. At the end of this time the plates are found coated with a considerable quantity of verdigris. This is scraped off, and the plates are then replaced as at first, to be further acted on. The scrapings thus obtained form a paste, which is afterwards well beaten with wooden mallets, and packed in oblong leathern sacks, about ten inches in length by eight in breadth, in which it is dried in the sun, until the loaf of verdigris, as it is called, attains the proper degree of hardness. The rationale of the process is easily understood. The juice of the grape refuse undergoes the acetous fermentation, and the acetic acid attacking the copper forms the subacetate. In England a purer verdigris is prepared by alternating copper plates with pieces of woollen cloth steeped in pyroligneous acid. Verdigris comes to this country exclusively from France, being imported principally from Bordeaux and Marseilles. It occurs in masses of a pale-green color, and composed of a multitude of minute silky crystals. Sometimes, however, it occurs of a bright-blue color. Its taste is coppery. It is insoluble in alcohol, and, by the action of water, a portion of it is resolved into the neutral acetate which dissolves, and the tri-acetate which remains behind in the form of a dark-green powder, gradually becoming black. It is hence evident that, when verdigris is prepared by levigation with water, it is altered in its nature. When verdigris is acted on by sulphuric acid, it is decomposed, vapors of acetic acid being evolved, easily recognized by their vinegar odor. It is soluble almost entirely in ammonia, and dissolves in hydrochloric and dilute sulphuric acid, with the exception of impurities, which should not exceed 5 per cent. When of good quality, it has a lively green color, is free from black or white spots, and is dry and difficult to break. The green rust, called in popular language verdigris, which copper vessels are apt to be coated with when not kept clean, is a copper carbonate, and should not be confounded with true verdigris. Verdigris, apart from its impurities, is a variable mixture of the basic copper acetates.

The *blue* variety has approximately the composition $(C_2H_3O_2)_2Cu,Cu(OH)_2 + 5H_2O$. When treated with water it is gradually decomposed into two parts, according to the reaction: $3(Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2,Cu(OH)_2) = Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 2Cu(OH)_2$ and $2Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + Cu(OH)_2$. The latter of these products constitutes the *green* variety of verdigris. (Flückiger, *Pharm. Chem.*, p. 758.) The local and general action of verdigris upon the animal economy and the treatment of its poisoning are the same as those of copper sulphate. It is never used internally.*

* *Linimentum Æruginis, Mel Ægyptiacum, Unguentum Ægyptiacum.* This is an old preparation, formerly official in Great Britain. The following is the process for it given in the old *London* Pharmacopœia. "Take of Verdigris (Subacetate of Copper), in powder, *an ounce;* Vinegar *seven fluidounces;* Honey *fourteen ounces.* Dissolve the Verdigris in the Vinegar, and strain through linen; then gradually add the Honey, and boil down to a proper consistence." The ounces used here are troyounces. It sometimes happens, during the boiling of the acetic solution of the verdigris, that a red deposit rapidly forms, consisting of the red or suboxide of copper (cuprous oxide); and that at the end of the process, little or none of the metallic salt remains in the preparation. This happens especially when granular honey is employed. (Harley, *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 357.) The change is owing to the decomposition of the cupric oxide by the grape sugar of the honey, converting it into cuprous oxide. The inference is that, in making the preparation, so as to fulfil the objects of the original prescription, simple syrup should be used. It was formerly employed, either undiluted, or mixed with some mild ointment, to destroy *fungous granulations*, or to repress their growth. In the latter state, it acts as a stimulant to *flabby, indolent*, and *ill-conditioned ulcers;* and, largely diluted with water, it has been used as a gargle in *venereal ulcerations* of the mouth and throat. It is sometimes also applied undiluted, by means of a camel's-hair brush.

CUPRI ARSENITUM. *Copper Arsenite.* This salt was brought forward for the purpose of treating *diarrhœa* on the homœopathic principle, in the *Symptomen Codex* of Jahn, in 1865, and has within a few years been greatly lauded by Dr. John Aulde and other regular practitioners in the treatment of *diarrhœa, entero-colitis, cholera morbus*, and *dysentery.* It is to be given in doses of from one two-thousandth to one three-thousandth of a grain (0·00013 to 0·00020 Gm.), at intervals of from ten to twenty minutes, until some effect is produced. It does not seem to be sustaining its first reputation.

CUPRUM AMMONIATUM. *Ammoniated Copper. Cuprum Sulfuricum Ammoniatum*, P.G. *Ammonio-sulphate of Copper*, E. *Sulfate de Cuivre ammoniacal, Cuivre ammoniacal*, Fr. *Schwefelsaures Kupferoxyd-Ammoniak* (*Kupfer-Ammonium, Cuprammonium*), G. "Take of Copper Sulphate *half a troyounce;* Ammonium Carbonate *three hundred and sixty grains.* Rub them together in a glass mortar until effervescence ceases. Then wrap the Ammoniated Copper in bibulous paper, dry it with a gentle heat, and keep it in a well-stopped glass bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

When the two salts above mentioned are rubbed together, a reaction takes place between them, attended with the elimination of the water of crystallization of the copper sulphate, which renders the mass moist, and with the simultaneous escape of carbonic acid gas from the ammonium carbonate (sesquicarbonate), which occasions an effervescence. The color is at the same time altered, passing from the light blue of the powdered copper sulphate to a beautiful deep azure. The nature of the chemical changes which take place in the formation of what is commonly called "ammoniated copper" depends somewhat upon the conditions of action. When anhydrous cupric sulphate is exposed to the action of dry ammonia gas, the mass becomes heated, and a deep-blue powder, $CuSO_4 + 5NH_3$, results, which on exposure to the air is capable of exchanging the 5 mols. of ammonia for a corresponding amount of water. If, on the other hand, one part of powdered cupric sulphate be added to 3 parts of ammonia solution (sp. gr. 0·960), and after the subsidence of any ferric hydrate present as impurity, 6 parts of alcohol be added to the clear liquid, crystals will be formed of the composition $CuSO_4 + H_2O + 4NH_3$. If this preparation be allowed to remain exposed to the air, it will lose ammonia and water, and be changed into a mixture of basic sulphates. Ammoniated copper sulphate loses one molecule of NH_3 at 200° C. (392° F.), and at 260° C. (500° F.), only anhydrous sulphate remains, which frequently, however, contains cuprous oxide.

This salt has a beautiful deep azure-blue color, a strong ammoniacal odor, and a styptic, metallic taste. It is soluble in water, and the solution has an alkaline reaction on vegetable colors; but, unless there is excess of ammonium sesquicarbonate, the solution deposits copper subsulphate if much diluted. When exposed to the air it parts with ammonia, and is said to be ultimately converted into ammonium sulphate and copper carbonate. This change is apt to occur, to a greater or less extent, while it is drying. It should not, therefore, be prepared in large quantities at a time, and should be kept in well-closed bottles. By heat the whole of it is dissipated, except the copper oxide. Arsenous acid precipitates a green copper arsenite from its solution. Potassa, soda, lime water, and the acids are incompatible with it.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ammoniated copper has been thought to exercise an influence over the nervous system which renders it antispasmodic, and was formerly much employed in *epilepsy*, *chorea*, *hysteria*, etc. It is at present very seldom exhibited. In overdoses it produces vomiting, and the poisonous effects which result from the other preparations of copper. Dose, in pill or solution, a quarter or half a grain (0·016–0·03 Gm.), twice a day, and gradually increased to four or five grains (0·26–0·33 Gm.).

CURCUMA. *U. S.* 1870. *Turmeric. Curcuma Longa.* The root of this zingiberaceous plant is perennial, tuberous, palmate, and internally of a deep-yellow or orange color. The leaves are radical, large, lanceolate, obliquely nerved, sheathing at their base, and closely embrace each other. The scape or flower-stem, which rises from the midst of the leaves, is short, thick, smooth, and constitutes a spike of numerous imbricated bracteal scales, between which the flowers successively make their appearance. The plant is a native of the East Indies and Cochin-China, and is cultivated in various parts of southern Asia, particularly in China, Bengal, and Java, whence the root is exported. The best is said to come from China.

The dried root (*Safran des Indes*, *Souchet des Indes*, Fr.; *Kurkuma*, *Gelbwurz*, G.; *Curcuma*, It., Sp.; *Zirsood*, Arab.; *Huldie*, Hindoo) is in cylindrical or oblong pieces, about as thick but not as long as the finger, tuberculated, somewhat contorted, externally yellowish brown or greenish yellow, internally deep orange-yellow, hard, compact, breaking with a fracture like that of wax, and yielding a yellow or orange-yellow powder. Another variety, comparatively rare, is round or oval, about the size of a pigeon's egg, and marked externally with numerous annular wrinkles. Sometimes it comes cut into two transverse segments. It is distinguished by the name of *curcuma rotunda*, the former being called *curcuma longa*. The two varieties have a close resemblance in sensible properties, and are thought to be derived from the same plant, though formerly ascribed to different species of Curcuma. The odor of turmeric is peculiar; the taste warm, bitterish, and feebly aromatic. It tinges the saliva yellow. Analyzed by Pelletier and Vogel, it was found to contain lignin, starch, a peculiar yellow coloring matter called *curcumin*, a brown coloring matter, gum, an odorous and very acrid volatile oil, and a small quantity of calcium chloride. Curcumin was obtained, mixed with a little volatile oil (about 1 per cent.), by digesting the alcoholic extract of turmeric in ether, and evaporating the ethereal tincture. It has been obtained, by F. A. Daube, in deep-yellow crystals, of a diamond lustre, by a process which may be found in the *A. J. P.* (1871, p. 308). C. L. Jackson and Menke have submitted turmeric root to a thorough examination, and give the following results. The turmeric oil is first removed from the ground root by treatment with ligroine, then the curcumin mixed with a large quantity of resin is extracted with ether, and finally purified by crystallization from alcohol. The oil extracted by ligroine was dark yellow, and amounted to 11 per cent. of the root. The purified curcumin amounted to 0·3 per cent., and melted at 178° C. (352·4° F.). Analyses of the pure curcumin, of several of its salts, and of derivatives, show its formula to be $C_{14}H_{14}O_4$. (*Am. Chem. Journ.*, iv. 77.) It is brown in mass, but yellow in the state of powder, without odor or taste, insoluble in benzin, scarcely soluble in water, but very soluble in alcohol, ether, and the oils. It is a diatomic monobasic acid. When treated with weak oxidizing agents it yields vanillin. The alkalies rapidly change its color to a reddish brown; and paper tinged with tincture of turmeric is employed as a test of their presence. When treated with a mixture of sulphuric and boric acids it yields a product called *rosocyanin*, because it dissolves in alcohol with a fine red color, and is turned blue by alkalies. Its alcoholic solution produces colored precipitates with lead acetate, silver nitrate, and other salts. Turmeric is used for dyeing yellow; but the color is not permanent. Mr. James Cook has found in turmeric an alkaloid, which forms crystallizable salts with sulphuric and nitric acids, and, separated from these acids by ammonia, yields a semi-crystalline precipitate. He observed also indications of a second base. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1870.) Ivanow Gajewsky also states that there is an alkaloid in the root. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 641.)

This root is a stimulant aromatic, bearing some resemblance to ginger in its operation, and is much used in India as a condiment. It is a constant ingredient in the curries so generally employed in the East. In former times it had some reputation in Europe as a remedy in *jaundice;* but at present it is employed only to impart color to ointments and other pharmaceutic preparations.

Turmeric paper, used as a test, is prepared by tingeing white unsized paper with a tincture or decoction of turmeric. The tincture may be made with one part of turmeric to six parts of proof spirit; the decoction, with one part of the root to ten or twelve of water. The access of acid or alkaline vapors should be carefully avoided.

African Turmeric. Dr. Wm. F. Daniell has brought into notice a product, much used by the native Africans of Sierra Leone in dyeing, consisting of rhizomes, closely resembling the East Indian turmeric, having a similar odor and taste, and in like manner tingeing the saliva yellow, and imparting their coloring matter readily to alcohol and water. He found it to be derived from a Canna, supposed to be the *C. speciosa* of Roscoe. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1859.)

CURRY LEAVES. *Currie.* The leaves of the *Murraya Koenigii* (nat. ord. Rutaceæ), a tree of India, are very largely used in that country as an aromatic, stomachic stimulant; when powdered and mixed with spices and other substances it is called *curry powder*, and is largely used for seasoning food, rice, cooked dishes, etc.; it is also employed in *dyspepsia*, *diarrhœa*, and even *dysentery*. According to Mr. J. G. Prebble (*Pharmacographia Indica*, vol. i.), curry leaves yield to distillation a small quantity

of volatile oil, and also contain a greenish-black resin, and a glucoside, *Koenigin*. The clear oil extracted from the seeds is known as *Simabolee oil*.

CUTTLE-FISH BONE. *Os Sepiæ. Os de Sèche*, Fr. *Sepie, Weisses Fischbein*, G. This is a calcareous body, situated underneath the skin, in the back of the *Sepia officinalis*, or *cuttle-fish*, which inhabits the seas of Europe, especially the Mediterranean, in the waters of which the bone is not unfrequently found floating. It is oblong-oval, from five to ten inches long, and from one and a half to three inches broad, somewhat convex on both sides, with thin edges, of a rather firm consistence upon the upper surface, very friable beneath, and composed of numerous layers, loosely connected, so as to give to the mass a porous consistence. It is lighter than water, of a white color, a feeble sea odor, and a saline taste. It contains, according to John, from 80 to 85 per cent. of calcium carbonate, besides animal matter, a little common salt, and traces of magnesia. Reduced by levigation and elutriation to a fine powder, it may be given as an antacid like chalk or oyster-shell. It is sometimes used as an ingredient of tooth-powders. Small pieces of it are often put into bird-cages that the birds may rub their bills against them; and the powder is employed for polishing. Another product of the cuttle-fish is a blackish-brown liquor, secreted by a small gland into an oval pouch, communicating externally near the rectum by a long excretory duct, through which the animal is said to have the power of ejecting it at will. This, when taken from the fish, is dried, and used in making the water-color *sepia*.

CYCLAMEN EUROPÆUM. *Pain de Pourceau, Arthanite*, Fr. *Erdscheibe, Erdbrot, Schweinebrot*, G. *Sow-bread.* This is an herbaceous, perennial, stemless plant, belonging to the natural order Primulaceæ, which is indigenous in the south of Europe, and cultivated in gardens for the beauty of its purple flowers with reflected petals. The root is globular, with many branched fibres, almost black without, and white within, inodorous, and, when fresh, of a bitter, acrid, burning taste. By drying it loses much of its acrimony, and is said to be rendered edible by roasting. Hogs are said to root it up from the ground and to eat it with impunity; and hence its common French name. The root is a drastic cathartic, and is thought to have the power of producing abortion, for which purpose it is sometimes employed among the peasantry, who habitually use it as a cathartic. Sometimes, however, it has produced very serious effects, as inflammation of the alimentary canal, with bloody stools, cold sweats, and convulsive movements, which have even ended fatally. It is supposed to be capable of acting on the bowels when applied to the skin; and, in the form of an ointment, is said to be rubbed on the surface of the abdomen in children for the expulsion of worms. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) The root probably owes its acrimony, if not all its medicinal properties, to an active principle, first discovered many years since by Saladin, and named by him *arthanitin*, and more recently by S. De Luca, who has given it the more appropriate name of *cyclamin*. It is a glucoside, when boiled with diluted acids splitting into *cyclamiretin*, $C_{18}H_{22}O_2$, and glucose. It is white, amorphous, inodorous, and, when held a short time in the mouth, intensely acrid, extending its action even to the throat. With cold water it swells and becomes gelatinous, but is readily dissolved, and forms a solution which froths like soap and water, and is coagulated by a heat of about 65·5° C. (150° F.). Alcohol dissolves it with difficulty when cold, but freely when hot; it is soluble in glycerin with the aid of heat; and is insoluble in ether, chloroform, disulphide of carbon, and the essential oils. It contains no nitrogen; its formula being, according to an analysis by Klinger, $C_{20}H_{34}O_{10}$. Dr. T. W. C. Martius recommends the following method of preparing it. The tubers, collected in the autumn, dried and powdered, are mixed with animal charcoal, and exhausted at a boiling heat by alcohol of 0·825; the tincture is filtered, concentrated, and set aside for six or eight weeks, when the cyclamin is deposited. This should be washed on a filter with alcohol till it passes colorless; and if the filtrate be concentrated, and set aside, it will deposit a further quantity in a few weeks. The whole is then mixed with animal charcoal, and treated with boiling alcohol, which will slowly deposit the pure cyclamin on cooling. This principle was found by M. De Luca, by experiments on animals, to be poisonous, and he supposed it to resemble curare in its action, though less violent. Mutschler (*Ann. der Chimie*, clxxxv. 213) believes that cyclamin is identical with saponin. The dose of the powdered root is said to be from twenty to forty grains (1·29 to 2·59 Gm.).

CYDONIUM. *Quince Seed. Semen Cydoniæ*, P.G. *Semences (Pépins) de Coing, Semences de Coing*, Fr. *Quittenkerne, Quittensamen*, G. *Semi di Cotogno*, It. *Simiente de Membrillo*, Sp. The *Cydonia vulgaris, Pyrus Cydonia*, or common quince-tree is characterized as a species by its downy deciduous leaves. It is supposed to be a native of Crete, but grows wild in Austria, on the banks of the Danube. The fruit is about the size of a pear, yellow, downy, of an agreeable odor, and a rough, astringent, acidulous taste; and in each of its five cells contains from eight to fourteen seeds. Though not eaten raw, it forms a very pleasant confection; and a syrup prepared from it may be used as a grateful addition to drinks in sickness, especially in looseness of the bowels, which it is supposed to restrain by its astringency. The seeds, which were formerly official, are ovate, angled, reddish brown externally, white within, inodorous, and nearly insipid, being slightly bitter when long chewed. Their coriaceous envelope abounds in mucilage, which is extracted by boiling water. "About a quarter of an inch (6 Mm.) long, oval or oblong, triangularly compressed, brown, covered with a whitish, mucilaginous epithelium, causing the seeds of each cell to adhere. With water the seeds swell up, and form a mucilaginous mass. The unbroken seeds have an insipid taste." *U. S.* 1880. Two drachms of the seeds will render a pint of water thick and ropy. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 35.) It has been proposed to evaporate the decoction to dryness, and powder the residue. Three grains of this powder form a sufficiently consistent mucilage with an ounce of water. According to M. Garot, one part communicates to a thousand parts of water a semi-syrupy consistence. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iii. 298.) Dr. Pereira considers the mucilage as peculiar, and proposes to call it *cydonin*. It differs from arabin in not yielding a precipitate with potassium silicate, and from bassorin and cerasin in being soluble in water both hot and cold. Tollens and Kirchner (*Ann. d. Chimie*, clxxv. 205–226) assign to it the formula $C_{18}H_{28}O_{14}$, regarding it as a compound of gum, $C_{12}H_{20}O_{10}$, and cellulose, $C_6H_{10}O_5$, less one molecule of water. Quince mucilage is very bland, and may be used for the same purposes as

other mucilaginous liquids. The U. S. P. 1880 gave the following formula for its preparation. "Cydonium, *two parts* [or thirty-six grains]; Distilled Water, *one hundred parts* [or four fluidounces]. Macerate the Cydonium for half an hour, in a covered vessel, with the Distilled Water, frequently agitating. Then drain the liquid through muslin, without pressure. This preparation should be freshly made, when required for use."

CYNANCHUM VINCETOXICUM. R. Brown. *Asclepias Vincetoxicum.* Linn. *White Swallow-wort. Vincetoxicum. Dompte-venin, Hirundinaria,* Fr. *Schwalbenwurz, Giftwende,* G. A perennial, herbaceous European plant, the root of which was formerly esteemed a counterpoison, and hence the botanical name. It has a bitterish acrid taste, and, when fresh, a disagreeable odor, which is diminished by drying. Taken internally, especially in the recent state, it excites vomiting, and is capable, in larger quantities, of producing dangerous if not fatal inflammation of the stomach. It is said to be useful in *cutaneous diseases* and *scrofula.* Feneulle found in the root a principle analogous to emetin.

CYNARA SCOLYMUS. *Garden Artichoke.* This is a perennial plant, indigenous in the south of Europe, and cultivated in our gardens as a culinary vegetable. The receptacle and the lower portion of the fleshy leaflets of the flower-heads are eaten, and the other parts rejected. When young, the heads are cut up raw and eaten as salad; when older, they are boiled, and dressed variously. The flowers are said to curdle milk, and the plant to yield a good yellow dye. The leaves and their expressed juice are very bitter, and have been thought to be actively diuretic. They have been used in *dropsies* and *rheumatic affections.* (See *Lancet,* 1843.)

CYNOGLOSSUM OFFICINALE. *Hound's Tongue. Langue de Chien,* Fr. *Hundszunge,* G. A biennial plant, common both in Europe and in this country. The leaves and root have been employed, but the latter has been generally preferred. The fresh plant has a disagreeable narcotic odor resembling that of mice, which is dissipated by drying. The taste is nauseous, bitterish, and mucilaginous. Different opinions as to its powers have been entertained, some considering it nearly inert, others as a dangerous poison. Dr. Diedülin, of St. Petersburg, Russia, affirms that an extract of this plant will paralyze the motor nerves in vertebrate animals; and J. Setschenow, of Grätz, states that, upon introducing a piece of the extract, about as large as the head of a pin, which he had received from Dr. Diedülin, into the dorsal lymph sac of each one of four frogs, he produced total paralysis of motion in from five to ten minutes; the heart continuing to beat, the irritability of the muscles continuing, and sensation remaining undisturbed. (See *Med. and Surg. Reporter,* 1868, p. 153.) Hound's tongue has been used as a demulcent and sedative in *coughs, catarrh, spitting of blood, dysentery,* and *diarrhœa;* and has been applied externally in *burns, ulcers,* and *goitre.* The *pilulæ de cynoglosso* owe their properties chiefly to opium.

CYPERUS ARTICULATUS. *Adrue.* This *Guinea rush* is said to be largely used in its native country as an anti-emetic and tonic. Dose, of fluid extract, 30 minims (1·85 C.c.). (*New Mat. Med.*)

CYPRESS OIL. An oil derived from the *Cupressus sempervirens* has been strongly recommended by Bravo in *whooping-cough;* it is used by sprinkling the clothes, bed, etc., about the patient.

CYTISUS LABURNUM. *Laburnum.* The laburnum is a small tree, indigenous in the higher mountains of Europe, and cultivated, throughout the civilized world, in gardens and pleasure-grounds for the beauty of its flowers, which appear early in the spring in rich pendent yellow clusters. All parts of the plant are probably poisonous. A large number of cases of poisoning by the laburnum plant are on record. In one notable instance fifty-eight boys were poisoned simultaneously by the roots; the symptoms were intense sleepiness, vomiting, convulsive movements, coma, slight frothing at the mouth, and unequally dilated pupils. (*Med. Times and Gaz.,* vol. ii., 1875.) In some cases the diarrhœa has been severe. The convulsions have at times been markedly tetanic; widespread anæsthesia has been noted, and also excessive mydriasis, with loss of the pupillary reflex. (See previous editions of the U. S. Dispensatory; *Arbeiten Pharm. Instit. Dorpat,* ii., 1888; *Le Mouvement Méd.,* 1875, No. 28; *Dub. Quart. Journ.,* 1863, p. 248; *Med. Times and Gaz.,* Sept. 1862; *Lancet,* Aug. 1870.) Caventou found in the flowers an odorous fixed oil, gum, lignin, gallic acid, and traces of calcium sulphate and chloride. MM. Chevallier and Lassaigne discovered in the seeds a peculiar principle, to which they gave the name of *cytisin.* This was a white, amorphous, deliquescent, non-nitrogenous substance, of a bitter nauseous taste, soluble in water and weak alcohol, and insoluble in ether. In small doses it produced, in several animals of different species, vomiting, convulsions, and death; and eight grains taken by Chevallier himself caused threatening symptoms, which disappeared under the free use of lemonade. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) Dr. Th. Scott Gray found in laburnum three distinct principles, an acid which he named *laburnic,* and two other substances, both of them bitter and neutral, which he proposed to call *laburnin* and *cystin.* Marmé considers laburnic acid to have been a mixture of inorganic and organic acids, and that Scott Gray's bitter principles were impure. Drs. Husemann and Marmé discovered in 1864 an alkaloid in laburnum, which they called *cytisine,* and described as a white, crystalline solid, of a bitter somewhat caustic taste, soluble in water and alcohol, but scarcely at all soluble in ether, chloroform, benzol, or carbon disulphide. It is strongly basic, and has the composition $C_{20}H_{27}N_3O$. A second alkaloid, *laburnine,* was also announced by them. (*Chem. News,* July 16, 1869, p. 36.) Partheil (*Arch. der Pharm.,* 1892, p. 448) has since studied cytisine, and gives it the formula $C_{11}H_{14}N_2O$, which has been adopted by other authorities. He considers it to be identical with the *ulexine* of the *Ulex Europæus.* When cytisine is distilled with soda lime, a pyridine derivative is obtained, besides a base, $C_9H_{13}N$, which is possibly a hydroquinoline. Cytisine is stated to be found also in arnica flowers.

Cytisine has been studied physiologically by Kobert and Radziwillowicz (*loc. cit.*). They find that in the lower animals the symptoms resemble somewhat those of strychnine-poisoning, but are attended with much vomiting of centric origin; that the alkaloid depresses even in the living organism ozonizing properties of the red corpuscles; that it first excites and afterwards paralyzes the centre of respiration, and probably in this way causes death; that it also powerfully stimulates the vasomotor centres, producing a marked elevation of blood pressure which is independent of the heart and is

followed, if the dose have been large enough, by a gradual fall of pressure, due to paralysis of the vaso-motor centres. The motor side of the spinal cord is also strongly excited by small, and finally paralyzed by large, doses. The peripheral ends of the motor nerves are paralyzed in a curare-like method. The alkaloid also seems to have a distinct action upon the uterus, and has frequently produced abortion. Therapeutic trials were made with the alkaloid in hypodermic doses of 0·005 Gm., or by the mouth in one- to three-drop doses of the one per cent. solution, in conditions of *psychical depression*, without much effect. Dr. Gray (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1862) found laburnum to produce in man narcotic effects, and believed that he obtained advantage from its use in various forms of *vomiting*, also in *bronchitis*, *whooping-cough*, and *asthma*.

DAMIANA. Under this name have been sold in the American market as aphrodisiacs several distinct Mexican drugs. According to Mr. Wellcome, there were in 1875 (*A. J. P.*, xlvii.) at least three of these, each claiming to be genuine.

Of these various drugs, one had a smooth, dark-green, broadly lanceolate, dentate leaf, usually having six teeth on each side, heavy mid-rib, and ribs extending to the point of the teeth, from two to five lines in width and from six to twelve in length; the stem was red and woody, and the leaves gave a minty flavor when chewed. The second variety had a light-green, obovate, deeply-toothed leaf, having three and occasionally four teeth on each side, with a heavy mid-rib, and branching ribs extending to the edge. The surface was rough, and both sides were covered with short hairs. It was from two to five lines in width and five to eight in length. Its flavor, when chewed, reminded of sage; the stem was very woody, and near the apex it was quite hairy. In the third variety the leaf was light green, lanceolate, three teeth on each side, which terminated in hard, sharp points; it had a distinct mid-rib, and was rather indistinctly veined; was from one and a half to three lines in width and four to ten in length. It was quite thick and had a rough surface, with occasional black dots. To the naked eye the leaf appeared to be covered with shining scales, which, under the glass, appeared as minute resin-like globules. This was the only specimen accompanied by flowers. They were compound, with yellow florets and white pappus; the stem was woody, with green epidermis, and covered with resinous secretion. In 1882 there were two damianas in the Philadelphia market. One was chiefly composed of pieces of stems and branches, but contained enough of floral heads and leaves to show that it was the third variety of Mr. Wellcome, and was the product of *Bigelovia veneta*, Gray (*Aplopappus discoideus*, De C.). (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*, xxxiv. 180.) The second variety was that considered by the introducers as *genuine damiana*. It was the leaves and terminal twigs of a Turnera, supposed by some to be a new species, *T. aphrodisiaca*, but which is probably only a variety of *T. microphylla*, De C. It is this drug which now (1893) constitutes the damiana of commerce. The leaves are from three to eight lines long, one to three lines broad, obovate to lanceolate, 8 to 10 sharp-toothed, smooth or with a few hairs on ribs below, mid-rib marked with, in some cases, strong, straight veins running to the edge between the teeth; in other cases veins branched and sending a final vein into the tooth; stems fine, woody, reddish, ends of branches hairy. F. W. Rantzer (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 69) has examined the leaves of *Turnera aphrodisiaca*. He obtained about one-half per cent. of an amber-colored, volatile oil, with a heavy aromatic odor, and a warm, camphoraceous, and bitter taste. They contained also tannin, two tasteless resins, and extractive.

The published reports as to the value of the drug vary greatly, some having had great success with it in *sexual atony*, others finding it useless; it is probably merely tonic. An ounce (31·1 Gm.) of the leaves, either in the form of infusion or fluid extract, may be given daily.

DANAIS FRAGRANS. In this Madagascar plant, whose root is said to be tonic and antiperiodic, Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen found a glucoside, *danain*. (*A. J. P.*, 1886.)

DAPHNANDRA. The bark of several species of Australian trees belonging to the genus Daphnandra is asserted to be rich in poisonous alkaloids. (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1887.) Dr. Bancroft states that the active alkaloid is soluble in water, and to some extent is antagonistic to strychnine.

DERMATOL. (See *Bismuthi Gallas.*)

DIALYSIS. This name was given by the late Prof. Graham, Master of the Mint, London, to a process based upon the different diffusibility of liquids, by which mixed substances may often be separated from each other, and important ends thus obtained. For a brief history of Dialysis, see p. 1781, U. S. D., 16th edition.

DIANTHUS CARYOPHYLLUS. *Clove Pink.* Of the ordinary garden pink those specimens should be selected for medicinal use which have the deepest red color, and the most aromatic odor. The petals should not be collected till the flower is fully blown, and should be employed in the recent state. They have a fragrant odor, thought to resemble that of the clove. Their taste is sweetish, slightly bitter, and somewhat astringent. Both water and alcohol extract their sensible properties, and they yield a fragrant essential oil by distillation. In Europe they are employed to impart color and flavor to a *syrup*, used as a vehicle. The Edinburgh Pharmacopœia directed this to be made by macerating one part of the flowers, without their claws, in four parts of boiling water for twelve hours, then filtering, and adding seven parts of sugar.

DIAPHORETIC ANTIMONY. *Antimonium Diaphoreticum. Potassii Biantimonias.* This compound is directed, in the French Codex, to be formed by deflagrating in a red-hot crucible, and keeping red-hot for half an hour, a mixture of pure antimony with twice its weight of potassium nitrate, both being in fine powder. The product, washed with water and dried, is *washed diaphoretic antimony*. For improved process see 14th edition of U. S. Dispensatory, p. 1640. Dose, two to three drachms (7·77 to 11·66 Gm.). Weak, variable, rarely used.

DICTAMNUS ALBUS. *White Fraxinella. Bastard Dittany.* The aromatic bitter bark of the root of this European plant was formerly used. Störck gave it in *intermittents*, *worms*, *amenorrhœa*, *hysteria*, and *epilepsy*. Dose, a scruple to a drachm (1·29 to 3·88 Gm.).

DIERVILLA TRIFIDA. Moench. *D. Canadensis.* Muhl. *Bush Honeysuckle.* A low, erect, indigenous shrub, growing especially in rocky places throughout the Northern States. The whole plant is supposed to be possessed of diuretic and astringent properties, and is given in infusion by the "eclectics" in diseases of the urinary passages.

DINITROCRESOL. $C_6H_2(NO_2)_2\begin{cases}CH_3\\OH\end{cases}$. Commercial "*Saffron Substitute*" is a mixture of the potassium salts of dinitro-ortho- and para-cresols. It is said to have been sold for saffron in Berlin, with fatal results. (*Rundschau*, Prague, 1887.)

DIOSCOREA VILLOSA. (*Gray's Manual*, p. 480.) *Wild Yam-root. Colic-root. Rheumatism-root.* An indigenous perennial creeper, with long, branching, contorted, fibrous, ligneous roots. It grows from Maine to Wisconsin, and southward also. For an excellent illustrated microscopical description of the plant, by Prof. E. S. Bastin, see *Western Druggist*, 1885, p. 203. The roots are used by the "eclectics," who consider them efficacious in *bilious colic*, and by the Southern negroes in *rheumatism*. W. C. Kalteyer found saponin in it in considerable quantity. (*A. J. P.*, 1888.) A substance called improperly *dioscorein*, obtained by precipitating the tincture with water, is used in a dose of from one to four grains (0·064 to 0·259 Gm.). Dose, four to eight fluidounces (118·2 to 236·5 C.c.) of decoction (℥i–Oi); ten minims to one fluidrachm (0·62 to 3·69 C.c.) of fluid extract.

DIOSPYROS. *Persimmon. Date-plum. Fruits de Plaqueminier de Virginie*, Fr. *Persimmonfrüchte, Dattelpflaumen*, G. The *Diospyros Virginiana*, or persimmon, is an indigenous tree, rising sometimes in the Southern States to the height of sixty feet, with a trunk twenty inches in diameter; but seldom attaining more than half that size near its northern limits, and often not higher than fifteen or twenty feet. The stem is straight, and in the old tree covered with a furrowed blackish bark. The branches are spreading; the leaves ovate-oblong, acuminate, entire, smooth, reticulately veined, alternate, and supported on pubescent footstalks. The buds are smooth. The male and female flowers are on separate trees. They are lateral, axillary, solitary, nearly sessile, of a pale-orange color, and not conspicuous. The fruit is a globular berry, dark yellow when ripe, and containing numerous seeds in a soft yellow pulp. The dried, roasted, and ground seeds are used in some parts of Georgia as a substitute for coffee. (*Med. and Surg. Reporter*, 1873, p. 437.)

This tree is very common in the Middle and Southern States, but, according to Michaux, does not flourish beyond the forty-second degree of north latitude. The flowers appear in May or June; but the fruit is not ripe till the middle of autumn. While green, the fruit is excessively astringent, and in this form was formerly included in the U. S. Secondary list; but, when perfectly mature, and after being touched by the frost, it is sweet and palatable. The unripe fruit, according to Mr. B. R. Smith, of Philadelphia, contains tannic acid, sugar, malic acid, coloring matter, and lignin. (*A. J. P.*, xviii. 167.) The tannic acid was considered by Mr. John E. Bryan not to be of the kind existing in galls and oak-bark. (*Ibid.*, xxxii. 215.) Charropin (*Pharmacographia*, p. 403), however, believes the tannic acid to be identical with that of nutgalls, and finds besides an abundance of pectin, glucose, and a yellow coloring matter insoluble in water, but dissolving freely in ether. Wm. Schleif, Jr. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 390) has extracted the crystalline principle of the persimmon-bark. It was obtained in crystalline masses, soft and waxy when freshly crystallized from alcohol or ether, drying to a brownish granular mass of peculiar odor and slightly astringent taste, soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, very slightly in water. Heated to 258° C. it darkens considerably, and is decomposed at 262° C. Schleif considers it to be a resin from its chemical properties. The persimmon has been used by Dr. Mettauer in *diarrhœa, chronic dysentery*, and *uterine hemorrhage*. He gave it in infusion, syrup, and vinous tincture, prepared in the proportion of about an ounce of the fresh green fruit to two fluidounces of the liquid, and administered in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.) or more for infants, and half a fluidounce (14·7 C.c.) or more for adults. The bark is astringent and very bitter, and is said to have been used advantageously in *intermittents*, and in the form of a gargle in *ulcerated sore throat*.

DIOXYNAPHTHALENE ($C_{10}H_8O_2$) may exist in several modifications, the best known being the *α* and *β hydronaphthoquinones*. They are diatomic phenols in character. Dioxynaphthalene has been physiologically investigated by Lépine (*La Semaine Méd.*, No. 31, 1887), who finds that it produces in dogs and guinea-pigs violent convulsions, alteration in the color of the blood, due to the formation of methæmoglobin, and blackening of the urine. He claims that in asthenic persons three grains (0·194 Gm.) a day increase power.

DIPPEL'S ANIMAL OIL. *Oleum Cornu Cervi.* This oil was formerly produced in the process of obtaining ammoniacal products from bone or horn. For properties, see early editions U. S. D.

DIRCA PALUSTRIS. *Leather Wood.* An indigenous shrub, usually very small, but sometimes attaining the height of five or six feet, growing in boggy woods, and other low wet places, in almost all parts of the United States. The berries, which are small, oval, and of an orange color, are said to be narcotic and poisonous. The tough bark, in the fresh state, has a peculiar rather nauseous odor, and an unpleasant acrid taste, and when chewed excites a flow of saliva. It yields its acrimony completely to alcohol, but imperfectly to water even by decoction. Six or eight grains of the fresh bark produce violent vomiting, preceded by a sense of heat in the stomach, and often followed by purging. Applied to the skin it slowly excites redness and ultimately vesicates. It is analogous to mezereon in its medical as well as botanical characters.

DITA. *Ecorce de Dita*, Fr. *Ditarinde*, G. This is the bark of a tree, *Alstonia Scholaris*, R. Br. (*Echites Scholaris*, L.), belonging to the family of Apocynaceæ, and growing in the Philippine Islands. It occurs in pieces three to six inches long and three to four lines thick, sometimes flat, sometimes slightly curved; its internal surface is fibrous and of a brown sepia tint; its section has the color of leather, and its external surface is of the same tint, with brown spots. It is compact, but readily pulverized; is without odor, and has a taste at first slight, afterwards decidedly bitter. M. Gruppe extracted from it, by a process similar to that used in obtaining quinine, an uncrystallizable, hygroscopic, very bitter principle, to which he gave the name of *Ditaine*, and which has been used with asserted success as a substitute for quinine. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 225; xix. 84; *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1875.) Harnack (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 1878) first obtained ditaine in pure crystallized form, and gave it the formula $C_{20}H_{30}N_2O_4$. The action of ditaine has been examined by Dr. Erich Harnack (*Ditaine*, Leipsic, 1877), who finds that in the frog it acts as a paralyzant upon the motor nerve-centres, also upon the motor nerve-trunks, and that it is a paralyzant

to the vagi. Upon mammals its influence resembles closely that of curare. The peripheral nerve-endings are paralyzed by it, as are also the peripheral vagi and the vaso-motor nerves. O. Hesse (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 23, 1880) finds in Dita the following principles: Three alkaloids: *ditamine*, $C_{16}H_{19}NO_2$, the relative amount of which he estimates at 0·04 per cent.; *echitamine*, $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_4 + H_2O$ (identical, according to Hesse, with Harnack's ditaine); and *echitenine*, $C_{20}H_{27}NO_4$. Of these, the second is the strongest base, and resembles ammonia in its chemical characters. Hesse considers the compound given above with one molecule of water as the hydroxide of a strong basic radical, *echitammonium*, $C_{22}H_{29}N_2O_4$. The solutions of *echitammonium hydroxide* are so strongly basic that they precipitate the hydrates of copper, iron, aluminum, and lead, and decompose sodium and potassium chlorides, liberating the corresponding hydrates. Hesse considers echitammonium the most strongly basic of all the alkaloids. Hesse also obtained by extraction with petroleum benzin *echicaoutchin*, *echiretin*, *echicerin*, *echitin*, and *echitein*, of which the three last mentioned are crystalline. Dita bark has been used as a tonic and in *dysentery*. Dose, of fluid extract, eight to ten minims (0·5 to 0·61 C.c.). For microscopic characters of bark see *Newer Mat. Med.*

DITANA DIGITIFOLIA. This alleged medical plant seems to be a myth. (Dr. H. H. Rusby. *T. G.*, iii. p. 588.)

DITHIO-CARBONATE OF LIME. $CaCOS_2$. This orange-red crystalline, hygroscopic powder, slightly soluble in water, less so in alcohol, has been especially employed by Tommasoli and Vicini (*Monatsch. f. Prakt. Dermatol.*, 1892) as a local application in *eczema*, *psoriasis*, *lupus*, *purulent venereal* and other *skin diseases*, in the form of a five per cent. salve or a somewhat strong aqueous solution. A twenty per cent. solution produced distinct burning irritation and even pustulation. Sabbatini states that the one per cent. solution inhibits, but does not kill, pyogenic micro-organisms. Exposed to the air, its aqueous solution undergoes decomposition, with the separation of sulphur and hydrogen sulphide.

DITHIO-SALICYLIC ACID. $\left.\begin{matrix}C_6H_3(OH)COOH.S\\C_6H_3(OH)COOH.S\end{matrix}\right\rangle$. According to *Oest. Zeitsch. f. Pharm.* (1889, 298), dithio-salicylic acid, a proposed substitute for salicylic acid, is made by heating equal molecules of *sulphur chloride* and salicylic acid to 120°–150° C., dissolving the light-yellow fusion in sodium hydrate, and precipitating the acid, by addition of HCl, as a resinous straw-colored mass, forming, after pulverization, a light-yellow powder, easily soluble in alcohol, benzol, and glacial acetic acid. The sodium salt of the acid, *Sodium dithiosalicylate*, is said by Dr. Lindenborn (*Rép. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1889) to be preferable in the treatment of *rheumatism* to salicylic acid, because more energetic and less apt to disturb the digestion. It is also said, as an antiseptic, fully to equal *sodium salicylate*. Dose, three grains (0·194 Gm.), repeated according to circumstances. Ten grains (0·647 Gm.) are said to produce nausea, tinnitus aurium, and sweating.

DOUNDAKÉ. *Quinquina Africaine. Kina du Rio Nunez.* The *Sarcocephalus esculentus* of Africa yields a bark which is said to be an astringent and tonic febrifuge. For a description of the bark and its chemical characteristics, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. p. 49. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen do not believe that doundaké contains an alkaloid, but attribute its power to three distinct principles of a resinous nature, the first of which is of an orange-yellow color and very bitter, soluble in water, alcohol, and potash, the second light yellow in color, soluble in potash but not in water, the third soluble in potash, insoluble in water and in alcohol. (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1886, p. 435.)

DRACONTIUM. *Skunk Cabbage. Skunk Weed. Polecat Weed. Racine de Pothos fétide*, Fr. *Stinkende Drachenwurzel*, G. *Symplocarpus fœtidus.* Salisbury. *Dracontium fœtidum.* Willd. *Ictodes fœtidus.* Bigelow. The rhizome is perennial, large, abrupt, and furnished with numerous fleshy fibres, which penetrate to the depth of two feet or more. The spathe, which is the first part of the plant to appear, is ovate, acuminate, obliquely depressed at the apex, auriculated at the base, folded inward at the edges, and of a brownish-purple color, varied with spots of red, yellow, and green. Within the spathe, the flowers, which resemble it in color, are placed in great numbers upon a globose peduncled spadix, for which they form a compact covering. After the spathe has decayed, the spadix continues to grow, and when the fruit is mature, has attained a size exceeding several times its original dimensions. At the base of each style is a roundish seed, immersed in the spadix, about the size of a pea, and speckled with purple and yellow. The leaves, which appear after the flowers, are numerous and crowded, oblong-cordate, acute, smooth, strongly veined, and attached to the rhizome by long petioles, which are hollowed in front, and furnished with colored sheathing stipules. At the beginning of May, when the leaves are fully developed, they are very large, being from one to two feet in length, and from nine inches to a foot in breadth. The plant is abundant in wet places throughout the northern and middle sections of the Union. Its flowers appear in March and April, and in the lower latitudes often so early as February. The fruit is usually quite ripe and the leaves are decayed before the end of August. All parts of it have a fetid odor, dependent upon an extremely volatile principle, which is rapidly dissipated by heat. The rhizome should be collected in autumn, or early in spring, and dried with care.

The rhizome consists of two portions; the body, either whole or in transverse slices, and the separated radicles. The former, when entire, is cylindrical or in the shape of a truncated cone, two or three inches long by about an inch in thickness, externally dark brown and very rough from the insertion of the radicles, internally white and amylaceous. The latter are of various lengths, about as thick as a hen's quill, very much flattened and wrinkled, white within, and covered by a yellowish or reddish-brown epidermis, considerably lighter colored than the body of the rhizome. More or less of the fetid odor remains for a considerable period in the dried rhizome. The taste, though less decided than in the fresh, is still acrid, manifesting itself, after it has been chewed for a short time, by a pricking and smarting sensation in the mouth and throat. The acrimony, however, is dissipated by heat, and is quite lost in decoction. It is also diminished by time and exposure; and it should not be kept longer than a single season. The radicles are said to have less acrimony than the caudex. The seeds are very acrid, and, though inodorous when whole, give out, when bruised, the peculiar odor of the plant.

The rhizome is stimulant, antispasmodic, and narcotic; occasioning nausea and vomiting, with headache, vertigo, and dimness of vision. Dr. Bigelow has witnessed these effects from thirty grains of the recently dried rhizome. It has been used with alleged success in *asthma*, *chronic catarrh*, *chronic rheumatism*, *chorea*, *hysteria*, and *dropsy*. Dose of powder, ten to twenty grains (0·647 to 1·29 Gm.), repeated and increased till some evidence of its action is afforded. The rhizome itself, as kept in the shops, is of uncertain strength, in consequence of its deterioration by age.

DRAGON'S BLOOD. *Sanguis Draconis. Sang-dragon*, Fr. *Drachenblut*, G. This is a resinous substance obtained from the fruit of several species of *Calamus*, especially *C. Rotang* and *C. Draco*, small palms, growing in Siam, the Molucca Islands, and other parts of the East Indies. On the surface of the fruit, when ripe, is an exudation, which is separated by rubbing, or shaking in a bag, or by exposure to the vapor of boiling water, or finally by decoction. The finest resin is procured by the two former methods. It comes in two forms: sometimes in small *oval masses*, of a size varying from that of a hazelnut to that of a walnut, covered with the leaves of the plant, and connected in a row like beads in a necklace; sometimes in *cylindrical sticks*, eighteen inches long and from a quarter to half an inch in diameter, thickly covered with palm leaves, and bound round with slender strips of cane. In both these forms, it is of a dark reddish-brown color, opaque, and readily pulverizable, affording a fine scarlet powder. It sometimes comes also in the form of a reddish powder, and in small irregular fragments or tears. An inferior kind, said to be obtained by boiling the fruit in water, is in *flat circular cakes*, two or three inches in diameter and half an inch thick. This also yields a fine red powder. A fourth variety, much inferior even to the last mentioned, is in *large disks*, from six to twelve inches in diameter, by an inch in thickness, mixed with various impurities, as pieces of the shell, stem, etc., and supposed to be derived from the fruit.

According to the British Resident at Pontianak (1891), dragon's blood is sent into commerce from Pontianak, first, in flat cakes of various dimensions; second, in small cakes from three to seven inches long and an inch wide; third, in long pipes; whilst the regular cakes of dragon's blood, three inches wide, three inches long, and a quarter-inch thick, are manufactured at Singapore. A substance known by the name of dragon's blood is derived by exudation from the trunk of *Dracæna Draco*, a large tree inhabiting the Canary Islands and the East Indies, and another from *Pterocarpus Draco*, a tree of the West Indies and South America, by incision into the bark. These last, however, are little known in commerce. *Drop Dragon's Blood* is the product of the *Dracæna schizantha* of Socotra. It is occasionally seen in the London market. It is in small tears and fragments, seldom exceeding an inch in length, has a clean glassy fracture, and in thin pieces is transparent and of a splendid ruby color. It may be distinguished from true dragon's blood by the absence of shell-like scales, and by not evolving the irritating fumes of benzoic acid when heated.

Dragon's blood is inodorous and tasteless, insoluble in water, but soluble in alcohol, ether, and the volatile and fixed oils, with which it forms red solutions. According to Herberger, it consists of 90·7 parts of a red resin, which he calls *draconin*, 2·0 of fixed oil, 3·0 of benzoic acid, 1·6 of calcium oxalate, and 3·7 of calcium phosphate. Johnston (*Journ. Pract. Chem.*, xxvi. p. 145) gives the formula $C_{10}H_{10}O_2$ to the resin, while Dobbie and Henderson (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 327) give $C_{18}H_{18}O_4$ as the formula of the same. By distilling the resin, *toluene*, C_6H_5,CH_3, and *styrene*, C_8H_8, have been obtained. *Cinnamic acid* has also been noted by Hirschsohn. By distillation with caustic potash, it yields *phloroglucin*, *protocatechuic acid*, and *paraoxybenzoic* and *oxalic acids*. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 674.) It was formerly employed in medicine as an astringent, but is nearly or quite inert, and is now never given internally. It is sometimes used to impart color to plasters, but is valued chiefly as an ingredient of paints and varnishes.

Messrs. Dobbie and Henderson have found that the dragon's blood resins are chemically of several varieties. (See *Journ. Chemical Soc.*, April, 1884, or *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 327.)

DROSERA. *Sundews. Herba Rorellæ. Rossolis, Rosée du Soleil*, Fr. *Sonnenthau*, G. *D. rotundifolia* and *longifolia* are said to be useful in *phthisis*, but they are probably of no value. (See *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvii. 225.)

DUBOISIA. The genus Duboisia belongs to the Salpiglossideæ, a suborder of the Scrophulariaceæ, which differs so widely from its associate suborders that by some botanists it is believed to be more closely related with the Solaneæ than with the order in which it is usually placed; a view which is confirmed by the chemical history of the genus. It is especially distinguished by its anthers being one-celled, and its fruit an indehiscent berry, with a few curved seeds and a crustaceous tubercular rugose testa.

D. myoporoides is a tall, glabrous shrub or small tree, with alternate obovate-oblong or oblong-lanceolate entire leaves, which are two to four inches long, about an inch wide, and contracted into the petiole. The small flowers are of a white or pale-lilac color, arranged in terminal panicles. The berry is nearly globular. The tree is a native of Australia, and has been found in New South Wales, New Caledonia, and Queensland. The medical properties of the leaves of this plant were made known by Baron von Mueller, who received them from Dr. J. Bancroft, with the statement that they would be found to act like stramonium leaves. The alkaloid *duboisine* was discovered in the leaves by A. W. Gerrard (*P. J. Tr.*, viii. 787). For his method see 16th ed. U. S. D.; also, for an account of the chemical and medicinal properties of this alkaloid, and its relations to atropine and hyoscyamine, see *Belladonna*, in Part I.

D. Hopwoodii is the source of *Pituri*, a narcotic stimulant largely used by the natives of Central Australia. The drug itself is a fine powder, composed of the leaves and twigs which are gathered during the month of August, while the flower is in bloom, and are put up in various forms of circular mats about six inches in diameter. The natives smoke and chew the pituri, and it is alleged to have a powerful stimulating effect, assuaging hunger, and enabling those who are its devotees to perform much labor and go long journeys with but little food. Pituri yielded to Mr. A. W. Gerrard minute quantities of an alkaloid which he believed to be identical with nicotine, but Professor Liversidge has shown that the liquid, acrid alkaloid, *piturine*, $C_{12}H_{16}N_2$, is distinct from nicotine. (*Proc. Roy. Soc. N. S.*

Wales, 1880.) The pituri contains from one to two and a half per cent. of the alkaloid.

EMBELIA RIBES. The small peppercorn-like, very aromatic fruit of this East India plant is said by Dr. Harris to be a powerful tænicide. It is given, one to four drachms (3·88 to 15·5 Gm.) of the powder in milk, early in the morning. Mr. C. H. Warden has isolated from it *embelic* acid. (*Lancet*, July, 1887; *P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1888.)

EMERY. *Lapis Smiridis, s. Smiris. Emeri, Corindon granuleux ferrifère*, Fr. *Smirgel, Schmirgel*, G. A very hard mineral, the powder of which is capable of wearing down all other substances except the diamond. As existing in commerce, it is said to be derived chiefly from the island of Naxos, in the Grecian Archipelago; but, according to Landerer, it has been found also in Asia Minor and the Morea. Within recent years a locality for emery has been discovered at Chester, Hampden County, Mass., where a vein of this valuable mineral exists, of an average width of four feet, and several miles in length. For details in reference to this subject, the reader is referred to a paper by Prof. J. Lawrence Smith, in the *American Journal of Sciences and Arts* (1866, 2d ser., xlii. 83). Emery is pulverized by grinding it in a steel mill, and the powder is kept in the shops of different degrees of fineness. It is used for polishing metals and hard stones. Compact corundum is now ground extensively for the manufacture of emery-wheels, etc. The corundum is found abundantly in Northern Georgia, in North Carolina, and in Chester Co., Pa. The production of emery in the United States amounted in 1889 to 2245 short tons, and in 1890 to 1970 short tons, valued at $105,567 and $89,395 respectively. The value of the imported emery for the same years was $218,966 and $123,367 respectively.

EOSIN. $C_{20}H_8Br_4O_5$. A dye obtained by the action of phthalic anhydride upon phenols. When phthalic anhydride acts upon resorcin, $C_6H_4(OH)_2$, in the presence of a dehydrating agent like sulphuric acid or stannic chloride, at a temperature of 120° C., there is formed a compound *Resorcinphthalein*, $C_{20}H_{12}O_5$, better known as *Fluorescein*. By the action of bromine upon this, is formed *tetrabrom-fluorescein* or *Eosin*, $C_{20}H_8Br_4O_5$. Soluble eosin is the potassium salt of this compound, $C_{20}H_8Br_4O_5K_2$. It forms a bronze-colored crystalline powder having a strong green reflection. Its solution in water is a red liquid having a fine green fluorescence. On the addition of hydrochloric acid the fluorescence is destroyed, the liquid becoming yellow. Eosin is largely used at present as a dye: to make a brilliant red ink, dissolve 5 grains of eosin and 10 grains of gum arabic in a fluidounce of water.

EPHEDRA VULGARIS. Professor Nagai has extracted from this Japanese gentianaceous plant an alkaloid, *ephedrine*, which has been physiologically examined by M. Kinnossuke, who finds that it produces in the lower animals acceleration of the pulse, with lowering of the blood-pressure, elevation of the rectal temperature, dilatation of the pupils, convulsions, and death by arrest of the heart and respiration. (*Berlin. Klin. Wochensch.*, No. 38, 1887.) As a local mydriatic the drug has been tested by Professor Scriba, who finds that a ten per cent. solution dilates the pupil with certainty, in from forty to sixty minutes, without irritation; the dilatation not being complete, and the accommodation not at all or only slightly affected; and the pupils returning to normal in from five to twenty hours. An alkaloid has also been found in the *Ephedra monostachya*, Linné, a shrub whose branches and root are used in Siberia as a powerful remedy in *gout* and *syphilis*. According to Professor Kobert, this alkaloid is essentially different from *ephedrine*, in not being mydriatic or poisonous. P. Spehr (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 234) considers that *E. vulgaris* contains two alkaloids, *ephedrine* and *pseudo-ephedrine*, isomeric and of the formula $C_{10}H_{15}NO$, while *E. monostachya* contains a distinct alkaloid having the formula $C_{13}H_{19}NO$. This latter, as stated by Kobert, is not mydriatic or poisonous.

Ephedra antisyphilitica, which grows abundantly in the Nevada mountains at a height of from 4000 to 6000 feet, is much used in Arizona as a remedy in *gonorrhœa*. Prof. Loew thinks its virtues reside in a peculiar tannin. Dose, of fluid extract, one to two fluidrachms (3·69 to 7·39 C.c.).

EPIGÆA REPENS. *Trailing Arbutus. Ground Laurel. May-flower. Gravel-plant.* This is a small trailing plant, with woody stems from six to eighteen inches long, entire, cordate-ovate leaves, and small, very fragrant flowers, which appear early in the spring. It is found in the woods, and affects the sides of hills with a northern exposure. Dr. Darlington states that the plant has been supposed to be injurious to cattle, when eaten by them. (*Flora Cestrica*, p. 259.) Mr. Jefferson Oxley has found in this plant *arbutin*, $C_{12}H_{16}O_7$, *ursone*, $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$, *ericolin*, $C_{34}H_{56}O_{21}$ (the same constituents as are in uva ursi), tannic and formic acids, and a principle allied to gallic acid. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 253.) Thal gives the simpler formula $C_{26}H_{30}O_3$ to ericolin. Dr. Eli Ives, of New Haven, Connecticut, in 1849, highly commended epigæa as a substitute for uva ursi, and we now know that the two drugs contain the same active principles. The decoction of the leaves and stem may be used freely.

EPILOBIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM. *Willow-herb. Herbe de St. Antoine*, Fr. *Weidenroschen, Antonskraut*, G. There are several indigenous species of Epilobium, which have the common name of willow-herb from the resemblance of their leaves to the willow, and probably have nearly identical properties. The *E. angustifolium* is the largest of them. Its leaves and roots are said to be demulcent, tonic, and astringent, and yield their virtues to water and alcohol. They are used by the "eclectics," generally and locally, in decoction, infusion, or cataplasm, as astringents.

EQUISETUM HYEMALE. *Horsetail. Scouring Rush. Prêle*, Fr. *Schachtelhalm*, G. An indigenous cryptogamous plant, with slender annual stems from a foot and a half to three feet high, growing abundantly in the Northern States, and preferring wet places, as the banks of streams, etc. The plant derives its name of scouring rush from its use in scouring, for which it is fitted by the silicious character of the stems. Examined by F. J. Young (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 419) it yielded to petroleum benzin as a solvent 1·4 per cent. of a brownish-green, semi-liquid, fixed oil, which was readily saponified. It also contained a green semi-solid resin, sugar, and mucilage. The infusion of the whole plant has the reputation of being diuretic, and is used sometimes in *dropsical* and *renal diseases*.

ERECHTHITES HIERACIFOLIA. *Fireweed.* An annual indigenous plant, growing in moist woods and recent clearings, and having a rank somewhat aromatic odor. Its taste is bitterish, slightly acrid, and disagreeable. It yields to water.

It has been especially recommended in *dysentery*. It is apt to infest the peppermint fields of Michigan; and its oil is said sometimes to deteriorate the oil of peppermint from that region. It has been shown, however, that *Erigeron Canadense* is far more injurious.

ERIGERON. *Fleabane. Scabious. Sweet Scabious. Daisy Fleabane. Herbe d'érigeron, Herbe de Vergerette*, Fr. *Berufkraut*, G. Under this name the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870 recognized the herbal portions of *E. heterophyllum* and *E. Philadelphicum*.

E. heterophyllum, Willd., is the *E. strigosum* of Bigelow (not of Muhlenberg), and is now properly known as *E. annuum*, Pers. It is a biennial herbaceous plant, belonging both to North America and to Europe. It has a branching root, with several erect, roundish, striated, pubescent stems, much divided near the top, and two or three feet high. The lower leaves are ovate, acute, deeply toothed, with long winged footstalks; the upper are lanceolate, acute, deeply serrate in the middle, and sessile; the floral leaves are lanceolate and entire; all, except the radical, are ciliate at the base. The flowers are in terminal corymbs. The florets of the disk are yellow; those of the ray numerous, very slender, and of a white, pale-blue, or pale-purple color. The flowering period is from June to October.

E. strigosum, Muhl., grows with *E. annuum*, and is frequently collected with it. It is distinguished by its leaves being nearly entire, and by both stems and leaves being almost smooth or furnished only with minute appressed hairs.

Erigeron Philadelphicum. L. *Philadelphia fleabane* is perennial and herbaceous, with a branching yellowish root, and from one to five erect stems, which rise two or three feet in height, and are much branched at top. The whole plant is pubescent. The lower leaves are ovate-lanceolate, nearly obtuse, ciliate on the margin, entire or marked with a few serratures, and supported on very long footstalks; the upper are narrow, oblong, somewhat wedge-shaped, obtuse, entire, sessile, and slightly embrace the stem; the floral leaves are small and lanceolate. The flowers are numerous, radiate, and disposed in a panicled corymb, with long peduncles bearing from one to three flowers. They resemble those of the preceding species in color, and make their appearance about the same period.

The three species are abundant in the middle portions of the United States, grow in open fields, and are probably of identical medical value. They are popularly known as *scabious*. The whole herb is used, and should be collected while the plants are in flower. It has a feebly aromatic odor and bitterish taste, and imparts its properties to boiling water. Mr. F. L. John, of Philadelphia, obtained from *E. Philadelphicum* a volatile oil by distillation, but in exceedingly small proportion; 45 pounds of the herb having yielded only half a drachm of the oil. As described by Prof. Procter, this is of a greenish-yellow color, a powerful penetrating, aromatic odor, and a bitterish, pungent, disagreeable taste. It is more viscid than the oil of *E. Canadense*, has a higher sp. gr. (0·946), and contains more oxygen. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 105.) Fleabane is diuretic and stomachic, and has been used in *gravel* and in *dropsy;* infusion (℥i to Oi) one pint in twenty-four hours.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia also formerly recognized *Erigeron Canadense.* L. *Horse-weed. Mare's-tail. Fireweed. Butter-weed. Colt's-tail. Canada fleabane* is an indigenous annual plant, with a stem from two to six feet high, covered with stiff hairs, and divided into many branches. The leaves are linear-lanceolate, and edged with hairs; those at the root are dentate. The flowers are very small, numerous, white, and arranged in terminal panicles. They differ from those of the other species of Erigeron in having an oblong calyx, the rays very minute and more numerous than the florets of the disk, and the seed-down simple. Hence by some botanists the plant is placed in a sub-genus with the title *Cœnotus*. Another variety of *E. Canadense*, which Mr. Nuttall makes a distinct species, with the title *E. pusillus*, is not more than from four to six inches high, and has an erect smooth stem, less branched than the preceding, with all its leaves entire, and scabrous on the margin. The panicle is simple, and the peduncles filiform, nearly naked, divaricate, each bearing two or three flowers.

Canada fleabane is very common throughout the northern and middle sections of the United States, and has become naturalized in many parts of Europe. It abounds in neglected fields, and is reported to be a very troublesome weed on the peppermint plantations of the West. It blooms in July and August. The plant, all parts of which are medicinal, should be collected while in flower. The leaves and flowers are said to be the most active parts.

This species of Erigeron has an agreeable odor, and a bitterish, acrid, somewhat astringent taste. Among its constituents, according to Dr. De Puy, are bitter extractive, tannin, gallic acid, and volatile oil. Both alcohol and water extract its virtues. Its acrimony is diminished by decoction, in consequence, probably, of the escape of the oil, upon which its virtues in part depend. (See *Oleum Erigerontis Canadensis.*) According to Dr. De Puy, Canada fleabane is diuretic, tonic, and astringent; and useful in *dropsical complaints* and *diarrhœa*. It has been given in substance (dose, a drachm, or 3·88 Gm.), infusion, tincture, or extract (dose, 10 grains, or 0·647 Gm.), but the oil is the only proper preparation. The oil is certainly of value in *uterine*, *pulmonary*, and other *internal hemorrhages*, in doses of from five to fifteen drops (0·25 to 0·75 C.c.) every two hours.

ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA. *Loquat.* The seeds and leaves of this tree are said to contain amygdalin and emulsin, and to yield hydrocyanic acid in poisonous quantities. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1885.)

ERODIUM CICUTARIUM. *Storksbill.* An annual hairy plant, belonging to the Balsaminaceæ. It is highly recommended by Dr. W. Abbotts Smith in *dropsy*. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, 1865.)

ERYNGIUM AQUATICUM. *Button Snakeroot. Corn Snakeroot. Rattlesnake's Master.* The *button snakeroot* or *water eryngo* is an indigenous umbelliferous plant, with a perennial tuberous root, and a stem two or three feet high (sometimes, according to Pursh, six feet), generally branching by forks, but trichotomous above. The leaves are very long, linear-lanceolate on the upper part of the stem, sword-shaped below, with bristly spines at distant intervals upon their margin. The floral leaves are lanceolate and dentate. The flowers are white or pale, and in globose heads, with the leaflets of the involucrum shorter than the head, and, like the scales of the receptacle, entire. This plant is found in low wet places, as far south as Virginia and North Carolina. Its period of flowering is August. The root, which is the medicinal portion, has a bitter,

pungent aromatic taste, provoking, when chewed, a flow of saliva. It is diaphoretic, expectorant, in large doses occasionally emetic, and has been used in decoction as a substitute for senega. (*Bigelow.*)

ERYTHRONIUM AMERICANUM. (Muhl. *Catalogue*, 84; Bigelow, *Am. Med. Bot.*, iii. 151.) —*E. lanceolatum.* (Pursh, p. 320.) This is an indigenous, perennial, liliaceous plant, sometimes called, after the European species, *dog's-tooth violet.* The bulb (cormus), which is brown externally, white and solid within, sends up a single naked slender flower-stem, and two smooth, lanceolate, nearly equal leaves, sheathing at their base, with an obtuse, callous point, and of a brownish-green color diversified by numerous irregular spots. The flower is solitary, nodding, yellow, with oblong-lanceolate petals obtuse at the point, a club-shaped undivided style, and a three-lobed stigma. The Erythronium grows in woods and other shady places throughout the Northern and Middle States. It flowers in the latter part of April or early in May. All parts of it are active. In the dose of twenty or thirty grains (1·29 or 1·94 Gm.) the recent bulb operates as an emetic. The leaves are said to be more powerful. The activity of the plant is diminished by drying.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA CALIFORNICA. *Chamisso.* Attention has recently been brought to this Californian member of the Papaveraceæ, as a powerful soporific and analgesic, which is free from the disadvantages of opium. It was analyzed many years ago by Prof. G. F. Walz, who found in it *sanguinarine* and two new alkaloids. It is stated, also, that in 1862, Walz found succinic acid in the plant. It has more recently been chemically studied by Bardet and Adrian (*Gaz. Hebdom. Méd. et Chir.*, Nov. 1888), who claim to have found in it a glucoside, an alkaloid, and morphine in the proportion of five to six grains in two pounds of the dried product. The narcotic power of the drug seems to be very weak, since, according to Bardet, three drachms were necessary to kill a rabbit. Dr. Ter-Zakariant (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, Feb. 1889) states that the alcoholic extract acts as a respiratory depressant and narcotic, affecting in toxic dose also the spinal cord. Dujardin-Beaumetz has used the extract in commencing doses of twelve and three-tenths grains (0·8 Gm.), increasing to one hundred and eighty-five grains (12 Gm.) a day, and claims that it is a valuable and harmless calmative soporific and analgesic.

ETHOXYCAFFEINE ($C_{10}H_{14}N_4O_3$) is prepared by boiling 3 parts of bromocaffeine with 2 parts of potassium hydrate and 10 parts of alcohol. It forms crystals fusing at 140°; is difficultly soluble in water and ether, easily soluble in hot alcohol, insoluble in alkalies, soluble without decomposition in cold dilute hydrochloric acid; on warming it is decomposed. Filehne (*Archiv für Anat. und Phys.*, 1886) finds that ethoxycaffeine has upon frogs and rabbits a narcotic effect. Seven to ten grains of it produced in man vertigo, intellectual torpor, and sometimes pain in the head. Dujardin-Beaumetz (*Bull. de Thérap.*, March, 1886) finds that it acts in the guinea-pig as a narcotic and diuretic, and he has given it to patients suffering from *headache* in doses of three to fifteen grains (0·194 to 0·971 Gm.) a day, in capsules or dissolved in water by means of sodium salicylate. Cases of painful *zona*, *migraine*, and *nervous headaches* were relieved. The larger doses produced evidences of gastric irritation.

ETHYL BROMIDE. *Bromide of Ethyl. Hydrobromic Ether. Bromic Ether. Æther Bromatis. Bromure d'éthyle, Ether hydrobromique*, Fr. *Bromäthyl, Bromwasserstoffäther*, G. C_2H_5Br. This ether was discovered by Sérullas in 1827, who prepared it by acting on alcohol with bromine in the presence of phosphorus. (*Ann. Ch. Phys.*, xxxiv. 99.) Personne suggested the use of amorphous phosphorus, as less dangerous than ordinary phosphorus, and more convenient to manipulate. (*Compt.-Rend.*, iii. 468.) A process was also recommended by Prof. Remington, based upon Personne's suggestion. (*Proc. Amer. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1877.) De Vrij proposed to decompose potassium bromide with sulphuric acid in the presence of alcohol, and a modification of this method is now generally employed. We have obtained good results from the following.

Take of potassium bromide (not powdered) 58 parts; sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1·838, 44 parts; alcohol (clean), 95 per cent., 44 parts; water, 28 parts. Pour the water into a flask having double the capacity of the liquid ingredients above, and gradually add the acid; when the liquid has become cool, add the potassium bromide, and having placed the flask in a sand-bath, adjust a thermometer, and with a bent glass tube connect the flask with a well-cooled condenser; insert a narrow glass tube in the cork of the flask, and by means of a short rubber tube connect it with a narrow glass tube which is terminated by a siphon; the shorter limb of this siphon is inserted in the bottle containing the alcohol, which is elevated three feet or more above the flask. Heat the contents of the flask to 116° C. (240·8° F.), and having attached a screw pinch-cock to the short rubber tube of the siphon, allow the alcohol to drop or flow in a small stream into the flask, carefully regulating the rate or flow so that the temperature shall not fall below 100° C. (212° F.), nor rise above 116° C. (240·8° F.). When all the alcohol has passed into the flask, continue the distillation until the temperature rises to 116° C. (240·8° F.), and then disconnect the receiving flask. Agitate the distillate with an equal bulk of distilled water, to which has been added five parts of solution of soda (or sufficient to render the liquid slightly alkaline), and when the mixture has clearly separated into two layers, pour off the uppermost layer, and, having introduced the heavier liquid into a clean flask containing a few fragments of calcium chloride, redistil it. For other methods of manufacture, see *N. R.*, 1877, p. 200; 1879, p. 8; *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 292; 1880, pp. 248, 280, 298; also, *Pharmac. Centralhalle*, xxviii., 1887, 122. For Dr. L. Wolff's process for making it economically, see *A. J. P.*, 1880.

Ethyl bromide is a colorless, very volatile liquid, not inflammable, having an agreeable odor, and a hot, saccharine taste. Its specific gravity is 1·450. It boils at 38°–39° C. (100·4°–102° F.). It is very sparingly soluble in water, freely soluble in strong alcohol and ether. When a small portion is evaporated from a porcelain plate by causing it to flow to and fro over the surface, little or no foreign odor is yielded as the last portions pass off, and the plate is covered with a slight deposit of moisture.

Some years ago ethyl bromide was proposed and largely used as an anæsthetic. In a series of experiments made with it at that time, Dr. H. C. Wood found that its action upon the heart is the same as that of chloroform, and that injected into the jugular vein it causes cardiac arrest. The occurrence of two deaths from it, one of them distinctly syncopal, partly arrested its successful career, although it certainly acts very promptly and agreeably, and its

influence passes off with extraordinary rapidity. Recently, professional attention has been strongly redirected to the bromide, and it is asserted that the evil effects produced in its early use were due to the presence of impurities, especially to the presence of ethylene bromide. In the experiments of Dr. Hamecker (*Internat. Klin.*, Dec. 20, 1891) upon the lower animals, made with pure ethyl bromide, death always occurred through arrest of the respiration, the heart continuing to beat fifteen to nineteen minutes after cessation of the breathing. Under some circumstances a portion of the bromide is probably decomposed in the system, and according to Dr. Cohn (*Deutsch. Med. Zeit.*, Feb. 1891), ethyl sulphide is sometimes formed.

ETHYL CHLORIDE. *Muriatic Ether.* This ether was discovered by Rouelle, but first obtained in sufficient quantities to permit the examination of its properties by Basse. It may be procured by several processes, but the following is the best. Distil a mixture of equal measures of concentrated hydrochloric acid and alcohol, and receive the product, by means of a curved glass tube, in a tubulated bottle, half filled with water at a temperature between 21·1° C. (70° F.) and 26·6° C. (80° F.), and connected by means of a second tube with another bottle, loosely corked, and surrounded by a mixture of common salt with snow or pounded ice. The ether, as it enters the first bottle, is mixed with alcohol and acid, which are retained by the water; while the pure ether passes forward, and is condensed in the refrigerated bottle. It must be kept in strong bottles, well secured with ground stoppers covered with leather. Before being opened, the bottle should be cooled to the freezing point.

Ethyl chloride is a colorless liquid, having a strong, slightly saccharine, alliaceous taste, and a penetrating, ethereal, alliaceous smell. Its sp. gr. at the temperature of 0° C. (32° F.) is 0·9214. It is extremely volatile, entering into ebullition at 10° C. (50° F.), so that in summer it may be collected in the gaseous state, in bell-glasses over water. Its sp. gr. in the state of vapor is 2·22. When kindled as issuing from a fine orifice, it burns with an emerald-green flame without smoke, diffusing a strong odor of hydrochloric acid; but, when set on fire in quantities, it burns with a greenish-yellow, smoky flame. Water dissolves one-fiftieth of its weight of this ether, and acquires a sweetish, ethereal taste; and alcohol unites with it in all proportions. These solutions are not precipitated by silver nitrate, showing that the chlorine present is in a peculiar state of combination. Like common ether and ethyl nitrite, it dissolves sulphur and phosphorus, the fixed and volatile oils, and many other substances. It consists of one atom of chlorine combined with the monatomic radical or group C_2H_5, *ethyl*, and its composition is sufficiently shown by the reaction for its production:

$$C_2H_5,OH + HCl = C_2H_5,Cl + H_2O.$$

Owing to its extreme volatility, it cannot be kept readily. It may, however, be preserved in a cool cellar, the temperature of which does not rise above 7·2° C. (45° F.) or 10° C. (50° F.), being well secured in bottles, which should be placed reversed. Advantage has been taken of the great volatility of ethyl chloride for practical use as a local anæsthetic by freezing. It is now furnished for dental and other use, in hermetically sealed tubes, so made that when the end is broken off, and the tube held in the hand, the liquid comes out in a fine stream which may be directed upon the gum to be frozen. Drs. H. C. Wood and David Cerna (*Dental Cosmos*, 1892) find that the ethyl chloride taken into the blood acts very much like chloroform. Its depressant influence upon the heart and the extraordinary fugaciousness of its action unfit it for use as a general anæsthetic. On account of its great inflammability it should not be used near a light or flame. *Alcoholic muriatic ether*, or a solution of ethyl chloride in an equal bulk of alcohol, has been used as an internal stimulant. Dose, ten to thirty drops.

ETHYL FLUORIDE. *Fluoride of Ethyl*, C_2H_5F, is said to cause in animals violent excitement, followed quickly by death. For properties and method of preparation, see *Chem. News*, Jan. 1889, also *Bull. Acad. de Méd.*, Mars, 1890.

ETHYL IODIDE. *Hydriodic Ether. Iodide of Ethyl. Iodure d'éthyle*, *Ether hydriodique*, Fr. *Jodäthyl*, *Jodwasserstoffäther*, G. C_2H_5I. This ether may be obtained by gradually and cautiously mixing five parts of alcohol, ten of iodine, and one of phosphorus, and distilling. The residue of the distillation, as ascertained by D. K. Tuttle, is ethylphosphoric acid. The best mode of proceeding, in order to avoid danger, according to Soubeiran, is to melt the phosphorus with a gentle heat under the alcohol, contained in a wide-mouthed matrass, and to add the iodine gradually through a tube, sealed at the lower end, but perforated at the same end with a number of small holes. The tube is made to pass through a grooved cork, to give exit to the vapors, and is so adjusted as to reach nearly to the surface of the melted phosphorus. The matter in the matrass is distilled to the extent of four-fifths, the distillate is washed with water to separate alcohol, and the decanted ether is dried by the addition of a few pieces of calcium chloride. Dr. de Vrij recommends the following method for procuring this ether on a large scale. Absolute alcohol is to be saturated with dry hydrochloric acid gas, the liquid being kept well cooled; and the amount of the acid is to be determined by a sample. The liquid thus saturated is to be put into a retort, with as much potassium iodide as may be necessary to form potassium chloride; the mixture is to stand for a day; and is then to be submitted to distillation. Finally, the ether which comes over is to be washed and rectified. (See *A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 170.) Personne (*Comptes-Rendus*, 51, 468) proposed to use amorphous phosphorus instead of the ordinary kind, thus avoiding danger. Reith and Beilstein (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, 126, 250) propose the following process. Mix 10 parts amorphous phosphorus with 50 parts alcohol of sp. gr. 0·83; add 100 parts dry iodine in small portions. The mixture should be allowed to stand twenty-four hours before distillation, and the distillation decolorized by a solution of soda, and deprived of water by redistilling in contact with calcium chloride. Hydriodic ether is a colorless non-inflammable liquid, insoluble in water, with a penetrating ethereal odor and pungent taste. Its density is 1·92, and boiling point 71°–72° C. (160°–161·6° F.). Exposed to the air it becomes red from the liberation of iodine; the change in color is prevented by adding to the bottle containing it a globule of mercury. M. Huette has proposed this ether, placed under a layer of water, as a medicine, to be used by inhalation. Fifteen or twenty inspirations suffice to impregnate the system with iodine. Its physiological effects appear to be those of an antispasmodic and general stimulant. It acts also as a powerful anæsthetic,

when sufficiently long inhaled. It increases the appetite, renders the pulse fuller, and gives vivacity to the feelings and activity to the intellect. M. Huette considers it a suitable preparation for bringing the system rapidly under the influence of iodine, and by any desired dose. (See *A. J. P.*, xxiii. 156.) Mr. James Turnbull, of Liverpool, and Dr. Henry Fisher, of New York, have used this ether by inhalation with satisfactory results in *chronic bronchitis* and *phthisis*. The dose is 15 drops, three or four times a day, inhaled from a handkerchief. Hydriodic ether often has an unpleasant smell from the presence of foreign substances, which renders it offensive to patients. Phosphorus is a common and injurious impurity.

ETHYLENE BROMIDE. *Æthylenum Bromatum.* $C_2H_4Br_2$. This is a colorless oily liquid smelling like chloroform, with sweet burning taste. It boils at 131·6° C., and solidifies at 0° C. to a crystalline mass; sp. gr. at 20° C. 2·178. It is insoluble in water, miscible with alcohol in all proportions. The chief medical importance of this agent grows out of its liability to be confounded with the ethyl bromide. One death has in this way been produced. Ten drachms of it were inhaled without the production of anæsthesia, followed by uncontrollable vomiting and complete suppression of urine. On account of its containing ninety and nine-tenths per cent. of bromine, Professor Donath has used it in *epilepsy*. He gives it in an emulsion with oil, or mixed with almond oil in capsules. Children eight to ten years begin with 10 to 20 drops of a five per cent. solution; the adult dose is 6 drops of ethylene bromide, three times a day. (See also *P. J. Tr.*, xxi. p. 1068.)

EUCALYPTUS MANNA. *Australian Manna.* This substance exudes during the summer months from punctures made in the bark and leaves of the Australian trees *Eucalyptus mannifera* and *E. viminalis*. It occurs in small rounded opaque masses, and is said medically to resemble ordinary manna.

EUGENIA CHEQUEN. Hooker and Arnott. *Myrtus Chekan. Cheken. Chekan. Chequen.* The leaves of this myrtaceous evergreen shrub, indigenous to Chili, are used in their native country as a remedy in *chronic respiratory catarrh*, and have been strongly recommended by Dr. Murrell and others in *chronic bronchitis*. Their virtues appear to reside in the tannin, and especially in the volatile oil that they contain. Fritz Wein (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1888, p. 665) examined cheken leaves proximately; he found a volatile oil and three crystalline bodies, *chekenon*, *chekenin*, and *chekenetin*, and an amorphous bitter principle. The volatile oil is probably the proper preparation for use. The dose of the fluid extract is one to three fluidrachms (3·7 to 11 C.c.).

EUGENIA JAMBOLANA. Lam. *Jambul. Jamboo. Java Plum.* This is a large tree belonging to the Myrtaceæ, growing in East India and also in Queensland; well known on account of its popular edible fruit. Jambul bark is a dense, hard bark, of a pinkish-brown or reddish-brown color, with a whitish-gray mottled epidermis adherent to portions of its outer surface; the inner surface is of a somewhat silky lustre, frequently coarsely marked by waving lines or ridges; the fresh fracture varies from pinkish or purplish to fawn color, sometimes distinctly but shortly fibrous, more commonly absolutely abrupt; the thickness of the bark varies from a quarter to nearly one inch. The taste is somewhat bitter, astringent, after a time distinctly pungent. The seeds are grayish black or blackish gray, having a shape resembling that of the cut-off ends of a cylinder, being abruptly truncated at the base, above rounded or dome shaped. They are about a third of an inch in diameter, and three-eighths of an inch long; so hard and dense that they cannot be chewed, and are almost tasteless. The analysis of the seeds by Mr. Thos. Christy yields the following results. Essential oil, a trace; chlorophyll and fat, 0·37; resin soluble in alcohol and ether, 0·30; gallic acid, 1·65; albumen, 1·25; colored extractive soluble in water, 2·70; moisture, 10·00; insoluble resin, 83·73.

In the experiments made by Mr. Thos. Christy, of London (*P. J. Tr.*, 1888), it was found that when sufficient diastatic matter was mixed with fifty grains of starch to convert forty-five per cent. of the latter in fifty minutes into sugar, the addition of twenty-five grains of powdered jambul seeds reduced the conversion of the starch to twelve per cent. We have no knowledge of the effect of jambul or its active properties upon the general organization, but Professor Binz (*Verhandl. der Kongr. für Innere Med.*, Wiesbaden, 1886) found that when dogs were made diabetic by the administration of phlorizin, according to the method of Von Mering, the exhibition of jambul reduced the excretion of sugar from fifty to ninety per cent. without the production of any evidences of poisoning by the jambul. In India, jambul has long been used as a stomachic astringent and carminative in *diarrhœa*, and also in the treatment of *diabetes*. The first therapeutic trials in Europe appear to have been made by Clacius, who found that the drug notably reduced the excretion of sugar in diabetic patients. The practice has been followed by a large number of clinicians, and there would seem to be no doubt that in some cases jambul exerts a powerful influence for good in glycosuria. Dr. H. C. Wood has seen the sugar of the urine entirely disappear under its use. No cases of poisoning or of disagreeable results from it have been reported, and while we are as yet ignorant of the way in which the drug acts, or of the practical scope of this action, the results so far obtained warrant the belief that it will prove a valuable remedy in diabetes. The best preparation appears to be the fluid extract. The commencing dose may be ten minims (0·62 C.c.), three times a day, given in emulsion or in capsules, rapidly increased to a fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.) or even more a day.

EUGENOL ACETAMIDE. $C_{10}H_{11}O_2.(CO.CH_2NH_2)$. This substance occurs in shining scales or needles, soluble in alcohol and water, melting at 110° C. According to Merck, it is a local anæsthetic and at the same time antiseptic.

EULACHON OIL. The fish known by the Indians of the North Pacific under the name of *Eulachon* or *Oulachon*, and by the English as *Hoolakins* or *Candle fish*, the *Thaleichthys Pacificus* of scientists, yields a great abundance of an oil which has been proposed as a substitute for cod-liver oil. According to the editor of *N. R.* (1881, 356), this oil first begins to congeal and become opaque at —7° C. (19·4° F.), although authorities state that at ordinary temperatures it grows solid and lard-like. Specific gravity at 60° F. 0·907; mixed with one-half its volume of nitric acid, specific gravity 1·37, it develops a beautiful pink color which fades slowly to amber, and after standing fifteen hours it is considerably thickened and changed to a deep amber color of a reddish cast. It contains about 20 per cent. of palmitic acid and stearic acid, and 60 per

cent. of oleic acid and 13 per cent. of an unsaponifiable substance, which resembles the similar constituent of sperm oil. (*Therap. Gaz.*, Sept. 15, 1884.)

EUPHORBIA. *Wild Ipecac. Wild Hippo. Euphorbe*, Fr. *Wolfsmilch*, G. The genus Euphorbia contains numerous species, having the common property of yielding a milky juice. They are herbaceous or shrubby, with or without leaves; and the leafless species, which are chiefly confined to the African deserts, have fleshy, naked, or spiny stems, like those of the Cactus. They nearly all afford products which act powerfully as emetics and cathartics, and in overdoses occasion dangerous if not fatal prostration, with symptoms of inflamed gastro-intestinal mucous membrane. Their milky juice, which concretes on exposure, usually possesses these properties in a high degree, and, in addition, that of powerfully irritating the skin when applied to it. The U. S. Pharmacopœia formerly recognized the indigenous species *E. corollata* and *E. ipecacuanha*. In a full dose, the root of *E. corollata* operates actively and with sufficient certainty as an emetic, producing ordinarily several discharges from the stomach, and sometimes acting with considerable energy upon the bowels. In quantities insufficient to vomit, it excites nausea, almost always followed by brisk purging. In still smaller doses it is diaphoretic and expectorant. It is, however, too harsh and uncertain in its action for practical use, and has passed entirely out of vogue. The dose of the dried root as an emetic is from ten to twenty grains (0·647 to 1·29 Gm.), as a cathartic from three to ten grains (0·194 to 0·647 Gm.). The recent root, bruised and applied to the skin, produces vesication. The root of *E. ipecacuanha* has been examined by Mr. C. Petzolt, who found fixed oil, resin, starch, glucose, and various salts, among which was calcium sulphate. The resinous matter, as obtained by him, was a dark mass, of a taste slight at first but after a time nauseous and pungent, readily dissolved by alcohol, but insoluble in ether and benzin, and, when swallowed, producing in half-grain doses watery stools, and in one and a half or two grain doses, nausea and vomiting. It gave no evidence of the presence of an alkaloid. Though complex in composition, and therefore not the pure active principle of the root, it no doubt contains it. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 255.) The medical properties of *E. ipecacuanha* resemble those of *E. corollata*, though it is said to be somewhat milder. The indigenous *E. hypericifolia* and *E. maculata* are said by Zollickoffer to be a valuable remedy in *dysentery*, *diarrhœa*, *menorrhagia*, and *leucorrhœa*. (See 16th ed. U. S. D., also *Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, xi.) Dr. B. J. D. Irwin, U. S. A., states that, under the name of *gollindrinera*, the native Mexican uses the *Euphorbia prostrata* in New Mexico and Arizona as a remedy for *snake-bites*. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, 1861.) In Chili, the juice of the *Euphorbia Chilensis* is said to be used as a drastic purgative. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 102.) The juice of the *Euphorbia drummondii* is said in Australia to kill annually a great many sheep and cattle, and in 1886 Dr. John Reid (*Australasian Med. Gaz.*, No. 61) announced the discovery in it of a new anæsthetic alkaloid, *drummine*, which he obtained in colorless crystals almost insoluble in ether, but freely soluble in chloroform and in water. The report of Dr. Alexander Ogsden (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Feb. 1887) throws, however, very grave doubts upon the anæsthetic power of this new alkaloid. The *E. ocellata* of the Pacific coast is used as an antidote for *snake-bites*, and is said to contain 2·82 per cent. of resin, besides gallo-tannic acid, whilst *Euphorbia cremocarpus* of the same region is employed for the purpose of catching fish in still pools and streams, and is said to contain a volatile oil, besides acid and resins. (See *Proc. California Coll. Pharm.*, 1885.) The oil of *E. lathyris* is stated to physiologically resemble croton oil. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 305.)

The *E. heterodoxa*, *alveloz* or *aveloz*, a Brazilian species, has been used with asserted extraordinary advantage against *cancerous* and *syphilitic ulcers*. It is a powerful irritant, and even mild caustic. The milky juice, preserved with salicylic acid, or a resin obtained by precipitating with water is employed. The ointment of the resin may be made 3 parts in 100 with vaseline.

Euphorbia Pilulifera. A prostrate or ascending branched annual, found in almost all tropical countries; is furnished with leaves which are opposite, shortly-stalked, ovate to ovate-lanceolate or oblong, three-quarters to one and a half inches long, denticulate, very oblique and narrow below, or with a semi-cordate base. Stipules minute, linear, inserted on a transverse raised line. The flower-heads are minute, numerous, crowded in head-like cymes, globular, and are borne on a short stalk in one axil only of each pair of opposite leaves. The involucre is about one-third of a line long, small, entire, and without petal-like appendages. According to De Candolle, the seeds are reddish, acutely oblong, four-sided, transversely wrinkled, the ridges uniting irregularly. It is to be distinguished from *E. parviflora*, which is sometimes substituted for it, by the flower-head of the latter having but few flowers, by the glands of the involucre being furnished with a white, obovate-orbicular appendage, and seeds which are minutely papillose. It has been chemically examined by Levison (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 147), who finds several glucoside resins, wax, and volatile matter, with traces of tannin.

A physiological study of euphorbia pilulifera led Dr. A. Marsset (*T. G.*, 1885) to the conclusion that the active principle acts directly upon the heart and respiration; that it is not an irritant to the skin, but in large dose it is to the gastric mucous membrane. It has been used by Dujardin-Beaumetz and a number of other clinicians with asserted excellent results in the treatment of *asthma* and *asthmatic bronchitis*, also in *chronic bronchitis*, and in *advanced* or *subacute bronchitis*. The best preparation is the fluid extract, the dose of which is a half to one fluidrachm (1·8 to 3·6 C.c.) three or four times a day.

EUPHORBIUM. *Euphorbium*, P.G. *Euphorbe, Gomme-résine d'Euphorbe*, Fr. *Euphorbiumharz*, G. The concrete resinous juice of one or more species of Euphorbia; but its precise source is uncertain. It has been ascribed to *E. officinarum*, growing in the north of Africa and at the Cape of Good Hope, *E. Canariensis*, a native of the Canary Islands and Western Africa, and *E. antiquorum*, inhabiting Egypt, Arabia, and the East Indies, and supposed to be the plant from which the ancients derived this resinous product. These species of Euphorbia bear some resemblance in form to the *Cactus*, having leafless, jointed, angular stems, divided into branches of a similar structure, and furnished with double prickles at the angles. When wounded they yield an acrid milky juice, which concretes on the surface, and constitutes the euphorbium of commerce.

Euphorbium occurs in the shape of tears, or in oblong or roundish masses, about the size of a pea

or larger, often forked, and perforated with one or two small conical holes, produced by the prickles of the plant, around which the juice has concreted, and which sometimes remain in the holes. The masses are occasionally large and mixed with impurities. The surface is dull and smooth, bearing some resemblance to that of tragacanth; the consistence somewhat friable, the color light yellowish or reddish; the odor scarcely perceptible; the taste at first slight, but afterwards excessively acrid and burning. The color of the powder is yellowish. The sp. gr. of euphorbium is 1·124. Triturated with water it renders the liquid milky, and is partially dissolved. Alcohol dissolves a larger portion, forming a yellowish tincture, which becomes milky on the addition of water. Its constituents, according to Pelletier, are resin, wax, calcium malate, potassium malate, lignin, bassorin, volatile oil, and water. Brandes found caoutchouc. It contains no soluble gum. The proportions of the ingredients are variously stated by different chemists, and probably vary in different specimens. The most abundant is resin, and the remainder consists chiefly of wax and calcium malate. The resin is excessively acrid, is soluble in alcohol, and, when exposed to heat, melts, takes fire, and burns with a brilliant flame, diffusing an agreeable odor, and has, according to Flückiger, the formula $C_{10}H_{16}O_2$. Flückiger also found a substance analogous to lactucon, which he names *euphorbon*. It is neutral, fusible above 106° C. (228° F.), readily dissolved by boiling alcohol, and soluble in ether, benzin, amylic alcohol, chloroform, aceton, and glacial acetic acid. From its solution in ether and benzin, it separates, on spontaneous evaporation, in feathery needles. Its solution in sulphuric acid, spread on a plate, is colored violet by nitric acid. Its composition is $C_{13}H_{22}O$. While the acrid resin constitutes 38 per cent. of euphorbium, euphorbon constitutes 22 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 393; from *Schweizerische Wochenschrift.*) Hesse (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, cxcii. p. 182) has prepared pure euphorbon, and gives it the formula $C_{15}H_{24}O$, fusing point 113°–114° C., making it isomeric with lactucon. It is lævorotatory.

Medical Properties and Uses. Euphorbium taken internally is a very irritant emetic and cathartic, and in large doses acts as a violent gastro-intestinal irritant poison. In consequence of the severity of its action, its internal use has been entirely abandoned. Applied to the mucous membrane of the nostrils, it excites violent irritation, attended with incessant sneezing and sometimes bloody discharges. They who powder it are under the necessity of guarding their eyes, nostrils, and mouth against the fine dust which rises. Largely diluted with wheat flour or starch, it has been used as an errhine in *amaurosis* and *deafness*. Externally applied, it inflames the skin, often producing vesication. It enters into some epispastic preparations, and is especially employed in veterinary practice as a vesicant.

EUPHORIN. *Phenyl Urethane.* $CO<^{OC_2H_5}_{NH(C_6H_5)}$. This is a combination resulting from the action of ethylic ether on aniline. It is a white, crystalline powder, melting at 51° C., with a faint aromatic odor, and a taste which, at first scarcely appreciable, subsequently becomes more marked, and resembles cloves; soluble with great difficulty in cold water, very soluble in alcohol and in dilute alcohol. Dr. Sansoni (*Therap. Monatshefte*, Nov. 1890) has found that in enormous doses this drug produces in rabbits collapse, progressive weakness, anæsthesia, suppression of reflexes. Methæmoglobin is stated never to be found in the blood, though the drug escapes from the body as paramidophenol. Dr. Sansoni has employed euphorin with satisfaction as an antipyretic, antiseptic, analgesic, and antirheumatic. Dose, seven and a half grains (0·48 Gm.), equivalent to fifteen grains (0·97 Gm.) of antipyrin, in capsule or vinous solution.

EUPHRASIA OFFICINALIS. *Eyebright. Euphraise*, Fr. *Augentrost*, G. A small annual plant, common to Europe and the United States, without odor, and of a bitterish, astringent taste. Enz (*Viertelj. f. Prakt. Pharm.*, viii. p. 175) obtained a little volatile oil, an acrid and bitter principle, mannite and glucose, and a tannic acid, the lead salt of which showed on analysis the formula $C_{32}H_{20}O_{17}.3PbO$ and had a bright-green color. It was formerly used in *toothache* and in disorders of the eyes. Dr. G. M. Garland (*A. J. P.*, 1890) states that 10 drops of a concentrated tincture every two hours is a specific in acute *nasal catarrh*.

EUROPHEN. *Di-isobutyl-ortho-cresol-iodide.* $2\left(\begin{matrix}C_4H_9\\CH_3\end{matrix}\right\}C_6H_3O\Big)HI$. This is a yellow amorphous powder, of a specific aromatic odor, which has been proposed as a substitute for iodoform. It contains 28·1 per cent. of iodine. It is claimed that it is five times lighter than iodoform, and can be used in much larger bulk; that it is equally efficacious with iodoform; also, that it is decomposed more slowly than iodoform, and is, therefore, less poisonous. (See *Pharm. Zeitung*, July, 1891; also *Therap. Monats.*, July, 1891.) This substance is made by the action of iodine upon isobutylorthocresol in a solution of potassium iodide. It occurs as a fine, soft, amorphous powder, light yellow, tasteless, and having but a faint odor. It is soluble in ether, chloroform, collodion, alcohol, and fixed oils; insoluble in water and glycerin; melting at 230° F. Its solution undergoes decomposition when exposed to light or heat.

Europhen contains about 28 per cent. of iodine, which element is slowly liberated from its alcoholic and ethereal solutions. It is incompatible with metallic oxides and mercurial salts, and undergoes slight change in the presence of organic matter. Taken internally it is said to pass out in great part from the alimentary canal with the fæces unchanged, though some absorption takes place. It is claimed that it is non-toxic, two or three drachms having been given to dogs and fifteen grains to human beings without effect. As a microbicide it is affirmed to be about equivalent to iodoform. (*Revue Méd. de l'Est*, Feb. 1892.)

It has been used by a number of clinicians with asserted good results as a local application to *chancres*, *syphilitic ulcers*, *burns*, *psoriasis*, *eczema*, *lupus*, and various other *skin diseases*. It is usually applied in an ointment varying in strength, according to the individual cases, from 1 to 10 per cent. A stronger ointment is distinctly irritant. It has also been used in *rhinitis*, *laryngeal tuberculosis*, and other inflammatory disorders of the preliminary air-passages. Internally it has been used, especially hypodermically, dissolved in oil, dose a half to one and a half grains (0·03 to 0·1 Gm.), in *constitutional syphilis*, with not very encouraging results.

Under the name of *europhen-aristol* a mixture of europhen and aristol has been put upon the market.

EVODIA. Several species of this genus are

affirmed to have medicinal properties. *E. febrifuga* of Brazil is astringent and tonic, *E. glauca* of Japan contains berberine, whilst *E. longifolia* of the Feejee Islands is affirmed to prevent abortion.

EXALGINE. *Methylacetanilid.* $C_6H_5N(CH_3)$-$COCH_3$ or $C_9H_{11}NO$. This substance, which was discovered by Brigonnet, is one of the three isomeric methyl derivatives of acetanilid (*Compt.-Rend.*, cviii. 571), and is made by warming together monomethylaniline and acetylchloride. It occurs in needles, or in long tablet-like crystals, according as it is obtained by crystallization or from the mass after fusion. It is sparingly soluble in cold water, quite soluble in hot water, and readily soluble in very dilute alcohol, or in water to which a small amount of alcohol has been added; it fuses at 101° C., and boils between 240° and 250° C. without decomposition. The hot aqueous solution is said by Upton to retain most of its exalgine on cooling.

According to Dr. Brigonnet, hypodermic injections of exalgine produce in the lower animals violent epileptiform convulsions, profuse salivation, cyanosis, disturbance of breathing, fall of temperature, and alteration of the blood, which becomes dark prune-colored and contains abundance of methæmoglobin. The muscles at the seat of the injection are said to be locally paralyzed, and although small doses increase slightly the blood-pressure, after the toxic dose the pressure suddenly falls. The urine does not become albuminous or bloody. When given to man in full, non-poisonous doses, it produces some slight amblyopia, vertigo accompanied in some patients by vomiting, tinnitus aurium, headache, drowsiness, and vaso-motor disturbances, such as sweating. After large doses, cyanosis is pronounced, but no eruption upon the surface of the skin seems as yet to have been noticed. No fatal poisoning by it has been reported, but in a case of Mr. A. C. Hartley's, eighteen grains in divided doses produced a general motor paralysis, with dyspnœa, intense pallor, dilated pupils, and pronounced palpitation of the heart. In a second case, two doses of three grains each produced in a boy fourteen years old a sudden almost lethal heart-failure, with dilated pupils and dyspnœa. In a case reported by Gillespie (*Med. Press and Circ.*, March, 1892) there were violent convulsions. See also *Bull. de Thérap.*, March, 1891, and *British Med. Journ.*, Feb. 1890.

Therapeutically, exalgine seems to be an antipyretic, but it has been used almost exclusively as an analgesic and antispasmodic; it being claimed for it that as such it acts much more certainly and powerfully than antipyrin and other drugs of this class. According to Moncorvo, it is very well borne in children, and he has used it extensively in *chorea*, *polyuria*, and for the relief of *pain*. He believes that its analgesic effect is at least five times as strong as antipyrin; his dose, to a child five years old, is one and a half grains. The dose for the adult is from three to six grains (0·194 to 0·389 Gm.), not more than twelve grains being administered in the twenty-four hours, and the smaller dose being always used at first.

EXTRACTUM CARNIS. *Extract of Flesh. Extract of Meat. Extract of Beef. Extrait de Viande de Liebig*, Fr. *Liebig's Fleischextrakt*, G. The nature of this preparation is truly expressed by its name. Its object is to obtain the nutritive matters of the flesh of animals in a concentrated state, in which they may be long kept without change. Two great advantages are thus gained, cheapness of carriage, and the facility of transfer from places, however remote, where meat is plentiful, to others where it is most needed. Thus, the cattle so abundant on the plains of South America, Australia, and Russia may be made to contribute to the support of the people of Europe and North America; and this object has already been in some degree accomplished; as factories are in operation in these regions by which, in the condition of *extract of flesh*, beef is very largely prepared; and South American extract of beef is well known all over the world. Though to Liebig belongs the credit of setting this movement on foot, and his process is probably most extensively used, others have employed processes of their own, and some are perhaps equal if not superior to his.

Liebig's extract of beef, besides what is made by various independent operators, who, employing his process, take advantage of the popularity of his name in spreading their products abroad, is now very largely prepared by a company which, under his supervision, established itself in South America. For methods of preparation see 16th ed., U. S. D. It is said that 100 parts of meat yield 2·5 of extract. The preparation keeps well, contains neither fat nor gelatin, and is rich in the nitrogenous principles. It is of a reddish-brown color, a slightly acrid taste, and an odor that is not agreeable; so that when dissolved in hot water to make soup, it is necessary, in order to make a savory dish, to add leguminous fruits to the extract. To avoid this flavor it would be necessary to effect the evaporation out of contact with the air, and if possible altogether in a vacuum. The varying quality of the extract is ascribed, in part at least, to the character of the meat; that from grown animals differing from that of young, and of the male from the female; while, altogether, the mode of living of the roving cattle of the plains would be likely to lead to inferior results. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1869, p. 92.) In a letter from Baron Liebig to the *P. J. Tr.* for Nov. 1866, it is stated that the meat of oxen always yields an extract darker and more strongly flavored, resembling somewhat the flavor of fresh venison, pleasant when diluted; that of cow's meat is lighter-colored, and of a mild flavor; while the meat of young animals, under four years, is unfit for the preparation of extract, which from such a source is pappy, of a feeble taste like veal, and without flavor. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 145.)

Essence of Beef, or *Beef tea*, and *Essence of Mutton* are similar in their powers to the extracts, but are much preferable to them. They may be used with advantage as stimulants in low fevers, etc., in doses of from half an ounce to two ounces, and are prepared as follows. The flesh, having been deprived as far as possible of fatty matter, and cut into very small pieces, is introduced without water into a convenient long-necked bottle (a common quart porter-bottle will answer the purpose very well) until this is filled; the bottle is then placed upright in a pot of boiling water, so that the top of the bottle shall be above the surface of the liquid, and is exposed to a boiling heat for an hour or more; the mouth of the bottle being closed with a cork so tightly as to prevent the escape of vapor, but not so as to endanger the breaking of the vessel. At the end of the process, the liquid is to be poured out of the bottle, and, when sufficiently cool, is ready for use.

Under the name of *Johnston's Fluid Beef*, a preparation, made in Philadelphia, has been introduced, which differs from other extracts in the fact that albumen is replaced by the finely powdered dried

residue of the meat; the muscular fibre is plainly visible under the microscope. The name *fluid* beef is a misnomer, as it is of extractiform consistence; it is, however, a good extract.

We subjoin a table of analyses of some of the best-known meat preparations, from A. Stutzer. (*Rep. Anal. Chem.*, v. pp. 217, 218.)

	Water.	Organic Substances.	Salts.	The Organic Matter contains: Nitrogen in form of Albumen, easily soluble.	Corresponding Percentage of Albumen.	Nitrogen in form of Peptones.	Corresponding Percentage of Peptones.	Nitrogen in form of Albumen, insoluble.	Nitrogen in form of Bases (creatine, carnine, etc.).
	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.	P. c.
1. Kemmerich's Extract of Meat	20·95	60·81	18·24	1·258	7·86	2·308	14·42	. .	6·167
2. Liebig's Extract of Meat	19·33	57·52	23·25	0·848	5·30	0·284	1·77	. .	7·782
3. Murdock's Liquid Food	83·61	15·83	0·56	2·066	12·91	0·037	0·23	. .	0·187
4. Valentine's Meat Juice	59·07	29·41	11·52	0·292	1·82	0·760	4·75	. .	1·448
5. Johnston's Fluid Beef	49·49	45·32	5·19	2·824	17·65	2·837	17·73	0·148	1·394
6. Benger's Peptonized Beef Jelly	89·68	9·43	0·89	0·386	2·41	0·741	4·63	. .	0·422
7. Savory & Moore's Fluid Beef	27·01	60·89	12·10	0·869	5·43	0·402	2·66	. .	7·472
8. Brand & Co.'s Essence of Beef	89·19	9·50	1·31	0·360	2·25	0·968	6·05	. .	0·154
9. Carnrick's Beef Peptonoids	6·75	87·57	5·50	9·060	56·62	1·109	6·93	0·202	1·100

The extract of meat is much used as an article of diet in making soups. It by no means represents the nutritive qualities of the meat itself; as the two most nutritious ingredients of flesh, albumen and fibrin, are almost wholly wanting; and efforts are made as far as possible to get rid of fat, and in most instances of gelatin also, though, in relation to the latter principle, with, in our opinion, questionable propriety. In low fevers, it is recommended by some as possessing, in addition to its slightly nutritious qualities, the somewhat stimulant properties characteristic of the meat essences.

FABIANA IMBRICATA. *Pichi.* This is a shrub growing in Chili and the Argentine Republic, attaining the height of about six feet, with its smaller branches covered with very thick, almost scale-like, ovate leaves, about one-twelfth of an inch in length, having their bases and margins whitened with a resinous deposit. The appearance of the plant is almost that of a conifer, but it has white flowers and belongs to the Solanaceæ. The wood is uniformly yellowish, hard, heavy, very fine grained. The thin bark is light gray, minutely roughened by small, sharp, longitudinal ridges, and minute gland-like protuberances, which exhibit under the lens a peculiar resinous lustre. For microscopic appearance of the Pichi stem, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1889.

Dr. A. B. Lyons first obtained a fluorescent body resembling æsculin, a neutral crystalline principle, some volatile oil, resin, and apparently traces of an alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 65.) G. A. Deitz succeeded in crystallizing the fluorescent principle, but found no alkaloid. He also obtained the neutral crystalline principle referred to, but did not examine it further. This was done by Henry Trimble and J. M. Schroeter (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 407), who considered it to be a resin, and gave it the formula $(C_{18}H_{31}O_2)x$. It crystallizes in white acicular needles from hot alcohol, turns brown at 240° C., and decomposes without melting at 270° C. H. C. Loudenbeck (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 432) examined the fluorescent principle, and found it to be a glucoside. It forms light, nearly white crystals, which have a bitter taste, fluoresce intensely blue with ammonia, changing to a paler rose fluorescence with acids, melt at 190° C. to a yellow liquid, and decompose at a slightly higher temperature.

Pichi appears to be a terebinthinate diuretic, to which also are attributed tonic and cholagogue properties. It has been used to a considerable extent in the treatment of *acute* and *chronic vesical catarrh*, giving especially favorable results in cases in which the urinary irritation is kept up by *gravel*. It is said even to calm the irritability and aid in the expulsion of *renal*, *urethral*, or *cystic calculi*. It has been further recommended in the treatment of *jaundice* and *dyspepsia*, with lack of biliary secretion. It is somewhat irritating, and is usually said to be contra-indicated by the existence of organic disease of the kidneys; but cases have been reported in which *renal hemorrhage* connected with Bright's disease has been greatly benefited by the remedy. It has also been employed in *gonorrhœa* and in *gonorrhœal prostatitis*. The solid extract may be used in the dose of two to ten grains (0·13 to 0·65 Gm.); the fluid extract, in dose of ten to forty minims (0·6 to 2·5 C.c.). It is probable that the resinoid precipitate, made from a strong tincture by means of water, would be the best preparation of the drug. The fluid extract does not mix with water unless the solution be made alkaline. It may be administered in capsules or aromatized emulsion.

FERRI ALBUMINAS. *Ferric Albuminate.* This preparation has come into some prominence, more particularly in Europe, on account of its asserted advantages over various other compounds of iron; Démarquay, Chrisnard, and others, recommending its employment in chlorosis and anæmia as being more readily absorbed. Friese, Kobligk, Bernbeck, Biel, Holdermann, Nierck, Donitz, Hager, have each proposed methods for preparing either the solution or dry salt. Prof. C. L. Diehl, however, after a careful review of the processes of these investigators, offers the following. 4 troy-

ounces of white of eggs are diluted with 8 fluidounces of water; 50 minims of official solution of ferric chloride diluted with 4 fluidounces of water are added, and the solution filtered. The filtrate is now mixed with 10 fluidounces of a saturated solution of sodium chloride, the precipitate collected on a wet muslin strainer, washed with a mixture of 1 volume of the saturated solution of sodium chloride and 3 volumes of water, until the washings give but a faint reaction for iron. The washed ferric albuminate is, after draining, powerfully pressed to get it as dry as possible, and then exposed to a dry atmosphere, and finally powdered. This salt contains the equivalent of 5 per cent. of ferric oxide, or 10 per cent. of ferric chloride. (For other processes, see *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 177.) As thus obtained, ferric albuminate is a cinnamon-brown powder, having a slight taste of common salt (due to the presence of a small quantity), soluble in water, particularly if slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and is best administered in doses of twenty to thirty grains (1·3 to 1·95 Gm.) in simple aqueous solution, which should be freshly prepared. It may also be given in the form of a pill, either alone or combined with strychnine, quinine, etc. (For method of preparing *iron and potassium albuminate*, and *iron and sodium albuminate*, see 16th ed. U. S. D.)

FERRI BROMIDUM. *Bromide of Iron. Ferrum Bromatum. Bromure ferreux*, Fr. *Eisenbromür, Ferrobromid*, G. $FeBr_2$. This bromide is obtained by heating gently, in thirty parts of water, two parts of bromine and one of iron filings. When the liquid has become greenish, it is filtered and evaporated to dryness, in an iron vessel; and the dry mass, again dissolved and evaporated to dryness, furnishes the bromide. Ferrous bromide is a yellowish, deliquescent salt, very soluble, and extremely styptic. For medical employment it should be in aqueous solution, protected by sugar. Mr. Dillwyn Parrish has proposed the following formula. Take of bromine two hundred grains; iron filings eighty-five grains; distilled water four and a half fluidounces; sugar three ounces. Make a solution in the manner directed for preparing solution of ferrous iodide. (See *Ferri Iodidum.*) For other formulas, see *P. J. Tr.*, 3d ser., v. 67, 162. This solution has been used with alleged success as an alterative tonic in *chorea*, and in various *scrofulous* and *erysipelatous affections*. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.) The dose is twenty drops, three times a day, gradually increased until its effects are manifested. Ferrous bromide is formed as the first step of the process for preparing potassium bromide.

FERRI ET BISMUTHI CITRAS. *Iron and Bismuth Citrate.* A solution of this so-called salt has been used in *dyspepsia*. It is made by dissolving bismuth citrate in an aqueous solution of ammonia, and adding the ferric ammonio-citrate. It is a mere mixture of the substances. (*A. J. P.*, xliv.)

FERRI ET MAGNESII CITRAS. *Iron and Magnesium Citrate.* This double salt, introduced by M. Van der Corput, is made by dissolving two ounces of freshly precipitated ferric hydrate in a moderately heated solution of three ounces of citric acid, and saturating the liquor with magnesium carbonate. The solution, after filtration, is evaporated by means of a water-bath to a syrupy consistence, and spread on glass to dry in scales. Three and a quarter ounces of ferrous sulphate will furnish by decomposition the necessary hydrated oxide for three ounces of the acid. (See formula for *Ferri Oxidum Hydratum.*) This salt is in transparent, greenish-yellow scales, having a slightly ferruginous, somewhat acid taste. It is very soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol and ether. Dose, from five to ten grains (0·323 to 0·647 Gm.). See Prof. Procter, *A. J. P.*, 1850, p. 315.

FERRI IODIDUM. *Iodide of Iron. Ferrous Iodide. Ferrum Iodatum*, P.G. *Iodure de Fer*, Fr. *Eisenjodür, Jodeisen*, G.

"Take of Fine Iron Wire *one ounce and a half* [avoirdupois]; Iodine *three ounces* [avoird.]; Distilled Water *fifteen fluidounces*. Put the Iodine, Iron, and twelve [fluid] ounces of the Water into a flask, and, having heated the mixture gently for about ten minutes, raise the heat and boil until the froth becomes white. Pass the solution as quickly as possible through a wetted calico filter into a dish of polished iron, washing the filter with the remainder of the Water, and boil down until a drop of the solution taken out on the end of an iron wire solidifies on cooling. The liquid should now be poured out on a porcelain dish, and, as soon as it has solidified, should be broken into fragments, and enclosed in a well-stoppered bottle." *Br.* 1867.

The solid ferrous iodide in its unprotected state is omitted in the present editions of the U. S. and Br. Pharmacopœias. The former directs it in pills and syrup prepared immediately from the materials, and as *Ferri Iodidum Saccharatum*. The simple iodide is extremely liable to spontaneous change.

In the Br. process of 1867, which is a modification of that of the late Dublin Pharmacopœia, iron is made to unite with iodine by the intervention of water, and the combination takes place readily and quickly. The liquid at first is red or orange colored, from the circumstance that all the iodine has not united with the iron; but, after the application of heat, it becomes fully saturated and limpid, and assumes a greenish color. It is now a solution of ferrous iodide, and yields the solid salt by evaporation. The proportion of the iron taken is half the weight of the iodine. Fine iron wire, recently cleaned, is directed on account of its purity; but iron filings dissolve more readily, and, if carefully selected, will be sufficiently pure. It is exceedingly difficult to obtain the salt in the solid state perfectly pure, so great is the proneness of its solution to absorb oxygen, whereby the iodide becomes, in part, converted into sesquioxide. This change is prevented to a certain extent by evaporating to dryness in an *iron* vessel.

The Messrs. T. & H. Smith, of Edinburgh, recommended the following improved process, which more effectually excludes atmospheric air. Boil, in a Florence flask, six drachms of pure iron filings with two ounces and a quarter of iodine, in four and a half ounces of distilled water, until the liquid loses its dark color. Then filter the liquid rapidly into another flask, and evaporate it, at a boiling heat, until its green shade passes into black. After this period, the heat is kept up as long as the evaporation of moisture continues, which may be ascertained by its condensation on a cold piece of glass, placed, from time to time, over the mouth of the flask. When this ceases, the flask contains pure, anhydrous, spongy ferrous iodide, which, when cold, is to be removed by breaking the flask, bruised coarsely in a warm dry mortar, and enclosed immediately in small well-corked bottles. If it be wished to obtain the iodine as a crystallized hydrate, the heat is to be withdrawn as soon as the liquid is sufficiently concentrated to congeal, in a dry and hard crust, on the

end of an iron wire dipped into it. A modification of this process by Dr. Squibb will be found in *A. J. P.*, 1859 (p. 52). *Iron Iodates* have been used to some extent as therapeutic agents in Dublin. For formulas for their preparation, see *P. J. Tr.*, i. 624.

Properties. Ferrous iodide is a crystalline substance, exceedingly deliquescent, of a greenish-black color, and styptic, chalybeate taste. Its solution, by evaporation with as little contact of air as possible, affords transparent, green, tabular crystals. When heated moderately it fuses, and, on cooling, becomes an opaque crystalline mass, having an iron-gray color and metallic lustre. At a higher temperature it emits violet-colored vapors, and the iron is left in the state of sesquioxide. It is very soluble both in water and in alcohol. When recently prepared it is wholly soluble in water, forming a pale-green solution; but, if made for some time, it almost unavoidably contains some ferric oxide, from a partial decomposition, and will not entirely dissolve. M. Lecocq, of Saint-Quentin, has proposed to preserve it in a wide-mouthed, ground-stoppered bottle, covered with a layer of reduced iron, which cannot decompose it, and protects it from the action of the air. When the iodide is wanted, the iron is removed with a bone spatula, or a little brush. The aqueous solution is very liable to spontaneous decomposition, becoming at last orange-red from the generation of free iodine, and depositing ferric oxide. According to Mr. Richard Phillips, Jr., the first step in this change is the formation of ferrous oxide and hydriodic acid, from the decomposition of water. As the ferrous oxide immediately begins to be converted into ferric oxide by absorbing oxygen from the air, and in this state is precipitated, the hydriodic acid is set free; and hence is explained the acidity of the solution from the first moment the ferric oxide is deposited. Afterwards, the hydriodic acid is decomposed by the air, and iodine liberated. When the solution is prevented from generating free iodine, by placing in it a coil of iron wire, according to the plan of Mr. Squire, the iron acts by combining with the iodine of nascent hydriodic acid, and not with nascent iodine. (*P. J. Tr.*, iv. 19.) The plan of Mr. Squire does not prevent the deposition of ferric oxide, and has, therefore, been superseded by the use of saccharine matter, which affords a better protection to the solution. (See *Syrupus Ferri Iodidi.*) Ferrous iodide is incompatible with alkalies and their carbonates, with lime water, and with all other substances by which ferrous sulphate is decomposed. When crystallized, it has the composition $FeI_2.5H_2O$.

Medical Properties and Uses. Ferrous iodide was first employed in medicine by Dr. Pierquin in 1824. It was first used in the United States in 1832 by the late Professor Samuel Jackson. Its powers are those of a tonic, alterative, diuretic, and emmenagogue. It acts more like the preparations of iron than like those of iodine. It sometimes sharpens the appetite and promotes digestion, and occasionally proves laxative. When it does not operate on the bowels, it generally augments the urine. Its use blackens the stools and lessens their fetor. It is chiefly employed in *scrofulous complaints*, *swellings of the cervical glands*, *visceral obstructions* attended with deficient action, *chlorosis*, *atonic amenorrhœa*, and *leucorrhœa*. In *secondary syphilis*, occurring in debilitated and scrofulous subjects, Ricord has found it a valuable remedy. The dose is a grain (0·065 Gm.), gradually increased to eight grains (0·52 Gm.).

This salt, on account of its deliquescent property and proneness to decomposition, should not be given in pill, unless protected from change by saccharine matter, or other means. (See *Pilulæ Ferri Iodidi* and *Ferri Iodidum Saccharatum.*) The most convenient form of exhibition is that of syrup or glycerate.*

FERRI OXALAS. *U. S.* 1880. *Oxalate of Iron. Ferrous Oxalate.* $FeC_2O_4.H_2O$; 161·62. *Ferrum Oxalicum. Oxalas Ferrosus. Oxalate de Fer*, Fr. *Oxalsaures Eisenoxydul*, G.

"Take of Sulphate of Iron *two troyounces;* Oxalic Acid *four hundred and thirty-six grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in thirty fluidounces, and the Oxalic Acid in fifteen fluidounces of Distilled Water, filter the solutions, and, having mixed them with agitation, set aside the mixture until the precipitate is deposited. Decant the clear liquid, wash the precipitate until the washings cease to redden litmus, and dry it with a gentle heat." *U. S.* 1870.

This salt was made official in 1870, and was very properly dropped in 1890, as it is a very feeble, inefficient chalybeate. "A pale yellow, or lemon-yellow, crystalline powder, permanent in the air, odorless and nearly tasteless, very slightly soluble in cold or hot water, but soluble in cold, concentrated hydrochloric acid, and in hot diluted sulphuric acid. When heated in contact with air, it decomposes with a faint combustion, and, on ignition, leaves a residue, amounting to not less than 49·3 per cent. of the original weight. On heating the salt with excess of test-solution of carbonate of sodium, it is decomposed, yielding a precipitate, which, when dissolved in diluted hydrochloric acid, affords a blue precipitate with test-solution of ferricyanide of potassium, and a filtrate which, when supersaturated with acetic acid, yields, with test-solution of chloride of calcium, a white precipitate soluble in hydrochloric acid." *U. S.* 1880. Dose, two to three grains (0·13–0·20 Gm.).

FERRI OXIDUM MAGNETICUM. *Magnetic Iron Oxide. Martial Ethiops. Ferrum Oxydatum Magneticum. Oxydum Ferroso-Ferricum. Black Iron Oxide. Oxyde de Fer noir (magnétique)*, *Oxyde ferroso-ferrique*, Fr. *Magneteisen*, *Eisenoxyd Oxydul*, *G.*

"Take of Solution of Persulphate of Iron *five and a half fluidounces* [Imperial measure]; Sulphate of Iron *two ounces* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Soda *four pints* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Iron in two pints [Imp. meas.] of the Water, and add to it the Solution of Persulphate of Iron, then mix this with the solution of Soda, stirring them well together. Boil the mixture, let it stand for two hours, stirring it occasionally, then put it on a calico filter, and, when the liquid has drained away, wash the precipitate with Distilled Water, until what passes through the filter ceases to give a precipitate with chloride of barium. Lastly, dry the precipitate at a temperature not exceeding 120°." *Br.* 1867.

Though the object of this formula is the same as that of the Br. Pharmacopœia of 1864, the proceeding is different. The point aimed at is to

* *Glycerate of Ferrous Iodide.* Glycerin has the property at once of dissolving and preserving ferrous iodide, and therefore makes an excellent excipient. M. Veza proposes the following formula. "Take of Iodine 70 parts, Iron, in powder, 35 parts, and Glycerin 400 parts. Mix them." The color of the solution is an emerald-green; its taste is bitter and astringent; and tests do not detect in it the presence of free iodine. It may be used for preparing the syrup or pills. Five grains of it contain one of ferrous iodide.

get an iron oxide containing one molecule of ferrous oxide and one of ferric oxide (FeO,Fe_2O_3 or Fe_3O_4, *Br.*). This was attained in the former process by converting a portion of ferrous sulphate by boiling with nitric acid into ferric sulphate, and then, having mixed this in solution with solution of ferrous sulphate, precipitating the two oxides conjointly with solution of soda. In the present formula the two sulphates are taken already formed; and the process consists essentially in precipitating, as before, their joint solutions by solution of soda; the proportion of the ferruginous salts being so adjusted as to yield a molecule each of the ferrous and ferric oxide. The solution of the salts of iron is directed to be added to that of the alkali; because, if the alkaline be added to the ferruginous solution, as there would be a great excess of the salt of iron, an insoluble basic sulphate would be precipitated, and might wholly or partially escape decomposition. (Redwood, *P. J. Tr.*, 1868, p. 464.) Such a compound oxide corresponds in composition with the native magnetic black oxide. The precipitate is washed to remove sodium sulphate, and the washings are known to be completed when barium chloride ceases to give a precipitate with them.

Properties. The artificial magnetic iron oxide is a brownish-black powder, without taste, and strongly magnetic. According to the former Br. Pharmacopœia, it consists of a 3-4 iron oxide, Fe_3O_4, with about 20 per cent. of water of hydration, and a portion of iron peroxide (sesquioxide). It dissolves without effervescence in hydrochloric acid diluted with half its bulk of water; and the solution gives a blue precipitate both with the potassium ferrocyanide and the potassium ferricyanide, showing the presence of ferrous and ferric oxide.

The former Br. Pharmacopœia gave the following tests. "When a small quantity is heated in a dry test-tube by the flame of a lamp, a deposit of moisture takes place on the cool part of the tube. Twenty grains dissolved in hydrochloric acid continue to give a blue precipitate with the red prussiate of potash (ferricyanide of potassium) until 83 grain-measures of the *volumetric solution of bichromate of potash* have been added." The former test simply indicates the presence of water in the oxide; the second the quantity of ferrous oxide present, which must be such as to require the indicated quantity of the bichromate for its conversion into ferric oxide. The dose is from five to twenty grains (0·33–1·3 Gm.).

Scales of iron (*ferri squamæ*) were formerly official with the Dublin College under the name of black oxide. They were prepared from the scales found at the blacksmith's anvil, by washing them with water, separating them from impurities by means of a magnet, and reducing them to a fine powder. They are of variable composition; being mixtures of the two oxides of iron with metallic iron.

FERRI SUCCINAS. *Ferric Succinate. Succinate of Iron.* The precipitate obtained by adding ferric chloride to a solution of a succinate is a basic salt $(C_4H_4O_4)_2Fe_2(OH)_2$. This is yellowish in color, becoming darker on standing. Ferric succinate has been introduced as a remedy for *jaundice* resulting from obstruction of the biliary duct; also as a chalybeate. Dose, five grains (0·32 Gm.), best administered as the *Liquor Ferri et Ammonii Succinatis.*

FERRI TANNAS. *Tannate of Iron.* This salt is prepared by dissolving 44 parts of precipitated ferric subcarbonate, moderately dried, in a boiling solution of 9 parts of pure tannic acid, evaporating the solution at the temperature of 176°, in a porcelain vessel, until it becomes thick, pouring it out on a glass or porcelain plate, and drying it with a gentle heat. As thus obtained, ferric tannate is in flat pieces, of a crimson color, without taste, and insoluble in water. It is not a definite chemical compound. It acts as an astringent and tonic, and may be given in *chlorosis*, in the dose of from eight to thirty grains (0·518 to 1·94 Gm.), in the course of the day, made into pills. *Ink* is an aqueous solution of the ferric gallo-tannate, and probably possesses similar medical properties. It is a popular application for *ringworm.*

FERRIC IODATE. *Iodate of Iron. Iodate of Sesquioxide of Iron.* $2Fe_2(IO_3)_6,Fe_2O_3,24H_2O$. This has been proposed as a substitute for the iodide by Prof. Cameron. (*Dublin Quarterly*, 1869, p. 354.) It is prepared by precipitating five fluidrachms of the stronger solution of iron perchloride in four fluidounces of water with a solution of one ounce of the potassium iodate in ten ounces of water. It is said to be nearly tasteless, and not to injure the teeth. Dose, two to five grains (0·13 to 0·3 Gm.).

FERRIC SACCHARATE. *Saccharate de Fer, Saccharure d'Oxyde de Fer soluble*, Fr. *Eisenzucker, Lösliches Eisenoxyd*, G. The *Ferrum Oxydatum Saccharatum Solubile* of the German Pharmacopœia is of importance as an antidote to arsenic. (*Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1870, xlv. 558.) To twenty parts of a solution (43·5 per cent.) of the sesquichloride of iron are added 20 parts of simple syrup, and afterwards 40 parts of a solution of soda (30 per cent.). After twenty-four hours 300 parts of hot distilled water are added, and the precipitate washed by decantation and filtration; 90 parts of sugar are added, the whole dried in a water-bath, and enough sugar added to make the whole weigh 100 parts, containing the equivalent of 3 parts of metallic iron. E. Hoffmann has published a formula which he considers superior to the official. (See *Acidum Arsenosum*, Part I., and *A. J. P.*, xlvi. 559.)

FERROSO-ALUMINIC SULPHATE. *Sulphate of Aluminum and Iron.* $Al_2Fe(SO_4)_4,24H_2O$. This double salt was brought forward by Sir James Murray, of Dublin, as an astringent, styptic, and vermifuge. His method of preparing it is not very clearly expressed, but it may be presumed to be formed by dissolving alumina and ferrous carbonate, both recently precipitated, in sulphuric acid, and duly evaporating the solution. Klauer states that it is produced in crystalline tufts when a solution of the component salts mixed with an excess of sulphuric acid is left to stand in a warm place. (*Watt's Dict.*, vol. v. p. 583.) Sir James recommends it in *chronic dysentery, diarrhœa, fluor albus*, and the *colliquative sweats* and *diarrhœa* which attend hectic fever and consumption. Externally he found it a powerful styptic, useful as a gargle in *relaxation of the tonsils and uvula*, and in *salivation*, as an injection in *hemorrhages*, and as a wash for *foul and flabby ulcers.* Dose, from five to ten grains (0·324 to 0·648 Gm.), dissolved in some aromatic water.

FLAVORING EXTRACTS. Under this name, preparations from various aromatics are considerably used for culinary purposes. They are in the liquid form, and are generally alcoholic solutions of the sapid and odorous principles of substances having an agreeable flavor. For *Extract of Lemon, Orange, Cinnamon, Teaberry*, the official formulas may be used or modified to suit individual purposes. (See *Spiritus Limonis, Aurantii, Cinnamomi, Gaultheriæ*, in Part I. of this work.) *Extract of Almond* may

be made by dissolving one fluidounce of oil of bitter almond, deprived of hydrocyanic acid, in one pint of alcohol; *Extract of Rose*, by dissolving half a fluidrachm of otto of rose in a pint of alcohol, macerating half an ounce of red rose leaves in the solution until the extract is of the desired depth of color, and filtering. For *Extracts of Vanilla* and *Ginger*, see *Tinctura Vanillæ* and *Tinctura Zingiberis* (Part I.). *Extracts of Celery Seed, Thyme, Sweet Marjoram, Sweet Basil, Summer Savory*, etc., may be made by bruising well two ounces of either, moistening with half a fluidounce of diluted alcohol, packing in a percolator, and pouring on diluted alcohol until a pint is obtained. For formulas by Prof. Procter, see *A. J. P.*, 1856, p. 215, and 1866, p. 294.

FLINDERSIA MACULOSA. This is a tree of New South Wales, belonging to the Meliaceæ, which is known as the *leopard tree* on account of its spotted bark. During the summer it yields large masses of a clear amber-colored gum having a pleasant taste, which is eaten by the aborigines, and is used as a remedy for *diarrhœa*. *Leopard-Tree Gum* occurs in pieces as large as pigeons' eggs; dissolves rapidly in cold water, and has been found by J. H. Maiden to contain eighty per cent. of arabin but no metarabin. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi., 1890.)

FLUORESCENCE. It has been proposed to use this property of various drugs to detect adulterations. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1875, *A. J. P.*, 1875, *Phila. Med. Times*, 1875.)

FLUORESCIN. *Fluorescein.* $C_{20}H_{12}O_5$. It may be prepared by heating phthalic anhydride (5 parts) with resorcin (7 parts) to 200° C. Yellowish-red or dark-red powder. Soluble in alcohol with yellow-red color and green fluorescence. With alkalies exhibits a magnificent yellow-green fluorescence. This substance has the faculty of coloring abrasions of the cornea greenish, and has been used by some oculists for diagnostic purposes. The solution (10 grains to a fluidounce) in water containing sodium bicarbonate is not irritant.

FLUORIDES. *Hydrofluoric Acid* is a pungent, fuming, acid gas, very corrosive, attacking glass and porcelain and etching its surface. It is very soluble in water, the specific gravity of the solution rising to 1·25. The concentrated aqueous acid becomes weaker on boiling until, when boiling at 120° C., it attains a constant composition of from 36 to 38 per cent. of the anhydrous acid. Concentrated hydrofluoric acid is a powerful corrosive, having the peculiar property of hardening the skin or tissue with which it comes in contact and continuing its action underneath the hardened tissue, with an extraordinary amount and persistency of pain. (For case, see *Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Jan. 1882; also, *Brit. Med. Journ.*, vol. i., 1880.) According to L. A. Waddell (*Indian Med. Gaz.*, 1883), the dilute eight per cent. acid applied to the skin causes stinging sensation and pallor, followed by redness and desquamation. Fifteen to twenty per cent. acid destroys the epithelium and produces severe burning and aching pain. The vapor of the acid is exceedingly irritant to the lungs, causing, even when very dilute, spasm of the glottis and other symptoms of irritation. According to Husemann, death has been produced by it. Waddell states that the alkaline fluorides are not pronounced irritants, and when taken internally in doses of a grain to a grain and a half continuously, they reduce the force and the frequency of the pulse, at the same time depressing the temperature and increasing somewhat the flow of urine, but not distinctly affecting either the respiratory or the cutaneous functions. This accords with the physiological studies of Tappeiner, who found in animals the soda salt to powerfully depress blood-pressure, by acting on the vaso-motor centres. Death, after profound collapse, was produced by centric failure of respiration. (*Arch. Exper. Path. Pharm.*, xxvii.) Dr. Waddell also affirms that there is an enormous decrease in the number of the red blood-corpuscles, which he believes but does not prove to be the result of a direct action upon the spleen. According to the experiments of Brandl and Tappeiner, when solid fluorides are given in minute quantities with the food, they become separated in the body, especially in the bones, where they form a crystalline combination. (*Zeitsch. f. Biologie*, x., 1892.) M. Maumené has asserted that when the alkaline fluorides are given to dogs for five months goitrous enlargement of the thyroid gland is developed. On the other hand, M. Rabuteau failed in a series of experiments to obtain any such results, and Dr. Woakes has employed the remedy in goitrous enlargement of the thyroid with asserted good results. The remedy has also been used by Dr. Da Costa in rheumatism, but in the clinical studies of Waddell the fluorides failed to do any good either in *rheumatism* or in *epilepsy*, although they did seem to accomplish something in *goitre*. Dose of the alkaline fluorides, one grain (0·065 Gm.).

FORMIC ACID. *Acidum Formicum.* $HCHO_2$. This acid, although deriving its name from having first been obtained from the ant (*Formica rufa*), is remarkable for the number of sources of its production. It can be made from some species of caterpillars, from the blood, urine, fluid of the spleen, and perspiration of human beings; it is found in the products of decomposition of a number of vegetable substances, in common oil of turpentine, as a decomposition product of tartaric acid contained in various fruits and in the juice of the stinging nettle. It may be produced artificially in many ways. The best method (Berthelot's) only will be given (*Ann. Ch. Phys.*, 3, 46, 477): Equal weights of oxalic acid and glycerin with 10 per cent. of water are gently heated, slightly over 100° C. (212° F.), in a capacious retort; carbonic acid gas and formic acid are produced, a little formic acid passing over into the distillate, the greater portion remaining in the retort, however, with the glycerin, from which it can be separated by adding an equal bulk of water, distilling slowly, and renewing the water in the retort as required, until the acid is all distilled off. Formic acid, in its most concentrated state, is a colorless liquid, sp. gr. 1·060 to 1·063, boiling at 98·5° C. (209° F.), fuming slightly upon exposure to the air, having a pungent sour taste, and, when applied to the soft skin, producing violent pain, and often ulceration. Diluted solutions are alone suitable for medicinal applications; equal parts of the strong acid and water have been used. *Spiritus Formicarum* of the German Pharmacopœia is made as follows: "Alcohol, *seventy parts;* Water, *twenty-six parts;* Formic Acid, *four parts.* Mix them. A clear, colorless liquid of an acid reaction. Specific gravity 0·894 to 0·898." *P. G.*

The tests for *Acidum Formicum*, as given in the German Pharmacopœia, are as follows: "When mixed with solution of subacetate of lead, it throws down a white, crystalline precipitate. When the Acid is mixed with five parts of water, and saturated by yellow oxide of mercury, a clear solution results,

which, on heating, evolves a gas and deposits a white precipitate, which rapidly turns gray and afterward changes into shining, metallic, coalescing globules. 10 Gm. of the Acid should neutralize 54·35 C.c. of volumetric solution of soda, corresponding to 25 per cent. of absolute Formic Acid. When diluted with five parts of water, the Acid should not be affected by chloride of calcium nor by hydrosulphuric acid. On diluting 1 Gm. of the Acid with 5 Gm. of water and heating for ten minutes with 1 Gm. of yellow oxide of mercury, it should yield a neutral filtrate." *P. G.*

Medical Properties. Formic acid, diluted with an equal measure of water, is said to be an excellent application to paralyzed limbs, exciting the circulation, and producing erythematous redness, with a pricking sensation as if stung with nettles. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, 1865, p. 80.) It is rarely used internally; dose, five minims (0·33 C.c.).

Among the salts of formic acid, *ammonium formate* (NH_4CHO_2) has been used medicinally. From the fact that ammonium formate is a chemical homologue of ammonium acetate, the acid of the former being a derivative of methyl, as acetic acid is of ethyl, it has been suggested that they might resemble each other in their medicinal relations; but, though formic acid is irritant to the skin like acetic, it has not proved, upon trial, that the two salts have any strong resemblance. The ammonium formate has been employed by Dr. Ramskill, at the Hospital for the Epileptic and Paralytic, in London, who considers it useful in *chronic paralytic disease* with general torpor; especially in cases of reflex paralysis, and, in a less degree, in the paralytic condition arising from long disuse of the muscles. It is said to be equally applicable to palsy of sensation and motion. It is contraindicated by any remaining active irritation or inflammation of the nervous centres or about them, which may have been the original seat of the lesion. Dose, five grains (0·33 Gm.); a larger quantity than this is apt to vomit. Patients experience a glow in the region of the stomach when they swallow it. Gréhaut and Quinquaud have found that the formates are eliminated by the kidneys unchanged.

FORMIC ETHER. A paper on the physiological action of this substance may be found in the *Journ. de Pharm.*, Juin, 1872, p. 453.

FORMOL. *Formaldehyde.* $HCOH + xH_2O$. The preparation known as Formol is a sharp-smelling liquid which contains 40 to 45 per cent. of formaldehyde dissolved in water. This substance, which was originally brought forward by Berlioz and Trillat (*Comptes-Rendus*, 1892), as a powerful germicide, according to the more recent experiments of Berlioz (*Nouv. Remèd.*, 1892), is too feeble to be useful as a practical surgical antiseptic; but being harmless to man is well adapted to the preservation of beer, wine, etc. Jablin-Gonnet (*Journ. Pharm. et Chim.*, 1892) gives as the proper strength for preservation: wine, per liter, 0·0005 Gm.; beer, 0·001 Gm.

FRANKENIA GRANDIFOLIA. *Yerba Reuma.* This California herb, which contains about six per cent. of tannin, is employed as a topical remedy in *catarrhal affections*, especially of the nose and genito-urinary tract; also, internally in doses of ten to twenty minims (0·62 to 1·23 C.c.) of the fluid extract. For local application the fluid extract may be diluted with from two to five times its volume of water.

FRASERA. *Radix Fraserœ. Radix Colombo Americanœ. Racine de Colombo de Mariette (d'Amérique)*, Fr. *Fraserawurzel, Amerikanische Colombowurzel*, G. *American Columbo* (*Frasera Walteri*, Michaux; *F. Carolinensis*, Walter) is a most elegant representative of the family of Gentianaceæ. From the root, which is triennial, long, spindle-shaped, horizontal, fleshy, and yellow, a strong, succulent, solid, smooth stem rises, from five to ten feet in height. The leaves are sessile, entire, glabrous, of a deep-green color, and disposed in whorls, which commence at the root, and ascend to the summit with successively diminishing intervals. The radical leaves, from five to twelve in number, are elliptical, obtuse, a foot or more in length by about four inches in breadth, and lie upon the ground in the form of a star. Those constituting the whorls are successively smaller as they ascend; the lowest oblong-lanceolate, the upper lanceolate and pointed. The flowers are numerous, large, yellowish white, and disposed in a beautiful terminal pyramidal panicle, from one to five feet long, the branches of which spring from the axils of the upper leaves. The segments of the calyx are lanceolate, acute, and somewhat shorter than those of the corolla. The filaments are inserted into the base of the corolla, between its segments, which they do not equal in length. The anthers are oblong and notched at the base. The germ is oblong-ovate, compressed, and gradually tapers into the style, which ends in a bifid stigma. The fruit is an oval, acuminate, compressed, two-valved, one-celled, yellow capsule, containing from eight to twelve flat elliptical seeds.

The Frasera flourishes in the southern and western portions of the United States, and in many situations is very abundant, especially in Arkansas and Missouri. It prefers rich woodlands and moist meadows. The period of flowering is from May to July; but the stems and flowers are produced only in the third year, the radical leaves being the only part of the plant which previously appears above ground. From this manner of growth, it is inferred that the roots, which were formerly included in the Secondary List U. S. P., should be collected in the autumn of the second or the spring of the third year. Before being dried, it should be cut into transverse slices.

As formerly in the market, Frasera was in pieces irregularly circular, an eighth of an inch or more in thickness, about an inch in diameter, somewhat shrunk in the middle, consisting of a central medullary matter and an exterior cortical portion, of a yellowish color on the cut surfaces, with a light reddish-brown epidermis. In appearance these pieces somewhat resembled columbo, but were easily distinguishable by the greater uniformity of their internal structure, the absence of concentric and radiating lines, and their purer yellow color without a greenish tinge. A parcel of the root sliced longitudinally, so as to imitate gentian, has been noticed in the market. It would not be likely to be confounded with it by an experienced person. It was called *American gentian.* The taste of Frasera is bitterish and sweetish. Water and diluted alcohol extract its virtues; and the tincture lets fall a precipitate upon the addition of water, but is not disturbed by tincture of galls. The hot infusion is not precipitated by solution of gelatin, and gives with iodine no signs of starch. These reactions afford additional means of distinguishing the root from columbo. Mr. Higinbothom, of Bermuda, found in it gum, pectin, glucose, wax, resin, fatty matter, yellow coloring matter, bitter extractive, and an

acid which was probably peculiar. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1862, p. 23.) Experiments by Mr. Frank W. Thomas have determined the entire absence from Frasera of berberine, one of the active principles of columbo. (*Ibid.*, July, 1868, p. 310.) G. W. Kennedy obtained *gentisic acid*, $C_{14}H_{10}O_5$, and *gentiopicrin*, $C_{20}H_{30}O_{12}$, the two chief constituents of gentian root, from which it differs chemically in the relative amounts of these constituents. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1873, p. 635.) Prof. J. U. Lloyd believes that the yellow coloring matter of several investigators was impure gentisic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 71.) Prof. Patch, on the other hand, points out (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1881, p. 467) that this principle differs from gentisic acid in being less soluble in cold alcohol, more soluble in hot alcohol and in ether, in having a lower melting point (187° F.), and in behaving differently with nitric and sulphuric acids.

Frasera is a mild tonic and simple bitter, resembling columbo in medical properties as well as in appearance, and hence has received the popular name of *American columbo;* but experience has not confirmed the high estimate at one time formed of its virtues. Dose of powder, one drachm; of infusion (℥i to Oi boiling water), two fluidounces, a day. The fresh root is said to be emetic and cathartic.

FRAXINUS AMERICANA. *White Ash.* The bark of the white ash has been used in the treatment of *dysmenorrhœa*, by Dr. Charles P. Turner and others, of Philadelphia. A *wine of white ash bark* is proposed by Thomas S. Wiegand (*A. J. P.*, 1882), made by macerating eight troyounces of powdered bark for three days in one pint of sherry wine, then transferring to a percolator, and pouring on sufficient menstruum to obtain two pints of percolate. The dose is a teaspoonful (3·69 C.c.)

FRAXINUS EXCELSIOR. *Frêne*, Fr. *Esche*, G. The bark of the *Common European Ash* is bitter and astringent, and at one time was employed in the treatment of intermittent fever. Keller believed that he had found in the bark a peculiar crystallizable principle, which Buchner denominated *fraxinin;* but Kochleder and Schwartz have since shown that the crystals, formed along with the bitter substance obtained by the process of Keller, were nothing but mannite. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, 1853, p. 312.) Since that period, a crystallizable bitter principle has been discovered by Salm-Horstmar, which has been named *fraxin* or *paviin*. It is obtained by precipitating the decoction with lead acetate, washing the precipitate, decomposing it by hydrogen sulphide, and concentrating the solution, which deposits the fraxin in needle-shaped crystals. These are four-sided prisms, shining, white with a tinge of yellow, feebly bitter and astringent, inodorous, soluble with difficulty in cold but readily in hot water. They have the formula $C_{16}H_{18}O_{10}$. Fraxin is a glucoside, dilute acids decomposing it into *fraxetin*, $C_{10}H_8O_5$, and *glucose*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$. The concentrated warm solution has an acid reaction. When much diluted, it exhibits a clear blue fluorescence by daylight, especially if a trace of ammonia be present. Alkalies, alkaline earths, and the carbonates color it yellow; ferric chloride first colors it green, and then throws down a yellow precipitate. (*Chem. Centralblatt*, 1857, p. 452.) Drs. Pouget and Peyraud, of France, have spoken in the highest terms of the efficacy of the leaves in *rheumatic affections;* and, upon the authority of the former, it is stated that they have been used for forty years by the peasants of Auvergne as a specific in *gout*. M. Garot has shown that they contain 16 per cent. of *calcium malate*, to which it is thought their antiarthritic virtues may be ascribed. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiv. 311.) Prof. Gintl confirmed this (*Ibid.*, 4e sér., xii. 60). Dose, an ounce, infused in half a pint of boiling water, three times a day. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxv. 492.)

FRENCH CHALK. A compact, unctuous, indurated talc, of a greenish color, glossy, somewhat translucent, soft and easily scratched, and leaving a silvery line on paper; used chiefly for marking cloth, and for extracting grease-spots. (See *Talcum.*)

FRUIT ESSENCES, ARTIFICIAL. Several of the compound ethers have been found to possess the odor and flavor of certain fruits, a property which has led to their employment as flavoring materials for confectionery and desserts, under the name of fruit essences. The simple ethers present in these compounds, so far as they have become of commercial importance, are common ether or ethyl oxide, which should be called ethylic ether, and amyl oxide or amylic ether. Each of these ethers possesses basic properties, and has its alcohol; common or ethylic ether corresponding to common or ethylic alcohol, and amylic ether to amylic alcohol or fusel oil. These alcohols are hydrates of ethyl and amyl respectively. (See *Alcohol Amylicum*, and *Alcohol*, Part I.) Colored artificial essences are to be distinguished from the real by the following tests, founded upon the presence of aniline. Fuchsine dyes a woollen or silken thread a permanent rose color, the tint imparted by natural fruit-juice washes out (C. Puscher, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xlv. 395); dilute mineral acids redden natural fruit essences, turning yellow those containing an aniline dye; half a volume of nitric acid *instantly* turns an artificial syrup yellow; potassium carbonate reddens artificial syrups, but has no effect on natural syrups; lead subacetate precipitates red with fuchsine, green with natural fruit. (M. Vandeyvere, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., x. 457; Dr. Hager, *A. J. P.*, xlv. 395.)

Ethyl Butyrate. Butyric Ether. $C_4H_7(C_2H_5)O_2$. This ether is readily prepared by mixing 100 parts of butyric acid with 100 of alcohol and 50 of concentrated sulphuric acid, and agitating the mixture for a short time. The ether forms a layer on the surface, and may be purified by washing it with water and subjecting it to the action of calcium chloride. Butyric ether is sparingly soluble in water, but very soluble in alcohol, and boils at 121° C. (249·8° F.). It is said to be much used to communicate a pine-apple flavor to rum. Dissolved in 8 or 10 parts of alcohol, it forms the *pine-apple essence*. From 20 to 25 drops of this essence, added to a pound of sugar containing a little citric acid, imparts to the mixture a strong taste of pine-apple. *Butyric acid*, $C_4H_8O_2$, is formed during what is called the butyric fermentation, which usually consumes two or three months before it is completed, and which is preceded by the lactic fermentation. To prepare it, a solution of grape sugar is mixed with half its weight of chalk, and with about one-tenth of its weight of cheese to act as a ferment, and the whole is kept at the temperature of 32·2° C. (90° F.). The sugar is first transformed into a viscous substance, and afterwards into lactic acid, which is gradually converted into butyric acid, with the disengagement of hydrogen and carbonic acid. At the end of the fermentation, the liquid contains principally a mixture of calcium butyrate and lactate, from which the butyric acid may be ob-

tained by precipitating the lime as a carbonate by sodium carbonate, and decomposing the resulting sodium butyrate with sulphuric acid. Butyric acid is a colorless liquid, of disagreeable odor and rancid taste. It dissolves in all proportions in water and alcohol, boils at 163° C. (325·4° F.); density, 0·973.

Ethyl Pelargonate. Pelargonic Ether. Œnanthic Ether. $C_2H_5,C_9H_{17}O_2$. A preliminary step in forming this ether is to prepare the *pelargonic acid.* This is most conveniently obtained, according to Dr. R. Wagner, by the action of nitric acid on oil of rue. Treat the oil with double its weight of very dilute nitric acid, and heat the mixture until it begins to boil. Two layers are formed in the liquid; the upper one being brownish, and the lower consisting of the products of the oxidation of the oil, with the excess of nitric acid. The lower layer, having been separated, is freed from the greater part of the nitric acid by evaporation in a zinc chloride bath, and then filtered. This filtrate is a solution of pelargonic acid, and may be converted into pelargonic ether by a prolonged digestion, at a gentle heat, with alcohol. The ether as thus prepared has the agreeable odor of quince, and when dissolved in alcohol in due proportion, forms the *quince essence.* (See *A. J. P.*, 1853, p. 320.) It is also obtained from wine lees, by adding sulphuric acid and water, and distilling in a current of steam. *Pure* pelargonic ether (œnanthic ether) is a colorless liquid, having a peculiar, vinous, stupefying odor, and a taste at first slight but afterwards acrid. Its sp. gr. is 0·8635 at 17·5° C., and its boiling point 227° to 228° C. (440·6° to 442·4° F.). It is insoluble in water, but dissolves readily in alcohol and ether. Pelargonic acid, first obtained from *Pelargonium roseum*, or rose geranium, belongs to the fatty acid series, and has the formula $C_9H_{18}O_2$. Delffs's analysis of œnanthic acid gives it the same composition, and he considers the two acids identical.

Amyl Acetate. Pentyl Acetate. $C_5H_{11},C_2H_3O_2$. This is prepared by distilling a mixture of one part of amylic alcohol (fusel oil), two of potassium acetate, and one of concentrated sulphuric acid. The distilled liquid is purified from free acid by washing with a weak alkaline solution, and from water by distillation from calcium chloride. It is a colorless, limpid liquid, lighter than water, boiling at 137° C. (278·6° F.), insoluble in water, but soluble in alcohol. It possesses the odor, in a remarkable degree, of the Jargonelle pear, and is manufactured on a large scale for flavoring syrups and confectionery. An alcoholic solution of this ether forms the *Jargonelle pear essence.* Fifteen parts of amylic ether acetate, with half a part of acetic ether, dissolved in 100 parts of alcohol, form what may be called the *bergamot pear essence*, which, when employed to flavor sugar acidulated with a little citric acid, imparts the odor of the bergamot pear, and a fruity, refreshing taste. Amyl acetate, mixed with butyric ether, forms another fruity compound, which recalls the odor of the banana, and forms, in alcoholic solution, the *banana essence.*

Amyl Valerianate. $C_5H_{11},C_5H_9O_2$. *Amyl Valerate. Apple Oil.* This is made by carefully mixing four parts of pure amylic alcohol (fusel oil) with four of sulphuric acid, and adding the mixture, when cold, to five parts of valerianic acid. The whole is warmed for a few minutes in a water-bath, and then mixed with a little water, which causes the ether to separate. Lastly, it is purified by washing it with water and a weak solution of sodium carbonate. It boils at 188° C. (370·4° F.), and has a sp. gr. of 0·879 at 0° C. An alcoholic solution of this ether, in the proportion of one part to six or eight of alcohol, forms a flavoring liquid under the name of *apple essence.* (See *Acidum Valerianicum.*)

Besides the essences here described, there are found in commerce the strawberry, raspberry, apricot, greengage, mulberry, and black currant essences, all of which may be viewed as various mixtures of the ethers of the ethyl and amyl series, modified by the addition of pure nitrous ether, tincture of orris, vanilla, volatile oils, etc., to bring about a resemblance to the fruit the odor and taste of which it is the object to imitate. In making these essences it is important that the materials should be pure, especially the fusel oil and alcohol. The alcohol used as a solvent should be rectified and deodorized.

Names of the Essences.	Chloroform.	Nitrous Ether.	Aldehyde.	Acetic Ether.	Formic Ether.	Butyric Ether.	Valerianic Ether.	Benzoic Ether.	Œnanthylic Ether.	Oil of Persicot.	Sebacic Ether.	Methyl-Salicylic Ether.	Amylic Alcohol.	Amyl-Acetic Ether.	Amyl-Butyric Ether.	Amyl-Valerianic Ether.	Oil of Lemon.	Oil of Orange.	Alcoholic Solutions saturated in the cold of: Tartaric Acid.	Oxalic Acid.	Succinic Acid.	Benzoic Acid.	Glycerin.
Pine-apple	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Melon	..	..	2	..	1	4	5	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Strawberry	..	1	..	5	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Raspberry	..	1	1	5	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	4
Gooseberry	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	..
Grape	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	10
Apple	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Orange	2	..	2	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	10
Pear	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Lemon	1	1	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	10	..	1	..	5
Black Cherry	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Cherry	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Plum	..	..	5	5	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Apricot	1	..	..	..	..	10	5	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Peach	..	..	2	5	5	5	5	..	..	5	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Currant	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	..

The fruit essences are extensively employed for flavoring ices, jellies, lozenges, and drops, and for making fruit syrups and effervescent beverages.

M. Kletzinsky prepared a table giving the ingredients, and their proportions, of a large number of fruit essences. This table has been carefully revised, as several important errors occurred in it. They are alcoholic solutions of different ethers, to which are sometimes added certain acid and natural essences. Glycerin is present in nearly all, being useful in blending and harmonizing the different flavors. The alcohol and other ingredients must be chemically pure. Each column represents the number of measures to be added to 100 measures of alcohol.

FUCHSINE. This compound, one of the older coal-tar colors, is either *rosaniline* hydrochloride or acetate, a complex body, the formula being $C_{20}H_{19}N_3.HCl$ or $C_{20}H_{19}N_3.C_2H_4O_2$. They form large crystals of a greenish lustre, which dissolve in water (the acetate more easily in cold water) with carmine-red color. They stain animal tissue directly violet-red, while vegetable fibre must first be mordanted. Dr. Reiss (*Gaz. Heb. Méd. et Chir.*, 1888) recommends fuchsine in doses of one-tenth to one-sixth of a grain (0·006 to 0·010 Gm.) as a specific in *acute* and *chronic Bright's disease*. Fuchsine and *Safranine*, $C_{21}H_{20}N_4$, are said to be largely employed in France for coloring wines red. In the experiments of Cazeneuve and Lépine (*Gaz. Hebdom.*, Nov. 1885) fuchsine was found to be free from toxic properties, but safranine proved itself a violent poison, causing marked dyspnœa, acceleration of the heart's beat, violent diarrhœa, and albuminuria, and finally death from respiratory paralysis.

FUCUS VESICULOSUS. *Sea-wrack. Bladder-wrack. Kelp-ware, Black-tang, Cutweed. Quercus Marina. Fucus (Varech) vésiculeux*, Fr. *Blasentang, Seetang, Meereiche*, G. This sea-weed is perennial, with the frond or leaf flat, smooth and glossy, from one to four feet long, from half an inch to an inch and a half broad, furnished with a midrib throughout its length, dichotomous, entire upon the margin, and of a dark olive-green color. Small spherical vesicles, filled with air, are immersed in the frond near the midrib. The air in these vesicles has not the exact composition of the atmosphere; consisting, according to the analysis of M. Ernest Baudrimont, in one instance of 28·4 per cent. of oxygen and 71·6 of nitrogen, in another of 26·5 of the former and 73·5 of the latter. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 446.) The fruit consists of roundish, compressed receptacles, at the ends of the branches, filled with a clear tasteless mucus. The plant grows upon the shores of Europe and of this continent, attaching itself to the rocks by its expanded woody root. On the coasts of Scotland and France, it is much used in the preparation of kelp. It is also employed as a manure, and is mixed with the fodder of cattle. It has a peculiar odor, and a nauseous saline taste. Several chemists have undertaken its analysis, but the results are not satisfactory. It contains much soda in saline combination, and iodine, according to Gaultier de Claubry, in the state of potassium iodide. M. Convoy has found in it 0·21 per cent. of iodine. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 434.) These ingredients remain in its ashes, and in the charcoal resulting from its exposure to heat in close vessels. *F. vesiculosus* is not always richer in iodine than certain other algæ, circumstances of growth having much influence in the matter. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 276; *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvii. 133.) On the coast of France about a dozen species of sea-weed are used with it in making kelp. M. Eugène Marchand has ascertained that, though the ashes of the *Fucus vesiculosus* contain iodine, yet this species is one of those poorest in this constituent; and those of *Fucus digitatus* contain seven or eight times more. Consequently, if it be for the iodine that these plants are chiefly valuable, the latter is greatly preferable to the former. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 276.)

The charcoal, which is sometimes called *Æthiops vegetabilis* or *vegetable ethiops*, has long had the reputation of a deobstruent, and been given in *goitre* and *scrofulous swellings*. The mucus contained in the vesicles was applied externally, with advantage, by Dr. Russell, as a resolvent in scrofulous tumors. M. Duchesne Duparc has obtained from it very good results in the treatment of morbid *obesity*. He employs the whole plant, either in substance in the form of pill, in decoction, or in extract. It is not till two or three weeks after beginning with the remedy that its effects in diminishing the obesity begin to be perceived, and one of the first signs of its favorable action in this respect is the increase of the urine, and the appearance of a black pellicle on its surface. Dr. Godefroy confirms the statements of M. Duchesne. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1862, p. 65.) Dr. A. T. Carson affirms, however, that the *Fucus vesiculosus* is largely used in Ireland for fattening pigs; and it is doubtful whether its preparations are capable of reducing human obesity unless given in such doses as to interfere with digestion and injure the health. M. Dannecy prepares the extract from the plant, collected at the period of fructification about the end of June, in the neighborhood of Bordeaux, and rapidly dried in the sun. This mode of desiccation is important, as when dried by artificial heat the plant never becomes friable, and always retains its hygroscopic qualities. When sufficiently dry to be friable, he treats it, in the state of coarse powder, for three days, with four times its weight of alcohol of 86°, expresses at the end of this time, and subjects the residue twice successively to a similar treatment with alcohol of 54°. The tinctures are then mixed, the alcohol distilled off, and the remainder evaporated to the consistence of an extract. Of this extract, which is one-fifteenth of the plant, three pills, each containing 25 centigrammes (3·75 grains), may be taken daily in the beginning, and increased gradually to twenty-four pills, a quantity which has often been attained without the slightest derangement of the stomach. The commencing dose would be about equivalent to twenty grains of the powder three times a day. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1862, p. 434.) A syrup may be readily prepared by dissolving the extract in a little diluted alcohol, and mixing this with syrup, in such proportion that a teaspoonful of the syrup shall contain a dose of the extract.

Other species of Fucus are in all probability possessed of similar properties. Many of them contain a gelatinous matter, and a sweet principle analogous to mannite; and some are used as food in times of scarcity. Large quantities of a sea-weed, named in the East *agar-agar*, are gathered on the rocky coasts of the East India Islands, and sent to China, where it is valued for making jellies, and as a size for stiffening silks. The varieties are classified by Fristedt as follows.

1. *Ceylon Agar-agar*, consisting chiefly of *Sphærococcus lichenoides*, Ag., the alga used by the *Hirundo esculenta* in the formation of its edible nest.

2. *Macassar Agar-agar*, coming from the straits between Borneo and Celebes, consisting of impure *Eucheuma spinosum*, incrusted with salt.

3. *Japanese Agar-agar*, known as Japanese isinglass (see page 724), derived from several algæ, especially *Sphærococcus compressus*, Ag., *Gloiopeltis tenax*, J. Ag., *Gelidium corneum*, Lam., and *G. cartilagineum*, Gaill., which occurs in European commerce either in transparent pieces, two feet long and as thick as a straw, prepared in Singapore by putting the algæ named in hot water, or, more frequently, in yellowish-white masses, a foot long and upward of an inch in width. It is the latter kind that is suitable for the culture of bacteria, according to Koch's method. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 188.)

Morin has investigated the *gelose* of Payen, contained in the agar-agar. When a solution of gelose is cooled, even that of 1 in 500 parts of water, a colorless, transparent, and stiff jelly is obtained, which, when heated with moderately strong nitric acid, yields mucic and oxalic acids. It dissolves on heating with acidulated water without yielding a jelly on cooling.

Gelose leaves 3·88 per cent. of ashes, and when air-dried contains 22·85 per cent. of moisture. When dissolved there also separates out a flocculent mass amounting to 1·9 per cent. Alcohol precipitates gelose, but it cannot be obtained pure in this manner, as the precipitate contains some ash. (*Compt.-Rend.*, No. 90, pp. 924–926.)

Under the name of *gelosine* a mucilaginous substance, extracted from a Japanese alga, has entered commerce in the form of dry, whitish leaves. Gelosine is soluble in alcohol and water, and is said when wet to gradually contract and expel water, and the medicinal substances which it may contain. It has been proposed as a pharmaceutical basis for various preparations for local use. (See *Brit. Med. Journ.*, vol. ii., 1886.)

The *Ceylon moss* is a delicate fucus (*Gigartina lichenoides*), growing on the coast of Ceylon, where it is gathered by the natives. It abounds in starch and vegetable jelly, which render it applicable to the same purposes as the carrageen or Irish moss. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 355.) *F. Helminthocorton* (*Gigartina Helminthocorton* of Greville) has some reputation in Europe as an anthelmintic, and is said also to be febrifuge. It is an ingredient in the mixture of marine plants sold in Europe under the name of *Corsican moss* or *helminthocorton*. This is used in decoction, from four to six drachms to the pint; dose, a wineglassful three times a day.

Attention has been called by Dr. Sloan, of Ayr, Scotland, to the *Laminaria digitata*, commonly called *sea-girdles* or *tangles*, of Scotland, as supplying an admirable material for bougies. The stem is from two to twelve feet long, and an inch or more in breadth, is of great strength and tenacity, with the property of drying readily, and, in doing so, of shrinking much, and acquiring an elastic firmness, with a consistence, if the desiccation be arrested at the proper point, somewhat softer than horn. In this state the plant may be kept for years; and, if at any time exposed to moisture, will absorb it readily, and swell up to the original size. This last property renders it especially applicable for the formation of bougies or tents to be used in the *dilatation of strictures and sinuses*, as recommended by Dr. Sloan. (See *Dublin Quarterly Journ. Med. Sci.* 1864.)

FULIGOKALI. This preparation, proposed by M. Deschamps, is formed by boiling for an hour 20 parts of caustic potassa and 100 of shining soot, in powder, in a sufficient quantity of water. The solution, when cold, is diluted, filtered, and evaporated to dryness. Fuligokali is in the form of a black powder, or of scales, very soluble in water, and having an empyreumatic odor and mild alkaline taste. It is used in the same affections as *anthrakokali*. The dose is two or three grains, repeated several times a day. An ointment, containing from 16 to 32 grains to the ounce of lard, was found by Dr. Gibert, of Paris, to be detersive, resolvent, and gently stimulant. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 284.)

FUMARINA OFFICINALIS. *Fumitory. Fumeterre*, Fr. *Erdrauch*, *Feldraute*, G. A small annual European plant, naturalized in this country, growing in cultivated grounds, and flowering from May to August. It was formerly considerably employed as a medicine, and is still used in Europe. The leaves are the official part. They are inodorous, have a bitter, saline taste, and are very succulent, yielding by expression a juice which has the sensible and medicinal properties of the plant. An extract, prepared by evaporating the expressed juice or a decoction of the leaves, throws out upon its surface a copious saline efflorescence. *Fumaric acid*, $C_4H_4O_4$, was early identified as present, and its isomerism with *maleic acid*, the acid obtained from malic acid by heat, was established later. The alkaloid *fumarine*, which was first observed by Peschier, has been believed by some chemists to be identical with corydaline, but according to Reichwald (*P. J. Tr.*, xix. 990) its formula, $C_{21}H_{19}N.O_4$, is different from that of corydaline, from which it further differs in striking immediately an intense violet with concentrated sulphuric acid and an intense golden color with strong nitric acid. It occurs in colorless, tasteless crystals, freely soluble in chloroform, less so in benzole, still less so in alcohol and ether, sparingly soluble in water. He obtained it by treating the pulp of the leaves with concentrated acetic acid, with the aid of heat, filtering, evaporating the liquid, treating the extract with boiling alcohol, filtering the alcoholic solution, and, finally, decolorizing, and evaporating so that crystals might form. The acetate thus procured was decomposed by the alkalies, and yielded the fumarine. The similarity of the reactions of fumarine with those of corydaline has been pointed out by Adermann. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 396.) Fumitory has been considered gently tonic, alterative, and, in large doses, laxative and diuretic. But M. Hannon considers it mainly sedative, and states that its prolonged use diminishes *plethora*, and may even produce anæmia. He has found fumarine, in the dose of about one-third or one-fourth of a grain, to be moderately excitant; in that of three grains, to be at first irritant and afterwards sedative. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1854, p. 78.) Both in ancient and modern times fumitory has been esteemed a valuable remedy in visceral obstructions, particularly those of the liver, in scorbutic affections, and in various troublesome eruptive diseases. Cullen speaks favorably of it in these last complaints. He gave two ounces of the expressed juice twice a day. Others have prescribed it in much larger quantities. The leaves, either fresh or dried, may be used in decoction or extract, in almost indefinite dose. The inspissated juice has also been employed.

FUSTIC. A yellow dye-wood, obtained from *Morus tinctoria* (*Broussonetia tinctoria*, Kunth), a tree growing in the West Indies and South America. It is not used in medicine or pharmacy. According

to Bancroft, two different woods bear in England the name of fustic, one the product of the tree just mentioned, distinguished as *old fustic*, probably from the greater magnitude of the billets in which it is imported; the other derived from the *Rhus Cotinus* or *Venice sumach*, and called *young fustic*, or sometimes *Hungarian fustic*. The wood of *M. tinctoria* owes its coloring properties to two principles, which have been isolated by R. Wagner; one denominated *morin*, $C_{15}H_{10}O_7$, and the other *moritannic acid*, $C_{18}H_8O_9$, from its resemblance to tannin. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, ix. 1, 21, and 241.) From the fustic of *Rhus Cotinus*, or Hungarian fustic, M. Chevreul extracted a yellow coloring matter, in small crystalline needles when pure, which he called *fisetin*. J. Schmidt (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 19, pp. 1734–1749) has made a thorough study of fisetin, and prepared a number of derivatives of it. He states that it occurs in the wood as a tannic acid compound of the glucoside of fisetin, which he calls *fustin*. This latter body crystallizes from hot water in fine silvery needles, easily soluble in alcohol and dilute alkalies, sparingly in ether. It melts at 218°–219° with decomposition. By warming with dilute H_2SO_4 it is split up into fisetin and a glucose (probably isodulcite). The *fisetin* has the formula $C_{23}H_{10}O_3(OH)_6$. It is obtained by recrystallization from dilute alcohol or acetic acid; it forms fine yellow needles or yellow prisms ($+ 6H_2O$). It is very slightly soluble in hot water, easily soluble in alcohol and acetic ether, sparingly in ether and benzene.

GALANGAL. *Galanga. China Root. India Root. Rhizoma Galangæ*, P.G. *Galanga*, Fr. *Galgant*, G. Two varieties are described by authors, the *galanga major* and *galanga minor*, or *large* and *small galangal*. They are probably the roots of different plants. The large galangal is derived from *Maranta Galanga* of Linn. (*Alpinia Galanga* of Willd.) According to Dr. H. F. Hance, of Canton, the smaller galangal is the product of a distinct but closely allied plant, *Alpinia officinarum*, Hance. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 408.) Both forms are brought from the East Indies. The *larger variety* is cylindrical, three or four inches long, as thick as the thumb or thicker, often forked, reddish brown externally, slightly striated longitudinally, marked with whitish circular rings, orange-brown internally, rather hard and fibrous, difficultly pulverizable, of an agreeable aromatic odor, and a pungent, hot, spicy, permanent taste. The *small galangal* resembles the preceding in shape, but is smaller, not exceeding the little finger in thickness, of a darker color, and of a stronger taste and smell. According to Morin, galangal contains a volatile oil, an acrid resin, extractive, gum, bassorin, and lignin. A. Vogel, jun., found also starch and fixed oil. (*Pharm. Centralblatt*, 1844, p. 158.) R. Brandes discovered a peculiar crystallizable substance called *kæmpferid*. (*Annal. der Pharm.*, xxxii. 311; see also *Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1882, p. 161.) The active principles are the volatile oil and acrid resin. Thresh has described (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 553) an active pungent principle, which he has named *galangol*. The medical effects of galangal are those of a stimulant aromatic. It was known to the ancient Greeks and Arabians, and formerly entered into numerous compounds. (*A. J. P.*, xliii.) Dose, from fifteen to thirty grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.) in substance, and twice as much in infusion.

GALEGA OFFICINALIS. *Goat's Rue. Herba rutæ Capratiæ. Galega, Rue de Chèvre*, Fr. *Geisraute*, G. A perennial leguminous herb, growing in the south of Europe, and sometimes cultivated in gardens. It is without smell unless bruised, when it emits a disagreeable odor. Its taste is unpleasantly bitter and somewhat rough, and when chewed it stains the saliva yellowish brown. In former times it was much employed in *malignant fevers*, the *plague*, the *bites of serpents*, *worms*, etc. In 1873, Gillet-Damitte, in a communication to the French Academy, stated that this plant when fed to cows would increase the secretion of milk from thirty-five to fifty per cent.; since which time memoirs have been published by Cerisoli, Goubeaux, Masson d'Audry, Dr. Millbank, Dr. Carron de la Carrière, and others, affirming that goat's rue given to nursing women acts as a powerful and fairly certain galactagogue. The best preparation appears to be a watery extract prepared from the fresh plant. This almost black extract has a pronounced odor, and may be given in doses of seven and a half to fifteen grains (0·49 to 0·97 Gm.), three to five times a day. The roots of the indigenous *Galega Virginiana* are said to be diaphoretic and powerfully anthelmintic. They are given in decoction.

GALIUM APARINE. *Cleavers. Goose-grass. Grateron, Rièble*, Fr. *Klebkraut*, G. This is an annual, succulent plant, common to Europe and the United States, growing in cultivated grounds, and along fences and hedges. It is inodorous, and has a bitterish, herbaceous, somewhat acrid taste. Analyzed by Schwartz, it was found, besides chlorophyll, starch, and other principles common to all plants, to contain three distinct acids, viz., a variety of tannic acid, which he names *galitannic acid*, citric acid, and a peculiar acid, previously discovered by Schwartz and Rochleder, and named *rubichloric acid*, $C_{14}H_8O_9$. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 190.) The expressed juice is said to be aperient, diuretic, and antiscorbutic, and has been used in *dropsy*, *congestion of the spleen*, *scrofula*, *scorbutic eruptions*, and *lepra*. In the last two complaints it has been thought peculiarly useful. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1854, p. 144.) Three ounces of the juice may be taken twice a day. Dr. Orwin (*Therap. Gaz.*, vol. i. 767) has seen remarkable results in *psoriasis* from the external and internal use of the drug.

GALIUM VERUM. *Yellow Ladies' Bedstraw. Cheese Rennet. Caille-lait jaune*, Fr. *Megerkraut, Liebfrauenstroh*, G. The flowers of this European Galium are yellow, have a peculiar agreeable odor, and have been used as an antispasmodic. The herb is inodorous, but has an astringent, acidulous, bitterish taste. The bruised plant is sometimes used to color cheese yellow, being introduced into the milk before coagulation. It is also used for dyeing yellow. The roots of this and of most other species dye red; and the plant, eaten by animals, colors the bones like madder. Schwartz found the same principles in it as in *G. Aparine*. It was formerly highly esteemed as a remedy in *epilepsy* and *hysteria*, and was applied externally in *cutaneous eruptions*. It may be employed in the form either of the recently expressed juice, or of a decoction prepared from the fresh plant. Its medical properties, however, are feeble. Testimony has been given in France to the special efficacy of *Galium palustre* in *epilepsy*. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1863, p. 77.) Of the American species, *G. tinctorium* is closely allied in properties to *G. verum*. It is said to be useful in *cutaneous diseases*; and the root is employed by the Indians for staining their feathers and other ornaments red. *G. triflorum*

contains coumarin, as pointed out by L. von Cotzhausen. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 405.)

GALLACETOPHENOL. $C_6H_2\{(OH)_3\ CH_3CO$. This is a derivative of pyrogallol, containing an acetyl group replacing a H atom of the benzene nucleus. Forms a pale-yellow powder, crystallizing from hot water, in which, as well as in alcohol and ether, it is readily soluble. It is also soluble in glycerin in all proportions. This substance has been proposed as a substitute for pyrogallic acid in the local treatment of *psoriasis*, it being claimed that it does not stain, and is not so poisonous as the acid.

GARDENIA GRANDIFLORA. A Chinese tree, the fruit of which is employed in dyeing the yellow robes of the mandarins; and, according to Lorenz Mayer, contains *crocin*, which in powder is of a bright-red color, and soluble in water and alcohol. According to the latest researches of Kayser (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1884, p. 2228), its formula is $C_{44}H_{70}O_{28}$. When heated with dilute hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, it is decomposed into *crocetin*, $C_{24}H_{46}O_8$, and a dextrorotatory sugar called *crocose*. Alkalies bring about the same decomposition almost instantly. Concentrated sulphuric acid dissolves both the crocin and crocetin with deep-blue color. The fruit of another species, *G. campanulata*, growing in the forests of Chittagong, in India, is said to be used by the natives as a cathartic and anthelmintic. (Lindley, *Flor. Med.*, p. 434.)

GARRYA FREMONTII. *California Fever Bush. Skunk Bush.* The leaves of this California bush have an intensely bitter taste, and are said to be largely used by Californians as a tonic and antiperiodic. Mr. D. W. Ross (*A. J. P.*, 1877) states that he has found in them a new alkaloid, *Garryine*. The dose of the fluid extract of the leaves is from ten to thirty minims (0·62 to 1·85 C.c.).

GAULTHERIA. *Wintergreen. Boxberry. Checkerberry. Feuilles de Gaulthérie* (*de Paloninier*), *Thé du Canada*, *Thé de Terreneuve*, Fr. *Canadischer Thee*, *Bergthee*, G. *Gaultheria procumbens* is a small, indigenous, shrubby, evergreen plant, with a long, creeping, horizontal root, which sends up at intervals one or two erect, slender, round, reddish stems. These are naked below, leafy at top, and usually less than a span in height. The *leaves*, which were formerly official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, are short-petiolate, obovate or roundish-oval, about an inch and a half (4 centimeters) long, and three-quarters of an inch (2 centimeters) or more broad, acute, revolute at the edges with a few mucronate serratures, coriaceous, shining, bright-green above, paler beneath, of unequal size, and supported irregularly on short red petioles. The flowers, of which not more than from three to five are usually on each stem, stand upon curved, drooping, axillary peduncles. The calyx is white, five-toothed, and furnished at its base with two concave cordate bracts, described by some as an outer calyx. The corolla is white, ovate, or urceolate, contracted at the mouth, and divided at the border into five small acute segments. The stamens have curved, plumose filaments, and oblong orange-colored anthers opening on the outside. The germ, which rests upon a ring having ten teeth alternating with the ten stamens, is roundish, depressed, and surmounted by an erect filiform style, ending in an obtuse stigma. The fruit is a small, five-celled, many-seeded capsule, with a fleshy covering, formed by the enlarged calyx, and presenting the appearance of a bright-scarlet berry.

The plant extends from Canada to Georgia, growing in large beds in mountainous tracts, or in dry barrens and sandy plains, beneath the shade of shrubs and trees, particularly of other evergreens, as the Kalmiæ and Rhododendra. It is abundant in the pine-barrens of New Jersey. In different parts of the country, it is variously called *partridge-berry*, *deer-berry*, *tea-berry*, *wintergreen*, and *mountain-tea*. The flowers appear from May to September, and the fruit ripens at corresponding periods. To the very peculiar aromatic odor and taste which belong to the whole plant, the leaves add a marked astringency. The aromatic and medicinal properties of wintergreen reside exclusively in an official volatile oil. (See *Oleum Gaultheriæ*, Part I.)

GENISTA TINCTORIA. *Dyers' Broom. Dyers' Weed. Green Weed. Wood-Waxen. Genet des Teinturiers*, Fr. *Färberginster*, G. A low shrub, growing wild in Europe, and sometimes cultivated in this country in gardens. The flowering tops of the plant are employed to dye yellow, whence its name was derived. Both these and the seeds have been used in medicine. They are said to be purgative and even emetic, especially the seeds, which were formerly given as a cathartic in the dose of a drachm and a half. By some authors they are said to be diuretic, and to be useful in *dropsy*.

GERANIUM ROBERTIANUM. *Herb Robert. Herbe à Robert*, Fr. *Ruprechtskraut*, G. This species of geranium grows wild both in Europe and the United States, but is rare in this country; and Pursh states that the American plant is destitute of the heavy smell by which the European is so well known, though the two agree in all other respects. The herb has a disagreeable, bitterish, astringent taste, and imparts its virtues to boiling water. It has been used internally in *intermittent fever*, *consumption*, *hemorrhage*, *nephritic complaints*, *jaundice*, etc., has been employed as a gargle in *affections of the throat*, and has been applied externally as a resolvent to *swollen breasts* and other *tumors*.

GEUM. *Water Avens. Radix Caryophyllatæ Aquaticæ. Radix Benedictæ Sylvestris. Racine de Benoîte aquatique* (*de Benoîte des Ruisseaux*), Fr. *Sumpfnelkenwurzel*, *Wasser-Benedikten-Wurzel*, G. Several species belonging to this genus have been medicinally employed; but three or four are deserving of particular notice,—*Geum rivale*, which once had a place in the U. S. Secondary List, *G. urbanum*, formerly recognized by the Dublin College, *G. Virginianum*, an indigenous species, the root of which has been recommended in *dysentery* by Dr. W. A. Gibson, of St. Louis (*Med. Record*, 1868), and *G. album*, recommended by Dr. W. A. Spurgeon in *gastric irritation* and *headache*. (*A. J. P.*, 1883.)

Geum urbanum, or *avens*, is a native of Europe, where it grows wild in shady places. The root, which is the part used, consists of a short oblong body, from a quarter to half an inch in thickness, externally brown, internally white towards the circumference and reddish at the centre, and furnished with numerous long descending fibres. When quite dry it is nearly inodorous; but in the recent state has a smell like that of cloves, whence it is sometimes called *radix caryophyllatæ*. The taste is bitterish and astringent. It imparts its virtues to water and alcohol, which it tinges red. Buchner obtained a yellow, amorphous, neutral, bitter-tasting mass, which he calls *geum-bitter*. Distilled with water it yields 0·04 per cent. of a thick, greenish-yellow volatile oil, and gives a pleasant clove-like flavor

to the liquid. It contains, besides, according to Trommsdorff, tannic acid, which is abundant, a tasteless resin, gum, bassorin, and lignin. It has been much used in Europe as a tonic and astringent, in chronic and passive *hemorrhages*, *chronic dysentery* and *diarrhœa*, *leucorrhœa*, *intermittent fever*, etc. The dose is from thirty grains to a drachm of the powder three or four times a day, or an equivalent quantity in decoction.

Geum rivale. Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 1115; *Engl. Bot.* 106. *Water avens* has a perennial, horizontal, jointed, scaly, tapering root, about six inches long, of a reddish-brown color externally, white internally, and furnished with numerous descending yellowish fibres. One or more stems rise from the same root, which also sends up numerous leaves. The stems are about a foot and a half high, simple, erect, pubescent, and of a purplish color. The radical leaves are interruptedly pinnate, with large terminal leaflets, and long, hairy footstalks; those of the stem are petiolate, and divided into three serrate, pointed segments. The flowers are few, solitary, nodding, yellowish-purple, and supported on axillary and terminal peduncles. The color of the stems and flowers gave rise to the name of *purple avens*, sometimes applied to the plant. The calyx is inferior, with ten lanceolate, pointed segments, of which the five alternate are smaller than the others. The petals are five, and as long as the calyx. The seeds are oval, with plumose awns, minutely uncinate, and nearly naked at the summit. This species of Geum is common to Europe and the United States; though the plant of this country has smaller flowers, with petals more rounded on the top, and leaves more deeply incised than the European. It delights in wet, boggy meadows, and extends from Canada into New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. Its flowers appear in June and July. The dried root is hard, brittle, easily pulverized, reddish or purplish, without smell, and of an astringent, bitterish taste. Boiling water extracts its virtues.

Water avens is tonic and powerfully astringent. It may be used with advantage in *chronic* or *passive hemorrhages*, *leucorrhœa*, and *diarrhœa;* and is said to be beneficially employed in the Eastern States, as a popular remedy in the debility of *phthisis pulmonalis* and in *simple dyspepsia*. In Europe it is sometimes substituted for the root of *common avens*, or *Geum urbanum*, but is less esteemed. The dose of the powdered root is from a scruple to a drachm, to be repeated three times a day. Dose of the decoction (ounce to the pint), one or two fluidounces. A weak decoction is sometimes used by invalids in New England as a substitute for tea and coffee.

GILLENIA. *Bowman's Root. Racine de Gillénie*, Fr. *Gillenienwurzel*, G. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly included in its Secondary List the roots of *G. trifoliata* and *G. stipulacea.*

Gillenia trifoliata is an herbaceous plant, with a perennial root, consisting of many long, slender, brown branches, proceeding from a thick, tuber-like head. The stems, several of which usually rise from the same root, are two or three feet high, erect, slender, smooth, flexuose, branched, and commonly of a reddish color. The leaves are ternate, with very short petioles, and small linear-lanceolate stipules. The leaflets are ovate-lanceolate, sharply serrate, and acuminate. The flowers grow in a loose terminal nodding panicle, with long peduncles. The calyx is tubular campanulate, ventricose, and terminates in five-pointed segments. The corolla is composed of five linear-lanceolate, recurved petals, the two upper separated from the three lower, white, with a reddish tinge on their border, and of three times the length of the calyx. The stamens are twenty, the filaments short, the anthers small and yellow. Each flower is succeeded by five capsules, connate at the base, oblong, acuminate, gibbous without, acute within, two-valved, one-celled, opening inward, and containing each one or two oblong seeds. This plant grows throughout the United States, east of the Alleghany ridge, and, in Pennsylvania, may also be found abundantly west of these mountains. It frequents light soils, in shady and moist situations, and flowers in June and July. The root should be gathered in September.

G. stipulacea is herbaceous and perennial, though much taller and more bushy than the preceding. The stems are brownish and branched. The upper leaves are ternate, lanceolate, serrate; the lower more deeply incised, becoming towards the root pinnatifid, and of a reddish-brown color at the margin. The stipules are ovate, acuminate, deeply serrate, resembling leaves, and marking the species at the first glance. The flowers are smaller than those of *G. trifoliata*, and grow on long slender peduncles in a lax corymb. In the valley of the Mississippi, this plant occupies the place of *G. trifoliata*, which is not found beyond the Muskingum. It grows as far north as the State of New York, extends through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, and probably into the States south of the Ohio, as it has been found in West Virginia. Its root is precisely similar to that of the Eastern species, and is reputed to possess the same properties.

The dried root of Gillenia (*Indian Physic*, *American Ipecacuanha*) is not thicker than a quill, wrinkled longitudinally with occasional transverse fissures, and, in the thicker pieces, presenting in some places an irregular, undulated, somewhat knotty appearance, arising from indentations on one side corresponding with prominences on the other. It is externally of a light-brown color, and consists of a thick, somewhat reddish, brittle cortical portion, with an interior slender, tougher, whitish, ligneous cord. For microscopic characters, see G. L. Curry. (*Amer. Pract. and News*, May, 1892.) The bark, which is easily separable, has a bitter, not disagreeable taste; the wood is nearly insipid and comparatively inert, and should be rejected. The powder is of a light-brownish color, and possesses a feeble odor, which is scarcely perceptible in the root. The bitterness is extracted by boiling water, which acquires the red color of wine. The root yields its bitterness also to alcohol. By various experimenters it has been shown to contain gum, starch, gallo-tannic acid, fatty matter, wax, resin, coloring matter, albumen, and lignin, besides salts. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 490.) *Gillenin* of Mr. W. B. Stanhope is a whitish substance, very bitter, slightly odorous, permanent in the air, soluble in water, alcohol, ether, and the dilute acids, and neutral to test-paper. Nitric acid rendered it blood-red, chromic acid green. Tannic acid produced no effect. It gave white precipitates with potassa, lead subacetate, and tartar emetic. Half a grain of it produced nausea and retching. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 202.) G. L. Curry (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 513) has found two glucosides: the first, *gillein*, obtained from the ethereal extract, formed white feathery crystals, was colored red by sulphuric acid, yellow by nitric acid, and deepened the color of chromic acid. The second,

gilléenin, obtained from the aqueous infusion, was amorphous, of yellowish color, of faint taste at first but becoming very bitter, and giving no color reactions with the acids.

Gillenia is a mild and efficient emetic, and, like most substances belonging to the same class, occasionally acts upon the bowels. In very small doses it has been thought to be tonic, and has been used as a substitute for ipecacuanha, which it is said to resemble in its mode of operation. It was employed by the Indians, and became known as an emetic to the colonists at an early period. Linnæus was aware of its reputed virtues. Dose of the powdered root, from twenty to thirty grains (1·29 to 1·95 Gm.).

GLASS OF ANTIMONY. *Vitrum Antimonii.* This is prepared from antimony tersulphide by a partial roasting and subsequent fusion. Glass of antimony is in thin irregular pieces, which have a vitreous fracture, and a metallic steel-gray lustre. When well prepared, it is transparent, and, upon being held between the eye and the light, appears of a rich orange-red or garnet color; but if of inferior quality it is black and opaque. It is hard and brittle, and rings when struck with a hard substance. It is insoluble in water, but soluble in acids and cream of tartar, with the exception of a few red flocculi. Its essential constituents are the teroxide and tersulphide, united in variable proportions. Sometimes *glass of lead* is sold for glass of antimony, a fraud readily detected by the difference between the two substances in specific gravity; glass of lead having a density of nearly seven, while that of glass of antimony is not quite five. Glass of antimony is an active antimonial; but, owing to its variable composition and unequal operation, it is very seldom used. When the levigated powder is mixed with one-eighth of its weight of melted yellow wax, and the mixture roasted over a slow fire, with constant stirring, until it ceases to exhale vapors, a coal-like pulverizable mass is formed, the *cerated glass of antimony* of the old Edinburgh Pharmacopœia.

GLECHOMA HEDERACEA. *Herba Hederæ Terrestris. Lierre terrestre*, Fr. *Gundermann, Gundelrebe*, G. *Nepeta Glechoma. Ground-ivy.* A small perennial, labiate herb, indigenous in Europe and the United States, and growing in shady, grassy places, as in orchards and along fences and hedges. The herb was formerly official, and still enjoys some credit as a domestic remedy. It has a peculiar disagreeable odor, and a bitterish, somewhat aromatic taste, and imparts its properties to boiling water. It is very prone to have galls developed on it, and to be infested with micromycetes. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 127.) It is said to be gently stimulant and tonic, with, perhaps, a peculiar direction to the lungs and kidneys. It has also been considered aperient. It has been most used in chronic affections of the pulmonary and urinary organs, and at one time had considerable reputation as a remedy in *consumption*. A half-drachm to a drachm was usually given in infusion as a dose.

GLEDITSCHINE. In 1878 (*Phila. Med. Times*) *Gleditschia triacanthos* and *G. ferox* were chemically studied by B. F. Lautenbach, who abstracted from them an alkaloid, which he found to produce in the frog stupor and loss of reflex activity, due to an action upon the spinal cord. To this alkaloid Dr. Lautenbach gave the name of *gleditschine*. In 1887 (*Med. Rec.*, July 31, 1887), Mr. Goodman and Drs. Seward and Claiborne brought before the profession, as a local anæsthetic, an alkaloid under the name of *stenocarpine*. Subsequently Dr. Claiborne (*Med. Rec.*, Oct. 1, 1887) announced that the tree from which this alkaloid is obtained is the *Gleditschia triacanthos*, and suggested the name of gleditschine for it. The alleged alkaloid was placed upon the market in solution, and was largely used as a local anæsthetic and mydriatic by oculists. In October or November, 1888, however, Mr. F. H. Thompson, of Detroit (*Med. Age*), and Prof. T. G. Novy (*Pharm. Rundschau*) and Dr. John Marshall, of the University of Pennsylvania (*Phila. Med. News*), published analyses of this solution, showing that it contained six per cent. of cocaine, besides some atropine or other mydriatic alkaloid. It is certain, therefore, that the solution of gleditschine, so called, which was put upon the American market was a fraud. (See, also, *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 589.)

GLOBULARIA ALYPUM. *Wild Senna of Europe.* This is a small shrub, growing on the European shores of the Mediterranean, the leaves of which have been occasionally used as a cathartic since the middle ages. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen obtained from the leaves *globularin*, an amorphous glucoside which splits by treatment with mineral acids into glucose and *globularetin*. *Globularia vulgaris* was found to contain the same substances. (*Journ. Pharm. Chim.*, 1883, p. 361.) Dr. Gustave Planchon states that the leaves are a mild but efficient purgative in dose of one ounce given in decoction. (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 426.)

GLORIOSA SUPERBA. The roots, stalk, and leaves of this climbing liliaceous plant are said to be an acrid narcotic poison, and not infrequently used for suicidal purposes in India. Prof. C. J. H. Warden found in them two resins, and a very poisonous bitter principle, *superbine*. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 496.)

GLUE. An impure form of gelatin, obtained from various animal substances by boiling them in water, straining the solution, and evaporating it till upon cooling it assumes the consistence of jelly. The soft mass which results is then divided into thin slices, which are dried in the open air. Glue, when of good quality, is hard and brittle, of a color varying from light yellow to brown, and equally transparent throughout. It softens and swells very much in cold water, without dissolving; but is readily dissolved by hot water. It is soluble in a large proportion of glycerin, and with heat forms with it in smaller proportion a jelly. (Maisch, *A. J. P.*, xlii. 518.) It is employed chiefly for cementing wood, being too impure for use as a test or food.

An elastic and imputrescible preparation of glue, which is very useful for various purposes in the arts and in medicine, may be made by dissolving glue in water by means of a water-bath, concentrating the solution, then adding a weight of glycerin nearly equal to that of the glue employed, thoroughly mixing, evaporating the residue of the water, and finally pouring into moulds, or on a marble slab. It is especially applicable to the preparation of artificial anatomical specimens. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1857, p. 23.) The various *hectograph* compositions introduced within recent years for copying purposes are similar mixtures. One of the best copying masses is made by dissolving one part of glue or gelatin in a mixture of two parts of water and four parts of glycerin, with a few drops of carbolic acid, heating, straining, and adding three parts of sifted whiting or terra alba. (See *N. R.*, 1879, pp. 338, 364.) A good *liquid glue* may be made by rubbing up in two pints of rain-water, with the heat of a water-bath,

16 ounces of the best white glue and 4 ounces of dry white lead, until thoroughly mixed, then adding 4 fluidounces of alcohol, and continuing the heat and the agitation for a few minutes. The mixture is to be poured into bottles while still hot. (*Drug. Circular*, Oct. 1866.) A *liquid glue* may also be readily prepared by mixing in a stoppered bottle 38 parts of glue, properly divided, and 100 parts of acetic acid of commerce, the latter of which dissolves the glue as water dissolves gum. On exposure the acid evaporates, leaving the glue unchanged. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xlvi. 35.) It is stated that an excellent *liquid glue* may be made by dissolving glue in sweet spirit of nitre. A mode of preparing *strong liquid glue*, recommended by M. Knaff, is to take three parts of good glue in small pieces, cover it with eight parts of water, and, after having allowed it to stand for some hours, add half a part of hydrochloric acid and three-fourths of a part of zinc sulphate, and expose the whole for 10 or 12 hours to a heat from 81·1° to 87·2° C. (178°–189° F.). This does not gelatinize, and keeps well. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 330; from *Journ. de Pharm.*) It is stated that a *waterproof glue* may be made by adding potassium bichromate to the solution of glue just before using, in the proportion of one part to fifty of glue. (*A. J. P.*, xliii. 420.) *Chromatized gelatin*, obtained by the addition of one part of potassium bichromate to five parts of a solution (5 or 10 per cent.) of gelatin, forms an excellent cement for glass. The surfaces to be united, after being smeared with the cement, are placed upon each other and exposed to the sun. After a few hours the adhesion is perfect and almost invisible, and boiling water itself has no action on the cement. (*Lond. Lancet*, Nov. 11, 1876.) For other formulas for liquid glue, see *A. J. P.*, xliii. 421.

GNAPHALIUM MARGARITACEUM. *Cudweed. Life-everlasting. Pied de Chat, Immortelle*, Fr. *Katzenpfötchen, Immerschön*, G. An indigenous herbaceous perennial, growing in fields and woods, and flowering in August. The herb of this species and of *G. polycephalum*, or *sweet-scented life-everlasting*, is sometimes used, in the form of tea, by the country people, in diseases of the chest and of the bowels, and in hemorrhagic affections, and externally, in the way of fomentation, in *bruises, languid tumors*, and other local complaints; but it probably possesses little medical virtue. Schoepf says that it is anodyne. In Europe different species of Gnaphalium are also occasionally employed for similar purposes. (See *Antennaria margaritacea.*)

GOLD. *Aurum.* Atomic weight, 196·7. The preparations of this metal were introduced to the notice of physicians by Dr. Chrestien, of Montpellier, in 1810. They are employed both internally and by friction on the tongue and gums. The principal affections in which they have been recommended are *secondary syphilis, syphilitic ulcerations, scrofula*, and *inveterate eruptions*, particularly those of a *leprous character*. The chief preparations which have been employed, up to the present time, are metallic gold in a finely divided state, the oxide (teroxide, incorrectly called auric acid), the chloride (terchloride), the iodide, the double gold and sodium chloride, now official, the ammonium chloraurate (a compound of gold terchloride and ammonium chloride), and the gold cyanide (tercyanide). *Gold in powder* may be obtained by rubbing up gold-leaf with 10 or 12 times its weight of potassium sulphate until brilliant particles are no longer visible, and then washing away the sulphate with boiling water. The *oxide* may be procured by treating the nitrohydrochloric solution of gold with an excess of magnesia, and washing the precipitate, first with water, and afterwards with dilute nitric acid. This process being tedious, M. L. Figuier prefers to obtain the oxide by precipitating the cold solution of gold chloride, rendered strongly alkaline by caustic potassa, with a solution of barium chloride. The precipitate, consisting of barium aurate, is then treated with dilute nitric acid, which dissolves the barium and leaves the gold oxide pure. Ten parts of gold, thus treated, produced 11·75 parts of oxide; while the same quantity of gold by the magnesia process yielded only 9 parts. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Dec. 1847.) The *chloride* is obtained by dissolving pure gold in three times its weight of nitrohydrochloric acid, with the aid of a moderate heat. The solution is evaporated by a gentle heat nearly to dryness, being at the same time stirred with a glass rod. It is in the form of a crystalline mass of a deep-red color. Its solution has a fine yellow tint. Being deliquescent, it requires to be kept in ground-stoppered bottles. (See *Auri et Sodii Chloridum.*) The *iodide* may be made by precipitating a solution of gold terchloride by one of potassium iodide, and washing the precipitate with alcohol to remove the excess of iodine. It is of a greenish-yellow color, and, when heated in a porcelain crucible, is resolved into iodine vapors and a residue of pure gold. The *ammonium chloraurate* is formed by dissolving one part of the gold terchloride and two parts of ammonium chloride in distilled water, assisted by a few drops of nitrohydrochloric acid, and evaporating the solution to dryness by a gentle heat. The *cyanide* is best obtained, according to M. Oscar Figuier, as follows. Prepare the gold chloride as neutral as possible by repeated solutions and crystallizations; and to the solution of this salt add, very cautiously, avoiding any excess, a solution of *pure* potassium cyanide, so long as any precipitate falls. (See *Potassii Cyanidum.*) The precipitate, consisting of gold cyanide, is to be washed with pure water, and dried in the dark. Gold in powder, and the oxide, chloride, iodide, sodio-chloride, and cyanide, are official in the French Codex.

The preparations of gold are decidedly poisonous, though in different degrees. The chloride is most virulent, and, according to Dr. Chrestien, is even more active than corrosive sublimate. In an overdose, it produces pain, inflammation, and even ulceration of the stomach and bowels, and otherwise acts as a corrosive poison. The general effect of these preparations, in moderate doses, is to produce increased fulness and frequency of the pulse, and to augment the urine and insensible perspiration, without interfering with the appetite or the regular action of the bowels; but, if the dose be pushed too far, general irritation is apt to be produced, inflammation seizes upon some organ, according to the predisposition of the individual, and fever is developed.

Gold in powder, the oxide, chloride, and *iodide* are not as much used as the soluble gold and sodium chloride. The oxide may be given in the form of pill, containing the tenth of a grain (0·006 Gm.), in *scrofula* and *lymphatic swellings*, beginning with one pill daily, and afterwards gradually increasing to seven or eight in twenty-four hours. The chloride has been used with advantage as a caustic in *lupus*, and in *syphilitic tubercles* and *ulcers*, by M. Chavannes. The iodide may be given in the same cases

with the other preparations. The dose is from the fifteenth to the tenth of a grain (0·004 to 0·006 Gm.).

In 1889, Goubert claimed before the French Academy that gold bromide, administered in a weak solution, is more efficacious and durable in its action in *epilepsy* than are any of the other bromides, and is also better tolerated. This statement led Shtcherbak to study the effect of the gold bromide upon the motor area of the cerebral cortex, according to the method of Albertoni. He found that in the dose of one-half to three grains per kilogramme of weight it so depressed the cortical motor centres that even the strongest electric stimulation failed to bring about any epileptic seizures. It is further claimed that the gold bromide never produces in man general depression, languor, emaciation, or other pronounced symptoms of bromism. The amount of bromine in the bromide, 55 per cent. by weight, would seem too small to make it probable that the bromine is the active ingredient of the salt. The dose of the bromide for the adult is eight to twelve milligrammes; for children, three to six milligrammes. As a substitute for this preparation, E. Merck has proposed *gold and sodium bromide* (*Aurum-Kalium bromatum*, $AuBr_3.KBr + 2H_2O$), which has been tested by I. Jankura and Prof. Laufenauer (*Pest. Med. Chirurg. Presse*, 1892), and found to be a valuable anti-epileptic. It may be used hypodermically, by dissolving 2 parts of the salt in 100 parts of distilled water, and injecting of this half a cubic centimeter (8 minims), and increasing the dose to two cubic centimeters (32 minims).

Ammonium chloroaurate has been recommended by Bouchardat in *amenorrhœa* and *dysmenorrhœa* in debilitated subjects, in the dose of about the tenth of a grain (0·006 Gm.). A grain may be dissolved in five teaspoonfuls of alcohol and five of water, and a teaspoonful given morning and evening, mixed with sweetened water.

Gold cyanide is employed, like the gold and sodium chloride, mixed with inert powders by friction, and in the form of pill. The fifteenth of a grain (0·004 Gm.) may be rubbed into the gums daily for fifteen days, next, the fourteenth of a grain for fourteen days, and so on, increasing until the dose amounts to the ninth or eighth of a grain (0·0075 or 0·008 Gm.). The dose for internal exhibition is the eighteenth of a grain, gradually increased to the eighth (0·0038 to 0·008 Gm.). Gold cyanide has been found useful in the treatment of *syphilis* and *scrofula* by M. Pourché, and is said to be less exciting than the double chloride.

The different medicinal compounds of gold should not be prepared in pill, powder, or otherwise, until they are wanted for use; as they are liable to undergo decomposition when kept. They should be carefully secluded from the light.

GRASS-TREE GUM. An Australian product, said to be obtained by exudation from different species of Xanthorrhœa, especially *X. hastilis*. It is of a resinous character, usually as found in the markets in the state of small fragments or coarse powder, resulting from the breaking up of the larger brittle masses in which it first occurs. It is of a deep reddish-yellow color in mass, but greenish yellow in powder. It does not dissolve in the mouth when chewed, nor adhere to the teeth, but has a slightly astringent and aromatic flavor. It melts with heat, and at a higher temperature takes fire in the air, burning with a smoky flame, and emitting a fragrant odor not unlike that of balsam of Tolu. It yields picric acid largely under the action of nitric acid. The natives and early settlers employed it as a medicine in *diarrhœa*. It is said to be used extensively, instead of shellac, in cabinet work, but to be distinctly inferior. (For much interesting information concerning it, and other resinous products of the genus Xanthorrhœa, see paper by Mr. J. H. Maiden, *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi., 1891.) It is obtainable in inexhaustible quantities, as the plants producing it are abundant throughout almost the whole of Australia. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 465.) Three hundred tons of the resin of *X. hastilis* have been exported in one year, and at one time the price rose to £65 per ton for the best quality, but for ordinary quality it is from £7 to £10. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 405.) (See article *Xanthorrhœa Resins*, p. 1774.)

GRATIOLA OFFICINALIS. *Hedge-hyssop. Gratiole*, Fr. *Gnadenkraut, Gottesgnadenkraut*, G. This is a perennial herb, indigenous in the south of Europe, where it flourishes in meadows and other moist grounds. The whole herb is used. It is nearly inodorous, but has a bitter nauseous taste. Both water and alcohol extract its active properties. Its chemical constitution has been investigated by Dr. F. G. Walz, who found the following constituents: 1, *gratiolin*, 2, *gratiosolin*, 3, *gratioloic acid*, 4, *gratiola fat*, and 5, a brown resin. The gratiolin is decomposed on prolonged boiling with dilute H_2SO_4 into *gratioletin*, *gratiolaretin*, and sugar; the gratiosolin is similarly decomposed by dilute acids or alkalies into *gratiosoletin* and sugar. The gratioloic acid is obtained in the form of pearly-white scales of a fatty odor. Hedge-hyssop is a drastic cathartic and emetic, possessing also diuretic properties, and is employed on the continent of Europe in *dropsy*, *jaundice*, *worms*, *chronic hepatic affections*, *scrofula*, and various other complaints. With us it is almost unknown as a remedy. The dose of the powdered herb is from fifteen to thirty grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.); of the infusion (half an ounce to the pint of boiling water), half a fluidounce.

GROUND-NUTS. *Pea Nuts. Goober Nuts.* The fruit of *Arachis hypogœa*, a leguminous, annual plant, indigenous probably in Africa and South America, and abundantly cultivated in our Southern States, China, etc. Thirty thousand tons are said to be produced annually in Senegal, whilst the export from Madras in a single year amounts to one hundred thousand tons of the nuts (known there as *pistaches*), besides large quantities of the oil; and the crop of 1887 in the United States was valued at $5,000,000. A remarkable property of the plant is that its fruit ripens under the surface of the ground, into which the pods penetrate in the progress of their growth. The seeds constitute the well-known ground-nuts of our markets, which consist of a dry, brittle envelope, and a yellowish-white kernel. When roasted, ground-nuts constitute for many a very agreeable article of food, and in the South are said to be much used as a substitute for coffee. They are, however, chiefly valuable on account of their richness in a fixed oil, which amounts to about forty-five per cent. It is obtained by expression; the nuts being ground into a paste, and moderately heated before being submitted to pressure. The oil consists of the glycerides of four different fatty acids. The chief of these is *oleic acid*, $C_{18}H_{34}O_2$, with which are associated *hypogœic acid*, $C_{16}H_{30}O_2$, *palmitic acid*, $C_{16}H_{32}O_2$, and *arachidic acid*, $C_{20}H_{40}O_2$. As described by Mr. Jonas Winter, the oil has a bright yellow color, the characteristic odor of the fruit, and

a mild not unpleasant taste, although a bleached earth-nut oil now manufactured in France and used for adulterating lard oil is nearly colorless and almost free from taste. It is soluble in all proportions in ether, chloroform, and benzin, but insoluble in alcohol. Its sp. gr. is 0·918 at 15·5° C. (60° F.). At 3·3° C. (38° F.) it thickens, solidifies at about —5° C. (+ 23° F.), and at 326·6° C. (620° F.) is decomposed, giving out spontaneously inflammable vapors. Mr. Winter made experiments to ascertain how far it might be employed with advantage in pharmacy, and found that it answered well in the preparation of cerates and ointments, but would not serve as a substitute for olive oil in the preparation of lead plaster. It is a non-drying oil, and will not therefore answer for painting; but it is enormously used for adulteration and for various purposes in the arts, as for lubricating machinery, and in the manufacture of woollen cloths; in lamps it gives even a better light than sperm oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 292.) It saponifies slowly, but yields an excellent firm, white, and odorless soap.

GUACO. This name is given in Central and South America, and the West Indies, to various plants having supposed alexipharmic properties, and belonging to the genera Mikania and Aristolochia; but it is to the different species of the former genus that the appellative properly belongs, especially to *Mikania Guaco*, described by Humboldt and Bonpland. (*Pl. Æq.*, ii. 84.) The plants are closely allied to the Eupatoria. For their generic character, see *Lindley's Flora Medica* and *Griffith's Medical Botany*. The following plants are also said to furnish guaco: *Mikania Houstoni*, *M. Gonveloda*, *Aristolochia fragrantissima*, *A. grandiflora*, *A. pentandra*, *Comocladia integrifolia*. *Mikania Guaco* is described as having twining stems, with round, sulcate, and hairy branches; ovate, subacuminate, remotely dentate leaves, somewhat narrowed at the base, rough above, and hairy beneath; and flowers in opposite axillary corymbs. The plant is a native of intertropical America, and has been introduced into the West India Islands from the continent. The leaves are the part used. The result of a long and close investigation into the natural history of guaco by the distinguished Guibourt is, that the *Mikania Guaco*, instead of possessing, as has been asserted, a strong, penetrating, and nauseous odor, is in fact inodorous, and destitute of all active properties; and that the strongly aromatic plants which have been employed under the name of guaco all belong to the genus Aristolochia, especially *A. cymbifera* of Martius, growing in Brazil, after this *A. maxima* (De Cand.), and in less degree *A. geminiflora* of Kunth. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1867, p. 99.)

Although the guacos of South America seem to be entirely distinct drugs, they appear to be indiscriminately used by the natives for the cure of the *bites of poisonous serpents*, as was first made known by Mutis and afterwards confirmed by Humboldt and Bonpland. The medicine is also used in South America as a febrifuge and anthelmintic, and has been considered anti-syphilitic. A few years ago it attracted on the Continent of Europe considerable attention on account of its alleged power in *epidemic cholera* and *chronic diarrhœa*. As already stated, according to Guibourt, the medicine used in France under the name of guaco is the product of several species of Aristolochia. Recently the *Aristolochia cymbifera* has been the subject of a careful study by Dr. L. Butte. The root of this plant as it occurs in commerce is cylindrical, three to four centimeters in diameter, much broken up into long rootlets, yellowish, with a strong odor, especially in the bark. The plant itself is a vine, growing in great abundance in the province of Tabasco in Mexico. In spite of careful chemical study, Dr. Butte was not able to find in it either an alkaloid or a glucoside, but he found in it a blackish resin which may be the active principle of the plant; but this does not seem probable, since Dr. Butte found the alcoholic extract much less active than the aqueous extract, which would hardly be the case if the resin were really the active principle. In the physiological experiments made with the aqueous extract it was found that in the guinea-pig and rabbit massive doses produced cries and excitement, followed after a time by periods of calm and of sleep, with muscular relaxation and diarrhœa. In the dog vomiting and diarrhœa were very marked. The muscular relaxation was probably centric, as the motor nerves and muscles were in a condition of activity. An apparent loss of function in the sensory nerve-trunks Dr. Butte believed to be due not to paralysis of the nerve-fibres, but of the centres of sensation. Although the muscle was not completely paralyzed, careful experimentation showed that its contractility was less than the norm after death from the poisoning. Death was produced by an arrest of the respiration. The heart continued to beat both in the reptile and the mammal after the cessation of the respiration; nevertheless there was depression of the arterial pressure, apparently due to the action of the drug upon the heart. After death marked signs of gastro-intestinal irritation were found, the medicine having been given by the mouth. During life the urine was albuminous, and at the autopsy the kidneys were found congested. The temperature gradually rose during the poisoning, and less glucose than normal was found in the blood. Dr. Butte believes that guaco has valuable therapeutic principles in the treatment of skin affections, especially *eczema* and *pruriginous maladies*, in which he used it both locally and internally. He gives the dose of the aqueous extract of guaco as three grains, three times a day. In the external application the following formula was used. Guaco (bruised), 30 parts; sodium bicarbonate, 5 parts; water, 1000 parts; boil for a quarter of an hour, allow to macerate one hour, decant, and use the liquid as a lotion. (*Annales de la Policlin. de Paris*, Sept. 1890.) Guaco is said to be largely used in South America as an antirheumatic, and Dr. E. W. Pritchard (*P. J. Tr.*, 1861) affirms that in the *gouty paroxysms* it is especially effective given in the dose of a drachm of the tincture every four hours, and applied locally.

GUAIACOL. *Methyl Pyrocatechin.* $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\OCH_3\end{cases}$. This is obtained by the fractional distillation of beechwood creosote, of which it constitutes from 60 to 90 per cent. It may also be made synthetically from pyrocatechin and methyl sulphuric acid, and is obtained in the dry distillation of guaiac resin. The chemically pure guaiacol is a liquid with an agreeable odor, sp. gr. at 15° C. of 1·33, and boiling at 206°–207° C. (402·8°–404·6° F.). Among the derivatives of guaiacol that have been used in medicine recently are *benzosol* (*benzoyl-guaiacol*, $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OCOC_6H_5\\OCH_3\end{cases}$), *guaiacol salol* (*salicyl-guaiacol*, $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OC_7H_5O_2\\OCH_3\end{cases}$), *styracol* (*cinnamyl-*

guaiacol, $C_6H_4\left\{\begin{matrix}OC_6H_7O\\OCH_3\end{matrix}\right)$, *guaiacol carbonate*, $CO(OC_6H_4OCH_3)_2$, and *guaiacol biniodide*, $C_6H_2I_2\left\{\begin{matrix}OH\\OCH_3\end{matrix}\right.$.

Medical Properties. Guaiacol was originally proposed as a substitute for creosote in the treatment of *phthisis*, and has been especially commended by Max Schueller, of Berlin. According to the belief of Max Schueller, it acts in all forms of *tuberculosis* by affecting the tubercle bacillus, and is useful not only in surgical, but also in *external tubercle*, including *lupus*. Schueller at one time used it largely by inhalation, employing an aqueous solution of one part to six hundred. Recently he teaches that the inhalation should not be used unless there is tubercular catarrh of the respiratory mucous membrane. He administers it, two to three drops to children, three to five drops to adults, four times a day, in milk or in wine, continuing the use for many months.

Recent researches indicate that guaiacol does good in many cases of *pulmonary tuberculosis*, not by acting upon the bacillus or directly upon the human organism, but by forming compounds in the blood with the toxic by-products of the tubercle bacillus and aiding their elimination. Guaiacol has been used hypodermically, but the method does not seem justifiable.

Certain derivatives of guaiacol have been proposed in medicine either as a substitute for it or for other purposes. These substances are said to be efficient substitutes for guaiacol in tuberculosis, given in doses of eight grains increased up to one and a half drachms a day. (See above.)

Guaiacol Biniodide, a reddish-brown powder, with something of the iodine odor, soluble in alcohol and fatty oils, has been proposed by Vicario as a local application in tuberculosis.

Styracol. It is claimed that this substance is broken up into cinnamic acid and guaiacol in the intestines, and is a useful remedy in *phthisis*, also in *chronic catarrh* of the gastro-intestinal and genito-urinary tracts. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1891.)

GUANO. *Bird-manure.* This is a valuable manure, consisting of the decomposed excrement of countless aquatic birds, which has accumulated for ages on certain barren and uninhabited islets of the western coast of South America, and in other localities throughout the world. The best comes from Peru, and will be here described. It is a coarse dry powder of a brown color. Exposed to the air it absorbs moisture, and becomes somewhat sticky. Its smell is offensive, and slightly ammoniacal. With the powder are intermingled friable lumps, which exhibit in their inside whitish specks, and which, when exposed to the air, fall to powder, exhaling an ammoniacal smell. It is soluble in great part in water, and the solution formed contains chiefly ammonium oxalate. When exposed to heat it blackens, burns with a slight flame, exhales the smell of ammonia, and leaves a whitish ash, varying in amount from 27 to 35 per cent. The guanos of commerce vary very much in composition, from the best Peruvian to the inferior sorts, which have scarcely any value as fertilizers. A good specimen of guano, analyzed by Fownes, consisted of about two-thirds ammonium oxalate, and one-third earthy and alkaline phosphates, etc.

The source of ammonium oxalate is undoubtedly the uric acid originally in the excrement, and which is often found undecomposed in the guano. The value of guano as a fertilizer depends chiefly upon the proportion of the organic ingredients; the phosphates being of secondary importance. M. E. Baudrimont infers, from the analysis of seventeen samples of Peruvian guano, that the proportion of nitrogen may be obtained approximately by dividing the amount of the organic matters by five. The samples varied greatly in value. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Oct. 1857.) Crystals of ammonium carbonate have often been observed in guano. Colombian guano was found by Dr. C. Morfit, of Baltimore, to be rich in phosphoric acid and lime. (*Chem. Gaz.*, Dec. 1, 1855.) Unger obtained from Peruvian guano, in 1845, a peculiar substance, called *guanine*, $C_5H_5N_5O$. (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvii. 328.) By the action of nitrous acid upon guanine there is produced the base *xanthine*, $C_5H_4N_4O_2$, and Emil Fischer has recently shown that *theobromine* and *caffeine* are capable of being produced from xanthine, and are, in fact, dimethyl- and trimethyl-xanthine respectively. (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 218.) For a descriptive account of the guano-beds of Tarapaca, now belonging to Chili, see *Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1887, p. 228. Guano is a powerful local irritant, which, when mixed with equal parts of potters' clay or other diluent, is capable of causing vesication. It has been used as a counter-irritant and also as a stimulant in certain *cutaneous diseases*, especially in *eczema*, *ecthyma*, and *tinea capitis*. For various preparations of guano, see 16th ed. U. S. D.

GUAREA PURGANS. *Gito.* The root and bark of this Brazilian plant are said to be drastic purgatives.

GYMNEMA SYLVESTRE. This is a woody climber, belonging to the Asclepiadaceæ, which grows in India and also in Africa. The root has for a long time been employed by the natives as a remedy in snake-bite; and it is affirmed by Dr. T. Dyer (*Nature*, 1887) that directly after the eating of one or two leaves it is impossible to taste sugar, though other tastes are not abolished. Thus, pungency alone is detected in gingerbread, and a sweet orange tastes like a lime. Mr. Hooper believes that this property depends upon *gymnemic acid*.

GYMNOCLADUS CANADENSIS. *Coffee-tree. Kentucky Mahogany.* According to Professor Bartholow, the aqueous extract of the so-called *Kentucky coffee-bean* possesses toxic properties. (*Amer. Drug.*, April, 1886.) Sam'l S. Mell (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 230) obtained from the seeds by petroleum benzin about 10 per cent. of fixed oil which is yellowish, saponifiable, and of sp. gr. 0·919. Ether extracted a little wax, fat, and resin. A little tannin and a small quantity of glucoside were also obtained. This latter had a peculiar odor and an acid burning taste. Jas. H. Martin (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 558) has examined the various parts of the plant, with similar results, obtaining a yellow saponifiable oil from the bean and the bark, and a glucoside from the pulp.

GYNOCARDIA ODORATA. *Chaulmoogra.* This is an East India plant, the oil of which has been largely employed, with asserted benefit, in elephantiasis or the leprosy of the East. The fruit is a succulent indehiscent pericarp, which yields a fixed oil by expression. Chaulmoogra oil, as it occurs in commerce, is solid at 42° C. (107·6° F.), of a whitish color, sometimes tinged with brown, and is usually prepared by expressing the kernels of the seed. It is sometimes prepared by boiling the crushed seeds with water and separating the oil. It has an acid reaction to litmus-paper, melts at 42° C. (107·6° F.), and at this temperature its sp. gr. is 0·930. Al-

cohol dissolves a considerable portion of it, whilst ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and benzin dissolve it freely. John Moss (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 251) found in chaulmoogra oil, *gynocardic acid* 11·7, *palmitic acid* 6·3, *hypogœic acid* 4, *cocinic acid* 2·3 per cent. in combination with glyceryl as fats, whilst gynocardic and palmitic acids were also found in the free state; the activity of the oil he believes to be due to gynocardic acid, and states that the green coloration produced by treating the oil with sulphuric acid (Dymock's test) can also be obtained by treating palm oil in the same manner, yet purified gynocardic acid gives the same green color. *Gynocardic acid* has a yellowish color, forms crystalline plates, melting at 29·5° C. (80° F.), has an acrid burning taste, and is probably of the formula $C_{14}H_{24}O_2$. The chaulmoogra seeds are in themselves an article of commerce, and are sometimes given internally in place of the oil in doses of six grains. Chaulmoogra oil is said at present to be very largely used in England, being sold by the ton, as a local application to open *sores*, *wounds*, *sprains*, etc., in domestic animals, and to be officially employed in the English cavalry and artillery. It is also said to be employed against *bruises*, *sprains*, *rheumatism*, and *stiffness*, by sportsmen and athletes. In *leprosy* it is given internally, and also applied regularly and freely externally; and seems to be one of the most useful of known drugs. It has also been given with asserted benefit in various forms of *external syphilis*, *ichthyosis*, and in other chronic skin diseases. The dose of the oil is five to ten minims, gradually increased, but administered in capsule or in olive oil solution. *Gynocardic acid* is sometimes used as a substitute for chaulmoogra oil internally in doses of one-half to two grains, or externally dissolved in oil (1 to 10 or 30). According to Dr. J. Moeller, the commercial seed is not the product of *Gynocardia odorata* alone. For a description of seed and plants, see *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 321.

HÆMOGLOBIN. A constituent of venous blood, passing in the arterial blood into oxyhæmoglobin. Its molecular formula is extraordinarily complex, the hæmoglobin from the blood of swine having, according to some writers, the formula $C_{609}H_{1005}N_{156}S_3FeO_{179}$, while that from dogs' blood is given as $C_{636}H_{1025}N_{164}S_3FeO_{189}$. This constituent of the red blood-corpuscles has been used with asserted good results as a substitute for iron in the treatment of *anæmia*, in doses of one and a half grains, three times a day. It is claimed for it that it is more rapidly absorbed than the ordinary preparations of iron, and that it is free from irritant properties, and does not disturb either the gastric or intestinal digestion. Various preparations of desiccated blood have been put upon the market containing hæmoglobin. Crystals of hæmoglobin may be obtained from the blood of certain animals (guinea-pigs, rats, etc.) with ease by simply adding water to the blood. The hæmoglobin dissolves in the water, the corpuscles separating, and the crystals form in a few minutes. Another method consists in adding to defibrinated blood six per cent. of its volume of ether, or a mixture of alcohol and ether; on shaking the mixture, the corpuscles dissolve, and a thick magma of crystals forms sooner or later; these may be purified by washing with twenty-five per cent. alcohol, and by recrystallization. Freezing has been resorted to for the purpose of separating the crystals.

HÆMOL, HÆMOGALLOL. These are two blood preparations containing iron, originally suggested by Professor Kobert; made by the action of reducing agents upon the blood-coloring matter. (See *E. Merck's Jahresber.*, 1891.) With the hæmol, zinc dust is used as the reducing agent; with the hæmogallol, pyrogallol is used. The former is a dark-brown, the latter a red-brown powder.

HAPLOPAPPUS BAYLAHUEN. *Hysteronica Baylahuen.* This composite herb is a native of Chili, where it is said to be relied upon as a stimulant in *flatulent dyspepsia* and *chronic inflammation* with *hemorrhage* of the lower bowels. It has been analyzed by Dr. H. H. Rusby (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 488), and later by H. Kahn (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 377). The former found a volatile oil, a fatty oil which had the specific odor of the plant, a brown acid resin of sharp taste, and tannin. The latter determined the percentage of volatile oil as 6·65, and of resin as 21·15. He also considers that this resin is a mixture of four different resins. Dr. G. Baille claims (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Feb. 1889) that the remedy is valuable not only in *dysentery*, but in all diseases of the genito-urinary organs, accompanied by mucopurulent discharges, and also as a stimulating expectorant. A strong decoction, one part to five, may be given, one to two tablespoonfuls every two hours; a better preparation is the fluid extract, dose, five to twenty minims (0·3 to 1·23 C.c.).

HARTSHORN. *Cornu.* Lond., Ed. The horn of the Cervus Elaphus, or stag, was formerly recognized by English pharmacists, and was used in medicine. It was, however, a useless and barbarous remedy. For an account of it and its preparations, see 16th ed. U. S. D.

HEDERA HELIX. *Ivy.* This well-known evergreen creeper is a native of Europe. The fresh *leaves* have a balsamic odor, especially when rubbed, and a bitterish, harsh, unpleasant taste. They are used for dressing issues, and, in the form of decoction, have been recommended in *sanious ulcers* and *cutaneous eruptions*, particularly *tetter* and the *itch*. Dried and powdered, they have been employed in the *atrophy of children;* dose, a scruple or more. The *berries*, which have an acidulous, resinous, somewhat pungent taste, are said to be purgative and even emetic. MM. Vandamme and Chevallier discovered in ivy seeds a peculiar very bitter alkaline principle, *hederine*. It is obtained by treating the seeds with calcium hydrate, dissolving the precipitated alkaloid in boiling alcohol, and evaporating the alcoholic solution. (*A. J. P.*, xiii. 172.) Prof. Posselt has discovered two acids in the seeds, one of which has their taste in a high degree, and was named by him *hederic acid*, the other he did not obtain quite pure. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, 1849, p. 93.) The seeds were also found to contain a variety of tannic acid, turning ferric salts dark green, to which Posselt gave the name of *hedera-tannic acid*. (*Ann. Ch. und Phar.*, 69, p. 62.) Dr. F. A. Hartsen has found in the leaves a crystalline glucoside allied to saponin. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, xlvii. 268.) Davies and Hutchinson confirmed the existence of Posselt's hederic acid, and gave it the formula $C_{16}H_{26}O_4$. Kingzett believes that it is not an acid, but a glucoside. J. Vernet (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xiv. p. 685) obtained a glucoside, which separated from solution in boiling acetone in silky needles, melting at 233° C., insoluble in water, chloroform, and ligroine, slightly soluble in cold acetone, benzol, and ether, more soluble in hot alcohol and hot alkalies. Its formula he gives as $C_{32}H_{54}O_{11}$, and states that it decomposes on heating with dilute sulphuric acid into a body, $C_{26}H_{44}O_6$,

which fuses at 278°–280° C., and a non-fermentable sugar which reduces Fehling's solution. (*Year-Book of Ph.*, 1877, p. 508.) From the trunks of old ivy plants, growing in the south of Europe and the north of Africa, a resinous substance exudes through incisions in the bark, which has been employed in medicine under the name of *ivy gum*. It is in pieces of various sizes, of a dark yellowish-brown color, sometimes inclining to orange, more or less transparent, sometimes of a deep ruby-red color internally, of a vitreous fracture, pulverizable, yielding a lively orange-yellow powder, of a peculiar not disagreeable odor when heated or inflamed, and of a bitterish resinous taste. Its chief constituent is resin, though some pieces contain a considerable proportion of bassorin, and others large quantities of ligneous matter. It was formerly used as a stimulant and emmenagogue, but is now scarcely employed. Placed in the cavities of carious teeth, it is said to relieve *toothache*. The light and porous *wood* of the ivy is sometimes used for making *issue-peas*.

HEDWIGIA BALSAMIFERA. *Bois Cochon*, or *Sucrier de Montagne*. This native of the Antilles has been examined by Messrs. Gaucher, Combemale, and Marestang (*La France Méd.*, Oct. 1888), who find in it an alkaloid and a resin. The extract of the root and stems produces in the guinea-pig rapid and considerable lowering of temperature, progressive paralysis, general convulsions, dilatation of the pupils, respiratory irregularity, and cardiac paresis. The alkaloid was found to be a convulsive agent, acting upon the spinal cord. The resin, which seemed much more active than the alkaloid, acted as a paralyzant.

HEDYCHIUM SPICATUM. The root of this plant, which is used in India as incense, has been found by Mr. J. C. Thresh to contain *ethylmethyl paracoumarate*. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 8, 1884.)

HELENIUM AUTUMNALE. *False Sunflower. Sneezewort. Sneezeweed.* An indigenous perennial, bitter, somewhat acrid herb. The leaves and flowers snuffed up in the state of powder produce violent sneezing, and have been used as an errhine. F. J. Koch (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 221) found in the plant a bitter principle believed to be a glucoside, malic acid, traces of tannic acid, albumen, volatile oil, etc. *Helenium nudiflorum* has similar properties; as has also *H. mexicanum*.

HELENIUM TENUIFOLIUM. A common roadside weed in Mississippi and Louisiana, stated by Dr. Galloway to be very poisonous, producing in animals muscular twitchings, passing into violent convulsions, terminating in death. In four negroes it produced spasms, with delirium and loss of consciousness. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 309.)

HELIANTHEMUM. *Frostwort. Herbe de Hélianthème de Canada*, Fr. *Canadisches Sonnenröschen*, G. The herb of the *Helianthemum Canadense*, belonging to the natural order of Cistaceæ, was formerly included in the U. S. Secondary List. The *frostwort*, *frost-weed*, or *rock rose*, as this plant is variously called, is an herbaceous perennial, from six to eighteen inches high, with a slender, rigid, pubescent stem, oblong, somewhat lanceolate leaves about an inch in length, and large yellow flowers, the calyx and peduncles of which, as well as the branches, are covered with a white down. The flowers which first appear are terminal, few or solitary, large, on short peduncles, with erosely emarginate petals about twice as long as the calyx. Later in the season, or on different plants, other flowers appear, very small, axillary, solitary or somewhat clustered, nearly sessile, sometimes destitute of petals, and usually wanting the two outer sepals of the calyx. The fruit is a capsule, smooth and shining, with brown, scabrous, punctate seeds. Frostwort grows in all parts of the United States, preferring dry sandy soils, and flowering in June in the Middle States. It was examined by William Crutcher (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 390), who found volatile oil, wax, fatty oil, tannin, and apparently a glucoside crystallizing in white needles which was not, however, further examined. The herb of *H. corymbosum* has been examined by Fred. J. Kruell, who found in it *tannin* in large proportion, resin, glucose, gum, extractive, chlorophyll, and inorganic salts. He presumes that its virtues reside in the tannin and extractive. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 358.) Frostwort has an astringent, slightly aromatic, and bitterish taste; and appears to possess tonic and astringent properties, and some years since was employed as a remedy in *scrofulous diseases*. (See *U. S. D.*, 14th ed.) In a pamphlet upon the frost-weed by Dr. D. A. Tyler, published at New Haven, 1846, it is stated that *H. corymbosum* possesses similar properties, and is indiscriminately employed with *H. Canadense*. He found both useful in *scrofula*, *diarrhœa*, and *secondary syphilis*, and locally as a gargle in *scarlatina*, and a wash in *prurigo*. The plant has been used in the forms of powder, decoction, fluid extract, tincture, and syrup; and may be given freely with impunity. Dr. Tyler, however, has known the strong decoction and the extract to produce vomiting. He considers two grains (0·13 Gm.) of the latter as a full dose for an adult.

HELIANTHUS ANNUUS. *Common Sunflower. Hélianthe, Grand Soleil*, Fr. *Sonnenblume*, G. This very large composite is cultivated in this country, in Europe, and especially in China, chiefly for the sake of the fixed oil yielded by the seed. This oil has a sp. gr. of 0·924 to 0·926, solidifies at —15° C., is colorless, or yellowish, limpid, nearly tasteless and odorless, and dries slowly. It is said to make an excellent salad dressing, and to be one of the best burning oils known. The increase in cultivation is stated to be nearly a thousandfold, 275 pounds of oil being a fair yield per acre. For particulars as to cultivation, see *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 460; also, *N. R.*, 1876, p. 165. Ludwig and Kromayer (*Arch. Pharm.* (2), 99, 1 and 285) obtained a tannin which they called *helianthitannic* acid, and gave it the formula $C_{14}H_9O_8$. On boiling with moderately dilute hydrochloric acid they obtained a fermentable sugar and a violet coloring matter. E. Diek (*Dissertation*, Göttingen, 1878) found only small quantities of *inulin*, large amounts of *levulin*, and a dextrorotatory sugar. M. Chardon has obtained a small quantity of a peculiar oleoresin from sunflowers grown in Algeria. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1873, p. 323.) The stalk, when treated as is flax, yields a long, fine fibre, which is said to be used in China for the adulteration of silk. The sunflower also enjoys the reputation of protecting against marsh miasmata. It is affirmed that a malarial locality in Belgium on the Scheldt has by its planting been rendered healthy. (*N. Y. Med. Rec.*, 1868, p. 353.) Dr. Kazatchkoff states (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, Oct. 1889) that in the Caucasus the inhabitants employ the sunflower in malarial fevers. The leaves are spread upon a bed covered with a cloth, moistened with warm milk, and then the patient is wrapped up in the spread. Perspiration is produced, and the patient is kept in

this condition for an hour or two. The same process is repeated every day until the access of the fever has ceased. The Pah Ute Indians are said to use very freely as food the seeds of two indigenous sunflowers, *H. petiolaris* and *H. lenticularis*. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvii. 178.)

HELLEBORUS. *Black Hellebore. Ellébore noire*, Fr. *Schwarze Niesswurzel, Weihnachtswurzel, Winterrose*, G. *Elleboro nero*, It. *Eléboro negro*, Sp. Until the 1880 revision, the U. S. Pharmacopœia always recognized the black hellebore, a plant belonging to the Ranunculaceæ.

Helleborus niger, Willd. The root or rhizome of the black hellebore is perennial, knotted, blackish on the outside, white within, and sends off numerous long, simple, depending fibres, which are brownish yellow when fresh, but become dark brown upon drying. The leaves are pedate, of a deep-green color, and stand on long footstalks which spring immediately from the root. Each leaf is composed of five or more leaflets, one terminal, and two, three, or four on each side, supported on a single partial petiole. The leaflets are ovate-lanceolate, smooth, shining, coriaceous, and serrated above. The flower-stem, which also rises from the root, is six or eight inches high, round, tapering, and reddish towards the base, and bears one or two large, pendent, rose-like flowers, accompanied with floral leaves, which supply the place of the calyx. The petals, five in number, are large, roundish, concave, spreading, and of a white or pale rose-color, with occasionally a greenish tinge. There are two varieties of the plant—*humilifolius* and *altifolius*—in the former of which the leaves are shorter than the flower-stem, in the latter longer. It is a native of the mountainous regions of southern and temperate Europe, and is found in Greece, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. It is cultivated in gardens for the beauty of its flowers, which expand in the middle of winter and have thus given it the name of *Christmas rose*. (For history of the use of hellebore by the ancients, see 15th edition U. S. Dispensatory.) The roots of various other plants, not belonging to the same genus, are said to be frequently substituted for the black hellebore. They may usually be readily distinguished by attending to the characters of the genuine root.*

The medicine of which we are treating is sometimes called *melampodium*, in honor of Melampus, an ancient shepherd or physician, who is said to have cured the daughters of King Prætus by giving them the milk of goats fed on hellebore.

Though the whole root is kept in the shops, the fibres are the portion usually recommended. They are about as thick as a straw, when not broken from four inches to a foot in length, smooth, brittle, externally black or deep brown, internally white or yellowish white, with little smell, and a bitterish, nauseous, acrid taste. In their recent state they are extremely acrimonious, producing on the tongue a burning and benumbing impression, like that which results from taking hot liquids into the mouth. This acrimony is diminished by drying, and still further impaired by age. MM. Feneulle and Capron obtained from black hellebore a volatile oil, an acrid fixed oil, a resinous substance, wax, a volatile acid, bitter extractive, gum, albumen, potassium gallate, acid calcium gallate, a salt of ammonia, and woody fibre. Mr. William Bastick discovered *helleborin*, which he obtained in white, translucent crystals, of a bitter taste with a tingling effect on the tongue, not volatilizable, slightly soluble in water, more so in ether and alcohol, and more readily in these liquids hot than cold. (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 274.) Water and alcohol extract the virtues of the root, which are impaired by long boiling.

Some interesting results, chemical and physiological, in relation to both the black and green hellebore, which in these respects may be considered as one, have been obtained by Marmé and Husemann. A solution of an extract of the root, having been purified by precipitation with solution of lead subacetate, and then freed from lead by hydrogen sulphide, yielded with phospho-molybdic acid a precipitate, which was found to have poisonous properties. They gave to this principle the name of *helleborein*, and found for it the formula $C_{26}H_{44}O_{15}$. They ascertained that it was a glucoside, separable by boiling with acid into glucose and a peculiar principle which they propose to call *helleboretin*, $C_{14}H_{20}O_3$, a compound of a fine violet color. The helleborein of these chemists exists both in the root and leaves. It has a taste at once sweet and bitter, is soluble in water and weak alcohol, and much less so in ether and absolute alcohol, and is crystallizable in rhomboidal prisms. It is precipitable by tannic acid and mercurous acetate. (*Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, 4e sér., ii. 258.) Husemann and Marmé (*Ann. Ch. und Phar.*, 135, p. 61) also examined more thoroughly the *helleborin* of Bastick. They ascribe to it the formula $C_{36}H_{42}O_6$, and find that when boiled with dilute sulphuric acid, or better, zinc chloride, it is converted into sugar and *helleboresin*, $C_{30}H_{38}O_4$. They obtain this glucoside by treating with hot water the green fatty matter which is dissolved out of the root by boiling alcohol. Though both the principles referred to by the German chemists mentioned are poisonous, the products of their decomposition are said to be harmless. Neither of them is volatile. Helleborein is strongly irritant to the mucous membranes, causing, when applied to the conjunctiva, redness, swelling, and increased secretion with indirect enlargement of the pupil, and to the nasal membrane, sneezing, though in less degree than veratrine. Small doses produce little effect on the stomach; but, repeated and accumulated, they cause anorexia, nausea even to vomiting, pain, increased secretion, and inflammation both of the stomach and bowels. It is claimed for *helleborein* that it acts upon the heart in a manner similar to digitalis, in small repeated doses slowing the pulse and increasing the force, in toxic doses increasing the rapidity of the pulse, and in most cases causing a sudden cardiac arrest in systole. The blood-pressure

* A root said to be not unfrequently substituted for or mixed with the genuine, and often to be met with in the shops of this country, is thought to be that of the *Actæa spicata* of Europe. This has been particularly described by Dr. Carson (*A. J. P.*, xx. 163). The points of difference upon which that writer especially insists are the diffuse, jointed, stem-like character of the caudex of the false root, the straggling, separated, and horizontal arrangement of the fibres, and their dense, woody structure, and reddish-brown color, contrasted with the thickness, double-headed form, and sponginess of the genuine caudex, the close-set, perpendicular position of its fibres, and their wrinkled appearance, soft texture, and grayish-brown color. The transverse section of the fibre of the Actæa presents the appearance of a cross, which is not obvious in that of the black hellebore, though the central point of this, if closely examined, will be found to present a somewhat stellate appearance. In the *P. J. Tr.* for Aug. 1861 (p. 112), Prof. Bentley states that solution of ferric chloride produces little change of color and little or no precipitation with an infusion of black hellebore, while with a similar infusion of the Actæa root it causes a deep-blue or black color and a copious precipitate.

in the earlier stages of the poisoning is always increased. Respiration continues after the arrest of the heart. It is affirmed also to increase secretion, especially the saliva and the urine, and probably to have an action upon the uterus. In very large doses it acts upon the nervous system so as to produce partial paralysis with tremors, which if the dose has been sufficiently large are replaced by violent convulsions. The pupil is variously affected; usually it is dilated before death. There are no characteristic post-mortem lesions. As yet the alkaloid has not been found in the secretions, and it may be destroyed in the system. The *helleborin* of Marmé and Husemann is a more active poison, though less irritant to the mucous membrane. It acts on the tongue like aconite. Its influence appears to be directed especially to the nervous system. In the lower animals it causes quickened breathing, restlessness, tension and trembling of the muscles, uncertainty of movement; then retardation of the breathing and pulse, irritability of the peripheral nerves, dilatation of the pupil, loss of hearing, and finally almost complete anæsthesia, with cerebral and spinal congestion, even to apoplexy.

Medical Properties and Uses. Black hellebore is a drastic hydragogue cathartic, possessed of emmenagogue powers, which by some are ascribed to a specific tendency to the uterus, by others are supposed to depend solely on the purgative property. In overdoses it produces inflammation of the gastric and intestinal mucous membrane, with violent vomiting, hypercatharsis, vertigo, cramp, and convulsions, which sometimes end in death. The fresh root applied to the skin produces inflammation and even vesication. The medicine was very highly esteemed by the ancients, who employed it in *mania*, *melancholy*, *amenorrhœa*, *dropsy*, *epilepsy*, various *cutaneous affections*, and *verminose diseases*. By the earlier modern physicians it was also much used. *Bacher's pills*, celebrated for the cure of *dropsy*, consisted chiefly of black hellebore. The dose of the powdered root is from ten to twenty grains (0·648 to 1·29 Gm.) as a drastic purge, two or three grains (0·13 to 0·19 Gm.) as an alterative. Dose of the decoction (two drachms to a pint), a fluidounce every four hours till it operates. Prof. S. B. Botkin and Dr. N. Ischistowitsch (*Centralb. für Med. Wissen.*, July 9, 1887), as the result of experiments made with the extract of the root of a green hellebore, conclude that in moderate doses it lessens the rapidity and increases the force of the cardiac contractions, producing a rise in the arterial pressure, the slowing of the beat being the result at least in part of stimulation of the inhibitory nerves, since it is prevented by severing of the vagi or by injections of atropine. The cause of the rise of the arterial pressure is believed by the experimenters to be in part due to increased work of the heart, and in part due to contraction of the capillaries by an action of the remedy directly upon their coats. Usually the pulse has been increased in force and diminished in frequency and the secretion of urine notably augmented. The results obtained by Prof. Botkin have been largely confirmed by Dr. Christovich. (*Deutsch. Med. Zeitung*, Jan. 1888.) Ischistowitsch has seen fifteen drops of a solution of 1 to 100 of the aqueous extract every two hours produce in six cases of cardiac diseases a diminution in the frequency and an augmentation of the force of the cardiac pulsations, increase in the quantity of urine, and a prompt disappearance of the symptoms of non-compensation. Messrs. Venturini and Gaspairini (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, June, 1888) state that helleboreine is a local anæsthetic, which, in *affections of the eye*, is preferable to cocaine, because of the great permanency of the anæsthesia, and because neither the pupil nor the intraocular pressure is affected. They use three to four drops of the solution, each drop of it representing 1–164 grain (0·0004 Gm.). Hypodermically injected, helleboreine is stated also to act as a local anæsthetic, but its powerful influence upon the heart forbids this method of use.

HELLEBORUS FŒTIDUS. *Bear's Foot.* This is a perennial European plant, growing in shady places, and flowering in March and April. It derived its specific name from its offensive odor. The leaves, which are the part used, have a bitterish, pungent, and acrid taste, and when chewed excoriate the mouth. The footstalks are still more acrid. Marmé and Husemann have discovered the same active principles in this as in the other species of Hellebore. (See *Helleborus*.) This species of hellebore is said by Allioni to be the most acrid and energetic of the plants belonging to the genus. It is powerfully emetic and cathartic, and in very large doses produces dangerous effects. It has long been used in Great Britain as a domestic remedy for *worms*, and was brought to the notice of the profession by Dr. Bissett, who found it an efficacious anthelmintic, and prescribed it also in *asthma*, *hysteria*, and *hypochondriasis*. M. Decerfs has known it to cause the expulsion of *tænia*. It is given in powder or decoction. The dose for a child from two to six years old is from five grains to a scruple (0·324 to 1·29 Gm.) of the dried leaves, or a fluidounce of the decoction, made by boiling a drachm of the dried leaves in half a pint of water. This quantity should be repeated, morning and night, for two or three days in succession. A syrup made from the juice of the green leaves is used in England.

HELONIAS DIOICA. *False Unicorn Plant. Starwort.* This is a small perennial herbaceous plant, growing in most parts of the United States, in shady and hilly situations. Pursh says that the bulbous root is used in colic. Dr. Braman has found it peculiarly efficacious (dose, a drachm and a half three times a day) in *atony of the generative organs*, and in *leucorrhœa*. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, xl.)

HEPATICA. *Liverwort. Herbe de Hépatique*, Fr. *Edelleberkraut*, G. Under this name were formerly included in the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia the leaves of *H. triloba*, Chaix. There are now two generally acknowledged species of the ranunculaceous genus Hepatica growing in this country. Both have a perennial fibrous root, with three-lobed leaves, cordate at their base, coriaceous, nearly smooth, glaucous, and purplish beneath, and supported upon hairy footstalks from four to eight inches long, which spring directly from the root. The scapes or flower-stems are several in number, of the same length with the petioles, round, hairy, and terminating in a single white, bluish, or purplish flower. The calyx is at a little distance below the corolla, and is considered by some an involucre, while the corolla takes the name of the calyx. In *H. acutiloba* the leaves are cordate, with from three to five entire, acute lobes; and the leaflets of the calyx are acute. In *H. triloba* the leaves are cordate-reniform, with three entire, roundish, obtuse lobes; and the leaflets of the calyx are obtuse. Both are indigenous, growing in woods upon the sides of

hills and mountains; the former, according to Eaton, preferring the northern, the latter the southern exposure. The leaves resist the cold of the winter, and the flowers make their appearance early in spring. The whole plant is used. It is without smell, and has a mucilaginous, somewhat astringent, slightly bitterish taste. Water extracts all its active properties. Liverwort is a very mild, demulcent tonic and astringent, supposed by some to possess diuretic and deobstruent virtues. It was formerly used in Europe in various complaints, especially *chronic hepatic affections*, but has fallen into entire neglect. In this country some years since, it acquired considerable popular reputation, which, however, it has not maintained, as a remedy in *hæmoptysis* and *chronic coughs*. It may be used in infusion, and taken ad libitum. The term *liverwort* properly belongs to the cryptogamous genus *Marchantia*.

HERACLEUM LANATUM. (Michaux, *Flor. Boreal. Am.* i. 166.) *Masterwort. Cow-parsnip.* This is one of our largest indigenous umbelliferous plants. The root is perennial, sending up annually a hollow pubescent stem, from three to five feet high, and often more than an inch thick. The leaves are ternate, downy beneath, and supported on downy footstalks; the leaflets petiolate, roundish-cordate, and lobed. The flowers are white, in large umbels, and followed by orbicular seeds. This species grows in meadows and along fences and hedges, from Canada to Pennsylvania, and flowers in June. The root, which is the part used, bears some resemblance to that of common parsley. It has a strong disagreeable odor, and a very acrid taste. Both the leaves and root excite redness and inflammation when applied to the skin. Dr. Bigelow considers the plant poisonous. Masterwort appears to be somewhat stimulant and carminative, and has been used in *epilepsy*. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.)

HERMODACTYLS. *Hermodactyli.* Under this name are sold in the shops of Europe the roots or bulbs of an uncertain plant, growing in the countries about the eastern extremity of the Mediterranean. By some botanists the plant is thought to be a *Colchicum;* and *C. variegatum*, a native of the south of Europe and the Levant, is particularly indicated by Fée, Geiger, and others; while by authors no less eminent, the roots are confidently referred to *Iris tuberosa*. They certainly bear a considerable resemblance to the bulb of *Colchicum autumnale*, being heart-shaped, channelled on one side, convex on the other, and from half an inch to an inch in length, by nearly as much in breadth. As found in commerce, they are destitute of the outer coat, of a dirty yellowish or brownish color externally, white and amylaceous within, inodorous and nearly tasteless, though sometimes slightly acrid. They are often worm-eaten. Their chief constituent is starch, and they contain no veratrine or colchicine. From this latter circumstance, and from their insipidity, it has been inferred that they are probably not derived from a species of Colchicum; but Geiger observes that they may have lost their acrimony by age. They are in fact almost without action upon the system, and are now seldom used; never, we believe, in this country. It is doubted whether they are the *hermodactyli* of the ancients, which were certainly a powerful medicine, operating very much in the same manner as our colchicum, and like it proving useful in *gout* and *rheumatism*. Pereira describes a bitter variety of hermodactyls, which was brought from India by Dr. Royle. The bulbs are smaller and darker than the others, and have externally a striped or reticulated appearance. They are probably more active.

HERNIARIA GLABRA. M. Goblez has obtained from this plant a crystalline principle, which he calls *herniarine* (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 270), and which proves to be *methyl-umbelliferone*, $C_{10}H_8O_3$. Dr. Schneegaus has also discovered small amounts of an alkaloid which he names *paronychine*. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 488.) This plant is recommended by Zeissl in *catarrh of the bladder*.

HETEROMELES ARBUTIFOLIA. D. D. Lustig has found in this Californian plant (*toyou* of the Indians) tannic, gallic, and hydrocyanic acids. (*A. J. P.*, April, 1882.)

HEUCHERA. *Heuchera Americana. H. cortusa*, Michaux. *H. viscida*, Pursh, p. 187. *Racine d'Heuchère d'Amérique*, Fr. *Amerikanische Sanikelwurzel*, G. The *alum-root* or *American sanicle* is a perennial, herbaceous plant, belonging to the Saxifrageæ. The leaves are all radical, petiolate, cordate, with rounded lobes, furnished with obtuse mucronate teeth. There is no proper stem; but numerous scapes or flower-stems are sent up by the same root, from one to three feet in height, very hairy in their upper part, and terminating in long, loose, pyramidal, dichotomous panicles. The calyx is small, with obtuse segments; the petals lanceolate, rose-colored, and of the same length as the calyx; the filaments much longer, yellowish, and surmounted by small, red, globose anthers. The whole plant is covered with a viscid pubescence. It is found in shady, rocky situations, from New England to Carolina, and flowers in June and July. The root, which was formerly official, is horizontal, somewhat compressed, knotty, irregular, yellowish, and of a strongly styptic taste. Alum-root is powerfully astringent, and may be employed in similar cases with other medicines belonging to the same class. H. K. Bowman (1869) obtained from it 18 to 20 per cent. of tannin. It has hitherto, however, been little used. J. Peacock (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 174) found a percentage of tannin ranging from 9·33 to 19·66 reckoned on the dry drug, according to the season of the year when collected; also a percentage of starch, calculated the same way, ranging from 5·17 to 16·32. Mr. Frederick Stearns (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 263) speaks of two other indigenous species, *H. caulescens* and *H. pubescens*, as having similar properties; and F. W. Anderson reports (*Botan. Gaz.*, 1887, p. 65) that the roots of *H. hispida*, Pursh, *H. cylindrica*, Douglas, and *H. parvifolia*, Nuttall, are much used by hunters of Montana and others as astringents, particularly in *diarrhœa* caused by the drinking of alkali water.

HIBISCUS ABELMOSCHUS. *Abelmoschus moschatus.* Wight and Arnott. An evergreen shrub, growing in Egypt, and in the East and West Indies, and yielding the seeds known under the names of *semen Abelmoschi*, *alceæ Ægyptiacæ*, and *grana moschata*. These are of about the same size as flaxseed, kidney-shaped, striated, of a grayish-brown color, of an odor like that of musk, and of a warm somewhat spicy taste. They were formerly considered stimulant and antispasmodic, but are now used only in perfumery. The Arabs flavor their coffee with them. They are said to be employed in the adulteration of musk. Another species, *Hibiscus esculentus*, or *Abelmoschus esculentus*, of Wight and Arnott, is cultivated under the name of *okra*, *bendee*, or *gombo* in various parts of the world, for the sake

of its fruit, which abounds in mucilage, to which the name of *gombine* has been given, and is used for thickening soup. The leaves are sometimes employed for preparing emollient poultices. The roots, which are a foot or two long, are said also to abound in mucilage, of which they yield twice as much as the althæa root from the same weight, free from any unpleasant odor. Their powder is perfectly white, and superior also to that of the marshmallow. The plant is largely cultivated near Constantinople, where it is much used as a demulcent. (*A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 224.) The bark is also used in making paper and cordage.

HIERACIUM VENOSUM. *Rattlesnake Weed. Epervière*, Fr. *Habichtskraut*, G. (*Gray's Mannal*, p. 237.) The rattlesnake weed has a smooth slender flower-stem, one or two feet high, either naked or furnished with but a single leaf, and dividing at top into a loose spreading corymb of yellow flowers. The plant is common, growing in dry places and open woods, in most of the eastern and northern parts of the United States. The leaves and root are thought to possess medical virtues, and, being deemed astringent, have been used in *hemorrhagic diseases*. The juice is supposed by some to have the power of removing *warts*. Dose of infusion (two ounces to the pint), a wineglassful.

HIPPURIC ACID ($C_9H_9NO_3$). *Benzoylglycocoll*, $CH_2<^{NH.C_7H_5O}_{COOH}$. This occurs in considerable amount in the urine of herbivorous animals, sometimes in that of man. Benzoic and cinnamic acids, toluol, and other aromatic substances, when taken internally, are eliminated as hippuric acid. It crystallizes in rhombic prisms, melting at 187° C., and at about 240° C. decomposes into benzoic acid, benznitrile, and prussic acid. Boiling acids or alkalies decompose it into benzoic acid and glycocoll. According to the experiments of Meissner and Shepard, hippuric acid injected into the blood of animals acts as a very decided poison, but the hippurates have been suggested by Dr. Garrod as a remedy in the *uric acid diathesis*. He affirms that if outside of the body the sodium hippurate be added to a blood-serum that shows the presence of a urate, the latter is soon removed. Sodium hippurate may be well combined with lithium or potassium salts; the dose of it is ten grains three times a day.

HOANG-NAN. This is the bark of the *Strychnos Malaccensis*, or tropical *bindweed*, a climbing plant, which grows in Malacca and surrounding countries. Brucine and strychnine are stated to have been found in it (*Newer Mat. Med.*); brucine being the more abundant of the two. When introduced into the system of the lower mammals, it has been found to produce violent general tetanic spasms similar to those caused by strychnine. It probably has practically the same range of medicinal application as has nux vomica, although special virtues have been claimed for it in the treatment of *chronic skin diseases*. Dose of powdered bark, three grains (0·19 Gm.).

HOG-GUM. *Gum-Hogg. Kuteeragum.* Under the name of Gum-Hogg a peculiar gum is much used in marbling paper. A full discussion of it may be found in the 14th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory, but, as it appears to be only a variety of Bassora gum, we omit any further account of it.

HOOCHINOO. This is an alcoholic drink which is clandestinely distilled by the Alaskan Indians, and has been supposed, on account of the frenzy which it produces in them, to contain some poisonous substance other than alcohol. It has, however, been chemically examined by Prof. John Marshall, who found it simply an alcoholic liquor of about the strength of ordinary sherry.

HOUTTUYNIA CALIFORNICA. *Yerba Mansa.* The root of this piperaceous Californian plant is employed by the natives in *chronic malaria*, and also in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery*, and has been used with asserted good results in *gonorrhœa* and *rheumatism*. Dose of the fluid extract, fifteen to sixty minims (0·924 to 3·69 C.c.).

HUAMANRIPA. This is a Chilian drug, the plant growing on the slope of the Cordilleras at considerable heights. Dr. Lapater found it to be stimulating, emetic, sialagogue, and diaphoretic. (*Western Druggist*, 1886, p. 410.)

HURA BRASILIENSIS. *Assacou. Sablier*, Fr. *Sandbüchsenbaum*, G. *Hura Brasiliensis* of Martius is a Brazilian tree belonging to the family of Euphorbiaceæ. Another species, *H. crepitans*, growing in the West Indies, and characterized by the tendency of its fruit when ripe to break with violence into several pieces, and thus scatter the seeds, has long been known as an acrid emetocathartic, capable in large doses of acting as a violent poison. The fresh juice, the seeds, and a decoction of the bark, all have these properties, which, in fact, belong in a greater or less degree to most of the Euphorbiaceæ; and, as in other members of the same family, an oil expressed from the seeds is actively purgative. It is highly probable that the *Hura Brasiliensis* is similar in all these respects to its congener. Martius states that the juice is anthelmintic, and employed to intoxicate fish. But attention has been especially attracted to the plant, in consequence of reports favorable to its efficacy in that terrible scourge of Brazil, the *elephantiasis* or *leprosy* of the country. These reports were received by the Academy of Medicine, of Paris, from the French Consul in one of the towns of Para, of which province the natives are said to regard the remedy as a specific in the complaint referred to. Experiments have been made by the Brazilian physicians, and it is said with favorable results, though complete cures have not been obtained. The fact is that various acrid emetocathartic medicines, capable also of producing diaphoresis, have been more or less useful in *elephantiasis*, as the *Calotropis gigantea*, and one or more species of Ionidium; and it is probable that the assacou acts in a similar manner, and with similar results. The milky juice of the plant, and an infusion or decoction of the bark, are used. The juice is extremely acrid, producing on the skin, when applied to it, an erysipelatous redness and a pustular eruption; the natives are said to employ it in the preparation of a poison. A grain of the juice made into a pill, or a scruple of the bark infused in a pint of water, is given every day, and gradually increased as the stomach and bowels will bear it. Every week an emetic preparation is administered, made by boiling half an ounce of the bark in a pint of water to half a pint, to which twelve drops of the juice are added. Every second or third day the patient takes a bath consisting of a saturated infusion of the bark. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xiv. 424.)

HYÆNANCHE GLOBOSA. *Toxicodendron Capense.* The fruits of this South African species of Buxeæ are said to be used for the poisoning of hyenas. They have been investigated by Arthur

Baron von Engelhardt (*Kobert's Arbeiten*, 1892), who finds in them a chemically neutral, bitter principle, *hyananchine*, which is a powerful poison, resembling in its physiological action strychnine; from which, however, it differs in that it powerfully affects the cerebrum. The convulsions which it produces are of central origin, the poison having no action upon the nerve-trunks or the muscles.

HYDRACETIN. *Pyrodine.* The hydracetin of commerce is stated to be a varying compound, whose active principle is *acetylphenylhydrazin* ($C_6H_5.NH-NH.C_2H_3O$). It is soluble in alcohol and in water in proportion of 1 to 50. According to Dr. Guttmann (*Pharm. Centralh.*, May 16, 1889, p. 311), hydracetin is a powerful antipyretic and antirheumatic remedy. It occurs as a white, odorless, almost tasteless crystalline powder. melting at 128°–129° C. (262·4°–264·2° F), and has been given in doses of three-quarters of a grain (0·049 Gm.), two or three times a day. It is stated that it cannot be continuously used without danger. Externally, hydracetin is used for chrysarobin in *psoriasis* and similar disorders; in an ointment of from 5 to 15 per cent.

HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS. *Common Hydrangea. Seven Barks.* The root of our indigenous Hydrangea, which is the part used, consists of a caudèx, from which proceed numerous radicles, from the thickness of a quill to that of a finger or more. For use it should be cut into transverse pieces when fresh, and then dried. The taste is aromatic, pungent, and not unpleasant. The root was analyzed by Mr. Laidley, of Richmond, Va., who found in it gum, albumen, starch, resin, and various salts, among which was a ferrous salt. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 20.) Bondurant (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 122) has made a more thorough examination recently, and has isolated the characteristic glucoside *hydrangin*, crystallizing in stellate clusters, melting at 235° C., and subliming without decomposition. It is decomposed by dilute acids into a resin-like body and glucose. Its aqueous solution fluoresces strongly on addition of an alkali, resembling æsculin, but distinctly different in several particulars. He also obtained a fixed oil and a volatile oil, the latter containing sulphur. Two resins seemed also to be present, together with saponin and sugar. He found no tannin, however. Attention was first called to it as a remedy in the *New Jersey Medical Reporter* for Oct. 1850 (p. 44), by Dr. S. W. Butler, whose father, Dr. E. Butler, long residing as a missionary among the Cherokee Indians, employed it with great apparent advantage in their *calculous complaints*. Its value has since been confirmed by Drs. W. L. Atlee, D. Horsley, and John C. S. Monkur. (*Ibid.*, 1854, pp. 393–416, 426, and 1885, p. 115.) Dr. Butler used it in the form of decoction, or of a syrup made from the decoction with sugar or honey. In overdoses it occasions vertigo, oppression of the chest, etc.

HYDRARGYRI SULPHURETUM NIGRUM. *Black Sulphide of Mercury. Ethiops Mineral.* Though very properly discarded from the Pharmacopœias, this has too long occupied a place in the catalogue of the Materia Medica to be passed over without some notice. The following was the formula of the U. S. P. 1850, for its preparation. "Take of Mercury, Sulphur, each, *a pound*. Rub them together till all the globules disappear." *U. S. Mercurous sulphide* is now very rarely used. For properties, see U. S. D., 14th ed., p. 1259.

HYDRIDES, ORGANIC. In the *Medical Times and Gaz.*, 1871, vol. ii. pp. 403, 490, Dr. B. W. Richardson published an elaborate research upon the physiological action of these bodies. For want of space we can here only refer to this paper.

HYDRIODIC ACID, DILUTE. *Acidum Hydriodicum Dilutum.* This preparation was introduced into the U. S. Pharmacopœia in 1860 and dismissed in 1870. Owing to the difficulty of preserving it from change, it has been supplanted by the official syrup. (See *Syrupus Acidi Hydriodici*, Part I.) The official formula in 1860 was as follows. "Take of Iodine, in fine powder, *a troyounce;* Distilled Water *a sufficient quantity*. Mix thirty grains of Iodine with five fluidounces of Distilled Water in a tall glass-stoppered bottle, having the capacity of half a pint, and pass into the mixture hydrosulphuric acid gas until the color of the Iodine entirely disappears, and a turbid liquid remains. Detach the bottle from the apparatus employed for introducing the gas, and gradually add the remainder of the Iodine, stirring at the same time. Then reattach the bottle, and again pass the gas until the liquid becomes colorless. Decant the liquid into a small matrass which it is nearly sufficient to fill, boil it until it ceases to emit the odor of hydrosulphuric acid, and filter through paper. Then pass sufficient Distilled Water through the filter to bring the filtered liquid to the measure of six fluidounces. Lastly, keep the liquid in a well-stopped bottle. The hydrosulphuric acid gas, required in this process, may be obtained by mixing, in a suitable apparatus, *a troyounce and a half* of sulphide of iron, *two troyounces* of sulphuric acid, and *six fluidounces* of water." *U. S.*

The rationale of the process is extremely simple. The hydrogen of the hydrogen sulphide unites with the iodine to form hydriodic acid whilst the sulphur is deposited, $2H_2S + 2I_2 = 4HI + S_2$. It is well to agitate the vessel slightly soon after the hydrogen sulphide is passed into the liquid, so that the excess of iodine may be taken up by the solution of hydriodic acid, iodine being quite soluble even in a dilute solution. Some difficulty may be experienced if this is not done, through the finely precipitated sulphur coating the iodine and preventing its easy conversion. We have found it an improvement to dissolve the iodine in just sufficient alcohol, and then add to the water; the greater part is thrown down as a fine precipitate which is much more easily acted on by the hydrogen sulphide.*

* Various processes have been proposed for making hydriodic acid. Dr. Buchanan used an extemporaneous formula, which consisted in dissolving 330 grains of potassium iodide and 264 of tartaric acid, each in one and a half fluidounces of water, mixing the solutions, filtering to separate the potassium bitartrate formed, and finally adding sufficient distilled water to make the solution measure fifty fluidrachms. Each fluidrachm of this preparation contained five grains of iodine. Beginning with a few drops, he gradually increased to a fluidrachm, and finally even half a fluidounce or a fluidounce three times a day. Mr. John A. Dunn's modification of Buchanan's process is as follows. Take of potassium iodide 209¾ grains; tartaric acid, in crystals, 190¼ grains. Dissolve the iodide in three fluidrachms of distilled water, and the acid in the same quantity, and filter if necessary; mix the solutions, set the mixture in ice-cold water, and allow it to stand for one hour; then filter, and make up the measure to two fluidounces. Each fluidrachm represents 10 grains of iodine. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1869, p. 41.) Prof. H. Kolbe (*Journ. f. prakt. Chem.*, 1879, p. 172, and *A. J. P.*, June, 1877) adds phosphorus to iodine in a retort filled with carbonic acid gas. Heat is applied, and water added; on application of moderate heat, hydriodic acid gas free from iodine is produced. C. Winckler (*A. J. P.*, May, 1880; from *Jahresber. d. Phys. Ver.*) dissolves iodine in carbon disulphide; adds sufficient water to form a layer on top of the solution of iodine; passes a stream of hydrogen sulphide through the mixture; when this has

The iodine is known to have been all combined by the disappearance of the color. An excess of hydrogen sulphide is of no disservice, as it is driven off by the boiling. By filtration the liberated sulphur is separated, and the clear diluted hydriodic acid remains. By taking fixed proportions of iodine and water, an acid of the desired strength is secured.

In its pure state hydriodic acid is in the form of a gas, which fumes in the air, is colorless, and has an odor not unlike that of hydrochloric acid. It has a strong affinity for water, which, when saturated with it, forms liquid hydriodic acid. This has the sp. gr. 1·7, boils at 127° C. (260° F), and may be distilled.

The diluted acid, as prepared by the former U.S. process, is colorless when recently prepared, of a sour taste, and of the sp. gr. 1·112. The acid is precipitated yellowish white by test-solution of silver nitrate, and this precipitate is not perceptibly dissolved either by nitric acid or ammonia. When exposed to the air it gradually darkens, in consequence of the separation of iodine, of which it acquires the characteristic odor. It is more rapidly decomposed, with the same result, by chlorine, by nitric, sulphuric, iodic, and sulphurous acids, and by ferrous sulphate. Mr. John A. Dunn has found that this change is prevented by the addition of one-third of a grain of crystallized sodium hyposulphite to a fluidounce. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 42.)

Medical Properties and Uses. Diluted hydriodic acid was introduced into use as a medicine by Dr. Andrew Buchanan, of Glasgow, under the impression that it is by passing into this form that iodine, when taken internally, is absorbed, and enters the circulation. He believed it capable of producing all the effects of that element on the system, while it is less unpleasant to the taste, and less apt to offend the stomach. The acid official in 1860 contains ten grains of iodine in each fluidrachm, and is therefore twice as strong as Dr. Buchanan's solution. There can be little doubt that hydriodic acid is capable of producing the alterative effects of iodine; and it may be given in all cases to which that medicine is applicable. The dose may be half a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.) three times a day, diluted with water. When the solution becomes discolored it may be irritant through the liberated iodine; but this effect may be obviated by exhibiting it in any amylaceous liquid, as barley-water.

HYDROCHINONE. *Hydroquinone.* $C_6H_4(OH)_2$. This is one of the three isomeric diatomic phenols, being *paradioxybenzene*. It was first prepared by the dry distillation of quinic acid, but is now made from quinone by reduction with sulphurous acid, the quinone being made by oxidizing aniline with bichromate mixture ($K_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2SO_4$). Forms shining white leaflets melting at 169° C. Soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. Used largely in photography as a developing agent. In 1877, Brieger found that hydroquinone produces in man giddiness, tinnitus aurium, and a lessening of the force and frequency of the pulse. The experiments of Dr. P. J. Martin have shown that in the frog the hydroquinone causes violent convulsions, followed by paralysis and death through failure of the respiration, due to an action upon the spinal cord. In the mammal small doses produce a rise in the arterial pressure, followed by a depression; both these phenomena are apparently the result of an action of the drug upon the arterial vaso-motor system, although it is probable, from the experiments of Beyer, that the toxic dose of hydroquinone paralyzes both the heart-muscles and the muscle-fibres in the coats of the arterioles. The bodily temperature is lowered by large doses of hydroquinone, and, according to the experiments of Martin, this is chiefly due to an increase of heat-dissipation, and is, therefore, probably the result of a vaso-motor paralysis.

Hydroquinone is also a distinct antiseptic, but, according to Dr. Antaeff, when it is mixed with a solution of urea the latter principle undergoes rapid decomposition. The influence of hydroquinone upon the human being has been especially studied by Silvestrini and Picchini, and by Dr. Gaetano Traversa. (*La France Méd.*, May, 1890.) According to these authorities it is a very prompt antipyretic, producing, in dose of from three to eleven grains, pronounced depression of the temperature in fever, the reduction beginning in half an hour, and reaching its maximum in an hour and a half. Usually the antipyretic action is not accompanied by disagreeable symptoms, although after the larger dose excessive sweating, chills, and some nervous disturbances have been noted. It was found in the experiments of Martin that the fall of temperature is due to an increase of heat-dissipation; this is confirmed by the observation of Traversa, that the peripheral temperature may rise as much as two degrees, although the internal temperature is depressed. The excretion of urea is said to be diminished. Hydroquinone has been used with asserted good results in *infectious fevers*, and in *acute articular rheumatism*; also, as a gastro-intestinal disinfectant. That it is an antiseptic has been shown by Forster, who found that a one per cent. solution will arrest putrefaction and alcoholic fermentation.

HYDROCOTYLE ASIATICA. *Thick-leaved Pennywort.* (*Bevilacqua.* Boileau.) *Indian Pennywort. Bevilacqua*, Fr. *Wassernabel*, G. This is a small umbelliferous plant, growing in Southern Africa and in India, where it has long been used as an alterative to purify the blood. M. Jules Lépine discovered in it a peculiar oleaginous substance which he calls *vellarine*, and in which he supposes the active properties to reside. It has a strong odor recalling that of the plant, and a bitter, pungent, and persistent taste. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1885, p. 49.) It is said to be diuretic, and according to Ainsley has been given in *fever* and *bowel complaints*. An ounce of the dried plant daily for a length of time was said by Dr. Boileau to be a specific in *elephantiasis Græcorum*, but these statements have not been sustained. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiv., xxv.) It has also been alleged to have value in *syphilitic* and *scrofulous affections*. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1860.)

Dr. C. Daruty de Grandpré (*Les nouv. Remèdes*, April 8, 1888) finds that in small doses it is an energetic stimulant, its effects being chiefly directed to the cutaneous system, and that in large doses it is narcotic, producing stupor, headache, and in some persons vertigo with a tendency to coma.

HYDROCYANIC ETHER. *Cyanide of Ethyl. Propionitrile.* C_3H_5N, or $C_2H_5.CN$. This ether was discovered by Pelouze. It is formed by distilling a mixture of barium sulphovinate and potassium cyanide, or better by the action of ethyl iodide on potassium cyanide in closed tubes at a temperature of 180° C. It is a colorless liquid, of an agreeable ethereal odor, soluble in alcohol, ether, and water,

acquired a yellow color, the layers are separated, the aqueous hydriodic acid is boiled a few minutes to expel hydrogen sulphide, and it is then chemically pure.

boiling at 98° C. (208·4° F.), and having the sp. gr. 0·78. *Ethyl cyanide* is very poisonous, but less so than hydrocyanic acid, with which it agrees in therapeutic action and dose.

HYDROGEN SULPHIDE. *Sulphuretted Hydrogen. Hydrosulphuric Acid.* H_2S. A colorless gas of unpleasant odor, soluble in water, to which it imparts an acid reaction. 3·23 volumes of gas are absorbed by one volume of water at 15° C. Also soluble in alcohol. Has been liquefied at ordinary temperatures under a pressure of 17 atmospheres, or at ordinary pressures by a cold of —74° C. (—101·2° F.), and at —85° C. (—121° F.) becomes an ice-like solid.

The symptoms of poisoning by hydrogen sulphide vary with the amount taken. Its inhalation in a concentrated form is followed by giddiness, nausea, excessive weakness, and rapid or immediate loss of consciousness. The very diluted gas produces nausea, pain in the head, great general weakness; followed, if sufficient be taken, by coma, or stupor with delirium, and in some cases by general convulsions. The blood becomes of a brownish-black color, and after death remains fluid. The general appearances at the autopsy are not to be distinguished from those produced by the absorption of carbonic gas, but the diagnosis is readily made by the odor which pervades the whole corpse.

The effect of the hydrogen sulphide upon the blood has been studied by Dr. Bruère (*Journ. Anat. and Physiol.*, Oct. 1891), who finds that bright-red diluted blood, under the influence of the sulphide, becomes of an olive-green color, and that a new compound is formed out of the oxyhæmoglobin. This new compound, which has been variously called *sulphmethæmoglobin* and *sulphhæmoglobin*, is probably due to a union of hydrogen sulphide with hæmatin. It is worthy of remark that Dr. Bruère found the *hydrogen selenide* and the *hydrogen telluride* to act the same as the hydrogen sulphide.

In 1886, Dr. Bergeon proposed to the French Academy a method of treating tuberculosis by injecting hydrogen sulphide, diluted with pure carbonic acid, into the large intestine, the method being founded upon the supposed power of hydrogen sulphide to destroy the tubercular bacillus. The method of Bergeon had an extraordinary run, and then fell rapidly into desuetude, but there can be no doubt that the hydrogen sulphide has a distinct influence upon mucous membranes. It is a useful remedy in *pulmonary catarrh*, chronic or acute, as well as in *chronic rheumatism* and in *gout*. It is for this reason that sulphur springs are so frequently resorted to. Water saturated with hydrogen sulphide and carbonic acid gas is usually not objected to by patients after the first day or two of its taking, and does not disagree with the stomach. The dose is two to four ounces, three or four times a day.

HYDROXYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE. $NH_2.OH.HCl$. As the free base is known only in solution, and is unstable, the crystalline hydrochloride is used. Forms colorless hygroscopic crystals similar to ammonium chloride in appearance, soluble in equal weight of water, also in glycerin and in 15 parts of alcohol. In 1888, Professor Binz found that this substance caused in the lower animals stupor, convulsions, and a destruction of the red blood-corpuscles, of such character that their hæmoglobin was reduced to methæmoglobin or even to hæmatin. In 1889, Professor L. Lewin, of Berlin, further investigated the subject, confirming in part the results obtained by Professor Binz, and showing that the poison acts both upon the dead and living blood, and that its action upon the corpuscle is probably due to its decomposition, and the liberation of nitric or nitrous acid. In 1889, Dr. John Fabry (*Arch. de Derm. et de Syph.*, tome ii., 1889) found that a ten per cent. solution is exceedingly irritating to most human skins, producing intense redness, violent burning, sweating, and not rarely vesication. Some skins will not bear a one per cent solution, so that it is not safe in a new case to use a solution stronger than this. The substance was employed by Fabry, and since then by other clinicians, as an agent to replace pyrogallic acid and chrysarobin in the treatment of skin diseases, whilst it would offer the advantage of being colorless, and not staining skin, linen, etc. It has been used in *chronic psoriasis*, in *scabies*, in *lupus*, *herpes tonsurans*, *parasitic sycosis*, etc., with asserted excellent results, though Groddeck condemns it as being too irritating and liable to produce constitutional symptoms, and inferior in its healing powers to chrysarobin and pyrogallic acid. The solution may be prepared with alcohol or water, but should always be rubbed up with prepared chalk to neutralize any excess of acid.

HYGROPHILA SPINOSA. This is an Indian plant, the seeds of which are considered aphrodisiac and diuretic. (See Jayesingha, *Brit. Med. Journ.*, vol. ii., 1887.)

HYPERICUM PERFORATUM. *St. John's Wort. Millepertuis, Casse-diable*, Fr. *Johanniskraut, Harthen*, G. A perennial herb, abundant both in Europe and in this country, often covering whole fields, and proving extremely troublesome to farmers. It is usually from one to two feet high, with leaves which, from the presence of numerous transparent vesicles, appear as if perforated, and have hence given origin to the botanical designation of the plant. The flowers, which are numerous and of a deep-yellow color, appear during the summer from June to August. The flowering summits are the parts used, though the unripe capsules are possessed of the virtues of the plant in an equal degree, and the seeds are said to be even stronger. St. John's wort has a peculiar balsamic odor, which is rendered more sensible by rubbing or bruising the plant. Its taste is bitter, resinous, and somewhat astringent. It imparts a yellow color to cold water, and reddens alcohol and the fixed oils. Its chief constituents are volatile oil, a resinous substance, tannin, and coloring matter. This latter, known as *hypericum red*, is a reddish resin, smelling like the flowers, soluble in alcohol, ether, ethereal and hot fatty oils, coloring the solution wine red to blood red. It is soluble in alkalies with green color, and gives yellow precipitates with the alkaline earths and metallic salts. As a medicine it was in high repute among the ancients, and the earlier modern physicians. Among the complaints for which it was used were *hysteria*, *mania*, *intermittent fever*, *dysentery*, *gravel*, *hemorrhages*, *pectoral complaints*, *worms*, and *jaundice;* but it was, perhaps, most highly esteemed as a remedy in *wounds* and *bruises*, for which it was employed both internally and externally. It is difficult to ascertain its exact value as a remedy; but, from its sensible properties, and from the character of the complaints in which it has been thought useful, it may be considered, independently of its astringency, as somewhat analogous in medical power to the turpentines. It formerly enjoyed great reputation for the cure of demoniacs; and the superstition still

lingers among the vulgar in some countries. At present the plant is scarcely used except as a domestic remedy. The summits were given in the dose of two drachms or more. A preparation is used, under the name of *oleum hyperici*, made by macerating four ounces of the tops in a pint of olive oil. It is still used in many families as a sovereign remedy for bruises. It is commonly called *red oil*.

HYRACEUM. This is the product of *Hyrax Capensis*, an animal of South Africa, about the size of a large rabbit. It is said to be collected in small pieces on the rugged sides of mountains, and is probably the excrement or the dried urine of the animal. It is rather hard, tenacious, of a blackish-brown color, and in taste and smell not unlike castor. It is inflammable, and yields portions of its constituents to water and alcohol. Examined with the microscope, it has been found to contain vegetable tissues, animal hair, sand, and globular particles, either resinous or oily. Schrader has found it to contain stearin, a gum-resin soluble in absolute alcohol, an odorous yellow substance soluble in ordinary alcohol and in water, a brown substance soluble in water, and insoluble residue. (See *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 363.) Dr. Pereira considered it worthless as a therapeutic agent, though in physiological effects it is said to resemble American castor. (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 123.) For an elaborate paper on this substance by M. J. Léon Soubeiran, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, xxix. 378. Prof. Cope states that a similar substance is found in fissures of the rocks in New Mexico, and is probably a fecal and renal deposit of the wild rat, *Neotoma*. (*Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci.*, 1876.)

HYSSOPUS OFFICINALIS. *Hyssop. Hysope*, Fr. *Isop, Ysop*, G. This is a European labiate plant, perennial, with numerous erect, quadrangular, somewhat branching stems, which are woody in their interior portion, about two feet high, and furnished with opposite, sessile, lanceolate-linear, pointed, punctate leaves. The flowers are violet-colored or blue, sometimes white, turned chiefly to one side, and arranged in half verticillated, terminal leafy spikes. The upper lip of the corolla is roundish and notched at the apex, the lower is divided into three segments, of which the undermost is obovate. The flowering summits and leaves are the parts used. They have an agreeable aromatic odor, and a warm, pungent, bitterish taste, due to the presence of a volatile oil. This oil is colorless or greenish yellow, of peculiar odor, sharp camphor-like taste, and neutral reaction. It has a sp. gr. 0·88 to 0·98, distils between 142° and 162° C., and is soluble in its own bulk of alcohol of 0·85 sp. gr. According to Stenhouse, it is a mixture of several oxygenated oils. Hyssop is a warm, gently stimulant aromatic, applicable to the same cases as the other labiate plants. Its infusion has been much employed in *chronic catarrhs*, especially in old or debilitated people.

IBERIS AMARA. *Bitter Candytuft.* A small European herbaceous plant. The leaves, stem, and root are said to possess medicinal properties; but the seeds are the most efficacious. The plant appears to have been employed by the ancients in *rheumatism*, *gout*, and other diseases. In large doses it is said to produce giddiness, nausea, and diarrhœa, and to be useful in *cardiac hypertrophy*, *asthma*, and *bronchitis*, in doses of from one to three grains of the seed. (*Prov. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, 1847.)

ICHTHYOL. *Ammonium Ichthyol Sulphonate.* $C_{28}H_{36}S_3O_6(NH_4)_2$. In the dry distillation of a bituminous mineral containing fossil fish a tarry product is obtained. On treating this with sulphuric acid, and subsequently neutralizing with sodium or ammonium carbonate, ichthyol is obtained. This is a red-brown syrupy liquid, of a bituminous odor and taste, puffing up considerably and carbonizing when heated, and upon continued incineration volatilizing without residue. Water, or a mixture of equal volumes of alcohol and ether, dissolves it to form a clear red-brown liquid of a faintly acid reaction. Pure alcohol or ether dissolves it only partially; petroleum benzin takes up only a small quantity. Upon the addition of hydrochloric acid to the aqueous solution a dark resinous mass is precipitated, which when separated is soluble in ether and in water, but is again thrown out from the latter solution by hydrochloric acid or sodium chloride. Treated with potash solution, ichthyol develops an odor of ammonia, and the mixture dried and burnt yields a hepatic coal, which with hydrochloric acid gives off hydrogen sulphide. The ammonium ichthyolate loses upon drying in a water-bath at least half its weight. The sodium ichthyol is a dark tar-like substance of an alkaline reaction, perfectly soluble in water The ichthyol sulphonates of lithium, zinc, and mercury have also been prepared. Both preparations combine with fat and vaseline in all proportions, and are very rich in sulphur, containing, it is said, 10 per cent. According to Baumann, they have a great affinity for oxygen, and are powerful reducing agents.

Medical Properties. So far as is known, ichthyol has little or no general action, although it has been used to some extent internally in *rheumatism* and by Unna in *lepra*. As a liquid external remedy it has been most extravagantly praised by various German and American clinicians. Applied in the pure form to the sound skin, it produces irritation and burning. Peculiar alterative properties are attributed to it, and also the power of penetrating through the skin, so that it has been used with alleged extraordinary success as a local alterative and anodyne discutient in *chronic eczema*, *chronic urticaria*, *acne*, *intertrigo*, *lupus*, and *lepra* and various *ulcerations of the skin*, in *lymphatic enlargements*, for the softening and dispersion of *lipomas*, in *burns*, *frost-bites*, *sprains* and *contusions*, and in almost every form of *subacute* or *chronic gout* or *rheumatism*. When the skin is not destroyed or greatly inflamed the application should be made of the full strength or as a 50 per cent. ointment. In the various skin diseases or ulcerations the strength of the lotion or ointment may vary from 1 to 50 per cent. For internal administration, H. Wyatt (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi., 1891, 929) recommends the evaporation of the ichthyol on a water-bath and the formation of the residue into pills. He also made a good combination by adding 15 grains of magnesia (made into a milk with 90 minims of water) to 120 grains of ichthyol and evaporating over a water-bath to a pilular consistence. Dr. Latteux has found ichthyol to be an active germicide. (*Journ. Méd.*, Paris, Avril, 1892).

IGNATIA. *U. S.* 1880. *Bean of Saint Ignatius. Semen Ignatiæ, Faba Ignatii, Faba Sancti Ignatii*, Lat. *Fève igasurique, Fève de Saint Ignace*, Fr. *Ignatiusbohne, Bittere Fiebernuss, Ignazbohnen*, G. *Fava di Santo Ignazio*, It. *Haba de Santo Ignacio*, Sp. *Strychnos Ignatia*, Lindley, *Ignatia amara*, Linn., is a tree of middling size, with numerous long, cylindrical, glabrous, vine-like branches, which bear opposite, nearly sessile, oval, pointed, entire, and

very smooth leaves. The flowers are long, nodding, white, tubular, fragrant, and arranged in short, axillary racemes. The fruit is of the size and shape of a pear, with a smooth, whitish, ligneous rind, enclosing about twenty seeds, embedded in a dry medullary matter, and lying one upon the other. The seeds are the part used. The tree is a native of the Philippine Islands, where the seeds were highly esteemed as a medicine, and, having attracted the attention of the Jesuits, were honored with the name of their founder. Prof. Flückiger and Arthur Meyer have found that the seed has a close structural analogy to nux vomica. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1881, p. 1.)

The seeds are about an inch long, rather less in breadth, still less in thickness, convex on one side, obscurely angular, with two, three, or four faces on the other, and marked at one end with a small depression indicating their point of attachment. They are externally of a pale-brown color, apparently smooth, but covered in fact with a short down or efflorescence, which may be removed by scraping them with a knife. They are somewhat translucent, and their substance is very hard and horny. They have no smell, but an excessively bitter taste. They were officially described as "about an inch and a fifth (3 Cm.) long, oblong or ovate, irregularly angular, dull brownish or blackish, very hard, horny; fracture granular, irregular; the albumen somewhat translucent, enclosing an irregular cavity with an oblong embryo; inodorous; very bitter." *U. S.* To Pelletier and Caventou they yielded the same constituents as nux vomica, and, among them, 1·2 per cent. of strychnine, and 0·5 per cent. of brucine. Analyzed by Mr. J. M. Caldwell, they were found to contain the two alkaloids, strychnine and brucine, combined with igasuric acid, and, besides these, a volatile principle, extractive, gum, resin, coloring matter, fixed oil, and bassorin, but no starch or albumen. (*A. J. P.*, 1857, p. 298.) Flückiger, on the other hand, found 1·78 per cent of nitrogen, corresponding to about 10 per cent. of albuminoid matter. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 433.) In consequence of the relatively larger proportion of strychnine which they yield, they have been used instead of nux vomica, in the preparation of that alkaloid, when their cost would permit of the substitution, but the nux vomica bean has been imported in such large quantities, and is now so low in price, that the ignatia bean is rarely used for this purpose.

MM. Magendie and Delile proved that ignatia acts on the human system in the same manner as nux vomica, and the two medicines in fact only differ in that the preparations of ignatia are the stronger. (See *Nux Vomica.*) The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 recognized an abstract and a tincture.

Abstractum Ignatiæ. *U. S.* 1880. *Abstract of Ignatia.* "Ignatia, in No. 60 powder, *two hundred parts* [or four ounces av.]; Sugar of Milk, recently dried and in fine powder, Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or two ounces av.] Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *eight parts* [or six fluidounces] of Alcohol to *one part* [or five fluidrachms] of Water, and, having moistened the Ignatia with *one hundred parts* [or two fluidounces] of the menstruum, pack firmly in a cylindrical percolator; then add enough of the menstruum to saturate the powder and leave a stratum above it. When the liquid begins to drop from the percolator, close the lower orifice, and, having closely covered the percolator, macerate for forty-eight hours. Then allow the percolation to proceed, gradually adding menstruum, until the Ignatia is exhausted. Reserve the first *one hundred and seventy parts* [three and one-half fluidounces] of the percolate, distil off the alcohol from the remainder, and mix the residue with the reserved portion. Place the mixture in an evaporating dish, and, having added *fifty parts* [or one ounce av.] of Sugar of Milk, cover it with a piece of thin muslin gauze, and set aside in a warm place, where the temperature will not rise above 50° C. (122° F.), until the mixture is dry. Lastly, having added enough Sugar of Milk to make the mixture weigh *one hundred parts* [two ounces av.], reduce it to a fine, uniform powder. Preserve the powder in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1880. The yield of extract is usually about 10 per cent. The dose of abstract is from one-half to one and a half grains (0·03 to 0·10 Gm.).

Tinctura Ignatiæ. *U. S.* 1880. *Tincture of Ignatia. Teinture de Fève de Saint Ignace*, Fr. *Ignazbohnentinktur*, G. "Ignatia, in No. 60 powder, *ten parts* [or eight ounces av.]; Alcohol, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity.* Mix Alcohol and Water in the proportion of *eight parts* [or four and a half pints] of Alcohol to *one part* [or half a pint] of Water. Moisten the powder with *ten parts* [or half a pint] of the menstruum, and macerate for twenty-four hours; then pack it firmly in a cylindrical percolator, and gradually pour menstruum upon it, until the Ignatia is exhausted. Reserve the first *ninety parts* [or four and a half pints] of the percolate, evaporate the remainder to *ten parts* [or half a pint], and mix with the reserved portion. Of this Tincture take any convenient number of parts, and, by means of a water-bath, evaporate it to dryness. Weigh the resulting extract, and from its weight calculate the quantity of extract contained in the one hundred parts of Tincture obtained, then dissolve the dried extract in the remainder of the Tincture, and add enough of the above menstruum to make the product weigh so many parts that each *one hundred parts* of Tincture shall contain *one part* of dry extract. Lastly, mix thoroughly, and filter through paper. Tincture of Ignatia thus prepared represents about *ten parts* of Ignatia in *one hundred parts.*" *U. S.* 1880. Dose, fifteen to twenty minims (0·9 to 1·25 C.c.). A tincture equivalent to the official preparation may be made by dissolving sixty grains of dry alcoholic extract of ignatia in a mixture of fourteen fluidounces of alcohol and one and a half fluidounces of water.

ILEX. *Holly. Houx*, Fr. *Stechpalme, Christdorn*, G. Several species of Ilex are employed in different parts of the world. The *I. Aquifolium*, or *common European Holly*, has attracted much attention in France. It is usually a shrub, but in some places attains the magnitude of a middling-sized tree. The viscid substance called *birdlime* is prepared from the inner bark. The leaves, which are of a bitter, somewhat austere taste, were formerly much esteemed as a diaphoretic, and in the form of infusion were employed in *catarrh, pleurisy, small-pox, gout*, etc. A few years since they gained a brief reputation in France as a cure for *intermittents.* They were used in powder, in the dose of a drachm two hours before the paroxysm; and this dose was sometimes repeated frequently during the apyrexia. Their febrifuge virtues are said to depend on a bitter principle, *ilicin.* M. Labourdais obtained this principle by boiling a filtered decoction of holly leaves with animal charcoal, allowing the charcoal

to subside, washing it, then treating it with alcohol, filtering off the alcoholic solution, and evaporating it to a syrupy consistence. The liquid thus obtained was very bitter, and, on being allowed to evaporate spontaneously, yielded an amorphous substance, having the appearance of gelatin, which was the principle in question. (See *A. J. P.*, xxi. 89.) A yellow coloring substance called *ilexanthin*, and a peculiar acid, called *ilicic acid*, have been obtained by Dr. F. Moldenhauer. Ilexanthin is obtained in the following manner. The leaves are exhausted with alcohol, the alcohol is distilled off, and the residue set aside for several days. A sediment forms, which is separated from the mother-liquor, treated with ether to remove the chlorophyll, and then purified by repeated solution in alcohol and crystallization. The composition of ilexanthin is $C_{17}H_{22}O_{11}$. It crystallizes in yellow needles, which change color at 185° C. (365° F.), melt at 198° C. (388° F.), and at 214° C. (417° F.) boil with decomposition, and are not sublimable. It is insoluble in ether, but soluble in alcohol. In cold water it is almost insoluble; but hot water dissolves it freely, and deposits it in crystals on cooling. (*Chem. Centralblatt*, 1857, p. 766.) The *berries* are about the size of a pea, red and bitter, and are said to be purgative, emetic, and diuretic. Ten or twelve of them will usually act on the bowels, and sometimes vomit. Their expressed juice has been used in jaundice.

The *Ilex opaca*, or *American holly*, is a middling-sized evergreen tree, growing throughout the Atlantic section of the United States, and especially abundant in New Jersey. It is so similar to the European plant that it is by some writers considered as the same species. The berries, examined by Mr. D. P. Pancoast, were found to contain tannin, pectin, two crystallizable organic principles, and salts of potassa, lime, and magnesia. One of the crystallizable principles was inodorous and tasteless, the other inodorous but intensely bitter. The latter was obtained by a treatment similar to that of M. Labourdais, above described; but, after the evaporation of the tincture to a syrupy consistence, the process was continued by adding potassium carbonate and afterwards ether, and agitating briskly. The ethereal solution, rising to the surface on repose, was separated, and allowed to evaporate spontaneously. Crystals of the bitter principle were deposited. This is probably pure *ilicin*. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 314.) Walter A. Smith (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 1668) obtained a resin soluble in alcohol by the ether extraction, and in the portion of this soluble in water he obtained evidences of a glucoside. This species is said to possess the same medical properties as *I. Aquifolium*.

Ilex Paraguayensis, the *I. Maté* of St. Hilaire, yields the celebrated *Paraguay tea*, so extensively consumed as a beverage in the interior of South America. It is a small tree or shrub growing wild along the streams in Paraguay, and also cultivated for the sake of its leaves, which are the part used. These are stripped from each plant every two or three years. The period of their collection extends from December to August, sometimes beginning earlier but never continuing later. Companies are formed who penetrate far into the forest at a distance from the settlements, and devote a long time to the collection and preparation of the leaves. These are first dried by exposure to heat, and are then reduced to powder more or less fine, which is kept for several months protected from moisture, and then packed in sacks, and delivered to commerce. (A. Demersay, *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1868, p. 72; see also *Pharmaceut. Record*, May, 1891.) They have a balsamic odor and bitter taste, and are usually at first disagreeable to the palate. They have a pleasant and corroborant effect upon the stomach; but, when very largely taken, are said to purge and vomit. They are used in the form of infusion, which is prepared from the entire leaves as we prepare tea; or, under the name of *cha maté*, a fine powder is put in a cup of hot water by the drinker, and after a moment's stirring, the fluid is sucked up by means of a tube expanded below, and pierced with fine holes, so as to strain out the powder. They contain, besides other substances, a peculiar tannin and the alkaloid caffeine. The latter appears to be in very variable amount. In the analysis of D. A. Strauch, the leaves yielded 0·450 of theine, 20·880 of caffeotannic acid, 2·830 of gum, 5·902 of resin, chlorophyll, and wax, 1·200 of starch, 9·361 of protein compounds, 22·148 of cellulose, 8·640 of apotheme, 3·896 of salts, 8·100 of water, with a trace of volatile oil, and some sand and extractive. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 314.) Some fresh leaves of *Ilex Paraguayensis* grown in the Cambridge Botanical Gardens were found by A. H. Allen, after drying at 100° C., to contain: insoluble matter, 57·94 per cent.; tannin, by lead acetate method, 15·62; tannin, by cupric acetate method, 15·66; caffeine, 1·13; total ash, 6·14; soluble ash, 3·56. (*Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., iii., part II., p. 527.) Some elaborate proximate analyses of maté are also published by Theodore Peckolt. (*Phar. Journ.* (3), xiv. p. 121.) The consumption of maté, or yerba, in South America, is enormous. Although largely produced in the Argentine Republic, fourteen thousand tons of the leaves were in 1880 imported into that country from Brazil and Paraguay, and six thousand tons into the republic of Uruguay. For an interesting account of the method of preparation, and an elaborate analysis, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 1017.

The *Ilex vomitoria* of Aiton and Linn., the *I. Cassine* of Michaux, is a handsome evergreen shrub, growing in our Southern States, and especially abundant along the southern coast of Florida. Analysis of its leaves by Venable (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 390) gave 7·39 per cent. of tannic acid and 0·27 per cent. of caffeine. It is the *cassine* of the Indians, who formerly employed a decoction made from the toasted leaves, called *black drink*, both as a medicine, and as a drink of etiquette at their councils. It acts as an emetic. The leaves of the *Ilex Dahoon* of Walter and Michaux have similar properties, and are also said to have entered into the composition of the black drink. The leaves of the *Ilex Cassine*, known as *Yaupon* by the Indians, yielded to Mr. H. M. Smith 0·011 per cent. of volatile oil and 0·122 per cent. of caffeine. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 217.)

ILLICIUM FLORIDANUM. *Florida Anise-tree.* This is an evergreen shrub or small tree, growing in Florida, along the coast which bounds the Gulf of Mexico. The bark, leaves, and probably also the seed-vessels, are endowed with a spicy odor and taste, analogous to those of anise. H. C. C. Maisch (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 280) obtained from the leaves a crystalline alkaloid to which the bitter taste is due, tannin, and a resin. In the root-bark and capsules he found volatile oil and a crystalline principle, melting at 110° C., insoluble in alcohol and ether, but soluble in chloroform, and neutral to test-paper. It is a question worthy of investigation,

whether the capsules of this plant might not be substituted for those of the *Illicium anisatum* or *star aniseed*. (See *Illicium*.) Another species, *I. parviflorum*, a shrub found by Michaux in the hilly regions of Georgia and Carolina, has a flavor closely resembling that of sassafras root.

IMPATIENS FULVA and IMPATIENS PALLIDA. *Touch-me-not. Jewel-weed. Balsam-weed.* These two species of Impatiens are indigenous, annual, succulent plants, from two to four feet high, growing in low moist grounds, and flowering in July and August. They may be known by their tender, juicy, almost transparent stems; by their yellow flowers, which in one species are pale and sparingly punctate, in the other are deeper colored and crowded with dark spots; and by their capsules, which burst elastically, and curl up with the slightest pressure. They probably possess properties similar to those of the *I. Noli-me-tangere* of Europe, which has an acrid burning taste, and, when taken internally, acts as an emetic, cathartic, and diuretic, though considered dangerous, and therefore little used. The late Dr. Ruan, of Philadelphia, employed with great advantage, in piles, an ointment made by boiling the American plants, in their recent state, in lard. The flowers may be used for dyeing yellow. The *I. Balsamina* or *balsam-weed*, *touch-me-not*, etc., of the gardens resembles the other species in its effects.

IMPERATORIA OSTRUTHIUM. *Masterwort. Rhizoma Imperatoriæ*, P.G. *Impératoire*, Fr. *Meisterwurz, Kaiserwurz*, G. An umbelliferous plant, indigenous in the south of Europe. The root has a strong odor, similar to that of angelica, and a pungent, biting, aromatic taste, attended with a flow of saliva, and followed by a glowing warmth which remains long in the mouth. E. M. Holmes (*P. J. Tr.*, March 17, 1877) noticed this root mixed with aconite in the London market, but this probably arose from carelessness, as masterwort is worth twice as much as aconite. A crystallizable, tasteless principle, called *imperatorin*, $C_{16}H_{16}O_4$, was extracted from the root by Wackenroder, by allowing the ethereal tincture to evaporate, and recrystallizing the residue from ether and alcohol. It was purified by combining it with lime, and decomposing the lime compound by acetic acid. R. Wagner has ascertained that this principle is identical with *peucedanin*, obtained from the root of *Peucedanum officinale*, which was formerly employed in medicine, but is now quite out of use. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1854.) M. Gorup-Besanez has found in the root another principle, to which he has given the name of *ostruthin*, $C_{14}H_{17}O_2$. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 175; also, *A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 247.) Besides these two crystalline compounds, masterwort contains a volatile oil, composed of a hydrocarbon and an oxygenated compound, probably the aldehyde of angelic acid. (Wagner, *Journ. Pr. Chem.*, lxii. p. 283.) Jassoy (*Apoth. Zeit.*, v. p. 150) has since investigated the substance ostruthin and gives it the formula $C_{18}H_{20}O_3$. He states that it does not contain a methoxyl group but a phenol-like hydroxyl. The root of masterwort was formerly considered alexipharmic, stomachic, corroborant, emmenagogue, diuretic, and diaphoretic, and was used in a wide circle of complaints with so much supposed success as to have gained for it the title of *divinum remedium*. It is, however, merely a stimulant aromatic, which in this country is unknown as a remedy.

INCASSA POISON. This is an African ordeal bark, which has been studied by Prof. Liebreich, who found in it a very violent cardiac poison.

INDELIBLE INK. This is prepared by dissolving two drachms of silver nitrate and a drachm of gum arabic in a fluidounce of distilled water, colored with a little Indian ink. It is used for writing with a pen on linen and muslin. The place to be marked is prepared by being moistened with a solution of two ounces of crystallized sodium carbonate and two drachms of gum arabic in four fluidounces of water, and then dried. This alkaline solution, called *mordant*, decomposes the nitrate, and protects the cloth from the action of the free nitric acid. At the end of twenty-four hours the spot is to be washed.

Prof. Redwood, of London, proposes the following indelible ink, not requiring the use of a mordant. Dissolve an ounce of silver nitrate and an ounce and a half of crystallized sodium carbonate, separately, in distilled water, and mix the solutions. Wash the precipitated silver carbonate, and, having introduced it, still moist, into a Wedgwood mortar, rub it with eight scruples of tartaric acid, until effervescence ceases. Then add strong solution of ammonia, just sufficient to dissolve the silver tartrate formed (about two fluidounces). Lastly, having mixed in half a fluidounce of archil, half an ounce of white sugar, and an ounce and a half of powdered gum arabic, add sufficient distilled water to make the whole measure six fluidounces. M. Soubeiran has given the following formula for indelible ink, which he considers simpler than Mr. Redwood's. Dissolve 8 parts of crystallized silver nitrate, 3 of copper nitrate, and 4 of sodium carbonate, in 100 of ammonia water, and add to the solution a little gum. The marks produced by silver nitrate on linen or muslin may be completely removed by moistening them with a solution of corrosive sublimate or of potassium cyanide in distilled water, and afterwards washing them.

M. Jules Guiller has devised the three following formulas for marking-inks for linen. 1. Silver nitrate 11 parts; distilled water 85; powdered gum arabic 20; sodium carbonate 22; solution of ammonia 20. Dissolve the sodium carbonate in the water, rubbing the solution with the gum, and the silver nitrate in the ammonia. Mix the solutions, and gradually heat the mixture in a flask until it boils. This ink flows readily from a pen. 2. Silver nitrate 5 parts; distilled water 12; powdered gum arabic 5; sodium carbonate 7; solution of ammonia 10. The ingredients are treated as in the preceding formula, with the exception that the mixed solution is heated until it becomes of a very dark color, and is reduced about one-twentieth in volume by evaporation. This ink is suitable for marking on linen with stamps. 3. Silver nitrate 17 parts; distilled water 85; powdered gum arabic 20; sodium carbonate 22; solution of ammonia 42; copper sulphate 33. Dissolve the silver nitrate in the ammonia, the sodium carbonate in 25 parts of the water, and the gum in the remaining 60. Then mix with the soda solution, first the gum solution, and afterwards the silver solution. Lastly, add the copper sulphate. This ink has a blue, instead of the dark-brown color of the others. (See *A. J. P.*, 1853, p. 33.)

Dr. Boettger gives the following formula. 3·65 Gm. of aniline black are rubbed down in a porcelain mortar with 60 drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid, and 22 Gm. of alcohol. This solution is mixed with a hot solution of 1·82 Gm. of gum arabic in 85 Gm. of hot water. This ink does not attack steel

pens, and is not acted upon either by strong mineral acids or by alkalies. If the aniline black solution be diluted with shellac solution (21 Gm. in 85 of alcohol) an aniline black lake will be obtained, which is suited for coloring wood and leather.

Herberger recommends the following indelible ink for other purposes than marking linen. Dissolve wheat gluten, carefully freed from starch, in a little weak acetic acid, and dilute the solution with rain-water, so as to have about the strength of wine vinegar. For every four ounces of the solution, add ten grains of the best lampblack, two grains of indigo, and a little oil of cloves. This ink has a beautiful black color, and cannot be removed by chlorine or dilute acids.

Dr. Elsner states that an *indelible red ink* can be prepared as follows: Equal parts by weight of copperas and cinnabar, both in fine powder and sifted, are rubbed up with linseed oil with a muller, and finally squeezed through a cloth. The thick paste can be employed for writing or stamping woollen or cotton goods.

INDIAN GRASS OILS. The Indian grass oils are at least five in number,—namely, oils of citronella, lemon-grass, Indian or Turkish geranium, ginger-grass, and vertivert or cus-cus. They are derived from various tropical grasses of the genus Andropogon, but there is some confusion as to the particular species from which the individual oils are obtained. These oils are not used at all in medicine, but solely for the purposes of perfumery. (See later, under *Oils of Citronella* and *Lemon-grass.*)

INDIAN RED. A purplish-red pigment, brought from the island of Ormus in the Persian Gulf. It is *red ochre*, and owes its color to *ferric oxide.*

INDIAN YELLOW. This is a pigment manufactured from a yellow substance from India, called *purree.* Purree occurs in commerce in balls, from three to four ounces in weight, which are dark brown externally, and deep orange within. It has a peculiar smell, closely resembling that of castor. This circumstance gave rise to the belief that it was of animal origin; but Dr. Stenhouse finds that it contains no nitrogen, and believes that it is a vegetable substance. Upon analysis he found it to consist of magnesia, united with a peculiar acid, which he names purreic (*euxanthic acid* of Erdmann), and which forms nearly one-half of the crude substance. *Purreic acid* is in small crystals of a light-yellow color, dissolving sparingly in cold water, quite readily in boiling water, and abundantly in hot alcohol. It has at first a sweetish and then a slightly bitter taste, and possesses, in appearance, considerable resemblance to berberine. When acted upon by boiling nitric acid, it is finally converted into a new acid, crystallizing in yellow needles, called by Erdmann, *oxypicric acid.* Purreic or euxanthic acid is monobasic, and has the formula $C_{21}H_{18}O_{11}$. Dr. Stenhouse concludes that purree is probably the juice of some plant, saturated with magnesia, and boiled down to a solid consistence. (*Philos. Mag.*, xxv. 321.) Other authorities conjecture that it is obtained from the deposit of camels' urine after the animals have eaten the fruit of *Mangostana mangifer.* (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1855, p. 134.)

INDIGO. *Indicum. Pigmentum Indicum. Indigo*, Fr., G. This well-known and highly important dye-stuff is obtained from various species of Indigofera, especially *I. tinctoria*, *I. Anil*, and *I. Argentea*; and is said to be afforded also by other plants, such as *Wrightia tinctoria*, *Polygonum tinctorium*, *Galega tinctoria*, etc. For an interesting account of the manufacture in Manchuria of indigo from *Polygonum Chinense*, see *American Druggist*, Aug. 1888. It does not exist ready formed, but is generated, during fermentation, from another principle existing in the plant. This principle appears to have been isolated from *Isatis tinctoria* by Ed. Schunck, who has named it *indican.* Through the agency of the mineral acids, it is resolved into indigo and sugar; and perhaps the same result may take place in fermentation. Indican is yellow, amorphous, of a nauseous bitter taste, with an acid reaction, and readily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. It contains nitrogen. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 166.) In the process of preparing indigo, the plant is macerated in water; fermentation takes place; the liquor becomes of a greenish color, and in due time is decanted; the coloring principle dissolved by the water absorbs oxygen from the air, and assumes a blue color, becoming at the same time insoluble; a gradual precipitation takes place, favored by the addition of lime water or an alkaline solution; and finally the precipitated matter, having been washed upon linen filters, is dried, shaped usually into cubical masses, and sent into market. The importations of indigo into the United States for the year 1889 were 3,550,765 pounds, valued at $2,684,105; for 1890, 2,823,962 pounds, valued at $1,827,937; for 1891, 2,089,007 pounds, valued at $1,600,630; for 1892, 2,461,667 pounds, valued at $1,772,507. Most of the indigo consumed in dyeing is brought from the East Indies, though considerable quantities are imported also from Guatemala and northern South America. The present annual production of natural indigo is estimated to be as follows:

	Kilos.	Valued at
Bengal	4,000,000	$10,000,000
Madras	1,100,000	2,000,000
Manila, Java, Bombay	1,000,000	2,500,000
Central America	1,125,000	3,000,000
China and other countries	1,000,000	2,500,000
		$20,000,000

It was formerly produced in our Southern States, especially Florida, where the plant grows luxuriantly; and it still appears to be prepared there for local use. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvii. 473.) It is of an intensely blue color, but assumes a coppery or bronze hue when rubbed by a smooth hard body, as the nail. Heated to 287·7° C. (550° F.), it emits a reddish-violet vapor, which condenses in minute crystals. It is insoluble in water or alcohol, but is readily dissolved by concentrated or fuming sulphuric acid, because of the formation of *monosulphindigotic* and *disulphindigotic* acids, of which the first is difficultly soluble in water and the second easily soluble. The sodium salt of this latter constitutes the *indigo-carmine* of commerce. It is also soluble in nitrobenzol. (For other solvents, see *American Chemist*, i. 472, *A. J. P.*, xliii. 562.) According to Berzelius, indigo contains, among other ingredients, four distinct principles: 1, a substance resembling gluten; 2, a brown coloring substance; 3, a red coloring substance; and 4, a blue coloring substance, which is the principle upon which its value as a material for dyeing depends, and which seldom constitutes so much as one-half of the indigo of commerce. This blue coloring matter is called *indigotin.* According to C. Méhu, if dissolved in a boiling mixture of carbolic acid with a little alcohol or 15 per cent. of

camphor, on cooling it is deposited in crystals. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 71.) By deoxidizing agents it is deprived of its blue color, which it recovers by exposure to the air, in consequence of the absorption of oxygen. Such is the case with the acid sulphites, and in a less degree with sulphurous acid. Certain volatile oils are said to have the same effect when boiled with tincture of indigo, as the oil of turpentine, peppermint, lavender, juniper, savine, or sage. (*Journ. de. Pharm.*, 1859, p. 399.) Chlorine also destroys the blue color. M. Preisser has concluded, from an elaborate examination of the *coloring principles* of plants, 1, that these principles are colorless in the young plants; 2, that they acquire color by combination with oxygen; 3, that all the coloring matters, extracted from any one plant, are produced by the oxidation in different degrees of a single principle; 4, that they are deprived of color by substances having a strong affinity for oxygen, and reacquire it by contact with oxidizing bodies; and 5, that these coloring principles are acids, and the lakes which they form genuine salts. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., v. 263.) For modes of testing the value of any specimen of indigo, see *Sadtler's Industrial Organic Chemistry*, p. 443. The most important of the methods for the determination of the indigo blue may be summarized under three heads, —viz., oxidation methods, reduction methods, and sublimation of the pure indigo blue from the commercial product. A table of analyses of commercial samples with results according to the several methods above referred to will be found in Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., iii. p. 311.

The artificial production of indigo has been the subject of much investigation and effort in recent years. The problem has been successfully solved by Prof. A. Baeyer, of Munich, who has proposed several methods capable of commercial utilization.

The first is to start with *benzylchloride*, C_6H_5-CH_2Cl, prepared from *toluol*, C_6H_5,CH_3, and by changing this successively into *benzylcyanide*, C_6H_5-CH_2CN, *phenylacetic acid*, $C_6H_5,CH_2,COOH$, *oxindol*, $C_{16}H_{14}N_2O_2$, and *isatin*, $C_{16}H_{10}N_2O_4$, he prepares *indigo blue*, $C_{16}H_{10}N_2O_2$.

The second method, and that which has been carried out on a large scale by the Baden Aniline and Soda Co., at Ludwigshafen, is to start with *cinnamic acid*, $C_9H_8O_2$, made artificially from benzaldehyde, which is changed into *ortho-nitro-cinnamic acid* $C_9H_7NO_4$, and this by the intervention of the dibromine derivative into *ortho-nitro-phenylpropiolic acid*, $C_9H_5NO_4$, and this by the action of alkalies in the presence of reducing agents, like grape sugar or xanthogenates, is converted directly into *indigo blue*, $(C_8H_5NO)_2$.

For the present the cost of the artificial indigo is such as to make it only in a limited degree a competitor of the natural color.

Dr. Schunck first showed that all urines, whether pathological or not, contain an indigo-producing body in minute quantities. This body is commonly spoken of as indican in medical books. Its true chemical nature was first ascertained by Baumann, who showed that it was not a glucoside, like the indican of plants, but the potassium salt of a peculiar acid, *indoxylsulphonic acid*.

Indigo was at one time considerably used in medicine, but at present is very rarely if ever employed. It is said to produce when taken in sufficient quantity nausea, vomiting, purging with bluish dark stools, a dark-violet or dark-green color of the urine, and sometimes to cause a menstrual flux. It has been especially used in *epilepsy*, *infantile convulsions*, *chorea*, *hysteria*, and *amenorrhœa*, in doses which have varied from a scruple to an ounce, three times a day. For further details, with references, see 16th ed. U. S. D.

INKS, COLORED. The following recipes are stated by the *Boston Journal of Chemistry* to be preferable to the solutions of aniline dyes, which are now so extensively used as colored inks.

Green. Two parts copper acetate, one part potassium carbonate, and eight parts water. Boil till half is evaporated, and filter.

Blue. Three parts Prussian blue, one part oxalic acid, and thirty parts water. When dissolved, add one part gum arabic.

Yellow. One part fine orpiment, well rubbed up with four parts thick gum-water.

Red. With the aid of a gentle heat dissolve four grains of carmine in one ounce of ammonia water, and add six grains of gum arabic.

Gold. Rub gold-leaf, such as is used by bookbinders, with honey till it forms a uniform mixture. When the honey has been washed out with water, the gold powder will settle at the bottom, and must be mixed with gum-water in sufficient quantity.

Silver. Silver leaf treated in precisely the same manner gives a silver ink. Both these inks may, when dry, be polished with ivory.

Black. Three ounces crushed nut-gall, two ounces crystallized ferrous sulphate, two ounces gum arabic, and twenty-four ounces water.

White. Fine French zinc white, rubbed up with gum-water to a proper consistency.

INSECT POWDER. *Camomille de Perse*, Fr. *Persische Bertramblumen*, G. *Persian* or *Caucasian Insect Powder*, or *Guirila*, consists of the flowers of *Pyrethrum carneum* and *P. roseum*, growing upon the Caucasian mountains, at an elevation of about a mile. *Dalmatian Insect Powder* is the product of *P. Cinerariæfolium*, and it is more powerful than the Caucasian powder. The plant is now being cultivated on a large scale in California, and as more care is given to the preservation during drying of the color and of the volatile oil than in Dalmatia, the California product is said to be superior to the foreign drug. (*Chem. and Drug.*, Aug. 1889; see also for method of cultivation.)

The insect powder of commerce varies in color from yellow, yellowish brown or brownish yellow, to yellowish green; the finer qualities verging towards brown, and the poorer towards green. Brilliant yellow powder should be viewed with suspicion. On microscopical examination of an insect powder, it will be found to consist of fragments of involucral scales composed of sclerenchyma, perhaps bits of stems composed of collenchymatous cells, pollen grains, bits of fragments of the corolla and of its epidermis and papillæ. The absence or scarcity of pollen in the powder shows the absence or scarcity of the flowers in the drug; whilst the proportion of collenchymatous tissue indicates the proportion of stems. As the activity of the insect powder resides in the flower, specimens containing little of flowers or much of the stems should be rejected. The powder yielded by the Dalmatian plant can usually be distinguished from Persian insect powder by the following characters: The outer surface and edges of the scales of the Dalmatian flowers contain numerous hairs, consisting of a long cell with attenuated ends placed hori-

zontally upon a one- to three-celled stalk. The Persian flowers are almost entirely glabrous, a white hoariness being found only at and near the base of the scales, and very few hairs near the apex; the hairs are of the same structure as the preceding, only the terminal cell being much longer. Sclerenchymatous cells are much more numerous in the Persian than in the Dalmatian. The so-called *Hungarian* or *Russian daisy*, probably a species of the subgenus *Leucanthemum*, has been quite largely used as an adulterant. The importance of the adulteration is increased by the fact that the Hungarian daisy appears to be entirely free from insecticidal properties. The Hungarian daisy is distinguished from the true Pyrethrum by the orange-yellow disk florets, by the depression of the involucre, by its prominent dark receptacle, and the absence of pubescence and pappus. The odor is less pungent than that of the true insect flower, being more like that of matricaria. The difference in odor is more pronounced on infusing in warm water. The Hungarian daisy yields a powder somewhat darker in color than true insect powder. Microscopically, the Hungarian or Russian daisy differs only in the absence from the involucre and stems of the peculiar hairs seen on the scales of the true insect powder, and the presence in their place of certain hairs, consisting of from four to ten cells, and terminating with a much elongated, thin-walled, or inflated cell. There seems to be no recognizable difference between the pollen of the two plants which yield insect powder and of the Hungarian daisy.

Insect powder does not appear to be actively poisonous to man, though it is said to cause some confusion of head in those who sleep in close apartments where much of it is used. Upon the insects, however, which are apt to infest the person of man and animals, as well as bedding and sleeping apartments, it acts very destructively, first stupefying and then killing them. It is scattered over the person, upon the beds, about apartments, etc., and is even employed as a dressing for ulcers and wounds to prevent the formation of maggots. It also answers to preserve dried insects and plants in cabinet collections. The powder, exhausted by alcohol, is harmless to insects; its activity is therefore dependent upon some principle whose nature has not been positively determined. M. Trapp, and also Ivanel de Bellesme, claim that it is an alkaloid, whilst M. Rother denies that it is of such nature. (*A. J. P.*, xxv. 1857; Dragendorff, *Jahresbericht*, 1876, p. 121.) Mr. Texton has found it to be a soft resin. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 491.) In a series of experiments, Prof. Riley has found that the fumes of the burning powder are very poisonous to insects, and for certain purposes afford a ready mode of application, but that generally a watery infusion is the best and cheapest preparation. It is also used now in the form of cones made by making a mass with mucilage of gum, with the addition of a small quantity of potassium nitrate. After drying, these are ignited like a pastille. Twenty-five grains stirred up in two quarts of water were sufficient to kill young cotton worms. The infusion soon spoils. The tincture and the alcoholic extract are both efficient preparations. The tincture (one part to four) has been especially recommended, diluted with ten times its bulk of water, by F. Jager, to keep off vermin from the human body. According to Prof. Maisch (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 128), it is capable of causing a vesicular eruption like that produced by the poison ivy.

IODAL. This substance, prepared by the action of iodine upon a mixture of alcohol and nitric acid, is decomposed by an alkali into iodoform and formic acid. M. Rabuteau found it to resemble chloral in its actions on animals. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1870, p. 98.)

IODANTIFEBRIN. *Iodacetanilid.* $C_6H_4I.NH(C_2H_3O)$. This occurs in rhombic flakes melting at 181·5° C., very slightly soluble in cold water, easily soluble in alcohol and in glacial acetic acid. In the experiments of Dr. E. Munz (*Prag. Med. Wochensch.*, 1891), the physiological results following the administration of this remedy by the mouth were entirely negative, and neither iodine nor antifebrin could be recognized in the urine; the probable explanation of this being that the excessive insolubility of the drug prevents its absorption.

IODIC ACID. HIO_3. This is obtained by decomposing the calcium iodate with sulphuric acid (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 558), or by heating iodine with nitric acid (sp. gr. 1·5), and allowing the crystals of iodic acid to separate on cooling. It has been proposed by M. Lutton as a remedy in chronic glandular enlargements and goitre, half a drachm of a two per cent. solution being injected into the affected part. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1874, p. 192.)

IODINE TRICHLORIDE. ICl_3. This compound occurs in reddish-yellow crystals; very soluble in water and alcohol; rapidly decomposed with liberation of iodine and chlorine when brought in contact with organic matter. It has been especially recommended by Belfield (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Aug. 1892) as a powerful local antiseptic. A solution is prepared for medicinal use by suspending 5·5 Gm. of iodine in 22 Gm. of water, and passing in chlorine as long as it is absorbed by the well-cooled mixture. The solution contains 10 Gm. of iodine trichloride.

The strength of the solution used is one to five per cent. Gauze sterilized by boiling and immersing in one to ten per cent. and dried, is said to retain iodine trichloride indefinitely.

IODOL. *Tetraiodopyrrol. Pyrrol Tetriodide.* C_4I_4NH. This is a yellowish-brown shining powder, composed of long prismatic crystals soluble in alcohol, in three parts of absolute ether, chloroform, and fatty oils, but soluble in water only in the proportion of one to five thousand, tasteless, and without odor. It was discovered by Silber and Ciamician, and is made from the pyrrol obtained in Dippel's oil (bone oil), which, after purifying, is treated with a solution of iodine in potassium iodide, when the tetraiodide (iodol) precipitates. It is purified by redissolving in hot alcohol, and again precipitated by the addition of water. It contains nearly 89 per cent. of iodine. It is capable of being heated to 100° C. without decomposition,* but at 140·6° C. (285° F.) is decomposed with evolution of fumes of iodine. Sulphuric acid produces a green color with it.

Medical Properties. When given in sufficient dose to animals, it causes emaciation, albuminous urine, fall of temperature, general loss of muscular power, and finally death from fatty degeneration of the liver and kidneys and other tissues. It has been asserted by surgeons that iodol is not capable of producing constitutional symptoms, but in a case reported by Dr. C. Lauenstein (*Therap. Gaz.*, 1887, 768, from the Swedish), the use of the drug as a surgical dressing caused dizziness, marked rise in the

* Merck's bulletin states that the iodol when in alcoholic solution begins to decompose at the boiling point of alcohol, although dry iodol will bear 100° C., as above stated.

temperature, vomiting, and small irregular pulse of 136, albuminous urine, and apathy which did not subside for four days. Iodine was found in the urine for twelve days. Pallin also reports a case with similar symptoms. That iodol is a less dangerous topical application than iodoform is due to its slower absorption. Iodol may be employed for all purposes for which iodoform has been used. It has been found very valuable in the treatment of tubercular laryngitis, and may be blown into the larynx directly upon the ulcers without causing irritation. It has been used with asserted great success in the treatment of blennorrhagic and simple vaginal catarrh, in chancres and other ulcers, in suppurative adenitis, and as an antiseptic dressing to wounds. Mazzoni's original solution was: iodine, 1 part; alcohol, 16 parts; glycerin, 34 parts. One drachm of iodol forms with one ounce of ether a clear brown solution which may be applied by the spray or brush to the nasal and other mucous membranes, upon which it leaves a coating of iodol. Iodol pastilles are prepared by Dr. Wolfenden from one grain of iodol, one minim of glycerin, and eighteen grains of glycogelatin, and are by him strongly recommended for laryngitis. Iodol has also been used as an internal remedy. Dr. Assaky states that its effects in *tertiary syphilis* and in *scrofula* are extraordinary. Good effects have also been claimed for it in *diabetes*. The usual dose is two or three grains (0.13 or 0.19 Gm.) a day; but Assaky and Reck have given thirty grains a day with asserted good results.

IODOPHENACETIN. *Iodophenine.* To a solution of phenacetin in glacial acetic acid, is added hydrochloric acid water, and then a solution of iodine in potassium iodide. The product forms crystals resembling those of potassium permanganate, melting at 130°–131° C. with decomposition, and soluble in glacial acetic acid or alcohol. Decomposed by water. Dr. Scholvein (*Oesterr. Zeitsch. für Pharm.*, 1891) has found that this substance is a powerful germicide, and that it is locally very irritant, and when taken into the intestinal canal is decomposed with the liberation of iodine, and liable to produce iodine poison. The drug probably has no practical value.

IODOZONE. This is stated to be a solution of iodine in ozone. It has been brought forward as a remedial agent by M. Robin, an apothecary of Bourges. (*Journ. d'Hygiène*, Aug. 1892.)

IONIDIUM MARCUCCI. This name has been conferred by Dr. Bancroft upon a South American plant supposed to be the source of a medicine used with great asserted advantage in Maracaibo and elsewhere, in elephantiasis and other cutaneous affections. A specimen, however, received from Dr. Bancroft, was found by Sir W. Hooker to be identical with the *Ionidium parviflorum* of Ventinat. The medicine is called by the Indians *cuichunchulli*, and grows in the neighborhood of Riobamba, a small town at the foot of the great mountain of Chimborazo. It is said to be diaphoretic, diuretic, occasionally sialagogue, and in large doses emetic and cathartic. The root is the part used. For further knowledge on the subject, see *A. J. P.*, iii. 125.

IRON-WOOD. *Ostrya Virginica.* The wood of the Hop-Hornbeam is said to be tonic, antiperiodic, and alterative; and the fluid extract has been used in doses of a half to one fluidrachm, frequently repeated, in the treatment of chills and fever.

ISATIS TINCTORIA. *Woad. Pastel.* A biennial plant, indigenous and cultivated in Europe. The leaves have a fugitive pungent odor, and an acrid very durable taste; they have been used in scorbutic affections, jaundice, and other complaints, but are only valuable because of the indican present, which yields indigo blue (see *Indigo*, p. 1661). The leaves are prepared by grinding them to a paste, which is made into balls, placed in heaps, and allowed to ferment. When the fermentation is at an end, the mass falls into a coarse powder, which is the dye-stuff in question.

ISOPYRUM THALICTROIDES. F. A. Harsten believes he has found two alkaloids, *isopyrine* and *pseudoisopyrine*, in the root of this plant. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 453.)

ISSUE PEAS. These are globular beads, of the size of a pea, made of woody substances of spongy structure, intended to be introduced into issues, abscesses, etc., for the purpose of promoting suppuration. (See *Aurantium*, *Iris Florentina*, and *Hedera Helix*.)

JACARANDA. Several species of this genus are employed in syphilis in Brazil and other portions of South America under the name of *caroba*, *carobinha*, etc. Mr. Peckolt (*A. J. P.*, 1882, 134) has found in them a crystalline substance, *carobin*, besides resins and acids, such as *carobic* and *steocarobic acids*, and *carobon*, *caroborelinic acid*, and *caroba balsam*. Hesse (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, 252, p. 150) found only an aromatic resin, but no alkaloid. The value of the remedy has been asserted in the *Brit. Med. Journ.*, vol. i., 1885. For further information, consult *P. J. Tr.*, 3d series, vols. v. and xii., and vol. xiv., and also *A. J. P.*, 1882.

JAMBOSA ROOT. This is the root of *Myrtis Jambosa*, L., which is widely cultivated in the tropics under the name of the *rose-apple*. It has been found by Mr. A. W. Gerrard to contain an oleoresin, besides a crystalline principle, *jambosin*, $C_{10}H_{15}NO_3$. Dr. Lyons has also found in it minute quantities of an alkaloid. The decoction of the bark of the root is used as an astringent in *dysentery*, *gonorrhœa*, and *leucorrhœa*. (*P. J. Tr.*, March, 1884.)

JAMBU ASSU. *Piper Jaborandi.* The root of the Piper jaborandi is one of the jaborandis of Brazil, which is used by the natives as a sudorific, a diuretic, and a febrifuge. It is said to contain an alkaloid, and a pungent oleoresin. (See *Pilocarpus*.)

JATROPHA MACRORHIZA. *Jicama.* This is a euphorbiaceous plant which inhabits Northern Mexico and the adjoining United States. It is a mild purgative, acting excessively in over-dose, and is believed by the Mexicans to be cholagogue. The dose of the fluid extract is stated to be one-half to two fluidrachms (1·9 to 7·4 C.c.).

JEFFERSONIA DIPHYLLA. *Twin-leaf.* This is a small, indigenous, herbaceous, perennial plant, one of the Berberidaceæ. From a knotty rhizome, having long radicles, arises a naked one-flowered scape about a foot in height, and leaves which stand in pairs on long footstalks. The flower is white, with a four-leaved colored calyx, and eight petals; and the fruit is a one-celled, obovate, substipitate capsule, dehiscent near the top, with many oblong seeds, united at the base. The plant grows in the Middle and Western States. The rhizome, which, with the rootlets attached, is the part used, has a brownish-yellow color, and a bitter, acrid taste, which resides in its cortical part, the inner portion being nearly tasteless. It was analyzed by Prof. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, and found to contain albumen, gum, tannic acid, starch, pectin, a fatty resin, hard resin, sugar, lignin, and a peculiar acrid

principle, having acid properties and resembling polygalic acid, in which it is supposed that the virtues of the root reside. The root is said to be emetic in large doses, tonic and expectorant in smaller doses, and not unlike senega, as a substitute for which it is sometimes used. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 1.) According to Prof. Mayer, of New York, the rhizome of this plant contains a small quantity of berberine and a second white alkaloid. The pectin of Mr. Wayne he considers to be saponin. (*Ibid.*, 1863, p. 99.) Mr. A. W. Flexor has, however, proved the absence of berberine from the root. (*Amer. Drug.*, 1884.)

JELLIES. The form of jelly is sometimes a convenient method of administering medicines, especially the fixed oils, as cod-liver oil, castor oil, resinous juices, etc. The following is a formula recommended by Prof. Parrish and William C. Bakes. "Take of the fixed oil or liquid resin a *troyounce;* honey, syrup, each, *half a troyounce;* gum arabic, in powder, *two drachms;* Russian isinglass, *forty grains;* orange-flower water, *six fluidrachms.* Dissolve the isinglass, with the aid of heat, in half a fluidounce of the orange-flower water, replacing the water as it evaporates. Triturate the other ingredients, with the remainder of the orange-flower water, into a homogeneous mass in a warmed mortar, then add the hot solution of isinglass, stir the mixture as it cools, and set it aside to gelatinize." (*A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 4.) Any other aromatic water may be substituted for that of the orange-flower, and cinnamon-water diluted with an equal measure of pure water would probably better cover the offensive taste. In reference to cod-liver oil, the bitter-almond or cherry-laurel water would be still more effectual; care, however, being taken in this case, that the water be duly diluted, lest too large a dose of it be administered.

JUNIPERUS. *U. S.* 1880. *Juniper. Fructus Juniperi*, P. G. *Baccæ Juniperi. Juniper Berries. Genièvre, Baies de Genièvre*, Fr. *Gemeiner Wachholder, Wachholderbeeren*, G. *Ginepro*, It. *Enebro, Bayas de Enebro*, Sp.

Juniperus communis is an erect evergreen shrub, usually small, but sometimes twelve or fifteen feet high, with numerous very close branches. The leaves are narrow, longer than the fruit, entire, sharply pointed, channelled, of a deep-green color, somewhat glaucous on their upper surface, spreading, and attached to the stem or branches in threes, in a verticillate manner. The flowers are diœcious, and disposed in small, ovate, axillary, sessile, solitary aments. The fruit is formed of the fleshy coalescing scales of the ament, and contains three angular seeds.

The common juniper is a native of Europe, but has been naturalized in the United States. Northward it becomes a trailing shrub, seldom more than two or three feet high, spreading in all directions, throwing out roots from its branches, and forming beds which are often many rods in circumference. The name of *J. depressa* has been proposed for this variety. The common juniper flowers in May, but does not ripen its fruit till late in the following year. All parts of the plant contain a volatile oil, which imparts to them a peculiar flavor. The wood has a slight aromatic odor, and was formerly used for fumigation. A terebinthinate juice exudes from the tree and hardens on the bark. This has been erroneously considered as identical with *sandarach.*

The berries, as the fruit is commonly called, are sometimes collected in this country, and parcels are occasionally brought to the Philadelphia market from New Jersey. But, though equal to the European in appearance, they are inferior in strength, and are not much used. The best come from the south of Europe, particularly from Trieste and the Italian ports. They are globular, more or less shrivelled; about as large as a pea; marked with three furrows at the summit, and at the base with tubercles from the persistent calyx; and covered with a glaucous bloom, beneath which they are of a shining blackish-purple color. They contain a brownish-yellow pulp, and three ovate, long, bony, angular seeds. They have an agreeable somewhat aromatic odor, and a sweetish, warm, bitterish, slightly terebinthinate taste. These properties, as well as their medical virtues, they owe chiefly to a volatile oil. (See *Oleum Juniperi.*) The other ingredients, according to Trommsdorff, are resin, sugar, gum, wax, lignin, water, and various saline substances. The proportion of these ingredients varies according to the greater or less maturity of the berries. The volatile oil is most abundant in those which have attained their full growth and are still green, or in those which are on the point of ripening. In the latter, Trommsdorff found one per cent. of the oil. In those perfectly ripe it has been partly changed into resin, and in those quite black, completely so. The berries impart their virtues to water and alcohol. They are very largely consumed in the preparation of gin.

The tops of juniper were formerly directed by the Edinburgh and Dublin Colleges. Their odor is balsamic, their taste resinous and bitterish, and they possess similar virtues with the berries.

Uses.—Juniper berries are gently stimulant and diuretic, imparting to the urine the smell of violets, and producing occasionally, when largely taken, disagreeable irritation in the urinary passages. They are chiefly used as an adjuvant to more powerful diuretics in dropsical complaints. The infusion is a good preparation. It is made by macerating an ounce of the bruised berries in a pint of boiling water, the whole of which may be taken in the course of twenty-four hours. The fluid extract is an eligible preparation, but for most purposes the oil is preferable. (See *Oleum Juniperi*, Part I.)

JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA. *Red Cedar. Cèdre de Virginie*, Fr. *Virginische Ceder, Rothe Ceder*, G. The tops of this plant were formerly included in the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The tree is an evergreen of slow growth, seldom very large, though sometimes attaining a height of forty or fifty feet, with a stem more than a foot in diameter. It has numerous and close branches, which, in the young tree, spread out horizontally near the ground; but as the tree advances, the lower branches slowly decay, leaving the trunk irregular with knots and crevices. The leaves are very small, fleshy, ovate, concave, pointed, glandular on their outer surface, ternate or in pairs, and closely imbricated. Those of the young shoots are often much longer and spreading. The leaves closely invest the extreme twigs, increasing with their growth, till ultimately lost in the encroachments of the bark. The red cedar grows in all latitudes of the United States, from Burlington, in Vermont, to the Gulf of Mexico; but it is most abundant and vigorous in the southern section. The interior wood is of a reddish color, and highly valuable on account of its great durability. Small excrescences, which are sometimes found on the branches of the tree, are

popularly used as an anthelmintic, under the name of *cedar apples*, in the dose of from ten to twenty grains three times a day. The tops have a peculiar not unpleasant odor, and a strong, bitterish, somewhat pungent taste. These properties reside chiefly in a volatile oil, and are readily imparted to alcohol. The leaves, analyzed by Mr. Wm. J. Jenks, were found to contain volatile oil, gum, tannic acid, albumen, bitter extractive, resin, chlorophyll, fixed oil, lime, and lignin. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 235.) They bear a close resemblance to the leaves of *Juniperus Sabina*, from which they can be certainly distinguished only by the difference of odor. The *oil of red cedar* is now an article of commerce: it is used principally in perfumery, and is one of the principal constituents of the popular extract of white rose. (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 186.) It possesses, in a marked degree, the well-known agreeable odor of the red cedar wood. *Cedren camphor*, $C_{15}H_{26}O = C_{15}H_{24} + H_2O$, may be obtained by cooling the oil until coagulated, and separating the crystalline portion by expression; the expressed liquid is *cedren*, $C_{15}H_{24}$, which, after rectification and distillation, has the sp. gr. 0·984 at 15° C. (59° F.), boiling at 237° C. (458·6° F.). Cedren may also be prepared from the cedren camphor by the dehydrating action of phosphoric anhydride, P_2O_5. The resemblance of red cedar to savine is said also to extend to its medical properties. It is, however, much less energetic, and has not acquired the confidence of the profession. Externally applied it acts as an irritant; and an ointment, prepared by boiling the fresh leaves for a short time in twice their weight of lard, with the addition of a little wax, is employed as a substitute for savine cerate in maintaining a purulent discharge from blistered surfaces. Sometimes the dried leaves in powder are mixed with six times their weight of resin cerate, and used for a similar purpose. But neither of these preparations is as effectual as the analogous preparation of savine.

The volatile oil, which resembles oil of savine in its medical properties, has been used for the purpose of producing abortion, and in some cases has produced death. The symptoms have been burning in the stomach, vomiting, convulsions, coma, and a slow pulse; with evidences of gastro-intestinal inflammation after death. (See Dr. S. C. Watt, *Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*, vol. xl.)

JURUBEBA. *Solanum Paniculatum.* Introduced by importers under the name of jurubeba, this plant was examined by Dr. Kobert, and found to contain no active principle, and to be inert. According to Dr. Peckolt, however (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1889), true jurubeba is *Solanum insidiosum*, from which the results would have been more favorable. It is used in Brazil in the treatment of *gonorrhœa* and *syphilis*.

KAIRINE. *Kairin*, G. *Oxytetrahydromethylquinoline.* The hydrochloric acid compound of this base, $C_{10}H_{18}ON.HCl + H_2O$, is the commercial kairine (kairine M). Quinoline (see page 1592) is treated with sulphuric acid, forming *quinolinesulphonic acid*, which, fused with caustic soda, yields *oxyquinoline*, which is then reduced with tin and hydrochloric acid, forming *tetrahydroxyquinoline*, and this, on treatment with methyl bromide, yields *methyltetrahydroxyquinoline* or kairine. Kairine A is the corresponding ethyl compound, and has similar properties. Kairine, as brought into commerce, is readily soluble in water and alcohol, and forms a grayish-white, crystalline powder, with bitter, salty taste. Ferric chloride produces a dark-brown color, which upon the addition of sulphuric acid turns purple.

Kairine belongs to the antipyretic remedies, and is without doubt capable, in doses of from five to ten grains, of producing pronounced fall of temperature in fever, accompanied with copious sweating. It is, however, a cardiac depressant, which is said to act directly upon the cardiac muscles, and is very prone to produce cyanosis and collapse. The reports have been so unfavorable that, in the absence of advantage over antipyrin and antifebrin, kairine is no longer used in practical medicine.

KAIROLINE, M or A. *Tetrahydromethylquinoline*, or *Tetrahydroethylquinoline.* These bases differ from kairine in not containing oxygen. Their characters are similar. The sulphates are the commercial salts. For physiological action, see *Ber. Chem. Ges.*, xvi. p. 739.

KALMIA LATIFOLIA. *Laurel. Mountain Laurel. Broad-leafed Laurel. Calico-bush. Spoonwood. Kalmie*, Fr., G. This well-known evergreen inhabits all sections of the United States, being especially abundant on the sides of hills and mountains, which it adorns in summer with its elegant flowers. It is from three to ten feet in height. The leaves, which are supposed to be possessed of poisonous, narcotic properties, have been found by Mr. Charles Bullock to contain gum, tannic acid, resin, chlorophyll, fatty matter, a substance resembling mannite, an acrid principle, wax, extractive, albumen, yellow coloring matter, lignin, and salts of potassium, calcium, and iron. (*A. J. P.*, xx. 264.) Mr. George W. Kennedy detected the alkaloid arbutin in them. (*Ibid.*, xlvii. 5.) Although chemists have failed to find the toxic principle in this plant, the leaves are popularly believed to be poisonous to sheep and other small animals, but are said to be eaten with impunity by deer, goats, and grouse. It is also affirmed that severe and fatal poisoning has been produced by eating grouse that have fed upon these leaves. (See 16th ed., U. S. D.) Scientific proof of the poisonous properties of the laurel still seems to be lacking. The leaves have been used internally in *diarrhœa* and in *syphilis*, and externally in various skin diseases. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.)

It is probable that other species of Kalmia, as *K. angustifolia*, or *sheep-laurel*, and *K. glauca*, or *swamp-laurel*, have properties identical with those of *K. latifolia*. A decoction of the leaves of *K. angustifolia* is used by the negroes of North Carolina as a wash for an ulcerative affection between the toes.

KANDOL. *Canadol.* This is a light fraction of petroleum of great volatility, which is said to afford a very cheap and efficient means of rapidly freezing skin and subdermal tissues.

KAOLIN. *Porcelain Clay. Fuller's Earth.* This is a very pure hydrated aluminum silicate, of the average formula $Al_2(SiO_3)_3 + Al_2O(OH)_4$. It is a white, powdery clay, unctuous when moist.

KAURI GUM. This is an amber-like substance, varying from a soft cream-white to an amber color, dug in large quantities from the soil of New Zealand. It is a resinous exudation from the *Dammara australis*, but as it first exudes and is found on the surface of the ground, it is not esteemed. For a full account of it, see *P. J. Tr.*, ix. 715. It yields on distillation an oil almost entirely composed of a terpene. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 419.) *Baume Calédonien* consists of a solution of kauri gum in an equal weight of 90 per cent. alcohol. It has been

used with alleged great success in the treatment of *wounds* and *ulcers*, of *eczema* and other skin affections, and as a substitute for collodion, and the soluble sodium silicate. When applied to a well-cleansed and dried wound it causes a slight deposit of resin to be left as a very adherent varnish, which is not affected by friction or contact with water.

KEFIR is a fermented milk which is produced by the action of a peculiar fungus said to be found in the mountains of Northern Caucasus, near the snow-line. The fungus is composed of white or yellowish grains, which, before use, should be allowed to swell for five or six hours in a little water. It is claimed that kefir is richer in albumen than ordinary koumys, less alcoholic, and less acid. (See *Therap. Gaz.*, vols. ii. and iii.; also, *Deutsch. Archiv f. Klin. Med.*, xxxv.) According to Dr. Kern (*Moscow Gazette*), the mountaineers make kefir by filling a bag made of goat-skin with milk, then a tenacious mass, of the size of a walnut, of a material which they term "kefir-seed," and the origin of which they cannot be persuaded to reveal, is added to the milk. In a few hours the process of fermentation sets in actively. The kefir tastes bitter when prepared in wooden or glass vessels. A weak kefir is produced after twenty-four hours, but after three days it becomes very strong. A fragment of the ferment, a dry, dark-brown, earth-like mass, when dropped into milk, begins rapidly to effervesce, turns milk-white, and assumes the form of a mulberry, then fermentation sets in at once. If a piece, thus transformed, be dropped into another bowl of milk, it rapidly increases in size, and also causes fermentation. Dr. Kern has carefully examined specimens of this "kefir-seed," which consists chiefly of masses of zooglœa, holding together collections of a bacterium which he calls *Diospora Caucasica*. The yeast fungus, *Saccharomyces cerevisiæ*, is always found associated with this new germ. "Kefir-seed" retains its vitality after remaining for months in its dry condition. Dr. Kern believes that kefir has all the virtues of koumys, and possesses one great advantage over the latter fluid, in that it is just as good when prepared from cow's as from mare's milk. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 1082.) For an analysis of kefir, see König's *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, 2d ed., vol. i. p. 420.

KERATIN. The outer skin surface, the material of horns, hoofs, tortoise-shell, the finger-nails, all show a similar chemical composition, the empirical formula of which is said to be $C_{230\cdot5}H_{381}N_{70}O_{77}S_8$. The percentage of sulphur varies, however, considerably. Keratin is prepared by Unna by steeping parings of horn in a digestive liquid composed of pepsin, 1, hydrochloric acid, 1, and water, 11, as long as the shavings yield anything to the solvent. The residue is then dissolved in ammonia by maceration lasting several weeks, after which the solution is evaporated.

Gissmann boils the quills of birds' feathers in glacial acetic acid for twenty-four to thirty-six hours in a retort furnished with a return condenser. A thick yellow-brown liquid is thus obtained, which is filtered through glass wool, evaporated on a water-bath to the consistence of an extract, and afterwards dried. Dieterich employs Gissmann's process, but before the treatment with acetic acid he subjects the feathers to ten hours' digestion in water and then to eight days' maceration in a mixture of equal weights of ether and alcohol, to eliminate fatty matters and cholesterin.

Keratin obtained by one of the foregoing processes is dissolved with the aid of a gentle heat either in acetic acid or ammonia, and the solution is allowed to clear by standing. Fischer recommends the employment of seven parts of keratin with either one hundred parts of acetic acid or a mixture of equal parts of ammonia and dilute alcohol. Keratin is insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, and dilute acetic acid, or acidulated pepsin solution. Diluted sulphuric acid on boiling changes it into leucin, tyrosin, and other products. It is soluble in concentrated acetic acid, alkalies, and ammonia.

Keratin has been employed for the purpose of coating pills, so as to enable them to pass through the acid juices of the stomach and be dissolved in the alkaline intestinal fluids. It is proposed to use these coatings for four classes of medicine: 1. Medicines that can by prolonged contact cause irritation to the mucous membrane of the stomach: arsenic, salicylic acid, creosote, chrysarobin, quinine compounds, copaiba, cubebs, ferruginous preparations and especially ferric chloride, opium, mercurial preparations and especially mercuric iodide and chloride, phosphorus, and all the tænifuge preparations. 2. Medicines that can injure the digestion by giving insoluble precipitates with pepsin and peptones: tannin, alum, lead acetate, preparations of bismuth, silver nitrate, corrosive sublimate, etc. 3. Medicines that are rendered inactive or decomposed by the gastric juice: alkali, bile, soap, calcium sulphide, iron sulphide, pancreatin, etc. 4. Medicines which should arrive in the intestines as concentrated as possible: kousso, santonin, extract of male fern, alkali. For the preparation of a solution of keratin suitable for the coating of pills several formulæ have been proposed, in all of which either acetic acid or ammonia is used as a solvent. The acetic solution might be used for coating pills containing salts of mercury, gold, or iron, arsenic, creosote, salicylic acid, tannin, alum, etc. On the other hand, an ammoniacal solution might be had recourse to for pills containing pancreatin, trypsin, bile, alkalies, iron sulphide, etc. If the pill mass should contain water, the pills would shrink and fissures would be produced in the keratin coating. It is, therefore, recommended to use in the making of these pills a mixture of yellow wax, one part, and suet or cacao butter ten parts. It is also necessary to avoid the use of vegetable powders and to employ in their place kaolin or charcoal powder.

When the pills are finished they should be dipped in cacao butter, rolled in charcoal powder, and then keratinized. For this purpose the pills, placed in a porcelain capsule, are sprinkled with a suitable quantity of keratin solution and then shaken together until the evaporation of the solvent takes place. This moistening and drying require to be repeated several times (as many as ten) before the layer of keratin is sufficiently thick. The process employed for coating pills with gelatin, which consists in dipping into the solution the pill fixed on the point of a needle, is not suitable here, for it leaves a hole through the keratin coating that can never be completely closed.

In order to insure that the keratin used is insoluble in the stomach, Unna recommends that a preliminary experiment should be made with calcium sulphide pills coated with it. If in the course of some hours after such pills are taken eructations of hydrogen sulphide are observed, it would indicate

that the pills have been dissolved in the stomach. When the keratin is of good quality nothing of the kind should occur. Finally, the pills when placed in water should not liquefy or crack. (*Bourquelot.*)

KOSSALA. An Abyssinian remedy against *tape-worm.* (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi.)

KOUMYS. *Kumys.* This is a liquor originally prepared by the Tartars from the milk of mares, but recently imitated with cow's milk to a great extent. It is said to be prepared in Tartary by putting the mare's milk in tall vessels whilst warm, adding koumys, one part for every ten of milk, stirring thoroughly every few minutes, and in three or four hours taking out and boiling in champagne bottles. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 59.) For an account of the method employed in Russia, see *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 261. The milk of the mares of the Steppes is stated to resemble that of women, being much richer than cow's milk in sugar and poorer in casein. (For analysis, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 62.) The true koumys does not keep long, and therefore must be drunk at the place of production. For particulars as to the varieties of it, etc., see *Journ. de Pharm.*, Janv. 1875; also Truckenmiller, *A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 292. Dr. L. Wolff (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 291) has furnished, probably, the best formula for koumys: "Grape Sugar, half an ounce. Dissolve it in four ounces of water. Dissolve twenty grains of Fleischmann's compressed yeast, or well-washed and pressed out brewer's yeast, in two ounces of milk. Mix the two solutions in a quart champagne bottle, which is to be filled with good cow's milk to within two inches of the top. Cork well, secure the cork with wire, and place in a cellar or ice chest, where a temperature of 10° C. (50° F.) or less can be maintained, and agitate three times a day. In three or four days the koumys is ready for use, and should not be kept longer than four or five days; it should be drawn only with a champagne tap." A beer bottle with patent cork may be substituted for the champagne bottle.

According to M. Stalberg, the composition of true koumys is as given below; other analyses may be found in the *Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 62. *Koumys of June.* In 100 parts, alcohol 1·65, fat 2·05, sugar of milk 2·20, lactic acid 1·15, casein 1·12, salts 0·28, carbonic acid 0·75. *Koumys of September.* Carbonic acid 1·86, alcohol 3·23, fat 1·05, lactic acid 2·92, casein and salts 1·21. M. Stalberg gives the following as the result of an analysis of Swiss koumys, made from skimmed cow's milk to which sugar had been added. Alcohol 3·622, lactic acid 0·256, sugar 2·376, albumen 2·099, butter 2·008, mineral salts 0·574, carbonic acid 1·997. Prof. Warnikiewicz found in koumys from cow's milk 6·32 per cent. of solid material, casein 3·08, butter 0·22, milk sugar 1·77, salts 0·33, lactic acid 0·62, alcohol 1·23 parts per hundred. (See also König's *Nahrungs- und Genussmittel*, pp. 416–419.)

These fermented milks vary in composition with the milk they are prepared from. In the following analyses, the first three columns are taken from *A. J. P.*, 1887; the matzoon analysis is by Prof. Uffelmann.

	Cow's milk.	Koumys.	Kefir.	Matzoon.
Albumen	48	11·2	38	31·2
Butter	38	20·5	20	16·0
Sugar of milk	41	22·0	20	16·2
Lactic acid		11·5	9	8.3
Alcohol		16·5	8	2·1
Water and salts	873	918·3	905	926·2

The taste of koumys is sweet but acidulous and peculiar. In small quantities it is said to increase the appetite, in large quantities to take the place of solid food, each quart of it containing, according to Dr. Victor Jagielsky, four ounces of solid food. (*N. R.*, i. 1.) In warm weather it is said to act as a diaphoretic, in cold weather as a diuretic. It is used especially in chronic constitutional diseases attended with emaciation, such as pulmonary *phthisis*, in chronic *abdominal catarrhs*, and in *albuminuria*. Jagielsky claims that it is a powerful diuretic. (*Br. Med. Journ.*, 1879, ii. 288.) In wasting diseases it is affirmed (*N. R.*, i. 4) that if no improvement in weight occur in ten days, the treatment should be discontinued. Usually the patient should at first take but a small quantity per day, but the ration should be rapidly increased until it constitutes almost all the food taken. Mr. Hourowicz states that in Russia "the cure" requires from twelve to fifteen pounds of milk daily (two mares), and that the koumys is taken in doses of a teacupful to a tumblerful every half-hour or hour early in the morning.

LABDANUM. *Ladanum.* A resinous substance, obtained from various species of Cistus, especially *C. creticus*, *C. ladaniferus*, and *C. laurifolius*, small evergreen shrubs, inhabiting the islands of the Grecian Archipelago, and the different countries bordering on the Mediterranean. Upon the leaves and branches of these shrubs a juice exudes, which is collected by means of an instrument resembling a rake, with leather thongs instead of teeth, which is drawn over the plant. The juice adheres to the pieces of leather, and is afterwards separated. It is said that labdanum was formerly collected by combing the beards of goats which had been browsing upon the leaves of the cistus; and Landerer states that it is still gathered in Cyprus from sheep and goats, whose fleeces become loaded with it while they are pasturing. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xi. 6; xv. 301; xvi. 386, 779.) It comes chiefly from the Grecian Islands. Two varieties exist in commerce. The *purest labdanum* is in masses of various sizes, sometimes weighing several pounds, enclosed in bladders, dark red almost black externally, grayish internally when first broken, of the consistence of a plaster, softening in the hand and becoming adhesive, of an agreeable balsamic odor like that of amber, and of a bitter, balsamic, somewhat acrid taste. It is very inflammable, burning with a clear flame. On exposure it becomes dry, porous, and brittle. Little of this variety is found in the markets. *Common labdanum* is in contorted or spiral pieces, light, porous, blackish gray, hard and brittle, not softening between the fingers, similar in odor and taste to the preceding variety, but less inflammable, and mixed with sand and other earthy matters, which are obvious to the sight. A specimen exhibited at the International Exhibition of 1862, at London, was in flattish pieces, an inch or more thick, with remains of leaves on one side, of a very dark greenish-brown color, and a granular somewhat shining fracture. Guibourt found in 100 parts of the labdanum in masses, 86 parts of resin with a little volatile oil, 7 of wax, 1 of watery extract, and 6 of earthy substances and hair. In the contorted variety, Pelletier found 20 per cent. of resin, 3·6 of gum with calcium malate, 0·6 of malic acid, 1·9 of wax, 1·9 of volatile oil including loss, and 72 of a ferruginous sand. Schimmel & Co. (Semi-annual Report, April, 1893) state that they obtained from labdanum resin 0·91 per cent. of a

golden-colored essential oil having the penetrating odor of ambergris. Its sp. gr. is 1·011 at 15° C. Labdanum is a stimulant expectorant, formerly given in catarrh and dysentery. At present it is employed only in plasters.

LAC. *Lacca. Resina* (*Gummi*) *Lacca. Laque, Gomme lacque*, Fr. *Lack, Gummilack*, G. A resinous substance obtained from several trees growing in the East Indies, particularly from *Croton laccifer-um*, two species of Ficus, *F. retigiosa* and *F. in-dica*, and, according to Valentine Ball, *Schlerchera trijuga*, *Butea frondosa*, and *Zizyphus jujuba*. Prof. Stillman states that *Acacia greggii* and *Larrea mex-icana*, plants growing in Arizona, Colorado, and the Western territories, furnish both *shellac* and *lac dye*. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 409.) It is found in the form of a crust, surrounding the twigs or extreme branches, and is generally supposed to be an exudation from the bark, owing to the puncture of an insect belonging to the genus Coccus, and denominated *C. lacca*. By some it is thought to be an exudation from the bodies of the insects themselves, which collect in great numbers upon the twigs, and are embedded in the concreted juice, through which the young insects eat a passage and escape. Several varieties are known in commerce. The most common are *stick-lac*, *seed-lac*, and *shell-lac*.

Stick-lac is the resin as taken from the tree, still encrusting the small twigs around which it originally concreted. It is of a deep reddish-brown color, of a shining fracture, translucent at the edges, inodorous, and of an astringent, slightly bitterish taste. Its external surface is perforated with numerous minute pores, as if made by a needle; and when broken it exhibits many oblong cells, often containing the dead insect. When chewed it colors the saliva beautifully red, and, when burnt, diffuses a strong, agreeable odor. It is in great measure soluble in alcohol.

Seed-lac consists of minute irregular fragments, broken from the twigs, and partially exhausted by water. It is of a light- or dark-brown color, inclining to red or yellow, feebly shining, almost tasteless, and capable of imparting to water less color than the stick-lac, sometimes scarcely coloring it at all. It is occasionally mixed with small fragments of the twigs.

Shell-lac is prepared by melting the *stick-lac* or *seed-lac*, previously deprived of its soluble coloring matter, straining it, and pouring it upon a flat smooth surface to harden. Valentine Ball ("Jungle Life in India," *N. R.*, June, 1880) states that the stick-lac is first placed between two powerful rollers, which, by a simple arrangement, admit of any degree of approximation. The lac is then crushed off and is separated from the woody portions by screening; it is next placed in large tubs half full of water and is washed by the coolies, male or female, who, standing in the tubs, and holding a bar above with their hands, stamp and pivot about on their heels and toes until, after a succession of changes, the resulting liquor comes off clear. The disposal of the liquor drawn off at the successive washings will be spoken of farther on. The lac, having been dried, is placed in long cylindrical bags of cotton cloth, of medium texture, and about ten feet long and two inches in diameter. These bags when filled have somewhat the appearance of enormous Bologna sausages. They are taken to an apartment where there are a number of open charcoal-furnaces. Before each of these there are one principal operator and two assistants. The former grasps one end of the long sausage in his left hand, and slowly revolves it in front of the fire, and at the same time one of the assistants, seated as far off as the sausage is long, twists it in the opposite direction. The roasting before the glowing charcoal soon melts the lac in the portion of the bag nearest the operator's hand, and the twisting of the cloth causes it to drop into a trough formed of the leaves of the American aloe (*Agave Americana*). When a sufficient quantity in a molten condition is ready in the trough, the operator takes it up in a wooden spoon and places it in a wooden cylinder some eight or ten inches in diameter, the upper half of which is covered with sheet brass. The stand which supports this cylinder gives it a sloping direction away from the operator. The other assistant, generally a woman, now steps forward, holding a strip of the aloe between her hands, and with a rapid and dexterous draw of this the lac is spread out at once into a sheet of uniform thickness, which covers the upper portion of the cylinder. The operator now cuts off the upper edge with a pair of scissors, and the sheet is then lifted up by the assistant, who waves it about for a moment or two in the air till it becomes quite crisp. It is then held up to the light, and any impurities (technically called "grit") are simply punched out of the brittle sheet by the finger. The sheets are laid upon one another, and the tale at the end of the day is taken, and the chief operator paid accordingly. The sheets are placed in packing-cases, and when subjected to pressure break into numbers of fragments. The dark red liquor resulting from the washing above described is strained in order to remove all foreign materials. It is then passed into large vats, where it is allowed to settle. The sediment is subjected to various washings, and at last allowed to settle finally, the supernatant liquid being drawn off. The sediment when of proper consistency is placed in presses, from which it is taken out in the form of hard, dark-purple cakes, with the manufacturer's trade-mark impressed upon them. This constitutes what is known in commerce as "lac dye." By the addition of mordants this dark-purple substance yields the most brilliant scarlet dyes, which are not inferior to those produced by cochineal. Shell-lac is in thin fragments of various sizes, from half a line to a line thick, often somewhat curved, of a lighter or darker brown color, inclining more or less to red or yellow, shining, more or less transparent, hard and brittle, inodorous and insipid, insoluble in water, but easily and almost entirely soluble in alcohol, especially with the aid of heat. According to Oberdörffer, cold ether takes from shell-lac only about 5 per cent., consisting of wax; and adulteration with resins soluble in ether is thus readily detected. (See *A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 313.) An alcoholic solution of shell-lac usually needs clarification (due to suspended wax); by agitating the solution with 6 parts of powdered chalk, decanting and filtering, it becomes transparent.

A variety of lac is mentioned by writers, in the form of cakes, called *cake-lac* or *lump-lac* (*lacca in placentis*); but this is at present rare in commerce.

According to John, lac consists of resin, coloring matter, a peculiar principle insoluble in alcohol, ether, or water, called *laccin*, a little wax, and various saline matters in small proportion. The resin, according to Unverdorben, consists of several distinct resinous principles differing in their solubility in alcohol and ether. The laccin is nearly or quite

wanting in *shell-lac*, which also contains scarcely any of the coloring principle. Mr. Hatchett found in *stick-lac* 68 per cent. of resin, and 10 of coloring matter; in *seed-lac* 88·5 per cent. of resin, and 2·5 of coloring matter; in *shell-lac* 90·9 per cent. of resin, and 0·5 of coloring matter. The other constituents, according to this chemist, are wax and gluten, besides foreign matters. R. E. Schmidt (*Ber.*, 1887, pp. 1285–1303) has prepared the lac dye in a pure crystallized state. He gives it the formula $C_{16}H_{12}O_8$, and calls it *laccaic acid*. It was obtained crystallized from ethereal solution. Caustic alkalies dissolve it, giving a magenta color. Baryta water forms a violet lake. Laccaic acid shows some analogy to carminic acid, but the colors they give on wool and silk are different. Laccaic acid is decomposed on heating with concentrated hydrochloric acid to 180° C., as well as on fusing with caustic potash.

The importations of shell-lac into the United States in 1891 were 6,253,380 pounds, valued at $1,076,740, and in 1892, 6,310,266 pounds, valued at $1,079,614.

Lac in its crude state is slightly astringent, and was formerly used in medicine; but at present it is not employed. Shell-lac is wholly inert. Stick-lac and seed-lac are used on account of the coloring principle which they contain. Shell-lac, as well as the other varieties deprived of their coloring matter, is applied to numerous purposes in the arts. It is the chief constituent of *sealing wax*. The best *red sealing wax* is made by melting together, with a very gentle heat, 48 parts of shell-lac, 19 of Venice turpentine, and 1 of balsam of Peru, and mixing with the melted mass 32 parts of finely powdered cinnabar. But common resin is often substituted in part for the lac, and a mixture of red lead and chalk for the cinnabar. The best *black sealing wax* consists of 60 parts of lac, 10 of turpentine, and 30 of levigated bone-black; the best *yellow sealing wax*, of 60 parts of lac, 12 of turpentine, and 24 of lead chromate. (*Berzelius.*) Lac is also used as a varnish, and forms an excellent cement for broken porcelain and earthenware. It may be dissolved in alcohol, oil of turpentine, benzin, or naphtha. For a method of preparing a colorless varnish from lac the reader is referred to *P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 338. Lac has been highly recommended as an adhesive material for the dressing of wounds, ulcers, etc. It is prepared for use by dissolving, with the aid of a gentle heat, in alcohol contained in a bottle, sufficient lac to give it a gelatinous consistence, and then closing the bottle. It is used by spreading it on the bandages.

LAGAM BALSAM. A thick, yellowish, fluorescent liquid, of a peculiar aromatic odor, and bitterish, acrid taste, resembling copaiba. (*A. J. P.*, 1883.)

LAKES. These paints are compounds of vegetable or animal coloring principles with alumina or other metallic oxide, and are usually obtained by adding alum or stannic chloride to the solution of the coloring matter in water, and precipitating by means of an alkali. The alumina or stannic oxide unites with the coloring matter at the moment of separation, and forms an insoluble compound. Lakes are obtained in this way from cochineal, madder, Brazil wood, seed-lac, French berries, etc.

LAMIUM ALBUM. Dr. Florain claims that this plant is an active hæmostatic, and contains an alkaloid, *lamine*.

LANTANA BRASILIENSIS. *Yerba Sagrada.* M. Negrete claims to have separated from this Brazilian verbena an alkaloid, *lantanine*, resembling quinine in its action upon the system, and actively antiperiodic in doses of from fifteen to thirty grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.) in the twenty-four hours, given directly after the paroxysm. (*T. G.*, 1885.)

LARKSPUR. *Lark's Claw. Knight's Spur. Pied d'Alouette*, Fr. *Rittersporn, Lerchen Klaue, Hornkümmel, Feld Rittersporn*, G. *Delphinium consolida* is a showy annual plant, with an erect branched, slightly pubescent stem, belonging to the family of Ranunculaceæ. Its leaves are divided into linear segments, widely separated, and forked at the summit. The flowers are usually of a beautiful azure-blue color, and disposed in loose terminal racemes, with peduncles longer than the bracts. The nectary is one-leaved, with an ascending horn nearly equalling the corolla. The seeds are contained in smooth, solitary capsules. This species of larkspur has been introduced from Europe into the United States, where it has become naturalized, growing in the woods and fields, and flowering in June and July. The flowers are bitter and acrid, and, having formerly been supposed to possess the power of healing wounds, gave the name of *consolida* to the species. *Aconitic acid* has been obtained from the expressed juice by W. Wicke. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1854, p. 79.) The seeds were formerly in the U. S. Secondary List. They were analyzed by Mr. Thomas C. Hopkins, of Baltimore, and found to contain *delphinine* ($C_{24}H_{35}NO_2$), volatile oil, fixed oil, gum, resin, chlorophyll, gallic acid, and salts of potassa, lime, and iron. (*A. J. P.*, xi. 8.) The flowers were formerly considered diuretic, emmenagogue, and vermifuge. The seeds are very acrid, are esteemed diuretic, and in large doses produce vomiting and purging. A tincture (℥i to Oi diluted alcohol) has been used in spasmodic asthma and dropsy; dose, ten drops (0·6 C.c.), gradually increased. The seeds of an indigenous species, *D. exaltatum*, have been applied to a similar purpose. The root probably possesses the same properties as other parts of the plant. (See *Staphisagria.*) *D. peregrinum* has been recommended for the poisoning of grasshoppers by Mr. Brett, who says that in two days he gathered up two barrels of dead grasshoppers around a small bed which he had planted of it. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi., 1891.)

LATHYRUS SATIVUS. The *White* or *Chickling Vetch*, which is used in Europe as a food, both by man and animals, produces, when taken too freely, a condition known as "*Lathyrismus.*" Horses which have been fed on the plant for a considerable period drop while performing the lightest work, in consequence of paralysis of the hinder extremities, and in many cases death has followed from bilateral paralysis of the laryngeal recurrent nerves and consequent asphyxia. This laryngeal affection does not occur in the human subject, and death very rarely takes place. In man the muscles of the lower extremities below the knee are apt to be especially affected, the abductors more than the adductors. The muscles of the face, neck, and upper extremities are very rarely, if ever, attacked. The reflexes and the general sensibility are usually not influenced; but Giorgieri has seen the tendon reflexes increased Cantani found that the galvanic contractility of the paralyzed muscle was altered, the descending galvanic current producing only very slight contractions, the ascending current no response, and on microscopic examination the transverse markings were found to be nearly obliterated by fat globules. Proust has attributed death in fatal cases to inflam-

mation of the spinal cord; but in the great majority of instances recovery occurs, and when post-mortem examinations have been had, the spinal cord has been found normal. Astier obtained from the seeds a poisonous alkaline volatile liquid. According to him, this, being volatile, is not present in preparations such as pressed cakes made at a high temperature, which are consequently not poisonous. If, however, such cakes have been prepared at low temperature, they exhibit toxic properties, owing to the retention of the toxic principle. This is in conformity with the experience of the peasants in some parts of Europe, who mix the ground white vetch seeds with wheat flour, and boil the mixture for food.

LAUROTETANINE. This alkaloid has been found by M. Greshoff in a number of plants belonging to the *Laurineæ*. It is said to be a powerful poison, acting like strychnine on the spinal cord. It gives with Froehde's reagent a magnificent indigo-blue color, which on the addition of water changes to yellow; with Erdmann's reagent, a transitory bright-blue color, becoming brown, and with more nitric acid it gives immediately a bright red-brown, and with pure nitric acid a dirty brown. It is soluble in excess of alkali. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xxi., 1891.)

LAURUS NOBILIS. *Sweet Bay. Laurier commun*, Fr. *Lorbeer*, G. *The Bay Tree. Laurus nobilis* is an evergreen tree, attaining in its native climate the height of twenty or thirty feet. Its leaves are alternate, on short petioles, oval-lanceolate, entire, sometimes wavy, veined, of a firm texture, smooth, shining, deep green upon their upper surface, paler beneath. The flowers are dicœcious, of a yellowish-white color, and placed in small clusters of three or four together, upon a common peduncle in the axils of the leaves. The corolla is divided into four oval segments. The fruit is an oval berry, of the size of a small cherry, and when ripe of a dark-purple, nearly black color. The bay tree, so famous among the ancients, inhabits the countries bordering on the Mediterranean. Its leaves and fruit, and an oil expressed from the latter, are used.

The *leaves* have a fragrant odor, especially when bruised, and a bitter, aromatic, somewhat astringent taste. They yield by distillation a greenish-yellow volatile oil, upon which their properties chiefly depend. The volatile oil, of which the fruit yields 0·23 per cent., has a sp. gr. 0·88, and is solid at 0° C. It is largely composed of oxygenated compounds. Gladstone found *eugenol* and a camphor boiling at 171° C. Blas found a hydrocarbon, $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling at 250° C., and a camphor boiling at 164° C. Staub (*Inaugural Dissertation*, Erlangen, 1879) found four oxygenated compounds, a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$, boiling at 171° C., and a hydrocarbon, $C_{15}H_{24}$, boiling at 250°–255° C. Flückiger states that eugenol is not contained in it. (*Pharm. Chem.*, 2d ed., 1888, p. 199.) Water distilled from the leaves has their peculiar odor. The *berries* when dried are black and wrinkled, and contain two oval fatty seeds within a thin, friable envelope; or they may be considered as drupes, with a kernel divisible into two lobes. They have the same aromatic odor and taste as the leaves, but are more pungent. Besides an essential oil, they contain a fixed oil, which may be separated by expression or decoction. The *expressed oil*, which is obtained from the fresh fruit, is concrete, of a greenish color, and retains a portion of the volatile oil, which renders it agreeably aromatic. One of its chief constituents is the ether of *lauric acid*, the so-called *laurostearine*, $C_3H_5(C_{12}H_{23}O_2)_3$, which fuses at 45° C. The free acid may be obtained from this by saponification. It cannot be distilled without decomposition. Another constituent of the crude fat is *laurin*, $C_{22}H_{30}O_3$, which can be extracted by alcohol. It forms neutral, easily-fusible prisms without odor or taste. Lard, impregnated with the odorous principle of the berries, and colored green by chlorophyll or sometimes by indigo and turmeric, is said to be often substituted for the genuine expressed oil. The sophistication may be detected by means of boiling alcohol, which dissolves the laurel oil. The leaves, berries, and oil of the bay-tree are excitant and narcotic, but at present are never used internally as medicines, and in this country are scarcely employed in any manner. Their chief use is to communicate a pleasant odor to external remedies. Dr. A. T. Thomson has found an infusion of the berries useful in *impetigo*.

LAVANDULA. *U. S.* 1880. *Lavender. Flores Lavandulæ*, P. G. *Lavender Flowers. Lavande, Fleurs de Lavande*, Fr. *Lavandelblumen, Lavandelblüthen*, G. *Lavendola*, It. *Espliego, Alhucema*, Sp. *Gen. Ch. Calyx* ovate, somewhat toothed, supported by a bract. *Corolla* resupine. *Stamens* within the tube. *Willd.* The *Lavandula Spica* of Linnæus includes two distinct species, which were considered by him merely as varieties of the same plant, but have been separated by subsequent botanists. Of these the late official plant, the narrow-leaved variety of Linnæus, has been denominated by De Candolle *L. vera*, while the broad-leaved variety still retains the title of *L. Spica*. The latter is scarcely cultivated in the United States.

Common Lavender is a small shrub, usually not more than two or three feet high, but sometimes reaching six feet. The stem is woody below, and covered with a brown bark; above, is divided into numerous, slender, straight, herbaceous, pubescent, quadrangular branches, furnished with opposite, sessile, narrow, nearly linear, entire, and green or glaucous leaves. The flowers are small, blue, and disposed in interrupted whorls around the young shoots, forming terminal cylindrical spikes. Each whorl is accompanied with two bracts. The corolla is hairy, glandular on the outside, tubular, and labiate, with the lower lip divided into three segments, the upper larger and bifid. The four stamens are within the tube. The calyx is tubular, blue-gray, hairy, five-toothed, the upper tooth largest and roundish rhomboid. The plant is a native of Southern Europe, and covers vast tracts of dry and barren land in Spain, Italy, and the south of France. In England it is very largely cultivated for commercial purposes, often covering many acres, and the English lavender is especially esteemed. For method of culture and detailed descriptions of the various varieties that have been educed, see *Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Aug. 1873, p. 165; also, *P. J. Tr.*, x. 119; also Aug. 8, 1885, and Feb. 1890. It is cultivated in our gardens, and in this country flowers in August. All parts of it are aromatic. The spikes should be cut when they begin to bloom. Lavender flowers have a strong fragrant odor, and an aromatic, warm, bitterish taste. They retain their fragrance long after drying. Alcohol extracts their virtues; and a volatile oil upon which their odor depends rises with that liquid in distillation. Hager obtained from a pound of the fresh flowers from half a drachm to two drachms of the oil. Lavender is an aromatic stimulant and tonic, but is seldom given in its crude state. The products obtained by its distillation are

much used in perfumery, and the volatile oil is official. (See *Oleum Lavandulæ*, Part I.)

LAWSONIA INERMIS. *Henna Plant.* This is a shrub of the Salicariæ, growing in the Levant, Egypt, Persia, and India, and well known as the source of a dye-stuff denominated *henna*, much used throughout the Mohammedan countries of the East. It is largely cultivated in Egypt. *L. alba* also furnishes henna. The flowers have a strong pungent odor; and a distilled water is prepared from them, used by the women as a cosmetic. The fruit is thought to have emmenagogue properties. But the leaves constitute the henna of commerce. They are used very extensively by the females to give an orange color to their feet and hands, and a golden hue to their hair. They are also employed to stain common wood in imitation of mahogany. Henna is in the form of powder, which is strongly astringent. Abd-el-Aziz, of Cairo, Egypt, found in it a brown substance, of a resinoid fracture, having the chemical properties which characterize the tannins, and therefore named by him *henotannic acid.* (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1863, p. 35.) Henna is used in medicine, both internally and locally, as a remedy in *jaundice* and *leprosy* and other affections of the skin. The fresh juice of the plant is said by Ainslie to be applied to the same purpose. (*Mérat and De Lens.*)

LEAD SACCHARATE. PLUMBI SACCHARAS. *Saccharate of Lead.* Lead saccharate is made by saturating a solution of saccharic acid in water by freshly precipitated lead carbonate gradually added. As the acid becomes saturated, the lead saccharate falls in the form of a white powder, being insoluble in cold water, and but very sparingly soluble in that liquid boiling hot. From this Dr. E. Hoskins prepared his *lead nitro-saccharate*, by dissolving the saccharate in dilute nitric acid, containing only one part of the acid in twenty parts of the mixture, filtering the solution, and gradually evaporating. The nitro-saccharate is deposited in yellow crystals of the form of regular six-sided plates or prisms. By dissolving one grain of this salt, with five drops of pure saccharic acid, in a fluidounce of distilled water, a solution was obtained, which, though slightly acid to test-paper, was perfectly bland. This solution, which is asserted to have the power of dissolving urinary *calculi*, was injected into the bladder and retained 50 minutes in several cases of phosphatic lithiasis without causing irritation, and with seeming advantage. (See Pereira's *Mat. Med.*, 3d ed., 755.)

LEAD TANNATE. *Plumbi Tannas.* This is obtained by precipitating a solution of tannin with one of lead acetate, added drop by drop. It has been used as an external application with success by Dr. Fantonetti in two cases of *white swelling* of the knee-joint. He employed it at first mixed with a third of its weight of lard, and afterwards pure, the fresh precipitate admitting of application as an ointment. Autenrieth recommends it as a dressing to gangrenous *ulcers;* and it is probably peculiarly efficacious in *bed-sores.* With this intention, the precipitate, either uncombined or mixed in its dry state with simple ointment in the proportion of two drachms to the ounce, may be spread on linen, and applied to the sore. Van den Corput uses it in *excoriations*, applying it freshly precipitated and rubbed up with glycerin. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 266.) It is especially commended in *sore nipples.* (*Med. Record*, 1875, p. 575.) The preparation here described is a bitannate. Other lead tannates exist.

LEDUM PALUSTRE. *Marsh Tea. Rosmarinus Sylvestris. Marsh Cistus. Wild Rosemary. Lédon, Romarin sauvage*, Fr. *Porsch, Sumpfporsch, Wilder romarin*, G. A small evergreen shrub, growing in swamps and other wet places in the northern parts of Europe, Asia, and America, and in the mountainous regions of more southern latitudes. The leaves have a balsamic odor, and an aromatic, camphorous, bitter taste; and contain, among other ingredients, volatile oil and tannin. For the properties of the volatile oil, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 244; also *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxv. 154. It contains *ledum camphor*, a stearopten, together with valerianic and other volatile acids, and *ericinol*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$. The tannin has been named *leditannic acid*, $C_{15}H_{20}O_8$. On boiling with dilute mineral acids it is decomposed, and *ledixanthin*, $C_{30}H_{34}O_{13}$, separates as a yellowish or reddish powder. (Thal, *Pharm. z. Russland*, 1883, p. 268.) Thal also extracted *ericolin*, $C_{34}H_{56}O_{21}$. This is a glucoside, which on heating with dilute sulphuric acid decomposes into sugar and *ericinol*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, a colorless, peculiar-smelling oil, which turns brown in the air, owing to oxidation. The leaves are thought to be narcotic and diaphoretic, and have been employed in exanthematous diseases, to allay irritation in *whooping-cough*, in *dysentery*, and in various cutaneous affections, particularly *leprosy* and *scabies.* In complaints of the skin, they are used both internally and externally, in the form of decoction. When placed among clothes they are said to prevent the attacks of moths. In Germany they are sometimes substituted for hops in the preparation of beer. *Ledum latifolium*, or *Labrador tea*, which is a larger plant than the preceding, is a native of North America, growing in damp places in Canada and the northern part of the United States. The leaves have an agreeable odor and taste, and are esteemed pectoral and tonic. They are said to have been used as a substitute for tea during the war for independence.

LEEK. *Porrum. Porreau*, Fr. *Lauch*, G. The bulb of *Allium Porrum.* The leek is a biennial bulbous plant, growing wild in Switzerland, and cultivated in the gardens of Europe and this country for culinary purposes. All parts of it have an offensive pungent odor, and an acrid taste, dependent on an essential oil, which is in a great measure dissipated by decoction, and may be obtained separate by distillation. The bulb, which is the medicinal portion, consists of concentric layers, like the onion, which it resembles in medical properties, though somewhat milder. It is generally stimulant, with a peculiar direction to the kidneys. The expressed juice may be given in the dose of a fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.), mixed with syrup. This species of Allium is not used medicinally in the United States.

LEONOTIS LEONURUS. This handsome tropical labiate is said to possess purgative and emmenagogue properties. (See *P. J. Tr.*, May, 1885.)

LEONURUS CARDIACA. *Common Motherwort. Agripaume, Cardiaire*, Fr. *Hergespann, Wolfstrapp*, G. A perennial labiate herb, growing wild in this country in waste places, around dwellings, etc. It has a peculiar aromatic odor and a bitterish somewhat pungent taste, and its infusion or decoction is sometimes used in *amenorrhœa*, suppression of the lochia, and *hysterical affections.*

LEWISIA REDIVIVA. *Spathum. Chita. Bitter Root.* The roots of this plant, abundant in the Northwestern United States, are very widely

used by the Indians as an article of food. For analysis and description see *A. J. P.*, 1889.

LIATRIS SPICATA. *Gay-feather. Devil's Bit. Colic Root. Button Snakeroot.* An indigenous perennial plant, growing in natural meadows and moist grounds throughout the Middle and Southern States. It has a tuberous root, and an erect annual stem, which terminates in a spike of beautiful, purple, compound flowers, appearing in August. The root is said by Schoepf to have a terebinthinate odor, and a warm, bitterish, terebinthinate taste; to be possessed of diuretic properties; and to be useful in *gonorrhœa* and *sore throat*, being employed internally in the shape of decoction in the former complaint, and as a gargle in the latter. The leaves of the *Liatris odoratissima* are very largely employed in the Southern United States to flavor tobacco, and to preserve clothing, etc., from moths. As a preservative, it is worthless. The agreeable odor is due to *coumarin*, $C_9H_6O_2$, which may be frequently noticed in crystals upon the surface of the smooth spatulate leaves. (*A. J. P.*, March, 1875; Sept. 1881; xlvii. 116; *N. R.*, 1882, p. 66.) Pursh informs us that *L. scariosa* and *L. squarrosa* are known in Virginia, Kentucky, and the Carolinas by the name of *rattlesnake's master;* and that their roots are employed to cure the bite of the rattlesnake. According to Dr. Wm. P. C. Barton, all the tuberous-rooted species of Liatris are active diuretics.

LIGROINE. *Ligroïn.* This name has been applied to a petroleum product which is chiefly used as a solvent. It boils between 80° C. and 120° C., and has a specific gravity varying between 0·710 and 0·730 (67° to 62° B.).

LIGUSTICUM. *Radix Levistici*, P. G. *Livèche, Ache de Montagne*, Fr. *Liebstöckel*, G. Several species of this umbelliferous genus are employed as domestic remedies. The *Ligusticum levisticum*, or *lovage*, of the south of Europe, is aromatic in all its parts, but only the root and seeds are used. The seeds are small, ovate-oblong, somewhat flattened, curved, strongly ribbed, and of a yellowish-brown color. The medical properties of lovage are closely analogous to those of angelica. It is a stimulant aromatic, and has been employed as a carminative, diaphoretic, and emmenagogue. The best form for administration is that of infusion. The coloring principle has been isolated by M. J. Nicklès, who gives it the name of *ligulin*, and suggests an important application of it that may be made in testing drinking-water. If a drop of its alcoholic or aqueous solution is allowed to fall into distilled water, it imparts to the liquid its own fine crimson-red color, which undergoes no change; but if limestone water be substituted, the red color disappears in a few seconds, and is followed by a beautiful blue. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1859, p. 329.) The root of the *Ligusticum sinense*, under the name of "*kao-pén*," is largely used by the Chinese. In the Northwestern United States, the large aromatic roots of *Ligusticum filicinum, Osha, Colorado cough-root*, are employed to a considerable extent as stimulating expectorants. (See *A. J. P.*, 1890 and 1891.)

LIGUSTRUM VULGARE. *Troène*, Fr. *Rainweide, Hartriegel*, G. *Privet.* A shrub from four to ten feet in height, growing wild both in Europe and the United States, usually in hedges and by the roadside. The leaves, which have an astringent, bitter taste, and the flowers, which are small, snow-white, and of an agreeable odor, have been used in the form of decoction, in sore throat, and aphthous and scorbutic ulceration of the mouth. The berries are black, have a sweetish bitter taste, and are said to possess purgative properties, and to color the urine brown. They are sometimes used for dyeing. Death in a child, between two and three years old, is recorded by Mr. James Cheese in *P. J. Tr.* (2d ser., viii. 607), as due to the eating of privet berries. The bark was analyzed by M. G. Polex, who found a peculiar substance, which he denominated *ligustrin*, insoluble in ether and absolute alcohol, but soluble in water and diluted alcohol. Strong sulphuric acid gives with *ligustrin* a deep indigo-blue color. Kromayer (*Arch. Pharm.*, (2) cxiii. p. 19) proved that Polex's ligustrin was only impure *syringin*, $C_{19}H_{28}O_{10} + H_2O$. The large white crystals become anhydrous at 115° C., and fuse at 212° C. He found in addition (see Kromayer, *Arch. Pharm.*, (2) ci. 281) mannite, sugar, muco-saccharine matter, starch, chlorophyll, bitter extractive, bitter resin, tannin, albumen, and salts. (*A. J. P.*, xii. 347.) Kromayer found besides the *syringin* a crystallized bitter principle, fusing at a little over 100° C., which he named *ligustron.*

LILIUM CANDIDUM. *Common White Lily.* This well-known plant is a native of Syria and Asia Minor, but has been long cultivated in gardens. The bulb, which consists of imbricated fleshy scales, is without odor, but has a peculiar, disagreeable, somewhat bitter, and mucilaginous taste. It contains much mucilage, and a small proportion of an acrid principle, which is dissipated or destroyed by roasting or boiling. In the recent state, it is said to have been employed with advantage in dropsy. Boiled with water or milk, it forms a good emollient cataplasm, more used in popular than in regular practice. The flowers have an agreeable odor, which they impart to oil or lard; and an ointment or liniment is sometimes prepared from them, and used as a soothing application in external inflammations. A case is recorded by Dr. Jeffries Wyman, in which vomiting, purging, drowsiness, etc., were believed to have been produced in a little girl by the pollen of the *tiger lily, L. bulbiferum*, from which, however, she recovered. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, 1863.)

LINDEN. M. Boussingault calls attention (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xv.) to a saccharine exudation which occurs upon the leaves of the European Linden, which he has found to have the same composition as manna of Mount Sinai.

LINT. *Linteum Carptum. Charpie*, Fr., G. The term lint is applicable to a substance prepared from linen. It is in fact linen made soft and somewhat fleecy by various mechanical processes, so as to render it suitable for the dressing of wounds. The qualities required in good lint are—1, perfect softness, to prevent mechanical irritation to the wound; 2, looseness of texture, to render it capable of absorbing the secretions from the surfaces to which it is applied; 3, a certain tenacity, so that it may receive unctuous dressings, yet with a facility of being torn in one direction; and, 4, sufficient firmness of fibre to prevent small portions from being easily separated and remaining as foreign bodies in the wound. As formerly and still frequently made for domestic purposes, it consists of old linen scraped by means of a knife with the hand, and thus brought into a soft flocculent state, almost destitute of visible fibres. It is obvious that, though this answers some of the above requisitions, it entirely fails to answer others, and is unfit for general surgical use. It will

not readily admit of the application of cerates, and must very often leave portions of its substance in the wound, to serve as future sources of irritation. Much better is the old-fashioned lint, made by machines worked by the hand. This was formerly made in large quantities. Old linen was used for the purpose, such as shirts, sheets, table-cloths, etc., and generally in irregular pieces. This was first cleansed thoroughly by washing with soap and water, or by boiling with a weak lye of soda or pearlash. Sometimes, when colored, it was bleached before being washed. Thus prepared, it was operated on by a simple machine, in which the rag, wrapped round a cylinder, was submitted to the interrupted action of a knife made to descend upon it at intervals of one-eighth of an inch, so as to cut the thread in one direction. On being removed from the machine, the cut ends of the thread became untwisted and loose, giving a flossy character to the fabric. To render it smooth, it was passed through rollers, and its ragged edges were trimmed. Of course it had different degrees of fineness according to the character of the rags used; and this diversity rendered it fit for different purposes, the finer pieces being used merely as a dressing with unctuous matter to exclude the air, while the thicker were better adapted to the absorption of the liquid secretions.

In the progress of improvement, machines were invented and patented for manufacturing lint on the large scale. Thus made, it is distinguished in commerce as *patent lint*. This is generally prepared out of cloth manufactured for the purpose, and therefore has whatever advantage may be derived from uniformity of shape and consistence. In other respects, it is doubtful whether it has any superiority over the old-fashioned article; especially as, in consequence of competition, cotton, being the cheaper article, has frequently been in part or altogether substituted for linen. It is said that lint may be rapidly prepared by attaching a piece of linen to the toothed cylinder of the common carding machine.

Cotton is in several respects inferior to linen for the preparation of lint; and, unless its presence in any manufactured article sold by this name be made known, it should be looked on as a fraudulent substitution. Its fibre is less soft and therefore more likely to irritate; it has much less absorbing power; and it conveys heat less rapidly. The following are methods by which it may be distinguished (*Dr. Elsner*). 1. A linen thread when held erect, and set on fire, appears, after the flame is extinguished, in a smooth continuous form, while cotton thread similarly treated has a tufted aspect. 2. Under a microscope which magnifies 300 diameters, the linen fibre appears to be a straight nearly solid cylinder, with a slender central canal; the cotton, flattened as a piece of tape, with a wide canal, and often twisted like a corkscrew. 3. The potassa test, proposed by Böttger, consists in exposing the doubtful substance to the action of a boiling concentrated solution of potassa. If made of linen, it will in two minutes assume a deep-yellow color; if of cotton, it will either remain colorless, or will become very faintly yellow; and if the texture be composed of both, it will exhibit a streaked or mottled aspect. The examination must be quickly made, as the yellow color of the potassa becomes faint with time. 4. Sulphuric acid dissolves the linen fibre, while it leaves that of cotton little changed. 5. Linen thoroughly oiled has the transparent appearance of oiled paper; cotton remains white and opaque. 6. Tinctures of all organic red dye-stuffs, as cochineal, madder, etc., give a much deeper color to linen than to cotton, and cause a mottled appearance when the two are mixed.

Tow, and hemp in the state of *oakum*, have been employed for dressing wounds; but they are only applicable as exterior dressings to absorb the pus, when the discharge of this is very copious. Dr. L. A. Sayre prefers picked oakum to lint as a dressing to suppurating wounds, and ascribes its superiority to certain mechanical advantages as regards the absorption. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lxvii. 84.) *Charpie*, so much used by French surgeons in dressing wounds from the bottom, generally consists of bundles of straight threads, each four or five inches long, made by unravelling old rather coarse linen.

LINUM CATHARTICUM. *Purging Flax.* Purging flax is a European annual plant, six or eight inches high, having erect, slender stems, dichotomous near the summit, furnished with opposite, obovate-lanceolate, entire leaves, and bearing minute white flowers, the petals of which are obovate and acute. The whole plant is very bitter, and somewhat acrid, and imparts its virtues to water, which acquires a yellow color. It appears to owe its activity to a peculiar drastic principle, which has received the name of *linin*, and which is afforded most largely by the plant after the flower has fallen. Schroeder (*Neues Repert. Pharm.*, xi. p. 11) obtained it in lustrous, white, silky crystals, which are neutral in reaction and have a strong persistent bitter taste in alcoholic solution. Purging flax has enjoyed some reputation in Europe as a gentle cathartic, useful in muscular rheumatism, catarrhal affections, and dropsy with disease of the liver. From four to eight grains of the extract, given twice or thrice daily, are said to operate comfortably as a purgative and diuretic. (*Med. Times*, July, 1850.) The dose of the powder is one drachm (3·8 Gm.).

LIPANIN. This mixture of one hundred parts of olive oil and six parts of oleic acid, devised by Dr. Von Mering, has been considerably used, with asserted excellent results, as a substitute for cod-liver oil in cases with delicate stomach or intestines, to combat emaciation. Dose, one teaspoonful to half a fluidounce (3·69 to 14·7 C.c.).

LIPPIA MEXICANA. A Mexican evergreen shrub, the leaves and stalks of which have been used in medicine as a demulcent and expectorant. Dose of concentrated tincture (1 to 4), half to one fluidrachm (1·8 to 3·69 C.c.).

LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA. *Sweet Gum.* An indigenous tree, growing in different parts of the United States from New England to Louisiana, and flourishing also in Mexico, where, as well as in our Southern States, it sometimes attains a great magnitude. In warm latitudes a balsamic juice flows from its trunk when wounded. This has attracted some attention in Europe, where it is known by the name of *liquidambar* or *copalm balsam*, and is sometimes, though erroneously, called *liquid storax*. It is not afforded by the trees which grow in the Middle Atlantic States, but is obtained in the Western States bordering on the Ohio, and in those farther south, as far as Mexico. It is a liquid of the consistence of thin honey, more or less transparent, of a yellowish color, of a peculiar, agreeable, balsamic odor, and a bitter, warm, and acrid taste. By cold it becomes thicker and less transparent. It concretes also by time, assuming a darker color. It is sometimes collected in the form of tears, produced

by the spontaneous concretion of the exuded juice. According to M. Bonastre, it contains a colorless volatile oil, a semi-concrete substance which rises in distillation and is separated from the water by ether, a minute proportion of benzoic acid, a yellow coloring substance, an oleoresin, and a peculiar principle, insoluble in water and cold alcohol, for which M. Bonastre proposes the name of *styracin*. The styracin of M. Bonastre has since been found to be *cinnamyl cinnamate*, $C_9H_8,C_9H_7O_2$, which is found together with the *ethyl*, *benzyl*, and other ethers of cinnamic acid. Examined by Mr. W. P. Creecy, of Mississippi, it was found to contain, besides a volatile odorous principle melting at 65° C. and smelling of vanillin, and 30 per cent. of a hard resin (according to W. von Miller *storesin*, $C_{36}H_{55}(OH)_3$), cinnamic acid as the prominent acid ingredient. If the storesin be repeatedly extracted with dilute potassium hydrate solution, it is separated into *α storesin*, which is amorphous and melts at 160°–168° C., and *β storesin*, which forms white flocks melting at 140°–145° C. Of these, the β resin is first extracted, while the residue is nearly pure *α* resin. The volatile oil mentioned above contains a hydrocarbon, *styrol* or *cinnamene*, C_8H_8, which changes on heating into the polymeric *metastyrol*, a colorless transparent solid, identical in composition. A very careful examination of the liquidambar gum has been made by Mr. W. L. Harrison. His results have been confirmed by Prof. Maisch (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 160, 165), and seem to prove that the American drug is identical with styrax, except in containing no water mechanically mixed with it.

Another product is said to be obtained from the same tree by boiling the young branches in water, and skimming off the fluid which rises to the surface. It is of a thicker consistence and darker color than the preceding, is nearly opaque, and abounds in impurities. This also has been confounded with liquid storax, which it resembles in properties, though derived from a different source. It is said to be used in Texas in coughs. (Gammage, *N. O. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, xii. 636.)

Liquidambar may be employed for the same purpose as storax, and is used in the Southern United States, but it is almost unknown in the Northern States. The concrete juice is said to be chewed in the Western States in order to sweeten the breath. Dr. Gammage states that the juice is employed popularly in Texas as an addition to excitant ointments. The bark of the tree is used with great advantage in the Southern and Western States in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery*, especially in children. It is taken in the form of syrup, which may be prepared from the bark in the same manner as the syrup of wild cherry bark, according to the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The dose is a fluidounce for an adult, repeated after each stool. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxxii. 126.) Prof. Procter states that the leaves and capsules of the tree have a somewhat aromatic odor when bruised, and are decidedly acid, and thinks it probable that they contain gallic acid in considerable quantities. (*A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 38.)

Liquidambar altingia is said to exude a balsam in the Tenasserim provinces of India, somewhat resembling liquid storax. (See *P. J. Tr.*, viii. 243.)

LIQUOR MAGNESII BISULPHITIS. Mr. George Archibald, having found that magnesium bisulphite is capable of arresting the butyric acid fermentation, proposes a solution of it as a remedy in heartburn. He prepares it by treating the magnesium carbonate with sulphurous acid, adding to an ounce of water sixteen grains of the sulphite thus formed, and passing sulphurous acid gas through the mixture till a clear solution is obtained. (*P. J. Tr.*, 3d series, ii. 502.)

LIRIODENDRON. *Tulip Tree Bark. American Tulip Poplar Tree. White Tulip Bark. Ecorce de Tulipier*, Fr. *Tulpenbaumrinde*, G. This indigenous representative of the Magnoliaceæ attains in some situations a height of more than one hundred feet. The bark is of a brown or grayish-brown color, except in the young branches, on which it is bluish or of a reddish tinge. The leaves, which stand on long footstalks, are alternate, somewhat fleshy, smooth, of a beautiful shining green color, and divided into three lobes, of which the upper one is truncated and notched at its summit, so as to present a two-lobed appearance, and the two lower are rounded at the base and usually pointed. In the larger leaves, the lateral lobes have each a tooth-like projection at some distance below their apex. This peculiar form of the leaf serves to distinguish the tree from all others inhabiting the American forests. On isolated trees the flowers are very numerous. They are large, beautifully variegated with different colors, among which yellow predominates, and in appearance bear some resemblance to the tulip, which has given a name to the species. Each flower stands on a distinct terminal peduncle. The calyx is double, the outer two-leaved and deciduous, the inner consisting of three large, oval, concave leaves, of a pale-green color. The corolla is composed of six, seven, or more obtuse, concave petals. The stamens are numerous, with short filaments, and long linear anthers. The pistils are collected into the form of a cone, the upper part of which is covered with minute stigmas. The fruit consists of numerous long, narrow scales, attached to a common axis, imbricated in a conical form, and containing each two seeds, one or both of which are often abortive. The bark was the portion formerly official. It is taken for use indiscriminately from the root, trunk, and branches; though that of the root is thought to be the most active.

Deprived of the epidermis, it is yellowish white; the bark of the root being somewhat darker than that of the stem or branches. It is very light and brittle, of a feeble, rather disagreeable odor, strongest in the fresh bark, and of a bitter, pungent, and aromatic taste. These properties are weakened by age, and we have found specimens of the bark, long kept in the shops, almost insipid. The late Professor Emmet, of the University of Virginia, believed that he had isolated the active principle, and gave it the name of *liriodendrin*. It was white, crystallizable, brittle, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and ether, fusible at 82·2° C. (180° F.), volatilizable and partly decomposed at 132·2° C. (270° F.), of a slightly aromatic odor, and a bitter, warm, pungent taste. It does not unite either with acids or with alkalies; and the latter precipitate it from the infusion of the bark by combining with the matter which renders it soluble in water. Water precipitates it from its alcoholic solution. It is obtained by macerating the root in alcohol, boiling the tincture with magnesia till it assumes an olive-green color, then filtering, concentrating by distillation till the liquid becomes turbid, and finally precipitating the liriodendrin by the addition of cold water. (*A. J. P.*, iii. 5.) Mr. J. U. Lloyd believes that liriodendrin is really an alkaloid, to which he gives the name of *tuliperine*, and this,

according to Prof. Bartholow, appears to possess toxic properties. (*Pharm. Rundschau*, 1886, p. 169.) The virtues of the bark are extracted by water and alcohol, but are injured by long boiling.

Liriodendron is a stimulant tonic, with diaphoretic properties. It has been used as an antiperiodic, also in chronic *rheumatism*, *dyspepsia*, and other complaints in which a gentle stimulant and tonic impression is desirable. Dose of bark in powder, from half a drachm to two drachms (1·94 to 7·7 Gm.); of saturated tincture, a fluidrachm (3·88 C.c.).

LITHOSPERMUM OFFICINALE. *Gromwell. Milium Solis.* A European perennial, the seeds of which are ovate, of a grayish-white or pearl color, shining, rather larger than millet seeds, and of a stony hardness, from which the generic name of the plant originated. They were formerly used as stimulant diuretics, but are nearly inert.

LITMUS. LACMUS. *Turnsole. Tournesol. Lacca Cœrulea. Lacca Musica. Laquebleu*, Fr. *Lackmus*, G. This is a peculiar coloring matter derived from *Roccella tinctoria* and other lichens. Three purple or blue coloring substances are known in commerce, obtained from lichenous plants. They are called severally *litmus*, *orchil*, and *cudbear*. The lichens employed are different species of *Roccella*, *Lecanora*, *Variolaria*, and others. They grow on alpine or maritime rocks, in various parts of the world, and for commercial purposes are collected chiefly upon the European and African coasts, and the neighboring islands, as the Azores, Madeira, Canaries, and Cape Verde. The particular species most employed are probably *Lecanora tartarea* or *Tartarean moss*, growing in the north of Europe, and *Roccella tinctoria* or *orchilla weed*, which abounds upon the African and insular coasts, and is called commercially, in common with other species of the same genus, *Angola weed*, *Canary weed*, etc., according to its supposed nativity.

The principles in these plants upon which their valuable properties depend are themselves colorless, and yield coloring substances by the reaction of water, air, and ammonia. They are generally acids or acid anhydrides, and are named *lecanoric*, *orsellic*, *erythric*, etc., according to their origin. Lecanoric (diorsellinic) acid, $C_{16}H_{14}O_7$, the original constituent of most of these plants, when boiled with water or alkaline solutions, is changed into *orsellinic acid*, as follows: $C_{16}H_{14}O_7 + H_2O = (C_8H_8O_4)_2$. *Orsellinic acid*, $C_6H_2\begin{cases}CH_3\\(OH)_2\\COOH,\end{cases}$ fuses at 176° C. (348·8° F.), and decomposes into *orcin*, $C_6H_3(CH_3)(OH)_2$, and CO_2. The same decomposition is readily effected by distillation with milk of lime. Orcin combines with ammonia gas to form $C_8H_8O_2,NH_3$, the solution of which exposed to the air becomes colored reddish by the formation of *orcëin*, $C_7H_7NO_3$. This latter compound forms the basis of the commercial *orseille* extract (*orchil* or *archil*).

Kane (*Watt's Dictionary*, vol. iii. p. 731) described a deep-red crystalline substance, *erythrolitmin*, and a brownish-red coloring principle, *azolitmin*, $C_7H_7NO_4$. This latter is considered as the distinctive coloring matter of the commercial litmus. It is nearly insoluble in cold water or benzene, but dissolves in alcohol with red, and in ether with yellow color. It appears to have the characters of a weak acid, the salts of which are blue and the potassium compound of which exists in litmus.

To test the value of the plants as dye-stuffs, they may be macerated in a weak solution of ammonia, or a solution of calcium hypochlorite may be added to their alcoholic tincture. In the former case, a rich violet-red color is produced; in the latter, a deep blood-red color instantly appears, but soon fades.

Lacmus or *litmus* is prepared chiefly if not exclusively in Holland. The process consists in macerating the coarsely powdered lichens, in wooden vessels under shelter, for several weeks, with occasional agitation, in a mixture of urine, lime, and potash or soda. A fermentation ensues, and the mass, becoming first red and ultimately blue, is after the last change removed, mixed with calcareous or silicious matter to give it consistence, and with indigo to deepen the color, and then introduced into small moulds, where it hardens. It comes to us in rectangular cakes, from a quarter of an inch to an inch in length, light, friable, finely granular, of an indigo-blue or deep-violet color, and scattered over with white saline points. It has the combined odor of indigo and violets, tinges the saliva of a deep blue, and is somewhat pungent and saline to the taste. From most vegetable blues it differs in not being rendered green by alkalies. It is *reddened by acids*, and restored to its original blue color by *alkalies*.

Its chief use in medicine is as a test of acids and alkalies. For this purpose it is employed either in infusion, or in the form of litmus-paper. The infusion, usually called *tincture of litmus*, may be made in the proportion of one part of litmus to twenty of distilled water, and two parts of alcohol may be added to preserve it. *Litmus-paper* is prepared by first forming a strong clear infusion with one part of litmus to four of water, and dipping slips of white unsized paper into it, or applying it by a brush to one surface only of the paper. The paper should then be carefully dried, and kept in well-stoppered vessels, from which the light is excluded. It should have a uniform blue or slightly purple color, neither very light nor very dark. As a test for alkalies the paper may be stained with an infusion of litmus previously reddened by an acid, care being taken to avoid all excess. By gas-light it is said that the change of color cannot be determined by the eye exactly, as the blue of litmus becomes mauve; but this may be obviated by watching the process through a green glass, by which the faintest trace of blue becomes discernible. (*P. J. Tr.*, 2d ser., vi. 479.)

Orchil or *archil* (*Orseille*, Fr., G.), as prepared in England, is in the form of a thickish liquid, of a deep reddish-purple color, but varying in the tint, being in one variety redder than in another. The odor is ammoniacal. It is made by macerating lichens in a covered wooden vessel, with an ammoniacal liquor, either consisting of stale urine and lime, or prepared by distilling an impure salt of ammonia with lime and water. (*Pereira.*) For details as to the method of preparation, see *Chemical News*, 1874, p. 143. It is occasionally adulterated with the extracts of colored woods, as logwood, sappan-wood, etc. A mode of detecting these adulterations is given by Mr. F. Leeshing in the *Chem. Gaz.* of June 1, 1855, p. 219.

Cudbear (*Orseille de terre*, Fr.; *Persio*, G.) is in the form of a purplish-red powder. It is procured in the same manner as orchil; but the mixture, after the development of the color, is dried and pulverized.

The point in which the preparation of these coloring substances differs from that of litmus appears to

be, that potash or soda is added, in the latter, to the ammoniacal liquid used. Orchil and cudbear are employed as dye-stuffs, and sometimes, in like manner, with litmus, as a test of acids and alkalies. For some practical applications, see *A. J. P.*, 1874.

LOCO PLANTS. *Crazy Weeds.* These are plants growing in the far-western States, the eating of which by horses and cattle is believed to produce loss of flesh, disordered vision, delirium, convulsive movements, or stupor and death. Much doubt hangs about the matter, but *Astragalus mollissimus* is believed to be the loco of Kansas, whilst *A. drummondii* and *A. oxytropus* are the loco plants of Colorado. Professor O'Brien, of the State Agricultural College of Colorado, has examined six species of the astragalus, including those mentioned, and in not any one of them has any alkaloid, resin, or other active chemical substance been found. This is in conformity with the fact that the Western astragalus, believed to be *A. mollissimus*, was carefully tested by Dr. H. C. Wood upon rabbits and dogs, and found not to be poisonous, a result which has been confirmed by Jas. Kennedy, *Pharm. Rec.*, July 1888; by Ingersoll, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1890; and by L. E. Sayre, *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1888. On the other hand, Dr. Isaac Ott found a plant, which he believed to be *A. mollissimus*, to act as a violent spinal poison and mydriatic. (*New Remedies*, Aug. 1882.) President Ingersoll, of the Colorado State Agricultural College, at the post-mortem examination of a number of "locoed sheep," found in each animal masses of *Tænia expansa*, and believes this tape-worm was the cause of the illness. There can be no doubt that domestic animals are destroyed in the West in very large quantities, from an affection which is known as "loco," and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in bounties by the State of Colorado for the extirpation of the supposed poisonous astragalus. But the cause of the disorder remains obscure. The most probable explanation of the case is that the fermentation of the plants in the intestines of the animal develops a poison which is absorbed, and that we have in the loco disease one parallel to the "Lathyrismus" of Europe. (See, also, *New York Med. Journ.*, 1889, xlix.

LOLIUM TEMULENTUM. *Darnel. Bearded Darnel. Ivraie*, Fr. *Lolch, Taumelkorn*, G. One of the Gramineæ or grasses, indigenous in the Old World, but introduced into the United States, and owing its chief importance to the circumstance that it is apt to grow among wheat and other grains, and thus sophisticate the product with its seeds. From ancient times, these have been supposed to be deleterious to the human system, producing symptoms analogous to intoxication from alcoholic drinks, whence the plant derived its specific name of *temulentum*, and the French name of *ivraie*. The seeds have a sweetish taste, and are said to contain gluten, starch, and sugar; and there is nothing in their sensible properties which would suggest the idea that they might be poisonous. Indeed, De Candolle states that they are often eaten in bread without inconvenience; and that a beer into which they enter as an ingredient is drunk with impunity. (*Mérat and De Lens*, iv. 141.) The testimony, however, to the fact that they produce vertigo, dizziness, headache, sleepiness, and a species of drunkenness, is too strong to be resisted; though very few instances, so far as we know, have been recorded of death from their use. MM. Rivière and Maizière have each recorded a fatal case, which occurred in peasants who had for several days lived upon bread consisting to the extent of two-thirds or five-sixths of darnel. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1863, p. 280.) Though thus acting on man, dogs, sheep, and horses, the seeds are said to be wholly innoxious to hogs, cows, and ducks; and poultry have even been fattened by them. The remedy, in case of poisoning, would be as soon as possible to evacuate the stomach. Lindley states that this is the only one of the grasses which has been satisfactorily proved to have deleterious properties. (*Med. and Economic Bot.*, p. 27.) Dr. P. Antze (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 568) announced the discovery of two alkaloids, *loliine*, which is volatile, and a solid base, *temulentine*. A more recent careful analysis of the seeds by Hofmeister (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 611) corrects these results. He finds that the volatile alkaloid "loliine" was impure ammonia; that the so-called "temulentine" was a mixture containing some of the narcotic principles which Hofmeister isolated and called *temuline*. Hofmeister's temuline is not crystallizable, is soluble in water, has an alkaline reaction, and forms a crystallized hydrochlorate with the formula $C_7H_{12}N_2O.2HCl$. The author also found an acid containing nitrogen and an uncrystallizable alkaloidal body. Dr. P. Antze found that both *loliine* and *temulentine* are poisonous, causing violent gastro-intestinal irritation, dyspnœa and general depression. (*Centralb. für die Gesammte Therap.*, 1891.)

LONICERA CAPRIFOLIUM. *Honeysuckle.* This ornament of our gardens is a native of the south of Europe. Its sweet-scented flowers are sometimes used in perfumery; and a syrup prepared from them has been given in *asthma* and other pectoral affections. The expressed juice of the plant has been recommended for the stings of bees, being rubbed directly on the injured spot. The fruit of all the species of Lonicera is said to be emetic and cathartic (*Mérat and De Lens*), and that of *L. xylosteum* to have caused serious poisoning. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xviii. 65.)

LOSOPHAN. *Tri-iodo-meta-cresol.* $C_6HI_3(OH)(CH_3)$. Contains 78·39 per cent. iodine, and is prepared by the action of iodine upon *m*-oxytoluic acid in the presence of a definite quantity of alkali, in the same manner that tri-iodo-phenol may be obtained from salicylic acid. It crystallizes in white needles, melting at 121·5° C., soluble with difficulty in alcohol, but readily in ether, benzin, and chloroform. Losophan has been recommended by Dr. Saalfeld in skin diseases produced by parasitic growth, as well as in chronic *eczema*, *prurigo*, and other similar affections, when there is no pronounced inflammatory condition. It may be employed either as a one or two per cent. solution in 3 parts alcohol and 1 part water, or as a one to ten per cent. ointment with vaselin or 4 parts lanolin and 1 part vaselin.

LUCUMA. This Brazilian genus yields a number of species, which are used in Brazil as medicines or articles of diet. For an account of them see *Pharm. Rundschau*, 1888. See also *Monesia*.

LUFFA. *Luffa Ægyptiaca. Vegetable Sponge. Wash-rag Sponge. Gourd Towel.* A cucurbitaceous genus, indigenous to Arabia and Egypt, furnishing a gourd-like fruit, which presents upon the removal of the epidermis a durable skeleton of interwoven woody fibres, which are used in place of sponge. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 6.) The fruit of *L. Echinata* of India is a violent irritant poison, from which C. J. H. Warden has separated a principle allied to, if not

identical with, *Colocynthitin*. (*P. J. Tr.*, June, 1890.)

LUPINUS ALBUS. *Lupin. Lupin*, Fr. *Feigbohne, Wolfsbohne*, G. A plant belonging to the Leguminosæ, and a native of Europe and Western Asia, which is sometimes cultivated in our gardens. Other species are also met with, *L. hirsutus, L. luteus, L. polyphyllus, L. densiflorus.* The last two are indigenous to the Pacific slope and the West. The bitter principle *lupinin*, $C_{29}H_{32}O_{16}$, is a glucoside, and its solution in alkalies is of a dark brownish-yellow color. On boiling with dilute acids it is decomposed into *lupigenin*, $C_{17}H_{12}O_6$, and a fermentable, dextrorotatory glucose. The bruised seeds of white lupin, after soaking in water, are sometimes used as an external application to *ulcers*, etc., and internally are said to be anthelmintic, diuretic, and emmenagogue. An instance has been recorded where a decoction used as an injection in the rectum caused symptoms which suggested a poisonous character for the drug. Schulze and Steiger have isolated an alkaloid, *arginine*, $C_6H_{14}N_4O_2$, from the germinated seeds of *Lupinus luteus*. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 428.) Steiger (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1886, p. 385) has also studied a carbohydrate analogous to dextrin, which Baeyer and Eichborn discovered in *Lupinus luteus*. He finds that it is not changed by yeast, that nitric acid converts it into mucic acid, and that dilute sulphuric or hydrochloric acid converts it into galactose.

LYCIUM BARBARUM. *Matrimony Vine.* The genus Lycium belongs to the Solanaceæ. Different species have been used in various parts of the world in reference to supposed medical virtues. *Lycium barbarum*, which is indigenous in the south of Europe and in Asia, is a thorny shrub, with long flexible branches, and is cultivated for hedges and arbors. Drs. Husemann and Marmé found in the leaves and stem an alkaloid, *lycine*, $C_5H_{11}NO_2$. (*A. J. P.*, 1864, p. 226.) It is characterized by its strong affinity for water, which causes it to deliquesce in a few minutes after exposure, and renders it very soluble in that liquid. It is also readily soluble in alcohol, but nearly insoluble in ether. It is crystallizable, of a sharp but not bitter taste, and forms crystallizable salts with the acids. Prof. Aug. Husemann believes that lycine does not exist in the plant, but is formed during the process of extraction, and also that it is identical with *betaine*, $C_5H_{11}NO_2$, the alkaloid obtained from beet-juice by Scheibler, and with the oxyneurine of Liebreich. (*A. J. P.*, xlvii. 209.) E. Schmidt found in *Lycium barbarum* traces of mydriatic alkaloids resembling those of belladonna. (*Apoth. Zeit.*, 1890, p. 511.) The young shoots of one of the species of Lycium are eaten in Spain as asparagus, and its leaves as salad; and the aborigines of Colombia used another species against *erysipelas*. The leaves of *L. barbarum*, as well as the fruit, are said to be used by the physicians of Japan. (*Mérat and De Lens.*)

LYCOCTONA. For its physiological action, see *Phila. Med. Times*, Oct. 1875.

LYCOPODIUM SAUSSURUS. *Piligan.* In this Brazilian lycopod Adrian has found an alkaloid, *piliganine* (*Compt.-Rend.*, June, 1886), which is said to act upon animals as a powerful emetic, cathartic, and convulsant. (See, also, *Bull. Thérap.*, cxi. 174.)

LYCOPUS. *U. S.* 1870. *Lycopus Virginicus. Lycope de Virginie*, Fr. *Virginischer Wolfsfuss*, G. The *bugle-weed* is an indigenous herb, with a perennial creeping root, which sends up an erect, nearly simple, obtusely quadrangular stem, from twelve to eighteen inches high, and furnished with opposite sessile leaves. These are broad-lanceolate, attenuated and entire at both extremities, remotely serrate in the middle, somewhat rough, purplish, and beset with glandular dots on their under surface. The flowers are minute, in small axillary whorls, with two small subulate bracts to each flower, and a white corolla. The seeds are longer than the calyx, which is spineless. This plant grows in shady and wet places throughout the greater part of the United States. Its flowering period is August. The whole herb is used. Jos. L. Weil found 0·41 per cent. of a fat melting at 50° C., 0·68 per cent. of a granular wax melting at 70° C., 0·43 per cent. of a crystallizable resin soluble in ether, a crystallizable glucoside, and a small quantity of gallic acid and tannin. (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 72.) It has a peculiar odor and a nauseous slightly bitter taste, and imparts these properties, as well as its medical virtues, to boiling water.

According to Dr. A. W. Ives, the bugle-weed is a mild narcotic. It is said also to be astringent, and has been employed with asserted success in pulmonic and other hemorrhages. Dose of infusion (℥i to Oi boiling water), half to one pint daily.

Lycopus Europæus is said to be frequently collected and sold for *L. Virginicus*. The former may be distinguished by its acutely quadrangular stem, its narrow lanceolate leaves, of which the lower are somewhat pinnatifid, its more crowded flowers, and the acute segments of its calyx, armed with short spines. It has been employed in Europe as a substitute for quinine.

LYTHRUM SALICARIA. *Loosestrife. Purple Willow-herb. Salicaire*, Fr. *Rother Weiderich*, G. This is an elegant perennial plant, native of Europe, but naturalized in the northeastern parts of the United States. The whole herbaceous part is medicinal, and is dried for use. In this state it is inodorous, and has an herbaceous, somewhat astringent taste. It renders boiling water very mucilaginous, and its decoction is blackened by the sulphate of iron. Loosestrife is demulcent and astringent, and may be advantageously given in *diarrhœa* and chronic *dysentery*, after due preparation by evacuating treatment. It has long been used in Ireland in these complaints, and is said to be a popular remedy in Sweden. The dose of the powdered herb is about a drachm two or three times a day. A decoction of the root, prepared by boiling an ounce in a pint of water, may be given in the dose of two fluidounces.

MACALLO or YABA BARK. For an article on this Yucatan bark, see *A. J. P.*, 1879, p. 392.

MACKAY BEAN. This is the seed of *Entada scandens*, of Queensland, which has the reputation in the colony of being strongly poisonous, and in which Mr. John Moss believes that he has found saponin. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xviii. p. 242.)

MACLURA AURANTIACA. The bark of the root of this tree, which is indigenous in our Southern States, is said to be considerably used in making a yellow dye. Mr. Alex. King has found in it *moric* and *morintannic acids*. (*A. J. P.*, xlvi. 257.)

MAGNESII ACETAS. *Magnesium Acetate.* $Mg(C_2H_3O_2)_2$. This salt has been used as a substitute for the citrate, but is much inferior. For further information see previous editions U. S. D.

MAGNESII CHLORIDUM. *Magnesium Chlo-*

ride. $MgCl_2$. This is produced at Stassfurt in the Stassfurt potash and bromine industries. When a concentrated solution of this salt is evaporated to dryness, it is partially decomposed into magnesia and hydrochloric acid, the latter being evolved. By a careful evaporation, stopping it so soon as the vapor begins to redden litmus paper, the chloride may be obtained in the state of a fused hydrate, having the composition MgCl,6HO. Or, by adding ammonium chloride to the solution, the mixed chlorides can be evaporated to dryness, and the sal-ammoniac volatilized without decomposing the magnesium chloride. Dr. Lebert finds this bitter and very deliquescent salt to act mildly and favorably as a purgative, producing a flow of bile and an increase of appetite. On account of its extreme deliquescence, he recommends it in the liquid form, prepared by dissolving the salt in its weight of water. Dose, an ounce (31·1 Gm.) sufficiently diluted to an adult, and half an ounce (15·55 Gm.) to a child ten years old. (*Arch. Gén.*, 4e sér., iii. 448.)

MAGNESII SALICYLAS. *Magnesium salicylate* has been enthusiastically recommended by Huchard in *typhoid fever*, given in daily doses of 50 to 100 grains continuously; diarrhœa is not a contraindication to its use. According to B. Fischer (*Phar. Zeit.*, 1888, p. 146), the salt is prepared by dissolving salicylic acid in boiling water, saturating the solution with magnesium carbonate, filtering, and crystallizing. It forms long, colorless hygroscopic needles, is readily soluble in water and alcohol, and has a somewhat bitter taste. (*A. J. P.*, 1888.)

MAGNESIUM SILICATE. *Hydrated Magnesium Silicate.* $H_2Mg_2Si_3O_9 + H_2O$. This is a mineral used for the manufacture of smoking-pipes, which is known popularly by the name of *meerschaum.* It was brought into notice as a medicine by Mr. Garraud, who used it successfully as a substitute for bismuth subnitrate in obstinate *diarrhœa.* M. Trousseau employed it also with great success in numerous cases of diarrhœa. It is reduced to fine powder, and given in doses of from one to four drachms a day. It no doubt acts mechanically, either as an absorbent or a protective of the intestinal coats. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iii. 385.) (See, also, *French Chalk*, *Asbestos*, and *Talcum.*)

MAGNOLIA. *U. S.* 1880. *Magnolia Bark. Ecorce de Magnolier*, Fr. *Magnolienrinde*, G. Three species of magnolia were formerly official, as follows: 1. *Magnolia glauca*, which in the Northern States is often nothing more than a shrub, sometimes attains in the South the height of forty feet. The leaves are scattered, petiolate, oval, obtuse, entire, glabrous, thick, opaque, yellowish green on their upper surface, and of a beautiful pale glaucous color beneath. The flowers are large, terminal, solitary, cream-colored, strongly and gratefully odorous, often scenting the air to a considerable distance. The calyx is composed of three leaves; the petals, from eight to fourteen in number, are obovate, obtuse, concave, and contracted at the base; the stamens are very numerous, and inserted on a conical receptacle; the germs are collected into a cone, and each is surmounted by a linear recurved style. The fruit is conical, about an inch in length, consisting of numerous imbricated cells, each containing a single scarlet seed. This escapes through a longitudinal opening in the cell, but remains for some time suspended from the cone by a slender thread.

M. glauca is found along the seaboard of the United States, from Cape Ann, in Massachusetts, to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. It is abundant in the Middle and Southern States, usually growing in swamps; but is seldom met with in the interior, west of the mountains. It begins to flower in May, June, or July, according to the latitude. It is usually known as *magnolia* in the North, and as *white bay* or *sweet bay* in the South, but is occasionally called *swamp sassafras*, *beaver tree*, etc.

2. *M. acuminata* is much larger than the preceding, often growing to the height of seventy or eighty feet. The leaves are six or seven inches long, by three or four in breadth, oval, acuminate, and pubescent on their under surface. The flowers are five or six inches in diameter, bluish or cream-colored, slightly odorous, with obovate rather obtuse petals from six to nine in number. The tree grows in the interior mountainous regions of the United States, extending along the Alleghanies from New York to their termination in Georgia, and seldom existing in the low country far either to the east or west of that range. It is called *cucumber tree.*

3. *M. tripetala* is a small tree, sometimes though rarely reaching an elevation of thirty feet, and almost always having an inclined trunk. It is remarkable for the size of its leaves and flowers. The former are eighteen or twenty inches long by seven or eight in breadth, thin, obovate, somewhat wedge-shaped, entire, acute at both extremities, pubescent when young, and often disposed in rays at the extremity of the shoots, displaying a surface thirty inches in diameter. Hence has arisen its name of *umbrella tree.* The flowers are terminal, seven or eight inches in diameter, white, with from five to twelve oval acute petals, of which the three outer are reflexed. This species extends from northern New York to the southern limits of the United States. It is found only in shady situations with a deep and fertile soil. Mr. Wallace Procter found in the fruit a crystalline principle. When pure, this is without smell, and has at first little taste, in consequence of its insolubility in the liquids of the mouth, but after a time produces an irritant effect on the fauces. It is nearly insoluble in cold, but slightly soluble in hot water, very soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and benzin. It is neutral to test-paper. Mr. Procter considered it analogous to the liriodendrin obtained by Prof. Emmet, but quite distinct. He proposed for it the name of *magnolin*, which is the more appropriate, as the principle seems to be the same as that obtained by Dr. Stephen Procter from the bark of *M. grandiflora*, and by Mr. W. D. Harrison from that of the *M. glauca.* (*A. J. P.*, xxxiv. 29.) For a more detailed account of it, see *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 145; also Lloyd's paper in *Pharm. Rundschau*, 1866, p. 224. W. F. Rawlins (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 7) obtained from the leaves of the *magnolia glauca* a small quantity of a volatile oil of bright-green color, with an odor resembling fennel or anise, but more pleasant. From the ethereal solution of this oil small crystals deposited. Indications were also had of a bitter glucosidal principle.

The bark and fruit of all the species of Magnolia are possessed of similar medicinal properties; but the bark only was official, and that of the root has been thought to be most efficient. "The bark from young wood is quilled or curved, thin, externally orange-brown and glossy, or light gray, with scattered warts and somewhat fissured, internally whitish or pale brownish and smooth; fracture short, in the inner layer somewhat fibrous; inodorous; taste

somewhat astringent, pungent, and bitter. The bark of old wood, deprived of the cork, is whitish or brownish, fibrous, and less pungent." *U. S.* 1880. The aromatic property, which resides in a volatile principle, is diminished by desiccation, and entirely lost when the bark is long kept. The bitterness, however, remains. The bark is destitute of astringency. The bark of *Magnolia grandiflora*, examined by Dr. Stephen Procter, was found to contain volatile oil, resin, and a principle analogous to the liriodendrin of Professor Emmet. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 95.)

Magnolia is a gently stimulant aromatic tonic and diaphoretic. It has been used in *malaria* and in *rheumatism*. The dose of the recently dried bark in powder is from half a drachm to a drachm (1·95 to 3·9 Gm.), frequently repeated. The infusion may also be used, but is less efficient. Diluted alcohol extracts all the virtues of the medicine; and a tincture, made by macerating the fresh bark or fruit in brandy, is a popular remedy in chronic rheumatism.

MALAMBO or MATIAS BARK. A bark received from South America by Dr. Alex. Ure, under the name of *matias bark*, was found to have the characters of the *malambo bark*, which is held in high esteem in Colombia, where it is produced, and has been long known to the French pharmacologists. It has been ascertained by H. Karston, of Berlin, to be derived from a hitherto undescribed species of Croton, which he names *Croton Malambo*, and which is described in his work entitled "*Florœ Colombiœ Terrarumque adjacentium Specimina Selecta.*" This is a small tree or shrub, growing on the coast of Venezuela and Colombia. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1859, p. 321.) The bark is described by Dr. Ure as being three or four lines thick, brittle though somewhat fibrous, of a brown color, and covered with an ash-colored tuberculous epidermis. It has an aromatic odor, and a bitter pungent taste, and yields these properties to water and alcohol. Its active ingredients appear to be a volatile oil and a bitter extractive matter. According to Dr. Mackay, it has been used successfully in intermittents, convalescence from continued fever, hemicrania, dyspepsia, and other cases in which tonic remedies are useful, and also as an adjuvant to diuretics. It is probably nothing more than an aromatic tonic. Dr. Ure has administered it with good effect as a substitute for Peruvian bark. (*P. J. Tr.*, iii. 169.)

Under the name of *Winter's bark*, a considerable quantity of bark was some time since imported into the United States from South America, which Mr. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, has identified with the malambo bark above described, having found it to correspond with that product both in sensible characters and composition. (*A. J. P.*, xxix. 1.) Dr. George B. Wood confirmed this decision of Mr. Wayne; a specimen in his possession answered precisely to the description given by Dr. Ure. The malambo bark, analyzed by Cadet de Gassicourt, yielded volatile oil, bitter resin, and extractive; but no tannic or gallic acid, and no alkaloid; and the same was the case with the so-called Winter's bark examined by Mr. Wayne. (*Ibid.*) The same bark has been analyzed by Mr. F. B. Dancy, who found in it volatile oil, gum, starch, albumen, resin, extractive, fixed oil, wax, and several inorganic substances. (*Ibid.*, p. 219.)

MALOUETIA NITIDA. *Guachamacâ.* This plant, of Venezuela, contains an alkaloid, *guachamacine*, which Kobert believes to be identical with *curarine*. (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 560.)

MALTUM. *U. S.* 1880. *Malt. Maltum Hordei*, L. *Barley Malt. Malt d'Orge, Drêche*, Fr. *Gerstenmalz*, G. "The seed of Hordeum distichum, Linné (*Nat. Ord.* Graminaceæ), caused to enter the incipient stage of germination by artificial means, and dried." *U. S.* 1880. The object of malting is to allow germination of grain to go just far enough to develop the maximum amount of *diastase*, the ferment by which the starch is converted into sugar. In order to achieve this, the barley is: first, *steeped*,—*i.e.*, allowed to remain one or two days in cold water, of which it absorbs from 10 to 50 per cent.; second, *couched*,—*i.e.*, thrown into heaps upon a floor and allowed to develop heat and germinate; third, when the *acrospire* or shoot is one-third the length of the grain, the latter is *floored*,—*i.e.*, spread upon wide floors to dry; fourth, *kiln-dried*,—*i.e.*, exposed to such a temperature as thoroughly to dry it and to kill the young plant. If the temperature be raised high enough to scorch the grain, it becomes *Amber Malt*, or *Black Malt*, according to the extent of the charring, and porter owes its dark color to the blackening of the malt.

The so-called malt liquors are prepared by making an infusion (*wort*) of the bruised malt, adding hops and various other substances, and fermenting. *Ale*, *brown stout*, and *porter* are made by rapid fermentation at a comparatively high temperature (75° F.), whilst *lager beer* is prepared by a very slow, prolonged fermentation at a low temperature. Differences of color in malt liquors depend chiefly upon the color of the malt. Malt is composed of germinated, dried barley grains with acrospires and radicles adherent. The U. S. P. 1880 directed that it should be fresh, of a color not darker than pale amber, and should have an agreeable odor and a sweet taste. If it lack body and taste, it has probably been already exhausted. For a description of *diastase*, the peculiar ferment which converts the starch of the grain into dextrin and dextro-glucose, see *Hordeum Decorticatum*.

One of the most useful preparations of malt is the extract. This was official in the U. S. P. 1880, and the formula is here appended. *Extractum Malti. U. S.* 1880. *Extract of Malt. Extrait de Malt d'Orge*, Fr. *Gerstenmalz-Extrakt*, G. "Malt, in coarse powder, not finer than No. 12, *one hundred parts* [or eighty ounces av.]; Water, *a sufficient quantity*. Upon the powder, contained in a suitable vessel, pour *one hundred parts* [or five pints] of Water, and macerate for six hours. Then add *four hundred parts* [or twenty pints] of Water, heated to about 30° C. (86° F.), and digest for an hour at a temperature not exceeding 55° C. (131° F.). Strain the mixture with strong expression. Finally, by means of a water-bath, or vacuum apparatus, at a temperature not exceeding 55° C. (131° F.), evaporate the strained liquid rapidly to the consistence of thick honey. Keep the product in well-closed vessels, in a cool place." *U. S.* 1880.

Under the name of extract of malt, two distinct preparations have been put upon the market; the one being a very strong beer, the other an extract prepared from malt, and chiefly composed of dextrin and glucose, with some albumen and phosphates. The object of the above process is to obtain all of the soluble principles of malt in a permanent form. To secure this, strict attention to the details of the process is necessary. Good extract of malt should contain no starch, have the consistence of thick honey, a brown color, and should be free from

empyreumatic taste. A great deal of commercial extract of malt is adulterated with glucose to a surprising extent.

The above process does not differ materially from that of M. L. W. Jassoy (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvi. 440), who recommends the following method. Macerate malt for three hours in its weight of cold water, then add four times its weight of water, and carefully raise the temperature to 65° C. during one hour. Filter, boil the residue with three parts of water for a quarter of an hour, remove from the fire, and allow to cool to 75° C., filter, and express the residue. Mix the liquids, maintain for some time at a temperature of 50° C., until the starch is converted into sugar. Reduce to one-third the volume by gentle boiling, allow to stand overnight, filter through a woollen strainer, and evaporate upon a water-bath to the consistence of an extract. A *dry extract of malt* has come into extensive use as an infants' food, made by artificially drying the thick syrupy extract. It is in the form of a straw-colored, coarse powder, and is given dissolved in milk or water. O. F. Romer and H. R. Randoll, of Brooklyn, have patented several improvements in the process of making extract of malt, namely: 1, the properly ground malt is treated with an alkaline solution, in order to neutralize the fatty acids which usually impart a bad taste to the product; 2, the extract is separated from the solid matters by pressing in press-cloths, whereby it is obtained as a clear liquid with scarcely any loss. (*N. R.*, 1880, p. 179.) Pharmaceutically, extract of malt has been used as an emulsifying agent; it makes a good basis for a cod-liver oil emulsion, for which purpose it is admirably adapted therapeutically. The dose is one to four drachms (3·88 to 15·5 Gm.).

MALVA SYLVESTRIS. *Common Mallow. Flores Malvæ, Folia Malvæ*, P. G. *High Mallow. Mauve Sauvage, Grande Mauve*, Fr. *Käsepappel, Waldmalve*, G. This is a perennial, herbaceous plant, with a round, hairy, branching, usually erect stem, from one to three feet high, bearing alternate, petiolate, cordate, roughish leaves, which are divided into five or seven crenate lobes, and on the upper part of the stem are almost palmate. The flowers are large, purplish, and placed, from three to five together, at the axils of the leaves, upon long slender peduncles, which, as well as the petioles, are pubescent. The petals are five, inversely cordate, and three times as long as the calyx. The capsules are disposed compactly in a circular form. This species of mallow is a native of Europe, growing abundantly on waste grounds and by the waysides, and flowering from May to August. It is sometimes cultivated in our gardens. Almost all the species of the genus are possessed of the same properties. *M. rotundifolia*, one of the most common, may be substituted for *M. sylvestris*. The herb and flowers have a weak, herbaceous, slimy taste, without odor. They abound in mucilage, which they readily impart to water; and the solution is precipitated by lead acetate. The infusion and tincture of the flowers are blue, and serve as a test of acids and alkalies, being reddened by the former, and rendered green by the latter. The roots and seeds also are mucilaginous. Common mallow is emollient and demulcent. The infusion and decoction are sometimes employed in *catarrh*, *dysentery*, and *nephritic complaints;* and are applicable to all other cases which call for the use of mucilaginous liquids. They are also used as an emollient injection; and the fresh plant forms a good suppurative or relaxing cataplasm in external inflammation. It was formerly among the culinary herbs.

MANACA. This is a portion of the root and stem of the *Franciscea uniflora*, a Brazilian plant belonging to the order of Scrophulariaceæ. It occurs in pieces from a few inches to one foot in length, and about one-half inch in diameter, very tough and woody, with a yellowish centre and a dark, very thin outer bark. The stem portion has a very small yellowish pith. Mr. H. B. Parsons (*Am. Chem. Journ.*, vol. i. No. 6) came to the conclusion that it contains no alkaloid, but R. Lenardson (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1884) claims that he has found in it an alkaloid, *manacine*, besides a peculiar fluorescent substance supposed to be identical with *gelseminic acid*. Manacine is described as a light-yellow, very hygroscopic powder, of a faint bitter taste, possessing very feeble basic properties, melting at 115° F., freely soluble in water and ethylic and methylic alcohol, but insoluble in ether, benzol, amylic alcohol, and chloroform. E. P. Bruer (*Therap. Gaz.*, 1882), as the result of experiments made upon the lower animals, arrived at the conclusion that manaca acts upon the spinal cord, first stimulating, and then abolishing, the activity of the motor centres; the action being shared in by the respiratory centres. All the glands, especially the kidneys, were stimulated by it. In large doses he found it to produce in man lassitude, perspiration, and loose, greenish alvine discharges. Manaca has been very strongly recommended in the treatment of chronic subacute *rheumatism* and *syphilis*. The dose of the fluid extract is 10 to 30 drops three times a day. (See *Therap. Gaz.*, 1880; also, New Series, vols. ii. and iii.)

MANDRAGORA OFFICINALIS. *Atropa Mandragora.* Linn. *Mandrake. Mandragora. Mandragore*, Fr. *Alraunwurzel*, G. A perennial European plant, with spindled-shaped root, which is often forked beneath, and is therefore compared, in shape, to the human figure. In former times this root was supposed to possess magical virtues, and was used as an amulet to promote fecundity, etc.; and the superstition is still cherished by the vulgar in some parts of Europe. The plant is a poisonous narcotic, somewhat similar in its properties to belladonna, to which it is botanically allied. Crouzel isolated an alkaloid, *mandragorine*, which he found similar in properties to atropine. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 1067.) It has since been more thoroughly studied by F. B. Ahrens. (*Ber.*, 1889, pp. 2159–2161.) *Mandragorine* is colorless, inodorous, deliquescent, melts at 77°–79° C., and has the formula $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$. It seems to be isomeric with atropine, but is not converted into it by alkalies. The sulphate and the hydrochloride are crystalline and deliquescent. A second alkaloid in much smaller amount was also extracted, of which the gold and platinum double chlorides were formed. Both alkaloids had a mydriatic action. It was much used by the ancients with a view to its narcotic effects; and the root has been used externally against scrofulous, scirrhous, and syphilitic *tumors*. It was used by the ancients as an anæsthetic agent before surgical operations (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xv. 290), and *Morion* or *Death-wine*, said to have been administered previous to the torture, was made from it. Its physiological action has been partially investigated by Dr. B. W. Richardson. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1874, p. 242.) It is unknown as a remedy in the United States.

MANGANESE. *Manganum.* This metal and its compounds with oxygen have been already described. (See *Mangani Oxidum Nigrum.*) Several of its combinations have been proposed as medicines, and the therapeutic trials thus far made with them place them alongside of those of iron as tonic and anti-anæmic remedies. It will be recollected that manganese as well as iron is always present, in minute proportion, in healthy blood, and has been detected in various solids and fluids of the body. (See page 847.) According to an analysis by M. Burin-Dubuisson, the amount of manganese in the blood-corpuscles is about one-twentieth that of the iron. It is stated, as an advantage of the preparations of manganese, that they may be prescribed in conjunction with tannic acid and the various astringent medicines, which are all incompatible with the preparations of iron. Of the manganous oxides, the *monoxide* only is strongly salifiable; and this is the oxide present in the ordinary salts of the metal. It may be obtained by precipitation, as a white hydrate, from any of the soluble manganous salts by the addition of a caustic alkali. This, according to M. Hannon, is a good medical preparation; but a strong objection to it is that it rapidly absorbs oxygen, and passes to the state of the brown hydrated sesquioxide.

Mangani Iodidum. *Manganous Iodide.* MnI_2. This very deliquescent salt may be prepared by adding manganous carbonate to aqueous hydriodic acid, filtering the solution, and granulating, carefully regulating the heat. This iodide may be administered in syrup or pill. Prof. Procter proposed the following formula for the *syrup.* Dissolve sixteen drachms of manganous sulphate, and nineteen drachms of potassium iodide, separately, in three fluidounces of water, each portion of water being previously sweetened with two drachms of syrup. Mix the solutions in a glass-stoppered bottle, and when the crystals of potassium sulphate have ceased to precipitate, throw the liquor on a strainer of fine muslin, and allow it to filter into a pint bottle, containing twelve ounces of powdered sugar. When the solution has ceased to pass, wash the filter with a little sweetened water, and add sufficient of that liquid to make the whole measure a pint. Lastly, agitate the liquid until the sugar is dissolved. Prof. Procter stated that this syrup contained about a drachm of manganous iodide in each fluidounce, and corresponded in strength to the official solution of ferrous iodide. The small proportion of potassium sulphate which remains dissolved in the syrup does not interfere with its medicinal efficacy. The dose is from ten to thirty drops, repeated several times a day. (*A. J. P.*, Oct. 1850.) M. Hannon makes a *pill of manganous iodide* by double decomposition between equal weights of potassium iodide and crystallized manganous sulphate. The salts are perfectly dried, accurately mixed in powder, and then rubbed up with honey, so as to reduce the whole to a pilular mass, which may be divided into four-grain pills. Assuming that the honey added compensates for the loss of water in drying, each pill will consist of about two grains of manganous iodide, one of potassium sulphate, and one of honey, and manganous sulphate in excess. The dose is one pill daily, gradually increased to six. According to M. Hannon, manganous iodide is particularly useful in the *anæmia* attendant on scrofula, phthisis, and cancer, and in syphilitic cachexy. Given in conjunction with cinchona, it rapidly removes the enlargement of the spleen often following protracted fevers.

Mangani Carbonas. *Manganous Carbonate.* $MnCO_3$. This salt may be obtained by the following formula, which is that of M. Hannon. Dissolve seventeen ounces of crystallized manganous sulphate, and nineteen ounces of sodium carbonate, separately, in two pints of water, a fluidounce of syrup having been previously added to each pint; and, having mixed the solutions in a well-stoppered bottle, allow the precipitate to subside. Decant the supernatant liquid, wash the precipitate with sweetened water, allow it to drain from a cloth saturated with syrup, express, mix with ten ounces of honey, and evaporate rapidly to form a pilular mass, which is to be divided into four-grain pills. By a double decomposition between the manganous sulphate and sodium carbonate, manganous carbonate is precipitated, and sodium sulphate remains in solution. The sulphate is washed away, and the carbonate is brought to a pilular consistence with honey, which, together with the syrup, prevents the manganous oxide in the pill from rising to a higher stage of oxidation. The dose is from two to ten pills daily. Manganous carbonate was tried by M. Hannon as a medicine on himself. After its use for fifteen days he found his appetite improved, and his pulse increased in force; and he experienced a feeling of sanguineous plethora. He afterwards exhibited the remedy in several anæmic cases, with the effect of exciting the functions to a more healthy action, increasing the strength and improving the blood.

Manganous phosphate, *tartrate*, and *malate* have also been proposed by M. Hannon as useful remedies. The phosphate is prepared by double decomposition between manganous sulphate and sodium phosphate. A *syrup of manganous phosphate* has been made by T. S. Wiegand, of Philadelphia. (See his formula in *A. J. P.* for July, 1854.) Dr. Simpson, of Edinburgh, informed Dr. Geo. B. Wood that a syrup made with two grains of ferrous phosphate and one grain of manganous phosphate, in a fluidrachm of syrup, was much and advantageously used by himself and others in Edinburgh. This may be easily prepared by adding to the two ingredients mentioned five grains of glacial phosphoric acid for each grain of the ferrous phosphate. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1859, p. 288.) *Manganous lactate* has been given, associated with ferrous lactate, in chlorosis, in the dose of a grain, increased to five grains.

Ferro-manganic Preparations. M. Hannon conceives that manganese is peculiarly suited to the treatment of anæmic cases in which iron has failed, or acts very slowly; but, instead of passing at once from the use of iron to that of manganese, he prefers to give intermediately a mixture of the two metals. For this purpose he recommends the following formula. Take of crystallized ferrous sulphate six drachms and a half; crystallized manganous sulphate two drachms; sodium carbonate nine drachms; honey five drachms. Rub together, and with syrup make a mass, to be divided into four-grain pills. In this pill both the metals are present as carbonates; and, as the sodium sulphate is not washed away, it contains that salt also. The dose is from two to ten pills daily. (See the paper of M. Hannon, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xvi. 41 and 189; also a note of the favorable results obtained by M. Pétrequin, of Lyons, *Ibid.*, xvi. 381.) Further experience has confirmed the favorable opinion of M. Pétrequin in relation to the therapeutic value of the ferro-manganic preparations. A number of formulas have been devised by M. Burin-Dubuisson, of Lyons, for making

them, containing the metals variously combined; but the most important of them is the *syrup of ferrous and manganous iodides*, for the preparation of which the following formula has been devised by Prof. Procter. Take of potassium iodide 1000 grains; ferrous sulphate 630; manganous sulphate 210; iron filings 100; sugar, in coarse powder, 4800. Powder the iodide and sulphates separately, and, having mixed them with the filings, add half a fluidounce of distilled water, and triturate to a uniform paste. Then add another half fluidounce of distilled water to the paste, and triturate again; and, after an interval of fifteen minutes, add a third half fluidounce, and mix. Next transfer the magma of salts to the moistened filter, supported on a funnel, and allow it to drain into a bottle, holding a little more than twelve fluidounces, and containing the sugar. After it has drained, add cold boiled water by small portions at a time, until the solution of the iodides has been displaced and washed from the crystalline magma of potassium sulphate. Finally, add sufficient cold boiled water to make the whole measure twelve fluidounces. The object of the iron is to prevent the liberation of iodine. This syrup has a very pale straw color. It contains a little potassium sulphate, which does not injure it as a therapeutic agent. If the salts have not been all decomposed during their reaction, it will be greenish. Each fluidounce contains 50 grains of the mixed iodides, in the proportion of 3 parts of ferrous iodide to 1 of manganous iodide. The dose is from ten drops to half a fluidrachm. (*A. J. P.*, 1853, p. 198.) Prof. J. U. Lloyd proposed a process (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 6) whereby a less amount of potassium sulphate remained in the finished preparation. Manganous sulphate 240 grs.; potassium iodide 288 grs.; iodine 744 grs.; iron wire (small) 240 grs.; sugar 17 oz. av.; distilled water q. s. Place the iodine, three ounces of distilled water, and the iron wire in a glass flask, and agitate until the solution has acquired a clear, greenish color, without a tinge of yellow. Filter the solution into the sugar contained in a porcelain dish; wash the filter by pouring into it two ounces of distilled water, allowing the liquid to filter into the sugar. Dissolve the manganous sulphate and potassium iodide separately in half an ounce of cold distilled water by trituration in a mortar; mix the two solutions together, and allow the potassium sulphate to separate; transfer the mixture to a wetted filter, and allow the solution of manganous iodide to filter into the sugar; when well drained, wash the precipitate in the funnel with half an ounce of *ice-cold* distilled water, and finish by agitating the mixture until the sugar is dissolved; add enough distilled water to make the whole measure twenty fluidounces; filter. Syrup of iron and manganous iodide is considered by M. Pétrequin to be particularly suited to the treatment of *anæmia* resulting from obstinate intermittent fevers, prolonged suppuration, and scrofulous, syphilitic, and cancerous affections.

Dr. T. S. Speer, of Cheltenham, in imitation of the practice of M. Hannon and M. Pétrequin, has employed the combined iron and manganous carbonates with excellent effects; but, instead of using the carbonate in pill, protected by honey and syrup, as M. Hannon has done, he prefers a saccharine carbonate of the two metals, made by the following formula. Dissolve three ounces and one drachm of ferrous sulphate, one ounce and one scruple of manganous sulphate, and five ounces of sodium carbonate, each, in thirty Imperial fluidounces of water, and thoroughly mix the solutions. Collect the precipitated carbonates on a cloth filter, and wash them immediately with cold water, to separate the sodium sulphate. Then press out as much water as possible, and, without delay, triturate the pulp with two and a half ounces of finely powdered sugar. Lastly, dry the mixture at a temperature not exceeding 48·8° C. (120° F.). The *saccharine iron and manganous carbonate*, as thus prepared, is a reddish-brown powder, devoid of all taste, except that imparted by the sugar. The dose is five grains, gradually increased to a scruple, three times a day, given with the meals, or immediately after them. (See *A. J. P.*, 1854, p. 127.)

MANGOSTEEN. The pericarp of the fruit of the *Garcinia mangostana* is said to be a very active astringent, and used as such locally in various catarrhs; and also in *diarrhœa* and in *leucorrhœa*. The internal dose of the fluid extract is set down as half to one fluidrachm (1·8 to 3·69 C.c.).

MANZANILLO. According to Dr. A. Betancourt, the milky juice of this euphorbiaceous tree, growing in the West Indies, is a violent irritant, acting as a vesicant when applied to the skin, and when taken internally in doses of twenty drops causing a fatal gastro-enteritis. In doses of two drops it acts as a powerful and very certain cathartic; it is also diuretic. In Cuba it has much repute in *tetanus*. (*London Med. Rec.*, Feb. 1889.)

MARANTA. *Salep des Indes occidentales*, Fr. *Maranta Stärke*, G. Under this name the U. S. Pharmacopœia, 1870, recognized the fecula obtained from the root of *M. arundinacea*. (*Arrow-root*, F. *Amerikanisches Starkmehl*, *Arrowmehl*, G.) The root (rhizome) of this plant is perennial, tuberous, fleshy, horizontal, nearly cylindrical, scaly, from six inches to a foot or more in length, and furnished with numerous long white fibres. It sends forth several tuberous, jointed, curved, white, scaly stoles, the points of which sometimes rise above the ground and become new plants. The stems, of which several proceed from the same root, are annual, slender, branched, jointed, leafy, and about three feet in height. The leaves are ovate-lanceolate, about four inches long, alternate, and supported solitarily, at the joints of the stem, upon long, sheathing footstalks. The flowers are in a long, loose, spreading, terminal panicle, at each ramification of which is a solitary linear bract. The calyx consists of three small lanceolate leaves. The corolla is white and monopetalous, with a tube longer than the calyx, and a double border, of which the three outermost segments are smallest, and the two inner obovate and slightly emarginate.

The arrow-root plant is a native of the West Indies, where it is largely cultivated. It is cultivated also in the East Indies, Sierra Leone, the south of Africa, and was formerly in our Southern States, especially Georgia and Florida. The plant is easily propagated by cuttings of the root. An analysis by Macdonald (*Journ. Soc. Chem. Indus.*, 1887, p. 336) gives the following as the composition of the St. Vincent root: starch, 27·07 per cent.; fibre, 2·82; fat, 0·26; albumen, 1·56; sugar, gum, etc., 4·10; ash, 1·23; water, 62·96; total, 100·00. An analysis of the arrow-root starch from the same locality by Macdonald gave: starch, 83·70 per cent.; fibre, 0·04; fat, 0·07; sugar, gum, etc., 0·18; ash and sand, 0·14; water, 15·87; total, 100·00. The fecula is prepared in the following manner. The

roots are dug up when a year old, washed, and then beaten into a pulp, which is thrown into water, and agitated so as to separate the amylaceous from the fibrous portion. The fibres are removed by the hand, and the starch remains suspended in the water, to which it gives a milky color. The milky fluid is strained through coarse linen, and allowed to stand that the fecula may subside, which is then washed with a fresh portion of water, and afterwards dried in the sun. We obtain the true arrow-root chiefly through London from the West Indies. That from the Bermudas has in general been most highly esteemed.* The term Bermuda arrow-root is now applied commercially to any carefully prepared arrow-root, without reference to the place of its production. Jamaica arrow-root is an inferior article, which is to some extent imported directly. St. Vincent, one of the British West India Islands, furnishes a large amount of the arrow-root imported into this country.

Other plants contribute to furnish the arrow-root of commerce. Lindley states that it is procured in the West Indies from *Maranta Allouya* and *M. nobilis*, besides *M. arundinacea*. Under the name of *M. Indica*, Tussac describes a distinct species, which he says was originally brought from the East Indies, and is now cultivated in Jamaica. This, however, is generally considered as a mere variety of *M. arundinacea*, from which it differs chiefly in having leaves more elongated at the point, and smooth on both sides. Very fine arrow-root is obtained in the East Indies from the root of *Curcuma angustifolia* of Roxburgh, which is cultivated in Travancore. But the product is lighter than the Maranta arrow-root, and does not so quickly make a jelly. Ainslie states that *M. arundinacea* has been introduced from the West Indies into Ceylon, where good arrow-root is prepared from it. Cassava arrow-root is prepared in Brazil from the *Janipha Manihot*, and sometimes sold as arrow-root, or used to adulterate the true arrow-root. A variety of arrow-root has been imported from the Sandwich Islands. Mr. Nuttall, during a visit to these islands, found that it was obtained from a species of tacca, which he described by the name of *Tacca oceanica*. (*A. J. P.*, ix. 305.) It is said that a similar product is afforded by *Tacca pinnatifida*, growing in the East India province of Arracan. (*P. J. Tr.*, vi. 383.) Arrow-root has been brought from Florida, prepared near St. Augustine from the root of *Zamia integrifolia*, by a process similar to that employed for the fecula of the Maranta (Dr. J. Carson, *A. J. P.*, xiv. 22); but care must be taken not to confound this with the genuine maranta from the same State. The tuberous roots of different species of Alstrœmeria, growing in South America, yield a fecula used for the same purposes as the maranta; and a specimen, under the name of *Talcahuana arrow-root*, was sent from Chili by Dr. Ruschenberger to Prof. Carson, of this city, who ascertained it to be the product of the *Alstrœmeria ligtu*. (*Ibid.* xxxii. 289.) In the West Indies, substitutes for arrow-root are furnished by the roots of *Dioscorea sativa* or *yam*, and of *Colocasia esculenta*, and by the fruit of *Artocarpus incisa* or bread-fruit tree. Attempts have been made to substitute finely prepared potato starch for arrow-root; and there is no doubt that in nutritive properties it is quite equal; but patients complain of an unpleasant taste of the potato which it is apt to retain.

Arrow-root is in the form of a light white powder, or of small pulverulent masses, without smell or taste. It has a firm feel when pressed between the fingers, and produces a faint crackling sound when rubbed. It is a pure starch, corresponding in chemical properties with that of wheat and the potato. It is very apt to be musty, and should then be rejected. The odor and taste are the best criteria of its purity. It should be perfectly free from smell and unpleasant flavor. Prof. Procter rendered musty arrow-root sweet and fit for use by washing it thoroughly with two successive portions of cold water, and then drying it upon frames of muslin in a warm place. (*A. J. P.*, xiii. 188.) Arrow-root is sometimes adulterated with wheat or potato starch. These may be detected by the microscope. Hydrochloric acid has been proposed as a test. A mixture of equal parts of that acid and of water, rubbed with about half its weight of potato or wheat starch, very quickly forms so thick a mucilage that the mortar in which the trituration is effected may be raised by the pestle; while the same result does not take place with rice flour or arrow-root under 25 or 30 minutes. So small a proportion as from 4 to 6 per cent. of the impurity may, it is asserted, be detected in this way. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., ii. 246.) The German Pharmacopœia test is as follows: "When arrow-root is shaken for ten minutes with ten parts of a mixture consisting of two parts of hydrochloric acid and one part of water, the greater part should separate unchanged, and it should not become mucilaginous nor yield an herbaceous odor similar to that of green unripe bean-pods." (*Lochman.*)

As the microscope offers the best means of distinguishing the different varieties of fecula sold as arrow-root, or used for its adulteration, it is proper to indicate the form of their granules as exhibited by this instrument. Those of *Maranta arrow-root* are rarely oblong, somewhat ovate-oblong, or irregularly convex, with very fine rings, a circular hilum which cracks in a linear or stellate manner, and small mammillary processes occasionally projecting from them. (*Pereira.*) The largest are the 750th of an inch, but many are not more than the 2000th of an inch long; and their breadth is generally two-thirds of their length. (*Christison.*) The granules of the *East India arrow-root* are, according to Pereira, of unequal size, ovate or oblong-ovate, flattened, and often furnished with a very short neck or nipple-like projection. The rings are numerous, close, and very fine; and the hilum, which is situated at the narrow extremity, is circular, small, and indistinct. The microscopic appearance of the *tapioca fecula* will be described under the head of *Tapioca*. The *Tacca fecula* from the South Sea Islands, examined by Pereira, consisted of circular, muller-shaped, or polyhedral granules, with few and not very distinct rings, and a small, circular hilum, which cracked in a linear or stellate manner. The *Florida* or *Zamia arrow-root* was found by Dr. Carson to consist of granules forming the half, third, or quarter of a solid sphere. The *potato starch* granules are of various shape and size, but generally ovate or elliptical, and from the 7000th to the 300th of an inch in length; the largest being inferior in size only to the largest of the canna starch or *tous-les-mois*. (See *Canna.*) They are strongly marked with concentric rings, and have a circular hilum, from

* For an account of the preparation of arrow-root in Georgia, see *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1858, p. 332. Dr. Robert Battey states that arrow-root is still raised for home consumption in some of the counties of Georgia, but it no longer appears in the Philadelphia market.

which usually proceed the cracks observable in some of the larger grains. (*Pereira.*)

Medical Properties and Uses. Arrow-root is nutritious and demulcent, affording a light, very mild, and easily digested article of diet, well adapted for the sick and convalescent, and peculiarly suited, from its demulcent properties, to bowel complaints and diseases of the urinary passages. It is much used as food for infants after weaning, or when the mother's milk is insufficient. It is prepared by dissolving it in hot water, with which it forms a pearly gelatinous solution, and, if in sufficient quantity, a jelly-like mass on cooling. A tablespoonful will communicate sufficient consistence to a pint of water. It should first be formed into a paste with a little cold water, and the boiling water then gradually added with brisk agitation. The preparation may be rendered more palatable by lemon-juice and sugar, or by wine and spices. For children, arrow-root is usually prepared with milk.

MASSOI BARK. In Eastern commerce certain aromatic barks occur, under the name of massoi barks. Of these, three are believed by Dr. F. Hekmeyer to be the products respectively of *Cinnamomum xanthoneuron*, *Cinnamomum kiamis*, and *Sassafras goesianum*. For a description of these barks, by E. M. Holmes, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xix., 1888. The massoi bark which comes from New Guinea, and from which Messrs. Schimmel have distilled an oil resembling that of nutmeg and cloves, probably has a different origin from the true massoi bark.

MATA. This name is given, in New Mexico, to an herb much used in that region as an addition to tobacco in smoking. It is said, when burning, to have an odor like that of the Tonka bean, and, when smoked with tobacco, to correct the extremely disagreeable smell imparted by this to the clothing and apartments. From imperfect specimens of the plant raised by Prof. E. S. Wayne and sent to Prof. Maisch, it is supposed to be a Eupatorium, probably the *E. incarnatum* of Walter, which is indigenous in Texas. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 122.)

MEAT BISCUIT. (See *Extractum Carnis.*) This alimentary substance, containing much nutriment in a small bulk, is the invention of Mr. Gail Borden, jun., of Texas. It is made by mixing a concentrated fluid extract of flesh, strained through wire-cloth, and freed from fat, with good wheat flour, or other meal, and baking the dough into a biscuit, which must be preserved, in mass or coarse powder, free from moisture, in gutta-percha bags, or air-tight casks or cases. To make the dough, about two parts of the extract are mixed with three of the flour; and about 20 per cent. is lost in baking. The extract contains the soluble ingredients of the flesh, not coagulable by heat,—namely, gelatin, kreatin, kreatinin, phosphoric, lactic, and inosinic acids, and certain salts. Of course, it contains no albumen or fibrin, unless in some altered state in which they are rendered soluble at a boiling temperature. In this nutritious biscuit, the absence of albumen and fibrin is supposed to be supplied by the gluten of the flour. To prepare a pint of palatable soup, an ounce of the powdered biscuit, first made into a thin paste with cold water, is added, with constant stirring, to sufficient boiling water, and the whole boiled for twenty minutes. Salt and pepper are then added to suit the taste. The meat biscuit forms an important resource in all cases in which food must be carried on long journeys for daily consumption.

Flour of Meat. This substance was formerly prepared by Dr. A. H. Hassall, of London, by drying the meat, at a temperature generally below that necessary for coagulating albumen, so as to deprive it of all its water, without removing any of its essential constituents, perhaps in vacuo, and then grinding it into a *very fine powder*. When made from beef, the powder is of a light-brown color and very agreeable taste; and one pound represents four pounds of flesh, or six pounds of the leanest joints not deprived of bone and fat. Notwithstanding that this flour of meat was found by Dr. Hassall to be useful in *dyspepsia*, etc., it has not come into general vogue.

Raw Meat has been recommended as an article of diet for consumptive patients, and especially for scrofulous children, and in other cachectic cases, and is asserted to have proved highly useful. It may also be employed with great advantage in *dyspepsia* and *chronic diarrhœa*, especially in children. It was brought into notice by M. Fuster, of Montpellier, France. The following formula is recommended by M. Reveil. Take of fillet of beef 100 grammes, deprive it carefully of all fatty and membranous matter, cut it up finely, beat it in a mortar, and add of powdered sugar 20 grammes, sodium chloride 1·5 grammes, potassium chloride half a gramme, and powdered black pepper one-fifth of a gramme. The mixture is to be taken in teaspoonful doses through the day. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 145.) An excellent method of exhibiting raw meat is to *scrape* a thin steak and mix the pulp thus obtained with brandy. M. Ivon asserts that a very pleasant emulsion is afforded by the following formula (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 346). Take of raw meat 250 parts, of sweet almonds 75 parts, of bitter almonds 5 parts, of white sugar 80 parts. Blanch the almonds and beat the whole into a paste. In dissolving, milk may be used instead of water.

Pemmican, which before the extermination of buffaloes was much used in the northwest part of the United States as an excellent condensed food, was made by mixing equal parts of buffalo meat and buffalo tallow, and pouring the melted mixture into sacks of untanned buffalo hide.

MEDEOLA VIRGINICA. *Gyromia Virginica.* Nuttall. *Indian Cucumber.* An indigenous perennial herb, growing in all parts of the United States. The root, which in shape and flavor bears a strong resemblance to a small cucumber, is said by Pursh to be eaten by the Indians, and by Prof. Barton to be useful as a diuretic in *dropsies*.

MEGARRHIZA CALIFORNICA. *Man-root.* Mr. J. P. Heaney has obtained a substance from this root of resinous character which he calls *megarrhizitin*, and another which he believes to be a glucoside and calls *megarrhizin*. It is said to be actively cathartic. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 451.) A second glucoside was obtained by W. M. Young (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 195), to which the name of *megarrhin* was given. It resembles saponin, and possesses the property of dilating the pupil. Young also found two resins, one soluble in alcohol and the other soluble in ether.

MELASTOMA ACKERMANNI. This Colombian plant is used in South America as an antineuralgic. Its abundant essential oil resembles methyl salicylate, if indeed it be not identical with it. (See *New Rem.*, Aug. and Sept., 1883.)

MELILOTUS OFFICINALIS. *Melilot. Herba Meliloti*, P.G. *Sweet Clover. Summitates méliloti. Mélilot*, Fr. *Steinklee, Melilotenklee*, G.

An annual or biennial plant, indigenous in Europe, and growing also in this country. We have two varieties, one with yellow, the other with white flowers, which are considered by some as distinct species. The plant, when in flower, has a peculiar sweet odor, which, by drying, becomes stronger and more agreeable, somewhat like that of the Tonka bean. This similarity is accounted for by the fact that *coumarin*, $C_9H_6O_2$, the chief constituent of Tonka beans, is present in melilot, combined with *melilotic acid*, $C_9H_{10}O_3$, and *coumaric acid*, $C_9H_8O_3$, of which latter acid *coumarin* is the anhydride. The taste of melilot is slightly bitterish. It has little medical power, and, though formerly recommended, it is at present not employed.

MENTHA PULEGIUM. *European Pennyroyal.* This European labiate yields an oil which is known in England as the *oil of pennyroyal*, and must not be confounded with the American plant of the same name. The oil, which is also known as the *oil of Poley*, has been examined by Beckmann and Pleissner (*Ann. der Chem. und Pharm.*, 262, p. 1), who discovered as the most important constituent *pulegone*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, a ketone. It boils under a pressure of 60 Mm. at 130°–131° F., turns the plane of polarization to the right, and has a sp. gr. 0·9323 at 0° C. It forms crystalline compounds with hydroxylamine and with hydrogen bromide. When reduced by sodium in ethereal solution pulegone is changed into menthol. Pulegone is most abundant in the Spanish oil, and less abundant in American and Algerian oils. Wallach (*Ann. Chem. und Pharm.*, 272, p. 122) and Semmler (*Ber. Chem. Ges.*, 25, p. 3515) have also made additional studies of pulegone. It is stated (*British Med. Journ.*, March, 1890) that the European oil of pennyroyal is largely used for the purpose of producing abortion, and is popularly believed to be safer and more certain than the other volatile oils. The possession by it of such power is, however, denied by no less an authority than Taylor, the famous toxicologist.

MENTHIODOL. This substance has been recommended as a local application in neuralgia. It is prepared by carefully heating four parts of menthol in a capsule, adding one part of finely-powdered iodol, and triturating into a homogenous mass, which is made into cones or pencils of a suitable size. If the mass be too hard, it can be softened by remelting with a minute quantity of camphor.

MENYANTHES TRIFOLIATA. *Buckbean. Marsh Trefoil.* Willd. *Bogbean. Water Shamrock. Folia Trifolii Fibrini*, P.G. *Menyanthe, Trèfle d'eau (de marais)*, Fr. *Fieberklee, Bitterklee, Dreiblatt*, G. This gentianaceous plant has a perennial, long, round, jointed, horizontal, branching, dark-colored root or rhizome, about as thick as the finger, and sending out numerous fibres from its under surface. The leaves are ternate, and upon long stalks, which proceed from the end of the root, and are furnished at their base with sheathing stipules. The leaflets are obovate, obtuse, entire or bluntly denticulate, very smooth, beautifully green on their upper surface, and paler beneath. The flower-stalk is erect, round, smooth, from six to twelve inches high, longer than the leaves, and terminated by a conical raceme of whitish, somewhat rose-colored flowers. The calyx is five-parted; the corolla funnel-shaped, with a short tube, and a five-cleft, revolute border, covered on the upper side with numerous long, fleshy fibres. The anthers are red and sagittate; the germ ovate, supporting a slender style longer than the stamens, and terminating in a bifid stigma. The fruit is an ovate, two-valved, one-celled capsule, containing numerous seeds. This beautiful plant is a native both of Europe and North America, growing in boggy and marshy places, always moist, and occasionally overflowed with water. It prevails, in the United States, from the northern boundary to Virginia. In this country the flowers appear in May, in England not until June or July. All parts of it are efficacious, but the leaves only were official.

The taste of buckbean is intensely bitter and somewhat nauseous, the odor of the leaves faint and disagreeable. The plant has been examined by Trommsdorff, Brandes, Landerer, and Kromayer. Its virtues depend on a bitter principle denominated *menyanthin*, which may be obtained sufficiently pure for use by treating the spirituous extract of the plant with hydrated lead oxide, removing the lead by hydrosulphuric acid, filtering and evaporating the liquor, exhausting the residue with alcohol, and again evaporating with a gentle heat. It has a pure bitter taste, is soluble in alcohol and water, but not in pure ether, and is chemically neutral. Kromayer (1865) assigns to it the formula $C_{30}H_{46}O_{14}$, and states that it breaks up on heating with dilute sulphuric acid into a fermentable sugar and *menyanthol*, C_8H_8O, a colorless, difficultly volatilizable oil, smelling like bitter almond. K. Leuderich (*Arch. der Phar.*, 1892, pp. 38 and 48) has since studied *menyanthin*, and gives it the formula $C_{33}H_{50}O_{14}$, and states that its decomposition products are a phenol-like body, *menyanthol*, $C_7H_{11}O_2$, a resinous product, and a left-rotatory sugar. With the ordinary properties of the bitter tonics, menyanthes unites a cathartic power, and in large doses it is apt to vomit. It was formerly held in high esteem in Europe as a remedy in numerous complaints, among which were *intermittents*, *rheumatism*, *scrofula*, *scurvy*, *dropsy*, *jaundice*, and various cachectic and cutaneous affections. The dose of the powdered leaves or root as a tonic is from twenty to thirty grains; of an infusion, prepared with half an ounce to a pint of boiling water, from one to two fluidounces; and of the extract ten or fifteen grains, to be repeated three or four times a day. A drachm of the powder, or a gill of the strong decoction, generally purges, and often occasions vomiting.

MERCURETHYL CHLORIDE. $Hg(C_2H_5)Cl$. This has been proposed as a substitute for corrosive sublimate, but is not at all likely to come into use. For an account of it, see *A. J. P.*, xlv. 337.

MERCURIALIS ANNUA. An herbaceous European plant, of the family of Euphorbiaceæ, which has been employed, from the most ancient times, as a purgative and emmenagogue. It has also been considered by some as diuretic, and has been used in the treatment of syphilitic affections. When boiled, it loses its acridity, and in this condition has been used as an emollient. Another species, *M. perennis*, also a native of Europe, is poisonous. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) M. Reichardt has discovered in *M. annua* a volatile alkaloid, which he named *mercurialine*. According to E. Schmidt (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. x. p. 29), *mercurialine* is identical with *methylamine*, $CH_3.NH_2$, and is associated in the Mercurialis with *trimethylamine*. It is a liquid, of an oily appearance, narcotic odor, and alkaline reaction; boils at 140° C. (284° F.); forms salts with the acids; absorbs carbonic acid; has a strong affinity for water; on exposure to the air it is changed into a resin of a buttery consistence; and is very poison-

ous to man; but Dr. Hugo Schulz (*Archiv f. Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, April, 1886, p. 88) found that neither the fluid extract nor the herb given as food was capable of killing either the pig or the rabbit, and that 4½ grains of the mercurialine hypodermically injected had no effect. The urine is increased in quantity and colored reddish.

MERCURIC SULPHIDE. *Hydrargyri Sulphidum Rubrum, U. S.* 1880. *Red Sulphide of Mercury. Cinnabar.* HgS; 231·78. HgS; 231·7. *Hydrargyri Sulphuretum Rubrum, U. S.* 1870. *Cinnabaris. Hydrargyrum Sulfuratum Rubrum*, P. G. *Sulfuretum Hydrargyricum. Sulfure rouge de Mercure*, Fr. *Rothes Schwefelquecksilber, Zinnober*, G. This preparation, which was formerly official both in the United States and British Pharmacopœias, has been finally dropped from each. It can be made by mixing together forty parts of mercury and eight parts of sulphur, and subliming the mass after it has become cold. In order to render the combination more prompt, the sulphur is first melted; and the addition of the mercury should be made gradually, while the mixture is constantly stirred. Dr. Barker recommends the addition of the metal by straining it upon the melted sulphur through a linen cloth, whereby it falls in a minutely divided state. When the temperature has arrived at a certain point, the combination takes place suddenly with a slight explosion, attended with the inflammation of the sulphur, which must be extinguished by covering the vessel. A black mass will thus be formed, containing generally an excess of sulphur, which, before the sublimation is performed, should be got rid of by gently heating the matter, reduced to powder, on a sand-bath. The sublimation is best performed, on a small scale, in a closely-stopped glass matrass, which should be placed in a crucible containing sand, and, thus arranged, exposed to a red heat. The equivalent quantities for forming this sulphide are 32 of sulphur and 199·7 of mercury.

Cinnabar is seldom prepared on a small scale, being made in large quantities for the purposes of the arts. Until within a few years it was nearly all manufactured in Europe, but it is now made to an enormous extent in this country. In Holland, where it is largely manufactured, the sulphur is melted in a cast-iron vessel, and the mercury is added in a divided state, by causing it to pass through chamois leather. As soon as the combination has taken place, the iron vessel is surmounted by another, into which the cinnabar is sublimed. The larger the quantity of the materials employed in one operation, the finer will be the tint of the product. It is also important in the manufacture to use the materials pure, and to drive off any uncombined sulphur which may exist in the mass, before submitting it to sublimation. In the United States, Martin's method, consisting of the agitation together of quicksilver, sulphur, and an alkaline sulphide, appears to have the preference. Another process for its manufacture in the wet way very largely employed is Brunner's. (*Wagner's Chem. Tech.*, 13th ed., 1889, p. 552.)

Properties, etc. "Brilliant, dark red, crystalline masses, or a fine, bright, scarlet powder, permanent in the air, odorless and tasteless, insoluble in water, alcohol, nitric or hydrochloric acid, or in dilute solutions of alkalies. It is dissolved by nitrohydrochloric acid with separation of sulphur. When heated, the salt becomes brown and then black, but, on cooling, it reassumes its red color. At a higher temperature it takes fire, burns with a bluish flame, emitting the odor of burning sulphur, and is finally volatilized without residue. On dissolving the salt in nitrohydrochloric acid and adding an excess of stannous chloride, metallic mercury is precipitated. If the salt be treated with warm solution of potassa, the filtrate, after being acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should not yield a yellow or orange-colored precipitate (arsenic, antimony), nor should it produce a colored precipitate with acetate of lead (chromates, iodides, or other sulphides). If the salt be digested with diluted nitric acid for five minutes, the filtrate, after being much diluted, should not be darkened by hydrosulphuric acid (abs. of red oxide of mercury or of lead)." *U. S.* 1880. In close vessels at a red heat it sublimes without decomposition, and condenses in a mass, composed of a multitude of small needles. When duly levigated, it furnishes a brilliant red powder, which is the paint called *vermilion*. The same compound occurs native, being the sole ore from which mercury is extracted. The preparation, if purchased in powder, should be carefully examined; as, in that state, it is sometimes adulterated with red lead, dragon's blood, or chalk. If red lead be present, acetic acid, digested with it, will then yield a yellow precipitate (lead iodide) with potassium iodide. Dragon's blood may be detected by alcohol, which will take up the coloring matter of that substance, if present; and, if chalk be mixed with it, effervescence will be excited on the addition of an acid. This sulphide consists of one atom of mercury 199·8, and one of sulphur 31·98 = 231·78.

Cinnabar is at present only employed in medicine by fumigation, as a rapid sialagogue, in syphilitic affections, when it is desired to obtain an immediate mercurial impression. Half a drachm may be thrown on a red-hot iron, in a close apartment, and fumes inhaled as they arise. These consist of sulphurous acid gas and mercurial vapor, the former of which must prove highly irritating to the patient's lungs. A better substance for mercurial fumigation is black mercurous oxide.

MERCURY. A number of compounds of mercury have been prepared since the sixteenth edition of the United States Dispensatory, for medicinal uses, especially for hypodermic injections. The most important of these are as follows.

Hydrargyrum Amidopropionicum. Alanin Mercury. Dr. Lucca claims that this compound may be administered internally or subcutaneously, in doses of 0·10 Gm., with great advantage over other antisyphilitics. To prepare "alanin mercury," crystallized amidopropionic acid is dissolved in water, heated to boiling, and mercury added as long as it is dissolved. The filtrate is rapidly evaporated, and the compound then separates in white crystalline needles.

Hydrargyrum-Asparagin. $(C_4H_7N_2O_3)_2Hg$. *Asparagin Mercury.* This preparation is made by adding mercury in excess to the hot aqueous solution of asparagin, filtering while cold, and determining by trituration the proportion of mercury, the intention being that the solution shall contain a half per cent. of asparagin mercury. It is a colorless, inodorous preparation, which has been employed for hypodermic injection by Neumann and others in the treatment of syphilis. It is claimed that the injection produces no local disturbance, even when repeated daily, and that the mercurial passes with extraordinary rapidity into the circulation, and acts

with corresponding promptness upon the morbid process, almost the whole of the mercurial being recoverable from the urine twenty-four hours after injection. The hypodermic dose of asparagin mercury is one-sixth of a grain (0·01 Gm.). (*Nouv. Remèdes*, May, 1892.)

Hydrargyri Benzoas, *Mercuric Benzoate* ($Hg(C_6H_5COO)_2 + H_2O$), is obtained by double decomposition between an alkaline benzoate and a mercuric salt, for the treatment of syphilitic diseases; a white, crystalline, odorless, and tasteless powder, which is sparingly soluble in water, but easily in alcohol as well as in aqueous solutions of sodium chloride, the latter effect being due to its property of forming easily soluble double salts with the haloids. It has been strongly recommended by Stukowenkow for hypodermic use and in *gonorrhœa*. For urethral injections the solution may be 1 to 1000 or 2000, with an equal quantity of sodium chloride. For subcutaneous injections it is employed in conjunction with cocaine, the following being the proportions: Hydrargyri benzoatis, 0·2 to 0·3; aquæ dest., 40·0; sodii chloridi, 0·1; cocainæ hydrochlor., 0·15. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, April, 1889.)

Hydrargyri Bromidum, *Mercurous Bromide* (Hg_2Br_2), is formed by adding potassium bromide to mercurous nitrate. It falls as a white curdy precipitate. *Mercuric bromide* ($HgBr_2$) may be obtained by digesting mercurous bromide in water containing bromine. Mr. A. E. Ebert prepares it by reaction between potassium bromide and official solution of mercuric nitrate. For the particulars of the process, see a paper by Mr. Ebert in the *A. J. P.*, March, 1867, p. 107. It is in the form of colorless crystals, soluble in water and alcohol. Exposed to heat it melts and sublimes. These bromides are analogous in composition and medical properties to the corresponding mercury iodides. Mercurous bromide is given in the dose of a grain (0·065 Gm.) daily, gradually increased. Mercuric bromide resembles corrosive sublimate, is an irritant poison, and may be administered in doses of the sixteenth of a grain (0·004 Gm.), gradually increased to the fourth (0·016 Gm.), either in the form of pill, or in ethereal solution made by dissolving a grain in a fluidrachm of ether.

Hydrargyri Carbolas, *Mercuric Carbolate* or *Phenylate*, $(C_6H_5O)_2Hg$, occurs as colorless needles, insoluble in water and cold alcohol, but taken up by hot alcohol, by ether, or a mixture of alcohol and ether, and by glacial acetic acid. This substance has been used by the mouth as an anti-syphilitic, in doses of a third to a half grain (0·02 to 0·032 Gm.).

Hydrargyri et Zinci Cyanidum, *Mercuric and Zinc Cyanide*, is stated by Dunstan to be a true chemical compound, with the formula $Zn_4Hg(CN)_{10}$. It is a white powder, entirely insoluble in water. This substance has been very highly recommended by Sir J. Lister as an antiseptic dressing, and believed by him to be practically free from irritating or poisonous properties. (See page 1465.)

Hydrargyri Iodotannas, *Iodotannate of Mercury*, according to J. Nourry (*Bull. Gén. Thér.*, April, 1888), is a soluble, non-irritating compound. For hypodermic use a solution is prepared from mercury 0·008 Gm. (⅛ grain); iodine 0·03 Gm.; kramerotannic acid 0·04 Gm.; and glycerin 1 C.c.

Hydrargyri Oxycyanidum, *Oxycyanide of Mercury*, $Hg_2O(CN)_2$, has been highly lauded by M. Chibret as an anæsthetic in diseases of the eye, having the advantage of being much better borne than the bichloride. He uses one part in fifteen hundred of water.

Hydrargyri Peptonas. Under this name pharmacists have offered a yellowish liquid, with a saline, feebly metallic taste and slight acid reaction. It is claimed that it may be used hypodermically without production of pain. One C.c. is said to be equivalent to one-sixth of a grain of mercuric chloride. As a substitute for this has been proposed *gluten-peptone sublimate*. This has been offered as a white lustrous hygroscopic powder, or more commonly in one per cent. solution. It is said to contain twenty-five per cent. of corrosive sublimate, and to be an efficient, non-irritating, preparation for hypodermic use.

Hydrargyri Pyroboras. The *pyroborate of mercury*, HgB_4O_7, an amorphous brown, insoluble powder, has been commended by V. Tokayer (*Pharm. Post*, 1892) as a local application in the treatment of specific and other ulcerations.

Hydrargyri Salicylas, the *neutral salicylate of mercury*, a white, amorphous, tasteless, and odorless powder, scarcely soluble in alcohol and water, and having the formula $(C_6H_4OHCO_2)_2Hg$, was first introduced as a remedy by Dr. Silva Araujo, of Rio Janeiro, who claimed that it had less influence upon the alimentary tract, was better borne than any other preparation of mercury, and that it was also more effective in syphilis.

The statements of Araujo have in a measure been confirmed by various physicians, and especially has it been claimed that the salicylate may be given by intramuscular injection without producing local effects, and with a rapid mercurialization of the system. The dose internally is the one-twenty-fifth of a grain, two or three times a day. Hypodermically, one-sixth of a grain may be given with an equal amount of potassium carbonate, in distilled water.

Hydrargyrum Sozojodolicum, $(C_6H_2I_2(OH)SO_3)_2Hg$, is a lemon-yellow powder, scarcely soluble in water, but more readily in sodium chloride. This preparation, which is said to contain 31 per cent. of quicksilver and 38 per cent. of iodine, has been especially recommended by Witthauer (*München. Med. Wochensch.*, Aug. 1892) in the treatment of *syphilitic ulcerations*, *enlarged glands*, and skin diseases, in the form of a one per cent. salve. The one per cent. solution is also used by Prof. Genzmer as an injection into diseased joints, etc.

Hydrargyri Succinimidum. $(C_4H_4O_2N)_2Hg$. *Succinimide of Mercury.* This drug may be formed by heating together succinic acid, carbonic anhydride, and ammonia. It furnishes with mercuric oxide a compound which occurs as a white silky powder, soluble in water. This solution remains quite unchanged when kept. According to Dr. Vollert, the solution of one and three-tenths grammes of this salt in one hundred of water is free from irritant properties, and when used hypodermically produces no disagreeable local or even secondary symptoms. (*Thérap. Monatsch.*, 1888.)

Hydrargyri Sulphocyanas. $Hg(CyS)_2$. *Sulphocyanate of Mercury*, formerly called sulphocyanide of mercury, is produced by mixing dilute solutions of mercurous nitrate and sulphocyanate of potassium. The white precipitate which falls, when dried, swells up suddenly when heated, giving off nitrogen, carbon disulphide, and vapor of mercury, leaving a gray residue, *mellone*. The salt is used in the preparation of the toy "*Pharaoh's serpents.*"

Hydrargyri Tannas. *Tannate of Mercury*, which was first brought forward by Lustgarten

(*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, March, 1892), has received some favor at the hands of syphilographers, and is official in the Austrian Pharmacopœia under the name of *Hydrargyrum tannicum oxydulatum*. It is claimed for it that it has the especial advantage of being unabsorbed in the stomach, but decomposed by the alkaline juices of the duodenum, in such a way as to yield very minute globules of metallic mercury for ready absorption. It may be prepared either by precipitating concentrated solution of tannic acid and oxydulated mercurous nitrate, or by rubbing together tannic acid and oxydulated mercurous nitrate. According to Lustgarten, the first process yields the better preparation. In *syphilis*, 3 grains may be given to the adult daily, increasing to 5 grains or more until 100 or 150 grains are taken. It is claimed that it does not irritate the alimentary canal.

Thymolnitrate of mercury, $(C_{10}H_{13}O)Hg–HgNO_3$; also, *thymolacetate of mercury*, $(C_{10}H_{13}O)-Hg–HgC_2H_3O_2$; also, *thymolsulphate of mercury*, $[(C_{10}H_{13}O)Hg–Hg]_2SO_4$, have all been used with asserted good effects in syphilis, in hypodermic doses of one-twelfth to one-sixth of a grain. (See *Merck's Jahresbericht*, 1891, 1892; also, *Wien. Klin. Wochens.*, March, 1892.) Besides these preparations, *naphtolate of mercury*, a lemon-yellow powder, containing 30·8 per cent. of mercury; and the *mercuric formamidate*, a solution obtained by the action of formamide upon mercuric oxide, and the *tribrophenol acetate of mercury*, containing about 30 per cent. of quicksilver, have been put upon the market by E. Merck and other chemists.

MESEMBRYANTHEMUM CRYSTALLINUM. *Ice-plant. Diamond Fig. Glaciale. Cristalline*, Fr. *Eiskraut*, G. A biennial plant, a native of the south of Europe. The stem and under surface of the leaves are covered with crystalline drops, which give the plant the appearance of being coated with ice. H. Mangon obtained as much as 43 per cent. of salts of potassium and sodium from the dried leaves. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 370.) The herb is without smell, and has a saline somewhat nauseous taste. It is considered demulcent and diuretic, and has been commended as a remedy in various complaints, especially those of the mucous membrane of the lungs and urinary passages. It has also been used in *dropsy*. The expressed juice is the form in which it has been generally employed.

MESENNA. *Musenna. Bisenna. Muséna, Moucéna*, Fr. *Musennarinde*, G. Under these different names has been brought into notice, as a powerful *tænifuge*, the bark of an Abyssinian tree, named by M. Brongniart *Albizzia anthelmintica*. The bark is in flat pieces from five to ten inches long, smooth, slightly fissured, of a rusty-gray color exteriorly, and pale yellow and fibrous within. It consists of four layers, one of which contains very large cells, with thick coats, and is supposed to be the active part. MM. E. Caventou and Legendre have examined the bark, and found in it no alkaloid, but a peculiar, acid, resinous substance, having an acrid taste, analogous to that of the bark, of which it is probably the active principle. The *musennin* of Thiel is probably the same, although not as yet in a pure state. The Abyssinians employ the powdered bark, in the dose of about two ounces, which they take in various ways, suspended in water or other liquid, or mixed with flour in the form of bread, or made into a confection with honey, butter, etc. It is taken in the morning, three or four hours before breakfast, and no other precautions are used. It produces no pain nor any disturbance of the functions, not even purging actively. Fragments of the worm are voided the same evening, and the greater portion of it the next day. Successful trials of the remedy have been made elsewhere than in Abyssinia, though M. Rayer has collected cases which tend to discountenance the opinion of its vermifuge powers. But the bark may in these instances have been injured by time. (See *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1862, p. 161.)

MESQUITE GUM. *Gum Mesquite. Gum Mezquite.* This is the product of *Prosopis juliflora*, D. C. (*Algarobia glandulosa*, Torrey and Gray), a small thorny tree or shrub, belonging to the family of Mimoseæ, and growing in New Mexico, Texas, and other neighboring regions, where it covers vast extents of country. Captain R. B. Marcy, of the U. S. Army, who commanded an expedition sent by our government into that region, gives a particular account of the tree, in a letter to Messrs. Rushton & Co., of New York. He states that it was first described by Dr. Edwin James, who attended Colonel Long's exploring expedition to the Rocky Mountains many years since. The specimens collected by Dr. James were submitted to Dr. Torrey, by whom the botanical character of the plant was determined. According to Captain Marcy, the tree is found between 26° and 36° of N. latitude, and extends from 97° to 103° of W. longitude, over a region containing more than 500,000 square miles. In its botanical affinities and habits it is closely analogous to the Acaciæ, which yield gum arabic. The fruit is a long, compressed pod, filled with a sweet pulp, which is said to contain 30 per cent. of grape sugar, and is used very largely by the Indians as food for themselves and horses. A gum exudes from the stem and branches. It occurs in irregular, roundish pieces, of various sizes and usually of a dark amber-brown color, though sometimes, especially when gathered from young trees, it is nearly colorless. Examined by Prof. Procter, the gum was found to resemble gum arabic in its solubilities, but to differ from it essentially in some of its chemical reactions. The most striking points of difference are that solution of gum mesquite is not precipitated by lead subacetate, and a strong solution is not coagulated by borax. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 224.) Dr. Campbell Morfit, of Baltimore, found it to approximate very closely to gum arabic in ultimate composition, its constituents being carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, with three per cent. of inorganic matter. He found also a very little bassorin (0·206 per cent.), which did not exist in the specimens examined by Prof. Procter. (*Am. Journ. of Sci. and Arts*, March, 1855, p. 264. See, also, *A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 542, for a brief description of the gum and its character.) There can be little doubt that this gum has all the valuable medicinal properties of gum arabic, and might be substituted for it in all cases, with this considerable advantage, that it may be added to diluted solution. As much as 24,000 pounds are said to have been gathered in 1872, and chiefly used by confectioners.

The beans of a second species of Prosopis (*P. pubescens*, Benth.) are largely employed as food by the Indians. The wood of both species is exceedingly hard and very valuable, both in the arts and as fuel.

METHACETIN. *Para-acetanisidine. Para-oxymethylacetanilid.* $C_6H_4(OCH_3).NHC_2H_3O$. This differs from acetanilid in having an atom of the nucleus replaced by the oxymethyl group

(OCH_3). It forms lustrous crystals free from color, odorless, melting at 127° C., and distilling at higher temperatures unchanged. It is scarcely soluble in cold water, readily soluble in hot water, soluble in alcohol, acetone, chloroform, glycerin, and fatty oils. Methacetin appears to be a powerful antipyretic. According to F. Mahnert, when given in toxic dose to rabbits, it causes convulsions and death through its actions on the central nervous system. The same authority states that its one per cent. solution is distinctly antiseptic. It has been used as an antipyretic by various clinicians, with concordant results. The fall of temperature which it produces is very great, amounting in some cases of *typhoid fever* to nearly six degrees, and the after-rise is slow. Moreover, minute doses have a distinct power in prolonging the apyrexia. The fall of temperature is accompanied with a violent sweating, but no other disagreeable symptoms have been noticed, except in one or two cases, when a tendency to collapse was produced. In *phthisis* and similar diseases, the tendency to profuse sweating strongly interferes with the practical use of the drug; it being affirmed that the night-sweats are increased for a long time after the withdrawal of the remedy. It has been quite largely used in acute articular *rheumatism*, though its action does not seem to be as sure or powerful as the salicylates. As an analgesic, in ataxic and neuralgic pains, it appears to be distinctly inferior to phenacetin and antipyrin. No eruption from it has been noticed. During its administration the urine responds to Trommer's test, but does not contain sugar, nor is there hæmoglobinuria. Dose for adults, seven and a half grains (0·49 Gm.).

METHYL CHLORIDE, *Monochlormethane*, CH_3Cl, is obtained by the action of hydrochloric acid gas upon methyl alcohol, best in the presence of a little zinc chloride.

It is a colorless gas, condensing to a liquid at —23° C. (—11·4° F.), and is very soluble in alcohol, which dissolves 35 volumes of it, while water dissolves 4 volumes. On account of its extreme volatility, methyl chloride, when applied in the form of a spray, produces extreme cold and freezing of the part. It has been used in this way as a local anæsthetic, and in 1884 Prof. Debove recommended in *sciatica* freezing by it of the parts immediately over the nerve. The practice has been tried to a considerable extent, with alleged good results. (For reference, see *Union Méd. du Nord-est*, July, 1892; and *Kansas City Med. Index*, 1886.)

METHYL FLUORIDE. CH_3F. M. Henri Moissan (*Bull. de l'Acad. de Méd.*, 1890) affirms that this fluoride possesses anæsthetic properties.

METHYL IODIDE. $CH_3.I$. *Iodure de Méthyl*, Fr. *Jodmethyl*, G. This is a heavy, sweet-smelling liquid, boiling at 45° C., and has a sp. gr. 2·23 at 15° C. In the cold it unites with water to form a crystalline hydrate, $CH_3I + H_2O$. It turns brown gradually on exposure to light. It is made by the action of dry hydrochloric acid gas upon a mixture of potassium iodide and anhydrous methyl alcohol.

Methyl iodide has been recommended by Dr. R. Kirk (*Lancet*, Oct. 1885) as a vesicant. It is best applied on lint under a watch-glass, a drop or two of soda solution being added to neutralize the free iodine that may be present. It produces at once a tingling, burning, biting sensation, like pricking with a number of needle-points. The maximum pain is reached in a few minutes, when the substance is to be removed. The blister produced is said to be as full of serum as that caused by cantharides.

METHYLAL. *Methylene dimethyl ether.* $CH_2(OCH_3)_2$. This is made by distilling methyl alcohol with sulphuric acid in the presence of manganese peroxide. It is a limpid colorless liquid, of sp. gr. 0·855 at 17° C., and boils at 42° C. (107·6° F.). It is soluble in water, alcohol, ether, and fatty and ethereal oils. This substance was originally proposed as an anæsthetic and hypnotic by B. W. Richardson, in 1868. Its physiological action has been investigated by Richardson, by Motrokhin, and by Personali, with results that are in general accord. It is found to produce in man, and most usually quite rapidly, a sleep closely resembling the normal sleep; or, if the dose have been large enough, a profound coma in which reflex actions are suspended. Recovery is rapid on account of its rapid elimination. The arterial pressure is reduced, and, according to Motrokhin, the irritability of the cerebral cortex is distinctly lowered; and both Personali and Motrokhin find that it arrests the tetanic spasms produced by small doses of strychnine, although in Motrokhin's experiments, when large doses of strychnine were given, methylal seemed to accelerate rather than put off death. The dose of methylal is one or two drachms (3·69 or 7·39 C.c.) given in emulsion. It is employed as an hypnotic; is said to be free from danger and unpleasant effects; but in most cases patients become so rapidly accustomed to its use that its effects, unless in enormous amount, are almost null.

METHYLETHYLCARBINOL. $\begin{matrix} CH_3 \\ | \\ CH.OH. \\ | \\ C_2H_5 \end{matrix}$

There are two compounds isomeric with each other known respectively as "methylethylcarbinol" and "trimethylcarbinol." The former is a strong-smelling liquid, boiling at 98°–100° C.; the latter crystallizes in plates melting at 28° C. and boiling at 83°–84° C.

These alcohols are said to be vaso-motor depressants and antipyretics; the dimethylethyl compounds being the more powerful of the two. (*Phar. Post*, Jan. 1888.)

METHYLIC ALCOHOL. SPIRITUS PYROXYLICUS RECTIFICATUS, *Br.* 1864. PYROLIGNEOUS SPIRIT. *Pyroxylic Spirit. Wood Spirit. Wood Alcohol. Wood Naphtha. Alcool méthylique, Alcool formique, Alcool de Bois, Esprit de Bois, Esprit pyroligneux*, Fr. *Holzgeist, Methylalcohol*, G. $CH_3.OH$. Methylic alcohol was discovered in 1812 by P. Taylor, and was afterwards examined by Macaire and Marcet, Liebig, Dumas and Péligot, Kane, and others. When wood is subjected to destructive distillation, there is formed, besides acetic acid, tar, and other products (see *Creosotum*), about 1 per cent. of an inflammable, volatile liquid, which, when separated and purified, constitutes pyroxylic spirit. The crude liquor, derived from the wood, separates on standing into two liquids; the heavier containing the tarry matters, and the lighter consisting of water, acetic acid, pyroxylic spirit, etc. The lighter liquid is saturated with lime, and subjected to distillation, whereby the impure pyroxylic spirit first comes over, mixed, however, with various compounds, among which are aldehyde and pyroacetic spirit (acetone). This, after having been redistilled and deprived of water by repeated rectifications from lime, forms the *pyroxylic spirit of commerce.* The commercial spirit

may be purified by adding to it as much calcium chloride as it can dissolve, and allowing the mixture to stand for a few days. The pyroxylic spirit unites with the calcium chloride and the compound formed is subjected to distillation to separate certain contaminating substances, which distil over. Finally, the pyroxylic spirit is separated from the calcium chloride by the addition of water and a new distillation, and from water by rectification from dry lime. Methyl alcohol, like the other monatomic alcohols, can also be formed synthetically in a variety of ways,—from marsh-gas, from formic acid, and formaldehyde. Pure anhydrous methyl alcohol is a mobile, colorless liquid, possessing a hot, pungent taste, and a peculiar aromatic smell, recalling that of acetic ether. It mixes in all proportions with water, alcohol, and ether, without having its transparency disturbed. It burns like alcohol, but with a less luminous flame. Its sp. gr. as a liquid is 0·8021 at 15·5° C. (59·9° F.). Its vapor is irritating to the eyes. It boils at 66° C. (150·8° F.) (according to other authorities at 55° C., when absolutely anhydrous), and during ebullition its vapor causes concussions, which render its distillation difficult, but may be prevented by placing in the bottom of the vessel a layer of mercury. As a solvent it resembles alcohol, all bodies soluble in that menstruum being likewise soluble in pyroxylic spirit. Methyl alcohol is the first of a series of organic hydrates known as *alcohols*. It may be considered as a molecule of water in which one hydrogen atom is replaced by the monad group CH_3 (methyl), derived from marsh-gas (methane) by the withdrawal of one hydrogen atom. These organic hydrates are basic, and form with both organic and inorganic acids salts called *ethers*.

The official pyroxylic spirit was directed in the Br. Pharmacopœia to have a sp. gr. from 0·841 to 0·846. From the density thus recognized, it might be implied that not the pure but the commercial pyroxylic spirit was contemplated, which has a straw-yellow color and a powerful odor of wood smoke. But the Pharmacopœia also directed that the spirit should be without action on litmus-paper, free from smoky taste, and not rendered turbid by water. It therefore intended a purified spirit; and the greater density must be ascribed to the presence of the 10 per cent. of water allowed. According to Mr. Morson, of London, the impure commercial spirit, which is unfit for medical use, may be purified "by largely diluting it with water, when an oily substance separates, after the removal of which the spirit may be recovered by distillation." By passing the mixed liquids through animal charcoal, the purification is rendered more complete. Pyroxylic spirit has been confounded with pyroacetic spirit. They may be distinguished, according to Mr. Scanlan, by calcium chloride, which is without action on the latter, but dissolves in the former. In applying the test, a drop or two of a *saturated* solution of calcium chloride is added to the doubtful liquid in a test-tube. This solution is immiscible with pyroacetic spirit, separating after agitation, but dissolves instantly in pyroxylic spirit. The liquid examined must be so pure as not to separate into two layers, nor to become milky with water.

It is sometimes desirable to be able to distinguish the presence of methylic alcohol in ordinary alcohol, and in ether or nitrous ether which may have been prepared from the methylated instead of the pure spirit. For this purpose Mr. W. Young proposes a solution of potassium permanganate as a test. Dissolve a grain of the crystallized permanganate in a fluidounce of distilled water. If ten minims of this solution be added to four fluidrachms of pure alcohol in a test-tube, the bright pink color of the former fluid will be retained at least ten minutes, after which it will gradually fade. If only 10 per cent. of methylated alcohol be contained in the alcohol, the solution, instead of retaining its color for some time, will almost instantly change to a pale-brown tint. With a larger proportion of the methylic alcohol, the change will be even more striking. One part of methylic alcohol can be thus readily detected in 300 of proper alcohol. The same test will detect methylic alcohol in ether and sweet spirit of nitre; but in the latter case the spirit should be purified from acid by mixing it with an equal measure of solution of potassa twice as strong as the official, and, after the mixture has stood an hour, distilling off the original measure of the nitrous spirit. (See *A. J. P.*, 1866, p. 58; from *P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1865.) The test of Dumas and Péligot converts the wood spirit into a methyl oxalate; A. Riché and C. Bardy condemn this process, as not applicable when the proportion of ethylic alcohol is large, and propose a substitute founded upon the different colored products yielded by the oxidation of ethyl-aniline and methyl-aniline. For details of this process the reader is referred to *P. J. Tr.*, 1875, p. 1007. For a method of detecting methylic alcohol in any mixture, by Mr. John T. Miller, see *P. J. Tr.* (2d sér., vii. 318).

Medical Properties, etc. Pyroxylic spirit, under the incorrect name of *naphtha*, was introduced some years ago, by Dr. John Hastings, of London, to palliate the cough and lessen the febrile excitement of *consumption*. The therapeutic properties of pyroxylic spirit have not been fully investigated; but, so far as observation has gone, it may be ranked as a narcotic, sedative, and anti-emetic. Dr. D. W. Yandell speaks favorably of its efficacy in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery*. It is not improbable that the impurities in the commercial spirit may have some remedial efficacy; and the purified spirit directed by the Br. Pharmacopœia may be less efficacious than the impure. The dose is from ten to forty drops, three times a day, sufficiently diluted with water. At one time it was doubtful whether the substance used by Dr. Hastings under the name of naphtha was pyroxylic or pyroacetic spirit; but it is now decided to have been the former.

Crude pyroxylic spirit, varying in density from 0·846 to 0·890, is employed by hatters and varnish-makers for dissolving resinous substances, and by plumbers for burning in lamps as a substitute for alcohol. For the latter purpose it is more economical than alcohol; giving out more heat for equal weights.

In Great Britain alcohol is subjected to a heavy duty, which, until lately, prevented it from being used in many manufactures; because the products of its use can be more cheaply obtained from abroad. The British Parliament, wishing to encourage the use of alcohol in the arts, but not as a beverage, passed an act in 1855, allowing it to be used duty-free, provided it be mixed with at least one-ninth of its bulk of pyroxylic spirit, which renders it unfit for drinking, but does not spoil it for use in the arts. This mixture is called *methylated spirit*, and is now employed extensively in Great Britain by hatters, brass founders, and cabinet-makers for dissolving

shell-lac and other resinous substances, and by manufacturing chemists for making ether, chloroform, and sweet spirit of nitre. From the purification of pyroxylic spirit already referred to, so as to deprive it of offensive taste, it has been supposed that the intended operation of the British revenue laws might be evaded; but, in opposition to this idea, it is asserted that the purifying process is too expensive, on the large scale, to render it available for the purpose. The use of this spirit, however purified, would be unjustifiable in medical preparations, unless officially recognized.

METHYLIC ETHER. $(CH_3)_2O$. *Oxide of Methyl. Hydrate of Methylene. Éther méthylique, Oxyde de Méthyl,* Fr. *Methyläther, Holzäther, Formäther,* G. This substance was discovered by MM. Dumas and Péligot, but was first employed as an anæsthetic by Dr. B. W. Richardson in 1867. He prepares it by mixing one part of pure methylic alcohol with two of strong sulphuric acid, heating, and collecting and washing repeatedly with strong potassa solution the methylic ether which passes over. It is a gas even at low temperature. Dr. Richardson saturates absolute ethylic ether, at 0° C. (32° F.), with it, and at once closely bottles the compound under the name of *methyl-ethylic ether.* (For a detailed description of the preparation of methylic ether and of its properties, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 438.) According to Dr. Richardson, methylic ether is a very rapid and a safe anæsthetic, producing great muscular relaxation with extreme quickness. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1870; *Dublin Quarterly*, Aug. 1870; *Lancet*, March, 1870.)

METHYLTHEBAINE. $C_{20}H_{23}NO_3$. This product, from thebaine, has been physiologically investigated by Crum Brown and Fraser, and by Stockman and Dott, and found to have an action similar to that of thebaine, but less powerful. (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 1891.)

MICHELIA NILAGIRICA. This tree, which is said to be abundant in the Neilgherry hills, India, yields an aromatic, volatile oil, which has entered commerce. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1888.)

MICROCIDIN. Under this name the varying compounds of sodium naphthalate with other naphthalates and phenates have been put upon the market, and used as a surgical antiseptic, in solution varying from 3 to 8 parts per thousand.

MICROMERIA DOUGLASII. *Yerba Buena.* This labiate of California is said to be a grateful aromatic, and also an anthelmintic and an emmenagogue. For a description, with figures, see *A. J. P.*, Sept. 1882. Dose of fluid extract, half to two fluidrachms (1·84 to 7·39 C.c.).

MIMORDICA BALSAMINA. *Balsam Apple. Balsamina.* An annual climbing East Indian plant, cultivated in our gardens for the sake of the fruit. This is ovate, attenuated towards each extremity, angular, warty, not unlike a cucumber in appearance, of a lively red or orange-yellow color, easily falling when touched, and spontaneously separating into several pieces. It was formerly highly esteemed as a vulnerary, and is still in use among the common people. A liniment formed by infusing the fruit, deprived of its seeds, in olive or almond oil, is applied to *chapped hands, burns, piles, prolapsus ani,* etc.; and the fruit itself is sometimes mashed, and used in the form of a poultice. According to M. Descourtilz, it is poisonous when taken internally, having proved fatal to a dog in the quantity of two or three drachms. An extract prepared from it is said to be useful in *dropsy,* in the dose of from six to fifteen grains.

MISTURA MAGNESIÆ ET ASAFŒTIDÆ. *U. S.* 1880. *Mixture of Magnesia and Asafetida. Mixture de Magnésie et d'Asafétide,* Fr. *Magnesia und Stinkasant-Mixtur,* G. This preparation, which has had some popular vogue under the name of *Dewees' Carminative,* was directed by the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 to be made as follows. "Carbonate of Magnesium, *five parts* [or three hundred and sixty grains]; Tincture of Asafetida, *seven parts* [or ten fluidrachms]; Tincture of Opium, *one part* [or seventy-five minims]; Sugar, *ten parts* [or one and a half ounces av.]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity,* To make *one hundred parts* [or fifteen fluidounces]. Rub the Carbonate of Magnesium and Sugar, in a mortar, with the Tincture of Asafetida and Tincture of Opium. Then gradually add enough Distilled Water to make the mixture weigh *one hundred parts* [or measure fifteen fluidounces]." *U. S.* There is but one per cent. of tincture of opium in the formula just given, whilst the usual quantity is three per cent. The dose is twenty minims (1·25 C.c.).

MITCHELLA REPENS. *Squaw Vine. Partridge-berry. Checkerberry. Winter Clover.* This small indigenous evergreen has been supposed to possess remedial properties, and is said to be employed, in decoction, by the Indian squaws, to facilitate parturition. It appears to be diuretic, tonic, and astringent, resembling in these respects the pipsissewa, for which it is often substituted. Analyzed by E. Breneiser (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 228), it was found to contain some resin, wax, mucilage, dextrin, and what appeared to be saponin.

MOLLIN is a base for ointments that has attracted some dermatological notice in Germany. It is a soft soap, containing 17 per cent. of uncombined fat, and is stated to be prepared by saponifying without heat 100 parts of cocoa-nut oil or of fresh fat with 40 parts of solution of caustic potash, sp. gr. 1·145, mixing intimately with 30 parts of glycerin, and heating carefully. It is yellowish white, of a smooth and soft consistence, not readily altered by exposure, free from rancidity, and easily removed from the skin by warm or cold water.

MONARDA. *Horsemint. Monarda Punctata.* Willd. *Menthe de Cheval,* Fr. *Pferdeminze,* G. This is an indigenous perennial or biennial labiate, with herbaceous, obtusely angled, downy, whitish, branching stems, rising one or two feet in height, and furnished with oblong lanceolate, remotely serrate, smooth punctate leaves. The flowers are yellow, spotted with red or brown, and disposed in numerous whorls, provided with lanceolate, colored bracts, longer than the whorl. The horsemint grows in light gravelly or sandy soils from New Jersey to Louisiana, and flowers from June to September. The whole herb is employed. It has an aromatic smell, and a warm, pungent, bitterish taste, and abounds in a volatile oil, which may be separated by distillation with water. A crystalline stearopten, at first named *monardin,* often separates from the oil (Procter, *A. J. P.*, xvii. 86): it is now known to be thymol, $C_{10}H_{14}O$. Herman J. M. Schroeter (*A. J. P.*, 1888, p. 120) found the oil to consist of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$ (50 per cent.), thymol, $C_{10}H_{14}O$ (25 per cent.), and higher oxygenated compounds, $C_{10}H_{18}O$. Horsemint is stimulant and carminative, but is seldom used in regular practice. In the state of infusion it is occasionally

employed in families as a remedy for flatulent colic and sick stomach, and for other purposes to which the aromatic herbs are applied. It was formerly introduced into the primary catalogue of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, on account of the volatile oil which it affords. *Monarda fistulosa*, also an American plant, is said to be a very active diaphoretic. (See *Newer Mat. Medica.*)

MONESIA. A South American vegetable extract, which is believed to be derived from the bark of *Chrysophyllum glycyphlœum*, a tree of middling size, growing in the forests near Rio Janeiro and elsewhere in Brazil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., vi. 63.) The bark, which has also entered commerce, is in pieces, some of which are three or four lines thick, is very compact and heavy, of a deep-brown or chocolate color, contrasting strongly with the grayish color of the epidermis when this remains, and of smooth fracture. The extract was received from South America in cakes weighing rather more than a pound, from three-quarters of an inch to an inch in thickness, of a dark-brown almost black color, very brittle, of a fracture neither very dull nor very shining, and of a taste at first sweet, then astringent, and ultimately acrid; the acrimony being very persistent, and especially felt in the fauces. It is entirely soluble in water. The bark was found by MM. Derosne, Henry, and Payen to contain, in 100 parts, 1·2 of stearin, chlorophyll, and wax, 1·4 of glycyrrhizin, 4·7 of an acrid principle analogous to saponin, called *monesin*, 7·5 of tannic acid, 9·2 of a red coloring substance, 1·3 of malic acid and malate of calcium, 3·0 of various salts, including silica and oxide of iron and manganese, and 71·7 of pectic acid or pectin and of lignin, including loss, besides traces of an aromatic principle and of gum. A more recent analysis by Dr. Peckolt (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 626) gives *monesia-tannic acid*, which gives a black coloration with iron salts, gallic acid, *monesin*, an acrid, amorphous body, *lucumin*, a body crystallizing in silky needles, a bitter substance, glycyrrhizin, tartaric and citric acids, wax, etc. *Monesin*, which is now considered as identical with saponin, $C_{32}H_{54}O_{18}$, was obtained by treating the bark or extract with alcohol, adding to the tincture an excess of calcium hydrate in fine powder, filtering, evaporating the clear liquor to dryness, treating the residue with water and animal charcoal, filtering, and again evaporating to dryness. Thus procured it was in transparent yellowish scales, which were easily pulverized, forming a white powder. It was uncrystallizable, readily soluble in alcohol and water, to the latter of which it gave the property of frothing, and insoluble in ether. It had no power to saturate acids, was without odor, but had a slightly bitterish taste, followed by a decided and permanent acrimony in the posterior mouth and fauces. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Jan. 1841.) Monesia owes its activity probably to this principle and to tannic acid.

The effects of this medicine upon the system appear to be those of a moderate stomachic excitant, a general alterative, and a feeble astringent. In overdoses it is said to produce heat in the epigastrium, with obstinate constipation and tenesmus. It has been used internally with asserted advantage in *diarrhœa*, *hæmoptysis*, *menorrhagia*, *scrofula*, *scurvy*, the chronic *catarrh* of old people, and *dyspepsia*. As a local remedy it has been found useful in *leucorrhœa*, *ulcerations of the mouth and fauces*, *spongy* and *scorbutic gums*, *carious teeth*, and obstinate scrofulous and otherwise unhealthy *ulcers* upon the surface. The extract may be given in pill or powder, in aqueous solution, in tincture, or in syrup. The dose of it is from two to ten grains, repeated every hour, every two or three hours, or less frequently. From ten grains to a drachm may be given daily. In scrofulous affections it must be used in large quantities, and persevered in for several weeks, in order to obtain its curative effects. Monesia is applied to ulcers either by being sprinkled in powder upon the surface, or in the form of ointment made with one part of the extract and seven parts of simple ointment. Monesin, or the acrid principle, has been given internally in the dose of about half a grain, and has also been applied to ulcers. It is said to be a powerful oxytocic.

Mr. Dupuy, of New York, states that specimens of an extract sold as monesia, which have come under his notice, bear so close a resemblance to extract of logwood as to suggest the inquiry whether they might not really have been the product of the same plant. (*N. Y. Journ. of Pharm.*, i. 167.)

MONGUMO BARK. For analysis of this Madagascar bark, see *P. J. Tr.*, ix. 816.

MONOBROMO-ACETANILID. *Asepsin.* $C_6H_4Br.NH(C_2H_3O)$. This substance, which has been proposed as a substitute for antifebrin, is said to be a mechanical mixture of acetanilid and sodium bromide. Dr. Worthington (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, Feb. 1890) has reported two cases in which cyanosis and collapse were produced by it.

MONOCHLOR-PHENOL. $C_6H_4Cl.OH$. This is a dense, volatile liquid, with vapor heavier than air, which, according to Passerini, is a valuable antiseptic in the treatment of chronic disease of the lungs. It is best administered by inhalation, twenty to thirty drops of the liquid being used in a day. (*Rev. Gén. de Clin. Thérap.*, Aug. 1892.)

MORINDIN. This principle, discovered by Anderson in *Morinda citrifolia*, and supposed to be identical with ruberythric acid, is said to be distinct. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1886.)

MORINGA PTERYGOSPERMA. A decoction of the root of this Jamaica tree is said to be used by the peasantry as an active and persistent diuretic. (*The Satellite*, Feb. 1890.)

MOXA. *Moxa*, Fr. *Brenncylinder*, G. The term *moxa* is employed to designate small masses of combustible matter, intended, by being burnt in contact with the skin, to produce an eschar. They are of various forms, and made of different materials. The Chinese moxa is in small cones from eight to twelve lines in height, and is prepared from the leaves of one or more species of Artemisia. *A. Chinensis* and *A. Indica* were indicated by the Dublin College; but Lindley states that it is the *A. Moxa* of De Candolle which is employed. According to some authors, the part used is the down which covers the leaves and stems; but others, with greater probability, assert that it is a fine lanuginous substance, prepared from the leaves by beating them in a mortar. A coarser and a finer product are obtained, the former of which is used for tinder, the latter worked up into moxa. A similar moxa has been made in France, by a similar process, from the leaves of *A. vulgaris*. By M. Percy, the stem of the *Helianthus annuus*, or common sunflower, when perfectly mature, is cut into transverse sections about half an inch in thickness, which must be carefully dried, and kept in a perfectly dry place. They have this advantage, that, in consequence of the retention of the cortical portion, they may be held with im-

punity between the fingers of the operator, while burning. They are, however, often defective from an insufficiency of nitre in the pith, or the unequal inflammability of different parts. Artificial moxas are best made from cotton impregnated with nitre. It is important that the impregnation should be uniform; as otherwise different parts of the cylinder, burning with different degrees of rapidity, would produce unequal effects upon the skin. The following process is recommended. One pound of cotton is introduced into a vessel containing two ounces of nitre dissolved in half a gallon of water, and a moderate heat applied till all the liquid is evaporated. The cotton, when perfectly dry, is formed into thin, narrow sheets, which are rolled round a central cord of linen, so as to form a cylinder from half an inch to an inch in diameter, and several inches long. This is enclosed in a covering of silk or linen sewed firmly around it; and, when used, may be cut by a razor into transverse slices a few lines in thickness. By leaving a hole in the centre of the cylinder, the combustion will be rendered more vigorous, and a deeper eschar produced. M. Robinet rolls cotton round a small central cylinder of pith and envelops the whole in a piece of muslin, which is more or less firmly applied, according to the degree of compactness required. The cylinders, thus made, burn without assistance, uniformly, and with a rapidity proportionate to their firmness. Lime, in the act of slacking, has been used as a substitute for the moxa. (*Dubl. Journ.*, Jan. 1842.)

Medical Uses. Cauterization by fire, in the treatment of disease, has been commonly practised among savage and half-civilized nations from the earliest periods of history, and has not been unknown as a remedy in the most polished communities. The ancient Egyptians and Greeks were acquainted with the use of moxa; and in China, Japan, and other countries of Asia, it appears to have been employed from time immemorial. From these countries the early Portuguese navigators introduced it into Europe; and the term *moxa* is said to have been derived from their language, though supposed by some to be of Chinese origin. The true Chinese name is said to be *kiew*. (*Percy and Laurent.*) Some years since, the remedy became very popular in France, and attracted some attention in this country. It acts on the principle of revulsion; relieving deep-seated inflammation, and local irritation whether vascular or nervous, by inviting the current of excitement to the skin. In some cases it may also operate advantageously by the propagation of a stimulant impression to neighboring parts.

As a rule, it should be applied as near as possible to the seat of the disease; and, in neuralgic or paralytic cases, at the origin or over the course of the nerves proceeding to the part affected. Some advise that the cylinder be attached to the skin by some adhesive liquid; but a more general practice is to retain it in the proper position by a pair of forceps or other instrument. Larrey recommends that the skin around it be covered with a piece of moistened lint, having a hole in the centre to admit the base of the cylinder. The moxa should be set on fire at the summit, and the combustion sustained if necessary by the breath, the blow-pipe, or the bellows. The size of the cylinder should vary according to the effect desired, from half an inch to an inch or more in diameter, and from a few lines to an inch in height. Any degree of effect may be obtained, from a slight inflammation to the death of the skin, by regulating the time during which the moxa is allowed to burn. When a slough is required, it should be suffered to burn until consumed. The first sensation experienced is not disagreeable; but the operation becomes gradually more painful, and towards the close is for a short time very severe.

MUAWIN BARK. This is the bark of a Mozambique tree, which in Eastern Africa is used as an "ordeal" poison. In appearance and structure it closely resembles the Erythrophlœum bark. An alkaloid, *Muawinum*, was discovered in it by E. Merck, 1891. So far it has only been obtained in the form of a thick, syrupy liquid, easily soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform. The characteristic test is said to be that with vanadin-sulphuric acid, which gives with muawin first a pale green, passing into a pale blue. (H. Jacobsohn, *Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1892; see also *Merck's Jahresbericht*, 1891.)

According to the researches of Jacobsohn, the hydrobromate of this alkaloid when injected subcutaneously does not cause any irritation. Upon frogs it produces symptoms similar to those caused by digitalin; in warm-blooded animals it causes slowing of the pulse, increase of the heart action, elevation of blood-pressure, and contraction of the arterioles. The action of muawin is, therefore, qualitatively like that of digitalin, but is distinguished by being very temporary; and it seems not probable that it will be found a useful remedy.

MUCUNA PRURIENS. De Cand. *Dolichos Pruriens.* Willd. *Stizolobium Pruriens.* Persoon. *Cowhage. Cowage. Setæ Siliquæ Hirsutæ. Pois velus, Pois à gratter*, Fr. *Kratzbohnen, Kuhkrätze*, G. This is a leguminous perennial climbing plant, with an herbaceous branching stem, which twines round the trees in its vicinity, and rises to a considerable height. The leaves are pinnately trifoliate, and stand on long footstalks, placed alternately on the stem at the distance of a foot from each other. The leaflets are acuminate, smooth on their upper surface, and hairy beneath. The lateral leaflets are oblique at the base, the middle one somewhat rhomboidal. The flowers, which resemble those of the pea in form, are large, of a red or purplish color, usually placed in threes on short peduncles, and hang from the axils of the leaves in pendent spikes about a foot in length. The fruit is a coriaceous pod, shaped like the Italic letter *f*, about four inches long, and covered with brown bristly hairs, which easily separate, and when handled stick in the fingers, producing an intense itching sensation. The plant is a native of the West Indies and other parts of tropical America. It has been supposed to grow also in the East Indies; but the plant of that region is now considered a distinct species, and entitled *Mucuna prurita*. The part usually imported is the pod, of which the hairs were formerly official.

The spicula are said to possess powerful vermifuge properties, and act mechanically, by penetrating the worms. Neither the tincture nor the decoction is in the least degree anthelmintic. The medicine was first employed as a vermifuge in the West Indies, and thence passed into British practice. There can be no reasonable doubt of its efficiency; but it is an exceedingly disagreeable remedy, and has, therefore, passed out of vogue. It has been usually employed against the *round worm*. The usual mode of preparing it is to dip the pods into syrup or molasses, and scrape off the hairs with the liquid, which is in a proper state for administration when it has attained the consistence of thick honey.

The dose of this preparation is a tablespoonful for an adult, a teaspoonful for a child three or four years old, to be given every morning for three days, and then followed by a brisk cathartic. M. Blatin has proposed to employ cowhage as an external irritant; seven grains being mixed with an ounce of lard, and seven or eight grains of the ointment rubbed for ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes on the skin. A stinging and burning sensation is produced, followed by white elevations, which soon disappear, leaving no unpleasant effect. The root of *M. pruriens* is said by Ainslie to be employed in the East Indies in *cholera;* and both this part and the pods have been thought to possess diuretic properties.

MUIRA-PUAMA. The wood of a Brazilian tree of unknown botanical affinity, which is said to be an extraordinarily powerful aphrodisiac, and to contain an alkaloid. (*Bull. of Pharm.*, Nov. 1892.)

MUREXIDE. $C_8H_4(NH_4)N_5O_6 + H_2O$. A fine purple dye-stuff, made by the reaction of nitric acid on uric acid. As resulting from the action of nitric acid on urine, it was supposed by Mr. Prout to consist of purpuric acid and ammonia (which belief has been confirmed by further investigation), and hence was named *purpurate of ammonium.* It is now made from guano. This is first treated with hydrochloric acid to remove foreign substances, and then with soda to dissolve the uric acid, which is separated by neutralizing the soda with hydrochloric acid. The uric acid is dissolved in nitric acid, the solution is heated, and after it cools ammonia or its carbonate is added, which develops the purple color. Murexide is obtained in crystals, which have a square form, and are of a rich green color by reflected, but of a purple red by transmitted light. They are slightly soluble in cold water, more so in boiling water, and insoluble in alcohol and ether. With potassa they form a rich purple solution. It has been replaced as a dye by aniline colors.

MUSCARI COMOSUM. *Hyacinthus comosus.* In the bulbs of this plant, Dr. Curci (*Rép. de Pharm.*, March, 1889) has found *comosic* acid, which he believes to possess physiological properties similar to those of saponin.

MUSCULUS VENENOSUS. That certain mussels, or that mussels in certain condition, are actively poisonous, is well ascertained. Dr. F. Crumpe (*Dublin Quart. Journ.*, Oct. 1872) has reported collapse with complete paralysis of the voluntary muscles as produced by the mussel, and has also treated traumatic tetanus successfully with raw mussels. M. Brieger (*Deutsche Med. Wochensch.*) has isolated certain bases out of mussels. He thinks the most important is *mytilotoxine* ($C_6H_{15}NO_2$), which he has demonstrated to possess physiological properties closely resembling those of curare. These poisonous principles are all probably ptomaines, and disappear when the mussel is boiled with sodium carbonate; so that boiling the mussel in an alkaline solution (three and a half grammes per liter of water) renders it harmless.

MUSHROOMS. *Fungi.* Owing to their excellent flavor, and the extraordinary amount of nitrogen which enters into their composition, many species of this cryptogamous family of plants are well suited for human food; whilst other species are extremely poisonous and have produced many deaths. The following general rules for distinguishing unwholesome mushrooms are given by M. Richard in the *Dictionnaire des Drogues.* Those should be rejected which have a narcotic or fetid odor, or an acrid, bitter, or very acid taste; which occasion a sense of constriction in the throat when swallowed; which are very soft, liquefying, changing color, and assuming a bluish tint upon being bruised; which exude a milky, acrid, and styptic juice; which grow in very moist places, and upon putrefying substances; also all such as have a coriaceous, ligneous, or corky consistence. The last, however, are injurious in consequence rather of their indigestible than of their poisonous nature. Even mushrooms which are usually edible may prove poisonous if collected too late, or in places which are too moist. It is said, moreover, that the poisonous species sometimes become innocent when they grow under favorable circumstances. It is affirmed, for example, that mushrooms which prove poisonous in England are eaten with impunity in Russia. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1861, p. 387.) Dr. Alfred S. Taylor, the distinguished toxicologist, makes the following observations about the poisonous fungi. As a rule, he states, these fungi may be recognized by the pileus or cap having a peculiar conical or flattened shape, and by being colored yellow, brown, green, red, or orange-red; by the want of a pink or purple color in the gills, and by a very disagreeable odor when the plant is bruised. They generally grow under trees, in groves or woods, and are often attached to decayed animal matter. (*Guy's Hospital Reports*, 1865.) According to Mr. W. G. Smith, who is familiar with the mushroom as an article of food, nearly all the fungi with white spores or seeds are edible; and the seeds of the innocent kinds are for the most part roundish or oval, while those of the poisonous are generally angular, and in one instance are covered with spines. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1869, p. 433.)

The poisonous mushrooms are divided by Prof. R. Kobert (*Ueber Pilzvergiftung*, Dorpat, Nov. 1891) into three groups. The first group comprises those fungi which contain *muscarine* or some alkaloid allied to it (see *Muscarine*, p. 1728.) In this group are included species of the old genus *Agaricus*, especially of the section *Ammonites.* In the second group are fungi containing a milky juice and having the generic name of *Lactarius* or *Galorrhœus.* Some of these species, such as *L. deliciosus*, are stated to be edible, but most of them have in their juice a violently irritant resin, which may produce severe, or even fatal, gastro-enteritis.

The third group contains species belonging to the genus *Helvella*, whose juice contains *Helvellaic acid*, isolated by Prof. Boehm. It is asserted that these fungi, when thoroughly dried, are not poisonous, and that hot water also extracts from them the poisonous acid, so that boiling makes them edible. The chief physiological action of the acid seems to be to destroy the red blood-corpuscles, and, probably by such action, to produce vomiting, hæmoglobinuria, jaundice, irritation of the kidneys, etc.

The fourth and most important group of poisonous fungi is that which contains a large number of fungi which resemble in appearance edible species. According to the researches of Prof. Kobert, the toxic property of these fungi is a toxalbumin, which he has isolated from *Amanita phalloides* and given the name of *Phallin.* Ordinarily, poisoning from mushrooms is due to plants of the present group. In many cases the fungi as eaten have tasted well, and no evil result has been apparent for many hours after their ingestion; in some cases for twenty hours. The symptoms have been great prostration and

collapse, cold sweat, headache, stupor, amaurosis, delirium often with wild cries, coma, mydriasis, convulsions, marked cyanosis, and not rarely icterus; sometimes there is pronounced urticaria. There is usually distinct fever and rapid feeble pulse; whilst hæmoglobinuria, methæmoglobinuria, hæmaturia, albuminuria, or even suppression of urine have been present. After death, post-mortem rigidity is often wanting, the gastro-intestinal tract is violently inflamed, the blood fluid and often escaping from the vessels and staining the tissues; whilst the liver, the heart, the diaphragm, and the muscles have been found in a state of fatty degeneration. The treatment of this form of poisoning consists in the immediate emptying of the alimentary canal by means of emetics, castor oil, and cathartics, and the meeting of symptoms as they arise.

A species of Lycoperdon or *puff-ball*, *L. proteus*, was thought to have been proved by Dr. B. W. Richardson, of London, to have remarkable narcotic and anæsthetic properties. Having noticed that the smoke of this fungus was used in the country for stupefying bees, he experimented with the fumes upon various animals, which, when caused to inhale them, became insensible, and could be operated on without evincing any signs of pain. When carried far, they caused death. He had himself inhaled the fumes clarified by passing them through water, and experienced symptoms of intoxication and drowsiness. They were procured by burning the fungus. (*Lond. Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1853, p. 610.) Mr. Thornton Herapath, however, maintains, as the result of his experiments, that these anæsthetic effects are in reality not owing to any narcotic principle present in the fungus, but to the carbonic oxide gas generated during their combustion. (*Philosoph. Mag.*, July, 1855.) A tincture of *Lycoperdon bovista* (four troyounces to a pint) has been used by Dr. Addinell Hewson, in nervous diseases, in teaspoonful doses. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 113.)

MUSK, ARTIFICIAL. *Moschus Factitius.* The artificial musk introduced within recent years as a patented preparation, called "Musk Baur," from the name of the discoverer, Dr. A. Baur, is *trinitrobutyltoluene*, $C(CH_3)_3.C_6H(NO_2)_2CH_3$. It is prepared by adding tertiary butyltoluene slowly in the cold to five times its weight of a mixture of concentrated nitric and sulphuric acids, and afterwards heating the mixture for 8 to 9 hours on a water-bath. It crystallizes from alcohol in yellowish-white needles, melts at 96°–97° C., and is insoluble in water. It is, however, soluble in alcohol, ether, benzene, chloroform, and light petroleum ether.

Artificial musk is an antispasmodic and nervine, and possesses the general therapeutic properties of the natural substance, though in a weaker degree. Dose, ten grains (0·648 Gm.); for a child two years old, from half a grain to a grain (0·032 to 0·065 Gm.), every two or three hours. According to Berzelius, *tincture of artificial musk* is formed by dissolving a drachm of the musk in an ounce of alcohol, equivalent to ten fluidrachms, of the sp. gr. 0·835. Of this the dose for an adult is a teaspoonful. This tincture has been employed by Prof. Hauner, chief physician of the Children's Hospital at Munich, in uncomplicated *spasm* of the *glottis*, with invariable success in more than thirty cases.

MUTISIA VICIÆFOLIA. This composite is stated to be a valuable antispasmodic, useful in hysteria and croup; it is also a cardiac tonic. (See *Newer Materia Medica.*)

MYRICA CERIFERA. *Wax-myrtle. Bayberry. Candle-berry. Arbre à suif*, Fr. *Wachsbaum, Wachsgagel*, G. This is an indigenous shrub, growing in great abundance in the sandy soil along the sea-shore, and even on the shores of our northern lakes. It belongs to the natural order Myricaceæ. The genus is characterized by its sterile flowers in cylindrical, and its fertile in ovoidal closely imbricated catkins, without calyx or corolla, solitary under a scale-like bract with a pair of bractlets; the stamens 2 to 8, with filaments somewhat united below; the ovary with 3 scales at its base, and 2 thread-like stigmas; the fruit a small spherical nut. The leaves of the wax-myrtle are oblong-lanceolate, narrower at their base, entire or somewhat toothed near the apex, shining, with resinous dots on both sides, and very fragrant when rubbed. The fruit is covered with a coating of white wax, and sometimes continues on the plant for two years or more. The shrub is from three or four to ten feet high, often thickly crowded, and, under such circumstances, scenting the air with its spicy odor. The coating of wax upon the surface is collected, and known in commerce as *myrtle wax*. (See *Vegetable Wax*.) A volatile oil might probably be collected by distillation from the leaves. The bark of the stem and root is supposed to possess valuable remedial properties, and has been employed to a considerable extent. In the dried state it is in quilled pieces of variable length, covered with a thin epidermis of a grayish color somewhat mottled, and marked with slight circular fissures. Within the epidermis the color is reddish brown. The bark is brittle, and of a peculiar, astringent, bitterish, and pungent taste, followed by a slight sense of acrimony. Its powder has a peculiar aromatic odor, and irritates the nostrils and throat when inhaled. It yields its virtues to water and alcohol. Mr. Geo. M. Hambright found in it volatile oil, starch, lignin, gum, albumen, extractive, a red coloring substance, tannic and gallic acids, an acrid resin soluble in alcohol and ether, an astringent resin soluble in alcohol and not in ether, and a peculiar acrid principle having acid properties. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 193.) Moore (*Am. Journ. Sci.*, (2), 33, 113) found a large quantity of *palmitic* and a small quantity of *myristic acid*, for the most part in the free state, but to a smaller extent combined with glyceryl. The bark appears to be moderately tonic and astringent, and in large doses emetic. It has been considerably used by the "eclectics," in *diarrhœa, jaundice, scrofula*, etc. Externally the powdered bark is used as a stimulant to indolent *ulcers;* and the decoction as a gargle and injection in chronic inflammation of the throat, *leucorrhœa*, etc. Dose of the powder, twenty or thirty grains, of a decoction (℥i to Oi), one or two fluidounces. An alcoholic extract, very inappropriately named *myricin*, is given in the medium dose of about five grains (0·32 Gm.). For analysis of the rhizome of *Myrica asplenifolia*, see *A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 303.

MYROBALANS. *Myrobalani. Myrobalans*, Fr. *Myrobalanen*, G. Five varieties of these East India fruits are distinguished by authors. 1. *Myrobalani bellericæ.* These are obtained from *Terminalia Bellirica.* They are roundish or ovate, from the size of a hazel-nut to that of a walnut, of a grayish-brown color, smooth, marked with five longitudinal ribs, and sometimes furnished with a short, thick footstalk. They consist of an exterior, firm, resinous, brown, fleshy portion, and an interior kernel, which is light brown, inodorous, and of a

bitterish very astringent taste. 2. *Myrobalani chebulæ.* This variety is produced by *Terminalia Chebula.* The fruit is oblong, pointed at each extremity, from fifteen to eighteen lines in length, of a dark-brown color, smooth and shining, with five longitudinal wrinkles but without footstalks. In their internal arrangement and their taste, they resemble the preceding. 3. *Myrobalani citrinæ* vel *flavæ.* These are from a variety of the same tree which affords the last-mentioned myrobalans, from which they differ only in being somewhat smaller, of a light-brown or yellowish color, and of a taste rather more bitter. They were formerly sometimes sold in the shops of Philadelphia, under the name of *white galls*, to which, however, they bear no other resemblance than in taste. 4. *Myrobalani Indicæ* vel *nigræ.* These are thought to be the unripe fruit of *Terminalia Chebula*, or *T. Bellirica.* They are ovate-oblong, from four to eight lines long, and from two to three lines thick, of a blackish color, wrinkled longitudinally, and presenting, when broken, a thick brown mass, without kernel, but with a small cavity in the centre. They are sourish and very astringent. 5. *Myrobalani emblicæ.* This variety is wholly different from the preceding, and derived from a plant having no affinity to the Terminaliæ, namely, the *Phyllanthus Emblica* of Linnæus. It is often in segments, as kept in the shops. When the fruit is entire, it is blackish, spherical depressed, of the size of a cherry, presenting six obtuse ribs with as many deep furrows, and separating into six valves, and has a strongly astringent and acidulous taste. These fruits were in high repute with the Arabians, and were long employed by European practitioners, as primarily laxative and secondarily astringent, in various complaints, particularly *diarrhœa* and *dysentery.* Their dose was from two drachms to an ounce. They are now not employed in Western medicine, although Pierre Apery states that when roasted they are still used in Turkey with excellent results in *intestinal catarrhs.* (*Rev. de Thérap.*, Dec. 1887.) We have been told that they have been used as a substitute for galls in the preparation of ink-powder. R. Hennig (*A. J. P.* xlii., p. 318) found in them 45 per cent. of tannic acid, but this was relatively high, as they are ordinarily rated as containing from 20 to 40 per cent., *terminalia chebula* yielding the most. Loewe considers the tannin of myrobalans to be identical with the *ellago-tannic acid* from *divi divi.*

MYRTUS CHEKAN. *Cheken, Chequen.* The leaves of this Chilian plant have entered commerce under the name of *Chekan leaves.* Weiss (*P. J. Tr.*, 1888, p. 246) has found in them—1, *chekenon*, $C_{40}H_{44}O_8$, a crystalline body; 2, *chekenin*, $C_{12}H_{11}O_3$, in yellowish rhombic tables; 3, *chekenetin*, $C_{11}H_7O_6 + H_2O$, in olive-colored crystals; 4, *cheken-bitter*, an amorphous, very soluble bitter substance. See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1889, p. 782. Chekan leaves are reported by Dr. W. Murrell to be useful in chronic *bronchitis.* For an account of them and their properties, see *P. J. Tr.*, ix. 653; and *Newer Materia Medica.* Dose of fluid extract, one to three fluidrachms (3·69 to 11·09 C.c.).

MYRTUS COMMUNIS. *Common European Myrtle.* The leaves of this plant yield, by distillation, *myrtol*, which is a mixture of a dextrorotatory terpene, probably *pinene, cineol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, which is identical with cajuputol and eucalyptol, and another hydrocarbon. The mixture usually known as myrtol is collected between 160° C. and 180° C. Myrtol has recently been strongly recommended as an energetic antiseptic, which acts in full dose as a sedative to the nervous system, and is a powerful stimulant to the mucous membranes of the lungs and genito-urinary tract, through which channels it escapes into the system. It has been used to a considerable extent, with alleged excellent results, in the Paris Hospital, in the treatment of chronic *bronchitis* with or without dilated bronchi, asthma, or tubercle; and also in chronic *cystitis* or *pyelitis.* Herr Jahns believes that the medical activity of the oil depends upon the presence in it of *cineol.* Dose, one to two grains (0·065 to 0·130 Gm.), given in capsules, four to eight times a day.

NABALUS ALBUS. *Prenanthes Serpentaria. Rattlesnake Root. White Lettuce. Cancer Weed. Gall of the Earth. Lion's Foot.* In certain portions of Virginia and North Carolina, where this perennial herb grows, great value is attached to it in rattlesnake bite. The milky juice is taken freely internally, and its leaves steeped in water which is locally applied and frequently changed. The plant is also used in *dysentery*, and N. B. Williams has found tannin in the rhizome. (*A. J. P.*, 1887.)

NAG-KASSAR. For an account of this drug, which is composed of the anthers of an ornamental tree much cultivated in South Asia, see *Pharm. Post*, May, 1888.

NANCE BARK. This bark is believed to be obtained from the *Malpighia glabra*, which is much used in Mexico for tanning purposes, and, according to F. Holberg, contains 26·2 per cent. of tannin. (*A. J. P.*, xvi. 239.)

NAPHTHALOL. This is an ether-like compound in which the phenyl of salol is substituted by beta-naphtyl. Its formula is $C_{17}H_{12}O_3$ or $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\CO.OC_{10}H_7\end{cases}$. It forms small, white, shining crystals almost tasteless. Insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol and in fatty oils. Melts at 95° C. (203° F.). Soluble in concentrated sulphuric acid, with a yellow color, which, on addition of nitric acid, turns to olive green. An alcoholic solution poured into water forms an emulsion. According to the studies of Kobert, it is insoluble in water and in the gastric liquids, but is rapidly decomposed by pancreatin and other ferments of the small intestine, and is eliminated as naphtol and salicyluric acid. It is affirmed to be very useful in various inflammations of the genito-urinary tract, especially in *bladder-catarrhs* with ammoniacal urine, and also to be efficacious in *rheumatism;* a drachm and a half may be given of it daily without the production of unpleasant symptoms. (See *Therap. Monatsch.*, May, 1887.)

NAPLES YELLOW. A yellow pigment prepared by calcining a mixture of lead, antimony sulphide, dried alum, and ammonium chloride, or a mixture of lead carbonate, diaphoretic antimony, dried alum, and ammonium chloride. (*Gray.*)

NARCISSUS PSEUDO-NARCISSUS. *Daffodil. Narcisse des prés, Porillon*, Fr. *Gelbe Narcisse*, G. Both the bulb and the bright yellow flowers of this common garden plant have been used in medicine. The flowers have a feeble peculiar odor, and both have a bitter mucilaginous taste. They are emetic, though uncertain in their operation. It is probable that the flowers of the wild European plant are more powerful than those of the cultivated. A. W. Gerrard examined the bulbs of daffodil, and obtained a crystalline neutral principle and an amorphous alkaloid, which he calls *pseudonarcissine.*

The dose of the powder, to produce an emetic effect, varies, according to the statements of different physicians, from a scruple to two drachms; while the extract is said to vomit in the dose of two or three grains. The bulb is most powerful in the recent state. Dr. Geo. B. Wood, when a student of medicine, wishing to ascertain whether this root might not, like ipecacuanha, possess diaphoretic properties, took a dose of it suspended in some warm water at bedtime, and on awaking in the morning found himself bathed in a copious sweat, and freed, at the same time, from the symptoms of a severe attack of catarrh under which he was at the time laboring. The alkaloids discovered by Mr. Gerrard have been physiologically studied by Prof. Ruiger, who found that the one obtained from the bulb of the flowering plant dries the mouth, checks perspiration, dilates the pupil, especially when applied locally, quickens the pulse, and acts on the heart of the frog antagonistically to muscarine and pilocarpine. The alkaloid obtained from the bulb after flowering causes salivation and perspiration, internally taken contracts the pupil, and topically applied dilates it slightly. (*Journ. of Physiol.*, i. 436.) In France, narcissus flowers have been used as an antispasmodic in various convulsive functional disorders.

NARD. *Spikenard.* Several aromatic roots were known to the ancients under the name of *nardus*, distinguished, according to their origin or place of growth, by the names of *nardus Indica*, *nardus Celtica*, *nardus montana*, etc. They are supposed to have been derived from different species of Valeriana. Thus, the nardus Indica is referred to *V. Jatamensi* of Bengal, the nardus Celtica to *V. Celtica*, inhabiting the Alps, Apennines, etc., and the nardus montana to *V. tuberosa*, which grows in the mountains of the south of Europe. The Indian nard, or spikenard, sometimes also called Syrian nard, is still occasionally to be found in commerce. It is a small delicate root, from one to three inches long, beset with a tuft of soft, light-brown, slender fibres, of an agreeable odor, and a bitter, aromatic taste. It was formerly very highly esteemed as a medicine, but is now almost out of use. Its properties are analogous to those of the official valerian.

NAREGAMIA, or GOANESE IPECACUANHA. The root of *Naregamia alata*, of Western India, has been much employed as an emetic, as an hepatic stimulant in *dysentery*, and in small doses as an expectorant in *bronchitis*. Prof. Drasche, of Vienna, confirms the value of the drug. (*Centralb. Therap.*, 1890.) In it Mr. Hooper has found an alkaloid, *naregamine*, an oxidizable fixed oil, and a wax. (See *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv., 1887.) The dose of a concentrated tincture (1 to 4) is 5 to 10 minims (0·3 to 0·6 C.c.); as an emetic, 15 to 30 minims (0·9 to 1·84 C.c.).

NASTURTIUM OFFICINALE. R. Brown. *Sisymbrium Nasturtium.* Linn. *Water-cress. Cresson de fontaine*, Fr. *Brunnen Kresse*, G. In sensible and medical properties water-cress bears some resemblance to scurvy grass, though milder, and on this account is preferred for the table. It is thought to be useful in scorbutic affections and visceral obstructions. The expressed juice is sometimes given in the dose of one or two ounces; but the herb is more frequently used in the form of a salad. It contains a volatile oil, which, according to A. W. Hofmann, contains as its chief constituent a body boiling at 253° C., which he considers to be the nitrile of *phenyl-propionic acid*, $C_9H_{10}O_2$, and therefore has the formula $C_9H_{10}N$. Other species of Nasturtium, as *N. palustre* or *marsh water-cress*, and *N. amphibium* or *water-radish*, grow in similar situations with the *N. officinale*, and act similarly.

NEAT'S-FOOT OIL. *Oleum Bubulum. Oleum Pedum Tauri. Axungia Pedum Tauri. Huile (Graisse) des Pieds du gros Bétail*, Fr. *Klauenöl, Ochsen Klauenfett*, G. This oil was formerly official. It is obtained by boiling in water for a long time the feet of the ox, previously deprived of their hoofs. The fat and oil which rise to the surface are removed, and introduced into a fresh portion of water heated nearly to the boiling point. The impurities having subsided, the oil is drawn off, and, if required to be very pure, is again introduced into water, which is kept for twenty-four hours sufficiently warm to enable the fat which is mixed with the oil to separate from it. The liquid being then allowed to cool, the fat concretes, and the oil is removed and strained, or filtered through layers of small fragments of charcoal free from powder. The oil is clear and yellowish in color, of sp. gr. 0·916 at 15° C., and, when properly prepared, inodorous, and of a bland taste. It thickens or congeals with great difficulty, and is, therefore, very useful for greasing machinery in order to prevent friction. It is also used for softening leather and grinding of metals. It has been given as a substitute for cod-liver oil in scrofulous diseases. It is apt to be laxative, and in certain cases proves useful in this way. It is given in the same dose as cod-liver oil. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxiv. 498.)

NERIUM ODORUM. *Nerium Oleander. Laurier Rose, Laurose*, Fr. *Oleander, Rosenlorbeer*, G. The common ornamental shrub known as *oleander* is affirmed to have been used from time immemorial in portions of Southern Europe for destroying rats, and a number of cases of poisoning by it have been reported. For collection, see *Therap. Gaz.*, July, 1888. The symptoms have been vomiting, abdominal pain with frequent cries, dilatation of the pupil, vertigo, convulsive movements, insensibility, small, very slow pulse, and in fatal cases epileptiform convulsions with coma ending in death. The action on the heart has in some cases in which death has not ensued been very pronounced, the pulse for five days remaining as low as forty per minute. The infusion made from four ounces of the root is affirmed to have taken life. The results of the experiments upon dogs led Orfila to the conclusion that the aqueous extract of the oleander leaf is an active general poison, causing paralysis and insensibility. M. E. Pelikan (*Compt.-Rend.*, 1866, p. 239) found that in the frog the extract of oleander causes immediate increase in the number of the heart-beats, followed after a little by slowing of the cardiac movements, and later by irregularity of contraction, ending in systolic arrest of the ventricles at a time when the auricles continue to beat and the frog is still able to jump about freely. Pelikan's experiments upon dogs have not, we believe, been published in detail, but they led him to the conclusion that the oleander acts in the mammal upon the heart in the same way as does digitalis. He also convinced himself that the active principle was a yellow, resinous principle, insoluble in water, easily soluble in amylic alcohol and chloroform, previously discovered by M. Latour. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, t. xxxii. p. 32.)

Two alkaloids have been discovered in oleander by Leukowsky (*Journ. de Pharm.*, (3) 46, p. 397); one named *pseudocurarine;* the other named *oleandrine.* Both neutralize acids; the former dissolves in water

and alcohol, but not in ether, and is neither volatile nor poisonous; the latter is yellow, amorphous, very bitter, very slightly soluble in water, but more freely in alcohol and ether, and poisonous in its action on the system. Mr. H. G. Greenish isolated two substances, *neriodorin* and *neriodorein*, which are probably not pure proximate principles. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 350.)

Professor Schmiedeberg (*Archiv für Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, 1883, vol. xvi. 145) finds two active substances in the oleander leaf. *Neriin* he believes to be identical with, or very closely allied to, digitalin. The second substance is *oleandrin*, previously described by Leukowsky as an alkaloid. Schmiedeberg shows that it is a glucoside, and on boiling with very dilute acids breaks up into sugar and a yellow resinous substance like digitaliresin. With concentrated acids it also decomposes, yielding an inactive resin. Schmiedeberg also obtained from African leaves a glucoside, *nerianthin*, which he surmises to be an educt from oleandrin. He found oleandrin to be a powerful cardiac poison, but nerianthin not to have the power of arresting the frog's heart, although it exerts some influence upon it, possibly, as Schmiedeberg surmises, through contaminating oleandrin. Dr. Pouloux (*Bull. Thérap.*, May 15, 1888) finds that five centigrammes of the extract produced in the frog paralysis and death in about forty minutes; that the ventricle is thrown into a state of tetanus which is complete in about five minutes, the auricles continuing to contract for a considerable length of time. The mortal dose for the rabbit he determined to be about fifty centigrammes of the hydro-alcoholic extract. In a few cases of valvular *heart-disease*, Dr. Pouloux found oleander to do very well, and in seventy-five cases under the care of Dr. Freiherr (*Aerztliche Rundschau*, 1892), it acted promptly as a heart stimulant and tonic in cardiac weakness. Its diuretic action is said to be very marked, and not rarely it acts as a cathartic. Any irritation of the alimentary canal contraindicates its use. Under its influence the pulse rapidly becomes regular and slow, and dyspnœa and œdema disappear. Dr. Freiherr claims that it is safer than digitalis in atheromatous diseases. He uses it in infusion or tincture, representing as the daily dose three-quarters to one and a half grains (0·05 to 0·1 Gm.) of the dried oleandér bark, one and a half to three grains (0·1 to 0·2 Gm.) of the fresh bark, one and a quarter to three and a half grains (0·08 to 0·25 Gm.) of the dried fruit. Pouloux's dose of the extract was three-quarters of a grain (0·05 Gm.). The fluid extract would probably be the best preparation.

NICCOLI SULPHAS. *Sulphate of Nickel. Sulfate de Nickel*, Fr. *Nickel Sulfat*, G. $NiSO_4 7H_2O$. This salt is formed by dissolving nickel carbonate in dilute sulphuric acid, concentrating the solution, and setting it aside to crystallize. The carbonate is procured by dissolving the impure nickel arsenide, sold under the name of *speiss*, coarsely powdered and mixed with half its weight of iron filings, in nitro-hydrochloric acid. The solution is evaporated to dryness, and the residue treated with water, which takes up the impure nickel chloride, and leaves the arsenic in the form of the insoluble ferric arsenate. The liquid is then acidulated with hydrochloric acid, treated with hydrogen sulphide in excess, which precipitates the copper, and, after filtration, boiled with a little nitric acid to oxidize any remaining iron. The cold liquid, largely diluted with water, is next treated with a solution of sodium bicarbonate, gradually added, which throws down the iron in the state of ferric oxide. Lastly, the filtered solution, containing the nickel chloride nearly pure, is boiled with sodium carbonate, which, by double decomposition, throws down a pale-green precipitate of nickel carbonate. Nickel sulphate is in the form of emerald-green crystals, efflorescent in the air, soluble in three parts of cold water, but insoluble in alcohol and ether. It has a sweet, astringent taste.

Professor Simpson, of Edinburgh, found this salt to act as a gentle tonic; useful in periodic headache in doses of from half a grain to a grain three times a day. In large doses it is liable to produce nausea and vomiting, especially on an empty stomach. (See *Braithwaite's Retrospect*, xxvii. 446.) Dr. J. D. Palmer, of Monticello, Florida, considers nickel sulphate as a sedative and soporific. (*A. J. P.*, 1868.)

NICCOLIUM. *Nickel.* Dr. T. P. A. Stewart (*Archiv f. Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, vol. xviii. p. 154) finds that in frogs soluble preparations of nickel produce palsy with convulsive movements which are due to an action upon the nerve-centres, the muscles remaining intact, the heart also being affected, as it is believed, by an action upon its motor ganglia. In mammals the chief symptoms produced by nickel are paralysis, with motor disturbance bearing some resemblance to chorea, with convulsions and great irritation of the gastro-intestinal tract, and a marked fall of the blood-pressure, due to paralysis of the vaso-motor centre. Large doses of nickel seem, however, to be necessary for a toxic influence, and the use of nickel in culinary instruments appears to be entirely safe. Professor Riché (*Bull. Acad. Méd. de Paris*, 1888), as the result of experiments made upon dogs and guinea-pigs, reaches the conclusion that nickel is not more poisonous than iron. Thus, a dog absorbed over five drachms of it in sixty days, and increased in weight. The results obtained by Professor Riché have been confirmed in Germany by Dr. Von Hamel Roos and by Professor Schulz. (*P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1887.) *Nickel Bromide* is a greenish-yellow powder, of a sharp, almost burning taste, freely soluble in water, and making a grass-green solution. It is made by the action of bromine vapor upon the finely-divided metal, either by heating the nickel in the vapor, or by the action of the two in the presence of water. It forms deliquescent needles of $NiBr_2 + 3H_2O$. It was first brought forward by Dr. J. M. Da Costa as a remedy for *epilepsy* and kindred disorders, and its value has been confirmed by Dr. R. Leaman. (*Med. Gazette*, April 18, 1885.) He affirms that ten grains of the nickel salt are equal to thirty grains of potassium bromide; that it is best used in effervescing form, made by mixing the salt with sodium bicarbonate and tartaric acid and moistening with alcohol and passing the moist powder through a sieve and drying in a warm closet. It has been physiologically investigated by Dr. H. A. Hare, who finds (*Therap. Gaz.*, vol. ii. p. 297) that it is a powerful paralyzant to the spinal cord, the motor and sensory nerve-trunks, and also to the voluntary muscle. In sufficient dose it causes immediate diastolic cardiac arrest. In smaller doses it lessens the arterial pressure by depressing the heart and the vaso-motor centres.

NICKEL-CARBONYL. *Carbonic Oxide of Nickel.* $Ni(CO)_4$. This substance was first investigated by Mond, Lang, and Quincke, who reported to the Société de Biologie, 1890, that it is difficult to handle because its vapors produce excruciating headache, and that it is a violent poison, evidently de-

stroying the hæmoglobin of the blood. Langlois (*Soc. de Biol.*, 1891), also McKendrick and Snodgrass (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, June, 1891), have repeated the experiments of the two investigators, and it would seem that the substance acts by being broken up in the body and yielding carbonic oxide to the hæmoglobin. It produces prolonged fall of temperature, but it is not probable that it will prove of any practical value in medicine. For physical properties and methods of preparation, see authors already quoted.

NIGELLA SATIVA. *Nutmeg-flower. Small Fennel-flower. Faux Cumin*, Fr. *Schwarzkümmel*, G. A small annual plant, growing wild in Syria and the south of Europe, and cultivated in various parts of the world. The seeds, *semen nigellæ*, are ovate, somewhat compressed, about a line long and half as broad, usually three-cornered, with two sides flat and one convex, black or brown externally, white and oleaginous within, of a strong, agreeable, aromatic odor, like that of nutmegs, and a spicy, pungent taste. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1882, p. 681.) Their chief constituents are a volatile and a fixed oil (1·5 per cent. of the former and 35 per cent. of the latter), and an amorphous glucoside, *melanthin*, which is decomposed by diluted hydrochloric acid into *melanthigenin* and sugar. The *nigellin* of Reinsch does not seem to have been a pure substance. In India the seeds are considered as stimulant, diaphoretic, and emmenagogue, and are believed to increase the secretion of milk. They are also used as a condiment, and as a corrigent or adjuvant of purgative and tonic medicines.

NITROGEN MONOXIDE, so-called *Nitrous Oxide. Laughing Gas. Oxyde nitreux, Protoxide d'Azote*, Fr. *Stickstoffoxydul, Lachgas*, G. N_2O. These names have been given to a gaseous substance, discovered by Priestley in 1776, but first brought into general notice in 1800 by Sir Humphry Davy, who discovered and made known the remarkable exhilarating properties which earned for it the name of laughing gas.

Preparation. In its preparation, pure fused ammonium nitrate is submitted in a glass retort to a heat sufficient to decompose it, not exceeding 204·4° C. (400° F.); and the resulting gas and vapor are collected in a glass receiver over warm water or a saturated aqueous solution of common salt. Warm water is preferred because cold water absorbs much of the gas, and would consequently occasion loss; and even warm water, though it takes up much less, is not entirely unobjectionable on this score; and the saline solution is therefore probably, on the whole, best adapted to the purpose. When ammonium nitrate is heated to the point of decomposition, it is wholly resolved into aqueous vapor and nitrogen monoxide, according to the reaction: $NH_4NO_3 = (H_2O)_2 + N_2O$. But it is necessary not to let the heat employed be too high, as otherwise, besides nitrous oxide, there will come over portions of nitric oxide, uncombined ammonia, and probably even nitric acid, which contaminate the product, and render it unfit for use. This may be avoided by arresting the process as soon as any white fumes appear in the retort. Peculiar care also must be taken that the ammonium nitrate should be pure, and especially free from ammonium chloride, which might cause an admixture of chlorine in the product. To insure against impurities of this kind, it is best in any case in the least doubtful, and perhaps it might be best in all cases, to cause the nitrous oxide, before it is used by inhalation, to pass successively through two solutions: one of ferrous sulphate, to remove any nitric oxide that might be present; the second, of caustic potassa or soda, to neutralize acid impurities and chlorine. At times nitrogen gas is also present in the nitrogen monoxide, probably resulting from a trace of nitrite present or some reducing action upon the nitrate in the moment of its decomposition. When the monoxide is liquefied under pressure this free nitrogen remains as unliquefied gas.

Properties. Nitrogen monoxide gas is colorless, nearly or quite inodorous, slightly sweetish to the taste, and of the sp. gr. 1·527. Cold water will absorb about three-fourths of its bulk of the gas, and, under pressure, much more; and, thus impregnated, has a slight, not unpleasant smell, and sweetish taste. By the joint influence of cold and pressure the gas may be condensed into a liquid, which is colorless, very mobile, and capable, under the ordinary atmospheric pressure, of remaining liquid at —12·7° C. (9° F.). The liquefaction was effected by M. Bianchi at 0° C. (32° F.), under a pressure of thirty atmospheres. (*A. J. P.*, 1865, p. 275.) Inflammable bodies will generally burn with increased vigor in nitrous oxide, which is, however, entirely incapable of giving oxygen to the blood. It consists of two atoms of nitrogen and one of oxygen, and its formula is N_2O.

Medical Uses. The anæsthetic property of nitrogen monoxide was discovered by Sir Humphry Davy, who even suggested that it might be used to prevent pain in surgical operations; but the first practical application of it to this purpose was made by the late Dr. Horace Wells, of Connecticut. The measure, however, so promising at the outset, was entirely neglected. No further attention was given to the subject for sixteen or more years, when Mr. G. L. Colton introduced the use of the gas as a practical anæsthetic in dentistry. It is distinguished among remedies of its class for the rapidity and brevity of its action.

For short minor surgical operations the gas is an excellent anæsthetic, but in severe operations it is not to be relied on, any interruption of the inhalation being followed by immediate return to consciousness. The apparatus required for its production, storage, exhibition, and administration is also so cumbrous that practically nitrous oxide is only employed by the dentist. It is certainly a very safe agent when used with due care, although it has caused death. The common mode of exhibition is by means of an air-tight bladder or bag, with a tube and mouth-piece attached. The anæsthesia is not directly produced by the gas, but is the result of the shutting off of the oxygen from the system. (See H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics.*)

Nitrous Oxide Water. Water, impregnated by pressure with about five times its volume of nitrogen monoxide, forms the *nitrous oxide water*, known in England under the name of *Searle's patent oxygenous aërated water*, which has been used to some extent as an internal remedy. Sir H. Davy tried the aqueous solution, made without pressure, and thought it acted as a diuretic, and promoted digestion; and Sérullas used it in Asiatic cholera with apparent advantage. Dr. George J. Ziegler asserts that water charged with five times its volume of the gas possesses tonic, resolvent, exhilarant, and diuretic properties. He has observed, however, that its free and prolonged use is apt to produce emaciation.

NJIMO WOOD. *Njimo* was introduced into Germany from the Cameroons with the statement that it had digestive properties similar to pepsin. It is a stem wood of a yellow color, often occurring along with pieces of root. Its odor resembles musk, and its taste is purely bitter. It has been investigated by Dr. Schulz (*Pharm. Zeit.*, June 12, 1886), who finds that it has not the property attributed to it, and that it yields a resinous extract not poisonous to frogs. The alcoholic extract of the drug is yellow by transmitted light, but exhibits a green fluorescence resembling uranium glass.

NOCTILUCINE. For an account of this substance, to which is ascribed the phosphorescence of various animals, see *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvii.

NUPHAR. The seed of *Nuphar luteum*, according to W. Grüning, contains *nuphar-tannic acid*, $C_{56}H_{56}O_{37}$, in considerable quantity. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 96.)

NYMPHÆA ODORATA. *Sweet-scented Water-lily.* The root of this well-known American plant is very astringent and bitter, and, according to Dr. Bigelow, contains much tannin and gallic acid. The root of the *Nymphæa alba*, or European *white water-lily*, was esteemed antaphrodisiac by the ancients. The tannic acid contained in this root has been named *nymphæ-tannic acid*, and the formula $C_{56}H_{58}O_{38}$ given it. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 96.)

NYSSA GRANDIDENTATA. *Tupelo Gum. Sour Gum. Ogeechee Lime. Tupelo root* has been recommended for surgical tents, because it expands more rapidly than sponge or laminaria. (*A. J. P.*, 1883.)

OATMEAL. *Avenæ Farina. Farine d'Avoine*, Fr. *Hafermehl*, G. *Farina dell'Avena*, It. *Harina de Avena*, Sp. *Avena sativa*, or the common oat, is so well known that a minute description would be superfluous. It is specifically distinguished by its "loose panicle, its two-seeded glumes, and its smooth seeds, one of which is awned." It was known to the ancients, and is now cultivated in all civilized countries; but its original locality has not been satisfactorily ascertained. It grows wild in Sicily, and is said to have been seen by Anson in the island of Juan Fernandez, off the coast of Chili. The oat grain is cultivated very largely in all northern civilized countries as a sustenance for horses and man. The seeds deprived of their husks are sometimes known as *groats*. As a human food coarsely ground oatmeal is usually preferred to the fine meal, and the grain grown in a northern climate is superior to that produced farther south. Hence Canada and Irish and Scotch oatmeals are better than the meals produced in the middle of the United States, the product of which country is chiefly consumed by horses. Diuretic properties have been attributed to the oatmeal, but probably incorrectly. *Tinctura Avenæ Sativæ* may be made by percolating 4 troy-ounces of the ground oatmeal with one pint of diluted alcohol, reserving the first 5½ fluidounces, and evaporating the remainder down to half a fluidounce and adding to the reserved portion. (H. E. Heinitsh, *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 86.)

Oatmeal contains, according to Vogel, in 100 parts, 59 of starch, 4·30 of a grayish substance resembling rather coagulated albumen than gluten, 8·25 of sugar and a bitter principle, 2·50 of gum, 2 of fixed oil, and 23·95 of fibrous matter, including loss. A very elaborate report on the composition of American cereals by Clifford Richardson (*Department of Agriculture*, Bulletin No. 9, 1886) gives as the average ratio in oats from all parts of the country 70 per cent. of kernel to 30 per cent. of husk. According to the same authority, the composition of the kernel (average of 179 analyses) is as follows: water, 6·93 per cent.; ash, 2·15; oil, 8·14; carbohydrates, 67·09; fibre, 1·38; albuminoids, 14·31; corresponding to nitrogen per cent. 2·28. The nitrogenous principle has been called *avenin*, and resembles legumin somewhat. Ritthausen (*Die Eiweisskörper*, Bonn, 1872, p. 135) considers Nortin's avenin to have been a mixture of legumin or vegetable casein and a vegetable gluten containing sulphur, to which he gives the name *gliadin*, the legumin, however, predominating. Oatmeal is very slightly but not unpleasantly bitter, and yields most of its nutritive matter readily to boiling water.

Gruel made with fine oatmeal affords a nutritious, bland, and easily digested aliment, admirably adapted to inflammatory diseases, and, from its somewhat laxative tendency, preferable in certain cases to the purely mucilaginous or amylaceous preparations. It is often administered after brisk cathartics, in order to render them easier and at the same time more efficient in their action. It is sometimes also used in the form of enema; and the meal, boiled with water into a thick paste, forms an excellent emollient cataplasm. *Oatmeal gruel* may be prepared by boiling an ounce of the meal with three pints of water to a quart, straining the decoction, allowing it to stand till it cools, and then pouring off the clear liquor from the sediment. Sugar, lemon-juice, or wine may be added to improve its flavor.

OCHRES. These are native mixtures of argillaceous or calcareous earth and iron and manganese oxides, employed in painting. They are prepared for use by agitating them with water, decanting the turbid liquor after the coarser particles have subsided, then allowing it to rest in order that the finer parts may be deposited, and, lastly, drying the sediment which forms. The color of the ochres varies with the state of oxidation of the iron, and with the proportion which the iron bears to the other ingredients, and is sometimes artificially modified by the agency of heat. Several varieties are known in commerce under different names, according to their color or place of origin. Such are the *brown ochre*, the *yellow ochre*, the *red ochre*, the *Roman ochre*, of a brownish yellow changing by heat to a purple red, the *Oxford ochre*, of a brownish-yellow color less deep than the Roman, and the *French ochre*, which is yellow. The *Indian red*, from the Persian Gulf, and the *Spanish brown* may also be ranked in this class of pigments. Sometimes ochres come in a powdery state, and sometimes in hard masses known as *stone ochres*.

OCYMUM BASILICUM. *Basil. Sweet Basil. Grand Basilic*, Fr. *Basilien Kraut*, G. An annual plant, a native of India and Persia, and cultivated in Europe and in this country in gardens. The whole plant has a strong, peculiar, agreeable, aromatic odor, which is improved by drying. The taste is aromatic, and somewhat cooling and saline. It yields by distillation a yellowish-green volatile oil, lighter than water, which on being kept solidifies into a crystalline camphor, isomeric with turpentine-camphor. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, xiv. 359.) Basil has the ordinary properties of the aromatic plants, and is used as a condiment. The seeds are said by Ainslie to be used in India in *gonorrhœa* and nephritic affections.

ŒNANTHE CROCATA. *Hemlock. Water-dropwort. Dead-tongue.* A perennial, umbelliferous,

aquatic European plant, exceedingly poisonous both to man and inferior animals. (*London Lancet*, 1873, p. 918.) The root, which has a sweetish not unpleasant taste, is sometimes eaten by mistake for other roots, with the most dangerous effects; and numerous instances of fatal results are on record. The symptoms produced are those of irritation of the stomach, besides failure of circulation, and great cerebral disturbance, indicated by giddiness, convulsions, and coma. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1874, p. 202.) Externally applied, the root produces redness and irritation of the skin, with an eruptive affection. It is said to be sometimes used empirically as a local remedy in *piles;* and a case is recorded in which an obstinate *leprosy* was cured by the continued use of the juice of the plant. Other species of *Œnanthe* are poisonous, and the whole genus should be suspected. We have two or three indigenous species. In cases of poisoning, the stomach should be at once evacuated, and symptoms met as they arise. A peculiar resinoid principle, denominated *œnanthin*, has been found by Mr. Gerding in *Œnanthe fistulosa*, of which half a grain, given to an adult, produced long-continued irritation of the fauces, with hoarseness, and a grain occasional vomiting. (See *A. J. P.*, xxi. 68.) In the *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. p. 357, will be found a paper upon the microscopic characters of *Œ. crocata* and its recognition in cases of suspected cattle-poisoning.

ŒNANTHE PHELLANDRIUM. Sprengel. *Phellandrium Aquaticum.* Linn. *Fine-leaved Water-hemlock. Fructus Phellandrii*, P. G. *Wasserfenchel*, G. *Phellandrie, Fenouil d'Eau*, F. A biennial or perennial, umbelliferous, European water-plant, the fresh leaves of which are said to be injurious to cattle, producing a kind of paralysis when eaten. By drying, they lose their deleterious properties. The *seeds* have been used in Europe to a considerable extent in the treatment of disease. They are from a line to a line and a half in length, ovate-oblong, narrow above, somewhat compressed, marked with ten delicate ribs, and crowned with the remains of the calyx, and with the erect or reverted styles. Their color is yellowish brown; their odor peculiar, strong, and disagreeable; their taste acrid and aromatic. Among their constituents is a volatile oil, upon which their aromatic flavor depends. By Mr. C. Fronefield it has been rendered probable that they contain a volatile alkaloid, analogous to coniine, if it be not *coniine* itself; for if the powdered seeds are rubbed with solution of potassa, the peculiar mouse-like odor of that alkaloid is exhaled. The powder was submitted to distillation with caustic potassa, the alkaline liquid obtained was neutralized with sulphuric acid and evaporated to a syrupy consistence, alcohol was added to precipitate the ammonium sulphate, the liquid was then filtered, treated with caustic potassa, and again distilled. On the surface of the distillate a yellow oily fluid floated, which was only slightly soluble in water but readily so in ether and alcohol, evinced an alkaline reaction with turmeric paper, and neutralized the acids. (*A. J. P.*, May, 1860, p. 211.) In overdoses the seeds produce vertigo, intoxication, and other narcotic effects. They have been used in chronic pectoral affections, such as *bronchitis*, *pulmonary consumption*, and *asthma;* also in *dyspepsia*, *intermittent fever*, obstinate *ulcers*, etc. The dose of the seeds, to commence with, is five or six grains (0·324 or 0·389 Gm.), so repeated as to amount to a drachm in twenty-four hours. They should be given in powder. Dose of alcoholic extract, three grains (0·194 Gm.). (*P. J. Tr.*, xii. 591.)

ŒNOTHERA BIENNIS. *Tree Primrose. Evening Primrose. Onagre*, Fr. *Nachtkerze*, G. The fleshy root of this plant, before the introduction of the potato, was used as a table vegetable. Many years ago, Dr. R. E. Griffith commended very highly a strong decoction of the plant frequently applied in eruptive skin diseases. More recently, the drug has been commended in *whooping-cough* and spasmodic *asthma*, and the ointment has been used in *porrigo* and other cutaneous affections of infants, and as an application to *ulcers*. Dose of fluid extract, half to one fluidrachm (1·8 to 3·6 C.c.). The ointment may be made by incorporating four ounces of the fluid extract in a pound of vaseline or lard.

ŒTHUSA CYNAPIUM. Poisonous properties are alternately attributed and denied to this British plant. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1874, p. 202; Nov. 1880, p. 438.)

OIL OF ANDA. A fixed oil procured by expression from the seeds of *Anda brasiliensis* (Radde), *Anda gomesei* (Ad. Jussieu), *Johannesia princeps* (Vell), a tree of Brazil, belonging to the family of Euphorbiaceæ. The bark yields on being wounded a milky juice, which is said to be poisonous, and to be used for stupefying fish. The fruit, which is about as large as an apple, ash-colored, with two larger and two smaller angles, encloses a two-celled nut, containing two seeds, about the size of a chestnut. Like the seeds of other euphorbiaceous plants, these are actively purgative; one seed, according to Martius, being the dose for a man. By expression these seeds yield a pale-yellow, transparent oil, with little smell or taste, which is said to be used in Brazil for burning and painting. It has a sp. gr. 0·927, and in properties belongs to the class of semi-drying oils. Mello Olliveira has found in it an alkaloid, *johannesine*, but Dr. Couty affirms this to be inert. (*N. R.*, 1881, p. 260.) Dr. Norris, who tried the oil at the Pennsylvania Hospital, found it to operate on the bowels moderately in the dose of fifty drops, and copiously when more largely given. Dr. Manoel de Castro and other Brazilian physicians claim that in doses of one to two teaspoonfuls it acts in a manner very similar to castor oil, over which it has the great advantage of not being nauseous to the taste.

OIL OF BEN. This is a fixed oil extracted from the seeds of the *Moringa pterygosperma* and *M. aptera* of Gaertner, and not to be confounded with oil of benne from Sesamum indicum. *Hyperanthera Moringa* (Vahl) is a synonyme of the former species. These are trees belonging to the family of Leguminosæ, inhabiting different parts of India, Arabia, Syria, etc., and introduced into the West Indies. Mr. James Macfadyen, in his *Flora of Jamaica* (i. 325), states that it is not the *M. pterygosperma* which yields the commercial oil of ben, but the *M. aptera*, which has not been introduced into Jamaica. He says, however, that an excellent and palatable oil may be obtained by expression from the seeds of *M. pterygosperma*, growing in that island. The leaves and other parts have an acrid property, which has probably given the name of *horse-radish tree* to *M. pterygosperma*. The oil of the seeds has long been known, though used rather in the arts than in medicine. It is prepared in Europe from the seeds brought from Egypt (*Mérat and De Lens*); and it would appear, from the statements of Mr. Macfadyen, that the idea generally prevailing that it is also extracted in the West Indies is incorrect.

The oil has a sp. gr. of 0·912 to 0·917; it solidifies at about 0° C., indeed at 7° C. it begins to deposit the solid fats. It is inodorous, clear, and nearly colorless, and keeps long without becoming rancid. It resembles olive oil, and is used for similar purposes. Mérat and De Lens say that it is purgative; but most of the fixed oils are so in sufficient doses. According to Völcker, the oil contains palmitin, olein, and a peculiar fatty matter yielding an acid by saponification, which he names *benic* (or *behenic*) *acid*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xvi. 77.) Heintz considers benic acid as simply a mixture of palmitic and myristic acids. (*Pogg. Ann.*, xcii. 601.) It is, however, now recognized as one of the normal fatty acid series, possessing the formula $C_{22}H_{44}O_2$.

OIL OF CITRONELLA. *Oleum Andropogon Nardi.* This oil is distilled from the *Andropogon Nardus*, a plant growing sometimes to the height of five or six feet, which is cultivated in Ceylon and in the Straits settlement, and also on the Malabar coast. According to the statements of Consul Freudenberg, this oil is produced largely in the southern provinces of Ceylon by natives, either by distillation with steam or with a naked fire; under favorable circumstances about 100 pounds annually being the product of a well-managed plantation. The production has greatly increased; in 1864 only 622,000 ounces being exported from Ceylon, whilst in 1886 the quantity rose to 6,461,278 ounces; more than half of this quantity (3,623,701 ounces) was sent to England, and 2,585,136 ounces to America. In 1892 the exports from Ceylon amounted to 13,512,026 ounces, of which 6,952,152 ounces went to England, and 5,878,938 ounces to America. For an interesting account of the production of this oil, the main facts having been collected by Charles Ault from Winter & Son, Boddagana, Ceylon, see *Western Druggist*, 1888, p. 243. Oil of citronella is of a yellowish-green color, having a characteristic odor and pungent taste. Its sp. gr. is, according to Kremer, 0·8833. It mixes with alcohol in all proportions, and the test for purity given by Schimmel & Co. is based upon its behavior towards alcohol of 75 per cent.: "one volume of the oil must form an absolutely clear solution with *two*, or at most *two and a half*, volumes of 75 per cent. alcohol at a temperature not below 20° C. (68° F.). A cloudy mixture indicates the presence of turpentine, certain fixed oils, and other essential oils which are sometimes used to adulterate it." According to Flückiger, oil of citronella yields a solid crystalline compound when shaken with a saturated solution of sodium bisulphite. The oil was analyzed by E. Kremers and found to consist of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, a body isomeric with borneol, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, termed *citronellol*, and a heptoic aldehyde, $C_7H_{14}O$. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1887, p. 578.) Oil of citronella is an aromatic not used in medicine, but largely employed in perfuming so-called *honey soap*.

OIL OF EUPHORBIA. A fixed oil, obtained from the seeds of *Euphorbia Lathyris*, a biennial plant growing wild in this country, though believed to have been introduced from Europe. It is often found near gardens and in cultivated fields, and is generally called *mole plant*, under the impression that moles avoid the ground where it grows. (*Pursh.*) It is the *caper plant* of England. Like the other species of Euphorbiaceæ, it contains a milky juice, which is extremely acrid; and the whole plant possesses the properties of a drastic purge; but the oil of the seeds is the only part used in regular practice. This may be extracted by expression, or by the agency of alcohol or ether. In the first case, the bruised seeds are pressed in a canvas or linen bag, and the oil which escapes is purified by decanting it from the whitish flocculent matter which it deposits upon standing, and by subsequent filtration. By the other process, the bruised seeds are digested in alcohol, or macerated in ether, and the oil is obtained by filtering and evaporating the solution. According to Soubeiran, however, the oils obtained by these different processes are not identical. That procured by expression is probably the purest.

Oil of euphorbia is colorless, inodorous, and, when recent, nearly insipid; but it speedily becomes rancid, and acquires a dangerous acrimony. Soubeiran has ascertained that it has a complex composition, containing, besides the pure oil, four distinct proximate principles. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxi. 259.) From 40 to 44 parts are obtained by expression from 100 of the seed. It is a powerful purge, but in doses of five to ten drops is stated by Continental physicians to act kindly upon the bowels. In this country, however, it has been found very uncertain in its effects, and very liable to vomit. (*Journ. Phil. Col. Pharm.*, iv. 124.)

OIL OF JASMINE. This oil is obtained from the flowers of *Jasminum officinale* or *common white jasmine*, of *J. sambac*, and of *J. grandiflorum*. Alternate layers of the fresh flowers, and of cotton saturated with the oil of ben or other fixed oil, are exposed in a covered vessel to the warmth of the sun; the flowers being renewed till the oil becomes impregnated, when it is separated from the cotton by pressure. This method is necessary, as the flowers do not yield their aroma by distillation. The oil is used only as a perfume. Dr. W. H. Hall records (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*, Jan. 1861) the case of a child poisoned by the fruit of a jasmine, probably the common white species. The symptoms were coma, largely-dilated pupil, and snoring respiration, with a cold pale surface, and slow and feeble pulse, followed by violent convulsions, with rigidity of the muscles about the head and throat.

OIL OF LEMON-GRASS. *Oleum Andropogon Citrati.* This oil is distilled from *A. citratus* and probably other grasses of the genus *Andropogon*, as *A. iwarancusa*, *A. calamus*, *A. martini*. *Andropogon citratus* is a large, coarse-looking grass, cultivated largely in India, the Malay Peninsula, Ceylon, and the neighborhood of Singapore. It grows in light soil, requiring very little care in cultivating, but considerable moisture. The oil, which is frequently called *oil of verbena*, is mentioned by Roxburgh as being distilled in the Moluccas as early as 1820. It is exported in large quantities from Ceylon, India, and adjacent countries. It is a yellowish-brown liquid having a characteristic odor and a pungent taste. Like oil of citronella, it yields a crystalline solid when treated with sodium bisulphite. It is sometimes used in Eastern countries as a carminative and stimulant. Its sole use in this country is in perfumery.

OIL OF MAIZE. Our American maize or Indian corn yields a bright golden-yellow oil, of peculiar pleasant odor and taste. It is moderately thick, and has a sp. gr. at 15° C. of 0·916. It consists of olein, stearin, and palmitin, and solidifies at —10° C. The oil is contained in the germs of the seed alone. Reckoned on the whole weight of the seeds the oil constitutes 11 per cent., of which from 6 to 8 per cent. is extracted; reckoned on the weight of the germ itself, after separation from the starchy

body of the seed, the oil amounts to 22 per cent. It is now being extensively produced in the Western United States in connection with the working of starch and glucose factories.

OIL OF MEXICAN LIGNALOES. This volatile oil, which is used chiefly on account of its fragrant odor (which has been described as resembling that of a mixture of lemon and jasmine), is said to be obtained by the distillation of the wood of the *Bursera delpachiana*. For description, and also the chemical characteristics of the oil, see *P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1887.

OIL OF PATCHOULI. This oil is distilled from the leaves of a plant, *Pogostemon Patchouli*, cultivated at Singapore and other Eastern localities, and found in China, Ceylon, Java, Mauritius, etc. This plant has an interesting history, and the drug was first offered at public sale in London in 1844; it is now imported for European consumption in immense quantities, and it is believed by the Arabs, Chinese, and Japanese to possess prophylactic powers. The oil as found in commerce is of two kinds. The best is that distilled in the East in the neighborhood of the patchouli plantations from selected fresh leaves; the other kind is distilled in Europe from imported leaves; the latter often arrive in a more or less damaged condition, and are often adulterated. Oil of patchouli is a thick, brownish-yellow oil with a green tint, and was shown by Gladstone to contain *cærulein*, an intensely blue compound found in oils of absinthium, calamus aromaticus, matricaria, achillea, etc. The oil has the sp. gr. 0·955, and boiling point 257° C. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1880, pp. 410, 813.) It deposits a stearopten termed *patchouli camphor*, which crystallizes in hexagonal prisms, melts at 59° C., and boils at 206° C.; oil of cedar and oil of cubebs are frequently used to adulterate the oil, and they may be detected by fractional distillation and their difference in boiling points. Oil of patchouli is used in perfumery mainly for its valuable property of conferring upon other odors lasting qualities; its characteristic and persistent smell when uncombined is usually not popular among Caucasians.

OLEITE. *Sodium Sulphoricinoleate.* This substance may be prepared from castor oil by treating it with sulphuric acid at a low temperature, when a compound of sulphuric and ricinoleic acids is formed. The free sulphuric acid being removed by washing, and any unchanged oil by ether, the resulting sulphoricinoleic acid is then neutralized by sodium hydrate, the finished product being a transparent, jelly-like liquid, with little odor, having an acrid taste, and soluble in water, alcohol, chloroform, and essential oils.

The solvent powers of oleite upon medicinal substances are said to be extraordinary, there being only a few which will not yield to it to a greater or less degree. According to the experiments of Mr. Fred. B. Kilmer (*Proc. A. P. A.*, 1890; *P. J. Tr.*, xx., 1890), its action upon mucous membranes, healthy and diseased skin, cuts, burns, etc., is highly soothing, and it may be taken internally or freely absorbed through the skin without danger. It would appear, therefore, to afford an excellent basis for ointments; but as productions made with it are very sticky, and often liable to harden, it is commonly best used by rubbing the substance with oleite, and then adding 50 per cent. of fatty base.

OLEUM CHÆNOCETI. *Dœgling Oil. Dœgling Thran. Huile de Rorqual Rostré*, Fr. The oil derived from the Norwegian whale, *Balæna rostrata*, is said by Gustav Guldberg to possess a lower specific gravity than any other animal oil (0·876 at 15° C.), and also remarkable penetrative properties. It is affirmed that if mixed in equal quantities with chloroform it carries the latter agent through the skin, and enables it to act as a local anæsthetic in *pruritus*, *neuralgia*, etc. Mixed with wax, it is highly recommended as a basis for ointments by the same authority.

OLIBANUM. *Thus. Oliban, Encens*, Fr. *Weihrauch*, G. Olibanum, the *frankincense* of the ancients, was erroneously ascribed by Linnæus to *Juniperus Lycia*. There are two varieties, one coming to Europe from the Mediterranean, and the other directly from Calcutta. These varieties were formerly considered distinct, but recent researches indicate their common origin. In 1843, Captain Kempthorne, of the East India Company's Navy, saw the olibanum tree growing upon the mountains, on the African coast, between Bunder Maryah and Cape Guardafui. According to his statement, it grows on the bare marble rocks composing the hills of that region, without any soil or the slightest fissure to support it, adhering by means of a substance thrown out from the base of the stem. This rises forty feet, and sends forth near the summit short branches, covered with a bright-green, singular foliage. The juice, which exudes through incisions made into the inner bark, has at first the color and consistence of milk, but hardens on exposure. (*P. J. Tr.*, iv. 37.) Sir Wm. J. Hooker says that the African olibanum is derived from *Plösslea floribunda* of Endlicher (*Boswellia*, Royle); but thinks it highly probable that it is furnished by more than one species. (*Ibid.*, 1859, p. 217.) Mr. Bennett, of the British Museum, has also identified Kempthorne's specimens as *P. floribunda*. But in 1847, Mr. Carter described very closely the olibanum district, and procured living specimens, the descendants of which appear still to flourish in the "old gardens" of the Bombay Agri-Horticultural Society. Dr. Birdwood, who is in charge of these gardens, asserts (*Trans. Linnæan Soc.*, xxvii.) that no olibanum is obtained in India, all coming from a coast district of Arabia (the same district as that described by Theophrastus), and being the product of a new species of Boswellia, *B. Carteri*, Birdwood.

The Arabian or African frankincense is in the form of yellowish tears, and irregular reddish lumps or fragments. The tears are generally small, oblong or roundish, not very brittle, with a dull and waxy fracture, softening in the mouth, and bearing much resemblance to mastic, from which, however, they differ in their want of transparency. The reddish masses soften in the hand, have a stronger taste and smell than the tears, and are often mixed with fragments of bark, and small crystals of calcium carbonate.

The Indian frankincense, or olibanum, consists chiefly of yellowish, somewhat translucent, roundish tears, larger than those of the African, and generally covered with a whitish powder produced by friction. It has a balsamic resinous smell, and an acrid, bitterish, somewhat aromatic taste. When chewed it softens in the mouth, adheres to the teeth, and partially dissolves in the saliva, which it renders milky. It burns with a brilliant flame and a fragrant odor. Triturated with water, it forms a milky imperfect solution. Alcohol dissolves nearly three-fourths of it, and the tincture is transparent. From

100 parts, Braconnot obtained 8 parts of volatile oil, 56 of resin, 30 of gum, and 5·2 of a glutinous matter insoluble in water or alcohol, with 0·8 loss. Various saline substances were found in its ashes. The oil may be separated by distillation, and resembles that of lemons in color and smell. According to Stenhouse, it is isomeric with oil of peppermint, and consists of an oxygenated and a non-oxygenated oil. (*Gmelin's Handbook*, xiv. 390.) Kurbatow showed that the oil consists of *olibene*, $C_{10}H_{16}$, and a portion containing oxygen. Hlasiwetz found the resin to be a uniform substance of the composition $C_{20}H_{30}O_3$. The gum is stated to be identical with arabin.

Dr. W. F. Daniell has described an odorous product, used as *frankincense* in Sierra Leone, and obtained from a large tree, growing in the mountainous districts of that region. The tree has been described by Mr. J. J. Bennett in *P. J. Tr.*, 1854, p. 251, as *Daniella thurifera*. According to Dr. Daniell, the juice exudes through openings made by an insect, and, concreting in connection with the woody particles resulting from the boring of the insect, falls at length to the ground, where it is collected by the negroes. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvii. 338.) Olibanum is stimulant like the other gum-resins, but is now very seldom used internally. M. Delioux, of Toulon, however, is in the habit of using it for the same purposes as the balsams of Tolu and Peru, having satisfied himself by much experience that it produces similar effects, while it is less costly. He gives it, in the form of pill, in the medium dose of fifteen grains, which may be increased to a drachm or more. It appears to act more favorably when combined with a little soap. He has also obtained advantage from the inhalation of its fumes, when heated, in chronic *bronchitis* and *laryngitis*. (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Fév. 28, 1861.) It is chiefly employed for fumigation, and in unofficial plasters.

ONION. *Cepa.* The bulb of *Allium Cepa*. Fourcroy and Vauquelin obtained from the ordinary onion a white acrid volatile oil containing sulphur, albumen, much uncrystallizable sugar and mucilage, phosphoric acid both free and combined with lime, acetic acid, lime citrate, and lignin. The expressed juice is susceptible of the vinous fermentation. The oil is essentially the same in chemical composition as the oil of *Allium sativum*, and consists largely of allyl-sulphide, $(C_3H_5)_2S$.

The onion is stimulant, diuretic, expectorant, and rubefacient. Taken moderately it increases the appetite and promotes digestion, and is much used as a condiment; but in large quantities it is apt to cause flatulence, gastric uneasiness, and febrile excitement. The juice is occasionally given, made into syrup with sugar, in infantile *catarrhs* and *croup* in the absence of much inflammatory action. It is also recommended in *dropsy*. Deprived of its essential oil by boiling, the onion becomes a mild esculent. Roasted and split, it is sometimes applied as an emollient cataplasm to suppurating tumors.

OPHIOXYLON SERPENTINUM. In the root of this plant, which is used in East India as a purge and anthelmintic, Prof. Wefers-Bettink found a yellow crystalline principle, *ophioxylin*, melting at 72° C., and possessing the formula $C_{16}H_{12}O_6$; also a volatile oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

OPOPANAX. A concrete juice usually ascribed to *Pastinaca Opopanax* (Willd.), *Opopanax Chironium* (De Candolle). This species of parsnip, usually called *rough parsnip*, has a thick, yellow, fleshy, perennial root, which sends up annually a strong branching stem, rough near the base, about as thick as a man's thumb, and from four to eight feet in height. The leaves are variously pinnate, with long sheathing petioles, and large, oblong, serrate leaflets, of which the terminal one is cordate, others are deficient at their base upon the upper side, and the whole are hairy on their under surface. The flowers are small, yellow, and form large flat umbels at the termination of the branches. The plant is a native of the Levant, and grows wild in the south of France, Italy, and Greece. When the base of the stem is wounded, a juice exudes, which, when dried in the sun, constitutes the opopanax of commerce. Some authors state that it is obtained from the root. A warm climate appears necessary for the perfection of the juice; as that which has been collected from the plant in France, though similar to opopanax, is of inferior quality. The drug is brought from Turkey. It is said to come also from the East Indies; but Ainslie states that he never met with it in any Indian medicine bazaar. The method of its production is not known with any certainty.

It is sometimes in tears, but usually in irregular lumps or fragments, of a reddish-yellow color, speckled with white on the outside, paler within, and, when broken, exhibiting white pieces intermingled with the mass. Its odor is strong, peculiar, and unpleasant, its taste bitter and acrid. Its sp. gr. is 1·622. It is inflammable, burning with a bright flame. In chemical constitution it is a gum-resin, with an admixture of other ingredients in small proportion. The results of its analysis by Pelletier were, from 100 parts, 33·4 of gum, 42 of resin, 4·2 of starch, 1·6 of extractive, 0·3 of wax, 2·8 of malic acid, 9·8 of lignin, 5·9 of volatile oil and loss, with traces of caoutchouc. Water by trituration dissolves about one-half of the gum-resin, forming an opaque milky emulsion, which deposits resinous matter on standing, and becomes yellowish. Both alcohol and water distilled from it retain its flavor; but only a very minute proportion of oil can be obtained in a separate state. Opopanax was formerly employed, as an antispasmodic and deobstruent, in *hypochondriasis*, *hysteria*, *asthma*, and chronic visceral affections, and as an emmenagogue; but it is now scarcely ever used. Dose, from ten to thirty grains (0·64 to 1·9 Gm.).

OPUNTIA VULGARIS. *Prickly Pear. Figue de Barbarie*, Fr. *Indische Feige*, G. The fruit of this plant has been examined by Wm. W. Light. In the pulp he found mucilage having an acid reaction, gum, and tartaric and citric acids; in the seeds, 7·25 per cent. of fixed oil. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 3.)

ORANGE RED. *Orange Mineral. Sandix.* Red lead oxide, prepared by calcining lead carbonate. It is of a lighter color than *minium*, and is used as a pigment.

ORCIN. *Dihydroxytoluene.* $C_6H_3(CH_3)(OH)_2$. This is a white stable powder, of a peculiar sweetish taste and aromatic odor, crystallizing with one molecule of water It is easily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, and has a sweet taste. It melts at 56° C. when it contains water, but deprived of this, melts at 107° C. It boils at 290° C. It is said to resemble resorcin in its local action and to be useful in the same class of skin diseases. According to Dr. J. Andeer (*Med. Chron.*, Dec. 1885), it is distinctly antiseptic, and in poisonous doses produces death by a direct action upon the heart-muscle.

OREODAPHNE CALIFORNICA. The *California Bay Laurel* is an evergreen tree of consider-

able size, rather abundant throughout the State. Its wood is much prized on account of the beauty of its grain and its immunity from the attacks of insects. The leaves yield about 4 per cent. of a neutral, straw-colored, limpid volatile oil, which has a warm camphoraceous taste and a pungent aromatic odor, resembling somewhat that of a mixture of oils of nutmeg and cardamom. It is soluble in 1000 parts of water, and with alcohol and ether in all proportions. It is said, when inhaled, to cause dizziness and headache. Its chemical characters have been studied by Mr. John P. Heamy. (*A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 105.) He finds it to consist of a pure hydrocarbon, sp. gr. 0·894, boiling at 175° C. (347° F.), and an oxygenated pungent portion, which boils at 210° C. (410° F.). This he calls *oreodaphnol*. *Oreodaphnene* was obtained by distilling oreodaphnol with glacial phosphoric acid. For the reactions, see Mr. Heamy's paper.

OREXIN. *Phenyldihydrochinazolin Hydrochlorate.* $C_6H_4\begin{cases} CH_2.N.C_6H_5 \\ N=CHHCl. \end{cases}$ A complex derivative of quinoline. It forms colorless, odorless, lustrous crystals with bitter, pungent taste, freely soluble in hot water. Orexin was brought forward by Prof. F. Penzolt, as a true stomachic, increasing not only the appetite but also the power of digestion. According to the experiments of Hofmann, it is entirely free from toxic properties, two grains per pound weight not being sufficient to cause death in the rabbit, although hæmoglobin is shown in the blood under the influence of enormous doses. The value of orexin as a stomachic has not in general been confirmed by clinicians, although some observers have noted increase of appetite during its administration. Excessive acidity and anatomical change are considered contra-indications to its use. Dose, four to seven grains, in capsules, two to three times a day.

ORIGANUM. *U. S.* *Wild Marjoram.* *Marjolaine sauvage*, Fr. *Wilder Majoran* (*Meiran*), G. Two species of Origanum have been used in medicine, *O. majorana*, or sweet marjoram, and *O. vulgare*, or common marjoram. The former grows wild in Portugal and Andalusia, and is cultivated as a garden herb in other parts of Europe, and in the United States. Some authors, however, consider *O. majoranoides*, which is a native of Barbary, and closely allied to *O. majorana*, as the type of the sweet marjoram of our gardens. *Sweet marjoram* has a pleasant odor, and a warm, aromatic, bitterish taste, which it imparts to water and alcohol. By distillation with water it yields a volatile oil. It is tonic and gently excitant, but is used more as a condiment than as a medicine. In domestic practice, its infusion is employed to hasten the tardy eruption in measles and other exanthematous diseases.

Origanum vulgare, the species formerly recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, is a perennial herb, with erect, purplish, downy, four-sided, trichotomous stems, about eighteen inches high, and opposite, ovate, entire, pellucid, punctate, somewhat hairy leaves about an inch long, of a deep yellowish-green color. The flowers are of a pinkish-purple or rose color, disposed in roundish, panicled spikes, and accompanied with ovate reddish bracts, longer than the calyx. This is tubular and five-toothed, with nearly equal segments. The corolla is funnel-shaped, with the upper lip erect, bifid, and obtuse, the lower trifid, blunt, and spreading. The four stamens are exserted, the stigma bifid and reflexed. The plant is a native of Europe and America. In this country it grows along the roadsides, and in dry stony fields and woods, from Pennsylvania to Virginia, and is in flower from June to October; but it is not very abundant, and is seldom collected for use. It has a peculiar, agreeable, aromatic odor, and a warm, pungent taste. These properties it owes to a volatile oil, which was formerly employed, but has been superseded altogether by the oil of thyme, which is called in commerce oil of origanum. (See *Oleum Thymi*.)

True *Oil of origanum* is a yellowish limpid oil, of sp. gr. 0·900 to 0·950, which smells like camphor, and consists almost entirely of a terpene, $C_{10}H_{16}$, but contains occasionally small amounts of common camphor. It appears not to contain phenols. (Jahns, *Jahresber. der Chem.*, 1880, p. 1081.) Origanum is gently tonic and excitant, and has been used in infusion as a diaphoretic and emmenagogue, and externally as a fomentation; but is at present little employed.

OROBANCHE VIRGINIANA. *Epifagus Americanus.* Nuttall. *Beech-drops. Cancer-root. Orobanche de Virginie*, Fr. *Krebswurz*, G. This is a parasitic, fleshy plant, with a tuberous, scaly root, and a smooth stem, branched from the base, from twelve to eighteen inches high, furnished with small ovate scales, of a yellowish or purplish color, and wholly destitute of verdure. It is found in all parts of North America, growing upon the roots of the beech tree, from which it obtained its popular name. It is in some places very abundant. The plant has a bitter, nauseous, astringent taste, which is said to be diminished by drying. It has been given internally in bowel affections; but its credit depends mainly upon the idea that it is useful in obstinate ulcers of a cancerous character, to which it is directly applied in the state of powder. The late Professor Barton conjectured that it was an ingredient of a secret remedy, at one time famous as *Martin's cancer powder*, of which, however, the most active constituent was arsenous acid. Other species of Orobanche, growing in America and Europe, have been employed. They are all parasitic, fleshy plants, without verdure, and of a bitter, nauseous taste. In Europe they are called *broom-rape*. The *O. americana* and *O. uniflora*, of this country, are used for the same purposes as the species above noticed, and like it are called *cancer-root*.

OROXYLUM INDICUM. This East India bark is said to be not only a tonic and astringent, useful in *diarrhœa*, but also a powerful sudorific. Naylor and Chaplin have separated from it an acrid principle, and a yellow crystalline substance, "*oroxylin*." (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1890.)

ORPIMENT. *King's Yellow.* As_2S_3. A native arsenic trisulphide. It is in masses of a brilliant lemon-yellow color, composed of flexible laminæ, and slightly translucent. It exists in various parts of the world, but is obtained for use from Persia and China. (*Guibourt.*) It is sometimes mixed with realgar, which gives it a reddish or orange hue. A similar sulphide may be made artificially by passing hydrogen sulphide through a solution of arsenous acid in hydrochloric acid.

Artificial orpiment is prepared for use by fusing together equal parts of arsenous acid and sulphur. (*Turner.*) In Germany, according to Guibourt, it is prepared by subliming a mixture of these two substances. In this case, however, it retains a large

portion of the acid undecomposed, and is therefore highly poisonous. Guibourt found a specimen which he examined to contain 94 per cent. of arsenous acid, and only 6 per cent. of the tersulphide.

Orpiment is an ingredient of certain depilatories. *Atkinson's depilatory* is said to consist of one part of orpiment and six parts of quicklime, with some flour and a yellow coloring matter. (*Ann. der Pharm.*, xxxiii. 348.) But this arsenical sulphide is chiefly used in fireworks and as a pigment.

ORTHIN. $C_6H_3\begin{cases}OH\\COOH\\HN.NH_2\end{cases}$. *Orthohydrazin-para-oxybenzoate* is very unstable, but unites with hydrochloric acid, forming orthin hydrochlorate, which is stable. This substance was proposed by Professor Kobert (*Deutsche Med. Wochensch.*, 1890) as an antipyretic; but in the experiments conducted by Professor Unverricht, which have been confirmed by Kaufmann, it was found to have comparatively feeble antipyretic action, and to produce in a great many cases sweating and collapse.

ORTHOSIPHON STAMINEUS. *Java Tea.* This drug occurs in commerce in the form of small, oval, finely-toothed, green leaves, rolled up like tea. Dr. Van Itallie has discovered in it a small quantity of volatile oil and a crystalline glucoside, *orthosiphonin*. (*Pharm. Zeit.*, Sept. 1886; see also *Répertoire de Pharm.*, 1887, 191.) It is said to be a powerful diuretic, and is highly recommended in *nephritic colic, gravel, uric acid diathesis*, and even *ascites*. The dose is from fifteen to fifty grains (0·972 to 3·2 Gm.) a day.

ORYZA SATIVA. *Rice. Riz*, Fr. *Reiss*, G. This is an annual plant, originally, perhaps, derived from the East Indies, but now cultivated in all parts of the globe where the climate and soil are adapted to its growth. Barth says, in his Travels (Am. ed., 1857, ii. 345), that it grows wild in Central Africa. The rice of commerce consists of the seeds of the plant deprived of their husk. Carolina rice was found by Braconnot to contain 85·07 per cent. of starch, 3·60 of gluten, 0·71 of gum, 0·29 of uncrystallizable sugar, 0·13 of fixed oil, 4·80 of vegetable fibre, 5·00 of water, and 0·40 of saline substances. This grain is highly nutritious, and of easy digestion, and constitutes the almost exclusive diet of whole nations. Being entirely free from laxative properties, it is admirably adapted to cases of weak bowels, in which there is a strong tendency to *diarrhœa*. Care, however, should be taken that it be boiled till it becomes soft. A decoction of rice, usually called *rice water*, is a good nutritive drink in fevers, and in inflammatory affections of the bowels, lungs, and kidneys. There appears to be no ground for the opinion that a diet of rice is injurious to the eyes.

OSHA ROOT. This is the root of an unknown New Mexican umbellifer. Mr. H. Haupt found in it an acid, *oshaic acid*, closely resembling angelic acid. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, 1868, 1873.)

OSMIC ACID. *Tetroxide of Osmium.* OsO_4. A volatile, very odorous, crystalline compound, produced by the action of nitrohydrochloric acid on osmium or either of its lower oxides. Its vapor is very pungent and poisonous. Claus recommends as an antidote to its action cautious inhalation of hydrogen sulphide. Osmic acid melts to a colorless liquid at 90° C. (194° F.), softening at a temperature of 85° C. (95° F.). It is slowly soluble in water; soluble in alcohol and ether; but these solutions are unstable, depositing black osmic hydrate, $Os(OH)_4$. Osmic acid, on account of its action upon tissues, is largely used in the making of microscopic preparations. We have no definite knowledge as to its influence upon the animal system when given in small doses. It has, however, been used with alleged success in *sciatica* and also in rheumatic affections both as osmic acid and in the form of potassium osmate. By Wildermuth it is used in *epilepsy* in doses of one-sixty-fourth of a grain (0·001 Gm.), repeated until the daily dose amounts to one-quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.). Stekoulis claims great success from the injection of fifteen drops of the one per cent. solution deep into the gluteal region close to the sciatic nerve in obstinate *sciatica*. At first the injections are repeated daily, afterwards every three or four days, care being exercised never to insert the needle into the same point twice, and to practise injection along the course of the nerve. Severe but very temporary pain is produced. (*Lancet*, Aug. 13, 1887.) Dr. Schapiro confirms the value of the remedy. He injects 5 drops of a solution made by the following formula: Osmic Acid 1 part; Glycerin 40 parts; Distilled Water 60 parts. Auerbach has used parenchymatous injections with alleged success for the destruction of morbid growths. (*Journ. Laryngology and Rhinology*, June, 1891.)

OXALIC ACID. *Acidum Oxalicum. Acide oxalique ou carboneux*, Fr. *Oxalsäure, Kleesäure*, G. $H_2C_2O_4,2H_2O$; 126. "In small, colorless, prismatic crystals, odorless and of a very sour taste, slightly efflorescent in dry air, fusible at 98° C. (208° F.), and entirely volatile at a red heat." *

This acid is found both in animals and vegetables. It is generated occasionally in disease, and it may be deposited in the bladder as calcium oxalate, forming the *mulberry calculus*. In vegetables, it occurs in a free state in the bristles of the chick-pea (*Cicer arietinum*), as an acid potassium oxalate in *Rumex acetosa* † or common sorrel, *Oxalis Acetosella* or wood-sorrel, *Chenopodium quinoa, Amarantus caudatus, Mesembryanthemum crystallinum*, and probably many other plants. It is said to be formed in the leaves. (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 1886.) United with lime as raphides, it is abundant in almost every portion of the vegetable kingdom.

Preparation. According to the researches of W. Zopf, a certain Saccharomyces (*S. Hausenii*) has the property of producing a fermentation which forms oxalic acid out of sugar; but in the practical arts the sugar is decomposed by nitric acid. Four parts of sugar are acted upon by 24 of nitric acid of the sp. gr. 1·24, and the mixture is heated so long as any nitrogen tetroxide is disengaged. A part of the carbon of the sugar is converted into carbonic acid by oxygen derived from the nitric acid, which thereby is reduced to nitrogen tetroxide. The undecomposed nitric acid, reacting with the remaining elements of the sugar, generates oxalic and saccharic acids, the former of which crystallizes as the materials cool, while the latter remains in solution. The crystals being removed, a fresh crop may be obtained by further evaporation. The thick mother-water which now remains is a mixture of saccharic, nitric, and oxalic acids; and, by treating it with six times its weight of nitric acid, the greater part of the saccharic will be converted into oxalic acid. The new crop of crystals, however, will have a yellow color, and contain a portion of nitric acid, the greater part

* See test-solution of oxalic acid at the end of the volume.
† For fatal poisoning by *Rumex acetosa*, see *Hospital Gazette*, June, 1886.

of which may be driven off by allowing them to effloresce in a warm place. It is probable that, in the reaction occurring between nitric acid and sugar, half the carbon of the latter is converted into carbonic acid, and the other half into oxalic acid.

Oxalic acid was formerly obtained on a large scale by heating a mixture of 112 lbs. of sugar, 560 lbs. of potassium nitrate, and 280 lbs. of sulphuric acid. The products were 135 lbs. of oxalic acid, and 490 lbs. of acid potassium sulphate, or *sal enixum*. This process has been replaced in practice by the "sawdust process."

Many substances, besides sugar, yield oxalic acid by the action of nitric acid; as molasses, rice, potato starch, gum, wool, hair, silk, and many vegetable acids. In every case in which it is thus generated, the proportional excess of oxygen which it contains, compared with every other organic compound, is furnished by the nitric acid. When the acid is obtained from potato starch, this is first converted into starch sugar by the action of sulphuric acid. For details of this process, see 15th edition U. S. Dispensatory, p. 90. The yield of oxalic acid from a given quantity of material has been much understated. If properly treated with nitric acid, 100 lbs. of good sugar will yield from 125 to 130 lbs. of oxalic acid, and the same weight of molasses from 105 to 110 lbs.

Certain organic substances yield oxalic acid when heated with potassa. Wood-shavings, if mixed with a solution of caustic potassa and exposed to a heat considerably higher than 100° C. (212° F.), will be decomposed, and partly converted into oxalic acid, which then combines with the alkali. At present most of the oxalic acid of commerce is obtained by heating sawdust with a mixture of caustic soda and potassa. Soda alone will not generate the acid, and potassa is too costly to be used by itself for the purpose; but Mr. Dale ascertained that, by mixing the two in the proportion of two molecules of soda to one of potassa, the same or an even better result was obtained than from the latter alone. The mixture of caustic alkalies and sawdust is made into a thick paste and then heated for several hours to a temperature of 200° C. (392° F.) to 220° C. (428° F.). The gray mass is then washed with sodium carbonate, whereby the potash is removed as carbonate, the less soluble sodium oxalate remaining. This is converted into calcium oxalate by milk of lime, and the calcium salt then decomposed with sulphuric acid. The impure oxalic acid is then purified by recrystallization. Bohlig has suggested an improvement by precipitating the solution of potassium oxalate with magnesium chloride or sulphate. (Bayer, *N. R.*, Aug. 1877.) As the oxalic acid of commerce often contains foreign matter, it requires for certain purposes to be purified. It has sometimes been fraudulently mixed with 25 per cent. of Epsom salt. M. E. J. Maumené gives the following process for purification, which he says answers better than the method generally recommended. Sufficient hot water is added to the crystals to leave, on the cooling of the solution, 10 to 20 per cent. undissolved, according to the degree of impurity. The first crystals are put aside. The mother-water is then concentrated; and, if the resulting crystals be submitted to two or three successive crystallizations, the acid will be obtained finally free from alkaline oxalate. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1864, p. 154.) Stolba prefers the method of purification by crystallization from hydrochloric acid (boiling hot). (*Journ. App. Chem.*, Aug. 1874.) Villiers (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 1880, p. 544) prepares anhydrous oxalic acid by dissolving 1 part of ordinary acid in about 12 parts of warm concentrated sulphuric acid, allowing the oxalic acid to crystallize out.

Properties. Oxalic acid is a colorless crystallized solid, possessing considerable volatility, and a strong, sour taste. Its crystals have the shape of slender, flattened, four- or six-sided prisms, with two-sided summits; and, when exposed to a very dry atmosphere, undergo a slight efflorescence. It is soluble in 4·5 parts of absolute alcohol, in 7 parts of alcohol, and almost insoluble in ether, chloroform, benzol, and benzin. The crystals should dissolve in not less than 8 to 10 parts of distilled water at 15° C. (59° F.) (greater solubility indicating contamination with adherent nitric acid.)

It fuses in its water of hydration at 98° C. (208·4° F.), although continued exposure to a heat of 60° C. (140° F.) to 70° C. (158° F.) will render it perfectly anhydrous. Solutions of oxalic acid at 100° C. (212° F.) lose acid by sublimation, and at 157° C. (314·6° F.) it sublimes rapidly. If the heat rise to 160° C. (320° F.), much loss of acid occurs. (Allen, *Commer. Org. Anal.*, 1879, p. 233.)

It combines with salifiable bases, and forms salts called oxalates. The most interesting of these are the three *potassium oxalates*, severally called *oxalate*, *binoxalate*, and *quadroxalate* (acid potassium oxalate plus free oxalic acid), and the *calcium oxalate*. The binoxalate and quadroxalate, both popularly called *salt of sorrel* or *essential salt of lemons*, are employed for removing iron moulds from linen, and act by their excess of acid, which forms a soluble salt with the ferric oxide constituting the stain. These oxalates are sometimes met with in the market contaminated with free sulphuric acid. Oxalic acid is used for removing ink stains and iron moulds, for cleaning the leather of boot-tops, and for discharging colors in calico-printing. Prussian blue dissolves in aqueous oxalic acid to a clear blue liquid which is often employed as a *blue ink*.

This acid has a very strong affinity for lime, and makes with it an insoluble precipitate consisting of calcium oxalate, whenever the acid and earth are brought into contact in solution. An aqueous solution forms with solution of lime a white precipitate, insoluble in an excess of oxalic or acetic acid, but dissolved by dilute hydrochloric acid. It is even capable of decomposing calcium fluoride, evolving hydrofluoric acid. (*J. W. Slater.*) Oxalic acid and its soluble combinations are the best tests for lime; and, conversely, a soluble salt of lime for oxalic acid. In weak solution the acid is said to absorb oxygen and to be converted into carbonic acid; but a strong solution is quite permanent. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 317.) When lime is searched for, ammonium oxalate is the most convenient test. So strong is the mutual attraction between this acid and lime, that the former takes the latter even from sulphuric acid. Hence the addition of a soluble oxalate disturbs the transparency of a solution of calcium sulphate.

Oxalic acid is distinguished from all other acids by the form of its crystals, and by its solution yielding a precipitate with lime water, insoluble in an excess of the acid or of acetic acid.

Composition. Anhydrous oxalic acid consists of two atoms of carbon, two of hydrogen, and four of oxygen. It is a bibasic acid. When crystallized, two molecules of water must be added, making the molecular weight of the crystals 126. These two

molecules of water may be driven off by a regulated heat, by which the acid is made to effloresce. As oxalic acid is the final oxidation product of the diatomic alcohol *glycol*, to which the formula $\begin{matrix}CH_2,OH\\|\\CH_2,OH\end{matrix}$ is given, we may conclude that its structural formula is $\begin{matrix}CO,OH\\|\\CO,OH\end{matrix}$, which explains the readiness with which sulphuric acid splits it up into carbon dioxide, CO_2, and carbon monoxide, CO, by withdrawing H_2O from its formula, and with which oxidizing agents like manganese and lead dioxide change it into carbonic acid.

Medical and Toxical Properties. Oxalic acid has not been used in practical medicine, but has been recently strongly recommended by F. Poulet and by A. W. Marsh (*T. G.*, 1891), in *amenorrhœa*. Dose, half a grain (0·032 Gm.) three to five times a day. Marsh has also found it extraordinarily serviceable in *cystitis*. It is a very active germicide, and according to Prof. Howard A. Kelly, its solution is almost the only practical substance for the perfect disinfection of the surgeon's hands. Attention was first called to it as a poison by Mr. Royston in 1814, and the certainty and rapidity of its action have caused it to be largely used for suicidal purposes. Death has been produced by it in ten minutes. (Case, *Chem. News*, April 24, 1868.) The minimum fatal dose recorded is one drachm (*Taylor*).

From the general resemblance which the crystallized oxalic acid bears to Epsom salt, many fatal mistakes have occurred in consequence of its being sold for that saline purgative. It is, however, at once distinguished by its sour taste.

Oxalic acid acts on the economy in two principal ways, according as its solution is concentrated or dilute. When concentrated it causes exquisite pain, followed by violent efforts to vomit, then sudden dulness, languor, and great debility, and finally death without a struggle. When dissolved in twenty times its weight of water, it possesses no corrosive and hardly any irritating power, but causes death by acting on the brain, spinal marrow, and heart. It should be noted, however, that the acid, even in weak solution, always exercises a corroding or softening power on the animal tissues.

The morbid appearances caused by oxalic acid are various. In a dissection reported by Dr. Christison, the mucous coat of the throat and gullet had an appearance as if scalded, and that of the gullet could be easily scraped off. The inner coat of the stomach was pultaceous, in many points black, in others red, and that of the intestines, similarly but less violently affected. In another case, the whole villous coat of the stomach was either softened or removed, as well as the inner membrane of the œsophagus; so that the muscular coat was exposed, and this coat exhibited a dark, gangrenous appearance, being much thickened and highly injected. The stomach usually contains a dark fluid, resembling coffee-grounds, consisting chiefly of altered blood. The tongue and mouth are sometimes white or spotted with white. In a few cases no morbid appearances have been discovered.

In 1879, Kobert and Kürsner announced that in animals oxalic acid may produce glycosuria; this has since been confirmed, and Sarganeck has noted the symptom in human poisoning, so that it is probably a constant phenomenon.

In the treatment of poisoning by oxalic acid, the remedial measures must be employed with great promptitude. Vomiting may be encouraged and the stomach-pump used, but unless the antidote be at hand death will rarely be averted. The proper antidote is chalk or magnesia, mixed with water; and as soon as either can be procured, it must be administered in large and repeated doses. In many cases whitewash or some other preparation of lime can be obtained sooner than chalk, and should be at once administered. These substances act by forming with the poison an insoluble, inert calcium or magnesium oxalate. The soluble salts of oxalic acid, as ammonium oxalate and potassium oxalate, are equally poisonous, and the antidotes for them are the same as for the acid.

The best tests for the detection of oxalic acid in the contents of the stomach, or in the vomited matter, in cases of suspected poisoning, are calcium chloride, copper sulphate, and silver nitrate. The first causes a white precipitate of calcium oxalate, known by its being soluble in nitric acid; the second, a bluish-white precipitate of copper oxalate; and the third, a dense white precipitate of silver oxalate, which, when dried and heated, becomes brown and detonates faintly. When the antidotes have been freely used during life, the poison will be in the state of either calcium or magnesium oxalate. In this case, the oxalate found is to be boiled with a solution of potassium carbonate, whereby a potassium oxalate will be generated; and this must then be examined with the reagents above indicated.

OXALIS ACETOSELLA. *Wood-sorrel. Acetosella. Alléluia, Surelle, Pain de Coucou*, Fr. *Sauerklee, Hasenklee*, G. The wood-sorrel is a small, perennial, herbaceous, stemless plant, with numerous radical leaves, which are all ternate, and supported upon slender hairy petioles. The leaflets are obcordate, entire, hairy, of a yellowish-green color, but frequently purplish on their under surface. The scape or flower-stalk, which usually exceeds the petioles in length, is furnished with two scaly bracts near the middle, and terminates in a large white or flesh-colored flower, marked with red streaks. The styles are of the same length as the inner stamens. This plant is a native both of Europe and North America. It selects shady places, such as woods, groves, and hedges, and flowers in May. Other indigenous species of Oxalis possess similar properties to *O. acetosella*. They all have ternate leaves with obcordate leaflets, and, with the single exception of *O. violacea*, bear yellow flowers. The whole herbaceous portion may be used.

Wood-sorrel is without smell, and has an agreeable sour taste. It owes its acidity to *acid potassium oxalate* or *potassium binoxalate* (HKC_2O_4), which was formerly separated for use, and sold under the name of *salt of sorrel*. The same salt may be prepared by exactly neutralizing with potassa one part of oxalic acid in solution, then adding one part more of the acid, and evaporating the solution so that it may crystallize upon cooling. Acid potassium oxalate is in rhomboidal crystals, of a sour, pungent, bitterish taste, soluble in forty parts of cold and six parts of boiling water (*Kane*), and unalterable in the air. *Potassium tetroxalate* or *quadroxalate* is often substituted for the binoxalate. It is prepared in the same manner, except that, instead of one part, three parts of the acid are added to the original proportion neutralized by potassa. Both salts are kept in the shops under the names of *salt of sorrel*

and *essential salt of lemons*, and are employed for removing iron mould and ink stains from linen, and sometimes as a test for lime. Both are poisonous, though in a less degree than uncombined oxalic acid.

This and other species of sorrel are refrigerant; and their infusion, or a whey made by boiling them in milk, may be used as a pleasant drink in febrile and inflammatory affections. A solution of the potassium binoxalate is used on the continent of Europe as a substitute for lemonade. It has been recommended by W. H. Taylor as extraordinarily efficacious in *scurvy*. Four grains of the salt were given three times a day. (*Lancet*, 1869, p. 777.) The fresh plant, eaten raw, is said to be useful in *scurvy*.

Oxalis crassicaulis, a Peruvian species, yields an edible root, and, by expression from its leaves, a very sour and astringent juice, which is employed, in the form of syrup, in *hemorrhages*, chronic *catarrh*, and *gonorrhœa*, with asserted advantage.

OXYCHINASEPTOL. *Diaphtherin.* $C_6H_4(SO_2)\begin{cases} O—NH.C_9H_6(OH) \\ O—NH.C_9H_6(OH) \end{cases}$. This substance is made by uniting two molecules of oxychinolin, $C_9H_6N(OH)$, with one molecule of phenol-sulphonic acid, $C_6H_5(HSO_3)OH$. It occurs in yellowish hexagonal crystals, melting at 85° C., very soluble in water and diluted alcohol. Its solution is decomposed by alkalies. According to the researches of Emmerich (*Münch. Med. Wochen.*, 1892), it is much more powerful as an antiseptic than carbolic acid; two-tenths of a one per cent. solution is sufficient to kill the comma and diphtheria bacilli in ten minutes, and three-tenths of a one per cent. solution destroys the pus organisms in thirty minutes. It is also claimed that it is practically innocuous to higher animals, the subcutaneous injection of five cubic centimeters of a five per cent. solution producing no serious effects upon guinea-pigs. It has been used in practical surgery, especially by Kronacher, who has employed a half to one per cent. solution with great satisfaction for the general purposes of the antiseptic treatment of wounds. Such solution produces no irritation except in some cases a momentary burning. Rohrer (*Corresp. f. Schweiz. Aerz.*, Nov. 1892) commends the remedy as a local application in disease of the nasal mucous membrane. The solution does not stain the hands, but produces on steel instruments a black deposit which is readily washed off.

OXYDENDRON ARBOREUM. *Sour-wood. Elk-tree. Sorrel-tree.* The leaves of this indigenous tree are said by eclectic physicians to be a powerful diuretic, which has been used very successfully in the treatment of *dropsy*. A semi-solid extract may be made, one part representing five of the drug. Dose, five to fifteen grains (0·32 to 0·9 Gm.). Or the fluid extract may be administered in dose of half to two fluidrachms (1·8 to 7·4 C.c.).

α-OXYNAPHTHOIC ACID. $C_{10}H_6\begin{cases} OH \\ COOH \end{cases}$. This is the counterpart among the naphthalene derivatives of salicylic acid among the benzene derivatives, and is made in an analogous way by the action of carbon dioxide and sodium upon α-naphthol. It forms a white, inodorous, microcrystalline powder fusing at 185° C.–186° C., and is soluble in 30,000 parts of cold water, more readily soluble in alcohol, chloroform, benzol, and oils, both fixed and volatile, also in aqueous solutions of ammonium bicarbonate, which form salts. It is antizymotic, disinfectant, and recommended against phylloxera. Its antizymotic action is said to exceed that of salicylic acid as 5 to 1, and a 5 per cent. ointment has been lauded in *scabies*.

OXYPROPYLENDIISOAMYLAMINE. This synthetic alkaloid has been physiologically studied by E. Louise, who affirms that it resembles atropine in its action upon the heart, and that it causes great rise of the arterial pressure and of the temperature of the body. (*Lancet*, 1887.)

OZOKERITE. This substance, which is brought from Galicia, in Austria, and from near the Caspian Sea, as well as mined in Southern Utah, in its crude state is a solid, varying in color from a dirty greenish to nearly black. When purified by treatment with sulphuric acid and alkali and subsequent filtration while melted through bone-black or other filtering medium, it is a hard, white, spermaceti-like substance. (See *Ceresin*.) It is a mixture of natural paraffins. It is said to resemble tar in its therapeutic properties, and, mixed with glycerin or linseed oil, has been employed in skin diseases by Dr. Purdon as a substitute for that remedy. (*Brit. and For. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1872, p. 535. See, also, *Arch. Gén.*, Avril, 1873.)

OZONE (O_3) is recognized as an active modification of the element oxygen. It is considered to differ from the common form in being more condensed and at the same time more active. It has a peculiar odor, somewhat resembling that of diluted chlorine. Ozone changes gradually at the ordinary temperature into common oxygen, and at 237° C. the change is instantaneous. It is one of the most powerful oxidizing agents known, attacking and at once destroying organic substances, such as caoutchouc, paper, cork, etc. It also decolorizes most organic pigments. Ozone is somewhat soluble in water, imparting to water its peculiar odor, as well as its oxidizing power. According to Carius, 1000 volumes of water dissolve 4·5 volumes of ozone, and it is much more soluble in certain ethereal oils. The power of these latter as carriers of oxygen and disinfectants is thus explained. At one time ozone was thought to be peroxide of hydrogen, but Marignac and De la Rive demonstrated its true nature. Hautefeuille and Chappins (*Compt.-Rend.*, xciv. p. 1249) succeeded in producing "liquid ozone" by applying a pressure of 125 atmospheres to richly-ozonized oxygen at —100° C. It is stated to be of a dark indigo color.

Ozone has not been obtained free from oxygen; indeed, it is probable that one per cent. of ozone is the highest concentration reached in its production. It is prepared by the decomposition of water by the battery; by the passage of the silent electric discharge through air or oxygen; by the slow oxidation of phosphorus in moist air and in other cases of slow combustion; and, lastly, by the action of sulphuric acid upon barium dioxide and potassium permanganate. The presence of ozone in the air or in gases is indicated by its action on paper moistened with potassium iodide and starch solution. This is turned blue, and if reddened litmus paper be moistened with potassium iodide, this is also blued. Another test is found in the use of paper moistened with an alcoholic solution of guaiacum, which is changed to light blue. Its presence in the air is now fully established, although in thickly-inhabited districts it is almost always absent, as it is reduced to ordinary oxygen by the organic emanations con-

stantly sent out into the air. In the air of the country, and especially in sea-air, the presence of ozone can almost always be recognized, often, indeed, by its peculiar smell. The probable cause of the formation of ozone in the air has been recently pointed out by Gorup-Besanez, as he has shown that ozone is invariably formed when water evaporates; and it is to this source, rather than to electrical discharges, that the production of ozone must be traced.

PÆONIA OFFICINALIS. *Peony. Pivoine*, Fr. *Gichtrose, Pfingstrose*, G. The *root* of the Garden Peony consists of a caudex about as thick as the thumb, which descends several inches into the ground, and sends off in all directions spindle-shaped tubers, which gradually taper into thread-like fibres, by which they hang together. It has a strong, peculiar, disagreeable odor, and a nauseous taste, which is at first sweetish, and afterwards bitter and somewhat acrid. The odor is lost, or much diminished, by drying. Peony root was in very great repute among the ancients, who used it both as a charm and as a medicine in numerous complaints, particularly *epilepsy*. Dr. A. Livezey states that it is a useful antispasmodic nervine. (*Bost. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, lv. 467.) The dose of the fresh root is from two drachms to an ounce, boiled in a pint of water down to half a pint, which should be taken daily. It is said to be less active when dried. Dose of the expressed juice, one ounce. It is milky, of a strong odor and very disagreeable taste. The *seeds* are roundish-oval, about as large as a pea, externally smooth, shining, and nearly black, internally whitish, inodorous when dry, and of a mild, oleaginous taste. By some authors they are said to be emetic and purgative, by others antispasmodic. Dose, the same as the root. Mr. W. Will obtained from an aqueous distillate of the root of the Japanese *Pæonia montana* an aromatic ketone in colorless crystals. (*Ber. d. Chem. Ges.*, xix. 1777.) It has also been prepared by Schimmel & Co., under the name of *peonol*. It has a pleasant aromatic smell, and crystallizes in large needles. No essential oil was found in the root. (Schimmel & Co., Report, Oct. 1890.)

PALM OIL. *Huile (Beurre) de Palme*, Fr. *Palmöl, Palmbutter*, G. This highly valuable fixed oil is the product of *Elais Guiniensis*, a palm growing on the western coast of Africa, and cultivated in the West Indies and South America. It is among the handsomest trees of its graceful family which flourish in the tropical regions of Africa. The oil is obtained by expression from the fruit. It is brought to this country chiefly from Liberia and other places on the African coast, though prepared also in the West Indies, Cayenne, and Brazil. It is not improbable that various species of Palmaceæ contribute to the supply of this article of commerce. At present the chief ports for its shipment are Cape Palmas and Lagos—prima and secunda Lagos being the choicest varieties. The annual export from the African coast now reaches 50,000 tons, of which the bulk goes to England.

Palm oil has the consistence of butter, a rich, orange-yellow color, a sweetish taste, and an agreeable odor, compared by some to that of violets, by others to that of the Florentine orris. By age and exposure it becomes rancid and of a whitish color. It melts with the heat of the hand, and when perfectly fluid passes readily through blotting-paper. Highly rectified alcohol dissolves it at common temperatures, and in ether it is soluble in all proportions. Its constituents are *tripalmitin* and *triolein*, $C_3H_5(C_{16}H_{31}O_2)_3$ and $C_3H_5(C_{18}H_{33}O_2)_3$. The tripalmitin is converted into *palmitic acid* by saponification, with liberation of glycerin. It appears also that a considerable proportion of this acid, together with some glycerin, exists uncombined in the oil, as ascertained by MM. Pelouze and Boudet; so that the changes which are effected in oils, through the agency of alkalies, in the process of saponification, take place, to a certain extent, spontaneously in palm oil. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxiv. 389.) Hence it is more easily saponified than any other fixed oil. Preparatory to saponification, it may be bleached rapidly, according to J. J. Pohl, by heating it quickly to 240° C. (464° F.) and keeping it for ten minutes at that temperature. It loses for a time its peculiar odor by the process, acquiring an empyreumatic smell; but this after a while ceases to be perceived, and the characteristic odor returns. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvii. 346.) Englehart bleaches it in the following manner. One thousand pounds of the oil are heated in a boiler to 62·2° C. (144° F.) and kept at that temperature until the next day, when it is decanted into a clean vessel, and cooled to a point between 36·6° C. (98° F.) and 40° C. (104° F.). In another vessel 15 lbs. of potassium bichromate are dissolved in 45 lbs. of boiling water; and, when the solution is partially cooled, 60 lbs. of hydrochloric acid are added. This solution is then mixed with the oil, and briskly agitated. In five minutes the color changes to green, through the reduction of the chromic acid; and, with a continuation of the agitation, the chromium oxide separates, and then nothing more is necessary than washing with water to get the oil colorless. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 333.) Palm oil is said to be frequently imitated by a mixture of lard and suet, colored with turmeric and scented with Florentine orris. It is much employed in the manufacture of a toilet soap, which retains its pleasant odor. Palm oil is emollient, and has sometimes been employed in friction or embrocation, though not superior for this purpose to many other oleaginous substances.

PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUM. Willd. *Panax*, *U. S.* 1870. *Ginseng*, Fr., G., Sp. *Ginsen*, It. The *ginseng* has a perennial root, which sends up annually a smooth round stem, about a foot high, and divided at the summit into three leaf-stalks, each of which supports a compound leaf, consisting of five or more rarely of three or seven petiolate, oblong-obovate, acuminate, serrate leaflets. The flowers are small, greenish, and disposed in a simple umbel, supported by a peduncle which rises from the top of the stem in the centre of the petioles. The fruit is a kidney-shaped, scarlet berry, crowned with the styles and calyx, with two and sometimes three seeds. The plant is indigenous, growing in the hilly regions of the Northern, Middle, and Western States, and preferring the shelter of thick, shady woods. The root is the part employed. This is collected in considerable quantities in Ohio and West Virginia, Minnesota, etc. It is also cultivated. (*A. J. P.*, 1891.) It is not used in America, but is exported to China. While supplied with ginseng exclusively from their own country, which furnished the root only in small quantities, the Chinese entertained the most extravagant notions of its virtues, considering it as a remedy for all diseases, and as possessing almost miraculous powers in preserving health, invigorating the system, and prolonging life. It is said to have been worth its weight in gold at Pekin; and the first shipment from North America to Can-

ton yielded enormous profits. Mr. John Henry Wilson (*P. J. Tr.*, July, 1888) states that there are at present in the Chinese market five ginsengs, four of them of Asiatic origin, derived from *Panax ginseng*, the fifth the American ginseng from *Panax quinquefolium*. According to Prof. E. M. Holmes, *T'ang-shên*, which is used by the poor of China as a substitute for the costly ginseng, is a root of a new campanulaceous plant, *Codonopsis tangshen*, and is exported from Hankow and Oo-chang to the extent of five hundred tons annually. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.) For an account of the Chinese methods of using ginseng, see *P. J. Tr.*, vi. 86.

The root is fleshy, somewhat spindle-shaped, from one to three inches long, about as thick as the little finger, and terminated by several slender fibres. Frequently there are two portions, sometimes three or more, connected at their upper extremity, and bearing a supposed, though very remote, resemblance to the human figure, from which circumstance it is said that the Chinese name *ginseng* originated. For an account of the ginseng cultivation in Corea, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 732; and of its collection in the United States, see *Drug. Circ.*, 1884, p. 33. When dried, the root is yellowish white and wrinkled externally, and within consists usually of a hard central portion, surrounded by a soft whitish bark. It has a feeble odor, and a sweet, slightly aromatic taste, somewhat analogous to that of liquorice-root. It has not been accurately analyzed, but is said to be rich in gum and starch, and contains albumen. Mr. S. S. Garrigues obtained from it a peculiar substance, which he named *panaquilon*, and gave the formula $C_{12}H_{25}O_9$. To prepare it he heats a cold infusion so as to separate the albumen, filters, concentrates to a syrupy consistence, precipitates by a concentrated solution of sodium sulphate, washes the precipitate thoroughly with the saline solution, and then treats it with alcohol, which dissolves the principle in question, and yields it on evaporation. To purify it, he dissolves it in water, treats the solution with animal charcoal, again evaporates, and dissolves the residue in absolute alcohol, which is finally distilled off. Panaquilon is an amorphous yellow powder, soluble in water and alcohol, but not in ether, of a sweet bitterish taste, and has the characteristic property that, when treated with strong acids, it is converted into a white substance, insoluble in water, with the escape of carbonic acid and water. Mr. Garrigues proposed for this white substance the name of *panacon*, $C_{11}H_{18}O_4$. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 511.) Davydow (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 338) has again investigated these principles discovered by Garrigues, but adds nothing new to our information concerning them. The root is sometimes submitted, before being dried, to a process of clarification, which renders it translucent and horny, and enhances its value as an article of export. The extraordinary medical virtues formerly ascribed to ginseng had no other existence than in the imagination of the Chinese. It is little more than a demulcent, and in this country is not employed as a medicine. Some persons, however, are in the habit of chewing it, having acquired a relish for its taste; and it is chiefly to supply the wants of these that it is kept in the shops.

PANBOTANO BARK. The root of the Mexican leguminous tree *Calliandria houstoni* has been highly commended by Dr. Valude as an antiperiodic, although Prof. Villejean was not able to find in it either an alkaloid or glucoside. (*Journ. de Sci. Méd. de Lille*, 1890.) A tincture representing two ounces of the root is taken in four doses during twenty-four hours.

PANGIUM EDULE. This is an East Indian tree, which is said to possess anthelmintic and powerful narcotic properties, and to be capable of causing death. According to Blume, it contains an alkaloid resembling menispermine.

PAO-PEREIRA BARK. Under this name a bark is employed in Brazil as a febrifuge. It is supposed to be the product of *Geissospermum lævе* or of *G. vellosii*. O. Hesse has found an alkaloid, *geissospermine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_2 + H_2O$, in it (see *P. J. Tr.*, viii. 648), but he seems to have been preceded in this discovery by Santos. (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 184.) Peretti has discovered in the root a second alkaloid, *pereirine*, $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O$, which, according to Guimaraes (*Brit. Med. Journ.*, vol. i., 1887), in sufficient doses causes paralysis with elevation of temperature, ending in death. It has been given to man as an antiperiodic in doses of thirty grains (1·94 Gm.) a day. (See also *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 278.)

PAPAYA. *Melon Tree. Papaw.* The *Carica papaya* (*Nat. Ord.* Passifloreæ) is an herbaceous tree, everywhere cultivated in tropical countries for the sake of its fruit, which ranks next to the banana in importance. The tree is both dicœcious and hermaphrodite, reaches a height of about 20 feet, with a cylindrical stem 12 to 20 inches in diameter, a smooth gray bark, and a shield-like crown of leaves. The fruit in the best varieties attains a size larger than that of a man's head. According to M. Peckolt (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1879), the milky juice is contained in all parts of the tree, but in such small quantity, save in the unripe fruit, that it is always procured from the latter. One fruit will yield about 33 Gm., which is obtained by scratching through the skin in various places; the process does not interfere with the ripening of the fruit, but it is said that the seeds will not germinate. The milk has an acid reaction, an astringent bitterish taste, a sp. gr. of 1·023. Upon standing for a few minutes it separates into two parts, an aqueous liquid, and a white, somewhat coagulated, pulpy mass. In the aqueous portion is an albuminous substance, to which the names of *papaïn* and *papayotin* have been given. It is precipitated by alcohol, and, according to M. Wurtz, has not a definite constitution (*Compt.-Rend.*, Aug. 1879), but contains as much as 10·6 per cent. of nitrogen. Rossbach subsequently suggested that this variation might be due to the presence of peptones which he succeeded in separating by dialysis. He found the pure papain approximating the general constitution of albuminoid bodies in its composition, as in addition to carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen it contains about 2·61 per cent. of sulphur. In Dr. T. Peckolt's analysis, 100 parts of juice yielded 5·303 parts of papain and 4·5 parts of caoutchouc-like substance, besides two resins, fatty materials, malic acid, extractive matter, etc. According to the researches of S. H. C. Martin, papaw juice contains papain, which is associated with an albumose, also a milk-curdling ferment. The proteids present in papaw juice were found to be as follows. 1. Globulin, resembling serum globulin in its most important properties. 2. Albumen. 3. β-Phytalbumose, precipitated almost completely by heat, by saturation with neutral salts, but not by dialysis. It differs from the heteroalbumose of Kühne and Chittenden, by not being precipitated by dialysis, by copper sulphate, or by

mercuric chloride. 4. *a*-Phytalbumose, soluble in cold or boiling water; not precipitated by saturation with neutral salts, except in an acid solution. This is the vegetable peptone referred to by Vines (*J. Physiol.*, iii.) as hemialbumose. It differs from the protalbumose of Kühne and Chittenden by its non-precipitation by sodium chloride or by copper sulphate. No peptones occur in the juice, but *leucine* and *tyrosine* are present. (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, 1886, p. 642; see, also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1885, p. 129.) M. Wurtz found that, purified by repeated precipitation from its aqueous solution, 0·1 Gm. of papain in alkaline solution at a temperature of 40° C. dissolved in twenty-four hours 17·5 Gm. of moist fibrin by converting it into a peptone. (For studies on Papaïn by Martin, see *A. J. P.*, 1885 and 1886.)

According to M. Wurtz, the fibrin is dissolved whether the solvent solution be alkaline or acid. Brunton and Wyatt and also Martin affirm, however, that one-half per cent. of hydrochloric acid will prevent digestion, but Albrecht reasserts that hydrochloric acid hastens the action of the ferment, and states that the official preparation in use in the Paris hospitals is an acid one. In order entirely to convert fibrin into pure peptone so that nitric acid will produce no precipitate, the proportion of the ferment should be as great as three per cent., and digestion must continue for forty-eight hours at 50° C. Milk is first coagulated by papaïn, then precipitated, and then digested.

Papaya juice has a tendency to spoil by undergoing a butyric fermentation, but M. Wurtz found that the addition to it of glycerin preserved it without interfering with its digestive power. Imported in this form, it was a thick milky liquid. As it now occurs in commerce, papaïn is a grayish, fine powder, which in appearance, odor, and taste strongly suggests pepsin. Recently it has been much used as an internal medicine in *dyspepsia* and *gastric catarrh*, and as a local application for the destruction of false membranes, *warts*, *tubercles*, walls of old sinuses, and even of *epithelioma*. It is not caustic nor astringent, but destroys the part by virtue of its power of dissolving not only muscular but connective tissue. Jacobi affirms (*Therap. Gaz.*, vol. ii.) that diphtheritic membranes are dissolved in a few hours by the hourly application of a mixture of one part of papaïn with two parts each of water and of glycerin. According to Brunton, the dose is five to ten grains. Injected into the venous circulation it acts as a powerful poison, a single grain sufficing to kill a rabbit. It is stated that from time immemorial the fresh leaves of the papaya plant have been used by the Indians to wrap meat in to make it tender, and as a dressing to *foul wounds*. M. Peckolt says that, taken internally, the juice is reputed to cause intestinal inflammation. No recent observers have noted such influence.

Under the name of *papayotin*, *papaïn*, or *papoid*, the more or less impure ferment of the Carica papaya is put upon the market, and, according to various authorities, it acts powerfully upon starch, converting it into maltose; emulsifies fat, and converts albuminoids into peptones. It is claimed for it that when the stomach is acid it is much superior to pancreatin, because its action is not markedly affected by contact with the acid. In experiments made by Dr. H. C. Wood with a papoid from one of the most renowned manufacturers no digestion occurred, and it is probable that much of the article of commerce is inert.

PARAMERIA VULNERARIA. *Radlkofer.* This tree yields the *Balsamo de Taguloway* of the Malays. (See *Arch. de Pharm.*, Nov. 1885.)

PARIETARIA OFFICINALIS. *Wall Pellitory. Pariétaire, Perce-muraille*, Fr. *Glaskraut*, G. A perennial European herb, growing on old walls and heaps of rubbish. It is diuretic and refrigerant, and was formerly used in complaints of the urinary passages, *dropsy*, and febrile affections, in the form of decoction or of the expressed juice.

PARIS GREEN. *Schweinfurt Green. Aceto-Arsenite of Copper.* $Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2.3Cu(AsO_2)_2$. This substance, which was originally made for a pigment, is now used to an enormous extent for dusting on potato-vines to destroy the so-called *potato-bug*, or *Colorado beetle*, *Doryphora decemlineata*. It is made by mixing five parts of verdigris with sufficient water to form a thin paste, and adding to this a boiling solution of four parts of arsenous acid in fifty parts of water, keeping the mixture at the boiling temperature and adding a little acetic acid to cause it to retain a brilliant color. It is rarely found pure in commerce. Numerous cases of poisoning have occurred through carelessness in its use as an insecticide. The treatment would be the same as that for poisoning by arsenic. (See page 26.)

PARTHENIUM HYSTEROPHORUS. José Torar has found *parthenine* and four other alkaloids, besides *parthenic acid*, in this Cuban plant, which is used by the natives as a febrifuge and antiperiodic. Of the alkaloids, *parthenine* is crystallizable and is apparently the active principle. It has been extracted and studied again by H. Vin Arny (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 121), who believes it to be a bitter glucoside and not an alkaloid. In doses of three grains (0·194 Gm.) it is said to quicken the heart, and in doses of fifteen grains (0·972 Gm.) to slow cardiac action, whilst fifty grains not only lessen the arterial pressure and respiratory frequency but reduce the bodily temperature. In doses of seven to ten grains (0·45 to 0·648 Gm.) it is affirmed to be useful in neuralgia. (See *Deutsche Med. Wochen.*, Feb. 1886; *Journ. de Méd. de Par.*, March, 1887; *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*, xii., 1885.)

PARTHENIUM INTEGRIFOLIUM. *Prairie Dock.* This is an herbaceous perennial, growing abundantly in the prairies of our Southwestern States. Two ounces of the intensely bitter flowering tops, given in the form of infusion, are thought by Dr. M. Houlton to be equivalent to twenty grains of quinine sulphate as an antiperiodic.

PASSIFLORA INCARNATA. This American indigenous Passion Flower is asserted by various eclectic and homœopathic practitioners to be a valuable narcotic, useful in *neuralgias*, *sleeplessness*, *dysmenorrhœa*, as well as in *diarrhœa* and *dysentery*. Dose, 10 to 30 drops of the saturated tincture.

PATENT YELLOW. *Mineral Yellow.* A pigment, consisting of lead chloride combined with lead monoxide. It is prepared by mixing common salt and litharge with a sufficient quantity of water, allowing the mixture to stand for some time, then washing out the liberated soda, and exposing the white residue to heat.

PAULOWILHELMIA SPECIOSA. This acanthaceous plant is used by the Aquapine tribe on the Gold Coast, as a fish poison, under the name of *adubiri*. (*P. J. Tr.*, xx., 1890.)

PEACH LEAVES. *Leaves of Amygdalus Persica.* (Willd. *Sp. Plant.* ii. 982. *Persica vulgaris.*

Miller, Lamarck.) *Pêcher*, Fr. *Pfirsich*, G. The peach-tree is supposed to have been originally brought from Persia, but flourishes everywhere in the warm temperate zone. Peaches are among the most grateful and wholesome of our summer fruits. They abound in saccharine matter, which renders their juices susceptible of the vinous fermentation, and a distilled liquor prepared from them has been much used, in some parts of the country, under the name of *peach brandy*. The kernels of the fruit resemble, physically and chemically, bitter almonds, for which they are frequently, and without inconvenience, substituted in our shops. The flowers, leaves, and bark also have the peculiar odor and taste of bitter almonds, and yield hydrocyanic acid. The leaves afford a volatile oil by distillation. The distilled water prepared from them was found in one instance to contain 1·407 parts of hydrocyanic acid in 1000, and in another only 0·437 parts in the same quantity. From some experiments it is inferred that the proportion of acid is greatest where there is least fruit. (*A. J. P.*, xxiv. 172.)

Peach oil made from the kernels has found its way into Western Europe from the Levant, and is used in Italy and Southern France largely as an adulterant of almond oil. It is described as of a light-yellow color, having the taste and odor of almond oil. It thickens at —9° C. or —10° C., and solidifies at —18° C. The sp. gr. at 15° C. is 0·915; striking with strong nitric acid a dark-brown color, with sulphuric acid a dark brown becoming lighter, with solution of zinc chloride a purplish brown; forming with the elaidin test in two hours a mass of butter-like color and consistence. One thousand parts require 189·1 parts of potassa for saponification. (See *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 798.)

Medical Properties. The leaves of the peach are said to be laxative, and owing to the hydrocyanic acid which they yield almost all parts of the tree have a sedative influence over the nervous system, and have been used with asserted advantage in sick stomach, *whooping-cough*, irritability of the bladder, etc. The dried leaves may be employed (ounce to pint hot water) in infusion, but the tincture of the inner bark (ounce to pint dilute alcohol), dose, ten to thirty drops, is possibly preferable. The flowers of the peach are affirmed to be laxative and vermicidal, in half-ounce doses when fresh, given in the form of syrup. Cases of fatal poisoning in children from their use are on record. The peach kernels are distinctly active, and when rubbed up with cold water form an emulsion which may be substituted for cherry-laurel water or other preparations of hydrocyanic acid.

PEARL WHITE. *Pearl Powder.* Bismuth oxychloride prepared for cosmetic use.

PELARGONIUM ODORATISSIMUM. *Rose Geranium.* This well-known plant, which is a favorite for its odor in our dwellings and conservatories, is a native of Cape Colony, South Africa, but is said to be cultivated extensively in the south of France and in Turkey for the sake of its volatile oil, which is much employed for the adulteration of the otto of roses. According to Guibourt, three species of Pelargonium yield a volatile oil by distillation, closely analogous in smell to that of the rose; the species above named, and *P. capitatum* and *P. roseum*. (*Hist. Nat. des Drogues*, 4é ed., iii. 52.) The oil is obtained from the leaves. M. Recluz obtained from 35 ounces of *P. odoratissimum* two drachms of a volatile, crystallizable oil. (Mérat and De Lens, *Dict. de Mat. Méd.*, iii. 368.) According to Septimus Piesse, 1 cwt. yields about two ounces. (See *A. J. P.*, xxvi. 368.) The oil which occurs in commerce, purporting to be the oil of *P. odoratissimum*, is perfectly fluid at ordinary temperatures, of a pale brownish-yellow color, and the characteristic smell of the plant, recalling merely that of the rose. This oil is now much used in perfumery. Mr. Piesse states that, as this oil is used to adulterate that of roses, so is it in its turn adulterated with the cheaper oil of *Andropogon nardus*, cultivated in the Moluccas. (*A. J. P.*, xxvi. 368.) It appears, however, that the oil known as *oil of palmarosa* is the product of *Andropogon schœnanthus*, distilled in India, and this oil is used most largely to adulterate oil of rose and oil of rose geranium. According to Baur, the oil is shipped in large copper flasks from Bombay to the Red Sea, and thence to Constantinople and Kizaalik. Jallard states that the true oil of rose geranium from *P. roseum* is freely soluble in 70 per cent. alcohol. The oils likely to be used to adulterate it are insoluble in this liquid. If, therefore, six drops of the suspected oil be mixed with 5 C.c. of 70 per cent. alcohol, there should be no separation. (*A. J. P.*, 1878, p. 260; from *Journ. de Pharm. et de Chim.*) F. W. Semmler (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xxiii. p. 1098) has shown that the chief ingredient in the various geranium oils is an alcohol, *geraniol*, $C_{10}H_{18}O$, which boils at 231°–232° C., and has a sp. gr. 0 884 at 15° C. When oxidized by chromic acid mixture, it is changed into *citral*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, an aldehyde found in many of the essential oils, and this when oxidized by silver oxide yields *geranic acid*, $C_{10}H_{16}O_2$. (See, also, *Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, xxiii. p. 3556, and xxiv. p. 203.)

PENGAWAR DJAMBI. *Paku Kidang.* This is composed of silky, long, yellow or brownish hairs, very soft, which are obtained in Sumatra from the rhizomes of various ferns, especially of species of the genus *Cibotium*. It has the power of causing rapid coagulation of blood, and, when properly used, of mechanically arresting hemorrhages from capillaries. It has been much used in some of the physiological laboratories of Europe and this country for a long time, and, indeed, was employed in human medicine during the Middle Ages under the name of *Agnus Scythicus*. The mediæval drug was composed of pieces of the rhizome with the attached scales and petioles so cut as to resemble animals. Attention has been called to the Pengawar Djambi on account of the assertions of Dr. Junker of its usefulness during the Franco-German war. (*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Dec. 1887.) It is undoubtedly a very efficient styptic.

PEREZIA ROOT. This root is obtained from several Mexican plants, *P. Wrightii*, *P. nana*, and *P. dugesii*. It contains *pipitzahoic acid*, a substance which crystallizes in beautiful golden-yellow needles. R. Anschütz and J. W. Leather obtained from the dried roots of *Trixis pipitzahoac* an average of 3·6 per cent. of this acid, which melts at 103°–104° C., sublimes readily, and is easily soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzol, and glacial acetic acid. The authors confirm the formula given to the acid in 1855,—viz., $C_{15}H_{20}O_3$. It is a quinone, and bears great resemblance, when recrystallized from diluted alcohol, to *oxythymoquinone*, which, recrystallized from the same liquid, is scarcely distinguishable from it. (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 185, and *Pharm. Rundschau*, 1883, p. 245; *Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1887, p. 183.)

PERGANUM HARMALA, *Lin.* In the seeds

of this plant Goebel (1837) found the alkaloid *harmaline*, and Fritzsche (1847) a second alkaloid, *harmine*, which have been restudied by Fischer and Taeuber. (See *A. J. P.*, Feb. 1886, 89.)

PETROLEUM. *Rock Oil. Oleum Petræ. Coal Oil. Pétrole, Huile minéral*, Fr. *Steinöl, Bergöl*, G. Petroleum is a native mixture of hydrocarbons with very small amounts of oxidation or alteration products admixed. The hydrocarbons may be gaseous, liquid, or solid, and in crude oil, fresh from the wells, all three classes are present. The hydrocarbons belong to several of the homologous series known to organic chemistry. The researches of Pelouze and Cahours, of Warren, and more especially of Schorlemmer, have established the presence of the paraffin series, C_nH_{2n+2}, beginning at methane and continuing through the liquid members, which constitute the bulk of the oil, to the solid hydrocarbons known commercially as "paraffine"; of the olefin series, C_nH_{2n}; and of the benzene series, C_nH_{2n-6}. After the oil has been heated, as in distillation, pyrogenic products form, so that in the residues of petroleum distillation naphtalene, anthracene, and other higher hydrocarbons have been detected. In Caucasian petroleum, Beilstein and Kurbatow (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 612) have also found another homologous series of hydrocarbons, *hexahydrobenzol*, C_6H_{12}, and its homologues.

Pennsylvania petroleum consists, however, chiefly of paraffins, and the individual hydrocarbon making the bulk of illuminating oil is *heptane*, C_7H_{16}. The oxidation products accompanying petroleum constitute only a small fraction of one per cent. usually, and have not been very fully studied. It is known, however, that these alteration products are largely acid in character. Prolonged atmospheric exposure may, however, cause a petroleum to thicken, at least superficially. In this way the semi-solid deposits of California are explained, as well as Rangoon tar and Trinidad pitch or bitumen. When the bitumen is in the solid state it is called *asphaltum*. This is black, dry, friable, and insoluble in water or alcohol. Not unfrequently asphaltum exists in nature mixed with more or less of the liquid substance; and this semi-solid mixture is distinguished by the name of *maltha* or *mineral tar*.

Petroleum has been known from the earliest historical period. Herodotus refers to wells of it existing in Zante, and from time immemorial it has been known in the Caucasus, where it was connected with the origin and ceremonies of fire-worship. Until the discoveries of Pennsylvania petroleum, the best-known sources of it were the borders of the Caspian Sea in the Caucasian provinces of Russia, at Amiano in Italy, at Gabian in France, the island of Trinidad in the West Indies, and in the Burman Empire near Rangoon, where vast quantities have been annually raised for many centuries, without any apparent exhaustion of the wells from which it is drawn. Within the limits of the United States it has long been known to exist in a few localities. On the borders of Seneca Lake in the State of New York, small quantities of it were collected, and to some extent used in medicine under the name of *Seneca oil*. In Western Pennsylvania, on Duck Creek in Ohio, near Scottsville in Kentucky, and on the Kanawha in Virginia, it attracted local attention; and a certain locality in Western Canada had acquired some notoriety by its burning spring. But little attention was paid to it until the year 1859, when, the preparation of oil for burning, distilled from bituminous shales, having proved very profitable, and a strong resemblance having been proved to exist between this and petroleum, enterprise was directed towards some of the known sources of the latter liquid, and, being greatly stimulated by success, soon led to further and astonishing discoveries. Hitherto the most productive locality of petroleum has been in Western Pennsylvania; but it has been found to exist in great quantities elsewhere, and in fact occupies large portions of a region commencing in Western Canada, and extending, through New York and Pennsylvania, westward into Ohio and Kentucky, and far southward into West Virginia. After the Pennsylvania field, the most productive at present is that of Ohio; but the most of the oil produced in this State is from a different geological horizon,—viz., the Trenton limestone, and contains a persistent sulphur impurity. This renders the Ohio oil (popularly known also as "*Lima oil*," from the town of Lima, Ohio) more difficult and expensive to refine. It is hence very largely used in the crude state as "*fuel oil*," and as such has been of the greatest industrial value, being shipped by pipe-line or tank-cars to great distances. Valuable deposits are also found in Colorado, near Florence, and elsewhere, and in California, although the oil of this latter State is often quite viscid, and of a bitumen-like character.

In the early days of the petroleum discovery the oil was gathered as it floated on the surface of the water in springs or small streams. In 1859 the first oil well, the Drake well, was sunk near Titusville, Pa., and the oil-bearing strata were reached at a depth of 71 feet, with the result of some 8 barrels per day. In 1861 and 1862 the first large flowing wells were struck in drilling for oil. The explanation of these flowing wells is simply that in new territory the gaseous hydrocarbons have accumulated with the liquid oil in such amount that they exert an enormous pressure, causing a flow of oil at the rate of two, three, and in one case as high as eight thousand barrels per day. Often, however, the pent-up gas escapes with enormous force without any accompanying oil. These "*gas-wells*," as they are termed, are well known throughout the oil-regions, and they have been utilized on a large scale as sources of gaseous fuel for manufacturing and domestic purposes. The statistics show that the amount of coal displaced by natural gas as fuel in 1887 was approximately 9,055,000 tons, valued at $13,582,500. This amount has reached a maximum, however, and for several years past has been decreasing, as the new gas-wells are unable to equal the rapid loss of strength of the older ones. Thus, in 1888, the value of natural gas used as a fuel was given as $22,629,875; in 1889, as $21,097,099; in 1890, as $18,742,725; in 1891, as $15,500,084; and in 1892, as $13,000,000. (*Mineral Industry of U. S. for* 1892, New York, 1893.) Prof. Sadtler has analyzed numerous samples of this natural gas, and finds it to consist chiefly of methane and its homologues, with traces of the olefines and of carbon monoxide. In one case free hydrogen was present. (*Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.*, xvi. 585, 1877.) After a well has flowed oil for a time, it will continue to yield on pumping. Indeed, many smaller wells never have flowed, and have to be pumped from the start. In some districts "torpedoing" with nitroglycerin has been largely resorted to after a well has begun to decline in power, in order to increase the

flow. The explosion effects this by shattering the sandstone and pebble conglomerate which holds the oil, so that new channels are opened.

Oil wells are of various depths. The first or Drake well, as stated, was only 71 feet deep, while in Butler County the fourth sand-rock was reached only at a depth of from 1500 to 1800 feet, and in Washington County and other localities in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania the oil was obtained from a depth of 2600 feet.

There are two theories as to the origin of petroleum. According to one, it is simply a product of distillation from the bituminous shales which underlie almost the whole of this oil-producing country. The gas and the liquid oil are equally products of this distillation. According to the other it represents the decomposition of marine plants and animal life which accumulated in these sand-rock formations. These decomposition products may have also been in part subjected to distillation.

Studies by Prof. Engler (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1888, p. 1816) on the distillation under pressure (10 atmospheres) of fish oils and of olein and other fats show that large amounts of light oils, composed of pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, and nonane, can be obtained, thus making the second theory very probable.

Crude petroleum is occasionally of a clear color when taken from the earth, but is generally of a greenish color, appearing claret-red by transmitted light. The green color may, however, become so dark as to be almost black. In gravity it varies from 0·865 to 0.777, or from 32·5° to 52° Baumé.

The enormous production of crude petroleum in the last twenty-five years has had the effect of developing a variety of new industries connected with the working or shipping of it. The whole producing area of Western Pennsylvania is now covered with a net-work of wrought-iron pipes, for the conveyance of the oil; and these "pipe lines" now extend to Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburg, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, so that crude oil is pumped from the vicinity of the wells to the seaboard cities, to be refined there or to be exported in bulk. The refining of crude oil, and the working up of the several liquid and solid products that are known commercially, are also immense industries. The following figures show the total production of petroleum in the United States during five years. 1888, 27,612,025 bbls., valued at $17,947,620; 1889, 35,163,513 bbls., valued at $26,963,340; 1890, 45,822,672 bbls., valued at $35,365,105; 1891, 54,291,980 bbls., valued at $32,575,186; 1892, 54,344,500 bbls., valued at $30,229,128. The exports of crude and refined petroleum for the year 1892 were: Crude petroleum exported, 104,397,000 gals.; naphtha and light distillates, 16,393,000 gals.; illuminating oils, 589,418,000 gals.; lubricating oils, 34,027,000 gals.; residuum and tar, 403,000 gals.; paraffin, 69,876,000 lbs.; value of the refined products exported, $42,192,000.

After American petroleum the next in importance is Russian or Caucasian. The wells here, although only a few hundred feet in depth, are wonderfully prolific and are veritable "oil fountains." Two of them, the Droobja well and Nobel's No. 9, each yielded for a time nearly 48,000 bbls. of crude oil per twenty-four hours. The present production of crude oil is about two-thirds that of the United States, but could be enormously increased.

Barbadoes petroleum is a black, nearly opaque, inflammable liquid, of the consistence of molasses, unctuous to the touch, and possessing a bituminous taste, and a strong and tenacious odor. Its sp. gr. varies from 0·730 to 0·878. When subjected to distillation it yields naphtha, and leaves a solid residue of asphaltum. It is little affected by alcohol, acids, or alkalies, but dissolves in ether and in the fixed and volatile oils. It consists chiefly of carbon and hydrogen, associated with a little nitrogen and oxygen. *Rangoon petroleum*, also called *Rangoon tar* and *Burmese naphtha*, has a greenish-brown color, a peculiar, rather fragrant odor, and the consistence of goose-fat. It is lighter than water. Heated to 32·2° C. (90° F.) it becomes a very mobile liquid. By distilling it in a current of steam, first at 100° C. (212° F.), and afterwards super-heated, Drs. W. de la Rue and H. Müller obtained 96 per cent. of volatile products, solid and liquid. The solid product (*paraffin*) amounted to from 10 to 11 per cent. The liquid product, usually called naphtha, is separable by sulphuric and nitric acids into two series of hydrocarbons, one series removable by these acids, the other resisting their action. The former series contain fewer atoms of hydrogen than of carbon, and embrace, among other hydrocarbons, benzene and toluene. The latter, which form by far the larger portion of the liquid product, are perfectly colorless, almost inodorous, very mobile liquids, not congealable by intense cold. They belong to the paraffin series, and have the general formula C_nH_{2n+2}.

The method of purifying petroleum is analogous to that already described for purifying coal tar. The crude oil is put into large retorts of wrought iron and exposed to a heat rising gradually to between 315·5° C. (600° F.) and 426·6° C. (800° F.), by which all the volatile ingredients are distilled, leaving 10 or 12 per cent. of solid residue, constituting a sort of coke. The liquids thus obtained are comparatively colorless, though still retaining the strong odor of the crude oil. The several fractions are collected separately, and show very varying gravity and volatility, and are applied to different uses. An average result of a normal distillation may be stated as follows: Gasoline 1½ per cent., refined naphtha 10 per cent., benzin 4 per cent., refined petroleum or kerosene 55 per cent., lubricating oil 17½ per cent., paraffin 2 per cent., loss, gas, and coke 10 per cent. As the greater demand for illuminating oil makes it desirable to get the maximum quantity of this fraction, the distillation is generally so conducted that by the process of "cracking" the yield of burning oil is increased at the expense of the lubricating oil and heavy naphtha. Many distilleries obtain therefore from 75 to 80 per cent. of illuminating oil from the crude material. A crude distillate, however, would not be adapted for the purposes of an illuminating oil, so the distillate must be treated with acid. It is placed in the treating tank or "agitator" and one or two per cent. of strong sulphuric acid is added, when by the aid of an air-blast introduced below the whole is violently agitated. The acid combines with the impurities of the oil and forms a tarry substance, called the "sludge acid," which settles to the bottom, and after the whole has subsided is removed. The oil is then washed with water and again agitated, the process being repeated once or twice. It is then treated with caustic soda solution and again washed. The oil is now clear and almost colorless. It is then placed in large tanks covered with glass frames, where it is "bleached" by the aid of sunlight. It is sometimes atomized

or sprayed in these tanks, and is thus brought to the desired fire-test. In most States of the Union the legal fire-test for illuminating oil is 110° F.; that is, it must not evolve inflammable vapors under this temperature of 110° F. Many special brands of illuminating oil have a much higher fire-test, as high even as 300° F.

Lubricating oils, on the other hand, are valued according to their "cold-test;" that is, they must not congeal except at very low temperatures. A lubricating oil, therefore, consists of the heavy liquid hydrocarbons of the paraffin and olefin series, but is free from the solid paraffin.

Medical Properties and Uses. Petroleum is accounted a stimulating antispasmodic, expectorant, and diaphoretic. In large quantities it may prove poisonous, as shown by a case recorded in the *Journ. de Pharm.* (Mars, 1869, p. 227), in which, after swallowing by mistake a quantity of rectified petroleum, a workman was seized almost immediately with violent inflammation of the throat, with colicky pain, and a desire to vomit, followed in an instant by a fearful tetanic seizure, and a general rigidity, attended with the most frightful cries. After a relaxation of ten minutes the symptoms returned with still greater violence; and life was probably saved only through the prompt action of the powerful emeto-cathartic medicines administered. It is occasionally given in disorders of the chest, when not attended with inflammation. In Germany it has been extolled as a remedy for *tape-worm*. Schwartz's formula in such cases was a mixture of one part of petroleum with one and a half parts of tincture of asafetida, of which forty drops were given three times a day. Externally, petroleum is employed in *chilblains*, *chronic rheumatism*, affections of the joints, *paralysis*, and diseases of the skin, and is said to be very effectual in *psora* and *prurigo*. (See *Petrolatum*, Part I.) It also affords a good antiseptic dressing for wounds. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1870, p. 101.) It is an ingredient in the popular remedy called *British oil*. (See note, p. 973.) The dose of Barbadoes petroleum is from thirty drops to a small teaspoonful, given in any convenient vehicle. Rangoon petroleum is probably more active, and should be given in a smaller dose. Crude petroleum is used to a considerable extent as an external application in domestic practice. It is light-colored, thinner in consistence, and less sapid and odorous than the Barbadoes petroleum, and probably contains more naphtha. The finer kinds of petroleum, called naphtha, have been used with alleged advantage in *cholera* by Dr. Andreosky, of the Russian army, by M. Cloquet, physician to the Shah of Persia, and by M. Moretin, of France. They gave from ten to twenty drops in half a glass of white wine or mint-water. It is affirmed that many cases of *asthma* are much benefited by inhaling petroleum vapors.

PEUCEDANUM. *Chucklusa.* Two North American species of this genus are used by the Western Indians as food. For an account of them, with analysis, see *A. J. P.*, 1890. They contain *peucedanine*.

PHARBITIS TRILOBÆ. *Meia. Ipomœa hederacea.* The seeds of this Japanese convolvulaceous plant have been chemically examined by Mr. K. Hirano and also by Dr. Y. Inoko, who find that they contain a large proportion of a resinous substance, seemingly identical with *convolvulin*, and acting well as a cathartic in doses of seven to ten grains (0·454 to 0·648 Gm.). (*Sei-i-kwai*, 1891.)

PHASEOLUS VULGARIS. *Common Bean.* Mr. Soltsien found an alkaloid, *phaseoline*, in the legumes of the common bean. He observed the presence of an alkaloid in string-beans, and, during a toxicological analysis, traced the source of the alkaloid which might, under circumstances, have been mistaken for a ptomaine to the beans found in the stomach under examination. The new substance is not crystallizable in the free state, but it crystallizes as a hydrochloride. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1884.)

PHENOCOLL HYDROCHLORIDE. $C_6H_4 \begin{cases} OC_2H_5 \\ NH.COCH_2NH_2HCl \end{cases}$. This is formed by the action of glycocoll (amido-acetic acid) upon phenetidine. It is a white finely crystalline powder, soluble at 17° C. in 16 parts of water; also soluble in warm alcohol. Ammonia, alkalies, and alkaline carbonates throw down the pure base phenocoll from the solution of the hydrochloride, in the form of white needles with one molecule of water of crystallization.

According to Prof. Kobert, the phenocoll hydrochloride is scarcely at all poisonous to the lower animals, and does not alter the constitution of the blood. Von Mering found that twenty-three grains could be given to the rabbit without the production of any symptoms. Further experimental research is, however, necessary before any conclusions as to the action of phenocoll can be reached, since Dr. I. Ott has found that in frogs it is paralyzant to the cerebro-spinal axis, whilst in rabbits it produces cyanosis, reduces the force and frequency of the heart's action, and kills by centric respiratory paralysis. Dr. Hertel (*Deutsch. Med. Wochensch.*, 1891) and Dr. Herzog (*Ibid.*) find that phenocoll in man usually produces no gastro-intestinal irritation or other disagreeable symptoms; that its antipyretic action, when given in doses of a gramme, is a quick, certain one; and that it acts well even in the *hectic fever* of phthisis. It is apt to cause considerable sweating, which can be prevented, however, by the administration of minute doses of atropine. During the taking of the drug the urine becomes of a dark reddish-brown color, but does not contain albumen; both indican and biliary properties have been noted. The observers also noticed the remedy to act very well both in acute and chronic *rheumatism*. The first reports of Hertel, so far as concerns the antipyretic influence of the drug, have been generally confirmed by clinicians, but numerous reports state that as an anti-rheumatic or anti-neuralgic phenocoll is inferior. As much as five grammes (77 grains) a day have been given without evil results, and in cases of rheumatism less than this amount usually fails to accomplish good results. Cohnheim found that phenocoll appears in the urine in one hour, and can still be recognized nine hours after its ingestion by the ferric chloride test. The dose is eight to twelve grains (0·518 to 0·775 Gm.), and is best given in capsules.

PHENYLENEDIAMINE. $C_6H_4(NH_2)_2$. *Para-phenylenediamine* and *meta-phenylenediamine* have been physiologically studied by Messrs. Dubois and Vignon (*Compt.-Rend.*, cvii. p. 533), who find that in doses of 0·01 gramme per kilogramme they cause in the dog vomiting, diarrhœa, and fatal coma, with peculiar symptoms.

PHENYLHYDRAZINE. $C_6H_5.NH.NH_2$. Is prepared from diazobenzene hydrochloride (resulting from action of sodium nitrite upon aniline hydrochloride) by reduction with stannous chloride or

sodium sulphite. It is a colorless, peculiar-smelling oil solidifying to plate-like crystals melting at 28° C.; difficultly soluble in water; easily soluble in alcohol and ether. The various compound derivatives of this substance have been tested by Heinz (*Berlin. Klin. Wochensch.*, 1890) and others, and found to be too toxic for use in practical medicine. Phenylhydrazine itself has been employed in the following manner as a test for sugar in the urine. (*Fischer's Test.*) One gramme (15·432 grains) of phenylhydrazine hydrochlorate and one and a half grammes (23·13 grains) of sodium acetate are dissolved in ten cubic centimeters (162 minims) of water, this solution is to be mixed with fifty cubic centimeters (1 fluidounce and 332 minims) of the urine, and the mixture boiled in a water-bath for half an hour; an amorphous precipitate will be formed if only a small quantity of sugar be present, but if the sugar be present in considerable quantity a precipitate of minute yellow needles will be deposited. This test was discovered by Prof. Emil Fischer, and is founded on the property of glucose in the urine forming with phenylhydrazine crystals of *phenyl-glucosazone*.

PHENYLURETHAN. *Euphorine. Phenylcarbamate of Ethyl. Carbamilic Ether.* $C_9O_2H_{11}N.\left(CO\left\{\begin{matrix}OC_2H_5\\NH(C_6H_5)\end{matrix}\right.\right)$. This is a white, crystalline substance, which is made by the action of ethyl chloroformate on aniline. It has a slight flavor of benzene, with a somewhat acrid after-taste; it is almost insoluble in cold water, very soluble in boiling water, alcohol, and ether, and melts at 51° C. It has been physiologically investigated by Giacoasa, who finds that its two per cent. solution very distinctly hinders or altogether arrests the growth of bacteria and bacilli; that in the frog it produces a general paralysis due to an action upon the nerve-centres; that in the rabbit it causes somnolence, hebetude, albuminuria, gastritis, etc.; but very large doses are required to have any effect, over three hundred grains having been given to a dog without producing inconvenience. It does not form methæmoglobin in the blood. After its ingestion about eight per cent. of it was found in the urine in the form of *oxyphenylurethan* in combination with sulphuric acid. It has been used in practical therapeutics by Santoni, Giacomini, and Adler, in doses of seven to fifteen grains (0·454 to 0·972 Gm.), as an antipyretic and antirheumatic, also as an analgesic. It has also been used as an antiseptic dressing in various ulcerations, as a substitute for iodoform. (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Jan. 1892.)

PHLORIZIN. *Phloridzin. Phlorrhizin.* $C_{21}H_{24}O_{10}+2H_2O$. This is a bitter principle, discovered by De Koninck, of Germany, in the bark of the apple, pear, cherry, and plum trees. It is most abundant in the bark of the root, and derived its name from this circumstance (from two Greek words *φλοιός*, bark, and *ῥίζα*, a root). It is light, white, crystallizable in silky needles, of a bitter taste, soluble in about 1000 parts of cold and in all proportions in boiling water, very soluble in alcohol and methylic alcohol, scarcely soluble in ether, cold or hot, dissolved without change by solutions of the alkalies, deprived of its water of crystallization at 100° C. (212° F.), and fusible at a somewhat higher temperature. The ammoniacal solution becomes red on exposure to the air on account of the formation of phloridzeïn, $C_{21}H_{30}N_2O_{13}$. Phlorizin is without acid or alkaline reaction, and belongs to the class of glucosides. When heated with dilute hydrochloric or sulphuric acid, it is converted into sugar and a peculiar substance called *phloretin*, $C_{15}H_{14}O_5$. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, viii. 392.) To obtain phlorizin, the fresh bark of the root of the apple tree should be selected, as the dried bark is said to contain it in much smaller proportion. The bark is to be boiled for an hour or two successively in two separate portions of water, each sufficient to cover it, and the decoction set aside. At the end of thirty hours they will have deposited a considerable quantity of colored phlorizin, which may be purified by boiling for a few minutes with distilled water and animal charcoal, filtering, repeating this process two or three times, and then allowing the solution to cool slowly. The phlorizin is deposited in the crystalline state. An additional quantity may be obtained by evaporating the decoction to one-fifth of its bulk, allowing it to cool, and purifying the substance deposited in the same manner as before. Rochleder states that the leaves contain a principle, *isophlorizin*, isomeric with phlorizin.

When given to the lower animals in large dose (seven to ten grains to the pound weight), phlorizin has the remarkable property of producing a very active glycosuria, which may last from one to two days. In practical medicine it has been strongly recommended by De Koninck and others as an active and certain antiperiodic, in doses of from ten to fifteen grains (0·648 to 0·972 Gm.); also as a tonic in doses of five grains. It may be given in capsules, or dissolved in water by means of a little ammonia. (*Dub. Quart. Journ.*, 1862.)

PHOSPHINE. *Binitrate Diamidophenylacridine.* This is a reddish powder, whose solution in alkaline fluid is phosphorescent. Notwithstanding its commercial name, it contains no phosphorus. It has been asserted to be a valuable analgesic, but Dujardin-Beaumetz finds it too irritant to the stomach for practical use. (*Gaz. Hebdom.*, June, 1888.)

PHOTOXYLON. This is a nitro-cellulose, which is said to be entirely soluble in a mixture of equal parts of concentrated ether and alcohol. According to Mr. Beringer, a three per cent. solution leaves on evaporation a very tough collodion-like film. Photoxylon is made from wood-pulp, by methods of nitration similar to those given under pyroxylin, which is its chemical counterpart.

PHYSALIS ALKEKENGI. *Alkekengi. Common Winter Cherry. Alkékenge, Coqueret*, Fr. *Judenkirsche, Schlutte*, G. A perennial herbaceous plant, belonging to the Solanaceæ, growing wild in the south of Europe, and cultivated in our gardens. The fruit is a round red berry, about as large as a cherry, enclosed in the calyx, and containing numerous flat kidney-shaped seeds. All parts of the plant are bitter, especially the leaves and the capsules enveloping the fruit. The berries are very juicy, and have an acidulous, bitterish taste. By drying they shrink, and become of a brownish-red color. The bitter principle has been isolated by MM. Dessaignes and Chautard, and named by them *physalin*. It is obtained by agitating an infusion of the plant with chloroform, which extracts the bitter principle, and yields it on evaporation. To purify it, dissolve it in hot alcohol, add a little animal charcoal, filter, precipitate by water, and wash the precipitate with the same liquid. It is a light powder, white with a shade of yellow, of a taste slight at first, but in the end permanently bitter, very slightly soluble in cold water, somewhat more soluble in boiling water, and

very soluble in alcohol and chloroform, especially with the aid of heat. Its composition is $C_{14}H_{16}O_5$. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxi. 24.) The berries are said to be aperient and diuretic, and have been recommended in *suppression of urine*, *gravel*, and other complaints of the urinary passages. M. Gendron recommends them very highly as a febrifuge. (*Arch. Gén.*, xxiii. 536.) They also have been highly commended in *gout*. (*Braithwaite's Retrospect*, Am. ed., No. 46, p. 214.) From six to twelve berries, or an ounce of the expressed juice, may be taken for a dose; and much larger quantities are not injurious. They are consumed to a considerable extent in some parts of Europe as food. The berries of the *Physalis viscosa*, of this country, are said by Clayton to be remarkably diuretic.

PHYTELEPHAS MACROCARPA, or *negrito-palm* of Ecuador, yields the *Tagud nut*, from which is derived the hard white substance, *vegetable ivory* or *corajo*. The nuts contain a fixed oil which is said to enter commerce. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xvi.)

PHYTOLACCA ACINOSA. This plant has long been used in Japan as a diuretic, and is said to be violently poisonous. Mr. C. Nagai has separated from it an amorphous resin, *phytolaccotoxin*, which appears to be a spinal convulsant, and at the same time stimulant to the circulation, probably through the vaso-motor centres. (*Sei-i-kwai Med. Journ.*, April, 1891.)

PICHURIM BEANS. *Sassafras Nuts. Fèves Pichurim, Noix de Sassafras*, Fr. *Pichurimbohnen, Sassafrasnüsse*, G. The seeds of an uncertain tree growing in Brazil, Guiana, Venezuela, and other parts of South America. The tree has been supposed to be the *Ocotea Pichurim* of Kunth (*Laurus Pichurim*, Richard, *Aydendron Laurel*, Nees); but its position in either of these genera is denied by F. Nees von Esenbeck; and the plant is now referred to the genus Nectandra. There are two varieties of *Nectandra puchury*, one bearing larger and the other smaller fruit, and distinguished as the *major* and *minor*. Prof. Carson, of the University of Pennsylvania, had specimens of the fruit and other parts of the tree sent him, sufficient to verify the ascription of the pichurim beans to this source. (*A. J. P.*, xxvii. 385.) The beans are the kernels of the fruit separated into halves. They are ovate-oblong or elliptical, flat on one side, convex on the other, of a grayish-brown color externally, chocolate-colored within, of an aromatic odor between that of nutmegs and sassafras, and of a spicy pungent taste. There are two kinds, one about an inch and a half long by half an inch in breadth, the other little more than half as large, rounder, and of a dark-brown color. The former were said by Dr. Carson to come from Brazil, the latter from Venezuela, and may be severally the product of the varieties of the tree above referred to. (*Ibid.*, p. 387.) Bonastre has found them to contain a concrete volatile oil, a fatty matter of the consistence of butter, stearin, resin, brown coloring matter, fecula, gum, sugar, and lignin. Their virtues depend on the volatile oil. The buttery portion, known as "*pichurim fat*," amounting to about 30 per cent., contains *laurostearin*, $C_3H_5(C_{12}H_{23}O_2)_3$, and *pichurim camphor*, which, according to Gerhardt, is identical with laurel camphor. In *A. J. P.*, 1851, p. 1, Prof. Procter described a liquid product brought from South America, known as "*the native oil of laurel* or *sassafras*," or "*aceite de sasafras*," said to be obtained by making incisions in the trunk of a tree growing on the Orinoco. As described by Prof. Procter, it is an oleoresin, of the sp. gr. 0·898, of a light auburn color, a peculiar penetrating odor, and an aromatic, bitterish, pungent, and somewhat camphorous taste. On distillation, almost the whole passes over in the shape of a colorless volatile oil; a small proportion only of resinous matter being left behind. This oleoresin is conjectured to be the same as that employed for adulterating the copaiba exported from Maracaibo. It may be distinguished from copaiba by its ready solubility in alcohol of 0·838, and by the fact that its volatile oil is acted on by potassium. It is believed to be the same product as the "native oil of laurel" described by Pereira, which was obtained from Demerara, and by incisions in a large tree. Prof. Carson, on comparing it with a specimen of oil presented to him as obtained from the same tree with the fruit above mentioned, had no hesitation in considering them as identical, and, therefore, in referring the so-called native oil of laurel to *Nectandra Puchury*. Müller, by distilling the oil in contact with sulphuric acid, obtained a greenish-yellow oil possessing the peculiar odor of the beans. By fractional distillation he separated—1, a colorless oil, boiling at 150° C. (302° F.); 2, a colorless oil, boiling between 165° C. (329° F.) and 170° C. (338° F.); both of these oils consist principally of a hydrocarbon, $C_{10}H_{16}$; 3, a greenish-yellow viscid oil, boiling between 235° C. (455° F.) and 240° C. (464° F.), and having the composition $C_{38}H_{58}O_2$; 4, a deep-blue oil, having a faint odor, boiling between 260° C. (500° F.) and 265° C. (509° F.) In medical properties the pichurim beans resemble the common aromatics, and may be employed for the same purposes. In South America they are said to be used as a substitute for nutmeg, and have even been called by that name. They are rare in this country. The oil obtained from the tree is said to impart its odor to the perspiration and urine, and to be useful in *rheumatism*, *gout*, etc. The bark is sometimes employed as a tonic and febrifuge.

PICRASMA QUASSIOIDES. The wood of this tree, which grows in the sub-tropical Himalayas, and resembles closely the Ailantus in its appearance, has an intensely bitter taste, and has been proposed as a substitute for quassia. W. Dymock and C. J. H. Warden have found in it a crystalline principle which they believe to be quassin, and to exist in the probable proportion of 0·02 to 0·03 per cent. The same investigators believe that the drug has in it a peculiar alkaloid. (*P. J. Tr.*, xx. 1889.)

PICRIC ACID. *Carbazotic Acid. Trinitrophenol.* $C_6H_2(NO_2)_3.OH$. *Nitrophenisic Acid. Acide Picrique, Carbazotique, Nitroxanthique, Jauneamer*, Fr. *Pikrinsäure, Trinitrocarbolsäure, Welter'sches Bitter*, G. This acid is obtained by the action of nitric acid on indigo, silk, leather, wool, aloes, benzoin, Australian gum, and other substances, or, as the name indicates, from phenol (carbolic acid). It may be cheaply prepared by adding coal-tar creosote (impure carbolic acid) gradually to strong nitric acid and heating, when, on standing, the picric acid will crystallize out; but in practice it is now almost always made by dissolving crystallized carbolic acid in strong sulphuric acid, and adding either nitric acid or sodium nitrate to the resultant, phenolsulphonic acid. (Allen. *Commerc. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed., vol. iii., part ii., p. 139.) It is in pale yellow shining scales, fusing at 122·5° C. and subliming undecomposed. It is soluble in water, to which it gives a strong yellow color and very bitter taste.

Its salts crystallize readily, and explode when heated. The potassa salt is so sparingly soluble, that an alcoholic solution of the acid may be used as a test for this alkali. It is largely used in dyeing, producing magnificent yellow colors, and, in connection with indigo or Prussian blue, different shades of green. The salts which picric acid forms with potassa and soda are yellow and bitter, and are much used in the arts. They are, however, violent explosives, and as such have produced very serious consequences. A saturated aqueous solution of picric acid is a very delicate test for albumen. Ammonium picrate is universally preferred for use in medicine. It crystallizes in rhombic scales, which are somewhat more soluble than the corresponding potassium salt. It is explosive when heated or struck. Picric acid and its salts, when in sufficient dose, are poisonous both to man and to the lower animals, though a teaspoonful of ammonium picrate has been taken without the production of other symptoms than those of gastro-intestinal irritation. Toxic doses have been found in the lower animals to stain all the tissues, and produce falling temperature, weakness, diarrhœa, collapse, convulsions, and death. It has a peculiar action upon the blood, changing its color; according to Erb, increasing the number of the white corpuscles and so altering the red blood-disks as to produce the appearance of nucleation. It is a very feeble germicide. The ammonium salt has been used to a considerable extent in the treatment of *malarial diseases*, and has been recommended in *trichiniasis*. Further experience, however, has shown that it has no value in the latter disorder, and is of very little importance as an antiperiodic. The dose of ammonium picrate, in pill, is half a grain (0·032 Gm.), three times a day; though Erb affirms that from nine to fifteen grains (0·58 to 0·97 Gm.) may be given in a day without danger.

Ferric Picrate may be prepared by digesting pure crystallized picric acid with an excess of recently precipitated ferric oxide and water at a gentle heat, till the acid has disappeared, filtering, and evaporating the filtrate at a temperature not exceeding 100° C. (212° F.). Thus prepared it is amorphous, reddish brown in mass, lighter colored in powder, of an astringent and intensely bitter and persistent taste, and readily soluble in water. On account of its bitterness, it is best given in pill. (*A. J. P.*, 1863.)

PICRORHIZA KUERVA. Under the name of *kali-kutki* a root has long been in use in India, which is stated to be the product of *Picrorhiza kuerva*. It is said to be a very valuable tonic. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Dec. 1870, p. 502.)

PIMPINELLA SAXIFRAGA. *Small Burnet Saxifrage. Saxifraga. Radix Pimpinellæ*, P. G. *Grand Boucage*, Fr. *Pimpinell, Bibernell*, G. A perennial umbelliferous European plant, growing on sunny hills, and in dry meadows and pastures. The root has a strong, aromatic, yet unpleasant odor, and a sweetish, pungent, biting, aromatic, bitterish taste. Its active constituents are volatile oil and an acrid resin. The volatile oil is described as a golden-yellow, limpid liquid, lighter than water, of penetrating odor recalling parsley, and of biting taste. Buchheim obtained from the alcoholic extract an active principle, which he called *pimpinellin*, insoluble in water and petroleum ether, but soluble in alcohol. It is considered diaphoretic, diuretic, and stomachic, and has been used in *chronic catarrh*, *asthma*, *dropsy*, *amenorrhœa*, etc. The dose in substance is about half a drachm (1·94 Gm.), and in infusion two drachms. The root is used also as a local stimulant in toothache, etc.

PINCKNEYA PUBENS. Michaux. A large shrub or small tree, growing in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, in low and moist places along the sea-coast. It is botanically allied to the Cinchonas. The bark is bitter, and has been used with alleged advantage in *intermittent fever*. E. H. Naudain (*A. J. P.*, April, 1885) found in it a glucoside, *pinckneyin*, but no alkaloid.

PINEAPPLE. *Ananassa Sativa.* Some years ago, Señor V. Marcano discovered that the juice of the ordinary pineapple has the power of digesting proteid vegetable and animal substances. In a recent elaborate investigation, Prof. R. H. Chittenden (*Trans. Connecticut Academy*, vol. viii., 1891) found that the fresh pineapple juice is a very constant and powerful digestant of albuminous matters; that the ferment is decidedly active in the presence of either acids or alkaline carbonates, but is most energetic in neutral solution; that the ferment is most active between 50° C. and 60° C. (122° F. and 140° F.); still digests at 30° C. (86° F.), but is destroyed at a temperature of 70° C.(158° F.); that the digestion takes place with rapidity; that the ferment, to which the name "*bromelin*" has been given, is more nearly related to trypsin than to pepsin, forming during its action not only proteoses and peptone, but also leucin and tyrosin.

PIPER NOVÆ-HOLLANDÆ. The berries of this Australian pepper contain a volatile oil, and are said to be useful in *gonorrhœa* and allied diseases.

PIPERAZINE. *Piperazidine. Diethylendiamine.* $N_2\left\{\begin{matrix}H_2\\(C_2H_4)_2\end{matrix}\right.$. This is formed by the action of ammonia upon ethylene bromide or chloride. A mixture of bases from this reaction is fractionated, and from the fraction boiling between 130° C. and 180° C., the diethylendiamine separates on cooling. It forms glassy lustrous tables, melting at 104° C. to 107° C., and boils at 145° C. Both the free base and the hydrochlorate are very soluble in water. The latter crystallizes in silky, lustrous, lanceolate forms. In experiments made by Dr. Bock, of Berlin, with piperazine upon rabbits, no evidences of stimulating properties could be obtained. The blood-pressure was never increased; if the dose were large enough there was a temporary depression of the pressure. The future of piperazine as a remedy probably rests upon its relations to uric acid. In a cold watery solution it is said to dissolve twelve times as much uric acid as will lithium carbonate; and one part of uric acid and piperazine dissolves in fifty parts of water, whilst lithium urate requires 368 times its own weight to dissolve it.

Outside of the body, piperazine acts as a powerful solvent of uric acid; not only when the acid is pulverulent, but also when it is in the form of hard calculi. It was also found by Dr. J. H. Brik, of Vienna, that even when the calculi are largely composed of other materials they are broken up by the piperazine affecting the uric acid in them. As piperazine seems in ordinary doses without marked general influence upon the system, and as it does not irritate the mucous membranes of the gastro-intestinal or genito-urinary tracts, it would appear to be a very valuable remedy in the treatment of *uric acid gravel* and *calculi*. Van der Klip, as the result of a carefully-conducted series of experiments, denies, however, that piperazine is as powerful a

solvent of uric acid as is the lithium carbonate. In regard to the action of piperazine upon the system, Van der Klip has found that in the lower animals, in sufficient dose, it produces vomiting, irregular breathing, general muscular weakness, and relaxation; that it also decreases the coagulability of the blood, and has power in checking the action of peptonizing ferments. He further states that it decreases the evolution of oxygen by oxyhæmoglobin. How far piperazine will prove to be of value in uric acid diathesis remains at present uncertain, although the results so far are, on the whole, encouraging. Umpfenbach found it to be a powerful diuretic, and even recommends it in *dropsies*. Dr. Vogt (*Soc. Thérap.*, 1891) affirms, as the result of his investigations, that in doses of fifteen grains (0·972 Gm.) a day, it produced a diminution both of the relative and absolute quantity of uric acid. On the other hand, Ebstein and Sprague found that the drug did not affect either the absolute or relative excretion of urea or of uric acid. There is much clinical testimony as to the value of the remedy in *gout* and *rheumatism*, and certainly in those cases in which deposition of urates has occurred, the remedy should have a thorough trial. Dr. H. C. Wood has found it to act very well in some cases and fail entirely in others. In *stone*, injections of piperazine into the bladder are also worthy of trial. Piperazine may be given in the hypodermic injection of a two per cent. solution, which is said to produce some pain but no abscesses; or better, fifteen grains (0·972 Gm.) of it may be administered during the day, in a quart of plain or carbonated water. It is so highly hygroscopic that it cannot well be given in pill or powder. The injection of small doses of piperazine immediately into gouty joints is worthy of trial. During the taking of piperazine the urine usually is reddish brown, and the drug can be readily obtained from the urine by methods which are detailed in *New Remedies*, 1892.

PIPI ROOT. The root of the *Petiveria hexaglochin*, which sixty years ago attracted attention in Europe, is said to have re-entered commerce. It is reported to be a stimulant expectorant and diaphoretic. (*A. J. P.*, Aug. 1887.)

PISCIDIA ERYTHRINA. *Jamaica Dogwood.* This is a leguminous tree growing throughout the West Indies, and yielding to commerce a very valuable wood. From time immemorial the bark has been used for catching fish. The leaves, twigs, and root-bark are collected, macerated with the residue from the distillation of rum or with lime water, then transferred into baskets, and the latter dragged up and down the water until the active principle has been extracted and the fish are stupefied.

In 1844, Dr. William Hamilton called the attention of the profession to the plant (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1844) as a powerful narcotic, capable of producing sleep and relieving pain in an extraordinary manner, and stated that in toothache a saturated tincture is exceedingly efficacious, not only affording relief when taken internally, but uniformly curing the pain when introduced upon a dossil of cotton into the carious tooth. Notwithstanding these statements, no attention was given to the subject until the enterprise of Parke, Davis & Co. brought it before the profession. The bark of commerce is said to be "in pieces of two to four inches in length, and from one to two inches wide, and about one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The outer surface of some of the pieces is of a dark gray brown, while others are of a yellow brown, with no shade of gray present. The bark is frequently studded with flattened protuberances of a lighter color than the surrounding cork. The central part of the bark is much lighter colored, and, when wet or freshly broken, is of a peculiar blue-green color. The inner part of the bark is of a dark-brown color, and very fibrous. It has a strong disagreeable odor of opium when broken into pieces. It is acrimonious, and produces a burning sensation in the mouth and pharynx."

E. Hart obtained a neutral principle, $C_{29}H_{24}O_8$, to which he gave the name *piscidin*. When purified by crystallization from alcohol it was obtained in colorless crystals, fusing at 192° C. (377·6° F.), insoluble in water, slightly soluble in ether, easily soluble in benzene, chloroform, and boiling alcohol. (*A. J. P.*, 1883, p. 369.)

The action of the drug upon the lower animals has been studied by Drs. J. Ott and A. C. Nagle with similar results. (*Jamaica Dogwood*, Parke, Davis & Co., 1881.) The conclusions reached are—1. It is narcotic to frogs, rabbits, and men. 2. It does not affect the irritability of the motor nerves. 3. It does not attack the peripheral ends of the sensory nerves. 4. It reduces reflex action by a stimulant action on the centres of Setschenow. 5. It produces a tetanoid state by a stimulant action on the spinal cord, and not by a paralysis of Setschenow's centres. 6. It dilates the pupil, which dilatation passes into a state of contraction upon the supervention of asphyxia. 7. It is a salivator. 8. It increases the secretion of the skin. 9. It reduces the frequency of the pulse. 10. It increases arterial tension by stimulation of the vaso-motor centre. 11. This increase of pressure is soon succeeded by a fall, due to a weakening of the heart itself.

The exact practical value of the drug has not been determined, nor are the results produced in man by doses approaching toxic, known. Dr. Hamilton took a drachm, when laboring under severe toothache, on going to bed. He first felt a violent sensation of heat internally, which gradually extended to the surface, and was followed by profuse perspiration, with profound sleep for twelve hours. On awaking, he was quite free from pain, and without the unpleasant sensations which follow a dose of opium. Various practitioners have reported good results from its use as an anodyne in *neuralgia*, *nervous insomnia*, *whooping-cough*, etc., but in other hands it has failed to do good. Dr. H. C. Wood has found it in one case of neuralgia to produce great nausea and gastric distress without evincing the slightest narcotic effect. Joseph L. Lemberger offers a formula for the preparation of a *fluid extract*, as follows: Forty-eight troyounces of the bark, in No. 8 powder, are moistened with sufficient of a mixture of three pints of alcohol, half a pint of glycerin, and half a pint of water; it is packed in a percolator, allowed to stand for six hours, and then percolated with the menstruum until three pints of percolate are obtained. A dark wine-colored preparation is obtained. (*Drug. Circ.*, 1881, p. 179.) The dose of the fluid extract is a drachm (3·69 C.c.), to be carefully increased.

PIX CANADENSIS. *U. S.* 1880. *Canada Pitch. Hemlock Pitch. Abies Canadensis.* Michaux. *Pinus Canadensis.* Willd. *Hemlock* or *Hemlock Spruce* of the United States and Canada, when of full growth, is often seventy or eighty feet high, with a trunk two or three feet in diameter, and of nearly

uniform dimensions for two-thirds of its length. The branches are slender, and dependent at their extremities. The leaves are very numerous, six or eight lines long, flat, denticulate, and irregularly arranged in two rows. The strobiles are ovate, little longer than the leaves, terminal, and pendulous.

The tree is abundant in Canada, Nova Scotia, and the more northern parts of New England, and is found in the elevated and mountainous regions of the Middle States. Its bark abounds in the astringent principle, and is much used for tanning in the northern parts of the United States. An extract is made from the bark for tanning. The tree contains much less juice than some other of the Pinaceæ; and very little flows from incisions made into its trunk. But in the trees which have attained their full growth, and are about or have begun to decay, the juice exudes spontaneously, and hardens upon the bark, in consequence of the partial evaporation or oxidation of its volatile oil. The bark thus encrusted is stripped from the tree, broken into pieces, and boiled in water. The pitch melts, rises to the surface, is skimmed off, and is still further purified by a second boiling in water. It is brought to Philadelphia from the north of Pennsylvania, in dark-colored brittle masses, which, on being broken, exhibit numerous minute fragments of bark interspersed through their substance. From these it is subsequently purified, by melting and straining through linen or canvas. (Ellis, *Journ. of Phila. Coll. of Pharm.*, ii. 18.) Hemlock pitch is hard, brittle, quite opaque, of a dark reddish-brown color, becoming still darker by exposure to the air, of a weak peculiar odor, and scarcely any taste. It softens and becomes adhesive with a moderate heat, and even at ordinary temperatures takes the form of the vessel containing it, and melts at 198° F. Its constituents are resin and a minute proportion of volatile oil. It is commonly known by the incorrect name of *hemlock gum*. Canada pitch is a gentle rubefacient, closely analogous to Burgundy pitch in its properties, and employed for precisely the same purposes. It is, however, more readily softened by heat, and is sometimes almost too soft for convenient application at the temperature of the body. A volatile oil obtained from Abies Canadensis, and called *oil of spruce*, or *oil of hemlock*, has been employed to produce abortion, with the effect of endangering the life of the female. (J. S. Paige, *N. Y. Journ. of Med.*, viii. 184.)

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 gave the following directions for preparing the *Hemlock* or *Canada Pitch Plaster*. (*Emplastrum Picis Canadensis, U. S.* 1880.) "Canada Pitch, *ninety parts* [or nine ounces av.]; Yellow Wax, *ten parts* [or one ounce av.], To make *one hundred parts* [or ten ounces av.]. Melt them together, strain the mixture, and stir constantly until it thickens on cooling."

PLANTAGO MAJOR. *Plantain. Rib-grass, Rib-wort, Ripple-grass. Plantain*, Fr. *Wegerich*, G. The leaves are saline, bitterish, and austere to the taste; the root saline and sweetish. The common plantain weed was formerly considered refrigerant, diuretic, deobstruent, and somewhat astringent. The ancients esteemed it highly in *hemorrhages*, particularly from the lungs, *consumption*, *dysentery*, etc., but it is at present never used, except it be externally in domestic practice as a stimulant application to sores. The leaves are put on whole or bruised in the form of a poultice. *Plantago media* and *P. lancifolia*, or *rib-grass*, which are also indigenous, possess properties similar to those of *P. major*, and may be used for the same purposes.

Theo. Koller, in 1868, obtained from the leaves of *Plantago major*, *P. lanceolata*, and *P. media*, chlorophyll, resin, wax, albumen, pectin, citric acid, and oxalic acid. Mr. David Rosenbaum examined the leaves of *P. major*, with the following results: Petroleum benzin extracted 4 per cent. of wax and chlorophyll. Ether dissolved 4·4 per cent. of resin and chlorophyll. The soluble matter taken up by water weighed 13 per cent., 7·2 of which was insoluble in 66 per cent. alcohol. Soda solution dissolved 6 per cent., and diluted acid 10 per cent., the latter containing a notable quantity of calcium oxalate. The bleached lignin weighed 35·5 per cent. (*A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 418.)

Semen psyllii are the seeds of several species of European Plantago. The best are those of *Plantago Psyllium*, or *fleawort*, which grows in the south of Europe and in Barbary. They are small, about a line long by half a line in breadth, convex on one side, concave on the other, flea-colored, shining, inodorous, and nearly tasteless, but mucilaginous when chewed. They are demulcent and emollient, and may be used internally and externally in the same manner as flaxseed, which they closely resemble in medical properties. *Spogel seed*, used as a demulcent in intestinal irritation, is derived from *P. Isphagula*. (See *Journ. de Méd. de Paris*, Sept. 1887.)

PLATINUM. *Platine, Orblanc*, Fr. *Platin*, G. The most useful salt of platinum is the chloride, $PtCl_4 5H_2O$, which may be obtained by mixing an aqueous solution of chloroplatinic acid, H_2PtCl_6, with a solution of silver nitrate: a precipitate containing the silver, combined with some platinum and chlorine, separates, and the yellowish-red solution yields on evaporation fine large red crystals of platinum chloride. The compound usually called platinum chloride is said by Roscoe and Schorlemmer to be chloroplatinic acid, $H_2PtCl_6,6H_2O$, and is made by dissolving the metal in nitro-hydrochloric acid, and evaporating with hydrochloric acid until all of the nitric acid is removed. In 1826, Prof. Gmelin, of Tübingen, made experiments to determine the action of this metal on the economy. In 1841, Dr. Ferdinand Hoefer published some observations on the same subject. The latter experimented chiefly with the chloride, formerly called bichloride, and the double platinum and sodium chloride. They are both poisonous; the chloride in the dose of 15 grains, the double chloride in that of 30 grains. When a concentrated solution of the chloride is applied to the skin, it produces violent itching, followed by an eruption. Administered internally it irritates the mucous membrane of the stomach and occasions headache. The double chloride has no action when externally applied, and, when given internally, operates on the system in a less sensible manner than the chloride. It possesses the power of augmenting the urine. Dr. Hoefer ranks the preparations of platinum with the alteratives, by the side of those of iodine, arsenic, and gold. He considers them particularly suited to the treatment of *syphilitic diseases;* the chloride to cases of long standing and inveterate, the double chloride to those which are recent. The dose of the chloride is from half a grain to two grains (0·032 to 0·130 Gm.) twice a day, given in pill. Eight grains may be made into sixteen pills, with a drachm of the ex-

tract of guaiacum wood of the French Codex, and sufficient powdered liquorice root. Of these, one, two, or three may be taken morning and evening. The double chloride may be prepared by dissolving five grains of the chloride and eight of pure sodium chloride in seven fluidounces of gum-water; and the whole may be taken by tablespoonfuls in the course of twenty-four hours. For frictions on indolent ulcers, Dr. Hoefer used an ointment composed of sixteen grains of the chloride, thirty-two grains of extract of belladonna, and an ounce of lard. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxvii. 213.)

PLUMBAGO EUROPÆA. *Leadwort. Dentellaria.* A perennial, herbaceous plant, growing in the south of Europe. It has an acrid taste, and, when chewed, excites a flow of saliva. This is particularly the case with the root, which has been long used to relieve toothache. Hence the plant derived the name of *dentelaire* by which it is known in France. A decoction of the root in olive oil has been highly recommended for the cure of the *itch*. Writers differ much in their statements in relation to the activity of the plant, some speaking of it as a rubefacient, vesicatory, and caustic, and, when swallowed, as violently emetic, and liable to produce dangerous irritation of the alimentary canal; while others consider it nearly inert. Perhaps the difference may be ascribed in part to the use of the plant in the recent state in one case, and dried or long kept in the other. A crystallizable, acrid principle, called *plumbagin*, has been extracted from the root by Dulong. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, (2) xiv. 441.) *Plumbago zeylanica* is said to be a very powerful diaphoretic.

PLUMBI OXIDUM RUBRUM. *Red Oxide of Lead. Red Lead. Minium*, P. G. *Deutoxide de Plomb, Oxide Rouge de Plomb, Minium*, Fr. *Mennige*, G. *Minio*, It., Sp. Red lead is prepared on the large scale in a furnace, with the floor slightly concave and the roof arched, presenting a general resemblance to a baker's oven. The lead is placed on the floor, and gradually raised to a red heat, whereby it melts and becomes covered with a pellicle of monoxide, which is removed by means of a long iron scraper; and the pellicles, as they successively form, are scraped off until the whole of the metal has been converted into them. The product is subjected to further calcination, with occasional stirring, for some time, in order to oxidize any particles of metallic lead; it is thus rendered yellow, and constitutes *lead monoxide*, or *massicot*.

This is taken out of the furnace, thrown upon a level pavement, and cooled by being sprinkled with water. It is next reduced to fine powder by trituration and levigation, and dried, and in this state is introduced into large, shallow, square tin boxes, which are placed in another furnace, closed from the air, and heated nearly to redness; the heat being allowed gradually to fall during a period of from twenty-four to thirty hours. At the end of that time the lead monoxide will have combined with an additional quantity of oxygen, and become the red oxide. This is taken out, and, having been passed through a fine wire sieve, is packed in barrels for the purposes of commerce.

The above is an outline of the French process for making red lead. In England and the United States the calcination of the monoxide is not performed in tin boxes, but by returning it to the furnace in which it was first calcined. To save the first calcination, litharge is generally used for making the red lead of commerce, which consequently is liable to contain the impurities of that substance, consisting of iron, copper, and a little silver and silica. Copper is hurtful in red lead when used for making glass, to which it communicates color. In order to have red lead of good quality, it should be made in large quantities at a time. It is also important that it be slowly cooled; for, as the absorption of oxygen by which it is formed takes place during a particular interval of temperature only, it is necessary that the heat within that interval should be maintained sufficiently long to allow all the monoxide to absorb its appropriate quantity of oxygen. Red lead is also prepared by exposing litharge to a high temperature with potassium or sodium nitrate or carbonate.

Properties. Red lead is in the form of a heavy, scaly powder, of a bright-red color, with a slight shade of orange. Its sp. gr. is about 9. When exposed to heat it gives off oxygen, and is reduced to the state of monoxide. It is sometimes adulterated with red ferric oxide and red bole, substances which may be detected by treating the red lead with nitric acid and testing the nitric solution with tincture of galls. This reagent will produce a black precipitate, in consequence of the iron being dissolved by the nitric acid. If brick-dust be present, it will be left undissolved upon boiling the suspected specimen in water, with sugar and a small quantity of nitric acid. When free from impurities it is wholly reduced on charcoal by means of the blowpipe, giving a globule of metallic lead. It is completely soluble in highly fuming nitrous acid. When treated with nitric acid it is resolved into monoxide, which dissolves, and dioxide, which remains in the form of a dark-brown powder.

The red lead of commerce may be considered as a mixture of what may be called the true red oxide, and variable proportions of monoxide. That this is its nature is rendered probable by the action of cold dilute acetic acid, not used in excess, which takes up a variable quantity of monoxide, leaving a portion unchanged in color, which may be deemed the pure red oxide. This latter, when analyzed by nitric acid, has been proved, by the coincident results of Dalton, Dumas, and Phillips, to consist of three atoms of lead, and four of oxygen, equal to $2PbO,PbO_2$ (Dumas), or PbO,Pb_2O_3 (Winckelblech). Mulder gives $Pb_4O_5 = 3PbO,PbO_2$, or $2PbO,Pb_2O_3$, as the usual composition of red lead.

Red lead enters into no official preparation. In the arts it is used chiefly as a paint, for protecting metal surfaces, in the manufacture of flint glass, and in cements for metal joints.

POLYGALA RUBELLA. Willd. *P. polygama.* Walter. *Bitter Milkwort. Bitter Polygala. Polygale, Laitier*, Fr. *Kreutzblume, Milchwurz*, G. Bitter polygala is an indigenous, perennial plant, which was formerly official. It has a strong and permanent bitter taste, which it yields to water and alcohol. In small doses bitter polygala is tonic, in larger, laxative and diaphoretic. It appears to be closely analogous in medical virtues to *Polygala amara* of Europe, which is used for a similar purpose. From the seeds of the *P. butyracea*, an African plant, the natives prepare an edible fat. For an account of it, see *P. J. Tr.*, xx., Aug. 1889.

POLYMNIA UVEDALIA. *Bear's-foot.* Great virtues as a remedy in *malarial splenic enlargements* have been attributed to this North American plant. (See *Newer Mat. Med.*, p. 53.)

POLYPODIUM. Various species of this genus

of ferns are asserted to have medical properties. *Polypodium vulgare*, very common both in Europe and America, was believed by the ancients to be an active cholagogue purgative, and has been used in modern times as an expectorant in chronic *catarrh* and *asthma*. Dose, one to eight drachms (3·88 to 31·1 Gm.), usually given with a cathartic. The rhizome, as it usually occurs in commerce, is about as thick as a goose-quill, somewhat contorted, covered with brown, easily separable scales (often wanting), furnished with slender radicles, and marked by numerous small tubercles. Its color is reddish brown with a tinge of yellow, its odor disagreeably oleaginous, its taste peculiar, sweetish, somewhat bitter, and nauseous. *P. adiantiforme*, of Porto Rico, is believed by the natives to be a powerful antisyphilitic, a belief which, according to Dr. A. J. Amadeo, is well founded. It must be used freely for several months in the advanced stages of the disease. *P. friederichsthalianum*, of Central America, has similar properties attributed to it.

POLYTRICHUM JUNIPERINUM. *Haircap Moss. Robin's Rye.* This indigenous moss is stated by Dr. Wm. Wood to be a powerful diuretic, and, when given indefinitely in infusion, very useful in *dropsy*. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, N. S., xxvii. 267.) Dr. Ariel Hunter confirms these statements. (*N. J. Med. and Surg. Reporter*, ix. 417.)

PONGAMIA GLABRA. *Pongamia* or *kurung oil* is expressed from the seeds of an East Indian tree. It is used by the Hindus in skin diseases. It is deep yellow to reddish brown, fluid at 60° F., but below that it is solid. It is especially commended in *pityriasis versicolor* and other diseases of the skin due to fungus. (*P. J. Tr.*, February, 1883.)

POPULUS. *Poplar.* Several trees belonging to this genus have attracted some attention in a medical point of view. In most of them the leaf-buds are covered with a resinous exudation, which has a peculiar, agreeable, balsamic odor, and a bitterish, balsamic, somewhat pungent taste. This is abundant in the buds of *Populus nigra* or the *black poplar* of Europe, which are official in some parts of that continent. They contain resin and a peculiar volatile oil. The buds of *P. balsamifera*, growing in the northern parts of North America and Siberia, are also highly balsamic; and a resin is said to be furnished by the tree, which is sometimes, though erroneously, called *tacamahac*. The virtues of the *poplar buds* are probably analogous to those of the turpentines and balsams. They have been used in pectoral, nephritic, and rheumatic complaints, in the form of a tincture; and a liniment, made by macerating them in oil, has been applied externally in local *rheumatism*. The *unguentum populeum* of European pharmacy is made, according to the directions of the French Codex, by bruising in a marble mortar, and boiling in 2000 parts of lard, with a gentle fire, till the moisture is dissipated, 250 parts, each, of the fresh leaves of the black poppy, deadly nightshade, henbane, and black nightshade; then adding of the dried buds of the black poplar, bruised, 400 parts; digesting for 24 hours; straining with strong expression; and finally allowing the ointment to cool after defecation. This is an anodyne ointment, occasionally employed in Europe in painful local affections. It has been ascertained that poplar buds are capable of imparting a principle to ointments which in a powerful degree obviates their tendency to rancidity.

The bark of certain species of poplar is possessed of tonic properties, and has been used in intermittent fever with advantage. Such is the case with that of *P. tremuloides* or *American aspen*, and of *P. tremula* or *European aspen*. In the bark of the latter Braconnot found *salicin*, $C_{13}H_{18}O_7$, and another crystallizable principle which he named *populin*, $C_{20}H_{22}O_8$. It is in these, probably, that the febrifuge properties of the bark reside. They may be obtained by precipitating a saturated decoction of the bark with solution of lead subacetate, filtering, precipitating the excess of lead by sulphuric acid, again filtering, evaporating, adding animal charcoal towards the end of the evaporation, and filtering the liquor while hot. Salicin gradually separates, upon the cooling of the liquor, in the form of crystals. If, when this principle has ceased to crystallize, the excess of sulphuric acid in the liquid be saturated by a concentrated solution of potassium carbonate, the populin will be precipitated. If this be pressed between folds of blotting-paper, and redissolved in boiling water, it will be deposited, upon the cooling of the liquid, in the crystalline state. The leaves also of *P. tremula* afford populin, and more largely even than the bark. It is probable that both principles exist in the bark of *P. tremuloides* and other species. Schaak (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 226) found a bitter principle in the bark of *P. alba*, which was most likely populin, as, on oxidizing the alcoholic solution with bichromate mixtures, salicylaldehyde was obtained. Salicin is described under *Salix*. *Populin* is very light, purely white, and of a bitter, sweetish taste, analogous to that of liquorice. It is soluble in 1896 parts of cold, and about 70 parts of boiling water, and is more soluble in boiling alcohol. It loses its 2 molecules of water of crystallization at 100° C., and at 180° C. it fuses to a colorless liquid, from which at higher temperature benzoic acid may be sublimed. Acetic acid and the diluted mineral acids dissolve it, and, upon the addition of an alkali, let it fall unchanged. Piria first showed it to be *benzoyl salicin*, $C_{13}H_{17}(C_7H_5O)O_7 + 2H_2O$. He then decomposed it and prepared salicin from it. When populin is boiled with baryta water or milk of lime, the benzoic acid precipitated by ferric chloride, the excess of iron removed by lime, and the excess of lime by carbonic acid, the remaining liquid yields salicin on evaporation. The same conversion may be effected by heating populin with an alcoholic solution of ammonia to 100° C. (212° F.). Piria obtained from populin 28·9 per cent. of benzoic acid. (*P. J. Tr.*, xv. 378.) Dr. T. L. Phipson, basing his experiments upon the results of Piria, has succeeded in preparing populin artificially by combining salicin and benzoic acid. Nothing more is necessary than to dissolve the two substances in alcohol, and to concentrate the solution. Crystals are formed having all the characters of populin, and consisting of salicin and benzoic acid combined in the proportion of their equivalents. (*Chem. News*, Dec. 6, 1862, p. 278.) The flower-buds of *P. tremuloides* yielded a bitter resin to R. Glenk. It was of yellowish-brown color, strong hop-like odor, and melted at 51° C. (*A. J. P.*, 1889, p. 240.)

PORTULACA OLERACEA. *Garden Purslane.* This indigenous annual has been considered a cooling diuretic, and is recommended in *scurvy* and urinary affections. The seeds have been thought to be anthelmintic, but are inert.

POTASSII BISULPHAS. *Bisulphate of Potassium. Acid Sulphate of Potassium.* $KHSO_4$. This salt, though formerly official in the Edin. and

Dublin Pharmacopœias, has been omitted in the British. The following is the old formula of the Dublin Pharmacopœia. "Take of Sulphate of Potash, in powder, *three ounces* [avoirdupois]; Pure Sulphuric Acid *one fluidounce* [Imperial measure]. Place the Acid and Salt in a small porcelain capsule, and to this apply a heat capable of liquefying its contents, and which should be continued until acid vapors cease to be given off. The Bisulphate, which concretes as it cools, should be reduced to a fine powder, and preserved in a well-stopped bottle." It is frequently a by-product in chemical operations, being left as residue when potassium salts are decomposed by sulphuric acid. It is a white salt, having the form of a right rhombic prism so flattened as to be tabular, and a bitter and extremely acid taste. It is soluble in twice its weight of cold, and in less than its weight of boiling water. Alcohol does not dissolve it, but, when added to an aqueous solution, precipitates the neutral sulphate. Exposed to the air, it effloresces slightly on the surface, and when moderately heated readily melts, and runs like oil. At a red heat it loses water and the excess of acid, and is reduced to a neutral sulphate. Owing to its excess of acid, it acts precisely as an acid on the carbonates, causing them to effervesce. It is incompatible with alkalies, earths, and their carbonates, with many of the metals, and most oxides. This salt was formerly called *sal enixum*. It unites the properties of an aperient and tonic, and may be given in *constipation* with languid appetite, such as often occurs in convalescence. Dr. Paris states that it forms a grateful adjunct to rhubarb. It answers also, according to Dr. Barker, for preparing a cheap aperient effervescing draught. Equal weights, a drachm for instance, of the bisulphate and of sodium carbonate, may be dissolved separately, each in two fluidounces of water, then mixed, and taken in the state of effervescence. Dose, one or two drachms (3·88 or 7·77 Gm.).

POTASSII SULPHIS. *U. S.* 1880. *Sulphite of Potassium.* $K_2SO_3.2H_2O$; 193.84. $K_2SO_3.2H_2O$; 194. *Kali Sulfurosum, Sulfis Potassicus, S. Kalicus. Sulfite de Potasse*, Fr. *Schwefligsaures Kali*, G. *Potassium sulphite* is prepared by causing sulphurous acid to pass through a strong solution of potassium carbonate until decidedly acid; an equal weight of potassium carbonate is now added. The sulphite crystallizes out upon standing. "White, opaque, obliquely-rhombic, octahedral crystals, or a crystalline powder, somewhat deliquescent, odorless, having a bitter, saline, and sulphurous taste, and a neutral or feebly alkaline reaction. Soluble in 4 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.) and in 5 parts of boiling water; only sparingly soluble in alcohol. When gently heated, the salt loses its water of crystallization (18·5 per cent.); at a red heat it is decomposed and leaves a residue of an alkaline reaction. The aqueous solution of the salt yields a white, crystalline precipitate on the addition of a saturated solution of bitartrate of sodium. Addition of diluted hydrochloric acid to the aqueous solution gives rise to the odor of burning sulphur, and the solution does not become cloudy (difference from hyposulphite)." *U. S.* 1880. It decrepitates when heated. In the air it effloresces, absorbing oxygen, and being partially converted into the sulphate. The occurrence of a yellow precipitate, when it is added to a solution of platinum chloride, shows that it is a salt of potassa. "A one per cent. aqueous solution of the salt, strongly acidulated with hydrochloric acid, should produce no precipitate, or, at most, only a white cloudiness, on the addition of a few drops of test-solution of chloride of barium (limit of sulphate). If 0·485 Gm. of the salt be dissolved in 25 C.c. of water, and a little gelatinized starch added, at least 45 C.c. of the volumetric solution of iodine should be required, until a permanent blue tint appears after stirring (corresponding to at least 90 per cent. of pure Sulphite of Potassium)." *U. S.* 1880.

The medical effects and uses of this salt are essentially the same as those of the other sulphites. It produces little impression on the system, and has never been shown to have poisonous effects in whatever dose administered. From four to six drachms (15·5–23·3 Gm.) in twenty-four hours have been given without unpleasant results. The potassium sulphite, after administration, is absorbed into the circulation, from which it escapes with the urine, and may be found for some hours unchanged in the state of the sulphite; at the end of twenty-four hours, the potassium sulphate is found in the urine instead of the sulphite; proving that the salt undergoes oxidation in the body. According to Dr. Polli, the sulphite given to dogs, if these are afterwards killed, is found in all the fluids and solids of the body. The most decided effects on the system appear to be a slight laxative operation, and an increased secretion of urine. It was at one time much used as a germicide in bacterial diseases, but has no power over microscopic organisms in the blood, and has passed out of vogue.

The local effects of the salt are probably less doubtful than the constitutional, but even as a local remedy it is inferior to sodium sulphite and sulphurous acid. Dose, from fifteen grains to a drachm (1–3·9 Gm.), repeated so as to amount to from a fourth of an ounce to an ounce in twenty-four hours.

POTASSIO-MERCURIC IODIDE. *Mercuric Potassium Iodide. Iodohydrargyrate of Potassium.* It has been found by chemists that mercuric iodide, HgI_2, unites with the more positive metallic iodides, forming a series of double salts, sometimes called *iodohydrargyrates*. These have been particularly studied by Boullay (*Ann. Ch. Phys.* [2], 34, p. 345), who finds that a concentrated solution of potassium iodide will dissolve mercuric iodide in the ratio of 3 mols. of the mercuric salt for every two of the potassium salt. When the solution is cooled, one mol. of red mercuric iodide crystallizes out, and then from the mother-liquor deposits yellow prisms, having the composition $2(HgI_2,KI) + 3H_2O$. Dr. Wm. Channing attributes (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xiii. 388) to this preparation the effects of diffusing excitement, and equalizing the circulation. In the different cases in which he tried it, he thought he saw evidence of its favorable influence on the lungs, in allaying cough and improving expectoration; on the alimentary canal, in restoring the healthy secretions; on the kidneys, in reviving their activity; on the skin and cellular tissue, in cicatrizing superficial ulcerations; and on the absorbent and exhalant systems, in causing the disappearance of effused fluid. The principal diseases in which he found it useful were *chronic bronchitis*, *whooping-cough*, *tonsillitis*, *chronic gastro-enteritis*, *dyspepsia*, *ascites*, *anasarca*, *amenorrhœa*, *leucorrhœa*, *eruptions*, and *scrofula*. In some cases of *phthisis* it mitigated the symptoms and appeared to prolong life. Dr. Hildreth, of Ohio, has tried the preparation, and reports favorably. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, xxvi.)

The average dose of the remedy may be stated at the twelfth of a grain (0·005 Gm.) three times a day; but in peculiar constitutions, not more than the forty-eighth, the ninety-sixth, or the two-hundredth of a grain daily can be borne. Dr. Channing's formula was as follows: Take of potassium iodide three and a half grains; red mercuric iodide four and a half grains; distilled water a fluidounce. Dissolve first the potassium iodide and then the red mercuric iodide in the water. Of this solution from two to five drops, containing from the thirtieth to the twelfth of a grain, may be given, in the compound syrup of sarsaparilla, which does not decompose it.

The potassium iodohydrargyrate was suggested by F. L. Winckler as a qualitative test of the organic alkaloids, with which it produces insoluble precipitates; and subsequently it was used by Prof. F. F. Mayer, of New York, for determining the quantity of these alkaloids in any mixture containing them. Prof. Mayer employed, for volumetric analysis, a solution made with 13·546 grammes of corrosive sublimate, 49·8 grammes of potassium iodide, and a liter of distilled water. (See *Volumetric Solution Mercuric Potassium Iodide*, U. S., Part III.)

For further observations upon Mayer's method of effecting the essay of the alkaloids, see *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 579, and 1887, p. 1.

POTASSIUM COBALTO-NITRITE. $Co_2(NO_2)_{12}K_6 + 2Aq$. When potassium nitrite is added to a cobalt salt solution, acidified with acetic acid, nitrogen is set free, and in course of time the double cobaltic and potassium nitrite separates as a yellowish crystalline powder, almost totally insoluble in acid solution. Dr. Wolcott Gibbs having suggested that this nitrite might be less fugacious than other nitrites, on account of its stability and relative insolubility, Dr. J. W. Roosevelt has tried it in doses of one-quarter to one-half grain (0·016 to 0·032 Gm.), every two hours, in kidney cases with high arterial tension and dyspnœa, in *asthma*, and also in *cardiac valvular diseases*. He thinks the effects of the drug are similar to those of the nitrites, beginning in fifteen minutes and lasting two to four hours.

POTASSIUM FERRICYANIDE. *Ferridcyanide of Potassium. Red Potassium Prussiate.* $K_6Fe_2Cy_{12}$. This is formed by passing a current of chlorine through a solution of potassium ferrocyanide, until the liquid ceases to form a precipitate with a solution of ferric chloride, a proof that the whole of the ferrocyanide has been converted into the ferricyanide. The solution, by due evaporation, yields the compound in question. It may also be prepared, in the dry way, by agitating finely-powdered ferrocyanide with chlorine as long as it is absorbed. The theory of the formation of this compound is that two atoms of chlorine withdraw from two mols. of the ferrocyanide two atoms of potassium, forming potassium chloride, which remains in the mother-water, while the two atoms of iron, having assumed the ferric condition, together with the remaining potassium, saturate the cyanogen. The reaction is explained by the following equation: $2K_4Fe(CN)_6 + Cl_2 = K_6Fe_2(CN)_{12} + 2KCl$. The radical ferricyanogen is supposed to be formed by the coalescence of two mols. of ferrocyanogen, and is sometimes represented by the symbol Cfdy. This salt, discovered by Gmelin, is in beautiful deep hyacinth-red anhydrous crystals, which are soluble in four parts of water. Its solution forms a delicate test for ferrous salts, with which it produces a blue precipitate; but with ferric salts it only strikes a green or brown color. It is used in dyeing and calico-printing. (See *Test-Solutions*, Part III.)

POTASSIUM IODATE. *Iodate de Potasse*, Fr. *Kaliumjodat, Jodsaures Kali*, G. This salt has been proposed as a substitute for the potassium chlorate. MM. Demarquay and Custin propose the following mode of preparation, which is followed by the British Pharmacopœia in making its test-solution. Take of iodine and potassium chlorate, each, one part, and mix them with five or six parts of water, previously acidulated with a few drops of nitric acid, and heated to ebullition. As soon as chlorine ceases to escape, treat the liquid with a concentrated solution of barium chloride. Wash with distilled water, and decompose with dilute sulphuric acid the barium iodate precipitated; filter to separate the barium sulphate; and slowly evaporate the solution. Wash with distilled water the crystals of iodic acid that are formed, dissolve them in boiling distilled water, and saturate with potassium bicarbonate. On cooling, the iodate is deposited in small crystals. M. Stas prepares it by moderately heating equal mol. weights of potassium iodide and chlorate, dissolving out the chloride formed with cold water, and repeatedly crystallizing the iodate from hot water. (*A. J. P.*, 1870, p. 217.) M. Egidio Pollacci has found that phosphorus affords a very delicate test for the iodate, as does also the iodate for phosphorus, free iodine being liberated. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xx. 104.) The authors first mentioned have employed the potassium iodate in all those cases of ulcerated and otherwise diseased mucous membrane of the mouth and fauces, in which the chlorate is usually prescribed, and have found it to produce the same curative effects more quickly, more energetically, and in smaller dose. In the healthy state it acts remarkably on the pharyngeal and buccal mucous membrane, producing, in the quantity of 20 or 30 grains, a peculiar sense of constriction, and appearing considerably to diminish the mucous secretion. The diseases in which they have found it specially beneficial are *diphtheria*, *ptyalism*, and *gangrenous stomatitis*. Dose, from four to eight grains (0·259 to 0·518 Gm.). (*Dorvault's Rev. Pharm.*, 1858.)

POTASSIUM NITRITE. *Nitrite of Potassium* (KNO_2; 84·96), is most readily obtained by fusing saltpetre with lead, which withdraws one atom of oxygen from the former, changing it thereby to litharge. It is a white, fusible, and uncrystallizable mass, usually cast into sticks like the hydrate. It is very deliquescent, and absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. It shares the activities of the nitrites, producing in animals their physiological effects, and being capable of replacing them in the treatment of disease. Its influence is comparatively slow and permanent. Ten grains have produced distinct poisoning, with extreme muscular relaxation and cyanosis, lasting three hours. Dose, three grains (0·194 Gm.).

POTASSIUM PERCHLORATE. *Hyperchlorate of Potassium.* $KClO_4$. This salt is prepared by fusing potassium chlorate until it begins to assume a pasty condition. The cooled mass consists of potassium perchlorate and chloride. The absence of undecomposed chlorate may be known by a sample failing to communicate a yellow color to hydrochloric acid. The mass must be dissolved in the smallest possible quantity of boiling water, when perchlorate crystallizes out. It is sparingly soluble

in water, and insoluble in alcohol. It has been examined remedially by M. Rabuteau. The following are his conclusions. 1. Introduced into the system in the quantity of five grammes (77 grains), it is eliminated in 36 or 48 hours, without having undergone any change of composition. Its effects are wholly different from those of the potassium chlorate. 2. It appears to be useful in *intermittents*, and, if it prove in fact to have antiperiodic powers, it will be preferable to quinine in *pernicious fever*, from the rapidity of its action. 3. Arsenic diminishes the urea discharged much more than has been supposed; neither quinine sulphate nor potassium perchlorate has this effect unless long administered. 4. From the properties it possesses, M. Rabuteau thinks it applicable to all diseases in which quinine and nitre are used for their sedative or diuretic properties. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1869, p. 141.)

POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE. *Phosphate of Potassium.* K_2HPO_4. The potassium phosphate which has come into use as a medicine is the dipotassic orthophosphate, having a composition precisely analogous to that of the medicinal sodium and ammonium phosphates. It may be formed precisely as sodium phosphate is prepared; or by saturating, by means of potassium carbonate, common or orthophosphoric acid, H_3PO_4. The medicinal potassium phosphate is a white, amorphous, deliquescent salt, crystallizing with difficulty. It has been given as an alterative in *scrofula* and *phthisis*, and in some other diseases, with supposed advantage. The dose is from ten to thirty grains (0·648 to 1·94 Gm.), three times a day, dissolved in a tablespoonful of water.

POTASSIUM SILICATE. *Silicate of Potassium*, K_2SiO_3, also known as *soluble glass*, is prepared in the same way as the sodium salt. These salts have been used in *rheumatism*, *gout*, etc. (*A. J. P.*, 1857, p. 314; *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1865, p. 236), but are probably of no service. As suggested by Prof. Shun, they form excellent substitutes for starch, dextrin, and plaster of Paris, in the preparation of immovable dressings in the case of certain fractures of the limbs and diseased joints. The solution is applied, of a syrupy consistence, by means of a brush, to the bandages, upon which it rapidly hardens, requiring only five or six hours for this result. The facility of removing them by means of hot water is another advantage which it possesses over other dressings. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., iv.)

POTASSIUM SULPHOCYANATE. CNKS. *Sulfocyanure de Potassium*, Fr. *Kalium Sulfocyanat*, *Rhodankalium*, G. Potassium sulphocyanate, formerly called potassium sulphocyan*ide*, is prepared by fusing in an iron vessel, at a low red heat, a mixture of two parts of dried potassium ferrocyanide and one part of flowers of sulphur. The mass, when cold, is dissolved in boiling water; and, to decompose some ferric sulphocyanate, the solution is treated with potassium carbonate, which throws down the iron as a carbonate, and gives rise to the formation of a fresh portion of potassium sulphocyanate. The whole is then boiled for a quarter of an hour, filtered to separate the precipitated iron, and evaporated that crystals may form. These are purified from potassium carbonate by being dissolved in alcohol, which takes up the sulphocyanate and leaves the carbonate. The alcoholic solution is then allowed to crystallize. Potassium sulphocyanate is in long, striated, anhydrous prisms, deliquescent in a moist atmosphere, very soluble in alcohol, and having a cooling, somewhat biting taste. It has been proposed, by Sömmering, as a substitute for hydrocyanic acid and potassium cyanide, on the ground that it possesses the same therapeutic properties, without their inconveniences.

POTENTILLA. *Potentilla reptans*, the "*cinquefoil*" of Europe, and *Potentilla canadensis*, the "cinquefoil" of America, have each been used as astringents in *diarrhœa*, *chronic catarrhs*, *night-sweats*, etc., taken *ad libitum*.

POWDER OF ALGAROTH. *Pulvis Algarothi. Oxychloride of Antimony. Nitro-muriatic Oxide of Antimony.* A powder rarely used now. For a description of its uses, properties, etc., see 14th edition U. S. Dispensatory.

PRINOS. *Black Alder. Winterberry. Fever-bush. Prinos*, Fr., G. The U. S. P. formerly recognized the bark of the Prinos verticillatus, Linn. *Nat. Ord.* Aquifoliaceæ. It is a shrub, with a stem six or eight feet high, furnished with alternate, spreading branches, and covered with a bluish-gray bark. The leaves, which stand alternately or irregularly on short petioles, are oval, pointed, tapering at the base, acutely serrate, of a dark-green color, smooth above, but downy on the veins beneath. The flowers are small, white, nearly sessile, and grow three or four together at the axils of the leaves. They are often diœcious. The calyx is persistent; the segments of the corolla obtuse; the stamens usually six, and furnished with oblong anthers; the germ large, green, and roundish, with a short style, terminating in an obtuse stigma. The fruit when ripe consists of glossy, scarlet, roundish berries, about the size of a pea, containing six cells and six seeds. Several of these berries are clustered, so as to form little bunches at irregular intervals on the stem. It grows in the United States, from Canada to Florida, frequenting low wet places, such as swamps, and the borders of ponds, ditches, and streams. Its flowers appear in June. The berries, which have a bitter, sweetish, somewhat acrid taste, are sometimes used medicinally for the same purposes with the bark. The dried bark was officially described as in "thin, slender fragments, about one twenty-fifth of an inch (1 Mm.) thick, fragile, outer surface brownish ash-colored, with whitish patches and blackish dots and lines, the corky layer easily separating from the green tissue; inner surface pale greenish or yellowish; fracture short, tangentially striate; nearly inodorous, bitter, slightly astringent." *U. S.* 1880. It has no smell, but a bitter and slightly astringent taste. Boiling water extracts its virtues. Mr. Wm. J. Lerch failed to find berberine in it. (*A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 251.)

Black alder has been considered tonic and astringent, and has been used in *diarrhœa* and as a substitute for Peruvian bark, but has no antiperiodic properties. In cases of flabby or ill-conditioned *ulcers* it is popularly used both locally and internally in decoction (two ounces in three pints of water boiled to a quart). Dose, two to three fluidounces (60 to 90 C.c.).

PRUNELLA VULGARIS. *Self-heal. Heal-all. Brunella vulgaris. Pâquerette*, Fr. *Braunelle*, *Braunheil*, G. A small perennial labiate herb, which is common both in Europe and the United States. It was formerly used in *hemorrhages* and *diarrhœa*, and as a gargle in *sore throat*.

PSORALEA. Of this genus various species are useful. *Ps. castorea*, *Ps. mephitica*, and especially *Ps. esculenta*, are all employed by the Indians of the Northwest of the United States, and by the settlers,

as articles of food; *Ps. esculenta* being the *prairie turnip* or *prairie potato*, the *tipsinah* and *taahgu* of the Indians. Mr. C. Richardson found in it nearly seventy per cent. of starch, and five per cent. of a new, rapidly crystallizing sugar, which has not been further investigated. *Ps. glandulosa, culen, yolochiahitl*, of the Mexican pharmacopœia, yields a leaf which is used as a tonic or anthelmintic, and an emetic root. *Ps. bituminosa*, of Europe, and *Ps. physodes*, of California, are popularly considered tonic and emmenagogue, whilst *Ps. eglandulosa* (Elliot) (*Ps. melilotoides* Michaux, *Congo root, Bob's root, Samson's snakeroot*), of Virginia, has been recommended by various physicians as an aromatic bitter tonic, especially useful in *chronic diarrhœa*. The part employed is the root, from which Mr. MacNair obtained about two per cent. of a volatile oil, having the specific gravity 0·93, a pungent and bitterish taste, and a neutral reaction; also a bitter principle, but not tannin. For further description, see *A. J. P.*, July, 1889; also fourteenth and sixteenth editions of U. S. D. *Ps. corylifolia*, of India, yields an oleoresin which is used in the treatment of *leucoderma* and other skin diseases. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1881.)

PTELEA TRIFOLIATA. *Wafer-ash. Wingseed. Shrubby Trefoil. Hop-tree. Orme à trois feuilles*, Fr. *Hopfenbaum, Kleebaum*, G. (See *Gray's Manual of Botany*, revised edition, p. 75.) This is a shrub, six or eight feet in height, growing in rocky places from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin, and southward. General attention has been called to it by Drs. O. F. Potter and Justus Steer. The bark of the root is the part used in medicine. When dried, it comes in cylindrical rolls or quills, one or two lines in diameter, and from one to several inches long, of a light-brownish color, irregularly wrinkled, and covered with a thin epidermis. Internally it is yellowish white, but darkens by exposure. It has a peculiar somewhat aromatic smell, and a bitter, persistently pungent, and slightly acrid, yet not disagreeable taste. It yields its virtues to water, but more readily to alcohol. It is said to have been much employed among the physicians of the Western States, in the treatment of *dyspepsia*, and generally in diseases requiring a mild, non-irritating, bitter tonic. Dr. Potter uses a tincture, made by macerating six ounces of the bark and half an ounce of ginger in two quarts of whiskey, which he gives in the dose of one or two tablespoonfuls three times a day. (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, ii. 184.) The bark has been examined chemically by Mr. Steer, who found it to contain, besides other ingredients, an oleoresin, of an acrid and bitter taste, and an odor recalling that of the bark, starch, albumen, a yellow coloring substance, and salts of lime, potassa, and iron. He also extracted from it the alkaloid *berberine*, which is probably the tonic principle, while the oleoresin may impart to the bark somewhat stimulant properties. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 337. See, also, Mr. G. M. Smyser, *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 198.)

PTOMAINES. Within the past few years a class of very interesting compounds have been described and are known under this name. They are alkaloid-like bases obtained from animal tissue after decomposition has commenced, hence sometimes called *cadaveric alkaloids*. Bence Jones and Dupré (*Pharm. Centralhalle*, 16, No. 10) first published a notice of the finding of an alkaloid-like base from a decomposing human liver. Its sulphate solution fluoresced, and in other ways resembled quinine, yielding precipitates also with the usual alkaloidal reagents, potassio-mercuric iodide, phosphomolybdic acid, gold and platinic chlorides. It appears, however, that Marquardt had isolated such bases even previous to this. The chief investigators of this class of alkaloids have been Selmi, who first systematically studied them and gave them the name ptomaines, and Brieger, who since 1882 has published a series of elaborate studies and has classified their reactions. From cadavers which had been buried 1, 3, 6, and 10 months in different cases, Selmi obtained bases of strongly alkaline reaction, all of which formed characteristic crystalline compounds with a solution of hydrogen iodide containing dissolved iodine. Three were soluble in ether, but not poisonous; one, insoluble in ether but soluble in amyl alcohol, was in the highest degree poisonous, producing in rabbits tetanus, strong dilatation of the pupil, paralysis of the heart, and death. All of these bodies give the general alkaloid reactions, but change rapidly when exposed to the air. Brieger's researches established the additional fact that ptomaines are formed during the earlier stages of decay, and that they are in general of a non-benzenoid character, but that as putrefaction continues they gradually disappear and give place to well-known benzenoid compounds, phenol, cresol, indol, etc. Brieger studied the ptomaines from (*a*) putrid horse flesh, beef, and human muscular tissue; (*b*) from putrid fish; (*c*) from putrid cheese; (*d*) from putrid glue; and (*e*) from putrid yeast. The bases obtained are of two classes. At first are obtained oxygenated bases, like *choline*, $C_5H_{15}NO_2$, *muscarine*, $C_5H_{15}NO_3$, *neurine*, $C_5H_{13}NO$, *gadinine*, $C_7H_{18}NO_2$, and *tetanine*, $C_{13}H_{30}N_2O_4$. These seem later to disappear, and amines seem to be almost the only products. Among these mentioned, the simplest are *dimethylamine*, $(CH_3)_2NH$, *trimethylamine*, $(CH_3)_3N$, and *triethylamine*, $(C_2H_5)_3N$. A number of the others seem to be diamines, like *putrescine*, $C_4H_{12}N_2$, *cadaverine*, $C_5H_{14}N_2$, *saprine*, $C_5H_{16}N_2$, *neuridine*, $C_5H_{14}N_2$, all four discovered by Brieger in the cadaver, *collidine*, $C_8H_{11}N$, *hydrocollidine* $C_{11}H_{13}N$, *parvoline*, $C_9H_{13}N$, and *tyrotoxicon* (*diazobenzene*), $C_6H_5N_2$, discovered by Vaughan in poisonous cheese and in ice-cream.

The formation of these volatile and frequently actively poisonous bases in the cadaver would seem to make the task of the toxicologist very difficult when the search for poisonous bases has been delayed until decomposition has set in. Any reagent or reagents, therefore, which will enable the chemist to decide between vegetable bases and these ptomaines becomes very important. Brouardel and Bontury (*Comptes-Rendus*, 92, 1056) claim to have found such a decisive reagent in potassium ferricyanide. This compound when treated with a solution of a pure vegetable alkaloid is unacted upon by it; while, under the same conditions, it is instantly reduced to the state of ferrocyanide by a ptomaine, and thus becomes capable of forming Prussian blue with a ferric salt. Up to the present but two exceptions to this rule have been found,—morphine, which readily reduces potassium ferricyanide, and veratrine, which gives traces of such reduction. It is possible, however, that in this last case the reducing action is due to certain impurities which the investigators were unable to remove completely from the veratrine employed by them.

Ptomaines are probably devoid of medical properties, but are of great interest to the toxicologist, not

only from a chemical stand-point, but also from the fact that they are excessively fatal in their effects upon the animal economy. The well-known action of putrefactive flesh, the curious poisonings sometimes produced by lobsters and other animals which feed upon carrion, are in all probability caused by them. In regard to treatment of poisoning by putrefactive animal matters, our present knowledge only justifies the immediate evacuation of the stomach and bowels, and the meeting of the various indications as they arise. For fuller information as to the formation of ptomaines, their detection, separation, and clinical features, see *Ptomaïnes and other Animal Alkaloids*, by A. C. Farquharson, M.D. Bristol: John Wright & Co., 1892.

PULMONARIA OFFICINALIS. *Lungwort. Pulmonaire*, Fr. *Lungenkraut*, G. An herbaceous perennial, European plant, sometimes cultivated in this country in gardens. The leaves have been considered pectoral and demulcent, and employed in *catarrh*, *hæmoptysis*, and *consumption*, but their virtues are doubtful.

PUMICE STONE. *Pumex. Obsidian.* A very light porous stone, found in the vicinity of active and extinct volcanoes, and believed to have been thrown up during their eruption. The spongy structure of pumice is believed to be due to the effects of aqueous vapor upon lava whilst in a fluid state. The pumice stone of commerce is said to be obtained chiefly from Lipari. It is used whole, in the manner of a file, for removing the outer surfaces of bodies, or for rubbing down inequalities, and, in the state of powder, for polishing glass, metals, stones, etc.; purposes to which it is adapted by the hardness of its particles. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1882.)

PUNEERIA COAGULANS. *Vegetable Rennet.* This shrub, common in Afghanistan and Northern India, has the property of coagulating milk, and has been used for making a vegetable rennet ferment for making cheese. Mr. Sheridan Lea found upon examination that the substance which possesses the coagulating power is a ferment closely resembling animal rennet. The active principle is soluble in glycerin, and can be extracted from the seeds by this means; the extract possesses strong coagulating powers even in small amounts. Alcohol precipitates the ferment body from its solutions; and the precipitate, after washing with alcohol, may be dissolved again without having lost its coagulating powers. The active principle of the seeds will cause the coagulation of milk when present in very small quantities, the addition of more of the ferment simply increasing the rapidity of the change. The coagulation is not due to the formation of acid by the ferment. If some of the active extract be made neutral or alkaline, and added to neutral milk, a normal clot is formed, and the reaction of the clot remains neutral or faintly alkaline. The clot formed by the action of the ferment is a true clot, resembling in appearance and properties that formed by animal rennet, and is not a mere precipitate. Mr. Lea prepared an active extract applicable for cheese-making purposes, by grinding the dry seeds very finely in a mill, and extracting them for twenty-four hours with such a volume of 5 per cent. sodium chloride solution that the mass is still fluid after the absorption of water by the fragments of the seeds as they swell up. From this mass the fluid part may be readily separated by using a centrifugal machine (such as is used in sugar refining), and it can then be easily filtered through filter-paper; without the centrifugal machine the separation of the fluid from the residue of the seeds is tedious and imperfect; 40 grammes of the seeds treated as above, with 150 C.c. of 5 per cent. sodium chloride solution, gave an extract of which 0·25 C.c. clotted 20 C.c. of milk in twenty-five minutes, and 0·1 C.c. clotted a similar portion of milk in one hour. When added in these proportions the curd formed is quite white. The presence of the coloring matter, is, however, perhaps on the whole unimportant, since even if a larger quantity of the ferment extract is added in order to obtain a very rapid coagulation, the coloring matter is obtained chiefly in the whey, the curd being white; by adding sufficient common salt to make the percentage up to 15 per cent., and alcohol up to 4 per cent., the preparation would retain its activity very well. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1884, p. 606.)

PYCNANTHEMUM LINIFOLIUM. *Dysentery Weed.* This American mint is popularly used in bowel complaints; its hot infusion is diaphoretic.

PYRAZOLE. $C_3H_4N_2$. $\begin{pmatrix} CH=N \\ | \\ CH=CH \end{pmatrix}$>NH).

This compound has been prepared by acting upon epichlorhydrin with hydrazine in the presence of zinc chloride. It is a basic substance, crystallizing in needles, melting at 70° C., and boiling at 188° C. It is readily soluble in water, alcohol, and ether. All of the pyrazole derivatives were found by Tappeiner (*Archiv Exper. Pathol.*, 1891) to act as paralyzants of the central nervous system. Only one of them, *phenylmethylpyrazolcarboxylic acid*, seems to promise value in practical medicine, on account of its extraordinarily active diuretic effects upon both the lower animals and man. Daily dose, fifteen to thirty grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.); no disagreeable symptoms have been observed.

PYRETHRUM PARTHENIUM. Willd. *Matricaria Parthenium.* Linn. *Chrysanthemum Parthenium.* Persoon. *Feverfew. Matricaire*, Fr. *Mutterkraut*, G. A perennial herbaceous plant, about two feet high, with an erect, branching stem, pinnate leaves, oblong, obtuse, gashed, and dentate leaflets, and compound flowers in a corymb upon branching peduncles. It is a native of Europe, but cultivated in our gardens. The whole herbaceous part is used. The plant has an odor and taste analogous to those of chamomile, which it resembles also in the appearance of its flowers and in its medical virtues. According to Zeller, a pound of it yields 4·8 grains of volatile oil. (*Centralbatt*, 1855, p. 205.) The volatile oil is greenish, boils between 165° C. (329° F.) and 220° C. (428° F.), and separates on standing. *Pyrethrum camphor*, $C_{10}H_{16}O$, contains in addition a hydrocarbon and an oxidized oil. (Dessaignes and Chautard, *Journ. de Pharm.* (3), 13, 241.) Though little employed, it is undoubtedly possessed of useful tonic properties. The flowers of this and of a closely resembling species, *Matricaria parthenoides* (Desf.), are said to be used in France, to a considerable extent, indiscriminately with those of the true chamomile plant, *Anthemis nobilis*, which they closely resemble, especially when double. They may, however, be distinguished, in this state, by their peculiar odor, their smaller receptacle, which is, moreover, rounded and flattened above, instead of being conical and somewhat pointed as in the Anthemis, and by the tubular five-toothed central florets, which in the chamomile are small, few, and scarcely visible, but,

in the two species of Pyrethrum, are large, very numerous, and very long.

PYRIDINE. C_5H_5N. Pyridine is the first of a series of homologous bases which are found in coal-tar naphtha, in shale-oil, in peat-tar, in tobacco-smoke, and more especially in the product known as "*Dippel's oil*," obtained by the distillation of bones and other animal matter. It has been used as an antiseptic and germicide, and is employed in Germany for "denaturating" alcohol for manufacturing uses. Pure pyridine is a colorless liquid, with a powerful and persistent odor, of sp. gr. 0·9858 at 0° C., and boils at 115° C. It is miscible with water in all proportions, but is precipitated from its solution by excess of strong soda or potash. It is also miscible with alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzene, and fatty oils. In toxic dose pyridine is a violent poison, producing cyanosis, methæmoglobinization of the blood, great muscular weakness from paralysis both of the motor centres and nerves, and finally death from failure of respiration. De Renzi claims that in small doses it stimulates the heart, increases the blood-pressure, and is a useful remedy in angina pectoris. It was first introduced into practical medicine, as a remedy for *asthma*, by Germain Sée, whose statement has since been confirmed by various clinicians. Sée employed it by exposing about a drachm upon a plate in a small room, in which the patient remained twenty to thirty minutes, the process being repeated several times a day; or five to twenty drops in two ounces of water may be taken by an atomizer; or five drops may be inhaled directly. De Renzi has given it internally in the daily dose of six drops gradually increased to twenty-five.

PYRIDINE TRICARBOXYLIC ACID. $C_5H_2(COOH)_3N$. This important derivative of pyridine may be prepared by the oxidation of methyl-pyridine (picoline), or is obtained from certain natural alkaloids, such as quinine, quinidine, and cinchonidine, by boiling with an alkaline solution of potassium permanganate. It forms prisms melting at 244° C. This substance is said to be an active antiseptic and antipyretic, and, according to Dr. Rademaker, in *malarial fever* even surpasses quinine, when given in dose of ten grains (0·648 Gm.) after the paroxysm. The same authority asserts that, when given in doses of one to two grains, it will arrest the paroxysm in spasmodic *asthma*. It has also been used in *typhoid fever* as an antipyretic, and as a specific in *gonorrhœa*, when it is given by injection. (*Medical Herald*, June, 1887, 1888.) No accidents have as yet been reported from its use.

QUINA MORADA. This drug, growing in Bolivia and the Argentine Republic, and there credited with the therapeutic values of cinchona, is produced by the *Pogonopus febrifugus*. It has been studied by Arata and Canzoneri, who find in it a blue fluorescent substance, *moradin*, and an alkaloid, *moradeine*. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1890.)

QUINOA. The *Chenopodium quinoa* is largely cultivated in Southern Peru and Southern Chili, often above the height at which barley and rye will ripen, for the sake of its seeds. These are about the size of white mustard-seeds, but flatter, and afford a flour resembling somewhat oat-meal. The starch grains are very small, and constitute about 40 per cent. of the grain, which also contains 5 per cent. of sugar, 7½ of casein, and 11 of albumen and other protein compounds. One variety, the red quinoa, contains a bitter principle in the seed-husks, and is used to some extent as an emetic and antiperiodic. (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 559.)

RAIMBAULTII COMBRETUM. This African plant, which is much used by the natives in hæmaturic *bilious fever*, has been chemically examined by Prof. Heckel, who finds it to contain a large amount of tannin, but no other active principle.

RANDIA DUMETORUM. The fruit of this East India shrub is used by the natives as a fish poison, and is said to act in man as an irritating emetic. According to the Pharmacographia Indica, each fruit contains about four grains of saponin, besides valerianic acid. The tincture has been used by Sir James Sawyer (*London Lancet*, 1891) as an antispasmodic.

RANUNCULUS. *Crowfoot. Renoncule*, Fr. *Hahnenfuss*, G. Most of the plants belonging to the genus Ranunculus have similar acrid properties, and, from their close resemblance, are confounded under the common name of *buttercup*. *R. bulbosus* was formerly on the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia; but *R. sceleratus* had attracted more attention in Europe, and *R. acris* and *R. Flammula* were recognized by the Dublin College. In all these species the whole plant is pervaded by a volatile acrid principle, which is dissipated by drying or by heat, and may be separated by distillation. Dr. Bigelow found that water distilled from the fresh plant had an acrid taste, and produced when swallowed a burning sensation in the stomach; and that it retained these properties for a long time if kept in closely-stopped bottles. Dr. Clarus discovered, in *R. sceleratus*, besides the acrid volatile oil, a nearly inert resin, and a narcotic principle called *anemonin* or *anemone camphor*, $C_{15}H_{12}O_6$. The volatile oil is soluble in ether, and is decomposed, on standing, into a white amorphous substance having acid properties (*anemonic acid*), $C_{15}H_{14}O_7$, and into anemonin. Other species of Ranunculus probably have the same constituents. (*B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, 1859, p. 181.) The plant itself, when chewed, excites violent irritation in the mouth and throat, inflaming and even excoriating the tongue and inside of the cheeks and lips. When swallowed in the fresh state, it produces heat and pain in the stomach, and, if the quantity be considerable, may excite fatal inflammation. Dr. Clarus states that it has also narcotic properties, diminishing the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and producing palsy of the extremities. It is never used internally. Before the introduction of the Spanish fly into use, it was much employed as a vesicant. In the dried state, or in decoction, it is wholly inert.

REALGAR. As_2S_2. *Red Orpiment.* This is arsenic disulphide. It is found native in Saxony, Bohemia, Transylvania, and in various volcanic regions. Realgar is artificially made by melting arsenous acid with about half its weight of sulphur. Thus prepared, it is of a crystalline texture, of a beautiful ruby-red color, of a uniform conchoidal fracture, somewhat transparent in thin layers, and capable of being sublimed without change. Native realgar is said to be innocent when taken internally, while that artificially prepared is poisonous, in consequence, according to Guibourt, of containing a little free arsenous acid. Realgar is used only as a pigment.

RED CHALK. *Reddle.* A mineral substance of a deep-red color, of a compact texture, dry to the touch, adhering to the tongue, about as hard as chalk, soiling the fingers when handled, and leaving

a lively red trace when drawn over paper. It consists of clay and ferric oxide, and is intermediate between *bole* and *red ochre*, containing more ferric oxide than the former, and less than the latter. It is used for drawing lines upon wood, etc., and is sometimes made into crayons by levigating and elutriating it, then forming it into a paste with mucilage of gum arabic, moulding this into cylinders, and drying it in the shade. It has been used internally as an absorbent and astringent.

REGIANINE. This is a principle obtained by Mr. Phipson from the nut of *Juglans regia*. It occurs in octohedral, prismatic, or feathery crystals, and gives with ammonia and other alkalies a reddish-purple solution, from which hydrochloric acid precipitates an amorphous powder, *regianic acid*. It is probably identical with the *nucin* obtained from green walnut-shells.

RENNET. *Gastric Juice. Liquor Seriparus. Laabessenz*, G. For a full account of the constitution of gastric juice and its properties the reader is referred to works upon physiology. The crude juice was applied by Dr. P. S. Physick to foul ulcers. *Rennet* is an aqueous or vinous infusion of the dried stomach of the calf, though that of the sheep or other animal would probably answer the same purpose. It is much used, as every one knows, for curdling milk; a property which it owes to a portion of the gastric secretion, retained and dried in the mucous tissue of the stomach. To the same material it probably owes the property which it possesses of converting glucose into lactic acid; and there is little doubt that it is capable, in greater or less degree, of exercising the solvent property of gastric juice over albuminous and fibrinous food. The first of the properties just referred to suggested to Dr. James Gray, of Glasgow, the use of rennet in *diabetes*, with the object of promoting the conversion of any sugar of grapes that might be formed in the stomach into lactic acid, and thus preventing its entrance into the circulation in its unchanged state. He met with considerable success in this use of the remedy; and it has since been employed by others, in the same disease, with supposed advantage. Dr. Gray gave a teaspoonful of the rennet after each meal. (*Ed. Monthly Journ. of Med. Sci.*, 1853, p. 31.) It is highly probable that the preparation usually employed to curdle milk may contribute to the ready digestibility of the curds and whey. Dr. Geo. Ellis prepares *rennet-wine* as follows: Take the stomach of a calf immediately after death, cut off and reject about three inches of the upper or cardiac portion, slit the stomach longitudinally, wipe it gently with a dry napkin so as to remove as little of the clean mucus as possible, then cut it into small pieces, the smaller the better, put it into a common wine-bottle, fill the bottle with good sherry, and let it stand corked for three weeks. The dose is a teaspoonful, in a wineglassful of water, immediately after each meal. It is known to be good if a teaspoonful will coagulate half a pint of milk in two minutes at 100° F. (*Dublin Medical Press*, July 16, 1862.)

RESEDA LUTEOLA. *Weld. Dyer's Weed. Herbe Jaune, Gaude*, Fr. *Wau, Gelbkraut, Harnkraut*, G. An annual European plant, naturalized in the United States. It is inodorous, and has a bitter taste, which is very adhesive. Volhard showed that sulphocyanide of allyl, C_3H_5,SCN (oil of mustard), was present in the root, and Chevreul obtained from it by sublimation a peculiar yellow coloring matter, which he called *luteolin*, and which has the formula $C_{20}H_{14}O_6$. This forms yellow crystals of silky lustre, insoluble in water, soluble in alcohol. It dissolves in alkalies with deep-yellow color. It is used especially in silk-dyeing. Rochleder and Brener (*Journ. Prakt. Chem.*, xcix. 433) found that when fused with caustic potash it was decomposed into phloroglucin and protocatechuic acid with evolution of carbon dioxide. In medicine it has been employed as a diaphoretic and diuretic, but it is now used only for dyeing purposes.

RETINOL. A product obtained by the distillation of Burgundy pitch or resin. It forms a yellowish oil boiling at temperatures over 280° C. It is claimed for this substance that it does not irritate the skin, is unaltered by light, is mildly antiseptic, does not become rancid, and is very inexpensive; qualities which, taken along with its extraordinary solvent power, bid fair to make it a valuable basis for ointments. Among the substances dissolved by it are: salol, 1–10; iodol, 1–50; naphtol, 1–50; aristol, 1–50; camphor, 1–20; chrysophanic acid, 1-40; cocaine, 1–30; codeine, 1–40; and strychnine, 1–40. It is miscible in all proportions with oil of juniper, carbolic acid, turpentine, alcohol, and ether. Resorcin, if dissolved in glycerin, may be mixed with retinol, and so may iodoform if it be dissolved in a little ether. Iodol is dissolved, but soon precipitates as a resinous mass. Phosphorus is also dissolved and the solution remains unchanged indefinitely. Retinol mixes readily with fats, oils, vaseline, lard, lanoline, glycerin, cacao butter, etc., and may be used in ointments. In cases where a liquid is not undesirable, retinol, owing to its antiseptic properties, can with great advantage replace these bodies. Upon mucous membranes retinol seems to act as a mild stimulant antiseptic; it has been used with alleged excellent results locally in *otitis*, *vaginitis*, *rhinitis*, and other mucous diseases. Injections of it in *gonorrhœa* are said to be remarkably effective. As a means of administering phosphorus it is especially recommended.

RHIGOLENE. This name was given by Dr. H. J. Bigelow, of Boston, to a very light, inflammable liquid, obtained by distilling petroleum, and separating the liquids of the lowest boiling point by redistillation, until one is obtained which boils at about 18° C. (64·4° F.). It is not pretended that this is a peculiar definite compound; on the contrary, it is simply a fluid more volatile than any one previously used, and capable, consequently, of producing a greater degree of cold by its evaporation. In this respect rhigolene probably exceeds all other substances, with the exception of *cymogene*, which boils at 0° C. (32° F.). A degree of cold —9° C. (15·8° F.) is, according to Dr. Bigelow, obtained through the evaporation of this liquid by means of the common atomizer or "spray-producer." This is the chief use of the liquid; which may be employed in producing congelation of any part of the body preparatory to a surgical operation, or a great degree of cold for any other purpose. It should, when not in use, be kept in a cool place, in bottles tightly corked; as otherwise it will be rapidly evaporated. In a warm place it might break the bottles through its extreme volatility, unless the stopper should previously be driven out. It has been accused of being liable to explosion; but this is not true, unless the vapor should be mixed, in certain proportions, with atmospheric air, and then approached by a burning body.

RHODODENDRUM CHRYSANTHUM. *Yellow-flowered Rhododendron. Rosebay. Snowrose. Rosage*, Fr. *Alpenrose, Schneerose, Gichtrose*, G. The leaves of this Siberian rhododendron, when fresh, have a feeble odor, said to resemble that of rhubarb. In the dried state, they are inodorous, but have an austere, astringent, bitterish taste. They yield their virtues to water and alcohol. They are stimulant, narcotic, and diaphoretic, producing, when first taken, increase of heat and arterial action, subsequently a diminished frequency of the pulse, and, in large doses, vomiting, purging, and delirium. They have been long employed in Siberia as a remedy in *rheumatism;* and their use has extended to various parts of Europe. Their action is said to be accompanied with a sensation of creeping or pricking in the affected part, which subsides in a few hours, leaving the part free from pain. They have been recommended also in *gout, lues venerea*, and *palsy*. In Siberia they are prepared by infusing two drachms of the dried leaves in about ten ounces of water, in a close vessel, and keeping the liquid near the boiling point during the night. The strained liquor is taken in the morning; and a repetition of the dose three or four days successively generally effects a cure. The remedy is not used in this country. Mr. G. F. Kuehnel has subjected a quantity of the leaves of the "great laurel," *Rhododendron maximum*, to proximate analysis, and found them to contain, besides tannin, gallic acid, resin, wax, albumen, coloring matter, and traces of volatile oil, the principles that are characteristic of the coriaceous leaves of ericaceous plants,—viz., *arbutin, ericolin*, and *ursone*. (*A. J. P.*, 1885.)

RHUS AROMATICA. This drug has been highly recommended in the treatment of nocturnal incontinence of urine, by a number of clinicians of repute. (See *Gaz. Hebdom.*, 1889; also, *Annals of Gynæc.*, 1890.) The adult dose is twenty or thirty minims of the fluid extract of the bark, three times a day, given in aromatized solution. For elaborate description of bark, see *Newer Materia Medica*.

RIGA BALSAM. *Balsamum Carpaticum. Balsamum Libani.* This is usually stated to be a product of *Pinus Cembra*, a large tree growing in the mountainous regions and northern latitudes of Europe and Asia. The juice exudes from the extremities of the young twigs, and is collected in flasks suspended from them. It is a thin, white fluid, having an odor analogous to that of juniper, and possessing the ordinary terebinthinate properties. In this country it is very rare; but it is occasionally brought from Riga or Cronstadt in bottles. M. Keller, of Darmstadt, affirms that Riga Balsam is nothing but the product of the ordinary *Pinus palustris*. A similar product, called *Hungarian balsam*, is obtained in the same manner from *Pinus pumilio*, growing on the mountains of Switzerland, Austria, and Hungary. The oil derived from the young branches of the Pinus pumilio (*Oleum pini pumilionis, Oleum templinum, Krummholzöl, Pumiline*) is the most potent agent in the so-called "*pine cure*" in the German spas. It has been recently investigated by Schimmel & Co. (*Report*, April, 1893), who find, in addition to *lævo-pinene, lævo-phellandrene*, and other terpenes, notable quantities of esters of borneol, such as *borneol-acetate*, boiling above 185° C. When pure, it is said to be a very fragrant, volatile oil, especially adapted for the purposes of inhalation. Internally it may be given in doses of five to ten minims, in capsules, as a stimulant expectorant.

ROBINIA PSEUDACACIA. *Locust-tree. False Acacia. Robinier*, Fr. *Falsche Akazie*, G. This well-known indigenous tree has a place in the Materia Medica of the "eclectics." The bark of the root is the most active part, and is said to be tonic, and in large doses purgative and emetic. It has been investigated by Dr. F. B. Power and J. Cambier (*Pharm. Rundschau*, Feb. 1890). They found a small amount of an alkaloid which they showed to be identical with *choline*. They also isolated a globulin and an albumose. This *phyt-albumose* produces purging and vomiting. It is precipitated by alkaloidal reagents. Zwenger and Dronke (*Ann. Chem. Pharm.*, Supp., i. 257) found a glucoside, *robinin*, $C_{25}H_{30}O_{16}$, which, treated with dilute acids, yielded *quercetin* and a sugar. Hlasiwetz obtained *asparagin*, $C_4H_8N_2O_3$, from the root. Three cases of the poisoning of children by the root have been recorded. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1860, p. 64.) Dr. Z. T. Emery (*N. Y. Med. Journ.*, Jan. 22, 1887) reports the poisoning of thirty-two boys from chewing the inner bark of the tree. The symptoms in the mildest cases were vomiting and flushed face, dryness of the throat and mouth, and dilated pupils. In the severest cases to these were added epigastric pain, extremely feeble intermittent heart-action, and stupor. These effects are explained by the finding in the bark of an exceedingly poisonous albuminoid or enzyme, *robinalbin*, which according to Prof. Kobert (*Merck's Bull.*, April, 1891) is similar to but not identical with ricin.

ROTTEN STONE. *Terra Cariosa.* An earthy mineral, occurring in light, dull, friable masses, dry to the touch, of a very fine grain, and of an ash-brown color. It is obtained from Derbyshire in England, and is used for polishing metals. For a particular account of it see *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 463.

ROUREA OBLONGIFOLIA. This Mexican creeper is affirmed to contain an alkaloid, and to act as a violent convulsant poison. (*El Estudio*, 1890.)

RUBIA. *Garance*, Fr. *Krappwurzel, Färberröthe*, G. *Robbia*, It. *Rubia de tintoreros, Granza*, Sp. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly recognized *madder, Rubia tinctorum*, Willd. *Sp. Plant.* The root of *dyer's madder* is perennial, and consists of numerous long, succulent fibres, varying in thickness from the size of a quill to that of the little finger, and uniting at top in a common head, from which also proceed side-roots that run near the surface of the ground, and send up many annual stems. These are slender, quadrangular, jointed, procumbent, and furnished with short prickles, by which they adhere to the neighboring plants upon which they climb. The leaves are elliptical, pointed, rough, firm, about three inches long and nearly one inch broad, having rough points on their edges and midrib, and standing at the joints of the stem in whorls of four, five, or six together. The branches rise in pairs from the same joints, and bear small yellow flowers at the summit of each of their subdivisions. The fruit is a round, shining, black berry. The plant is a native of the south of Europe and the Levant, and is cultivated in Asia Minor, France, Holland, and the south of Italy. It was from Holland that commerce derived its chief supply. The root, which is the part used, is dug up in the third summer, and, having been deprived of its cuticle, is dried by artificial heat, and then reduced to a coarse powder. In this condition it is packed in barrels, and sent into the market. Madder from the Levant is in the state of the whole root; from the

south of France, either whole or in powder. The plant was also cultivated in this country, in the States of Delaware and Ohio. The root consists of a reddish-brown bark, and a ligneous portion within. The latter is yellow in the recent state, but becomes red when dried. The powder as found in commerce is reddish brown. Madder has a weak peculiar odor, and a bitterish astringent taste; and imparts these properties, as well as a red color, to water and alcohol. It contains as its most important constituent *alizarin*, $C_{14}H_6(OH)_2O_2$, and with it as coloring matter of secondary importance *purpurin*, $C_{14}H_5(OH)_3O_2$. Besides these two technically important constituents there have been recognized *pseudopurpurin*, an orange dye-color, and a yellow one (*xanthopurpurin*). These coloring matters, however, are probably decomposition products from glucosides existing in the fresh plant. Thus, alizarin is known to result along with glucose from the treatment with dilute acids of *rubianic* or *ruberythric acid*, $C_{26}H_{28}O_{14}$, according to the reaction: $C_{26}H_{28}O_{14} + 2H_2O = C_{14}H_8O_4 + 2C_6H_{12}O_6$. The most interesting of the coloring substances is the *alizarin*. It may be obtained from the alcoholic extract by sublimation, in the method employed by Mohr in obtaining benzoic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxxi. 267.) It is orange red, inodorous, insipid, crystallizable, capable of being sublimed without change, scarcely soluble in cold water, soluble in boiling water, and very readily so in alcohol, ether, the fixed oils, and alkaline solutions. The alcoholic and watery solutions are rose-colored; the ethereal, golden yellow; the alkaline, violet and blue when concentrated, but violet red when sufficiently diluted. A beautiful rose-colored lake is produced by precipitating a mixture of the solutions of alizarin and alum. Alizarin was recognized by Graebe and Liebermann in 1868 as a derivative of anthracene, $C_{14}H_{10}$,—a hydrocarbon contained in coal-tar,—and in the same year they elaborated a method for preparing it commercially from anthracene. Upon this arose rapidly a great chemical industry, so that in 1881 the amount of artificial alizarin annually produced was 14,000 tons of 10 per cent. paste, valued at $8,000,000. The production of madder, of course, decreased correspondingly. The exportations of madder from France, which in 1872 had a value of $1,850,000, decreased to $70,000 in 1878, and $53,000 in 1883. The importations of alizarin into the United States for the last three years were as follows: for 1890, 2,154,930 lbs., valued at $358,882; for 1891, 3,404,931 lbs., valued at $667,362; for 1892, 4,838,270 lbs., valued at $1,029,143. Madder also contains sugar; and Döbereiner succeeded in obtaining alcohol from it by fermentation and distillation, without affecting its coloring properties. It is much used by dyers.

Madder was formerly thought to be emmenagogue and diuretic, and was used in *amenorrhœa* and *dropsy*. When taken into the stomach it imparts a red color to the milk and urine, and to the bones of animals, without sensibly affecting any other tissue. The effect is observable most quickly in the bones of young animals, and in those nearest the heart. Under the impression that it might effect some change in the osseous system, it has been prescribed in *rachitis*, but without favorable result. Dose, about half a drachm, repeated three or four times a day.

RUBUS CHAMÆMORUS. *Cloud Berry.* This plant, which inhabits the northern portions of both continents, is largely employed in Northern Russia, in the form of an infusion of the berries or leaves, as a diuretic in *dropsy*. Dr. Popoff found in it a crystallizable acid which is an essential diuretic, acting directly upon the renal secreting structures without affecting either cardiac action or arterial tension. (*Vrach*, iv., 1886.)

RUTA. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly recognized the *Ruta graveolens*. *Common rue* (*Rue odorante*, Fr.; *Garten-Raute*, G.; *Ruta*, It.; *Ruda*, Sp.) is a perennial plant, usually two or three feet high, with several shrubby branching stems, which, near the base, are woody and covered with a rough bark, but in their ultimate ramifications are smooth, green, and herbaceous. The leaves are doubly pinnate, glaucous, with obovate, sessile, obscurely crenate, somewhat thick and fleshy leaflets. The flowers are yellow, and disposed in a terminal branched corymb upon subdividing peduncles. The calyx is persistent, with four or five acute segments; the corolla consists of four or five concave petals, somewhat sinuate at the margin. There are usually ten stamens, but sometimes only eight. The plant is a native of the south of Europe, but cultivated in our gardens. It flowers from June to September. The whole herb is active; but the leaves are usually employed. These have a strong disagreeable odor, especially when rubbed. Their taste is bitter, hot, and acrid. When recent, and in full vigor, they have so much acrimony as to inflame and even blister the skin, if much handled; but the acrimony is diminished by drying. Their virtues depend chiefly on a volatile oil, which is very abundant, and is contained in glandular vesicles, apparent over the whole surface of the plant. They contain, also, according to Mähl, chlorophyll, albumen, a nitrogenous substance, extractive, gum, starch or inulin, malic acid, and lignin; and, according to Borntträger, a peculiar acid which he calls *rutinic acid*, $C_{25}H_{28}O_{15}$. (*Chem. Gazette*, 1845, p. 385.) Rutinic acid is the coloring principle of rue, and has been found in various other plants. It was thought, at one time, that it might be identical with quercitrin; but though, like that principle, yielding quercetin and sugar, it has been shown to be distinct. Like quercitrin, it seems to play an important part in the coloring of plants. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1862, p. 165.) Both alcohol and water extract their active properties. Rue is considered stimulant and antispasmodic. It appears to have a tendency to act upon the uterus; in moderate doses proving emmenagogue, and in larger, producing a degree of irritation in the organ which sometimes determines abortion. Taken very largely it acts as an acrid narcotic poison. Three cases are reported by Dr. Hélie in which it caused in pregnant women dangerous gastro-intestinal inflammation, miscarriage, marked slowness of the pulse, and cerebral derangement, which continued for several days. (*Ann. d'Hyg. Pub. et de Méd. Lég.*, xx. 180.) A case is recorded by Dr. G. F. Cooper of fatal poisoning in a man; the symptoms were vomiting, violent tormina, tenesmus with bloody stools, abdominal distention with tenderness, and severe strangury. (*Med. Exam.*, N. S., ix. 720.) Rue is sometimes used in *hysterical* affections, *worms*, *flatulent colic*, and *amenorrhœa*, particularly in the last complaint. It has also been highly recommended in uterine hemorrhage, especially when dependent on an atonic state of the organ. The ancients employed it as a condiment, and believed it to possess, besides other valuable properties, that of resisting the action of poisons. Its excitant

and irritating properties require that it should be used with caution. The dose is from fifteen to thirty grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.) two or three times a day, preferably given in infusion.

SABBATIA. *Centaurée Américaine*, Fr. *Sabbatie*, G. Of this gentianaceous genus, three American species are more or less used in popular medicine, as tonics and as antiperiodics. They are, in fact, simple bitters of some activity, and may very well be substituted for the foreign remedies of their class. Their value in intermittent fever is probably simply that of quassia and gentian, only somewhat more feeble. The *S. angularis* or *American centaury* was formerly recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia in its Secondary List. A description of it may be found in the 16th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory. Mr. John F. Huneker found in it a small proportion of *erythrocentaurin*, $C_{27}H_{24}O_8$, previously discovered by M. Méhu, a French chemist, in *Erythræa centaurium* of Europe. Mr. Huneker also obtained from American centaury, resin, chlorophyll, fatty matter, gum, albumen, pectin, bitter extractive, traces of volatile oil, an organic acid, red coloring matter, and salts. (*A. J. P.*, 1871, p. 207.)

In the Southeastern United States, the *Sabbatia elliottii*, or *Quinine flower*, and in the Southwestern United States the *Sabbatia campestris*, have been employed like the S. angularis in the North. They probably contain the same active principle. Of the S. angularis and the S. campestris the whole plant is used, the dose being a drachm (3·88 Gm.), given in the form of fluid extract or in decoction. Of the Quinine flower, the root is employed; dose of the fluid extract, one fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.); in intermittent fever to be repeated at short intervals.

SAGAPENUM. This gum-resin, formerly highly esteemed, but at present very rarely met with even in Eastern commerce, is the concrete juice of a well-known Persian plant. It is in irregular masses, composed of agglutinated fragments, slightly translucent, of a brownish-yellow, olive, or reddish-yellow color externally, paler internally, brittle, of a consistence somewhat resembling that of wax, and often mixed with impurities, especially with seeds more or less entire. An inferior variety is soft, tough, and of uniform consistence. It has an alliaceous odor less disagreeable than that of asafetida, and a hot, nauseous, bitterish taste. It softens and becomes tenacious by the heat of the hand. The effect of time and exposure is to harden and render it darker. It is inflammable, burning with a white flame and much smoke, and leaving a light spongy charcoal. Pure alcohol and water dissolve it partially, diluted alcohol almost entirely. Distilled with water it affords a small quantity of volatile oil; and the water is strongly impregnated with its flavor. According to Pelletier, it contains 54·26 per cent. of resin, 31·94 of gum, 1·0 of bassorin, 0·60 of a peculiar substance, 0·40 of acidulous calcium malate, and 11·80 of volatile oil. Brandes found 3·73 per cent. of volatile oil. This is pale yellow, very fluid, lighter than water, and of a disagreeable alliaceous odor. Flückiger found the oil devoid of sulphur, but to contain *umbelliferone*. (*Pharmacographia*, p. 324.)

Sagapenum was considered by the older physicians as midway in its medical properties between asafetida and galbanum, and was used in doses of from ten to thirty grains in *amenorrhœa*, *hysteria*, etc.; also externally in plasters as a discutient.

SAGO. *Sagou*, Fr. *Sago*, G., It. *Sagu*, Sp. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly recognized the starch obtained from the sago palms. Numerous trees, inhabiting the islands and coasts of the Indian Ocean, contain a farinaceous pith, which is applied to the purposes of nutriment by the natives. Such are *Sagus rumphii*, *Sagus lævis*, *Sagus ruffia*, *Saguerus rumphii*, and *Phœnix farinifera*, belonging to the family of Palms; and *Cycas circinalis*, *Cycas revoluta*, and *Zamia lanuginosa*, belonging to the Cycadaceæ. Of these, *Sagus rumphii*, *Sagus lævis*, and *Saguerus rumphii* probably contribute to furnish the sago of commerce. Crawford, in his History of the Indian Archipelago, states that it is derived exclusively from *Metroxylon sagu*, identical with *Sagus rumphii;* but Roxburgh ascribes the granulated sago to *S. lævis*, and one of the finest kinds is said by Dr. Hamilton to be produced by the *Saguerus rumphii* of Roxburgh. The farinaceous product of the different species of Cycas, sometimes called *Japan sago*, does not enter into general commerce.

Sagus Rumphii, Willd. *Sp. Plant.* iv. 404; Carson, *Illust. of Med. Bot.* ii. 44, pl. 88. *Metroxylon Sagu*, Roxb. (1783); *Bentley and Trimen*, 278. The *sago palm* is one of the smallest trees of its family. Its extreme height seldom exceeds thirty feet. The trunk is proportionately very thick, quite erect, cylindrical, covered with the remains of the old leafstalks, and surrounded by a beautiful crown of foliage, consisting of numerous, very large, pinnate leaves, extending in all directions from the summit, and curving gracefully downward. From the bases of the leaves proceed long, divided and subdivided flower- and fruit-bearing spadices, having smooth branches. The fruit is a roundish nut, covered with an imbricated coat, and containing a single seed.

The tree is a native of the East India islands, growing in the Peninsula of Malacca, Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, the Moluccas, and a part of New Guinea. It flourishes best in low and moist situations. Before attaining maturity, the stem consists of a shell, usually about two inches thick, filled with an enormous volume of spongy medullary matter like that of elder. This is gradually absorbed after the appearance of fruit, and the stem ultimately becomes hollow. The greatest age of the tree is not more than thirty years. Large quantities of a kind of sugar called *jaggary* are produced from its juice. According to H. von Rosenberg (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvii. 140), the medullary matter consists mostly of starch when the large leaves have fallen off and the flowers are just taking their place. At this time the tree is felled, and the trunk cut into billets six or seven feet long, which are split in order to facilitate the extraction of the pith. This is obtained in the state of a coarse powder, which is mixed with water in a trough having a sieve at the end. The water, loaded with farina, passes through the sieve, and is received in convenient vessels, where it is allowed to stand till the insoluble matter has subsided. It is then strained off; and the farina which is left may be dried into a kind of meal, or moulded into whatever shape may be desired. For the consumption of the natives it is usually formed into cakes of various sizes, which are dried, and extensively sold in the islands. The commercial sago is prepared by forming the meal into a paste with water, and rubbing it into grains. It is produced in the greatest abundance in the Moluccas, but of the finest quality on the eastern coast of Sumatra. The Chinese of Malacca refine it so as to give the

grains a fine pearly lustre. Malcom states that it is also refined in large quantities at Singapore. In this state it is called *pearl sago*, and is in great repute. It is said that not less than five or six hundred pounds of sago are procured from a single tree. (*Crawford.*)

Pearl sago is that which is now generally used. It is in small grains, about the size of a pin's head, hard, whitish, of a light-brown color, in some instances translucent, inodorous, and with little taste. It may be rendered perfectly white by a solution of chlorinated lime. *Common sago* is in larger and browner grains, of more unequal size, of a duller aspect, and frequently mixed with more or less of a dirty-looking powder.

Sago meal is imported into England from the East Indies. It is in the form of a fine amylaceous powder, of a whitish color, with a yellowish or reddish tint, and of a faint but somewhat musty odor.

Common sago is insoluble in cold water, but by long boiling unites with that liquid, becoming at first soft and transparent, and ultimately forming a gelatinous solution. Pearl sago is partially dissolved by cold water, probably owing to the heat used in its preparation. Chemically considered, it is a very pure natural starch, as the nitrogenous matter rarely amounts to more than one per cent., and the ash to one-half per cent., the remainder being starch and moisture. Under the microscope the granules of sago meal appear oval or ovate, and often truncated so as to be more or less muller-shaped. Many of them are broken, and in most the surface is irregular or tuberculated. They exhibit upon their surface concentric rings, which are much less distinct than in potato starch. The hilum is circular when perfect, and cracks either with a single slit or a cross, or in a stellate manner. The granules of pearl sago are of the same form, but are all ruptured, and exhibit only indistinct traces of the annular lines, having been altered in the process employed in preparing them. Those of common sago are very similar to the particles of sago meal, except that they are perhaps rather less regular and more broken.

Potato starch is sometimes prepared so as to resemble bleached pearl sago, for which it is sold. But, when examined under the microscope, it exhibits larger granules, which are also more regularly oval or ovate, smoother, less broken, and more distinctly marked with the annular rugæ than are those of sago; and the hilum often cracks with two slightly diverging slits. Sago is now made in the United States from various kinds of starch.

Sago is used exclusively as an easily-digestible, non-irritating food. It is given in the liquid state, and in its preparation care should be taken to boil it long in water, and stir it diligently, in order that the grains may be thoroughly dissolved. Should any portion remain undissolved, it should be separated by straining; as it might offend a delicate stomach. A tablespoonful to the pint of water is usually sufficient.

SALEP. *Tubera Salep*, P.G. *Salep*, Fr., G. This name is given to the dried tubers of numerous species of the genus *Orchis*, and in India of the genus *Eulophia*. At present the salep of European commerce is prepared chiefly in the Levant, but to some extent in Germany and other parts of Europe. The German salep is said to be more translucent than the Levant.

Salep is in small, oval, irregular, ovoid or oblong tubers, rarely palmate, hard, horny, semi-transparent, of a yellowish color, a feeble odor, and a mild mucilaginous taste. It is sometimes kept in the state of powder. In composition and relation to water it is closely analogous to tragacanth, consisting of a substance insoluble but swelling up in cold water (*bassorin*), of another in much smaller proportion, soluble in cold water, and of minute quantities of saline matters. It also occasionally contains a little starch. It is highly nutritive, and may be employed for the same purposes as tapioca, sago, etc. Its mediæval and Oriental reputation as an aphrodisiac is unfounded. On account of its hardness, salep, in its ordinary state, is of difficult pulverization; but the difficulty is removed by macerating it in cold water until it becomes soft, and then rapidly drying it. *Royal salep*, said to be much used as a food in Afghanistan, has been identified by Dr. J. E. T. Aitchison as the product of *Allium macleani*. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1889.)

SALICYLAMIDE. $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\CONH_2\end{cases}$. This compound is prepared by the action of concentrated ammonia upon methyl salicylate. When purified, it occurs in perfectly colorless, thin, transparent plates, melting at 142° C., soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, and 250 parts of water. Dr. W. B. Nesbitt finds that this substance, when given in toxic dose, paralyzes the motor nerves and centres, also the muscles; and has but little effect upon blood-pressure. He believes that it is a safer remedy than salicylic acid, and has the advantage of greater solubility and more prompt action in smaller dose. Also, that it has analgesic and antipyretic properties which correspond. It may be given in doses of three grains (0·194 Gm.). The highest amount used was fifteen grains (0·972 Gm.), taken in nine hours. (*Therap. Gaz.*, Oct. 1891.)

SALICYLBROMANILID (*Anti-nervine*) was first described as a mixture of bromacetanilid and salicylanilid, but a specimen analyzed by Ritsert was shown to be a mixture of ammonium bromide, salicylic acid, and acetanilid. Salicylbromanilid has been asserted to be a safe antipyretic and antineuralgic by Radlauer, of Germany, and has been studied by C. S. Bradfute (*New England Monthly*, April, 1891), who finds that it is antipyretic and analgesic, but is also a violent depressant of the circulation, acting directly upon the heart. In *angina pectoris*, with high tension, he obtained relief by its use, but it seems to be a dangerous remedy. Dose, five to ten grains (0·324 to 0·648 Gm.).

SALIPYRIN (*Antipyrin salicylate*) is prepared by the action of salicylic acid upon antipyrin, either at 100° C. or in solutions. It occurs as a white coarsely crystalline powder, odorless, with a somewhat sweetish taste. It is readily soluble in alcohol and in benzene, and crystallizes from the former in hexagonal tables with a melting point of 91·5° C. Salipyrin has been studied therapeutically by Guttmann and by Kollmann. (*Internat. Klin. Rundsch.*, Sept. 1890; also *München. Med. Wochensch.*, Nov. 1890.) They find that it is an active antipyretic, and also an active antirheumatic; and that it rarely produces toxic symptoms, although an eruption resembling that of antipyrin has been noted; that the color of the urine is not affected, but that tests show the presence of salicylate. According to Kollmann, it sometimes vomits, and the daily dose should never exceed forty-five grains, and always be less than this in the beginning, as some individ-

uals are intolerant of it. Dr. Hitschmann (*Ztschr. Therap.*, June, 1892) thinks that the special value of the drug is as an antineuralgic. Dose, seven to fifteen grains (0·45 to 0·97 Gm.), in capsule or tablet.

SALIX. *U. S.* 1880. Most of the species of the large genus Salix are possessed of similar medical properties. *S. russelliana*, which has been introduced into this country from Europe, is said by Sir James Smith to be the most valuable species. *S. purpurea*, a European species, is stated by Lindley to be the most bitter, and *S. pentandra* is preferred by Nees von Esenbeck. Many native species are in all probability equally active with the foreign. The younger Michaux speaks of the root of *S. nigra*, or *black willow*, as a strong bitter, used in the country as an antiperiodic; whilst very recently it has been claimed that it is a decided sexual sedative, useful in *spermatorrhœa* and various forms of *ovarian* and *uterine neuralgia*, in doses of a drachm of the fluid extract. The degree of bitterness in the bark is probably the best criterion of value.

Salix alba, the species formerly recognized by the U. S. Pharmacopœia, the common European or white willow, is twenty-five or thirty feet in height, with numerous round spreading branches. The exstipulate leaves are alternate, upon short petioles, lanceolate, pointed, acutely serrate with the lower serratures glandular, pubescent on both sides, and silky beneath. The aments are terminal, cylindrical, and elongated, with elliptical-lanceolate, brown, pubescent scales. The stamens are two in number, yellow, and somewhat longer than the scales; the style is short; the stigmas two-parted and thick. The capsule is nearly sessile, ovate, and smooth. The white willow is now very common in this country. It flowers in April and May; and the bark is easily separable throughout the summer. That obtained from the branches rolls up when dried into the form of a quill, from one twenty-fifth to one-twelfth of an inch in diameter, has a brown, more or less finely warty epidermis, is flexible, fibrous, and of difficult pulverization. The inner surface is brownish white, and smooth, the liber separating in thin layers. Willow bark has a feebly aromatic odor, and a peculiar bitter astringent taste. It yields its active properties to water, with which it forms a reddish-brown decoction. Pelletier and Caventou found, among its ingredients, tannin, resin, a bitter yellow coloring matter, a green fatty matter, gum, wax, lignin, and an organic acid combined with magnesia. The proportion of tannin is so considerable that the bark has been used for tanning leather. The characteristic constituent of all species of willow, however, is *salicin*. Robert W. Beck (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 581) has determined the relative percentages of salicin and tannin in several species of salix. He finds:

	Salicin.	Tannin.
In leaves of *S. lucida* . .	0·30 per cent.	6·48 per cent.
In bark of *S. lucida* . .	1·09 " "	3·58 " "
In bark of *S. alba* . . .	0·56 " "	4·26 " "
In bark of *S. nigra* . . .	0·73 " "	3·29 " "

The bark of the willow is feebly tonic, but it is at present never employed in regular medicine.

SALOL-CAMPHOR. When three hundred parts of salol are rubbed with two hundred parts of camphor, and then gently warmed, a liquid is obtained insoluble in water, but miscible with fixed and volatile oils, ether, and alcohol, to which M. Désesquelle has given the name of *salol-camphor*, and which he recommends as a local anæsthetic.

SALOPHEN. *Acetylparamidophenyl salicylate.* $C_6H_4\begin{cases}OH\\COOC_6H_4.NH(C_2H_3O)\end{cases}$. This new derivative contains 50·9 per cent. salicylic acid. It occurs in white crystalline leaflets, almost insoluble in water, freely soluble in alkalies, alcohol, and ether. It melts at 187° C.; precipitates from its alcoholic solution, with the ferric chloride, violet; with bromine water, densely white. In warm alkaline solution it undergoes decomposition into salicylic acid and acetylparamidophenol. It has been physiologically studied by Dr. Siebel (*Therap. Monat.*, Jan. 1892), who finds that it is broken up in the intestines, and is even decomposed to some extent when given hypodermically. About eight grammes per kilo were necessary to kill a rabbit; the symptoms being those of salicylic acid poisoning. By direct experiment acetylparamidophenol was found to be practically free from poisonous properties. Salophen has been used to some extent by Guttmann, Siebel, and Löwenthaler as a substitute for salicylic acid in *rheumatism* and as an intestinal antiseptic, in daily dose of from forty-five to seventy-five grains (2·9 to 4·85 Gm.).

SAMADERA BARK. This is the inner bark of a tree belonging to the family of Simarubaceæ, growing in Ceylon. It is intensely bitter, and probably contains quassin. For further particulars, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 541.

SANDARACH. *Sandaraca. Gum Juniper. Sandaraque*, Fr. *Sandarak*, G. A resinous substance obtained from the *Callitris quadrivalvis* (*Thuya articulata*), an evergreen tree growing in the north of Africa. It is in small, irregular, roundish-oblong grains or tears, of a pale-yellow color, sometimes inclining to brown, more or less transparent, dry and brittle, breaking into powder under the teeth, of a faint, agreeable odor increased by warmth, and of a resinous, slightly acrid taste. It melts with heat, diffusing a strong balsamic odor, and easily inflames. It is almost entirely soluble in ordinary alcohol, and entirely so in that liquid when anhydrous, and in ether. Heated oil of turpentine also dissolves the greater part of it, but very slowly. According to Unverdorben, it consists of three resins, varying in their relations to alcohol, ether, and oil of turpentine. The *sandaracin* of Geise, which remains after sandarach has been exposed to the action of ordinary alcohol, is a mixture of two of these resins. In Australia and Tasmania Callitris trees grow in vast numbers, and produce a sandarach which is almost colorless, having highly refractive power, and a pleasant aromatic odor; becoming dark by age, and sometimes assuming a superficial mealiness. This Australian sandarach softens easily, but does not melt in boiling water, is gritty to the touch, and can scarcely be distinguished from the African drug. (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1890.) Sandarach was formerly given internally, and entered into the composition of various ointments and plasters. At present it is used chiefly as a varnish, and as incense; its powder is rubbed upon paper to prevent ink from spreading, after letters have been scratched out, and is called *Pounce*.

SANICULA MARILANDICA. *Sanicle. Sanicle*, Fr. *Sanikel*, G. The root of this indigenous umbellifer is popularly known in some parts of the country by the name of *black snakeroot*. It is fibrous and of an aromatic taste, and, according to C. I. Houck (*A. J. P.*, vol. xiv. 463), contains a volatile oil and a resin. It has been used in *inter-*

mittent fever, and also in *chorea* by Dr. Zabriskie, who considers it most efficient in substance, and gives the powder to children eight or ten years old in the dose of half a drachm three times a day. (*Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, N. S., xii. 374.)

SANTOLINA. A composite plant, *Santolina chamæcyparissus*, is stated to have long been used popularly against the round worm in Scotland. It has been analyzed by Mr. T. Maben (*P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 301), who finds in it a volatile oil and a considerable percentage of resin, with a bitter principle, which he believes to be an alkaloid and the active principle of the drug. The decoction of the plant may be made by boiling half an ounce in a pint of water for half an hour, straining, and making up to a pint. It is given in doses of five ounces to adults and half that quantity to children, repeated for four mornings, and then followed by a brisk cathartic.

SANTONINOXINE. $C_{15}H_{19}NO_3$. This substance was first prepared in 1889 by P. Guici (*Gazz. Chim.* xix. 367) by digesting at nearly 80° C. for three days five parts of santonin, four parts of hydroxylamine hydrochloride, fifty parts of strong alcohol, and four parts of precipitated calcium carbonate. It crystallizes in white silky needles, melts at about 217° C., is very slightly soluble in hot water, and turns the plane of polarized light to the left. Coppola states that this substance is a safe and reliable substitute for santonin, to be given in doses about three times as large.

SAPINDUS. Various tropical plants belonging to this genus contain saponin, and are largely used for cleansing purposes. Thus in India are employed the pulp of the fruit of the *Sapindus detergens*, the capsules of S. *emarginatus*, the berries of *S. laurifolius*, and in South America the oil and seed-vessels of *S. saponaria*. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 585.) For the properties of saponin, see *Saponaria officinalis*, below.

SAPONARIA OFFICINALIS. *Soapwort. Saponaire, Savonnière*, Fr. *Seifenwurzel*, G. A perennial herbaceous plant, growing wild in this country in the vicinity of cultivation, but probably introduced from Europe. It is commonly known by the vulgar name of *bouncing bet*. It is one or two feet high, with smooth, lanceolate leaves, and clusters of conspicuous whitish or slightly purplish flowers, which appear in July and August. The root and leaves are employed. They are inodorous, and of a taste at first bitterish and slightly sweetish, afterwards somewhat pungent, continuing long, and leaving a slight sense of numbness on the tongue. They impart to water the property of forming a lather when agitated, like a solution of soap, whence the name of the plant was derived. This property, as well as the medical virtues of the plant, resides in a proximate principle, obtained from the root by Bucholz, and called by him *saponin*. $C_{32}H_{54}O_{18}$. This principle constitutes, according to Bucholz, 34 per cent. of the dried root, which contains also a considerable quantity of gum and a little bassorin, resin, and altered extractive, besides lignin and water. Saponin is obtained, though not absolutely pure, by treating the watery extract with alcohol and evaporating. When thoroughly purified (see *A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 274), it is a very white, amorphous, inodorous powder, which excites sneezing when inhaled by the nostrils, has a pungent, disagreeable taste, and is poisonous. It is soluble in water and official alcohol, but is insoluble in anhydrous alcohol, ether, and the volatile oils. Although a glucoside, according to Lautenbach (*Journ. Nerv. and Ment. Dis.*, 1879, p. 433), it unites with sulphuric acid to form long acicular crystals. Its aqueous solution froths when agitated. It is decomposed by dilute acids, though with some difficulty, into *sapogenin*, $C_{14}H_{22}O_2$, and sugar, or, according to Schiaparelli (*A. J. P.*, 1884, p. 275), into *saponetin*, $C_{40}H_{66}O_{15}$, and sugar, according to the reaction : $2C_{32}H_{54}O_{18} + 3H_2O = C_{40}H_{66}O_{15} + 4C_6H_{12}O_6$. Stütz (*Ann. der Phar. und Chem.*, 218, p. 250) studied the saponin from *Quillaja saponaria*, and, after purifying his preparation and making a series of acetyl derivatives therefrom, was led to give the formula $C_{19}H_{30}O_{10}$ to saponin. It has been found in various plants, as different species of Silene, Dianthus, Lychnis, and Anagallis, in *Acacia concinna, Acacia delibrata, Vaccaria vulgaris, Agrostemma githago*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., x. 339; also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 585; *Australian Journ. Pharm.*, 1887.) When in diluted form saponin is irritant to all tissues, and when concentrated it kills by its local action both muscular and nervous tissue. As was first discovered by H. Köhler, when injected into the leg of the frog in minute quantity it produces not only motor weakness but a rapid loss of sensibility, so that reflex movements can no longer be caused by irritating the foot. The paralysis seems to affect especially the peripheral nerve-endings, since irritation of the nerve-trunk, although incapable of causing contraction of the muscles supplied by it, elicits pain cries and other evidences of sensibility. Muscles with which saponin comes in contact become unexcitable and pass into a condition resembling post-mortem rigidity. According to Köhler, this occurs without change in the microscopic structure, but Przybyszewski found that in the neighborhood of the injection where the saponin was abundant the muscles underwent structural changes similar to those of myositis. In the frog saponin produces not only local symptoms, but after a time widespread paralysis, with final arrest of the cardiac movements. Given internally to mammals it causes violent gastro-intestinal irritation, progressive loss of power, disturbance of respiration and circulation, and usually clonic and tonic convulsions, which are probably secondary to the perturbations of the cardiac and respiratory functions. Injected into the circulation in rabbits and dogs, according to the researches of Przybyszewski, it causes fall of the arterial pressure, with great disturbance of the respiration and finally cardiac arrest. According to Köhler, the action of the drug upon the heart is antagonistic to that of digitalin, so that the application of sufficient quantities of saponin to the frog's heart which has been arrested by the local application of digitalin will bring about a return of pulsations, whilst, on the other hand, digitalin is capable of putting aside cardiac arrest from saponin. The action of saponin upon the respiratory centres is very great, the injection of large doses being followed by immediate arrest of respiration, the heart continuing to beat for some time. As it exists in agrostemma seeds, saponin has several times caused death in the human species. The symptoms have been headache, vertigo, vomiting, hot skin, rapid feeble pulse, progressive muscular weakness, and finally coma. Following out the experiments of Kobert, Ulenburg and Keppler tried saponin as a local anæsthetic, but found that it was not practically convenient for use ; nor were the essays of Kobert with the glucoside as an antipyretic more encouraging.

Senega appears to depend upon saponin for whatever expectorant virtues it may possess, and the use of *quillaja* bark has been strongly urged by Kobert. (See *Quillaja.*) In Germany soap root has been used as a substitute for sarsaparilla in scrofulous, venereal, and cutaneous affections, and also by Andri in the form of inspissated juice, half an ounce a day, in *gonorrhœa.* The dose of the decoction is set down as from two to four pints. For further information as to the physiological action of saponin, consult *Husemann's Pflanzenstoffe*, second edition, and *Schmidt's Jahrbücher*, Bd. xxi., 3, 13.

According to Kobert (*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, xiv. 2, 1883), saponin of commerce is composed chiefly of two substances, *quillaic acid* and *sapotoxin.* For a method of preparation, see *Therap. Gaz.*, vol. ii. 540. The quillaic acid is said to be extraordinarily poisonous, three-one-thousandths of a grain for each pound of body-weight injected into the veins of a cat being sufficient to cause death, although thirty grains administered by the mouth are safely borne.

SARCOCOLLA. *Sarcocolle*, Fr. *Fleischleimgummi*, *Fischleimgummi*, G. A peculiar vegetable product, exuding spontaneously from the *Penæa sarcocolla*, *P. mucronata*, and other species of Penæa, small shrubs growing at the Cape of Good Hope, in Ethiopia, Arabia, etc. It is in the form of small, roundish, irregular grains, sometimes agglutinated in masses, friable, opaque or semi-transparent, of a yellowish or brownish-red color, inodorous unless heated, when they have an agreeable smell, and of a peculiar, bitter, sweetish, and acrid taste. Sarcocolla, according to Pelletier, consists of 65·3 per cent. of a peculiar substance, considered by Dr. Thomson as holding an intermediate place between gum and sugar, and called *sarcocollin*, $C_{13}H_{23}O_6$, or pure sarcocolla, 4·6 of gum, 3·3 of a gelatinous matter having some analogy with bassorin, and 26·8 of lignin, etc. It is said to be purgative, but at the same time to produce serious inconvenience by its acrid properties. The Arabian physicians used it internally; and by the ancients it was employed as an external application to wounds and ulcers, under the idea that it possessed the property of agglutinating the flesh, whence its name was derived. It is not frequently used.

SARRACENIA. *Side-saddle Plant. Fly-trap. Pitcher Plant. Huntsman's Cup. Water Cup. Sarracenie*, Fr., G. According to Dr. E. P. Porcher, the roots of *Sarracenia flava* and *variolaris* have long been used in the Southern United States in *dyspepsia*, and are tonic, laxative, and diuretic; stimulating also the brain and circulation. Prof. Sheppard found it to contain lignin, coloring matter, resin, an acid salt of lime, and a salt probably of an organic alkali. The value of *S. flava* in diarrhœa has recently been reasserted by Dr. J. D. Palmer. (*A. J. P.*, 1869.) Dose of tincture (℥ii to Oi), a teaspoonful; of fluid extract, 10 to 20 minims. Not long since, wonderful virtues were erroneously claimed for *S. purpurea* in small-pox. M. Stan. Martin claims that he has found in the root of this species—1, an alkaloid which he proposes to name *sarracenine;* 2, a resin; 3, a yellow coloring principle (probably identical with Schmidt's *sarracenic acid*); 4, extractive; 5, substances which constitute the framework of plants. Sarracenine is white, soluble in alcohol and ether, combines with acids to form salts, and with sulphuric acid forms handsome needles, which are bitter, and communicate this taste to its menstrua. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 73.) E. Schmidt, however, found no alkaloid, but discovered *sarracenic acid.* (*A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 213.)

SASSA GUM. This name has been applied by Guibourt to a gum, occasionally brought into market from the East, and answering so exactly to Bruce's description of the product of a tree which he calls *sassa*, that there is reason to believe in their identity. According to Guibourt's description, it is in mammillary masses, or in convoluted pieces resembling an ammonite, of a reddish color and somewhat shining surface, and more transparent than tragacanth. Its taste is like that of tragacanth, but slightly acrid. When introduced into water, it becomes white, softens, and swells to four or five times its original bulk; but it preserves its shape, neither like tragacanth forming a mucilage, nor like Bassora gum separating into distinct flocculi. It is rendered blue by iodine.

SASSY BARK. *Mancona Bark. Saucy Bark. Écorce de Mançoine*, Fr. *Manconarinde*, G. This bark is interesting chiefly from its employment by the natives of Western Africa as an ordeal in their trial for witchcraft or sorcery. Specimens sent to this country from Liberia were first examined by Mr. C. A. Santos, who published his observations in the *A. J. P.*, 1849, xxi. 97. Other specimens, both of the bark and the plant producing it, afterwards came under the notice of Professor Procter, who was thus enabled to determine the chemical characters as well as the botanical source of the product. His papers on the subject are contained in the same journal (xxiii. 301, and xxiv. 195); and in the last is given a botanical description of the tree. To these papers the reader is referred for particular information on the subject. The bark was thought to be the product of a previously undescribed species of *Erythrophleum*, for which Prof. Procter proposed the name of *E. judiciale.* It appears, however, from a note of Prof. Lindley, published in the *P. J. Tr.*, 1857 (p. 373), that the tree had been previously described under two specific names, having been noted in Hooker's *Niger Flora* (p. 329) as the *Erythrophleum guineense* of Don, and being also the *Fillæa suaveolens* of Guillemin and Perottet's Flora of Senegal; facts, of course, unknown to Prof. Procter, when his papers were written. It is a large tree with spreading branches, doubly pinnated leaves, flowers in spike-like racemes, and leguminous fruit. The bark is in pieces more or less curved, with or without epidermis, in the former case somewhat fissured externally, of a dull-red color diversified by whitish spots, brittle, presenting when cut transversely numerous fawn-colored spots surrounded by reddish-brown tissue, nearly inodorous, of an astringent taste, and, according to Mr. Santos, of the sp. gr. 1·054.* Prof. Procter found it to contain tannic acid, insoluble apotheme analogous to that of rhatany, a red coloring matter formed by a combination of the two preceding constituents, gallic acid, gum, a little resin, fatty matter, various salts, and a peculiar substance precipitable by tannic acid, and soluble in alcohol and chloroform. He did not isolate the active principle. Gallois and Hardy obtained the poisonous principle *erythrophleine*, by making an alcoholic extract of the bark, exhausting this with water, evaporating, rendering this extract

* A comprehensive description of sassy bark is given in the "Commentar zur oesterreichischen Pharmacopœia," 1880, by Professor Vogel; while in the "Résumé de la Matière Médicale et Toxicologique Coloniale," by Messrs. Corre and Lejuanne, the plant, fruits, seeds, etc., are carefully illustrated.

alkaline with ammonia, and treating with acetic ether. The alkaloid is a colorless, crystalline solid, soluble in water, acetic ether, alcohol, and amylic alcohol, insoluble in chloroform, benzin, and ether. In contact with sulphuric acid and black oxide of manganese, a violet color (less intense than that produced with strychnine) is developed. Harnack and Zabrocki (*Arch. f. Exper. Path.*, xv. p. 404) also prepared erythrophloeïne, and by the action of hydrochloric acid upon it obtained an acid they call *erythrophloëic acid*, and a volatile alkaloid they call *mançonine*. The bark yields its virtues to water. In reference to its effects on the system, according to the observations of Dr. Savage, made in Africa (*Charleston Med. Journ.*, 1859), the bark produces in the natives a feeling of constriction in the fauces, attended with prickling, and followed by numbness, with, after a toxic dose, stricture across the brow, severe pain in the head, coma, and death. S. Weir Mitchell and W. A. Hammond found it to be nauseating and emetic, narcotic and astringent, but not cathartic. The physiological action of erythrophleine has been studied by various observers, especially by E. Harnack and R. D. Zabrocki, Gallois and Hardy, and Lauder Brunton, with results which are fairly concordant. It has a very pronounced action upon the circulation, causing a slow strong pulse, with a rise in the arterial pressure; phenomena which are certainly in great part due to the direct action upon the ganglionic structure or muscular fibre of the heart itself, but which are also seemingly in part due to a stimulating influence upon the muscle fibres or nerves in the walls of the arterioles. The action, therefore, of erythrophleine would seem to be very close to that of the digitalis principles. Purging was also noted as the result of an increased peristalsis, thought to be due to the local action of the poison. Vomiting is believed by Lauder Brunton to be the result of an influence upon the nerve-centres, because it occurs when the alkaloid is given hypodermically. In fatal poisoning in the lower animals, convulsions are pronounced, and the respiration is also markedly affected. In 1888, Dr. L. Lewin asserted erythrophleine to be a powerful local anæsthetic, whose action is more pronounced than that of cocaine. His paper gave rise to an extraordinary controversy, Prof. Liebreich, of Berlin, and Dr. Tweedy (*London Lancet*, 1888) denying the existence of the anæsthetic power. Schoeler, Karewsk, Goldschmidt, Lipp, and others have, however, noticed a local anæsthetic influence, and it would appear that the alkaloid has the property attributed to it. A solution of the strength of one-tenth of one per cent. has been used as an application to the cornea. It must be remembered, however, that the alkaloid is violently poisonous.

Professor Lipp has used hypodermically from one milligramme to one centigramme ($\frac{1}{65}$ to $\frac{1}{6}$ grain), and asserts that, in each instance analgesia (not anæsthesia, as tactile sensation remained intact) was established over a large area round the point of injection, the analgesia lasting forty-eight hours. Intense local redness, swelling, and pain were produced.

In clinical studies by Prof. Germain Sée (*La Méd. Moderne*, Dec. 1891), the action of sassy bark upon the heart was found not to be advantageous; but great relief was produced in almost all varieties of *dyspnœa*, the number of respirations being lessened and the inspirations being extraordinarily increased in size. He gave of the alkaloid $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{3\frac{1}{2}}$ of a grain (0·0015 to 0·002 Gm.); of the extract, $\frac{2}{10}$ to $\frac{3}{10}$ of a grain (0·015 to 0·02 Gm.).

SATUREJA HORTENSIS. *Summer Savory.* S. Montana. *Winter Savory. Sarriette*, Fr. *Saturei, Bohnenkraut*, G. Annual labiate plants, resembling thyme in odor and flavor, growing spontaneously in the south of Europe, and cultivated in our gardens as culinary herbs.

SAURURUS CERNUUS. *Lizard's Tail.* Dr. D. L. Phares, of Newtonia, Miss., speaks of this indigenous swamp plant as being much used in some parts of the country, both in regular and domestic practice, as a soothing, discutient cataplasm. He considers it "laxative, antispasmodic, sedative, and slightly astringent," and for many years has employed it largely, and with most satisfactory results, in irritation and inflammation of the kidneys, bladder, prostate, and urinary passages generally. He considers it peculiarly applicable to cases attended with *strangury*. It is generally acceptable to the stomach. Dr. Phares uses it both externally and internally. He gives it in strong infusion, made with the plant whether fresh or dried, of which from one to four ounces may be given every fifteen or thirty minutes, or three or four times a day, according to the urgency of the symptoms. (*A. J. P.*, 1867, p. 468; from *Atlanta Med. and Surg. Journ.*, July, 1867.)

SAW PALMETTO. *Serenoa Serrulata.* The fruit of this palm, growing in the Southeastern United States, is reported sedative, diuretic, tonic, and expectorant, and is used in *phthisis* and *chronic bronchitis*, also in *sexual impotence*. Dose of the fluid extract, one to two fluidrachms (3·69 to 7·4 C.c.).

SAXIFRAGA. Garreau and Machelast have isolated from different species of *Saxifraga* (*S. sibirica, S. cordifolia*, and *S. crassifolia*) a crystallizable bitter substance, which they have named *bergenin*. It is obtained by boiling the stems of the plants with absolute alcohol, after the tannin has been removed by ether. It crystallizes in alcohol, has a bitter taste, melts at 140° C., and burns up completely at 300° C. It is soluble in 167 parts of 90 per cent. alcohol and in 830 parts of water, but is more soluble in these liquids at a boiling temperature; it is faintly acid to litmus, and is not changed by treatment with dilute sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, but by dilute nitric acid is converted into oxalic acid. Concentrated sulphuric acid decomposes it. Its formula is given as $C_6H_3O_3,H_2O$. The new substance is asserted to possess valuable nervine-tonic properties, being intermediate in its action between salicylic acid and quinine. (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, 1881, p. 293.) The rhizome of the *Saxifraga ligulata*, which is used in India in *dysentery*, has been examined by David Hooper, and found to contain about sixteen per cent. of gallic and tannic acid; no other active principle. (*P. J. Tr.*, Aug. 1888.)

SCHINUS MOLLE. The *pepper tree* of South America yields a berry the size of a pea, having a flavor of a mixture of pepper and fennel. It has been used successfully in *gonorrhœa* as a substitute for cubebs. The leaves and bark and the gum-resinous exudation have also been employed medicinally. (See *A. J. P.*, 1866, 1885, 1890; also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1887.)

SCOLOPENDRIUM OFFICINARUM. Smith. *Asplenium Scolopendrium.* Linn. *Hartstongue.* The leaves of this fern, which is indigenous both in Europe and America, have a sweetish, mucilaginous, and slightly astringent taste, and, when

rubbed, a disagreeable oily odor. They were used as a deobstruent in visceral affections, as an astringent in *hemorrhages* and fluxes, and as a demulcent in pectoral complaints.

SCROPHULARIA NODOSA. *Figwort. Scrofula Plant. Scrofulaire*, Fr. *Kropfwurz, Knotenwurz*, G. This European plant has become abundantly naturalized in America. Its leaves have when fresh a rank fetid odor, and a bitter, somewhat acid taste; but these properties are diminished by drying. Water extracts their virtues, forming a reddish infusion, which is blackened by ferric sulphate. Walz has obtained from them two proximate principles, which he names respectively *scrophularin* and *scrophularosmin*. (Mayer, *A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 295.) Figwort leaves were formerly considered tonic, diuretic, diaphoretic, discutient, anthelmintic, etc.; useful in *scrofula* and as a local application in *hemorrhoids*.

SECALE CEREALE. *Rye.* Syria, Armenia, and the southern provinces of Russia have been severally indicated as the native country of rye. The plant is now cultivated in all temperate latitudes. The grains consist, according to Einhof, of 24·2 per cent. of envelope, 65·6 of flour, and 10·2 of water. The average composition of rye as a cereal may be thus stated: Fat, 1·43 per cent.; starch, 61·87 per cent.; sugar (as sucrose), 4·30 per cent.; albumen (insoluble in alcohol), 9·78 per cent.; nitrogenous matter (soluble in alcohol), 5·09 per cent.; cellulose, 3·23 per cent.; mineral matter, 1·85 per cent.; moisture, 12·45 per cent. (Sadtler, *Ind. Org. Chem.*, p. 162.) Rye flour has been much used, in the dry state, as an external application to *erysipelatous inflammation*, and other eruptive affections, the burning and unpleasant tingling of which it tends to allay, while it absorbs the irritating secretions. In the form of mush, it is an excellent laxative article of diet, and, mixed with molasses, it may be given with great advantage in *hemorrhoids* and *prolapsus ani*, connected with *constipation*. Rye carbonized by heat, with exclusion of the air, has been highly recommended as a tooth-powder.

SEDUM ACRE. *Biting Stone-crop. Wall Pepper. Small Houseleek. Mossy Stone-crop. Joubarbe âcre, Poivre des Murailles*, Fr. *Mauerpfeffer, Steinkraut*, G. This European plant has escaped to some extent from the gardens and grows wild in New England. Taken internally it vomits and purges, and applied to the skin produces inflammation and vesication. The fresh herb and the expressed juice have been used as an antiscorbutic, emetic, cathartic, and diuretic, and have been applied locally to old *ulcers, warts*, and other excrescences; but the plant is at present little employed. Other species are less acrid, and are even eaten as salad in some parts of Europe. Such are *Sedum rupestre* and *S. album*. *S. telephium* was formerly employed externally to cicatrize wounds, and internally as an astringent in *dysentery* and *hæmoptysis*, and is still esteemed by the common people in France as a vulnerary. M. Ernst Mylius found in 100 parts of *Sedum acre* 2·2 parts of a soft, not acid resin, 12·80 parts of uncrystallizable sugar, and 12·40 parts of a soft acid resin, besides an alkaloid and inert substance. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xvii. 81.) Sedum acre is recommended by Dr. P. O. Wagener for dissolving the false membrane in *diphtheritic* sore throat. (*Ther. Gaz.*, 1885, p. 449.)

SELENIUM. Se. 78·87. This widely-distributed element, discovered by Berzelius in 1817, belongs to the sulphur group, and its compounds occur in nature associated with sulphur compounds. It is most conveniently extracted from the lead chamber deposits of the sulphuric acid works. The physiological actions of the compounds of this metal have not been widely studied, but Chabrié and Sépicque (*Compt.-Rend.*, cx.) have shown that selenious acid is an irritant poison.

SELINUM PALUSTRE. (*Linn.*) *Peucedanum Montanum.* (Lindley, *Flor. Med.*) *Marsh Parsley. Persil de Marais*, Fr. *Radix Olsnitii. Sumpfsilge, Elsenich*, G. The root of this European umbellifer is, when dried, of a brown color externally, having a strong aromatic odor, and an acrid, pungent, aromatic taste. The powder is of a light grayish-yellow color. Analyzed by Peschier, it was found to contain a volatile oil, a fixed oil soluble in ether and alcohol, gum, a yellow coloring substance, a nitrogenous, mucoso-saccharine principle, a peculiar acid which he calls *selinic*, calcium phosphate, and lignin. The root of *Selinum palustre* has long been a popular remedy for *epilepsy* in the Russian province of Courland; and has been commended to the profession by Drs. Trinius (1818) and Herpin (1859). Dr. Herpin also uses it as an antispasmodic in *whooping-cough*, etc. He gives from 20 to 30 grains (1·29 to 1·94 Gm.) thrice daily, rapidly increased to four times the amount. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1859.)

SEMPERVIVUM TECTORUM. *Common Houseleek. Grande Joubarbe*, Fr. *Hauswurz, Dachwurz*, G. In Europe the leaves of this plant are employed in the recent state and bruised, as a cooling application to burns and other external inflammations. The juice is said to cure *warts*.

SENECIO VULGARIS. *Common Groundsel. Seneçon*, Fr. *Kreutzkraut, Jacobskraut*, G. An annual European plant, introduced into this country, and growing in cultivated grounds. The whole herb is used, and should be gathered while in flower. It has, when rubbed, a peculiar rather unpleasant odor, and a disagreeable, herbaceous, bitterish, and saline taste, followed by a sense of acrimony. It is emetic in large doses, and has been given in convulsive affections, liver complaints, and spitting of blood. The bruised herb is sometimes applied externally to painful swellings and ulcers. The plant is employed also as food for birds, which are fond of it. Other species of Senecio have been medicinally used; and an indigenous species, the *S. aureus* or *ragwort*, is said by Schoepf to be a favorite vulnerary with the Indians. The "eclectics" consider it emmenagogue, and use it not only to stimulate the function, but to regulate it when in excess or otherwise deranged. They also believe it to possess diuretic properties, and to be useful in disorders of the urinary organs. They give the name of *senecin* to a preparation made by precipitating the tincture with water; but this name should be reserved for the active principle when discovered. The whole plant is used in decoction or infusion, which may be taken freely. *Senecio grayanus, matarique*, and *Senecio cerviariæfolius, maturin*, grow in Mexico, where their rhizomes are said to be employed for the purpose of poisoning dogs. They produce rise of temperature, dilatation of the pupil, and violent tetanic spasms. Henckel states that they contain a glucoside resembling digitalin. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1891; also, *Nouveaux Rem.*, 1888; and *P. J. Tr.*, March, 1889.)

SETHIA ACUMINATA. The juice of this

Ceylon plant or the powdered leaves (dose, 15 grains) are affirmed to be an efficient vermifuge. (*P. J. Tr.*, April 7, 1883.)

SHEPHERDIA ARGENTEA. *Buffalo Berry. Bull Berry. Grains de Bœuf*, Fr. The acidulous fruit of this plant, produced in great profusion in the region of the upper Missouri, is largely used as an article of food. According to the analysis of Prof. Henry Trimble, they contain a little more acid than currants, which they very closely resemble. (*A. J. P.*, Dec. 1888.)

SIDA. *Sida rhombifolia, Queensland hemp, Jelly leaf*, is largely used in Australia in the making of poultices, and in the treatment of pulmonic affections. It contains a large quantity of mucilage. *Sida floribunda*, of Peru, which also contains a large quantity of mucilage, is said by Dr. M. Martinet to be a very active vermifuge, owing its powers, probably, to the extremely minute but very resisting spines which cover its leaves, the part used.

SIEGESBECKIA ORIENTALIS. This plant is used in the Mauritius Islands in *syphilis, leprosy*, and various skin diseases. A white, crystalline principle, *darutyne*, has been discovered in it by M. L. Auffray. (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 1047; also, *Brit. Med. Journ.*, June 25, 1887.)

SIENNA. *Terra di Sienna.* An argillaceous mineral, compact, of a fine texture, very light, smooth, and glossy, of a yellowish-brown or coffee color, leaving a dull orange trace when moistened and drawn over paper. By calcination it assumes a reddish-brown color, and is then called *burnt sienna*. In both the raw and burnt states it is used in painting. The best sienna is brought from Italy, but an inferior kind is found in England.

SILENE VIRGINICA. *Catchfly. Wild Pink.* The wild pink of West Virginia and the Carolinas was considered by the Indians poisonous, and by Prof. Barton an anthelmintic.

SILEX, PULVERIZED. SILEX CONTRITUS. *Lond. Silicic Acid.* In operations of pharmacy, substances are sometimes employed whose action is exclusively mechanical. Mr. R. Warington proposed to substitute porcelain clay, or pulverized silica, glass, or pumice stone for magnesium carbonate in making medicated waters, and strongly objected to the use of the latter.

The London College, probably influenced by the objection, abandoned, in its Pharmacopœia of 1851, the use of magnesium carbonate, and substituted finely pulverized silex, under the name of *Silex contritus*. The powder may be conveniently obtained from *colorless* quartz or rock-crystal. In order to render the mineral more easily pulverizable, it is advantageous to heat it to redness, and quench it in water. It may then be reduced to fine powder in a porphyry or agate mortar. The London College prepared all the medicated waters, except two, from the volatile oils of the plants, in addition to the method of distillation with water from the plants themselves. When the volatile oils were used, pulverized silex was directed as a mechanical agent. The oil was rubbed up first with the silex and then with the water, and the whole was filtered. The silex acted by minutely dividing the oil and diffusing it through water, and, by the subsequent filtration, was entirely removed.

Pulverized silex is a harsh, white, tasteless powder, insoluble in water and most other solvents. Its sp. gr. is 2·66. In composition it is a silicic oxide, SiO_2. *Silicon* is a non-metallic element, which has been obtained in three allotropic states, called amorphous, graphitoidal, and octohedral silicon; the first corresponding to charcoal, the second to graphite, and the third to diamond. The octohedral crystallizes like diamond with curved facets, is hard enough to scratch glass but not topaz, and has the sp. gr. 2·49. Pure *silica* is easily prepared by acidulating commercial solution of sodium silicate with hydrochloric acid, heating and evaporating, and washing the precipitated silica.

SILPHIUM LACINIATUM. *Polar Plant.* The *rosin weed*, or *compass plant*, of Ohio, yields an oleoresin, which is said to be used as a chewing gum. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 487.)

SIMARUBA. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly recognized the bark of the root of *S. officinalis*. (*Ecorce de simarouba*, Fr.; *Simarubarinde, Ruhrrinde*, G.; *Corteccia di Simaruba*, It.; *Corteza de Simaruba*, Sp.) *Quassia Simaruba. Simaruba officinalis.* De Cand. *S. amara.* Aublet. It is a tree of considerable height and thickness, having alternate branches, with a bark which in the old tree is black and somewhat furrowed, in the young is smooth, gray, and marked here and there with broad yellow spots. The leaves are alternate and abruptly pinnate, with a naked petiole, to which the leaflets are alternately attached by short footstalks. The leaflets are nearly elliptical, on the upper surface smooth and deep green, on the under whitish. The flowers are yellow, and in long axillary panicles. In some descriptions they are stated to be monœcious, in others dicœcious. According to Dr. Wright, the female flowers are never found in Jamaica on the same tree with the male.

The tree is found in the West Indies and Guiana. In Jamaica it is called the *mountain damson*. *Simaruba amara* of Aublet, which grows in Guiana, and has generally been considered identical with *Q. Simaruba*, is believed by Hayne to be a distinct species; the Jamaica plant having dicœcious, while this has monœcious flowers. The bark of the root is the part employed; the wood itself being nearly tasteless and inert.

Simaruba bark is in long pieces, some inches in breadth, folded lengthwise, light, flexible, tenacious, very fibrous, externally of a light brownish-yellow color, rough, warty, and marked with transverse ridges, internally of a pale yellow. It is without smell, and of a bitter taste. It readily imparts its virtues, at ordinary temperatures, to water and alcohol. The infusion is at least equally bitter with the decoction, which becomes turbid as it cools. Its constituents, according to M. Morin, are a bitter principle identical with *quassin*, $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$, a resinous matter, a volatile oil having the odor of benzoin, malic acid, gallic acid in very minute proportion, an ammoniacal salt, calcium malate and oxalate, some mineral salts, ferric oxide, silica, ulmin, and lignin. Simaruba possesses the same tonic properties as other simple bitters. In large doses it is said to purge and vomit. On account of its difficult pulverization, it is seldom given in substance. The best mode of administration is by infusion. The dose is from a scruple to a drachm (1·296 to 3·88 Gm.).

SIMULO. The dried fruit of one of the *Capparis corriaceæ* has been highly recommended by reputable clinicians as a palliative in *epilepsy*; also in *chorea*. (See *Therap. Gaz.*, 1888, 1889, and *Therap. Monatsch.*, Aug. 1888.)

SISYMBRIUM OFFICINALE. *Scopoli. Erysimum officinale.* Linn. *Hedge Mustard. Herbe*

aux chantres, *Tortelle*, Fr. *Wildersenf*, *Hederich*, G. This annual, growing in Europe and the United States, is said to be diuretic and expectorant, and has been recommended in chronic *coughs*, *hoarseness*, and ulceration of the mouth and fauces. The juice of the plant may be used mixed with honey or sugar, or the seeds may be taken in substance. *Sisymbrium sophia*, or the *flax weed*, was formerly official. It is of a pungent odor when rubbed, and of an acrid biting taste. The herb has been used externally in indolent ulcers, and the seeds internally in worms, calculous complaints, etc. *Sisymbrium muralis* (*Ditoplaxis muralis*, P. Robert) has been used in France in *scurvy*, *scrofula*, and other cachectic affections, especially associated, in the form of a syrup, with potassium iodide. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1863, p. 126.)

SIUM NODIFLORUM. *Water-parsnip.* A perennial umbelliferous, aquatic European plant, growing also in the southern section of the United States. It is commonly considered poisonous; but Withering found the fresh juice, in the dose of three or four ounces every morning, very advantageous in obstinate cutaneous diseases; and the plant has been usefully employed by others in similar complaints, and in scrofulous swellings of the lymphatic glands. It is considered diuretic. *Sium latifolium*, which grows in Europe and the United States, particularly along the water-courses of the valleys of the Pacific slope, and is the *common water-parsnip* of this country, is positively asserted to be poisonous, and madness and even death are said to have followed its use. A. R. Porter and N. Rogers (*A. J. P.*, 1876, pp. 348, 483) found in it an active resinous body, which produced poisonous symptoms in animals. *S. sisarum*, or *skirret*, a plant of Chinese origin, cultivated in Europe, has a sweetish, somewhat aromatic root; it is employed as a salad, and is supposed to be a useful diet in chest complaints.

SKIN VARNISHES. Prof. Unna has arranged a series of preparations for forming thin coverings on the skin. We reproduce the most important formulas.

Bassorin Varnish. The pure bassorin basis is obtained, according to Elliot, by filtering tragacanth mucilage (15 to 100) in a filter heated by steam, evaporating, and mixing with glycerin. A similar basis may be prepared by stirring 5 parts powdered salep with 95 parts cold water until a smooth mucilage is obtained, then heating for half an hour on the steam-bath. The salep basis contains less bassorin, but more starch.

Casein Varnish. The casein obtained by coagulating skimmed milk with rennet at a temperature of 35° to 40°, is washed and dried until it forms a yellowish-white sandy powder soluble in alkaline solutions. In preparing the casein varnish this casein is dissolved by means of borax. For 20 parts casein 2·5 parts of borax and 77·5 parts water furnish a rapidly-drying uniform covering material. The alkaline characters of the borax are masked by the casein. Admixtures of heavy pulverulent substances readily settle out of this basis, and it is requisite to distribute them by shaking. A varnish of casein and glycerin is prepared by dissolving the casein in 3 or 3·5 parts of ammonia, adding a quantity of glycerin equal in weight to the casein, and heating to drive off the ammonia. The resulting mass mixed with twice its weight of boiling water gives an excellent permanent emulsion.

Amber Varnish. Made by dissolving a mixture of amber and turpentine in alcohol. It must not be used as a vehicle for the application of zinc oxide.

Castor Oil and *Shellac Varnish.* With 1 part shellac, 1½ parts castor oil, and 3 parts alcohol, a varnish is obtained which forms a good flexible covering easily removed by alcohol.

Canada Balsam and *Collodion Varnish.* Sixteen parts collodion with 1 part Canada balsam gives a material suitable for the application of pyrogallol, and it can be easily removed by alcohol.

Castor Oil and *Collodion Varnish.* Eight parts collodion and 1 part castor oil.

Lead Ricinoleate Varnish. One part lead oxide heated with 1½ parts castor oil to saponification, and mixed with 2 parts absolute alcohol, gives a good skin varnish.

Chrysarobin Amber Varnish. One part chrysarobin and 20 parts amber dissolved in turpentine.

Pyrogallol Shellac Varnish. One part pyrogallol, 1 part castor oil, 5 parts shellac, and 15 parts absolute alcohol.

Salicylic Acid, *Canada Balsam*, and *Collodion Varnish.* One part Canada balsam, 10 parts collodion, and 3 parts salicylic acid.

Zinc Oxide, *Castor Oil*, and *Collodion Varnish.* Two parts zinc oxide, 2 parts castor oil, and 16 parts collodion.

Zinc and *Lead Ricinoleate Varnish.* Five parts lead ricinoleate, 8 parts zinc oxide, 8 parts absolute alcohol, and, lastly, 1 part each of collodion and ether.

Ichthyol Borax Casein Varnish. Five parts sodium ichthyolate and 15 parts borax casein varnish.

Sulphur Glycerin Casein Varnish. Five parts sulphur and 15 parts glycerin and casein varnish.

Zinc Oxide Salepbassorin Varnish. Two parts zinc oxide and 18 parts salepbassorin varnish.

Zinc Ichthyol Tragacanth Bassorin Varnish. One part sodium ichthyolate, 2 parts zinc oxide, and 17 parts tragacanth bassorin varnish.

SMALT. *Smalts. Azure.* When the impure cobaltic oxide, obtained by roasting the native arsenide of that metal, is heated with sand and potassa, the mixture melts, and a beautiful blue glass results, which, when reduced to powder, receives the name of smalt or azure. It is used chiefly in painting, and for coloring glass and porcelain.

SODII SULPHOBENZOAS. $C_6H_4(NaSO_3)$-$COONa$. M. Heckel (*Compt.-Rend.*, cv. 896) claims that sodium sulphobenzoate is a non-poisonous antiseptic, superior to carbolic acid, and equal to mercurial solution in the antiseptic treatment of wounds. He recommends for use a solution made by dissolving about fifty grains in a quart of water.

SODIUM AND SILVER HYPOSULPHITE. *Sodii et Argenti Hyposulphis.* This double salt may be prepared by dissolving freshly precipitated silver oxide in a solution of sodium hyposulphite and evaporating the solution. It is in the form of minute crystals of the formula $2Na_2S_2O_3 + Ag_2S_2O_3$, very soluble in water, but insoluble in alcohol, and possessing a very sweet taste. Its solution, protected from the light, undergoes no change, and, when quite pure, does not discolor the skin or linen. M. Delioux states that this salt acts locally like silver nitrate, but more mildly. He used in urethral discharges one or two parts in two hundred of water. (*B. and F. Medico-Chir. Rev.*, 1853.)

SODIUM CITRATE. *Sodii Citras.* $2C_6H_5$-$Na_3O_7 + 11H_2O$. This salt may be formed by sat-

urating a solution of citric acid with sodium bicarbonate, evaporating the liquid, and setting it aside to crystallize. It is a white salt, crystallized in rhombic pyramids, and having a saline taste without any bitterness. Sodium citrate has been proposed by M. Guichon, of Lyons, as a pleasant purgative, having properties similar to those of magnesium citrate. Dose, as a cathartic, from ten to fourteen drachms (38·8 to 54·4 Gm.).

SODIUM ETHYLATE. *Ethylate of Sodium. Caustic Alcohol.* C_2H_5NaO. This preparation was introduced by Dr. B. W. Richardson, of England, as a caustic when specially indicated. He makes it by adding sodium in small pieces gradually to absolute alcohol, kept at a temperature of 10° C. (50° F.); hydrogen is evolved, and when, owing to the formation of the ethylate, the reaction slackens, the liquid is to be carefully heated to 37·7° C. (100° F.). Sodium is now cautiously added until the reaction ceases; the liquid is now cooled to 10° C. (50° F.), and the same quantity of absolute alcohol added as was used in the beginning. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1878, p. 485.) Sodium ethylate is a white powder, frequently having a brownish tinge, dissolving in water with a hissing sound, having the property of splitting into alcohol and caustic soda upon contact with even a small quantity of water, or moist living tissue: $C_2H_5NaO + H_2O = C_2H_5HO + NaHO$.

Sodium ethylate does not appear to be of any value as an internal remedy. When, however, it comes in contact with moist tissue, owing to the liberation of its sodium, it acts as a very speedy and powerful caustic. It should always be used in alcoholic solution, and applied by means of a glass rod. It is said to cause very little pain, and has been especially employed for the destruction of *nævi*. (*London Lancet*, Nov. 1878.) Dr. Richardson states that it should always be kept in glass-stoppered bottles, in a cool place, as he has known it to explode when placed in warm situations. Gamberini and Monari (*Rev. de Thérap.*, 1892) assert that liniment made of 20 per cent. of the sodium ethylate and 80 per cent. of olive oil, well rubbed in daily, will usually cure *psoriasis* in twenty days; and that the 10 per cent. watery solution is very valuable in the treatment of *lupus erythematosus*, applied after curetting.

SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE. $Na_2Fe(CN)_5NO$. This is the most interesting of a series of salts, discovered by Dr. Playfair, called *nitroprussides*, which are produced, for the most part, by saturating *nitroprussic acid*, formed by the action of nitric acid on potassium ferrocyanide, with different bases. The sodium salt is best obtained by the process of A. Overbeck, as follows. Dissolve four parts of powdered potassium ferrocyanide, contained in a flask, in five and a half parts of commercial nitric acid, diluted with an equal weight of water. After the action is completed, which generally occupies about ten minutes, and is accompanied by a copious evolution of gases, heat the resulting coffee-brown liquid in a water-bath, until a drop of it gives a dingy green instead of a blue precipitate with a solution of ferrous sulphate. Then allow the liquid to cool; whereupon the larger part of the potassium nitrate generated will be deposited in crystals. Pour off the green mother-liquor from these, and separate the remaining potassium nitrate by repeated concentrations. Next neutralize the liquid, while heated in a water-bath, with sodium carbonate, taking care to add the carbonate so long only as a pure blue precipitate is produced. Lastly, filter the solution, and set it aside for the formation of crystals, which must be washed with water, and dried between blotting-paper. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1853, p. 271.) This salt is in the form of large, ruby-colored, prismatic crystals, very much resembling those of potassium ferridcyanide. It is soluble in two and half parts of cold water, and in a less quantity of hot water. Its solution, exposed to sunshine, is decomposed, with evolution of nitric oxide gas, and deposition of Prussian blue, at the same time acquiring a green color. Sodium nitroprusside, as well as the other soluble nitroprussides, is a most delicate test for the alkaline sulphides, with which it strikes a violet color.

SODIUM SILICATE. *Sodii Silicas. Soluble Glass.* Na_2SiO_3, or frequently $Na_2Si_4O_9$. Sodium silicate is made by fusing one part of silica, fine sand, or powdered flint, and two parts of dried sodium carbonate, mixed in powder, in an earthenware crucible, and pouring out the fused mass on a stone slab to cool. This is pulverized, and treated with boiling water, to dissolve the soluble part. The solution is filtered and concentrated, so as to form crystals on cooling. These are then purified by dissolving them in water heated to 37·7° C. (100° F.), filtering the solution, and concentrating it so that it may recrystallize. The commercial *solution of sodium silicate* usually contains about 20 per cent. of silica and 10 per cent. of soda. (See *Liquor Sodii Silicatis*, page 827.) It is employed in fixing fresco colors by the process of stereochromy; as a cement in the manufacture of artificial stone; and as an addition to soaps, constituting the so-called "silicate soaps." As long ago as 1872, Dumas, Rabuteau, Papillon, Picot, Champouillon, and other French writers, claimed that the sodium silicate was an antiseptic, valuable in the treatment of chronic *urethritis*, *vaginitis*, etc. The remedy has, however, failed to obtain favor, and, according to the recent researches of R. Löwenhaupt, when pure is not antiseptic; any powers which it may seem to have being dependent upon the presence of free soda in it.

SODIUM SILICO-FLUORIDE. Na_2SiF_6. When gaseous SiF_4, generated by the action of sulphuric acid upon fluorspar in the presence of broken glass, is led into water, hydrogen silico-fluoride, H_2SiF_6, is formed. This acid, when neutralized by sodium hydrate or carbonate, will yield the sodium salt. It is difficultly soluble in water. It is claimed for the *silico-fluoride of sodium* that its solution, "*Salufer*," is practically non-toxic and powerfully antiseptic. The powder is a strong irritant or a mild caustic. The solution affects steel instruments. Mr. Bokenham, in experiments upon bacteria, found that in order to kill them it was necessary for the solution to be at least one to seven hundred and fifty parts; and that the drug has toxic properties, 0·05 Gm. of it causing prolonged nausea, great slowing of the pulse, and reduction of the arterial pressure.

SODIUM SULPHOMETHYLATE. CH_3Na,SO_4,H_2O. According to Rabuteau, this salt in 240-grain (15-Gm.) doses produces catharsis without cramp. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 220.)

SODIUM SULPHOVINATE. *Sodium Ethylsulphate.* $C_2H_5NaSO_4,H_2O$. This salt occurs as a white granular powder or in hexagonal tabular crystals, according to the method of its preparation. Its taste is cooling and rather aromatic, nearly destitute of bitterness. It is very deliquescent, and is soluble in 0·7 part of water.

When sulphuric acid is added to alcohol the temperature rises at once, and a certain proportion of sulphovinic acid is formed, but, as water is at the same time developed, the reaction is soon arrested by the dilution of the mass. The first practical method of overcoming the difficulty was afforded by the process of Limousin. Nineteen and a half ounces (avoirdupois) each of pure sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1·715, and of concentrated alcohol, about 96°, are slowly introduced by means of two funnels (one for the alcohol and the other for the acid) into a third funnel arranged in a flask plunged into a freezing mixture or kept in a current of cold water, the flow of the two liquids into the flask being so regulated as to keep the alcohol in excess. The mixture is kept for four or five days at a temperature of 20° C. (68° F.) to 25° C. (77° F.), then diluted with 9 to 10 pints of distilled water, and carefully saturated with somewhat less than forty-eight ounces of pure barium carbonate in solution. When the point of saturation has been attained, the liquid is left to deposit the barium sulphate, and afterwards filtered. The solution of barium sulphovinate so obtained is saturated with between 27 and 29 ounces of pure sodium carbonate dissolved in four liters of distilled water. When no more precipitate is formed by the addition of the alkaline solution, and the liquid is neutral to test-paper, the transformation of the barium sulphovinate into sodium sulphovinate is complete. The liquor, decanted and filtered, is evaporated in a water-bath until it has the sp. gr. 1·33 and left to crystallize. The drained crystals are dried in a stove.

Recently, various other processes have been proposed. T. L. Phipson (*Chem. News*, 1874, p. 221; also *A. J. P.*, xlvii. 27) mixes small quantities of concentrated sulphuric acid and alcohol; keeps for 8 to 10 hours at a temperature of 37·7° C. (100° F.); cools; adds the mixture drop by drop to about 20 times its volume of cold distilled water, cooling at times; adds chalk to this solution until effervescence ceases; filters, heats the filtrate with a little calcium carbonate for about half an hour; filters while warm, and evaporates at a heat not exceeding 37·7° C. (100° F.) till a permanent saline crust forms on the surface, and sets aside to crystallize. The calcium sulphovinate thus formed is in large brilliant plates, readily converted into a corresponding salt of sodium. M. Dubois modifies (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1875, p. 44) the method of Limousin by saturating the first mixture, containing sulphovinic acid, with a concentrated solution of caustic soda in strong alcohol, keeping the mixture constantly cold, and adding the alkaline mixture by small portions. The filtered liquid is evaporated as in the method of Phipson, or, preferably, Dubois precipitates the mixture, diluted with strong alcohol, with sodium carbonate. Limousin's process, as thus modified, appears to be preferable to that of Mr. Chas. Rice, detailed in *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 60. Sodium sulphovinate is said to be a mild although active cathartic. According to Dr. Rabuteau, five drachms (19·4 Gm.) of it dissolved in three glasses of water will generally produce in the adult four or five liquid stools without pain. The dose for children is from two to three drachms. The pleasantness of its taste and action would render it a favorite purgative were it not for its dearness and the difficulty of preserving it, all of the sulphovinates having a great tendency on exposure to the air to break up into alcohol and a salt of sulphuric acid.

SODIUM TARTRATE. *Sodii Tartras.* $Na_2C_4H_4O_6,2H_2O$. This salt, in crystals, has been recommended by M. Delioux as an agreeable purgative, almost without taste, and acting with a power equal to that of the magnesium sulphate in the dose of ten drachms. The *soda powders*, so much used in the United States, form an extemporaneous sodium tartrate, somewhat aërated with carbonic acid. A *solution of sodium tartrate* has been used as a substitute for solution of magnesium citrate. It may be made by dissolving 6 drachms of tartaric acid in 2 fluidounces of water, and 7½ drachms of sodium bicarbonate in 7 fluidounces of water, mixing the solutions gradually and filtering; the filtrate should be poured into a strong 12-fluidounce bottle and 2 fluidounces of lemon syrup added slowly, so that it will sink to the bottom of the bottle without mixing very much with the solution; 80 grains of tartaric acid are to be added without agitating the bottle, which is to be corked at once securely and set aside in a cool place. The bottle is to be shaken just before the contents are administered.

SOJA HISPIDA. *Soja Bean.* Meissel and Böcker (*A. J. P.*, 1885, p. 108) give the composition of soja bean as follows: water, 10 per cent.; soluble casein, 30; albumen, 0·5; insoluble casein, 7; fat, 18; cholesterin, etc., 2; dextrin, 10; starch, 5; cellulose, 5; ash, 5; traces of sugar and an amido compound. Stingl and Morawski (*Monatschrift für Chemie*, April, 1886) have determined the presence in this bean of a ferment said to be one of the most powerful known in its action upon starch, two-thirds of which it converts into sugar, and one-third into dextrin. The amount of starch present in soja bean is so little that bread made from the meal may be used in diabetes.

SOLANUM. Dr. J. L. Napier strongly recommends in *epilepsy* a twenty per cent. tincture of the American *Solanum carolinense*, or "*horse nettle*," given in doses of from thirty to sixty minims; and thinks that in sufficient dose the remedy causes vertigo and marked drowsiness. It has been examined by G. A. Krauss (*A. J. P.*, 1890, p. 601; and 1891, pp. 65 and 216) and Harry Kahn (*A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 126). Krauss found two active principles corresponding probably to *solanine*, $C_{42}H_{75}NO_{15}$, and *solanidine*, $C_{26}H_{41}NO_2$, together with a characteristic organic acid to which he gives the name *solanic acid*. W. S. Amos has found an alkaloid in the *S. rostratum*, or *bull nettle*, of Western America. (*Notes on N. R.*, iv., 1891.) Mr. D. Freire has obtained from the fruit of the *S. grandiflorum*, or "*wolf-fruit*," of Brazil an energetic toxic alkaloid, *grandiflorine*. (*Compt.-Rend.*, cv.)

SOLIDAGO. *Golden-Rod. Verge d'Or*, Fr. *Goldruthe*, G. There are very numerous species of this composite genus in the United States. Of these *S. odora* was formerly official. *S. virgaurea*, which is common to the United States and Europe, was formerly directed by the Dublin College. It is astringent, and has been supposed to possess lithontriptic virtues. Its diuretic use has been recently revived. (*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et de Thérap.*, 1889.) For a study of the flowers of *S. bicolor* by Mr. Adam Conrath, see *A. J. P.*, 1873, p. 253.

Golden-rod is aromatic, moderately stimulant and carminative, and, like other substances of the same class, diaphoretic when given in warm infusion. The volatile oil dissolved in alcohol is employed in the Eastern States. The dried flowers and leaves are used as a substitute for common tea.

SOLUBLE MERCURY OF HAHNEMANN. $NH_2(Hg_2)NO_3$. This is prepared by adding, drop by drop, a dilute solution of ammonia to an equally dilute solution of mercurous nitrate, until the precipitate begins to be paler than at first. It is a black powder. When it has a gray color, the fact shows that too much ammonia has been employed in its precipitation. In this case $NH_2(Hg_2)NO_3$ yields $NH_2(Hg)NO_3 + Hg$. This preparation was included in the old French Codex. It has been used in *syphilitic* diseases.

SOLVIN. This is a patented substance, said to be made by the action of sulphuric acid upon castor oil. Mixtures of it with water permeate animal and vegetable membranes very readily. Solvin has been proposed as a vehicle for external medication. Kobert and Kiwull, however, have proved that ricinol sulphuric ether is a violent poison, rapidly destroying blood corpuscles, and belonging to the saponin group.

SOMNAL. This is said to be a solution of chloral hydrate and urethan in alcohol. Dr. Tcheremshansky, in a physiological study, has found that it acts upon the nerve-centres and upon the circulation almost exactly as does chloral, it being, however, a little less depressing to the heart. Myers (*N. Y. Med. Record*, 1892) has reached similar conclusions.

Somnal, therefore, appears to be physiologically equivalent to a mixture of chloral and urethane, and it does not seem to be clear that it possesses any advantage over the older remedies. It may be given in doses of from one-half to one drachm (1·94 to 3·88 Gm.), although much larger quantities have been used by some clinicians.

SONCHUS OLERACEUS. *Sow Thistle.* The brownish gum, left after the evaporation of the juice of this plant, is said to be a powerful hydragogue cathartic, in doses of from two to four grains (0·130 to 0·259 Gm.). It may be used instead of elaterium in *dropsy*. On account of its tendency to irritate the mucous membranes, it is necessary to combine it with aromatics or belladonna. (*Med. Bull.*, July, 1888.)

SONORA GUM. Under the name of *Sonora gum* is sold, it is said for the use of brewers, a gum resin with a peculiar acidulous taste which is affirmed to be an exudation from the branches of *Larrea mexicana*, and to be the same substance as *Arizona shellac*. (*A. J. P.*, 1880, p. 400.) For details, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 128.

SOOT. *Fuligo Ligni*. This well-known substance has a peculiar smell, and a bitter, empyreumatic, and disagreeable taste. Its composition varies according to the source and conditions of its formation. When obtained by the combustion of resinous materials it may contain oily distillation products soluble in ether; when obtained by the combustion of wood it may contain pyroligneous (acetic) acid and products peculiar to wood tar, such as creosote, guaiacol, and phenols. Of course mineral substances from the ash of the wood may also be present.

Soot was formerly official with the Edinburgh College, and the Scotch physicians prescribed it as a tonic and antispasmodic. It has also been employed as an external remedy in skin diseases. (See *Revue Méd.*, June, 1834; *Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Mars, 1834; also, 14th ed. *U. S. D.*) An *infusion of hickory ashes and soot* is a popular remedy for *dyspepsia*. It is made by infusing a pint of clean hickory ashes and a gill of soot in half a gallon of boiling water, allowing the liquor to stand for twenty-four hours, and then decanting. Of this a small wineglassful is taken three or four times a day. No doubt this infusion has been useful in acidity of stomach; but its indiscriminate use in the various gastric affections, popularly confounded under the name of dyspepsia, is calculated to do much harm. Soot has disinfecting power. A few shovelfuls of it, thrown into privies or drains, effectually destroy their foul exhalations.

SOPHORA SPECIOSA. From the poisonous seeds of this leguminous Texan tree Dr. H. C. Wood has obtained a volatile liquid alkaloid (*sophorine*) whose chloride is crystalline. The most characteristic test is its striking a deep-red color with the tincture of ferric chloride. For method of preparation and other further information, see *A. J. P.*, 1878, pp. 33 and 283. In the seeds of the *S. sericea*, which grows in Colorado and Mexico, Mr. Parsons, of the United States Agricultural Department, has found a liquid alkaloid, which is probably sophorine. (*Rep. Commissioner of Agricult.*, 1879; also *N. R.*, 1881, p. 67. See, also, reports of an investigation by M. Kalteyer and W. E. Neil, *A. J. P.*, 1886, p. 465.) Dr. Greshoff (*P. J. Tr.*, xxii.) has also obtained from *S. tomentosa* a liquid alkaloid, which he believes probably to be *cytisine*.

SORBUS AUCUPARIA. *Mountain Ash. Sorbes*, Fr. *Eberesche*, *Vogelbeere*, G. A small European tree, whose fruit contains a peculiar kind of sugar called *sorbin*, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, susceptible of the vinous fermentation; an alcoholic drink has been prepared from it. It seems to have been used for preparing malic acid; and Dr. Hofmann has discovered in it two new acids, which he designates as *sorbic* and *parasorbic acids*, $C_6H_8O_2$. M. J. Boussingault has found in it a crystalline saccharine principle, *sorbite*, isomeric with mannite, melting, when anhydrous, at 110° to 111° C. (230° to 231·8° F.), when hydrated, at 102° C. (215·6° F.). Its formula is $C_6H_{14}O_6$. It does not undergo the vinous fermentation. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 28.) It has been used in *scurvy*, and, in infusion, as a remedy in *hemorrhoids* and *strangury*. All parts of the tree are astringent, and may be employed in tanning, and dyeing black. *S. Americana*, or American Mountain Ash, probably has similar virtues to the European species. Edwin Johanson found the fruit to yield from 4·92 to 6·6 per cent. of malic acid. (*Pharm. Zeitschr. f. Russl.*, i., 1882.)

SORGHUM SACCHARATUM. *Sorghum. Chinese Sugar-cane.* This valuable plant, indigenous in India, China, and other parts of the East, has within a few years been introduced into Europe and the United States. It has come largely into cultivation in the United States, owing in great part to the efforts of the Department of Agriculture, whose numerous publications upon the subject may be consulted by any one desirous of information.

SOZAL. $(C_6H_4(OH)SO_3)_6Al_2$. *Aluminum Paraphenolsulphonate.* This is obtained by dissolving aluminum hydrate in paraphenolsulphonic acid, or by double decomposition of aluminum sulphate and barium paraphenolsulphonate. It occurs in crystalline grains having a weak phenol odor, but strongly astringent taste; easily soluble in water, glycerin, and alcohol, forming permanent solutions. It has been used as an antiseptic in place of iodoform. (*Pharm. Ztg.*, 1892.)

SOZIODOL. *Soziodolic Acid. Diiodparaphenolsulphonic Acid.* $C_6H_2I_2(SO_3H)OH$. This is a white glittering powder, odorless, of slightly acid

taste, slightly soluble in cold water, more easily in hot water. It is decomposed on heating to 200° C., giving off violet vapors. It contains 52·8 per cent. of iodine. It can be recognized by heating, or by adding sulphuric acid to it in hot solution, when iodine separates. Ferric chloride imparts a dark violet color to the aqueous solution; silver nitrate throws down a white precipitate of silver soziodol completely soluble in dilute nitric or sulphuric acid. Soziodol is used as a local remedy, resembling somewhat iodoform in its range of usefulness. According to Langaard, two per cent. is sufficient to kill bacteria of pus; for wounds, a ten per cent. mixture with powdered talc is advocated. Lassar praises it in *eczema*, *herpes tonsurans*, *impetigo*, etc.; it has also been much used in *otitis* and *rhinitis*. Langaard has found that fifteen-grain doses have no appreciable effect upon rabbits, and Bufalini gave twenty-two grains a day in phthisis without unpleasant effect. The following salts have been used.

Sodium soziodol, readily soluble; used in all cases where aqueous solutions are employed. *Potassium soziodol*, sparingly soluble; a desiccant indicated in *eczema*. It is usually employed with talc in the proportion of 1–5 or 1–6. *Zinc soziodol*, a local irritant in solutions of from 1–20 to 1–50; a caustic in a solution of 1–5. *Mercury soziodol*, a caustic, even in a solution of 1–10. Miller affirms that its solution of 2½ in 100 kills the acarus of *scabies* in twenty-four minutes.

SOZOLIC ACID. *Acidum Sozolicum. Orthophenolsulphonic Acid.* $C_6H_4(HSO_3)OH$. Ortho- and paraphenolsulphonic acid are both formed when phenol is dissolved in concentrated sulphuric acid; at medium temperatures the former is far more abundant, but it readily passes into the para compound on the application of heat. Sozolic acid has a very faint odor of carbolic acid, and is asserted to be antiseptic but not poisonous nor irritant, and therefore to be especially valuable in abdominal and ophthalmological surgery. It is readily soluble in water, alcohol, and glycerin, and is used so diluted as to contain 3 to 10 per cent. of the active principle. The orthophenolsulphonic acid in 33⅓ per cent. solution is what has received the trade name of *aseptol*. The ortho acid changes on heating into the isomeric paraphenolsulphonic acid, and this change takes place even in the aqueous solution of the former, a fact which should be remembered in the preparation of aseptol solutions. In spite of the allegations to the contrary, it is probably poisonous.

Schiff and Beilstein asserted that phenolsulphonic acid acts like tannic and gallic acids, precipitating albumen and alkaloids, and being capable of replacing gallic acid in the making of leather and in pharmacy. There is, however, no sufficient reason for believing that the substance can be used in medicine in the place of the vegetable acids named. The claim has also been put forward that phenol-sulphonic acid is a more powerful antiseptic than phenol, having the great advantage of being nearly odorless, non-irritating, non-poisonous, and miscible with water in all proportions. That it is nearly free from poisonous properties is not probable, and in a careful series of comparative experiments, Mr. F. A. Tucker (*Notes on New Remedies*, 1892) found that it had not more than one-third the antiseptic power of carbolic acid.

SPARTIUM JUNCEUM. *Spanish Broom.* A small shrub, indigenous in the south of Europe, and cultivated in our gardens as an ornamental plant. The flowers are large, yellow, and of an agreeable odor. The seeds are in moderate doses diuretic and tonic, in large doses emetic and cathartic, and have been used advantageously in *dropsy*. Dose, from ten to fifteen grains three times a day in tincture.

SPHŒRANTHUS INDICUS. In this Indian plant, which is used as a general tonic, deobstruent, alterative, and aphrodisiac, under the names of *Mundi*, *Gorakhmundi*, *Murmuria*, and *Kottakkarandai*, Prof. Dymock has found a deep cherry-colored essential oil.

SPILANTHES OLERACEA. *Para Cress. Cresson de Para*, Fr. *Parakresse*, G. A plant of India, used as a masticatory for toothache; when chewed it produces a copious salivation. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 323.)

SPIRÆA. *Spiræa Ulmaria, Queen of the Meadow*, or *Meadow-sweet*, which is a European plant, though introduced into this country, has been found by M. Tessier, of Lyons, to be diuretic, tonic, and astringent. All parts of it are active. *Salicylic aldehyde* (salicylous acid), $C_7H_6O_2$, was recognized already in 1834 by Pagenstecher as occurring in the blossoms of *Spiræa Ulmaria*. It is a colorless oil, of aromatic odor, crystallizing at 20° C. (68° F.) and boiling at 196·5° C. (385° F.). It is inflammable, burning with luminous smoky flame. M. Tessier employed it in the form of decoction, of which he gave a quart daily. For extended observations, see Bouchardat's *Annuaire de Thérapeutique* (1852, p. 119).

The tuberous roots of *Spiræa filipendula* were formerly used in excessive secretion of mucous glands, and in *hydrophobia*. The root has not been fully analyzed, but is known to contain tannin, sugar, and starch, and in the fresh state also a volatile oil, which is probably identical with that of the stem and leaves,—*i.e.*, salicylic aldehyde. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 76.)

Spiræa tomentosa, or *Hardhack*, *Steeplebush*, *Whitecap*, is an indigenous shrub, two or three feet high, with numerous simple, erect, round, downy, and purplish stems, furnished with alternate leaves, closely set upon very short footstalks. The leaves are ovate-lanceolate, unequally serrate, somewhat pointed at both ends, dark green on their upper surface, whitish and tomentose beneath. The flowers are a beautiful red or purple, and disposed in terminal, compound, crowded spikes or racemes. The root was formerly recognized in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, but, according to Dr. A. W. Ives, it is the least valuable portion. The taste of the plant is bitter and strongly astringent. Among its constituents are tannin, gallic acid, and bitter extractive. Water extracts its medicinal virtues. Spiræa is tonic and astringent, and may be used in *diarrhœa*, *cholera infantum*, and other complaints in which astringents are indicated. It is best given in watery extract, dose from five to fifteen grains, repeated several times a day.

SPIRITUS ODORATUS. *U. S.* 1880. *Perfumed Spirit. Cologne. Eau de Cologne*, Fr. *Kölnerwasser*, G. "Oil of Bergamot, *sixteen parts* [or two fluidounces]; Oil of Lemon, *eight parts* [or one fluidounce]; Oil of Rosemary, *eight parts* [or one fluidounce]; Oil of Lavender Flowers, *four parts* [or half a fluidounce]; Oil of Orange Flowers, *four parts* [or half a fluidounce]; Acetic Ether, *two parts* [or two fluidrachms]; Water, *one hundred and fifty-eight parts* [or eighteen fluidounces]; Alcohol, *eight hundred parts* [or six and a half pints], To make *one thousand parts* [or about eight pints].

Dissolve the Oils and the Acetic Ether in the Alcohol, and add the Water. Set the mixture aside, in a well-closed bottle, for eight days, then filter through paper, in a well-covered funnel." *U. S.*

Cologne Water was introduced into the Pharmacopœia of 1880, but was dropped at the last revision. In our opinion a more fragrant spirit, and one more closely resembling the original, would be made if the quantity of oil of orange flowers or *neroli* were doubled. Cologne water is often useful in the sick room as a refreshing perfume.

SPONGE. *Spongia. Spongia officinalis. Éponge*, Fr. *Schwamm, Badeschwamm*, G. This sponge is "a flexile, fixed, torpid, polymorphous animal, composed either of reticulate fibres, or masses of small spires interwoven together, and clothed with a gelatinous flesh, full of small mouths on its surface, by which it absorbs and ejects water." Various genera are described, but the sponges used in commerce are said all to belong to the genus *Spongia*. Sponges inhabit the bottom of the sea, where they are fixed to rocks or other solid bodies, and are most abundant within the tropics. They are collected chiefly in the Mediterranean and Red Seas, and in those of the East and West Indies. In the Grecian Archipelago many persons derive their support altogether from diving for sponges. When collected they are enveloped in a gelatinous coating, which forms part of the animal. For details of fishery and preparation, see *P. J. Tr.*, xx. Large quantities of the coarser kinds are imported from the Bahamas, but the finest and most esteemed are brought from the Mediterranean, especially from the coast of Syria. Recently the cultivation of sponges has been undertaken on an extensive scale. Small fragments are cut under water from the live sponge, and fixed upon a sandy bottom by means of skewers. In three years they will have grown sufficiently to be marketable.

Sponge, as found in commerce, is in yellowish-brown masses of various shapes and sizes, light, porous, elastic, and composed of fine, flexible, tenacious fibres, interwoven in the form of cells and meshes. It usually contains numerous minute fragments of coral or stone, or small shells, from which it must be freed before it can be used for ordinary purposes. Sponge is prepared by macerating it for several days in cold water, beating it in order to break up the concretions which it contains, and dissolving what cannot thus be separated of the calcareous matter by hydrochloric acid diluted with thirty parts of water. By this process it is rendered perfectly soft, and fit for surgical use. It may be bleached by steeping it in water impregnated with sulphurous acid, or by exposure in a moist state to the action of chlorine. It is stated that sponges which have been soaked in pus and infectious matters will recover their primitive condition, even to the marine odor, by soaking in a 4 per cent. solution of potassium permanganate, then in a 25 per cent. solution of sulphurous acid, and finally thorough washing in an abundance of water. (*A. J. P.*, xliv. 355.) See *Spongia Decolorata*, National Formulary, page 1524. When intended for surgical purposes, the softest, finest, and most elastic sponges should be selected; for forming *burnt sponge* the coarser will answer equally well. According to Mr. Hatchett, the chemical constituents of sponge are gelatin, coagulated albumen, common salt, and calcium carbonate. Magnesia, silica, iron, sulphur, and phosphorus have been detected in it, as also have iodine and bromine, combined with sodium and potassium. From the experiments of Mr. Croockewit, it would appear that sponge is closely analogous to, if not identical with, the fibroïn and sericin of silk, differing from it only in containing iodine, sulphur, and phosphorus. (*Annal. der Chem. und Pharm.*, xlviii. 43.) Schlossberger, however, has shown that it is distinct in the very slight solubility in ammoniacal solution of copper hydrate and in its yielding leucin and glycocoll when treated with dilute sulphuric acid, while sericin yields under similar treatment tyrosin and serin. He names the principle *spongin*.

Medical Properties and Uses. Sponges are simply used mechanically. In the shape of *sponge tent* it is employed for dilating sinuses. This is prepared by dipping sponge into melted wax, compressing it between two flat surfaces till the wax hardens, and then cutting it into pieces of a proper form and size. By the heat of the body the wax becomes soft, and the sponge, expanding by the imbibition of moisture, gradually dilates the wound or sinus in which it may be placed. When a conical sponge tent of uniform calibre is required, as for dilating the uterine cavity, a better plan is to cut the sponge into a conical shape whilst fresh and compress when moist, by winding it carefully with a fine tightly-drawn cord, removing the cord when perfectly dry, and dipping the tent into melted wax, so as to get a thick coating. For other modes of preparing sponge tent, as well as of saturating the sponge at the same time with substances calculated to make a remedial impression, as carbolic acid, alum, lead acetate, etc., see *A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 410; 1869, p. 446.

SPONGIA USTA, *Burnt Sponge*, was formerly official (*Spongia Usta, U. S.* 1850), but is no longer used in medicine; for method of preparation, analysis, and therapeutic properties, see 16th ed. U. S. D.

STATICE CAROLINIANA. *Marsh Rosemary. Ink-root. Sea-lavender. Romarin des Marais, Lavande triste*, Fr. *Strandnelke*, G. Considered by some botanists as a mere variety of the *Statice Limonium* of Europe; by others as a distinct species. It is an indigenous maritime plant with a perennial root, sending up annually tufts of leaves, which are obovate or cuneiform, entire, obtuse, mucronate, smooth, and on long footstalks. They differ from the leaves of *S. limonium* in being perfectly flat on the margin, while the latter are undulated.

Marsh rosemary grows in the salt marshes along the sea-coast, from New England to Florida, and flowers in August and September. The root, which was formerly in the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, is large, spindle-shaped or branched, fleshy, compact, rough, and of a purplish-brown color. It is bitter and extremely astringent, but odorless. It contains tannic acid (12·4 per cent.), gum, extractive, albumen, volatile oil, resin, caoutchouc, coloring matter, lignin, and various salts. (*A. J. P.*, xiv. 116.) Statice is powerfully astringent, and in some parts of the United States, particularly in New England, is much employed. It may be used for all the purposes for which kino and catechu are given; but its chief popular application is in decoction to aphthous and ulcerative affections of the mouth and fauces.

In Brazil and Buenos Ayres the roots of *S. brasiliensis* and *S. antarctica* are employed under the name of *Buaycura* or *Guaycura*. (*P. J. Tr.*, ix. 466.) For a description of the physical and chemical characteristics of the root, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv.

p. 86. In Russia and Spain the very large roots of *S. latifolia* are used for tanning, and in Morocco the roots of *S. mucronata* are employed, under the name of *safrifa*, as a nervine.

STERCULIA ACUMINATA. *Cola Acuminata.* Daniell. *Semen* (*Nuces*) *Colæ. Noix de Cola, Noix de Gourou, Café du Soudan*, Fr. *Kolanuss*, G. This large African tree is extensively cultivated in various portions of the tropical world for its nuts, which, under the Guinea name of "*kola nuts*," or the Soudan name of "*guru nuts*," are extensively employed as a caffeinic stimulant in Africa and other portions of the world. Six hundred tons of them are said to be sent yearly to Brazil for the use of the negroes, who, it is affirmed, also employ the seeds of *S. chica* and *S. lasiantha*. The kola nut itself is irregular in form, reddish gray in color, three-quarters of an inch to an inch and a quarter in length, flattened and rounded upon one surface, irregularly scooped out or infolded upon the other surface, the nut being apparently a cotyledon, marked above with another cotyledon which it has embraced. For a detailed description of the nuts and their commercial varieties, see pamphlet by Dr. Bernhard Schuchardt. Dr. Daniell (*P. J. Tr.*, 1865) was the first to show that kola nuts contained caffeine. Subsequently an elaborate analysis yielded to Dr. Attfield two and a third per cent. of caffeine from the nut. Schuchardt summarizes the results of his chemical analyses as follows: 1, Martinique nuts contained 1·06 per cent. caffeine; 2, Ceylon, 1·39 per cent.; 3, Gaboon, 1·47 per cent.; 4, Tropical West Africa coast, Sierra Leone, 1·69 per cent.; 5, Tropical West Africa, interior, 1·61 per cent. The chemical studies of Parke, Davis & Co. show that as found in American commerce these nuts contain from 0·72 to 2·02 per cent. of caffeine. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen (*A. J. P.*, 1884) claim theobromine 0·023 per cent., caffeine 2·35 per cent., tannin 1·62 per cent., as the result of their analyses. The researches of Knebel (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 190), confirmed by Hilger (*Ibid.*, p. 568), show that fresh kola nuts probably contain no caffeine, but a glucoside, which yields by its decomposition caffeine, glucose, and *kola red* ($C_{14}H_{13}(OH)_5$). The glucoside is decomposed by a ferment present in the nuts, and so readily yields the caffeine as a decomposition product.

Kola nuts are a caffeinic stimulant, and as such are enormously used in Africa, and have been tried to a considerable extent in medicine, with results that confirm this reasoning. It has been claimed for them that they increase the power of enduring fatigue without food, and a dry powder or cake of kola nuts, deprived of their oil, is said to be used by the European Alpine clubs. Physiological studies have been made by Loginoff (*St. Petersburg Inaug. Dis.*, 1891), Davydoff (*St. Petersburg Inaug. Dis.*, 1891), and Kotlar (*Vrach*, 1891), which on the whole agree in showing the similarity of the action of the drug with that of others of its class. Dr. A. Hudson (*Therap. Gaz.*, ii.) has practically demonstrated the value of the remedy in cardiac failure, in doses of one hundred and fifty grains a day. Like guarana, kola nuts have been highly commended in tropical *diarrhœa*.

The so-called "*male kola*" is essentially distinct from kola, being the product of a small tree, *Garcinia kola*, and containing no caffeine. The seed is oblong, about one and a half to three inches long and three-quarters to one inch broad; it is trigonal in section, with a readily removable thin testa of a reddish-yellow to dark-brown color, covered by markings reminding of those on the seed-coat of the nutmeg. In the section the microscope reveals a number of resinous masses surrounded by cells rich in starch.

The seeds of the *Lucuma mammosa*, sometimes mixed with kola nuts, are recognized at once by their strong odor of prussic acid. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen have observed the seeds of *Heritiera littoralis* mixed with kola nuts. These *false kola nuts* contain no caffeine, and are nearly orbicular and flattened in shape, one of the fleshy, white cotyledons being only half the size of the other. (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 446.)

STERCULIA GUM. A number of trees belonging to the genus *Sterculia* in India, Africa, and Australia yield gums in considerable quantity, most of which resemble in their appearance tragacanth, and some of which have remarkable adhesive properties. These gums have not, however, become important articles of commerce, and for an account of them the reader is referred to a paper by J. H. Maiden. (*P. J. Tr.*, Nov. 1889.)

STILLINGIA SEBIFERA. *Tallow-tree. Tankawang Fat.* This is a species of the family Euphorbiaceæ, cultivated in the Chinese provinces of Kiang-se, Kiang-sou, and Chih-kiang for the sake of the fatty matters extracted from the nuts by methods detailed in *A. J. P.*, 1872, p. 264. (See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, June, 1872.) The "tallow" occurs in hard, brittle, opaque, white, tasteless, and odorless masses of about 80 pounds' weight. It is said to be nearly pure stearin. The oil is largely used for lighting purposes. The remnants of the nut are used as fuel and as manure. (See, also, *P. J. Tr.*, 1883, p. 401, and *Ibid.*, 1887, p. 901.)

STRYCHNINÆ ARSENAS. *Arsenate of Strychnine.* Dr. J. Russell praises this salt highly as a prompt means of getting the conjoint effects of its constituents; he employs its solution (1 to 250) hypodermically, and states the first dose as $\frac{1}{64}$ of a grain, increased to $\frac{1}{16}$ (0·001 to 0·004 Gm.). (*Wien. Med. Blätter*, Sept. 1886.)

STRYCHNOS POTATORUM. *Chilbinj. Clearing Nuts. Indian Gum Nuts.* The nuts of this species of Strychnos are very largely used in some parts of India for clearing muddy water, and are stated to have found their way into American commerce. (*A. J. P.*, 1871.) The fruit is also employed by the native practitioners of Hindostan, under the name of *nirmali*, as an emetic and in *dysentery*. They do not contain strychnine. In clearing water, one of the dried nuts is rubbed hard for a short time around the inside of the earthen water-pot; on settling, the water is left pure and tasteless. The seeds contain a large quantity of an albuminous principle, upon which their virtues probably depend. The tree, which grows to a very large size, produces a shining, black, one-seeded berry (that of the nux vomica being many-seeded). The seeds are described (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 44) as broadly lenticular, about half an inch in diameter and a quarter of an inch in thickness, of a dirty whitish-gray color, and covered with a thick coating of delicate appressed hairs. These are so small that the seed to the naked eye looks mealy. Under the microscope the hairs are seen to be agglutinated in bundles of from 3 to 6, and to consist each of a single pointed cylindrical cell.

STYLOPHORUM DIPHYLLUM. Nuttall.

According to Prof. E. Schmidt, the root of this American plant contains chelidonine, with a second alkaloid closely related to, if not identical with, chelerythrine. (*A. J. P.*, 1888.)

STYLOSANTHES ELATIOR. It is claimed that this American plant has the power of relieving abdominal uterine pains, during the latter months of gestation, and is also a uterine tonic during parturition. Dose, of the fluid extract, ten to twenty minims (0·6 to 1·2 C.c.) three times a day prior to confinement.

SUCCINIC ACID. *Acidum Succinicum. Sal Succini Volatile. Acide succinique*, Fr. *Bernsteinsäure*, G. $C_4H_6O_4$. This acid is obtained by distilling amber. (See *Succinum.*) The product is an aqueous solution of impure succinic acid, associated with empyreumatic oil. (See *Oleum Succini.*) By filtering the liquor the solution of the impure acid passes through, while the oil is absorbed by the paper. The acid may be purified by boiling the solution with nitric acid, diluted with twice its bulk of water, and then evaporating to crystallize. Should the crystals not be colorless, the treatment with nitric acid must be repeated until they are so. Succinic acid is formed artificially by the action of nitric acid on the fatty acids, and may be produced in a great many ways from various substances. Thus it is invariably formed in small amount in the alcoholic fermentation of sugar. M. Desaignes obtained it more advantageously from calcium malate subjected to fermentation excited by casein. The malate was converted into calcium succinate, which was then decomposed by sulphuric acid, so as to yield succinic acid. For the details of the process for obtaining succinic acid from calcium malate, see the paper of E. J. Kohl, in *A. J. P.*, vol. xxvii., July. Succinic acid, when pure, is in white, transparent crystals, having no odor, and a somewhat acrid taste. It dissolves in five times its weight of cold and twice its weight of boiling water. It is less soluble in alcohol, but very sparingly in ether. Nitric acid is without action on it. It melts at 182° C. (359·6° F.), and boils without alteration at 235° C. (455° F.). It sublimes, however, at a much lower temperature. According to Wackenroder, it is sometimes adulterated with tartaric acid soaked in oil of amber. Succinic acid, though formerly official, is at present seldom used in medicine. It has been ascertained to be a product of vital action, having been detected by M. Heintz in the colorless liquid found in *hydatid cysts of the liver.* (See *Journ. de Pharm.*, Sept. 1850.) One of its salts, *ammonium succinate*, $C_4H_4(NH_4)_2O_4$, made by supersaturating succinic acid with ammonia, evaporating and crystallizing, has been used with great alleged success in *delirium tremens.* This salt is occasionally used as a precipitant of ferric oxide.

SUCCINUM. *Amber. Bernstein*, G. *Ambre* ou *Succin*, Fr. Amber is a fossil resin, occurring generally in small detached masses, in alluvial deposits, in different parts of the world. According to Goefert, there are about fifty species of extinct coniferous trees of which amber represents the resinous exudation. It is found chiefly in Prussia, either on the sea-shore, where it is thrown up by the Baltic, or underneath the surface, in the alluvial formations along the coast. It is said that the whole annual product of the Baltic coast of Prussia was in 1879 from 100,000 to 130,000 kilogrammes (100 to 130 tons). Large deposits occur in some lakes on the eastern coast of Courland, and an extensive bed of yellow amber was discovered in 1854, on sinking a well in the coal-mines near Prague. The largest mass of amber yet found weighed thirteen pounds. Amber also occurs in considerable quantities near Catania, in Sicily. It is usually associated with lignite, and sometimes encloses insects and parts of vegetables. In the United States, it was found at Cape Sable, Maryland, by Dr. Troost. In this locality it is associated with lignite and iron pyrites. It has also been discovered in New Jersey. The amber consumed in this country is brought from the ports of the Baltic. A mine of it is said to have been discovered near Rockwood in Australia.

It is a brittle solid, generally in small irregular masses, permanent in the air, having a homogeneous texture and vitreous fracture, and susceptible of a fine polish. It becomes negatively electric by friction. Its color is generally brownish yellow, either light or deep, but is occasionally reddish brown or even deep brown, and a Sicilian variety is green or bluish from staining with ferric phosphate. It has no taste, and is inodorous when cold, but exhales a peculiar, aromatic smell when heated. It is usually translucent, though occasionally transparent or opaque. Its sp. gr. is about 1·07. Water and alcohol scarcely act on it. When heated in the open air, it softens, melts at 548°, swells, and at last inflames, leaving, after combustion, a small portion of ashes. Subjected to distillation in a retort furnished with a tubulated receiver, it yields, first, a yellow acid liquor; and afterwards a thin yellowish oil, with a yellow waxy substance, which is deposited in the neck of the retort and the upper part of the receiver. This waxy substance, exhausted by cold ether of the part soluble in that menstruum, is reduced to a yellow micaceous matter, identical with the *chrysen* of Laurent. A white crystalline substance, identical with the *idrialin* of Dumas, may be separated from the micaceous substance by boiling alcohol. Both chrysen and idrialin are hydrocarbons. (Pelletier and Walter, *Journ. de Pharm.*, v. 60.) As the distillation proceeds, a considerable quantity of combustible gas is given off, which must be allowed to escape. By continuing the heat, the oil gradually deepens in color, until, towards the end of the distillation, it becomes black and of the consistence of pitch. The oil obtained is called *oil of amber*, and the acid liquor is a solution of impure *succinic acid.* Repeatedly distilled from nitric acid, amber yields an acid liquor, from which, after it has been neutralized with caustic potassa, ether separates pure camphor. (Doepping, *Journ. de Pharm.*, vi. 168.) Borneol is also obtained by distilling to dryness powdered amber with an extremely concentrated solution of caustic potassa. (G. Reich, *Ibid.*, xiii. 33.)

According to Berzelius, amber consists of—1, a volatile oil of an agreeable odor in small quantity; 2, a yellow resin, intimately united with a volatile oil, very soluble in alcohol, ether, and the alkalies, easily fusible, and resembling ordinary resins; 3, another resin, also combined with a volatile oil, soluble in ether and the alkalies, sparingly soluble in cold, but more soluble in boiling alcohol; 4, succinic acid; 5, a bituminous principle insoluble in alcohol, ether, and the alkalies, having some analogy to the lac resin of John, and constituting more than four-fifths of the amber. It also contains a strongly odorous, bright-yellow substance, which hardens by time, but preserves in part its odor. The ultimate composition of amber is carbon 80·59, hydrogen 7·31, oxygen 6·73, ashes (silica, lime, and alumina)

3·27 = 97·90, representing, after the deduction of the ash, a formula $C_{10}H_{16}O$. A minute proportion of sulphur has also been found among its constituents. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, Mai, 1864, p. 404.)

Amber was held in high estimation by the ancients as a medicine, but at present is never so used. The *oil of amber* is an empyreumatic product which is prepared by destructive distillation of amber. The heat requisite for the complete decomposition of the amber cannot be supported by a glass retort; and, in order that all the oil which it is capable of yielding may be collected, the distillation should be performed in a tubulated iron or earthenware retort, which may be placed immediately upon the fire. The sand is added to prevent the amber from swelling too much. The oil may be separated from the acid liquor by means of the separating funnel. As first procured, it is a thick, very dark-colored liquid, of a peculiar strong empyreumatic odor. In this state it is occasionally employed as a liniment; but for internal use it should be rectified. It has the composition $C_{10}H_{16}$, but is probably a mixture of isomeric hydrocarbons.

The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870, under the name of *Oleum Succini Rectificatum* or *Rectified Oil of Amber*, gave the following process. "Take of Oil of Amber *a pint;* Water *six pints.* Mix them in a glass retort, and distil until four pints of Water have passed with the Oil into the receiver; then separate the Oil from the Water, and keep it in a well-stopped bottle." *U. S.* 1870.

By successive distillations oil of amber becomes thinner and more limpid, till at length it is obtained colorless. The first portions which distil are less colored than those which follow, and may be separated for keeping, while the remainder is submitted to another distillation. For practical purposes, however, the oil is sufficiently pure when once redistilled. As usually found in commerce, the rectified oil is of a light yellowish-brown or amber color. As first distilled it has an amber color, the sp. gr. 0·903 at 15·6° C. (60° F.), and a boiling point from 170·5° to 186·1° C. (339° to 367° F.). (*Ebert.*) When quite pure it is said to be colorless, as fluid as alcohol, of the sp. gr. 0·758 at 23·8° C. (75° F.), and to boil at 85·5° C. (186° F.). It has a strong, peculiar, unpleasant odor, and a hot acrid taste. It imparts these properties in some degree to water, without being perceptibly dissolved. It is soluble in eight parts of alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·847, in five parts of the sp. gr. 0·825, and in all proportions in absolute alcohol, ether, chloroform, carbon disulphide, and the fixed oils. (*Ebert.*) On exposure to light and air, it slowly changes in color and consistence, becoming ultimately black and solid. It appears, when quite pure, to be a hydrocarbon of the terpene class. It is said to be sometimes adulterated with oil of turpentine, which may be detected by passing hydrochloric acid gas through the suspected oil. If pure it will remain wholly liquid; while oil of turpentine, if present, will give rise to the formation of solid artificial camphor. (*P. J. Tr.*, xiii. 292.) It was officially described as "a colorless or pale yellow, thin liquid, becoming darker and thicker by age and exposure to air, having an empyreumatic, balsamic odor, a warm, acrid taste, and a neutral or faintly acid reaction. Sp. gr. about 0·920. It is readily soluble in alcohol. When mixed with fuming nitric acid, it acquires a red color, and, after some time, is almost wholly converted into a brown, resinous mass of a peculiar musk-like odor." *U. S.*

Rectified oil of amber is stimulant and antispasmodic, and occasionally promotes the secretions, particularly that of urine. It has been employed with advantage in *amenorrhœa*, *hysteria*, *whooping-cough*, and *infantile convulsions* from *intestinal irritation*, etc. The dose is from five to fifteen drops (0·3 to 0·9 C.c.), diffused in some aromatic water by means of sugar and gum arabic. Externally applied the oil is rubefacient, and is considerably used as a liniment in *chronic rheumatism*, and in certain spasmodic disorders, as *whooping-cough* and *infantile convulsions*. In the latter affection it should be rubbed along the spine.

SULPHALDEHYDE is made by the action of hydrogen sulphide upon acetaldehyde in aqueous solution. An oil is obtained which solidifies at low temperatures. According to Dr. Lusini (*Nouv. Rem.*, 1890), this substance acts on the lower animals as a powerful hypnotic.

SULPHAMINOL. $C_{10}H_4(OH)NS$. *Thioxydiphenylamine.* This compound is made by the action of sulphur upon the salt of metaoxydiphenylamine. It is a pale-yellow powder free from odor and taste, readily soluble in alkalies, more difficultly so in alkaline carbonates, quite insoluble in water. When heated it turns brown, and melts at 155° C. It is claimed that this substance is harmless (see a paper by Prof. Kobert, *Journ. de Méd.*, Sept. 1890), and that when taken internally it is split up in the organism into oxydiphenylamine and sulphuric acid compounds. It has been used as a substitute for iodoform, having the advantage of being odorless. Internally, it has been given in doses of four to five grains; externally, it may be used in powder or oily solutions. Various compound solutions of it have been employed as local applications to the mucous membranes of the nose and larynx, such as *Sulphaminol menthol*, *S. creosote*, *S. guaiacol*, *S. eucalyptol*.

SULPHITES, BISULPHITES, HYPOSULPHITES. These salts have been introduced into medicine, because of their extraordinary hostility, through their acid ingredient, to the lower forms whether of vegetable or animal life. Microscopic plants and animals cannot exist in the presence of sulphurous or hyposulphurous acid; and, as their salts are easily decomposed, with the liberation of the acid, they are capable of exercising the same destructive influence. As it is now generally admitted that a number of diseases are caused by these microscopic organisms, the local use of these remedies is often indicated, and, in fact, has been found by experience to be very efficient. Examples of affections of this kind we have in *scabies*, *porrigo*, *prurigo senilis*, different forms of *ringworm*, *pityriasis versicolor*, the *sore mouth* or *thrush of infants*, etc.; and in all these complaints benefit may be expected from the local application of these remedies. In cases of *fermentative dyspepsia* the sulphites may be of value in checking the changes of the food. At one time it was supposed that they would be of value as germicides in *zymotic disease*, but theory indicates that unless given in poisonous doses they could have no influence upon disease germs in the system, and clinical experience has abundantly shown that they are valueless in zymosis.

Of the *sulphites*, those which have been employed are *sodium*, *potassium*, *ammonium*, *magnesium*, and *calcium sulphites*. *Sodium* and *potassium sulphites* are official, and will be found treated of in the first part of the Dispensatory.

Ammonium sulphite may be prepared in the same

way; that is, by passing sulphurous acid through a solution of the ammonium carbonate. When the carbonate is insoluble, as in the case of magnesia and lime, it is better to have recourse to the method of double decomposition; but the calcium sulphite may be prepared by using lime water for the saturation of the sulphurous acid. In all instances, in the preparation of the sulphites, where evaporation is employed, it should be carefully conducted so as not to drive off the acid, and with as little exposure to the air as possible; as the sulphites in solution are strongly disposed to absorb oxygen, and pass into the state of sulphates. Even in the solid state they slowly undergo the same change, and should therefore be kept, as far as can be conveniently done, excluded from the air. The sulphites in general have a mild sulphurous taste, and on exposure to heat, or with the addition of an acid, emit the characteristic odor of sulphurous acid. They are distinguishable from the *hyposulphites* or *thiosulphates* by not depositing sulphur on the addition of dilute sulphuric acid to their solution. As the efficiency of the sulphites is ascribable to their acid, they may be used indiscriminately, one being preferred to another according to solubility, or other property affecting the convenience of exhibition.

Sodium, *magnesium*, and *potassium sulphites* have been fully described, and the remarks in reference to their therapeutical application may be considered as applicable to the others. *Ammonium sulphite*, $(NH_4)_2SO_3$, has an acrid sulphurous taste, at first deliquesces in the air, and afterwards dries, gradually being converted into the sulphate by the absorption of oxygen. It is soluble in its weight of cold, and in less than its weight of boiling water. It decrepitates with heat, losing a part of its ammonia, and then sublimes as an acid sulphite. *Calcium sulphite*, $CaSO_3$, is a white powder, and distinguished by its difficult solubility, requiring 800 parts of water for solution. An excess of acid renders it more soluble; and from its hot saturated solution it is deposited, on the cooling of the liquid, in hexagonal needles.

The influence of these salts on the system in health is feeble. So far as observation has hitherto gone, they are quite destitute of poisonous properties. Six drachms have been taken in 24 hours, without any injury whatever. When taken internally, they are absorbed, and partly eliminated unchanged with the urine, partly changed by the absorption of oxygen into sulphates, as happens on exposure out of the body. This is proved by an examination of the urine, which will at first be found to contain a sulphite, and after 24 hours a sulphate. From the largest doses of the sulphites only a laxative operation on the bowels, and an increased secretion of urine, are obtained. For their use in medicine they are solely indebted to the destructive influence they exert over all the lower forms of animal and vegetable life. In reference to this influence they have been used both internally and externally; magnesium sulphite being usually preferred for the former purpose, sodium sulphite for the latter. Their long-continued use is said to prove injurious, by inducing debility and anæmia. From fifteen grains to a drachm may be given, so repeated as to amount to from two drachms to an ounce in 24 hours. They may be administered in solution, or, in the case of magnesium sulphite, suspended in water, to which sugar and an aromatic tincture may be added. As almost all acids decompose the sulphites, they should not be administered with any acid substance, and no acid should be allowed to exist in the stomach at the time. Should the bowels be disturbed, a little of some opiate may be given. For external use, one part of the salt employed may be dissolved in from five to ten parts of water.

Acid Sulphites (*Bisulphites*). These are quite as efficient as the sulphites, probably more so, in consequence of their relatively greater proportion of acid. They might be and probably are used indiscriminately with the sulphites; as, in the preparation of the latter by the direct union of their constituents, the sulphurous acid may readily be used in excess, and thus give rise to the bisulphite. Indeed, Berzelius states that the salt, formed by passing sulphurous acid through a solution of sodium carbonate until the liquid shall sensibly redden litmus paper, is really sodium bisulphite; and that the sulphite may be prepared by adding to this salt a quantity of soda equal to that already contained in it. The bisulphites generally may be prepared by passing sulphurous acid in excess through the alkaline solution, or through the solution of a sulphite already formed. (See also *P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 844.) They may be distinguished from the sulphites by being quite neutral to test-paper, while the latter salts have a feeble alkaline reaction. They may be given for the same purposes and in the same dose and method of administration as the sulphites. Some years since (*P. J. Tr.*, 1867), Mr. W. Lascelles Scott called attention to the *calcium bisulphite* as a very valuable preservative for ointments, anatomical preparations, and even for articles of food; but his statements have not led to the practical use of the drug.

Hyposulphites (*Thiosulphates* or *Sulpho-sulphates*). These may be considered as absolutely identical for therapeutic purposes with the sulphites; as, when they undergo decomposition, it is sulphurous acid which is eliminated. The hyposulphites consist of bases combined with an acid, which, in the free state, would be $H_2S_2O_3$, but which, when liberated, separates into sulphurous acid and sulphur. They are prepared by boiling a sulphite or bisulphite in solution with sulphur, as in the example of sodium thiosulphate, $2Na_2SO_3 + S_2 = 2Na_2S_2O_3$, or on a larger scale by passing sulphur dioxide into the calcium sulphide liquor of the alkali waste, whereby calcium thiosulphate is formed. This may then be changed into the sodium salt by the action of sodium sulphate yielding sodium thiosulphate and calcium sulphate. The chief advantage possessed by the hyposulphites is that they are less disposed than the sulphites to change into sulphates by the absorption of oxygen. They may be recognized by the deposition of sulphur when an acid is added to their solution. They are freely soluble in water, even the calcium and magnesium hyposulphites. They may be used for the same purposes and in the same doses as the sulphites, and administered in the same way.

SULPHORICINIC ACID. This is made by the action of 30 to 40 per cent. sulphuric acid upon castor oil at a temperature not exceeding 50° C., care being taken to avoid the evolution of sulphur dioxide. On the addition of water, the sulphoricinic acid with unchanged oil separates in an oily layer from the aqueous solution of acid below. The sodium sulphoricinoleate forms a brown liquid, miscible with water and alcohol.

This substance is a powerful local irritant. M. Berlioz states that the acid and its soluble salts are actively antiseptic and deodorizant; useful as a local

application in *ozæna* and other allied affections. (*La Sem. Méd.*, March 11, 1891.) The salts have the power of dissolving powerful antiseptic substances. In this way has been prepared and offered for sale *Phenolum Natrio-sulphoricinicum*. This is a yellowish liquid, containing twenty per cent. of carbolic acid and eighty per cent. of sodium sulphoricinate. The liquid itself mixes in all proportions with water, and has been especially commended as a local application in various *diseases of the skin* and in *tubercular* and other *ulcerations of the mucous membranes*. Berlioz (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, 1890) especially recommends it in *diphtheria*. The twenty per cent. aqueous solution is to be applied locally to the throat four times a day and once or twice in the night. (*La Sem. Méd.*, 1892.) The *Naphthol sulphoricinate*, the *Salol sulphoricinate*, and the *Creosote sulphoricinate* have also been made and used as local agents.

SWEET PELLITORY. The root of *Tanacetum umbelliferum* of India, according to David Hooper, contains pyrethrin in minute proportions with fat and wax, an organic acid which is a pigment, glucose, and inulin. (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi. 1890.)

SWIETENIA FEBRIFUGA. *Rohun-bark.* The bark of this East Indian tree is said to be much used as an antiperiodic in half-drachm doses.

The *Swietenia mahagoni*, or *mahogany-tree*, which grows in the West Indies and other parts of tropical America, has also a bitter astringent bark, containing catechin. (*Bull. Soc. Chim. de Paris*, xxiv. 118.) The bark of *S. senegalensis* is used on the coast of Africa in the cure of *intermittents*, and M. Caventou has extracted an alkaloid from it. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, N. S., xx. 168.)

SYMPHYTUM OFFICINALE. *Comfrey. Radix Symphiti. Radix Consolidæ Majoris. Consoude*, Fr. *Schwarzwurz, Beinwurz*, G. A perennial European plant often cultivated. Its root is spindle-shaped, branched, often more than an inch thick and a foot long, externally smooth and blackish, internally white, fleshy, and juicy. By drying it becomes wrinkled, of a firm horny consistence, and of a dark color within. It is almost inodorous, and has a mucilaginous, feebly astringent taste. It contains mucilage in great abundance (according to Lewis more than althæa root) and a little tannin. It was formerly highly esteemed as a vulnerary. Its virtues are chiefly those of a demulcent, like marshmallow. It is a very common ingredient in the domestic cough mixtures employed in *chronic catarrh*, *consumption*, and other *pectoral affections*.

SYMPLOCOS RACEMOSA. The bark of this East Indian tree is said to be a mild astringent, and especially useful in *menorrhagia*. (*P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 24, 1881.)

SYNANTHROSE. *Lævulin.* $C_6H_{10}O_5$. This is a carbohydrate, isomeric with inulin, discovered by O. Popp in *Helianthus tuberosus*. For details, see Tollens, *Kohlenhydrate*, p. 198.

SYRINGA VULGARIS. *Common Lilac.* The leaves and fruit of this common garden plant have a bitter and somewhat acrid taste, and have been used as tonic and antiperiodic. MM. Petroz and Robinet found in the fruit a sweet and bitter principle. The latter was afterwards obtained pure by M. Meillet, who gave it the name of *lilacin*, and by Bernays, who called it *syringin*. It has been investigated by Kromayer (*Arch. d. Pharm.*, (2) 113, p. 19), who established its glucosidal character, gave it the formula $C_{19}H_{28}O_{10} + H_2O$, and showed its identity with the *ligustrin* of Polex. It forms long white stellate needles, which are tasteless, easily soluble in hot water and alcohol, insoluble in ether. The crystals become anhydrous at 115° C., and fuse at 212° C. On heating with dilute acids it breaks up into *syringenin*, $C_{13}H_{18}O_5$, and a fermentable glucose. The *syringenin* is a light rose-red amorphous mass, soluble in alcohol, insoluble in water and ether.

SYRUPUS FERRI BROMIDI. *U. S.* 1880. *Syrup of Bromide of Iron.* "A syrupy liquid containing 10 per cent. of Ferrous Bromide [$FeBr_2$; 215·5.—FeBr; 107·75]. Iron, in the form of fine wire, and cut into small pieces, *thirty parts* [or one and a half ounces av.]; Bromine, *seventy-five parts* [or nine fluidrachms]; Sugar, in coarse powder, *six hundred parts* [or twenty-eight ounces av.]; Distilled Water, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one thousand parts* [or about two pints]. Introduce the Iron into a flask of thin glass of suitable capacity, add to it *two hundred parts* [or nine fluidounces] of Distilled Water and afterwards the Bromine. Shake the mixture occasionally, until the reaction ceases and the solution has acquired a green color and has lost the odor of Bromine. Place the Sugar in a porcelain capsule and filter the solution of bromide of iron into the Sugar. Rinse the flask and Iron wire with *ninety parts* [or four fluidounces] of Distilled Water, and pass the washings through the filter into the Sugar. Stir the mixture with a porcelain or wooden spatula, heat it to the boiling point on a sand-bath, and, having strained the Syrup through linen into a tared bottle, add enough Distilled Water to make the product weigh *one thousand parts* [or measure two pints]. Lastly, shake the bottle and transfer its contents to small vials, which should be completely filled, securely corked, and kept in a place accessible to daylight." *U. S.* 1880. Although this syrup is not so sensitive to the oxidizing action of the air as syrup of iodide of iron, it is preferable to filter the solution into hot syrup instead of into sugar in an open capsule. It is "a transparent, pale-green liquid, odorless, having a sweet, strongly ferruginous taste, and a neutral reaction. With test-solution of ferricyanide of potassium it yields a blue precipitate. If a little disulphide of carbon be added to the syrup, then a few drops of chlorine water, and the whole agitated, the disulphide will separate with a yellow or brown color. It should not deposit a sediment on keeping, and should not tinge gelatinized starch yellow (abs. of free bromine). 5·39 Gm. of the Syrup should require for complete precipitation 50 C.c. of the volumetric solution of nitrate of silver (corresponding to 10 per cent. of ferrous bromide)." *U. S.* 1880. Ferrous bromide has been recommended as a sedative chalybeate tonic, and has been especially praised by Dr. Jacob Da Costa in *chorea*. In an extended trial of it by Dr. H. C. Wood, it failed entirely to be of service. It is not an eligible chalybeate. Dose, half to one fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·75 C.c.), containing from about four to eight grains of the bromide.

TACAMAHAC. *Tacamahaca.* The resinous substance commonly known by this name is supposed to be derived from the *Fagara octandra* of Linn. (*Elaphrium tomentosum*, Jacq., *Amyris tomentosa*, Spreng.), a tree of considerable size, growing in the island of Curaçoa and in Venezuela. The juice exudes spontaneously, and hardens on exposure. As brought into the market, it is in irregularly shaped pieces of various sizes, some not

larger than a mustard-seed, others as much as an inch or two inches in diameter. The color is usually light yellowish or reddish brown; but in the larger masses is more or less diversified. The pieces are in general translucent, though frequently covered with powder upon their surface, so as to render them apparently opaque. They are heavier than water, brittle, and pulverizable, yielding a pale-yellow powder. Their odor is resinous and agreeable, their taste bitter, balsamic, and somewhat acrid. Exposed to heat they melt and exhale a stronger odor. Tacamahac is partially soluble in alcohol, and completely so in ether and the fixed oils. It consists of resin with a little volatile oil.

Another variety is obtained from the East Indies, and called *tacamahaca orientale*, or *tacamahaca in testis*. It is supposed to be derived from the *Calophyllum inophyllum*, and comes into the market in gourd-shells covered with rush leaves. It is of a pale-yellow color inclining to green, slightly translucent, soft, and adhesive, of an agreeable odor, and an aromatic bitterish taste. It is at present very rare in commerce. The tree which yields this resin produces a drupe, about as large as a plum, from the seeds of which 50 per cent. of a greenish-yellow fixed oil is obtained by expression, used in India for lamps, and as a local application in the *itch*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1861, p. 23.) Guibourt describes several other varieties of tacamahac, which, however, are little known. Among them is a soft, adhesive, dark-green oleoresin (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., xxiv. 396), said to be procured from the *Calophyllum tacamahaca*, growing in the islands of Bourbon and Madagascar. (See, also, Pennetier, *Matières Premières*, p. 642.)

Tacamahac was formerly highly esteemed as an internal remedy, but is now employed medicinally only in the composition of ointments and plasters, and little even for this purpose. Its properties are analogous to those of the turpentines. It is sometimes used as incense.

TALCUM. $4MgO.5SiO_2.H_2O$. *Talc. French Chalk.* This mineral is known also as *steatite* or *soapstone*, yet, strictly speaking, the latter differs slightly, having aluminum in its composition. Talc is a very widely diffused substance, having been found in Austria, Shetland Isles, Sweden, Bohemia, New Jersey, and in various other countries. It is of a whitish or grayish-green color, having a waxy lustre, and occurs in masses, which cleave perfectly in one direction. Its sp. gr. is 2·6, and pure talc is insoluble in acids or other liquids. Ferrous oxide and small quantities of alumina and lime are frequently found associated with it. When powdered and purified from these contaminations by treatment with a hot dilute solution of hydrochloric acid, it forms an excellent filtering basis. The production of talc and soapstone in the United States is large. The entire product of the various grades of talc marketed during 1892 is estimated at about 70,000 tons, of which 51,000 tons were fibrous talc and 19,000 tons were soapstone.

TANGHINIA. *Ordeal Bean of Madagascar. Tanghinia venenifera* has been investigated by C. E. Quinquaud, who finds the drug both a respiratory and a cardiac poison. (*Compt.-Rend.*, cl. 534. See, also, *Therap. Gaz.*, vol. ii. 610.) The active principle, *tanghinin*, occurs in colorless lustrous scales, efflorescing in the air, having a bitter and sharp taste, soluble in alcohol, ether, and acetic acid.

TAPIOCA. Under this name the U. S. P. formerly recognized the fecula obtained from the *Janipha manihot. Jatropha manihot.* Willd. *Manihot utilissima Pohl*, B. & T. 235, the *cassava* plant or *manioc* of the West Indies, the *mandioca* or *tapioca* of Brazil. It is a shrub belonging to the Euphorbiaceæ, about six or eight feet high, with a very large, white, fleshy, tuberous root, which often weighs thirty pounds. The stem is round, jointed, and furnished at its upper part with alternate petiolate leaves, deeply divided into three, five, or seven oval-lanceolate, very acute lobes, which are somewhat wavy upon their borders, deep green on their upper surface, glaucous and whitish beneath. The flowers are in axillary racemes.

Janipha manihot is a native of South America, and is cultivated extensively in the West Indies, Brazil, and other parts of tropical America, and in Liberia, for the sake of its root, which is much employed as an article of food. The plant is propagated by cuttings. It is of quick growth, and the root arrives at perfection in about eight months. There are two chief varieties, but it is said that in Brazil as many as thirty different forms of the plant are recognized by cultivators. The root of the *sweet* cassavas may be eaten with impunity; that of the *bitter*, which is the most extensively cultivated, abounds in an acrid milky juice, which renders it highly poisonous if eaten in the recent state. By MM. Henry and Boutron-Chalard it has been ascertained that the bitter cassava owes its poisonous properties to hydrocyanic acid. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxii. 119.) Both varieties contain a large proportion of starch. The root is prepared for use by washing, scraping, and grating or grinding it into a pulp, which, in the bitter variety, is submitted to pressure so as to separate the deleterious juice. It is dried, and in the state of meal or powder it is made into bread, cakes, or puddings. As the poisonous principle is volatile, the portion which may have remained in the meal is entirely dissipated by the heat employed in cooking. The preparation denominated tapioca among us is obtained from the expressed juice. This, upon standing, deposits a powder, which, after repeated washings with cold water, is nearly pure starch. It is dried by exposure to heat, which renders it partially soluble in cold water, and enables it to assume its characteristic consistence. When dried without heat, it is pulverulent, and closely resembles the fecula of arrowroot. In Demerara, as we are told by M. Pagot, the manioc juice, after having been deprived of all injurious properties by boiling, is used as a sauce. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1873.)

The preparation of tapioca in Malacca is thus described by an eye-witness, Mr. James Collins. The fresh root-stocks were thoroughly washed in tubs in a constant stream of water by scantily-clad Chinese, and then peeled like turnips; they were then sliced in one machine and pulped in another, the pulp being removed in cane baskets to large wooden frames, with calico bottoms; a powerful stream of water was allowed to fall upon the pulp, a sifting motion being communicated to the strainer; as the starch became washed out, it was received into inclined troughs, and, whilst in a state of suspension, run into settling-vats. There it was stirred and washed, and, while moist, it was removed to the drying-room. Two kinds of tapioca are prepared. The flour is made by heating slightly by fires placed underneath; it is constantly stirred, and turned over with iron shovels, to prevent agglutination, and insure equal drying. Granular tapioca is made as

follows: A long range of quallies, or small iron shallow pans, are slightly tilted forward on ledges of brickwork, and heated with a wood fire. Each operator has a quallie and fire to himself. Taking a quantity of damp starch, he stirs it round and round with an iron shovel, and the heat is sufficient to cause the tapioca to become agglutinated together in small masses, and coated with dextrin. The drying is done with great skill, and with an open fire. (*Chem. and Drug.*, 1884.) Tapioca is also made at present on the large scale in Malacca with steam apparatus.

Tapioca is in irregular, hard, white, rough grains, possessing little taste, partially soluble in cold water, and affording a fine blue color when iodine is added to its filtered solution. The partial solubility in cold water is owing to the rupture of the starch-granules by heat. Examined under the microscope, the granules appear partly broken, partly entire. The latter are muller-shaped, about the two-thousandth of an inch in diameter, more uniform in size than the granules of most other varieties of fecula, with a distinct hilum, which is surrounded by rings, and cracks in a stellate manner. *Tapioca meal*, called sometimes *Brazilian arrow-root*, and by the French *moussache*, is the fecula dried without heat. Its granules are identical with those already described. Being nutritious, and at the same time easy of digestion, and destitute of irritating properties, tapioca forms an excellent diet for the sick and convalescent. It is prepared for use by boiling it in water. Lemon-juice and sugar are usually grateful additions; and in *low states of disease* or cases of *debility*, it may be advantageously impregnated with wine and nutmeg or other aromatic.

A factitious tapioca is found in the shops, consisting of very small, smooth, spherical grains, and supposed to be prepared from potato starch. It is sold under the name of *pearl tapioca*.

TAXUS BACCATA. *Common European Yew Tree. If commun*, Fr. *Eibe*, G. The fruit of this handsome and well-known evergreen appears to be a deadly poison. In a fatal case the child was found semi-comatose, with convulsions, a cold and clammy skin, difficult respirations, dilated pupils, and attempts at vomiting. There seems to be reason for believing that the poison is in the seeds rather than the flesh of the berry. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.; also, Dr. James Thompson, *Lancet*, 1868, p. 530. For fatal cases in adults, see *Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1870, ii.; also, *Lancet*, 1870, p. 471; also, *P. J. Tr.*, viii. 361.) W. Marmé obtained from yew seeds and leaves an alkaloid to which the name of *taxine* has been given. It was a white, poisonous, crystalline powder, slightly soluble only in water, easily soluble in ether, alcohol, chloroform, benzol, and carbon disulphide, but not in petroleum benzin. It fused at 80° C. With concentrated sulphuric acid it gave a red color, but dissolved without color in nitric and phosphoric acids. (*A. J. P.*, 1876, p. 353.) Amato and Capparelli (*Gazz. Chim.*, x. p. 349) prepared from the leaves a volatile alkaloid, which was soluble in cold sulphuric acid with yellow color, becoming red on heating. They also isolated a nitrogenous crystalline and colorless principle, fusing at 86°–87° C., soluble in alcohol and insoluble in water, to which they gave the name *milossin*.

TAYUYA. The root of the *Dermophylla pendulina*, Manso, is used in Brazil under the name of *Tayuya* in *syphilis*, etc. (*N. R.*, 1877, 234); also under the same name the root of the *Trianospermia ficifolia* (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 667), and probably various other roots. In *T. ficifolia* two alkaloids, *trianospermine* and *trianospermitine*, and a bitter principle, *tayuyin*, have been found by Peckolt (*P. J. Tr.*, x. 667), and in *T. dermophylla* a green resin, bitter extractive, and tannic acid. (*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, lxxxiv.; xci. See, also, *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxiv.)

TEA. *Thé*, Fr. *Thee*, G. The plant which furnishes tea—*Thea Chinensis*—is an evergreen shrub belonging to the natural order Ternstrœmiaceæ. It is usually from four to eight feet high, though capable, in a favorable situation, of attaining the height of thirty feet. It has numerous alternate branches, furnished with elliptical-oblong or lanceolate, pointed leaves, which are serrate except at the base, smooth on both sides, green, shining, marked with one rib and many transverse veins, and supported alternately upon short footstalks. They are two or three inches long, and from half an inch to an inch in breadth. The flowers are either solitary, or supported, two or three together, at the axils of the leaves. They are of considerable size, not unlike those of the myrtle in appearance, consisting of a short green calyx with five or six lobes, of a corolla with from four to nine large unequal snow-white petals, of numerous stamens with yellow anthers and connected at their base, and of a pistil with a three-parted style. The fruit is a three-celled and three-seeded capsule. It has not been certainly determined whether more than one species of the tea-plant exist. Linnæus admitted two species—*T. bohea* and *T. viridis*—differing in the number of their petals; but this ground of distinction is untenable, as the petals are known to vary very much in the same plant. Hayne makes three species—*T. stricta*, *T. bohea*, and *T. viridis*—which are distinguished severally by the shape of their leaves and fruit, and the direction of the footstalk. De Candolle admits but one species, with two varieties—the *viridis* or green tea, with "lanceolate flat leaves, three times as long as they are broad," and the *bohea*, with "elliptical-oblong, subrugose leaves, twice as long as broad." Lindley recognizes the two Linnæan species, distinguishing them by the leaves, which in *T. viridis* are acuminate, and emarginate at the apex, and in *T. bohea* are smaller, flatter, darker green, with small serratures, and terminate gradually in a point, but are not at all acuminate or emarginate. (*Flora Medica*, 120.)

The tea-plant is a native of China and Japan, and is cultivated in both countries, but most abundantly in the former. In Japan it forms hedge-rows around the rice- and corn-fields; in China, whence immense quantities of tea are exported, whole fields are devoted to its culture. It is propagated from the seeds, which are planted in holes at certain distances, six or eight seeds being placed in each hole, in order to insure the growth of one. In three years the plant yields leaves for collection, and in six attains the height of a man. When from seven to ten years old, it is cut down, in order that the numerous shoots which issue from the stump may afford a larger product of leaves. These are picked separately by the hand. Three harvests, according to Kaempfer, are usually made during the year; the first at the end of February, the second at the beginning of April, and the third in June. As the youngest leaves are the best, the product of the first collection is most valuable, while that of the third, consisting of the oldest leaves, is comparatively little esteemed. Sometimes only one or two harvests are

made; but care is always taken to assort the leaves according to their age; and thus originate numerous commercial varieties of tea. The character of the plant, dependent upon the soil, situation, climate, and culture, has also a great influence upon the value of the leaves. It is said that the best tea is procured from the shrubs which grow upon the sides of steep hills with a southern exposure. Though the plant grows both about Pekin in the north and Canton in the south of China, it is said to attain greater perfection in the intermediate country, in the neighborhood of Nankin, for instance, where the climate is neither so cold as in the first-mentioned vicinity, nor so hot as in the second. Some of the commercial varieties have their origin in this cause; and it is highly probable, though the fact has not been certainly proved, that difference in species may be another source of diversity. After having been gathered, the leaves are dried by artificial heat in shallow iron pans, from which they are removed while still hot, and rolled with the fingers, or in the palm of the hand, so as to be brought into the form in which they are found in commerce. For further particulars as to the cultivation of tea, see *P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 386. The odor of the tea-leaves themselves is very slight; and it is customary to mix with them the flowers of certain aromatic plants, as those of the orange, different species of jasmine, the rose, *Olea fragrans*, and *Camellia sasanqua*, in order to render them pleasant to the smell. The flowers are afterwards separated by sifting or otherwise. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xv. 112.) The cultivation of tea has been successfully introduced into Brazil, and into the British possessions in India. Samples of Himalaya tea, chemically examined by T. Zoeller, were found to be equal to the best Chinese product, containing at least 5 per cent. of theine and 5·38 per cent. of nitrogen. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 162.) In 1886, England imported 145,000,000 lbs. of tea from China, and 81,000,000 lbs. from India. Attempts have been made, under the auspices of the Government, to introduce the tea-culture into the United States.

Bush Tea and *Honig Thee*, used at Cape Colony, South Africa, as a substitute for tea, are the dried leaves and tops of species of *Cyclopia*, probably *C. brachypoda* and *C. genistoides* respectively. According to the analysis of Mr. Henry G. Greenish, they do not contain theine, but a glucosidal body, *cyclopin*, $C_{25}H_{28}O_{13}$. (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 549.)

The importations of tea into the United States for the year ending June 30, 1892, amounted to 90,079,039 lbs., valued at $14,373,222. Numerous varieties exist in commerce, differing in the shape communicated by rolling, in color, in flavor, or in strength; but they may all be arranged in the two divisions of *green* and *black teas*, which, at least in their extremes, differ so much in properties that it is difficult to conceive that they are derived from the same species.

Under the name of *tea oil* has appeared in the London markets a Chinese fixed oil said to be derived from *Camellia oleifera*, a detailed description of which, with tests, may be found in the *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. 634. A similar oil is prepared in Japan from the seeds of *Camellia japonica*. (*Ibid.*, 637, 764.)

Properties. *Green tea* is characterized by a dark-green color, sometimes inclining more or less to blue or brown. It has a peculiar, refreshing, somewhat aromatic odor, and an astringent, slightly pungent, and agreeably bitterish taste. Its infusion has a pale greenish-yellow color, with the odor and taste of the leaves. According to Mr. Warington, who examined numerous varieties of tea carefully both by the microscope and chemical tests, many of the green teas imported into Great Britain owe their color to a powdery coating, consisting of calcium sulphate and Prussian blue; others to a mixture of these with a yellowish vegetable substance; and others, again, to calcium sulphate alone. (*P. J. Tr.*, iv. 37.) *Black tea* is distinguished by a dark-brown color. It is usually less firmly rolled and lighter than the green, and contains the petioles of the plant mingled with the leaves. Its odor is fainter, and of a somewhat different character, though still fragrant. Its taste, like that of green tea, is astringent and bitterish, but is less pungent, and to many persons less agreeable. To hot water it imparts a brown color, with its sensible properties of taste and smell. These vary exceedingly in degree in the different varieties; and some black teas are almost wholly destitute of aromatic or agreeable flavor. According to Blyth, green tea is prepared from young leaves which are roasted over a wood fire within an hour or two after being gathered; while the black tea leaves, on the other hand, are allowed to lie in heaps for ten or twelve hours after they have been plucked, during which time they undergo a sort of fermentation; the leaves then pass through certain processes, and are slowly dried over charcoal fires. (Wynter Blyth, *Foods, Composition and Analysis*, 1882.) A sophisticated tea is largely exported from China, consisting of powdered tea mixed with sand and other earth, and agglutinated with gum; that which is to pass for black being colored with plumbago, and the green with the coating above referred to. On analysis, these teas were found to afford from 35 to 45 per cent. of ashes, while the genuine yields only 5 per cent. A very full account of the adulteration of tea and the methods for the detection of the same may be found in Allen, *Com. Org. Anal.*, 2d ed.

	Unprepared leaves.	Green tea.	Black tea.
Caffeine or Theine	3·30	3·20	3.30
Ether Extract	6·49	5·52	5·82
Hot-water Extract	50·97	53·74	47·23
Tannin or Gallotannic Acid	12·91	10·64	4·89
Other Nitrogen Free Extract	27·86	31·43	35·39
Crude Protein	37·33	37·43	38·90
Crude Fibre	10·44	10·06	10·07
Ash	4·97	4·92	4·93
Albuminoid Nitrogen	4·11	3·94	4·11
Caffeine Nitrogen	0·96	0·93	0·96
Amido-nitrogen	0·91	1·13	1·16
Total Nitrogen	5·97	5·99	6·22

The foregoing analyses by Y. Kozai (Bulletin No. 7, Imperial College of Agriculture, Japan) have a special value, owing to the author's knowledge of tea manufacture. Special precautions were taken in sampling the leaves, to insure strictly parallel specimens being taken. The figures refer to the moisture-free leaves in each case.

Dr. Rochleder found also a peculiar acid, which he calls *boheic acid*, $C_7H_{10}O_6$. According to Stenhouse, the tannin of tea, though always accompanied with a little gallic acid, differs essentially from that of galls; not being like it a glucoside, but yielding, under the influence of sulphuric acid, a dark-brown substance, almost insoluble in water. (See *A. J. P.*, 1862, p. 254.) For article on the methods of analysis of tea and a series of analyses of different varieties, see *A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 626. The volatile oil is citron-yellow, lighter than water, has a strong odor of the tea plant, solidifies easily by cold, and resinifies on exposure to air. It is probably one of the principles upon which depend the effects of tea upon the nervous system. Hence old teas are less energetic than the recently imported; and it is said that the fresh leaves have often produced dangerous effects in China. Nevertheless, the tannic acid is not without influence upon the system; and it is not improbable that the extractive contributes to the peculiar influence of this valuable product. Of these active ingredients, the volatile oil, tannic acid, and extractive are found most largely, according to the analysis of Mulder, in the green tea. *Theine*, $C_8H_{10}N_4O_2$, is a crystallizable principle discovered by Oudry. It was afterwards proved by Jobst to have the same composition as caffeine. (See *Coffee*, *Ilex*, *Paullinia*, and *Sterculia acuminata*.) According to Mulder, it exists in tea combined with tannic acid. Peligot obtained it by adding to a hot infusion of tea, first lead subacetate, and then ammonia, filtering the liquid, passing hydrogen sulphide through it, again filtering, and evaporating with a moderate heat. On cooling, the liquid deposited theine abundantly, and yielded an additional quantity by a careful evaporation. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 3e sér., iv. 224.) It may be cheaply prepared by putting some old spoiled tea in an iron pot covered with filtering paper, enclosing the whole in a cylindrical paper cap, and cautiously applying heat. Theine rises in vapor, and condenses on the paper. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, No. 178, p. 119.) Theine has a feebly bitter taste; is, in the state of crystals, dissolved by 80 parts of water, 35 of alcohol, and slightly soluble in ether; melts at about 350° F., and at 185° C. (365° F.) sublimes in white vapors, which condense in minute needles. From its aqueous solution the following reagents precipitate it: phospho-molybdic acid, yellow precipitate; iodine with potassium iodide, dirty-brown precipitate; platinum chloride, yellow hair-like crystals insoluble in cold hydrochloric acid, slowly separating; auric and mercuric chlorides and silver nitrate also give precipitates. Infusion of galls causes a deposit of theine tannate, which is again, however, dissolved by heating the water.

Tea is astringent and gently excitant, and exerts a decided influence over the nervous system, evinced by the feelings of comfort and even exhilaration which it produces, and the unnatural wakefulness to which it gives rise when taken in unusual quantities or by those unaccustomed to its use. Its properties, however, are not of so decided a character as to render it capable of very extensive application as a medicine; and its almost exclusive use is as a grateful beverage at the evening and morning meals. Taken moderately, and by healthy individuals, it may be considered as perfectly harmless; but long continued in excessive quantity it is capable of inducing unpleasant nervous and dyspeptic symptoms, the necessary consequences of over-excitement of the brain and stomach. Green tea is decidedly more injurious in these respects than black, and should be avoided by dyspeptic individuals, and by those whose nervous systems are peculiarly excitable. As a medicine, tea may sometimes be given advantageously in *diarrhœa;* and a strong infusion will often be found to relieve *nervous headache.* The mode of preparing it for use is too well known to require description. An extract is made from it in China, which is said to be useful in fevers. (See *Extractum Camelliæ Fluidum*, National Formulary.)

TELLURIUM. (Te. Atomic weight, 125.) Several of the combinations of this metal have been tried on the living organism by M. Hansen. Five grains of the *potassium tellurite*, given to dogs, produced stupefaction and vomiting, and the garlic-like odor of tellurium in the breath. The same salt, tried upon himself for seven successive days, in a dose daily of half a grain, afterwards increased to a grain, caused drowsiness at first, followed, after the seventh day, by a sense of oppression in the cardiac region, nausea, an increased flow of saliva, and loss of appetite. The breath had a garlic-like odor throughout the experiment. (*Chem. Gaz.*, 1854, p. 90.) Potassium tellurate has been very highly recommended for the prevention of *sweating;* given in doses of one-sixth to one-half a grain (0·01 to 0·03 Gm.), in pill form. One-grain doses were found to disturb the stomach. (*Lancet*, March, 1892.) Prof. Simpson, of Edinburgh, relates the case of a student who inadvertently took a dose of tellurium, and exhaled so persistent an odor that he had to sit apart from his fellow-students. (See *Am. Journ. of Med. Sci.*, 1855, p. 496.) This disagreeable effect of tellurium precludes its employment in medicine.

TEPHROSIA VIRGINIANA. *Turkey Pea. Goat's Rue. Hoary Pea. Devil's Shoestring. Tephrosie*, Fr., G. Several species of Tephrosia are employed in different parts of the world, though unknown in general commerce. They are leguminous plants, shrubby or herbaceous, with leaves unequally pinnate, and flowers in axillary or terminal racemes. They are generally possessed of cathartic properties; their leaves or roots being employed. *Tephrosia virginiana* grows in most parts of the United States. It is a foot or two high, with pubescent stems and leaves and handsome terminal flowers. (See Griffith's *Med. Bot.*, p. 237.) The roots, which are slender, long, and matted, are tonic and aperient, and are said to have been used by the Indians as a vermifuge, given in the form of decoction. Dr. B. O. Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., has used the plant with advantage as a mild stimulating tonic and laxative, having a tendency to increase most of the secretions, and has found it specially useful in *typhoid fever.* He prepares it by boiling eight ounces of the plant with two ounces of *Rumex acutus* in four quarts of water to a quart, and straining; adding, when the preparation is to be kept, an equal bulk of diluted alcohol or brandy, and half its weight of sugar, and macerating for several days. The dose is one or two tablespoonfuls. (*A. J. P.*, xxviii. 218.)

TERPINOL. This is not a simple body, but a mixture of terpenes with variable proportions of an alcohol *terpineol*, $C_{10}H_{17}OH$. It forms a colorless

oily substance with a hyacinthine odor produced by boiling terpin with diluted mineral acids. It is insoluble in water, but readily soluble in alcohol and ether, and may be given in pills or capsules in doses of from three to five grains four times a day. It is affirmed not to affect the nervous system or the kidneys, but to be a useful expectorant. Dr. Lazarus, of Berlin, administers it in *chronic catarrh* when the bronchial mucous membrane is much irritated, with scanty secretion.

TESTA PRÆPARATA. *Prepared Oyster-shell. Magistère de Coquilles (d'écailles) d'Huîtres*, Fr. *Präparirte Austerschalen*, G. "Take of Oyster-shell *a convenient quantity*. Free the Oyster-shell from extraneous matter, wash it with boiling water, and, having reduced it to a fine powder, treat this in the manner directed for Prepared Chalk." *U. S.* Prepared oyster-shell differs from prepared chalk in containing animal matter, which, being very intimately blended with calcium carbonate, is supposed by some physicians to render the preparation more acceptable to a delicate stomach. It is given as an antacid in *diarrhœa*, in the dose of from ten to forty grains (0·648 to 2·59 Gm.) or more, frequently repeated. A preparation has been introduced into use in this country, under the name of *Castillon's powders*, consisting of sago, salep, and tragacanth, each, in powder, *a drachm*, prepared oyster-shell *a scruple*, and sufficient cochineal to give color to the mixture. A drachm of this is boiled in a pint of milk, and the decoction used *ad libitum* as a diet in *chronic bowel affections*.

TETRAHYDRO-β-NAPHTHYLAMINE. $C_{10}H_7.H_4.NH_2$. The tetrahydro addition compound is formed when metallic sodium is caused to act upon the naphthylamine in boiling amyl alcohol solution. The alicyclic compound so obtained boils at 249° C. This substance (*Berichte*, xxi.) has been brought forward by Prof. Filehne, of Breslau, as a local mydriatic of extraordinary power. It is claimed that in from one to five per cent. solution it dilates the pupil more widely than does atropine.

TEUCRIUM CHAMÆDRYS. *Germander. Chamædrys. Petit Chêne*, Fr. A small European labiate, which has been employed as a mild corroborant, in *uterine*, *rheumatic*, *gouty*, and *scrofulous affections*, and *intermittent fevers*. Germander was an ingredient in the *Portland powder*, noted as a remedy in gout. This powder, according to the original prescription, consisted of equal parts of the roots of *Aristolochia rotunda* and *Gentiana lutea*, of the tops and leaves of *Teucrium chamædrys* and *Erythræa centaurium*, and of the leaves of *Ajuga chamæpitys*, or *ground pine*. The dose was a drachm every morning before breakfast, for three months, then two scruples for three months, afterwards half a drachm for six months, and finally half a drachm every other day for a year. (*Parr.*) Two other species of Teucrium have been used in medicine,—*T. marum*, *cat thyme*, or *Syrian herb mastich*, indigenous in the south of Europe, and *T. scordium*, or *water germander*, growing in the higher latitudes of the same continent. The former is a warm, stimulating, aromatic bitter, and has been recommended in *hysteria*, *amenorrhœa*, and *nervous debility;* the latter has the odor of garlic, and a bitter, somewhat pungent taste, and was formerly highly esteemed as a corroborant in *low forms of disease;* but neither of them is now much employed. *T. marum*, however, has been revived by Dr. Lucanus, in *pertussis* and other cases of *spasmodic cough*, in the forms of syrup and confection. (*Revue Pharmaceut.*, 1858, p. 32.) This species also acts as an errhine, and was formerly an ingredient of the *Pulvis Asari Compositus*. The dose of either of the three species is about half a drachm (1·94 Gm.). A plant said to have been used advantageously in *cholera* in the Levant, a specimen of which was sent to Paris, proved to be *Teucrium polium*. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xv. 352.)

THALICTRUM MACROCARPUM. In the root of this plant Hanriot and Doassans have found a neutral principle, besides the alkaloid *thalictrine*. (*A. J. P.*, July, 1881.)

THALLIN. *Tetrahydroparaquinanisol* or *Tetrahydroparamethyloxyquinoline*. $C_9H_6H_4N(OCH_3)$. The term anisol is applied to the methyl ether of phenol, and it is therefore methyloxybenzene. It will be remembered that Skraup's synthesis of quinoline, C_9H_7N (see page 1592), was effected by heating aniline or amidobenzene with nitrobenzene, glycerin, and sulphuric acid. By taking instead paramidoanisol, paranitroanisol, glycerin, and sulphuric acid, Skraup obtained paraquinanisol, $C_9H_6N(OCH_3)$. This is then treated with tin and hydrochloric acid, when it takes up 4 atoms of hydrogen and becomes $C_9H_6H_4N(OCH_3)$. The name thallin was given to this base because of the deep-green color produced by ferric chloride and other oxidizing agents. The base thallin is obtained in well-formed rhombic crystals, which fuse at 40° C., and recrystallize on cooling. It shows a neutral reaction and has a characteristic aromatic odor resembling that of coumarin. It is soluble in water, alcohol, and ether.

Thallin Sulphate is a white crystalline powder, which loses its 2 mols. of water of crystallization at 100° C., and melts at 110° C. It is soluble in five times its weight of cold water and freely soluble in boiling water, soluble in 100 parts of alcohol. Both solutions turn brownish on exposure to air and light. The odor of the sulphate recalls that of anisol. *Thallin Tartrate* is a white crystalline powder, fusing at 155° C., and possessing a coumarin-like odor. It is soluble in 10 parts of water and hardly soluble in alcohol. Its aqueous solution has an acid reaction.

Medical Properties. Thallin tartrate and sulphate are medically equivalent. They are powerful antipyretics, acting also, when in sufficient dose, as depressants both upon the vaso-motor system and upon the heart; and, according to A. Robin, checking tissue waste in the body, and having a very marked tendency to attack the red blood-corpuscles. These salts have been used in practical medicine, in doses of from four to eight grains (0·259 to 0·518 Gm.), but are so prone to produce disagreeable symptoms, such as marked cyanosis, vomiting, diarrhœa, albuminuria, etc., that their employment has been abandoned. According to Kreis, in four to four and a half per cent. solution they are active germicides, and the frequent use of urethral injections of the one to two per cent. solution has been found very useful in *chronic gonorrhœa*. Moncorvo states that thallin is an active hæmostatic.

THALLIUM. (Tl. Atomic weight, 203·7.) This is one of the metals discovered by means of spectrum analysis, and has been found to prevail widely in nature, and to yield itself readily to chemical agencies. The credit of its discovery by Crookes in 1861 has been disputed by Lamy. M. Lamy, having experienced while making chemical investigations in reference to thallium, extreme general lassitude, with pains in the lower extremities, ex-

perimented upon the lower animals and found the sulphate to be a violent but very slowly acting poison. He readily recognized the thallium in the tissues of animals which perished with it, the spectroscope revealing a sharply defined green line. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1863, p. 285.) The effects of thallium on the system have more recently been carefully investigated by Dr. Wm. Marmé, by experiments on different animals, with the following results. Small doses of the different preparations are tolerated for a short time, but the effects are cumulative; after the continued use of the poison the appetite is impaired, intestinal pain is felt, and vomiting occurs, with diarrhœa, hemorrhage, salivation, and emaciation. General debility, embarrassed respiration, weakness of the circulation, disordered muscular action, as tremors and want of co-ordination, are added to the other symptoms; and, when the poisoning becomes general, conjunctivitis, with free secretion of mucus, is a frequent symptom. After death, small effusions of blood and infiltration of the lungs are observed, as are also intense congestion of the bowels, copious pericardial effusion, and ecchymoses on the heart's surface. The poison is eliminated in all the secretions. (See, also, *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., x. 263.) It seems to disorganize the blood. There is no known antidote. (*B. and F. Medico-Chir. Rev.*, 1868, p. 254.) According to M. Rabuteau, after death from thallium the muscles are found to have lost their irritability. (*Ed. Med. Journ.*, 1874, p. 272.)

THAPSIA GARGANICA. *Thapsie, Faux fenouil*, Fr. *Thapsie*, G. An umbelliferous plant, growing in Southeastern Europe, and well known to the ancients, who named it from the isle of *Thapsos*, where it was obtained. Theophrastus speaks of its root as emetic and purgative. After long neglect this plant has obtained a foothold in the French Codex, which recognizes a *Resina thapsiæ* prepared by exhausting the bark of the root with alcohol and evaporating to a soft extract. From this extract the Codex further directs that an *Emplastrum thapsiæ* shall be so prepared as to contain seven per cent. of the resin combined with yellow wax, turpentine, and colophony. The bark of the root and the resin are both objects of commerce. The bark is described by M. Stanislaus Martin as almost always doubly quilled, unless where altogether in small fragments, exteriorly rugose with the epidermis here and there detached in patches larger or smaller, and of a deep-brown color, interiorly smooth and whitish, and of a fibrous fracture. The sizes of the pieces vary, the largest not exceeding 24 inches in length and an inch in circumference. At the point where the root is attached to the stem there is often adherent a ligneous fibre about an inch long; and over the whole surface there are found but few radicles. It is said that great care is necessary, in removing the root from the bales, not to be injured by the powder which escapes, and which causes itching and swellings of the face and hands. By submitting thapsia to the successive action of alcohol and ether M. Pressoir obtained two resins. Sulphuric acid colored that soluble in alcohol scarlet, that soluble in ether blue. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xi. 328.) Canzoneri finds that the ethereal extract is an amber-colored syrupy resin possessing vesicating properties. From it he has obtained two acids, *octoic* or *caprylic* acid, and *thapsic* acid, besides a neutral non-nitrogenous vesicating substance. (See *A. J. P.*, vol. xiv. 325.) M. Cazenave objects to the plaster prepared from the resin, and kept in masses, as it deteriorates by time. He proposes the following method of preparing a plaster extemporaneously when wanted. Dissolve the resin in alcohol, and with the aid of a brush spread it on a suitable recipient, which may be ordinary plaster, waxed taffetas, or simply gummed paper. A single layer is sufficient for the purpose of an active revulsion; but the effect may be increased at pleasure, by increasing the number of layers. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 1868, p. 29.) The French thapsia plaster is an exceedingly active counter-irritant, producing much inflammation of the skin with an eczematous eruption and intolerable itching, and, if the application be maintained, finally an ulcerated and suppurated surface, which on healing leaves behind it pronounced scars. The therapeutic action of the plaster is that of a severe counter-irritant.

The root of the *Thapsia silphium*, an Algerian plant, which most botanists believe to be a simple variety of the *T. garganica*, also contains a resin which, according to Herlaut, is more active than that of the official plant. (*Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 250.) Messrs. Heckel and Schlagdenhauffen (*Nouv. Remèdes*, June and July, 1887) have studied the root of the *Thapsia villosa*, and find that it contains a vesicant resin, but which acts more slowly and gently than does that of *T. garganica*.

THEVETIA. *Yccotli.* Inhabiting the damp, hot valleys of the Mexican Cordilleras is a large tree belonging to the Apocynaceæ, whose fruits are known by the natives as *huesos ó codos de fraile*, or *friar's elbow bones*, and are used as a topical application in hemorrhoids. The tree is the *Thevetia yccotli.* (De C., *Prodromus*, viii. 343.) In the seeds Prof. Alfonso Herrera has found a glucoside, to which he gives the name of *thevetin.* (*A. J. P.*, 1877, p. 145.) Closely allied to *T. yccotli* is the *T. neriifolia*, Juss. (De C., *Prodromus*, viii. 343), a tree which probably grows also in Mexico, but has been found by botanists chiefly, if not solely, in the East India Islands, Colombia, Peru, and other parts of South America. De Vrij very many years ago discovered in the seeds of *T. neriifolia* a glucoside which was closely studied by Blas. (*Neues Jahrb. f. Pharmacie*, Bd. xxxiv., 1854, p. 1.) He gave it the name of *thevetin*, and the formula $C_{54}H_{84}O_{24}$, and believed it to be identical with *cerberin*, previously found by Oudemann in *Cerbera odallam*, Ham., also an apocynaceous plant. Plugge (*Archiv der Pharmacie*, 1893, p. 10) has made a very thorough study of the cerberin from *Cerbera odallam*, Gaertner, and finds that it is not identical with either tanghinin or thevetin. With the former it is isomeric, showing the same percentage composition, but has different crystalline form and melting points (cerberin 192° C., tanghinin 182° C.). From thevetin it differs not only in composition, but in the nature of the decomposition products. Cerberin, $C_{27}H_{40}O_8$, is decomposed into *cerberetin*, $C_{19}H_{36}O_4$, a citron-yellow amorphous powder melting at 85·5° C., and glucose, while thevetin, $C_{54}H_{84}O_{24}$, is split into *theveresin*, $C_{48}H_{70}O_{17}$, a white powder, and glucose.

Merck (*Jahresbericht für* 1892, p. 57) has described a glucoside cerberin to which he gives the formula $C_{35}H_{38}O_{12}$. He states it was obtained from a Mexican plant, probably *Thevetia yccotli.* Whether this glucoside be identical with the thevetin of Blas cannot be definitely stated. Blas found that the

thevetin of De Vrij boiled in dilute sulphuric acid splits into glucose and *theveresin*, which has the formula $C_{48}H_{70}O_{17}$. Thevetin occurs in minute crystals, odorless, of a bitter taste, slightly soluble in cold water (12 parts), freely so in boiling water, dilute and strong alcohol, acetic acid, insoluble in ether. Its most characteristic reaction appears to be its dissolving in concentrated sulphuric acid, with the production of a reddish-brown color, changing to a cherry-red, and after some hours to a violet color. In commerce it occurs as a yellowish white, amorphous bitter powder, easily soluble in water and alcohol. Theveresin is only slightly soluble in boiling water. These substances are active poisons. A number of cases of poisoning by the seeds of the East Indian thevetia have occurred; the symptoms have been repeated vomiting, a slow, very feeble pulse, delirium, convulsive movements, and coma. The physiological action of the thevetin from *T. neriifolia* has been investigated chiefly by Dr. König. (*Archiv Exper. Path. und Pharm.*, Bd. v. p. 228.)

The glucoside of *T. yccotli* has been studied by Dr. David Cerna. (*Phila. Med. Times*, ix. 396.) He finds that with sulphuric acid it affords a clear greenish-yellow solution, gradually passing to brown and brownish violet, and finally becoming a permanent cherry-brown color, which changes on the addition of potassium bicarbonate to an emerald-green. Dr. Cerna determined that it is in moderate doses stimulant both to the circulation and respiration, but finally paralyzes the heart-muscle and some portion of the respiratory apparatus; that it causes cerebral convulsions and spinal paralysis, abolishing sensation and reflex activity before voluntary movement by an influence upon the sensory nerves or spinal tract. Zotos N. Zotos (*Inaug. Diss.*, Dorpat, 1892) has also found that *cerberin* belongs physiologically to the digitalin group.

THIALDINE. $C_6H_{13}NS_2$. This substance forms crystals melting at 43° C., which are but slightly soluble in water, more easily in alcohol. It has been investigated by Prof. Lusini, who found it a general paralyzing agent, acting powerfully upon the heart, which it arrests in diastole; whilst *carbothialdine* acts as a tetanizing agent and does not affect the heart. (See *Nouv. Rem.*, Nov. 1890.)

THILANIN. This substance is said to be made by the action of sulphur upon lanolin, and contains about 3 per cent. of the active ingredient. It is of the consistence of lanolin, of a brownish color and peculiar odor. It is said not to be irritating, and has been used without dilution with asserted excellent results, in *chronic eczema* and other *skin eruptions* in which sulphur has been employed.

THIOL. This is a thin, dark-brown, neutral liquid, with an odor somewhat like that of Russia leather, so called; having a specific gravity of from 1·089 to 1·082; forming clear solutions with water, which froth when shaken and are not precipitated by strong alcohol; it is also freely soluble in glycerin. On evaporation, liquid thiol yields about forty per cent. of *thiolum siccum*. It is prepared from paraffin oils of 0·89 to 0·90 sp. gr., which are treated with sulphur at high temperatures. The unsaturated hydrocarbons (olefins, etc.) are alone attacked, and these are then extracted by suitable solvents from the saturated hydrocarbons. They are then acted upon by concentrated sulphuric acid at low temperatures, and the thiol separated out by the addition of ice. It may then be evaporated in vacuo to either *thiolum liquidum* or *thiolum siccum*. It is claimed that thiol possesses the remedial properties of ichthyol, and is superior in being odorless. It has been used in *eczema*, *syphilitic* and other *superficial ulcerations*, *acute infiltration of joints*, *sprains*, *contusions*, *erysipelas*, etc., precisely as has ichthyol. The liquid is used in the form of a solution or ointment; the dried thiol is sometimes employed as a powder. In *rheumatism*, thiol has been given internally in doses of from five to ten drops, or the dried preparation in doses of from one to two grains.

THIOLINIC ACID. This is described as a darkish-green extract-like mass, having the odor of mustard; it has been called *Sulphurated linseed oil;* it is insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol. Its alkaline combinations, especially with the sodium salts, have been recommended as substitutes for thiol and ichthyol.

THIOPHENE (C_4H_4S) was recognized by Victor Meyer in 1883 as being an invariable accompaniment of benzene as produced from coal tar, and because of the similarity of properties adhering very closely to it through all reactions. It can be separated by shaking up the benzene with one-tenth of its bulk of concentrated sulphuric acid until the addition of a little isatine no longer produces a blue color (indophenin reaction). Thiophene is a colorless, mobile oil, of faint odor, and boils at 84° C. Just as benzene is accompanied in coal tar by toluene, xylene, and higher homologues, so thiophene is accompanied by *thiotolene* (*methyl-thiophene*), $C_4H_3S.CH_3$, and *thioxene* (*dimethyl-thiophene* $C_4H_2S.(CH_3)_2$. Thiophene and its homologues yield a large number of brilliant dye-colors analogous to those derived from benzene. It was first physiologically tested by A. Heffter (*Archiv f. d. gesammte Physiol.*, 39, 420), who found that it appeared in the urine, and lessened the elimination of sulphuric acid in the urine. Dr. E. Spiegler (*Therap. Monat.*, Feb. 1892) has employed in *skin diseases*—1, the *sodium thiophene sulphonate*, $C_4H_3S—NaSO_3$; 2, the *thiophenediiodide*, $C_4H_2I_2S$. The first of these compounds is a white crystalline powder, containing thirty-three per cent. of sulphur, having a feeble, disagreeable odor. It was found in from 5 to 10 per cent. ointment to act very well in *prurigo* with *eczema*. Thiophenediiodide crystallizes in beautiful tables melting at 40·5° C., having a characteristic, not disagreeable smell; insoluble in water, but very freely soluble in ether, chloroform, and warm alcohol; soluble with difficulty in cold alcohol; containing 75·5 per cent. of iodine and 9·5 per cent. of sulphur. It was found to be very distinctly antiseptic, and was suggested as a substitute for iodoform.

THIOSINAMIN. *Allyl-sulpho-urea. Allyl-sulphocarbamide.* $CS\begin{cases}NH_2\\NH(C_3H_5)\end{cases}$. This occurs in colorless prisms, melting at 74° C., moderately soluble in water, alcohol, and ether, having a faint garlic odor and a bitter taste. It is prepared by warming mustard oil with ammonia containing traces of ammonium rhodanate. It was originally proposed for use in medicine by Dr. H. von Hebra (*Internat. Klin. Rundschau*, Sept. 1892), who affirms that when it is injected subcutaneously it produces in *lupus* and other local *tuberculous diseases* a reaction, attended with absorption of exudate, often with increased diuresis and clearing up of old *corneal opacities*. He claims that it acts like tuberculin. He uses the 15 per cent. alcoholic solution injected into the back in such quantity that the patient receives from four and one-half to seven grains (0·3 to 0·45

Gm.) of the thiosinamin, repeating the injection every third or fourth day. According to K. Lange, the remedy is toxic in over-dose.

THUJA. *U. S.* 1880. *Arbor Vitæ. Thuja occidentalis* is specifically characterized by the peculiarities of the leaves, the pointless cone-scales, and the broad wings extending all around the seeds. It attains a height of fifty feet and a diameter of three feet, but is usually much smaller, and grows in swampy grounds from Pennsylvania northward and westward, often forming extensive "cedar swamps." In Canada and the extreme northern parts of the United States it is commonly called *white cedar*, a name more correctly applied to the *Cupressus thujoides*. The wood is reddish, soft, fine-grained, and very durable. The leaves, or small twigs invested with the leaves, are the parts used. They have an agreeable balsamic odor, especially when rubbed, and a strong, balsamic, camphoraceous, bitter taste, and are flattish, two-edged, with the scale-like leaves appressed and closely imbricate in four rows, rhombic-ovate, obtusely pointed, with a roundish gland upon the back. They were analyzed by A. Kawalier, of Vienna, and found to contain volatile oil, a bitter principle called *pinipicrin*, $C_{22}H_{18}O_{11}$, found also in *Pinus sylvestris*, sugar, gelatinous matter, a variety of wax, resin, and tannic acid. (See *Chem. Gaz.*, Feb. 1, 1855, p. 45.) In a more recent analysis, Kawalier discovered in the leaves a peculiar crystallizable coloring principle, which he names *thujin*, and to which he gives the formula $C_{20}H_{22}O_{12}$. It is of a citron-yellow color and an astringent taste, soluble in alcohol, inflammable, and when its alcoholic solution is heated with dilute hydrochloric or sulphuric acid it splits up into glucose and *thujigenin*, $C_{20}H_{22}O_{12} + H_2O = C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_{14}H_{12}O_7$, and by continuing the reaction another molecule of water is taken up and *thujetin*, $C_{14}H_{14}O_8$, is formed. Thujetin is possibly identical with quercetin. When thujin is heated with barium hydrate, instead of thujetin is obtained another product, *thujetic acid*, $C_{28}H_{22}O_{13}$. The same chemist determined that the tannic acid of this plant is identical with *pinitannic acid*, which he had previously obtained from the leaves of *Pinus sylvestris*. (See, for details, *Chem. Gaz.*, Nos. 392, 393, 1859.) According to Hübschmann, the leaves and twigs of *Thuja occidentalis* yield also 1 per cent. of an essential oil of sharp, camphor-like taste, sp. gr. 0·925, boiling point 190°–206° C., and easily soluble in alcohol. Schweizer (*Journ. Prakt. Chem.*, 30, p. 376) considers it to be a mixture of two oxidized oils.

In the form of decoction, thuja has been used in *intermittent fever*, and according to Schoepf, in *coughs*, *fevers*, *scurvy*, and *rheumatism*, and as an emmenagogue. Made into an ointment with lard or other animal fat, the leaves are said to form a useful local application in rheumatic complaints. A yellowish-green volatile oil, which may be obtained from the leaves by distillation, has been used with success in worms. The dose of a saturated tincture or fluid extract is a fluidrachm (1·9 C.c.) three to six times a day.

THYMACETIN.

$C_6H_2.CH_3C_3H_7 \begin{cases} OC_2H_5 \\ NH(C_2H_3O) \end{cases}$. This is a white, crystalline powder, slightly soluble in water; having the same chemical relation to thymol that phenacetin has to phenol. It should show, therefore, the general characters of phenacetin with the antiseptic character of thymol. According to Jolly (*Cent. f. die Gesammte Therap.*, Feb. 1892), it is a very valuable analgesic, and has also hypnotic influences. Dose, 3 to 15 grains (0·19 to 0·9 Gm.), best given in capsules.

TILIACIN. This is a glucoside which has been found in the leaves of the linden tree and in the *Cirsium arvense*. (*A. J. P.*, 1890.)

TIMBO. This name is said to be applied in Brazil to various leguminous plants, used as fish poisons. Among these is the *Paullinia pinnata*, in which M. Stanislaus Martin (*Bull. Gén. Thérap.*, xcii.) has found an alkaloid, *timbonine;* F. Pfaff has obtained from a timbo of unknown origin two alkaloids, *timboin* and *anhydrotimboin*, also an oily compound, *timbol*. (*A. J. P.*, Nov. 1891.)

TIN. (Sn. At. wt. 118·8.) *Stannum. Etain*, Fr. *Zinn*, G. This was recognized in the old Ed. and Dub. Pharmacopœias, and in the U. S. of 1850; but is no longer official. It has, however, too long ranked among recognized remedies to be passed without notice. Tin is one of the metals which have been known from the earliest ages. It exists generally as an oxide (*tin stone* and *wood tin*), rarely as a sulphide (*tin pyrites*), and is by no means generally diffused. It is found in England, Spain, Germany, Bohemia, and Hungary, in Europe, and sparingly in some parts of the United States; in the island of Banca and the Peninsula of Malacca in Asia; in Chili; and at Durango in Mexico. Tin mines are particularly abundant and rich in the Tenasserim provinces of British India. (*Dr. Royle.*) The Cornwall mines are the most productive, but those of Asia furnish the purest tin. The metal is extracted from the native oxide. When this occurs in its purest state, in detached roundish grains, called *stream tin*, the reduction is effected by heating with charcoal. When the common oxide, called *mine tin*, is reduced, it requires to be freed, by pounding and washing, from the adhering gangue; after which it is roasted to drive off sulphur, arsenic, and antimony, and finally reduced in furnaces by means of stone coal. The metal, as thus obtained, is called *block tin*, and is not pure. The purest kind of tin known in commerce is called *grain tin*. The importations of block tin into the United States for the year 1892 amounted to 46,821,958 lbs., valued at $9,415,889, while the tin and terne plate amounted to 600,819,566 lbs., valued at $17,105,475.

Properties. Tin is a malleable, rather soft metal, of a silver-white color. It may be beaten out into thin leaves, called *tin foil*. It undergoes a superficial tarnish in the air. Its taste is slight, and when rubbed it exhales a peculiar smell. Its ductility and tenacity are small; when bent to and fro, it emits a crackling noise, which is characteristic. Its sp. gr. is 7·29, melting point 235° C. (455° F.), and it volatilizes at a white heat. It forms two oxides. The *stannous oxide*, SnO, or *protoxide*, is of a grayish-black color. When perfectly pure it has, according to Dr. Roth, a red color. *Stannic oxide*, SnO_2, or *dioxide*, forms two hydrates, both being acids,—*stannic acid*, SnO_2H_2O, and *metastannic acid*, Sn_5O_{10}·$5H_2O$, or $(H_2SnO_3)_5$.

The tin of commerce is often impure, being contaminated with other metals, introduced by fraud or present in consequence of the mode of extraction from the ore. A high specific gravity is an indication of impurity. When its color has a bluish or grayish cast, the presence of copper, lead, iron, or antimony may be suspected. Arsenic renders it whiter, but at the same time harder; and lead, copper, and iron cause it to become brittle. Pure tin

is converted by nitric acid into a white powder (*metastannic acid*), without being dissolved. Boiled with hydrochloric acid, it forms a solution which gives a white precipitate with potassium ferrocyanide. A blue precipitate with this test indicates iron, a brown one copper, and a violet-blue one both iron and copper. If lead be present, a precipitate will be produced by magnesium sulphate. The Malacca and Banca tin, and the English grain tin, are the purest kinds found in commerce. Banca tin, from analyses by Mulder, appears to be particularly pure, containing only one-twenty-fifth of 1 per cent. of foreign metals. Block tin and the metal obtained from Germany are always of inferior quality.

Uses. Tin enters into the composition of bronze, bell-metal, pewter, and plumber's solder. It is used also in making tin-plate, which is sheet-iron coated with tin, in making tin amalgam for silvering looking-glasses, and in forming the *solution of bichloride of tin* (stannous chloride), a combination essential for the dyer's use. It is employed in fabricating various vessels and instruments useful in domestic economy and the arts. Being unaffected by weak acids, it forms a good material for vessels intended for boiling operations in pharmacy. A *false tin foil* is considerably used at present, made by coating lead with tin, and then rolling it out into thin sheets. As tin foil is employed for enclosing medicinal powders and perishable articles of food and medicine, care should be taken not to use this substituted preparation.

STANNI PULVIS. *Powder of Tin.* For directions for making, see 16th ed. U. S. D. Powder of tin was used as a mechanical anthelmintic, but has very properly gone out of vogue. The dose is half an ounce, mixed with molasses, given for several successive mornings, and then followed by a brisk cathartic purge. In the *Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., xix. 78, is reported a death believed to have been caused by tin. Dr. Patengo (*Archiv f. Exper. Path. u. Pharm.*, xvii., 1886) confirms the old statement of Orfila that the metal is of no therapeutic value. Three-fourths of a grain of the chloride intravenously injected into the dog suffice to cause trembling, Cheyne-Stokes respiration, opisthotonos, and death. Stannous chloride, or chloride of tin, is a violent irritant and mild caustic. Chemically pure tin, given internally, is probably not absorbed. (See 16th ed. U. S. D.)

TONGA. Tonga is a composition of unknown barks compounded by the natives of the Feejee Islands for medicinal purposes. The plants from which this remedy is derived are believed to be *Premna taitensis* and *Raphidophora vitiensis*. (*A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 439.) It was introduced to the notice of the medical profession by Drs. Sydney Ringer and Wm. Murrell, of London, as a remedy for *neuralgia*. (*Lancet*, ii., 1880.) The natives are said to steep the bundle as prepared by them for twenty minutes in half a tumblerful of cold water, and then, squeezing it dry, drink the infusion, and preserve the bundle in a dry place for further use. A fluid extract (Parke, Davis & Co.) has been put upon the market, and evidence of its value brought forward. We have known a fluidrachm of this extract given every two hours for two days without obvious effect; the dose usually recommended is half a fluidrachm (1·84 C.c.).

TONKA BEAN. *Fève Tonka*, Fr. *Tonkabohnen*, G. The seed of *Dipterix odorata* of Willd., the *Coumarouna odorata* of Aublet, a large tree growing in Guiana. The fruit is an oblong-ovate pod, enclosing a single seed, from an inch to an inch and a half long, from two to four lines broad, usually somewhat compressed, with a dark-brown, wrinkled, shining, thin, and brittle skin, and a light-brown oily kernel. The bean has a strong, agreeable, aromatic odor, and a bitterish, aromatic taste. Its active constituent is a crystallizable, odorous substance, called *coumarin* or *cumarin*, $C_9H_6O_2$, by Guibourt. It is the anhydride of *coumaric acid*, $C_9H_8O_3$. It is capable of sublimation; but, to obtain it in crystals in this way, a low temperature is necessary. (Waddington, *P. J. Tr.*, 1868, p. 410.) This substance is sometimes found in a crystalline state, between the two lobes of the kernel. Coumarin appears to be a widely spread substance which has been found in many species of plants, notably in *Trifolium melilotus* and *Liatris odoratissima*, a plant sometimes used to protect woollens from moths. (*A. J. P.*, 1859, p. 556; see, also, *Chem. Gaz.*, 1852, *Druggists Circular*, Nov. 1887.) Dr Gössmann obtains coumarin in the following manner. The beans, cut finely, are heated for a long time with an equal bulk of alcohol of 0·863, nearly to boiling; and, the tincture being decanted, the residue is treated in the same manner. The tinctures are mixed, the alcohol distilled off until turbidness appears, when four times the bulk of water is added, which precipitates coumarin and fatty matter. The precipitate is then heated to boiling, and the liquid passed through a moistened filter. The fatty matter remains on the filter, and the hot solution which passes deposits the coumarin on cooling. More may be obtained by concentrating the liquid, and may be purified by animal charcoal. One pound of the beans yielded 108 grains of coumarin. (*Ibid.*, 1856, p. 211.) Coumarin has been prepared synthentically by heating salicylic aldehyde with sodium acetate and acetic anhydride, whereby acetocoumaric acid is formed, which decomposes further into acetic acid and coumarin. It has also been obtained by the action of phenol upon malic acid. The tonka bean is used to flavor snuff, being either mixed with it in the state of powder, or put entire into the snuff-box. Prof. Köhler has studied the physiological action of coumarin. (*Centralb. f. Med. Wissensch.*, 1875, pp. 869, 881.) He finds that it is a decided narcotic, and is at first stimulant, afterwards paralyzant to the heart. The fluid extract of the bean has been used with asserted advantage in *whooping-cough*, in doses equivalent to five to eight grains for children five years old. (*A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 27.)

TORMENTILLA. *Rhizoma Tormentillæ*, P. G. *Tormentille*, Fr. *Tormentillwurzel*, G. *Tormentilla*, It. *Tormentila*, Sp. Various species of the rosaceous genus Potentilla have been employed in medicine. (See *A. J. P.*, 1875, p. 109.) It is asserted (*Ibid.*) that our common *P. canadensis* is a valuable sudorific and diuretic.

Potentilla tormentilla. Stokes (1787). *Tormentilla erecta.* Linn. *T. officinalis.* Smith, *Flor. Brit.* The tormentil, or *septfoil*, is a small perennial plant of Europe, which was formerly in the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The stems, which rise about six or eight inches in height from a woody root, are slender, more or less erect, branching towards the top, and furnished with sessile leaves, which on the stalk usually consist of seven, on the branches of five, digitate, elliptical, villous, deeply serrated leaflets, three larger than the others. The

flowers are small, yellow, and solitary upon axillary peduncles. All parts of the plant are astringent, especially the root, which is the part employed. It is gathered in the spring. The root of tormentil is cylindrical or roundish, rather larger above than at the lower extremity, an inch or two in length, about as thick as the finger, knotty, sometimes contorted, brown or blackish externally, and reddish within. It has a slight aromatic odor, and a very astringent taste. Tannin is an abundant constituent. There is also a red coloring principle, soluble in alcohol, but insoluble in water. Besides these ingredients Meissner found resin, cerin, myricin, gummy extractive, gum, extractive, lignin, water, and a trace of volatile oil. Tormentil has since been chemically examined by Rembold, who obtained tormentilla red by boiling the tannin of the root (*tormentil-tannic acid*, $C_{26}H_{22}O_{11}$) with sulphuric acid. It has the same composition as rhatany red, and yields the same products of decomposition when fused with caustic potash. He also obtained *kinovic acid*, $C_{24}H_{38}O_4$, from the root by boiling it with milk of lime, adding hydrochloric acid to the decoction, boiling the precipitate with solution of baryta, decomposing again by hydrochloric acid, dissolving the precipitate in alcohol, decolorizing with animal charcoal, filtering, concentrating, and crystallizing. Small quantities of *ellagic* acid, $C_{14}H_6O_8$, were also noted by him. (*A. J. P.*, 1868, p. 311; from *Ann. der Chem. und Pharm.*, cxliv. 5.) The root is said to be used for tanning leather in the Orkneys and Western Islands of Scotland, and for staining leather red by the Laplanders. Tormentil is a simple and powerful astringent, applicable to all cases of disease in which this class of medicines is indicated. It may be given in substance, decoction, or extract. The dose of the powder is from thirty grains to a drachm (1·94 to 3·8 Gm.).

TRAGOPONIC ACID. This was found by Messrs. Rademaker and Fisher in the seeds of the *Tragopogon porrifolius*. (See *Nat. Drug.*, July 23, 1886.)

TRIBROMOPHENOL. $C_6H_2Br_3.OH$. Tribromophenol is prepared by shaking a solution of carbolic acid with bromine water. It occurs in the form of soft, white, colorless needles, melting at 95° C., and subliming undecomposed at a higher temperature. It is soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, and soluble with difficulty in glycerin, carbolic acid, water, and weak alcohol. In caustic alkaline solutions it is readily soluble, and from them it is separated unaltered by acids.

Tribromophenol has been strongly recommended by Dr. Grimm, for use in *antiseptic surgery*. He finds that a gauze containing a two per cent. solution of the compound, when saturated with blood serum or urine, will remain perfectly odorless for fourteen days; and that a half per cent. solution of it will kill the bacteria of putrescence in an hour.

TRICHLORPHENOL ($C_6H_2Cl_3OH$) was discovered by Laurent. It is the chief product of the action of chlorine on phenol. It crystallizes in needles, which melt at 68° C. (154·4° F.) and boil at 244° C. (471·2° F.). It is easily soluble in alcohol and ether. Dr. N. O. Yurinsky, of St. Petersburg, recommends the application of a glyceride of trichlorphenol (5 to 10 per cent.) to the affected parts in *erysipelas*, by painting it on with a brush, twice daily. (*Quart. Therap. Rev.*, July, 1883.)

TRIGONELLA FŒNUMGRÆCUM. *Fenugreek. Semen Fœnugræci*, P. G. A European annual plant cultivated in France and Germany for its seeds. These are oblong-cylindrical, somewhat compressed, obliquely truncated at each extremity, one or two lines in length, brownish yellow externally, yellow internally, and marked with an oblique furrow running half their length. They have a strong peculiar odor, and an oily, bitterish, farinaceous taste, and contain fixed and volatile oils, mucilage, bitter extractive, and a yellow coloring substance. E. Jahns (*Ber.*, xviii. 2518–2523) has obtained two alkaloids, *choline*, $C_5H_{15}NO_2$, the well-known base found in animal secretions, and *trigonelline*, $C_7H_7NO_2$. The yield of the former was 0·05 per cent., and of the latter 0·13 per cent. Trigonelline is isomeric and probably identical with pyridine-betaine. By heating trigonelline with concentrated caustic potash, a distillate is obtained which appears to contain pyridine. An ounce of the seeds, boiled in a pint of water, renders it thick and slimy. They yield the whole of their odor and taste to alcohol. On the continent of Europe they are employed in the preparation of emollient cataplasms, enemata, ointments, and plasters. They are never used internally.

TRILLIUM. *Beth-root. Birth-root. Wakerobin. Trillium*, Fr., G. The two indigenous species, *T. erectum* and *T. pendulum*, said to have been employed by the aborigines, and also used by the early settlers, still have some vogue under the name of *beth-root* as astringent and tonic expectorants; also in *hemorrhages* and to hasten *parturition*, and as local irritants in *skin diseases*. Dose of powdered root, a drachm (3·88 Gm.) three times a day. Mr. E. S. Wayne found in them a substance supposed to be saponin. They are said also to contain volatile oil and tannic acid. Mr. D. J. Prendergast believes that the *Trillium erectum* contains a glucoside similar to convallamarin. (*Amer. Drug.*, Nov. 1887.) For details, see U. S. D., 16th ed. Vivian I. Reid (*A. J. P.*, 1892, p. 67) found a small quantity of fixed oil, saponin to the extent of 4·86 per cent., and an acid crystalline principle which is colored purplish brown by sulphuric acid, and light green with sulphuric acid and potassium bichromate.

TRIMETHYLAMINE. *Propylamine. Secaline. Triméthylamine*, Fr. *Trimethylamin*, G. Wertheim in 1850 prepared from narcotine a substance having the formula C_3H_9N, and gave it the name *metacetamine*. In the same year Anderson prepared from codeine, and Hofmann from methyl, substances having the same formula, giving them respectively the names of propylamine and trimethylamine. Other chemists have obtained similarly constituted principles from cod-liver oil, ergot, herring-pickle, putrid calf's blood, codeine, etc., and have even found them in saline combination in the flowers of *Cratægus oxyacantha*, *Sorbus aucuparia*, and of one or more species of Chenopodium. Under the names of propylamine some of these principles were introduced into medicine by Dr. Awenarius, of St. Petersburg, and met for a time with considerable favor; so that several processes for preparing propylamine were published before the 13th edition of the U. S. Dispensatory. Since that time it has been very clearly shown that these various substances, although containing the same number of atoms, have them differently arranged, are consequently possessed of diverse properties, and are hence only *isomeric*. The material obtained from herring-pickle and other sources and sold as propylamine is indeed not propylamine at all, but a more or less impure

solution of trimethylamine; it is, in truth, doubtful whether propylamine has ever been procured from a natural source, or made in any other way than by treating propyl iodide with ammonia. Both principles are derived ammonias or *amines*, but propylamine is a primary compound ammonia (monamine), and trimethylamine is a tertiary compound ammonia (triamine). In the first body the nitrogen is combined with two atoms of hydrogen and one propyl group, C_3H_7, in the second with three methyl groups, $(CH_3)_3$.

Propyl, $\left.\begin{matrix} C_3H_7 \\ H \\ H \end{matrix}\right\} N = C_3H_9N$, Propylamine.

Methyl, $\left.\begin{matrix} CH_3 \\ CH_3 \\ CH_3 \end{matrix}\right\} N = C_3H_9N$, Trimethylamine.

The physical differences are very marked. Thus, propylamine boils at 49° C. (120·2° F.), trimethylamine at 9·3° C. (48·7° F.). The commercial propylamine contains other ammonia compounds besides trimethylamine, the latter substance indeed being sometimes present in very small quantity. Trimethylamine is made on a large scale at present by the destructive distillation of the "vinasses," or residues of beet-root molasses. For other processes see U. S. D., 16th ed., p. 1944.

Brieger has shown that choline, neuridine, and trimethylamine are among the early products of albuminoid decomposition in the human cadaver, and are then followed by other and more poisonous bodies of the ptomaine class.

The best form of trimethylamine for use is probably the hydrochlorate, which may be prepared in a state of purity as a very deliquescent salt, crystallizing in long needles. To form the chloride naturally the distillatory products in M. Perret's process may be received into hydrochloric acid and separated from any ammonium chloride by means of absolute alcohol. *Commercial propylamine—i.e.*, impure solution of trimethylamine—is a colorless transparent liquid, of a characteristic odor, usually attended with some pungency, which may possibly be ascribed to the ammonia frequently mixed with it. It is soluble in water and alcohol, has a strong alkaline reaction, and forms crystallizable salts with the acids. If the end of a glass rod, previously dipped into hydrochloric acid, be held over the open mouth of a vial containing it, a white cloud of the chloride will be seen, as in the case of ammonia. *Pure propylamine* is said to be a perfectly clear, strongly refractive fluid, with the odor of ammonia; a boiling point of 49° C. (120·2° F.); a sp. gr. (at 20° C. (67° F.)) of 0·7186; inflammable; miscible with water. With hydrochloric acid it makes a deliquescent salt, soluble in alcohol, forming with platinum chloride a double salt, which crystallizes in large, dark, golden-yellow clino-rhombic plates, somewhat soluble in hot water and alcohol. *Pure trimethylamine* is a gas at ordinary temperatures.

Locally applied, trimethylamine acts as a powerful irritant or, if in sufficient concentration, even as a mild caustic. According to M. Laborde, in its physiological action it resembles the ammonium chloride or carbonate, though differing in not causing convulsions in animals fatally poisoned with it. (*Med. Times and Gazette*, 1874, p. 241.) The chloride was found to act in the same way as the trimethylamine, but to be scarcely more than half as powerful. Drs. Combemale and Brunelle have found that the drug is a powerful stimulant to the salivary gland. Given to man, trimethylamine acts chiefly as a violent gastro-intestinal irritant, the dose of half a drachm of the commercial article, even if freely diluted, usually producing distinct effects upon the stomach and the intestines. It has been found to act as a depressant to the circulation, but M. Laborde affirms that unless given in such dose as to produce serious results from its local action, it increases both in man and animals the arterial pressure. In 1854 it was brought forward by Dr. Awenarius, of St. Petersburg, Russia, as a specific in *rheumatism*, and by other Continental physicians some confirmation of the original statements was afforded. Extensive trial made with the remedy in Philadelphia and elsewhere this side of the Atlantic, soon led to its abandonment, and at present the remedy has passed entirely out of vogue. Awenarius gave a mixture of 25 drops of propylamine with six fluidounces of distilled water, flavored if necessary with sugar and oil of peppermint, and gave a tablespoonful every two or three hours, taking care that the drug was pure and freshly prepared. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1859.) In France, where the chloride was preferred, the following was a favorite formula: Trimethylamine chloride ten grammes, tincture of orange-peel twenty-eight grammes, syrup nine hundred and seventy grammes. A tablespoonful contains about three and one-half grains. The dose of trimethylamine chloride is 7 to 15 grains (0·454 to 0·972 Gm.).

TRIONAL. TETRONAL. These two substances, which are members of the group of disulphones to which sulphonal belongs, are respectively *diethylsulphon-methylethyl-methane*, and *diethylsulphon-diethyl-methane*. Their relationship to sulphonal (diethylsulphon-dimethyl-methane) will be readily seen by a comparison of formulas.

Sulphonal.	Trional.	Tetronal.
$C\begin{cases} SO_2C_2H_5 \\ SO_2C_2H_5 \\ CH_3 \\ CH_3 \end{cases}$	$C\begin{cases} SO_2C_2H_5 \\ SO_2C_2H_5 \\ CH_3 \\ C_2H_5 \end{cases}$	$C\begin{cases} SO_2C_2H_5 \\ SO_2C_2H_5 \\ C_2H_5 \\ C_2H_5 \end{cases}$

These substances have been used as sedative hypnotics. According to Baumann and Kast, trional is distinctly stronger than is sulphonal, but inferior in strength to tetronal, which is twice as powerful as sulphonal. (*Zeitsch. Physiol. Chemie*, 1889.) On the other hand, Ramoni affirms that trional is the stronger of the two; and Barth and Rumpel state that they are about equal to sulphonal. (*Deutsch. Med. Wochens.*, Aug. 1890.) They are said to act especially well when there is much mental excitement with restlessness. The dose is from 15 to 30 grains (0·972 to 1·94 Gm.), best administered in milk, just before retiring, as their effect is prompt. It is affirmed that no evil effects follow the prolonged use of these drugs.

TRIOSTEUM PERFOLIATUM. *Horse Gentian. Bastard Ipecac. Tinker's-weed. Fever-root. Fever-wort. Wild Ipecac. Racine de Trioste*, Fr. *Dreisteinwurzel*, G. This plant is found in most parts of the United States, preferring a limestone soil and shady situations. The root, the part used, is horizontal, long, about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, thicker and tuberculated near the origin of the stem, of a yellowish or brownish color externally, whitish within, and furnished with fibres which may be considered as branches of the main root. When dry it is brittle and easily pulverized. It has a sickening odor, and a bitter, nauseous taste. It yields its active properties to both water and alco-

hol. Fever-root is cathartic, and in large doses emetic, and perhaps diuretic. The bark of the root may be given in doses of twenty or thirty grains (1·29 or 1·94 Gm.), or the extract in half the quantity. For uses, see *A. J. P.*, 1891, p. 326.

TRIPOLI. *Terra Tripolitana.* An earthy mineral, of a whitish, yellowish, or pale straw-color, sometimes inclining to red or brown, usually friable, often adhesive to the tongue, and presenting the aspect of argillaceous earth, though differing from clay by the roughness and hardness of its particles, and by not forming a paste with water. The *Venice tripoli* is said to come from Corfu. Tripoli is sometimes artificially prepared by calcining certain argillites. It is used for cleaning and polishing metals.

TROMPATILA. This is the stem and branches of *Bouvardia triphylla*, a Mexican plant used by the natives for *hydrophobia*. (*A. J. P.*, 1874, p. 51.)

TULIPINE. An alkaloid extracted from the garden tulip. It is said to be a cardiac poison, with remarkable sialagogue properties. (*Nouv. Rem.*, 1886.)

TUMENOL. A dark-brown or blackish-brown liquid, of a syrupy consistence, which is made from bituminous shale oils. These are agitated with sodium hydrate to remove phenols and then with sulphuric acid to remove pyridine and other bases. The oil is then treated with fuming sulphuric acid. The dark syrupy liquid which separates is washed with water and dissolved in caustic soda. From this solution ether extracts *tumenol oil*. Hydrochloric acid, on the other hand, if added to the sodium hydrate solution, throws down *tumenol-sulphonic acid*. A mixture of these two substances constitutes *tumenol venale*, a soft, resinous, odorless mass. Prof. A. Neisser (*Deutsch. Med. Wochens.*, 1891) highly commends tumenol as a local application in *eczema*, and as having extraordinary powers over the itching of *prurigo*, *parasitic dermatitis*, and other *skin affections*. He uses a lotion made with equal parts of ether, rectified spirits, and water or glycerin, and 10 per cent. of tumenol.

Tumenol sulphonic acid is similarly used as a dusting powder or in 2 to 5 per cent. ointment.

TURPETHUM. *Turpeth. Resin of Turpeth. Résine de Turbith*, Fr. This product is obtained from the *Ipomœa turpethum* (*Convolvulus turpethum*, Linn.), an East Indian plant. Mérat and De Lens describe the root, the only part used, as "long, of the size of the little finger or larger, covered by a rather thick bark, grayish without, white within, porous, liable to decay, very resinous when fresh, and in this state yielding a juice capable of coagulating, and constituting, when coagulated, a gum-resin similar to scammony." In choosing the roots, those should be selected in which the bark is perfect, as most of the activity of the root resides in this part. It is without odor, and has little taste. Examined by M. Boutron-Chalard, it was found to contain resin, a fatty substance, volatile oil, albumen, starch, a yellow coloring matter, lignin, salts, and ferric oxide. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, viii. 121.) The root contains 10 per cent. of resin. (M. Andouard, *Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 118.) According to M. Spirgatis, this resin is a glucoside, *turpethin*, $C_{34}H_{56}O_{16}$, like that of other Convolvulaceæ, insoluble in ether, but soluble in alcohol, to which it imparts a brown color not removable by animal charcoal. To obtain it pure, the alcoholic solution is concentrated; the resin precipitated by, and afterwards boiled with, water, then dried, reduced to powder, digested with ether, and finally redissolved by absolute alcohol, and thrown down by ether. After being treated several times in this way, it is obtained in the state of a brownish resin, yielding on pulverization a gray powder, which strongly irritates the mucous membrane of the nostrils and mouth, and fusible at 360° F. It is inflammable, burning with a smoky flame, and emitting irritant vapors. With strong bases it acts like jalapin, takes up water, and is transformed into a soluble acid, *turpethic acid*, $C_{34}H_{60}O_{18}$, while with dilute acids it is decomposed into *turpetholic acid*, $C_{16}H_{32}O_4$, and glucose. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., i. 236.) Turpeth root is purgative, somewhat less powerful than jalap, and rather slow in its action. One to three drachms may be given in decoction, and from fifteen grains to a drachm in powder. (*Mérat and De Lens.*) M. Andouard states that the resin purges perfectly well in doses of seven or eight grains (0·45 or 0·5 Gm.), though perhaps somewhat less active than jalap or scammony. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866.)

TURTLE OIL. In South America an oil is prepared from the eggs of turtles, and in the Seychelle Islands and in Jamaica from the fat of the turtle itself. These oils are said to be of equal value with cod-liver oil in strumous persons and others in whom the nutritive processes are defective. (See *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv. p. 573.) It is stated that 50,000 gallons are sent to Para yearly from the Orinoco, the Amazon, and the Rio Negro, and that 60,000 gallons are consumed by the tribes who prepare the oil. The Seychelle Islands are said to produce 6000 gallons of oil yearly.

TUSSILAGO FARFARA. *Coltsfoot. Folia Farfaræ*, P.G. *Tussilage*, *Pas d'âne*, Fr. *Huflattig*, *Rosshuf*, G. Coltsfoot is a perennial herb, with a creeping root, which early in the spring sends up several leafless, erect, simple, unifloral scapes or flower-stems, five or six inches high, and bearing appressed scale-like bracts of a brownish-pink color. The flower, which stands singly at the end of the scape, is large, yellow, compound, with hermaphrodite florets in the disk, and female florets in the ray. The latter are numerous, linear, and twice the length of the former. The leaves do not make their appearance until after the flowers have blown. They are radical, petiolate, large, cordate, angular, toothed at the margin, bright green upon their upper surface, white and downy beneath. The plant grows spontaneously both in Europe and North America. In this country it is found upon the banks of streams in the Middle and Northern States, and flowers in April. The whole of it is employed, but the leaves most so. They should be gathered after their full expansion, but before they have attained their greatest magnitude. The flowers have an agreeable odor, which they retain after desiccation. The dried root and leaves are inodorous, but have a rough, bitterish, mucilaginous taste. Boiling water extracts their virtues. Mr. C. S. Bondurant (*A. J. P.*, 1887, p. 340) examined coltsfoot chemically. He found evidences of a bitter glucoside. Coltsfoot exercises little sensible influence upon the human system. It is, however, demulcent, and is sometimes used in *chronic coughs*, *consumption*, and other *affections of the lungs*. The expectorant properties which it was formerly thought to possess are not obvious. The leaves were smoked by the ancients in *pulmonary complaints;* and in Germany they are said to be substituted for tobacco. Cullen used the fresh juice

in *scrofula*, some ounces daily. The decoction (℥i to Oi) is commonly given in teacupful doses.

TUTTY. *Tutia. Impure Oxide of Zinc.* This oxide is formed during the smelting of lead ores containing zinc. It is deposited in the chimneys of the furnaces, in the form of incrustations, moderately hard and heavy, and studded over with small protuberances of a brownish color on the outside, and yellowish within. As it occurs in commerce, the pieces occasionally present a bluish cast, from the presence of small particles of metallic zinc. Sometimes a spurious substance is sold for tutty, consisting of a mixture of blue clay and copper filings, made into a paste with water and dried on an iron rod. It is distinguished from the genuine tutty by its diffusing in water and exhaling an earthy smell, and by its greater friability. Tutty is used solely as an external desiccant. To fit it for medicinal use it must be reduced to fine powder, which is dusted over the affected part, or applied in the form of ointment.

TYLOPHORA ASTHMATICA. The leaves of this plant are official in the Pharmacopœia of India as a substitute for ipecacuanha. Broughton obtained from them organic crystals, and David Hooper (*P. J. Tr.*, Jan. 1891) has shown that the root contains an alkaloid, *tylophorine*.

ULEX. *Ulex Europœus* is the common *furze*, *gorse*, or *whin* so conspicuous in the waste places and by the roadsides of Great Britain, from its spiny branches and bright yellow flowers situated on the spines, either solitary or in pairs. In the seeds of this plant Mr. A. W. Gerrard has found an alkaloid, *ulexine*. (For methods of preparation, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvii. pp. 101 and 229.) Ulexine occurs in colorless, odorless crystals, of a bitter, somewhat pungent taste, freely soluble in water, strongly alkaline in reaction, and affording with nitric, hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric, and other acids crystallizable salts, which are freely soluble in water. The aqueous solution of the pure alkaloid gives a green precipitate with ferrous sulphate, a black precipitate with mercurous nitrate, a white precipitate with mercuric chloride, and with picric acid a yellow precipitate. (For other tests, see reference above.) Ulexine has been investigated by various physiologists, the abstract of some of whose work will be found in the Sixteenth Edition of the U. S. Dispensatory. In 1890, Professor Kobert (*Deutsch. Med. Wochensch.*, 1890), as the result of an elaborate physiological study, came to the conclusion that ulexine and cytisine are the same substance. The suggestion has given rise to a considerable chemico-physiological discussion, a brief abstract of which may be found in the *P. J. Tr.*, Feb. 1891. Herr v. d. Moer (*Archiv der Pharm.*, Bd. xxix., Jan. 1891) seems to prove that cytisine and ulexine are identical. Prof. Kobert found indications of a second alkaloid in ulex. Ulexine has been used in cardiac *dropsy*. Dose, one-fifteenth to one-twentieth of a grain (0·004 to 0·0032 Gm.).

ULTRAMARINE. *Outremer*, Fr. *Ultramarin*, G. This fine blue pigment was formerly obtained from *lapis lazuli*, or *lazulite*, a mineral of Siberia. It is now prepared artificially on a very large scale, the total production at the present time being estimated at 30 million kilogrammes per year (*Wagner's Technology*, 11th ed., p. 412), of which three-fourths is made in Germany. In preparing it, a mixture of soft clay with Glauber salt, charcoal, soda, and sulphur is heated in crucibles. In this way a colorless compound is first produced, termed white ultramarine. This, however, soon becomes of a green color. The green ultramarine thus obtained, which is also used as a color, is then mixed with sulphur and heated. The sulphur takes fire and is allowed to burn in the air, when the product becomes of a fine blue color. (*Roscoe and Schorlemmer*, vol. ii. p. 459.) It is thought to be a compound of aluminum and sodium silicates with sodium polysulphide, although the sulphur present is retained in two conditions, part being deposited when ultramarine is treated with acids and part escaping as hydrogen sulphide.

UMBELLULARIA CALIFORNICA. *California Laurel. Spice Tree.* The leaves of this California shrub are employed in *neuralgic headaches*, and in *intestinal colic* and *atonic diarrhœa;* also externally as a mild counter-irritant. Stillman and O'Neill (*New Rem.*, 1883) obtained from the seeds a new acid, *umbellulic* acid. The leaves are said also to contain about four per cent. of a volatile oil, having a specific gravity of 0·936, a warm camphoraceous taste, and a strong pungent odor. The fluid extract has been used in doses of ten to thirty minims (0·616 to 1·84 C.c.). It is probable that the volatile oil is a strong local anæsthetic, as it has been found to act rapidly when brought in contact with exposed pulp or sensitive dentine.

UMBER. *Terra Umbra.* A mineral of a fine compact texture, light, dry to the touch, shining when rubbed by the nail, and of a fine pale-brown color, which changes to a peculiar beautiful deep brown by heat. According to Klaproth, it contains 13 parts of silica, 5 of alumina, 48 of ferric oxide, 20 of manganese, and 14 of water in 100. *Burnt umber*, as well as the mineral in its unaltered state, is used in painting. The umber of commerce is said to be brought chiefly from the island of Cyprus.

URANIUM. Atomic weight 238·8. The salts of the metal uranium are violent poisons, producing not only severe gastro-enteritis and nephritis, but also acting specifically on the hæmoglobin of the blood, affecting its oxygenating powers. (See *P. J. Tr.*, Sept. 1890.)

UREA. $CO(NH_2)_2$. *Carbamide. Urée*, Fr. *Harnstoff*, G. For an account of the physical and chemical properties of urea, the reader is referred to treatises upon physiology. Urea has been employed in practical medicine as a hydragogue diuretic in the treatment of *dropsies*. The commencing dose for the adult is ten grains (0·648 Gm.) every six hours. (See *Braithwaite's Retrospect*, xxv.)

URECHITES SUBERECTA. *Savannah Flower. Yellow-flowered Nightshade.* This is an apocynaceous plant, which grows abundantly in the West Indian Islands, and is said to be used in Jamaica by the negroes as a poison. The symptoms which it produces are violent vomiting and purging, with convulsions. Mr. J. J. Bowrey (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, June, 1878) has isolated from it two glucosides, *urechitin* and *urechitoxin*, having respectively the formula $C_{28}H_{42}O_8$, and $C_{13}H_{20}O_5$. Dr. Isaac Ott (*T. G.*, 1880) finds the plant to be a powerful cardiac poison, first increasing and then depressing the arterial pressure, and finally, if the dose be large enough, killing by producing cardiac arrest. The results reached by Dr. Ott are in accord with those of Dr. Ralph Stockman (*Laborat. Rep., Royal College Physicians Edinburgh*, vol. iv., 1892), who finds that both of the glucosides are very active poisons belonging to the digitalis group. On the other hand, Vowinkie came to the conclusion that even small

doses of the plant depress the heart; and experiments made upon man by Mr. Bowrey show that in large doses the drug produces nausea, vomiting, general depression, great perspiration, and slight slowing of the pulse. In Jamaica the drug is said to have been used in the treatment of *intermittent* and other *sthenic fevers*. The dose of the fluid extract is from two to ten minims (0·13 to 0·65 C.c.).

URETHANE. *Ethyl Carbamate. Uréthane*, Fr. *Urethan*, G. $CO.(NH_2)OC_2H_5$. This is made by allowing ammonia to act upon ethyl carbonate, when urethane and ethyl alcohol are produced, or by heating urea nitrate with alcohol to 120°–130° C., when ammonia will be liberated. It forms colorless crystals of slight ethereal odor and taste resembling that of saltpetre, which are soluble in water and alcohol. The melting point of urethane is 47° to 50° C., and it boils without decomposition at 180° C. When it is heated with ammonia to 180° C., urea is formed.

Urethane produces in the lower animals a brief period of excitement, with quickened respiratory and cardiac action, which is followed by deep sleep, with slowing of the respiration. If a fatal dose has been taken, the respiration becomes slower, the unconsciousness absolute, the reflexes are abolished, and a pronounced fall of bodily temperature occurs, with marked weakness of the cardiac action, and finally death from asphyxia. The lessening of reflex action is primarily due to an influence upon the spinal cord, although the irritability of the motor nerves is said to be lessened. The psycho-motor centres in the cerebral cortex, according to Von Anrep, suffer decrease of faradic excitability under the influence of decided doses. Urethane has been used to a considerable extent by clinicians as an hypnotic, but the reports as to its action are very contradictory. Thus, it is commended by Drs. Sticker, Myrtel, Rottenviller, Kraepelin, whilst Drs. Bock and Koenig condemn it. It has been used hypodermically by Koenig in doses of as high as twenty-one grains without success. By the mouth, according to Kraepelin, a full dose is forty-five grains, but seventy-five grains have been given. It appears to have no analgesic effect. It has been used by Jackman (*Lancet*, June, 1886) in *traumatic tetanus* with success after the failure of chloral. Four grains were given, to a boy aged fifteen, every two hours.

URTICA. *Ortie brûlante*, Fr. *Brennessel*, G. Various species of this genus are furnished with poisonous stinging hairs. *Urtica gigas* of Australia is said frequently to kill horses, and to produce in man a sting whose impression lasts for months. (*N. R.*, 1875.) It has generally been thought that the virulence of the hairs is due to the presence of free formic acid (*A. J. P.*, xxii.), and David Hooper (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1887) has demonstrated the presence of formic acid, or a substance very closely allied to it, in the hairs of the *Nilgri nettle* (*Girardinia palmata.*) Nevertheless, it does not seem probable that formic acid is the poison. Dr. G. Haberlandt believes it to be a non-volatile albuminoid; and L. Reuter has obtained from several nettles a glucoside. (*A. J. P.*, Jan. 1890.) Oddi and Lomonaco (*Rif. Med.*, April, 1892) isolated from the common nettle a crystalline alkaloid, and found that in mammals the extract acts powerfully upon the vaso-motor system, and in frogs causes centric paralysis with diastolic cardiac arrest.

U. dioica, or common nettle, and *U. urens*, or dwarf nettle, of America and Europe, have been used in medicine as local irritants, as diuretics (*A. J. P.*, 1866), and especially for the purpose of arresting *uterine hemorrhage*. The fluid extract may be given in doses of half a fluidrachm (1·84 C.c.) or a decoction of an ounce to a pint in teacupful dose.

USTILAGO. *U. S.* 1880. *Corn Smut.* The genus Ustilago belongs to the fungoid order of *Cœomacei*, all the members of which are parasitic on living plants, and have no peridium, but produce simple spores of one or two kinds. *Ustilago Maydis* is produced on the stems, the pistils (corn grains), and the male inflorescence (tassel) of the Indian corn. It is specifically characterized by its minute spherical spores, having their surface covered with echinulate warts. It is abundant in the United States. Upon the corn the smut appears in masses, varying in size from a cherry to a child's head. These masses are smooth, irregularly globose, or sometimes lobulated, having at first a livid, bluish tint, and then becoming blackish, and finally bursting and emitting the black contents, consisting of innumerable globose very minute spores, each of which is covered with beautiful little pointed processes. In a dried state the masses are blackish and covered with a black powder.

In the smut Mr. C. H. Cressler found an alkaloid, which he considered to be identical with *secaline*, a supposed alkaloid of ergot. This has since been shown to be *trimethylamine*, and to be, moreover, a decomposition product, and not to exist originally in the ergot. Whether the alkaloids since discovered in ergot by Tanret and Dragendorff exist in ustilago has not been ascertained. Besides the alkaloid, there were obtained a thick, viscid, fixed oil, a resin soluble in ether but not in alcohol, pectin, gluten, and a species of sugar. (*A. J. P.*, 1861, p. 306.) Messrs. Rademaker and Fischer (*Nat. Drug.*, 1887, p. 296) claim that they have separated a crystalline alkaloid from the corn smut, which they name *ustilagine*. It is said to be white, of a bitter taste, soluble in ether, alcohol, and water, yielding crystallizable salts which are also soluble in water. Propylamine and sclerotic acid (*maizenic acid*) were also found in the smut. Prof. H. B. Parsons analyzed ustilago, and found in it fixed oil, an amine-like volatile substance extracted by ether, which he states is not an alkaloid nor is it trimethylamine, and an acid which he has provisionally named sclerotic acid, because of its apparent similarity to the acid discovered by Dragendorff in ergot. (*N. R.*, March, 1882.) Corn smut is said to produce abortion in cows and in bitches. (*A. J. P.*, Sept. 1861, p. 413.) Dr. W. A. N. Dorland has found that in doses of one to two drachms of the fluid extract it markedly increases the uterine pains during *labor*. He claims for it that it will not produce a prolonged tonic contraction as does ergot. This is, however, doubtful.

VACCINIUM CRASSIFOLIUM. The leaves of this American shrub are said to be astringent and diuretic, and capable of replacing uva ursi. Dose of the fluid extract, half to one fluidrachm (1·9 to 3·8 C.c.).

VALERIANIC ACID. *Acidum Valerianicum.* $HC_5H_9O_2$. Mol. wt. 102. *Acide valérianique*, Fr. *Valeriansäure, Baldriansäure*, G. *Acido valerianico*, It., Sp. *Acidum valericum. Acide valérique.*

In the 1860 U. S. revision this acid was transferred from the Preparations to the Materia Medica list; in that of 1880 it was dropped entirely. "Valerianic Acid is a colorless liquid, of an oily consistence, a penetrating, disagreeable odor, and caustic taste; and of the sp. gr. 0·935." *U. S.* 1870.

"Take of Valerianate of Soda, in coarse powder, *eight troyounces*; Sulphuric Acid, Water, each, *a sufficient quantity*. To the Valerianate of Soda add, first, three fluidounces of Water, and then three troyounces and a half of Sulphuric Acid. Mix them thoroughly, and from the mixture, after standing, separate the oily acid liquid which rises to the surface. Agitate this repeatedly with small portions of Sulphuric Acid until its specific gravity is reduced below 0·950. Then introduce it into a retort, and distil nearly to dryness, rejecting the distillate so long as it has a specific gravity above 0·940, and keeping the remainder for use. The rejected portion of the distillate, after agitation with Sulphuric Acid, may be returned to the retort during the progress of the distillation." *U. S.* 1870.

The object of this process is merely to procure valerianic acid in a state adapted for the preparation of ammonium valerianate. The sulphuric acid, uniting with the soda of the sodium valerianate, separates the valerianic acid, which rises to the surface with the appearance of an oil. In this state it is still mixed with water, and, as the pure acid is wanted, the direction is given to agitate it with sulphuric acid, which deprives it of the excess of water. It is now distilled in order to separate any sulphuric acid and water that may be mixed with it. The process is that of Mr. B. J. Crew, published in *A. J. P.*, 1860, p. 109. Mr. F. C. Musgiller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., stated that the acid cannot be obtained by the process of 1860 of a sp. gr. as low as 0·933 with ordinary sulphuric acid, and suggested that 0·935 be adopted as the official standard; as acid of this strength is equally well adapted for the preparation of the valerianates, for which alone it is used. This suggestion, as to the sp. gr., was adopted at the revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870. Mr. Musgiller proposes some modifications of the process which appear to be judicious. (See *A. J. P.*, 1869, p. 83; also *Proc. A. P. A.*, 1868.)

For modes of preparing valerianic acid from the oil and roots of valerian, the reader is referred to the article on Valerian in this work. It is prepared also from amylic alcohol by reaction with a mixture of potassium bichromate and sulphuric acid, as the first step in the preparation of sodium valerianate.

Valerianic acid received its name from having been found in the oil distilled from the root of *Valeriana officinalis*. It is sometimes called also *valeric acid*. It was first obtained in 1817 by Chevreul from the oil of the dolphin, and received the name of *delphinic acid*, which, however, upon the discovery of its identity with the acid afterwards obtained by Pentz from valerian, was superseded by its present title. It has been obtained also from the bark and fruit of *Viburnum opulus*, the sap-wood of the European elder (*Sambucus nigra*), the root of *Angelica archangelica*, and from various organic products whether of the vegetable or animal kingdom.

Properties. Valerianic acid is a colorless liquid, of an oily consistence, a repulsive odor, recalling, however, that of valerian, and a pungent, sour, acrid, disagreeable taste. Its sp. gr. is variously given from 0·946 at 0° C. to 0·931 at 20° C. (Beilstein, *Org. Chem.*, i. p. 406.) As stated in the U. S. P. 1870 it is 0·935. It remains liquid at 8° below zero, and boils at 174° C. (345·2° F.). (*Trommsdorff.*) It is soluble in 30 parts of cold water, and when agitated with water takes up about 20 per cent., without losing its oily consistence, and rises to the surface of the liquid. Alcohol and ether mix with it in all proportions. It is very soluble in strong acetic acid, and dissolves camphor and some resins. (*Trommsdorff.*) It forms salts with the alkalies, and reddens litmus paper strongly, but the blue color gradually returns in a warm place. Its composition is represented by $C_5H_{10}O_2$, and it is a mixture of two isomeric acids (*isovaleric* acid and optically active valeric acid). This is true as well of the valeric acid that is obtained from the *Valeriana officinalis*, the *Angelica archangelica*, and that which results from the oxidation of the amyl alcohol of fermentation with the aid of chromic acid. The strong acid readily unites with a molecule of water to form a hydrated acid, $C_5H_{10}O_2 + H_2O$. This compound, formerly known as the *terhydrate*, has a sp. gr. 0·945, and boils at a lower temperature than the strong acid. It has a much milder taste than the pure acid, and is at the same time somewhat saccharine. The U. S. P. 1870 gave the following tests of the official acid. "A solution of Valerianic Acid, in 50 parts of hot water, saturated with hydrated carbonate of zinc, yields a liquid, which, when filtered and evaporated to 10 parts and cooled, affords white pearly crystals of valerianate of zinc. The mother-water, drained from these crystals, should not yield, by further evaporation and cooling, a salt crystallizing in six-sided tables, and very soluble in water. When the Acid is added to a concentrated solution of acetate of copper, the transparency of the solution is not disturbed." The former of the last two tests indicates the absence of acetic, the latter of butyric acid. The acid distilled from the oil or root of valerian has been employed in *nervous affections*, and possesses properties similar to those of valerian. According to Landerer, the acid artificially produced does not operate therapeutically so satisfactorily as the native product. The dose would probably be about the same as that of the oil of valerian, given in sweetened water.

VALONIA. *Acorn Cups. Valloné, Vélanède, Gallon*, Fr. *Knoppern, Walonen*, G. The great cups of the acorns of the *Quercus ægilops*, a native of Bosnia, contain a very large percentage of tannin. They are extensively exported for dyeing and tanning, and have been employed as an astringent in *diarrhœa*.

VANDELLIA DIFFUSA. This is an herb of Paraguay, said to be used by the natives as an emetic. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 849.)

VENETIAN RED. *Bolus Veneta.* A dull-red ochrey substance used in painting.

VERATRUM ALBUM. *White Hellebore. Rhizoma Veratri*, P. G. *Ellebore blanc*, Fr. *Weisse Niesswurzel*, G. *Elleboro bianco*, It. *Veratro blanco*, Sp. White hellebore is a native of the mountainous regions of continental Europe, and abounds in the Alps and Pyrenees. It so closely resembles *V. viride* both in appearance and minute characteristics that the specific distinction of the two is very doubtful. All parts of the plant are said to be acrid and poisonous, and the rhizome was formerly official. (*U. S.*) This is brought from Germany in the dried state, in pieces from one to three inches long by an inch or less in mean diameter, cylindrical or in the shape of a truncated cone, internally whitish, externally blackish, wrinkled, and rough with the remains of the fibres which have been cut off near their origin. Sometimes the fibres continue attached to the root. They are numerous, yellowish, and of the size of a crow's quill. White hellebore deteriorates by keeping. The fresh root has a disagreeable odor, which

is lost by drying. The taste is at first sweetish, and afterwards bitterish, acrid, burning, and durable. The powdered root is grayish. Analyzed by Pelletier and Caventou, white hellebore was found to contain an oily matter consisting of olein, stearin, and a volatile acid; *veratrine*, $C_{32}H_{52}N_2O_8$ (Merck), in combination with gallic acid; a yellow coloring matter; starch, gum, and lignin; silica, and various salts of calcium and potassium. The existence of gallic acid in veratrum was, however, denied by Pfaff and by Wiegand. The medicinal properties of the root were believed to reside in the veratrine, which was first discovered in the seeds of *Veratrum sabadilla*. Simon found *jervine*, $C_{30}H_{46}N_2O_3$, in white hellebore. Chas. Bullock, Chas. L. Mitchell, and A. Tobien confirmed the presence of *jervine*, the formula of which, however, according to Tobien, is $C_{27}H_{47}N_2O_8$. Wright and Luff (*Journ. Chem. Soc.*, xxxv. 405) found *jervine*, *rubijervine*, and *pseudojervine*. Charles L. Mitchell discovered a second alkaloid, *veratralbine*, $C_{28}H_{43}NO_5$, the presence of which has been confirmed by Wright and Luff and other investigators. (For most recent views as to composition of veratrine by Wright and Luff, see *Veratrina*, Part I.) Two investigations have since been made of the alkaloids of *V. album* by Pehkschen and Salzberger respectively (*A. J. P.*, 1891, pp. 196 and 292). Pehkschen found *veratroidine*, $C_{32}H_{53}NO_9$, *pseudojervine*, $C_{29}H_{49}NO_{12}$, and *jervine*, $C_{14}H_{22}NO_2$. Salzberger confirms the existence of the three crystalline alkaloids announced by Wright and Luff,—viz., *jervine*, $C_{26}H_{37}NO_3$, *pseudojervine*, $C_{29}H_{43}NO_7$, and *rubijervine*, $C_{26}H_{43}NO_2$, and claims to have found two additional ones, *protoveratrine*, $C_{32}H_{51}NO_{11}$, and *protoveratridine*, $C_{26}H_{45}NO_8$. White hellebore is a violent emetic and cathartic, capable of producing dangerous and fatal effects if incautiously administered. (See Dr. Peugnet, *N. R.*, 1872, p. 174). Even in small doses it has occasioned severe vomiting, hypercatharsis with bloody stools, and alarming general prostration. Like many other acrid substances, it appears, in small doses, to be a general stimulant to the secretions. Applied externally upon a portion of the surface denuded of the cuticle, as upon ulcers, for example, it gives rise to griping pain in the bowels, and sometimes violent purging. When snuffed up the nostrils, it occasions great irritation with violent sneezing, and its use in this way is not free from danger. It was employed by the ancients in *dropsy*, *mania*, *epilepsy*, etc., but is at present never used except as an errhine, and in the form of the decoction or ointment, in the *itch* and other cutaneous eruptions. From the resemblance of its operation to that of the *eau médicinale d'Husson*, so celebrated for the cure of *gout*, it was at one time, though erroneously, conjectured to be the chief constituent of that remedy. In whatever way white hellebore is used, it requires cautious management. It has been given in doses varying from one grain to a scruple (0·065 to 1·29 Gm.). Not more than two grains should be administered at first. When employed as an errhine, it should be mixed with five or six parts of pulverized liquorice root, or other inactive powder. Ten or twelve grains of the mixture may be snuffed up the nostrils at one time.

VERBASCUM THAPSUS. *Mullein. Flores Verbasci*, P.G. *Bouillon blanc, Molène*, Fr. *Wollkraut, Königskerze*, G. The ordinary mullein weed is too well known to need description. As remedial agents, both leaves and flowers have been employed. They have a very slight odor, and a mucilaginous, herbaceous, bitterish, feeble taste. Mullein leaves are demulcent and emollient, and are thought to possess anodyne properties, which render them useful in pectoral complaints. On the continent of Europe, an infusion of the flowers, strained in order to separate the rough hairs, is considerably used in mild *catarrhs*. An oil, produced by saturating olive oil with mullein flowers, during prolonged exposure to the sun, is used as a local application in Germany for *piles* and other *mucous membrane inflammations*. The mullein oils sold in pharmacies are of this nature, or some of them alcoholic tinctures. The dried leaves are sometimes smoked to relieve irritation of the respiratory mucous membranes; fomentations with mullein leaves also have some repute as anodynes. Internally, the decoction (an ounce to the pint, flowering tips) may be taken in quantity of four to six fluidounces.

VERDITER. Two preparations of copper, employed as pigments, are known by this name in commerce, and are distinguished by the epithets of blue and green. *Blue verditer* is prepared in London from the solution of copper nitrate obtained in precipitating silver by copper. According to Gray, this solution is poured while hot upon whiting (calcium carbonate), and the mixture stirred every day till the liquor loses its color, when it is decanted, and fresh portions added till the proper color is obtained. By a process for procuring this pigment, invented by Pelletier, the solution of copper nitrate is decomposed by quicklime, and the precipitate, after being washed, is incorporated intimately with another portion of quicklime. By the former process, a copper carbonate is obtained; by the latter, a mixture of copper hydroxide and calcium hydrate. *Green verditer* is prepared by precipitating a solution of copper nitrate by chalk or a white marl, and consists of copper carbonate mixed with an excess of the calcareous carbonate.

VERNONIA ANTHELMINTICA. This is an East Indian plant, whose black, bitter, and nauseous seeds have a high reputation in Ceylon as an anthelmintic in doses of 50 to 60 grains. (*P. J. Tr.*, April, 1883.)

VERONICA OFFICINALIS. *Speedwell. Véronique mâle*, Fr. *Ehrenpreis*, G. Several species of Veronica, common to Europe and this country, have been medicinally employed. Of these, *V. officinalis* and *V. beccabunga*, or *brooklime*, are the most conspicuous. *V. officinalis* has a bitterish, warm, and somewhat astringent taste. Enz found in it a bitter principle soluble in water and alcohol, but scarcely so in ether, and precipitated by the salts of lead but not by tannic acid; an acrid principle; red coloring matter; a variety of tannic acid producing a green color with the salts of iron; a crystallizable fatty acid, with malic, tartaric, citric, acetic, and lactic acids; mannite; a soft, dark-green, bitter resin. Prof. Mayer, of New York, found evidences of an alkaloid, and of a saponaceous principle. (*A. J. P.*, 1863, p. 209.) The plant has been considered diaphoretic, diuretic, expectorant, tonic, etc.; and was formerly employed in *pectoral* and *nephritic complaints*, *hemorrhages*, and *diseases of the skin*, and in the treatment of *wounds*. *V. beccabunga* was used in the fresh state as a blood purifier and in *scurvy*.

VIEIRIN. This substance is obtained from the bark of the *Remijia vellozii*, of Brazil. It is used

in Brazil in doses of from one to four grains (0·065 to 0·259 Gm.) repeated *pro re nata*, as a tonic and as an antiperiodic in place of quinine.

VINCA MAJOR. *Greater Periwinkle.* **VINCA MINOR.** *Lesser Periwinkle.* These English plants are said to be very useful in arresting *menorrhagic* and other *hemorrhages.* (*P. J. Tr.*, 1871, p. 961; *Ibid.*, 1873, p. 963; also *A. J. P.*, 1872.)

VINUM AROMATICUM. *Aromatic Wine. Vin aromatique*, Fr. *Aromatischewein*, G. "Lavender, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Origanum, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Peppermint, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Rosemary, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Sage, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Wormwood, *one part* [or seventy-two grains]; Stronger White Wine, *a sufficient quantity*, To make *one hundred parts* [or one pint]. Mix the solid ingredients, and reduce them to a coarse (No. 20) powder. Moisten the powder with *four parts* [or six fluidrachms] of Stronger White Wine, pack it moderately in a conical glass percolator, and gradually pour enough Stronger White Wine upon it to make the filtered liquid weigh *one hundred parts* [or measure one pint]." *U. S.* 1880.

This preparation of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1880 is practically identical with the *Vin aromatique* of the French Codex, which is made by macerating one hundred parts of aromatic species (a mixture of equal parts of the herbs used in our official aromatic wine, and in addition wild thyme and hyssop) with one hundred parts of *Teinture vulnéraire* (a tincture containing the same herbs, and ten more of similar properties) and one thousand parts of red wine. This wine is principally used as an astringent and stimulating lotion to *chancres*, *open buboes*, and other *indolent ulcers*. In many cases it should be diluted, but on occasion it may be employed of full strength. It is never given internally.

VIOLA. *Violet.* The genus *Viola* includes numerous species, many, perhaps all, of which, are possessed of analogous medical properties. *Viola tricolor*, the *Heart's-ease*, *Pansy*, or *Johnny-jump-up* of the gardens, was dropped from the U. S. Pharmacopœia at the late revision; whilst *V. odorata* and *V. pedata* formerly held places in the British or the United States Pharmacopœia.

V. odorata (*Violette*, *Violette odorante*, Fr.; *Wohlriechendes veilchen*, *Veilchen*, G.; *Violetta*, It.; *Violeta*, Sp.), the common violet of Europe, resembles very closely the American blue violet, *V. cucullata*, from which, however, it is at once distinguished by its delicious fragrance. It is the sweet blue violet of our gardens. *V. pedata* is an indigenous stemless violet, characterized by its large blue or variegated beardless flowers, and its deeply three- to five-divided, pointed pedate leaves.

The flowers of the *V. odorata* yield their odor and their slightly bitter taste to boiling water. Their infusion affords a very delicate test for acids and alkalies, being reddened by the former, and rendered green by the latter. Their odor is destroyed by desiccation; and the degree to which they retain their fine color depends upon the care used in collecting and drying them. They should be gathered before being fully blown, deprived of their calyx, and rapidly dried, either in a heated room, or by exposing them to a current of very dry air. The flowers of other species are often mingled with them, and, if of the same color, are equally useful as a chemical test.

In the root, leaves, flowers, and seeds of *Viola odorata*, M. Boullay discovered an alkaloid, *violine*, allied to *emetine*, but possessing distinct properties. It is white, soluble in alcohol, scarcely soluble in water, and forms salts with the acids. It exists in the plant combined with malic acid, and may be obtained by treating with distilled water the alcoholic extract of the dried root, decomposing by means of magnesia the violine malate contained in the solution, and extracting the alkaloid from the precipitated matters by alcohol, which yields it on evaporation. To obtain it entirely pure, a more complicated process is necessary. Orfila has ascertained that it is exceedingly active and even poisonous. It is probably found in other species of Viola. Mandelin (*Jahresbericht*, 1883) obtained a glucoside analogous to quercitrin, which he names *viola-quercitrin*. It crystallizes out of hot water in fine yellow needles. When boiled with dilute acids, it is decomposed into *quercetin* and a fermentable glucose, $C_{42}H_{42}O_{24} + 5H_2O = C_{24}H_{16}O_{11} + 3C_6H_{12}O_6$; he also obtained salicylic acid from several species of Viola. (*A. J. P.*, 1882, p. 10.)

The herbaceous parts of various species of violets are mucilaginous, emollient, and slightly laxative, and have been used in *pectoral*, *nephritic*, and *cutaneous diseases*. In Europe, a syrup prepared from the fresh flowers of *Viola odorata* is employed as an addition to demulcent drinks, and as a laxative for infants. The root, which has a bitter, nauseous, slightly acrid taste, acts in the dose of from thirty grains to a drachm (1·95–3·9 Gm.) as an emetic and cathartic. It is probable that the same property is possessed by the roots of all the violets; as it is known to be by several species of *Ionidium*, which belongs to the same natural family. The existence in small proportion of the emetic principle, in the leaves and flowers, accounts for their expectorant properties.

VIRGINIA CREEPER. *Ampelopsis Quinquefolia. American Ivy. Vigne vierge*, Fr. *Wilder Wein, Amerikanischer Ephen*, G. The bark and twigs of this indigenous woody creeper have been used by the eclectics as an alterative, tonic, and expectorant. They contain tartaric acid and potassium and calcium tartrates, albumen, sugar, pyrocatechin, and some other principles. Dr. McCall employed the bark collected late in the fall in *dropsy*, with asserted very good results. (*Penins. and Independ. Med. Journ.*, June, 1858.) In two cases of poisoning reported by Mr. Bernays, the symptoms were violent vomiting and purging, collapse, and deep sleep, with dilated pupils. (*P. J. Tr.*, vii.)

VISCUM ALBUM. *Mistletoe. Gui de Chêne, Gillon*, Fr. *Mistel*, G. A European evergreen parasitic shrub, growing on various trees, particularly the apple and other fruit trees, and forming a pendent bush from two to five feet in diameter. The plant is famous in the history of druidical superstition. In the religious rites of the Druids, the mistletoe of the oak was employed, and hence was afterwards preferred when the plant came to be used as a remedy; but it is in fact identical in all respects with those which grow upon other trees. The fresh bark and leaves have a peculiar, disagreeable odor, and a nauseous, sweetish, slightly acrid and bitterish taste. *Viscin*, which forms the glutinous constituent in the berries, leaves, and stalks of the mistletoe, is the principal constituent of *birdlime*. Crude viscin may be obtained by kneading the finely-bruised mistletoe bark with water, as long as

anything is dissolved, and removing the ligneous impurities mechanically. A purer product may be obtained by boiling the crude product in strong alcohol, macerating the residue with ether, evaporating the ethereal extracts, purifying these extracts by kneading first with alcohol and then with water. The formula $C_{20}H_{48}O_8$ ($C_{20}H_{32} + 8H_2O$) has been given to it by Reinsch. Pawlevsky (*Bull. Soc. Chim.*, (2) 34, p. 348) obtained from mistletoe a crystallizable acid, slightly soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol and ether, fusing at 101° to 103° C., to which he gave the formula $CH_3O_3.OH$. The berries, which are white, and about the size of a pea, abound in the peculiar viscid principle, and are sometimes used in the preparation of birdlime, of which this principle is the basis. Mistletoe is said to be productive of vomiting and purging when largely taken. The berries caused in a child three years old vomiting and prostration, coma, a fixed and somewhat contracted pupil, and convulsive movements. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1859, p. 36.) A fatal case is recorded. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1867, p. 26.) The plant was formerly looked upon as a powerful nervine, but it is now out of use. The leaves and wood were given in the dose of a drachm in substance.

The *American Mistletoe* is the *Phoradendron flavescens*, Nuttall (*Viscum flavescens*, Pursh). It is probably the plant reported as growing upon the elm, by which several children were poisoned. (Dr. Henry Dye, of Texas, *Memphis Med. Recorder*, iv. 344.) The prominent symptoms were vomiting and great thirst followed by frequent discharges of bloody mucus from the bowels, with tenesmus. One of the children was found in a collapsed state, in which death took place. Dr. Dye states also that, in other instances, as he had been informed, children had eaten the *berries* without any ill effect. Dr. W. H. Long asserts (*New Prep.*, ii. 31) that the American mistletoe is a very certain oxytocic, and very efficacious in arresting post-partum and other varieties of *uterine hemorrhage*. He gives a fluidrachm (3·69 C.c.) of the fluid extract every twenty minutes in labor until the effect is produced; every four to six hours in *menorrhagia*. Dr. Lee Payne confirms this. (*North Carolina Med. Journ.*, vol. vii. p. 253.)

VULCANITE. For cases of poisoning by *artificial gum* made of vulcanite colored with vermilion, see *Med. Press and Circular*, Dec. 1874.

WARBURG'S TINCTURE. This famous remedy, at first a proprietary medicine, afterwards by the voluntary act of its inventor had its formula revealed. There is so much testimony as to its extraordinary virtues in the severe *remittent* and *pernicious malarial fevers* of India that its powers can scarcely be questioned. After the bowels of the patient in the acutest stage of the disorder have been freely opened, a half ounce of the tincture is given undiluted, all drink being withheld, and at the end of three hours a second half ounce is given in a similar manner. Soon after the second dose a violent, aromatic perspiration comes on, and the fever is usually broken. The remedy is also commended in *collapse* without organic disease. The formula given by Dr. Warburg is as follows. Socotrine aloes 1 lb.; rhubarb, angelica fruit, confection of Damocratis, each, ℥iv; elecampane, saffron, fennel, prepared chalk, each, ℥ij; gentian, zedoary, cubebs, myrrh, camphor, agaric, each, ℥i. Digest the whole with 500 oz. proof spirit in a water-bath for 12 hours, express, add 10 oz. sulphate of quinia, dissolve by the aid of a water-bath, cool, and filter. Hager has simplified this preparation, and eliminated the "farrago of inert substances." His formula is quinine sulphate 1 part; spirit of camphor 2 parts; elixir proprietatis (*P. G.*) 22 parts; alcohol 16 parts. The value of the original formula is established: whether the remedy made after the method of Hager would act as well is unknown. (See, also, *Tinctura Antiperiodica*, National Formulary.)

WHITE CEDAR, OIL OF. Dr. F. K. Bailey reports the case of a girl, aged fifteen, who took 16 drops of the oil of white cedar, and directly afterwards fell unconscious, with clonic spasms followed by epileptiform convulsions lasting at intervals for several hours. Long-continued irritation of the stomach resulted. (*N. R.*, 1872.)

WHITING. This is essentially the same as prepared chalk, being made by the pulverization and elutriation of crude chalk. It is used as a coarse paint, and for various purposes in the arts, for which calcium carbonate is requisite. *Paris white* is a variety of the same material.

WINTER'S BARK. WINTERA. The bark of *Drimys Winteri. Cortex Winteranus. Ecorce de Winter*, *Cannelle de Magellan*, Fr. *Winter's Zimmt*, G. For description of tree, see U. S. D., 16th ed. The tree is a native of the southern parts of South America, growing along the Strait of Magellan, and extending as far north as Chili. According to Martius, it is found also in Brazil. The bark of the tree was brought to England, in the latter part of the sixteenth century, by Captain Winter, who attended Drake in his voyage round the world, and while in the Strait had learned its aromatic and medicinal properties. Since this period, from time to time various barks have appeared in European commerce as Winter's bark, although not any that was the genuine bark. Among those in the London market was at one time the bark of *Cinnamodendron corticosum*, of Jamaica, which is pungent, like true Winter's bark, but is of a much paler brown color, and resembles canella bark except in the absence of the chalky-white inner surface. Recently this bark has been replaced by the bark of *Croton malambo*, which resembles in color and thickness the bark of the Cinnamodendron, but has a bitter taste and a calamus-like flavor. The following is the description of a specimen which came into the possession of Dr. George B. Wood many years since. It corresponds closely with Guibourt's description of commercial Winter's bark. It is in quilled pieces, usually a foot in length and an inch or more in diameter, appearing as if scraped or rubbed on the outside, where the color is pale yellowish or reddish gray, with red elliptical spots. On the inside the color is that of cinnamon, though sometimes blackish. The pieces are sometimes flat and very large. The bark is two or three lines in thickness, hard and compact, and when broken exhibits on the exterior part of the fracture a grayish color, which insensibly passes into reddish or yellowish towards the interior. The powder resembles in color that of Peruvian bark. The odor is aromatic, the taste spicy, pungent, and even burning. P. N. Arata and F. Canzoneri describe a bark which they claim to be genuine Winter's bark from the Strait of Magellan. It was in the form of deeply-furrowed, curled-up fragments with an earthy fracture, exhibiting, when in small pieces, an internal reddish-brown coloration. When fresh it had a bitter and pungent taste and an agreeable odor, recalling both turpentine and cloves. The sun-dried

bark yielded: water (at 110°), 13·713 per cent.; ash, 3·338 per cent.; soluble in ether, 3·841 per cent.; in alcohol, 6·465 per cent.; in water, 13·981 per cent.; ligneous matter, 49·200 per cent. The ethereal solution contains a peculiar essence, fatty compounds, resins, and waxy matter; the alcoholic extract contains reddish uncrystallizable resins. The *Volatile Oil* was isolated by distilling the bark with water, exhausting the distillate with petroleum, and distilling off the solvent. The crude oil, amounting to 0·64 per cent. of the weight of the bark employed, is a mixture of several substances. *Winterene*, $C_{15}H_{24}$, is the essential oil separated from this by fractional distillation. It passes over between 260° and 265°; specific gravity at 13° = 0·93437. Index of refraction = 1·4931; specific rotatory power at 16° $[x] = +11·2$. It is readily oxidized on exposure to the air, becoming yellow. The formula $C_{25}H_{40}$ was calculated from the ultimate analysis and vapor density, but the authors consider that the ready oxidizability of winterene and its analogy to similar essences point rather to the formula $C_{15}H_{24}$, which would place it in the group of sesquiterpenes, such as cedrene, cubebene, etc., the boiling points of which are between 250° and 268°. (*P. J. Tr.*, June 14, 1890.) The presence of tannic acid and ferric oxide, according to M. Henry, serves to distinguish Winter's bark from *canella alba*, with which it has often been confounded. The bark above described as commercial Winter's bark is destitute both of tannic acid and ferric oxide, and cannot, therefore, be the bark examined by M. Henry.*

Medical Properties and Uses. Winter's bark is a stimulant aromatic tonic, and was employed by Winter as a remedy for *scurvy*. It may be used in half-drachm doses for similar purposes with cinnamon or canella alba, but is scarcely known in the medical practice of this country. The *Drimys chilensis* of De Candolle, growing in Chili, yields a bark having similar properties (Carson, *A. J. P.*, xix. 81); also the *D. aromatica* of Australia (*P. J. Tr.*, xxi.).

WISTARIA CHINENSIS. Mr. Ottow (*P. J. Tr.*, Oct. 1886) has obtained from this ornamental leguminous creeper a crystalline poisonous glucoside, *wistarin*.

WOOD OIL. *Gurjun Balsam. Balsamum Dipterocarpi.* In the *P. J. Tr.* for August, 1854 (p. 65), appeared an account by Mr. Charles Lowe, of Manchester, of a "*new variety of balsam of copaiba*," derived from the East Indies. In a subsequent communication to the same journal (1856, p. 321) from Mr. Daniel Hanbury, it appears that this product, though offered for sale in the London market as *balsam of copaiba*, is known in India under the names of *wood oil* and *Gurjun balsam*. Considerable quantities had been imported from Maulmein, in Burmah; and specimens of a similar drug had been received from Canara and Tenasserim; and it appears to be widely diffused in the Indian markets.

According to Hanbury, this liquid is obtained from *Dipterocarpus lævis*, a very large tree, growing in Pegu and other parts of Farther India. A large notch is cut in the trunk of the tree, between two and three feet from the ground, and a fire made so as to char the wound. The juice then begins to flow, and is received in suitable vessels. Every three or four weeks, the charred surface is cut off and burned anew. A single tree sometimes yields 40 gallons during the season. Other species of Dipterocarpus afford a similar product; and hence probably the difference which has been observed in the specimens examined. It is at first turbid, but may be clarified either by filtration or deposition. After filtration, wood oil is a clear, dark-brown liquid, of the sp. gr. 0·964 (*Hanbury*), and, in consistence, smell, and taste, bears a close resemblance to copaiba. It is soluble in two parts of alcohol of the sp. gr. 0·796, with the exception of a very small proportion of darkish flocculent matter, which subsides on standing. According to Lowe, it contains 65 per cent. of volatile oil, 34 of resin, and 1 of acetic acid and water. A characteristic property noticed by Mr. Lowe, by which it may be distinguished from copaiba, is that, when heated in a closed vial to 266° F. (230° F., Lowe), it becomes slightly turbid and coagulates, so that the vial may be inverted without changing the position of its contents; and this consistence is retained when the liquid cools. By a gentle heat with agitation the fluidity returns; but the liquid again coagulates if heated to 266° F. Guibourt states that it does not solidify like copaiba, with one-sixteenth of magnesia; and the two separate on standing. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, xxx. 192.) De Vrij, of Rotterdam, proposes the reaction of benzene with wood oil and copaiba respectively as a test to distinguish them. With an equal volume of the wood oil, benzene forms a turbid mixture, from which, after a long time, a resinous matter is deposited in flocculi; with copaiba it forms a transparent solution. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1857, p. 374.) According to De Vrij, the volatile oil obtained by distillation has the sp. gr. 0·928, and boils at 255° C. The resin left after distilling off the volatile oil is essentially *gurjunic* acid, $C_{22}H_{34}O_4$. This when purified dissolves readily in ether and strong alcohol, and slowly in benzene. It melts at 220° C. and congeals again at 180° C. Flückiger has also described a neutral resin from gurjun balsam, which is insoluble in caustic potash, fuses at 126° C., and is of the composition $C_{28}H_{46}O_2$. Flückiger (*Archiv d. Pharm.*, 1876, p. 420) noticed that wood oil may be recognized by the violet color it assumes, if dissolved in 20 parts of carbon disulphide and mixed with a drop of a cold mixture of equal parts of concentrated sulphuric and nitric acids. A liquid is much employed in India for painting ships, houses, etc., which is also called *wood oil*; this is obtained from a different source, *Aleurites cordata* (Müller). According to Dr. O'Shaughnessy, the oil of Diptero-

* M. Guibourt, in the third edition of his "Drogues Simples," published in 1850, gives the following description of a specimen of the true Winter's bark, presented to him by Robert Brown, and labelled "*Port Famine, Captain P. King, Drimys Winteri.*" The bark is 3 millimetres (⅛ of an inch) thick, and covered with a grayish-white, very thin, and rather smooth epidermis. It is of a deep reddish-brown color internally, and has a spongy appearance, especially in the part in contact with the wood, where it appears to be formed of longitudinal, radiating ligneous layers, isolated one from the other. It has a strong odor, somewhat analogous to that of canella and slightly camphorous, and a taste in like manner very aromatic, with considerable acrimony. Another specimen brought from the Strait of Magellan, in 1840, bears a close resemblance to the above, being in quills as large as the little finger, with a thickness of 2 millimeters, and an epidermis thin, smooth, and of a whiteness strongly contrasting with the reddish-brown color of the interior. Beneath the epidermis there is a certain number of very compact concentric layers; but most of the thickness of the bark is formed of radiating and distinct ligneous layers, altogether like those of the preceding specimen. Guibourt also describes the barks of two other species of Drimys, those of *D. Mexicana* and *D. Granatensis*, growing respectively in Mexico and Colombia, both of which have considerable resemblance to the preceding. (Tom. iii. pp. 681, 682.)

carpus is little inferior to copaiba in the diseases for which that medicine is employed. Dr. T. B. Henderson has found it very successful in *gonorrhœa*, given in the dose of a teaspoonful two or three times a day, uncombined. (*Med. Times and Gaz.*, 1865, p. 571.) It probably has a remedial influence on diseased mucous membranes similar to the different turpentines, which it appears to resemble in composition. The juice may be given in emulsion, in doses of from fifteen to forty drops (0·9–2·5 C.c.); the volatile oil from ten to thirty drops (0·6–1·9 C.c.).

East India wood oil, or gurjun balsam, must not be confounded with *Chinese wood oil* or *tung oil*, a fixed oil obtained from the euphorbiaceous *Elæococcus cordata*. This oil has a specific gravity at 60° F. of 0·94015, and does not congeal at a temperature of —8° F. If a drop of it be added to nitric acid it changes on heating into an orange-yellow solid. When a drop of sulphuric acid is brought in contact with the oil the latter apparently solidifies around the acid, forming a black envelope, which grows in size and gradually absorbs and acts upon so much of the surrounding oil as to assume the appearance of an irregular, large, dried currant. *Chinese wood oil* saponifies readily with caustic potash, two hundred and eleven parts of the caustic potash being required for a thousand parts of oil. (For details, see *P. J. Tr.*, vol. xv.) It is much used in China and Japan as a natural varnish for woodwork, having notable drying properties. Over 60,000 kilos are said to be sent yearly from Hankow, on the Yang-tse-Kiang, in the interior of China, to Chinese sea-ports.

WOORARI. *Woorara. Woorali. Urari. Curare.* This powerful South American arrow-poison was first brought to Europe by the celebrated traveller Waterton; it was in the form of a thick syrup, but as it now occurs in commerce it is a blackish extract, brittle, somewhat resinoid in appearance, encrusting the sides of gourds or little rude earthenware jars, into which it has almost certainly been poured in a liquid state. The drug varies much in strength. It has been variously described. According to the researches of Prof. Planchon (*P. J. Tr.*, xi. 491), there are really four distinct varieties of curare. 1. That from the Upper Amazon, obtained from the *Strychnos castelnœana*, Wedl, and possibly from an undescribed Strychnos, *S. yapurensis*. 2. That from the Upper Orinoco, extending towards the Rio Negro, yielded by *S. gubleri;* this is the variety spoken of by Humboldt. 3. That of British Guiana, obtained from *S. toxifera*,* Schomb., associated with *S. schomburgkii*, Kl., and *S. cogens*, Benth. 4. That of French Guiana, made out of *S. crevauxii*. If this classification be correct, it is very important to distinguish the varieties of the woorari; this at present cannot be done. Dr. H. C. Wood has received, however, two distinct wooraris, one said to come from the Upper Amazon, therefore No. 1 of Planchon, and the other believed to come from the Orinoco. They are distinguished by the former being free from and the latter full of ants, evidently put in whilst the poison was liquid. The preparation of woorari has been witnessed by various travellers and variously described. (See *P. J. Tr.*, xvi. 502; *B. and F. Med.-Chir. Rev.*, Oct. 1865; *P. J. Tr.*, x., 1881.) It usually consists in making a decoction and finally extract of various plants, including the active Strychnos. Dr. Jobert asserts that the Tecuma Indians use, besides *S. castelnœana*, *Cocculus toxiferus* and an arum ("*Taya*"), which he found to be very poisonous. According to Prof. Kobert (*Pharm. Zeitung*, June, 1885), *Malonetia nitida* or *Guachamaca*, a plant which is abundant in the Orinoco and Rio Negro districts, enters largely into the composition of curare. The alkaloid, *guachamacine*, isolated by T. Schiffer in 1883, is very closely allied to, if it be not identical with, curarine, in both its chemical and its physiological activity. It is entirely possible that the varieties of woorari vary in their alkaloid and their physiological properties. Allied, it may be, to the third variety of woorari are the arrow-poisons brought by Dr. W. S. W. Ruschenberger from Colombia, and studied by Drs. W. A. Hammond and S. Weir Mitchell. (*Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*, July, 1859.) *Corroval* was in dark-brown lumps, having the appearance of a vegetable extract, and of an intensely bitter and persistent taste. Under the microscope it presented the appearance of vegetable remains, but nothing animal. It yielded its active properties to water and alcohol, and was found to depend for its activity upon a peculiar alkaloid, *corrovaline*. In a few minutes after the introduction of the poison through a wound, paralytic phenomena became obvious, and the animal soon died, without preliminary spasm or convulsions. But the heart, instead of continuing to act after apparent death, had entirely ceased to beat, and had quite lost its irritability, so that it could not be excited by galvanism. They inferred that the action of the poison is directly and primarily on the heart, possibly through the ganglia contained in its tissue. There was no evidence whatever, whether chemical or physiological, of the presence of strychnine in the poison. *Vao* or *bao* was a vegetable extract containing *corrovaline*, and apparently only a diluted or adulterated corroval.

The attempts first made to isolate the poisonous principle of woorari were without satisfactory results. Dr. Heintz succeeded in obtaining the poison in an exceedingly concentrated form, but not entirely separated from other principles. (*Am. Med. Gaz.*, vii. 6.) In 1828, MM. Boussingault and Roulin separated a substance which they regarded as an alkaloid, but which neither they nor other chemists obtained in a crystalline state. At length, however, M. W. Preyer, at the urgent request of M. Bernard, who desired to find some physical test of the identity of the different substances which bore the common name of curare, undertook a laborious investigation into the subject, and succeeded in isolating the active principle, a crystallizable alkaloid, *curarine*. From the different specimens examined by him he extracted the same alkaloid; and it is no doubt common to all the varieties of this poison which produce its characteristic effects on the system. Besides the hydrochlorate, he has obtained the nitrate, sulphate, and acetate, all soluble and crystallizable. Curarine differs from most crystallizable alkaloids in containing no oxygen. It consists of carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen, and M. Preyer presented as a provisional formula $C_{10}H_{15}N$. Sachs (*Ann. Chem. u. Pharm.*, 191, 254) considers that Preyer's alkaloid was impure, and reckons from an analysis of the crystallized picrate the formula $C_{18}H_{35}N$ for the alkaloid. Curarine is extremely deliquescent, of an extreme and persistent bitterness, crystallizing in

* The bark of the *Strychnos toxifera* has been chemically examined by Mr. Villiers, who finds that its purified extract resembles in its chemical and physiological relations ordinary curarine. He was not able, however, to obtain the pure alkaloid. (*Journ. Pharm. et Chim.*, fifth series, vol. xi.)

quadrilateral prisms, which are colorless, soluble in water, caustic alkalies, and alcohol in all proportions, little soluble in chloroform or amylic alcohol, insoluble in anhydrous ether, benzene, oil of turpentine, or carbon disulphide. It very feebly changes litmus blue, and its soluble salts do not redden it. Pure concentrated sulphuric acid gives it a very durable magnificent blue color, which is not the case with strychnine. With potassium bichromate the same acid develops the same violet color as with strychnine, but much more persistent. Concentrated nitric acid renders it purple. By these tests curare may be readily detected in the fluids of animals poisoned with it. (*Journ. de Pharm.*, 4e sér., ii. 296.) Boehm (*Berichte*, xx. 143) states that *curine* exists in many specimens of curare; it may also be obtained from the aqueous extract of curare. Curine is a microcrystalline powder, slightly soluble in cold water, freely in alcohol, chloroform, and dilute acids. It forms a voluminous white precipitate with metaphosphoric acid.

Woorari is one of those poisons whose active principle passes through animal membranes with difficulty, and hence when given by the stomach or rectum it acts very slowly, and in some cases elimination may proceed so rapidly that no marked influence is exerted, because not enough of the alkaloid is in the blood at any one time. There is also some reason for believing that the alkaloid is destroyed in the liver. When injected into a vein, or introduced by the hypodermic needle or the poisoned arrow into the cellular tissue, it acts with great promptness. The symptoms caused are progressive loss of muscular power, the animal growing weaker and weaker, the respirations becoming more and more feeble, until death by asphyxia results. Not rarely there are marked muscular twitchings, or even convulsive movements, which Vulpian asserts (*Leçons Subs. Toxiq.*, 1881, p. 202) are not due to the asphyxia, because they are not prevented by artificial respiration. They are probably of centric origin, since Tillie (*Arch. Experim. Path. Pharm.*, xxvii.) has shown that the drug first excites the spinal cord, although such action is masked by the paralysis of the motor nerves. The heart usually continues beating after cessation of breathing, and only very large doses of the poison affect early the arterial pressure. It has indeed very little action upon the cardiac or vaso-motor apparatus unless the dose be very large, when the blood-pressure sinks from depression of the peripheral vaso-motor nerves (Tillie); the cardiac fibres of the vagi also suffer (Dogiel and Nikolski). The failure of muscular power and loss of reflex activity are not due to any influence upon the nerve-centres or the muscles, but to paralysis of the motor nerves: it is probable, as Vulpian believes, that it is the extreme peripheral endings of these which first suffer. At a certain stage of the poisoning, response occurs in the tributary muscle when a nerve is galvanized, although reflex and voluntary impulses are unable to force a passage to the muscles. The sensory, vaso-motor, and inhibitory nerves are not affected unless by enormous doses. Couty and De Lacuda have recently brought forward some evidence to show that the muscles do not escape as absolutely as has been believed. (*Schwalbe's Jahresb.*, 1881, p. 203.) Death has generally been attributed to paralysis of the respiratory nerves, but Dogiel and Nikolski affirm that the respiratory centres are paralyzed.

Glycosuria has very often been noticed, and the curarine has frequently been detected in the urine, which also usually contains an abundance of crystals of calcium oxalate. In regard to action upon the bodily temperature the evidence is somewhat contradictory. Bernard noticed an extraordinary rise, but, according to more recent observations, the temperature of the central portions of the body falls, whilst that of the extremities, and sometimes even of the lower rectum, rises. MM. Voisin and Liouville divide the effects on the human subject into two classes, according to their severity. The milder symptoms are chiefly exhibited in the circulatory system. The pulse is increased in force and frequency, the respiration is rendered somewhat more frequent, the temperature is slightly elevated, perspirations sometimes occur, and the urine is augmented in quantity, is remarkably light-colored, and contains glucose. From larger quantities of the poison violent febrile phenomena occur, commencing with the characteristic symptoms of a severe chill. There are shivering, chattering of the teeth, sensations of severe cold, cutis anserina, startings, and general trembling, with small and rapid pulse, anxiety, sighing, etc. The power of the lower extremities rapidly diminishes or quite ceases, coordination of motion is disturbed, and sometimes the patient is unable to move the legs. Thirst, headache, insomnia, and sometimes diuresis, are added to the other symptoms. The first coldness is followed by a hot skin, frequent and full pulse, redness of the surface, injected conjunctiva, and a profuse sweat. The paralysis of the lower extremities continues generally for a few minutes, at most for an hour; but care was taken to arrest the action of the poison by compressing the vessels above the point of insertion. The fever continues longer; sometimes, when the dose is large, for five or six days, gradually diminishing. The elimination of the poison by the kidneys appears to cease in about twenty-four hours. In cases of poisoning from the injection of woorari, a ligature round the limb between the place of injection and the heart, the free exhibition of diluents and evacuants, and artificial respiration when required, are the measures recommended. (*Ed. Med. Journ.*, 1867, p. 667.)

As a remedy curare has very little value, even in *tetanus*, *hydrophobia*, and other severe *convulsive affections;* it will undoubtedly quiet the spasm, but does not have any direct curative influence upon the disease, which is due to an irritation of the centres and not of the nerve trunks. According to the elaborate experiments of M. Du Cazal (*Arch. Gén.*, Sept. 1869), from 5 to 10 milligrammes (0·077 to 0·154 gr.) daily were borne by a dog without inconvenience; at the dose of 10 milligrammes the characteristic phenomena began to show themselves, but disappeared in a few hours; with 14 milligrammes the animal perished. For man the doses administered by subcutaneous injection were from 1 to 5 centigrammes (0·1543 to 0·7715 gr.), and exceptionally from 6 to 7. From these quantities, the appearance of glucose in the urine proved the presence of the poison in the system; and some slight characteristic symptoms, as dizziness, headache, vertigo, general lassitude, have appeared, but without any serious disturbance of the locomotor apparatus. MM. Jousset and Bellesme prepare an infusion in the proportion of one part of the medicine to ten parts of boiling water, and, after filtration, inject subcutaneously, at short intervals, a quantity of the infusion equivalent to half a centigramme (about

one-thirteenth of a grain), to be increased or diminished according to its effects. (*Ann. de Thérap.*, 1866, p. 37.) According to Bernard, *curarine* is at least twenty times as strong as curare, and should be given in proportionate dose. According to the experiments of Dr. Jos. Tillie, *curine* has no influence upon the motor nerves, but acts both in the frog and in the mammal upon the heart, belonging physiologically to the digitalis group. Prof. Boehm states that the presence of curine in curare can be recognized by the white precipitate made by metaphosphoric acid.

WRIGHTIA ANTIDYSENTERICA. (R. Brown.) *Nerium Antidysentericum.* (Linn.) *Holarrhena Antidysenterica.* Under the name of *Conessi bark*, *Tellicherri bark*, and *Codaga pala*, a spongy, rusty-colored, bitter bark of this apocynaceous tree was formerly used in Europe as a remedy in *dysentery* and *diarrhœa*, and is said still to be largely employed by the native practitioners of India. Dr. Stenhouse has obtained from the seeds, besides a fixed oil which they contain in large quantity, a peculiar bitter principle, called by him *wrightine*, $C_{25}H_{22}NO$, which, though uncrystallizable, and forming uncrystallizable compounds with the acids, has claims to be ranked with the alkaloids. (See *P. J. Tr.*, 1864, p. 493.) Hains had previously obtained the same alkaloid, and described it under the name of *conessine*. (*P. J. Tr.*, (2) vi. 432.) Recently the seeds have been re-examined by Warnecke (*P. J. Tr.*, vol. xvi. p. 722), who finds in them an alkaloid to which he gives the formula $C_{11}H_{18}N$. The alkaloid *conessine* is now a commercial product prepared by Merck, and a formula, $C_{20}H_{40}N_2$, is given it. It occurs in delicate white interlaced masses of crystals, melting at 121° C., sparingly soluble in water, readily so in alcohol. A small quantity rubbed with a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid affords on the addition of nitric acid a golden- and finally orange-yellow color. We are not aware that the medical properties of this have been investigated.

A second species of the genus, *Holarrhena africana*, is stated by the German missionaries to be used in tropical Africa in *dysentery*. Polstorff and Schirmer (*Ber. der Chem. Ges.*, 1886, p. 78) prepared the alkaloid both from *Holarrhena africana* and from *Wrightia antidysenterica*, finding it to be identical in the two cases. They give it the formula $C_{12}H_{20}N$, and state that it is a light white powder, melting at 121·5° C., sparingly soluble in water, freely soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, and benzene.

XANTHIUM. M. Guichard believes that he has found an alkaloid in the *X. speciosum*. (*P. J. Tr.*, vii. 249.) In the *Xanthium strumarium*, *Cocklebur* or *Clotbur*, which is common both in Europe and in America, A. Zander believes that he has found a glucoside, *xanthostrumarin*. M. V. Cheatham thinks that there is a second active principle. (See *A. J. P.*, vol. xi. 271, vol. xiv. 134.) Clotbur is stated to be an active styptic, both local and general. Dose of fluid extract, one to two fluidrachms. (3·7 to 7·4 C.c.)

XANTHORRHIZA. *Yellow-root. Xanthorrhiza apiifolia.* Willd. *X. tinctoria.* Woodhouse. This is a ranunculaceous shrub, two or three feet in height, with a horizontal root, which sends off numerous suckers. The stem is simple, rather thicker than a goose-quill, with a smooth bark, and bright-yellow wood. The leaves, which stand thickly at the upper part of the stem, are compound, consisting of several ovate-lanceolate, acute, doubly serrate leaflets, sessile upon a long petiole, which embraces the stem at its base. The flowers are small, purple, and disposed in long, drooping, divided racemes, placed immediately below the first leaves. The yellow-root grows in the interior of the Southern and in the Western States. Nuttall says that it is abundant on the banks of the Ohio. It flowers in April. The root was formerly in the Secondary List of the U. S. Pharmacopœia; but the bark of the stem possesses the same virtues. The root is from three inches to a foot or more in length, and about half an inch in thickness near the stem. It shrinks somewhat in drying, and, as found in the shops, is in slender pieces of various lengths, diminishing from three or four lines in thickness to the dimensions of a knitting-needle, wrinkled longitudinally, with a light yellowish-brown, easily separable epidermis, a thick, hard, bright-yellow woody portion, and a very slender central pith. It is inodorous, and of a simple but extremely bitter taste. It imparts its color and taste to water. The infusion is not affected by a solution of ferrous sulphate. Dr. J. Dyson Perrins has found *berberine* in it. (*P. J. Tr.*, May, 1862.) Mr. Samuel S. Jones believes that he has proved the existence in the drug of a second alkaloid. (*A. J. P.*, vol. xvi. p. 161.) Xanthorrhiza possesses properties closely analogous to those of calumba, quassia, and other simple tonic bitters, and may be used for the same purposes and in the same manner. Dr. Woodhouse employed it in the dose of two scruples (2·6 Gm.).

XANTHORRHŒA RESINS. *Gum Acaroides. Gum Acroides.* Yellow and reddish resinous substances, the products of different species of Xanthorrhœa, have been introduced into England from Australia. They are obtained by spontaneous exudation from the stems of the plants, which are usually shrubs. The *yellow variety* (from *Xanthorrhœa hastilis*) is in tears, in flattish pieces having on one side the mark of the stem, or in masses of various size and irregular shape. It has a reddish-yellow color, resembling gamboge when broken, and when heated emits a fragrant odor like that of Tolu balsam. It contains resin, cinnamic and benzoic acids, and a trace of volatile oil, and may therefore be ranked among the balsams. When heated with nitric acid, it yields a large product of picric acid. In medical properties it is said to bear a close resemblance to storax and the balsam of Tolu. A tincture, made in the proportion of two ounces to a pint of alcohol, may be given in the dose of one or two fluidrachms. The *red variety* (from *Xanthorrhœa australis*) resembles dragon's blood in color, and appears to be analogous to the other variety in properties. (See *A. J. P.* 1881; also, *A. J. P.*, vol. xv.) These resins have been introduced as a shellac substitute in varnish-making.

XYLENE. *Xylol. Xylène*, Fr. *Xylol*, G. $C_6H_4(CH_3)_2$. There are three isomeric hydrocarbons of this name, the ortho-, meta-, and paraxylene respectively, all contained in coal tar. A mixture of them was first extracted from naphtha by Dr. Hugo Müller, and was brought forward by Dr. Zuelzer as a specific in *small-pox*, but is useless. (*P. J. Tr.*, 1872, p. 623.)

YLANG YLANG OIL. *Cananga Oil. Oleum Anonæ. Oleum Unonæ.* This is a volatile oil obtained from the flowers of *Cananga odorata*, a large tree inhabiting most parts of Southern Asia. It contains a benzoic ether, phenol, and an aldehyde, or

ketone. It is used only as a perfume. (See *N. R.*, April, 1881.) The so-called "*Macassar Hair Oil*" is said to be a solution of it in cocoa-nut oil. (See *A. J. P.*, 1881, p. 123.)

ZEDOARY. *Radix Zedoariæ. Rhizoma Zedoariæ*, P. G. *Zedoaire*, Fr. *Zitterwurzel*, G. There are two kinds of zedoary, the long and the round, distinguished by the old official titles of *radix zedoariæ longæ* and *radix zedoariæ rotundæ;* the former produced by the *Curcuma zedoaria* of Roxburgh, the latter, as some suppose, by the *Kæmpferia rotunda* of Linn., but, according to others, by the *Curcuma zerumbet* of Roxburgh. Both kinds come from the East Indies. The *long zedoary* is in slices, from an inch and a half to three inches in length, and from half an inch to an inch thick, obtuse at the extremities, and exhibiting the remains of the radical fibres. The *round* is also usually in slices, which are the sections of a roundish root, ending in a point beneath, and divided longitudinally into two parts, each of which is flat on one side, convex on the other, and heart-shaped in its outline. Sometimes the root of the latter variety is entire, and sometimes in quarters instead of halves. It is marked with circular rings on the convex surface, and, like the former, with small projecting points which are the remains of radical fibres. Both are grayish white on the outside, yellowish brown within, hard, compact, of an agreeable aromatic odor, and a bitterish, pungent, camphorous taste. The round, however, is less spicy than the long. They yield a volatile oil, when distilled with water, and contain a pungent soft resin and bitter extractive. Zedoary is a warm, stimulating aromatic, useful in flatulent colic and debility of the digestive organs. It is not now employed, as it produces no effects which cannot be as well or better obtained from ginger. The dose is from ten grains to half a drachm (0·648 to 1·94 Gm.).

ZERÈCHTIT. *Tschuking.* The leaves, flowers, and fruit of an Abyssinian composite, *Uhyæa Schimperi.* See *Proc. A. P. A.*, xxvi. 228.

ZERUMBET. *Cassumuniar.* Under these names an East India root was formerly used, having some analogy in sensible and medical properties to ginger, and ascribed to the *Zingiber zerumbet* of Roscoe. Some consider the cassumuniar as a distinct root, and refer it to the *Zingiber cassumuniar* of Roxburgh. The difference of opinion is of little importance, as neither of the roots is to be found in the markets. By some authors the zerumbet has been erroneously confounded with the round zedoary. Geiger describes it as in pieces of the size of a fig or larger, externally grayish brown and wrinkled, internally yellowish, hard and tough, of a biting, aromatic taste, and a spicy odor.

ZINC CYANIDE. *Zinci Cyanidum. Cyanuret of Zinc.* $ZnCy_2$. This cyanide is precipitated as a white insoluble powder, by adding cautiously, until it ceases to produce a precipitate, a recently filtered solution of potassium cyanide to a solution of zinc sulphate. It is used in Germany as a substitute for hydrocyanic acid, and is said to be anthelmintic. It has been employed in *epilepsy*, *chorea*, and *neuralgia*, in several *painful affections of the stomach*, and in the *colics* attendant on *difficult menstruation.* The dose is a quarter of a grain (0·016 Gm.), gradually increased to a grain and a half (0·097 Gm.), given in mixture. It is official in the French Codex.

ZINC FERROCYANIDE. *Zinci Ferrocyanidum. Ferrocyanuret of Zinc.* $Zn_2FeCy_6 + 3H_2O$. Formed by double decomposition between hot solutions of potassium ferrocyanide and zinc sulphate. It is thrown down as a white powder. It has similar medical properties to those of the cyanide, and is used in the same diseases. The dose is from one to four grains, given in pill. (See *Zinc Cyanide.*)

ZINC LACTATE. *Zinci Lactas. Lactas Zincicus. Zincum Lacticum.* $Zn(C_3H_5O_3)_2 3H_2O$. This salt is used by M. Herpin in doses of two grains (0·13 Gm.), three times a day, gradually increased to ten grains (0·65 Gm.) a day, as a substitute for zinc oxide in *epilepsy.* For its physical properties and methods of preparation, see 16th ed. U. S. D.

ZINC PHOSPHATE. *Zinci Phosphas.* $Zn_3P_2O_8, 2H_2O$. Dr. Barnes, of London, has brought forward this salt of zinc as having special advantages over other salts of the same metal in the treatment of *nervous diseases*, peculiarly useful in the *insanity* occurring in the convalescence from fevers, in which he associates it with quinine, and in *epilepsy* attended with *disorder of the uterine functions.* Zinc phosphate, or *trizincic orthophosphate*, may be prepared by the mutual reaction of zinc sulphate and an alkaline phosphate. It is a white powder, insoluble in water but soluble in acids.

ZINCI CYANIDUM. *Cyanide of Zinc.* This salt has been recommended by Dr. Lashkevich in cardiac neuroses in doses of one-tenth to one-eighth grain (0·006 to 0·008 Gm.) three times a day.

ZIZYPHUS VULGARIS. Lamarck. *Rhamnus Ziziphus.* Linn. *Jujube*, Fr. *Brustbeeren, Judendornbeeren*, G. A shrub, or small tree, growing on the shores of the Mediterranean, and cultivated in Italy, Spain, and the south of France. The fruit is the part used. This consists of oval drupes, of the size of a large olive, with a thin, coriaceous, red or reddish-brown skin, a yellowish, sweet, acidulous pulp, and an oblong, pointed stone in the centre. These have the official name of *jujubæ.* By drying, their pulp becomes softer and sweeter, and acquires a vinous taste, evincing the commencement of fermentation. They are nutritive and demulcent, and are used in the form of decoction in *pectoral complaints. Jujube paste* consists properly of gum arabic and sugar, dissolved in a decoction of this fruit, and evaporated to the proper consistence. As a demulcent, it is in no respect superior to a paste made with gum arabic and sugar alone; and the preparation formerly sold in this country under the name contains in fact none of the fruit. The fruits of two other species, *Z. lotus*, growing in the north of Africa, and *Z. jujuba*, a native of the East Indies, possess properties similar to those of the *Z. vulgaris*, and are used as food by the inhabitants of the countries where they grow. The *Zizyphus jujuba* is stated by Bosisto (*A. J. P.*, 1886) to be one of the main sources of stick-lac, from which shellac is manufactured.

ZYGADENUS. This is a liliaceous genus, widely represented in the United States, some members of which are believed to be poisonous. Dr. H. S. Goodell affirms that he has seen violent convulsions produced by the juice of *Z. nuttallii*, Gray (*Z. venenosus*, Watson). According to Watson, among the northern tribes of Indians the bulb of this species is known to be very poisonous, and is known as the "*Death Camass.*"

PART III.

In this division are included the subjects formerly embraced in the Appendix of this work, with the addition of the official tests and various tables, many of which are introduced for the first time in the Dispensatory.

TESTS.

LIST OF REAGENTS. U. S. 1890.

The constant reference to tests in the previous pages, and the adoption of volumetric test-solutions in the U. S. Pharmacopœias of 1880 and 1890, necessitate the insertion of the official reagents and solutions used in the quantitative and qualitative tests. Great care should be used, in preparing these tests and selecting the reagents, to see that they come fully up to the official requirements, as the whole value of the test depends upon the purity of the reagent and the accuracy with which the solution has been made.

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

Official Substances as Reagents.—Some official substances (chemicals, chemical solutions, etc.) are sufficiently pure to be used as reagents, if they comply with the tests of purity prescribed by the Pharmacopœia. In the case of others, the presence of certain impurities, though immaterial for their use as medicines, renders their employment as reagents unsuitable. Whenever a greater degree of purity is required than is provided for by the text of the Pharmacopœia, it will be specially mentioned in the following lists.

Abbreviations and Signs Used:

T.S. = Test-solution.

V.S. = Volumetric solution.

$\frac{N}{1}$ = Normal (see under "Volumetric Solutions" in List III.).

$\frac{N}{2}$ = Seminormal; $\frac{N}{10}$ = Decinormal; $\frac{N}{100}$ = Centinormal.

$\frac{2}{N}$ = Double-normal (sometimes written: 2 N).

★ (asterisk) *in front* of a figure denotes that the quantity or value expressed by the figure is approximate. In the case of a volumetric solution, for instance, ★25 C.c. means "about 25 C.c.," and this is to be interpreted as standing for "24·5 to 25·5 C.c.," the allowable variation in such cases being 2 per cent. either way. In the text of the Pharmacopœia this is expressed by saying "about 25 C.c.," or "about 16 per cent. of iron," etc.

Keeping of Reagents.—Reagents should be kept in bottles made of glass free from lead and arsenic, and proof against corrosion by acids and alkalies, preferably in those made of Bohemian glass.

The bottles should be closed by well-ground glass stoppers. Stoppers of bottles containing alkali hydrates, ammonium sulphide, ammonia water, tannic acid, and other substances rapidly attacking ground glass surfaces, should be lubricated with a thin film of petrolatum.

Reagents easily affected by light, such as hydrogen sulphide T.S., ammonium sulphide T.S., chlorine water, etc., should be kept in bottles made of dark amber-colored glass.

Note.—As some of the following test-solutions are in certain cases directed in definite quantities in lieu of the regular volumetric solutions, it is important that they should always be prepared of the *exact strength prescribed.*

II. LIST OF REAGENTS AND TEST-SOLUTIONS.

Note.—The reagents are arranged in alphabetical order. The test-solutions are usually mentioned in connection with the principal chemical or other substance from which they are prepared. The volumetric solutions will be found in List III. (Nos. 116–135).

Whenever *water* is required or mentioned as a solvent in the tests given in the Pharmacopœia, or in the preparation of any reagent, it is understood that *distilled water* shall be used.

1. **Absolute Alcohol** (Ethyl Alcohol), $C_2H_5OH = 45{\cdot}9$.—Use the official absolute alcohol [*Alcohol Absolutum*].

2. **Acetic Acid**, $HC_2H_3O_2 = 59{\cdot}86$.—Use the official acetic acid [*Acidum Aceticum*].

3. **Albumen Test-Solution.**—Carefully separate the white of a hen's egg from the yolk, shake it thoroughly with 100 C.c. of water, and filter. This solution should be freshly made when required.

4. **Aluminum.**—Metallic aluminum, $Al = 27{\cdot}04$, in the form of foil, wire, or ribbon. It should be tested for arsenic by Fleitmann's method (see below, No. 13), when no color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours.

5. **Ammonia Water**, $NH_3 = 17.01$.—Use the official ammonia water [*Aqua Ammoniæ*].

6. **Ammonium Carbonate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of ammonium carbonate, NH_4HCO_3-$NH_4NH_2CO_2 = 156{\cdot}77$ [*Ammonii Carbonas*, U. S. P.], in a mixture of 10 C.c. of ammonia water and 40 C.c. of water.

For detecting arsenic sulphide in presence of antimony sulphide, the addition of ammonia water is omitted, and 10 Gm. of the salt are dissolved in a sufficient quantity of water to make 100 C.c.

7. **Ammonium Chloride Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of ammonium chloride, $NH_4Cl = 53{\cdot}38$ [*Ammonii Chloridum*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

8. **Ammonium Molybdate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 Gm. of finely powdered ammonium molybdate, $(NH_4)_2MoO_4 = 195{\cdot}76$, in 6·7 C.c. of hot water, using a little ammonia water, if necessary, to effect solution. Then gradually pour the liquid into a mixture of 3·3 C.c. of nitric acid (spec. grav. 1·414) and 3·4 C.c. of water. Preserve the test-solution in the dark, and, if a sediment should form in it after some days, carefully decant the clear solution from it.

9. **Ammonium Oxalate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 4 Gm. of pure, crystallized ammonium oxalate, $(NH_4)_2C_2O_4 + H_2O = 141{\cdot}76$, free from metals, chloride, and sulphate, in enough water to make 100 C.c. Or, dissolve 4 Gm. of pure oxalic acid (see below, No. 121) in 100 C.c. of water, add 20 C.c. of ammonia water, boil to expel excess of ammonia, and bring the volume to 113 C.c.

On evaporating a portion of the test-solution, and igniting the residue, it should be completely volatilized (absence of *fixed impurities*).

10. **Ammonium Phosphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 Gm. of ammonium phosphate, $(NH_4)_2$-$HPO_4 = 131{\cdot}82$, together with 2 C.c. of ammonia water, in enough water to make 100 C.c. This solution does not keep well. It should be freshly made when required, or frequently renewed.

10*b*. **Ammonium Sulphate.**—$(NH_4)_2SO_4 = 131{\cdot}84$.—The purified salt, leaving no residue upon ignition.

11. **Ammonium Sulphide Test-Solution.**—Saturate 3 parts of pure ammonia water with pure, washed hydrogen sulphide, and add to the solution (which now contains ammonium sulphhydrate, $NH_4HS = 50{\cdot}99$) 2 parts of ammonia water, which converts the greater portion of the ammonium sulphhydrate into ammonium sulphide $(NH_4)_2S = 68{\cdot}0$. The solution should be perfectly clear and colorless, and, on being evaporated, leave no residue. It should not be rendered turbid either by magnesium sulphate T.S. (absence of *free ammonia*), or by calcium chloride T.S. (absence of *ammonium carbonate*). It should be protected against air and light by being kept in small, dark amber-colored bottles, in a dark place. As soon as a notable deposit of sulphur has made its appearance in the solution, it should be rejected.

Ammonium polysulphide test-solution is occasionally required. This is a yellow liquid, prepared by dissolving a small quantity of pure sulphur in the preceding, colorless ammonium sulphide test-solution.

12. **Arsenic Test, Bettendorff's.**—To a small quantity of the liquid to be tested, which should contain much pure concentrated hydrochloric acid, or should be a solution of the substance to be tested in pure, concentrated hydrochloric acid, add an equal volume of a saturated solution of freshly prepared stannous chloride in pure, concentrated hydrochloric acid, together with a small piece of pure tin-foil. The presence of arsenic is revealed by the production of a brown color or brown precipitate, the appearance of which is hastened by a gentle heat (see Stannous Chloride, No. 108).

13. **Arsenic Test, Fleitmann's.**—Into a test-tube of at least 15 Cm. in length, and 15 to 18 Mm. in diameter, place a single, solid piece of zinc (see below, No. 115), weighing about 1 to 1·25 Gm., and add about 5 C.c. of potassium hydrate T.S. [*Liquor Potassæ*, U. S. P.], both ingredients having previously been proven free from arsenic by having been subjected, *alone*, to the test about to be described, during at least two hours, with negative result. Now add the liquid to be tested, which must not contain any free acid, nor very materially increase the volume of the contents of the test-tube. Immediately secure over the mouth of the test-tube a previously prepared cap made of three thicknesses of pure filter paper free from dust, and apply to the upper filter paper a drop of a saturated, aqueous solution of silver nitrate acidulated with nitric acid (see Silver Nitrate T.S., No. 96). Then place the tube at once, upright, into a box containing sand heated to about 90° C. (194° F.), and fitted with a cover, so as to exclude light and dust, and permit the reaction to proceed for such a time as may be specially prescribed in each case. The presence of arsenic (but not of antimony) is revealed by the production, upon the moistened paper cap, of a brown or black stain. In absence of arsenic, if the test has been carefully conducted, the spot will remain colorless.

In place of zinc, metallic aluminum, best in form of wire, cut into small pieces, may be employed (*Gatehouse's* modification). The method of testing, and the results, are the same as in Fleitmann's test.

14. **Arsenic Test, Gutzeit's.**—Into a test-tube of at least 15 Cm. in length, and 15 to 18 Mm. in diameter, place a single, solid piece of zinc (see below, No. 115), weighing about 1 to 1·25 Gm., and add

about 5 C.c. of a mixture, previously prepared and kept in readiness for this purpose, of 10 C.c. of pure sulphuric acid of spec. grav. 1·835, and 190 C.c. of water, the ingredients having previously been proven free from arsenic by having been subjected, *alone*, to the test about to be described, during at least two hours, with negative result. Now add the liquid to be tested, which should not be alkaline, nor exceed 1 C.c. About 1 Cm. below the open end of the test-tube insert a loose plug, about 1 Cm. long, of glass-wool or cotton, which has been moistened with 0·5 C c. of lead acetate T.S. Then secure over the mouth a cap made of three thicknesses of clean filter paper, and apply to the upper one a drop of a saturated, aqueous solution of silver nitrate, acidulated with nitric acid (see Silver Nitrate T.S., No. 96). Place the tube into a box to exclude light, and let the reaction proceed as long as may be prescribed in each case. The presence of arsenic is shown by the production, upon the moistened paper cap, of a bright yellow stain which becomes black or brown by application of water. Antimony colors the spot black or brown at once without showing a yellow color while dry. In this case, traces of arsenic may be overlooked; it is therefore advisable to subject a fresh portion of the specimen to Fleitmann's test (see No. 13), which responds only to arsenic. If the plug moistened with lead acetate T.S. be strongly colored, so that doubt exists whether the coloration be due to metallic silver reduced by arsenic, or to silver sulphide, produced by an escape of H_2S through the plug, moisten the silver stain with diluted nitric acid, which will dissolve the metallic silver reduced by arsenic, but will not affect the black silver sulphide. Or else, put on a new cap of filtering paper, moistened with a drop of lead acetate T.S. If this remain colorless, sulphide is absent.

15. Barium Carbonate.—Pure barium carbonate, $BaCO_3 = 196·75$, prepared by dissolving 12 parts of pure, crystallized barium chloride in 20 parts of boiling water, then adding a solution of 5 parts of ammonium carbonate in 10 parts of boiling water, and afterwards 5 parts of ammonia water; finally washing the precipitate thoroughly and drying it.

16. Barium Chloride Test-Solution.—Prepared from pure barium chloride, $BaCl_2 + 2H_2O = 243·56$. The aqueous solution of the salt should be perfectly neutral, and should not yield a precipitate with hydrogen sulphide T.S. or ammonium sulphide T.S. (absence of *metals*, etc.). The aqueous solution, after being precipitated by diluted sulphuric acid in slight excess, yields a filtrate which should not leave any permanent residue when evaporated and heated on platinum-foil (absence of *other fixed bases* and *salts*). Diluted alcohol, after remaining in contact with it for several hours, should, upon ignition, show a pure yellowish-green colored flame, without red streaks (absence of *traces of strontium*). To prepare the *test-solution*, dissolve 12·2 Gm. of the salt in enough water to make 100 C.c. (This solution is of normal strength $= \frac{N}{1}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric purposes also.)

17. Barium Hydrate Test-Solution.—A saturated solution of barium hydrate [barium hydroxide, $Ba(OH)_2 = 170·82$] in water. This solution rapidly absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. It is preferably prepared freshly as wanted.

18. Barium Nitrate Test-Solution.—Prepared from pure barium nitrate, $Ba(NO_3)_2 = 260·68$. This salt should respond to the same tests as barium chloride (see No. 16). In addition, its aqueous solution, slightly acidulated with nitric acid, should not be rendered turbid by silver nitrate T.S. (absence of *chloride*). To prepare the *test-solution*, dissolve 1 Gm. of the salt in water to make 15·3 C.c. (This solution is of half normal strength $= \frac{N}{2}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric purposes also.)

19. Benzin, or Petroleum Ether.—Use the official benzin [*Benzinum*].

20. Benzol, or Benzene.—Benzol, $C_6H_6 = 77·82$, is a colorless, transparent liquid of a peculiar, aromatic odor, of a spec. grav. of 0·8846 at 15° C. (59° F.), congealing at 0° C. (32° F.), and boiling at 80·37° C. (176·7° F.). It is insoluble in water, but soluble in 4 parts of alcohol, and in ether. In concentrated sulphuric acid it should dissolve without producing a color. On shaking 2 C.c. of benzol with 0·5 C.c. of sulphuric acid and 1 drop of fuming nitric acid, no green or blue tint should be produced (absence of *thiophene*).

21. Brazil Wood Test-Solution.—See under *Indicators* (No. 49).

22. Bromine Water (Bromine Test-Solution), Br. = 79·76.—An aqueous solution of bromine [*Bromum*, U. S. P.], prepared by dissolving 1 C.c. of bromine in enough water to make 100 C.c.

23. Calcium Chloride Test-Solution.—Dissolve 10·925 Gm. of crystallized calcium chloride, $CaCl_2 + 6H_2O = 218·41$, in enough water to make 100 C.c. (This solution is of normal strength $= \frac{N}{1}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric purposes also.)

24. Calcium Hydrate Test-Solution (Lime Water), $Ca(OH)_2 = 73·83$.—Use the official lime water [*Liquor Calcis*].

25. Calcium Sulphate Test-Solution.—Introduce transparent crystals of native gypsum (selenite), $CaSO_4 + 2H_2O = 171·65$, into a flask filled with water, and decant the clear, saturated solution when required. One part of gypsum requires, at 15° C. (59° F.), 398 parts of water for solution.

26. Carbon Disulphide.—Use the official carbon disulphide [*Carbonei Disulphidum*].

27. Chlorine Water (Chlorine Test-Solution), Cl = 35·37.—Use the official chlorine water [*Aqua Chlori*]. Since it rapidly deteriorates by keeping, it should be frequently renewed, or freshly prepared when required.

28. Chloroform, $CHCl_3 = 119·08$.—Use the official chloroform [*Chloroformum*].

29. Cobaltous Nitrate Test-Solution, $Co(NO_3)_2 + 6H_2O = 290·14$.—The crystallized, commercial salt is sufficiently pure, if, after it is dissolved in water, and the cobalt completely precipitated by ammo-

nium sulphide T.S., the filtrate leaves no residue on evaporation. To make the *test-solution*, dissolve 1 Gm. of the salt in 10 C.c. of water.

30. **Cochineal Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 50).

31. **Copper** (Metallic Copper), Cu = 63·18, in form of wire, foil, or turnings. The commercial article, brightened, if necessary, by scouring with diluted hydrochloric acid, is suitable for all purposes except testing for arsenic. If required for this purpose, the absence of arsenic must first be proven. A small portion (about 0·5 Gm.) of the copper is to be dissolved in hot, concentrated sulphuric acid, and this solution subjected to Gutzeit's test (see No. 14). No color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours (absence of *arsenic*).

32. **Cupric Ammonium Sulphate Test-Solution.**—A solution of cupri-tetrammonium sulphate, $Cu(NH_3)_4SO_4 + H_2O = 245·0$. To copper sulphate T.S. add ammonia water, until the precipitate first formed is nearly, but not completely, redissolved; then filter. This solution is apt to decompose on keeping. It should be made freshly when required.

33. **Cupric Sulphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of cupric sulphate, $CuSO_4 + 5H_2O = 248·8$ [*Cupri Sulphas*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

34. **Cupric Tartrate Test-Solution.**—See below, under Volumetric Solutions, No. 117.

35. **Corallin Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 51).

36. **Diphenylamine**, and **Diphenylamine Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 52).

37. **Eosin Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 53).

38. **Ether.**—Use the official ether [*Æther*]. It should be strictly neutral to litmus paper.

39. **Ferric Ammonium Sulphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of ferric ammonium sulphate [*Ferri et Ammonii Sulphas*, U. S. P.] in enough water to make 100 C.c.

40. **Ferric Chloride Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of ferric chloride, $Fe_2Cl_6 + 12H_2O = 539·50$ [*Ferri Chloridum*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

41. **Ferrous Sulphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve a clear crystal of ferrous sulphate, $FeSO_4 + 7H_2O = 277·42$ [*Ferri Sulphas*, U. S. P.], in about 10 parts of water previously boiled to expel air. This solution should be freshly prepared immediately before use.

42. **Ferrous Sulphide,** FeS = 87·86.—A heavy solid, in form of black or brownish-black irregular masses, or fused into sticks, soluble in sulphuric or hydrochloric acid with copious evolution of hydrogen sulphide. On dissolving 2 Gm. of ferrous sulphide in pure nitro-hydrochloric acid diluted with a little water, evaporating the solution to dryness, and testing the residue for arsenic by Gutzeit's method (see No. 14), no color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours.

43. **Fluorescein Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 54).

44. **Gelatin Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 Gm. of isinglass [*Ichthyocolla*, U. S. P.] in 50 C.c. of water, by the aid of a gentle heat, and filter if necessary. This solution should be freshly made when wanted for use.

45. **Gold Chloride Test-Solution.**—The commercial chloride of gold, usually prepared by dissolving gold in nitro-hydrochloric acid and carefully evaporating to dryness, mostly consists of aurochloric acid, $HAuCl_4 + 2H_2O = 375·1$, which is converted into neutral auric chloride, $AuCl_3 = 302·81$, by fusing it at a temperature not exceeding 150° C. (302° F.), moistening the residue (now consisting of auric and aurous chloride) with enough hot water to produce a syrupy liquid (whereby the aurous chloride is decomposed into auric chloride and metallic gold), and then pouring off the clear liquid from the precipitate. To prepare the *test-solution*, dissolve the liquid finally obtained in the before-mentioned process in 20 volumes of water. Or, dissolve 1 Gm. of dry auric chloride in 30 C.c. of water.

46. **Hydrochloric Acid, Pure, for Tests,** HCl = 36·37.—In addition to the tests prescribed for this acid in the text of the Pharmacopœia, it is required to conform to the following more rigorous tests, before it can be employed as a reagent: The addition of 1 C.c. of barium chloride T.S. to 1 C.c. of the acid diluted with 9 C.c. of water should cause no turbidity within twenty-four hours (absence of *sulphuric acid*). A crystal of diphenylamine dropped into the acid should not turn blue (absence of *free chlorine*). On substituting it for sulphuric acid in Gutzeit's test, as described under No. 14, no color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours (absence of *arsenic* or *antimony*).

47. **Hydrogen Sulphide,** $H_2S = 33·98$.—A gas generated by treating ferrous sulphide with diluted sulphuric acid, and washing the gas by passing it through water.

48. **Hydrogen Sulphide Test-Solution,** or Hydrosulphuric Acid, $H_2S = 33·98$.—A saturated, aqueous solution of hydrogen sulphide. To prepare about 1 liter of the solution, treat 20 Gm. of ferrous sulphide, in a suitable apparatus, with a mixture of 20 C.c. of pure sulphuric acid, spec. grav. 1·835, and 250 C.c. of water, pass the gas through a wash-bottle containing a small quantity of water, and conduct it into a bottle of the capacity of about 1½ liters, containing 1 liter of water. When the gas is no longer absorbed, transfer the solution to small, dark amber-colored bottles, to be filled nearly to the top, pass a stream of hydrogen sulphide for a few minutes through each, and then at once stopper them tightly, and preserve them afterwards in a cool and dark place. Before putting them aside, introduce into one of these bottles a few drops of pure hydrochloric acid, and keep it in a warm place during twenty-four hours, after which time no precipitate should be found in it (absence of *arsenic*). Before any of the solution is used, it should be ascertained that it retains a strong odor of hydrogen sulphide, and that, when it is added to an equal volume of ferric chloride T.S., a copious precipitate of sulphur is formed at once.

Indicators for Acidimetry, Alkalimetry, etc.

(Nos. 49–59.)

NOTE.—Each test-solution used as *indicator* should be examined as soon as prepared, and afterwards from time to time, as to its neutrality. If necessary, it should be brought, by the cautious addition of diluted sulphuric acid, or of a dilute solution of an alkali, to such a point that, when a few drops of it are added to 25 C.c. of water, a single drop of a centinormal acid or alkali V.S., respectively, will distinctly develop the corresponding tints.

Since many of the colored test-solutions are injured by exposure to light, it is best to preserve them in dark amber-colored vials. Papers prepared with them should be kept in dark bottles or paper boxes.

49. Brazil-Wood Test-Solution.—Boil 50 Gm. of finely cut Brazil-wood [the heart-wood of *Peltophorum dubium* (Sprengel) Britton, nat. ord. *Leguminosæ*] with 100 C.c. of water during half an hour, replacing the water from time to time. Allow the mixture to cool, strain, wash the contents of the strainer with water until 100 C.c. of strained liquid are obtained, add 25 C.c. of alcohol, and filter. This solution turns purplish-red with alkalies, and yellow with acids.

50. Cochineal Test-Solution.—Macerate 1 Gm. of unbroken cochineal [*Coccus*, U. S P.], during four days, with 20 C.c. of alcohol and 60 C.c. of water. Then filter. The color of this test-solution turns violet with alkalies, and yellowish-red with acids. As an indicator it is used chiefly when ammonia or alkaline earths are present.

51. Corallin Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of corallin (a coloring matter derived from coal-tar, and containing rosolic and pararosolic acids) in 10 C.c. of alcohol and enough water to make 100 C.c.

52. Diphenylamine, $(C_6H_5)_2NH = 168{\cdot}65$, is in form of grayish-white or colorless crystals, of a peculiar, aromatic odor, melting at 54° C. (129·2° F.), slightly soluble in water, more soluble in acids. It is used either in the dry state, or in solution in dilute sulphuric acid, as a test for nitric acid (in sulphuric acid, water, etc.), or for chlorine (in hydrochloric acid). To test a solution for the presence of nitric acid, a small portion of it is mixed with 1 or 2 drops of diphenylamine T.S., and then concentrated sulphuric acid, *free from nitrose*, is poured in so as to form a layer beneath the solution. The presence of nitric acid is shown by a deep blue color at the zone of contact.

Diphenylamine test-solution is prepared by dissolving 0·1 Gm. of diphenylamine in 50 C.c. of diluted sulphuric acid. The solution should be colorless.

53. Eosin Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of commercial "yellowish" eosin [$K_2C_{20}H_6Br_4O_5$] in 30 C.c. of water. This solution is red by transmitted light, and shows a strong green fluorescence by reflected light. Acids destroy the fluorescence, and alkalies restore it.

54. Fluorescein Test-Solution,—Agitate 1 Gm. of fluorescein [$C_{20}H_{12}O_5$] with 100 C.c. of diluted alcohol, until the latter is saturated; then filter. This solution shows a strong green fluorescence, by reflected light, in presence of the least excess of an alkali.

55. Litmus Paper and **Test-Solution.**—Exhaust coarsely powdered litmus with boiling alcohol (which removes a peculiar, red coloring matter, erythrolitmin), and digest the residue with about an equal weight of cold water, so as to dissolve the excess of alkali present. The blue solution thus obtained, after being acidulated, may be used to make *red litmus paper*. Finally extract the residue with about 5 times its weight of boiling water, and filter. Preserve the filtrate, as *test-solution*, in wide-mouthed bottles stoppered with loose plugs of cotton to exclude dust but to admit air.

Litmus Paper, Blue.—Impregnate, with the test-solution just described, strips of white, unsized paper, free from wood-pulp, but not too porous, and dry them by suspending them on strings of clean twine.

Litmus Paper, Red.—Prepare this with the same kind of paper and in the same manner as described in the preceding paragraph. To impregnate the paper, either use the blue solution obtained from litmus, by treating the mass, after extraction by alcohol, with cold water, acidulating the same with just enough hydrochloric acid to impart to it a distinctly red tint; or, use the regular test-solution, after acidulating it in the same manner.

Neither blue nor red litmus paper should have a very intense color.

Preserve the test-paper in paper boxes or bottles, so as to exclude dust and acid or ammoniacal vapors.

56. Methyl-Orange Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of methyl-orange [the sodium or ammonium salt of dimethylamidoazobenzolsulphonic acid, $HC_{14}H_{14}N_3SO_3 = 304{\cdot}47$; also known as helianthin, or tropæolin D, or Poirrier's Orange 3 P] in 1000 C.c. of water. Add to it, carefully, diluted sulphuric acid, in drops, until the liquid turns red and just ceases to be transparent. Then filter.

The solution acquires a yellow color when brought in contact with alkali hydrates, carbonates, or bicarbonates. Carbonic acid does not affect it, but sulphuric, hydrochloric, and other acids change its color to crimson. It is not suited for use with organic acids.

57. Phenolphtalein Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of phenolphtalein [$C_{20}H_{14}O_4$] in 100 C.c. of diluted alcohol. The solution is colored deep purplish-red by alkali hydrates or carbonates; bicarbonates and most other salts do not produce such color; acids render the reddened solution colorless. It is not suitable as an indicator for ammonia or bicarbonates.

Phenolphtalein Paper is prepared by impregnating white, unsized paper with the test-solution and drying it.

58. Rosolic Acid Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of commercial rosolic acid [chiefly methylaurin, $C_{20}H_{16}O_3 = 303{\cdot}28$] in 10 C.c. of diluted alcohol, and add enough water to make 100 C.c. The solution turns violet-red with alkalies, yellow with acids. In place of rosolic acid, commercial pæonin (also known as aurin R) [chiefly $C_{19}H_{14}O_3 = 289{\cdot}31$] may be employed.

59. **Turmeric Tincture.**—Digest any convenient quantity of ground curcuma root [from *Curcuma longa* Linné, nat. ord. *Scitamineæ*] repeatedly with small quantities of water, and throw this liquid away. Then digest the dried residue for several days with 6 times its weight of alcohol, and filter.

Turmeric Paper.—Impregnate white, unsized paper with the tincture, and dry it. The tincture, as well as the paper, turns brown with alkalies, and the yellow color is restored by acids. Boric acid, however, even in presence of hydrochloric acid, turns the color to reddish-brown, and this is changed to bluish-black by ammonia.

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60. **Indigo Test-Solution.**—Place 6 Gm. (3·3 C.c.) of fuming sulphuric acid into a beaker well cooled by immersion in water, and stir into it, very gradually, 1 Gm. of finely powdered Bengal indigo. Set the mixture aside for two days, then pour it into 20 C.c. of water, and decant. Or, dissolve 1 Gm. of commercial indigo-carmine (the sodium or potassium salt of sulphindigotic acid) in 150 C.c. of water.

61. **Iodine Test-Solution.**—For preparing the ordinary test-solution (as a reagent for starch, alcohol by iodoform test, etc.), iodine, I = 126·53, fulfilling the requirements of the Pharmacopœia [see *Iodum*, U. S. P.], is sufficiently pure. For this purpose dissolve 1 Gm. of iodine and 3 Gm. of potassium iodide in 50 C.c. of water.

For use in volumetric analysis, or in other cases where the ordinary impurities present in official iodine are objectionable, *Purified Iodine* must be employed. See under No. 120.

62. **Iron, Metallic,** Fe = 55·88.—Bright and perfectly clean iron in the form of wire, sheet, or filings, according to the uses to be made of it. For making solutions of pure iron salts, fine, thin, bright wire (so-called florists' wire) should be used. For detecting copper, bright pieces of sheet iron or knitting-needles are used; for detecting nitric acid, by reduction to ammonia, iron filings are preferable.

63. **Lead Acetate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of clear, transparent crystals of lead acetate, $Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 3H_2O = 378·0$ [*Plumbi Acetas*, U. S. P.], free from adhering lead carbonate, in enough water to make 100 C.c. Preserve the solution in well-stoppered bottles.

64. **Basic Lead Acetate Test-Solution.**—Use the official solution of lead subacetate [*Liquor Plumbi Subacetatis*].

65. **Litmus Paper** and **Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 55).

66. **Magnesia Mixture.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of magnesium sulphate [*Magnesii Sulphas*, U. S. P.], and 20 Gm. of ammonium chloride [*Ammonii Chloridum*, U. S. P.], in 80 C.c. of water, add 42 C.c. of ammonia water, set the mixture aside for a few days in a well-stoppered vessel, and filter. It should never be used freshly made.

67. **Magnesium Sulphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of magnesium sulphate, $MgSO_4 + 7H_2O = 245·84$ [*Magnesii Sulphas*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

68. **Mercuric Chloride Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 5 Gm. of mercuric chloride, $HgCl_2 = 270·54$ [*Hydrargyri Chloridum Corrosivum*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

69. **Mercuric Potassium Iodide Test-Solution.**—Use the decinormal mercuric potassium iodide volumetric solution (No. 121).

70. **Alkaline Mercuric Potassium Iodide Test-Solution.** (*Nessler's Solution.*)—Dissolve 5 Gm. of potassium iodide [*Potassii Iodidum*, U. S. P.] in 5 C.c. of hot water, and add to this a hot solution of 2·5 Gm. of mercuric chloride [*Hydrargyri Chloridum Corrosivum*, U. S. P.] in 10 C.c. of water. To the turbid, red mixture add 16 Gm. of potassium hydrate [*Potassa*, U. S. P.], dissolved in 40 C.c. of water, and finally make up the volume to 100 C.c. A surplus of red mercuric iodide deposits on cooling, and may be left in the bottle, the clear solution being decanted as needed.

71. **Mercurous Nitrate Test-Solution,** $Hg_2(NO_3)_2 + 2H_2O = 559·3$.—Into a porcelain capsule put 1 Gm. of pure mercury with 0·5 C.c. of pure nitric acid and 0·5 C.c. of distilled water, and place it for 24 hours into a cool, dark room. Separate and drain the crystals, and dissolve them in 100 C.c. of water. Preserve the solution in a dark amber-colored bottle, into which a small globule of mercury has been placed.

72. **Methyl Alcohol,** $CH_3OH = 31·93$.—For the identification of salicylic acid, the rectified, commercial wood-alcohol, having a specific gravity of about 0·820, is sufficiently pure, if it forms a clear, transparent mixture with an equal volume of distilled water.

73. **Methyl-Orange Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 56).

74. **Nitric Acid, Pure, for Tests,** $HNO_3 = 62·89$.—In addition to the tests prescribed for this acid in the text of the Pharmacopœia, it is required to conform to the following more rigorous test before it can be used as a reagent: On supersaturating 0·5 C.c. of the acid with pure potassium hydrate T.S., and testing a portion of this solution by Fleitmann's method (see under No. 13), no color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours (absence of *arsenic*).

75. **Fuming Nitric Acid (Red Fuming Nitric Acid).**—The commercial acid will answer, if it is of specific gravity 1·450 or over. It should be carefully kept in glass-stoppered bottles in a cool place.

76. **Oxalic Acid Test-Solution.**—Use the decinormal volumetric solution (No. 123).

77. **Phenolphtalein Test-Solution.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 57).

78. **Picric Acid Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 Gm. of pure, distinctly crystalline picric acid (trinitrophenol), $C_6H_2(NO_2)_3OH = 228·57$, in 100 C.c. of water, cool the solution, and filter, if necessary.

79. **Platinic Chloride Test-Solution.**—Heat 1 Gm. of pure platinum, in chips, with 6 C.c. of concentrated hydrochloric acid to 80° C. (186° F.), and very gradually add 1 C.c. of strong nitric acid (spec.

grav. 1·414) until very nearly all the platinum is dissolved. Evaporate the solution to dryness on a water-bath, moisten the residue with a few drops of hydrochloric acid, and again evaporate to expel the excess of acid. Dissolve the residue in 20 C.c. of water. The *test-solution* may also be prepared by dissolving 1·7 Gm. of neutral platinic chloride, $PtCl_4 = 335·78$, or 2·6 Gm. of chloroplatinic acid, $H_2PtCl_6 + 6H_2O = 516·28$, in 20 C.c. of water. On evaporating a small portion of the solution to dryness and igniting the residue, pure, metallic platinum should be left behind, which should yield nothing soluble to nitric acid.

80. Potassium Carbonate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 10 Gm. of anhydrous potassium carbonate, $K_2CO_3 = 137·91$ [prepared from *Potassii Carbonas*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

81. Potassium Chromate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of potassium chromate, $K_2CrO_4 = 193·9$, in enough water to make 10 C.c. On adding silver nitrate T.S. to a little of the solution, a red precipitate is produced which should be completely dissolved by nitric acid (absence of *chloride*). Another portion of the solution, mixed with an equal volume of diluted hydrochloric acid, should yield no precipitate with barium chloride T.S. (absence of *sulphate*).

82. Potassium Cyanide Test-Solution.—This should be freshly prepared, when required, by dissolving 1 Gm. of potassium cyanide, $KCN = 65·01$ [*Potassii Cyanidum*, U. S. P.], in 4 parts of water.

83. Potassium Dichromate.—Use the official potassium bichromate, $K_2Cr_2O_7 = 293·78$ [*Potassii Bichromas*].

84. Potassium Dichromate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 10 Gm. of potassium dichromate [*Potassii Bichromas*, U. S. P.] in enough water to make 100 C.c.

85. Potassium Ferricyanide Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 part of potassium ferricyanide, $K_6Fe_2(CN)_{12} = 657·7$, in about 10 parts of water. This solution should be made freshly when required, as it is rapidly decomposed by light. A freshly prepared, aqueous solution, when mixed with some ferric chloride T.S. and diluted with water, should show a brown tint, free from turbidity or a shade of green.

86. Potassium Ferrocyanide Test-Solution.—Dissolve 10 Gm. of potassium ferrocyanide, $K_4Fe(CN)_6 + 3H_2O = 421·76$, in enough water to make 100 C.c.

87. Potassium Hydrate Test-Solution, KOH = 55·99.—Use the official solution of potassa [*Liquor Potassæ*]. For use in Fleitmann's test for arsenic (see above, No. 13), it should have previously been subjected, by itself, to this test, for at least two hours, with negative result (absence of *arsenic*).

88. Potassium Iodide Test-Solution.—Dissolve 16·566 Gm. of potassium iodide, $KI = 165·56$ [*Potassii Iodidum*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c., and keep the solution in dark amber-colored, well-stoppered bottles to prevent the formation of iodate. The solution should be frequently renewed, or freshly prepared when required. (This solution is of normal strength $= \frac{N}{1}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric and gasometric purposes also.)

89. Potassium Nitrate.—The dry salt, $KNO_3 = 100·92$ [*Potassii Nitras*, U. S. P.], responding to the tests of purity required by the Pharmacopœia, particularly to those for absence of chloride and sulphate.

90. Potassium Permanganate, $KMnO_4 = 157·67$.—See below, under No. 127.

91. Potassium Sulphate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of potassium sulphate, $K_2SO_4 = 173·88$ [*Potassii Sulphas*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 115 C.c. (This solution is of decinormal strength $= \frac{N}{10}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric purposes also, as a substitute for decinormal sulphuric acid, when it is desired not to disturb the neutrality of a liquid.)

92. Potassium Sulphocyanate Test-Solution, KSCN = 96·99.—Use the decinormal volumetric solution (No. 129).

93. Pyrogallol.—Use the official pyrogallol, $C_6H_3(OH)_3 = 125·7$ [*Pyrogallol*].

94. Rosolic Acid.—See under *Indicators* (No. 58).

95. Silver Ammonium Nitrate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of silver nitrate [*Argenti Nitras*, U. S. P.] in 20 C.c. of water, and add ammonia water, drop by drop, until the precipitate first produced is almost, but not entirely, redissolved. Filter the solution, and preserve it in dark amber-colored and well-stoppered bottles.

96. Silver Nitrate Test-Solution, $AgNO_3 = 169·55$.—For ordinary purposes, use the decinormal volumetric solution (see No. 130). For Gutzeit's test (No. 14), use a saturated solution of silver nitrate in water acidulated with about 1 one per cent. of nitric acid.

97. Silver Sulphate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 1 Gm. of silver nitrate [*Argenti Nitras*, U. S. P.] in 0·5 C.c. of warm water, and add 1·5 C.c. of pure, concentrated sulphuric acid. On cooling, small transparent crystals of silver sulphate, $Ag_2SO_4 = 311·14$, separate. Carefully pour off the acid liquid, wash the crystals repeatedly, by decantation, with cold water, transfer them to a bottle, add 100 C.c. of water, and agitate so as to produce a saturated solution. For use, decant a sufficient quantity of the latter.

98. Sodium Acetate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 10 Gm. of sodium acetate (*Sodii Acetas*, U. S. P.] in enough water to make 100 C.c.

99. Sodium Bitartrate Test-Solution.—Dissolve 150 Gm. of tartaric acid [*Acidum Tartaricum*, U. S. P.] in 100 C.c. of hot water, and divide the solution into two equal portions. Neutralize one of these accurately with sodium bicarbonate (which will require about 84 Gm. of this salt), and then add the other portion of the acid solution. On cooling, crystals of sodium bitartrate, $NaHC_4H_4O_6 + H_2O = 189·6$, will separate. Remove these, dry them, and keep them in well-stoppered bottles. The *test-solution* is freshly prepared, when required, by dissolving 1 Gm. of the salt in 4 C.c. of water.

100. **Sodium Carbonate.**—The anhydrous salt, $Na_2CO_3 = 105{\cdot}85$, conforming to the tests of purity prescribed by the Pharmacopœia for *Sodii Carbonas*, but absolutely free from chloride or sulphate.

101. **Sodium Carbonate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10·6 Gm. of anhydrous sodium carbonate [No. 100; $Na_2CO_3 = 105{\cdot}85$] in enough water to make 100 C.c. (This solution is of double normal strength $= \frac{2}{N}$ V.S., so as to permit of its use for volumetric purposes also.)

102. **Sodium Cobaltic Nitrite Test-Solution.**—$Co_2(NO_2)_6 6NaNO_2 + H_2O = 824{\cdot}32$. Dissolve 4 Gm. of cobaltous nitrate, $Co(NO_3)_2 + 6H_2O = 290{\cdot}14$, and 10 Gm. of sodium nitrite, $NaNO_2 = 68{\cdot}93$, in about 50 C.c. of water, add 2 C.c. of acetic acid, and dilute with enough water to make 100 C.c. Should any of the nitrous acid be lost by keeping the solution, a few drops of acetic acid may be added.

103. **Sodium Hydrate Test-Solution,** $NaOH = 39{\cdot}96$.—Use the official solution of sodium hydrate [*Liquor Sodæ*, U. S. P.].

104. **Sodium Hyposulphite,** or Thiosulphate, $Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O = 247{\cdot}64$.—See below, under No. 133.

105. **Sodium Nitrite,** $NaNO_2 = 68{\cdot}93$.—The purest commercial salt, generally in form of pencils, is sufficiently pure.

106. **Sodium Nitroprusside Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 part of sodium nitroprusside, $Na_2Fe(NO)(CN)_5 + 2H_2O = 297{\cdot}67$, in 10 parts of water immediately before using.

107. **Sodium Phosphate Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 10 Gm. of sodium phosphate, $Na_2HPO_4 + 12H_2O = 357{\cdot}32$ [*Sodii Phosphas*, U. S. P.], in enough water to make 100 C.c.

108. **Stannous Chloride Test-Solution.**—Heat pure tin (see No. 113), in form of foil or granules, with concentrated hydrochloric acid, taking care that the metal be in excess. When the acid is saturated, crystals of stannous chloride, $SnCl_2 + 2H_2O = 225{\cdot}46$, begin to form. Remove and drain these, dissolve them in 10 parts of water, and preserve the solution in well-stoppered bottles, into each of which a granule of pure tin, or a piece of pure tin-foil, has previously been introduced.

For Bettendorff's test (see above, No. 12), pure concentrated hydrochloric acid is saturated with the freshly prepared crystals.

109. **Starch Test-Solution.**—Mix 1 Gm. of starch with 10 C.c. of cold water, and then add enough boiling water, under constant stirring, to make about 200 C.c. of a thin, transparent jelly. If it is desired to preserve this test-solution for any length of time, 10 Gm. of zinc chloride, $ZnCl_2 = 135{\cdot}84$ [*Zinci Chloridum*, U. S. P.], should be added to it, and the solution transferred to small bottles, which should be well stoppered.

110. **Sulphuric Acid, Pure, for Tests,** $H_2SO_4 = 97{\cdot}82$.—The sulphuric acid of the Pharmacopœia, which may have a specific gravity as low as 1·835, will answer as a reagent for most purposes, provided it is of the required degree of purity. But when "concentrated" sulphuric acid is specially directed in a test, it is intended that the strongest obtainable, pure acid, of a specific gravity of not less than 1·840, be employed.

In addition to the tests prescribed for this acid in the text of the Pharmacopœia, it is required to conform to the following more rigorous tests before it can be employed as a reagent. If 1 C.c. of diphenylamine T.S. (see No. 52) be carefully poured, as a separate layer, upon 5 C.c. of sulphuric acid, contained in a test-tube, no distinct blue color should appear in the zone of contact (absence of *nitric acid*). If a few crystals of pyrogallol [*Pyrogallol*, U. S. P.] be dissolved in about 1 C.c. of pure water, and this solution be carefully poured, as a separate layer, upon some of the sulphuric acid, contained in a test-tube, no brown color should appear in the zone of contact (absence of *nitric* or *nitrous acid*). If a small portion of the acid be subjected to Gutzeit's test, as described under No. 14, no color should be imparted to the silver nitrate within two hours (absence of *arsenic*, etc.).

If it is impossible to obtain any sulphuric acid which will comply with each of these requirements, two kinds of the acid may be kept, one absolutely free from arsenic, for making the arsenic tests; the other free from nitrose (nitric and nitrous acids), for the detection of nitric acid.

111. **Tannic Acid Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 Gm. of tannic acid, $HC_{14}H_9O_9 = 321{\cdot}22$ [*Acidum Tannicum*, U. S. P.], in 1 C.c. of alcohol and enough water to make 10 C.c., immediately before use.

112. **Tartaric Acid Test-Solution.**—Dissolve 1 part of tartaric acid, $H_2C_4H_4O_6 = 149{\cdot}64$ [*Acidum Tartaricum*, U. S. P.], in 3 parts of water. In the volumetric estimation of soda in potassa, directed by the preceding text of the Pharmacopœia, the tartaric acid test-solution employed for precipitating the potassa should contain 3 Gm. of the acid in 20 C.c. Since fungous growths rapidly destroy the solution of tartaric acid, it should be prepared only as wanted.

113. **Tin.**—Pure metallic tin, $Sn = 118{\cdot}8$, in form of granules. Its solution in hydrochloric acid should not be precipitated by potassium sulphate T.S. (absence of *lead*), and, when examined by Gutzeit's test, as described under No. 14, it should not cause silver nitrate to become colored within two hours (absence of *arsenic*).

114. **Turmeric Paper and Tincture.**—See under *Indicators* (No. 59).

115. **Zinc.**—Metallic zinc, $Zn = 65{\cdot}1$, preferably in the form of thin pencils about 5 Mm. in diameter, prepared by fusing the metal and casting it in moulds, or in form of thin sheets. It should respond to all the tests required by the text of the Pharmacopœia, and in addition, when examined by Gutzeit's test, as described under No. 14, it should not cause the silver nitrate to become colored within two hours (absence of *arsenic*).

116. Zinc-Iodide-Starch Test-Solution.—To 100 C.c. of freshly prepared starch test-solution (see No. 109) add 5 Gm. of zinc chloride [*Zinci Chloridum*, U. S. P.] and 3 Gm. of zinc iodide [*Zinci Iodidum*, U. S. P.]. Preserve the colorless solution carefully in small, dark amber-colored and well-stoppered vials.

III. VOLUMETRIC SOLUTIONS.

NOTE.—Since most of the volumetric instruments (burettes, pipettes, mixing cylinders, flasks, etc.) which are for sale in the market are graduated to hold the number of cubic centimeters indicated by weighing into them the corresponding number of grammes of water at the temperature of 15·556° C. (60° F.), or 15° C. (59° F.), it is necessary not to deviate materially from this temperature in making the volumetric solutions, or in using them in testing.

All measuring vessels employed for volumetric determinations should agree among themselves in accuracy of graduation.

All bottles in which volumetric solutions are to be kept, as well as the burettes or pipettes in which they are to be measured, should, prior to use, be rinsed with a small quantity of the solution they are to contain.

Volumetric solutions are designated as normal $\left(\frac{N}{1}\right)$ when they contain in 1 liter the molecular weight of the active reagent, expressed in grammes, and reduced to the valency corresponding to one atom of replaceable hydrogen or its equivalent.

Thus, hydrochloric acid, $HCl = 36{\cdot}37$, having but one H atom replaceable by a basic element, has 36·37 Gm. of HCl in 1000 C.c. of the normal volumetric solution; while sulphuric acid, $H_2SO_4 = 97{\cdot}82$, having two replaceable H atoms, contains only one-half this number, or 48·91 grammes of H_2SO_4 in 1000 C.c. of its normal solution. Potassium hydrate, $KOH = 55{\cdot}99$, has but one K to replace one H in acids, hence its normal solution contains 55·99 grammes of KOH in one liter. Two molecules of potassium permanganate, $2KMnO_4 = 315{\cdot}34$, in oxidation, give off five atoms of O, which are equivalent to ten atoms of H; hence its normal solution should contain $\frac{315{\cdot}34}{10}$ or 31·534 Gm. in 1 liter.

Solutions containing in 1 liter one-tenth of the quantity of the active reagent in the normal solution are called decinormal $\left(\frac{N}{10}\right)$; those containing one one-hundredth, centinormal $\left(\frac{N}{100}\right)$; those containing twice the amount, double-normal $\left(\frac{2}{N}\right)$; half the amount, seminormal $\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)$.

Solutions containing quantities of the active reagent having *no* simple relation to the molecular weight are called empirical.

In the following list full decimals are given, which, however (especially when delicate balances and weights are not at hand), are in practice frequently abbreviated or rounded off, as, for instance, oxalic acid: 62·85 Gm. to 63 Gm.

When weighing out portions of a substance which is to be tested volumetrically, it will, in most cases, be advantageous to weigh out such a multiple of the amount required, as will suffice for several repetitions of the test, and will, at the same time, bring the amount to be weighed out as near to a whole number of grammes as possible.

117. Alkaline Cupric Tartrate Volumetric Solution.

[FEHLING'S SOLUTION.]

A. The Copper Solution.—Dissolve 34·64 Gm. of carefully selected, small crystals of pure cupric sulphate, showing no trace of efflorescence or of adhering moisture, in a sufficient quantity of water to make the solution measure, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 500 C.c.

Keep this solution in small, well-stoppered bottles.

B. The Rochelle Salt Solution.—Dissolve 173 Gm. of potassium and sodium tartrate [*Potassii et Sodii Tartras*, U. S. P.], and 125 Gm. of potassium hydrate [*Potassa*, U. S. P.], in a sufficient quantity of water to make the solution measure, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 500 C.c.

Keep the solution in small, rubber-stoppered bottles.

For use, mix exactly equal volumes of the two solutions at the time required.

One Cubic Centimeter of the mixed solution is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Cupric Sulphate, crystallized, $CuSO_4 + 5H_2O$	0·03464
Cupric Tartrate, $CuC_4H_4O_6 + 3H_2O$	0·03685
Glucose, anhydrous, $C_6H_{12}O_6$	0·00500

118. Decinormal Bromine Volumetric Solution.

[KOPPESCHAAR'S SOLUTION.]

$Br = 79{\cdot}76$. 7·976 Gm. in 1 Liter.

($NaBrO_3 = 150{\cdot}64$.—$NaBr = 102{\cdot}76$.)

($KBrO_3 = 166{\cdot}67$.—$KBr = 118{\cdot}79$.)

Dissolve 3 Gm. of sodium bromate and 50 Gm. of sodium bromide (or 3·2 Gm. of potassium bromate and 50 Gm. of potassium bromide) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), 900 C.c. Of this solution transfer 20 C.c., by means of a pipette, into a bottle having a capacity of about 250 C.c., pro-

vided with a glass stopper; add 75 C.c. of water, next 5 C.c. of pure hydrochloric acid, and immediately insert the stopper. Shake the bottle a few times, then remove the stopper just sufficiently to quickly introduce 5 C.c. of potassium iodide T.S., taking care that no bromine vapor escape, and immediately stopper the bottle. Agitate the bottle thoroughly, remove the stopper and rinse it and the neck of the bottle with a little water so that the washings flow into the bottle, and then add from a burette decinormal sodium hyposulphite V.S., until the iodine tint is exactly discharged, using towards the end a few drops of starch T.S. as indicator. Note the number of C.c. of the sodium hyposulphite V.S. thus consumed, and then dilute the bromine solution so that equal volumes of it and of decinormal sodium hyposulphite V.S. will exactly correspond to each other under the conditions mentioned above.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that the 20 C.c. of the bromine solution have required 25·2 C.c. of the hyposulphite to completely discharge the iodine tint, the bromine solution must be diluted in the proportion of 20 to 25·2. Thus, if 850 C.c. of it are remaining, they must be diluted with water to measure 1071 C.c.

After the solution is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 25 C.c. of the decinormal sodium hyposulphite V.S. should exactly discharge the tint of the iodine liberated by the bromine set free from the 25 C.c. of bromine solution.

Keep the solution in dark amber-colored glass-stoppered bottles.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Bromine Solution V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Bromine, Br	0·007976
Carbolic Acid, C_6H_5OH	0·001563

The following article is tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.
Acidum Carbolicum	0·039	24	96 of pure phenol.

119. Normal Hydrochloric Acid.

HCl = 36·37. 36·37 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Mix 130 C.c. of hydrochloric acid of specific gravity 1·163 with enough water to make it measure, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), 1000 C.c.

Of this liquid (which is still too concentrated) carefully measure 10 C.c. into a flask, add a few drops of phenolphtalein T.S., and gradually add, from a burette, potassium hydrate V.S., until the red tint produced by it no longer disappears on vigorous shaking, but is not deeper than pale pink. Note the number of C.c. of potassium hydrate V.S. consumed, and then dilute the acid solution so that equal volumes of this and of the potassium hydrate V.S. neutralize each other.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that 10 C.c. of the acid solution first prepared required exactly 11 C.c. of potassium hydrate V.S., each 10 C.c. of the former must be diluted to 11 C.c., or the whole of the remaining acid solution in the same proportion. Thus, if 950 C.c. are remaining, 95 C.c. of water must be added.

After the liquid is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 50 C.c. of the acid solution should require for neutralization exactly 50 C.c. of potassium hydrate V.S. If necessary, a new adjustment should then be made to render the correspondence perfect.

One Cubic Centimeter of Normal Hydrochloric Acid is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Hydrochloric Acid, absolute, HCl	0·03637

NOTE.—Normal hydrochloric acid is in every respect equivalent in neutralizing power to normal sulphuric acid (see below, No. 134), and may be employed, if more convenient, for the same purposes.

120. Decinormal Iodine Volumetric Solution.

I = 126·53. 12·653 Gm.* in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 12·653 Gm.* of pure iodine (see below) in a solution of 18 Gm. of pure potassium iodide in 300 C.c. of water. Then add enough water to make the solution measure, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

Transfer the solution to small, glass-stoppered vials, which should be kept in a dark place.

Preparation of Pure Iodine.—Heat powdered iodine in a porcelain dish placed over a boiling water-bath, and stir it constantly with a glass rod, so that the adhering moisture, together with any cyanogen iodide and most of the iodine bromide and chloride that may be present, may be vaporized. After twenty minutes transfer the iodine to a porcelain or other non-metallic mortar, and triturate it with about 5 per cent. of its weight of pure, dry potassium iodide, so as to decompose any remaining iodine bromide and chloride. Then return the mass to the dish, cover it with a clean glass funnel, and heat the dish on a sand-bath. Detach the sublimed, pure iodine, and keep it in well-stoppered bottles, in a cool place.

* Instead of taking 12·653 Gm., this figure is often rounded off to 12·65, or even to 12·7. But, whenever a delicate balance is available, the exact amount above directed should be taken.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Iodine V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Iodine, I	0·012653
Arsenic Trioxide (arsenous acid), As_2O_3	0·004942
Potassium Sulphite, crystallized, $K_2SO_3 + 2H_2O$	0·009692
Sodium Bisulphite, $NaHSO_3$	0·005193
Sodium Hyposulphite (Thiosulphate), crystals, $Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O$	0·024764
Sodium Sulphite, crystallized, $Na_2SO_3 + 7H_2O$	0·012579
Sulphur Dioxide, SO_2	0·003195
Antimony and Potassium Tartrate, crystallized, $2K(SbO)C_4H_4O_6 + H_2O$	0·016560

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.
Acidum Arsenosum	0·1	20·0	98·8 of As_2O_3.
Acidum Sulphurosum	2·0	40·0	6·4 of SO_2.
Antimonii et Potassii Tartras (crystallized)	0·331	20·0	100 of pure salt.
Liquor Acidi Arsenosi	24·7 C.c.	49·4 to 50	1 of As_2O_3.
Liquor Potassii Arsenitis	24·7 C.c.	49·4 to 50	1 of As_2O_3.
Sodii Bisulphis	0·26	45·0	90 of pure salt.
Sodii Hyposulphis	0·25	9·9	98·1 of cryst. salt.
Sodii Sulphis	0·63	48·0	96 of cryst. salt.

121. Decinormal Mercuric Potassium Iodide Volumetric Solution.

[Mayer's Solution.]

$HgI_2 + 2KI = 783·98$. 39·2 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 13·546 Gm. of pure mercuric chloride in 600 C.c. of water, and 49·8 Gm. of pure potassium iodide in 100 C.c. of water. Mix the two solutions, and then add enough water to make the mixture measure, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Mercuric Potassium Iodide V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Mercuric Potassium Iodide, $HgI_2 + 2KI$	0·0392

122. Normal Oxalic Acid Volumetric Solution.

$H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O = 125·7$. 62·85 Gm.* in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 62·85 Gm.* of pure oxalic acid (see below) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

Pure Oxalic Acid, crystallized, is in form of colorless, transparent, clinorhombic crystals which, on ignition upon platinum-foil, leave no residue. One part of it is completely soluble in 14 parts of water at 15° C. (59° F.). Oxalic acid which leaves a residue on ignition, or on solution in water, must be purified, which may be done as follows: To 1 part of the acid add 10 parts of cold water, and shake until the latter is saturated. Filter off the solution from the undissolved crystals, evaporate the filtrate to about three-fourths of its volume, and set it aside so that the fixed salts which it contains may crystallize out. Carefully decant the liquid from the crystals, concentrate it by evaporation, and set it aside to crystallize, stirring occasionally to prevent the formation of large crystals which might enclose moisture. Drain the crystals in a funnel, dry them carefully on blotting paper, and preserve them in well-stoppered bottles.

Note.—Normal oxalic acid volumetric solution is in every respect equivalent in neutralizing power to *normal sulphuric acid* (No. 134), or *normal hydrochloric acid* (No. 119), and may be employed, if more convenient, for the same purposes. The solution, however, has a tendency to crystallize at the point of the burette.

One Cubic Centimeter of Normal Oxalic Acid V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Oxalic Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	0·06285
Ammonia Gas, NH_3	0·01701
Sodium Hydrate, $NaOH$	0·03996
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·05599
Potassium Permanganate, $KMnO_4$	0·03153

123. Decinormal Oxalic Acid Volumetric Solution.

$H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O = 125·7$. 6·285 Gm.† in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 6·285 Gm.† of pure oxalic acid (see under No. 122) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

* This is frequently rounded off to 63 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not at hand.
† Generally rounded off to 6·3 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Oxalic Acid V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Oxalic Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	0·006285
Ammonia Gas, NH_3	0·001701
Calcium Hydrate, $Ca(OH)_2$	0·003691
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·005599
Potassium Permanganate, $KMnO_4$	0·0031534
Sodium Hydrate, NaOH	0·003996

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.
Liquor Calcis	50·0	★20·0	★0·14 of $Ca(OH)_2$.
Potassii Iodidum (alkalinity, K_2CO_3)	1·0	0·05	0·034 of alkali.
Potassii Permanganas	0·1	31·3	98·70 of pure salt.

124. Decinormal Potassium Dichromate Volumetric Solution.

$K_2Cr_2O_7 = 293·78$. 4·896 Gm.* in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 4·896 Gm.* of pure potassium dichromate (see below) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

Pure Potassium Dichromate for use in volumetric analysis, besides responding to the tests given in the text of the Pharmacopœia (under *Potassii Bichromas*), must conform to the following tests. In a solution of 0·5 Gm. of the salt in 10 C.c. of water rendered acid by 0·5 C.c. of nitric acid, no visible change should be produced either by barium chloride T.S. (absence of *sulphate*), or by silver nitrate T.S. (absence of *chloride*). In a mixture of 10 C.c. of the aqueous solution (1 in 20) with 1 C.c. of ammonia water, no precipitate should be produced by ammonium oxalate T.S. (absence of *calcium*).

When used with phenolphthalein as indicator, to neutralize alkalies, the volumetric solution of potassium dichromate is decinormal when it contains 14·689 Gm. in 1 liter. It is then the exact equivalent of any decinormal acid, corresponding to the amounts of alkalies quoted, for instance, under Decinormal Oxalic Acid V.S. (No. 123).

When used as an oxidizing agent to convert ferrous into ferric salts, or to liberate iodine from potassium iodide, the solution just mentioned (containing 14·689 Gm. in 1 liter) has the effect of a $\frac{3N}{10}$ volumetric solution, and a solution of one-third of this strength, containing 4·896 Gm. in 1 liter, has the value of a decinormal solution, and is the equivalent of equal volumes of decinormal potassium permanganate V.S., or, in the case of iodine liberated from potassium iodide, it is the equivalent of equal volumes of decinormal sodium hyposulphite V.S. For titrating iron in *ferrous* compounds, it is used in the following manner. Introduce the aqueous solution of the ferrous salt into a flask and, if it is not already acid, render it so with sulphuric acid. Now add, gradually, decinormal potassium dichromate V.S. from a burette, until a drop taken out upon a white surface no longer shows a blue color with a drop of freshly prepared potassium ferricyanide T.S.

Decinormal potassium dichromate V.S. may also be used, in conjunction with potassium iodide (from which it liberates iodine) and sulphuric acid, for adjusting the titer of sodium hyposulphite (thiosulphate) V.S. and, by its means, that of the iodine V.S.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Potassium Dichromate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Dichromate, $K_2Cr_2O_7$	0·0048963
Iron, in ferrous compounds	0·005588
Ferrous Carbonate, $FeCO_3$	0·011573
Ferrous Sulphate, anhydrous, $FeSO_4$	0·015170
Ferrous Sulphate, crystallized, $FeSO_4 + 7H_2O$	0·027742
Ferrous Sulphate, dried, $2FeSO_4 + 3H_2O$	0·017864
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·001866
Sodium Hyposulphite (Thiosulphate), $Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O$	0·024764

The following articles may be tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.
Ferri Carbonas Saccharatus	1·16	★15	★ 15 of iron.
Ferri Sulphas	1·3871	50	100 of pure salt.
Ferri Sulphas Granulatus	1·3871	50	100 of pure salt.

125. Normal Potassium Hydrate Volumetric Solution.

KOH = 55·99. 55·99 Gm.† in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 75 Gm. of potassium hydrate [*Potassa*, U. S. P.] in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), about 1050 C.c., and fill a burette with a portion of this liquid.

* Generally rounded off to 4·9 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.
† This figure is frequently rounded off to 56 Gm.

Put 0·6285 Gm.* of pure oxalic acid (see No. 122) into a flask of the capacity of about 100 C.c., and dissolve it with about 10 C.c. of water. Add a few drops of phenolphtalein T.S., and then carefully add, from the burette, the potassium hydrate solution, frequently agitating the flask, and regulating the flow to drops towards the end of the operation, until the red color produced by its influx no longer disappears on shaking, but is not deeper than pale pink. Note the number of C.c. of the potassium hydrate solution consumed, and then dilute the remainder of the solution so that exactly 10 C.c. of the diluted liquid shall be required to neutralize 0·6285 Gm.* of oxalic acid.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that 8·0 C.c. of the stronger solution of potassium hydrate first prepared had been consumed in the trial, then each 8·0 C.c. must be diluted to 10 C.c., or the whole of the remaining solution in the same proportion. Thus, if 1000 C.c. should be still remaining, this must be diluted with water to 1250 C.c.

After the liquid is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 10 C.c. of the diluted solution should exactly neutralize 0·6285 Gm.* of oxalic acid. If necessary, a new adjustment should then be made to render the correspondence perfect.

NOTE.—Solutions of caustic alkalies are very prone to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and thereby become liable to occasion errors when used with litmus T.S. or phenolphtalein T.S. as indicator (methyl-orange T.S. is not affected by the presence of carbonic acid). Hence the volumetric solutions should be preserved in small vials provided with well-fitting corks or rubber stoppers, or, better still, they should have tubes filled with a mixture of soda and lime attached to their stoppers, so as to absorb the carbon dioxide and prevent its access to the solution.

In place of potassium hydrate V.S., sodium hydrate V.S. (see No. 132) may be used, in the same manner and in the same quantity. Potassium hydrate V.S., however, is preferable, since it foams less, and attacks glass more slowly and less energetically.

One Cubic Centimeter of Normal Potassium Hydrate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·05599
Sodium Hydrate, $NaOH$	0·03996
Ammonia Gas, NH_3	0·01701
Ammonium Chloride, NH_4Cl	0·05338
Acetic Acid, absolute, $HC_2H_3O_2$	0·05986
Citric Acid, crystallized, $H_3C_6H_5O_7 + H_2O$	0·06983
Hydrobromic Acid, absolute, HBr	0·08076
Hydrochloric Acid, absolute, HCl	0·03637
Hydriodic Acid, absolute, HI	0·12753
Hypophosphorous Acid, HPH_2O_2	0·06588
Lactic Acid, absolute, $HC_3H_5O_3$	0·08979
Nitric Acid, absolute, HNO_3	0·06289
Oxalic Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	0·06285
Phosphoric Acid, H_3PO_4 (to form K_2HPO_4; with phenolphtalein)	0·0489
Phosphoric Acid, H_3PO_4 (to form KH_2PO_4; with methyl-orange)	0·0978
Potassium Dichromate, $K_2Cr_2O_7$	0·14689
Sulphuric Acid, absolute, H_2SO_4	0·04891
Tartaric Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_4H_4O_6$	0·07482

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.		Percent. of strength indicated.
Acidum Aceticum	6·0	36·0	36	of absolute acid.
Acidum Aceticum Dilutum	24·0	24·0	6	of absolute acid.
Acidum Aceticum Glaciale	3·0	49·5	99	of absolute acid.
Acidum Citricum	3·5	50·0	100	of crystall. acid.
Acidum Hydrobromicum Dilutum	8·08	10·0	10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Hydrochloricum	3·64	31·9	31·9	of absolute acid.
Acidum Hydrochloricum Dilutum	3·64	10·0	10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Hypophosphorosum Dilutum	6·6	★10·0	★10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Lacticum	4·50	37·5	75	of absolute acid.
Acidum Nitricum	3·145	34·0	68	of absolute acid.
Acidum Nitricum Dilutum	6·29	10·0	10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Phosphoricum	0·978	17·0	85	of absolute acid.
Acidum Phosphoricum Dilutum	4·89	10·0	10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Sulphuricum	0·49	9·25	92·5	of absolute acid.
Acidum Sulphuricum Aromaticum	4·89	★18·5	★18·5	of absolute acid.
Acidum Sulphuricum Dilutum	4·89	10·0	10	of absolute acid.
Acidum Tartaricum	3·75	50·0	100	of crystall. acid.
Vinum Album Vinum Rubrum	50·0	3·0 to 5·2	0·45 to 0·78	of acid assumed to be tartaric.

* This figure may be rounded off to 0·63 Gm., if a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.

126. Centinormal Potassium Hydrate Volumetric Solution.

$KOH = 56{\cdot}99$. 0·5599 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dilute 10 C.c. of normal potassium hydrate volumetric solution with enough distilled water to make 1000 C.c.

One Cubic Centimeter of Centinormal Potassium Hydrate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·0005599
Sulphuric Acid, H_2SO_4	0·0004891
Combined Alkaloids of Nux Vomica*	0·00364

127. Decinormal Potassium Permanganate Volumetric Solution.

$2KMnO_4 = 315{\cdot}34$. 3·1534 Gm.† in 1 Liter.

I. Place 3·5 Gm. of pure, crystallized potassium permanganate in a flask, add 1000 C.c. of boiling water, and boil until the crystals are dissolved. Close the flask, and set it aside for two days, so that any suspended matters may deposit. This is the *stronger solution.* Prepare another, *weaker solution*, in the same manner, using 6·6 Gm. of the salt and 2200 C.c. of water, and set this also aside for two days. After the lapse of this time, pour off the clear portion of each solution into separate vessels provided with glass stoppers, and then proceed to test each separately.

Introduce into a flask 10 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S., add 1 C.c. of pure, concentrated sulphuric acid, and, before this mixture cools, gradually add from a burette small quantities of the weaker permanganate solution, shaking the flask after each addition and reducing the flow to drops towards the end of the operation. When the last drop of the permanganate solution added is no longer decolorized but imparts a pinkish tint to the liquid, note the number of C.c. consumed. In the same manner ascertain the titer of the stronger solution, and likewise note down the number of C.c. of the latter consumed. Finally mix the two solutions in such proportions that 50 C.c. of the mixture will exactly correspond to an equal volume of decinormal oxalic acid V.S.

Note.—To obtain the accurate proportions for mixing the two solutions, deduct 10 from the number of C.c. of the weaker solution required to decompose 10 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S. With this difference multiply the number of C.c. of the stronger solution required for the same purpose. The product shows the number of C.c. of the *stronger solution* needed for the mixture.

Next deduct the number of C.c. of the stronger solution required to decompose 10 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S. from 10, and with the difference multiply the number of C.c. of the weaker solution required for the same purpose. The product shows the number of C.c. of the *weaker solution* needed for the mixture.

Or, designating by S the number of C.c. of the stronger solution, and by W the number of C.c. of the weaker solution required to decompose 10 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S., the following formula will give the proportions in which the solutions must be mixed:

Stronger Solution: Weaker Solution:

$$(W - 10)\ S \quad + \quad (10 - S)\ W$$

Example.—Assuming that 9 C.c. of the stronger (S) and 10·5 of the weaker (W) solution had been required, then, substituting these values in the above given formula, we obtain:

$$(10{\cdot}5 - 10)\ 9 + (10 - 9)\ 10{\cdot}5$$

or, 4·5 + or, 10·5

making 15 C.c. of final solution.

The bulk of the two solutions is now mixed in the same proportion, 450 C.c. of the stronger and 1050 C.c. of the weaker, or 900 C.c. of the stronger and 2100 C c. of the weaker solution.

After the mixture is thus prepared, a new trial should be made, when 10 C.c. of the solution should exactly decompose 10 C.c. of the decinormal oxalic acid V.S. If necessary, a new adjustment should be made to render the correspondence perfect.

This solution should be kept in small, dark amber-colored and glass-stoppered bottles (or in bottles provided with tubes, especially designed for the purpose). Thus prepared, this solution will hold its titer for months; yet it should be tested occasionally, and, when it is found reduced, the liquid should be brought back to normal strength by the addition of such an amount of the stronger solution as may be determined in the manner above described.

II. When potassium permanganate V.S. is to be prepared for immediate use, this may be done in the following manner. Dissolve 3·5 Gm. of pure, crystallized potassium permanganate in 1000 C.c. of pure water, recently boiled and cooled. Introduce 10 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S. into a beaker, add 1 C.c. of pure concentrated sulphuric acid, and proceed as directed above for the weaker permanganate solution. Note the number of C.c. of the solution consumed, and then dilute the remainder with pure water recently boiled and cooled, until 50 C.c. will exactly correspond to 50 C.c. of decinormal oxalic acid V.S.

Example.—Assuming that 9·1 C.c. of the permanganate solution first prepared had been required to produce a permanent pink tint, then every 9·1 C.c. of the solution must be diluted to 10 C.c., or the whole of the remaining solution in the same proportion. A new trial should then be made to verify the agree, ment.

* Assumed to consist of equal parts of strychnine and brucine.—Centinormal potassium hydrate V.S. (in place of which centinormal sodium hydrate V.S., prepared in the same manner, may be employed) is used in the assay of Extract of Nux Vomica, to neutralize the excess of decinormal sulphuric acid employed.

† This quantity is never directly weighed, but adjusted either by Oxalic Acid or by Iron; in calculations it is often abbreviated.

NOTE.—Potassium permanganate V.S. thus prepared is liable to deteriorate more readily and quickly than that prepared by the method first given (under I.). It cannot be safely trusted without verification, each time it is to be used.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Potassium Permanganate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Permanganate, $KMnO_4$	0·0031534
Barium Dioxide, BaO_2	0·008441
Calcium Hypophosphite, $Ca(PH_2O_2)_2$	0·0021209
Ferric Hypophosphite, $Fe_2(PH_2O_2)_6$	0·0020877
Iron, in ferrous compounds, Fe	0·005588
Ferrous Carbonate, $FeCO_3$	0·011573
Ferrous Oxide, FeO	0·007195
Ferrous Sulphate, anhydrous, $FeSO_4$	0·015170
Ferrous Sulphate, crystals, $FeSO_4 + 7H_2O$	0·027742
Ferrous Sulphate, dried, $2FeSO_4 + 3H_2O$	0·017864
Hydrogen Dioxide, H_2O_2	0·001696
Hypophosphorous Acid, HPH_2O_2	0·001647
Oxalic Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	0·006285
Oxygen, O	0·000798
Potassium Hypophosphite, KPH_2O_2	0·002598
Sodium Hypophosphite, $NaPH_2O_2 + H_2O$	0·002646

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.		Percent. of strength indicated.
Acidum Hypophosphorosum Dilutum	0·5	★30·3	★10	of absolute acid.
Aqua Hydrogenii Dioxidi	1·7 C c.	★30·0	★ 3	of H_2O_2.
Barii Dioxidum	0·422	40·0	80	of pure BaO_2.
Calcii Hypophosphis	0·1	47·0	99·68	of pure salt.
Ferri Carbonas Saccharatus	1·16	★15·0	★15	of $FeCO_3$.
Ferri Hypophosphis	0·1	47·0	98·1	of pure salt.
Ferri Sulphas	1·39	50·0	100	of pure salt.
Ferri Sulphas Granulatus	1·39	50·0	100	of pure salt.
Ferrum Reductum	0·056	8·0	80	of iron as metal
Potassii Hypophosphis	0·1	38·0	98·7	of pure salt.
Sodii Hypophosphis	0·1	37·0	97·9	of pure salt.

128. Centinormal Potassium Permanganate Volumetric Solution.

$2KMnO_4 = 315·34$. 0·31534 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dilute 10 C.c. of the decinormal potassium permanganate V.S., after having ascertained that it possesses its exact titer, with enough distilled water strictly complying with the tests given in the text of the Pharmacopœia for *Aqua Destillata*, to make 100 C c.

This solution should be freshly made when required.

One Cubic Centimeter of Centinormal Potassium Permanganate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Permanganate, $KMnO_4$	0·00031534
Oxalic Acid, crystallized, $H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	0·0006285
Oxygen (derived from the permanganate) available for oxidation	0·0000798

129. Decinormal Potassium Sulphocyanate Volumetric Solution.

[VOLHARD'S SOLUTION.]

$KSCN = 96·99$. 9·699 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 10 Gm. of crystals of pure potassium sulphocyanate in 1000 C.c. of water.

This solution is yet too concentrated, and has to be adjusted so as to correspond in strength exactly with decinormal silver nitrate V.S. For this purpose, introduce into a flask 10 C.c. of decinormal silver nitrate V.S. together with 0·5 C.c. of ferric ammonium sulphate T.S. and 5 C.c. of diluted nitric acid. To this mixture add, from a burette, in small portions at a time, the sulphocyanate solution. At first a white precipitate of silver sulphocyanate appears, then every drop falling from the burette is surrounded by a deep brownish-red color of ferric sulphocyanate which disappears on vigorous shaking of the flask as long as any of the silver nitrate remains unchanged. When all the silver has been converted into sulphocyanate, a single additional drop of the potassium sulphocyanate solution produces a brownish-red color which no longer disappears on shaking, but communicates a perceptible pale brownish or reddish tint to the contents of the flask. Note the number of C.c. of the potassium sulphocyanate solution used, and dilute the whole of the remaining solution so that equal volumes of this and of the decinormal silver nitrate V.S. will be required to produce the permanent brownish or reddish tint. (The same depth of pale brownish or red-

dish tint to which the volumetric solution is adjusted must be attained when the solution is used for volumetric assays.)

After the dilution, a new trial should be made, in which 50 C.c. of decinormal silver nitrate V.S., 2·5 C.c. of ferric ammonium sulphate T.S., and 25 C.c. of diluted nitric acid are used, and there should be required exactly 50 C.c. of the sulphocyanate solution to produce the same depth of a permanent pale brownish or reddish tint.

If necessary, a new adjustment should be made, to render the correspondence perfect.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Potassium Sulphocyanate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Potassium Sulphocyanate, KSCN	9 009699
Silver, Ag	0·010766
Silver Nitrate, $AgNO_3$	0·016955

The following articles are tested with this solution:

Ferri Iodidum Saccharatum, Syrupus Ferri Iodidi — Determined by residual titration with decinormal silver nitrate V.S., and decinormal potassium sulphocyanate V.S.

130. Decinormal Silver Nitrate Volumetric Solution.

$AgNO_3 = 169·55$. 16·955 Gm.* in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 16·955 Gm.* of pure silver nitrate in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

Keep the solution in small, dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered vials, carefully protected from dust.

NOTE.—Titration by decinormal silver nitrate V.S. may be managed in various ways, adapted to the special preparation to be tested:

a. In most cases it is directed by the U. S. P. to be used in presence of a small quantity of potassium chromate T.S., which serves to indicate the end of the reaction by the appearance of the red color of silver chromate.

b. In some cases (potassium cyanide, hydrocyanic acid) it is added until the first appearance of a permanent precipitate.

c. It may be used in *all* cases without indicator by observing the exact point when no further precipitate occurs. This may be practised in the case of ferrous iodide, where the addition of potassium chromate would be improper, but it consumes much time in waiting for the precipitate to subside so as to render the liquid sufficiently clear to recognize whether a further precipitate is produced by addition of the silver solution.

d. It may be added in definite amount, known to be in excess of the quantity required, and the excess of the decinormal silver solution measured back by the addition of decinormal potassium sulphocyanate V.S. (residual titration).

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Silver Nitrate V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Silver Nitrate, $AgNO_3$	0·016955
Ammonium Bromide, NH_4Br	0·009777
Ammonium Chloride, NH_4Cl	0·005338
Calcium Bromide, $CaBr_2$	0·0099715
Ferrous Bromide, $FeBr_2$	0·010770
Ferrous Iodide, FeI_2	0·015447
Hydrocyanic Acid, absolute, HCN, with indicator	0·002698
Hydrocyanic Acid, absolute, HCN, to first formation of precipitate	0·005396
Hydriodic Acid, HI	0 012753
Hydrobromic Acid, HBr	0·008076
Lithium Bromide, LiBr	0 008677
Potassium Bromide, KBr	0·011879
Potassium Chloride, KCl	0·007440
Potassium Cyanide, KCN, with indicator	0·006501
Potassium Cyanide, KCN, to first formation of precipitate	0·013002
Potassium Iodide, KI	0·016556
Potassium Sulphocyanate, KSCN	0·009699
Sodium Bromide, NaBr	0·010276
Sodium Chloride, NaCl	0 005837
Sodium Iodide, NaI	0·014953
Strontium Bromide, $SrBr_2$ (anhydrous)	0·012341
Strontium Iodide, SrI_2 (anhydrous)	0·017018
Zinc Bromide, $ZnBr_2$	0·011231
Zinc Chloride, $ZnCl_2$	0·006792
Zinc Iodide, ZnI_2	0·015908

* Frequently rounded off to 16·96 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.	
Acidum Hydrocyanicum Dilutum	1·35	10·0	2	of absolute acid.
Ammonii Bromidum	0·3	30·9	99	of pure salt.
Calcii Bromidum	0·25	25·0	99·7	of pure salt.
† Ferri Iodidum Saccharatum	1·55	★20·0	★20	of iodide.
Lithii Bromidum	0·3	35·3	98	of pure salt.
Potassii Bromidum	0 5	42 85	97	of pure salt.
Potassii Cyanidum (to first precip.)	0·65	45·0	90	of pure salt.
Potassi Iodidum	0·5	30·25	99·5	of pure salt.
Sodii Bromidum	0·3	29 8	97·29	of pure salt.
Sodii Chloridum	0·195	33·4	99 9	of pure salt.
Sodii Iodidum	0·5	34 5 to 33·4	★98	of pure salt.
Strontii Bromidum (dry)	0 3	24·6	98	of pure salt.
Strontii Iodidum (dry)	0·3	18 0	98	of pure salt.
Syrupus Acidi Hydriodici	32·0	★25 0	★ 1	of HI.
† Syrupus Ferri Iodidi	1·55	★10·0	★10	of FeI_2.
Zinci Bromidum	0·3	26 7	99 95	of pure salt.
Zinci Chloridum	0·3	44·1	99·84	of pure salt.
Zinci Iodidum	0·5	31·0	98·62	of pure salt.

NOTE.—The articles marked with † are determined by residual titration with decinormal silver nitrate V.S. and decinormal potassium sulphocyanate V.S.

131. Decinormal Sodium Chloride Volumetric Solution.

$NaCl = 58·37$. 5·837 Gm.* in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 5·837 Gm.* of pure sodium chloride (see below) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), exactly 1000 C.c.

Pure Sodium Chloride may be prepared by passing a current of dry hydrochloric acid gas into a saturated aqueous solution of the purest commercial sodium chloride, separating the crystalline precipitate, and drying it at a temperature sufficiently high to expel all traces of free acid.

In place of this, transparent crystals of pure rock salt may be employed.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Sodium Chloride V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Sodium Chloride, NaCl	0·005837
Silver, Ag	0·010766
Silver Nitrate, $AgNO_3$	0·016955
Silver Oxide, Ag_2O	0·011564

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.	
Argenti Nitras	0·34	20·0	100	of silver nitrate.
Argenti Nitras Dilutus	1·0	19·5	33·14	of silver nitrate.
Argenti Nitras Fusus	0·34	19·0	95	of silver nitrate.

132. Normal Sodium Hydrate Volumetric Solution.

$NaOH = 39·96$. 39·96 Gm.† in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 54 Gm. of sodium hydrate (*Soda*, U. S. P.) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), about 1050 C.c., and fill a burette with a portion of this liquid.

Put 0·6285 Gm.† of pure oxalic acid (see under No. 122) into a flask of the capacity of about 100 C.c., and dissolve it with about 10 C.c. of water. Add a few drops of phenolphtalein T.S., and then carefully add, from the burette, the sodium hydrate solution, frequently agitating the flask, and regulating the flow to drops towards the end of the operation, until the red color produced by its influx no longer disappears on shaking, but is not deeper than pale pink. Note the number of C.c. of the sodium hydrate solution consumed, and then dilute the remainder of it so that exactly 10 C.c. of the diluted liquid will be required to neutralize 0·6285 Gm.‡ of oxalic acid.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that 7·8 C.c. of the stronger solution of sodium hydrate first prepared had been consumed in the trial, then each 7·8 C.c. must be diluted to 10 C.c., or the whole of the remaining solution in the same proportion. Thus, if 980 C.c. should be still remaining, this must be diluted with water to 1258 C.c.

After the liquid is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 10 C.c. of the diluted solution should exactly neutralize 0·6285 Gm. of oxalic acid. If necessary, a new adjustment should then be made, to render the correspondence perfect.

NOTE.—The same precautions should be taken for protecting this solution from the carbon dioxide of the air, as are prescribed for normal potassium hydrate V.S. (see No. 125).

This solution may be employed in place of the normal potassium hydrate V.S., volume for volume.

* Frequently rounded off to 5·84 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.
† Frequently rounded off to 40 Gm.
‡ This may be rounded off to 0·63 Gm., when a delicate balance and exact weights are not available.

133. Decinormal Sodium Hyposulphite Volumetric Solution.

$Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O = 247{\cdot}64$. 24·764 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dissolve 30 Gm. of selected crystals of sodium hyposulphite (sodium thiosulphate) in enough water to make, at or near 15° C. (59° F.), 1100 C.c. Of this solution transfer 10 C.c. into a flask, add a few drops of starch T.S., and then gradually add, from a burette, decinormal iodine V.S., in small portions at a time, shaking the flask after each addition, and regulating the flow to drops towards the end of the operation. As soon as the color produced by the influx of the iodine solution no longer disappears on shaking, but is not deeper than very pale blue, note the number of C.c. of the iodine solution consumed. Then dilute the sodium hyposulphite solution so that equal volumes of it and of decinormal iodine V.S. will exactly correspond to each other under the conditions mentioned above.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that 10 C.c. of the stronger sodium hyposulphite solution first prepared had required 10·7 C.c. of decinormal iodine V.S. to produce a faint reaction with starch, the hyposulphite solution must be diluted in the proportion of 10 C.c. to 10·7 C.c., or 1000 C.c. to 1070 C.c.

After the solution is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 50 C.c. of the decinormal sodium hyposulphite V.S. should require exactly 50 C.c. of decinormal iodine V.S. to produce a faint reaction with starch. If necessary, a new adjustment should then be made to render the correspondence perfect.

Keep the solution in small, dark amber-colored, glass-stoppered bottles, carefully protected from dust.

NOTE.—When this solution is to be used, fill a burette with it, place the liquid to be tested either for the free iodine it already contains, or for that which it liberates from an excess of potassium iodide added to it, into a flask, and gradually add small portions of the solution from the burette, shaking after each addition, and regulating the flow to drops towards the end of the operation, until the brown color of the iodine has nearly disappeared. Now add a few drops of starch T.S., which will produce a blue color, and then continue to add the hyposulphite solution in drops until the blue tint is exactly discharged.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Sodium Hyposulphite V.S. is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Sodium Hyposulphite (Thiosulphate), $Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O$	0·024764
Bromine, Br	0·007976
Chlorine, Cl	0·003537
Iodine, I	0·012653
Iron, Fe, in ferric salts	0·005588

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.
Aqua Chlori	17·7	20·0	0·4 of chlorine.
Calx Chlorata	0·354	35·0	35 of chlorine.
Ferri Chloridum	0·56	20·0	20 of iron.
Ferri Citras	0·56	★16·0	★16 of iron.
Ferri et Ammonii Citras	0·56	★16·0	★16 of iron.
Ferri et Ammonii Sulphas	0·56	11·6	11·6 of iron.
Ferri et Ammonii Tartras	0·56	★17·0	★17 of iron.
Ferri et Potassii Tartras	0·56	★15·0	★15 of iron.
Ferri et Quininæ Citras	0·56	★14·5	★14·5 of iron.
Ferri et Quininæ Citris Solubilis	0·56	★14·5	★14·5 of iron.
Ferri et Strychninæ Citras	0·56	★16·0	★16 of iron.
Ferri Phosphas Solubilis	0·56	★12·0	★12 of iron.
Ferri Pyrophosphas Solubilis	0·56	★10·0	★10 of iron.
Ferri Valerianas	0·56	15·0 to 20·0	15 to 20 of iron.
Ferrum Reductum	0·056	8·0	80 of iron.
Iodum	0·32	25·0	98·85 of iodine.
Liquor Ferri Acetatis	1·12	★15·0	★ 7·5 of iron.
Liquor Ferri Chloridi	1·12	★26·0	★13 of iron.
Liquor Ferri Citratis	1·12	★15·0	★ 7·5 of iron.
Liquor Ferri Nitratis	1·12	★ 2·8	★ 1·4 of iron.
Liquor Ferri Subsulphatis	1·12	★27·2	★13·6 of iron.
Liquor Ferri Tersulphatis	1·12	★16·0	★ 8 of iron.
Liquor Iodi Compositus	12·66	49·3 to 50·0	5 of iodine.
Liquor Sodæ Chloratæ	6·7	50·0	2·6 of chlorine.
Tinctura Ferri Chloridi	1·12	★ 9·4	★ 4·7 of iron.
Tinctura Iodi	6·3 C.c.	★35·0	★ 7 Gm. of I in 100 C.c.

134. Normal Sulphuric Acid.

$H_2SO_4 = 97{\cdot}82$. 48·91 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Carefully mix 30 C.c. of pure, concentrated sulphuric acid (of specific gravity 1·835) with enough water to make about 1050 C.c., and allow the liquid to cool to about 15° C. (59° F.). Place 10 C.c. of this

liquid (which is yet too concentrated) into a flask, add a few drops of phenolphtalein T.S., and afterwards, from a burette, normal potassium hydrate V.S., shaking after each addition, and regulating the flow to drops towards the end of the operation, until the red color produced by its influx no longer disappears on shaking, but is not deeper than pale pink. Note the number of C.c. of potassium hydrate consumed. Then dilute the sulphuric acid solution so that equal volumes of this and of normal potassium hydrate V.S. exactly neutralize each other.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that 10 C.c. of the acid solution first prepared had required exactly 11·2 C.c. of normal potassium hydrate V.S., each 10 C.c. of the former must be diluted to 11·2 C.c., or each 1000 C.c. to 1120 C.c.

After the liquid is thus diluted, a new trial should be made in the manner above described, in which 50 C c. of the acid solution should require for neutralization exactly 50 C.c. of potassium hydrate V.S. If necessary, a new adjustment should be made to render the correspondence perfect.

NOTE.—It is recommended that, in alkalimetric determinations, when an acid of normal strength is required, normal sulphuric acid be employed, in place of normal oxalic acid V.S. (see note under No. 122).

One Cubic Centimeter of Normal Sulphuric Acid is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Sulphuric Acid, absolute, H_2SO_4	0·04891
Ammonia Gas, NH_3	0·01701
Ammonium Carbonate, $(NH_4)_2CO_3$	0·042935
Ammonium Carbonate [U. S. P.], $NH_4HCO_3.NH_4NH_2CO_2$	0·05226
Lead Acetate, crystallized, $Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 3H_2O$	0·18900
Lead Subacetate, assumed as $Pb_2O(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	0·13662
Lithium Benzoate, $LiC_7H_5O_2$ (to be ignited)	0·12772
Lithium Carbonate, Li_2CO_3	0·036935
Lithium Citrate, $Li_3C_6H_5O_7$ (to be ignited)	0·0698566
Lithium Salicylate, $LiC_7H_5O_3$ (to be ignited)	0·14368
Potassium Acetate, $KC_2H_3O_2$ (to be ignited)	0·09789
Potassium Bicarbonate, $KHCO_3$	0·09988
Potassium Bitartrate, $KHC_4H_4O_6$ (to be ignited)	0·18767
Potassium Carbonate, anhydrous, K_2CO_3	0·068955
Potassium Citrate, crystallized, $K_3C_6H_5O_7 + H_2O$ (to be ignited)	0·10786
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·05599
Potassium and Sodium Tartrate, $KNaC_4H_4O_6 + 4H_2O$ (to be ignited)	0·14075
Sodium Acetate, $NaC_2H_3O_2 + 3H_2O$ (to be ignited)	0·13574
Sodium Benzoate, $NaC_7H_5O_2$ (to be ignited)	0·14371
Sodium Bicarbonate, $NaHCO_3$	0·08385
Sodium Borate, crystallized, $Na_2B_4O_7 + 10H_2O$	0·19046
Sodium Carbonate, anhydrous, Na_2CO_3	0·052925
Sodium Carbonate, crystallized, $Na_2CO_3 + 10H_2O$	0·142725
Sodium Hydrate, $NaOH$	0·03996
Strontium Lactate, $Sr(C_3H_5O_3)_2$ (to be ignited)	0·13244

The following articles are tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength indicated.	
Ammonii Carbonas	2·613	50·0	100	of pure salt.
Aqua Ammoniæ	3·4	20·0	10	of dry gas.
Aqua Ammoniæ Fortior	1·7	28·0	28	of dry gas.
Liquor Plumbi Subacetatis	13·67	★25·0	★25	of basic salt.
Liquor Potassæ	28·00	25·0	5	of hydrate.
Liquor Sodæ	20·00	25·0	5	of hydrate.
Lithii Benzoas (to be ignited)	1·0	7·8	99·6	of pure salt.
Lithii Carbonas	0·5	13·4	98·98	of pure salt.
Lithii Citras (to be ignited)	1·0	14·2	99·2	of pure salt.
Lithii Salicylas (to be ignited)	2·0	13·8	99·13	of pure salt.
Potassa	0·56	9·0	90	of hydrate.
Potassii Acetas (to be ignited)	1·0	10·0	98	of pure salt.
Potassii Bicarbonas	1·0	10·0	100	of pure salt.
Potassii Bitartras (to be ignited)	1·88	9·9	99	of pure salt.
Potassii Carbonas	0·69	9·5	95	of anhydrous salt.
Potassii Citras (to be ignited)	1·08	10·0	100	of crystallized salt.
Potassii et Sodii Tartras (to be ignited)	1·41	10·0	100	of pure salt.
Soda	0·4	9·0	90	of hydrate.
Sodii Acetas (to be ignited)	1·36	10·0	100	of pure salt.
Sodii Benzoas (to be ignited)	2·0	13·9	99·8	of pure salt.
Sodii Bicarbonas	0·85	10·0	98·6	of pure salt.
Sodii Carbonas, anhydrous	1·0	18·7	98·9	of anhydrous salt.
Sodii Carbonas Exsiccatus	1·0	13·8	★73	of anhydrous salt.
Spiritus Ammoniæ	3·4	20·0	10	of ammonia.
Strontii Lactas (to be ignited)	1·33	9·9	98·6	of pure salt.

135. Decinormal Sulphuric Acid.

$H_2SO_4 = 97{\cdot}82$. 4·891 Gm. in 1 Liter.

Dilute 10 C.c. of normal sulphuric acid with enough water to make 100 C.c.

One Cubic Centimeter of Decinormal Sulphuric Acid is the equivalent of:

	Gramme.
Sulphuric Acid, absolute, H_2SO_4	0·004891
Combined Alkaloids of Nux Vomica, assumed to consist of equal parts of Strychnine and Brucine	0·0364
Potassium Hydrate, KOH	0·005599

The following article is tested with this solution:

	Gm. taken.	C.c. required.	Percent. of strength required.
Extractum Nucis Vomicæ	0·4	*1·65	15 of total alkaloids.

IV. GASOMETRIC ESTIMATIONS.

In certain cases the Pharmacopœia directs the strength of a product or chemical substance to be determined by the volume of some gas (nitrogen dioxide) given off during a definite reaction. This volume is to be determined by the nitrometer in the following manner.

Arrange a nitrometer consisting of a measuring tube (graduated for at least 50 C.c.) and connected by stout rubber tubing with an open equilibrium tube (both tubes, preferably, provided with a globular expansion near the lower end) in such a manner, by suitable clamps attached to a stand, that either tube may be readily and quickly clamped at a higher or lower level. The stop-cock of the measuring tube having been opened, and the open equilibrium tube having been raised to a higher level, pour into the latter a saturated aqueous solution of sodium chloride, until the measuring tube, including the bore of the stop-cock, is completely filled. Then close the latter and fix the equilibrium tube at a low level. Having ascertained that the stop-cock is closed air-tight, and having, if necessary, wiped out the graduated funnel tube of the nitrometer, introduce into it the prescribed quantity of the liquid to be tested, and allow this to flow slowly into the measuring tube, being careful not to admit any air. Follow it by the prescribed quantities of the several reagents (potassium iodide T.S., and normal sulphuric acid). When the reaction, which takes place at once, moderates, remove the measuring tube from its clamp, and, being careful to hold it constantly so that the liquid contained in it stands at a higher level than that in the equilibrium tube, shake its contents, without permitting any gas to pass into the open tube. When the reaction has completely ceased, restore the tube to its fastening, and allow the apparatus and contents to acquire the ordinary temperature of the room, which is assumed to be at or about 25° C. (77° F.). Then adjust the two tubes so that the liquid columns are at exactly the same level, and read off the volume of gas in the measuring tube. Multiply this figure by the weight of the substance yielding 1 C.c. of nitrogen dioxide (see below). The result will be the weight of the pure substance (nitrite) contained in the amount taken for the assay.

For pharmacopœial purposes the determination will be sufficiently exact if the evolved gas be measured at or near 25° C. (77° F.). If it be desired to ascertain the volume which the gas would occupy at any other temperature between 0° C. and 40° C. (32°–104° F.), this may be done with the aid of the table below printed.

EXAMPLE.—Assuming that the volume of gas read off was 44·5 C.c. at 27° C. (80·6° F.), and that it be desired to ascertain the corresponding volume at 0° C. (32° F.), barometric pressure not being taken into consideration, then the 44·5 C.c. must be reduced in the proportion of 1·098901 to 1; or 44·5 must be divided by 1·098901. The result will be 40·5 C.c.

The following table shows the expansion which *one* (1) *cubic centimeter* of a gas will undergo when it is raised from 0° C. (32° F.) to 40° C. (104° F.).

Expansion of 1 Cc. of a Gas, between 0° and 40° C.

° C.	C.c.	° C.	C.c.	° C.	C.c.
0	1·000000	14	1·051282	28	1·102564
1	1·003663	15	1·054945	29	1·106227
2	1·007326	16	1·058608	30	1·109890
3	1·010989	17	1·062271	31	1·113553
4	1·014652	18	1·065934	32	1·117216
5	1·018315	19	1·069597	33	1·120879
6	1·021978	20	1·073260	34	1·124542
7	1·025641	21	1·076923	35	1·128205
8	1·029304	22	1·080586	36	1·131868
9	1·032967	23	1·084249	37	1·135531
10	1·036630	24	1·087912	38	1·139194
11	1·040293	25	1·091575	39	1·142857
12	1·043956	26	1·095238	40	1·146520
13	1·047619	27	1·098901		

* To be determined to at least 2 decimals by titrating the uncombined acid with centinormal potassium hydrate V.S.

136. Estimation of Nitrogen Dioxide.

NO = 29·97; 1 Liter { at 0° C. and 760 Mm. = 1·3423 Gm. / at 25° C. and 760 Mm. = 1·2297 Gm.

One Cubic Centimeter of Nitrogen Dioxide is the equivalent of:

	At 0° C. and 760 Mm. Gramme.	At 25° C. and 760 Mm. Gramme.
Nitrogen Dioxide, NO = 29·97	0·0013423	0·0012297
Amyl Nitrite, $C_5H_{11}NO_2$ = 116·78	0·0052305	0·0047923
Ethyl Nitrite, $C_2H_5NO_2$ = 74·87	0·0033529	0·0030716
Sodium Nitrite, $NaNO_2$ = 68·93	0·0030873	0·0028283

The following articles are tested gasometrically by the volume of Nitrogen Dioxide evolved and measured at or near 25° C. (77° F.).

	Amount taken.	Volume of NO.	Strength indicated.
Amyl Nitris	0·26 Gm.*	⋆40 C.c.	⋆80% of pure amyl nitrite.
Sodii Nitris	0·15 "	50 C.c.	97.6% of pure salt.
Spiritus Ætheris Nitrosi (fresh)	5 C.c.	55 C.c.	⋆ 4% of pure ethyl nitrite.

V. ALKALOIDAL ASSAY BY IMMISCIBLE SOLVENTS.

It is a property of many alkaloids that they are soluble in certain liquids in which their salts are insoluble, while in other liquids the case is reversed. When such liquids are not miscible, the conditions are favorable to what has been called the "shaking-out" process of separation. In many cases the extraction or separation may be effected by shaking together the concentrated aqueous extract, to which a suitable alkaline precipitant has been added, and some solvent, such as chloroform, ether, benzin, benzol, amyl alcohol, etc. The precipitated alkaloid is thus washed out of the aqueous solution, and is dissolved by the chloroform or other immiscible liquid employed. From the solution of the alkaloid thus obtained, the latter may again be abstracted by a dilute acid. In this Pharmacopœia the only liquid which is directed as solvent for alkaloids in such assays is *chloroform*. The extraction is directed to be performed in a glass separator or separatory funnel, which consists of an elongated (globular, cylindrical, or conical) glass vessel, provided with a well-fitting stopper and an outlet-tube containing a well-ground glass stop-cock.

When the solution of an alkaloid, suitably prepared, is introduced into this vessel, and chloroform subsequently added, the latter, owing to its higher specific gravity, will form the lower layer. If the two layers are violently shaken together, there will often result an emulsion, which will separate only slowly, and often imperfectly. This is particularly liable to happen when the aqueous liquid containing the alkaloid either in suspension or in solution is strongly alkaline, and when it has a high specific gravity. To avoid the formation of an emulsion, the extraction should be accomplished rather by rapid rotation and frequent inversion of the separator than by violent shaking. When an emulsion has formed, its separation may be promoted by the addition of more of the solvent, preferably somewhat heated, aided, if necessary, by the external application of a gentle heat (the stopper being removed for the time being), or by the introduction of a small quantity of alcohol or of hot water. The separation of the two layers may also be promoted by stirring the lower, chloroformic layer with a glass rod and detaching from the walls of the separator the adhering drops of emulsion.

On withdrawing the chloroform solution of an alkaloid from the separator, a small amount of the solution will generally be retained in the outlet-tube by capillary attraction. If this were lost, the results of the assay would be seriously vitiated. To avoid this loss, several successive, small portions of chloroform should be poured into the separator without agitation, and drawn off through the stop-cock to wash out the outlet-tube.

Another source of loss is the pressure sometimes generated in the separator by the rise of temperature caused when an alkaline and an acid liquid are shaken together. On loosening the stopper, the liquid which adheres to the juncture of the latter with the neck is liable to be ejected. This is best avoided by mixing the liquids at first by rotation (avoiding contact of the contents with the stopper), and allowing them to become cold before stoppering the separator.

The same precautions should be observed when an alkali carbonate has been used, in place of a caustic alkali, for setting free the alkaloid. In this case the liquids should be cautiously and gradually mixed by rotation, and the separator should be left unstoppered until gas is no longer given off.

If a regular glass separator is not available, an ordinary burette, stoppered with a sound cork, may be employed in its place. In this case the quantities of the alkaloidal solution and of the volatile solvent must be adjusted to the size of the burette.

* This quantity will, theoretically, yield a little more than 40 C.c. of the gas; but there will be a slight loss, as the gas is somewhat soluble in the liquid.

VI. DETERMINATION OF THE OPTICAL ROTATION OF ORGANIC SUBSTANCES.

Many organic substances either liquid by nature or in solution in suitable solvents, when examined in a specially constructed polarizing apparatus or polaristrobometer, exhibit the property of circular polarization, or, in other words, are capable of rotating the plane of polarization of a ray of light either to the right or to the left. Such substances are termed "optically active," and when rotating to the right are designated as "dextro-rotatory" or "dextrogyrate," and when rotating to the left, as "lævo-rotatory" or "lævogyrate." Substances which do not possess this property of optical rotation are termed "optically inactive."

Among the substances recognized by this Pharmacopœia, there are several, particularly certain essential or volatile oils, and related bodies, for which the determination of the angle of rotation of a ray of polarized light, or, in some cases, the proof of their optical inactivity, affords the most simple and positive evidence of their identity or purity.

The instruments used for this purpose vary somewhat in their construction. Those which are most generally adapted for the examination of the substances mentioned above are the Polaristrobometer of Wild, in which the optical activity of the substance is manifested by the appearance or disappearance of dark, parallel stripes, or the so-called "half-shadow" instrument of Laurent, in which the two sides of the field of vision are capable of becoming unequally illuminated. Both of the instruments permit the angle of rotation to be read off in degrees or fractions of a degree of a circle.

These optical determinations are best made in a dark room, and by means of homogeneous or monochromatic light, the latter being obtained by introducing into a non-luminous flame, on a loop of platinum wire, a small bead of fused sodium chloride. The light thus radiated corresponds with the line D of the solar spectrum.

Since the deviation of the plane of polarization either to the right or to the left of the zero point is directly proportional to the length of the column of liquid, it is important that the observations should be made with tubes of a definite length, such as 100, 50, or 25 Mm. The selection of the length of the tube to be employed is, however, usually dependent upon the depth of color of the liquid and the extent of its optical rotation.

The rotatory power of an optically active, liquid substance, observed with sodium light, and referred to the ideal density 1, and in a tube having a length of 1 decimeter (100 Mm.), is designated as its *specific rotatory power*. This is usually expressed by the term $[a]_D$. Since, however, not only the density of an optically active liquid, but also its rotation, is influenced by the temperature, the specific rotation varies with the latter. In stating the specific rotation it is, therefore, necessary to indicate at what temperature the rotation and the density of the liquid have been determined. But for the same temperature the specific rotation of a pure, optically active liquid is always a constant number.

For calculating the specific rotatory power of an optically active liquid substance, or solution of an optically active solid, the following formulas are of general application:

I. For liquid substances $$[a]_D = \frac{100 \times a}{L \times d}$$

II. For solutions of solids $$[a]_D = \frac{10000 \times a}{L \times p \times d}$$

or $$[a]_D = \frac{10000 \times a}{L \times c}$$

For calculating these formulas the determination of the following factors is necessary:

a = the angle of rotation of the liquid or solid observed with sodium light.

L = the length of the tube in millimeters.

d = the density or specific gravity of the active liquid.

p = the amount of active substance in 100 parts by weight of the solution.

c = the number of grammes of active substance in 100 cubic centimeters of the solution.

TEST SOLUTIONS. *Br.*

The British test solutions here given are used for determining the character of particular substances, whether isolated or in composition; thus enabling us to ascertain the identity of medicines, their purity or impurity, and the character of the foreign ingredients, which may be mixed with them accidentally, or with a view to adulteration.

Solution of Acetate of Copper. "Take of Subacetate of Copper of Commerce, in fine powder, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Acetic Acid *one fluidounce* [Imperial measure]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency*. Dilute the Acid with half a fluidounce [Imp. meas.] of the Water; digest the Subacetate of Copper in the mixture at a temperature not exceeding 212° F. (100° C.), with repeated stirring, and continue the heat until a dry residue is obtained. Digest this in four [fluid]ounces of boiling Distilled Water, and by the addition of more of the Water make up the solution to five fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Filter it." *Br.*

Solution of Acetate of Potassium. Dissolve *half an avoirdupois ounce* of Acetate of Potassium in *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Acetate of Sodium. Dissolve *half an avoirdupois ounce* of Acetate of Sodium in *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Albumen. Mix, by trituration in a mortar, the White of one Egg and four fluidounces [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter through clean tow (or absorbent cotton ?) previously moistened with Distilled Water. The solution should be prepared when wanted for use. *Br.*

Solution of Ammonio-nitrate of Silver. "Take of Nitrate of Silver, in crystals, *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia *half a fluidounce*, or a *sufficiency;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Nitrate in eight fluidounces of the Water, and to the solution cautiously add the Ammonia until the precipitate first formed is nearly dissolved. Filter, and add Distilled Water, so that the bulk may be ten fluidounces [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Solution of Ammonio-sulphate of Copper. "Take of Sulphate of Copper, in crystals, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Sulphate in eight fluidounces of the Water, and to the solution cautiously add the Ammonia until the precipitate first formed is nearly dissolved. Filter, and then add Distilled Water, so that the bulk may be ten fluidounces [Imp. meas.]." *Br.*

Solution of Ammonio-sulphate of Magnesium. "Take of Sulphate of Magnesium *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Chloride of Ammonium *half an ounce;* Solution [Water] of Ammonia *half a fluidounce;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Sulphate and Chloride in eight fluidounces of the Water, and to the solution add the Ammonia, and as much Distilled Water as will make up the bulk to ten fluidounces [Imp. meas.]. Filter it." *Br.*

Solution of Boric Acid. Dissolve *fifty grains* of Boric Acid in *one fluidounce* [Imp. meas.] of Rectified Spirit, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Bromine. Upon *ten minims* of Bromine, in a bottle furnished with an accurately fitting glass stopper, pour *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and shake several times. Keep the solution excluded from the light. *Br.*

Solution of Carbonate of Ammonium. "Take of Carbonate of Ammonium, in small pieces, *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Solution of Ammonia *three-fourths of a fluidounce;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve and filter." *Br.*

Solution of Chloride of Ammonium. Dissolve *one avoirdupois ounce* of Chloride of Ammonium in *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Chloride of Barium. "Take of Chloride of Barium, in crystals, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve and filter." *Br.*

Solution of Ferricyanide of Potassium. Dissolve *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois] of crystallized Ferricyanide of Potassium in *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Ferrocyanide of Potassium. Dissolve *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois] of crystallized Ferrocyanide of Potassium in *five fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Iodide of Potassium. Dissolve *one avoirdupois ounce* of Iodide of Potassium in *ten fluidounces* of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Isinglass. "Take of Isinglass [Ichthyocolla], in shreds, *fifty grains;* Warm Distilled Water *five fluidounces.* Mix and digest for half an hour on a water-bath with repeated shaking, and filter through clean tow moistened with Distilled Water." *Br.*

Solution of Litmus. Take of Litmus, in powder, *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Rectified Spirit, Distilled Water, of each, *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Boil the Litmus with *four fluidounces* of the Spirit for one hour, and pour away the clear fluid; repeat this operation with *three fluidounces* of the Spirit; and a third time with the remainder of the Spirit. Digest the residual Litmus in the Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Oxalate of Ammonium. "Take of Oxalate of Ammonium *half an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Warm Distilled Water *one pint* [Imperial measure]. Dissolve and filter." *Br.*

Solution of Perchloride of Gold. "Take of fine Gold, reduced by a rolling machine to a thin lamina, *sixty grains;* Nitric Acid *one fluidrachm and a half* [Imp. meas.]; Hydrochloric Acid *seven fluidrachms* [Imp. meas.]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Place the Gold in a flask with the Nitric and six fluidrachms of the Hydrochloric Acid, first mixed with four fluidrachms of the Water, and digest until it is dissolved. Add to the solution the additional fluidrachm of Hydrochloric Acid, evaporate at a heat not exceeding 212° F. until acid vapors cease to be given off, and dissolve the Chloride of Gold thus obtained in five fluidounces of Distilled Water. The solution should be kept in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Solution of Perchloride of Platinum. "Take of thin platinum foil *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Nitric Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, each, *a sufficiency;* Distilled Water *seven fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix a fluidounce of the Nitric Acid with four fluidounces of the Hydrochloric Acid and two fluidounces of the Water; pour the mixture into a small flask containing the Platinum, and digest at a gentle heat, adding more of the Acids mixed in the same proportion, should this be necessary, until the metal is dissolved. Transfer the solution to a porcelain dish, add to it a fluidrachm of Hydrochloric Acid, and evaporate on a water-bath until acid vapors cease to be given off. Let the residue be dissolved in the remaining five [fluid]ounces of Distilled Water. Filter, and preserve in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Solution of Phosphate of Sodium. Dissolve *one avoirdupois ounce* of crystallized Phosphate of Sodium in *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, and filter. *Br.*

Solution of Potassio-Cupric Tartrate.* No. 1. "Take of Sulphate of Copper *three hundred and forty-six and four-tenths grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Sulphate of Copper in a portion of the Water, and dilute the solution with more of the Water to the volume of *five thousand grain-measures.* No. 2. Take of Caustic Soda *one and three-quarters ounces* [avoirdupois]; Tartarated Soda *four ounces* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Caustic Soda and Tartarated Soda in a portion of the Water, and dilute the solution with more of the Water to *five thousand grain-measures.* When required for use, mix equal volumes of the solutions No. 1 and No. 2." *Br.*

Solution of Potassio-Mercuric Iodide. Synonyme, *Nessler's Reagent.* "Take of Iodide of Potassium *two hundred and seventy grains;* Perchloride of Mercury *a sufficiency;* Caustic Soda *two ounces;* Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve the Iodide of Potassium and *one hundred grains* of the Perchloride of Mercury in *fifteen fluidounces* of boiling distilled water. To this fluid add more aqueous solution of the Perchloride of Mercury until the precipitate produced no longer continues to disappear on well stirring, and a slight permanent precipitate remains. Then add the Caustic Soda. When the latter has dissolved, add a little more of the aqueous solution of Perchloride of Mercury, shake, allow to settle, and dilute the whole with distilled water to the volume of one pint [Imp. meas.]. The solution should be kept in a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Solution of Stannous Chloride. "Take of Granulated Tin *one ounce* [avoirdupois]; Hydrochloric Acid *three fluidounces;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dilute the Acid in a flask with one fluidounce of the Water, and, having added the Tin, apply a moderate heat until gas ceases to be evolved. Add as much of the Water as will make up the bulk to five fluidounces, and transfer the solution, together with the undissolved tin, to a bottle with an accurately ground stopper." *Br.*

Solution of Sulphate of Calcium. "Take of Sulphate of Calcium *a quarter of an ounce* [avoirdupois]; Distilled Water *one pint* [Imp. meas.]. Rub the Sulphate of Calcium in a porcelain mortar for a few minutes with two [fluid]ounces of the Water, introduce the mixture thus obtained into a pint bottle [Imp. meas.] containing the rest of the Water, shake well several times, and allow the undissolved sulphate to subside. When this has occurred, filter." *Br.*

Solution of Sulphate of Indigo. "Take of Indigo, dry and in fine powder, *five grains;* Sulphuric Acid *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Mix the Indigo with a fluidrachm of the Acid in a small test-tube, and apply the heat of a water-bath for an hour. Pour the blue liquid into the remainder of the Acid, agitate the mixture, and when the undissolved indigo has subsided, decant the clear liquid into a stoppered bottle." *Br.*

Solution of Sulphate of Iron. Dissolve *ten grains* of Granulated Sulphate of Iron in *one fluidounce* of boiling Distilled Water, and filter. This solution should be prepared when wanted for use. *Br.*

Solution of Sulphydrate of Ammonium. "Take of Solution of Ammonia *five fluidounces.* Put three fluidounces of the Ammonia into a bottle, and conduct into this a stream of Sulphuretted Hydrogen so long as the gas continues to be absorbed; then add the remainder of the Ammonia, and transfer the solution to a green-glass bottle furnished with a well-ground stopper." *Br.*

Solution of Tartaric Acid. Dissolve *one avoirdupois ounce* of crystallized Tartaric Acid in *eight fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Distilled Water, add *two fluidounces* [Imp. meas.] of Rectified Spirit, and keep the solution in a stoppered bottle. The spirit is added to preserve the solution. *Br.*

Solution of Yellow Chromate of Potassium. "Take of Red Chromate of Potassium *two hundred and ninety-five grains;* Bicarbonate of Potassium *two hundred grains;* Distilled Water *ten fluidounces* [Imp. meas.]. Dissolve the Red Chromate in the Water, and exactly neutralize the solution with the Bicarbonate, evolution of all carbonic acid being insured by ebullition. Filter." *Br.*

Tincture of Phenol-phthalein. "Take of Phenol-phthalein *one grain;* Proof Spirit *five hundred grains.* Dissolve. The solution should be colorless." *Br.*

TEST-SOLUTIONS FOR VOLUMETRIC ESTIMATIONS. *Br.*

The quantitative tests are intended to estimate the quantity of any particular substance in the mixture or compound submitted to examination. They are all liquid, being denominated as in the U. S. Pharmacopœia *Volumetric Solutions*, and have individually been frequently referred to, throughout the Dispensatory, when it was deemed proper to indicate a method of determining the strength of medicines or their preparations, and to distinguish the British tests from those official in the U. S. Pharmacopœia *Br.* is always appended to the former. The processes for volumetric estimations may be performed either with British or with metric weights and measures, and the solutions are so arranged that they will be of the same strength, and the same indications will be obtained in using them, whichever system is employed, without the necessity of altering any of the figures by which the quantities of the substances tested or of the test-solutions required in the process are expressed. The method of operating in volumetric analysis is simple. The quantities of the substance to be tested are expressed by grains, those of the test-solution by grain-measures, that is, the volume of a grain of distilled water at 60° F. According to the metric system the quantities of the substances to be tested are expressed in grammes by weight, whilst the quantities of the test-solutions employed in testing are expressed in cubic centimeters, the cubic centimeter being the volume of a gramme of distilled water. As the cubic centimeter bears the same relation to the gramme that the grain-measure bears to the grain, the one system may be substituted for the other with no difference in the results, excepting that, by the metric system, all the quantities will be ex-

* Solution of Potassio-Cupric Tartrate is commonly known as "Fehling's Solution."

pressed in relation to a weight (the gramme) which is more than fifteen times as great as the British grain. In practice it will be found convenient, in substituting metric for British weights and measures, to reduce the values of all the numbers to one-tenth, by moving the decimal points, as is done in the British tables appended to the descriptions of the volumetric solutions. The quantities indicated in the Pharmacopœia, which in grains and grain-measures can be conveniently used, would be found inconveniently large if the same numbers of grammes and cubic centimeters were employed. A glass tube (*burette*) is to be provided, capable, when filled up to a point marked 0, of containing 1000 grains of distilled water at 60° F., and beneath this point graduated into 100 equal parts. Each part, therefore, corresponds to 10 grain-measures. Into this tube the volumetric solution is to be introduced of a certain strength, so that the quantity of the substance dissolved which may be consumed in the application of the test is at once known, by observing the number of grain-measures of the volumetric solution which have disappeared. This quantity, being known, measures the quantity of the substance acted on by the test, supposing the nature of the reactions to be understood, and the equivalents of the several substances well ascertained. For convenient measurement it will be necessary to have a cylindrical glass jar, capable of holding 10,000 grains of distilled water up to a point marked 0, and below this point graduated into 100 equal parts; and a flask which, when filled to a mark on the neck, contains precisely 10,000 grains of distilled water at 60°, or, in other words, has a capacity of 10,000 grain-measures. For metric weights and measures: 1. A glass flask which, when filled to a mark on the neck, contains one liter or 1000 cubic centimeters. 2. A graduated cylindrical jar which, when filled to 0, contains one liter (1000 cubic centimeters), and is divided into 100 equal parts. 3. A burette. A graduated tube which, when filled to 0, holds 100 cubic centimeters, and is divided into 100 equal parts. One cubic centimeter is the volume of one gramme of distilled water at 4° C.* 1000 cubic centimeters equal one liter. The volumetric solutions, before being used, should be well shaken, in order that they may be uniform throughout. They should be kept in stoppered bottles. All the measurements should be made at 60° F.

Volumetric Solution of Bichromate of Potassium. $K_2Cr_2O_7 = 295$. "Take of Bichromate of Potassium 147·5 *grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Put the Bichromate into the 10,000-grain flask, and, having half filled the flask with the Water, allow the salt to dissolve; then dilute the solution with more Water, until it has the exact bulk of 10,000 grain-measures." (*Br.*) 1000 grain-measures of this solution contain 14·75 grains of the Bichromate, $\frac{1}{20}$th of $K_2Cr_2O_7$, and, when added to a solution of a ferrous salt acidulated with hydrochloric acid, are capable of converting 16·8 grains of iron, $\frac{1}{20}$th of 6Fe, in grains from the ferrous to the ferric state. Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. Thus, 14·75 grammes of bichromate of potassium should be made to form 1000 cubic centimeters of solution. 100 cubic centimeters of this solution contain 1·475 grammes of the bichromate ($\frac{1}{200}$th of $K_2Cr_2O_7$, in grammes), and when added to a solution of a ferrous salt acidulated with hydrochloric acid are capable of converting 1·68 grammes of iron ($\frac{1}{200}$th of 6Fe, in grammes) from the ferrous to the ferric state. This solution is used for determining the proportion of ferrous salt in the following preparations. It is known that the whole of the ferrous salt has been converted into a ferric salt when a minute drop of the liquid, placed in contact with a drop of a very dilute solution of ferricyanide of potassium, on a white plate, ceases to strike with it a blue color. *Br.*

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance.	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance.	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Ferri Arsenias	100·0	=	225	or	10·0	=	22·5
" Carb. Sacch.	30·0	=	287·5	or	3·0	=	28·75
" Phosphas	30·0	=	279	or	3·0	=	27·9
" Sulphas	42·1	=	500	or	4·21	=	50·0
" " Exsiccata	10·0	=	191	or	1·0	=	19·1
" " Granulata	41·7	=	500	or	4·17	=	50·0

Volumetric Solution of Hyposulphite of Sodium. Formula of the crystallized salt $Na_2S_2O_3.5H_2O = 248$. "Take of Hyposulphite of Sodium, in crystals, 280 *grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Dissolve the Hyposulphite in 10,000 grain-measures of the Water. Fill a burette with this solution and drop it cautiously into 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of Iodine until the brown color is just discharged. Note the number of grain-measures (n) required to produce this effect; then put 8000 grain-measures of the same solution into a graduated jar, and augment this quantity by the addition of Distilled Water until it amounts to $\frac{8000 \times 1000}{n}$ grain-measures. If, for example, $n = 950$, the 8000 grain-measures of solution should be diluted to the bulk of $\frac{8000 \times 1000}{950} = 8421$ grain-measures. Of this solution 1000 grain-measures contain 24·8 grains of the hyposulphite ($\frac{1}{10}$th of $Na_2S_2O_3.5H_2O$, in grains), and, therefore, correspond to 12·7 grains of iodine ($\frac{1}{10}$th of an atomic weight, in grains). Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. 100 cubic centimeters of this solution contain 2·48 grammes of the hyposulphite ($\frac{1}{100}$th of $Na_2S_2O_3.5H_2O$, in grammes), and therefore correspond to 1·27 grammes of iodine ($\frac{1}{100}$th of an atomic weight, in grammes)." *Br.* This solution is used for testing the following substances. In each case, excepting that of iodine, a solution of iodide of potassium and hydrochloric acid is added to the substance, and the amount of iodine so liberated is indicated by this solution.

* It is customary to make the measurements with metric apparatus at 60° F. (15·5° C.).

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance.	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance.	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Calx Chlorinata	5·0	=	467	or	0·50	=	46·7
Iodum	12·7	=	1000	or	1·27	=	100·0
Liquor Calc. Chlorinatæ	80·0	=	450	or	8·00	=	45·0
" Chlori	439·0	=	750	or	43·90	=	75·0
" Sodæ Chlorinatæ	70·0	=	500	or	7·00	=	50·0

Volumetric Solution of Iodine. Formula I = 127. "Take of Iodine 127 *grains;* Iodide of Potassium 180 *grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Put the Iodide of Potassium and Iodine into the 10,000-grain flask, fill the flask to about two-thirds of its bulk with the Distilled Water, gently agitate until solution is complete, and then dilute the solution with more of the Water, until it has the exact volume of 10,000 grain-measures. Of this solution 1000 grain-measures contain $\frac{1}{10}$th of an atomic weight in grains (12·7 grains) of iodine, and therefore correspond to 1·7 grains of sulphuretted hydrogen, 3·2 grains of sulphurous anhydride, and 4·95 grains of arsenious anhydride. Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. 100 cubic centimeters contain 1·27 grammes of iodine and correspond to 0·17 gramme of sulphuretted hydrogen, 0·32 gramme of sulphurous anhydride, and 0·495 gramme of arsenious anhydride." *Br.*

This solution is used for testing the following substances. It is dropped from the burette into the liquid to be tested until free iodine begins to appear in the solution.

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance.	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance.	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Acid. Arseniosum	4·0	=	808	or	0·40	=	80·80
" Sulphurosum	64·0	=	1000	or	6·40	=	100·00
Liquor Asenicalis	442·0	=	875	or	44·20	=	87·50
" Arsenici Hydrochloricus	442·0	=	875	or	44·20	=	87·50
Sodii Hyposulphis	24·8	=	1000	or	2·48	=	100·00

Volumetric Solution of Nitrate of Silver. Formula of the salt $AgNO_3 = 170$. "Take of Nitrate of Silver 170 *grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Put the Nitrate into the 10,000-grain flask, and having half filled the flask with the Water, allow the salt to dissolve; then dilute the solution with more of the Water until it has the exact bulk of 10,000 grain-measures. The solution should be kept in an opaque stoppered bottle. Of this solution 1000 grain-measures contain $\frac{1}{10}$th of a molecular weight in grains of nitrate of silver (or 17·0 grains). Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. 100 cubic centimeters contain $\frac{1}{100}$th of a molecular weight in grammes of nitrate of silver (or 1·7 grammes)." *Br.*

It is used in testing the following substances:

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance.	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance.	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Acid. Hydrocyan. Dil.	270	=	1000	or	27·0	=	100·00
Ammonii Bromidum	5	=	508·5 to 514·5	or	0·5	=	50·85 to 51·45
Aqua Lauro-Cerasi	810	=	150	or	81·0	=	15·0
Potassii Bromidum	10	=	838 to 850	or	1·0	=	83·8 to 85·0
Potassii Cyanidum	10	=	730	or	1·0	=	73·0
Potassii Iodidum	10	=	602	or	1·0	=	60·2
Sodii Bromidum	10	=	960	or	1·0	=	96·0
Sodii Iodidum	10	=	660	or	1·0	=	66·0

Volumetric Solution of Oxalic Acid. Formula of crystallized oxalic acid $H_2C_2O_4.2H_2O = 126$. "Take of Oxalic Acid, in crystals, 660 *grains;* Distilled Water *a sufficiency.* Put the Oxalic Acid into the 10,000-grain flask, fill the flask to about two-thirds of its bulk with the Water, allow the acid to dissolve, and then dilute the solution with more of the Water until it has the exact volume of 10,000 grain-measures. Fill a burette with the fluid and add it gradually to a solution of 10·6 grains of pure Carbonate of Sodium (which may be obtained by heating the ordinary pure bicarbonate of sodium to redness in a platinum crucible for a quarter of an hour), containing a few drops of solution of litmus, until the red color produced ceases to change to blue on boiling. Note the number of grain-measures used (n), then put 9000 grain-measures of the solution of Oxalic Acid into a graduated jar, and augment this quantity by the addition of Distilled Water until it amounts to $\frac{9000 \times 200}{n}$ grain-measures. Of this solution 1000 grain-measures contain half a molecular weight in grains (63) of oxalic acid, and are therefore capable of neutralizing one molecular weight in grains of such alkalies as potash, KHO, or soda, NaHO; or half the molecular weight in grains of such salts as anhydrous carbonate of sodium, Na_2CO_3, crystallized carbonate of sodium (Na_2CO_3,$10H_2O$), etc. Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of

grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. 100 cubic centimeters contain $\frac{1}{20}$th of a molecular weight in grammes (6·3 grammes) of oxalic acid, and will neutralize $\frac{1}{10}$th of a molecular weight in grammes of an alkali." *Br.*

The following substances are tested with this solution:

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance.	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance.	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Ammonii Carbonas	52·3	=	1000	or	5·23	=	100·0
Borax	191·0	=	1000	or	19·10	=	100·0
Liquor Ammoniæ	85·0	=	500	or	8·50	=	50·0
" " Fort.	52·3	=	1000	or	5·23	=	100·0
" Calcis	4375·0	=	180	or	437·5	=	18·0
" " Sacchar.	460·2	=	254	or	46·02	=	25·4
" Plumbi Subacet.	284·5	=	500	or	28·45	=	50·0
" Potassæ	462·9	=	482	or	46·29	=	48·2
" " Efferves.	4375·0	=	150	or	437·50	=	15·0
" Sodæ	458·0	=	470	or	45·80	=	47·0
" " Efferves.	4375·0	=	178	or	437·50	=	17·8
Plumbi Acetas	38·0	=	200	or	3·80	=	20·0
Potassa Caustica	56·0	=	900	or	5·60	=	90·0
Potassii Bicarbonas	50·0	=	500	or	5·00	=	50·0
" Carbonas	88·0	=	980	or	8·30	=	98·0
" Citras	102·0	=	1000	or	10·20	=	100·0
" Tartras	122·0	=	990	or	12·2	=	99·0
" " Acida	204·0	=	1000	or	20·40	=	100·0
Soda Caustica	40·0	=	900	or	4·00	=	90·0
" Tartarata	141·0	=	990	or	14·10	=	99·0
Sodii Bicarbonas	84·0	=	1000	or	8·40	=	100·0
" Carbonas	143·0	=	960	or	14·30	=	96·0
Sodium	23·0	=	975	or	2·30	=	97·5
Spiritus Ammon. Aromat.	392·0	=	558	or	39·20	=	55·8

Volumetric Solution of Soda. Formula of hydrate of soda NaHO = 40. "Take of Solution of Soda, Distilled Water, each, *a sufficiency*. Fill a burette with the Solution of Soda, and cautiously drop this into 1000 grain-measures of the volumetric solution of Oxalic Acid until the acid is exactly neutralized as indicated by litmus. Note the number of grain-measures (n) of the solution of soda used, and having then introduced 9000 grain-measures of it into a graduated jar, augment this quantity by the addition of water, until it becomes $\frac{9000 \times 1000}{n}$ grain-measures. If, for example, $n = 930$, the 9000 grain-measures should be augmented to $\frac{9000 \times 1000}{930} = 9677$ grain-measures. Of this solution 1000 grain-measures contain one molecular weight in grains (40 grains) of hydrate of sodium, and will therefore neutralize one molecular weight in grains of any monobasic acid, or half the molecular weight in grains of any dibasic acid. Grammes and cubic centimeters may be employed instead of grains and grain-measures, but for convenience $\frac{1}{10}$th of the numbers should be taken. 100 cubic centimeters contain $\frac{1}{10}$th of a molecular weight in grammes (4 grammes) of hydrate of sodium, and will neutralize $\frac{1}{10}$th of a molecular weight in grammes of a monobasic acid." *Br.*

This solution is used for testing the following substances:

	British weights and measures.				Metric weights and measures.		
	Grains weight of Substance	=	Grain-measures of Vol. Sol.	or	Grams. wt. of Substance	=	C.c. of Vol. Sol.
Acetum	445·4	=	402	or	44·54	=	40·2
Acidum Aceticum	182·0	=	1000	or	18·20	=	100·0
" " Dilutum	440·0	=	313	or	44·00	=	31·3
" " Glaciale	60·0	=	990	or	6·00	=	99·0
" Citricum	70·0	=	1000	or	7·00	=	100·0
" Hydrobrom. Dil.	810·0	=	1000	or	81·00	=	100·0
" Hydrochloricum	114·8	=	1000	or	11·48	=	100·0
" " Dilutum	345·0	=	1000	or	34·50	=	100·0
" Lacticum	120·0	=	1000	or	12·00	=	100·0
" " Dilutum	800·0	=	1000	or	80·00	=	100·0
" Nitricum	90·0	=	1000	or	9·00	=	100·0
" " Dilutum	361·3	=	1000	or	36·13	=	100·0
" Nitro-hydrochl. Dil.	352·0	=	883	or	35·20	=	88·3
" Sulphuricum	50·0	=	1000	or	5·00	=	100·0
" " Aromaticum	195·0	=	500	or	19·50	=	50·0
" " Dilutum	359·0	=	1000	or	35·90	=	100·0
" Tartaricum	25·0	=	330	or	2·50	=	33·0

Indicators of the Termination of Reactions in Volumetric Operations. *Br.*

Mucilage of Starch.—It gives an intense blue color with iodine. It may be used with the following substances: Acidum Arseniosum, Acidum Sulphurosum, Calx Chlorinata, Iodum, Liquor Arsenicalis, Liquor Arsenici Hydrochloricus, Liquor Calcis Chlorinatæ, Liquor Sodæ Chlorinatæ, Liquor Chlori, Sodii Hyposulphis.

Solution of Ferricyanide of Potassium.—It gives an intensely blue precipitate with ferrous salts, but none with ferric salts. It is used with the following substances: Ferri Arsenias, Ferri Carbonas Saccharata, Ferri Phosphas, Ferri Sulphas, Ferri Sulphas Exsiccata, Ferri Sulphas Granulata.

Solution of Litmus.—It gives a red color with acids and a blue color with alkalies. It may be used with the following substances: Acidum Hydrochloricum, Acidum Hydrochloricum Dilutum, Acidum Nitricum, Acidum Nitricum Dilutum, Acidum Nitro-hydrochloricum Dilutum, Acidum Sulphuricum, Acidum Sulphuricum Aromaticum, Acidum Sulphuricum Dilutum, Ammonii Carbonas, Borax, Liquor Ammoniæ, Liquor Ammoniæ Fortior, Liquor Calcis, Liquor Calcis Saccharatus, Liquor Potassæ, Liquor Potassæ Effervescens, Liquor Sodæ, Liquor Sodæ Effervescens, Potassa Caustica, Potassii Bicarbonas, Potassii Carbonas, Potassii Citras, Potassii Tartras, Potassii Tartras Acida, Soda Caustica, Soda Tartarata, Sodii Bicarbonas, Sodii Carbonas, Spiritus Ammoniæ Aromaticus.

Solution of Yellow Chromate of Potassium.—It gives a red color with nitrate of silver, but not until any soluble bromide or iodide present is entirely decomposed. It may be used with the following substances: Ammonii Bromidum, Potassii Bromidum, Potassii Iodidum, Sodii Bromidum, Sodii Iodidum.

Tincture of Phenol-Phthalein.—It gives an intense red color with potash or soda. It may be used with the following substances: Acetum, Acidum Aceticum, Acidum Aceticum Dilutum, Acidum Aceticum Glaciale, Acidum Citricum, Acidum Tartaricum.

ART OF PRESCRIBING MEDICINES.

The art of prescribing medicines, *i.e.*, of adapting them to the treatment of individual cases, is one of prime importance, which, however, can scarcely with propriety be fully discussed in a work like the present. As explanatory of our own text, and as affording some guidance to the young practitioner, and also to the apothecary in interpreting prescriptions, we offer a few remarks, with practical examples.

1. **Dose of Medicines.** In this work a minimum and a maximum dose for adults are usually given for each article. In interpreting these doses the practitioner should remember that it is rarely proper to begin with the amount stated as maximum, whilst, on the other hand, the minimum dose will only in exceptional cases produce the full physiological effect of the remedy. When a powerful remedy is being used, and a decided effect is desired, it is best to commence with the smaller dose and to increase cautiously. There are various circumstances modifying the dose which demand attention.

Age. The young require a smaller dose than those of maturity; and the old, though their systems are, perhaps, less susceptible to the action of medicines than those of the middle-aged, cannot bear an equally forcible impression from depressing remedies.

The following rule of Dr. Young is almost universally adopted.

"For children under twelve years, the doses of most medicines must be diminished in the proportion of the age to the age increased by twelve; thus, at two years to $\frac{1}{7}$; viz., $\frac{2}{2+12}=\frac{1}{7}$. At twenty-one the full dose may be given."

To the above rule some exceptions are offered in particular medicines. Thus, purgatives, diaphoretics, and diuretics must usually be given to children in larger, and narcotics in smaller, doses than those called for by Young's rule. A babe six months old will often not be affected by one-fourth the adult dose of castor oil, or one-sixth the dose of calomel, but will not bear well more than one twenty-fifth the dose of opium.

Sex, Temperament, and Idiosyncrasy. Females usually require somewhat smaller doses than males, and persons of sanguine temperament than the phlegmatic. Constitutional peculiarities, called idiosyncrasies, often exist in individuals, rendering them more than usually susceptible or insusceptible to the action of certain remedies, the dose of which must be modified accordingly. Thus, in some persons a grain or two of calomel will excite salivation, while in others scarcely any quantity which can be safely administered will produce this effect. Sometimes, moreover, a medicine operates on an individual in a manner wholly different from its ordinary mode. In all such cases experience is the only sure guide; and when a physician is called to a patient, not before known, careful inquiries should always be made.

Habit. Generally speaking, the susceptibility to the action of medicines is diminished by their frequent and continued use; and, in order to maintain a given impression, the quantity must be regularly increased. This is especially true in regard to the narcotics, which are sometimes borne in enormous doses by those habituated to their use. It is a good practical rule in prescribing, when circumstances demand the continuance, for a considerable length of time, of some particular effect, to vary the medicine, and employ successively several with the same general powers, so as not too rapidly to exhaust the susceptibility to the action of any individual remedy. A patient accustomed to one narcotic is usually found blunted towards other cognate medicines.

2. **Mode of administering Medicines.** This has reference both to the combination of medicines with one another, and to the form in which they are exhibited.

Simplicity in prescription is always desirable. Remedies should never be mixed together without a definite purpose. Those exceedingly complex prescriptions, formerly so much in vogue, of which the ingredients were so numerous as to render altogether impossible a reasonable estimate of their bearing on

each other, or of their effects on disease, have been generally abandoned by modern practitioners. The only ground upon which any of them can be justifiably retained is that, by very frequent trials, through a long course of years, and in various states of disease, their influence on the system may have been fully ascertained, so that they may be considered rather in the light of a single remedy than a compound of many. A brief enunciation of a few general principles in regard to the art of combination may be useful.

Remedies of the same general character may be given in connection, in order to increase their energy, or to render their action more certain. It has been well ascertained that substances thus combined will often act vigorously, when, severally, they would produce comparatively little effect; and it sometimes happens that, while their activity is augmented, they are rendered less irritating, as in the case of the drastic cathartics.

Different medicines are very often mixed together, in order to meet different and coexisting indications, without any reference to the influence which they may reciprocally exert on each other. Thus, in the same patient we not unfrequently meet with debility of stomach and constipation of the bowels, connected with derangement of the hepatic function. To answer the indications presented by these morbid conditions, we may properly combine, in the same dose, a tonic, cathartic, and mercurial alterative. For similar reasons we often unite tonics, purgatives, and emmenagogues, anodynes and diaphoretics, emetics and cathartics, antacids, astringents, and tonics.

Medicines acting differently in certain respects are combined to modify each other's powers, or to gain strength at some especial point where their actions overlap. In this way seemingly new powers are sometimes developed, and those previously existing are greatly increased. Examples of such a result are afforded in the official powder of ipecacuanha and opium, which acts as a diaphoretic beyond the capabilities of either of its constituents. The effects of one medicine are, in numerous instances, increased by the influence of another in augmenting the natural susceptibility of the system to its action. Thus, bitters enable cathartics to operate in smaller doses; purgatives awaken the dormant susceptibility to the action of mercury. In some instances, the action of one medicine is promoted by that of another apparently of a nature wholly opposite. Thus, when calomel and opium are given in colic, the purgative operation of the former is facilitated by the relaxation of intestinal spasm produced by the latter. Medicines, in addition to the effects for which they are administered, very frequently produce disagreeable symptoms, which may be moderated or altogether prevented by combination with other medicines, and this object may usually be accomplished without in the least degree interfering with the remedial influence desired. Thus, the griping produced by cathartics, and the nausea by these and various other medicines, may be often corrected by the simultaneous use of aromatics. To cover the disagreeable taste or odor of certain medicines, and to afford a convenient vehicle for their administration, are also important objects of combination; as upon these circumstances often depend the acceptability of the medicine to the stomach, and even the possibility of inducing the patient to swallow it. Substances should be preferred as vehicles which are calculated to render the medicine acceptable to the palate and stomach, and in other ways to correct its disagreeable effects; as syrups for powders, the aromatic waters for medicines given in the form of mixture, and carbonic-acid water for the neutral salts.

But, in the mixing of medicines, care should be taken that they are neither chemically nor physiologically incompatible; in other words, that they are not such as will react on each other so as to produce new and unexpected combinations, nor such as will exert contrary and opposite effects upon the system. Thus, when the operation of an acid is desired, an alkali should not be given at the same time, as they unite to form a third substance entirely different from either; nor should a soluble salt of lime, barium, or lead be given with sulphuric acid or a soluble sulphate, as decomposition would ensue, with the production of an inert compound. So, also, in relation to physiological incompatibility, diaphoretics and diuretics should not, as a general rule, be united with a view to their respective effects; as these are to a certain extent incompatible, one being diminished by whatever has a tendency to increase the other. There are cases, however, in which we may advantageously combine medicines with a view to their chemical reaction, as in the instance of the effervescing draught; and circumstances sometimes call for the union of remedies apparently opposite, as in the case of colic before alluded to, in which opium may be advantageously combined with purgatives. Still, such combinations should never be formed unless with a full understanding of their effects.

The *form in which medicines are exhibited* is often an object of considerable importance. By variation in this respect, according to the nature of the medicine, the taste of the patient, or the condition of the stomach, we are frequently enabled to secure the favorable operation of remedies, which, without such attention, might prove useless or injurious. Medicines may be given in the solid state, as in the form of powder, pill, troche, or electuary; in the state of mixture, in which a solid is suspended in a liquid, or one liquid is mechanically mixed with another in which it is insoluble; or in the state of solution, under which may be included the various forms of infusion, decoction, tincture, fluid extract, wine, vinegar, syrup, honey, and oxymel.

In writing extemporaneous prescriptions, neatness, order, and precision should always be observed; as, independently of the pleasing moral effect, a positive practical advantage results in the greater accuracy which the habit of attending to them gives to the prescriber, and the comparative certainty which they afford that his directions will be strictly complied with. As a general rule, when medicines are combined in prescription, the most important should come first in order, next the adjuvant or corrigent, and lastly the vehicle. Sometimes, however, it is important to indicate to the pharmacist the succession in which the substances should be combined, and this may render convenient a deviation from the order above mentioned. The physician should always be careful either to write out the full name of the medicine, or to employ such abbreviations as cannot be misunderstood. Fatal mistakes have been occasioned by a neglect of this precaution. The following table and formulas explain and illustrate the signs, abbreviations, and methods habitually used in prescribing.

Table of Signs and Abbreviations.

℞	Recipe.	Take.	Collyr.	Collyrium.	An eye-water.
āā	Ana.	Of each.	Cong.	Congius vel congii.	A gallon or gallons.
℔	Libra vel libræ.	A pound or pounds.	Decoct.	Decoctum.	A decoction.
℥	Uncia vel unciæ.	An ounce or ounces.	Ft.	Fiat.	Make.
ʒ	Drachma vel drachmæ.	A drachm or drachms.	Garg.	Gargarysma.	A gargle.
			Gm.	Gramme or gram.	15·5 grains.
℈	Scrupulus vel scrupuli.	A scruple or scruples.	Gr.	Granum vel grana.	A grain or grains.
			Gtt.	Gutta vel guttæ.	A drop or drops.
O	Octarius vel octarii.	A pint or pints.	Haust.	Haustus.	A draught.
f℥	Fluiduncia vel fluiduncіæ.	A fluidounce or fluidounces.	Infus.	Infusum.	An infusion.
			M.	Misce.	Mix.
fʒ	Fluidrachma vel fluidrachmæ.	A fluidrachm or fluidrachms.	Mass.	Massa.	A mass.
			Mist.	Mistura.	A mixture.
♏	Minimum vel minima.	A minim or minims.	Pil.	Pilula vel pilulæ.	A pill or pills.
			Pulv.	Pulvis vel pulveres.	A powder or powders.
C.c.	Cubic centimeter.	About 16 minims.			
Chart.	Chartula vel chartulæ.	A small paper or papers.	Q. S.	Quantum sufficit.	A sufficient quantity.
Coch.	Cochlear vel cochlearia.	A spoonful or spoonfuls.	S.	Signa.	Write.
			Ss.	Semis.	A half.

Examples of Common Extemporaneous Prescriptions.

Powders.

℞ Zinci Sulphatis,
Pulveris Ipecacuanhæ, āā, gr. xx.
Fiat pulvis.
S. To be taken in a wineglassful of sweetened water.
An active emetic in narcotic poisoning, etc.

℞ Pulveris Jalapæ gr. x.
Potassii Bitartratis ʒii.
Misce.
S. To be taken in syrup or molasses.
A hydragogue cathartic, used in dropsy, and in scrofulous inflammation of the joints.

℞ Sulphuris ʒi.
Potassii Bitartratis ʒii.
Misce.
S. To be taken in syrup or molasses.
A laxative used in piles and cutaneous diseases.

℞ Pulveris Rhei gr. x.
Magnesiæ ʒss.
Fiat pulvis.
S. To be taken in syrup or molasses.
A laxative and antacid, used in diarrhœa, dyspepsia, etc.

℞ Potassii Nitratis ʒi.
Antimonii et Potassii Tartratis gr. i.
Hydrargyri Chloridi Mitis gr. vi.
Fiat pulvis, in chartulas sex dividendus.
S. One to be taken every two hours in syrup or molasses.
A refrigerant, diaphoretic, and alterative, used in bilious fevers; usually called *nitrous powders*.

℞ Pulveris Calumbæ,
Pulveris Zingiberis, āā, ʒi.
Fiat pulvis, in chartulas sex dividendus.
S. One to be taken three times a day in syrup or molasses.
A tonic, used in dyspepsia.

Pills.

℞ Pulveris Aloes,
Pulveris Rhei, āā, ʒss.
Olei Caryophylli gtt. x.
Saponis ℈i.
Misce, et cum aquâ fiat massa in pilulas viginti dividenda.
S. Two or three to be taken daily, at bedtime, or before a meal.
An excellent laxative in habitual constipation.

℞ Pulveris Aloes,
Extracti Quassiæ, āā, ʒi.
Olei Anisi ♏x.
Syrupi q. s.
Misce, et fiat massa in pilulas triginta dividenda.
S. Two to be taken once, twice, or three times a day.
A laxative, tonic, and carminative, useful in dyspepsia.

℞ Pulveris Scillæ ℈i.
Hydrargyri Chloridi Mitis gr. x.
Pulveris Acaciæ,
Syrupi, āā, q. s.
Misce, et fiat massa in pilulas decem dividenda.
S. One to be taken twice or three times a day.
A diuretic and alterative, much used in dropsy, especially when complicated with organic visceral disease.

℞ Plumbi Acetatis, in pulv. triti, gr. xii.
Pulveris Opii gr. i.
Pulveris Acaciæ,
Syrupi, āā, q. s. ut fiat massa in pilulas sex dividenda.
S. One every two, three, or four hours.
An astringent much employed in hæmoptysis and uterine hemorrhage.

Mixtures.

℞ Magnesiæ ʒi.
Syrupi fʒi.
Tere simul, et affunde
Aquæ Acidi Carbonici fʒiv.
Fiat haustus.
S. To be taken at a draught, the mixture being well shaken.
An agreeable magnesia mixture.

℞ Mannæ ʒi.
Fœniculi contusi ʒi.
Aquæ bullientis fʒiv.
Fiat infusum et cola; dein adjice,
Magnesii Carbonatis ʒii.
Ft. mist.
S. One-third to be taken every three or four hours till it operates.

℞ Olei Ricini fʒiss.
Tincturæ Opii ♏xxx.
Pulveris Acaciæ,
Sacchari, āā, ʒii.
Aquæ Menthæ Viridis fʒiv.
Acaciam et saccharum cum paululo aquæ menthæ tere; dein oleum adjice, et iterum tere; denique aquam reliquam paulatim infunde, et omnia misce.
S. A tablespoonful to be taken every hour or two hours till it operates.
Used as a gentle laxative in dysentery and diarrhœa. It is usually known by the name of *oleaginous mixture.*

℞ Acidi Nitrosi fʒi.
Tincturæ Opii gtt. xl.
Aquæ Camphoræ fʒviii.
Misce.
S. One-fourth to be taken every three or four hours.
Hope's camphor mixture, used in dysentery, diarrhœa, and cholera.

Effervescing Draught.

℞ Potassii Carbonatis ʒii.
Aquæ fʒiv.
Liqua.
Or,
℞ Potassii Bicarbonatis ʒiii.
Aquæ fʒiv.
Liqua.
S. Add a tablespoonful of the solution to the same quantity of lemon or lime juice, previously mixed with a tablespoonful of water; and give the mixture in the state of effervescence, every hour or two hours.
An excellent diaphoretic and anti-emetic in fever with nausea or vomiting. If morphine is needed, it should be dissolved in the lemon-juice. It is precipitated from alkaline solutions.

Solutions.

℞ Magnesii Sulphatis ʒi.
Syrupi Limonis fʒi.
Aquæ Acidi Carbonici fʒvi.
Misce.
S. To be taken at a draught.
An agreeable mode of administering magnesium sulphate.

℞ Quininæ Sulphatis gr. xii.
Acidi Sulphurici Aromatici gtt. xxiv.
Syrupi fʒss.
Aquæ Menthæ Piperitæ fʒi.
Misce.
S. A teaspoonful to be taken every hour or two hours.
A good mode of administering sulphate of quinine in solution.

Infusions.

℞ Sennæ ʒiii.
Magnesii Sulphatis,
Mannæ, āā, ℥ss.
Fœniculi ʒi.
Aquæ bullientis Oss.
Macera per horam in vase leviter clauso, et cola.
S. A teacupful to be taken every four or five hours till it operates.
An excellent purgative in febrile complaints.

℞ Calumbæ contusæ,
Zingiberis contusi, āā, ℥ss.
Sennæ ʒii.
Aquæ bullientis Oi.
Macera per horam in vase leviter clauso, et cola.
S. A wineglassful to be taken morning, noon, and evening, or less frequently if it operates too much.
An excellent remedy in dyspepsia with constipation and flatulence.

METRIC PRESCRIPTIONS.

Of late years, since the more general use of the metric system, prescriptions written according to this method have been frequently employed, especially in sections of our country inhabited by those who are accustomed to use the system, which is now almost exclusively employed in Europe. For an explanation of its principles the reader is referred to the article on weights and measures, page 0000. Two distinct methods are in vogue in the United States, called respectively *gravimetric* and *volumetric*; in the *gravimetric* plan, which is almost exclusively used abroad, no *measures* of capacity are employed, weights being alone used; the unit of weight, the *gramme*, and its subdivisions constituting the sole weights. This method is objected to by many, who are habituated to the usual American practice of measuring instead of weighing liquids, and the *volumetric* method, in which liquids are measured, is preferred, the unit of measure selected being the *cubic centimeter* (abbreviated C.c., and sometimes called *fluigramme*),

which is equivalent to a gramme of water at 4° C. One of the principal arguments in favor of the volumetric method is that no plan has yet been devised by which the patient can take the dose by weight; teaspoons, tablespoons, or graduated glasses are used altogether for administering liquid medicines, and it would be an almost impracticable task for the practitioner to bear constantly in mind the difference in specific gravity between chloroform, ether, glycerin, syrups, water, and other liquids, yet this would be absolutely necessary in order to secure accurate dosage if the gravimetric method were adopted; and in addition the pharmacist would be compelled to weigh the liquids in compounding prescriptions, a troublesome innovation, or to calculate the corresponding volume of each liquid if graduated measures were used. Arabic numerals are exclusively employed in metric formulæ, arranged in a column opposite the names of the ingredients of the prescription: this custom should never be deviated from, as it is one of the means of recognizing metric prescriptions. The following examples will illustrate the various forms of metric prescriptions in general use, but it is very important that but *one* of these forms should be adopted and *adhered to* if the merits of the system are to be fully realized. We decidedly prefer form Number 1.

PILLS.

Form Number 1.

	Gramma.
℞ Pulv. Aloes	2
Pulv. Rhei	1·5
Olei Caryophylli	·6
Saponis	1·25

Make twenty pills.

The advantages of the decimal line are that the decimal dot is abolished with its dangerous complications, for a spot or a fly-speck on the prescription paper may increase or decrease the quantity of an ingredient *ten times*, and the use of the decimal line is familiar to all who use a dollar and cents column.

Form Number 2.

℞ Pulv. Aloes	2·
Pulv. Rhei	1·5
Olei Caryophylli	·6
Saponis	1·25

Make twenty pills.

This form is used frequently, because of the familiarity with the arithmetical method of using a dot to denote a decimal fraction; and where metric prescriptions are altogether in use, as in Continental Europe, there is no necessity for indicating the denomination, gramme being always understood.

Form Number 3.

℞ Pulv. Aloes	2	Gm.
Pulv. Rhei	1·5	Gm.
Olei Caryophylli	·6	Gm.
Saponis	1·25	Gm.

Make twenty pills.

This form is an improvement on Number 2, and would be far superior to it for use in this country, where prescriptions written in the old systems will long continue to be used; for next to writing out in full the word *gramme*, the indication of the unusual quantity by underscoring will prevent its being mistaken for *grain*.

LIQUIDS.

Form Number 1.

(*Volumetric.*)

	Gm.	C.c.
℞ Magnesiæ Sulph.	30	
Acid. Sulph. Dil.		6
Syrup. Limonis	30	
Aquæ	180	

Make a draught.

Form Number 2.

(*Gravimetric.*)

℞ Magnesiæ Sulph.	30·
Acid. Sulph. Dil.	·6
Syrup. Limonis	30·
Aquæ	180·

Make a draught.

Form Number 3.

(*Volumetric.*)

℞ Magnesiæ Sulph.	30	Gm.
Acid. Sulph. Dil.	·6	C.c.
Syrup. Limonis	30	C.c.
Aquæ	180	C.c.

Make a draught.

TABLES OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

APOTHECARIES' WEIGHT. *U. S.*

Pound.		Troyounces.		Drachms.		Scruples.		Troy Grains.
℔ 1	=	12	=	96	=	288	=	5760
℥ 1	=	8	=	24	=	480		
ʒ 1	=	3	=	60				
℈ 1	=	gr. 20						

The Imperial Standard Troy weight, at present recognized by the British laws, corresponds with the Apothecaries' weight in pounds, ounces, and grains; but differs from it in the division of the ounce, which, according to the former scale, contains twenty pennyweights, each weighing twenty-four grains.

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT. *Br.*

Pound.		Ounces.		Drachms.		Troy Grains.
℔ 1	=	16	=	256	=	7000
		oz. 1	=	16	=	437·5
				dr. 1	=	gr. 27·34375

Relative Value of Troy and Avoirdupois Weights.

Pound.		Pounds.		Pound.	Ounces.	Grains.
1 Troy	=	0·822857	Avoirdupois =	0	13	72·5
1 Avoirdupois	=	1·215277	Troy =	1	2	280

APOTHECARIES' OR WINE MEASURE. *U. S.*

Gallon.		Pints.		Fluidounces.		Fluidrachms.		Minims.		Cubic Inches.
Cong. 1	=	8	=	128	=	1024	=	61440	=	231
		O 1	=	16	=	128	=	7680	=	28·875
				f℥ 1	=	8	=	480	=	1·8047
						f℥ 1	=	♏ 60	=	·2256

IMPERIAL MEASURE.

Adopted by the British Pharmacopœia.

Gallon.		Pints.		Fluidounces.		Fluidrachms.		Minims.
1	=	8	=	160	=	1280	=	76800
		1	=	20	=	160	=	9600
				1	=	8	=	480
						1	=	60

Relative Value of Apothecaries' and Imperial Measure.

Apothecaries' Measure.		Imperial Measure.			
		Pints.	Fluidounces.	Fluidrachms.	Minims.
1 gallon	=	6	13	2	23
1 pint	=		16	5	18
1 fluidounce	=		1	0	20
1 fluidrachm	=			1	2·5
1 minim	=				1·04

Imperial Measure.		Apothecaries' Measure.				
		Gallon.	Pints.	Fluidounces.	Fluidrachms.	Minims.
1 gallon	=	1	1	9	5	8
1 pint	=		1	3	1	38
1 fluidounce	=				7	41
1 fluidrachm	=					58
1 minim	=					0·96

Relative Value of Weights and Measures in Distilled Water at 60° Fahrenheit.

1. Value of Apothecaries' Weight in Apothecaries' Measure.

				Pints.	Fluidounces.	Fluidrachms.	Minims.
1 pound	=	0·7900031 pint	=	0	12	5	7·2238
1 ounce	=	1·0533376 fluidounces	=	0	1	0	25·6020
1 drachm	=	1·0533376 fluidrachms	=	0	0	1	3·2002
1 scruple	=			0	0	0	21·0667
1 grain	=			0	0	0	1·0533

2. Value of Apothecaries' Measure in Apothecaries' Weight.

				℔	℥	ʒ	℈	Gr.		Grains.
1 gallon	=	10·12654270 pounds	=	10	1	4	0	8·88	=	58328·886
1 pint	=	1·26581783 pounds	=	1	3	1	1	11·11	=	7291·1107
1 fluidounce	=	0·94936332 ounce	=	0	0	7	1	15·69	=	455·6944*
1 fluidrachm	=	0·94936332 drachm	=	0	0	0	2	16·96	=	56·9618
1 minim	=	0·94936332 grain	=							·9493

3. Value of Avoirdupois Weight in Apothecaries' Measure.

				Pints.	Fluidounces.	Fluidrachms.	Minims.
1 pound	=	0.9600732 pint	=	0	15	2	53·3622
1 ounce	=	0·9600732 fluidounce	=	0	0	7	40·8351

4. Value of Apothecaries' Measure in Avoirdupois Weight.

1 gallon	=	8·33269800 pounds.
1 pint	=	1·04158725 pounds.
1 fluidounce	=	1·04158725 ounces.

5. Value of Imperial Measure in Apothecaries' and Avoirdupois Weights.

Imperial Measure.		Apothecaries' Weight.						Avoirdupois Weight.				Grains.		Cubic Inches.
1 gallon	=	12 ℔	1 ℥	6 ʒ	2 ℈	0 gr.	=	10 ℔	0 oz.	=	70,000	=	277·27384
1 pint	=	1	6	1	2	10	=	1	4	=	8,750	=	34·65923
1 fluidounce	=			7	0	17·5	=		1	=	437·5	=	1·73296
1 fluidrachm	=				2	14·69	=				54·69	=	0·21662
1 minim	=										·91	=	0·00361

* Dr. W. H. Pile, in a communication to the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, gives the following weights of the fluidounce of water, on different authorities, at 60° F.: United States standard 455·6216 grains; Sir G. Shuckburg (U.S.D.) 455·6944; British standard 455·6910; average weight 455·6690.

In converting the weights of liquids heavier or lighter than water into measures, or conversely, a correction must be made for specific gravity. In converting weights into measures, the calculator may proceed as if the liquid was water, and the obtained measure will be to the true measure *inversely* as the specific gravity. In the converse operation, of turning measures into weights, the same assumption may be made, and the obtained weight will be to the true weight *directly* as the specific gravity.

METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The French *metrical* system is based upon the idea of employing, as the unit of all measures, whether of length, capacity, or weight, a uniform unchangeable standard, adopted from nature, the multiples and subdivisions of which should follow in decimal progression. To obtain such a standard, the length of one-fourth part of the terrestrial meridian, extending from the equator to the pole, was ascertained. The ten-millionth part of this arc was chosen as the unit of measures of length, and was denominated *meter*.* The cube of the tenth part of the meter was taken as the unit of measures of capacity, and denominated *liter*. The weight of distilled water, at its greatest density, which this cube is capable of containing, was called *kilogramme*, of which the thousandth part was adopted as the unit of weight, under the name of *gramme*. The multiples of these measures, proceeding in the decimal progression, are distinguished by employing the prefixes *deca*,† *hecto*, *kilo*, and *myria*, taken from the Greek numerals; and the subdivisions, following the same order, by *deci*, *centi*, *milli*, from the Latin numerals. Since the introduction of this system it has been adopted by the principal nations of Europe, excepting Great Britain, and in many of them its use is compulsory. It is in general use in France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland, Greece, and British India. It was legalized in Great Britain in 1864, and in the United States by an act of Congress in 1866.

The *meter*, or unit of length, at 32°,	=	39·370432 inches.
The *liter*, or unit of capacity,	=	33·814 fluidounces. *U. S.*
The *gramme*, or unit of weight,	=	15·43234874 Troy grains.

Upon this basis the following tables have been constructed.

Measures of Length.

		English Inches.		Miles.	Rods.	Yards.	Feet.	Inches.
Millimeter (mm.)	=	·03937						
Centimeter (cm.)	=	·39370						
Decimeter (dm.)	=	3·93704						
Meter (m.)	=	39·37043	=	0	0	1	0	3·370
Decameter (Dm.)	=	393·70432	=	0	0	10	2	9·704
Hectometer (Hm.)	=	3937·04320	=	0	0	109	1	1·043
Kilometer (Km.)	=	39370·43200	=	0	160	213	1	10·432
Myriameter (Mm.)	=	393704·32000	=	6	40	156	0	8·320

Measures of Capacity.

		English Cubic Inches.		Apothecaries' Measure.
Milliliter (C.c.)	=	·061028	=	16·2318 minims.
Centiliter (cl.)	=	·610280	=	2·7053 fluidrachms.
Deciliter (dl.)	=	6·102800	=	3·3816 fluidounces.
Liter (l.)	=	61·028000	=	2·1135 pints.
Decaliter (Dl.)	=	610·280000	=	2·6419 gallons.
Hectoliter (Hl.)	=	6102·800000		
Kiloliter (Kl.)	=	61028·000000		
Myrialiter (Ml.)	=	610280·000000		

Measures of Weight.

		Troy Grains.		℔ (Troy).	℥	ʒ	Gr.
Milligramme (mg.)	=	·0154					
Centigramme (cg.)	=	·1543					
Decigramme (dg.)	=	1·5432					
Gramme (Gm.)	=	15·4323					
Decagramme (Dg.)	=	154·3234	=	0	0	2	34·3
Hectogramme (Hg.)	=	1543·2348	=	0	3	1	43·2
Kilogramme (Kg.)	=	15432·3487	=	2	8	1	12·3
Myriagramme (Mg.)	=	154323·4874	=	26	9	4	3·4

* There are two methods of spelling the metric units in common use, one, the original, *metre*, *litre*, *gramme*; in the other, these are spelled *meter*, *liter*, and *gram*. The U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1890 sanctions both methods, which, in our opinion, is unfortunate. *Metre* and *litre* are spelled meter and liter, whilst the original orthography is retained for *gramme*.

† Deca and hecto are sometimes written deka and hekto.

Value of Avoirdupois Weights and Imperial Measures, in Metrical Weights and Measures, as stated in the British Pharmacopœia.

Avoirdupois Weights.		Metrical Weights.
1 pound	=	453·5925 grammes.
1 ounce	=	28·3495 "
1 grain	=	0·0648 "

Imperial Measures.		Metrical Measures.
1 gallon	=	4·543487 liters.
1 pint	=	0·567936 "
1 fluidounce	=	0·028396 "
1 fluidrachm	=	0·003549 "
1 minim	=	0·000059 "

Relative Value of United States and Metric Measures of Length.

Inches.		Centimeters.	Inches.		Centimeters.	Inch.		Millimeters.	Inch.		Millimeters.
12	=	30·50	6	=	15·20	$\frac{1}{25}$	=	1·00	$\frac{5}{8}$	=	15·90
11	=	27·90	5	=	12·70	$\frac{1}{12}$	=	2·11	$\frac{3}{4}$	=	16·92
10	=	25·40	4	=	10·20	$\frac{1}{8}$	=	3·20	$\frac{7}{8}$	=	19·10
9	=	22·90	3	=	7·60	$\frac{1}{4}$	=	6·40	$\frac{5}{6}$	=	21·15
8	=	20·30	2	=	5·10	$\frac{1}{3}$	=	8·46	$\frac{7}{8}$	=	22·20
7	=	17·80	1	=	2·54	$\frac{1}{2}$	=	12·70	$\frac{11}{12}$	=	23·28

Relative Value of Apothecaries' and Metric Fluid Measures.

Minims.		Cubic Centimeters.	Minims.		Cubic Centimeters.	Fluid-ounces.		Cubic Centimeters.	Fluid-ounces.		Cubic Centimeters.
1	=	0·06	25	=	1·54	**1**	=	**30·00***	21	=	621·04
2	=	0·12	**30**	=	**1·85**	2	=	59·14	22	=	650·62
3	=	0·18	35	=	2·15	3	=	88·72	23	=	680·19
4	=	0·24	40	=	2·46	4	=	118·29	24	=	709·76
5	=	0·30	45	=	2·77	5	=	147·87	25	=	739·34
6	=	0·37	50	=	3·08	6	=	177·44	26	=	768·91
7	=	0·43	55	=	3·40	7	=	207·00	27	=	798·50
8	=	0·50	Fluidrachms.			8	=	236·59	28	=	828·06
9	=	0·55				9	=	266·16	29	=	857·63
10	=	0·61	**1**	=	**3·70**	10	=	295·73	30	=	887·21
11	=	0·67	$1\frac{1}{4}$	=	4·61	11	=	325·31	31	=	916·78
12	=	0·74	$1\frac{1}{2}$	=	5·53	12	=	354·88	32	=	946·35
13	=	0·80	$1\frac{3}{4}$	=	6·47	13	=	384·45	48	=	1419·00
14	=	0·86	2	=	7·39	14	=	414·00	56	=	1656·00
15	=	0·92	3	=	11·09	15	=	443·06	64	=	1892·00
16	=	1·00	**4**	=	**15·00**	**16**	=	**473·11**	72	=	2128·00
17	=	1·05	5	=	18·48	17	=	502·75	80	=	2365·00
18	=	1·12	6	=	22·18	18	=	532·32	96	=	2839·00
19	=	1·17	7	=	25·87	19	=	561·90	112	=	3312·00
20	=	1·23				20	=	591·47	**128**	=	**3785.00**

* The more accurate equivalent is 29·57 C.c.

Relative Value of Metric Fluid and Apothecaries' Measures.

Cubic Centimeters.		Fluid-ounces.	Cubic Centimeters.		Fluid-ounces.	Cubic Centimeters.		Minims.	Cubic Centimeters.		Minims.
1000	=	33·81	400	=	13·52	25	=	405·7	4	=	64·9
900	=	30·43	300	=	10·14	10	=	162·3	3	=	48·7
800	=	27·05	200	=	6·76	9	=	146·1	2	=	32·5
700	=	23·67	100	=	3·38	8	=	129·8	**1**	=	**16·00‡**
600	=	20·29	75	=	2·53	7	=	113·6	0·50	=	8·1
500	=	16·90	50	=	1·69	6	=	97·4	0·25	=	4·1
473	=	16·00	**30**	=	**1·00†**	5	=	81·1	0·06	=	1·0

† Or, more exactly, 1·01.

‡ Or, more exactly, 16·23.

Relative Value of Apothecaries' and Metric Weights.

Grains.		Grammes.
$\frac{1}{100}$	=	0·00065
$\frac{1}{64}$	=	0·00101
$\frac{1}{60}$	=	0·00110
$\frac{1}{50}$	=	0·00130
$\frac{1}{48}$	=	0·00135
$\frac{1}{40}$	=	0·00162
$\frac{1}{36}$	=	0·00180
$\frac{1}{32}$	=	0·00202
$\frac{1}{30}$	=	0·00220
$\frac{1}{25}$	=	0·00270
$\frac{1}{24}$	=	0·00274
$\frac{1}{20}$	=	0·00324
$\frac{1}{18}$	=	0·00360
$\frac{1}{16}$	=	0·00405
$\frac{1}{15}$	=	0·00432
$\frac{1}{12}$	=	0·00540
$\frac{1}{10}$	=	0.00648
$\frac{1}{8}$	=	0·00810
$\frac{1}{6}$	=	0·01080
$\frac{3}{16}$	=	0·01296
$\frac{1}{4}$	=	0·01620
$\frac{3}{8}$	=	0·02160
$\frac{1}{2}$	=	0·03240
$\frac{3}{4}$	=	0·04860

Grains.		Grammes.
1	=	0·065
2	=	0·130
3	=	0·194
4	=	0·259
5	=	0·324
6	=	0·389
7	=	0·454
8	=	0·518
9	=	0·583
10	=	0·648
11	=	0·713
12	=	0·775
13	=	0·842
14	=	0·907
15	=	0·972
15·5*	=	**1·000**
16	=	1·040
17	=	1·102
18	=	1·166
19	=	1·232
20	=	1·296
21	=	1·360
22	=	1·425
23	=	1·490

Grains.		Grammes.
24	=	1·55
25	=	1·62
26	=	1·70
27	=	1·75
28	=	1·82
29	=	1·87
30	=	1·94
31	=	2·00
32	=	2·10
33	=	2·16
34	=	2·20
35	=	2·25
36	=	2·30
37	=	2·40
38	=	2·46
39	=	2·55
40	=	2·59
42	=	2·73
44	=	2·85
48	=	3·00
50	=	3·24
52	=	3·40
56	=	3·65
58	=	3·75

Drachms.		Grammes.
1	=	3·88
2	=	7·77
3	=	11·66
4	=	15·55
5	=	19·44
6	=	23·32
7	=	27·21
Ounces.		
1	=	**31·10†**
2	=	62·20
3	=	93·31
4	=	124·41
5	=	155·51
6	=	186·62
7	=	217·72
8	=	248·82
9	=	279·93
10	=	311·03
11	=	342·14
12	=	373·24
14	=	435·44
16	=	497·65
24	=	746·48
48	=	1492·96
100	=	3110·40

* Or, more exactly, 15·432 + gr. = 1 gramme.

† Or, more exactly, 31·10349 grammes.

Relative Value of Metric and Apothecaries' Weights.

Grammes.		Grains.
0·0010	=	$\frac{1}{64}$
0·0020	=	$\frac{1}{32}$
0·0040	=	$\frac{1}{16}$
0·0065	=	$\frac{1}{10}$
0·0081	=	$\frac{1}{8}$
0·0108	=	$\frac{1}{6}$
0·0162	=	$\frac{1}{4}$
0·0324	=	$\frac{1}{2}$
0·0486	=	$\frac{3}{4}$
0·0567	=	$\frac{7}{8}$

Grammes.		Grains.
0·065	=	1·003
0·100	=	1·543
0·130	=	2·006
0·150	=	2·315
0·180	=	2·778
0·200	=	3·086
0·300	=	4·630
0·500	=	7·716
0·700	=	10·803
0·900	=	13·890

Grammes.		Grains.
1	=	15·43
2	=	30·99
3	=	46·30
4	=	61·73
5	=	77·20
6	=	92·60
7	=	108·00
8	=	123·50
9	=	138·90
10	=	154·32

Grammes.		Grains.
100	=	1543·23
125	=	1929·04
150	=	2314·85
175	=	2700·70
450	=	6944·60
550	=	8487·80
650	=	10031·01
750	=	11574·30
850	=	13117·50
1000	=	15432·35

Relative Value of Avoirdupois and Metric Weights.

Avoir. Ounces.		Grammes.
$\frac{1}{16}$	=	1·772
$\frac{1}{8}$	=	3·544
$\frac{1}{4}$	=	7·088
$\frac{1}{2}$	=	14·175
1	=	28·350
2	=	56·700
3	=	85·049
4	=	113·398

Avoir. Ounces.		Grammes.
5	=	141·75
6	=	170·07
7	=	198·45
8	=	226·80
9	=	255·15
10	=	283·50
11	=	311·84
12	=	340·19

Avoir. Ounces.		Grammes.
13	=	368·54
14	=	396·89
15	=	425·24
Avoir. Pounds.		
1	=	453·59
2	=	907·18
2·2	=	1000·00

Avoir. Pounds.		Grammes.
3	=	1360·78
4	=	1814·37
5	=	2267·96
6	=	2721·55
7	=	3175·14
8	=	3628·74
9	=	4082·33
10	=	4535·92

Relative Value of Metric and Avoirdupois Weights.

Grammes.		Oz.	Gr.
28·35	=	1	
29	=	1	10
30	=	1	25
31	=	1	41
32	=	1	56
33	=	1	72
34	=	1	87
35	=	1	103
36	=	1	118
37	=	1	133

Grammes.		Oz.	Gr.
38	=	1	149
39	=	1	164
40	=	1	180
50	=	1	334
60	=	2	50
70	=	2	205
80	=	2	360
85	=	3	
90	=	3	76
100	=	3	230

Grammes.		Oz.	Gr.
125	=	4	179
150	=	5	127
200	=	7	24
250	=	8	358
300	=	10	255
350	=	12	151
400	=	14	48
450	=	15	382
500	=	17	279
550	=	19	175

Grammes.		Oz.	Gr.
600	=	21	72
650	=	22	406
700	=	24	303
750	=	26	199
800	=	28	96
850	=	29	430
900	=	31	326
950	=	33	223
1000	=	35	120

APPROXIMATE MEASUREMENT.

For the sake of convenience, in the absence of proper instruments, we often make use of means of measurement which, though not precise nor uniform, afford results sufficiently accurate for ordinary purposes. Of this kind are certain household implements, of a capacity approaching to uniformity, and corresponding to a certain extent with the regular standard measures. Custom has attached a fixed value to these implements, with which it is proper that the practitioner should be familiar; although their capacity, as they are now made, with the exception of the wineglass, generally somewhat exceeds that at which they were originally and still continue to be estimated.

A *tea-cup* is estimated to contain about four fluidounces, or a gill.
A *wineglass* . . . . . two fluidounces.
A *tablespoon* (cochlear magnum) . . half a fluidounce.
A *teaspoon* (cochlear parvum) . . . a fluidrachm.

In reading French medical works, if unacquainted with their customary expressions of measure, we are often left in great uncertainty as to the precise quantity indicated by the names. The following table, translated from the French Codex of 1866, will obviate this difficulty. (See Metric Table, page 1809.)

	Grammes.
A coffeespoon (*cuillerée à café*, Fr., *teaspoon*)	5
A common spoon (*cuillerée*, Fr., *tablespoon*), 4 coffeespoons, or	20
A glass (*verre*, Fr.), 8 common spoons	160
A handful (*poignée*, Fr.) of barleyseed	80
" " " flaxseed	50
" " " flaxseed-meal	150
" " " dried mallow leaves	40
" " " " chicory "	30
A pinch (*pincée*, Fr.) of chamomile flowers	2
" " " arnica "	1
" " " marshmallow "	2
" " " mallows "	1
" " " linden "	2
" " " fruits of anise	2
" " " " fennel	2
A hen's egg, newly laid, has the mean weight of	64
" the white alone	40
" the yellow alone	20
Blanched almonds have the mean weight, each, of	1

Small quantities of liquid medicines are often administered by *drops*, each of which is usually considered equivalent to a minim, or the sixtieth part of a fluidrachm. The drop of water and of watery fluids is, sometimes, about that size; but the same is by no means the case with all medicinal liquids, and the drop even of the same liquid varies much in bulk, according to the circumstances under which it is formed. This is, therefore, an uncertain mode of estimating the quantity of liquids, and should be superseded where minim measures can be had. Certain rules, however, influence the formation of drops, which will enable us to form some notion of their probable relative number, in the same amount of liquid, when possessed of the requisite data. Thus, the heavier the liquid, the smaller, other things being equal, is the size of the drops, and the greater their number in a given measure. The drop of chloroform, for example, which is a very heavy liquid, is very small, much smaller than that of alcohol or ether. The greater or less viscidity and greater or less mobility of the liquid have much influence, the former in increasing, the latter in diminishing the size of the drops. The adhesiveness of liquids, which opposes their disposition to leave the surface from which they fall, requires a greater mass to overcome it, and consequently augments the size of the drop. The rapidity of the movement acts in a contrary direction, and the drop from a full bottle should be less than from one more or less emptied. The broader the surface from which they fall, the greater is their size. The drops from a thick-lipped bottle are larger than from one with thin lips.

The results stated in the following table were obtained by Mr. Stephen L. Talbot. They may be relied on as accurate, and in most cases correspond with the results obtained by Mr. Durand and Prof. Procter (see *A. J. P.*, i. 169; 1865, p. 389; 1880, p. 337), but should be considered as indicating only the relative number of drops afforded by the several liquids mentioned; for, under other circumstances than those of Mr. Talbot's experiments, entirely different results might be obtained as relates to each liquid. The preparations experimented with were those of the U. S. Pharmacopœia of 1870.

*Table exhibiting the Number of Drops in a Fluidrachm of Different Liquids, with the Weight in Grains and in Grammes.**

	Drops in f3j.	Weight of f3j	
		in grs.	in Gms.
Acetum Opii	90	61	3·95
Acetum Sanguinariæ	78	55½	3·59
Acetum Scillæ	68	57	3·69
Acid. Aceticum	108	58	3·75
Acid. Aceticum Dilut.	68	55	3·56
Acid. Carbolicum	111	59	3·82
Acid. Hydrochloricum	70	65	4·21
Acid. Hydrochloric. Dilut.	60	56	3·62
Acid. Hydrocyanicum	60	54	3·49
Acid. Lacticum	111	66	4·27
Acid. Nitricum	102	77	4·98
Acid. Nitricum Dilut.	60	58	3·62
Acid. Nitrohydrochloricum	76	66	4·27
Acid. Phosphoricum Dilut.	59	57	3·69
Acid. Sulphuricum	128	101	6·54
Acid. Sulphuric. Aromat.	146	53	3·43
Acid. Sulphuricum Dilut.	60	58½	3·79
Acid. Sulphurosum	59	55	3·56
Acid. Valerianicum	158	51	3·30
Æther	172	41½	2·69
Æther Fortior	176	39	2·52
Alcohol	146	44	2·85
Alcohol Dilutum	137	49	3·17
Aqua	60	55	3·56
Aqua Ammoniæ	64	52	3·36
Aqua Ammoniæ Fortior	66	50	3·24
Aqua Destillata	60	53½	3·46
Balsamum Peruvianum	101	60	3·88
Bromum	250	165	10·69
Chloroformum Purificatum	250	80	5·18
Copaiba	110	51	3·30
Creosotum	122	56½	3·66
Ext. Belladonnæ Fluid.	156	57	3·69
Ext. Buchu Fluid.	150	47½	3·07
Ext. Calumbæ Fluid.	139	50	3·24
Ext. Chimaphilæ Fluid.	128	63	4·08
Ext. Cimicifugæ Fluid.	147	48	3·11
Ext. Cinchonæ Fluid.	138	58	3·75
Ext. Colchici Rad. Fluid.	160	57	3·69
Ext. Colch. Sem. Fluid.	158	55	3·56
Ext. Conii Fruct. Fluid.	137	61	3·95
Ext. Cubebæ Fluid.	147	48	3·11
Ext. Digitalis Fluid.	134	62	4·01
Ext. Dulcamaræ Fluid.	130	46	2·98
Ext. Ergotæ Fluid.	133	60	3·88
Ext. Gelsemii Fluid.	149	49	3·14
Ext. Gentianæ Fluid.	144	64	4·14
Ext. Geranii Fluid.	125	60	3·88
Ext. Glycyrrhizæ Fluid.	133	61	3·95
Ext. Gossypii Fluid.	134	58	3·75
Ext. Hydrastis Fluid.	160	54	3·49
Ext. Hyoscyami Fluid.	160	59	3·82
Ext. Ipecac. Fluid.	120	60	3·88
Ext. Krameriæ Fluid.	132	60	3·88
Ext. Lupulini Fluid.	140	55	3·56
Ext. Mezerei Fluid.	155	46	3·01
Ext. Pareiræ Fluid.	140	57	3·72
Ext. Pruni Virg. Fluid.	103	61	3·95
Ext. Rhei Fluid.	158	61	3·95
Ext. Rubi Fluid.	132	61	3·95
Ext. Sabinæ Fluid.	148	49	3·17
Ext. Sarsap. Comp. Fluid.	134	60	3·88
Ext. Scillæ Fluid.	161	58	3·75
Ext. Senegæ Fluid.	137	62	4·01
Ext. Serpentariæ Fluid.	148	47	3·07
Ext. Stillingiæ Fluid.	134	58	3·75
Ext. Taraxaci Fluid.	134	63	4·08
Ext. Uvæ Ursi Fluid.	137	60	3·88
Ext. Valerianæ Fluid.	150	49	3·17
Ext. Verat. Virid. Fluid.	150	50	3·24
Ext. Zingiberis Fluid.	142	48	3·11
Glycerinum	67	68	4·40
Hydrargyrum	150	760	49·24
Liquor Ammonii Acet.	75	56	3·62
Liquor Acid. Arseniosi	57	55	3·56
Liquor Arsen. et Hydrarg. Iod.	58	55	3·56
Liquor Ferri Chlorid.	71	72	4·66
Liquor Ferri Citratis	71	72	4·66
Liquor Ferri Nitratis	59	59	3·82
Liquor Ferri Subsulph.	73	83	5·37
Liquor Ferri Tersulph.	83	72	4·66
Liquor Hydrarg. Nit.	131	123	7·97
Liquor Iodi Comp.	63	59	3·82
Liquor Plumbi Subacet.	74	70	4·53
Liquor Potassæ	62	58	3·75
Liquor Potassii Arsen.	57	55	3·56
Liquor Sodæ Chloratæ	63	62	4·01
Liquor Zinci Chlorid.	89	88	5·70
Oleores. Aspidii	130	52	3·36
Oleores. Capsici	120	51	3·30
Oleores. Cubebæ	123	52	3·36
Oleum Æthereum	125	50	3·24
Oleum Amygd. Amaræ	115	55	3·56
Oleum Amygd. Express.	108	48½	3·14
Oleum Anisi	119	54	3·49
Oleum Bergamii	130	46	2·98
Oleum Cajuputi	134	48	3·11
Oleum Cari	132	50	3·24
Oleum Caryophylli	130	57	3·69
Oleum Chenopodii	135	52	3·36
Oleum Cinnamomi	126	53½	3·46
Oleum Copaibæ	123	49½	3·20
Oleum Cubebæ	125	51	3·30
Oleum Erigerontis	132	57½	3·72
Oleum Fœniculi	125	53	3·43
Oleum Gaultheriæ	125	62	4·01
Oleum Hedeomæ	132	51	3·30
Oleum Juniperi	148	49	3·17
Oleum Lavandulæ	138	52	3·36
Oleum Limonis	129	47	3·04
Oleum Lini	113	49	3·17
Oleum Menthæ Piperitæ	129	50	3·24
Oleum Menthæ Viridis	126	51½	3·33
Oleum Morrhuæ	110	49	3·17
Oleum Myristicæ	135	46	2·98
Oleum Olivæ	107	48½	3·14
Oleum Ricini	77	51½	3·33
Oleum Rosæ	132	47	3·04
Oleum Rosmarini	143	50	3·24
Oleum Rutæ	138	46	2·98
Oleum Sabinæ	146	50	3·24
Oleum Sassafras	133	58	3·75
Oleum Sesami	104	49½	3·20
Oleum Succini	140	47	3·04
Oleum Terebinthinæ	136	45½	2·94
Oleum Tiglii	104	50	3·24
Spiritus Æther. Comp.	148	45	2·91
Spiritus Æther. Nitrosi	146	47	3·04
Spiritus Ammon. Arom.	142	48	3·11
Spiritus Camphoræ	143	47	3·04
Spiritus Chloroformi	150	48	3·11
Spiritus Menthæ Pip.	142	47	3·04
Syrupus	65	72	4·66

* Continued on page 0039.

Table exhibiting the Number of Drops in a Fluidrachm of Different Liquids, with the Weight in Grains and in Grammes.—(Continued.)

	Drops in f3j.	Weight of f3j	
		in grs.	in Gms.
Syrupus Acaciæ	44	73	4·73
Syrupus Ferri Iodidi . . .	65	77	4·98
Syrupus Rhei	82	72	4·66
Syrupus Scillæ	75	74	4·79
Syrupus Scillæ Comp. . .	102	70	4·53
Syrupus Senegæ	106	70	4·53
Tinctura Aconiti	146	46	2·98
Tinctura Belladonnæ . . .	137	53	3·43
Tinct. Benzoini Comp. . .	148	48	3·11
Tinctura Cantharidis . . .	131	51	3·33
Tinct. Cinchon. Comp. . .	140	49	3·17
Tinctura Digitalis	128	53	3·43
Tinctura Ferri Chloridi . .	150	53	3·43
Tinctura Iodi	148	47	3·04
Tinctura Nucis Vom. . .	140	44	2·85
Tinctura Opii	130	53	3·43
Tinctura Opii Camph. . .	130	52	3·36
Tinctura Opii Deod. . . .	110	54	3·49
Tinctura Valerianæ . . .	130	52	3·36
Tinctura Verat. Virid. . .	145	46	2·98
Tinctura Zingiberis	144	46	2·98
Vin. Colchici Rad.	107	55	3·56
Vin. Colchici Sem.	111	54	3·49
Vin. Opii	100	55	3·56

TABLES SHOWING SPECIFIC GRAVITY CORRESPONDING WITH DEGREES OF HYDROMETERS.

Baumé's hydrometer is usually employed. In this instrument the specific gravity of distilled water is assumed as the zero of the descending scale in relation to fluids heavier than itself, and as ten on the ascending scale in relation to lighter fluids. In the following tables the specific gravity of liquids is given corresponding with the several degrees of this hydrometer. The first column of specific gravities is taken from the French Codex. The second column is based on the calculations of Huss. The third column was calculated by Mr. Henry Pemberton, of Philadelphia, in 1851. The figures in this column correspond with the degrees of the hydrometers prepared by the late Dr. W. H. Pile.

For Liquids Lighter than Water.

Degree of hydrometer.	Specific Gravity. By Baumé.			Degree of hydrometer.	Specific Gravity. By Baumé.		
10	1·000	1·0000	1·0000	44	0·809	0·8047	0·8045
11	0·993	0·9930	0·9929	45	0·804	0·8001	0·8000
12	0·986	0·9861	0·9859	46	0·800	0·7956	0·7954
13	0·979	0·9792	0·9790	47	0·795	0·7911	0·7909
14	0·973	0·9724	0·9722	48	0·791	0·7866	0·7865
15	0·966	0·9657	0·9655	49	0·787	0·7821	0·7821
16	0·960	0·9591	0·9589	50	0·783	0·7777	0·7777
17	0·953	0·9526	0·9523	51	0·778	0·7733	0·7734
18	0·947	0·9462	0·9459	52	0·774	0·7689	0·7692
19	0·941	0·9399	0·9395	53	0·770	0·7646	0·7650
20	0·935	0·9336	0·9333	54	0·766	0·7603	0·7608
21	0·929	0·9274	0·9271	55	0·762	0·7560	0·7567
22	0·923	0·9212	0·9210	56	0·758	0·7518	0·7526
23	0·917	0·9151	0·9150	57	0·754	0·7476	0·7486
24	0·911	0·9091	0·9090	58	0·750	0·7435	0·7446
25	0·905	0·9032	0·9032	59	0·746	0·7394	0·7407
26	0·900	0·8974	0·8974	60	0·742	0·7354	0·7368
27	0·894	0·8917	0·8917	61	0·738	0·7314	0·7329
28	0·889	0·8860	0·8860	62	0·735	0·7275	0·7290
29	0·883	0·8804	0·8805	63	0·731	. . .	0·7253
30	0·878	0·8748	0·8750	64	0·727	. . .	0·7216
31	0·872	0·8693	0·8695	65	0·724	. . .	0·7179
32	0·867	0·8638	0·8641	66	0·720	. . . .	0·7142
33	0·862	0·8584	0·8588	67	0·716	. . .	0·7106
34	0·857	0·8531	0·8536	68	0·713	. . .	0·7070
35	0·852	0·8479	0·8484	69	0·709	. . .	0·7035
36	0·847	0·8428	0·8433	70	0·706	. . .	0·7000
37	0·842	0·8378	0·8383	71	0·702	. . .	0·6965
38	0·837	0·8329	0·8333	72	0·699	. . .	0·6930
39	0·832	0·8281	0·8284	73	0·696	. . .	0·6896
40	0·827	0·8233	0·8235	74	0·692	. . .	0·6863
41	0·823	0·8186	0·8187	75	0·689	. . .	0·6829
42	0·818	0·8139	0·8139	76	0·686	. . .	0·6796
43	0·813	0·8093	0·8092	77	0·682	. . .	0·6763

The following formulas, furnished by Dr. Pile, may prove useful by enabling any one to calculate the sp. gr. corresponding with the several degrees of Baumé's hydrometer, and, conversely, the degree of Baumé corresponding with the sp. gr.

1. *For Liquids lighter than Water.* The following formulas give the sp. gr. as represented in the first column in the foregoing table; or, the specific gravity being known, give the corresponding degree of Baumé.

$$\frac{144}{B^\circ + 134} = \text{sp. gr.}; \text{ and } \frac{144}{\text{sp. gr.}} - 134 = B^\circ.$$

The following formulas apply to the third column of specific gravities.

$$\frac{140}{B^\circ + 130} = \text{sp. gr.}; \text{ and } \frac{140}{\text{sp. gr.}} - 130 = B^\circ.$$

2. *For Liquids heavier than Water.* For the first column, $\frac{144}{144 - B^\circ} = \text{sp. gr.}$, and $144 - \frac{144}{\text{sp. gr.}} = B^\circ$; for the third, $\frac{145}{145 - B^\circ} = \text{sp. gr.}$, and $145 - \frac{145}{\text{sp. gr.}} = B^\circ$.

For Liquids Heavier than Water.

Degree of hydrometer.	Specific Gravity. By Baumé.			Degree of hydrometer.	Specific Gravity. By Baumé.		
0	1·000	1·0000	1·0000	38	1·359	1·3559	1·3551
1	1·007	1·0070	1·0069	39	1·372	1·3686	1·3679
2	1·014	1·0141	1·0139	40	1·384	1·3815	1·3809
3	1·022	1·0213	1·0211	41	1·398	1·3947	1·3942
4	1·029	1·0286	1·0283	42	1·412	1·4082	1·4077
5	1·036	1·0360	1·0357	43	1·426	1·4219	1·4215
6	1·044	1·0435	1·0431	44	1·440	1·4359	1·4356
7	1·052	1·0511	1·0507	45	1·454	1·4501	1·4500
8	1·060	1·0588	1·0583	46	1·479	1·4645	1·4646
9	1·067	1·0666	1·0661	47	1·485	1·4792	1·4795
10	1·075	1·0745	1·0740	48	1·501	1·4942	1·4949
11	1·083	1·0825	1·0820	49	1·516	1·5096	1·5104
12	1·091	1·0906	1·0902	50	1·532	1·5253	1·5263
13	1·100	1·0988	1·0984	51	1·549	1·5413	1·5425
14	1·108	1·1071	1·1008	52	1·566	1·5576	1·5591
15	1·116	1·1155	1·1153	53	1·583	1·5742	1·5760
16	1·125	1·1240	1·1240	54	1·601	1·5912	1·5934
17	1·134	1·1326	1·1328	55	1·618	1·6086	1·6111
18	1·143	1·1414	1·1417	56	1·637	1·6264	1·6292
19	1·152	1·1504	1·1507	57	1·656	1·6446	1·6477
20	1·161	1·1596	1·1600	58	1·676	1·6632	1·6666
21	1·171	1·1690	1·1693	59	1·695	1·6823	1·6860
22	1·180	1·1785	1·1788	60	1·715	1·7019	1·7058
23	1·190	1·1882	1·1885	61	1·736	1·7220	1·7261
24	1·199	1·1981	1·1983	62	1·758	1·7427	1·7469
25	1·210	1·2082	1·2083	63	1·779	1·7640	1·7682
26	1·221	1·2184	1·2184	64	1·801	1·7856	1·7901
27	1·231	1·2288	1·2288	65	1·823	1·8082	1·8125
28	1·242	1·2394	1·2393	66	1·847	1·8312	1·8354
29	1·252	1·2502	1·2500	67	1·872	1·8548	1·8589
30	1·261	1·2612	1·2608	68	1·897	1·8790	1·8831
31	1·275	1·2724	1·2719	69	1·921	1·9038	1·9079
32	1·286	1·2838	1·2831	70	1·946	1·9291	1·9333
33	1·298	1·2954	1·2946	71	1·974	1·9548	1·9595
34	1·309	1·3072	1·3063	72	2·002	1·9809	1·9863
35	1·321	1·3190	1·3181	73	2·031	2·0073	2·0139
36	1·334	1·3311	1·3302	74	2·059	2·0340	2·0422
37	1·346	1·3434	1·3425	75	2·087	2·0610	2·0714

Gay-Lussac's centesimal alcoholmeter is applicable only to alcohol. The scale of this instrument is divided into 100 unequal degrees, the zero corresponding to pure water, and 100° to absolute alcohol; and every intermediate degree expresses the percentage of pure alcohol, by measure, contained in the liquors examined. Thus, when the instrument stands at 40° in any alcoholic liquid, it indicates that 100 measures of the liquid contain 40 of pure alcohol and 60 of water. But, as it was graduated for the temperature of 59° of Fahrenheit, the liquors to be tested should be brought to that temperature. *Tralles's centesimal alcoholmeter* is the one used by the U. S. Government in gauging the strength of spirit, and is generally employed in this country by distillers and wholesale dealers in the purchase and sale of alcoholic liquors. The scale of this instrument is, like Gay-Lussac's, divided into 100 unequal parts, each corresponding to the percentage by volume of pure alcohol contained in the liquors examined. As the sp. gr. of water is considered as unity at its temperature of greatest density, 39·8° F., and the degrees of this scale are calculated for 60° F., the zero, corresponding to the density of water, will represent a sp. gr. of ·9991.

The following table of Tralles gives the percentage of alcohol *by measure* corresponding with the specific gravity. Under "Alcohol," in the first part of this work, a table of the percentage by weight cor-

responding with the sp. gr. is given. By means of these tables, in connection with the alcoholmeter, every problem that can arise in reference to the strength of spirituous liquors can be solved; and by the appended table, giving the value of Baumé's degrees in those of Tralles, the facility is still further extended.

Alcoholmetrical Table of Tralles.

Alcohol in 100 measures of spirit.	Specific gravity at 60° F.	Alcohol in 100 measures of spirit.	Specific gravity at 60° F.	Alcohol in 100 measures of spirit.	Specific gravity at 60° F.	Alcohol in 100 measures of spirit.	Specific gravity at 60° F.
0	·9991	26	·9689	51	·9315	76	·8739
1	·9976	27	·9679	52	·9295	77	·8712
2	·9961	28	·9668	53	·9275	78	·8685
3	·9947	29	·9657	54	·9254	79	·8658
4	·9933	30	·9646	55	·9234	80	·8631
5	·9919	31	·9634	56	·9213	81	·8603
6	·9906	32	·9622	57	·9192	82	·8575
7	·9893	33	·9609	58	·9170	83	·8547
8	·9881	34	·9596	59	·9148	84	·8518
9	·9869	35	·9583	60	·9126	85	·8488
10	·9857	36	·9570	61	·9104	86	·8458
11	·9845	37	·9556	62	·9082	87	·8428
12	·9834	38	·9541	63	·9059	88	·8397
13	·9823	39	·9526	64	·9036	89	·8365
14	·9812	40	·9510	65	·9013	90	·8332
15	·9802	41	·9494	66	·8989	91	·8299
16	·9791	42	·9478	67	·8965	92	·8265
17	·9781	43	·9461	68	·8941	93	·8230
18	·9771	44	·9444	69	·8917	94	·8194
19	·9761	45	·9427	70	·8892	95	·8157
20	·9751	46	·9409	71	·8867	96	·8118
21	·9741	47	·9391	72	·8842	97	·8077
22	·9731	48	·9373	73	·8817	98	·8034
23	·9720	49	·9354	74	·8791	99	·7988
24	·9710	50	·9335	75	·8765	100	·7939
25	·9700						

Table showing the Value of the Degrees of Baumé's Hydrometer in those of Tralles's Alcoholmeter.

Baumé.	Tralles.	Baumé.	Tralles.	Baumé.	Tralles.	Baumé.	Tralles.
10·12	·0	20	50·1	30	75·6	40	92·9
11	4·3	21	53·2	31	77·6	41	94·2
12	9·8	22	56·1	32	79·6	42	95·5
13	16·1	23	58·9	33	81·5	43	96·7
14	22·9	24	61·6	34	83·4	44	97·8
15	29·2	25	64·2	35	85·1	45	98·8
16	34·5	26	66·6	36	86·8	46	99·7
17	39·2	27	69·0	37	88·4	46·37	100·0
18	43·1	28	71·3	38	90·0		
19	46·8	29	73·5	39	91·4		

RELATIONS BETWEEN THERMOMETERS.

In *Fahrenheit's* thermometer, the freezing point of water is placed at 32°, and the boiling point at 212°, and the number of intervening degrees is 180.

The *Centigrade* or *Celsius's* thermometer, which is now recognized in the U. S. Pharmacopœia and has been adopted generally by scientists, marks the freezing point *zero*, and the boiling point 100°.

In *Réaumur's* thermometer the freezing point is at *zero*, and the boiling point at 80°.

In *De Lisle's* thermometer, used in Russia, the graduation begins at the boiling point, which is marked *zero*, while the freezing point is placed at 150°.

From the above statement, it is evident that 180 degrees of Fahrenheit are equal to 100° of the Centigrade, 80° of Réaumur, and 150° of De Lisle; or 1 degree of the first is equal to $\frac{5}{9}$ of a degree of the second, $\frac{4}{9}$ of a degree of the third, and $\frac{5}{6}$ of a degree of the last. It is easy, therefore, to convert the degrees of one into the equivalent number of degrees of the other; but in ascertaining the corresponding points upon the different scales, it is necessary to take into consideration their different modes of graduation. Thus, as the zero of Fahrenheit is 32° below the point at which that of the Centigrade and of Réaumur is placed, this number must be taken into account in the calculation.

1. If any degree on the *Centigrade* scale, either above or below zero, be multiplied by 1·8, the result will, in either case, be the number of degrees above or below 32°, or the freezing point of *Fahrenheit*.

2. The number of degrees between any point of *Fahrenheit's* scale and 32°, if divided by 1·8, will give the corresponding point on the *Centigrade*.

THERMOMETRIC EQUIVALENTS.

According to the Centigrade and Fahrenheit Scales.

C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°
—39·4	—39	—13·3	8	12·7	55	38·8	102	65	149
—39	—38·2	—13	8·6	13	55·4	39	102·2	65·5	150
—38·8	—38	—12·7	9	13·3	56	39·4	103	66	150·8
—38·3	—37	—12·2	10	13·8	57	40	104	66·1	151
—38	—36·4	—12	10·4	14	57·2	40·5	105	66·6	152
—37·7	—36	—11·6	11	14·4	58	41	105·8	67	152·6
—37·2	—35	—11·1	12	**15**	**59**	41·1	106	67·2	153
—37	—34·6	—11	12·2	15·5	60	41·6	107	67·7	154
—36·6	—34	—10·5	13	16	60·8	42	107·6	68	154·4
—36·1	—33	—10	14	16·1	61	42·2	108	68·3	155
—36	—32·8	—9·4	15	16·6	62	42·7	109	68·8	156
—35·5	—32	—9	15·8	17	62·6	43	109·4	69	156·2
—35	—31	—8·8	16	17·2	63	43·3	110	69·4	157
—34·4	—30	—8·3	17	17·7	64	43·8	111	70	158
—34	—29·2	—8	17·6	18	64·4	44	111·2	70·5	159
—33·8	—29	—7·7	18	18·3	65	44·4	112	71	159·8
—33·3	—28	—7·2	19	18·8	66	45	113	71·1	160
—33	—27·4	—7	19·4	19	66·2	45·5	114	71·6	161
—32·7	—27	—6·6	20	19·4	67	46	114·8	72	161·6
—32·2	—26	—6·1	21	20	68	46·1	115	72·2	162
—32	—25·6	—6	21·2	20·5	69	46·6	116	72·7	163
—31·6	—25	—5·5	22	21	69·8	47	116·6	73	163·4
—31·1	—24	—5	23	21·1	70	47·2	117	73·3	164
—31	—23.8	—4·4	24	21·6	71	47·7	118	73·8	165
—30·5	—23	—4	24·8	22	71·6	48	118·4	74	165·2
—30	—22	—3·8	25	22·2	72	48·3	119	74·4	166
—29·4	—21	—3·3	26	22·7	73	48·8	120	75	167
—29	—20·2	—3	26·6	23	73·4	49	120·2	75·5	168
—28·8	—20	—2·7	27	23·3	74	49·4	121	76	168·8
—28·3	—19	—2·2	28	23·8	75	50	122	76·1	169
—28	—18·4	—2	28·4	24·	75·2	50·5	123	76·6	170
—27·7	—18	—1·6	29	24·4	76	51	123·8	77	170·6
—27·2	—17	—1·1	30	**25**	**77**	51·1	124	77·2	171
—27	—16·6	—1	30.2	25·5	78	51·6	125	77·7	172
—26·6	—16	—0·5	31	26	78·8	52	125·6	78	172·4
—26·1	—15	**0**	**32**	26·1	79	52·2	126	78·3	173
—26	—14·8	0·5	33	26·6	80	52·7	127	78·8	174
—25·5	—14	1	33·8	27	80·6	53	127·4	79	174·2
—25	—13	1·1	34	27·2	81	53·3	128	79·4	175
—24·4	—12	1·6	35	27·7	82	53·8	129	80	176
—24	—11·2	2	35·6	28	82·4	54	129·2	80·5	177
—23·8	—11	2·2	36	28·3	83	54·4	130	81	177·8
—23·3	—10	2·7	37	28·8	84	55	131	81·1	178
—23	—9·4	3	37·4	29	84·2	55·5	132	81·6	179
—22·7	—9	3·3	38	29·4	85	56	132·8	82	179·6
—22·2	—8	3·8	39	30	86	56·1	133	82·2	180
—22	—7·6	4	39·2	30·5	87	56·6	134	82·7	181
—21·6	—7	4·4	40	31	87·8	57	134·6	83	181·4
—21·1	—6	5	41	31·1	88	57·2	135	83·3	182
—21	—5·8	5·5	42	31·6	89	57·7	136	83·8	183
—20·5	—5	6	42·8	32	89·6	58	136·4	84	183·2
—20	—4	6·1	43	32·2	90	58·3	137	84·4	184
—19·4	—3	6·6	44	32·7	91	58·8	138	85	185
—19	—2·2	7	44·6	33	91·4	59	138·2	85·5	186
—18·8	—2	7·2	45	33·3	92	59·4	139	86	186·8
—18·3	—1	7·7	46	33·8	93	60	140	86·1	187
—18	—0·4	8	46·4	34	93·2	60·5	141	86·6	188
—17·7	0	8·3	47	34·4	94	61	141·8	87	188·6
—17·2	1	8·8	48	35	95	61·1	142	87·2	189
—17	1·4	9	48·2	35.5	96	61·6	143	87·7	190
—16·6	2	9·4	49	36	96·8	62	143·6	88	190·4
—16·1	3	10	50	36·1	97	62·2	144	88·3	191
—16	3·2	10·5	51	36·6	98	62·7	145	88·8	192
—15·5	4	11	51·8	37	98·6	63	145·4	89	192·2
—15	5	11·1	52	37·2	99	63·3	146	89·4	193
—14·4	6	11·6	53	37·7	100	63·8	147	90	194
—14	6·8	12	53·6	38	100·4	64	147·2	90·5	195
—13·8	7	12·2	54	38·3	101	64·4	148	91	195·8

Thermometric Equivalents.—(Continued.)

C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°
91·1	196	118·3	245	146	294·8	173	343·4	200·5	393
91·6	197	118·8	246	146·1	295	173·3	344	201	393·8
92	197·6	119	246·2	146·6	296	173·8	345	201·1	394
92·2	198	119·4	247	147	296·6	174	345·2	201·6	395
92·7	199	120	248	147·2	297	174·4	346	202	395·6
93	199·4	120·5	249	147·7	298	175	347	202·2	396
93·3	200	121	249·8	148	298·4	175·5	348	202·7	397
93·8	201	121·1	250	148·3	299	176	348·8	203	397·4
94	201·2	121·6	251	148·8	300	176·1	349	203·3	398
94·4	202	122	251·6	149	300·2	176·6	350	203·8	399
95	203	122·2	252	149·4	301	177	350·6	204	399·2
95·5	204	122·7	253	150	302	177·2	351	204·4	400
96	204·8	123	253·4	150·5	303	177·7	352	205	401
96·1	205	123·3	254	151	303·8	178	352·4	205·5	402
96·6	206	123·8	255	151·1	304	178·3	353	206	402·8
97	206·6	124	255·2	151·6	305	178·8	353·4	206·1	403
97·2	207	124·4	256	152	305·6	179	354·2	206·6	404
97·7	208	125	257	152·2	306	179·4	355	207	404·6
98	208·4	125·5	258	152·7	307	180	356	207·2	405
98·3	209	126	258·8	153	307·4	180·5	357	207·7	406
98·8	210	126·1	259	153·3	308	181	357·8	208	406·4
99	210·2	126·6	260	153·8	309	181·1	358	208·3	407
99·4	211	127	260·6	154	309·2	181·6	359	208·8	408
100	**212**	127·2	261	154·4	310	182	359·6	209	408·2
105	213	127·7	262	155	311	182·2	360	209·4	409
101	213·8	128	262·4	155·5	312	182·7	361	210	410
101·1	214	128·3	263	156	312·8	183	361·4	210·5	411
101·6	215	128·8	264	156·1	313	183·3	362	211	411·8
102	215·6	129	264·2	156·6	314	183·8	363	211·1	412
102·2	216	129·4	265	157	314·6	184	363·2	211·6	413
102·7	217	130	266	157·2	315	184·4	364	212	413·6
103	217·4	130·5	267	157·7	316	185	365	212·2	414
103·3	218	131	267·8	158	316·4	185·5	366	212·7	415
103·8	219	131·1	268	158·3	317	186	366·8	213	415·4
104	219·2	131·6	269	158·8	318	186·1	367	213·3	416
104·4	220	132	269·6	159	318·2	186·6	368	213·8	417
105	221	132·2	270	159·4	319	187	368·6	214	417·2
105·5	222	132·7	271	160	320	187·2	369	214·4	418
106	222·8	133	271·4	160·5	321	187·7	370	215	419
106·1	223	133·3	272	161	321·8	188	370·4	215·5	420
106·6	224	133·8	273	161·1	322	188·3	371	216	420·8
107	224·6	134	273·2	161·6	323	188·8	372	216·1	421
107·2	225	134·4	274	162	323·6	189	372·2	216·6	422
107·7	226	135	275	162·2	324	189·4	373	217	422·6
108	226·4	135·5	276	162·7	325	190	374	217·2	423
108·3	227	136	276·8	163	325·4	190·5	375	217·7	424
108·8	228	136·1	277	163·3	326	191	375·8	218	424·4
109	228·2	136·6	278	163·8	327	191·1	376	218·3	425
109·4	229	137	278·6	164	327·2	191·6	377	218·8	426
110	230	137·2	279	164·4	328	192	377·6	219	426·2
110·5	231	137·7	280	165	329	192·2	378	219·4	427
111	231·8	138	280·4	165·5	330	192·7	379	220	428
111·1	232	138·3	281	166	330·8	193	379·4	220·5	429
111·6	233	138·8	282	166·1	331	193·3	380	221	429·8
112	233·6	139	282·2	166·6	332	193·8	381	221·1	430
112·2	234	139·4	283	167	332·6	194	381·2	221·6	431
112·7	235	140	284	167·2	333	194·4	382	222	431·6
113	235·4	140·5	285	167·7	334	195	383	222·2	432
113·3	236	141	285·8	168	334·4	195·5	384	222·7	433
113·8	237	141·1	286	168·3	335	196	384·8	223	433·4
114	237·2	141·6	287	168·8	336	196·1	385	223·3	434
114·4	238	142	287·6	169	336·2	196·6	386	223·8	435
115	239	142·2	288	169·4	337	197	386·6	224	435·2
115·5	240	142·7	289	170	338	197·2	387	224·4	436
116	240·8	143	289·4	170·5	339	197·7	388	225	437
116·1	241	143·3	290	171	339·8	198	388·4	225·5	438
116·6	242	143·8	291	171·1	340	198·3	389	226	438·8
117	242·6	144	291·2	171·6	341	198·8	390	226·1	439
117·2	243	144·4	292	172	341·6	199	390·2	226·6	440
117·7	244	145	293	172·2	342	199·4	391	227	440·6
118	244·4	145·5	294	172·7	343	200	392	227·2	441

Thermometric Equivalents.—(Continued.)

C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°	C.°	F.°
227·7	442	254	489·2	281	537·8	307·2	585	333·8	633
228	442·4	254·4	490	281·1	538	307·7	586	334	633·2
228·3	443	255	491	281·6	539	308	586·4	334·4	634
228·8	444	255·5	492	282	539·6	308·3	587	335	635
229	444·2	256	492·8	282·2	540	308·8	588	335·5	636
229·4	445	256·1	493	282·7	541	309	588·2	336	636·8
230	446	256·6	494	283	541·4	309·4	589	336·1	637
230·5	447	257	494·6	283·3	542	310	590	336·6	638
231	447·8	257·2	495	283·8	543	310·5	591	337	638·6
231·1	448	257·7	496	284	543·2	311	591·8	337·2	639
231·6	449	258	496·4	284·4	544	311·1	592	337·7	640
232	449·6	258·3	497	285	545	311·6	593	338	640·4
232·2	450	258·8	498	285·5	546	312	593·6	338·3	641
232·7	451	259	498·2	286	546·8	312·2	594	338·8	642
233	451·4	259·4	499	286·1	547	312·7	595	339	642·2
233·3	452	260	500	286·6	548	313	595·4	339·4	643
233·8	453	260·5	501	287	548·6	313·3	596	340	644
234	453·2	261	501·8	287·2	549	313·8	597	340·5	645
234·4	454	261·1	502	287·7	550	314	597·2	341	645·8
235	455	261·6	503	288	550·4	314·4	598	341·1	646
235·5	456	262	503·6	288·3	551	315	599	341·6	647
236	456·8	262·2	504	288·8	552	315·5	600	342	647·6
236·1	457	262·7	505	289	552·2	316	600·8	342·2	648
236·6	458	263	505·4	289·4	553	316·1	601	342·7	649
237	458·6	263·3	506	290	554	316·6	602	343	649·4
237·2	459	263·8	507	290·5	555	317	602·6	343·3	650
237·7	460	264	507·2	291	555·8	317·2	603	343·8	651
238	460·4	264·4	508	291·1	556	317·7	604	344	651·2
238·3	461	265	509	291·6	557	318	604·4	344·4	652
238·8	462	265·5	510	292	557·6	318·3	605	345	653
239	462·2	266	510·8	292·2	558	318·8	606	345·5	654
239·4	463	266·1	511	292·7	559	319	606·2	346	654·8
240	464	266·6	512	293	559·4	319·4	607	346·1	655
240·5	465	267	512·6	293·3	560	320	608	346·6	656
241	465·8	267·2	513	293·8	561	320·5	609	347	656·6
241·1	466	267·7	514	294	561·2	321	609·8	347·2	657
241·6	467	268	514·4	294·4	562	321·1	610	347·7	658
242	467·6	268·3	515	295	563	321·6	611	348	658·4
242·2	468	268·8	516	295·5	564	322	611·6	348·3	659
242·7	469	269	516·2	296	564·8	322·2	612	348·8	660
243	469·4	269·4	517	296·1	565	322·7	613	349	660·2
243·3	470	270	518	296·6	566	323	613·4	349·4	661
243·8	471	270·5	519	297	566·6	323·3	614	350	662
244	471·2	271	519·8	297·2	567	323·8	615	350·5	663
244·4	472	271·1	520	297·7	568	324	615·2	351	663·8
245	473	271·6	521	298	568·4	324·4	616	351·1	664
245·5	474	272	521·6	298·3	569	325	617	351·6	665
246	474·8	272·2	522	298·8	570	325·5	618	352	665·6
246·1	475	272·7	523	299	570·2	326	618·8	352·2	666
246·6	476	273	523·4	299·4	571	326·1	619	352·7	667
247	476·6	273·3	524	300	572	326·6	620	353	667·4
247·2	477	273·8	525	300·5	573	327	620·6	353·3	668
247·7	478	274	525·2	301	573·8	327·2	621	353·8	669
248	478·4	274·4	526	301·1	574	327·7	622	354	669·2
248·3	479	275	527	301·6	575	328	622·4	354·4	670
248·8	480	275·5	528	302	575·6	328·3	623	355	671
249	480·2	276	528·8	302·2	576	328·8	624	355·5	672
249·4	481	276·1	529	302·7	577	329	624·2	356	672·8
250	482	276·6	530	303	577·4	329·4	625	356·1	673
250·5	483	277	530·6	303·3	578	330	626	356·6	674
251	483·8	277·2	531	303·8	579	330·5	627	357	674·6
251·1	484	277·7	532	304	579·2	331	627·8	357·2	675
251·6	485	278	532·4	304·4	580	331·1	628	357·7	676
252	485·6	278·3	533	305	581	331·6	629	358	676·4
252·2	486	278·8	534	305·5	582	332	629·6	358·3	677
252·7	487	279	534·2	306	582·8	332·2	630	358·8	678
253	487·4	279·4	535	306·1	583	332·7	631	359	678·2
253·3	488	280	536	306·6	584	333	631·4	359·4	679
253·8	489	280·5	537	307	584·6	333·3	632	360	680

ALCOHOL.

According to E. R. Squibb.

PART I.—From 0 to 10 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

Specific Gravity. (Pure water at 15⅝° C. = 60° F. taken as unity.)		Percentage.				Weight of one gallon, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.						Weight of 40 gallons to the nearest half pound, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	Weight of one pint, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	
								Avoirdupois Weight.						
											To the nearest ounce.			
At 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	At 25° C. = 77° F.	By weight.	By volume.	Under proof. (Brit. Excise.)	Of proof spirit. (U. S. Revenue.)	In Grammes.	In Grains.	lbs.	ozs.	Grs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	In Grammes.	In Grains.
1·0000	0·9986					3779·13	58,320	8	5	132	8	5	333·5	472·39	7290
0·9993	0·9978			99	1	3776·50	58,279	8	5	91	8	5	333·0	472·06	7285
0·9985	0·9970		1	98	2	3773·46	58,232	8	5	44	8	5	332·5	471·68	7279
0·9981	0·9966	1				3771·97	58,209	8	5	22	8	5	332·5	471·49	7276
0·9976	0·9961			97	3	3770·08	58,180	8	4	430	8	5	332·5	471·26	7272
0·9970	0·9953		2		4	3767·82	58,145	8	4	395	8	5	332·0	470·98	7268
0·9968	0·9951			96		3767·04	58,133	8	4	383	8	5	332·0	470·88	7267
0·9965	0·9948	2			5	3765·94	58,116	8	4	366	8	5	332·0	470·74	7264
0·9960	0·9943			95		3764·06	58,087	8	4	337	8	5	332·0	470·51	7261
0·9956	0·9938		3		6	3762·51	58,063	8	4	313	8	5	332·0	470·31	7258
0·9952	0·9934			94		3761·02	58,040	8	4	290	8	5	331·5	470·13	7255
0·9947	0·9927	3			7	3759·14	58,011	8	4	261	8	5	331·5	469·89	7251
0·9944	0·9924			93		3757·97	57,993	8	4	243	8	5	331·5	469·75	7249
0·9942	0·9922		4		8	3757·26	57,982	8	4	232	8	5	331·5	469·66	7248
0·9936	0·9916			92	9	3754·99	57,947	8	4	197	8	4	331·0	469·37	7243
0·9930	0·9909	4	5	91	10	3752·72	57,912	8	4	162	8	4	331·0	469·09	7239
0·9921	0·9900			90	11	3749·29	57,859	8	4	109	8	4	330·5	468·66	7232
0·9914	0·9893	5	6	89	12	3746·63	57,818	8	4	68	8	4	330·5	468·33	7227
0·9906	0·9885			88	13	3743·65	57,772	8	4	22	8	4	330·0	467·95	7221
0·9900	0·9879			87		3741·38	57,737	8	3	424	8	4	330·0	467·67	7217
0·9898	0·9876	6	7		14	3740·60	57,725	8	3	413	8	4	330·0	467·58	7216
0·9892	0·9870			86	15	3738·33	57,690	8	3	377	8	4	329·5	467·29	7211
0·9890	0·9868		8		16	3737·56	57,678	8	3	366	8	4	329·5	467·19	7210
0·9885	0·9863			85		3735·68	57,649	8	3	336	8	4	329·5	466·96	7206
0·9884	0·9862	7			17	3735·29	57,643	8	3	331	8	4	329·5	466·91	7205
0·9878	0·9855		9	84	18	3733·02	57,608	8	3	296	8	4	329·0	466·63	7201
0·9872	0·9849			83	19	3730·82	57,574	8	3	261	8	4	329·0	466·35	7197
0·9869	0·9846	8	10		20	3729·65	57,556	8	3	243	8	4	329·0	466·21	7194
0·9864	0·9841			82	21	3727·77	57,527	8	3	214	8	3	328·5	465·97	7191
0·9857	0·9834			81		3725·12	57,486	8	3	173	8	3	328·5	465·64	7186
0·9855	0·9831	9	11		22	3724·34	57,474	8	3	161	8	3	328·5	465·54	7184
0·9852	0·9828			80	23	3723·24	57,457	8	3	144	8	3	328·5	465·40	7182
0·9845	0·9821			79		3720·58	57,416	8	3	103	8	3	328·0	465·07	7177
0·9841	0·9816	10	12		24	3719·09	57,393	8	3	81	8	3	328·0	464·89	7174

PART II.—From 10 to 25 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

0·9838	0·9813			78	25	3717·92	57,375	8	3	62	8	3	328·0	464·74	7172
0·9831	0·9806			77	26	3715·27	57,334	8	3	21	8	3	327·5	464·41	7167
0·9828	0·9801	11	13		27	3714·17	57,317	8	3	5	8	3	327·5	464·27	7165
0·9825	0·9798			76		3713·00	57,299	8	2	424	8	3	327·5	464·13	7162
0·9821	0·9793		14		28	3711·51	57,276	8	2	401	8	3	327·5	463·94	7159
0·9819	0·9791			75		3710·73	57,264	8	2	389	8	3	327·0	463·84	7158
0·9815	0·9787	12	15		29	3709·24	57,241	8	2	366	8	3	327·0	463·65	7155
0·9813	0·9785			74	30	3708·46	57,229	8	2	354	8	3	327·0	463·56	7154
0·9807	0·9779			73	31	3706·19	57,194	8	2	319	8	3	327·0	463·27	7149
0·9802	0·9773	13	16	72	32	3704·32	57,165	8	2	290	8	3	326·5	463·04	7146
0·9794	0·9765			71	33	3701·33	57,119	8	2	244	8	3	326·5	462·67	7140
0·9789	0·9759	14	17	70	34	3699·33	57,089	8	2	214	8	2	326·0	462·42	7136
0·9784	0·9754			69	35	3697·51	57,060	8	2	185	8	2	326·0	462·19	7132
0·9778	0·9746	15	18	68	36	3695·24	57,025	8	2	150	8	2	326·0	461·90	7128
0·9775	0·9743				37	3694·14	57,008	8	2	123	8	2	326·0	461·77	7126

PART II.—From 10 to 25 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.—(*Continued.*)

Specific Gravity. (Pure water at 15⅝° C. = 60° F. taken as unity.)		Percentage.				Weight of one gallon, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.						Weight of 40 gallons to the nearest half pound, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	Weight of one pint, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	
								Avoirdupois Weight.						
											To the nearest ounce.			
At 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	At 25° C. = 77° F.	By weight.	By volume.	Under proof. (Brit. Excise.)	Of proof spirit. (U. S. Revenue.)	In Grammes.	In Grains.	lbs.	ozs.	Grs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	In Grammes.	In Grains.
0·9772	0·9740			67	38	3692·97	56,990	8	2	115	8	2	325·5	461·62	7124
0·9766	0·9733	16	19	66	39	3690·71	56,955	8	2	80	8	2	325·5	461·34	7119
0·9760	0·9726		20	65	40	3688·44	56,920	8	2	45	8	2	325·5	461·05	7115
0·9753	0·9719	17	21	64	41	3685·78	56,879	8	2	4	8	2	325·0	460·72	7110
0·9749	0·9715			63	42	3684·29	56,856	8	1	418	8	2	325·0	460·54	7107
0·9743	0·9709			62	43	3682·02	56,821	8	1	383	8	2	324·5	460·25	7103
0·9741	0·9706	18	22		44	3681·31	56,810	8	1	373	8	2	324·5	460·16	7101
0·9737	0·9702			61	45	3679·76	56,786	8	1	348	8	2	324·5	459·97	7098
0·9732	0·9697			60	46	3677·88	56,757	8	1	319	8	2	324·5	459·73	7095
0·9728	0·9692	19	23	59	47	3676·39	56,734	8	1	297	8	2	324·0	459·55	7092
0·9720	0·9684			58	48	3673·27	56,687	8	1	249	8	2	324·0	459·16	7086
0·9716	0·9678	20	24		49	3671·85	56,664	8	1	227	8	2	324·0	458·98	7083
0·9714	0·9676			57	50	3671·07	56,652	8	1	214	8	1	323·5	458·88	7081
0·9709	0·9668		25	56		3669·19	56,623	8	1	186	8	1	323·5	458·65	7078
0·9704	0·9661	21		55	51	3667·31	56,594	8	1	157	8	1	323·5	458·41	7074
0·9698	0·9655		26	54	52	3665·05	56,559	8	1	122	8	1	323·0	458·13	7070
0·9693	0·9650				53	3663·17	56,530	8	1	92	8	1	323·0	457·90	7066
0·9691	0·9646	22	27	53	54	3662·39	56,518	8	1	81	8	1	323·0	457·80	7065
0·9683	0·9638			52	55	3659·36	56,471	8	1	33	8	1	322·5	457·42	7059
0·9678	0·9631	23	28	51	56	3657·47	56,442	8	1	5	8	1	322·5	457·18	7055
0·9671	0·9624			50	57	3654·81	56,401	8	0	401	8	1	322·5	456·85	7050
0·9665	0·9617	24	29	49	58	3652·54	56,366	8	0	366	8	1	322·0	456·57	7046
0·9658	0·9610			48	59	3649·88	56,325	8	0	325	8	1	322·0	456·24	7041
0·9652	0·9603	25	30	47	60	3647·62	56,290	8	0	290	8	1	321·5	455·95	7036

PART III.—From 25 to 40 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

0·9645	0·9597			46	61	3645·02	56,250	8	0	250	8	1	321·5	455·63	7031
0·9643	0·9594		31		62	3644·24	56,238	8	0	238	8	1	321·5	455·53	7030
0·9638	0·9590	26		45	63	3642·37	56,209	8	0	209	8	0	321·0	455·30	7026
0·9631	0·9582		32	44	64	3639·71	56,168	8	0	168	8	0	321·0	454·96	7021
0·9623	0·9574	27		43	65	3636·66	56,121	8	0	121	8	0	320·5	454·58	7015
0·9618	0·9567		33	42	66	3634·79	56,092	8	0	92	8	0	320·5	454·35	7011
0·9609	0·9556	28	34	41	67	3631·42	56,040	8	0	40	8	0	320·0	453·93	7005
0·9602	0·9549			40	68	3628·76	55,999	7	15	436	8	0	320·0	453·59	7000
0·9595	0·9542			39	69	3626·10	55,958	7	15	395	8	0	320·0	453·26	6995
0·9593	0·9538	29	35		70	3625·33	55,946	7	15	383	8	0	319·5	453·17	6993
0·9587	0·9532			38	71	3623·06	55,911	7	15	348	8	0	319·5	452·88	6989
0·9578	0·9521	30	36	37	72	3619·69	55,859	7	15	296	8	0	319·0	452·46	6982
0·9572	0·9515			36	73	3617·42	55,824	7	15	261	8	0	319·0	452·18	6978
0·9565	0·9507		37	35		3614·76	55,783	7	15	220	8	0	319·0	451·84	6973
0·9560	0·9500	31			74	3612·88	55,754	7	15	191	7	15	318·5	451·61	6969
0·9555	0·9495			34	75	3611·03	55,725	7	15	162	7	15	318·5	451·38	6966
0·9550	0·9489		38	33	76	3609·12	55,696	7	15	133	7	15	318·0	451·14	6962
0·9544	0·9482	32			77	3606·86	55,661	7	15	98	7	15	318·0	450·86	6958
0·9539	0·9477			32		3604·91	55,631	7	15	68	7	15	318·0	450·61	6954
0·9535	0·9473		39		78	3603·42	55,608	7	15	45	7	15	318·0	450·43	6951
0·9528	0·9465	33		31	79	3600·76	55,567	7	15	4	7	15	317·5	450·09	6946
0·9519	0·9456		40	30	80	3597·39	55,515	7	14	390	7	15	317·0	449·67	6939
0·9511	0·9446	34		29	81	3594·35	55,468	7	14	343	7	15	317·0	449·29	6933
0·9503	0·9438		41	28	82	3591·30	55,421	7	14	296	7	15	316·5	448·91	6928
0·9495	0·9430			27	83	3588·32	55,375	7	14	250	7	15	316·5	448·54	6922
0·9490	0·9424	35	42		84	3586·44	55,346	7	14	221	7	15	316·0	448·30	6918
0·9485	0·9419			26		3584·56	55,317	7	14	192	7	14	316·0	448·07	6915
0·9475	0·9409			25	85	3580·74	55,258	7	14	133	7	14	316·0	447·59	6907
0·9470	0·9402	36	43		86	3578·86	55,229	7	14	104	7	14	315·5	447·36	6904
0·9465	0·9397			24		3576·98	55,200	7	14	75	7	14	315·5	447·12	6900
0·9455	0·9387			23	87	3573·22	55,142	7	14	17	7	14	315·0	446·65	6893
0·9452	0·9382	37	44		88	3572·06	55,124	7	13	437	7	14	315·0	446·51	6890

PART III.—From 25 to 40 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.—(*Continued.*)

Specific Gravity. (Pure water at 15⅝° C. = 60° F. taken as unity.)		Percentage.				Weight of one gallon, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.							Weight of 40 gallons to the nearest half pound, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	Weight of one pint, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	
								Avoirdupois Weight.							
											To the nearest ounce.				
At 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	At 25° C. = 77° F.	By weight.	By volume.	Under proof. (Brit. Excise.)	Of proof spirit. (U. S. Revenue.)	In Grammes.	In Grains.	lbs.	ozs.	Grs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	In Grammes.	In Grains.
0·9446	0·9376			22	89	3569·79	55,089	7	13	401	7	14	315·0	446·22	6886
0·9434	0·9363	38	45	21	90	3565·25	55,019	7	13	331	7	14	314·5	445·66	6877
0·9426	0·9355			20	91	3562·21	54,972	7	13	284	7	14	314·0	445·28	6871
0·9416	0·9343	39	46	19	92	3558·45	54,914	7	13	226	7	14	314·0	444·81	6864
0·9405	0·9332			18	93	3554·30	54,850	7	13	162	7	13	313·5	444·29	6856
0·9396	0·9323	40	47	17	94	3550·87	54,797	7	13	109	7	13	313·0	443·86	6850
0·9391	0·9318				95	3548·99	54,768	7	13	75	7	13	313·0	443·62	6846

PART IV.—From 40 to 55 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

0·9381	0·9307		48	16	96	3545·23	54,710	7	13	22	7	13	312·5	443·15	6839
0·9376	0·9302	41				3543·35	54,681	7	12	431	7	13	312·5	442·92	6835
0·9373	0·9300			15	97	3542·19	54,663	7	12	413	7	13	312·5	442·77	6833
0·9362	0·9288		49	14	98	3538·04	54,599	7	12	349	7	13	312·0	442·25	6825
0·9356	0·9280	42				3535·77	54,564	7	12	314	7	13	312·0	441·97	6820
0·9352	0·9276			13	99	3534·28	54,541	7	12	291	7	13	311·5	441·78	6818
0·9343	0·9267		50	12	100	3530·84	54,488	7	12	238	7	13	311·5	441·35	6811
0·9335	0·9259	43			101	3527·86	54,442	7	12	192	7	12	311·0	440·98	6805
0·9329	0·9253			11		3525·59	54,407	7	12	157	7	12	311·0	440·70	6801
0·9323	0·9246		51		102	3523·33	54,372	7	12	122	7	12	310·5	440·42	6796
0·9318	0·9242			10		3521·45	54,343	7	12	93	7	12	310·5	440·18	6793
0·9314	0·9237	44			103	3519·89	54,319	7	12	69	7	12	310·5	439·99	6790
0·9306	0·9230			9		3516·91	54,273	7	12	23	7	12	310·0	439·61	6784
0·9303	0·9226		52		104	3515·75	54,255	7	12	5	7	12	310·0	439·47	6782
0·9292	0·9214	45		8	105	3511·59	54,191	7	11	379	7	12	309·5	438·95	6774
0·9283	0·9205		53	7	106	3508·16	54,138	7	11	326	7	12	309·5	438·52	6767
0·9270	0·9192	46		6	107	3503·30	54,063	7	11	251	7	12	309·0	437·91	6758
0·9262	0·9184		54	5	108	3500·26	54,016	7	11	204	7	11	308·5	437·53	6752
0·9249	0·9171	47		4	109	3495·33	53,940	7	11	128	7	11	308·0	436·92	6742
0·9242	0·9164		55		110	3492·68	53,899	7	11	87	7	11	308·0	436·58	6737
0·9236	0·9158			3		3490·41	53,864	7	11	51	7	11	308·0	436·30	6733
0·9228	0·9150	48			111	3487·43	53,818	7	11	6	7	11	307·5	435·93	6727
0·9221	0·9143		56	2	112	3484·77	53,777	7	10	402	7	11	307·5	435·60	6722
0·9212	0·9134			1	113	3481·34	53,724	7	10	349	7	11	307·0	435·17	6715
0·9206	0·9128	49		Proof		3479·07	53,689	7	10	314	7	11	307·0	434·88	6711
0·9200	0·9122		57	over.	114	3476·80	53,654	7	10	279	7	11	306·5	434·60	6707
0·9189	0·9111			1	115	3472·65	53,590	7	10	215	7	10	306·0	434·08	6699
0·9184	0·9106	50				3470·77	53,561	7	10	186	7	10	306·0	433·85	6695
0·9178	0·9100		58	2	116	3468·51	53,526	7	10	151	7	10	306·0	433·56	6691
0·9168	0·9090				117	3464·75	53,468	7	10	93	7	10	305·5	433·09	6684
0·9160	0·9081	51	59	3	118	3461·70	53,421	7	10	46	7	10	305·0	432·71	6678
0·9150	0·9071			4	119	3457·94	53,363	7	9	425	7	10	305·0	432·24	6670
0·9135	0·9056	52	60	5	120	3452·24	53,275	7	9	338	7	10	304·5	431·53	6659
0·9124	0·9045			6	121	3449·09	53,211	7	9	273	7	10	304·0	431·01	6651
0·9113	0·9034	53	61	7	122	3443·95	53,147	7	9	210	7	9	303·5	430·49	6643
0·9100	0·9021			8	123	3439·02	53,071	7	9	133	7	9	303·0	429·88	6634
0·9090	0·9011	54	62	9	124	3435·26	53,013	7	9	76	7	9	303·0	429·41	6627
0·9075	0·8995			10	125	3429·56	52,925	7	8	425	7	9	302·5	428·69	6616
0·9069	0·8989	55	63		126	3427·29	52,890	7	8	390	7	9	302·0	428·41	6611

PART V.—From 55 to 70 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

Specific Gravity. (Pure water at 15⅝° C. = 60° F. taken as unity.)		Percentage.				Weight of one gallon, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.							Weight of 40 gallons to the nearest half pound, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	Weight of one pint, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	
								Avoirdupois Weight.							
											To the nearest ounce.				
At 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	At 25° C. = 77° F.	By weight.	By volume.	Over proof. (Brit. Excise.)	Of proof spirit. (U. S. Revenue.)	In Grammes.	In Grains.	lbs.	ozs.	Grs.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	In Grammes.	In Grains.
0·9062	0·8982			11	127	3424·70	52,850	7	8	350	7	9	302·0	428·09	6606
0·9047	0·8969	56	64	12	128	3419·00	52,762	7	8	262	7	9	301·5	427·37	6595
0·9036	0·8958			13		3414·85	52,698	7	8	198	7	8	301·0	426·86	6587
0·9025	0·8947	57	65		129	3410·70	52,634	7	8	134	7	8	301·0	426·34	6579
0·9021	0·8943			14	130	3409·15	52,610	7	8	110	7	8	300·5	426·14	6576
0·9008	0·8930			15	131	3404·29	52,535	7	8	35	7	8	300·0	425·54	6567
0·9001	0·8923	58	66		132	3401·63	52,494	7	7	432	7	8	300·0	425·20	6562
0·8994	0·8916			16	133	3398·98	52,453	7	7	390	7	8	299·5	424·87	6557
0·8979	0·8901	59		17		3393·34	52,366	7	7	304	7	8	299·0	424·17	6546
0·8973	0·8895		67		134	3391·07	52,331	7	7	269	7	8	299·0	423·88	6541
0·8966	0·8888			18		3388·41	52,290	7	7	227	7	8	299·0	423·55	6536
0·8956	0·8878	60			135	3384·59	52,231	7	7	169	7	7	298·5	423·07	6529
0·8953	0·8875			19		3383·49	52,214	7	7	151	7	7	298·5	422·94	6527
0·8949	0·8870		68		136	3382·00	52,191	7	7	129	7	7	298·0	422·75	6524
0·8938	0·8859			20	137	3377·79	52,126	7	7	63	7	7	298·0	422·22	6516
0·8932	0·8853	61				3375·52	52,091	7	7	29	7	7	297·5	421·94	6511
0·8925	0·8846		69	21	138	3372·93	52,051	7	6	426	7	7	297·5	421·62	6506
0·8910	0·8831			22	139	3367·22	51,963	7	6	338	7	7	297·0	420·90	6495
0·8908	0·8829	62				3366·45	51,951	7	6	326	7	7	297·0	420·81	6494
0·8900	0·8821		70		140	3363·47	51,905	7	6	280	7	7	296·5	420·43	6488
0·8897	0·8818			23		3362·30	51,887	7	6	262	7	7	296·5	420·29	6486
0·8886	0·8807	63			141	3358·15	51,823	7	6	198	7	6	296·0	419·77	6478
0·8883	0·8804			24		3357·05	51,806	7	6	181	7	6	296·0	419·63	6476
0·8875	0·8796		71		142	3354·00	51,759	7	6	134	7	6	296·0	419·25	6470
0·8869	0·8790			25		3351·74	51,724	7	6	99	7	6	295·5	418·97	6465
0·8863	0·8784	64			143	3349·47	51,689	7	6	64	7	6	295·5	418·68	6461
0·8854	0·8775			26		3346·10	51,637	7	6	12	7	6	295·0	418·26	6455
0·8850	0·8771		72		144	3344·54	51,613	7	5	426	7	6	295·0	418·07	6452
0·8840	0·8761	65		27	145	3340·78	51,555	7	5	368	7	6	294·5	417·60	6444
0·8825	0·8746		73	28	146	3335·08	51,467	7	5	279	7	6	294·0	416·88	6433
0·8816	0·8736	66				3331·71	51,415	7	5	228	7	6	294·0	416·46	6427
0·8811	0·8731			29	147	3329·83	51,386	7	5	198	7	5	293·5	416·23	6423
0·8799	0·8719		74	30	148	3325·30	51,316	7	5	129	7	5	293·0	415·66	6414
0·8793	0·8713	67			149	3323·03	51,281	7	5	94	7	5	293·0	415·38	6410
0·8783	0·8703			31		3319·21	51,222	7	5	34	7	5	292·5	414·90	6403
0·8769	0·8689	68	75	32	150	3313·96	51,141	7	4	391	7	5	292·0	414·25	6393
0·8754	0·8674			33	151	3308·25	51,053	7	4	303	7	5	291·5	413·53	6382
0·8745	0·8665	69	76		152	3304·89	51,001	7	4	251	7	5	291·5	413·11	6375
0·8739	0·8659			34	153	3302·62	50,966	7	4	216	7	4	291·0	412·83	6371
0·8721	0·8641	70	77	35	154	3295·81	50,861	7	4	111	7	4	290·5	411·98	6358

PART VI.—From 70 to 100 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.

0·8708	0·8628			36	155	3290·89	50,785	7	4	35	7	4	290·0	411·36	6348
0·8696	0·8616	71	78	37		3286·35	50,715	7	3	403	7	4	290·0	410·79	6339
0·8693	0·8613				156	3285·25	50,698	7	3	385	7	4	289·5	410·66	6337
0·8678	0·8598			38	157	3279·55	50,610	7	3	297	7	4	289·0	409·94	6326
0·8672	0·8591	72			158	3277·28	50,575	7	3	263	7	4	289·0	409·66	6322
0·8664	0·8583		79	39		3274·23	50,528	7	3	216	7	3	288·5	409·28	6316
0·8649	0·8568	73			159	3268·59	50,441	7	3	129	7	3	288·0	408·57	6305
0·8646	0·8565			40		3267·43	50,423	7	3	110	7	3	288·0	408·43	6303
0·8639	0·8558		80		160	3264·84	50,383	7	3	71	7	3	288·0	408·10	6298
0·8631	0·8550			41		3261·79	50,336	7	3	23	7	3	287·5	407·72	6292
0·8625	0·8544	74				3259·53	50,301	7	2	426	7	3	287·5	407·44	6288
0·8615	0·8534			42	161	3255·77	50,243	7	2	368	7	3	287·0	406·97	6280
0·8611	0·8530		81		162	3254·21	50,219	7	2	344	7	3	287·0	406·78	6277
0·8603	0·8522	75			163	3251·23	50,173	7	2	298	7	3	286·5	406·40	6272
0·8599	0·8518			43		3249·68	50,149	7	2	274	7	3	286·5	406·21	6269
0·8581	0·8500	76	82	44	164	3242·87	50,044	7	2	169	7	2	286·0	405·36	6255

PART VI.—From 70 to 100 per cent. of Absolute Alcohol.—(*Continued.*)

Specific Gravity. (Pure water at 15⅝° C. = 60° F. taken as unity.)		Percentage.				Weight of one gallon, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.						Weight of 40 gallons to the nearest half pound, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	Weight of one pint, at 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	
								Avoirdupois Weight.						
								lbs.	ozs.	Grs.	To the nearest ounce.			
At 15⅝° C. = 60° F.	At 25° C. = 77° F.	By weight.	By volume.	Over proof. (Brit. Excise.)	Of proof spirit. (U. S. Revenue.)	In Grammes.	In Grains.				lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	In Grammes.	In Grains.
0·8566	0·8485			45	165	3237·23	49,957	7	2	82	7	2	285·5	404·65	6245
0·8557	0·8476	77	83			3233·80	49,904	7	2	29	7	2	285·0	404·22	6238
0·8550	0·8469			46	166	3231·21	49,864	7	1	426	7	2	285·0	403·90	6233
0·8539	0·8458				167	3227·00	49,799	7	1	361	7	2	284·5	403·38	6225
0·8533	0·8452	78		47		3224·73	49,764	7	1	327	7	2	284·5	403·09	6220
0·8526	0·8444		84		168	3222·14	49,724	7	1	287	7	2	284·0	402·77	6215
0·8516	0·8434			48		3218·31	49,665	7	1	227	7	2	284·0	402·29	6208
0·8508	0·8426	79			169	3215·33	49,619	7	1	182	7	1	283·5	401·92	6202
0·8501	0·8419			49	170	3212·67	49,578	7	1	140	7	1	283·5	401·58	6197
0·8496	0·8414		85			3210·79	49,549	7	1	112	7	1	283·0	401·35	6194
0·8483	0·8401	80		50	171	3205·87	49,473	7	1	36	7	1	282·5	400·73	6184
0·8466	0·8384		86	51	172	3199·46	49,374	7	0	374	7	1	282·0	399·93	6172
0·8459	0·8377	81				3196·80	49,333	7	0	333	7	1	282·0	399·60	6167
0·8450	0·8368			52	173	3193·36	49,280	7	0	280	7	1	281·5	399·17	6160
0·8434	0·8352	82	87	53	174	3187·34	49,187	7	0	187	7	0	281·0	398·42	6148
0·8415	0·8333			54	175	3180·15	49,076	7	0	76	7	0	280·5	397·52	6134
0·8408	0·8326	83	88			3177·49	49,035	7	0	35	7	0	280·0	397·19	6129
0·8396	0·8314			55	176	3172·95	48,965	6	15	402	7	0	280·0	396·62	6121
0·8387	0·8305				177	3169·58	48,913	6	15	350	7	0	279·5	396·20	6114
0·8382	0·8300	84				3167·70	48,884	6	15	322	7	0	279·5	395·96	6110
0·8376	0·8294			56		3165·44	48,849	6	15	286	7	0	279·0	395·68	6106
0·8373	0·8291		89		178	3164·27	48,831	6	15	269	7	0	279·0	395·53	6104
0·8357	0·8275	85		57	179	3158·24	48,738	6	15	176	6	15	278·5	394·78	6092
0·8340	0·8258		90		180	3151·83	48,639	6	15	77	6	15	278·0	393·98	6080
0·8336	0·8254			58		3150·34	48,616	6	15	53	6	15	278·0	393·79	6077
0·8331	0·8249	86				3148·39	48,586	6	15	24	6	15	277·5	393·55	6073
0·8317	0·8235			59	181	3143·14	48,505	6	14	380	6	15	277·0	392·89	6063
0·8305	0·8223	87	91		182	3138·61	48,435	6	14	310	6	15	277·0	392·33	6054
0·8298	0·8216			60		3135·95	48,394	6	14	269	6	15	276·5	391·99	6049
0·8288	0·8206				183	3132·19	48,336	6	14	211	6	14	276·0	391·52	6042
0·8279	0·8197	88		61		3128·76	48,283	6	14	158	6	14	276·0	391·09	6035
0·8272	0·8191		92		184	3126·10	48,242	6	14	117	6	14	275·5	390·76	6030
0·8259	0·8178			62		3121·15	48,166	6	14	41	6	14	275·0	390·14	6021
0·8254	0·8173	89			185	3119·30	48,137	6	14	12	6	14	275·0	389·91	6017
0·8240	0·8159			63		3114·05	48,056	6	13	368	6	14	274·5	389·26	6007
0·8237	0·8156		93		186	3112·88	48,038	6	13	351	6	14	274·5	389·11	6005
0·8228	0·8147	90				3109·51	47,986	6	13	299	6	14	274·0	388·69	5998
0·8221	0·8140			64	187	3106·86	47,945	6	13	257	6	14	274·0	388·36	5993
0·8199	0·8118	91	94	65	188	3098·56	47,817	6	13	130	6	13	273·0	387·32	5977
0·8176	0·8095			66	189	3089·81	47,682	6	12	432	6	13	272·5	386·23	5960
0·8172	0·8091	92				3088·32	47,659	6	12	409	6	13	272·5	386·04	5957
0·8164	0·8083		95		190	3085·28	47,612	6	12	362	6	13	272·0	385·66	5951
0·8156	0·8075			67		3082·30	47,566	6	12	316	6	13	272·0	385·29	5946
0·8145	0·8064	93				3078·15	47,502	6	12	252	6	13	271·5	384·77	5938
0·8139	0·8058				191	3075·88	47,467	6	12	217	6	12	271·0	384·48	5933
0·8134	0·8053			68		3073·94	47,437	6	12	187	6	12	271·0	384·24	5930
0·8125	0·8044		96			3070·57	47,385	6	12	135	6	12	271·0	383·82	5923
0·8118	0·8037	94			192	3067·91	47,344	6	12	94	6	12	270·5	383·49	5918
0·8112	0·8031			69		3065·64	47,309	6	12	59	6	12	270·5	383·20	5914
0·8098	0·8017				193	3060·39	47,228	6	11	415	6	12	270·0	382·55	5903
0·8090	0·8009			70		3057·35	47,181	6	11	368	6	12	269·5	382·17	5898
0·8089	0·8008	95				3056·96	47,175	6	11	363	6	12	269·5	382·12	5897
0·8084	0·8003		97		194	3055·08	47,146	6	11	334	6	12	269·5	381·88	5893
0·8061	0·7980	96			195	3046·33	47,011	6	11	200	6	11	268·5	380·79	5876
0·8041	0·7960		98		196	3038·82	46,895	6	11	83	6	11	268·0	379·85	5862
0·8031	0·7950	97				3035·06	46,837	6	11	25	6	11	267·5	379·38	5855
0·8014	0·7933				197	3028·64	46,738	6	10	363	6	11	267·0	378·58	5842
0·8001	0·7920	98				3023·72	46,662	6	10	287	6	11	266·5	377·96	5833
0·7995	0·7914		99			3021·45	46,627	6	10	252	6	11	266·5	377·68	5828
0·7992	0·7911				198	3020·28	46,609	6	10	234	6	11	266·5	377·53	5826
0·7969	0·7888	99			199	3011·59	46,475	6	10	100	6	10	265·5	376·45	5809
0·7946	0·7865		100		200	3002·92	46,341	6	9	404	6	10	265·0	375·37	5793
0·7938	0·7858	100				2999·87	46,294	6	9	357	6	10	264·5	374·98	5787

ALPHABETICAL TABLE OF FORMULAS AND MOLECULAR WEIGHTS.

Note.—The Roman numerals after the symbols of elements represent their *equivalence*, or combining value referred to hydrogen as unity.

NAME.	Symbol or Formula.	Atomic or Molecular Weight.
Acetal	$C_6H_{14}O_2$	117·74
Acetanilid	$C_6H_5NH.C_2H_3O$	134·73
Acetic Ether	$C_2H_5.C_2H_3O_2$	87·80
Acetone	C_3H_6O	57·87
Acetophenone (hypnone)	C_8H_8O	119·72
Acid, Acetic	$HC_2H_3O_2$	59·86
" Antimonic	H_3SbO_4	186·44
" Antimonous	H_3SbO_3	170·48
" Arsenic	H_3AsO_4	141·74
" Arsenous. See also Arsenous Oxide	H_3AsO_3	125·78
" Aurochloric	$HAuCl_4 + 2H_2O$	375·10
" Benzoic	$HC_7H_5O_2$	121·71
" Boric	H_3BO_3	61·78
" Camphoric	$H_2C_{10}H_{14}O_4$	199·54
" Carbolic	$C_6H_5.OH$	93·78
" Carbonic. See also Carbon Dioxide	H_2CO_3	61·85
" Chloroplatinic	$H_2PtCl_6 + 6H_2O$	516·28
" Chromic. See Chromium Trioxide.		
" Cinnamic	$HC_9H_7O_2$	147·65
" Citric	$H_3C_6H_5O_7 + H_2O$	209·50
" Citric (dry)	$H_3C_6H_5O_7$	191·54
" Cyanic	$HCNO$	42·94
" Gallic	$HC_7H_5O_5 + H_2O$	187·55
" Gallic (dry)	$HC_7H_5O_5$	169·59
" Hydriodic	HI	127·53
" Hydrobromic	HBr	80·76
" Hydrochloric	HCl	36·37
" Hydrocyanic	HCN	26·98
" Hydrofluoric	HF	20·00
" Hydrosulphuric. See Hydrogen Sulphide.		
" Hypophosphorous	HPH_2O_2	65·88
" Kinic (quinic)	$HC_7H_{11}O_6$	191·55
" Lactic	$HC_3H_5O_3$	89·79
" Meconic	$C_7H_4O_7$	199·51
" Metaphosphoric	HPO_3	79·84
" Molybdic. See Molybdic Oxide.		
" Nitric	HNO_3	62·89
" Nitrous	HNO_2	46·93
" Oleic	$HC_{18}H_{33}O_2$	281·38
" Oxalic	$H_2C_2O_4 + 2H_2O$	125·70
" Oxalic (dry)	$H_2C_2O_4$	89·78
" Palmitic	$HC_{16}H_{31}O_2$	255·44
" Phosphoric	H_3PO_4	97·80
" Phosphorous	H_2PHO_3	81·84
" Picric	$C_6H_2(NO_2)_3OH$	228·57
" Prussic. See Acid, Hydrocyanic.		
" Pyroboric	$H_2B_4O_7$	157·32
" Pyrophosphoric	$H_4P_2O_7$	177·64
" Salicylic	$HC_7H_5O_3$	137·67
" Silicic. See also Silicic Oxide	H_2SiO_3	78·18

Acid, Stearic	$HC_{18}H_{35}O_2$	283·38
" Succinic	$H_2(C_4H_4O_4$	117·72
" Sulphuric	H_2SO_4	97·82
" Sulphurous	H_2SO_3	81·86
" Tannic	$C_{14}H_{10}O_9$	321·22
" Tartaric	$H_2C_4H_4O_6$	149·64
" Titanic. See Titanic Oxide.		
" Tungstic. See Tungstic Oxide.		
" Uric	$C_5H_4N_4O_3$	167·77
" Valerianic	$HC_5H_9O_2$	101·77
Aconitine	$C_{33}H_{43}NO_{12}$	643·54
Alcohol, Amylic	$C_5H_{11}.OH$	87·81
" Ethylic	$C_2H_5.OH$	45·90
" Methylic	$CH_3.OH$	31·93
Aldehyde	C_2H_4O	43·90
Alum (Potash-Alum)	$Al_2(SO_4)_3 + K_2SO_4 + 24H_2O$	946·46
" (dried)	$Al_2(SO_4)_3 + K_2SO_4$	515·42
Aluminum	Al [$(Al_2)^{VI}$]	27·04
" and Ammonium Sulphate	$Al_2(SO_4)_3 + (NH_4)_2SO_4 + 24H_2O$	904·42
" Hydrate	$Al_2(OH)_6$	155·84
" Sulphate	$Al_2(SO_4)_3 + 16H_2O$	628·90
Ammonia	NH_3	17·01
Ammoniated Mercury. See Mercur-Ammonium Chloride.		
Ammonio-Ferric Sulphate (Iron-Alum)	$Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + (NH_4)_2SO_4 + 24H_2O$	962·10
Ammonium Acetate	$NH_4C_2H_3O_2$	76·87
" Arsenite (metarsenite)	NH_4AsO_2	124·83
" Benzoate	$NH_4C_7H_5O_2$	138·72
" Bromide	NH_4Br	97·77
" Carbonate (official)	$NH_4HCO_3.NH_4NH_2CO_2$	156·77
" Carbonate (pure)	$(NH_4)_2CO_3$	95·87
" Chloride	NH_4Cl	53·38
" Citrate	$(NH_4)_3C_6H_5O_7$	242·57
" Iodide	NH_4I	144·54
" Lactate	$NH_4C_3H_5O_3$	106·80
" Molybdate	$(NH_4)_2MoO_4$	195·76
" Nitrate	NH_4NO_3	79·90
" Oxalate	$(NH_4)_2C_2O_4 + H_2O$	141·76
" Oxalate (dry)	$(NH_4)_2C_2O_4$	123·80
" Phosphate	$(NH_4)_2HPO_4$	131·82
" Salicylate	$NH_4C_7H_5O_3$	154·68
" Sulphate	$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	131·84
" Sulphhydrate	NH_4HS	50·99
" Sulphide	$(NH_4)_2S$	68·00
" Tartrate	$(NH_4)_2C_4H_4O_6$	183·66
" Valerianate	$NH_4C_5H_9O_2$	118·78
Amyl Acetate	$C_5H_{11}C_2H_3O_2$	129·71
" Nitrite	$C_5H_{11}NO_2$	116·78
Amylene (pentene)	C_5H_{10}	69·85
Antimonous Chloride	$SbCl_3$	225·71
" Oxide	Sb_2O_3	287·08
" Sulphide	Sb_2S_3	335·14
Antimony	Sb [III, V]	119·60
" and Potassium Tartrate (dry)	$K(SbO)C_4H_4O_6$	322·23
Antimonyl Potassium Tartrate	$2KSbOC_4H_4O_6 + H_2O$	662·42
Antipyrin. See Phenazone.		
Apomorphine	$C_{17}H_{17}NO_2$	266·42

Apomorphine Hydrochlorate	$C_{17}H_{17}NO_2HCl$	302·79
Arabin	$2C_6H_{10}O_5 + H_2O$	341·20
Arsenic	As [III, V]	74·9
" Oxide	As_2O_5	229·60
" Sulphide	As_2S_5	309·70
Arsenous Iodide	AsI_3	454·49
" Oxide	As_2O_3	197·68
" Sulphide	As_2S_3	245·74
Atropine	$C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$	288·38
" Sulphate	$(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2H_2SO_4$	674·58
Barium	Ba [II, IV]	136·9
" Carbonate	$BaCO_3$	196·75
" Chloride	$BaCl_2 + 2H_2O$	243·56
" Chloride (dry)	$BaCl_2$	207·64
" Hydrate	$Ba(OH)_2$	170·82
" Nitrate	$Ba(NO_3)_2$	260·68
" Peroxide	BaO_2	168·82
" Sulphate	$BaSO_4$	232·72
Benzene (Benzol)	C_6H_6	77·82
Benzoic Aldehyde	C_7H_6O	105·75
Benzyl Alcohol	$C_7H_7.OH$	107·75
Beryllium	Be [II]	9.08
Bismuth	Bi [III, V]	208·9
" Carbonate (basic)	$(BiO)_2CO_3 + H_2O$	527·53
" Carbonate (normal)	$Bi_2(CO_3)_3$	597·35
" Citrate	$BiC_6H_5O_7$	397·44
" Oxychloride	BiOCl	260·23
" Oxyiodide	BiOI	351·39
" Subnitrate	$BiONO_3 + H_2O$	304·71
Boron	B [III]	10·9
" Trioxide	B_2O_3	69·68
Bromine	Br [I, III, V, VII]	79·76
Brucine	$C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4 + 4H_2O$	465·01
" (dry)	$C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$	393·17
Cadmium	Cd [II]	111·5
" Iodide	CdI_2	364·56
" Sulphate	$CdSO_4$	207·32
Cæsium	Cs [I]	132·7
Caffeine	$C_8H_{10}N_4O_2 + H_2O$	211·68
" (dry)	$C_8H_{10}N_4O_2$	193·72
Calcium	Ca [II, IV]	39·91
" Acetate	$Ca(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	157·63
" Bromide	$CaBr_2$	199·43
" Carbonate	$CaCO_3$	99·76
" Chloride	$CaCl_2$	110·65
" Chloride (crystallized)	$CaCl_2 + 6H_2O$	218·41
" Hydrate	$Ca(OH)_2$	73·83
" Hypochlorite	$Ca(OCl)_2$	142·57
" Hypophosphite	$CaH_4(PO_2)_2$	169·67
" Oxalate	CaC_2O_4	127·69
" Oxide	CaO	55·87
" Phosphate	$Ca_3(PO_4)_2$	309·33
" Sulphate	$CaSO_4$	135·73
" Sulphate (crystallized)	$CaSO_4 + 2H_2O$	171·65
" Sulphide (monosulphide)	CaS	71·69
" Tartrate	$CaC_4H_4O_6$	187·55

Calomel. See Mercurous Chloride.

Camphor	$C_{10}H_{16}O$	151·66
" Monobromated	$C_{10}H_{15}BrO$	230·42
Carbon	C [IV]	11·97
" Dioxide	CO_2	43·89
" Disulphide	CS_2	75·93
Cerium	Ce [IV] $(Ce_2)^{VI}$	139·9
" Oxalate	$Ce_2(C_2O_4)_3 + 9H_2O$	704·78
" Oxalate (dry)	$Ce_2(C_2O_4)_3$	543·14
Chloral, Anhydrous	C_2HCl_3O	147·01
" Hydrate	$C_2HCl_3O + H_2O$	164·97
Chloralamide	$C_3H_4Cl_3NO_2$	191·95
Chlorine	Cl [I, III, V, VII]	35·37
Chloroform	$CHCl_3$	119·08
Chrome-Alum	$Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + K_2SO_4 + 24H_2O$	996·38
Chromium	Cr [II, VI] $(Cr_2)^{VI}$	52
" Sesquioxide	Cr_2O_3	151·88
" Trioxide	CrO_3	99·88
Cinchonidine	$C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$*	293·41
" Sulphate	$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4 + 3H_2O$†	738·52
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4$	684·62
Cinchonine	$C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$*	293·41
" Sulphate	$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$‡	720·56
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{19}H_{22}N_2O)_2H_2SO_4$	684·62
Cinnabar. See Mercuric Sulphide.		
Cobalt	Co [II, VI] $(Co_2)^{VI}$	58·6
Cobaltous Nitrate	$Co(NO_3)_2 + 6H_2O$	290·14
Cocaine	$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4$	302·34
" Hydrochlorate	$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4HCl$	338·71
Codeine	$C_{18}H_{21}NO_3 + H_2O$	316·31
" (dry)	$C_{18}H_{21}NO_3$	298·35
Columbium. See Niobium.		
Coniine	$C_8H_{17}N$	126·77
Copper	Cu [II] $(Cu_2)^{II}$	63·18
" Acetate	$Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + H_2O$	198·86
" Acetate (basic)	$Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + CuO + 6H_2O$	367·80
" Carbonate (basic)	$CuCO_3 + Cu(OH)_2$	220·13
" Sulphate	$CuSO_4 + 5H_2O$	248·80
" Sulphate (ammoniacal)	$CuSO_4 + 4NH_3 + H_2O$	245
Corrosive Sublimate. See Mercuric Chloride.		
Cresol (cresylic acid)	C_7H_8O	107·75
Cupric Oxide	CuO	79·14
" Sulphate. See Copper Sulphate.		
" Sulphate (dry)	$CuSO_4$	159·00
" Tartrate	$CuC_4H_4O_6 + 3H_2O$	264·70
Cuprous Oxide	Cu_2O	142·32
Cyanogen	$(CN)_2$	51·96
Didymium	Di $[(Di_2)^{VI}]$	142
Diethylsulphon-Dimethylmethane (sulphonal)	$C_7H_{16}S_2O_4$	227·59
Diiodparaphenol Sulphonic Acid (soziodol)	$C_6H_4I_2SO_4$	424·70
Dimethyl Phenyl-Pyrazolon (antipyrin)	$C_{11}H_{12}N_2O$	187·65
Diphenylamine	$(C_6H_5)_2NH$	168·65
Dithymol Diiodide (aristol)	$C_{20}H_{24}O_2I_2$	548·38
Elaterin	$C_{20}H_{28}O_5$	347·20
Erbium	E $[(E_2)^{VI}]$	166
Ether, Ethylic (common sulphuric)	$(C_2H_5)_2O$	73·84
Ethyl Acetate. See Acetic Ether.		

* See page 408. † See page 408. ‡ See page 411.

Ethyl Bromide	C_2H_5Br	108·70
" Carbamate (urethan)	$C_3H_7NO_2$	88·84
" Nitrite	$C_2H_5NO_2$	74·87
Ethylene	C_2H_4	27·94
Eucalyptol	$C_{10}H_{18}O$	153·66
Eugenol	$C_{10}H_{12}O_2$	163·62
Ferric Acetate	$Fe_2(C_2H_3O_2)_6$	464·92
" Ammonium Sulphate	$Fe_2(NH_4)_2(SO_4)_4 + 24H_2O$	962·10
" Ammonium Sulphate (dry)	$Fe_2(NH_4)_2(SO_4)_4$	531·06
" Chloride	$Fe_2Cl_6 + 12H_2O$	539·50
" Chloride (dry)	Fe_2Cl_6	323·98
" Citrate	$Fe_2(C_6H_5O_7)_2 + 6H_2O$	596·60
" Hydrate	$Fe_2(OH)_6$	213·52
" Hypophosphite	$Fe_2(H_2PO_2)_6$	501·04
" Nitrate	$Fe_2(NO_3)_6$	483·10
" Oxide (sesquioxide)	Fe_2O_3	159·64
" Phosphate	$Fe_2(PO_4)_2$	301·36
" Pyrophosphate	$(Fe_2)_2(P_2O_7)_3$	744·44
" Sulphate (basic)	$Fe_4O(SO_4)_5$	718·58
" Sulphate (normal)	$Fe_2(SO_4)_3$	399·22
Ferricyanic Acid	$H_6Fe_2(CN)_{12}$	429·52
Ferrocyanic Acid	$H_4Fe(CN)_6$	215·76
Ferrous Bromide	$FeBr_2$	215·40
" Carbonate	$FeCO_3$	115·73
" Hydrate	$Fe(OH)_2$	89·80
" Iodide	FeI_2	308·94
" Lactate	$Fe(C_3H_5O_3)_2 + 3H_2O$	287·34
" Oxalate	$FeC_2O_4 + H_2O$	161·62
" Oxide	FeO	71·84
" Sulphate	$FeSO_4 + 7H_2O$	277·42
" Sulphate (anhydrous)	$FeSO_4$	151·70
" Sulphate (dried)	$FeSO_4 + H_2O$	169·62
" Sulphide	FeS	87·86
Fluorine	F [I]	19
Gallium	Ga [$(Ga_2)^{VI}$]	69·9
Glucide (saccharin)	$C_7H_5SO_3N$	182·66
Glucinum. See Beryllium.		
Glucose	$C_6H_{12}O_6$	179·58
Glycerin	$C_3H_5(OH)_3$	91·79
Glyceryl Trinitrate (nitroglycerin)	$C_3H_5(NO_3)_3$	226·58
Glycol	$C_2H_4(OH)_2$	61·86
Gold	Au [I, III]	196·7
" and Sodium Chloride	$AuCl_3 + NaCl$	361·18
" Chloride	$AuCl_3$	302·81
Grape Sugar. See Glucose.		
Guaiacol	$C_7H_8O_2$	123·71
Homatropine	$C_{16}H_{21}NO_3$	274·41
Hydrastinine Hydrochlorate	$C_{11}H_{11}NO_2HCl$	224·97
Hydrogen	H [I]	1
" Dioxide	H_2O_2	33·92
" Oxide (water)	H_2O	17·96
" Sulphide	H_2S	33·98
Hydroquinone	$C_6H_6O_2$	109·74
Hyoscine Hydrobromate	$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4HBr + 3H_2O$	436·98
" Hydrobromate (dry)	$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4HBr$	383·10
Hyoscyamine	$C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$	288·38
" Hydrobromate	$C_{17}H_{23}NO_3HBr$	369·14

Hyoscyamine Sulphate	$(C_{17}H_{23}NO_3)_2H_2SO_4$	674·58
Indigo-Blue	C_8H_5NO	130·73
Indium	In [$(In_2)^{VI}$]	113·6
Iodine	I [I, III, V, VII]	126·53
Iodoform	CHI_3	392·56
Iodol (tetraiodopyrrol)	C_4HI_4N	569·01
Iridium	Ir [II, IV] $(Ir_2)^{IV}$	192·50
Iron	Fe [II, VI] $(Fe_2)^{VI}$	55·88
" Compounds. See Ferrous and Ferric.		
Lactose. See Sugar of Milk.		
Lanthanum	La [$(La_2)^{VI}$]	138·2
Lead	Pb [II, IV]	206·40
" Acetate	$Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 3H_2O$	378
" Acetate (basic)	$Pb_2O(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	546·48
" Acetate (dry)	$Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	324·12
" Carbonate (official)	$2(PbCO_3) + Pb(OH)_2$	772·82
" Carbonate (pure)	$PbCO_3$	266·25
" Dioxide	PbO_2	238·32
" Iodide	PbI_2	459·46
" Nitrate	$Pb(NO_3)_2$	330·18
" Oxide	PbO	222·35
" Red Oxide of	Pb_3O_4	683·04
Lime. See Calcium Oxide.		
Lithium	Li [I]	7·01
" Benzoate	$LiC_7H_5O_2$	127·72
" Bromide	LiBr	86·77
" Carbonate	Li_2CO_3	73·87
" Citrate	$Li_3C_6H_5O_7$	209·57
" Salicylate	$LiC_7H_5O_3$	143·68
Magnesium	Mg [II]	24·30
" Carbonate (official)	$(MgCO_3)_4.Mg(OH)_2 + 5H_2O$	484·62
" Carbonate (pure)	$MgCO_3$	84·15
" Oxide (magnesia)	MgO	40·26
" Sulphate	$MgSO_4 + 7H_2O$	245·84
" Sulphate (dry)	$MgSO_4$	120·12
" Sulphite	$MgSO_3 + 6H_2O$	211·92
Manganese	Mn [II, IV, VI] $(Mn_2)^{VI}$	54·80
" Dioxide	MnO_2	86·72
Manganous Sulphate	$MnSO_4 + 4H_2O$	222·46
Menthol	$C_{10}H_{19}OH$	155·66
Mercur-Ammonium Chloride	NH_2HgCl	251·18
Mercuric Chloride	$HgCl_2$	270·54
" Cyanide	$Hg(CN)_2$	251·76
" Iodide	HgI_2	452·86
" Nitrate	$Hg(NO_3)_2$	323·58
" Oxide	HgO	215·76
" Potassium Iodide	$HgI_2 + 2KI$	783·98
" Sulphate (normal)	$HgSO_4$	295·62
" Sulphate (yellow or basic)	$Hg(HgO)_2SO_4$	727·14
" Sulphide	HgS	231·78
Mercurous Chloride	Hg_2Cl_2	470·34
" Iodide	Hg_2I_2	652·66
" Nitrate	$Hg_2(NO_3)_2$	523·38
" Sulphate	Hg_2SO_4	495·42
Mercury	Hg [II] $(Hg_2)^{II}$	199·8
Methyl Alcohol. See Alcohol, Methylic.		
" Salicylate	$CH_3C_7H_5O_3$	151·64

Molybdenum	Mo **[II, IV, VI]** $(Mo_2)^{VI}$	95·9
Molybdic Oxide	MoO_3	143·78
Morphine	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3 + H_2O$	302·34
" (dry)	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$	284·38
" Acetate	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3.HC_2H_3O_2 + 3H_2O$	398·12
" Hydrochlorate	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3HCl + 3H_2O$	374·63
" Hydrochlorate (dry)	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3HCl$	320·75
" Sulphate	$(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3)_2H_2SO_4 + 5H_2O$	756·38
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{17}H_{19}NO_3)_2H_2SO_4$	666·58
Naphtalin	$C_{10}H_8$	127·70
Naphtol	$C_{10}H_7(OH)$	143·66
Narceine	$C_{23}H_{29}NO_9$	461·96
Narcotine	$C_{22}H_{23}NO_7$	412·07
Nickel	Ni **[II, VI]** $(Ni_2)^{VI}$	58·60
Nicotine	$C_{10}H_{14}N_2$	161·72
Niobium	Nb **[III, V]**	93·7
Nitrogen	N **[I, III, V]**	14·01
" Dioxide	NO	29·97
Olefiant Gas. See Ethylene.		
Osmium	Os **[II, IV, VI, VIII]**	190·3
Oxygen	O **[II]**	15·96
Palladium	Pd **[II, IV]**	106·35
Paracyanogen	$(CN)_3$	77·94
Paraldehyde	$C_6H_{12}O_3$	131·70
Paramorphine. See Thebaine.		
Phenacetin	$C_{10}H_{13}NO_2$	178·63
Phenazone (antipyrin)	$C_{11}H_{12}N_2O$	187·65
Phenol. See Carbolic Acid.		
Phosphorus	P **[III, V]**	30·96
" Oxychloride	$POCl_3$	153·03
" Pentachloride	PCl_5	207·81
" Trichloride	PCl_3	137·07
Physostigmine Salicylate	$C_{15}H_{21}N_3O_2C_7H_6O_3$	412·17
Picrotoxin	$C_{30}H_{34}O_{13}$	600·58
Pilocarpine Hydrochlorate	$C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_2HCl$	243·98
Piperin	$C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$	284·38
Platinic Chloride	$PtCl_4$	335·78
Platinum	Pt **[II, IV]**	194·30
Potassium	K **[I]**	39·03
" Acetate	$KC_2H_3O_2$	97·89
" Acid Carbonate	$KHCO_3$	99·88
" Acid Oxalate (salt of sorrel)	KHC_2O_4	127·81
" and Sodium Tartrate	$KNaC_4H_4O_6 + 4H_2O$	281·51
" Arsenite (metarsenite)	$KAsO_2$	145·85
" Bichromate	$K_2Cr_2O_7$	293·78
" Bitartrate	$KHC_4H_4O_6$	187·67
" Bromide	KBr	118·79
" Carbonate	$(K_2CO_3)_23H_2O$	329·70
" Chlorate	$KClO_3$	122·28
" Chloride	KCl	74·40
" Chromate	K_2CrO_4	193·90
" Citrate	$K_3C_6H_5O_7 + H_2O$	323·59
" Cyanide	KCN	65·01
" Ferricyanide	$K_3Fe(CN)_6$	328·85
" Ferrocyanide	$K_4Fe(CN)_6 + 3H_2O$	421·76
" Hydrate	KOH	55·99
" Hypophosphite	KH_2PO_2	103·91

Potassium Iodide	KI	165·56
" Nitrate	KNO_3	100·92
" Permanganate	$KMnO_4$	157·67
" Sulphate	K_2SO_4	173·88
" Sulphite	$K_2SO_3 + 2H_2O$	193·84
" Sulphocyanate	$KSCN$	96·99
" Tartrate	$2(K_2C_4H_4O_6)_2 + H_2O$	469·36
Prussian Blue (ferric ferrocyanide)	$Fe_4(Fe(CN)_6)_3$	858·80
Prussic Acid. See Acid, Hydrocyanic.		
Pyridine	C_5H_5N	78·86
Pyrogallol (pyrogallic acid)	$C_6H_3(OH)_3$	125·70
Pyrrol	C_4H_5N	66·89
Quinidine	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$	323·34
" Sulphate	$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$	780·42
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4$	744·50
Quinine	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2 + 3H_2O$	377·22
" (dry)	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2$	323·34
" Bisulphate	$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O$	546·88
" Bisulphate (dry)	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2H_2SO_4$	421·16
" Hydrobromate	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HBr + H_2O$	422·06
" Hydrobromate (dry)	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HBr$	404·10
" Hydrochlorate	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HCl + 2H_2O$	395·63
" Hydrochlorate (dry)	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2HCl$	359·71
" Sulphate	$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O$	870·22
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4$	744·50
" Valerianate	$C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2C_5H_{10}O_2 + H_2O$	443·07
Quinoline	C_9H_7N	128·74
Resorcin	$C_6H_6O_2$	109·74
Rhodium	Rh [II, IV] $(Rh_2)^{VI}$	102·90
Rubidium	Rb [I]	85·20
Ruthenium	Ru [II, IV, VI, VIII]	101·40
Salicin	$C_{13}H_{18}O_7$	285·33
Salol (phenyl salicylate)	$C_6H_5C_7H_5O_3$	213·49
Santonin	$C_{15}H_{18}O_3$	245·43
Scandium	Sc $[(Sc_2)^{VI}]$	43·97
Selenium	Se [II, IV, VI]	78·87
Silica. See Silicic Oxide.		
Silicic Oxide	SiO_2	60·22
Silicon	Si [IV]	28·3
Silver	Ag [I]	107·66
" Bromide	$AgBr$	187·32
" Chloride	$AgCl$	143·03
" Cyanide	$AgCN$	133·64
" Iodide	AgI	234·19
" Nitrate	$AgNO_3$	169·55
" Nitrate (ammoniacal)	$AgNO_3 + 2NH_3$	203·57
" Oxide	Ag_2O	231·28
" Sulphate	Ag_2SO_4	311·14
Sodium	Na [I]	23
" Acetate	$NaC_2H_3O_2 + 3H_2O$	135·74
" Acetate (dry)	$NaC_2H_3O_2$	81·86
" Arsenate	$Na_2HAsO_4 + 7H_2O$	311·46
" Arsenate (dry)	Na_2HAsO_4	185·74
" Arsenite (metarsenite)	$NaAsO_2$	129·82
" Benzoate	$NaC_7H_5O_2$	143·71
" Bicarbonate	$NaHCO_3$	83·85
" Bisulphite	$NaHSO_3$	103·86

Sodium Bitartrate	$NaHC_4H_4O_6 + H_2O$	189·60
" Borate	$Na_2B_4O_7 + 10H_2O$	380·92
" Borate (dry)	$Na_2B_4O_7$	201·32
" Bromate	$NaBrO_3$	150·64
" Bromide	$NaBr$	102·76
" Carbonate	$Na_2C\Theta_3 + 10H_2O$	285·45
" Carbonate (dry)	Na_2CO_3	105·85
" Chlorate	$NaClO_3$	106·25
" Chloride	$NaCl$	58·37
" Citrate	$2Na_3C_6H_5O_7 + 11H_2O$	712·64
" Citrate (dry)	$Na_3C_6H_5O_7$	257·54
" Cobaltic Nitrite	$Co_2(NO_2)_6 6NaNO_2 + H_2O$	824·32
" Hydrate	$NaOH$	39·96
" Hypophosphite	$NaH_2PO_2 + H_2O$	105·84
" Hyposulphite (dry)	$Na_2S_2O_3$	157·84
" Hyposulphite (thiosulphate)	$Na_2S_2O_3 + 5H_2O$	247·64
" Iodide	NaI	149·53
" Lactate	$NaC_3H_5O_3$	111·79
" Molybdate	$Na_2MoO_4 + H_2O$	223·70
" Nitrate	$NaNO_3$	84·89
" Nitrite	$NaNO_2$	68·93
" Nitroprusside	$Na_2Fe(NO)(CN)_5 + 2H_2O$	297·67
" Phosphate	$Na_2HPO_4 + 12H_2O$	357·32
" Phosphate (dry)	Na_2HPO_4	141·80
" Pyrophosphate	$Na_4P_2O_7 + 10H_2O$	445·24
" Pyrophosphate (dry)	$Na_4P_2O_7$	265·64
" Salicylate	$NaC_7H_5O_3$	159·67
" Santoninate	$2NaC_{15}H_{19}O_4 + 7H_2O$	696·50
" Sulphate	$Na_2SO_4 + 10H_2O$	321·42
" Sulphate (dry)	Na_2SO_4	141·82
" Sulphite	$Na_2SO_3 + 7H_2O$	251·58
" Sulphite (dry)	Na_2SO_3	125·86
" Sulphocarbolate	$NaC_6H_5SO_4 + 2H_2O$	231·56
" Tartrate	$Na_2C_4H_4O_6 + 2H_2O$	229·56
Sparteine Sulphate	$C_{15}H_{26}N_2H_2SO_4 + 4H_2O$	403·23
" Sulphate (dry)	$C_{15}H_{26}N_2H_2SO_4$	331·39
Stannous Chloride	$SnCl_2 + 2H_2O$	225·46
Strontium	Sr **[II, IV]**	87·3
" Bromide	$SrBr_2 + 6H_2O$	354·58
" Bromide (dry)	$SrBr_2$	246·82
" Iodide	$SrI_2 + 6H_2O$	448·12
" Iodide (dry)	SrI_2	340·36
" Lactate	$Sr(C_3H_5O_3)_2 + 3H_2O$	318·76
" Lactate (dry)	$Sr(C_3H_5O_3)_2$	264·88
" Nitrate	$Sr(NO_3)_2 + 4H_2O$	282·92
Strychnine	$C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$	333·31
" Hydrochlorate	$C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2.HCl$	369·71
" Sulphate	$(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4 + 5H_2O$	854·24
" Sulphate (dry)	$(C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2)_2H_2SO_4$	764·44
Sugar (cane sugar)	$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$	341·20
" Grape (glucose)	$C_6H_{12}O_6$	179·58
" of Milk (lactose)	$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O$	359·16
Sulphur	S **[II, IV, VI]**	31·98
" Dioxide	SO_2	63·90
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Tellurium	Te [II, IV, VI]	125
Terebene	$C_{10}H_{16}$	135·70
Terpin Hydrate	$C_{10}H_{16}(OH)_2 + H_2O$	189·58
Thallium	Tl [I, III]	203·70
Theobromine	$C_7H_8N_4O_2$	179·75
Thiosinamine	$CS.N_2H_3(C_3H_5)$	115·88
Thorium	Th [IV]	231·90
Thymol	$C_{10}H_{13}OH$	149·66
Tin	Sn [II, IV]	118·80
" Protochloride.	See Stannous Chloride.	
Titanic Oxide	TiO_2	79·92
Titanium	Ti [IV]	48
Tungsten	W [II, IV, VI]	183·60
Tungstic Oxide	WO_3	231·48
Uranium	U [IV, VI]	238·80
Urea	$CO(NH_2)_2$	59·95
Vanadium	V [I, III, V]	51·10
Vanillin	$C_8H_8O_3$	151·64
Veratrine	$C_{32}H_{52}N_2O_8$	590·74
Ytterbium	Yb $[(Yb_2)^{VI}]$	172·60
Yttrium	Y $[(Y_2)^{VI}]$	88·90
Zinc	Zn [II]	65·10
" Acetate	$Zn(C_2H_3O_2)_2 + 2H_2O$	218·74
" Acetate (dry)	$Zn(C_2H_3O_2)_2$	182·82
" Bromide	$ZnBr_2$	224·62
" Carbonate (official)	$(ZnCO_3)_2 + 3Zn(OH)_2$	547·06
" Carbonate (pure)	$ZnCO_3$	124·95
" Chloride	$ZnCl_2$	135·84
" Iodide	ZnI_2	318·16
" Oxide	ZnO	81·06
" Phosphide	Zn_3P_2	257·22
" Sulphate	$ZnSO_4 + 7H_2O$	286·64
" Sulphate (dry)	$ZnSO_4$	160·92
" Sulphide	ZnS	97·08
" Valerianate	$Zn(C_5H_9O_2)_2 + 2H_2O$	302·56
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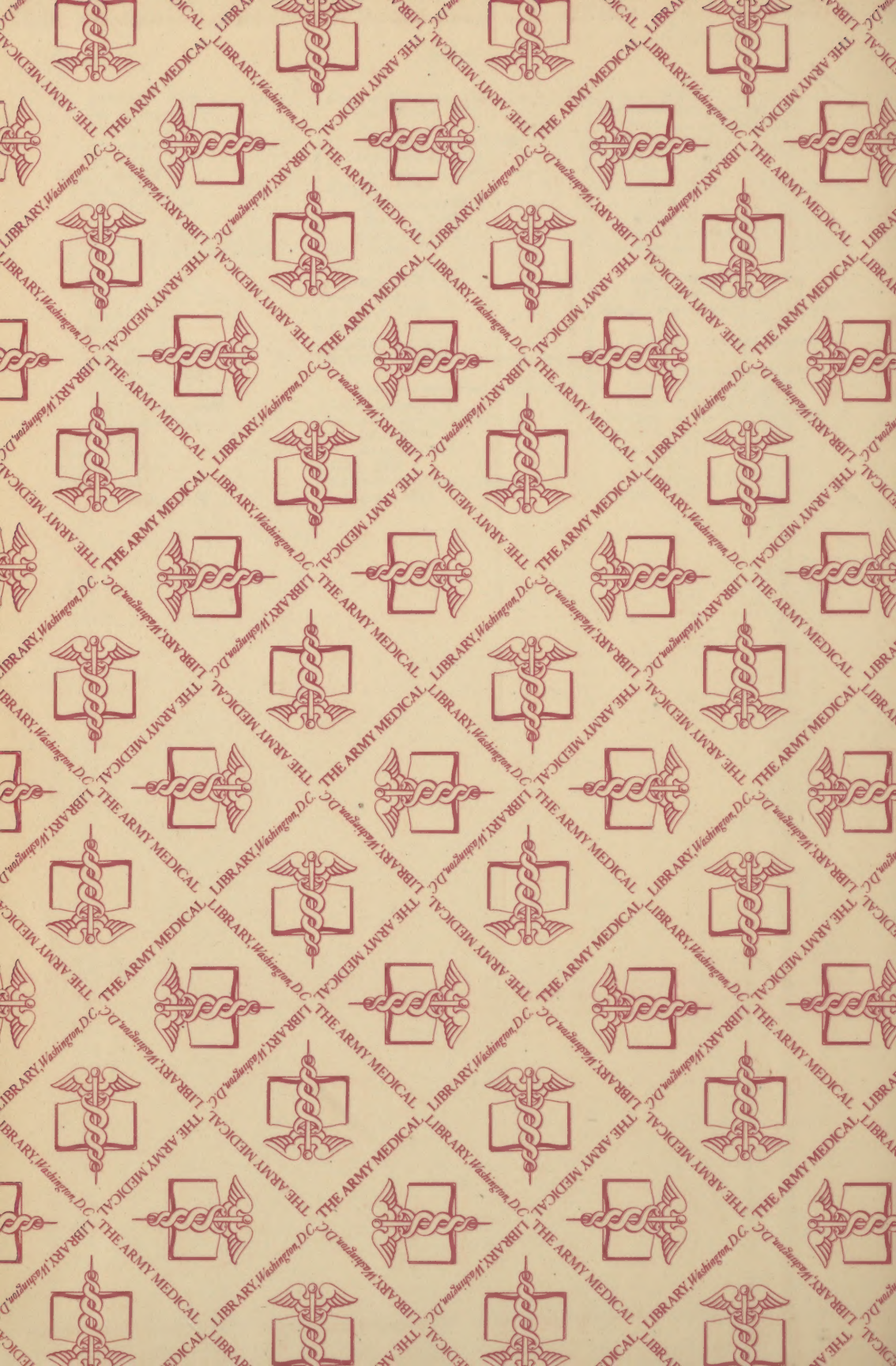
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